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Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina arrived here on Tuesday on a four-day visit for talks with China's top leadership, including President Xi Jinping and Premier Li Qiang to further cement the bilateral strategic ties. Her visit to China is taking place within 15 days after her last visit to India.

TOP OF THE WORLD



An injured persons in Suwawa, Indonesia

INDONESIA Landslide at illegal gold mine kills at least 23

Jakarta: Rescue workers dug through tons of mud and rubble on Tuesday as they searched for dozens of missing people after a landslide hit an unauthorised gold mining area on Indonesia's Sulawesi island, killing at least 23 people. More than 100 villagers were digging for grains of gold on Sunday in the remote and hilly village of Bone Bolango when tons of mud plunged down the surrounding hills and buried their makeshift camps, said Heriyanto, head of the provincial Search and Rescue Office. Rescuers recovered more bodies on Tuesday in the devastated hamlet where the mine is located. **AP**

UNITED STATES 4 held for running human trafficking racket

Houston: Four Indian-Americans, including a woman, have been charged with allegedly running a human labour trafficking scheme out of a home in the US state of Texas, a media report said. The Princeton Police Department released details of an investigation that led to four people being arrested after 15 women were found inside the home as alleged victims of human labour trafficking, news portal Fox4News.com said. Chandan Dasireddy, 24, Dwarakha Gunda, 31, Santhosh Katkooori, 31, and Anil Male, 37, all arrested in March, are now charged with trafficking of persons, and more arrests are expected. **AP**

CANADA New law: EU halts accession of Georgia

Tbilisi: Georgia's accession to the European Union has been halted, and some of the bloc's financial support to the South Caucasus country has been frozen after the Georgian authorities adopted a new law that critics feared would curb democratic freedoms, the EU Ambassador in Georgia said. EU leaders made the decision to halt the process during the last summit. **AP**

AT LEAST 41 KILLED DURING MONDAY'S AIRSTRIKES

Kyiv hospital was hit by Russia missile, says UN mission as Kremlin denies role

Kyiv releases 'images of Kh-101 cruise missile engine fragments'

REUTERS
KYIV, JULY 9

A UN rights mission said on Tuesday there was a "high likelihood" that Kyiv's main children's hospital took a direct hit from a Russian missile during a series of airstrikes on Ukrainian cities, as the Kremlin continued to deny involvement.

Ukraine flew its flags at half mast in a national day of mourning to mark the deaths of 41 people, killed across the country in Monday's air attacks, including



Rescue workers clear rubble at Okhmatdyt children's hospital in Kyiv, Tuesday. Reuters

four children and two people at the Okhmatdyt children's hospital in the capital.

"Analysis of the video footage and an assessment made at the in-

cident site indicates a high likelihood that the children's hospital suffered a direct hit rather than receiving damage due to an intercepted weapon system," said the

head of the UN Human Rights Monitoring Mission in Ukraine.

Ukraine's security service said it had unequivocal evidence the medical facility was hit by a Russian Kh-101 cruise missile, and published images of what it said were fragments of the weapon's engine. The Kremlin said, without providing evidence, it was Ukrainian anti-missile fire, not Russia, that struck the children's hospital, which is one of Europe's largest and treats patients with serious conditions such as cancer and kidney disease.

Damage at the site triggered millions of dollars in donations from inside Ukraine and abroad.

NATO on Tuesday begins a three-day summit of the alliance's leaders in Washington, with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy set to attend as he seeks to win commitments from allies

to beef up Ukraine's air defences and boost their military support.

Russian forces are slowly advancing and claimed on Tuesday the capture of the village of Yasnobrodivka in the eastern Donetsk region.

Zelenskyy vowed retaliation against Russia after Monday's attacks and Russia's Defence Ministry said it had subsequently shot down 38 drones.

Rescuers concluded operations at the children's hospital on Tuesday.

Elsewhere in the capital, five bodies were recovered. Okhmatdyt's general director, Volodymyr Zhovnir, said one of their young doctors had been killed, that the building for dialysis had been completely destroyed. "At least four buildings of the hospital were partially destroyed," he said.

Pak govt authorises ISI to intercept, trace phone calls for national security

SAJJAD HUSSAIN
ISLAMABAD, JULY 9

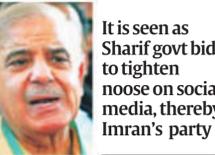
THE PAKISTAN government Tuesday formally authorised the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), the country's premier spy agency, to intercept and trace calls for national security.

The Ministry of Information and Telecommunication issued a notification under the Pakistan Telecommunication (Re-organisation) Act, 1996 to this effect.

"In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 54... the federal government in the interest of national security and in the apprehension of any offence, is pleased to authorise the officers not below the rank of grade 18 to be nominated from time to time by the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) to intercept calls and messages or to trace calls through any telecommunication system as envisaged under Section 54 of the Act," the notification read.

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.

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 narrow-



It is seen as Sharif govt bid to tighten noose on social media, thereby Imran's party

TOP COP KILLED IN KARACHI BY TTP

Karachi: A senior Pakistani police official who led successful campaigns against the TTP and other terror and criminal outfits in Karachi was assassinated by the militant group, officials said here on Wednesday. Sindh Counter-Terrorism Department (CTD) DSP Ali Raza was shot dead in the Karimabad area on Sunday by two armed men on a motorcycle. Hours later, the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) claimed responsibility for carrying out the hit. **PTI**

Truce bid 'back to square one' as Israel steps up Gaza attack

REUTERS
CAIRO, GAZA, JULY 9

GAZA CITY residents fled under Israeli fire as tanks thrust deeper into the heart of the city on Tuesday, the second day of a stepped-up military offensive that Hamas said could jeopardise ceasefire talks.

The armed wings of Hamas and its ally Islamic Jihad said its fighters battled Israeli forces in fierce clashes with machine guns, mortar fire and anti-tank missiles on Gaza City's front lines and had killed and wounded Israeli soldiers. Israel's military did not comment on casualties but said its soldiers were engaged in close-quarter combat with militants and had taken more than 150 fighters out of action in the last week.

The fighting has unfolded as senior US officials were in the region to push for a ceasefire after Hamas made concessions last week. But the renewed campaign threatened talks at a crucial time and could bring negotiations "back to square one", Hamas quoted leader Ismail Haniyeh as saying.

Footage circulated on social media showed families packed onto donkey carts and in the backs of trucks piled with mattresses and other belongings making their way through the city's streets to flee areas under

ISRAEL KILLS HEZBOLLAH LEADER IN SYRIA STRIKE

Dubai: An Israeli strike hit a vehicle in Syrian territory on the Damascus-Beirut highway, killing one of Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah's former bodyguards, who security sources said was lately involved in transporting weapons for the group. Hezbollah issued a statement mourning Yasser Nimr Qarbash. Two security sources said the former bodyguard had become a mid-ranking Hezbollah official involved in the transport of weapons.

Israeli evacuation orders. "Gaza City is being wiped out, this is what is happening. Israel is forcing us to leave homes under fire," Um Tamer, a mother of seven, told Reuters via a chat app.

She said it was the seventh time her family had fled their house in Gaza City, in the north of the enclave and one of Israel's first targets at the start of the war in October. "We can't take it anymore, enough of death and humiliation. End the war now," she said. Israeli tanks pushed deeper into several districts including Shejaia, Sabra and Tel Al-Hawa, where residents have reported some of the most fierce fighting in months.



Newly elected parliament members of the Socialist party with former French President Francois Hollande (centre) at the National Assembly in Paris on Tuesday. AP

Post-poll turmoil: French left seeks to rule but centrists demand role

REUTERS
PARIS, JULY 9

LEADERS FROM the left-wing bloc that came first in France's legislative election and the runner-up centrists have engaged in a frenzied race to be first to cobble together a viable government. The unexpected outcome of the July 7 snap election has plunged France into uncertainty just before the Paris Olympics, with no obvious path to a stable government.

The left-wing New Popular Front (NFP), which has been holding a series of talks, said it intended to govern according to its

tax-and-spend programme and that it merely needs a bit of time to organise itself. It has said it aims for a deal by the end of this week or early next week.

"There are countries that have a culture of this (putting together a government with no majority) and take six months to form a government," Boris Vallaud, a Socialist lawmaker whose name is one of those mentioned as a possible prime minister, told Reuters.

"We are working on finding ways and means to change the lives of French people... Is it simple? No. Is it necessary? Yes," Vallaud said. But the centrists loyal to President Emmanuel Macron

have laid claim to a role.

"We are getting in touch with people across the board," one centrist lawmaker said. After a meeting of the centrist group, Renaissance lawmaker Pierre Cazeneuve told Reuters: "We have reaffirmed our red lines: No deal with France Unbowed and no deal with the National Rally (RN)." Meanwhile, overtures from centrists have so far been rebuffed by NFP members who have rejected the idea of breaking up their loose alliance. "...I'm thinking about left-leaning Macronists who might be open to joining us. We'd be open to that," Johanna Rolland, the Socialist mayor of Nantes, said.

New UK govt puts wealth fund at heart of investment push

REUTERS
LONDON, JULY 9

BRITAIN'S NEW government took a first step Tuesday to boost public and private investment and modernise the economy, placing a National Wealth Fund atop the existing state-owned agencies and freeing up money for immediate use.



British PM Keir Starmer with Labour MPs, Tuesday

Prime Minister Keir Starmer and his finance minister Rachel Reeves hope to attract tens of billions of pounds of private capital into new and growing industries to help speed up the economy. "Britain is open for business - and the work of change has begun," Reeves said as she announced the new structure of the state entities charged with increasing investment, a

day after announcing plans to boost house-building and remove barriers to new infrastructure. The government plans to allocate an additional 7.3 billion pounds (\$9.35 billion) of public money via the existing UK Infrastructure Bank so investments can start immediately. It hopes to attract three times as much from private capital to invest in areas such as ports, hy-

drogen, automobiles and steel. The British Business Bank will also be aligned with the new fund. Britain is likely to need between 50 billion and 60 billion pounds of additional annual investment to meet its net zero targets. Starmer has sought to dispel the party's "tax and spend" image and has courted private investors.

AMID CALLS FOR BIDEN TO WITHDRAW Trump returns to campaign trail with VP deadline nearing

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MIAMI, JULY 9

FORMER PRESIDENT Donald Trump is getting back on the campaign trail Tuesday, rallying voters in his home state at his flagship golf resort in a celebratory mood as Democrats face tough calls over President Joe Biden's reelection chances.

Trump is nearing a deadline to announce his running mate but appears in no rush as much of the attention is still centered on questions about Biden's ability to govern for another four-year term. Some Democrats have started calling for Biden to step down as their presumptive nominee following his dismal debate performance last month.

Both Biden, 81, and Trump, 78, are at least two decades older than most American presidents have been, according to the Pew Research Center, which said the median age for all US presidents on their first inauguration is 55

years old. But that has not stopped Trump from arguing he is stronger than Biden, who repeatedly stumbled, paused and could not complete sentences at times during the June 27 debate.

In an interview Monday with Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity, Trump said he thought Biden "might very well stay in" the race. "Nobody wants to give that up that way," Trump added. "He is going to feel badly about himself for a long time. It's hard to give it up that way, the way where they're trying to force him out."

The White House sparred with reporters on Monday over a Parkinson's specialist visiting the building eight times in eight months. The reporters wanted to know if President Joe Biden was seen by the Parkinson's specialist. "... the president has seen a neurologist for his physical three times," White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said. "It is in line with what George W Bush did. It is in line with what (Barack) Obama did," she said.



RACE FOR THE WHITE HOUSE

WHEN HE TAKES OVER AS NATO CHIEF, MARK RUTTE WILL FACE STRAINS OVER RUSSIA, UKRAINE AND POTENTIAL RETURN OF TRUMP

NATO's new boss: Affable, pragmatic and ready for Trump, if required

STEVEN ERLANGER, LARA JAKES & CLAIRE MOSES
BERLIN, JULY 9

MARK RUTTE rode off into the sunset on his bicycle last week, making a carefully choreographed exit from Dutch politics, which he has dominated as prime minister for nearly 14 years. His next job will be even more challenging: He will be the new head of a NATO that is facing threats ranging from Russian aggression to the rise of right-wing nationalism across Europe.

Rutte, known as a flexible pragmatist, will bring his experience at conciliation to the 32-nation military alliance when he takes over as secretary-general

from Jens Stoltenberg on October 1. As it celebrates its 75th anniversary in Washington this week, NATO, which was founded to deter the former Soviet Union from further expansion in Europe, has found renewed purpose in its support for Ukraine against Russia's invasion. Beyond that challenge, NATO faces a Russian government forging stronger ties with China and Iran, even as Beijing tries to dominate Asia and Tehran expands its nuclear program.

Leading member states like France and Germany are dealing with the empowerment of far-right parties with clear sympathies for Moscow. Hungary and Turkey are authoritarian democracies. And there are new de-

mands to spend more money on the military.

Then there is the strong possibility that Donald Trump, a vocal skeptic about NATO and aid to Ukraine, will return to the White House as the leading presence in what remains a US-dominated alliance. But Rutte, 57, has managed four difficult and different ruling coalitions in the Netherlands with aplomb, putting the need for agreement before personal ideology. He is a known quantity for other leaders, and has been praised both by President Joe Biden, who pushed him to take the job, and by Trump, who once said after an Oval Office meeting, "I like this guy!"

Unlike Stoltenberg, a Norwegian, Rutte comes from a



Donald Trump with Mark Rutte. NYT file

country fully integrated in both NATO and the European Union. "That is really substantively important now, because we really need both organisations to work more closely together," said Camille Grand, a former assistant NATO secretary-general.

"He is a nice and easy guy, but also extremely tough, who does not suffer fools gladly," said Robert de Groot, a former Dutch ambassador to the European Union who has worked closely with Rutte since 2011. "He's extremely kind and loyal, but he will drive you like he drives himself."

Stoltenberg said he was hesitant to give Rutte any advice. "But what is obvious is that the main task for NATO is to ensure that we are united." The 32 alliance mem-

bers "have agreed on many issues," Stoltenberg said in a wide-ranging discussion with a small group of journalists Sunday. "We will not agree on every issue in the future, either, but we have proven extremely resilient."

Rutte, the son of a car dealer, is known for his big smile and has a penchant for finding common ground, rather than pushing his own point of view.

Despite his affability, he is a private person of regular habits who lives alone, does not cook, drives an old Saab and goes to the same summer house every year.

But after 14 years, he is also leaving his country with a lot of problems. The new government includes Geert Wilders' nationalist far-right group, the Party for

Freedom, which won the most seats in a November 2023 election and is known for its harsh stances on immigration and Islam. There is criticism of Rutte's own record on numerous issues, including a lack of new housing, consumers' declining purchasing power and insufficient attention to the quality of education.

At NATO, a major part of Rutte's task will be to increase military spending, as Trump always demands, while making European security less dependent on America - to try to "Trump-proof" the alliance's support for Ukraine while also pacifying the man who could be president and who has remained noncommittal about keeping the US in NATO. **NYT**

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MODI RECEIVES RUSSIA'S HIGHEST CIVILIAN HONOUR

PM tightrope: Killing of children very painful; listening to Putin, I have hope

PM raises issue of Indians working with Russian Army, Moscow promises release

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

ACKNOWLEDGING that his visit to Moscow was being watched by the "entire world" which was trying to decode its meaning, Prime Minister Narendra Modi walked the hard diplomatic tightrope in his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. So, a day after a suspected Russian missile struck a children's hospital in Ukraine's capital, Kyiv, Modi told Putin that the death of innocent children causes "pain



Russian President Vladimir Putin awards Prime Minister Narendra Modi with the Order of St Andrew the Apostle in Moscow on Tuesday. Reuters

and the heart simply explodes", "peace talks do not succeed amid bombs, guns and bullets", and "solution (to any conflict) cannot be found on the battlefield".

Zelenskyy on PM-Putin meet: Blow to peace bid, huge disappointment

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

IN A strongly-worded criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Tuesday expressed "huge disappointment" and called it a "devastating blow to peace efforts".

"In Ukraine today, 37 people were killed, three of whom were children, and 170 were injured, including 13 children, as a result of Russia's brutal missile strike.



Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

A Russian missile struck the largest children's hospital in Ukraine, targeting young cancer patients. Many were buried under the rubble. 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

Fresh encounter in Doda as hunt on to track militants who ambushed convoy

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, JULY 9

A FRESH encounter broke out between militants and security forces in Sezan forest area of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district on Tuesday evening, even as the Army, police and CRPF launched a search operation to track down militants involved in the attack on an Army convoy a day earlier.

The Sezan forest area borders Kishtwar district on one side and Anantnag on the other, and two to three militants are believed to be trapped there, a senior police officer said. Five soldiers were killed and five injured when militants ambushed a convoy of two Army trucks in Kathua district on Monday afternoon. Sources said security forces are combing through dense forests in Badnota

EXPLAINED Uptick in violence

THE UPTICK in terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir comes after the security establishment received inputs of a successful infiltration by a large group around two months ago. According to defence sources, given the nature of the attacks, the involvement of highly trained and motivated militants is suspected.

area to track down the militants. The distance between Kathua's Badnota village, where Monday's attack took place, and the Sezan forest is around 168 km.

AN EXPRESS INVESTIGATION

Arunachal Deputy CM to chief of UP Special Task Force, Brij Bhushan's MP-son to politicians across party lines: Rush to ride Ayodhya boom

The *Indian Express* investigated over 2,500 land registries across 25 villages near the temple since SC's 2019 verdict — and found many purchases linked to politicians, senior officials, local leaders

SHYAMLAL YADAV
AYODHYA, NEW DELHI, JULY 9

IN THE fractious campaign of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, the Ayodhya (Faizabad) seat saw a defeat for the ruling BJP and victory for the SP candidate. On the ground, though, after the January inauguration of the Ram temple, a massive public-private development package has turned land into prime real estate and blurred many a dividing line.

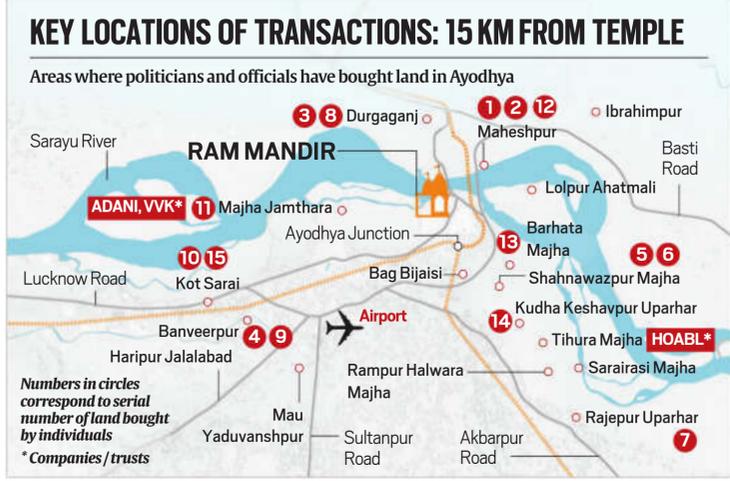
An investigation by *The Indian Express* of land registries — since the Supreme Court verdict allowing the Ram temple in November 2019 and up to March 2024 — show an up to 30 per cent rise in the number of land transactions in at least 25 villages in Ayodhya and adjoining districts Gonda and Basti that fall within a radius of 15 km of the temple. Many of these deals are by family members or those closely linked to politicians across parties and government officials.

1. Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein: His sons Chau Kaan Seng Mein and Aditya Mein bought 3.99 hectares for Rs 3.72 crore between September 2022 and September 2023 in Maheshpur (Gonda), 8 km from the temple, across the Sarayu river separating Ayodhya and Gonda. On April 25, 2023, they sold 0.768 hectares for Rs 98 lakh. Aditya Mein said, "We have bought the land for tourism development. We will build a hotel and also do some landscaping." In June this year, Mein was sworn in again as Deputy CM in the new Arunachal Cabinet.

2. BJP ex-MP Brij Bhushan Singh: His son Karan Bhushan



Ayodhya's Dharam Path. The city is focus of a massive public-private development package.



Meanwhile, 7 years and waiting, no revision in circle rates

SHYAMLAL YADAV
AYODHYA, JULY 9

THE CIRCLE RATE in Ayodhya, where land transactions have surged since the Supreme Court's 2019 verdict allowing the Ram temple, has not been revised for almost seven years. It's one of the 54 districts of the state where the last revision happened in 2017.

Circle rate is the district administration's assessment of land value in its jurisdiction, based on which stamp duty is charged on each sale or purchase, and based on which the administration acquires property from land owners, including farmers. The District Magistrate considers the case for a revision every year.

In fact, one of the farmers, Durga Prasad Yadav, had sought a hike in circle rate and approached the Lucknow bench of the Allahabad High Court on October 5, 2021. Yadav's contention is that farmers get lower compensation whenever the government acquires land since the cost of acquisition is based on the circle rate. In UP, the government pays twice the circle rate in urban areas, and four times the circle rate in rural areas.

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Cannot rule out conspiracy in Hathras stampede: SIT

DHEERAJ MISHRA & BHUPENDRA PANDEY
NEW DELHI, LUCKNOW, JULY 9

THE TWO-MEMBER Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the July 2 stampede at a religious gathering in Hathras, in which 121 people were killed, has held the event organisers, local police and administration officials responsible for the incident. The probe team also said it does not rule out a "major conspiracy" behind it.

The SIT submitted its report to the Uttar Pradesh government Tuesday. Acting on the findings within hours, the state government suspended six officials, including the sub-divisional magistrate of Sikandra Rao.

The 855-page SIT report skipped blaming self-styled

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5 soldiers killed in Kathua from Uttarakhand, their villages in mourning

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, JULY 9

IT WAS at a cousin's wedding in February that the family of 25-year-old Rifleman Adarsh Negi, from Thatti Dagar village in Uttarakhand's Tehri Garhwal, last saw him. Around 10 pm on Monday, his father Dalbir Singh Negi (53) got the dreaded call: Adarsh, who joined the Army in 2018, was one of five soldiers from the Garhwal Rifles regiment who were killed when militants ambushed their convoy in Kathua district of Jammu and Kashmir on Monday afternoon.

"It was heart-breaking," his uncle, Balwant, told *The Indian Express*. "He always wanted to join the Army. After completing Class 12 from a school in the village, he went to Srinagar for his B.Sc. However, just two years



Naib Subedar Anand Singh Rawat



Havildar Kamal Singh



Naik Vinod Singh



Rifleman Anuj Negi



Rifleman Adarsh Negi

into his graduation, he left his studies and joined the Army." Balwant said Adarsh's death

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Gambhir as coach, Team India set for new innings: 'Will do everything to make... dreams come true'

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SRIRAM VEERA
MUMBAI, JULY 9

AT THE start of this year, Gautam Gambhir was facing a dilemma. With the general elections a few months away, the then Lok Sabha MP wasn't sure if he wanted to continue as an active politician. At the back of his mind was a lucrative offer made by IPL

franchise Kolkata Knight Riders' owner Shah Rukh Khan. The superstar wanted his one-time captain to return as coach.

After consultations with friends and family, those in his inner circle say, Gambhir made up his mind to return to cricket. In his moments of indecision, what guided him in taking the call was a line from poet Harivansh Rai Bachchan's famous poem: "Mann ka ho toh achha, mann ka na ho toh jyada achha (If you get what you wish for, it's good; if not, it's better)".



Gautam Gambhir, known for speaking his mind, has admired Rohit Sharma's captaincy skills. File

The switch back to cricket has proved fruitful for him. After taking KKR to the 2024 IPL title and getting credit for the team's turnaround, Gambhir, 42, has now replaced Rahul Dravid as India's new coach.

India's drought in major ICC titles may have ended with the T20 World Cup triumph, but the dream to win the Test championship mace and the ODI crown is yet to be quenched. Gambhir, known for his strong opinions, now gets that chance. As a player,

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PM tightrope: Killing of children very painful

At the same time, Modi underlined that both had a "frank" exchange on Ukraine and he had sensed a "new way" of thinking. "You spoke so openly yesterday, and there was no hesitation, and there were many interesting ideas and I can tell the international community that India is on the side of peace and was ready to contribute in ending the conflict in Ukraine. And I can say that after listening to President Putin, I have hope," Modi said.

The PM didn't elaborate on the "new way" or the "interesting" ideas but his sharply worded public remarks prefaced the official bilateral meeting with Putin a day after they had met over a private dinner at Putin's dacha in the Moscow suburbs of Novo-Ogaryovo.

Ukraine says it has recovered fragments of a Russian Kh-101 cruise missile at the children's hospital, which was hit on Monday during a wave of Russian attacks that killed at least 41 Ukrainians across the country. Russia claimed that it was a Ukrainian anti-missile system that struck the hospital.

Modi's new and sharp formulation goes beyond what he had told him at their last in-person bilateral meeting about two

years ago. In Samarkand, Uzbekistan, on the sidelines of the SCO Summit in September 2022, Modi had told Putin that "this is not the era of war" — a line that was later used in the G20's Bali declaration that November, and by Western leaders and interlocutors to press Russia to end the war.

The Prime Minister framed Tuesday's comments in the context of war, conflict and terrorism that has been happening in the last few years.

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

"I know that a solution is not possible to come out from the battlefield...for a bright future for the new generation, peace is most essential...Peace talks do not succeed amidst bombs, guns and bullets," he said. "At our meeting yesterday, we listened to each other's views on Ukraine and I also placed before you the Global South's expectation on peace and stability."

This visit coincides with the 75th anniversary summit of the NATO alliance being held in Washington DC from July 9-11, which is expected to be attended by US President Joe Biden and other world leaders.

Putin, in his statement, told Modi, "I appreciate the attention you pay to the most pressing issues, including your efforts to find ways to resolve the Ukraine crisis, primarily through peaceful means."

Later, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said Modi was "very clear and categorical" in expressing his "concern and regret" at the loss of innocent lives, especially at the children's hospital yesterday. "With regard to the Russia-Ukraine conflict, yes, this featured in discussions between the two leaders, both at the private discussions at dinner yesterday and in talks today," he said. A joint statement said the two sides highlighted the imperative of a peaceful resolution of the conflict around Ukraine through dialogue and diplomacy including engagement between both parties.

"They noted with appreciation relevant proposals of mediation and good offices aimed at peaceful resolution of the conflict in accordance with international law and on the basis of the UN Charter in its entirety and totality," it said. There was no mention of any "respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty".

Stating that Russia-India relations at present constitute a special and privileged strategic partnership, Putin said that Russia and India cooperate closely in the international arena, including within international institutions, primarily the UN and organizations like the SCO and BRICS.

"Last year, trade between Russia and India grew by 66%, and added another 20% in the first quarter of 2024," he said.

Earlier, Modi described India's experience of the last 50 years of suffering terrorism and how terrorism is "dangerous" and "disgusting". He also expressed his concern at the terror attacks which took place in

Moscow, in Dagestan, and said that he could imagine how "deep" the wound can be.

Modi also raised the issue of Indian nationals working in the Russian military and their early release, to which the Russian side promised "early discharge of all Indian nationals from the service of the Russian Army".

Kwatra put the number of Indian nationals serving in the Russian military to be roughly between 35 to 50 out of whom 10 are back.

Modi highlighted Russia's help to India in the energy sector. "When the world was facing shortage of food, fuel and fertilisers, we did not allow our farmers to face any problem and our friendship with Russia played a role in that," Modi said.

The Ukraine war has put India in a delicate diplomatic position with its Western allies. New Delhi has walked the tightrope, not explicitly condemning the Russian invasion but calling for an international probe into the Bucha massacre in the early weeks of the war, and expressing concern over threats of nuclear war issued by Russian leaders.

India abstained from voting against Russia in several resolutions at the United Nations Security Council.

Modi was officially conferred Russia's most prestigious civilian honour, the Order of St Andrew the Apostle, by the Russian President. He tweeted that he was dedicating it to the people of India.

After the bilateral talks, Modi said, "Held productive discussions with President Putin at the Kremlin today. Our talks covered ways to diversify India-Russia cooperation in sectors such as trade, commerce, security, agriculture, technology and innovation. We attach great importance to boosting connectivity and people-to-people exchanges."

The leaders' Joint Statement on the development of strategic areas of Russia-India economic cooperation set a new bilateral trade target of \$100 billion by 2030. Kwatra said that the economic engagement agenda dominated the conversations as both sides signed pacts in areas of climate change, cartography, polar research, broadcasting, health, arbitration and investments.

This is the inaugural bilateral visit of his third term and his first to Russia since it invaded Ukraine in February 2022. Modi last went to Russia for the Eastern Economic Forum meeting in Vladivostok in September 2019; Putin last visited India in December 2021 for the annual bilateral summit.

Modi wrapped up his visit in Moscow on Tuesday evening and left for Austria, the first visit by the Indian Prime Minister to that country after 41 years.

• Zelensky on PM-Putin meet: Blow to peace bid, huge disappointment

bloody criminal in Moscow on such a day," Zelenskyy posted on X.

Ukraine has said that it has recovered fragments of a Russian Kh-101 cruise missile from the children's hospital which was hit on Monday during a wave of Russian attacks that killed at least 41 Ukrainians across the country. Russia has countered that it was a Ukrainian anti-missile system that struck the hospital.

This is the most sharply worded statement by Zelenskyy against Modi since the war started. It comes about a month after their phone conversation, after Modi's re-election, and their meeting on the sidelines of the G7 leaders' summit in Italy in June.

The last time that the Ukrainian side was critical was when India was buying Russian oil at discounted rates. In August 2022, Ukraine Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba had said that "every barrel of Russian crude that India gets has a good portion of Ukrainian blood in it". India had defended its decision by saying that it was trying to cushion the inflationary impact of the energy prices on the Indian economy and its citizens.

But Kuleba's visit to India in March this year — his first since the Russia-Ukraine war started — was portrayed as an evolution in Kyiv's position towards Delhi. Modi has spoken to Zelenskyy at least five times in the last two-and-a-half years and has met him twice — their first meeting

was on the sidelines of the G7 leaders' summit in Hiroshima, Japan, last year.

In recent weeks, there has been some talk of a possible visit by Modi to Kyiv as well, as Zelenskyy had invited him on the margins of the G7 summit in Italy. However, Modi did not go for the peace summit on Ukraine which was held in Switzerland. Secretary (West) in MEA Pavan Kapoor (now named as the next Deputy NSA) attended the summit, but India did not sign the joint communiqué since Russia was not present. Russia had called the Swiss summit a "waste of time".

Zelenskyy's statement comes amid Russia's heaviest bombardment of Kyiv in almost four months — one of the dead-

liest 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 international outrage.

The hospital, Ukraine's largest medical facility for children, was caring for about 670 patients at the time of the attack, Okhmatdyt's Director General, Volodymyr Zhovniir, said Tuesday. "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.

WITH AGENCY INPUTS FROM KYIV

• Encounter in Doda as hunt on to track militants who ambushed convoy

Ground troops conducting the searches in Kathua are being supported by helicopter and drone surveillance, and the Army has also moved in Para commandos to the area. The J&K Police has also deployed its Special Operations Group, which primarily deals with anti-terror operations.

However, the militants, who had fled shortly after the ambush, remained elusive, officials said.

Security forces believe the militants could not have gone far given the dense fog and heavy

rain on Monday evening, and search parties have started looking into isolated houses built on the periphery of the forests. Nearly half-a-dozen people have also been picked up for questioning.

Sources said the militants had simultaneously attacked two Army vehicles carrying soldiers and rations, first by hurling grenades and then opening fire from automatic assault rifles. Both trucks, which had come from the Machedi side, were on their way to Lohai Malhar and

were on a small bridge over a nullah at the time.

Sources said both trucks were targeted together so soldiers from one couldn't rush to help the others. The militants, sources said, used steel core bullets to ensure those inside the trucks got hit.

According to sources, the soldiers, despite coming under heavy fire and suffering injuries, retaliated, forcing the militants to flee into the forests. Reinforcements from Machedi, which is nearly 25 kilometres away, took time to reach the en-

counter site because of the road condition, sources said.

The five soldiers killed on Monday have been identified as Naib Subedar Anand Singh, Havildar Kamal Singh, Naik Vinod Singh, and Rifleman Anuj Negi and Adarsh Negi.

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has, meanwhile, sent a team to Kathua to extend support to the J&K Police in its investigation. Officials made it clear that the probe agency has not registered a case to investigate the attack.

• 5 killed in Kathua from Uttarakhand

comes just a couple of months after the death of his cousin, Major Pranay Negi (33). According to him, the Army officer, who was serving in Leh, died on April 30 after he fell ill.

The other soldiers who were killed in Kathua — all from Uttarakhand — have been identified as Naib Subedar Anand Singh Rawat from Kandakhal village in Rudraprayag district, Havildar Kamal Singh from Pauri Garhwal, Naik Vinod Singh from Chaund Jaspur in Tehri Garhwal, and Rifleman Anuj Negi from Dobariya village in Pauri Garhwal.

As their bodies were brought back to the state on Tuesday evening, grief reverberated through their villages.

Adarsh is survived by his father Dalbir, mother Guddi Devi (47) and two siblings — Anjali (30), and Abhishek (27). His body will be taken to the banks of the Alaknanda for the last rites.

At Kandakhal village, residents converged at the house of 41-year-old Anand Singh Rawat to offer condolences to his family — his mother Mauli Devi, wife and two sons aged 16 and 13 years.

It was Laxman Singh Bijwan, head of Kandakhal village, who broke the news to the family. "After the death of his father around seven years ago, Anand and his older brother Kundan Rawat took care of the family," said Bijwan.

In Tehri Garhwal's Chaund Jaspur village, Vinod Singh's father, Veer Singh (65), and

mother, Shashi Devi (60), were in shock. The soldier is survived by wife Neema Devi and two young children — a four-year-old son and a three-month-old daughter.

"He has three sisters," his uncle, Kirti Singh Negi, said. "He last visited the family three months ago and stayed for over 40 days. Little did we know that it was the last time we would see him."

According to a PTI report, Kamal Singh from Pauri village is survived by his mother, wife and two daughters aged eight and four years. The 32-year-old Singh, who had just completed 10 years in service, had come home two-and-a-half months ago to get his youngest daughter admitted to school, a villager told PTI. His father died a few years ago.

While receiving the bodies of the soldiers at Dehradun's Jolly Grant Airport on Tuesday evening, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said: "The terrorists guilty of this cowardly attack, the enemies of humanity, will not be spared at any cost and the people who shelter them will also have to face the consequences. Uttarakhand is the land that gives birth to brave soldiers. The soldiers here have always discharged their national duty by sacrificing their lives in the service of Ma Bharti."

Major General R Prem Raj, GOC, Uttarakhand Sub-Area, led the wreath-laying ceremony at the airport, which was attended by ministers, officials as well as local residents.

• Can't rule out conspiracy: SIT

godman Suraj Pal, also known as Bhole Baba or Narayan Sakaar Hari, who held the satsang where the stampede took place.

Incidentally, the FIR lodged in connection with the stampede had also skipped naming the constable-turned-preacher.

Police had earlier said the victims, mostly women, fell on the uneven surface while trying to collect soil the preacher had walked on before he left the venue in Sikandra Rao area of Hathras.

The SIT of Additional Director General of Police (Agra Zone) Anupam Kulshreshtha and Divisional Commissioner (Aligarh) Chaitra V was set up immediately after the stampede. Officials said the SIT collected statements from 125 people, including eyewitnesses.

The SIT report did not rule out the possibility of a conspiracy, which Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had hinted at when recommending a probe into the incident.

"Based on the investigation and actions taken so far, the investigation committee has not ruled out the possibility of a major conspiracy behind the accident and has emphasised the need for a thorough investigation. The investigation committee has also found the event organiser and tehsil-level police and administration guilty," said an official.

Following the submission of the SIT report, the government suspended SDM Ravindra Kumar, Circle Officer Anand Kumar,

Station House Officer Ashish Kumar, Tehsildar Sushil Kumar, chowki incharge of Kachora Manveer Singh, and chowki incharge of Pora Brijesh Pandey.

According to the SIT, the suspended officials did not take the event seriously and did not inform their seniors. "The sub-divisional magistrate of Sikandra Rao granted permission for the event without inspecting the venue...", the SIT said.

The SIT also said the organisers obtained permission for the event by concealing facts and the conditions applicable for the permission were not followed.

"They did not make adequate and smooth arrangements despite inviting an unexpected crowd, nor did they comply with the conditions set by the local administration for the programme. People associated with the organising committee have been found guilty of spreading chaos. Individuals added by the committee without proper police verification contributed to the disorder," said the SIT.

The officials also claimed that the organising committee misbehaved with police and tried to prevent the local police from inspecting the venue.

"The satsang performers and the crowd were allowed to mingle without any security arrangements. Despite the large crowd, no barricading or passage arrangements were made, and when the accident occurred, members of the organising committee fled from the scene," it said.

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• Gambhir as coach, Team India set for new innings: 'Will do everything to make... dreams come true'

he had a phase when he reached starry heights in famous India wins — the 2007 ICC World T20 and 2011 ODI World Cup triumphs. Now, after the recent T20 World Cup triumph, Gambhir's appointment has raised expectations.

Gambhir's acknowledgment to the announcement of his new job was typical in character. He didn't have his face or any old picture of him with World Cup trophies pasted on the post. Instead, it was the national flag that took prime estate with a text that ran: "India is my identity... I'm honoured to be back, albeit wearing a different hat... 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!"

Coming from most others, it would have seemed like a platitude or even a cliché, but this is quintessential Gambhir.

In the past, the general preference has been for calm and composed coaches like Gary Kirsten, Rahul Dravid and Duncan Fletcher, also successfully veering towards the flamboyant Ravi Shastri. Seen in that respect, Gambhir would stand out for his searing intensity, overtly-nationalistic vibes, and in the way he sees the sport itself.

By his own admission, he wasn't someone who even enjoyed the game; he didn't find much pleasure in it. "I don't think I enjoy cricket too much, to be honest. I think for me, cricket is

something which is my priority," he had said famously.

India will see that priority translated on the field now. Gambhir is among the few Indian cricketers who don't see the game through the lens of star players. In theory, he is least likely to be swayed into emotional decisions over the longevity of star players, but, going by his own example, he is not likely to cast out players because of age.

He himself made a late comeback, though unsuccessful, in Test cricket, after doing the hard yards and completely reinventing his technique and stance. It was also seen in his backing of West Indian mystery spinner Sunil Narine, generally thought as past his prime, and all-rounder Andre Russell in the IPL.

Much has been said about Gambhir's relationship with Virat Kohli, but if one were to scratch beneath the surface, both aren't that different. Easy to take offence, tremendously competitive, with a hatred for losing. It won't be a surprise if both get on very well in this new relationship. Let it be forgotten, it was under Kohli's captaincy that Gambhir made his last comeback in international cricket, and that was after many publicised on-field scuffles between the two in the IPL.

Gambhir has shown admiration for Rohit Sharma's captaincy skills and the relationship can be expected to be relatively smooth.

He is also known to support the team's less-celebrated players. This comes naturally to him as he has felt the brunt of it throughout his playing career. He would openly talk about his insecurities. "If I don't score runs in two-three games, I start getting that feeling that I'm going to get dropped," he once said.

There is a line that he said recently about the 2011 World Cup final that indicates how the world of detractors see him, and how he sees it. "I wish I had finished that game. It was my job to finish the game, rather than leaving it for someone to finish the game. If I had to turn back the clock, I would go back there and score the last run, irrespective of how many runs I scored," he said.

The detractors saw it as regret at a missed chance to become a star, a position he never quite achieved with Indian fans as a player, and a jibe at M S Dhoni, who finished that game.

Gambhir sees it as an honest statement of his own failure to finish the game and do what the team needed from a set batsman at that juncture.

In the Gambhir era as coach, fasten your seatbelts for more such frank, unadulterated, star-system-puncturing and eyebrow-raising quotes, but know that the car is being driven by a passionate man whose motivations generally tend to lie on the righteous side. How he balances that emotion and passion will determine his success.

One held for 'waving Palestinian flag' at Muharram procession

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BHADOHI POLICE on Tuesday arrested a 20-year-old shopkeeper for allegedly waving a Palestinian flag during a procession held after the sighting of the Muharram moon in the Aurai police station area.

The matter came to light when a video of the flag being waved surfaced on social media. Taking cognizance of the matter, the police registered a case against two residents, identified as Sahil alias Badshah and Mohammad Gorakh. The case has been registered at the Aurai police station under Section 197 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, which relates to imputations and assertions prejudicial to national integration.

"We have arrested Sahil alias

Badshah, who runs a salon, in the case. The video of the procession is being examined further," said SHO Sachidanand Pandey.

According to the police, on Sunday night, a few youths took out a procession in Madho Singh Bazaar, during which some of them allegedly carried Palestinian flags and raised slogans. On Monday, a video of the purported procession went viral, prompting the police to register a case. During preliminary inquiry, it was found that no permission had been sought for the procession.

Upon scrutinising the video, the police identified Badshah and Mohammad Gorakh carrying Palestinian flags while riding a motorcycle in the procession. The police said that a case was filed because the incident could create feelings of hatred and animosity among the public.

Unnao: Day after rape accused attacks survivor's kin, 2 policemen suspended

Lucknow: Two Police officers posted in Unnao — a sub-inspector and a head constable — have been suspended a day after a 22-year-old rape accused allegedly shot and killed the rape survivor's mother and injured four other family members, including the survivor and her father, officers said on Tuesday.

The rape accused later allegedly

shot himself dead and his body was found with a country-made pistol lying nearby, they added.

The action was taken against the two officers for not acting on a complaint against the rape suspect received on July 3, said a police officer. "They have been suspended on charges of negligence," said Additional Superintendent of Police, Unnao, Prem Chand. ENS

ED, CBI DEPLOYED TO FINISH OFF AAP, CLAIMS PARTY

Named in supplementary chargesheet, AAP summoned in excise policy case in a first

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In a first, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has been summoned as a Delhi court on Tuesday took cognizance of the seventh and eighth supplementary chargesheets filed by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in the money laundering case linked to the alleged excise policy scam. In response to the chargesheet, the AAP said that the central agency was "functioning as a political wing of the BJP". Not a single rupee was recovered from any AAP leader in the case despite two years of investigation and over "500 raids", the party further claimed, adding that the central agencies were deployed to "ensure the AAP is finished".

The AAP and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal are named in the seventh supplementary chargesheet. The eighth supplementary chargesheet names Vinod Chauhan and his associate Ashish Mathur as accused. As per the ED, Chauhan was allegedly involved in the transfer of Rs 25.5 crore to the AAP for the Goa Assembly polls campaign in 2021-2022.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja issued summons to the accused to appear before the Rouse Avenue Court on July 12. Chauhan and Kejriwal are already in judicial custody.

Kejriwal was arrested by the ED on March 21 in the money laundering case. He was granted interim bail until June 1 by the Supreme Court for poll cam-



AAP convener and Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal has been told to appear on July 12. File

paing after which he surrendered before Tihar Jail. Later on June 20, he was granted bail by Delhi's Rouse Avenue Court. But then, the ED challenged the bail in the High Court. The HC stayed the trial court order granting bail to Kejriwal.

On June 26, the Chief Minister

was formally arrested by the CBI.

The ED had earlier alleged that Kejriwal was "directly involved in the formulation" of the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, which was drafted "considering the favours to be granted to the 'South Group'". The ED claims the "South Group" "secured uninhibited access, undue favours, attained stakes in established wholesale businesses, and multiple retail zones (over and above what was allowed in the policy)", and paid Rs 100 crore to AAP leaders in return. The agency also alleged that bribes received from the 'South Group' were funnelled into the AAP's Goa Assembly poll campaign in 2021-2022.

"Chauhan had transferred money through the hawala route for AAP's Goa elections. He was in regular touch with members of

the 'South Group'... was part of a deep nexus with major conspirators such as K Kavitha and certain AAP leaders," ED's Special Counsel Zoheb Hossain had earlier told a Delhi Court.

In response to the ED's chargesheet against Kejriwal, the AAP in an official statement said, "The ED's intention from the very beginning of this fake investigation was to frame AAP, arrest all its top leaders and crush the party. The BJP sees the AAP as the biggest threat in the future and has deployed ED and CBI to ensure AAP is finished."

The party also said that the ED was solely relying on the statements given by other co-accused. All the statements that led to the arrest of Kejriwal by the ED were given in July last year, highlighting the eight-month gap.

HC seeks Sunita Kejriwal's response on plea to remove 'recordings' of court proceedings

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court Tuesday asked Sunita Kejriwal to file her response to a PIL seeking the removal of alleged audio or video recordings from social media of trial court proceedings when her husband CM Arvind



Sunita Kejriwal

Kejriwal had personally ad-

ressed the court. On June 15, the HC, in an interim order, directed social media platforms like X, Meta and YouTube to remove the alleged audio or video recordings from their platforms.

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Empowering tomorrow's leaders

Management programmes blend theory and practice to shape business leaders and entrepreneurs, ready to thrive in a rapidly evolving global landscape

AS PER a Fortune India report, "A total of 4,03,202 students signed up at about 3,100 institutions offering postgraduate diploma in management (PGDM) and masters in business administration (MBA) programmes in FY22." B-schools continue to remain the perennial flavour of the season for those pursuing higher education and for a good reason with reports abounding on how this career advancement move helps 80% of graduates of management programmes land a job within three months of completing their education. Furthermore, in today's dynamic and complex business landscape, wherein technological advancements continuously steer evolving ways of working, management education plays a crucial role in equipping individuals with the skills, knowledge and expertise needed to navigate a wide spectrum of challenges and drive success.

Management education pursued through various PGDM and MBA programmes that are full-time, part-time or online, aids a better understanding of the principles of effectively managing an evolving business world by delivering a holistic business education alongside honing entrepreneurial skills. It fosters strategic thinking, innovation, adaptability, effective communication, analytical skills and problem-solving abilities essential for leadership roles, alongside instilling a deep understanding of organisational dynamics. Moreover, it cultivates ethical decision-making and emphasises the significance of sustainable practices, shaping responsible leaders who can steer businesses toward long-term growth while considering societal and environmental impacts.

Witnessing a paradigm shift, management education has evolved over the decades beyond traditional classroom lectures to incorporate experiential learning, industry collaborations, and technology integration. The emphasis is on developing holistic



skill sets encompassing critical thinking, problem-solving, leadership, and adaptability by facilitating students' engagement in real-world projects, case studies, and internships to bridge the gap between theory and practice and foster innovation and creativity in addressing complex business challenges.

NEP'S ROLE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

India's National Education Policy (NEP) issued in 2020 serves to restructure the Indian education system's regulation and governance to attain the country's sustainable development goals. As the policy endeavours to address the pressing need for a skilled workforce for the future while ensuring holistic learning, NEP's focus on holistic and multidisciplinary learning plays a pivotal role in optimising higher education, including management education in India.

Outlining the vision of India's new education system, it aligns with the evolving needs of the industry and fosters a holistic learning environ-

ment, which is conducive to skill development, innovation, creativity, and critical thinking. It has an undeniably significant part in not only empowering students in their chosen higher educational journey as the pathway to fulfilling their career aspirations but also preparing a skilled workforce that can successfully manage and drive India's thriving economy.

EMERGING STREAMS: BIG DATA, AI AND ML

In response to the growing influence of digital technologies, management education is witnessing a surge in specialised streams such as Big Data, artificial intelligence (AI), and machine learning (ML). These have emerged as transformative forces across industries, and management education is no exception. Since these fields offer unparalleled opportunities for data-driven decision-making, predictive analytics, and automation across industries, management programmes are incorporating modules on data analysis, AI applications, and algorithmic thinking to equip students with the

requisite skills needed to harness the power of data for strategic insights and gain competitive advantage in the digital age.

MANAGEMENT EDUCATION OFFERS A COMPETITIVE EDGE

While economic uncertainties and global conflicts impact traditional hiring trends, there is a perpetual demand for talent with agile problem-solving skills, adaptability, and digital literacy. Management graduates equipped with versatile skill sets, industry exposure, inherent resilience and adaptability and an entrepreneurial mindset have the competitive edge to navigate the ever-evolving job market. Additionally, management institutions are increasingly focusing on enhancing employability through internships, industry collaborations, specialised training programs, placement services and career counselling services.

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With greater autonomy and agility, private institutions are at the forefront of experimentation and innovation, catering to niche domains and emerging trends while adapting their curriculum design swiftly to changing market demands through innovative pedagogies and industry collaborations. Moreover, they serve as hubs for research and knowledge creation, contributing to thought leadership and industry best practices. By nurturing entrepreneurship, fostering leadership skills, and facilitating global exposure, private institutions contribute significantly to preparing future-ready managers and leaders who drive socio-economic progress.

All in all, management education is indispensable for developing the potential of future business leaders capable of steering organisations through evolving global markets and various complexities that affect and shape market dynamics.

Management education develops future business leaders capable of navigating global markets and complexities that shape market dynamics

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THE industry demands in present-day times has become immensely competitive, management education empowers individuals to be effective leaders and problem-solvers. It equips them with critical thinking skills to make innovative and ethical decisions. To keep pace with the dynamic business world, management education has undergone an ambitious transformation. Now, students gain practical experience through internships, live projects, global immersion programmes and incorporating simulations.

The classic case study method thrives, fostering critical analysis of real-world scenarios. Blended learning offers flexibility with online modules complementing traditional lectures. Collaboration through projects strengthens teamwork and leadership. By incorporating ethics and sustainability, graduates are equipped to

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Management education bridges the theory-practice gap through impactful industry collaborations. These partnerships ensure curriculum stays relevant by incorporating current trends, challenges, and practices. Industry leaders provide real-world insights through guest lectures and seminars, exposing students to practical scenarios and emerging trends. Internships and live projects take learning a step further, allowing students to apply theoretical knowledge to solve real problems faced by businesses.

The collaboration extends to research as well, with industry-sponsored projects and case studies tackling contemporary business issues and enriching the learning experience. This industry academia dynamic partnership ensures management education stays fresh, relevant, and closely connected to the evolving demands of the business world, ultimately preparing graduates to excel and thrive in it.

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SKY WATCH
July 10
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Very light to light rain

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Greater Noida factory's compound sealed after 980 trees felled

NEETIKA JHA
GREATER NOIDA, JULY 9

THE FACTORY compound in Greater Noida, where around 980 fully-grown trees were cut allegedly by a real estate giant, has been sealed, forest officials said on Tuesday. Shakuntalam Group is under the scanner over the tree felling, *The Indian Express* reported on Tuesday.

The factory compound in Surajpur, which was previously owned by South Korean automobile maker Daewoo Motors, was closed.

District Forest Officer Pramod Shrivastav told *The Indian Express*, "We sealed the compound to prevent any further felling of trees. Despite notices, no one from the Shakuntalam Group, which allegedly owns the premises, turned up. They had no official documents relating to the ownership of the premises."

When *The Indian Express* reached out to the group, they refused to comment on the sealing.

The move came after an FIR was lodged by the forest department under an environmental activist, Vikrant Tongad, had raised the allegations.

On Tuesday, Tongad said it was a welcome move by the officials and it was for the first time that a premises was sealed over tree felling within a month. "There are more than 50,000 trees on the premises. But the sealing alone will not completely stop the felling of trees. The area needs to be protected and guarded further," he said.

1,100 TREES AXED IN SOUTHERN RIDGE Govt panel visits tree felling site, claims evidence erased

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

A FACT-FINDING committee, set up by the Delhi government to look into allegations of illegal felling of 1,100 trees in the Ridge area, Tuesday visited the spot in Satbari, which falls under the Southern Ridge area, and accused the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) of "erasing evidence". The committee claimed the land-owning agency illegally cut the trees to expand Gaushtala Road.

The DDA was constructing an approach road starting from Gaushtala Road to South Asian University (1.1 km) and from South Asian University to the Central Armed Police Forces Institute for Medical Sciences (1.53 km). The road project site falls under the eco-sensitive zone around Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary.

When asked for comment, the DDA did not respond.

Delhi Urban Development Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, who is part of the committee, said, "Despite the Supreme Court's order to stop such activities, there are bulldozers present and clear signs of work being carried out. It is possible to find the number of trees cut by the remnants of roots and trunks. To hide this deliberate uprooting, soil layering is being done."

When *The Indian Express* visited the spot, it found a few bulldozers and tree stumps. The soil had also been levelled.



The fact-finding committee, comprising ministers Saurabh Bharadwaj and Atishi, visited the spot in Satbari. *Abhinav Saha*

The Supreme Court is hearing a contempt petition against DDA Vice-Chairman Subhashish Panda for illegally felling trees in violation of its directions. Last week, the apex court had asked the DDA Vice-Chairman to inform it whether Lt-Governor VK Saxena had visited the site and directed the cutting of trees. The

bench cited the report of an Enquiry Committee, set up by the DDA, to investigate who ordered the tree felling. It said emails sent purportedly by the executive engineer to the contractor showed that the Lt-Governor had given the order but the engineer denied sending the emails. The next SC hearing is

scheduled for July 12, the day before the hearing committee has been asked to submit its report.

Bharadwaj, meanwhile, said instead of clearing trees in the protected forest area, land of the nearby farmhouses could have been acquired for the project. He went on to accuse the DDA of allegedly conspiring with farmhouse owners, alleging that the road expansion could benefit them by "crores of rupees".

Delhi Revenue Minister Atishi, also on the panel, pointed to a possible alleged role of officers to protect higher-ups. She claimed, "It is concerning that... officers are constantly making excuses, not submitting papers, and failing to attend meetings. It is clear that their higher-ups are directing them."

Atishi also assured that the committee will submit its findings in a report before the top court. "Who will take care of the interests of the people of Delhi if trees are cut illegally under the supervision of the highest authority?... We will present the report of the Fact-Finding Committee before the Supreme Court. We hope that strict action be taken against whoever has done the wrong," she said.

The Aam Aadmi Party, in a statement, also blamed the L-G for his alleged role in directing the DDA to illegally cut the trees.

Delhi has 19,500 hectares of forest cover amounting to 13.15% of the state's geographical area, according to the Indian State Forest Report (ISFR) 2021. In this, the Southern Ridge covers around 6,200 hectares.

BANGLADESH-INDIA KIDNEY TRANSPLANT RACKET BUSTED, 7 HELD

'Never doubted them': Staff at hotel where 2 accused stayed

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, JULY 9



Police with men who were arrested for their alleged involvement in an organ transplant racket, Tuesday. *PTI*

THE NIGHT manager of Hotel Rampal Palace in Jasola was dumbfounded when he found himself face to face with policemen at 1 am on June 16. "They showed him a piece of paper and went inside. Within minutes they arrested two guests from Room No. 1, emptied it of their belongings, locked it and took away all the hotel's documents regarding their booking," recounted a hotel employee, who requested anonymity.

It was only weeks later that the hotel employees came to know the two guests from Bangladesh were among seven persons arrested for organ trafficking.

The Indian Express reported Tuesday that the Delhi Police arrested a 50-year-old doctor from Delhi-based Indraprastha Apollo Hospital last week for her alleged involvement in an organ transplantation racket across Bangladesh and India. Police said Dr Vijaya Kumari, now under suspension, was the lone doctor working with the gang and had performed around 15-16 transplants from 2021-23 in Noida-based private Yatharth Hospital.

"We see so many patients here. Our hotel is right behind the (Indraprastha Apollo) hospital, so many Indian and foreign patients and their caretakers come to stay here," said the employee. "They'd been living there for 1.5 months. I would see them go for treatments and come back every day. We had taken copies of their visa, passport and medical documents, so we never doubted them," he said.

On June 16, the Delhi Police

Crime Branch arrested four men, including three Bangladeshi nationals — Rasel (29), his brother-in-law Mohammad Sumon Miyan (28), Mohammad Rokon (26) — and Ratesh Pal from Tripura for allegedly being a part of an organised crime syndicate that would conduct illegal kidney transplants. On June 23, police arrested two Indian nationals, Vikram Singh and Sharique, who were part of the racket. On July 1, they arrested Dr Kumari.

While one patient and their caretaker stayed in the hotel, police sources said around five-six donors were living with Rasel in a flat in Jasola. Police said while the donors were not arrested, three patients were bound down.

The operation

It started at dialysis centres back in Bangladesh. Police said this is where another accused, Ifthi, who is yet to be arrested, stepped in, convincing patients he could procure them a donor and get them treatment and a kidney transplant from India.

Then Rasel would allegedly begin procuring potential kidney donors for the patients. He'd tell the donors, who were mostly from lower-income backgrounds, that he'd get them well-paying jobs in India after the operation. The moment they would arrive in Delhi, Rasel would take away their passports to prevent them from escaping, said police.

Police claimed Rasel too had sold one of his kidneys to a Bangladeshi patient in 2019 before he started this racket.

According to police, Miyan, Rokon and Pal would then allegedly forge documents in the name of the Bangladesh High Commission to show that the patient and the donor were close family members — a requisite as per Indian law.

Police said Dr Kumari, a senior consultant and a kidney transplant surgeon, had performed the surgeries at Yatharth Hospital.

Additional Medical Superintendent of Yatharth Hospital, Sunil Baliyan, had said Dr Kumari was working with the hospital as a visiting consultant and performed transplants on patients brought by her. "No patient of Yatharth was given to her and she had performed one surgery in the last three months," he said.

Police said Vikram Singh, who was Dr Kumari's assistant, made Rs 20,000 for every patient file and patient-donor affidavit he allegedly forged. Mohammad Sharique would then get tests done for Rs 50,000 to 60,000 per patient. Dr Kumari, meanwhile, would pocket Rs 2-3 lakh per patient, claimed police sources.

Police said it would cost each patient around Rs 25-30 lakh.

CHARGESHEET FILED AGAINST 9 ACCUSED

'Suspicious' call neighbour heard helped bust baby-selling racket

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

- MODUS OPERANDI**
- Babies were sold between Rs 4 lakh-Rs 10 lakh.
 - Asha workers Simranjeet Kaur, Pooja Rani scouted for potential victims from villages in Punjab.
 - Victims were made to sign blank notary papers at Binder Kaur's clinic where they handed over their newborn children.
 - Binder brought babies from Punjab to kingpin Sangram and his associate Priya to sell.

shared with prospective buyers. Nine accused — including five women and four men — were named in the chargesheet, which has been filed under IPC sections of trafficking, conspiracy and common intention.

Apart from Priya and her family members, two ASHA workers, Simranjeet Kaur and Pooja Rani, and a midwife, Binder Kaur are among the accused. All three were nabbed from Punjab. Other accused — Rajinder, Raman, and his associate Paramjeet — were also arrested from Punjab. Sangram, who is said to be the mastermind and is still on the run, has been declared a proclaimed offender.

The chargesheet states, "The accused persons are part of a baby-selling racket in Delhi and Punjab... Asha workers, Simranjeet Kaur and Pooja Rani used to go to (the) houses of low-income

families in several villages of Punjab on the pretext of tending to their medical needs and used to search for newborn babies or mothers who were expecting."

The chargesheet further stated that both women used to allegedly coax families to give them their babies so they could hand them over to their acquaintances who were well-off. Binder Kaur, the chargesheet claimed, ran her "clinic" in Punjab.

Stated the chargesheet, "In the present case, the baby girl was born on February 15 and was handed over to two accused — Simranjeet and Rajinder — who posed as a wealthy couple working as government servants on the same day at the clinic of Binder Kaur, in (the) presence of the child's parents who were made to sign blank notary documents."

Police further said Binder Kaur, with the two ASHA workers, travelled by train and gave the child to Priya, Devki, and Sangram who also allegedly posed as a provider of childcare services in Delhi before the racket was busted.

Accused Pooja Rani and Raman also used to pose as a couple and adopted babies from families in Punjab, police revealed. "Videos on mobile phones recovered from the accused had clips of newborn babies, which were shared with clients..." said the chargesheet. The total number of victims targeted by the victims is yet to be ascertained.

The child in the present case, officials said, is being taken care of by an NGO.

Bhairon Marg underpass stalled, PWD explores other ways to speed up work

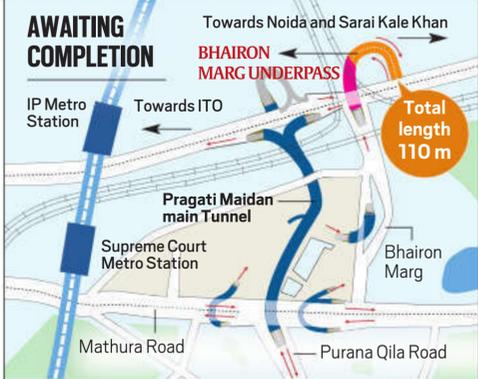
GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

WITH WORK on the Bhairon Marg underpass delayed by over a year owing to "design issues and technical hurdles", the Public Works Department (PWD) is now exploring other ways to speed up construction.

The 110-metre-long underpass, part of the Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor, remains to be opened. The other five underpasses and a tunnel were inaugurated in 2022.

In March, the PWD had opened a 90-metre section of the underpass that goes from Ring Road to Bhairon Marg. As a temporary measure, the department has turned it into a two-lane one by placing barricades in the middle. This allows traffic movement from Ring Road to Bhairon Marg as well as from Bhairon Marg to Sarai Kale Khan.

Construction work on this underpass has been particularly challenging. For one, as it passes beneath an active railway line, work could only be carried out during a limited period when trains were not plying on the stretch. The project then hit another major roadblock after its 'box-pushing' device got stuck. The 'box pushing' method involves precasting concrete boxes and then pushing them into place under live rail lines using hydraulic jacks, allowing construction with minimal disruption to train traffic



- The 110-metre-long Bhairon Marg underpass is the fifth one that is part of the Pragati Maidan Integrated Transit Corridor that remains to be opened.
- The underpass is bifurcated into two: one for traffic going from Ring Road to Bhairon Marg and the other from Bhairon Marg to Sarai Kale Khan.
- In March, a 90-metre-long stretch was opened to the public by dividing it into two lanes by deploying barricades in the middle.
- The remaining portion is incomplete.



A 90-m section opened in March

"Besides the railway line, the soil is very damp as it is close to the Yamuna river... the water table also rises during the monsoon. The underpass was being constructed using the box-pushing technique... but the concrete blocks sank 1.5-2 metres into the ground," said officials.

The PWD had a solution to this problem — the 'cut and cover' method. Officials said this involves cutting the railway track above, removing it to construct the tunnel, levelling the surface and re-laying the track. "For this, a 50-day period was required but the Railways denied permission," said officials.

The department also consulted IIT-Bombay last year and IIT-Delhi this year to chalk out a solution to the technical hurdle but "both institutes could not find a solution", said officials.

"The department is now exploring new methods. Once things are finalised, work will resume. However, the standard height of the underpass, which is 5.5 metres, will now be reduced. As the box-pushing device has sunk into the ground, the height of the passage will be 4-4.5 metres."

Officials said this would mean that one section of this underpass will be slightly shorter than the other one that is open to public. "Big vehicles like trucks or tempo will not be able to use the stretch... only cars and two-wheelers can. More discussions and meetings will be held and the plan will be finalised soon," said officials.

BRIEFLY

Court rejects Jain's plea for interim bail

New Delhi: A Delhi court Tuesday rejected the plea of senior AAP leader Satyendar Jain, an accused in a money laundering case, seeking interim bail for four weeks to take care of his injured wife and ailing daughter. As per Jain's application, his wife Poonam, also an accused in the case, has fractured her right foot, requiring "constant personal attention and care". It said their younger daughter also suffered from some ailments.

Doctors at UCMS, GTB Hospital on indefinite strike

New Delhi: Senior and junior residents at the University College of Medical Science and GTB Hospital Tuesday went on an indefinite strike following an assault on doctors allegedly by the attendants of a patient. The doctors demanded strict action against the attackers and robust security management in the hospital. During the strike, they will attend only emergency services, the protesting doctors said. *PTI*

Rain lashes Delhi, leaves waterlogged streets & traffic snarls in its wake

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

HEAVY RAIN in several parts of Delhi Tuesday led to waterlogging and traffic snarls. Incidents of trees falling were also reported.

The city was initially predicted to receive light to very light rainfall as per the day's weather forecast and the India Meteorological Department (IMD) had issued a yellow alert (to be aware). Moderate spells of rainfall lashed parts of the city between 11.30 am and 2.30 pm.

The Safdarjung base station, representative of the city, recorded 30.8 mm of rain.

Weather stations at Lodhi Road, Ridge and Delhi University recorded moderate to light spells of rainfall at 34.2 mm, 11 mm and 10 mm respectively.

Waterlogging complaints were received by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi from Preet Vihar, Hari Nagar, Uttam Nagar, Karol Bagh, GTB Nagar in Civil Line Zone, Karawal Nagar, Mandawali, Greater Kailash, Jamia Nagar, Chandni Chowk, Azad Market, Raj Nagar in Najafgarh Zone. Tree fallen incidents were reported from Kalkaji Extension and Mayur Vihar Phase II.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperature recorded at the Safdarjung base station was



Waterlogging and traffic snarls were reported from across the city owing to the downpour. *Praveen Khanna*



33.2 degrees Celsius, three notches below normal, and the minimum temperature was close to normal at 27.2 degrees Celsius.

The AQI in Delhi stood in the 'satisfactory' category as it touched 84.

In the IMD's seven-day forecast, a generally cloudy sky with light spells of rain is predicted for Wednesday and no warning is issued. However, in the subsequent days, it has issued a yellow alert and moderate spells of rainfall are predicted.

Isolated to scattered light to moderate rainfall is forecasted for Northwest India, including Delhi-NCR, for the next five days, as per an IMD press release.

Noida CEO: Act against builders involved in illegal water extraction

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NOIDA, JULY 9

UNDERLINING THAT the water table level in Noida is declining rapidly, Noida Authority CEO Lokesh M wrote to Gautam Buddha Nagar District Magistrate Manish Kumar Verma on Tuesday. He has sought action against a group of builders and projects allegedly involved in illegal water extraction or 'dewatering'.

According to the CEO, several projects are extracting groundwater illegally in Noida sectors 153, 154, and 156. In these sectors, the CEO wrote, "illegal dewatering is being done through pumping for construction of group housing projects" and the public has been complaining

According to the CEO, several projects are extracting groundwater illegally in Noida sectors 153, 154 and 156.

about this on his X (formerly Twitter) handle.

The CEO further said an FIR was registered against six projects (Unixel Developers, Montree Attire, Jam Vision Tech, King Pace Information, Vextec Condominium, Motherson Sumi Infotech & Design) at Knowledge Park police station and a fine was imposed on allottees of the land parcel for illegal dewatering on these plots.

Projects of ACE Group and 5D Precast Infrastructure in Noida Sector 154 were fined Rs 5 lakh under The Uttar Pradesh Ground Water Act 2019, said Lokesh M.

"A letter dated 20.05.2024 was issued to the Executive Engineer, Ground Water Department, Gautam Buddha Nagar, to look into these complaints and take action against the guilty builders," said the CEO.

He also wrote that action be taken against the "guilty allottees at the district level... in public interest". Asked about how many other builders are extracting water illegally, the CEO told *The Indian Express*, "We had details of these builders and projects. As the groundwater department is under the DM, we have written to him to take strict action in these cases."

Delhi HC refuses to reject plea against election of AAP's Durgesh Pathak

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE DELHI High Court has refused to reject a plea challenging the election of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Durgesh Kumar Pathak in the 2022 Assembly by-poll in Delhi's Rajinder Nagar constituency where he defeated his nearest rival by a margin of 11,468 votes.

The petition challenging Pathak's election was filed by Rajan Tewari, a voter, in August 2022. The bypoll was held on June 23, 2022, and the results were announced three days later. Subsequently, Pathak filed an application in the High Court for rejection of Tewari's petition, which was dismissed by the Court on Monday.

A single-judge bench of Justice Yashwant Varma observed on Monday that in Tewari's petition,



Durgesh Pathak

"broad and sweeping allegations" had been made, claiming "corrupt practice, undue influence, as well as improper acceptance of a nomination". "However, it becomes evident and apparent that there is a manifest failure on the part of the election petitioner (Tewari) having asserted that the improper acceptance of the nomination or a corrupt practice or non-compliance with the provi-

sions of the Constitution, Act, Rules or Orders made thereunder had materially affected the results of the election," the High Court said in the order. The High Court also noted Tewari's allegation against Pathak that he had failed to provide any information on whether he was presently holding or had held the post of a member in the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

However, the Court said it was an "apparent and evident failure" to allege that Pathak was holding the post in the body on the relevant date. So, the allegation failed to "plead material facts", it said.

Tewari also alleged that Pathak had not disclosed his alleged criminal antecedents concerning a 2020 FIR in his nomination affidavit. The Court, however, said whether a disclosure concerning an FIR is required in law was an issue to be determined during a trial.

FOR THE FIRST TIME

Bill to set up urban land, property records authority in works in Delhi

DAMININATH & JATINANAND
NEW DELHI, JULY 9



The draft Bill provides for a survey of urban land. File

IN A FIRST, the Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry is working on a Bill to create an urban land and immovable property records system — covering all urban lands, buildings, apartments, and flats — for Delhi with an authority to be headed by the Lieutenant-Governor, *The Indian Express* has learnt.

The Delhi Urban Land and Immovable Property Records, Bill, 2024 that will cover all notified urban areas and apartments is a work in progress, said sources. At present, Delhi does not have an Act for the management of urban land records, officials added.

As of now, the Delhi government's Revenue Department maintains the record of rights (RoR), which contains all information about a land parcel like its ownership and extent, for villages. The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) maintain property tax records for their respective areas. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) maintains records for the land ac-

quired by it, and the Land and Development Office (L&DO) of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) manages the lands acquired by the central government when New Delhi was set up in 1911 and rehabilitation colonies. The draft Bill proposes to set up the Delhi Urban Land and Immovable Property Records Authority, which will be chaired by the Delhi L-G and will include as members officials from the DDA, MCD, NDMC, Delhi Cantonment Board, the L&DO and the Delhi government's Revenue Department.

The authority would be able to notify urban areas for the preparation of records and appoint officers. The draft Bill provides for a survey of urban land and immov-

able property for the preparation of records and inquiry into property rights. The Bill also provides for a penalty under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, for wilfully concealing information or deliberately giving false information to an officer, it is learnt. In Delhi, there are multiple authorities involved. Land records, currently, come under the ambit of two Acts — The Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954 and The Punjab Land Revenue Act, 1887. The DLR, 1954 does not apply to land owned by a municipal agency, Cantonment, the Central Government or acquired for public purposes. The agricultural land records include details of khasra (list of fields) and khatauni (list of cultivators).

Some states have amended

their land records Acts to apply these to urban areas, but courts have interpreted that the DLR doesn't apply once a village in Delhi is declared urbanised, a senior government official said. Since the existing framework doesn't apply in Delhi, there is a vacuum when it comes to urban land records, the official added. "With no single custodian for the NCT of Delhi, there are no uniform records across various governance and planning typologies; varying formats are followed within as well as across institutions, making the process of property title search extremely cumbersome," as per a 2019 policy paper based on a study by the Indian Institute for Human Settlements. It added that clear and comprehensive records would make taxation and dispute resolution easier.

In its manifesto for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, the BJP promised, "We will undertake the creation of the Digital Urban Land Records System." Sources say the draft Bill is along the same lines, as it will lead to the creation of digital records. NITI Aayog, in its report on Reforms in Urban Planning Capacity in India in September 2021, flagged the importance of land records for planning.

Courier delivery boys in Delhi steal shipments worth Rs 10.25L, arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE DELHI Police have arrested three delivery boys of a courier delivery company and their accomplice for allegedly stealing 37 shipments worth Rs 10.25 lakh last month.

Those arrested have been identified as Raja Kumar, 22, Brijesh Maurya, 22, and Nitin Gola, 26. They are all employed at a courier delivery firm in East Delhi's Madhu Vihar. Raja Kumar's elder brother Abhishek (23) has also been held.

During questioning, Kumar who was arrested on July 4 allegedly disclosed that the four accused devised a plan to defraud the company by booking high-value shipments on the same route with cash-on-delivery payments.

Police managed to recover 70 per cent of the misappropriated shipments and said that efforts are ongoing to recover the remaining goods.

Police said that Raja's elder brother had previously worked with the other two accused, and he allegedly played a crucial role in booking the shipments.

Don't share bank details, use verified apps: Discoms give tips amid rise in frauds

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

PAY ELECTRICITY bills on verified apps, don't share debit or credit card details, and avoid clicking on suspicious links — these are some of the safety tips highlighted in the social media awareness campaigns kicked off by discoms amid a growing number of frauds in Delhi.

"These scams aren't limited to a single city. These fraudsters are employing similar tactics all over. They send messages claiming overdue payments and urge unsuspecting people to click on dubious links or call unfamiliar numbers. These links often lead to malware-infested websites while the phone calls connect you to imposters posing as official representatives," said a BSES official. Recently, a doctor in Delhi was targeted, said officials, adding that he clicked on a fake link supposedly to pay his electricity bill and was duped of Rs 6 lakh.

A BSES official said that consumers need to remain vigilant and exercise caution while paying their electricity bills and use only BSES-authorized platforms. "Our officials will never ask consumers for their bank or credit/debit card details, CVV number, or OTP," the official added.

The discom officials added that these messages typically warn of immediate power cuts due to unpaid bills. "They may even include copied logos to create a sense of legitimacy. These messages in the form of emails, calls, or SMSes, often create panic among consumers... The given links with the messages also lead to fraudulent websites designed to scan personal information..." said officials.

The goal is to extract sensitive information. A Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (TPDDL) spokesperson advised the consumers to ensure that the website URL starts with "https://" before entering any sensitive information.

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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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IN PM'S FOOTSTEPS

TWO DAYS after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Russia, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will be in the country leading the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 10th BRICS Parliamentary Forum being held in St Petersburg on July 11-12. The Indian delegation includes Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Harivansh, Secretary General of Lok Sabha Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General of Rajya Sabha P C Modu and Rajya Sabha MP Shambhu Sharan Patel. Birla will meet presiding officers of parliaments of Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan and President of Inter-Parliamentary Union Tulia Ackson during the two-day meet. The focus of the discussions will be on strengthening the inter-parliamentary cooperation with these countries.

SCARF OF HONOUR

DONNING A traditional red and white scarf from Odisha, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a special mention of the ongoing Jagannath Rath Yatra and the state of Odisha during his address to the Indian diaspora in Moscow on Tuesday. "Odisha has registered a big revolution and so I have come wearing an Odia scarf today," said the Prime Minister as he spoke about the recently held Lok Sabha elections. He said while all the cameras were focused on him, people didn't notice how the NDA registered a clean sweep in four states — Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha. The NDA alliance was able to end the Biju Janata Dal's five-term (24 years) reign in Odisha in the Assembly elections.

VOTE OF THANKS

THE BJP has launched a 'Matda Abhinandan' programme across the country, inviting workers and influential voters in all Assembly segments and expressing gratitude to them for their support in the general elections. These programmes are being organised in all the constituencies, irrespective of the party's performance in the polls. The local BJP candidates, along with key functionaries of the party, have been asked to address these events. One such programme is scheduled for July 11 in Faizabad (Ayodhya) from where BJP candidate Lallu Singh lost to Samajwadi Party's Awadhesh Prasad.

MORE JOINT VENTURES TO BE SET UP TO TACKLE ISSUE

Russia, India agree to speed up delivery of military spare parts

PM raised 'issue' with Putin, says Kwatra in first acknowledgement of delay

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

INDIA AND Russia have agreed to expedite the delivery of spare parts of Russian-origin military platforms by setting up joint ventures in India among other ways, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra said Tuesday, the Government's first public acknowledgement of a delay in Russian supplies amid the war in Ukraine.

Kwatra said Prime Minister Narendra Modi raised the issue with Russian President Vladimir Putin as the two leaders discussed bilateral defence ties at the 22nd India-Russia annual summit in Moscow.

"Both sides had a general sense of agreement that this would be expedited, including through setting up joint venture partnerships in India to look at some of these spare parts, particularly the more critical spare parts so that we are able to address this challenge in a more meaningful and sustainable way," Kwatra said.



PM Modi, President Putin at VDNKh Exhibition Centre. PTI

Most of India's existing military hardware is Russian-origin and needs a regular supply of spares for maintenance. The Ukraine war has also delayed Russia's scheduled deliveries of certain big-ticket weapon systems to India, like the S-400 Triumph surface-to-air missile systems.

Top Indian military leaders have, however, maintained that the delay in spares or maintenance support have not affected the Armed Forces' operational preparedness.

According to officials, since supplies began to be affected after the Russia-Ukraine war broke out in 2022, India has been looking to procure spares from indigenous sources as well as countries like Poland and Georgia. Last year, the former Army Chief, General Manoj Pande (retd), said the Army had assessed its reliance on Soviet-origin equipment and was identifying alternative sources for spares and

ammunition amid the war.

Meanwhile, a joint statement released by the two countries said their defence partnership was re-orienting to joint research and development, co-development and joint production of advanced defence technology to meet India's quest for self-sufficiency.

The two sides agreed to encourage joint manufacturing in India of "spare parts, components and other products" for maintenance of Russian-origin arms and defence equipment under the Make-in-India programme — "through transfer of technology and setting up of joint ventures for meeting the needs of Indian Armed Forces as well as export to mutually friendly third countries".

In this regard, the two sides agreed on establishing a new Working Group on Technological Cooperation and discussing its provisions during the next meeting of the Intergovernmental Commission on Military and Military Technical Cooperation in Moscow.

India-Russia joint statement: Terror attacks condemned, \$100 bn trade target

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

INDIA AND Russia issued a joint statement underlining that both the countries have remained resilient in the backdrop of the "prevailing complex, challenging and uncertain geopolitical situation". The statement condemned the terror attacks in Jammu & Kashmir, Dagestan and Moscow and also mentioned setting up a bilateral trade target of USD 100 billion by 2030.

Both sides have strived to forge a "contemporary, balanced, mutually beneficial, sustainable and long-term partnership", said the statement.

The joint statement agreed between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin "strongly condemned the recent dastardly terrorist attack on an Army convoy in Kathua area of Jammu & Kashmir on 8th July 2024, in Dagestan on 23rd June and on the Crocus City Hall in Moscow on 22nd March and stressed that these terrorist attacks are a grim reminder for further strengthening cooperation to combat terrorism".

They also called for an uncompromising fight against international terrorism and extremism in all their forms and manifestations, noting the importance of increasing cooperation in this area, without hidden agendas and double standards on the solid basis of international law and the UN Charter, the statement said.

Besides, they "stressed the need for firm implementation of relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council, the UN General Assembly, as well as the implementation of the UN Global Counter-Terrorism Strategy". This is a thinly-veiled reference to Chinese attempts to block list-

ing of Pakistan-based terrorists.

On the economic front, they noted the significant trade growth in 2023 which is around double of the bilateral trade target of USD 30 billion set by the leaders for 2025.

To achieve balanced and sustainable bilateral trade in the long term, "the leaders stressed the need to increase Indian exports to Russia through strengthening industrial cooperation, forging new technological and investment partnerships, especially in advanced high-technology areas and finding new avenues and forms of cooperation", it said.

Aiming to further accelerate and sustain the growth in bilateral trade, the leaders agreed to set the bilateral trade target of USD 100 billion by 2030, it said. The joint statement said they agreed to development of a bilateral settlement system using national currencies and consistent introduction of digital financial instruments into mutual settlements.

They also agreed to increase "cargo turnover with India through the launch of new routes of the North-South International Transport Corridor, the Northern Sea Route and the Chennai-Vladivostok Sea Line". They also agreed to increase the volume of bilateral trade in agricultural products, food and fertilizers, the statement said.

The countries also agreed cooperation in key energy sectors, including nuclear energy, oil refining and petrochemicals and expanded forms of cooperation and partnership in the field of energy infrastructure, technologies and equipment.

Both sides agreed to facilitate mutual and international energy security, taking into account the prospects of global energy transition.



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

INDIA, IN RUSSIA

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'India seen as strong pillar of new world order... Russia its trusted ally'

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

PRAISING INDIA as a "strong pillar" of the new world order and calling Russia its "trusted ally" and "all-weather friend", Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday announced the opening of two new Indian consulates in the country — in Kazan and Ekaterinburg — to enhance travel and trade.

At a diaspora event in Moscow, Modi hailed President Vladimir Putin's leadership in strengthening the India-Russia ties over the past two decades.

"On hearing the word Russia, the first word that comes to mind of every Indian is India's *sukhdukh ka saathi* (all-weather friend) and *bharosemand dost* (trusted ally)..." while in Hindi, it's called *dost*," he said.

Emphasising that the India-Russia relationship was built on "mutual trust" and "mutual respect", the PM said, "No matter how low the temperature dips to 'minus' (below zero degrees) during Russian winter, India-Russia friendship has always remained in 'plus', it is full of warmth."

At the event, also attended by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, NSA Ajit Doval and Foreign Secretary Vinay Mohan Kwatra, the PM also spoke about India's oft-repeated position on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

He said the world had long seen an "influence-oriented global order", "but what the world needs right now is confluence, not influence". "And no one

can deliver this message better than India, which has a strong tradition of worshipping confluences," he said.

"When India talks about peace, dialogue and diplomacy, the whole world listens. Whenever the world faces a crisis, India is the first to reach there," he said.

From the podium in Moscow, Modi, while praising the diaspora's support, also attacked the previous regimes. "Today's India is full of self-confidence, unlike the situation before 2014, and this is our biggest capital," Modi told the diaspora. "When people like you bless us, even the biggest goals can be achieved... India's growing capability has given the whole world a hope of stability and prosperity. India is being seen as a strong pillar of the new, emerging, multipolar, world order."

West more concerned than China about India-Russia ties: China daily

SHUBHAJIT ROY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE WEST, and not China, is concerned with India's deepening ties with Russia, according to an article in *Global Times*, a state-backed English tabloid published from Beijing.

The article — "Modi starts Russia visit; West's attempt to sow discord among China, India and Russia underscores its growing disapproval: expert" — was published Monday and came as Prime Minister Narendra Modi began his keenly watched trip to Russia to meet President Vladimir Putin.

It also comes amid concern in India over the growing proximity between China and Russia, with the Modi Government expecting that Moscow will not let

the strategic embrace impact the India-Russia ties. This is important in the context of the Russian defence supplies to India, at a time when Indian and Chinese troops are in a border standoff for the fifth year now.

"China does not view closer Russian-Indian relations as a threat, whereas Western countries are increasingly dissatisfied with India's relations with Russia, Long Xingchun, a professor from the School of International Relations at Sichuan International Studies University, told the *Global Times*," the article reads.

The article said, "In contrast to the criticism and pressure China has received from US and West over Russia-Ukraine conflict, India has faced less criticism for not condemning Russia or joining the West in imposing

sanctions. Instead, it has maintained ties with Russia and capitalized on buying oil from it and selling it to European countries..." said Long.

"Western countries have sought to pull India into the Western camp and counterbalance China's influence, but India's response has not reciprocated the political and diplomatic gestures extended by the West, which has increasingly disappointed them," it quoted Long as saying.

"Despite Western pressure, Modi opted for Russia as his first destination for a foreign visit after beginning his third term. This not only aims to strengthen India's ties with Russia but also enhances its leverage in dealing with US and other Western nations, analysts said," the article added.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE SC: No open court hearing of pleas for verdict review

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE SUPREME COURT Tuesday refused to allow open court hearing of pleas seeking review of its last year's judgement declining legal recognition to same-sex marriage. A five judge constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud had on October 17 last year refused to accord legal backing to same-sex marriage.

A five judge bench comprising the CJI and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, Hima Kohli, B V Nagarathna and P S Narasimha are scheduled to consider in chambers the pleas seeking review of the judgement on July 10.

On Tuesday, senior advocates Abhishek Singhvi and NK Kaul mentioned the matter and urged the CJI to hear the review petitions in an open court. "These are the constitution bench review matters which are listed in chambers," the CJI told him. As per the practice, the review pleas are considered in chambers.

After moving HC, BRS turns to President to 'put an end to poaching'

NIKHILA HENRY
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

WITH MANY of its leaders jumping ship — mostly to the Congress — following its drubbing in last year's Assembly polls and the recent Lok Sabha polls, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has decided to knock on the doors of the President, Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha Chairman "to put an end to defections".

"The Congress has not fulfilled even one of the guarantees it made to the people of Telangana but has taken away six of our MLAs, six MLCs and one Rajya Sabha MP. We will approach the country's President, Lok Sabha Speaker and Rajya Sabha Chairman to put an end to the practice," BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) said in Delhi on Tuesday. The BRS has also moved the Telangana High Court against the defections.

In the latest blow for the BRS, Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishna

Mohan Reddy joined the Congress on Sunday, making him the seventh legislator to switch loyalties after the Assembly polls, bringing its tally down from 39 to 32 in the Assembly. Nagender even unsuccessfully contested the recent LS polls as a Congress nominee from Secunderabad against the BJP's G Kishan Reddy. Last week, BRS Rajya Sabha MP K Kesava Rao joined the Congress, followed a day later by six MLCs.

KTR claimed the Congress' "poaching" was in contravention of the anti-defection law.

Incidentally, after the 2018 Assembly elections, when the BRS had won 88 of the state's 119 seats, a host of Congress MLAs had switched loyalties to the party. Asked why the BRS (then the TRS) had not cried foul then, KTR said, "There is a difference between defection and merger. If two-thirds of a party wants to join another party, then defection laws do not apply." Notably, none of the MLAs who have jumped ship have resigned from the Assembly.

Ordered listing of PIL for probe into Hathras stampede: CJI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

CHIEF JUSTICE of India D Y Chandrachud Tuesday said he had directed listing of a PIL seeking probe into the stampede at a religious congregation in Hathras in Uttar Pradesh which left 121 people dead. "I have ordered listing of the plea yesterday (Monday) itself," the CJI said as the PIL petitioner advocate Vishal Tiwari brought the fact of filing of the PIL to the court's notice and requested urgent hearing.

The PIL sought a probe by a five-member expert committee under the supervision of a retired Supreme Court judge. It also sought a direction to the Uttar Pradesh government to submit a status report on the July 2 incident, to initiate legal action against the authorities, officials and others for their negligent conduct and to frame necessary guidelines so that such incidents are not repeated.

CIVIL SUPPLIES CORRUPTION CASE

Disturbing ED has not completed probe: SC on 2019 Chhattisgarh case

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE SUPREME COURT Tuesday said it was "disturbing" that the Enforcement Directorate (ED) had yet to complete its investigation into the Chhattisgarh Nagrik Apurti Nigam (NAN) scam case, concerning the alleged large-scale corruption by various officers and employees of the State Civil Supplies Corporation.

"Is it not disturbing that in a 2019 ECIR (Certified Incident Responder), today we are in 2024, and the investigation is not complete, a complaint under PMLA is not filed?" Justice AS Oka, presiding over a two-judge bench, asked.

The bench was hearing a plea by the ED challenging the 2020 High Court order challenging the anticipatory bail granted to two of the accused, Alok Shukla and Anil Tuteja, the Chairman and the MD of the Nigam at that time.

Tuteja's counsel told the bench, also comprising Justice Augustine George Masih, that four years had passed since the HC order but the ED had still not completed the probe. The bench then asked Additional Solicitor General S V Raju to file an affidavit stating what the agency has against the accused. Raju said that he did not want to place on record certain things as it would "paint a very bad picture of the judiciary".

In September 2022, the agency had told the SC that "a sitting judge of the High Court was in touch with constitutional authorities who were helping the accused" and asked "would Your Lordships like to make it public?". Raju said he will point out the details during the hearing instead of filing an affidavit. The court said it is unable to understand how the judiciary comes into the picture and asked the ASG to file the affidavit. The bench will hear the matter in August.

M.J.P. Rohilkhand University, Bareilly

CORRIGENDUM

The advertisement No. A-01/2021, A-02/2021, A-03/2021 and A-04/2021 and its subsequent corrigendum dated 30.10.2021 and 05.12.2022 is readvertised. The extended last date for submission of fresh application and updation of already applied application in online mode is **15.07.2024**. For detail, visit University Website www.mjpru.ac.in.

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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 HBN 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 "as 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, Bhatinda Tehsil & District, Punjab 151003 # | Land- 8,116.68 Sq. Yds BUA-1,66,973 Sq. Ft | 32,18,40,000/- | 18th July 2024 10 am to 5 pm | August 13, 2024 |
| 5. | 227A, 2nd Floor, Trade Centre South Tokogunji, Gall no.1, Indore, Madhya Pradesh 452001 | 123.095 54. 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. Mts. | 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, Sakhala 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 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 IDs: auctions@quirkrealty.com, auctionsno@sebi.gov.in and recoveryno@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 auctionsno@sebi.gov.in and recoveryno@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/ 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

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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1. | Ambala | ZAMB01 | ZAMB10 | ZAMB37 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. | Bhiwani | ZBWN40 | ZBWN44 | ZBWN65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. | Faridabad | ZFBD13 | ZFBD16 | ZFBD23 | ZFBD43 | ZFBD57 | ZFBD73 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. | Gurugram (East) | ZGRE01 | ZGRE08 | ZGRE24 | ZGRE31 | ZGRE46 | ZGRE52 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5. | Gurugram (West) | ZGRW08 | ZGRW77 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. | Hisar | ZHSR01 | ZHSR02 | ZHSR05 | ZHSR07 | ZHSR21 | ZHSR51 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7. | Jagadhari | ZJAG41 | ZJAG42 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 8. | Jhajjar | ZJHA22 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 9. | Jind | ZJND03 | ZJND20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 10. | Kaithal | ZKTL02 | ZKTL06 | ZKTL11 | ZKTL29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11. | Karnal | ZKNL03 | ZKNL18 | ZKNL21 | ZKNL24 | ZKNL25 | ZKNL51 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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:-

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| Starting date and time for placing e-tenders | From 11 th July, 2024 (9:00 AM) |
| Closing date and time for placing e-tenders | Till 11 th July, 2024 (04:00 PM) |
| Evaluation of e-tenders | 11 th 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 excise 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-tenders 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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WALK-IN INTERVIEW/ WRITTEN TEST : RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT ASSISTANTS ON TENURE BASIS

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

(A) Schedule of Walk-In Interview:

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

Eligibility: Candidates having qualification as B.E / B.Tech in First Class with a valid GATE Score OR B.E / B.Tech PLUS M.E / M.Tech both in First Class OR B.E / B.Tech in First Class PLUS 2 years relevant experience after UG.

Venue of WALK-IN Interview: ADA (Campus-2), Suranjandas Road, New Thippasandra Post, Bengaluru - 560 075.

Reporting Time: 0830 AM onwards

(B) Schedule of Written Test:

| Sl. No. | Subject / Engineering Discipline | Date of Written Test |
|---------|---|--|
| 1. | Computer Science / Information Technology / Information Science & Engineering | 3 rd August 2024 (Saturday) |
| 2. | Mechanical Engineering / Material Science & Engineering / Metallurgy / Production Engineering | |
| 3. | Aeronautical / Aerospace Engineering | |
| 4. | Electronics & Communication / Telecommunication / Electronics & Instrumentation | 4 th August 2024 (Sunday) |
| 5. | Civil Engineering | |
| 6. | Electrical & Electronics / Electrical & Instrumentation | |

Eligibility: Candidates having only UG level qualification i.e B.E / B.Tech. in First Class will have to appear for a Written Test and candidates qualifying the Written Test will only be allowed to give the interview at a later date which will be intimated on ADA website.

Venue of Written Test: Govt. Ramnarayan Chellaram College (Commerce & Management), Basaveshwara Circle, Race Course Road, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Reporting Time: 0830 AM onwards

(C) General Conditions: (1) Candidates may report to the venue on the specified dates for Walk-In Interview / Written Test as per the subject / Discipline depending on their eligibility between 08.30 to 11.00 AM for registration & verification of documents. **No candidates will be allowed for registration after 11 AM.** (2) For complete details of the advertisement and downloading of the application format, candidates may please log-on to ADA website: <https://www.ada.gov.in> (3) Genuine queries (if any) may be sent by mail to: admin-hr.ada@gov.in

Director (Admin & HR), ADA

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**APPENDIX IV [Rule – 8(1)]
POSSESSION NOTICE
(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Whereas;

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Bandhan Bank Limited under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred as the "said Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "said Rules") issued a demand notice dated **August 17, 2023** bearing reference no. **BBL/SAMRV/23-24/091** under Section 13(2) of the said Act and calling upon the Borrower/Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **₹76,13,854.99 (Rupees seventy six lakh thirteen thousand eight hundred fifty four and paisa ninety nine only)** as on **August 14, 2023** payable with further applicable interest, penal interest, charges, etc., on and from **August 15, 2023** thereafter as per the agreed terms within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower/Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken **constructive possession** of the property described herein below in exercises of powers conferred on him/her under section sub-section (4) of section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the said Rules on the date mentioned herein after.

The Borrower/Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular, and the public, in general, is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Bandhan Bank Ltd., for an amount mentioned in the notice along with interest, penal interest, charges, costs thereon. The Borrower/Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor attention to the invited to the provision of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act 2002 in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

| Account No. and Product | Name and Address of Borrower/ Proprietor/Guarantor/Mortgagor | 1. Date of Demand Notice 2. Date of Publication of Demand Notice 3. Date of Symbolic Possession 4. Claim Amount as per Demand Notice | Description of the Immovable Property |
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| 68220000001991 (Overdraft) | <p>1. M/s Maa Padmavati Food Industries (Borrower) Khasra No. 398/1 Min Rudrapur Dehat, Dist Udham Singh Nagar, Rudrapur, Uttarakhand-263153</p> <p>2. Mr. Tushar Jain (Proprietor/ Guarantor) C/o Kamal Jain, House no. 6 Vasundra Eco Park, Bhurarani Road, Near Indian Gas Agency Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-263153</p> <p>3. Mrs. Aakanksha Luhadya (Guarantor/ Mortgagor) W/o Tushar Jain House No. 6, Vasundra Eco Park, Bhurarani Road, Near Indian Gas Agency Rudrapur, Udham Singh Nagar, Uttarakhand-263153</p> | <p>1. August 17, 2023 2. December 13, 2023 3. July 5, 2024 4. ₹76,13,854.99 as on August 14, 2023</p> | <p>Equitable mortgage on residential property located at Khasra No. 1082 bearing Plot No. 153, Veersavarkar Nagar, Biharman Nagla, Tehsil and District Bareilly admeasuring 210.93 sq. Yards i.e. 176.37 sq. mts. in the name of Mrs. Aakanksha Luhadya. On or towards the North by: Plot No. 170, On or towards the South by: Property of society, On or towards the West by: Wall another person, On or towards the East by: Rasta Samiti 30 ft wide.</p> |

together with (i) all present and future, buildings, structures of every description which are standing, erected or attached to the aforesaid premises or any part thereof and all rights to use common areas and facilities and incidental thereto, together with all present and future liberties, privileges, easements and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises or any part thereof or usually held, occupied or enjoyed therewith or expected to belong or be appurtenant thereto; and (ii) all plant and machinery attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to the earth, and such movable parts as they may comprise of.

Date: July 5, 2024
Place: Uttarakhand

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Bandhan Bank Limited

10 EXPRESS NETWORK

IIT-Jodhpur to offer BTech programme in Hindi too

DEEKSHA TERI
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

OVER THREE years after the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs) first cautioned against the Centre's decision to teach engineering in regional languages, IIT-Jodhpur has decided to implement the idea from its upcoming session. Its new batch of undergraduate students, who start this month, will be offered the option of being taught in either Hindi or English.

Speaking to *The Indian Express* Tuesday, institute director Avinash Kumar Agarwal said the option will be available across all programmes. The admission process remains the same, but at the start of the academic year, the first-year students will be asked

for their preference to be taught in English or Hindi.

The batch will then be divided into two sections, based on their preference for Hindi or English medium of instruction. The same professor will teach both sections "to maintain consistency and rigour in education," he said. However, students will also be given the choice of switching between sections.

"If in a Physics course, some students are comfortable with English, and others with Hindi, then we will divide the batch accordingly, but the same professor will teach both the mediums. The same professor means rigor will be the same. Also, here the technical terms will be in English, but the explanation will be in sort of Hinglish (Hindi + English), and not in Sanskrit-like Hindi. Our



IIT Jodhpur

aim is to remove the problem in understanding," Agarwal said.

Additionally, the study material and assignments for first-year UG students will be available in both languages, he said. The decision to teach in Hindi and English was taken by the institute one-and-a-half months ago and approved by the institute's Senate at its 38th meeting held on June 26, and subsequently by the

Board of Governors on June 28. Students will also be provided remedial "English classes" to improve their listening, speaking, reading and writing skills in the language. "The aim is to ensure that students are comfortable with the English language by the end of the first year, and they can then shift to English medium, if they wish," Agarwal said.

IIT-Jodhpur's decision is in line with new National Education Policy, 2020, that advocates imparting education in Indian languages for an improved understanding and better teaching-learning outcome. The move is significant as the IITs had initially shown resistance to the proposal.

In early 2021, the Education Ministry set up a committee to explore the feasibility of IITs and NITs offering tech programmes in

regional languages. At that time, the heads of some of the top IITs cautioned the Centre against the idea, citing potential challenges related to employment opportunities, industry requirements, and the globalised workplace. They also highlighted the significant logistical challenges, including issues with faculty, textbooks and reference material.

Asked if the decision would affect job opportunities available to students who choose to be taught in Hindi, Agarwal said: "When students are taught in their mother tongue, their innate learning ability is at the highest and concepts are clearer. Since they will be studying in their mother tongue, their ability to innovate, learn, express, will be far better. Also, since we will be providing them with English classes, their com-

munication skills will also be polished. They can then shift to English in their second or third year, and by the time they graduate, they will be as trained as their colleagues from the English batches."

"The IQ levels of students who do not come from English medium are as good as English medium students, but they may be missing out on opportunities due to lack of accessibility of options, and we may be missing out on talent too. To bridge this gap, we have decided to offer first year BTech programmes in Hindi," he said.

For now, IIT-Jodhpur is offering the option only to new batch of students starting this year. Whether this will be extended to second year students has not been decided yet, and the institute plans to take that decision on the basis of responses received.

MUMBAI INCIDENT Hit-and-run case accused Mihir Shah held after two days

His mother and sisters detained

SAGAR RAJPUT & VIJAY KUMAR YADAV
MUMBAI, JULY 9



He is son of Shinde Sena leader Rajesh Shah

MIHIR SHAH, the main accused in the Mumbai BMW hit-and-run incident, in which a 45-year-old woman was killed in Worli, was arrested Tuesday, two days after the accident. Mihir is the son of Rajesh Shah, a Shiv Sena leader and close aide of Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde.

According to police officials, Mihir was traced in Virar after they received information on his location. A friend, who was accompanying him, switched on his phone due to which the accused was traced and detained.

An officer said, "Mihir was hiding with his mother Meena, two sisters Pooja and Kinjal in a resort at Murbad. On Monday night, one of Mihir's Palghar-based friend went there after which Mihir went to Virar with the friend." At Virar, the friend switched on his phone for 15 minutes.

"Our team had initially traced Mihir's family in Murbad from where we got the mobile number of the friend, following which his number was put on surveillance," said an officer. "We have apprehended Mihir and are probing to understand the sequence of his hiding locations after he escaped," the officer said.

The Mumbai Police's crime branch has also detained the mother, his two elder sisters and a friend named Avdeep for allegedly helping him escape after the accident. They were detained from a resort in Murbad and have been handed over to the Worli police. When asked whether the

five detainees will be arrested, a senior police officer said, "We are yet to take a call on that because we are still ascertaining their exact role in the crime."

Police sources said one of the two sisters had picked up Mihir from his friend's place in Goregaon and dropped near Thane. After that Mihir, his two sisters and mother hid themselves in hotels in Thane, near Nashik and in Murbad. The family members were travelling in a hired car and police have detained its driver.

On Sunday, Mihir allegedly rammed BMW car he was driving into a two-wheeler on which Pradip Nakhwa, 50, and his wife Kaveri Nakhwa, 45, were travelling in Worli. Kaveri was allegedly dragged for two km. She was later flung on to the road and died.

According to police, Mihir switched seats with his driver Rajrishi Bidawat and contacted his father Rajesh. Both Rajesh and Bidawat were arrested. Rajesh was released on bail Monday. Bidawat was produced before a court Tuesday which sent him to police custody till July 11.

Police also learnt Mihir was in a bar in Juhu with his four friends hours before the accident. On Monday night, the state excise department sealed the Global Tapas bar. On Tuesday, police said they have recovered the bar's CCTV footage in which it appears Mihir had consumed alcohol.

After 4 decades, Jagannath Temple's Ratna Bhandar set to open next week

SUJIT BISOIYI
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 9

THE RATNA BHANDAR (treasure trove) of Puri's famed Jagannath Temple is likely to be opened on July 14 after four decades, with a high-level committee set up by the state's Mohan Majhi government set to take inventory of the valuables stored inside.

"A consensus decision has been taken to open the inner Ratna Bhandar on July 14 and a proposal will be placed before the government for approval. We have also drawn a standard operating procedure to carry out the procedure, which we will submit to the government," Justice (retired) Biswanath Rath, who chairs the supervisory committee said after the panel's second meeting Tuesday.

The precious ornaments of sibling deities — Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra — donated by devotees and erstwhile kings over centuries are stored in the Ratna Bhandar of the 12th century shrine. It is located within the temple and has two chambers — Bhitara Bhandar (inner chamber) and Bahara Bhandar (outer chamber).

While the outer chamber is opened regularly to fetch ornaments for the deities during the Suna Besha (golden attire) — a key ritual during the annual Rath Yatra, and also during major festivals throughout the year — last inventory of the lords' treasury was done in 1978. Although it was opened again in 1985, no fresh inventory was done then.

According to the rules, approval of the state government is required for opening the Ratna Bhandar. The proposal for this will come through the temple's managing committee.

The newly formed BJP government, which made opening of the lord's treasure house an election issue, is expected to give its approval on Wednesday.

Amid confusion over the availability of keys to inner Ratna Bhandar, Justice Rath said it has been consensually decided the inner Ratna Bhandar will be opened on July 14 regardless.

According to Justice Rath, the decision to open the Ratna Bhandar has two major aspects — ensuring the safety and protection of the valuables of gods and carrying out necessary repairs to the internal chamber.

Amid widespread demand and following directions from the Orissa HC, the previous BJD government had unsuccessfully tried to open Ratna Bhandar on April 4, 2018, due to the missing keys. This led to state-wide outrage.

A judicial inquiry was also ordered on June 4, 2018 but the report is yet to be made public. On June 13, 2018, then Puri collector claimed that an envelope with the words "the duplicate key of inner Ratna Bhandar" written on it had been found in the record room of the collectorate, further escalating the row. "Puri district administration has been asked to submit 'duplicate key' at any cost. Irrespective of whether the key will work or not, if government approves, the Ratna Bhandar will be opened on July 14," Rath said.

Rahul in Rae Bareilly as LoP: Temple stop, AIIMS visit, meeting family of soldier

MAULSHREE SETH
RAEBAREILY, JULY 9

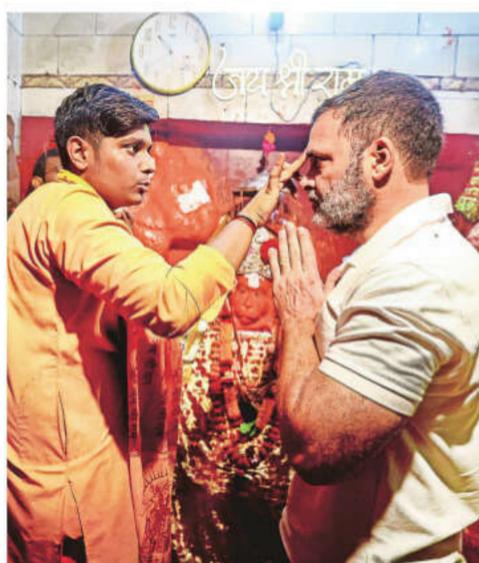
IN HIS first trip to his constituency after becoming the Leader of the Opposition in Lok Sabha, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Tuesday offered prayers at a Hanuman temple, visited Rae Bareilly AIIMS, and also met the family of a soldier who was killed in Siachen and awarded the Kirti Chakra.

After landing at the Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport in Lucknow, Gandhi left by road for Rae Bareilly, about 80 km from the state capital. On the way to Rae Bareilly, he stopped at Churuva Hanuman temple near Bachrawan and offered prayers to Lord Hanuman.

"Rahul Gandhi worshipped at the Churuva Hanuman temple and prayed for the happiness, peace, and prosperity of the country," the Congress said on X.

Gandhi's visit to the temple comes amid the BJP targeting him over his speech in Parliament in which he had accused the ruling party of not following the essential tenets of Hinduism. Before his arrival, posters and banners had come up in different parts of Rae Bareilly questioning him on his "religion" and "whether he considers his Hindu voters as violent".

After reaching Bhuvemau guesthouse in Rae Bareilly, Gandhi



Congress MP Rahul Gandhi at Churuva Hanuman Temple in Rae Bareilly on Tuesday. PTI

met the parents of Captain Anshuman Singh.

Anshuman's father, Ravi Pratap Singh, an ex-serviceman who retired two years ago, said their meeting with Gandhi was

personal and that Gandhi offered condolences and also gave them consolation.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Anshuman's mother Manju Singh demanded the scrapping of the

Agnipath scheme and urged the government not to divide the Army into two categories.

"This scheme of four years is not good. We discussed this with Rahul Gandhi as well... After four years of working for the Army, the youths will not be able to do much — mentally or physically. There will be a gap in their studies. Then they will not get pension or avail canteen facilities," the late captain's mother said.

"I am proud of my son. While nothing can replace him, today people give us respect just because of him. It gives us positivity and also courage to speak for other such parents, who are left with nothing but memories," she said.

Later, Rahul visited the martyrs' memorial in Laganj, laid a wreath and planted a sapling there. He also visited AIIMS-Rae Bareilly and met patients and interacted with the students, faculty and administration. Students said they spoke about the poor condition of roads in front of the institute for the past three years.

Executive Director (AIIMS-Rae Bareilly) Dr Arvind Rajwani said Gandhi discussed the functioning of the institute, the number of beds and the proposed plan. "At present, there are 610 beds here, while the proposal is to extend it till 950. We informed this among other things," Rajwani said.

MHA extends ban on Pannun's SFJ for five years

NEW DELHI: The Ministry of Home Affairs Tuesday extended the ban on designated terrorist Gurpatwant Singh Pannun founded pro-Khalistan group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) for five years for its anti-India activities.

In its notification Tuesday, the MHA said that SFJ was declared a banned organisation five years ago under UAPA. "The SFJ continues to be involved in anti-national and subversive activities in Punjab and elsewhere, intended to disrupt the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India," it said.

"... The SFJ is encouraging and aiding the activities for secession of a part of the Indian territory from the Union of India and supporting separatist groups fighting for this purpose in India and elsewhere," it said.

"In exercise of powers conferred by sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 (37 of 1967), the Central Government extends declaration of SFJ as an unlawful association and directs this notification shall... have effect for a further period of five years from July 10, 2024," it said. **ENS**

HC seeks reply of Gyanvapi mosque body on plea for ASI survey of 'wazukhana'

PRAYAGRAJ: The Allahabad HC on Tuesday granted a month to the Gyanvapi Masjid committee to file a counter affidavit on a plea challenging a Varanasi court order that refused to direct the ASI to survey the mosque's 'wazukhana'.

The HC has fixed August 14 as the next date of hearing.

The court's order came on a revision petition filed by Rakhi Singh, one of the plaintiffs in the Shringar Gauri Worshipping suit.

In her petition, Singh pleaded that survey of 'wazukhana' area is necessary in interest of justice. Her plea also contended the Varanasi district judge, in his October 21, 2023 order, failed to exercise the jurisdiction vested in it by law to direct a survey of 'wazukhana' area, where devotees offer ritual ablutions before offering 'namaz'.

Appearing before the court, Saurabh Tiwari with Amitabh Trivedi argued that the survey by ASI of the 'wazukhana' area is necessary so that the religious character of the entire property can be determined. **PTI**

Jairam seeks action on PM's 'Chair's inclination on the other side' remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

CONGRESS LEADER Jairam Ramesh has sought breach of privilege proceedings against PM Narendra Modi in the Rajya Sabha for allegedly making "derogatory" remarks against former Vice President Hamid Ansari.

In his letter dated July 8 to Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar, Ramesh said no PM has ever attacked the presiding officer of a House as Modi had done.

The letter refers to Modi's reply to the Motion of Thanks on the President's address in the Lok Sabha on July 2, and mentions that the PM said, "No matter how many numbers they claim, when we came in 2014, our strength in the Rajya Sabha was very low, and the Chair's inclination was somewhat on the other side."

Ramesh, who earlier sought expunging of the remarks, said that while the PM did not name Ansari, it was clear whom he meant. "The accusation attrib-



Jairam Ramesh wrote to V-P Jagdeep Dhankhar

uted to Dr Hamid Ansari of 'leaning' towards the Opposition... is wholly unacceptable and grossly derogatory to say the least, apart from being completely false."

He went on to mention other incidents of Modi "targeting" Ansari, including during his farewell speech for the then Vice-President in August 2017. "No PM has ever attacked a former Speaker of Lok Sabha or chairman of the Rajya Sabha in the manner in which Shri Narendra Modi has done," he said.

"Such defamatory remarks... attributing derogatory motives to former Chairman of Rajya Sabha when he was not present to defend himself is tantamount to grave disregard and disrespect to the high office of Chairman, Rajya Sabha, as well as to Rajya Sabha itself," he said.

Lord Balabhadra idol falls on servitors in Puri, 7 hurt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 9

AT LEAST seven servitors were injured after idol of Lord Balabhadra fell on the Charamala (steps to the chariot) while being taken off his Taladhwaia chariot during the Pahandi ritual (ceremonial procession) to the Gundicha Temple.

The injured servitors were rushed to the Puri district headquarters hospital. Their condition is stated to be stable.

Pahandi of the sibling deities which started with Lord Balabhadra was delayed for a few minutes because of the incident. It later resumed after situation was

brought under control.

CM Mohan Charan Majhi expressed concern over the incident and directed deputy CM Pravat Parida and Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandant to rush to Puri and take stock of the situation. Majhi also wished speedy recovery of the injured servitors.

Puri Collector Siddharth Shancker Swain said most of the servitors sustained leg injuries. "We have shifted all injured servitors to the hospital. Doctors are on alert," Swain said.

On Rath Yatra (Gundicha Yatra), the deities board three decorated chariots following the Pahandi ritual before marching for around 3 km to Gundicha Temple.

On a complaint of his rival, Lakhwinder Singh, who has been excommunicated by Akal Takht. In his complaint, Lakhwinder, a resident of Gulab Bagh, alleged Timma posted a video on social media while sitting in his office at Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh on July 5. In the purported video on Facebook, Timma said, "Speaker OM Birla imposed restrictions on raising slogan while taking oath a day before Amritpal Singh took oath as he would have raised pro-Khalistan slogan in Parliament."

Hyderabad, July 9

A HYDERABAD-BASED Indian Revenue Service (IRS) officer's request to change her name and gender has been approved by the central government.

M Anusuya, currently posted as Joint Commissioner in the office of the Chief Commissioner, Customs Excise and Service Tax Appellate Tribunal at Hyderabad, had requested for a change of name to M Anukathir Surya, and gender from female to male.



The officer is currently posted in Hyderabad

An office order signed by the Under Secretary, Department of Revenue (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs), Ministry of Finance stated that Anusuya's request has been accepted and the officer will "henceforth be recognised as Mr M Anukathir Surya in all official records".

Hyderabad has set several precedents in this field. In June 2015, a BA LLB law student of NALSAR (National Academy of Legal Studies and Research) University had requested the varsity that gender should not be identified in the graduate cer-

tificate. The university agreed to the student's request for an honorific prefix of 'Mx' instead of 'Ms'. The student said it was a small first step towards recognising gender fluidity in the country.

Almost seven years later, in March 2022, the university designated a hostel floor as an inclusive space for accommodating LGBTQ+ students.

Last year, after securing a position in the MD Emergency Medicine programme at ESI Hospital, Hyderabad, Dr Ruth Paul John became the first transgender doctor to pursue post-

Complaint against wife of Karnataka CM, 2 others over 'defrauding' MUDA

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JULY 9

A SOCIAL activist has filed a complaint at the Vijayanagar police station in Mysuru against three persons, including Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi alleging that forged documents were used to defraud the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Activist Snehamayi Krishna has also named Parvathi's relative Mallikarjuna Swamy and Dev-araju in the complaint, which was filed Monday. A police officer said an FIR has not been filed but as the complaint is civil in nature, it has been sent to the Commissioner of the Urban Development Department as a probe in connection with the alleged irregularities in MUDA is already underway.

The BJP had alleged that MUDA "illegally" allotted an alternative land in a posh area to Parvathi as compensation for alleged illegal acquisition of 3.16 acres of her land and demanded a CBI investigation. Home Minister G Parameshwara said there was no need for a CBI or probe by SIT.

In his complaint, Krishna also alleged that then Mysuru deputy

commissioner, tahsildar, deputy registrar, MUDA commissioner and other government officials were involved in allocating the land to Parvathi. He also said he has written to the Governor, Chief Secretary, and Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department.

Last week, the CM dismissed allegations by BJP, calling them "politically motivated". "Should we not raise questions if MUDA is distributing plots on our 3.16 acres of land? They have acknowledged in a meeting our land has been encroached upon. As an alternative, plots have been allotted under 50:50 ratio scheme," he said.

SIT QUESTIONS FORMER MINISTER
Bengaluru: The SIT Tuesday questioned former minister B Nagendra for over five hours in connection with the illegal diversion of money from Karnataka State Valmiki ST Development Corporation. Nagendra resigned on June 6 after the corporation's Accounts Superintendent Chandrasekharan P died by suicide on May 26. **PTI**

Rajasthan Sikh leader booked over Facebook post 'glorifying' Amritpal

KAMALDEEP SINGH BRAR
AMRITSAR, JULY 9

THE RAJASTHAN Police have booked prominent Sikh leader Tejinder Pal Singh Timma for uploading a video on social media allegedly glorifying jailed Waris Punjab De chief and radical preacher Amritpal Singh, who took oath as LS member on July 5.

The FIR against Timma, the president of Gurdwara Baba Deep Singh on Padampur Road in

Sriganganagar, was lodged at the Old City police station. It has been alleged Timma made "inflammatory anti-national statements and supported those demanding Khalistan, inciting people against the country and the government."

Timma was booked under sections 152 (acts endangering sovereignty, unity, and integrity of India) and 197 (1)(C) (imputations, assertions prejudicial to national integration) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).

Timma said the FIR was based

IRS officer gets Centre's nod to change name, gender

SREENIVAS JANAYALA
HYDERABAD, JULY 9

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graduation in the country. Supported by Osmania General Hospital and voluntary organisations, Dr Ruth raised funds to enrol in the programme.

Last July, the Telangana Government established the first transgender clinic in Osmania General Hospital, and doctors posted there underwent sensitisation training.

And in February this year, the University of Hyderabad announced a transgender policy for the start of the 2024-25 academic year, the second university after Delhi University to implement such a move.

Staines killing: SC seeks Odisha's reply on convict Dara Singh's remission plea

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday issued notice to the Odisha government on a remission plea by Ravindra Pal alias Dara Singh, serving life sentence for the murder of Australian missionary Graham Stuart Staines and his two minor sons in Odisha's Keonjhar district in 1999.

A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti gave the state six weeks' time to file its response to Singh's petition.

Stating that he has been in prison for over 24 years, Singh said he "has never understood and is repenting the consequences of his action taken in the fit of his youthful rage and at present seeks the mercy of this court so that he can

give back to society through his service-oriented actions".

The plea filed through advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain said Singh "acknowledges and deeply regrets the transgressions perpetrated more than two decades ago". "In the fervour of youth, fueled by impassioned reactions to the brutal history of India, the petitioner's psyche momentarily lost restraint," stated the petition.

Currently 61, Singh said he "has never been released on parole and could not even perform the last rites when his mother passed away".

Singh said he "has already undergone more than the qualified period i.e. 14 years of sentence as stipulated in policy dated April 19, 2022" and "has served more than 24 years of actual imprison-

ment (without remission)".

He said he had "no personal animosity towards any victim" and urged the court "to scrutinise not merely the actions but the underlying intent".

The plea sought a direction to the Odisha government to consider his case in accordance with the 2022 guidelines for premature release of life convicts.

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi represents the Keonjhar Assembly segment. As the Opposition chief whip in the state Assembly during the BJP government in Odisha, Manjhi had extended support to the demand for Singh's release from jail. On September 21, 2022, he also sat on dharna alongside the editor of Sudarshan news channel, supporting the journalist's demand for permission to meet

Singh in Keonjhar jail.

After assuming charge as the Chief Minister, Majhi has not made any comments on the demand to release Singh.

Advocate Jain referred to the Supreme Court judgment allowing premature release of killers of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and said the basic objective of punishment is to bring about a reform in the accused individual.

Singh's plea cited the famous words that "every saint has a past and every sinner has a future" and said, "The petitioner is reaching the twilight of his lifetime but remains incarcerated, without any hope of him being released prematurely by the state government and thus, his right under Article 21 of the Constitution is being infringed".

'Cowardly act': Murmu, leaders condemn terror attacks in J&K

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JAMMU, JULY 9

THE RECENT string of terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir have evoked widespread condemnation from several leaders, cutting across political spectrum, with President Droupadi Murmu terming the Monday's attack on an Army convoy in Kathua district a "cowardly act" and said it deserved condemnation and firm counter-measures.

Five soldiers were killed and five others were injured on Monday when militants ambushed an Army convoy in Kathua. Sharing concern over the militant attacks, the Congress called it a "disturbing trend".

In a post on X, President Murmu said, "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 counter-measures. My sympathies are with the families of the bravehearts who laid down their lives in this ongoing war against terror in its all

NIA TO PROBE 2023 ATTACK ON ARMY CONVOY IN POONCH

New Delhi: The National Investigation Agency Tuesday said it will probe last year's terrorist attack on an Army convoy in J&K's Poonch that left five personnel dead. "The process to take over the investigation into the matter has started and a case will be registered in the coming days. The probe will ascertain any common angle in last year's attack with the recent terrorist attacks in Jammu and Kashmir," a source said, adding the involvement of Pakistan-based handlers in the case cannot be ruled out.

Five soldiers died and another was seriously injured after their vehicle caught fire following a terrorist attack on April 20, 2023, in Poonch. ENS

I pray for speedy recovery of those injured." Condemning

Kuki group calls for 12-hour shutdown against arrest of three

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE KUKI Inpi Manipur (KIM), an apex group of the Kuki tribes, Tuesday called for a 12-hour shutdown on Wednesday in all the areas inhabited by the Kuki-Zo to protest the arrest of three members from their community.

The shutdown call, from 6 am to 6 pm, was given in protest against the three arrests that were allegedly carried out by a combined team of personnel from the CRPF and Assam Rifles in Kangpokpi district.

A statement from the group said: "Total shutdown in all Kuki-Zo dominated regions on Wednesday to protest against the gross injustice meted out to our people." According to sources, the three people were arrested with four weapons.

At least five women also sustained injuries when the security forces fired tear gas shells to disperse a group who tried to prevent the arrest, said the sources quoted above.

Political slugfest erupts in Bengal after old assault video emerges online, two arrested

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, JULY 9

AN OLD video has surfaced of a person being brutally assaulted allegedly by the associates of a Trinamool Congress strongman inside a club in Kamarhati area of West Bengal's North 24 Parganas, sparking a political outrage.

Two people have been arrested in connection with the case, believed to have taken place in February 2021, the police said.

The video shows the associates of Jayant Singh, the TMC strongman who is known to be close to TMC MLA Madan Mitra,

holding the victim, by hands and legs while others hit with sticks.

Jayant, an office-bearer of the club, is in police custody since he was arrested on July 4 in the Ariadaha mob assault incident.

The police so far have identified eight people in the video and the arrested ones are Guddu and Jugga. Jayant has also been named in the FIR. The Indian Express has not verified the authenticity of the video yet.

Taking to X, Barrackpore Police said: "BKP Commissionerate took note of an old video now in circulation on social media involving assault on a girl. A suo motu criminal case has been started. All

legal actions against persons seen in video (2 among them are in custody) are being taken."

Expressing shock over the incident, BJP's West Bengal president Sukanta Majumder also took to X, saying, "Absolutely appalled by the emerging video from Taltala Club, Kamarhati, showing Jayanta Singh, a close associate of TMC MLA Madan Mitra, brutally attacking a girl. This heinous act under a government that claims to champion women's rights is a disgrace to humanity."

A senior officer of Barrackpore police commissionerate said, "While people are claiming it is a girl, primary investigation shows the victim is likely to be a man."

MLA Madan Mitra could not be contacted for comments.

TMC's Rajya Sabha MP Sagarika Ghose wrote on X: "The Bengal government is clear: ZERO tolerance on crimes. Defeated @BJP4India can circulate as many old videos as it wants...@WBPolice will continue to act against ALL wrongdoers."

Centre, states should work to strengthen education system: Min

New Delhi: Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Tuesday called upon the states to work with the Centre to strengthen the education ecosystem and replicate the best practices across the country.

"Both states and the Centre have to work as a team to strengthen the education ecosystem as well as to replicate and amplify the best practices across all states and UTs," Pradhan said at a review meeting. PTI

The Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh Social & Tribal Welfare Department

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
TRANSFER OF EQUITY SHARES OF THE COMPANY TO INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND

Shareholders are hereby informed that pursuant to the provisions of Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016 ("the Rules") as amended from time to time, the Final Dividend declared for the financial year 2016-17, which remained unclaimed for a period of seven years will become due to be credited to the IEPF on 26.10.2024. The corresponding shares on which dividend would remain unclaimed for seven consecutive years will also be transferred as per the procedure set out in the Rules.

The Company will not transfer such shares to the IEPF authority where there is a specific order of Court/Tribunal restraining any transfer of such shares or where the shares are hypothecated/pledged under the Depositories Act, 1996.

In compliance to the Rules, the Company has communicated individually to the concerned shareholders and the details of such shares liable to be transferred to IEPF are also made available on its website. Shareholders concerned may refer to the web-link: https://www.concorindia.co.in/assets/pdf/unpaid_note.PDF to verify the details of their unencashed dividend(s) and web link: <https://www.concorindia.co.in/assets/pdf/IEPPA.PDF> to verify the details of the shares liable to be transferred.

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Concerned shareholders holding shares in physical form and whose shares are liable to be transferred to IEPF authority, may note that the Company would be issuing duplicate share certificate(s) in lieu of the original held by them for the purpose of transfer of shares to IEPF and upon such issue, the Company shall inform the depository by way of corporate action to convert the duplicate share certificates into DEMAT form and transfer those shares in favour of IEPF Authority. The original share certificate(s) which are registered in the name of original shareholders will stand automatically cancelled and be deemed non-negotiable. Concerned shareholders holding shares in dematerialized form may note that the Company shall inform the depository by way of corporate action for transfer of shares in favour of the DEMAT account of the IEPF Authority.

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Please note that no claim shall lie against the Company in respect of unclaimed dividend amount and shares transferred to IEPF. Shareholders may claim the dividend and corresponding shares transferred to IEPF including all benefits accruing on such shares, if any, from the IEPF Authority after following the procedure prescribed in the Rules.

Any shareholder(s)/person(s) who has/have any claim(s)/queries in respect of such shares or dividend or for any clarification on the above matter, may contact the Company's Registrar and Share Transfer Agents, M/s Beetal Financial & Computer Services (P) Ltd., Beetal House, 3rd Floor, 99, Madangir, Behind Local Shopping Centre, New Delhi-110062. Ph.: 011-29961281/82/83; email: beetalirta@gmail.com or concor@beetalfinancial.com. For Container Corporation of India Ltd.

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DATE OF ISSUE : 16.05.2024
NO. OF DOCUMENTS ANNEXED : -
NEXT DATE OF HEARING : 12.07.2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER V, RULE 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
IN THE COURT OF MS. VINEETA GOYAL, DISTRICT JUDGE
(COMMERCIAL COURT)-03, ROOM NO. 24, PATIALA HOUSE COURTS, NEW DELHI ROOM NO. 24

CASE NO. CS (Comm.) - 32612/23
TITLE AXIS BANK VS ANKIJ VIJ AND ORS.
TO,
ANKIT VIJ (DEFENDANT NO 1)
UNIT NO 250103, GREEN ESCAPE SONIPAT, HARYANA, SONIPAT 131001
TO,
JASMINI VIJ (DEFENDANT NO 2) W/O MR. ANKIT VIJ,
UNIT NO 250103, GREEN ESCAPE SONIPAT, HARYANA, SONIPAT 131001
WHEREAS above named PLAINTIFF has instituted a suit against you. You are hereby summoned to appear before this court in person or by pleader on 12.07.2024 at 10:00 AM to answer the same.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on that day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence. Commercial Court-03, District Judge, New Delhi
GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 16th day of May, 2024.
Patiala House Courts, N. Delhi

DR. A.P.J. ABDUL KALAM TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY, UTTAR PRADESH
Jankipuram Extension Sector-11 Sitapur road, Lucknow-226031

ADD. NO: AKTU/ROSTORE/2024/932 Date: 08.07.2024
Direct Recruitment for Academic and Non-Academic Posts
With reference to G.O.No. 14/2024/515878/2024/16-1099/43/2023 Dated 11.03.2024, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Technical University (AKTU), U.P., Lucknow (hereinafter referred to as 'the University') invites online applications from Indian Citizens for the recruitment of Directors, Teaching and Non-Teaching vacant posts (as listed in the table displayed along with the advertisement on University website) of its Associated Colleges, namely, Rajkiya Engineering College, Gondia, Rajkiya Engineering College, Basti, Rajkiya Engineering College, Mirzapur and Rajkiya Engineering College, Pratnagarh. The details of Eligibility and Experience prescribed for the various posts are available on the University website. All the information's related to the online application for the recruitment will be available on the University website <https://aktu.ac.in> from 12.07.2024 and the last date for submitting the online applications will be 02-08-2024. The number of vacant posts may vary without prior notice and no claim will be entertained in this regard. The University reserves the right not to fill any or all the posts. The relevant rules and orders issued by Government of U.P. from time to time will apply. The candidates are advised to visit the University website regularly for any updates and information's relating to the recruitment.

Registrar

BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL CHENNAI BENCH - AT CHENNAI
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 and
IN THE MATTER OF SECTIONS 230 TO 232 AND OTHER APPLICABLE PROVISIONS
OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 2013 and
IN THE MATTER OF SCHEME OF AMALGAMATION OF ATL TEXTILE PROCESSORS LIMITED AND NEW LINE BUILDTech PRIVATE LIMITED WITH PRIME URBAN DEVELOPMENT INDIA LIMITED AND THEIR RESPECTIVE SHAREHOLDERS AND CREDITORS
CP (CAA) /24 (CHE) / 2024 IN CA (CAA) / 44(CHE) / 2023 AND
CP (CAA) / 25(CHE) / 2024 IN CA (CAA) /45 (CHE) / 2023

Prime Urban Development India Limited.CIN:L70200T21936PLC000001, Door No. 164/18, Maruthachalapuram Main Road, Opp. Ration Office, 60 Feet Road Gandhinagar, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, India, 641602. ... Petitioner/Transferee Company
ATL Textile Processors Limited.CIN: U65910T21996PLC007068, Door No. 164/18, Maruthachalapuram Main Road, Opp. Ration Office, 60 Feet Road Gandhinagar, Tirupur, Tamil Nadu, India, 641602. ... Petitioner/Transferee Company 1

NOTICE OF HEARING OF THE PETITION

Petitions under Section 230-232 and other applicable provisions of the Companies Act 2013 for sanctioning the scheme of amalgamation of ATL Textile Processors Limited (Transferee Company 1) and New Line Buildtech Private Limited (Transferee Company 2) with Prime Urban Development India Limited (Transferee Company) and their respective shareholders and creditors were presented by the Transferee Company and Transferee Company 1 before the Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal, Chennai Bench (NCLT) in the matter of which a common order has been pronounced by Hon'ble NCLT on May 29, 2024 (29.05.2024) and the said petitions are fixed for hearing on July 24, 2024 (24.07.2024).

Any person desirous of supporting or opposing the said petition should send to the Honourable Tribunal and/or the petitioners' advocate, notice of his/her intention, signed by his/her advocate, with his/her name and address so as to reach the Honourable Tribunal and/or the petitioners' advocate not later than two days before the date fixed for the hearing of the petition. Where such person seeks to oppose the petition, the grounds of opposition or a copy of his/her affidavit shall be furnished with such notice.

A note of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same on payment of the prescribed charges.

M/s. RAMANI & SHANKAR
Advocate for the Petitioner Companies
Date: 09.07.2024
Place: Coimbatore 152, Kalidas Road, Ram Nagar, Coimbatore - 641 009

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch (ARB), the secured creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 26.07.2024 for recovery of **Rs. 4,21,67,268.40** (Rupees Four Crore Twenty-One Lakh Sixty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight and Paise Forty only) as on 26.05.2021 with further interest and cost and expenses due to Union Bank of India, Asset Recovery Branch, the Secured Creditor from 1. The Borrower/s: 1a) M/s Exalt Educational Trust, Registered Office at 311/A, Ashiana Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna Bihar, 1b) M/s Exalt Educational Trust, Kanhauli, Hajipur-Mahua Road, Dist: Vaishali, 2) Guarantor/s: 2a) Mr. Deepak Kumar, S/o: Shri Guneshwar Sahu, Flat No:305, A Shanti Vihar Apartment, Back Side of RBI, Exhibition Road, Patna, Bihar-800001, 2b) Mrs. Babita Kumari, W/o: Shri. Deepak Kumar, Flat No:305, A Shanti Vihar Apartment, Back Side of RBI, Exhibition Road, Patna, Bihar-800001.

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TERROR IN KATHUA

It requires a security response. But government must not let it divert it from the goal of restoring political process in J&K

THE ATTACK ON an Indian Army convoy in Kathua in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in which five soldiers were killed on Monday was reportedly carried out by a well-trained and armed force. The ambush seems part of a broader trend in which terrorist activity has shifted across the Pir Panjal to the Jammu region from the Valley. This year alone, there have been at least six major incidents in the Jammu region, including the death of nine people in Reasi in an attack on a bus carrying pilgrims. Security forces face the challenge of shifting theatres of operations — over the weekend, there were twin attacks at Kulgam in South Kashmir, which ended with the Army killing five terrorists. However, the recent attacks and the high toll they have taken of precious lives — even one life lost to terror is one life too many — should not detract from the broader trend of declining violence: According to the Union Home Ministry, between 2017 and 2022, the number of infiltrators has fallen from 53 to 14, civilians killed from 55 to 31, and “terrorist initiated incidents” from 228 to 125.

With the Supreme Court’s deadline (September 30) to hold elections fast approaching, it may well be the case that terrorists and their backers across the border have stepped up their activities to scupper the return of political normalcy. After all, the people of the erstwhile state have unequivocally endorsed the ballot and rejected the bullet. In the recently-concluded Lok Sabha elections, voter turnout in the region stood at 58.6 per cent — the highest in 35 years. Now, the government must not take the bait of those who seek to subvert the moves towards restoring the political process in J&K. It must keep its promise to the people and the Court. Second, for long-term security, it is essential that steps are taken to address the alienation in the UT. The best way to ensure this is to facilitate people’s engagement with, and participation in, processes of representation and accountability.

The elephant in the room, of course, is Pakistan’s intransigence when it comes to using terrorism — actively and tacitly — as a tool for its security and foreign policy. This is despite global condemnation and the fact that the Frankenstein’s monster it sought to unleash against India has turned inward as well. In April, Punjab Chief Minister and former PM Nawaz Sharif’s heir-apparent echoed her father and spoke of trade and peace with India, which optimists thought signalled a shift in Pakistan’s intent. But there can be no diplomatic breakthroughs under the shadow of violence and terror, with Indian civilians in J&K and soldiers being killed. For both its own economy and security, as well as for the larger cause of peace, Rawalpindi and Islamabad must abandon their support of terror as an instrument of politics and policy.

JOBS, STILL

Ensuring that growth translates to more productive employment opportunities is government’s foremost challenge

AMIDST GROWING CONCERNS over inadequate employment opportunities despite the economy growing at a fast clip, new estimates from the RBI suggest a pick up in job growth. As per the central bank’s KLEMS database, employment in the country grew by 4.67 crore in 2023-24. However, these are provisional estimates and they do not provide the disaggregated sector-wise job numbers for the latest year. In recent years for which the disaggregated data is available (2017-18 to 2022-23), however, much of the increase in employment has occurred in agriculture, followed by construction and trade — sectors marked by low levels of productivity. As per the database, value added per worker, a measure of labour productivity, is the lowest in the case of agriculture, and in the case of construction and trade is substantially lower than in the most productive sectors of the economy. This low level of productivity has implications for workers’ wages.

In recent years there has been a sharp pick up in the labour force participation rate as seen in data from the periodic labour force surveys. Much of this increase was driven by women joining the labour market in greater numbers. Worryingly, a sizable number of these new entrants are engaged in self-employment, as helpers in household enterprises. This indicates the absence of more productive, more remunerative jobs. Alongside, data from the recently conducted survey of unincorporated sector enterprises affirms that a sizable section of the labour force continues to be engaged in a low productive informal sector. In 2022-23, the number of unincorporated enterprises or informal sector firms stood at 6.5 crore and roughly 11 crore workers continue to be engaged in these establishments. In such firms, value added per worker is only a fraction of that in the larger formal firms.

The issue of inadequate creation of more productive forms of non-farm employment has been at the heart of India’s development story. The State of Working India 2023 report had pointed towards the weak link between long run GDP and non-farm employment growth. While successive governments have taken steps to facilitate job creation, progress has been patchy. With growing capital intensity of production, even in the labour intensive sectors, this will become even more challenging. The India Employment Report 2024 had noted that “the production process has increasingly become capital-intensive and labour-saving”. It had also pointed out that the skill intensity of employment had increased, “which was contrary to the labour market needs of the country”. Ensuring that growth translates to more productive job opportunities is the foremost challenge before the government.

CENA’S FAREWELL

In a world of unending choices, the former bodybuilder and limousine driver will be missed in the ring

IN A MANNER that was deeply unironical and matter-of-fact, John Cena, the face of WWE for years, announced the start of his Farewell Tour, leading to an eventual retirement in December 2025 at an event dubbed “Money in the Bank”. Explaining his decision later, the famous show-wrestler said that WWE was soon to shift to Netflix, implying that all his last-firsts on the OTT platform will get generously monetised. His new catchphrase “The Last Time is now” is expected to be carefully scripted over 30-40 last-dates in 2025, spanning *Royal Rumble*, *Elimination Chamber* and *Wrestlemania*. The much-loved and aped gimmicks, from robotic power moves to arrogant hip-hop, from an Attitude Adjustment on Triple H to comical steel chains, are likely to get nostalgic reruns as Netflix’ primary paying public — those in their 30s and 40s — relive their childhoods that idolised Cena’s gigs from Doctor of Thuganomics to the superhero slant.

When he became the 16-time WWE champion, there were those who started to intellectualise his squared-circle ring antics. Sports geeks stopped guffawing and began finding meaning in choke slams. Both Netflix and the new WWE management of Triple H and Shawn Michaels will desperately hope that they can get Cena to aim for a record breaking 17th title at the *Rumble* or *Elimination Chamber*, so the pre-written tag of him being the greatest is actually fulfilled.

Netflix and WWE need Cena more than he needs them. He has diversified from the *Fast & Furious* franchise to playing Peacemaker in *Suicide Squad*. He has transitioned to OTT with a walk-on part in season 3 of *Bear* on Hulu, upcoming movie *Jackpot* on Prime and a dip into *Shark Week* on Discovery. He makes dreams come true and has 650 make-a-wishes fulfilled. In this world of unending choices, the former bodybuilder and limousine driver will go down as one of the last entertainers to be universally recognised. OTT needs to make the most out of television’s final wrestling hero.



SHARAT SABHARWAL

SEVEN SECURITY PERSONNEL have lost their lives to terror in Jammu and Kashmir in the last two days, close on the heels of four back-to-back terror attacks in June. Pakistan’s involvement has been reported. These tragic incidents are a reminder that after over four decades of suffering Pakistan-sponsored terror, and despite numerous peace initiatives and 10 years of avowed muscularity from us, our goal to put an end to it remains unaccomplished.

The attacks have brutally shattered the complacency of a section of our strategic community and in the minds of the public over Pakistan’s relative restraint on its terror apparatus in recent years. The intractable internal challenges faced by the Pakistani state, especially since 2021, and the changed geopolitical dynamics, have been seen as signs of its impending collapse. Though sporadic Pakistan-sponsored terror in Jammu and Kashmir never ceased, the sense of complacency has also been buttressed by a tendency among some to overestimate the impact of our muscular approach, including revocation of the special status of J&K, in largely containing, if not putting an end to, our Pakistan problem.

The fact, however, is this: Pakistan is nowhere close to a collapse. No major country desires this outcome in a highly volatile space with a nuclear arsenal. Second, there has been no sign of the Pakistani establishment abnegating terrorism. It has been merely calibrating and adapting its terror activity by, inter alia, taking out the notorious faces of its terror machine in response to the Financial Action Task Force scrutiny and our security/punitive measures. Third, the revocation of the special status of J&K has not put an end to the Pakistan dimension of our problem there. Pakistan’s questioning of the accession of J&K to India preceded the introduction of Article 370 in our

Recurring terror attacks in J&K underline need for calibrated punitive approach to Pakistan

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Constitution and has outlasted its revocation. The terror attacks are an attempt to stay relevant to the situation in J&K and queer the pitch for the assembly election.

Certain factors on both sides make reduction of tension extremely difficult. The slogan “terror and talks cannot go together” tapped successfully into the deep and justified anger of the Indian public at Pakistan’s conduct in the run-up to our 2014 election. It was not followed as a policy uniformly. Sporadic open and behind-the-scenes bilateral contacts appear to have continued at least till early 2017; there are reports of quiet talks yet again towards the end of 2020, leading to restoration of the LoC ceasefire in February 2021. If there has been any additional quiet contact, we will not know. In any case, such contacts are useful in dealing with a complex and emotionally charged relationship. However, “terror and talks cannot go together” has become a buzzword in the public’s mind, thereby restricting the government’s elbow room for diplomacy with Pakistan.

There is a much bigger problem on the Pakistani side. It results not only from the traditional adversarial posture of its establishment, but also the tight corner that the then Imran Khan government, groping for an answer to India’s August 2019 move, pushed Pakistan into by suspending trade and calling upon India to reverse the move for any bilateral engagement. The sharp political polarisation in recent years, with an incarcerated but popular Khan pitted against the army-led establishment, has made a climbdown from this stand extremely difficult without a face saver. Thus, trade with India remains banned in spite of the pressure from a large segment of the industry to resume it. PML(N) leader Nawaz Sharif sent a conciliatory message on PM Modi’s re-election. But he is not in charge

and, in any case, the final say on the matter is with the army. There is little indication, at least in public, of the army chief Asim Munir’s thinking on the subject.

This situation leaves us dependent entirely on our security apparatus, with our diplomatic machinery focused essentially on isolating Pakistan internationally (with limited success) and responding in kind to its anti-India rhetoric at international forums. The security-centric approach has obvious limitations in obtaining an enduring change in Pakistan’s behaviour towards us, especially in view of the growing China-Pakistan military nexus and the nuclear dimension. Therefore, Pakistan could be expected to continue with its terror attacks in J&K.

On assuming charge of his post a second time, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar listed a solution to Pakistan’s years-old cross-border terrorism among the issues to be focused on by the new government. We will have to wait to see what steps the government takes, in addition to those in the last decade, to put an end to this menace. In the face of continued Pakistani terror, further strengthening of our counter-terror machinery, combined with a punitive approach, is an obvious answer. However, any punitive approach must be carefully calibrated in order not to result in cycles of tit-for-tat violence. Moreover, even as our security forces valiantly deal with the Pakistani threat, their effort must be supplemented by our diplomacy in continuing to look for opportunities to reduce the tension between the two countries. After all, besieged with multiple internal problems and a volatile western frontier, Pakistan could do with a calmer eastern frontier.

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RADHA KAPOOR SHARMA

IN OFFICE, OUT OF SYNC

The real loser of the French election has been Emmanuel Macron

IN THE SHORT SPAN of a few days, the UK and France voted in elections to move the political dial to the left, thereby bucking a world trend of right-wing electoral victories.

Like the UK, France went to the polls on a call for snap elections. President Emmanuel Macron’s decision to dissolve the National Assembly on June 9 in the wake of the far-right National Rally’s (NR) victory in the European parliamentary elections and call for polls in a mere three weeks baffled the country. With just weeks to go for the Olympics that France is hosting, this move defied logic. If the strategy behind it was an attempt to shore up support for his embattled minority government, stall the far right and pull the political rug from under his opponents’ feet, it backfired.

The 17th legislative assembly of the fifth Republic will essentially be a tripartite one with the newly formed four-party Left-Green alliance, the New Popular Front (NPF) emerging as the frontrunner with 178 seats, Macron’s centrist party, Ensemble (ENS), down to 150 deputies, and Marine Le Pen’s NR with 142 seats. The remaining seats are shared between unaffiliated Republicans, right and left-wing independents and others.

In a first-past-the-post system of voting like in India, the clear winner would have been the NR. These unexpected results that have pushed the far right down to third place are due to France’s system of two rounds of voting and the determination of left and centrist parties as well as the will of the people to stem the tide of the hate-driven, racist and fascist brand of politics espoused by the NR.

The broad left coalition, the NPF, reached an understanding with centrist and other

right-wing parties to form a Republican Front to act as a barrier to the victory of the far right during the second round of voting. A decision was taken for the lower-placed candidate to bow out of the race in a three-way runoff.

The results bear testimony to this tactical voting but also to the maturity of the French voters who rejected the headline positions of the NR on security, law and order, refugees, immigration and Islam, often voting against their own core political beliefs just to safeguard the republican values of liberty, equality and fraternity. A record near 67 per cent of the electorate voted in the second round.

Le Pen and her party have been stopped in their tracks, for now. As she declared, “The tide is rising. It did not rise high enough this time, but it continues to rise and our victory has simply been deferred.” There is certainly an element of victory in this defeat as they increased their seat share from 89 to 142.

For the left coalition, the NPF, though also deprived of the absolute majority of 289, the results are an unhelped-for opportunity to govern. Macron’s gamble on early elections has proved to be their lucky break. However, with only a relative majority and without a real mandate from the electorate — the vote for them often being, in fact, a vote against the far right — fulfilling their manifesto promises and pushing through their agenda will be difficult. Meanwhile, within the alliance, jostling for the prime ministerial position has begun.

The political gridlock is likely to continue for a while. A hung parliament with no dominant party is uncharted territory for France; it has no history of coalition governments. What we are likely to witness will be the “co-

habitation” of a president and a minority government from opposing political dispensations with no substantive legislation getting adopted. France is in store for a period of political uncertainty, crises and instability.

For a majority of the French, this outcome is preferable to the alternative of governance by a radical alliance. Nevertheless, a prolonged political stalemate presents a real danger of playing straight into Le Pen’s hands and strengthening her electoral appeal in the 2027 presidential elections.

Macron’s term ends in 2027 and he has vowed not to step down before that. However, the outcome of these elections has weakened his party and his position. As it is, protests against unemployment, wage stagnation, retirement reforms, etc., have been a constant feature of his two terms. Now, many within his party are unhappy with the gamble which resulted in a loss of almost 80 seats. The first-round results were a slap on the face and it was only thanks to the Republican Front that his party could salvage 150 seats.

The real loser of this election is Macron himself, who, isolated in his Elysée Palace, is clearly out of sync with the sentiments of the people who are disillusioned with their President. He is widely perceived as a monarch with an imperial style of governance by decree. Macron had hoped the election would provide “clarity”, instead it has plunged France into a political quagmire that will reduce its influence in the world and from which it is unlikely to emerge in the short term.

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JULY 10, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

HIJACKERS WITHHELD

ON JULY 8, Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq made it clear that the nine hijackers of the IA Airbus will neither face trial nor be extradited. Zia also said that the trial would take place later, as Punjab was India’s internal problem and Pakistan wanted to avoid a political fallout. There is no treaty of extradition between India and Pakistan.

ARMY WITHDRAWS

UNION HOME MINISTER, P C Sethi, during a parliamentary consultative committee, said that there are no forces inside the Golden

Temple, marking the first official response regarding the Army’s presence in the complex. Before this, the government had given the impression that forces would not be withdrawn. However, the Army is still conducting anti-terror operations in the surrounding regions.

MEDICAL EXAM ERROR

DISCREPANCIES IN THE evaluation process of Delhi University’s medical entrance examination has affected the fortunes of at least 1,600 students. The wrong answer key was used to correct the combined Chemistry and Physics paper. This was noticed when around 150 students applied for re-checking of their answer

sheets, as they scored lower than expected.

SUPPORT FOR G M SHAH

WHILE SENIOR MEMBERS of the J&K Congress Legislature party issue their “unconditional support” to the current Chief Minister, G M Shah, younger party MLAs appear restless. Sources suggest that some MLAs have asked the party leadership to put forth specific conditions for Shah. The CM remains dependent on Congress, given that his breakaway faction of the J&K National Conference is supported only by 14 MLAs, and 36 Congress MLAs backing him in the state assembly.



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A mockery of Parliament?

Hostility between two sides during recent Session does not augur well for future. Fuel was added to fire by tone and tenor of speech by Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha



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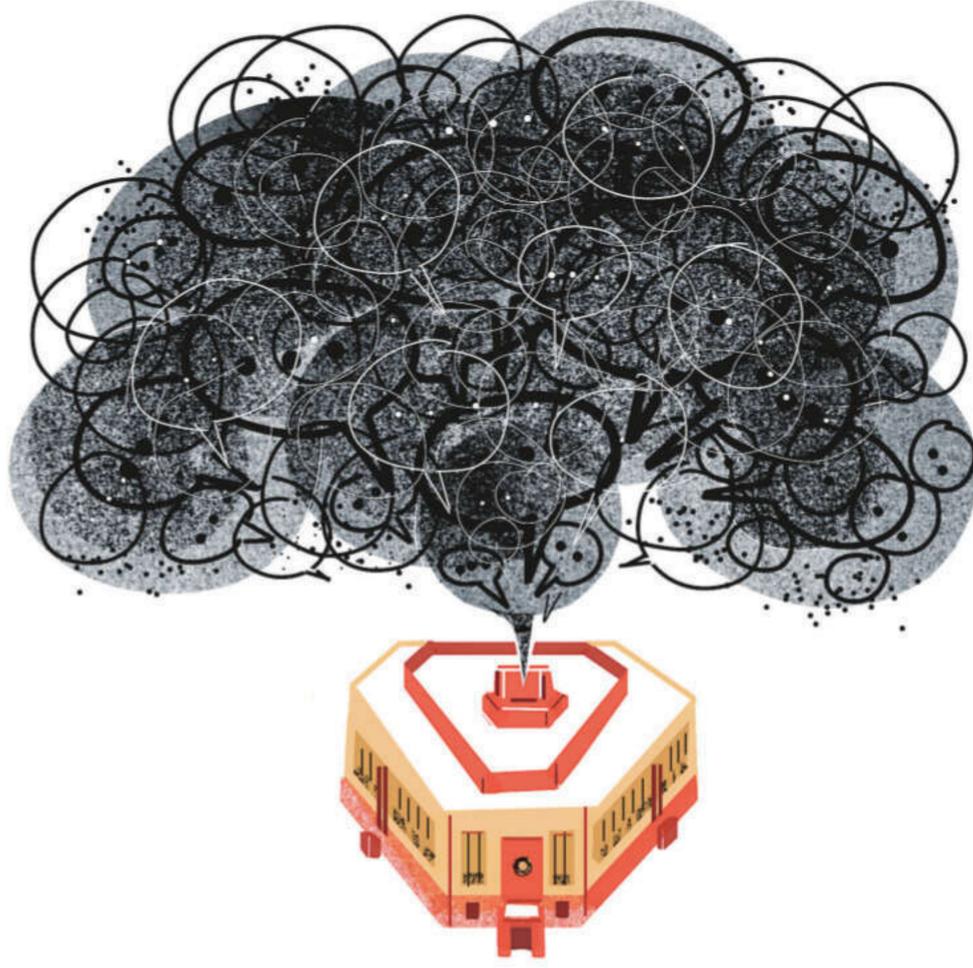
THE FIRST SESSION of the 18th Lok Sabha has just concluded where an unprecedented level of acrimony was witnessed. Since this session was held immediately after the general elections, the mood during the electioneering, it appears, was carried into the House, as was reflected in the speeches made from both sides. Few speakers referred to the issues, included or not included in the President's Address. Fuel was added to the fire by the tone and tenor of the speech made by the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha.

As is natural, it set the tone of further discussion in both the Houses, particularly that of the replies to be given by the Prime Minister. The Opposition members continuously shouted slogans in the Lok Sabha obstructing the Prime Minister's speech and they walked out of the Rajya Sabha when he spoke there the next day. Booming the Prime Minister incessantly during his speech was quite worrying. So was the walkout by the Opposition parties in the Rajya Sabha without listening to the Prime Minister. Both these acts by the Opposition are undeniably antithetical to basic canons of parliamentary democracy.

In Parliament, the right to speak should be balanced with respect for opposing viewpoints and parliamentary decorum. Disagreements can and should be expressed through debate and discussion rather than through disruptive tactics that prevent others from exercising their right to speak. In a deliberative context, the right to be heard and the duty to listen are inseparable; they are two sides of the democratic coin.

Expression of dissent, no doubt, is in-built in the working of any Parliament, provided it is within the ambit of the rules and practices of the House. Any gross violations are punishable. An attempt to shout down a Member of Parliament while speaking, leave alone the Prime Minister who is also the Leader of the House, is unacceptable and needs to be discouraged. More so, when the Prime Minister gave full respect to the Leader of Opposition and sat and listened to his entire speech in Lok Sabha with calm and poise. In the same spirit, the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha also should have sat and listened to what the PM had to say. Failing to do that amounts to the Opposition shirking its responsibility.

The office of the Leader of Opposition has been associated with the highest traditions in India. Occupants of this office are expected to have the utmost respect for the parliamentary rules of procedure, conventions, etc. They must not be seen to be instigating others to go to the well to disrupt the House. They should avoid making defamatory or unsubstantiated allegations in the House that might be contradicted inside or outside the House. The Leader of the Opposition represents not only his own party but the entire



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Opposition in the House. So much so, in some countries he is seen as the shadow PM. Therefore, he has to be much more careful and responsible in what he says and how he behaves in the House.

While the instances of disruption and walkouts may not be new to our Parliament, their degree and scale this time was certainly unprecedented. The entire Opposition walking out when the Prime Minister was replying to the debate in which they all had participated is also very rare. The Opposition members continuously shouting in front of the Prime Minister to make his speech inaudible is unknown to any Parliament among the major democracies of the world.

We need to remember that the mandate of the people after the election is very clear. They have given a convincing majority to the NDA, a pre-poll alliance, to govern the country. The alliance has reposed its confidence in the vision and leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. At the same time, the electorate has also increased the strength of the Opposition parties in the Lok Sabha this time. Having done so, people expect both

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sides to exercise their constitutional responsibilities in the most constructive manner. Governance is the joint responsibility of both sides. If any side fails to live up to their expectations, it would amount to defiance of their mandate.

The kind of hostility witnessed between the two sides during the recent Session in both the Houses does not augur well for the future of Parliament of India. The nation needs to seriously reflect upon this unfortunate development that has dangerous implications. A show of such aggression in the House will certainly vitiate the spirit of consensus and cooperation without which it will be difficult, nay impossible, to run the Houses.

Any legislative gridlock will be inimical to our vision to make India Viksit Bharat by 2047. Our Parliament has to be dynamic and robust for timely approval of the laws and finances needed for taking the country forward in today's fast changing world.

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Not so Maha, anymore

Maharashtra is no longer a pioneer in innovative schemes that cross the state's boundary. Its leadership is now copy-pasting from others



GIRISH KUBER

THE STORY DATES back to the early '70s. Maharashtra was reeling under its worst-ever drought, which brought famine in its wake. Disturbed by the situation, Vitthal Sakharam Page, a Gandhian and then chairman of the state Legislative Council, asked his wife how much cash she had in hand. Upon finding out that it was Rs 700, his next question was how many labourers that amount could sustain. "Around 10 for two weeks" was the response.

Page wrote to Vasant Naik, the then chief minister of Maharashtra, asking him to allocate Rs 100 crore for the state's landless labourers. Naik invited him over to understand what lay at the heart of Page's proposal. When Page explained it to him, the chief minister was convinced. The same evening, he called the Leader of the Opposition (LoP), Krishnarao Dhulap of the Peasants and Workers Party (PWP), and followed it up with a series of meetings on how to tackle the crisis with other leaders over the next four days. Though everyone agreed on the gravity of the situation and the necessity for the state to take extraordinary measures to help the poor, the biggest challenge remained how to raise the Rs 100 crore.

Then came the historic moment. The Opposition, led by Dhulap, moved a resolution in the state assembly to raise the tax to create a corpus to fund drought-mitigation measures. It remains unparalleled in India's legislative history because there are hardly any instances where the Opposition asks for a tax hike and the treasury supports the move. It also shows the maturity of political leaders of the time. The move resulted in the state assembly unanimously resolving to levy a 15 paise surcharge per passenger per journey on state transport bus tickets. This is how the unassuming Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) came into being. Three decades later, Manmohan Singh as prime minister adopted it at the national level and, subsequently, rechristened it as the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

Just a few years after Page's brainchild came into being, Sharad Pawar, who became Maharashtra's chief minister at the age of 38 in 1978, took a landmark decision that granted equal rights to daughters in inherited property. Around 16 years later in 1994, as a fourth-time chief minister, he fortified it by introducing 33 per cent reservations for women in local self-government. Soon, that too, was embraced at the national level. A decade later, in 2005, the efforts of another chief minister, Vilasrao Deshmukh, empowered the citizens of Maharashtra with the Right to Information (RTI) Act. Subsequently, that, too, was adopted at the national level.

These are some examples — going all the way back to 1902, when the reformist Shahu Maharaj showed the path to social equality by opening up reservation for Dalits in the princely state of Kolhapur — of how Maharashtra's political class dis-

played social, political and economic ingenuity in governance.

Not any more. Thanks to the incessant Lilliputisation of Maharashtra's polity, dotted with unimaginative politicians, Maharashtra is no longer a pioneer in innovative schemes that cross the state's boundary and become national. It is now the reverse. Of late, Maharashtra has been showing signs of degeneration on almost all fronts, including in governance. And the leadership is happy copy-pasting schemes from others.

For example, the Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana scheme announced in the state budget on June 28 is a replica of Madhya Pradesh's Ladli Behna scheme, introduced by Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Perhaps Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde hopes that, like in Madhya Pradesh, voters in Maharashtra, too, will repose faith in him in the assembly elections later this year. And that's not the only "copy". Like many central government schemes that have Pradhan Mantri (PM) as a permanent prefix, Shinde, too, is busy launching schemes beginning with the words "Mukhya Mantri" (Chief Minister). It doesn't end there. Some of his overzealous acolytes are trying hard to portray Shinde as Maharashtra's very own "Bulldozer Baba", akin to Yogi Adityanath of Uttar Pradesh, for his alleged drive against the drug mafias. Incidentally, this is yet to bear fruit.

However, Shinde alone cannot be blamed for aping his counterparts in other states and successful politicians elsewhere. When the cow slaughter ban in the north yielded rich political dividends, former chief minister Devendra Fadnis, too, was lured into reviving similar legislation in the state. Another case in point could be "love jihad". This was one of the early resolutions of the incumbent government when it wrested power after ousting the Uddhav Thackeray-led alliance government in 2022. The Shinde-Fadnis government went to the extent of setting up a panel under BJP veteran and the state's Women and Child Welfare minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha to monitor "inter-faith marriages". Lodha later stirred up a controversy by claiming his panel has been flooded with "lakhs of 'love jihad' cases". However, he later retracted the statement, saying that the sole reason for forming the panel had been "to help those girls who have gone against the wishes of their original family (in marrying). We want to protect them, we want them to communicate with their original family. There is no 'love jihad' angle".

There are some other examples. All of them lead to the same bitter truth. In a state that was once a leader in innovative, people-friendly and progressive ideas in governance that went on to shape the social and political landscape even at the national level, the current breed of politicians has lost its mojo along with the ability to think out of the box. Some believe this is the result of the state losing its preeminence in economic matters. In reality, it is the other way round. The rot in politics set in first, followed by economic decay. From a bright torchbearer to a lamentable copycat, Maharashtra has witnessed a steep decline. If left unattended, there will hardly be anything "maha" left in the state.

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K M CHANDRASEKHAR

Budgeting for science

More funds in R&D, greater autonomy for institutions, are needed

A NEW UNION Budget is around the corner. This is the time for new ideas, for a giant leap forward, like in 1991.

Every prime minister, from Jawaharlal Nehru to Narendra Modi, has spoken of the importance of investing resources in science and technology. Our first PM was devoted to the development of science and technology, and to him goes the credit for starting India's most successful scientific ventures in space research and atomic energy. He spoke at various times of his affinity for science and technology. He said, "And though circumstances made me part company with science, my thoughts turned to it with longing. In later years, through devious processes, I arrived again at science, when I realised that science was not only a pleasant diversion and abstraction but was of the very texture of life, without which our modern world would vanish away."

Still, nothing significant has happened except in space and atomic energy and, to a limited extent, in defence. Governments in India have long talked about raising the spending on R&D to 2 per cent of the GDP, but it remains at a measly 0.6 per cent to 0.7 per cent. While inaugurating the Indian Science Congress at Bhubaneswar in 2012, Manmohan Singh said, "Over the past few decades, India's relative position in the world of science has been declining, and we have been overtaken by countries like China. Things are changing, but we cannot be satisfied with what has been achieved. We need to do much more to change the face of Indian science."

Advisory Council, in a report titled 'R&D Expenditure Ecosystem', pointed out that several countries, including the US (2.8 per cent of GDP), China (2.1 per cent), Israel (4.3 per cent) and South Korea (4.2 per cent) were far ahead of India in spending on R&D for the future. The Council made important suggestions on how to move R&D to a higher level. In the 2022-23 budget, the Finance Minister announced the formation of a National Research Foundation with a corpus of Rs 50,000 crore, but thus far, there has been little progress.

We can take a leaf out of China's book. They ratcheted up their R&D expenditures from 0.7 per cent of GDP in the 1990s to 2.1 per cent currently. China is now second only to the US in actual volume of spending on R&D in purchasing power parity (PPP) terms. The total expenditure on R&D in China in PPP terms was \$525.7 billion in 2019, almost ten times the amount spent by India — \$58.7 billion (2018 figure). China employs 7,38,000 people in R&D compared to 1,58,000 in India. As China's former minister for science and technology, Wan Gang, said, "China needs to enter the ranks of innovative countries and become a big technological innovation power by 2050." It undertook a massive overhaul of science and technology in 2018 with the restructuring of 15 ministries, with further reforms in 2023.

There are also lessons to be learnt from our own experience. While other areas have generally languished, we have made astonishing progress in space and atomic energy. Besides investing liberally in these areas, we also gave almost total autonomy to the ad-

ministration of the Space Commission and the Atomic Energy Commission. High-powered bodies, chaired by senior scientists and including the Minister of State in the PMO, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Cabinet Secretary, Finance Secretary and leading scientists, were empowered to make decisions without the constraints of bureaucracy. The results are there for all to see.

There are other peculiar features of research in science and technology in India. The government sector accounts for more than half of India's R&D (56 per cent), while in other countries, government spending is much less — China (15 per cent), Germany (14 per cent), the United Kingdom (7 per cent) and Japan (8 per cent). India tried incentivising the private sector with liberal income tax concessions, but most companies largely misused them. Another significant feature is that India spent 44 per cent of its R&D expenses on capital development, unlike China (0 per cent), the UK (0 per cent), and the US (0.2 per cent). The bulk of government money in R&D is probably going into construction and acquiring real estate.

PM Modi has underlined the importance of science, technology, research, and development in building the foundations of a great Indian economy. He said, "We will explore the mysteries of science and harness the power of technology and innovation. We will realise the opportunities of the digital world."

The Budget of 2024 could be the harbinger of a significant change. The FM talks to industry associations. So does the Revenue

Department. This is the time for the FM to bring together the country's top scientists who can generate many ideas. Let all scientific institutions be merged into one or two overarching bodies like the Space Commission and the Atomic Energy Commission and have similar autonomy.

To promote genuine research in the private sector, it would be desirable to mandate 2 per cent of the companies' profits for research and development in the same manner as for corporate social responsibility. If any company or group cannot spend this amount, the unspent amount may be contributed to the National Research Foundation. The corpus of the NRF can be used to develop a centrally sponsored scheme available to state governments, centres of learning and research, and even corporates.

The construction of buildings and fixed assets should be excluded from expenditure figures on R&D. There is also a need to develop a research mentality in higher learning institutions.

State governments may be allowed to raise another half per cent of GSDP by way of loans to be exclusively used by the State Councils of Science and Technology for research and development projects approved by the National Research Foundation.

Let this Budget breathe new life into a languishing but essential sector to achieve our development goals!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FORGING UNITY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Finally, Manipur' (IE, July 9). Prime Minister Narendra Modi's first remarks in months on Manipur stated that many steps have been taken to improve the situation and efforts are being made to restore normalcy. The PM expressed satisfaction over the decline of violence in the state. That does not answer the questions raised about his government's handling of the present situation. Terrorism, drugs, ethnicity, territorial domination and foreign interference are factors complicating the problem. Sincere efforts must be taken by Chief Minister Biren Singh and the Centre to establish peace. The differences between the Meiteis and Kuki-Zomis need to be put in order along with efforts to forge permanent unity.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

PROSPECT OF CHANGE

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The test in Tehran' (IE, July 9). In the last few decades, conservatism has struck deep roots in the political system, judiciary and bureaucracy in Iran. But as the two-year-long protests after the death of Mahsa Amini showed, the patience of the Iranian people and civil society is fraying. A reformist as the new president-elect is a welcome change. With his strong mandate, Masoud Pezeshkian must push for

change. This is an opportunity to promote gradual reforms at home and careful engagement with the world.

SS Paul, Nadia

AWAITING REFORMS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Why NEET does not work' (IE, July 9). National-level entrance exams like NEET are an important phase in a candidate's life. When their integrity is compromised, it understandably becomes an issue. There may be multiple alternatives for the candidate's assessment, but whether the students will be able to cope with a new exam pattern if implemented, is another question. Reforms are needed, but it is important to gauge their impact.

Suraj R Wagate, Mumbai

DEAFENING SILENCE

THIS REFERS TO the report, 'Step-dad sexually abused me, mom kept quiet: Alice Munro's daughter' (IE, July 9). The revelation by Andrea Robin Skinner, Nobel laureate Alice Munro's daughter, is shocking. Writers cannot be lauded simply as literature-producing machines. How can a society that values compassion and generosity, close its eyes to Munro's unacceptable behaviour? To not give protection to one's progeny is a lapse that questions Munro's moral status as a parent and as a writer.

Narendra Dani, Lucknow

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE Shaheed Constable Ramesh Kumar Das 15-09-1967 To 10-07-1991 66 Bn Odisha PUNJAB 10 July 1991

The 66th Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Amritsar, Punjab, for anti-terrorist operations. On 10 July 1991, troops launched an operation in Patti, Amritsar, and engaged in an encounter. The terrorists, positioned atop a mound with thick vegetation, were heavily firing at the troops.

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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.

SEVERING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

E-Auction Notice No : Catering-13/24. The Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), East Central Railway, Dhanbad for and on behalf of the President of India invites e-auction for award of contract for Catering Services A1, A, B & D category stations for GMU and SMU category over Dhanbad Division for a period of five (05) years.

Contract type : Catering Services

Table with columns: S.No, Lot No, Station, Category, PF No, Stall No. Rows include Dhan-HZD-GMU-27, Dhan-HZD-SMU-111, Dhan-PNME-SMU-108, etc.

Date & Time of e-Auction for lots : 19.07.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Catalogue No. : Catering-13/24. Website : www.ireps.gov.in. Note : (16) The e-Auction will be online on the IREPS (e-Auction leasing portal) on the prescribed date and time.

GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL CAPITAL TERRITORY OF DELHI OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF EXCISE, ENT, AND LUXURY TAX L & N BLOCK, VIKAS BHAWAN, I.P. ESTATE, NEW DELHI-110002

No. F.10(210)/EX./IMFL/2011-12/Pt.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-6F, 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 vendors located in Delhi:-

Table with columns: SL.NO, OCCASION, DATE, DAY. Rows include Muharram, Independence Day, Janmashtami, Milad-un-Nabi or Id-e Milad (Birth day of Prophet Mohammad).

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:-

Table with columns: SL.NO, OCCASION, DATE, DAY. Row: 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.

Sd/- (KRISHNA MOHAN UPPU) COMMISSIONER (EXCISE)

DIP/SH4BDARTH/CLASSIFIED/0119/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION, RAYGADA. e-mail: ee-phd.rgda.od@nic.in ee-phdrgda@gmail.com

1st CORRIGENDUM NOTICE OF BID IDENTIFICATION NO. -01/2024-25 Dt.10.06.2024.

The Bid identification No EEPHRRAYGADA-01/2024-25 Dt.10.06.2024 which was published in "New Indian Express", "Indian Express", "Sambad" & "Sambad Kalika" on dt. 13.06.2024 may be modified for the Column No. 02 (Name of the work) "Improvement of Water Supply to Seriguda area of Rayagada Municipality".

Sd/- EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, P.H. DIVISION, RAYGADA (OIPR-13052/11/0004/2425)

NORTHERN RAILWAY Cancellation of Tender Due to administrative reason NIT No. 1-W-Dy.CETMCL-UTV-05-24-25 dated 19.06.2024 for the under noted work to be opened on 01.08.2024 is hereby cancelled.

The name of work and other details are as under:- 1. POH of Track Machines UTV, 2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072 at TMMD KKDE, LKO and TKD working under Dy. CE/TMC/Line/NR".

Tender Cost: Rs. 24641384.55

No. 1-W/Dy.CE/TMCL/NDLS/Tender Corresp. Dated : 09.07.2024 2090/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

कार्यालय उप वन संरक्षक, बॉसवाडा दाहोद रोड कट्टम चौगाहा-327001 email: dfohanswara@gmail.com

क्रमांक:-एए/)/स्टोर/उ.व.स./2024-25/4402-12 दिनांक:-01.07.2024 समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना-01/2024-25

कार्यालय के अधिन विभिन्न नस्लों के अनमर्ग MPT, एफिकर एवं अन्य कार्यों हेतु समर्पित श्रेणी में पंजीकृत संवेदकों को खुली ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा सम्बन्धी अन्य सरल जानकारी कार्यालय में https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in एवं www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in पर देखी जा सकती है।

NIB.No-FOR2425A0275 UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00406 (तेज-गद्दी) UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00405 (तेज-कुल्लह) UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00404 (तेज-जोडेल) UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00407 (तेज-बागीचेर) UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00410 (तेज-डुम) UBN No-FOR2425WSOB00411 (तेज-बासवाडा)

हस्ता./ उप वन संरक्षक, बासवाडा

ANDHRA PRADESH STATE CIVIL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED Head Office: 10-152/1, Ashoknagar, Bandar Road, Vijayawada-520007

SHORT TENDER NOTICE Tender No: Mktg/M6/0888/ICDS/Fortified POil/August 2024 to January 2025, Dt: 10.07.2024

BIDS ARE INVITED FROM THE ELIGIBLE BIDDERS FOR SUPPLY OF FORTIFIED PALMOLIN OIL TO ALL THE MLS POINTS OF TWENTY SIX(26) DISTRICTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH STATE THROUGH AP E-PROCUREMENT

Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd invites bids from the eligible bidders for supply of 2500.000 Kls of Fortified edible POil with vitamin A & D of One(1) Litre & Half (½) Litre with Secondary packing shall be 12/16 litre pouches in 1 carton under ICDS Scheme of Government of Andhra Pradesh for the months of August 2024 to January 2025 to all the M.L.S Points of three zones comprising of 26 districts in Andhra Pradesh.

All the interested Fortified POil Manufacturers/Traders may visit www.apscscln & www.approcurement.gov.in to view and download tender documents on free of cost.

Interested bidders/tenderers to submit bids should be registered in website www.approcurement.gov.in and should also obtain digital signature certificates from any certifying authority in India. The details and procedure for obtaining Digital Signature Certificates are mentioned in the www.approcurement.gov.in or contact the helpdesk of procurement portal Phone: 9154383633/9154383634/73737319402.

Last date for registration and completion of formalities for the e-auction shall be up to 16.07.2024 at 5.00 p.m and the tentative date of online e-reverse auction through ap e-procurement platform would be 19.07.2024 at 2.00 pm onwards.

Sd/- VC & MANAGING DIRECTOR

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II, DELHI 4th Floor, Jeevan Tara Building, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule, 1993) in the matter of TA HO 1259/2022 DATE: 10.01.2024 VIJAYA BANK (Now Bank of Baroda) VERSUS APPLICANT

VINAY KUMAR AND ORS. DEFENDANT RESPONDENT

SH. VINAY KUMAR, PROP. MIS PVK RANGERS, 105 ANSAL CHAMBERS-II BHIKAJI CAMA PLACE NEW DELHI - 69 ALSO AT 4025 JYOTHISSADANAM ANNUR PANYAMUR DISTT. KERALA ALSO AT POKKANALAKKADKANKOLE KENNER KERALA

Whereas the above named applicant (s) has / have instituted a case for recovery of Rs. 25,46,716/- (RUPEE TWENTY FIVE LAKH FORTY SIX THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY ONLY) against you and where as it has been shown to the satisfaction of the Tribunal that it is not possible to serve you in the ordinary way therefore, this notice is given by advertisement directing you to make appearance in the Tribunal on 16.07.2024 at 10.30 A.M.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day before the mentioned, the case will be heard and determined in your absence.

All the matters will be taken up through video Conferencing and for that purpose:-

(i) All the Advocates/Litigants shall download the "Cisco Webex" application/software; (ii) "Meeting ID" and "Password" for the date of hearing qua cases to be taken by Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar shall be displayed in the daily case list itself at DRT Official Portal (i.e. drt.gov.in) in any exigency qua that the Advocate/Litigants can contact the concerned official at Ph. No. 23748478.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 10th day of Jan., 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE TRIBUNAL, SECTION OFFICER, DRT-II, DELHI.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Sunil, S/o: Kishan Lal, R/o: P-2/708 Sultanpuri, Delhi, Age: About 47 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Wheatish, Build: Thin, Face: Skinny, Wearing: White Sandoz and Blue Towel, who Lying dead inside his Residence, Sultanpuri, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 25-A dated 02.07.2024 has been registered at P.S. Sultanpuri, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

Sd/- SHO P.S: Sultanpuri, Delhi Ph. 7065036134

DP/8920/OD/2024

स्थानिक अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली

अति-अल्पकालीन कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 01/2024-25

बिहार भवन, बिहार निवास, चाणक्यपुरी नई दिल्ली हेतु निर्माणाधीन कार्यों के लिए बिहार राज्य अंतर्गत भवन प्रमंडल में कार्यरत चतुर्थ श्रेणी में निवृत्त संवेदक बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग में होने वाले कार्यों के लिए मूद्रा बंद कोटेशन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. विज्ञापनरत्ता का नाम एवं पता - स्थानिक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली।

2. परिमाण विपत्र के विक्री की तिथि - 15-07-2024 (अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक)

3. निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय - 16-07-2024 (अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक)

4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 16-07-2024 (अपराह्न 3:30 बजे तक)

5. परिमाण विपत्र विक्री का स्थान - स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली।

(2) उप स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास, द्वारका नई दिल्ली।

(3) अधीक्षण अभियंता कार्यालय दक्षिण बिहार अंचल, भवन निर्माण विभाग बिहार पटना।

6. निविदा प्राप्त का स्थान - स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली।

कार्य का विवरण:-

Sl. No Name Of Work

01 Renovation of fire door and fire equipment of Bihar Niwas, New Delhi for the year 2024-25

02 Annual repair of Basement of Bihar Niwas, New Delhi for the year 2024-25

03 S/F/F of Miscellaneous work at Bihar Niwas, New Delhi for the year 2024-25

अधिक जानकारी हेतु संबंधित उप स्थानिक अभियंता एवं अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय में संपर्क करें। विशेष शर्तें, नद एवं मात्रा की विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु सूचना पत्र या अधोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय से संपर्क करें।

विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। स्थानिक अभियंता भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली

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

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE SR No. NAME OF BOARD/CORP/ AUTH NOTICE TENDER NAME OF WORK OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME) AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP/AUTH NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaprocurment.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in NO. 27621/HRY

GUJARAT URJA VIKAS NIGAM LIMITED CIN U40109GJ2004SGC045195 ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company

Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan, Racecourse, Vadodara 390007 PBX: (0265) 2310582-86, www.guvnl.com

TENDER NOTICE GUVNL hereby invites e-tender for purchase of 300-1000 MW RTC power for the period from 1.09.2024 to 31.12.2024 at GETCO Periphery (inter connection point of Gujarat STU with CTU) as per Ministry of Power (MoP), Govt. of India Guidelines dated 30.03.2016 read with amendment to the guideline notified on 21.02.2022. RFP is available at www.mstcecommerce.com from 10.07.2024. Bid has to be submitted online through DEEP Portal of MoP. All terms and conditions shall be as per RFP.

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

EXTENSION OF SUMMER SPECIAL TRAINS For the convenience of Rail Passengers, Railways have decided to extend the Periodicity of run the following Summer Special Trains as per details given below:-

Table with columns: Train No. & Name, Notified up to, Frequency, Days of Run, Period of Extension. Rows include 09321 Dr.Ambedgar Nagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Superfast Special and 09322 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Dr.Ambedgar Nagar Superfast Special.

For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

RailMadad Helpline No. 139 Visit RailMadad website: www.railmadad.indianrailways.gov.in Download Railmadad App

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Office of the Additional Director General of Police Communication, Logistics and Modernization Office of the Superintendent of Police-Wireless

No.1, M.G.Road, Bengaluru-560001. Phone : +91-80-22864626, E-mail : spwireless@ksp.gov.in

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement Portal) Additional Director General of Police, Communication, Logistics & Modernization, Bengaluru has invited a tender for the following works through e-Procurement portal.

Tender No. KSP/2024-25/IND0082/Call-2, Date: 09.07.2024. Name of work: Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Mangalore City through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: 449.55 Lakhs. Pre-bid meeting on 19.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M. The last date and time for tender submission is 08.08.2024, at 5.00 P.M.

Tender No. KSP/2024-25/IND0083/Call-2, Date: 09.07.2024. Name of work: Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Davanagere District through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: 366.33 Lakhs. Pre-bid meeting on 19.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M. The last date and the last date and time for tender submission is 08.08.2024, at 5.00 P.M.

Tender No. KSP/2024-25/IND0084/Call-2, Date: 09.07.2024. Name of work: Design, Supply, Commissioning and Maintenance of Digital VHF Radio Communication Network for Dharwad District through e-procurement portal. Estimated Bid value: 184.09 Lakhs. Pre-bid meeting on 19.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M. The last date and time for tender submission is 08.08.2024, at 5.00 P.M.

Further details can be obtained by visiting e-Procurement portal https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in For more information, please contact the above office. Sd/- For Superintendent of Police, Wireless, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/854/2024-25

JHARKHAND SKILL DEVELOPMENT MISSION SOCIETY (An autonomous institution under Dept. of Labour, Employment, Training & Skill Development) 2nd Floor, Labour Hygiene Building, Behind Shram Bhawan, Doranda, Ranchi-834002. Email ID - skilljharkhand@gmail.com Website- http://jsdm.jharkhand.gov.in

Ref No. - JSDM-12/2024 Dated - 08.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER Expression of Interest (Eoi) to empanel organizations as "Training Service Providers" to implement "Special Project" for sub-scheme "Block Level Institute for Rural Skill Acquisition (BIRSA) under "Mukhyamantri Sarthi Yojna".

The Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society (JSDMS) was incorporated as a society in 2013 for the development of the skill training initiatives in the state of Jharkhand invites technical & financial proposals by e-tendering from reputed firms to Expression of Interest (Eoi) to empanel organizations as "Training Service Providers" to implement "Special Project" for sub-scheme "Block Level Institute for Rural Skill Acquisition (BIRSA) under "Mukhyamantri Sarthi Yojna". as detailed in the Eoi document.

The document can be downloaded from the website https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Response to this tender shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its implications. This section provides general information about the issuer, important dates and addresses.

SCHEDULE FOR INVITATION OF EOI

Table with columns: SN, Reference Description, Description. Rows include Eoi Number, Date of publishing of EOI, Eoi Title, Availability of EOI document, Method of selection, Validity of Proposal, Cost of Tender Document, EMD, Language of the proposal, Last date for receiving Pre-Bid queries, Pre-Bid Meeting, Publishing of responses to Pre-Bid Queries, Proposal submission Last Date, Late Proposal submission, Date, Time and venue for opening of proposal of all participants, Date of Presentation of Service Providers.

PR 329089 (Labour Employment and Training) 24-25 (D)

Jharkhand Skill Development Mission Society

Bihar Museum, Patna (An Autonomous Society under the Department of Art, Culture & Youth, Government of Bihar) Nehru Path, Patna-800001

Notice Inviting Re-Tender Tenders (Item rates) in a two-bid system are invited for the supply of the following items for the conservation lab at Bihar Museum, Patna from manufacturing firms or authorized OEM dealers. The last date for submission of the bid is 06.08.2024 up to 3:00 pm. The bid will be opened the same day at 3:30 p.m. The information can be obtained from the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Patna on any working day. Bid documents can be downloaded from the website https://biharmuseum.org / www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar & https://state.bihar.gov.in/yac

Table with columns: Sl no, Description of item, Unit, Qty., Estimated Cost In Rupees, EMD In Rupees, Cost of Bid In Rupees, Time of Completion.

1. The bidders shall submit bids in two separate envelopes clearly marked Technical Bid and Financial Bid with the name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned on the envelopes. Both the bids to be enclosed in a large envelop with name and address of bidders and the name of works clearly mentioned. Tender Document complete in all respects in a sealed envelope is to be submitted by Speed Post/Registered Post/Courier or by hand only at the office of the Director General, Bihar Museum, Nehru Path (Bailey Road), Patna - 800001 before due date and time. The tenders received late/tenders without Bid cost/EMD/Conditional tenders/Incomplete Tenders in any respect shall be rejected.

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar (Ranbeer Singh Rajput) Additional Director-Admin Bihar Museum

PR- 003517 (Art & Culture) 2024-25

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ED summons Jacqueline in PMLA case

New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has asked Bollywood actor Jacqueline Fernandez to join the investigation on Wednesday in connection with a Rs 200 crore money laundering case involving alleged conman Sukesh Chandrashekar. An ED source said the agency has summoned Fernandez after they found some fresh crucial evidence and want to verify with her.

Fernandez has been accused of enjoying the proceeds of a crime in which Chandrashekar had allegedly extorted Rs 200 crore from Aditi Singh, the wife of former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Singh. Aman Nandrajog, the counsel for Fernandez, refused to comment on the matter.

The actor has been questioned multiple times by the agency in the case. She had earlier appeared before the agency for questioning and claimed in her statement recorded in 2021, that she had received gifts like three designer bags, two Gucci outfits for gym wear, a pair of Louis Vuitton shoes, two pairs of diamond earrings and others from Chandrashekar. ENS

Ready for probe into PSC bribery charge: Kerala CM

Thiruvananthapuram: Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan Tuesday said that the government is ready for a "serious probe" into the allegation of bribery pertaining to membership in Kerala Public Service Commission.

Replying to a submission raised by Opposition leader V D Satheesan in the Assembly, Vijayan said only those who are eligible are appointed as PSC members according to the norms laid down. "No irregularity has come to the notice with regard to the appointment of PSC members so far...", he said. Satheesan's submission comes in the wake of a row over an allegation that a CP(M) leader in Kozhikode had offered PSC membership to a doctor in exchange of Rs 60 lakh and that he has pocketed Rs 22 lakh. ENS

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice No.: SRDEE/Gati Shakti/ZN/Elect/11/2024 Dated: 09.07.2024

E-Tender are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/N.E. Railway/Izatnagar For & on behalf of the President of India for the following work:- Description of work: Electrical work in connection with Provision of 12 meter wide second F.O.B. at Farrukhabad, Kasganj and development of roof plaza with FOB Lalkuan station under Amri Bharat Station Scheme.

Approximate tender value (in ₹): ₹41,83,884.90; Earnest money (in ₹): ₹83,700/-; Cost of tender paper (in ₹): Nil; Date & time of closing E-Tender: 31.07.2024 at 11:00 hrs.;

Completion time from the date of issue of letter of Acceptance: Four Months. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and such manual offer received shall be ignored. The tender can be viewed at website http://www.ireps.gov.in

The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital signature certificate & must have registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering.

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer CP/DEL-77 (GGS)/Izatnagar DO NOT SMOKE BID/CIGARETTE IN TRAINS

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice (Through e-Tender)

On the behalf of

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Not just politicians and officials, corporates, trusts line up too

owns Nandini Infrastructure, which bought 0.97 hectares in Maheshpur (Gonda), 8 km from the temple, in January 2023 for Rs 1.15 crore. From this parcel, he sold 635.72 sq m for Rs 60.96 lakh in July 2023. Karan Bhushan was elected as the new BJP MP of Kaiserganj in June 2024. Brij Bhushan is the former national wrestling federation chief who has been accused of sexual harassment and assault by top wrestlers. He did not respond to a request for comment.

3. UP Police STF chief Additional DGP Amitabh Yash (IPS): His mother Geeta Singh bought 9.955 hectares of "agriculture" land in Maheshpur and Durgaganj (Gonda) and Mau Yaduvansh Pur (Ayodhya), 8-13 km from the temple, between February 2022 and February 2, 2024 for Rs 4.04 crore. Of these, she sold 0.505 hectares in Maheshpur on August 16, 2023, for Rs 20.40 lakh. Yash did not respond to a request for comment.

4. UP Home Dept Secretary Sanjeev Gupta (IPS): His wife Dr Chetna Gupta bought 253 sq m of residential land at Banveerpur (Ayodhya), 14 km from the temple, for Rs 35.92 lakh on August 5, 2022. "She has sold it now," Sanjeev Gupta said.

5. UP Education Dept Joint Director Arvind Kumar Pandey: He and his wife Mamta bought 1,051 sq m "residential" land in Shah Nawaz Pur Majha (Ayodhya), 7 km from the temple, for Rs 64.57 lakh between June and August 2023. Pandey is under suspension, facing corruption charges. His wife Mamta is a BJP leader in Basti, and managing director of The Ramayana, a hotel that opened in 2022 in Ayodhya. "The land is adjacent to the hotel and was bought for expansion," Arvind Pandey said.

6. Railways Deputy Chief Engineer Mahabab Prasad: His son Anshul bought 0.304 hectares of "agriculture" land jointly with another individual in November 2023 in Shah Nawaz Pur Majha, 7 km from the temple, for Rs 24 lakh. "It is an underdeveloped area, nothing has been planned yet," Prasad said.

7. Additional SP (Aligarh) Palash Bansal (IPS): His father Deshraj Bansal, a retired Indian Forest Service officer, bought 1781.03 sq m "residential" land in Rajapur Uparhar (Ayodhya), 15 km from the temple, jointly with Ishwar Bansal of Delhi in April 2021 for Rs 67.68 lakh. Ishwar Bansal had contested the municipal polls in Delhi in 2012 and Assembly polls in 2013 - both for Congress. Palash Bansal was posted in Ayodhya till May 26, 2022. "I have least interest in it (the land). He (his father) did it with some distant relative," Palash said.

8. SP (Amethi) Anoop Kumar Singh (IPS): His in-laws Shailendra Singh and Manju Singh jointly bought 4 hectares of "agriculture land" in Durgaganj (Gonda), 9 km from the temple, on September 21, 2023, for Rs 20 lakh. "I have nothing to do with this (land purchase)," Anoop Singh said.

9. UP's former DGP Yashpal Singh (IPS retired): He bought 0.427 hectares of "agriculture" land and 132.7137 sq m of "residential" land in Banveerpur (Ayodhya), 14 km from the temple, between December 2020 and September 2023 for Rs 73 lakh. His wife Geeta Singh is the former SP MLA of Balrampur. "We had land there, the new purchases are small plots," he said.

10. Principal Chief Personnel Officer (North Central Railway) Anurag Tripathi: He was CBSE Secretary from 2017 to 2023. His father Madan Mohan Tripathi bought 1.57 hectares of "agriculture" land and 640 sq m of "residential" land in Kotsarai (Ayodhya), 15 km from the temple, for Rs 2.33 crore. On March 15, 2023, Madan Mohan Tripathi signed an agreement to transfer 1.2324 hectares to Vidya Gurukulam Educational Trust, of which he is Secretary, for Rs 3.98 crore. "I am going to open a school (on the land)," said Madan Mohan Tripathi, who also sold 0.3434 hectares separately to another institution.

11. Haryana Yog Aayog chairman Jaydeep Arya: He bought 3.035 hectares along with four others in Majha Jamthara (Ayodhya), 6 km from the temple, on July 12, 2023, for Rs 32 lakh. Arya is a former associate of Baba Ramdev and the Yog Aayog was set up by the Haryana government. One of the four other buyers is Rakesh Mittal who is with Ramdev's Bharat Swabhimani Trust. "We bought the land to help the seller who was in a bad economic condition," Arya said.

12. UP MLA Ajay Singh (BJP): His brother Krishna Kumar Singh and nephew Sidharth bought 0.455 hectares of "agriculture" land in Maheshpur (Gonda), 8 km from the temple, in 2023 for Rs 47 lakh. The land was bought in the name of Park View Flats Pvt Ltd, of which Sidharth is a director. Ajay Singh, MLA from Harraiya in Basti, said, "I am not associated with Park View Flats."

13. Gosaiganj Nagar Panchayat chairperson Vijay Laxmi Jaiswal (BJP): His relative Madan Jaiswal, a resident of Ayodhya, bought 8.71 hectares of "agriculture" land for Rs 1.3 crore with other family members in four villages - Baratha Majha, Shahnawaz Pur Majha, Sarairasi Majha and Rampur Halwara Majha, 7-12 km from the temple. This includes one parcel of 3.38



The sub-registrar's office in Ayodhya. Shyamlat Yadav

hectares bought jointly with Rakesh Jaiswal, a Basti resident, for Rs 8 lakh. Among the largest deals, Madan and his two children also took over 46.67 hectares under agreements in Baratha Majha, Shahnawaz Pur Majha and Tihura Majha between September 2020 and November 2023 for Rs 67 lakh. Vijay Laxmi Jaiswal said, "Madan has his own business, I have nothing to do with it." Madan said, "I bought these land parcels with a group, we are yet to decide what to do on it."

14. Amethi District Panchayat chairperson Rajesh Agrahari (BJP): His firm Agrahari Masala Udyog bought 0.79 hectares of "agriculture" land in Kudha Keshavpur Uparhar (Ayodhya), 10 km from the temple, on June 19, 2023 for Rs 8.35 crore. "I will use the land to accommodate pilgrims," he said.

15. BSP ex-MLA Jitendra Kumar "Bablu Bhaiya": His brother Vinod Singh bought 0.272 hectares and 370 sq m in Kotsarai (Ayodhya) and Maheshpur (Gonda), 8-15 km from the temple. On behalf of Urmila Law College, which he owns, Vinod and his wife Sunita took over 11,970 sq m from Urmila Grameen Shiksha Sansthan. The total purchase value was Rs 35.59 lakh, of which one parcel of 1,560 sq m was listed as "donation" to Vinod and Sunita. "We brothers operate separately. I have not bought any land there," Kumar said.

16. BJP ex-MLA Chandra Prakash Shukla: Time City Multi-state Cooperative Housing Society, in which he is a stakeholder according to a 2017 assembly poll affidavit, bought 1.34 hectares of "agriculture land" and 1,985.6 sq m "residential" land in Majha Jamthara, 6 km from the temple, between June 2020 and December 2023 for Rs 1.12 crore. "I resigned from Time City in 2017 and am not directly involved in its affairs," Shukla said.

17. SP ex-MLC Rakesh Rana: His son Rishabh bought 0.42 hectares in Durgaganj (Gonda), 9 km from the temple, in April 2023 for Rs 25 lakh. After his MLC stint, Rana was sacked from the party on charges of indiscipline. "It's a small plot, we have not planned anything yet," Rana said.

18. BSP ex-MLC Shyam Narayan Singh alias Vineet Singh (now with BJP): His daughter Pramila Singh bought 2,693.08 sq m of "residential" land in Sarairasi Majha (Ayodhya), 12 km from the temple, for Rs 80 lakh in September 2023. Singh did not respond to a request for comment.

Not just politicians and officials, corporates, trusts and real estate players from across the country have also lined up to tap the projected boom - from the Adani Group to The House of Abhinandan Lodha (HOABL).

From Adanis to Lodhas

1. HOABL (Mumbai): Records show that between June 2023 and March 2024, real estate major HOABL bought 25.27 hectares of "agriculture" land and 12,693 sq m of "residential" land in Tihura Majha, nearly 12 km from the temple, on the banks of Sarayu where the embankment is being upgraded to a four-lane road. This includes 217 sq m listed on a sale agreement. The total purchase adds up to Rs 105.39 crore.

HOABL is owned by Abhinandan Mangal Prabhath Lodha, the son of Maharashtra Minister Mangal Prabhath Lodha and grandson of the late Gumanmal Lodha, the former Gauhati High Court chief justice and BJP MP who was at the forefront of the Ram temple movement in the late 1980s. HOABL CEO Samujjal Ghosh said, "With a track record spanning over five years, we have established a presence across several states like Maharashtra and Goa, with our recent expansion into Ayodhya marking a significant milestone. Our expansion strategy is intricately aligned with the

ongoing infrastructure development initiatives by both state and central governments, with a particular emphasis on cultural and tourist destinations."

2. Adani Group (Ahmedabad): On September 18 last year, the company incorporated a subsidiary called Homequest Infraspace which bought over 1.4 hectares of "agriculture" land in Majha Jamthara, about 6 km from the temple complex, between November and December. The total worth of the purchase: Rs 3.55 crore. A spokesperson said that the transaction "was conducted in accordance with all laws and regulations. The company has acquired the land from a private party for future development."

3. Vyakti Vikas Kendra (Karnataka): The Bengaluru-based entity bought over 5.31 hectares of "agriculture" land in Majha Jamthara, nearly 6 km from the temple, on February 7, 2022, from Dayanand Pathak (M/s VPDP) of Prayagraj and Abdul Salam (Ayodhya). Records show the land was originally taken on agreement on October 21, 2021 for just Rs 1.26 crore. This agreement was extended on February 4, 2022, three days before the sale to VVK. The kendra describes itself as a "registered public charitable trust under the aegis of The Art of Living" of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. It did not respond to a request for comment about the purchase worth Rs 9.03 crore.

4. Galgotia Hotel and Resorts (Delhi): On the company's behalf, its director Dhruv Galgotia bought 3432.32 sq m of "residential" land in Maheshpur (Gonda), nearly 8 km from the temple, in December 2023, spending Rs 7.57 crore. Apart from hotels, the group also runs educational institutions, a real estate business, a publication and hospitals. "We are going to build a hospital and a hotel," said a company spokesperson. (DETAILED LIST OF CORPORATES, TRUSTS AT INDIANEXPRESS.COM)

Poll setback triggers a few changes on ground, not in boom blueprint

MAULSHREE SETH AYODHYA, JULY 9

THE LOK Sabha poll reversal for the ruling BJP in Faizabad has led to some visible changes on the ground in the constituency's Ayodhya segment, including "relaxed" security barriers and more local involvement in administration, but the larger blueprint for tourism to the Ram Temple remains unchanged, say officials.

The immediate impact of the vote, *The Indian Express* found, was focus on completing civic work, drainage and road repair that impact daily life. The extensive barricades on the Ram Path stretch on either side of the temple, which restricted the movement of local residents - a popular poll issue - have been eased. "This was done after a review of every segment of barricading following discussion with the locals," said a resident.

Some ambitious plans, like an aerocity and expansion of key roads, may also be tweaked with "local sentiments" on acquisition and relocation factored in. For example, residents say, the administration has started accepting their feedback on various measures, including easing barricades for traffic management.

At the same time, officials said, the initial phase of most of the mega development projects, such as a refurbished railway station, an international airport and mural work along the Dharma Path that leads to the temple, has been completed. Work is in progress on other projects such as a revamped drainage system, an upgrade of inner roads and beautification of the various ghats.

After the recent incidents of water dripping at the temple and potholes on the roads outside, Ayodhya Mayor Girish Pati Tripathi acknowledged that "our brand value has been affected". "The plan now is to focus on completing existing projects and develop new projects," Tripathi told *The Indian Express*, adding that this would lead to a boom that could even witness "reverse migration" of the city's residents.

On the status of various projects: A "major" portion of Rs 70-crore streetlights has been installed; mural work on Dharma Path has been completed; an estimated half of the Rs 2,000-crore worth civic work is complete; deadlines have been set for July-end as well as the year-

end depending on the nature of work. "These changes will be felt in the city's economy soon and then people will realise what has happened," said Tripathi.

Asserting that "there was a time when the people of Ayodhya wanted to buy land in Lucknow", Tripathi said, "Today, they are making attempts to revive their old roots and buy land here instead."

Yet, there are clear indications that the election results may have led to some tweaks in plans.

Sources told *The Indian Express* that the Ayodhya Development Authority has cleared a proposal to provide additional benefits to about 300 shopkeepers who were displaced from Ram Path, including an additional 30 per cent rebate to acquire new shops in three different locations and loans with 20-year interest-free instalments. "This will make the instalments equivalent to the rent in many cases," a senior official said.

According to sources, the aerocity project has also been put on hold. When contacted, Ashwini Kumar Pandey, Vice Chairman of Ayodhya Development Authority, told *The Indian Express* that the project would proceed. The administration had earlier identified land for the aerocity, he said, "but there were apprehensions among locals, so we will look for alternatives". "It is basically a project where locals give their land and we give them a portion of the developed land," he said.

As for other projects, local officials pointed out that UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath had recently ordered a study on how "transformation" in religious towns would stimulate the local economy.

"The State Cabinet has also approved the proposal of Tata Sons to set up a museum worth Rs 750 crore in Ayodhya on Indian temples, in collaboration with the Central Government. Work worth Rs 16.50 crore is also going on at Guptar Ghat where, along with other attractions, a memorial is being built that will display episodes from the Ramayana," an official said.

Overall, officials say, most of the proposed mega projects worth an estimated total of Rs 32,000 crore have been implemented. "Some of the major work remains, including new roads, flyovers, rail overbridges, drainage and the kosi parikrama margs," said another official.

Adoption agencies: SC warns non-compliant states of contempt

Top court sets August 30 deadline for setting up SAAs in every district

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THE SUPREME Court on Tuesday directed the chief secretaries of states and Union Territories (UTs), which are yet to set up Specialised Adoption Agencies (SAAs) in every district, to do so by August 30, failing which contempt of court proceedings will be considered against them.

A three-judge bench presided by CJI D Y Chandrachud, which perused an affidavit filed by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development, noted that only 370 out of 760 districts in the country have functional SAAs.

The court said in its November 20, 2023 order, it had given time to states and UTs to complete the setting up of SAAs by January 31, 2024 and that by order dated March 15, 2024, it had granted them one more opportunity to comply.

The Union affidavit said only Chandigarh among UTs and Karnataka, Kerala, Rajasthan and Goa among states have fully complied with the direction and

Godhra school at centre of NEET paper leak case promised 'guaranteed success', preparations for competitive exams

ADITIRAJA GODHRA, JULY 9

ON THE outskirts of Gujarat's Godhra, located on the cross-roads leading to Dahod and Vadodara, is the multi-storied Jay Jalaram School. Despite being at the centre of an all-India investigation in connection with the NEET-UG paper leaks case, it's just another school day.

This school, along with another one in Padal in Kheda district that's run by the Jay Jalaram Trust, were designated centres for the NEET-UG examination held on May 5. According to the CBI investigation, the staff of the school, including Principal Purshottam Mahavirprasad Sharma and geography teacher Tushar Rajnikant Bhatt, were allegedly fill candidates fill in their incomplete OMR sheets after the exams, before their plan was foiled by a tip-off.

So far, the Chairman of the Jay Jalaram Education Trust Dixit Patel and the school's former martial arts teacher Arif Vohra, besides Principal Sharma and the geography teacher Tushar Bhatt, are among the six persons arrested in connection with the case. Twenty-six parents, who allegedly approached the accused for help to get their wards clear the NEET-UG exams, are also being questioned by the CBI.



Jay Jalaram School in Parvadi, Godhra. Bhupendra Rana

The campus, which was inaugurated in April 2015 by then Gujarat Education Minister Bhupendra Chudasma, has two schools - one English-medium and the other Gujarati-medium, both of which are affiliated to the state Board, and with different principals and staff. The two schools have a combined strength of nearly 1,000 students, some who travel nearly 60 km from Mahisagar, Panchmahal and Dahod districts to attend.

While Purshottam Sharma is the principal of the English-medium school, Ketki Patel is the principal of the Gujarati-medium school. The CBI has also recorded Ketki Patel's statement.

The tension inside the campus is palpable. The staff at the reception is unwelcoming and Kirti Raolingam, who introduced her-

self as the officiating principal of the English-medium school, conveyed her displeasure at the "intrusion", while maintaining that "truth will prevail" in the ongoing CBI investigation. While refusing to share any details about the school, Raolingam maintained that the academic sessions at the Gujarati- and English-medium schools had not been affected by the investigations.

Aschoolteacher said on condition of anonymity, "The school was not closed for a single day (since the controversy broke). Whatever has happened (Dixit Patel's arrest) is a matter of investigation."

A resident of Godhra town, whose child is in Class 11 at the Jay Jalaram English-medium school, said, "In their admission advertisements, the school boasted of how JEE/NEET coach-

ing is included in the academics in school. For commerce students, they claimed to coach children for all competitive exams, including chartered accountancy. That was a big draw for most parents - they did not have to go looking for other coaching classes for their children. Which is why, many people preferred this school even though the fee was high."

Parents said they pay nearly Rs 1 lakh per annum as fee.

Another Godhra resident, whose two children study at the Jay Jalaram English-medium school, said, "It is one of the top schools in the region where the options are quite limited. This is why students from nearby districts study here, travelling 1.5 hours one way by the school bus."

When asked about the recent scandal and its impact on students, she said she has no reason to worry, at least not yet. "The school is running as usual. The probe has nothing to do with the regular academic sessions," she adds.

In Godhra, Dixit Patel, Chairman of the Jay Jalaram Education Trust, is known for his "connections", with the school's functions regularly featuring politicians. The staff at the Parvadi said Patel personally looked after the administration of the two schools - in Parvadi and Padal.

The Jay Jalaram Education Trust is registered in Wanakbori in Kheda district. According to sources, the CBI is also investigating the involvement of other staff members at the two schools, especially the one in Padal.

According to the investigation so far, the accused, including principal Sharma, allegedly instructed shortlisted candidates to answer only those questions that knew answers to. Immediately after the exam, principal Sharma and geography teacher Bhatt were to fill up the unanswered questions on OMR sheets and put them into the envelope before sealing it. However, the plan failed.

A district official said following a tipoff, the Panchmahal District Collector dispatched two teams to inspect the Godhra centre. "One of Patel's acquaintances gave the tip-off to the district administration after a fallout over a student. The student had approached (the accused) for help to clear the entrance test. Teams were sent just before the exam got over. That's why the accused could not tamper with the OMR sheets."

The FIR, lodged by Gujarat Police on a complaint by District Education Officer Kiritkumar Patel, states the attempted malpractice was thwarted as Bhatt was cornered with Rs 7 lakh in cash, allegedly the fee charged from the candidates for carrying out the malpractice.

CBI arrests two more persons from Patna

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Two more persons, including a candidate, have been arrested by the CBI from Patna in connection with the alleged NEET-UG paper leak, taking the total number of arrests by the agency to 11.

"NEET-UG aspirant Sunny who hails from Nalanda and the father of another candidate Ranjit Kumar who is from Gaya have been arrested," an official said.

The CBI has so far arrested eight persons in Bihar in the leak case, and one each in connection with alleged manipulation in Gujarat's Latur and Godhra, and one from Dehradun in connection with general conspiracy.

The CBI, which is probing the alleged irregularities in the medical entrance exam, has registered six FIRs.

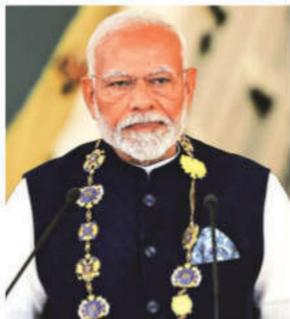
The FIR from Bihar pertains to leak of question paper while the remaining from Gujarat, Rajasthan and Maharashtra are linked to impersonation of candidates and cheating during the examination.

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

WHAT IS ORDER OF SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE, CONFERRED UPON PM MODI?

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PRIME MINISTER Narendra Modi was on Tuesday awarded Russia's highest civilian honour, the Order of Saint Andrew the Apostle, during his visit to the country. The award for the PM was announced in 2019, for "exceptional services in promoting special & privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India and friendly relations between the Russian and Indian peoples."



PM Modi after being awarded the Order of St Andrew the Apostle in Moscow on Tuesday. Reuters

What is the award, and who gets it?
 The award is given to prominent government and public figures, military leaders, and outstanding representatives of science, culture, art, and various sectors of the economy for exceptional services to Russia. It can also be awarded to heads of foreign states for outstanding services to the Russian Federation.

Its name comes from Saint Andrew, who is believed to be one of the apostles or 12 original followers of Jesus. After Christ's crucifixion, the apostles are said to have travelled great distances to spread his message. Saint Andrew travelled to Russia, Greece, and other places in Europe and Asia, and founded the Church of Constantinople, which later led to the establishment of the Russian Orthodox Church. More than 90 million people follow the Church in Russia, out of the country's population of around 140 million.

Saint Andrew is regarded as the patron saint of Russia and Scotland. The 'X' symbol on the flag of Scotland comes from the saint's symbol, called the 'Saltire'. It is believed that he was crucified on a cross of a similar shape.

Tsar Peter the Great (1672-1725) established the Order of Saint Andrew in 1698. The chain of the Order consists of 17 alternating links, and features a gilded image of the State Emblem of the Russian

Federation, a double-headed eagle. It also includes a badge, a star, and a light blue silk moire ribbon. For those recognised for distinction in combat, the badge and star are adorned with swords.

The order was abolished in 1918 following the Russian Revolution, which overthrew the Tsarist regime. It was re-established in 1998 by an Executive Order of the President of Russia.

Who has received the honour earlier?

Past recipients largely include influential figures in Russia, such as military engineer and gun designer Mikhail Kalashnikov, author Sergey Mikhalkov, the last leader of the Soviet Union Mikhail Gorbachev, Russian Orthodox Church leader Patriarch Alexy II, and the current head of the Russian Orthodox Church Patriarch Krill.

Foreign leaders who have been honoured in the past include Chinese President Xi Jinping in 2017, and the former President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev.

Florida carpenter ants perform life-saving amputations: study

FLORIDA CARPENTER ants bite off the injured limbs of their nest mates to prevent infection, according to a study published in the journal *Current Biology* last week. Although other ant species are known to tend to the wounds of their injured, typically by licking them clean, this is the first time that an ant species has been known to use amputation to treat an injury.

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

The researchers also said that the amputations appeared to be consensual.

"The ant presents its injured leg and calmly sits there while another ant gnaws it off," Erik Frank, one of the authors of the study, said.

After observing dozens of amputa-

tions, the researchers noticed that the ants would perform the procedure only on nest mates with thigh injuries, and not when the wound was further away from the body.

To understand this, researchers performed micro-CT scans on the amputees.

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

In such cases, if the entire leg is amputated quickly, the chance of infection is very low.

But when a Florida carpenter ant injures its lower legs, bacteria can penetrate its body very quickly. As a result, the time window for a successful amputation is narrow and the chance of it being successful is slim.



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EXPLAINED CONSERVATION

The High Seas Treaty

India will sign and ratify the High Seas Treaty. The agreement, which deals with oceans outside a country's national jurisdiction, can help protect marine ecology, and ensure equitable sharing of marine resources



AMITABH SINHA

THE INDIAN government on Monday said it would soon sign and ratify the High Seas Treaty, a new international legal architecture for maintaining the ecological health of the oceans. The treaty is meant for reducing pollution, and for conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and other marine resources in ocean waters.

It is also called the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdictions (BBNJ) Agreement as high seas are areas outside the national jurisdiction of any country. The treaty is formally known as the Agreement on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction.

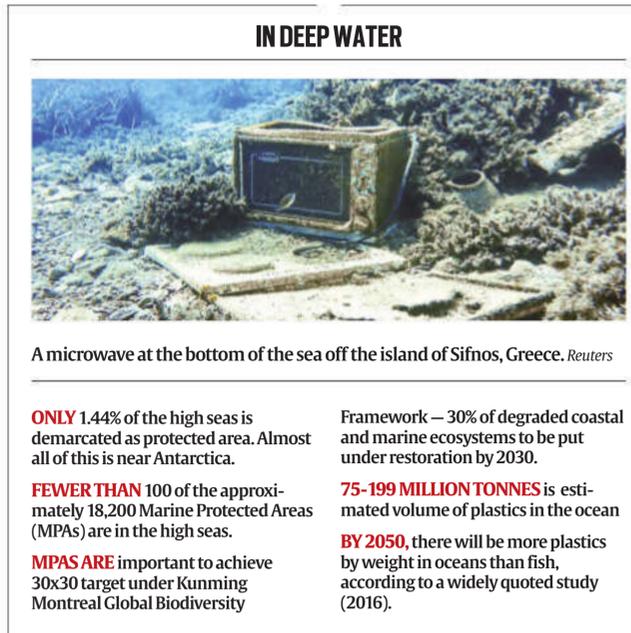
So far, 91 countries have signed the treaty, while eight of them have also ratified it.

Protection and Access

The High Seas Treaty seeks to achieve three substantive objectives. One, the conservation and protection of marine ecology. Two, fair and equitable sharing of benefits from marine genetic resources. Three, to make environmental impact assessments (EIA) for any activity that can degrade the marine ecosystem a mandatory practice.

There is a fourth objective as well, that of capacity building and transfer of marine technologies to developing countries. This will help make full use of the benefits of the oceans while at the same time contributing towards its conservation.

The treaty deals only with the oceans that are outside the national jurisdiction of any country. Typically, the national jurisdictions extend up to 200 nautical miles (370 km) from the coastline, an area that is called the exclusive economic zone or EEZ. Areas outside of EEZs of every country are known as high seas or international waters. They constitute about 61% of the total ocean area, and are considered global commons. They belong to no one and everyone enjoys equal rights for navigation, overflight, economic activities, scientific research, or laying of infrastructure like undersea cables.



A microwave at the bottom of the sea off the island of Sifnos, Greece. Reuters

ONLY 1.44% of the high seas is demarcated as protected area. Almost all of this is near Antarctica.

FEWER THAN 100 of the approximately 18,200 Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are in the high seas.

MPAS ARE important to achieve 30x30 target under Kunming Montreal Global Biodiversity

Framework — 30% of degraded coastal and marine ecosystems to be put under restoration by 2030.

75-199 MILLION TONNES is estimated volume of plastics in the ocean

BY 2050, there will be more plastics by weight in oceans than fish, according to a widely quoted study (2016).

Oceans are governed by several international laws, the most important and comprehensive of which is the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). This 1982 agreement applies to the entire ocean area — territorial as well as international waters — and lays down the broad legal framework for governance on seas. Among other things, it defines the boundaries of territorial waters, defines the rights and duties of nations regarding activities in the seas, and addresses issues such as sovereignty, passage rights, and rights of economic usage of resources like fish, oil, minerals, or gas. EEZs, for example, are a creation of UNCLOS.

UNCLOS also sets the general principles of protection and conservation of biodiversity and marine ecology. However, it does not specify how these objectives are to be achieved, especially in international waters which, being common property, is no one's responsibility. It is here that the High Seas Treaty comes into the picture. Once it comes into force, the treaty would serve as one of the implementing agreements under UNCLOS.

Marine Protected Areas

The High Seas Treaty's key objective of the protection and conservation of marine ecosystems is sought to be achieved mainly through the demarcation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). These would be the ocean equivalents of national parks or wildlife reserves where activities would be regulated, and conservation efforts taken up.

Protected areas in the oceans already exist but most of them are in territorial waters, where countries are free to enact and implement their laws.

Currently, there are 18,200 MPAs, according to the latest update of the World Database of Protected Areas, the most comprehensive catalogue of protected areas on land as well as sea. These together cover about 8% of the total ocean area. Almost 90% of this area is in territorial waters.

The new treaty is expected to facilitate the creation of MPAs in the high seas, where pollution, over-exploitation of resources, biodiversity loss, etc, are taking place.

Under the Kunming Montreal Global

Biodiversity Framework, a separate international arrangement, countries have agreed to put at least 30% of degraded coastal and marine ecosystems under restoration by 2030. MPAs can help achieve that goal.

Equitable sharing of benefits

Oceans are home to a very large number of diverse life forms, many of which may be of immense value to human beings. Many of these organisms are thought to have genetic properties that might be very useful in drug discovery or other applications such as cosmetics. For this reason, they could be commercially lucrative as well.

The High Seas Treaty seeks to ensure that the benefits from these marine genetic resource is equally shared amongst all. The treaty recognises that there might be costs involved in accessing these resources or their benefits but it clearly states that no country can have proprietary rights over them.

According to the treaty, mandatory EIA for any activity that can potentially damage marine ecosystems will have to be made public. An EIA is to be carried out for activities within national jurisdictions as well, if the impacts are expected in the high seas.

Ratification

Like any other international law, the High Seas Treaty would come into force only when a certain minimum number of countries ratify, or accede to, it. In the case of this treaty, this number is 60. The treaty would become international law 120 days after the 60th ratification is submitted.

Ratification is the process by which a country agrees to be legally bound to the provisions of an international law. This is separate from a mere signing on to an international law. Signing indicates that a country agrees with the provisions of the international law concerned, and is willing to abide by it. But till it ratifies it, the process for which varies from country to country, it is not legally bound to follow that law.

Countries that have legislative bodies like a parliament, ratification typically requires the consent of the legislature. In other countries, it might just need executive approval or accession. A country can sign on to but not ratify a treaty. In that case, it is not considered a party to the treaty. For instance, the US signed the 1997 Kyoto Protocol, the predecessor to the 2015 Paris Agreement. However, it did not ratify it because its Senate, the upper house of the legislature, did not give its approval.

In Govt's NEET line, recalling a 2021 case

AJOY SINHA KARPURAM
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THE GOVERNMENT has submitted to the Supreme Court that since there was no "large-scale breach of confidentiality" in NEET UG, it would not be "rational to scrap the entire examination".

The court is hearing a set of pleas seeking the cancellation of the exam on grounds that the question paper was leaked.

The Ministry of Education affidavit, submitted on July 4, relies heavily on a 2021 decision authored by Justice D Y Chandrachud — now Chief Justice of India and leading the Bench hearing the pleas — in *Sachin Kumar & Ors v Delhi Subordinate Service Selection Board (DSSSB) & Ors*.

Story of the case

Between June 2014 and July 2015, the DSSSB carried out recruitments to fill 231 posts of head clerks in the Services Department of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi. A preliminary (Tier-I) exam was held to shortlist candidates, followed by a main (Tier-II) exam.

More than 62,000 candidates had applied after applications were first invited in 2009. However, only 8,224 candidates wrote the Tier-I exam in June 2014.

There were complaints of serious irregularities in both tiers, including impersonation of candidates, paper leaks, and allegations that relatives sat together to write the exam. In September 2015, a committee set up by the Deputy Chief Minister of Delhi confirmed that irregularities had taken place within a specific "zone of consideration".

That December, DSSSB was directed to verify the candidates from this zone and lodge an FIR against the impersonators. Of the 290 candidates in the zone, nine did not report for verification, and "serious" concerns were raised in the case of seven others.

In March 2016, the DSSSB noted that these findings — limited to a single "zone" — "clearly indicate that the examination process has been vitiated". The Deputy CM issued a notification cancelling the entire process that same month.

'Spectrum' of responses

Six candidates approached the Central

Administrative Tribunal against the notification, arguing that the allegations of irregularities were made by unsuccessful candidates who wanted another crack at the exam.

In February 2017, the Tribunal set aside the Deputy CM's order, saying 281 of the 290 candidates "were free from blame". Cancelling the entire process should be the "last resort" and an effort should be first made to separate "tainted" candidates from the "untainted", it said.

The DSSSB and GNCTD appealed, but the Delhi High Court upheld the Tribunal's decision. The case went to the Supreme Court, which observed that there could be a "spectrum" of responses to alleged irregularities in the recruitment processes.

If irregularities take place at a "systemic level", affecting the "credibility and legitimacy of the process", the authority (DSSSB in this case) has "no option but to cancel it (the examination or the recruitment process) in its entirety", as it may be difficult to separate the tainted and untainted candidates.

However, in cases where the guilty candidates can be separated out, "those who are innocent of wrong-doing should not pay a price

for those who are actually found to be involved in irregularities". This, the court said, was part of a "fair and reasonable process", which is a "fundamental requirement" of the right to equality under Article 14 of the Constitution.

The court found "serious flaws" in the DSSSB's process. This included a five-year delay in holding the exam, leading to a significantly reduced turnout; admit cards being issued only by electronic means; the fact that a large section of candidates belonged to "a particular area of Delhi".

These factors "erode[d] the credibility of...the recruitment process", the court said, reversing the decisions of the Tribunal and the Delhi HC, and upholding the scrapping of the entire exercise.

What now on NEET?

The SC has begun applying these principles in the NEET case. It has asked the National Testing Agency (NTA) if the alleged breach took place at a systemic level, or whether it was possible to segregate the beneficiaries of the leak from the untainted candidates.

The court will hear the NTA's response and the CBI's update on the investigation into the alleged leak on July 11.



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Defamation case against Wikipedia and 'safe harbour' protection clause

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NEWS AGENCY Asian News International (ANI) has moved Delhi High Court against Wikipedia for allowing allegedly defamatory content on ANI's wiki page.

A Bench of Justice Navin Chawla has sought a response from Wikipedia, and listed the matter for further hearing on August 20.

Complaint against Wikipedia

The petitioner has sought damages to the tune of Rs 2 crore, alleging that the said content is "palpably false" and defamatory, and that its reputation was being tarnished and goodwill discredited.

The petition contends that the "false and misleading content" on Wikipedia raised doubts about ANI's credibility as a news agency. It says that the editing history of the

page shows that in April, a series of edits were made reflecting the true and factual position, but these were "deliberately reversed" in May to cause harm to the petitioner's reputation.

Content posted on Wikipedia

Wikipedia, which started in 2001, itself does not produce the content for its online encyclopedia. It is a collaborative, open source, nonprofit platform whose users contribute to the content of the website.

The suit against Wikipedia, rather than the individuals who could have made the edits to the page, is intended to ensure enforcement by holding the intermediary liable.

Laws invoked in the case

ANI has argued that Wikipedia is a significant social media intermediary under the meaning of Section 2(1)(w) of the Information Technology Act, 2000: "any person who on behalf of another person re-

ceives, stores or transmits that record or provides any service with respect to that record and includes telecom service providers, network service providers, Internet service providers, web-hosting service providers, search engines, online payment sites, online-auction sites, online-market places and cyber cafes".

The petitioner has also relied on Sections 79(2) and (3) of the Act, which lay down the requirements for the "safe harbour clause" to come into effect.

The safe harbour clause

Section 79 of the IT Act (Exemption from liability of intermediary in certain cases) states that an intermediary shall not be held legally or otherwise liable for any third-party information, data, or communication link made available or hosted on its platform.

This protection shall be applicable if the

intermediary does not in any way initiate the transmission of the message in question, select the receiver of the transmitted message, or modify any information contained in the transmission, according to Section 79(2)(b).

Another requirement for safe harbour protection is that the intermediary must adhere to the Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code, which came into force in 2021. The guidelines mandated setting up a grievance-redressal mechanism, along with a resident grievance officer, a chief compliance officer, and a nodal contact person.

Section 79(3) states that the protection will not apply if the intermediary, despite being informed by the government or its agencies, does not immediately remove or disable access to the material in question.

Additionally, the intermediary cannot tamper with any evidence of these messages

or content on its platform, failing which it would lose its protection under the Act.

Rule 7 of the IT Rules, 2021 states that if "an intermediary fails to observe these rules, the provisions sub-section (1) of section 79 of the Act shall not be applicable", and "the intermediary shall be liable for punishment under any law for the time being in force".

Section 230 of the US Communications Decency Act is analogous to Section 79 of the IT Act. It states that "no provider or user of an interactive computer service shall be treated as the publisher or speaker of any information provided by another information content provider".

Previous rulings of SC

On October 10, 2022, the Supreme Court dismissed a batch of petitions filed by the Ayurvedic Medicine Manufacturers Organisation of India, alleging that an article published on Wikipedia about them was

CRICKET BRIEFLY

Lucky to work with you: Rohit says in tribute to Dravid

Mumbai: India captain Rohit Sharma shared a heartfelt post lauding Rahul Dravid for his services as the team's head coach across a three-year stint, culminating with the T20 World Cup 2024 triumph in the West Indies. Under Rohit and coach Dravid, India made the semis of the T20 World Cup in 2022 before finishing runners-up in the World Test Championship final and the ODI World Cup in 2023. Dravid's first stint which began in November 2021 ended with the World Cup last November. "Dear Rahul bhai, I have been trying to find the right words to properly express my feelings on this but I'm not sure I ever will so here's my attempt. Since my childhood days I have looked up to you just like billions of others but I was lucky enough to get to work with you this closely. 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 Instagram. **ENS**

Vastrakar takes 4/13 as India thrash SA

Chennai: Pacer Pooja Vastrakar ran riot with a career-best bowling show of 4/13 before Smriti Mandhana shone with the bat with an unbeaten half century, as India thrashed South Africa by 10 wickets in the third and final women's T20 International to level the series 1-1 here on Tuesday. Left-arm spinner Radha Yadav also chipped in with a fine performance of 3/6 from her three over to help India shoot South Africa out for a mere 84 in 17.1 overs after opting to bowl. India easily chased down the small target of 85 with 55 balls to spare. **BRIEF SCORES: South Africa Women 84 all out in 17.1 overs (Tazmim Brits 20; Pooja Vastrakar 4/13) lost to India women 88 for 0 in 10.5 overs (Smriti Mandhana 54 not out; Chloe Tryon 0/8). PTI**

Chapter closed but not fully: Warner

Sydney: David Warner has declared his international career a "closed chapter" but at the same time, the Australian batting great won't mind padding up in the Champions Trophy next year should he be selected, something that has been described as an "emergency option" by his ODI captain Pat Cummins. "Chapter closed!! It's been an unbelievable experience to play at the highest level for such a long period. Australia was my team. It's been an honour to be able to do this. 100+ games in all formats is my highlight," Warner wrote. "I will continue to play franchise cricket for a while, and I am also open to playing for Australia in the Champions trophy if selected," he added. **PTI**

Tough to fill Kohli's shoes: Gaikwad

Harare: India batter Rituraj Gaikwad knows well that it will be "tough" and "hard" to replace retired Virat Kohli at number three spot in T20s and said he is just focusing on making valuable contributions with the bat in whatever position the team leadership deems fit. Gaikwad is one such talented batter who has the potential to seal the No. 3 spot. "This is a big topic and I think it's not the right point to think about it. To even compare with him (Kohli) or try to fill in his shoes is relatively very tough and very hard," Gaikwad said. **PTI**

Gambhir takes guard again

Former India opener and KKR mentor will take over as Head Coach of men's cricket team; Sri Lanka tour first assignment

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TEAM INDIA, set to enter a transition phase in the next three years, will do so under their youngest-ever Indian coach — 42-year-old Gautam Gambhir.

More than a month after guiding Kolkata Knight Riders to an IPL title as mentor, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) appointed the former India opener as their new head coach on Tuesday. Gambhir's three-and-a-half year tenure will begin with the limited-overs tour to Sri Lanka, which begins on July 27.

Gambhir's appointment has largely come along expected lines after it became clear that the top brass of the BCCI were keen on him taking charge of the national side on the back of his stellar campaign with KKR. Apart from Gambhir, former India opener VV Raman was the lone candidate in the fray for the India job. And after the Cricket Advisory Committee interviewed the two, the BCCI on Tuesday revealed that Gambhir has been picked as the unanimous choice to replace Rahul Dravid, whose tenure ended with India's T20 World Cup triumph.

"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 — VVS Laxman, the support staff, and, most importantly, the players, as we work towards achieving success in the upcoming tournaments," Gambhir said.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced Gambhir's official announcement on X. "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. I am confident that he will inspire and lead the team to new heights. His vision for the future of Indian cricket aligns perfectly with our goals, and we are excited about the journey ahead," Shah said in a statement.

Early days

Unlike his predecessors, Ravi Shastri and Rahul Dravid, Gambhir is still in his early days of coaching. However, what should give him confidence is how well he managed to put together a title-winning squad at KKR in his first year as mentor.

After pressing the transition button in Tests earlier this year and with the retirement of Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli and Ravindra Jadeja in T20s, Gambhir will have a new-look team to work with in the short-term format.

And going forward, India are set to come

Gautam Gambhir's tenure as India coach is for three and a half years. **PTI**

up with a comprehensive plan to handle the transition in Tests and ODIs as well as the core group are 35 years or older.

And with more and more youngsters set to come in across all formats, Gambhir's tactical acumen is something India are banking on. Right through KKR's title-winning campaign, what stood out about the team was how prepared they were even in a format where the margin for error is minimal.

Those who worked with him at KKR say his man-management skills are second to none, which should come in handy when he is in charge of the national side.

And even on the tactical front, Gambhir is known to make bold decisions.

Before Rohit Sharma challenged MS Dhoni in the IPL, it was Gambhir who led the way, winning two titles as captain with KKR in 2012 and 2014.

As for his coaching method, there are enough indications that Gambhir will be more in the mould of Shastri, who wanted the team to play high-intensity cricket. Right from his playing days, Gambhir is known to be a fierce competitor, who has rarely sported a smile in the middle. It has remained a much-discussed topic, even prompting India all-rounder R Ashwin to bring it up during a YouTube interaction with Gambhir during this IPL.

"Sometimes when people talk about... 'he doesn't smile'," Gambhir began. "He

doesn't love. He's always intense. He's always grumpy. He's always walking on the edge. He's old. He always has his game face on. People don't come to watch me smile. Unfortunately, people come to watch me win. That's the kind of profession we guys are in. I can't help it," Gambhir said.

Style of functioning

There are admirers of Gambhir's style of functioning.

"Once the game or the training ends, he has seldom interfered in what the player does. He gave the players freedom. Moreover, he is someone who will give players enough backing and confidence. At the top-level, it is all about how you manage the players," is how someone who worked with Gambhir at KKR said.

It is something Ashwin echoed recently at his book launch in Chennai.

"Gambhir is a very misunderstood person. It's all about perception. He is a fighter. The biggest issue with many of us is that we give hero status to someone in our mind and forget about everyone else. This is a sport, not a movie narrative. There are no heroes and villains. Gambhir is a competitor. His desire and hunger to win is unbelievable. I have massive respect for him," Ashwin said.

For now, Gambhir's immediate focus will be to win over the dressing room. Doing that will be half the battle won.

Managing egos and insecurities will be a challenge for Gambhir

WHAT WAS expected for more than a month was finally confirmed on Tuesday when Gautam Gambhir was announced as the head coach of Team India. A gritty left-handed opener, who was once ranked the best Test batsman, Gambhir has tasted success both as a captain and mentor in IPL. That has hastened his appointment to the most high-profile and high-pressure coaching job in world cricket, but Gambhir seems to have all the credentials to succeed in his new job. "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," he posted on X.

Gambhir was an active player till a few years ago, and has shared a dressing room with some of the senior players still in the team. He has had a history of confrontation and conflict with some of the cricketers — the name of Virat Kohli comes to mind — and Gambhir would do well to keep his personal likes and dislikes

aside while guiding the Indian team.

He is taking up the job when Indian cricket is in a bullish mood, having just won the T20 World Cup. But the atmosphere will not take

much time to take a turn if initial results in his tenure don't go as desired. This is where the head coach needs to keep calm and keep the team in a good headspace. Rohit Sharma and Rahul

Dravid had a very fruitful relationship, in which the latter largely stayed in the background and let the players take the plaudits. A similar arrangement is likely to bear fruit with Gambhir as well.

Helming a national team full of superstars is a lot different from being in charge of a franchise made up of players from various countries. Managing egos and insecurities is as important as the technical and tactical aspects of the game. Gambhir will have to take everyone together to make India a dominant force in world cricket.

—TUSHAR BHADURI

Djokovic wakes up Wimbledon with his long 'Goooodnight' taunt

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In an extraordinary reaction, World No. 2 Novak Djokovic called out a section of the Centre Court crowd after his win over Denmark's Holger Rune on Monday night. He felt they were booing and disrespecting him. The crowd had been stretching out the name of his opponent, shouting out "Roooooooonnnnn" and Djokovic took it as a personal insult.

He would call them out, saying "Have a Gooood Night!". And he repeated it again. In his post-match on-court interview with BBC's Rishi Persad, the Serb took on his detractors directly. Persad tried to defend the fan reaction by arguing that perhaps they were supporting his opponent, but Djokovic snapped back, shaking his head: "They were, they were. I don't ac-

Novak Djokovic heard the boos during his match with Holger Rune at Wimbledon on Monday. **AP**

cept it. No, no, no. They were cheering for Rune but they were also booing me. I have been playing on this tour for 20 years and I know how it

works. I will focus on those people who respect players, who have paid money to watch tonight and love tennis, and appreciate the players."

NOVAK DJOKOVIC
—ON BOOS AT WIMBLEDON

works. I will focus on those people who respect players, who have paid money to watch tonight and love tennis, and appreciate the players."

He would then add, "I have played in much more hostile environments. You guys can't

touch me!"

Later at the press conference, Djokovic would calm down but still insisted that "If somebody steps over the line, I react. That's basically what it was."

Wimbledon has done this before. In the 2023 final, they backed 20-year-old Carlos Alcaraz, the eventual champion. There were shouts of protests when the Serb took extra seconds between points, they tried to distract him as he tossed the ball to serve and the catcalls intensified when he smashed his racquet against the net post.

Like this time, the excuse was that they were backing the underdog. That is far from the truth.

Fact is, Djokovic, the greatest-ever men's tennis player, wasn't getting the love he deserved. At Roger Federer's second home, the fans were not ready to move on. It seemed they were way too biased to accept that Djokovic

had overtaken their favourite player in the GOAT race.

In 2021, when Federer had lost in straight sets to Hubert Hurkacz, a relative rookie from Poland, Centre Court had collectively tried to pull the Swiss star out of a hole. They heckled the youngster, cheered his errors and one die-hard RF fan even pleaded "one more year" as Federer was leaving the court for the last time.

So why these double standards?

When Djokovic first arrived on the Grand Slam circuit, fan loyalty was divided between the game's leading lights Federer and Rafael Nadal. The Serb was seen as a disruptor, who was challenging the established stars. Djokovic has been called names, blamed for gamesmanship. But once the Big Two retired, many predicted that the most successful tennis player would get his due and the fans would come around. But at Wimbledon, at least, that was not to be.

GRINDING BATTLE

Medvedev takes down Sinner to reach 2nd successive Wimbledon semis

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FIFTH SEED Daniil Medvedev edged out ailing world number one Jannik Sinner in a grinding five-set battle to reach the Wimbledon semi-finals for the second successive year on Tuesday.

A strange match full of momentum shifts and lulls was absorbing rather than thrilling but Medvedev did not care as he triumphed 6-7(7) 6-4 7-6(4) 2-6 6-3 on a covered Centre Court. It snapped Medvedev's five-match losing sequence to Sinner and avenged his bitter defeat by the Italian in this year's Australian Open final when he squandered a two-set lead.

Medvedev, who is bidding to add to his 2021 U.S. Open title, will face defending champion Carlos Alcaraz in his ninth Grand Slam semi-final. "I knew if I wanted to beat Jannik it needs to be a tough match. He's not any more a guy you can beat easy," the engaging 28-year-old Medvedev said on court.

"It's actually very tough. One moment I could feel that he doesn't move 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 you know at one point he was like 'OK I can't run anymore and I'll go full power' and that's what he did."

Top seed Sinner, who fell at the semi-final stage last year to Novak Djokovic, won the opening set in a tight tiebreak after saving a set point. But mistakes began to creep into his game, and after losing the second set courtesy of a sloppy service game he required medical attention early after dropping serve at 1-1 in the third and disappeared off court, apparently feeling ill. Sinner looked groggy on his return but suddenly snapped back to life and hit back from 5-3 down in the third set with some crisp hitting as Medvedev's game went off the boil. But he could not convert two set points in the 12th game and was dragged into a tiebreaker that Medvedev sealed with an ace.

The 22-year-old Sinner dominated the fourth set, dropping only 12 points, and looked the favourite heading into the decider as for the 36th time at this year's Wimbledon a men's singles went the distance — a new record for a Grand Slam tournament in the professional era. Russian Medvedev re-focused though and got an early break of serve which ultimately proved decisive as he calmly ticked off the games for victory in exactly four hours.

Daniil Medvedev beat Jannik Sinner 6-7(7) 6-4 7-6(4) 2-6 6-3. **AP**

Vekic ends Sun run

Donna Vekic nearly quit tennis following knee surgery three years ago but finds herself in a first Grand Slam semi-final on her 43rd main draw appearance after the seasoned Croatian ended Lula Sun's Wimbledon run with a 5-7 6-4 6-1 win on Tuesday.

The 28-year-old, who struggled for form and fitness after the operation, burst into tears after beating the 123rd-ranked qualifier to book a clash with seventh seed Jasmine Paolini or 19th seed Emma Navarro for a place in Saturday's final. "Those couple of years were tough," said Vekic, reflecting on the period af-

ter her surgery. Now, reaching my best result ever at a Grand Slam, I'm really proud of myself, of the work that I've done, of the work that my team has done. I'm thankful to them for believing in me when I didn't."

Victory also meant unseeded Vekic became only the second woman from her country to move into the All England Club semis, matching the feat of Mirjana Lucic in 1999. It was not entirely smooth sailing.

Sun saved three breakpoints under the Court One roof and broke for a crucial 6-5 advantage before digging herself out of a hole again to seize the opening set on serve with the most delicate of drop shots.

"It was a really tough match. She played unbelievable. She pushed me to my limits," Vekic said on court.

"I felt like I was dying out there the first two sets. My chance came in the end."

Left-hander Sun surrendered her serve in the eighth game of the second set before Vekic made a flurry of double faults while serving for the set, only to regain composure and draw level in the match with another break. She duly settled the contest on serve to dash the cramping Sun's hopes of becoming the first female qualifier to make the Wimbledon semi-finals

since American Alexandra Stevenson 25 years ago. The result was the perfect reward for Vekic's persistence.

Alcaraz beats Paul

Meanwhile, Carlos Alcaraz won the battle of the two most recent Queen's Club champions as the Spaniard edged closer to winning a second successive Wimbledon title with an enthralling 5-7 6-4 6-2 6-2 quarter-final victory over American Tommy Paul on Tuesday.

Paul conjured some breathtaking shot-making during the first two sets and kept drawing roars of approval from the Court One crowd while making life uncomfortable for the third seed. However, any hopes he might have harboured of ending his country's 21-year wait for a men's Grand Slam champion at the All England Club this weekend were eventually snuffed out as the 21-year-old Alcaraz produced the goods on the crunch moments to run away with the final two sets.

After being kept on court for just over three hours, the third seed won his 12th match in a row at the grasscourt major when Paul swiped the ball wide. Alcaraz will next meet 2021 U.S. Open champion Daniil Medvedev for a place in Sunday's final.

BRIEFLY

Bellamy hired as Wales coach

Cardiff: Former Wales captain Craig Bellamy was hired to coach the national team until 2028 on Tuesday. "It's the proudest moment of my career," said Bellamy, who retired from playing in 2014. "It was always my ultimate dream." Bellamy, who was a pacy striker with Liverpool, Manchester City and Newcastle, has most recently been assistant coach at Burnley in the English Premier League. This will be his first senior coaching role. He played 78 times for Wales from 1998-2014, captaining the team from 2007-10. Bellamy's first game in charge will be against Turkey in the Nations League. **AP**

Doping: French runner Frere suspended

Paris: French marathon runner Mehdi Frere will miss his home Olympics after receiving a two-year suspension for breaking anti-doping rules, his lawyer Laurent Fellous confirmed on Tuesday. Frere, aged 27, had a World Athletics disciplinary tribunal after three missed whereabouts checks in February 2023 and February 2024. Athletes must always disclose their whereabouts so they can submit to out-of-competition doping controls. Frere had been provisionally suspended by the French Athletics Federation since June, and missed the European championships in Rome. **AP**

India women lose to Myanmar in friendly

Yangon: India conceded a late goal to suffer a 1-2 defeat at the hands of Myanmar and continued their winless run against the neighbours in a women's football friendly match here on Tuesday. Facing Myanmar for the first time after five years, the hosts scored both goals from set pieces with Win Theingi Tun, who plays for Odisha FC, giving them a 14th minute lead. Although her club teammate Pyari Xaxa equalised for India with an opportunistic tap-in in the 58th minute, San Thaw Thaw converted May The Mon Myint's free-kick in the 74th minute to win the game. **PTI**

Dutch go flanking

Injury to Frenkie de Jong forces Netherlands coach Koeman to come up with a flank-to-flank manoeuvre

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FROM IMBALANCE originated the most exciting Dutch move this Euro. In an eye-twitching whiz of orange shirts, centre back Virgil van Dijk pings the ball to right back Denzel Dumfries. He storms upfield, the right winger Steven Bergwijn drifts in, false nine Memphis Depay slithers forward, and Dumfries, from the outer reaches of the left flank sweeps a long and precise cross to Cody Gakpo, on the edge of the box, on the far side. The left-sided forward jinks and spins his markers, and lets his right-foot rip goal-wards, or find someone speeding to the centre. The move has not always produced goals, but the unusual link-up play has caught defences napping. The winner in the Turkey game had some distinct features, especially the Gakpo-Dumfries link-up though the build-up was from a more central area.

Often defenders expect the right-back to serve the right winger, or to men lurking in the middle of the box, the expected recipient a tall centre forward, or the man behind him, the conventional pattern. The risks are several—the cross should be perfectly weighed, in weight, flight, dip, distance and direction. It should beat the leaping defenders and fall into the space of Gakpo. A bit overhit, Dumfries would draw flak for conceding cheap possession; a tad under-hit, and the opposition could launch a counterattack, especially through the vacant right wing of the Dutch. It doesn't always come off.

But the sheer fear of this possibility could weigh psychologically on defenders. More so, as England is unsure who their best left-back. Kieron Trippier has been lacklustre; Luke Shaw has been lively but just back from injury. Even though England's defence has been mean (letting a lone goal), unconventional movements could unlock the fortress.

The move was not in head coach Ronald Koeman's designs. He prefers his teams to carry the ball through central channels, in the traditional Dutch-Barcelona fashion. But the last minute ruling out of central midfielder Frenkie de Jong forced a revision of his plans.

It threw his blueprint off-kilter, and at his disposal was a disheveled side. He cannot channel his play through the wings because there was no proficient right-winger. If he overloads his left-wing, their offensive se-

FLYING FULL-BACK & COAST-TO-COAST TRANSITION

The Dutch had to improvise on the go to solve the riddles that have popped up



CODY GAKPO: The Liverpool striker cuts in from the wing, overcoming the defender on that side, gets into the box and takes a shot at goal.



REVOLVING DOORS The defenders and midfielders constantly interchange positions to keep the opposition on their toes. Off-the-ball running creates space as strikers get a chance to take a shot at goal.



DENZEL DUMFRIES The full-back is often seen galloping up the pitch, providing crosses into the box, or to the other side of the pitch, for teammates to attack.

MEMPHIS DEPAY: He wears the No.10 shirt, but often functions as a False 9 who attracts defenders towards him, thereby creating space for teammates.



quences would become too predictable; the central route was risk-prone because he was left with an inexperienced midfield (he lost Teun Koopmeiners too).

Koeman had come up with on-the-go solutions to make his team click. They have stuttered and stammered, not always played the

football that endears romantics and purists, but have chiselled out results.

The style of play has not pleased critics back home or those that are still seduced by the style and elegance of wave after wave of golden generations of unfulfilled renown. Early in his managerial career, Koeman too

was typecast as an ideologue. He traced the same Ajax-Barcelona route that Johan Cruyff set for technical, talented young Dutch players. Koeman had a controversial transit in PSV Eindhoven, but was considered a Cruyff disciple.

He was moulded in Cruyffian ethos, a ball-

playing centre half with a microscopic-eye for goal and a barrel-foot for imparting Herculean power on his shots. He totalled 239 goals, most of them thunderous freekicks or 40-yard screamers, scored more goals than Romario when both played together in Cruyff's Barcelona Dream Team, and won the golden boot in Barcelona's. In his last days at the Catalan club, he would groom Pep Guardiola, who says he imbibed his first coaching ideals from Koeman.

Yet, Koeman is not a Cruyffista. He is composed of practical wisdom and adaptability, he knows he can't build a team, but make one, even if the parts repel. He likes to press high, build from the back and dominate possession, but only when he has the right players for the grand schemes. "I'm a defender; I had to fix things and that has influenced my ideas. We want to show beautiful football, but that doesn't always work" he had said.

To fix things has kept him preoccupied since rejoining the national team after the Barcelona ouster. The other big headache was replacing de Jong, on whose faculties he had corner-stoned the team. A one-man midfield, he both holds and conducts play, has an immaculate passing range as well as an incredible positional sense, a ball-winner, a ball-carrier and a ball-provider. Koeman tried different combinations in the opening games, like installing Xavi Simons as a deep-lying playmaker as well giving the keys of midfield to PSV pair Joey Veerman and Jerdy Schouten. None worked, and after a horrible outing against Austria, he dropped Veerman and paired Tijjani Reijnders with Schouten. Neither are half as skilful as de Jong is, but they combined to breathe the stability and enterprise into the Dutch midfield. Reijnders is an excellent ball-carrier and has produced the fourth most line-breaking passes according to Opta. Schouten has grown into a reliable ball distributor. He has yet to be dispossessed in this tournament.

As significantly, Koeman has ensured that his tactics are flexible, that he has several plans, plans within plans.

When he wants a more direct route to goal, he could summon Wout Weghorst, a cult hero rather than a superhero. He could deploy a back three or four. Once victories piled up—the semifinal qualification was their first in 20 years—criticism has abated. And there is genuine hope that the pragmatists of Koeman could achieve what generations of romantics could not.

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19 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 80,351.64 ▲ 391.26 (0.49%) NIFTY: 24,433.20 ▲ 112.65 (0.46%) NIKKEI: 41,580.17 ▲ 799.47 HANG SENG: 17,523.23 ▼ 0.83 FTSE: 8,162.48 ▼ 31.01 DAX: 18,320.33 ▼ 151.72

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DEBT-ORIENTED MFs SAW NET OUTFLOW

Inflows into equity MFs rose 17% to all-time high of ₹40,608 cr in June

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, JULY 9

NET INFLOWS into equity mutual fund schemes grew by 17 per cent month-on-month to an all-time high of Rs 40,608.19 crore in June, from Rs 34,697 crore in May, the latest data from the Association of Mutual Funds in India (AMFI) showed. June marks the 40th month of positive inflows into equity mutual fund schemes.

The net assets under management (AUM) of the mutual fund industry surpassed the Rs 60 lakh crore mark for the first time to reach Rs 61.16 lakh crore as on June 30, 2024.

The contribution of systematic investment plans (SIP) touched an all-time high of 21,262 crore in the reporting month, compared to Rs 20,904 crore in May and Rs 20,371.47 crore in April.

Higher inflows into equity mutual funds was driven by robust investor sentiments on domestic stock market during the month. The Sensex and the Nifty rose around 7 per cent each in June as the Lok Sabha-related

election uncertainty settled. In the first quarter ended June 30, total net inflows into equity mutual funds stood at Rs 94,222.28 crore.

"The mutual fund industry has demonstrated remarkable growth, becoming a cornerstone of financial stability and wealth creation for crores of investors. The industry continued to benefit from sustained flows into equity-oriented mutual funds, hybrid funds and passive funds," said Venkat Chalasani, Chief Executive, AMFI.

Among equity mutual fund schemes, sectoral/ thematic funds received the highest net inflows of Rs 22,351.69 crore, followed by Rs 3,058.81 crore in flexi cap funds in June. Inflows into small-cap funds declined to Rs 2,263.47 crore, compared to Rs 2,724.67 crore in May. Mid-cap equity schemes witnessed inflows of Rs 2,527.84 crore, compared to 2,605.7 crore. Inflows into large-cap funds increased to Rs 970.49 crore in June, as against Rs 663.09 crore in the previous month.

The debt oriented mutual fund schemes saw net outflows of Rs 1,07,357.62 crore, com-

MUTUAL FUND NET INFLOWS (+)/ OUTFLOWS (-)

| Schemes | May | June |
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| Equity | ₹34,697 cr | ₹40,608.19 cr |
| Debt | ₹42,294.99 cr | ₹-1,07,357.62 cr |
| Hybrid | ₹17,990.67 cr | ₹8,854.74 cr |

Source: AMFI



pared to inflows of Rs 42,294.99 crore. Outflows in June on account of higher redemption by corporates to meet the first quarter advance tax requirement. While liquid funds saw outflows of Rs 80,354.03 crore, outflows from overnight funds stood at Rs 25,142.72 crore. On the other hand, money market funds witnessed inflows of Rs 9,590.28 crore.

Inflows into hybrid funds dropped 50 per cent to Rs 8,854.74 crore in June from Rs 17,990.67 crore in May, the data showed. Net flows into multi-asset allocation funds were Rs 3,453.12 crore and Rs 3,836.58 crore in arbitrage funds.

Inflows into gold exchange traded-fund (ETF) stood at Rs 726.16 crore, as against Rs 827.43 crore in May. In June, mutual fund folios hit an all-time high at 19.1 crore. Retail MF folios (equity + hybrid + solution oriented schemes) also at an all-time high at 15.32 crore in June 2024, compared to 14.89 crore in May.

During the month, 55.13 crore new SIPs were registered. The closing balance of SIP accounts stood at Rs 8.98 crore. The SIP AUM was highest ever at

Rs 12.43 lakh crore compared to Rs 11.52 lakh crore in May.

Commenting on the data, Jean Christophe Gougeon, Director & Chief Marketing Officer, Sharekhan, by BNP Paribas, said, "strong investor sentiments with regard to equity markets continued to drive net inflows in the equity categories. Under equity categories, over the last one year, we have seen the AUM almost double in Multi-cap (+96 per cent) and Thematic (+95 per cent) categories. This is probably due to NFOs (new fund offers) in this space driving investor interest," he said.

When asked about Quant Mutual Fund issue, which is facing inquiries from the market regulator Securities Exchange Board of India (SEBI), Chalasani said the mutual fund association was not aware of the action being taken or about the inquires on the fund house.

"Once it comes on our table, we will try and see what the risks there, how do we mitigate those risks and that they do not reoccur. We have not sought any clarity (from Quant MF)," he said.

Why the latest RBI jobs data show a bump up in employment

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, JULY 9

THE EMPLOYMENT growth in the country jumped by nearly 6 per cent in the fiscal 2023-24 (FY24), as compared to an increase of 3.2 per cent recorded in FY23, according to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) data. In FY24, the workforce in the country increased by around 4.67 crore to 64.33 crore, compared to 59.67 crore in FY23, the data, which measures productivity at the industry level, showed.

The RBI's data comes a few days after a research report by Citigroup India which said that the country will struggle to create sufficient employment opportunities even with a 7 per cent growth rate - a claim refuted by the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

The RBI data

As the RBI's Measuring Productivity at the Industry Level-The India KLEMS [Capital (K), Labour (L), Energy (E), Material (M) and Services (S)] database, released on Monday, the growth in employment in the country doubled to 6 per cent (provisional) in FY24, compared to a 3.2 per cent rise seen in FY23. In absolute terms, the number of jobs increased by approximately 4.67 crore to 64.33 crore in FY24. In FY23, the total number of workforce stood at 59.67 crore. Since FY21, the country added



7.8 crore, the data showed. The employment growth rate in FY21 was 5.1 per cent and in FY22 it stood at 3.3 per cent.

The RBI said the KLEMS database covers 27 industries comprising the entire Indian economy. The database also provides these estimates at the broad sectoral levels (agriculture, manufacturing and services) and at the all-India levels. It includes measures of Gross Value Added (GVA), Gross Value of Output (GVO), Labour Employment (L), Labour Quality (LQ), Capital Stock (K), Capital Composition (KQ), the consumptions of Energy (E), Material (M) and Services (S) inputs, Labour Productivity (LP) and Total Factor Productivity (TFP).

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The Citigroup report Citigroup in a recent report said that given India's demo-

graphic dividend, even 7 per cent GDP growth might not be able to fulfill the job requirement over the next decade under reasonable assumptions. The research report had said that while the official unemployment rate is just 3.2 per cent (16 per cent youth), details reflect serious issues around quality of jobs and possible underemployment. Agriculture accounts for around 46 per cent of all employment but less than 20 per cent of GDP, while both manufacturing and services sectors absorb lesser share of labour than their share in GDP.

Labour Ministry's response

The Citigroup report met with a firm rebuttal from the Ministry of Labour and Employment on Monday. The Ministry said the Citigroup's report "fails to account for the comprehensive and positive employment data available from official sources such as the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) and the Reserve Bank of India's KLEMS data". Citing data from RBI's KLEMS data, the Ministry said it indicates more than 8 crore employment opportunities created between 2017-18 to 2021-22 translating to an average of over 2 crore employment per year. It also said that more than 6.2 crore net subscribers joined EPFO between September 2017 - March 2024. The Ministry said private data sources have several shortcomings. **FULL REPORT ON** www.indianexpress.com

Financial Inclusion-Index rises to 64.2 in March 2024

Mumbai: Financial Inclusion Index (FI-Index), which captures the extent of financial inclusion across the country, stood at 64.2 in March 2024 from 60.1 in March 2023, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) said on Wednesday. The improvement in the index was due to growth witnessed across all sub-indices, the RBI said. The index captures information on various aspects of financial inclusion in a single value ranging between 0 and 100, where 0 represents complete financial exclusion and 100 indicates full financial inclusion.

The FI-Index comprises of three broad parameters Access (having a weight of 35 per cent in the index), Usage (weight 45 per cent), and Quality (weight 20 per cent) with each of these consisting of various dimensions, which are computed based on a number of indicators. The Index is responsive to ease of access, availability and usage of services, and quality of services, comprising in all 97 indicators. **ENS**

'Indian gaming industry set to grow 20% by FY25'

Indian gaming industry to reach Rs 23,100 cr by FY25, as per a Grant Thornton Bharat and E-Gaming Federation report



442 million ONLINE GAMERS IN INDIA
100 million GAMERS PLAY DAILY

- Over the last five years, Indian gaming has raised \$2.8 billion from domestic and global investors
- The real money gaming (RMG) segment is emerging as one of the chief revenue drivers within the industry
- The dynamic gaming landscape in India is fuelled by a vibrant young demographic and set for unprecedented growth
- The sector continues to account for 83-84% of the revenue
- Gamer participation ensures that the industry's expansion continues, with the tax implications having a limited impact

Source: Grant Thornton Bharat and E-Gaming Federation/PTI

16th FC sets up five-member advisory panel

New Delhi: The Sixteenth Finance Commission, headed by Arvind Panagariya, on Tuesday set up a five-member advisory council to advise the Commission on the Terms of Reference (ToR), assist in the preparation of research papers and help broaden the Commission's ambit, a statement by the Finance Ministry said.

The convenor of the five-member panel would be Poonam Gupta, Director General of the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and part-time member of Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Other members of the panel are EY's Chief Policy Advisor DK Srivastava, Axis Bank's Chief Economist Neelkanth Mishra, who is also part-time Chairperson of Unique Identification Authority of India and part-time member of EAC-PM. HSBC's Chief India Economist Pranju Bhandari and Rahul Bajoria, Bank of America head of India and ASEAN economic research, are the other members. The role of the council include helping the Commission to broaden its understanding by seeking the best national and international practices on matters pertaining to fiscal devolution and improving the quality, reach, and enforcement of its recommendations, the statement said. **ENS**

Tata Motors, M&M slash prices for entire SUV range up to ₹2 lakh

SWARAJ BAGGONKAR
MUMBAI, JULY 9

TATA MOTORS on Tuesday slashed prices of its entire SUV range and Mahindra & Mahindra its XUV 700 AX7 variants by up to Rs 2 lakh.

The discounted prices for Mahindra & Mahindra's (M&M) XUV 700 variants will be available for four months. For Tata Motors' sports utility vehicle (SUV) models such as Punch, Nexon, Safari and Harrier, the price reduction of up to Rs 1.4 lakh will be in effect till July 31. The price reductions come amid a massive inventory pile-up at dealerships.

M&M, one of India's largest SUV makers, announced the biggest cut on the XUV 700 prices

since its launch, reducing it by up to Rs 2.01 lakh (ex-showroom) on the top variant. The base variant of the XUV 700 AX7, which now starts at Rs 19.69 lakh, saw a reduction of Rs 1.7 lakh. All other variants saw similar cuts. The revised pricing aims to make the XUV 700 "even more accessible to a broader range of customers while providing exceptional value, the Mumbai-based company said.

Tata Motors, India's third-largest carmaker, announced slashing prices of its entire SUV range by up to Rs 1.4 lakh. The revised price of its flagship SUV Harrier now starts at Rs 14.99 lakh and that of the Safari at Rs 15.49 lakh.

The Nexon.ev, one of India's highest-selling EVs, will see the

biggest price reduction since its launch. Its prices have been cut by up to Rs 1.3 lakh. The Punch.ev too is being offered with a benefit of up to Rs 30,000.

Tata Motors said that the price reduction is part of the celebrations of the company clocking two million SUV sales.

The price reductions come at a time stocks are laying unsold for an average 67 days, forcing dealers to offer discounts.

The drop in sales is the result of a slowdown in retail demand which has impacted all segments of the industry. June marked the biggest-ever fall in electric passenger vehicle sales by volume. Dealers have asked vehicle manufacturers to go slow on supplies to avoid a further pileup of inventory. **FE**

RBI cautions banks against accounts used for fraudulent transactions, evergreening

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Tuesday cautioned banks against having "lakhs of accounts" used for fraudulent transactions and evergreening of loan accounts.

"We found certain banks having lakhs of such accounts with apparently no valid reason. Some of these accounts were also used as a conduit for certain fraudulent transactions and ever-greening of

loan accounts. Internal accounts are high risk in nature on account of its potential for misuse," RBI Deputy Governor Swaminathan J said at a Conference of statutory auditors and chief financial officers of commercial banks and financial institutions. "I would also urge CFOs to invest in technology and data analytics which would empower them to provide more accurate and real-time financial

insights. This not only aids in strategic decision-making but also enhances the ability to respond swiftly to any issues identified during audits or supervisory reviews," he said.

The CFOs must protect the integrity of the financial reporting by guarding against any misadventure or intelligent interpretation of regulations or accounting standards, he said. **ENS**

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FinMin to pvt banks: Serve marginalised

New Delhi: Financial Services Secretary Vivek Joshi on Tuesday has chaired a review meeting on the progress of financial inclusion schemes with senior executives of private sector banks and exhorted them to give more thrust on serving the marginalised sections of the society and fulfilling their banking needs. **PTI**

PM to meet economists ahead of Budget

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will on Thursday meet eminent economists to elicit their views and suggestions for the upcoming Budget, a senior official said. **PTI**

ONGC to invest ₹2 lakh crore for net-zero target

New Delhi: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation will invest about Rs 2 lakh crore to set up renewable energy sites and green hydrogen plants to meet net-zero carbon emission goal. **PTI**

Sebi panel raises the bar for retail investors in futures & options

VIVEK KUMARM
MUMBAI, JULY 9

THE SECURITIES and Exchange Board of India's (Sebi's) expert working committee on derivatives trading has set the bar higher for retail investors. The proposals include increasing the lot sizes of futures and options (F&O) contracts, raising margins around expiry dates, and reducing the number of weekly options contracts.

Sources aware of the development said the recommendations will be discussed by Sebi's Secondary Market Advisory Committee on July 15.

The committee, led by former RBI executive director G Padmanabhan, has been deliberating on the mechanisms to protect retail investors in the futures and options segment. The committee also includes brokers associations, officials from stock exchanges, academicians, a whole-time member (WTM) of Sebi, and others. As per sources, the key proposals include increasing the lot size from the current Rs 5 lakh to Rs 20-25 lakh. In addition, it has said that the number of expiries per week should be reduced to one per exchange. **FE**

US economy no longer overheated: Fed's Powell

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 9

THE US is "no longer an overheated economy" with a job market that has "cooled considerably" from its pandemic-era extremes and in many ways is back where it was before the health crisis, Fed Chair Jerome Powell said in remarks to Congress that suggested the case for interest rate cuts is becoming stronger.

"We are well aware that we now face two-sided risks," and can no longer focus solely on inflation, Powell told the Senate Banking Committee on Tuesday. "The labor market appears to be fully back in balance."

Powell told lawmakers bluntly that "today I'm not going to be sending any signals about the timing of any future actions" on interest rates, as he was quizzed by Democrats about the risks to the job market and by Republicans about the pain to households of inflation that remains above the central bank's 2 per cent target.

But analysts still saw Powell at least edging the door open to a rate cut as soon as September. "His emphasis has shifted a bit towards a balance of risks within the Fed's mandate," said Christopher Hodge, chief econo-



US Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell testifies before a Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee hearing in Washington on Tuesday. **Reuters**

mist for the US at Natixis in New York. "The Fed needs to get ahead of weakness in the labor market... It appears as if the foundation is being laid for a pivot in September." Powell's semiannual appearance in the Senate will be followed by a hearing in the House set for Wednesday.

While Powell's opening remarks focused on a review of the economy and monetary policy, questioning from senators keyed in on housing costs and even more so on proposed changes in bank regulations that the Fed is debating internally. Powell in his prepared re-

marks told Senators that inflation had been improving in recent months and that "more good data would strengthen" the case for looser monetary policy. The Fed has kept its policy rate in the 5.25 per cent to 5.5 per cent range since July 2023.

Powell's comments appeared to show increasing faith that inflation will return to the Fed's target, and contrasted the lack of progress on inflation in the first months of the year to recent improvement that has helped build the Fed's confidence that price pressures will continue to diminish. **ENS**

'Modi govt's policies strengthened economy'

New Delhi: The government's policies over the past decade have strengthened the economy and led to an increase in job opportunities during the current financial year (FY25), said BJP spokesperson Syed Zafar Islam on Tuesday. Citing provisional data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), Islam said: "India added 2.5 times more jobs in FY24, marking the highest increase since 1981-82. He commended the economic reforms initiated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past decade, which have strengthened the economy and created job opportunities.

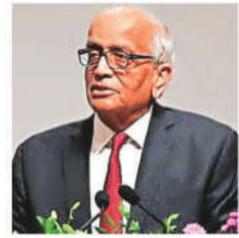
According to him the BJP has engaged with the public by presenting their performance reports. "India's GDP growth at 8.2 per cent in FY 2023-24, up from 7 per cent last year, reflecting a robust economic environment RBI bulletin showing a 20-month low of 7 per cent in the national unemployment rate, driven by lower urban rates. The bulletin highlighted mixed labor market indicators, with slightly lower labor participation but increased employment rates compared to previous months," he said. The party spokesperson alleged that the Congress government had damaged the economy and neglected employment from 2004 to 2014 because it prioritised its own families over national welfare. **ENS**

UP WAIVES REGISTRATION TAX FOR HYBRID EVs Confident that more states will promote hybrid EVs: Maruti

RISHI RAJ
NEW DELHI, JULY 9

WITH THE Uttar Pradesh (UP) government waiving registration fees for hybrid vehicles, Maruti Suzuki India chairman RC Bhargava on Tuesday said he is confident that other states will follow suit. He congratulated UP for taking the lead in promoting the hybrid technology to reduce emission and fuel consumption.

Speaking to FE, Bhargava said the company has been trying to convince the central as well as state governments that if the aim is to reduce emission and consumption of petrol and diesel, then along with electric vehicles, other technologies such as hybrid, biofuel and CNG should be promoted and given similar concessions. There should be a level-playing field. "I am happy to say that the government today fully understands that all technologies need to be promoted, and I am sure in the days to come more state governments will do what UP has done," Bhargava said. "India cannot achieve carbon neutrality by relying solely on electric vehicles as 75 per cent electricity in the country continues to be generated through coal," he said. "There's no point debating as to which technology is better. The objective should be to reduce emission and consumption

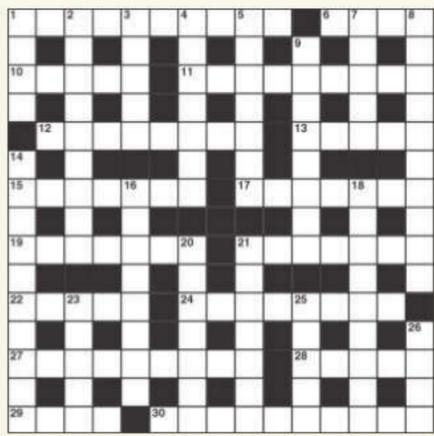


Maruti Suzuki India Chairman RC Bhargava. **File**

of petrol and diesel, so all technologies which help in achieving these goals should be provided similar incentives," Bhargava added.

The UP government has waived registration tax for strong hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) and plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs) with immediate effect. The move benefits Maruti Suzuki's Grand Vitara SUV and Invicto MPV, both featuring strong hybrid technology. Following the UP government's announcement, the shares of Maruti Suzuki India jumped 6.60 per cent to settle at Rs 12,820.20 apiece on the BSE on Tuesday. The move will also benefit Toyota Kirloskar's Camry, Hyryder, and Hycross. With the registration tax waiver, the on-road price of all these vehicles will come down by Rs 2-4 lakh. **FE**

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 - Beat and energy expressed in a dance (5)
 - Manila's new fauna (7)
 - Superlatively relaxed - that is the point in the Orient (7)
 - Egghead in cine-play is a relation (5)
 - Tidy instruction for the anagram solver (3,2,5)
 - The prototype of a girl in love possibly (8)
 - In bar seats perhaps but they won't be drinking (10)
 - Seen round the trunk of this tree maybe (3,5)
 - Put in for one stripe perhaps (9)
 - Complicated counter beat (7)
 - Doesn't encourage delays (4,3)
 - Insertion of computer data is not out of place (5)
 - Israeli flight leader (5)
 - Dead spirit to rap (4)

Solutions Crossword 5411 Across: 1 Fragile, 5 Slump, 8 Billowing, 9 Peg, 10 Ella, 12 Impaired, 14 Immure, 15 Always, 17 Cul-desac, 18 Term, 21 Nag, 22 In the swim, 24 Extol, 25 Nomic; Down: 1 Fibre, 2 Owl, 3 Iron, 4 Enigma, 5 Signally, 6 Upper case, 7 Pagodas, 11 Limestone, 13 Free will, 14 Incess, 16 Wanton, 19 Mimic, 20 Team, 23 Wed

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
You should pay more attention to financial matters, but realise that personal possessions are not everything. If you are hatching a money-making scheme, you have about twenty-four hours. Unless you want to put things off until next week.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
The romantic situation is dominated by secrecy. There is nothing wrong with keeping your feelings to yourself, for it may be that other people are just not ready to hear what you have to say. Be patient, and give them all the time they need to catch up.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
Take control and get back in the driving-seat. Lunar alignments should give you the idea that with just a little effort, you will come a step closer to achieving a cherished dream. And if that doesn't work, someone you have always respected will give you the necessary nudge.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
You have done everything expected of you, and more. The pleasant news is that your horoscope is rapidly becoming very much more relaxed, and the only likely hitch could involve money, especially if other people are involved. Make sure you know who is paying.
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
If you are alternating between great enthusiasm and a feeling that life is all against you, you're doing something wrong. You may use the power of your mind to temper excitement with caution and qualify pessimism with hope. It's a matter of balance.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**
Your emotional ambitions are being stirred. This means that your level of desire is going up, but the question is whether your circumstances will allow your hopes to be satisfied. Perhaps you will be able to reach some of your goals, but leave others until later.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
You should be able to begin to relax and enjoy better social contacts. There is still a fair amount of tension, and it would be unrealistic to expect this to dissipate, but it shouldn't reduce the potential for pleasure. In fact, you will soon discover still more ways to enjoy yourself.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
The Moon's major impact today is enthusiastic and ambitious, which indicates that the world is a compatible place, and you should feel that you're on the right track. Relationships with children and younger relatives should improve.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
Over the next twenty-four hours you will find it difficult to compromise. However, there will be situations when it will be by far the most sensible thing to find a middle path. Just because somebody else is stuck in their ways, that is no reason for you not to change.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
Your plans will go well if you deal with fundamentals first. This means taking nothing and nobody for granted, and recognising that if a job is worth doing, it's worth doing yourself! The only question is whether you have enough time, so don't over-commit yourself.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Take advantage of Venus' charming relationship with Jupiter to raise the romantic temperature. The only snag could be the tendency for your expectations to spiral out of control, which could mean they'll be impossible to satisfy. Meet others' needs rather than your own.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Take your time and spend just as long as you need to make the right choices. It's important not to be hurried, especially where work is concerned. Make a point of developing overseas links, and getting in touch with people you've not seen for far too long.

JUMBLLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

That is the saving grace of humour, if you fall no one is _____ - A. Whitney Brown (8,2,3)

RTAAO AGRUUY

GILNT AISGGH

SOLUTION: AORTA, KILNT, AUCURRY, HAGCS

SUDOKU 5617

Difficulty Level 2s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | 8 | | 3 | | | | | |
| | 2 | 1 | 7 | | | | | 4 |
| | | 9 | | | | 7 | | 1 |
| | 1 | 5 | | 8 | 7 | | | |
| | 7 | | | | | | 4 | |
| | | | 2 | 9 | | 3 | 1 | |
| 2 | 8 | | | | | 1 | | |
| 1 | | | | | 4 | 6 | 9 | |
| | | | | 2 | | | 8 | 3 |

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5616

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 6 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 8 |
| 7 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 |
| 5 | 3 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 1 |
| 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 9 | 8 | 6 | 7 |
| 8 | 7 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| 4 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 2 |
| 3 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 9 |
| 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 8 | 6 |
| 6 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 |

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Age: 40-45 years, Complexion: Wheatish, Height: 5'6", Face: Long, was wearing Blue colour T-Shirt and Jeans Pant, was found at the back side of Hanuman Mandir, Yamuna Bazar, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard a DD No. 50A, dated 29.06.2024, has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

SHO
P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that one person (depicted in the Photo) Namely: Uttam, S/o: Sh. Krishan Kumar, R/o- VPO Malikpur, New Delhi, Age: 37 Years Height: 5'8", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Long, Built: Thin, Missing Since 02.07.2024 by 11.00 from his house under area of P.S. Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi.

In this regard a DD No. 55A Dated 06.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S.- Jaffarpur Kalan, Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. 011-28014100, 8750871030
Ph: 011-24368638, 9667341024 DP/8827/DW/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. JHS/DYCGM/2024/18 Date: 05.07.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, The Dy Chief Material Manager, General Store Depot, Jhansi are invite the following E Procurement tender.

| Tender No. | Qty. | Tender Opening Date | EMD |
|------------|---------|---------------------|-------------|
| 51245273 | 01 Nos. | 31.07.2024 | Rs. 82230/- |

Description: Supply, installation and commissioning of EOT Crane, Cap-10 Ton.

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. 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 under IT act 2000. 3. Rules entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. 1191/24 (D)

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body Name: Unknown, S/o Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: Approx. 45 years, Height: 5'7" Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White Shirt & Blue Pant was found lying dead at under Hanuman Mandir Flyover, Kashmere Gate, Delhi on 02.07.2024 at 11:28 AM. In this regard, a DD No. 46-A/2024 Dt. 02.07.2024 has been lodged at PS Kashmere Gate, Delhi.

The Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Kashmere Gate, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23968730, 8750870123

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED FEMALE

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely Varsha with her two Children W/o Anil Kumar R/o B-1/284-85, Nand Nagri, Delhi Aged-35 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 13.06.2024 at about 03:22 PM from her residence vide DD No.118-A Dated 28.06.2024 registered at Police Station Nand Nagri, Delhi. Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, Height: 5'3". Face: Oval, Built: Thin, Clothing: Black coloured lower, brown coloured T-shirt and black coloured slipper in feet.

Children details:- SON: Chirag Taank, Aged: 06 yrs., Complexion: Fair, Clothing: T-shirt, shorts and slipper in feet.

DAUGHTER:- Khushi Taank, Aged: 9 yrs. Complexion: Fair, Clothing: slipper in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped female & her Children, may inform SHO, Nand Nagri, Delhi at E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in or website: <http://cbi.nic.in>

Tele No.: 011-24368638 or 24368641 SHO, Nand Nagri, Delhi
FAX No.: 011-24368639 Tel.: 011-22583307
DP/8822/NE/2024 Mob.: 8750870733

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, was found from the area Near Footpath/ roadside of Indraprastha Metro Station, Delhi. He was Admitted in LNJ Hospital, Delhi, where doctor declared him dead on 28.06.2024. In this regard DD No. 46A, Dated 28.06.2024, has been lodged at Police Station I.P. Estate, Delhi.

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Sex: Male, Age: about 50 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round Bearded, Build: Thin, Wearing: Green Colour Shirt & Dark Colour Pant. The dead body of deceased preserved in MAMC Mortuary for identification.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi
Ph.: 8750870426

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Tara Chand Sharma, S/o Daya Chand Sharma R/o H. No. B.12, Paigaon, Tehsil Chhata District, Mathura, UP also at H.No. E-167, West Vinod Nagar, Delhi-110092 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.661/14 u/s 392/411/34 IPC, P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Tara Chand Sharma cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Tara Chand Sharma has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Tara Chand Sharma of FIR No.661/14 u/s 392/411/34 IPC, P.S. Madhu Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 04.10.2024.

By Order,
Sh. Udbhav Kumar Jain,
Metropolitan Magistrate-04, Room No.13,
Shahdara, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: Khushboo @Khushi, D/o Ishwar Chand, R/o: C-756, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 23 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green Colour Suit and Black Colour Salwar has been missing from the Jurisdiction of P.S: Sangam Vihar, New Delhi since 01.07.2024. In this regard DD No. 133A, Dated: 01.07.2024, has been registered at P.S.: Sangam Vihar, Delhi.

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

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in P.S.: Sangam Vihar, New Delhi
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. 8010085267, 8750870833
Fax: 011-24368639 DP/8762/SD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Sunil Kumar S/o Bhram Dev Paswan R/o D-580, Gali No. 1, Ashok Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi and Village Jikatya, P.S. Baadiya, Distt. Aurangabad, Bihar has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No 623/21 u/s 376/506 IPC & 6 POSCO Act at P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Sunil Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Sunil Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Sunil Kumar accused of FIR No 623/21 u/s 376/506 IPC at P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 12.08.2024.

By Order: Sh. Nipun Awasthi,
Additional Session Judge-06, (North-East),
Court No. 80, 6th Floor, POSCO Court,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely Ruksar Khatoon D/o Lal Mohammad R/o House No. 8, Benepur, Kathor, Sitamarhi, Bihar and currently residing at C-80, Mahavir Vihar, Kanjhawala, Delhi has been missing/ kidnapped from her residence since 23.05.2024 at 6:00 AM. In this regard a FIR No./ DD No. 270/24, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 30.05.2024 has been lodged at PS Kanjhawala, Distt. Rohini, 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: 17 years, Height: 4' 3" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: Pink colour Frock and white colour Leggy and Fancy slippers in feet.

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

SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> PS: Kanjhawala, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-25951486, 25952485
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob. No: 8750870324
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/6491/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Sher Singh S/o: Maha Singh R/o: H. No. 113, Kishor Nagar, Rana Pratap Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 449/21, U/s 411 IPC, P.S.: Model Town, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Sher Singh, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Sher Singh, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Sher Singh, of FIR No. 449/21, U/s 411 IPC, P.S.: Model Town, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.08.2024.

By Order
Sh. Himanshu Sehloth
Metropolitan Magistrate-03,
Court No. 213 (North), Rohini Court, Delhi