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**Biden & heads of other NATO member states poised to unveil fresh aid for war-ravaged Ukraine at a summit in Washington, after the US Prez vows to defend Kyiv against Russia's invasion, P 16**

**Former India head coach Rahul Dravid declines to take the additional bonus amount of ₹2.5cr offered to him by BCCI following the T20 WC triumph, P 20**

**Djokovic progresses to a record-equalling 13th Wimbledon semifinal without hitting a ball on Wednesday after Alex de Minaur pulls out injured. Former champ Elena Rybakina also reaches semis, P 20**

**Ex-US speaker Nancy Pelosi suggests that Biden should reconsider his decision to remain in the presidential race, the strongest public push yet from a senior member of his party to weigh dropping out. Actor George Clooney, a leading party fundraiser, also requests Biden to end his campaign, P 16**

### Man kills wife, 2 kids, dies by suicide in MP

A 32-year-old man hacked his wife and two children to death, and then threw himself before a train in MP's Satna because his wife allegedly wouldn't stop talking to her lover, police said. Rakesh Chowdhary's body was on the tracks; the bodies of the wife and kids were found at the house they had rented only two days ago. CCTV footage shows the family arriving at the house on Monday and Chowdhary leaving the house alone early Wednesday. **TNN**

### 2 die in hit-and-run cases in Nashik

A man, 21, was crushed by a truck in Nashik's Satpur Tuesday night, hours after another hit-and-run case 5km away. The driver fled. At 1.30pm next day, a govt bus mowed down 5-year-old girl in the city. This driver, too, fled. **TNN**

### Girl, 8, raped & killed by school seniors

An eight-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped and murdered by three of her school seniors—aged 12 and 13—in Andhra Pradesh's Nandyal district on Sunday. The trio was detained Wednesday. Cops are yet to trace the body. **P 14**

### Rlys suspends 3 for Bengal accident

Railways has suspended a station superintendent, signal technician and the guard of a goods train that dived into Kanchanjungha Express in Bengal's Rangapani on June 17, resulting in the death of 10 people. The three will be chargesheeted. **P 11**

## SC: Muslim women entitled to maintenance under CrPC

### 'Matter of Gender Parity, Not Charity'

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**New Delhi:** In a landmark verdict, Supreme Court on Wednesday said women, irrespective of their faith, were entitled to maintenance under Section 125 of Criminal Procedure Code and rejected the argument that the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, or personal laws of different communities barred them from taking advantage of maintenance guaranteed under the secular law. A bench of Justices BV Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih held that it was for the Muslim woman to decide

### '1986 LAW ENACTED TO ENHANCE RIGHTS'

- SC was hearing appeal by Mohd Abdul Samad, who was told to pay ₹20,000 per month as maintenance; ₹10,000 by HC
- Wife had moved family court under Sec 125 of CrPC saying Samad had given triple talaq
- Samad said provisions of Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Divorce) Act, 1986, a special act, would prevail over those of Section 125 of CrPC, a general act

which of the two laws or both she should take recourse to. "Maintenance is a facet of gender parity and enabler of equality, not charity," Justice Nagarathna said. In separate but concurring judgments, the judges said Section 125 of CrPC applied to all married women, including Muslims. It said the provision

- Justice Nagarathna said Parli intent in enacting 1986 law was to enhance rights of divorced Muslim woman, in addition to entitlements under Sec 125 CrPC
- Under 1986 law, divorced Muslim woman entitled to maintenance during iddat period (3 mths), kids for 2 yrs
- Under Section 125 of CrPC, divorced woman entitled to maintenance till she remarries, children till they turn 18

was a measure for social justice to protect weaker sections, irrespective of applicable personal laws of the parties. Rights of maintenance under both "exist parallelly" to ensure right to seek maintenance for divorced Muslim woman, Justice Masih said.

➤ Parli never sought..., P 22

### BJP welcomes verdict; don't politicise: Cong

The SC order has "finished off a threat posed to the Constitution" by the 1986 law enacted by Rajiv Gandhi govt to overrule the SC verdict in the Shah Bano case, BJP said, welcoming the verdict. Rajiv govt's move ended up giving primacy to Islamic laws, BJP's Sudhanshu Trivedi said. Congress too welcomed the verdict and cautioned against "mischievously and deliberately" reading politics into it. "It is an established principle of law which has been applied in a specific case," A M Singhvi he said. All India Muslim Personal Law Board and Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind said they were studying the order. **P 22**

## PM: Gaza or Ukraine, death of innocent civilians unacceptable

### First Visit By An Indian PM To Austria In 41 Yrs

Death of innocent civilians, whether in Ukraine or Gaza or anywhere else, is unacceptable, PM Modi said after talks with Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer as the shadow of Ukraine again loomed over what was the first visit by an Indian PM to Austria in 41 years. **▶ EDIT PAGE: Modi's Tightrope Walk**



Austrian Federal Chancellor Karl Nehammer takes a selfie with PM Modi in Vienna on Wednesday

Recalling the 19th century Vienna Congress, which provided direction to peace and stability in Europe, Modi reiterated his message to Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2022 that this isn't the era of war: "We discussed in detail the ongoing con-

▶ 'India has key role', P 14

## Kathua: Soldiers fired 5k rounds to force ultras to retreat; 26 held

**Jammu:** At least 26 residents of Machedi-Billawer in J&K's Kathua have been detained for questioning over Monday's ambush on a two-truck military patrol that left five soldiers from 22 Garhwal Rifles dead, officials said Wednesday, reports Sanjay Khajuria. The terrorists, believed to be a group of three, positioned themselves at two spots on a hill and took cover in thick foliage to fire gunshots and launch grenades. Despite heavy gunfire, the soldiers fired incessantly to prevent more casualties and stop ultras from seizing weapons. A PTI quoted an official as saying that soldiers fired over 5,000 rounds, forcing the terrorists to flee. **▶ Scouring terrain, P 14**

### SC rejects govt's objections to WB suit on CBI probe

Supreme Court Wednesday trashed the multiple grounds cited by Centre to seek dismissal of West Bengal's constitutional suit, raising a Centre-state dispute on CBI allegedly illegally carrying out probes in the state despite the Trinamool govt's revocation of general consent to the agency to initiate probes, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. Rejecting preliminary objections raised by SG Tushar Mehta seeking dismissal of the suit, SC posted the suit for framing of issues on Aug 13. **FLAP OPP**

### NGO's plaint against cops 'very serious': SC on felling

**New Delhi:** Supreme Court Wednesday termed the allegation levelled by an NGO that it was being harassed by Delhi Police for moving court on illegal felling of trees in the Ridge as "very serious" and asked the Centre to look into it and respond on July 12. The bench of Justices Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Augustine George Masih posted the matter for Friday. Senior advocate Gopal Sanakaranarayanan and lawyer Manan Verma, appearing for New Delhi Nature Society, the NGO, said police have obtained details of its bank account in "violation of law". **TNN**

### IN THE COURTS

- Nagpur court sentences 7 to rigorous life imprisonment till their natural death for gang-raping minor orphan who fled shelter home | P 14
- Chennai man, 25, given life term for sexually assaulting his brother, 13, for several weeks. A neighbour who also raped the kid sentenced to life by Pcoso court | P 14
- Dehradun court sentences a daily wager (40) to 20-yr rigorous imprisonment for repeatedly raping his 16-year-old daughter

### 15 years on, SC settles row over defective BMW

Supreme Court on Wednesday used its omnibus powers under Article 142 of the Constitution to settle an unusual 15-year-old dispute over a BMW 7-Series car found defective after delivery in 2009, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. **▶ Don't harass poor for compensation: SC, P 12**

### 18 killed as bus rams milk tanker on Lko-Agra way

**Kanpur/Patna:** At least 18 people, including three women and a 10-year-old boy, were killed and 19 injured when a sleeper bus crashed into a milk tanker on Lucknow-Agra Expressway near Bangar-mau in UP's Unnao district on Wednesday morning. The bus was heading to Delhi from Sheohar in Bihar. Survivors and eyewitnesses alleged the bus driver was drunk and speeding. Except tanker driver Sunil Kumar, who was from Rae Bareilly, all the deceased, including bus driver Akhlaq, were



The mangled remains of the Delhi-bound bus

from four Bihar districts—eight from East Champaran (including six of a family from Motihari), six from Sheohar, two from Sitamarhi and one from Gopalganj. **▶ Bid to overtake tanker, P 17**

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TEMP ON WEDNESDAY 36.4° MAXIMUM 27.5° MINIMUM. FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky with light rain. Max and min on Thursday would be around 36 and 26°C.

A year on, fine hike for mosquito breeding yet to be implemented | 10

Plan Ready, Time For Action On Clean Delhi

Govt Comes Up With 164 Points With Timelines Across 17 Sectors To Fight Pollution

₹150cr in green levy to be used to boost NCR's air

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CITY'S GREEN BLUEPRINT

New Delhi: Conversion of 80% of the govt fleet to electric by March 2025, creation of a model dust-free road on Ring Road by Oct this year...

- Delhi's Environment Action Plan 2024-25 has been prepared for the first time by environment dept. It has 164 action points with deadlines under 17 sectors.



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be implemented in coordination with all agencies," said a department official.

The action plan involves 17 sectors, among them air quality monitoring, diesel generator and industrial pollution, clean fuels and electric mobility, vehicle and transport emissions, air and dust pollution from roads and open areas, noise pollution and adoption of best practices from other states.

- 17 SECTORS IN FOCUS: 1. Strengthening of air quality monitoring and source apportionment. 2. Abating industrial pollution. 3. Curbing air pollution from DG sets.

- 4. Abating air pollution from vehicles and transport sector. 5. Clean fuels and electric mobility. 6. Effective public transportation services. 7. Abating air pollution through effective road traffic management.

For strengthening air pollution, 13 mobile air quality monitoring vans will be procured by Dec 31 for all-year ambient air monitoring in the hotspots.

Alongside special plans for the hotspots, to curb industrial pollution, it has been decided to conduct a fresh one-time survey to identify and punish polluting units in notified industrial and redevelopment areas...

water supply by the year-end. To minimise vehicular emissions, the plan says a mobile app will be developed for petrol pump attendants and camera installed at 500 petrol pumps to identify vehicles without PUC by July 31.

comprehensive assessment of the city's public transport, factoring in route rationalisation and existing ridership, will be done Dec 31 and by March 31 next year...

Apart from acquiring more mechanised road sweeping machines and anti-smog guns, the plan envisages an independent third-party audit of the efficiency and efficacy of these anti-pollution machines once in 2024-25.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director (research and advocacy), Centre for Science and Environment, said, "According to the central govt policy, every state needs to prepare a state environment action plan with district-wise plans as well. It's a good step that Delhi has prepared such an action plan."

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New Delhi: Central Pollution Control Board has informed National Green Tribunal that it has proposed to use environmental protection charges (EPC) of around Rs 150 crore for the improvement of air quality in 18 NCR cities.



On Supreme Court's order, a 1% EPC is imposed on diesel vehicles with an engine capacity of 2000 cc and above registered in Delhi-NCR

Taking suo moto cognizance of two TOI reports, NGT had asked CPCB to submit a comprehensive plan on the utilization of environment compensation and EPC funds on each environmental component.

In a report dated July 9, CPCB said, "CPCB proposes to use EPC funds for the improvement of air quality in 18 NCR cities by providing grant funding support for the implementation of clean air city action plans based on the model adopted under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)."

CPCB REPORT SAYS A study in May 2024 indicated up to 38% higher PM10 emissions at an unpaved road stretch compared with a paved one

mission programme for Million Plus Cities for the implementation of city action plans for air quality improvement.

nes. "A corpus of Rs 150 crore is proposed to be allocated from EPC funds during 2024-25 for 18 cities. In subsequent years, 3/4th of the yearly accrued EPC amount, that is around Rs 40-45 crore, is proposed to be allocated every year," said CPCB report.

The report highlighted that unpaved roads are a source of PM10 emissions, which remain suspended for a long time and impact the air quality of a large area.

Case against Ghaziabad municipal commissioner for pollution in Hindon

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Ghaziabad: The UP Pollution Control Board has filed a case against Ghaziabad municipal commissioner Vikram Singh Malik over pollution in the Hindon following an NGT directive.

The pollution control board filed the case after NGT in March 2023 ordered the prosecution of industries found releasing pollutants into the river

In a status report filed before the tribunal on July 9, the pollution control board said the case was filed against Malik under BNS section 358 before the court of special judicial magistrate (air and water pollution), Lucknow. The court will hear the case on Aug 3.

for not acting against industries polluting the river. The pollution control board filed the case after NGT in March 2023 ordered the prosecution of industries found releasing pollutants into the river.

In May, the tribunal sought a response from the UPPCB after it initiated criminal proceedings against the general manager of GMC's water department, and not the municipal commissioner.

and the CEOs Noida and Greater Noida authority, through which the river passes, are also facing criminal cases.

'No protection for trees in Ggn': NGT seeks reply on PIL in 6 wks

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Gurgaon: National Green Tribunal has admitted a petition alleging indiscriminate tree-felling in the city and sought within six weeks replies from Haryana govt and the Centre, the principal chief conservator of forest and the divisional forest officer and deputy commissioner of Gurgaon.



VIOLATIONS RAMPANT

The plea filed by city-based activist Vaishali Rana contends numerous trees have been cut down in the city without authorisation and for these "egregious violations", the divisional forest officer has been imposing paltry fines of Rs 500.

Rana's plea has also questioned the process of granting permission for felling trees, terming it arbitrary. She argued that while the tehsils of Gurgaon, Sohna and Pataudi are covered under the Punjab Land Preservation Act (PLPA), 1900, the tehsils of Manesar and Farukh Nagar, though in the same district, are not covered by the law, exposing those areas to incidents of tree-felling.

are of the considered view that the application raises substantial questions relating to the environment and non-compliance of norms.

The order from NGT chairperson Justice Prakash Shrivastava, judicial member Arun Kumar Tyagi and expert member A Senthil Vel, passed on July 4, states, "Upon hearing preliminary arguments and perusing documents on record, we

The order was uploaded on July 10.

The plea pointed out that a govt order on March 29, 2011 had removed from the scope of seeking permissions, violating the National Forest Policy, 1988, seven tree species - ailanthus, shahtoot, guava, bakain, bamboo, poplar and eucalyptus - which has been contributing to deterioration of air quality in one of the most polluted cities of India.

The next hearing in the matter is on Sept 24.

Address staff shortage in pollution boards: SC to Delhi, its neighbours

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New Delhi: Life threatening pollution has become a regular occurrence in the National Capital Region, particularly during winter season, but shockingly, the authorities which are supposed to control it - State Pollution Control Boards of Delhi and its neighbouring states - work with just one-third of its sanctioned staff strength.

The situation is worst in Delhi, where 233 out of 344 posts are vacant, implying that the Delhi State Pollution Control Board is functioning with just 33% of its sanctioned staff. In Rajasthan, 395 out of 808 posts are vacant. In Haryana, 202 posts are vacant out of the total sanctioned strength of 483.

Expressing shock at the sorry state of affairs, a bench of Justices Abhay Soka and Augustine George Masih put chief secretaries of Delhi and its neighbouring states Rajasthan, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Punjab to notice. The court directed them to respond within three weeks and place before the court a time-frame within which the vacancies would be filled up.

The issue of large number of vacancies was brought to the court's notice by senior advocate Aparajita Singh, who is assisting the court as amicus curiae. She mentioned to the bench that there are 6,092 posts vacant in several state pollution control boards

Light showers likely today, temperature may drop tomorrow

New Delhi: Several areas in the city experienced intense rain for a few hours on Wednesday while some remained dry. Despite very light to moderate rain on average, the city witnessed a day of high humidity. The maximum temperature also increased by 3 degrees, adding to the discomfort.

Safdarjung, the city's base station, logged 10.1mm rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30pm on Wednesday, while Palam recorded 25.4mm, Lodhi Road 5mm and Ridge 3.9mm, respectively.

India Meteorological Department's (IMD) data shows that since the arrival of the monsoon in the city on June 28, Safdarjung had recorded 279.4mm rainfall. Out of this, 229.1mm was recorded on June 28 itself.

The maximum temperature was 36.4 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, a notch above normal, against 33.2 a day earlier while the minimum stood at 27.5 degrees Celsius, the normal for the season. The relative humidity oscillated between 61% and 98%.

IMD has predicted very light rain on Thursday. A yellow alert for Friday indicates intense rain. The maximum temperature may hover around 36 degrees Celsius on Thursday, which is likely to drop to 33 degrees on Friday.

The city's air quality deteriorated to moderate on Wednesday. TNW

58-year-old man stabbed to death with scissors, 1 held

New Delhi: A 58-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death with scissors in outer Delhi's Bawana on Wednesday. Police have apprehended his 22-year-old neighbour who was allegedly trying to commit theft in the house.

Police received a PCR call at 2:03 a.m. regarding the stabbing incident. "The caller reported that a person, who may have been attempting a theft, had stabbed a senior citizen," said a senior officer said. A police team rushed to the spot to find a man lying on the first floor, with blood oozing from his body. The victim, Tahir, was taken to the hospital, where he was declared dead, the officer said. Tahir worked as a laborer.

During the investigation, police learned that Tahir's wife and daughter were sleeping on the top floor when they heard his screams. They rushed downstairs to find their neighbor, Anukaran, attacking Tahir with tailoring scissors. When they confronted Anukaran, he fled the scene, said Ravi Kumar Singh, DCP (outer north). The suspect was apprehended at the instance of the deceased's family members, Singh added. TNW

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# BJP-AAP Slugfest Over Hike In Power Bill

## PPAC HIKED: BJP Flays AAP Govt For Burdening People; Atishi Hits Back, Says It's Routine

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**New Delhi:** Due to an increase in the power purchase adjustment charge (PPAC) by 6 to 8 per cent, depending on the discom supplying you power in Delhi, your bill increased from Feb, but you may not have noticed it.

Delhi is supplied power by four discoms: BSES Yamuna Power Limited, BSES Rajdhani Power Limited, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited and NDMC. The hike varies for consumers in different parts of the city as the increase in PPAC is different for each discom.

In the case of BRPL and BYPL, it is 7.75% and 6.15%, respectively, and for Tata Power and NDMC, it is 8.75%. Factoring in the hike, the total PPAC for BRPL is 35.8%, for BYPL 37.8%, for Tata Power 37.9% and for NDMC 38.8%.

To give an idea about how this will affect consumers, we can take the example of a person consuming 600 units. If he lives in the BRPL area,



The hike has not affected bills of consumers availing subsidy for consuming up to 200 units, officials said

his bill will go up to Rs 4,802 from Rs 4523; in a BYPL area, it will go up to Rs 4,863 from Rs 4667; in a Tata Power area, it will increase to Rs 4,867 from Rs 4588; and in an NDMC area, it will increase to Rs 4,895 from Rs 4616.

However, this has not affected the bills of consumers availing subsidy for consuming up to 200 units, officials

said on Wednesday. Delhi has about 65 lakh domestic electricity consumers. During winter - January to April - about 60 per cent do not have to pay for electricity because their consumption is less than 200 units which is free of cost.

The hike came to light on Wednesday after BJP held a press conference, attacking

AAP gov't for it. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "Delhi gov't is continuously looting Delhi through electricity bills. Electricity companies are extorting a hefty amount from the public in the name of PPAC."

PPAC is levied as a percentage of the base tariff, which includes fixed cost and energy charges (units

consumed) by the consumers. Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (DERC) provides a surcharge called PPAC to cover the fluctuations in the power purchase costs incurred by the discoms. The cost of purchasing power is influenced by the prices of coal and fuel. According to officials, there has been a substantial rise in coal prices recently due to increased imports and transportation costs.

Sachdeva said if gov't had purchased electricity from the power grid or surplus states through an agreement before April, then prices would not have increased through May to July. He alleged that Kejriwal gov't was busy with politics when it was time to make a power plan for summer. BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said the AAP gov't has not increased the tariff but quietly allowed a hike in PPAC. Party leader Arvinder Singh Lovely said, "Despite promises, electricity companies have not been audited in the past 10 years un-

der the Kejriwal gov't." There was no response from the discoms on the revision.

Hitting back, Delhi power minister Atishi said BJP was spreading rumours about rising electricity prices in the capital, asserting that BJP-ruled states have the highest electricity costs and frequent power cuts. "Under CM Arvind Kejriwal, Delhi provides 24/7 electricity at the lowest rates," she said. She added that the DERC order states that the current PPAC will remain unchanged and according to Electricity Act of 2003, discoms can increase the PPAC by up to 10% during summer to meet increased demand.

Officials said if the discoms were to delay increasing PPAC, it could further burden the consumer as it is recovery of cost already paid. "PPAC is a statutory mandate, and the process is very transparent and validated by the regulator. Without PPAC, discoms will have liquidity stress and won't have money to pay the generators," they said.

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## DU to approach cops to allow forensic science students to visit crime spots

**New Delhi:** Delhi University's forensic science students are likely to find their way to crime scenes as interns, with the varsity planning to approach Delhi Police to allow them to visit the spots along with investigators. DU's department of anthropology has prepared a proposal that will be tabled for approval before the academic council of the varsity, which will meet on July 12.

The department will write a letter of recommendation (LOR) to the deputy commissioners of police (DCPs) of districts to help their students gain field exposure, an official said. The proposal seeks slight modifications to the curriculum of its MSc Forensic Science course for final semester students. **PTI**

## Man murders neighbour with baseball bat, held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A 26-year-old man was beaten to death with a baseball bat in Mangolpuri on Wednesday. Police have arrested the accused, who claimed that the man had misbehaved with his sister three days earlier and that he wanted to take revenge. The accused and the victim were neighbours and known to each other.

The deceased was identified as Neeraj, who lived in Pitampura. He worked at a mobile shop in Mangolpuri. Suraj, the deceased's brother, told police that one Prince thrashed Neeraj with a stick. The victim was taken to a hospital in Rohini from where he was shifted to another hospital for further medical treatment. But Neeraj was declared dead there, leaving his family to grapple with this devastating loss.

DCP(Outer) Jimmy Chiram said they analysed CCTV footage and zeroed in on Prince near Delhi Cantt. "He was trying to flee to his native village in Dausa, Rajasthan. Wasting no time, multiple police teams were formed and deployed at strategic locations. One of

**Prince claimed that Neeraj had acted inappropriately with his sister three days back, which prompted him to unleash a deadly attack**

the teams successfully apprehended the suspect at the Delhi Cantt Railway Station flyover," the officer added.

He was arrested under Section 103 (1) of BNS. Furthermore, acting on Prince's confession, police were able to recover the murder weapon.

Under sustained questioning, Prince reportedly confessed to the murder. He claimed that Neeraj had acted inappropriately towards his sister three days back, which prompted him to unleash a deadly attack on the 26-year-old man.

"Neeraj was sitting at the shop when Prince arrived at the spot, and there was an argument. Prince was carrying a baseball bat. He didn't wait and started beating Neeraj with the bat on his head and other parts of the body," the officer added.

Cops are also probing if any other person was involved in the case.

## 3 held for murder of Nigerian, drugs link suspected

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Three people have been arrested in connection with the murder of a Nigerian national in Nilothi Extension, Outer Delhi, last week. The murder took place over drug money, police said on Wednesday.

Around 10pm on Saturday, police received a call regarding the incident. "The caller reported that two men had shot a Nigerian man. A team from the local police station rushed to the spot and found bloodstains on the ground and inside a shop. However, the injured man had already been taken to a hospital. The victim was identified as Sunday Ernest Morah," an officer recalled.

An investigation revealed that Morah was on his way to the local market when two men on a motorbike approached him and opened fire. He sought refuge in a nearby shop, but the assailants chased him inside and shot him three times.

"He sustained three bullet injuries: two in the abdomen and one in the leg. He was admitted to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital but succumbed to his injuries on Sunday," the officer said.

DCP(Outer) Jimmy Chiram stated that multiple teams were formed to solve the case.

During the investigation, police analysed footage from approximately 150 CCTV cameras near the scene of the crime and were able to identify the suspects. "We received information that the accused were hiding in Mangolpuri Kalan. However, when the cops reached the location, the suspects had already fled," the officer said.

Later, police received another tip suggesting that the suspects were hiding in Uttam Nagar. "A raid was conducted again and the three accused were apprehended," the officer said. Police also recovered the scooter used by the accused on the day of the murder.

The three accused were identified as Rajesh, Abhishek and Mohit. They all were arrested in the past two.

According to their statements, they had given money to Morah for drugs, but he neither provided the drugs nor returned their money. They claimed this as the motive for the shooting. Mohit is said to be a drug addict, while Rajesh and Abhishek allegedly provided logistical support for the crime. "Two miscreants arrived at the spot on a bike. To conceal their identities, they had bent the bike's number plate," the officer said.

Morah was earlier booked by the UP police under a section of cheating. Earlier, he used to live in West Delhi's Tilak Nagar, but shifted to Chander Vihar around 10 months ago.

## 24-yr-old stabbed to death, brother injured, 2 arrested

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A 24-year-old man was stabbed to death, and his 22-year-old brother was injured after being allegedly attacked by their neighbours in East Delhi's GD Colony. Police have arrested two suspects in connection with the case.

Upon receiving information about the incident on Tuesday, a police team rushed to the scene to find blood smeared across the road and the stairs of a building's first and second floors, a senior police officer reported.

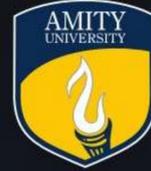
"The dispute involved the accused, Saransh, and his family, who reside on the second floor of the building. According to the statement given by the victims' sister, Saransh had allegedly been harassing her, leading to tensions. The altercation escalated when Saransh attacked Vicky after dinner," the officer explained.

Subsequently, a confrontation erupted on the second floor involving Saransh (22), his father Pradeep (58), and Vicky. In the heat of the moment, Saransh grabbed a knife and stabbed Vicky, while trying to protect his brother, was also injured during the scuffle, the officer noted.

The injured were rushed to LBS Hospital, where Vicky was declared dead upon arrival. His brother Ricky, who had also sustained injuries, was discharged from GTB Hospital after receiving treatment, the officer said, adding that Vicky is a father to three children and Ricky got married just 3 months ago.

Police promptly arrested Saransh and his father Pradeep and recovered the knife used in the crime. A case has been registered under relevant sections of the law, the officer said, adding Saransh, who studied up to the 9th grade and is currently unemployed, and Pradeep, a security guard.

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# Taking Away Control Of 'Services' Has Hit Governance, Govt Pleads In Court

It Has Urged Supreme Court To Conduct Early Hearing Against Legislation Under Services Act

Abhinav Garg & Atul Mathur | TNN

New Delhi: Delhi gov't on Tuesday sought an early hearing in Supreme Court on its pending plea challenging the law that took away control of 'services' from the elected dispensation. The matter was mentioned before a bench of Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra by senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, representing Aam Aadmi Party gov't.

Singhvi urged the court to intervene on a priority, arguing that the Government of NCT Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023, was creating hindrances in administering the capital. "It's a serious matter. It is creating problems on the ground," he said, pointing out that the petition had been pending for a year now. In July last year, the apex court had referred Delhi gov't's petition challenging the Government of National Capital Territory (Amendment) Ordinance 2023 (now an Act) to a five-judge constitution bench.

The ordinance was replaced by the Act passed by Parliament in Aug 2023 soon after the Supreme Court ruled that control of services in Delhi, excluding police, public order and land, lay with the elected gov't and sought to set up a National Capital Civil Service Authority for the transfer of and disciplinary proceedings against Group A officials.

Challenging the Act, the AAP gov't argued that it had only been enacted to overturn the apex court's verdict. It gave overriding powers to the lieutenant governor of Delhi to oversee the transfers and postings of civil servants in the capital. The state gov't argued that the Centre's move was "unconstitutional" since the Act "destroys the scheme of federal, Westminster-style, democratic governance that is constitutionally guaranteed for Delhi under Article 239AA".

On May 11 last year, the Supreme Court ruled that the division of administrative po-

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**2015**

- May 21 Union home ministry issues gazette notification saying LG will have jurisdiction over matters connected with services, public order, police and land and he may consult CM whenever he deems it necessary on issues of services using his own 'discretion'
- May 28 Delhi gov't moves HC against Centre's notification on LG's powers

**2016**

- Jan 27 Union gov't tells HC that Delhi is under Centre's control and not a full-fledged state
- April 5 AAP gov't asks HC to refer to larger bench petitions on powers of LG on governance of Delhi
- May 24 HC reserves order on AAP gov't's plea for a stay on proceedings on petitions arising out of its standoff with LG over powers to appoint bureaucrats in capital and other issues
- Aug 4 HC says LG is administrative head of NCT and AAP gov't's contention that he is bound to act on the advice of council of ministers is 'without substance'

**2017**

- Feb 15 SC refers to constitution bench the pleas on Delhi-Centre row over governance

**2018**

- July 4 SC says LG does not have independent decision-making powers and is bound to act on aid and advice of council of ministers

**2019**

- Feb 14 Two-judge bench delivers two separate judgments, recommends to CJ to set up three-judge bench to finally decide the issue of control of services in the capital

**2022**

- Nov 9 A five-judge constitution bench commences hearing on the matter

**2023**

- May 11 SC rules that Delhi gov't has legislative and executive powers over administration of services, except for public order, police and land
- May 19 Centre promulgates The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023, overriding SC judgment
- June 30 Delhi gov't moves SC to quash ordinance
- July 25 Union Cabinet gives its nod to proposal to replace ordinance with a new legislation
- Aug 3 Lok Sabha passes Delhi Services Bill amid Opposition walkout
- Aug 7 Rajya Sabha passes the Bill
- Aug 12 President gives assent to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Bill, 2023, subsequently notified

### MAJOR FLASHPOINTS

July 3, 2023 LG VK Saxena approves a services dept proposal to terminate over 400 private people engaged as 'specialists' in various departments, corporations, boards and public sector undertakings of Delhi gov't; AAP calls it 'illegal' and 'against the Constitution'

Aug 3 Delhi gov't alleges chief secretary was sending official files on transferred subjects directly to LG, without routing through the minister concerned

Aug 10 Delhi assembly secretary removes 116 fellows engaged under Delhi Assembly Research Centre fellowship programme; Speaker Ram Niwas Goel says programme will continue as it 'neither was a services matter nor violated provisions of reservation'

Aug 30 CM Kejriwal alleges the Act had given a 'licence' to bureaucrats to 'openly rebel' against elected gov't after minister Atishi claimed a 'top officer' of finance department refused to follow her orders to appoint a lawyer in SC to file a petition against HC order in GST case

Nov 7 Kejriwal recommends suspension of senior IAS officer Ashwani Kumar for allegedly shutting down a smog tower in CP in violation of SC order

March 20, 2024 Health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj alleges health secretary did not inform him about an incident of sexual harassment in a medical college, saying it was a 'services' matter

wers between the Union and Delhi gov'ts "must be respected" and that Delhi gov't had "legislative and executive power over services", including the bureaucrats, except those related to public order, police and land. LG enjoys direct control over 'services' since 2016 though this has been challenged in court by AAP.

A few days later on May 19, the Centre promulgated an ordinance to create an authority for the transfer and posting of IAS and DANICS officers in Delhi, with the state gov't calling the move a circumvention of the Supreme Court verdict on control of services. Defending it, the Centre cited the need to prevent "harassment and

humiliation" of bureaucrats under the elected gov't and maintained that Delhi being the national capital, its governance impacted the nation.

A few weeks after Parliament passed the Gov't of NCT of Delhi Act, CM Arvind Kejriwal claimed that the new law had given the bureaucrats "licence" to "openly rebel" against the elected gov't and refuse to obey the orders of the elected ministers. On X, Kejriwal posted, "Can any state or country or institution run like this? This Act will ruin Delhi... the Act needs to be struck down as soon as possible."

What has followed is continuing battle between Delhi gov't and LG, with the former

**LG's office maintained he was well within his powers to hold such meetings. Bureaucrats also maintained that LG's control over 'services' hadn't created governance issues**

flagging several instances of bureaucrats "willfully ignoring" gov't directions and alleging that LG met and passed orders to officials without the knowledge or concurrence of ministers. On numerous occasions, AAP gov't has alle-

ged that most senior officers were no longer taking instructions from the ministers and this was directly affecting governance of Delhi.

VK Saxena's office maintained he was well within his powers to hold such meetings. Bureaucrats also maintained that LG's control over 'services' hadn't created governance issues. "Being a Union territory with a joint cadre of officers, it is important for the Centre to have control of the bureaucracy to decide the posting and transfer of IAS and DANICS officers," said a Delhi gov't officer.

From removal of advisers and fellows engaged in various gov't departments and affi-

liated agencies to a senior IAS officer allegedly retaining information on the alleged sexual harassment of two medical students by a professor and, more recently, the transfer of 5,000 teachers, the state gov't has raised several issues in the last 14 months accusing the bureaucracy of non-cooperation. This led to a direct confrontation between the ministers and LG and bureaucrats.

AAP gov't has accused LG of being behind the alleged non-cooperation of senior officers, which, they claimed, not only led to the delay of several projects but also deprived significant gov't departments of funds.

# After 17-month delay, MCD starts process to set up key panels

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New Delhi: After a delay of around 17 months, Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is going to begin the process to set up 24 committees — 12 ward and 12 special — in the next 10 days. The process to form Standing Committee will also be carried out simultaneously, said a source.

According to sources, MCD House has given an initial approval for establishing these committees and mayor Shelly Oberoi will soon begin the process of inviting nominations from different parties.

While the ward committees will be constituted in each of the 12 zones, the special committees include appointment promotion, works, medical relief and public health, environment management services, garden, law and general purposes, special (Hindi), sports (promotion and allied matters), high-powered property tax committee, municipal accounts committee, assurance, and code of conduct for councillor committee.

An official said, "The ratio of members in the special committees will be based on the number of councillors from each party." For instance, the assurance committee will have 22 members, with the deputy mayor as the chairman, 11 councillors from AAP, nine from BJP and one from Congress. The appointment promotion committee will have 40 members, with the mayor inviting nominations for 22 councillors from AAP, 17 from BJP and one from Congress. Five other committees — works, medi-

cal relief & public health, environment management services, garden committee, and law & general purpose committees — will have members in a similar proportion.

The Hindi and sports committees will have 31 members each, with the deputy mayor serving as the chairman, and 16 AAP, 13 BJP and one Congress members. The high-powered property tax committee will comprise 13 members, with the Standing Committee chairman as its head and the leader of opposition as a member. AAP will have six and BJP five members.

The municipal accounts committee will have 18 members, including the Standing Committee chairman as its head, and nine AAP, seven BJP and one Congress members. There will be 22 members in the code of conduct committee — 12 from AAP, nine from BJP and one from Congress.

"After the constitution of the committees, the next step will be the election of zonal and deputy chairpersons for each committee," said a source.

Standing Committee is made up of 18 members, with 12 elected from each of the 12 zones. The party holding the majority in each ward committee usually sends these members. In addition, six members are directly elected at the MCD House. In June 2023, Delhi High Court upheld the election of three members from BJP and three from AAP. One of them, Kamaljeet Sehrawat, resigned recently after winning in the Lok Sabha elections.

The election of the remaining 12 is pending due to the absence of ward committees.

## Govt ready to deal with floods: Atishi

New Delhi: Revenue minister Atishi on Wednesday visited Loha Pul on Yamuna and reviewed the preparations of the flood and irrigation control department. During the inspection, officials told Atishi that the department was fully prepared for floods while motor boats, divers and medical teams were ready to deal with any emergency situation.

"Last time the water level of the Yamuna had gone above 208 metres. Currently, it is 202.6 metres, which is much below the danger mark. But still, Delhi gov't is alert and cautious. Even if a flood situation arises, we are fully prepared for relief and rescue work," said Atishi. Gov't is even ready with evacuation plans, she added. An alarm is sounded by the administration when water level of the Yamuna reaches the 204-metre mark.

Atishi said that in 2023, the water level had reached the highest level in the last 40 years, which led to flooding in some areas. TNN

# Rai okays ₹41cr for 480 new schemes for villages

New Delhi: Chairing a meeting of the village development board, development minister Gopal Rai on Wednesday sanctioned Rs 41 crore for 480 new schemes for the city's villages.

According to a statement issued by Delhi gov't, the village development projects approved by the minister includes construction of link roads and local roads in villages, development of ponds and waterbodies, improvement of parks, crematoriums, sports

grounds, gymnasiums and libraries, drainage facilities, construction and maintenance of chaupals, barathghars and community centres, and other need-based works.

Gov't said officers were instructed to complete the projects within the stipulated time frame. A budget of Rs 900 crore has been earmarked for the development of villages in 2024-25. During the meeting, the board members also raised the issue of pending and new development proposals.

Delhi gov't is "dedicated to furnishing fundamental amenities to the inhabitants of Delhi residing in metropolitan and rural areas", Rai said. "To ensure development in villages, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had formed Delhi Village Development Board," he added.

The minister said, "These village development works will be done through irrigation and flood control department, MCD and other gov't agencies." TNN

# Mayor slams disruption of MCD meeting, BJP hits back

New Delhi: Mayor Shelly Oberoi on Wednesday criticised BJP for disrupting an important meeting of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) on improving sanitation in the city. She urged BJP councillors to prioritise the needs of Delhiites and rise above petty politics.

During a press conference at the Civic Centre, Oberoi stated that BJP councillors created a disturbance and prevented the meeting from commencing. "It is very unfortunate and shameful that ever since AAP came to power, BJP's only intention is to stop the work," she said, citing the ruckus created in the Standing Committee election.

Oberoi emphasised the importance of forming special committees, Standing Committee and ward committees as soon as possible to address pressing issues such as improving cleanliness and mitigating waterlogging. She expressed concern over the recent monsoon floods and the need to discuss solutions with officials.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor, countering Oberoi's claims, stated that AAP's obstinacy has led to a standstill in MCD's essential functions for the past one and a half years.

He accused AAP of wanting to run MCD according to its own desires rather than according to the Corporation Act, resulting in the scheduled caste community being denied representation as mayor for over three and a half months.

Kapoor further alleged that AAP was aware that they would easily lose if the Standing Committee election was held due to the current political numbers at the corporation. TNN



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Senior Advisor, MRF Ltd.

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Funeral will be held on Thursday, 11th July, 2024 in Chennai.

Prayer Service: 2.30 pm at his residence in Chennai.

Funeral Service: 3.15 pm at St. Peter's & St. Paul's Orthodox Church, New Colony, Thomas Nagar, Koyambedu, Chennai - 600 107.

Burial: 4.00 pm at Kilpauk Cemetery, Kilpauk Garden Colony, Chennai - 600 102.

Deeply mourned by:

Wife: Mrs. Laila Eapen

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Meera Jacob Philip, Diya Philip, Talia Philip, Mihir Eapen Philip, Sneha Susan Philip, Meghna Philip, Shruti Rajan, Kian George Philip and Arin Joseph Philip.

From the grieving members of the MRF Family.

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**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
 Name of the work:- 01 Construction of Open Shed No. 02 for Retail Fruit Traders at open space between Pond and Internal Road near Gate No. 02 within at Karimpur Sub Market Yard under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee.  
 Tender ID:- 2024\_WBSMB\_701377\_2, Tender Amount:- 644148. 2) Repair maintenance of ADSR building and Deed Writers accommodation at Karimpur Sub Market yard under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee. Tender ID:- 2024\_WBSMB\_701377\_2, Tender Amount:- 744041. Vide NIT No:- N2RMC/ET/SC/02/nd call/2024-25, Dated - 26.06.2024. The last date for submission of Tender is on :- 24.07.2024 up to 12.00 p.m. The details information regarding e-NIT will be available on the <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Secretary, Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee  
 ICA-T10991(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**Notice to procure Furniture and Hospital Furniture and Equipment**  
 E.T. No. 77/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/78/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/79/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/80/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/81/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/82/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/83/MKT of 2024-2025, 01/84/MKT of 2024-2025 are invited for supply of Furniture and Hospital Furniture & Equipment in West Bengal. For details, please visit [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in) or [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) for submission of bid. 77/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 11.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. 78/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 12.07.2024 at 09:55 A.M. 79/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 13.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. 80/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 14.07.2024 at 10:00 P.M. 81/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 15.07.2024 at 10:00 P.M. 82/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 16.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. 83/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 17.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. 84/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 18.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. 85/MKT of 2024-2025 dated 19.07.2024 at 10:00 A.M. Sd/- Executive Director-I, The WBSIDCL  
 ICA-T10988(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT**  
**ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL**  
**HOOGHLY, PIN- 712123**  
**e-Tender Notice**  
 The e-tenders are being invited by the Superintendent of ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly, 712123, for the following: 1."Selection of agency/contractor for supply of Disposal, Kit, Chemical/Reagent for different type of equipment's installed" at ESI Hospital Bandel, Hooghly, 712123. The bid submission will be starting on 11/07/24. Tender schedule with detailed terms & Conditions will be available in the website [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in) Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT, ESI HOSPITAL BANDEL  
 ICA-T11061(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
 Executive Engineer-I, PWD, Dist. Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division, P-12, C.I.T. Road (1st Floor), Kolkata-14 invites e-tender (online) for the work of (1) "Modification of CCU and Construction of 4 Bedded HDU at 5th floor of UNB Clinic, for Establishing Critical care medicine dept. of NRSMC&H, EAC, Glow Sign Board Work" under tender no. WBPWD/EE-I/KHED/NIT-08/24-25 Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_695320\_1. Bid submission end date (online) for the work is 20.07.2024 up to 11.00 AM. Detail information /download/upload will be available from the website: <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Arindam Halder Executive Engineer-I, Central Kolkata Health Electrical Division P.W.Dte.  
 ICA-T11088(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
 EE/KHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Operational charges for Lift Operator/attendant/ Runder the Clock, installed at Super Specialty building, KMCH within the jurisdiction of Medical College Electrical Sub-Division, PW Dte. :- WBPWD/EE-I/KHED/NIT-32/2024-25 Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709797\_1 Bid Submission Start Date (online) : 18/07/2024, 1.00 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) : 31/07/2024 up to 12.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- P. Pal/EE-I/KHED/PW Dte./Govt of WB  
 ICA-T11075(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
 The Executive Engineer, North Bengal Construction Division, PWD, Siliguri, on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal invites e-Tender for One no. work, details of which may be had from the office of the undersigned on working days during the office hours or on website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or [www.pwdwb.in](http://www.pwdwb.in). NIT Ref. No: WBPWD/EE/NBCD/NIT/14/2024-2025 NIT ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709566\_1 Bid submission End Date for the work : 30/07/2024 upto 11.00 AM Eligibility: Bonafide Resourceful Contractors Note :- Any subsequent corrigendum if necessary will be published on website only Sd/- A. Roy Executive Engineer (PWD) North Bengal Construction Division Siliguri.  
 ICA-T11073(4)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
 EE/KHED/PW Dte. invite online e-tender for the work "Thorough Repairing, renovation, Strengthening Compound Development & Other Allied Works for Up Gradation to PWD Standard of Indra Matr G Sishu Kalyan Hospital Annex of RG Kar Medical College & Hospital-Electrical Installation Work" under tender no. WBPWD/EE-I/KHED/NIT/01/24-25 Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_710025\_1 Bid Submission Start Date (online) : 17/07/2024, 2.05 PM. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) : 30/07/2024 upto 1.00 PM. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- S. Chakraborty/EE-I/KHED/PW Dte.  
 ICA-T11076(3)/2024

# 21-year-old stabbed to death by 4 in W Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Days before his birthday, a 21-year-old man was allegedly stabbed to death by four men in west Delhi's Khayala on Tuesday. No arrest has been made yet, police said.

Police received a PCR call from a hospital on Wednesday regarding a man who had been brought in with stab injuries and was pronounced dead upon arrival. The deceased, identified as Lakshya, lived with his family in JJ Colony, Raghubir Nagar.

Upon verification, it was confirmed that the incident occurred around 10 pm in JJ Colony, near the victim's residence, a senior police officer said.

"Based on local intelligence and available technical evidence, some suspects have been identified, who are currently abscinding. Multiple teams have been deployed to apprehend them. The deceased, identified as Lakshya, lived with his family in JJ Colony, Raghubir Nagar. Upon verification, it was confirmed that the incident occurred around 10 pm in JJ Colony, near the victim's residence, a senior police officer said.

Following the incident, evidence has been gathered from the crime scene and CCTV footage is being reviewed to identify the perpetrators. Investigators are exploring whether the motive behind the attack was personal animosity or a financial dispute, another police officer said.

Lakshya's family has recounted that he had informed his mother he would return soon before he was cornered and fatally stabbed by four assailants in a nearby lane. They also alleged that bystanders watched without intervening to save him. "His birthday was on July 16, and the family had planned to gift him a new scooter. That dream has now been shattered," a grieving family member lamented.

"No one came to his aid; they stabbed him multiple times," another relative said.

# Boy sexually assaulted in childcare home, 1 held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 10-year-old boy was alleged to have been sexually assaulted inside a childcare home in north Delhi. Police stated that the incident occurred in the last week of June, and the case was registered two days after the incident.

A police source said that the alleged assault took place inside the bathroom. Both the victim and the 16-year-old accused resided in the same home. The victim was threatened by the accused not to reveal the incident to anyone.

Two days after the incident, the 10-year-old informed the home management about the assault, following which police were alerted, the source added. A case was registered, and the accused was apprehended.

Meanwhile, two boys escaped from the same childcare home. Cops were alerted by the management and multiple teams were formed to face the kids.

While police recovered one of them, search was under way for the other one. "We have got some leads and so the other child will also be recovered," the officer said.

**WBEIDC**  
 Webel Bhavan, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091.  
 Notice Inviting e-Tender No. EC / 07 / SLG-II/Landscaping AMC/2024-25 (018), dated 03.07.2024 for AMC of Landscaping within the premises of SLG PH-II Park.  
 Due date of Submission: 7 days from publication. Estimate: Rs. 8.15 Lakhs (Approx). Interested parties may go through website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> for details or contact 033-23571706.  
 ICA-T11022(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Tender is invited by The Executive Engineer, New Town Kolkata W/S Divn-II, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/NTKD-I/De-2.0/F/2024-25, I.D. :- 2024\_PHE/NTKD-I/De-2.0/F/2024-25 (I) Last date of submission: 16.07.2024 Upto 12.00 p.m. (ii) Date of Opening: 18.07.2024 After 12.00 p.m. (iii) Intending Bidders are requested to visit the website <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> or <http://www.wbhealth.gov.in> for details or contact 033-23571706.  
 ICA-T11037(1)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE**  
 NIT No. WBIW/EE/MD/NIT-02(e)/2024-25 On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, e-tenders are invited by the undersigned for (5) nos work under East Midnapore Division, I&W Dte. Online bid submission closing date is 20.07.2024 upto 17.30 hrs. Other details may be seen in the website <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> or <http://www.wbhealth.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, East Midnapore Division, I&W Dte., Tamluk, Purba Medinipur.  
 ICA-T10972(1)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**E-Tender Notice**  
 MSVP, NRS Medical College & Hospital invites E-Tender (No. 81/2024-25, dt. 26.06.2024) from eligible and qualified bidders for Various Types of Signage Boards and Flex as details given in websites -wbtdenders.gov.in and wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- MSVP,NRS&C&H  
 ICA-T10969(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
 West Bengal Industrial Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for supply and commissioning of different medical equipment for new H.L.A Lab and Organ Transplant Laboratory under the Dept. of Immunohematology and Blood Transfusion (IHB) in West Bengal as per details indicated in the table below:  
 Equipment Name: 22 different types of medical items, Bid Ref. No. WBSMCL/NT/02/2024-25, I.D. :- 2024\_WBSMCL/NT/02/2024-25 (I) Last date of submission of online bid: 31.07.2024 up to 05:00 P.M. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online on the website [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in) and [www.wbhealth.gov.in](http://www.wbhealth.gov.in) Sd/- General Manager, WBSMCL & Joint Secretary, H&F Dept.  
 ICA-T10982(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
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**ASANSOL - 713305**  
**Re-e-Tender Notice**  
 Online Re-e-tenders are invited under NIT Ref. No. ESIH/ASAN/NIT02/2024-25/10 & MEMO No: EH/AS/54 dated 01.07.24 for hiring of one DIESEL/CNG/LPG ambulance for ESI Hospital Ansalon for two years. Bid submission will start from 1 p.m. on 18.07.2024 and will close at 1 p.m. on 07.08.2024. Details will be available in the website [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in) Sd/- SUPERINTENDENT, ESI HOSPITAL ANSALON  
 ICA-T10973(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
 Executive Engineer (P.W.D.), Jalpaiguri Division, Jalpaiguri invites online tender for Mastic Asphalt on Bangharu more on Krishnagar-Nabadwip road to Krishnagar-Block Krishab Bazar under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee. Tender ID :- 2024\_WBSMB\_701447\_2, Tender Amount:- 1227981. (2) Concrete approach roads to both side of Retail Stall Complex, Phase-A & North of Retail Stall Complex, Phase-B within Principal Division, under Jalpaiguri Division, PWD during the year 2024-2025. Estimated Amount to Tender: Rs. 10,73,000.00 [Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709250\_1] Tender Ref. No. WBPWD/EE/JPGD/NIT-05/2024-25 for Si. no. 01. Bid submission closing date (online): 26.07.2024 upto 12.00 hrs. Bid Opening date (online): 28.07.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Details of NIT documents may be downloaded from <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, Jalpaiguri Division, PWD  
 ICA-T11064(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Ex. Engineer, Birbhum Hwy. Divn.-I, (P.W.Roads) Dte., Suri (Birbhum) invites online e-tender for the work "1. "Kotampur Ramnagar Road from 4.50 kmp to 12.00 kmp Repairing of Pot-holes in stretches under Sainthia Highway Sub-Division of Birbhum Highway Division-I in the district of Birbhum during the year 2024-25". Estimate: Rs. 1731013.21. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709088\_1 And other (3) Estimated cost: Rs. 945505.59. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709088\_2. Estimated cost: Rs. 1706440.00. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709088\_3. Estimated cost: Rs. 1214159.54. Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709088\_4. e-NIT No. 3(SI, 1 to 4) of 2024-2025. Bid submission start date: 09/07/2024 from 11 A.M. End date: 29/07/2024 at 2.00 P.M. Technical bid closing date: 01/08/2024 at 11.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be uploaded in the website only. Details may be downloaded from <http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- E.E. Birbhum Highway Division-I.  
 ICA-T11043(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE**  
 e-NIT No. 02/2024-25 (2nd Call) for the work of "Supply and Commissioning of Fire Extinguisher of different categories and supply and installation of signage at different floors." NIT No. WBHB/DD/EE/II/NIT-02/24-25. Last Date of closing bid submission 24.07.2024. All particulars and any information & corrigendum if any, will be published in website only <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Birbhum Division, P.W.D.  
 ICA-T11047(3)/2024

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**ABRIDGE NOTICE**  
 Tender in two enveloped system in prescribed form of West Bengal Housing Board as given in website of W.B.H.B. are invited by the Deputy Director (EW-I) of WBHB for "Comprehensive annual maintenance contract of fire fighting and fire alarm system and Public address system of A&S&N building with its complexes including refilling and SITC of Fire Extinguisher of different categories and supply and installation of signage at different floors." NIT No. WBHB/DD/EE/II/NIT-02/24-25. Last Date of closing bid submission 24.07.2024. All particulars and any information & corrigendum if any, will be published in website only <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, Birbhum Division, P.W.D.  
 ICA-T11047(3)/2024

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 ICA-T10982(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
 KMDA TENDER NOTICE e-NIT No. 09/25/EE/W&S&KMDA/03/2024-25 (2nd call) e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle-I, EM Sector, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Amount up to tender, installation, commissioning of pumping machineries & allied accessories along with HT sub-station including Operation & Maintenance for 5 years and double layer bullah piling filled with sand bags, land development with sand & earth filling boundary wall & approach road within site in connection to the project "Augmentation & Strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of North Baranagar Municipality under District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal under AMRUT 2.0" on Turn-key basis. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 02/08/2024 at 18.30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-189) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) ICA-T11014(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**KMDA TENDER NOTICE**  
 e-NIT No. 09/25/EE/W&S&KMDA/03/2024-25 (2nd call) e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle-I, EM Sector, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Design, drawing & construction and commissioning of 1.65 MG capacity (7500 Cum.) Under Ground Reservoir, including supply, delivery, installation, commissioning of pumping machineries & allied accessories along with HT sub-station including Operation & Maintenance for 5 years and double layer bullah piling filled with sand bags, land development with sand & earth filling boundary wall & approach road within site in connection to the project "Augmentation & Strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of North Baranagar Municipality under District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal under AMRUT 2.0" on Turn-key basis. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 02/08/2024 at 18.30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-189) [www.kmda.wb.gov.in](http://www.kmda.wb.gov.in) ICA-T10999(3)/2024

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# Streets Turn Into Canvas To Welcome Int'l Guests

Murals, Sculptures, Paintings Being Installed At Various Places

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New Delhi: Delhi is gearing up to welcome members of the World Heritage Committee from July 21. In preparation for this significant event, the city authorities are putting in special effort to beautify Delhi's surroundings through the installation of murals, sculptures and wall paintings. Lalit Kala Akademi has been assigned the task of enhancing visual art on the capital's roads and avenues to impress the international guests.

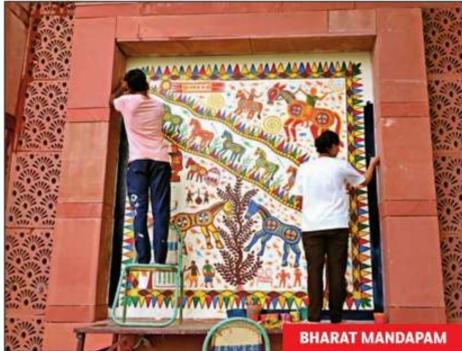
"Art represents the diversity of India," explained an official of Lalit Kala Akademi, India's national academy of fine arts. "We will interact with the public through art work placed at various locations in the capital. Under the PARI (Public Art of India) project, we have invited more than 100 visual artists from across the country to beautify the selected public spaces for the upcoming event. Traditional art forms as well as sculptures, murals and installations are the focus of this beautification project."

The Union culture ministry, the host of the event to be held at Bharat Mandapam, desires to showcase the culture and heritage to the visitors, who will be in India for 10 days, most of them in Delhi.

The art project has been strategically planned to ensure exposure to the delegates passing by. At Indira Gandhi International Airport, artists



MEHRAM NAGAR UNDERPASS



BHARAT MANDAPAM

are currently adorning the walls of the Mehram Nagar underpass with wall paintings. The theme here is about Unesco's seven natural World Heritage Sites of Kaziranga National Park, Nanda Devi and the Valley of Flowers, Sundarbans National Park, Manas Wildlife Sanctuary,

Western Ghats, Great Himalayan National Park Conservation Area and Keoladeo National Park. India has 42 World Heritage Sites, of which seven are natural sites.

At the ITO crossing, beneath the Tilak Bridge, mural making is under way. It will show the other heritage sites

of India, including the Ajanta-Ellora caves, Khajuraho, Qutub Minar, Jantar Mantar, Red Fort and Agra Fort, among others. On two walls running alongside the main road, the artists have applied a fresh layer of cement for relief sculptures.

"By integrating art in urban infrastructure, the artistic experience will be available for one and all," said another Akademi official. "This inclusive approach fosters a shared cultural identity among citizens."

Similar artistic endeavours are being carried out at the Africa Avenue underpass. The creative canvas here includes artwork inspired by styles such as Phad paintings from Rajasthan, thangka painting from Sikkim-Ladakh, miniature painting from Himachal Pradesh, Gond art from Madhya Pradesh, Tanjore paintings from south India and Madhubani art from Bihar.

At least seven sculptures are being created, including Bhoo Devi, the personification of Earth, Agni Tattva, the fire element, and Sanchi Torana, a replica of the gate at Sanchi Stupa dating back to the Mauryan Empire and a World Heritage Site.

Although the Bharat Mandapam complex in Pragati Maidan already features a significant amount of public art created for the G20 summit, the fresh additions there will elevate its aesthetic appeal.

## GPS device must in ration trucks

New Delhi: Delhi govt has warned strict action on deliberate delays by transporters in ration supply and instructed that no truck loaded with food-grain should ply on the road without GPS tracking device.

Food and supplies minister Imran Hussain in a meeting with the general manager of DSCSC on Wednesday reviewed the delivery of ration to the fair price shops in the city from FCI godowns.

In view of the rainy season, ration loaded trucks need to be covered with waterproof tarpaulin. No food-grain truck can ply on the roads without GPS tracking system, Hussain said.

Sufficient ration is available in city and the fair price shops are distributing free ration to all the beneficiaries under NFSA 2013. PTI

DU shortens winter break for students: Delhi University has shortened its winter break

for students studying in the third and fifth semester of the UG programme, reducing it to just

four days from Dec 29 to Jan, 2025, according to an official notification. PTI



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### e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS FOR TWO YEARS

e-Tender for supply of 250 nos. of DRUGS for "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)" are invited by PMBI. Last date and time for submission of online bids against e-Tender no. PMBI/DRUG/RC-217/2024 dated 03/07/2024 for supply of drugs is 30/07/2024 up to 17:00 hours.

For detailed eligibility criteria, terms & conditions of the tender, please visit the websites <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> & <https://janaushadhi.gov.in>.

CEO, PMBI

## Man caught transporting 100 rare species of turtle

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New Delhi: Over 100 live, rare and protected turtles were found in the bag of a man who was transporting these on a scooter to Raja Ram Kohli Marg on Wednesday.

"At 1.15pm, our team spotted the suspect riding a scooter from the Shakarpur direction with a large bag," the police officer, who led the arrest, said.

Acting on an informer's tip-off, officers caught the man. In his bag were 100 live turtles. Among these were 50 Indian roofed turtles, 45 black-spotted pond turtles (both listed under Schedule-I for protection), along with a smaller number of Indian eyed and Indian soft shell turtles, also protected under Schedule-I.

According to experts, the species are considered rare at different levels in International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) but all four are protected under Schedule 1 of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, which is the highest level of protection provided to any species.

"They are one of the rarest species, often used as exotic pets. Some use it for oc-



The seized turtles are protected under Schedule-I

cult purposes. The softshell turtle is even exploited as an aphrodisiac." People for Animals (PFA), the animal rights organisation, says.

"The suspect, a resident of Ghaziabad, failed to give a satisfactory explanation for possessing the turtles," a police source said. Subsequently, Geeta Colony Police registered a case under Sections 9, 39, 50, and 51 of Wildlife Protection Act and Section 11(A) of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

During interrogation, he admitted to sourcing the turtles from the Ganga near Garhmukteshwar with an associate who is evading arrest

following a wildlife smuggling case against him in Nandgram, Ghaziabad. Police officers told TOI, "He has admitted to selling turtles in the last 2-3 months."

An officer said: "The market rate of one such turtle is Rs 8,000-10,000, making it lucrative animal trafficking."

The turtles have been handed over to wildlife officials.

The turtles were caught in a joint operation of Delhi Police and PFA. "We were tipped off by a source and approached DCP Shahdara. He held the operation to confiscate one of the largest wildlife contraband in recent years," a PFA volunteer said.

## Father arrested for murder of two newborns

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New Delhi: A 32-year-old man was arrested for the murder of his two newborn daughters whose bodies were found buried in the Pooth Kalan area of outer Delhi. Investigations revealed that he desired a male child but was upset after the birth of girls.

The accused was identified as Neeraj Solanki, a resident of Pooth Kalan. The incident occurred on June 3, when a caller informed the police that his brother-in-law had killed his three-day-old twin daughters and buried them. Following this information, officers were deployed at the cremation ground where the children were buried. Permission was obtained from SDM to exhume the corpses of the twins. On June 5, after receiving permission, the corpses of the twins were exhumed and preserved at the mortuary.

Based on a complaint from Pooja, the deceased's mother, a case was registered.

Solanki was apprehended from Sampla in Rohtak. During probe, he confessed his involvement in the murder case.

Solanki is a graduate from Delhi University but is currently unemployed.

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## CBI files charges against RML doctor for bribery

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation has filed a chargesheet against Ram Manohar Lohia hospital cardiologist Parvatagouda Channappagouda, middlemen and surgical equipment suppliers in connection with the alleged bribery in recommending their stents and other paraphernalia for surgery, officials said Wednesday.

In addition to assistant professor Parvatagouda, CBI has also named equipment suppliers Naresh Nagpal of Nagpal Technologies, Abrar Ahmed of Scienmed, sales manager of Biotroniks Akarshan Gulati and his colleague Monika Sinha, and others.

In its chargesheet filed before a special CBI court here within 60 days of busting the alleged bribery ring at the RML hospital, the agency invoked Indian Penal Code section 120-B (criminal conspiracy) and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act pertaining to bribery, they said.

CBI busted the ring operating at multiple levels at the hospital on May 9, arresting nine persons, including Parvatagouda.

CBI had also arrested cardiology professor Ajay Raj, clerks Bhuvaj Jaiswal and Sanjay Kumar, the hospital's cath lab in-charge Rajnish Kumar, middleman Vikas Kumar, and medical equipment suppliers Naresh Nagpal of Nagpal Technologies, Bharat Singh Dalal of Bharti Medical Technologies, and Abrar Ahmed of Scienmed.

The probe into roles of other accused is underway and the agency

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CBI FIR had alleged that Parvatagouda was collecting bribes from medical equipment and stent suppliers to recommend their products to the patients under treatment at the govt hospital.

Parvatagouda had allegedly asked medical suppliers to pay the bribes he was supposed to get as early as possible. On May 2, he asked Nagpal to pay a bribe of Rs 2.48 lakh, which the latter assured him would be done, according to CBI.

CBI claimed that Parvatagouda also asked Ahmed on April 23 to pay all bribes as soon as possible because he was going on a summer vacation to Europe. CBI has alleged that Ahmed had earlier made the payment of Rs 1.95 lakh in an account operated by Parvatagouda's father Basant Gauda in March.

He allegedly made a similar demand to another medical supplier Akarshan Gulati, who told the doctor that one of his employees would make the payments. Parvatagouda contacted the employee and asked her to pay Rs 36,000 through UPI and the remaining in cash, the probe agency had said. PTI

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CE/P&M, PSPCL, Ludhiana invites e-Tender for Design, Manufacture, testing, supply & Delivery of 1591 nos. 11kV Vacuum Interrupters (Max. voltage-12kV, Normal ampere 2000A, Min. rupturing capacity-25KA) of various types suitable for various types of 11kV Vacuum Circuit Breakers installed at various Sub-Stations in PSPCL. For detailed NIT & Tender specifications please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.07.2024 (11:00 hrs) onwards.

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**SEARCH FOR MISSING**

General public is hereby informed that this Boy (depicted in the photo) namely **Anil Kumar S/o Naresh Kumar R/o Village Deltan Ganj, PS: Jhabar, Distt. Palamu, Jharkhand** has been missing/kidnapped from **Bagichi Peer Ji, Pratap Nagar, Delhi** since 22.08.2016. In this regard a FIR No./DD No. 158/2016 U/s 363 IPC Dated 03.09.2016 has been registered at PS Gulabi Bagh, (Distt. North) Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this boy but no clue has come to light so far. His physical description is as under:-

**Sex: Male, Age: 13 years, Height: 146 cms, Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Oval, Build: Thin, Wearing: Multi colour T-Shirt and Blue colour Jeans.**

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped boy may kindly inform to the following:-

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**e-Tender Notice**

Online e-bids are invited in two-bid system (1) Technical bid & (2) Price bid from reputed & genuine manufacturers / authorized primary importers for following items for entering into Rate Contract.

(A). e-tender Notice

**PGI/Endo/607/2023-24(IRF) Vol-1<sup>st</sup>**- Installation of maintenance free equipments at no cost basis against the purchase of reagents & consumables namely (1) Fully Automated Glycosylated (Hemoglobin A1c) Analyzer, (2) Fully Automated Integrated Immuno & Clinical Chemistry Analyzer, (3) Fully Automated Hematology Analyzer & (4) Fully Automated Urine Analyzer, for Advance Diabetic Centre.

(B). 4<sup>th</sup> time Retender Notice (e-tender)

**PGI/IRF/OT/369/2020-21/(Vol-31<sup>st</sup>)**- Installation of maintenance free equipments at no cost basis against the purchase of reagents & consumables namely (1) 3 Part Hematology Cell Counter for department of Nephrology & (2) Fully Automated Chemiluminescence / Electro-chemiluminescence Immunoassay Analyzer for department of Endocrinology.

The offer/bids submitted earlier by the bidders against advertisement no. I/47/IRF/2021-22, I/31/IRF/2022-23, I/46/IRF/2022-23, I/67/IRF/2022-23, I/06/IRF/2023-24 & advertisement no. I/15/IRF/2023-24 will be treated as cancelled. **Therefore those who have already submitted their offer/bid against advertisement no. I/47/IRF/2021-22, I/31/IRF/2022-23, I/46/IRF/2022-23, I/67/IRF/2022-23, I/06/IRF/2023-24 & advertisement no. I/15/IRF/2023-24 are also requested to submit again their offer/bid with earlier proof of deposit of EMD as they are not required to deposit EMD again but they are required to deposit tender fee again.**

New bidders are required to deposit online tender fee & EMD and enclose its proof in technical bid as per tender terms & conditions alongwith their complete offer.

The detailed terms & conditions of the e-Tender Notice can be downloaded from e-Tender website: <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 13.07.2024. The last date of submission of offer/bid is 12.08.2024 at 16:00 hrs. through online mode only. Tender fee & EMD are to be submitted online transaction as per terms & conditions mentioned in tender document. The Director reserves the sole right to accept or reject any bid partially or fully without assigning any reasons.

**Advt. No. I/08/IRF/2024-25 DIRECTOR**

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH**  
**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Municipal Corporation Chandigarh (MCC) as the executing authority is implementing the "Agence Française de Développement (AFD) - European Union (EU)" assisted 24x7 Pan City Water Supply Project at Chandigarh having 1,76,000 connections.

For successful planning & execution of the DBO (Design, Build & Operate) Contract, MCC intends to understand the views, concerns/suggestions of the Prospective Bidders in line with their valuable experience towards conversion of intermittent water supply to continuous pressurized system along with its operation & maintenance.

A meeting with Prospective Bidders will be held on 22.07.2024 at 11:00 AM (IST) in the Committee Room at 1st Floor of Municipal Corporation Chandigarh.

The interested Prospective Bidders may participate in the said meeting on the scheduled Date & Time. Also, to join the said meeting online, Prospective Bidders may request by email on [xenph1mcc-chd@nic.in](mailto:xenph1mcc-chd@nic.in) to get the meeting link.

**Commissioner**  
Municipal Corporation Chandigarh  
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**AFD**  
AGENCE FRANÇAISE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT  
European Union

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-18773)

**Tender Specification No. - QQ-2347/PO-P.**

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd floor, Multistory Building, The Mall, Patiala, invites E-Tender for Procurement of 550 Sets of 450 KVA rating (each Set/Capacitor Bank consisting of 3 Single Phase Units of 150 KVA rating) and 475 Sets of 600 KVA rating (each Set/Capacitor Bank consisting of 3 Single Phase Units of 200 KVA rating), 12.1 KV HT Shunt Capacitor Banks against PSPCL Tender Enquiry No. QQ-2347/PO-P. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.07.2024 onwards.

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

C 42124, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/3092/2023/35539

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001)  
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Contact No. 96461-22185)

Tender Enquiry No. 315/SS(D)-367/Spares Dated: 09.07.2024

Dy. CE/ Substation Design/ TS Organization, PSPCL, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 1950 Nos. Heat Shrinkable Type Cable End Termination Kits of various Types suitable for Armored Single Core 11kV 300mm<sup>2</sup> Size Stranded Aluminum Conductor, XLPE Insulated, PVC Sheathed, Screened Cables.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 11.07.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

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C 41724, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/3087/2023/35519

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**PGI/IRF/OT/372/2020-21/Vol-III** Reagents, Chemicals, Radioisotopes, Cold Kits and other consumables for Nuclear Medicine Department - Can be downloaded from 13.07.2024.

The detailed terms & conditions of the e-Tender Notice can be downloaded from e-Tender website: <https://etender.up.nic.in> from 13.07.2024. The last date of submission of offer / bid is 12.08.2024 at 16:00 hrs through online mode only.

Tender fee & EMD are to be submitted online as per terms & conditions mentioned in tender document. The Director reserves the sole right to accept or reject any bid partially or fully without assigning any reasons.

**Advt. No. I/09/IRF/2024-25 DIRECTOR**

**UJVN LTD.**  
H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006  
Telephones: 0135-2763008 Fax 0135-2763508  
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website : [www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)

RO No.: 581 Date: 09-07-2024

**Short term Tender Notice**

Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

**Tender No. 03/2024-25/EE(C-M)/Vyasi Project**

**Name of work:** "Seepage treatment by Polyurethane grouting at different areas/locations inside Power House building of Vyasi HEP at Hathiyari, Dehradun".

**Estimated cost:** Rs. 846445.00 (GST extra as applicable)

**Date of availability of bid document on website:** 09-07-2024 From 17:00 Hrs.

**Last date for submission of tender:** 24-07-2024 Upto 15:30 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "[www.ujvn.com](http://www.ujvn.com)"

**EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (Civil-Maintenance)**  
"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

**उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**  
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चम्पावत ई-निविदा सूचना

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करता है:-

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नोट:- निविदा भाग 01 में मौजूद/अनुभाग की शर्तें पूर्ण करने वाले निविदाकार का ही भाग-02 अन्तर्गत निविदा करते हुए खोल जायेगा एवं कार्य, यदि एवं शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वेब साइट [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) पर देखी जा सकती है। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चम्पावत विद्युत विवरण के 24 x 7 ऑनलाइन भूतान हेतु [www.upcl.org](http://www.upcl.org) पर जायें **Customer Toll Free No-1800 419 0405** रात्र हित में बिजली बचत हेतु। RO-855 dt. 09.07.2024

**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/24/41. Dated: 04/07/2024. PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is/are for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the website [www.irops.gov.in](http://www.irops.gov.in) for detailed instruction. These are E-Tenders/electronic offer bids shall be accepted.

**Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Qty.; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows:  
[221]; **31241174A**; Amplifier To Sensor Oil Circuit As Per CLW/S Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0655/G (Scope of supply shall be as per Category No. N/010/014, C&D No. T020012 as on date of tender opening available in CLW website); As Per Tender/Document; 01/08/2024; ₹ 0.00. [222]; **25245099**; Hydraulic Special Purpose Remote Control Double Acting Jack With Moto Rized Power Pack & Fixture (Traction ROD Assembly Fixture as Per Drawing No. -V01875-118) in a Set Capacity:-30 Ton, With Trolley, Make:-A.L.M./VANKOS OR SIMILAR. (Detailed Description & Technical Specifications Are Furnished In Annexure-1 in Documents); As Per Tender/Document; 07/08/2024; ₹ 0.00. [223]; **30242988**; Industrial Liquid Oxygen Gas Specn: IS: 309/92; As Per Tender/Document; 30/08/2024; ₹ 0.00. [224]; **30242982**; Liquefied Petroleum Gas For Industrial Application Commercial (in 19 KG commercial CYLINDER) as per BIS 4576 of 1978 or latest. HSN- 27111900. Empty cylinders are returnable; As Per Tender/Document; 12/08/2024; ₹ 0.00. [225]; **2523910C**; (1) Hydraulic Multi head Swaging Machine for swaging Stainless Steel & Copper Tube, size 1 1/2 inch to 2 inch as per specification No. MT/2308 Dated - 07/12/2022, HSN Code 8462. [Warranty Period: Warranty period will be 24 months from the date of commissioning and proving out of M&P] [Inspection Agency: CONSG, Stage Insp. :- No. Stages - 0]; As Per Tender/Document; 01/08/2024; ₹ 0.00. [230]; **1424268E**; Set of Rubber Items WAG-9HC As Per CLW/Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0154/R; (5) Shrink Down Sleeve (Yellow/Green) 26/13 as per CLW SPECN. 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# Boy kidnapped two days ago rescued by cops from Patna

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**New Delhi:** A 10-year-old boy who had been kidnapped near his home in Bawana two days ago was dramatically rescued from Patna by Delhi Police on Tuesday, ending his family's ordeal.

The child was reported missing at Bawana police station by his mother Ruby on Sunday. To trace him and identify the suspect, police meticulously scanned footage from over 100 CCTV cameras in the vicinity of the boy's home. The footage revealed the suspect, who had managed to establish a rapport with the boy and led him to a cluster bus. The trail led cops to the suspect's last known location in Delhi — Anand Vihar railway station.

DCP (Outer North) Ravi Kumar Singh said armed with this crucial piece of information, a 10-member police team was swiftly assembled. Their mission was to track down the suspect and rescue the boy before it was too late. Working tirelessly, the team narrowed down their search to six-seven trains heading towards UP and Bihar. Simultaneously, the cops disseminated details of the boy and the suspect to their counterparts in neighbouring states.

Finally, there was a glimmer of hope. Police sources on the ground in Bihar tipped off the team about the suspect's movements, suggest-

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ing he was headed towards Patna Junction with the boy. The cops, along with the child's distraught family members, rushed to Patna. As the net closed in around him, the suspect abandoned the boy at Patna Junction and fled the scene to evade capture. The boy, displaying remarkable composure in the face of his ordeal, managed to contact his mother and inform her of his location by using someone else's phone.

Acting swiftly, the cops contacted the local Railway Protection Force at Patna Junction and coordinated the search for the child. Soon, the teams converged on the location, successfully securing the boy and reuniting him with his family members.

Police said a manhunt has been launched to arrest the accused. "Investigation revealed that the suspect befriended the boy by playing cricket with him in the neighbourhood, a calculated tactic to gain the child's trust. He then lured him away on the pretext of helping him purchase a cricket bat," a senior officer said.

# Kin create ruckus in hosp after death of kid

Times News Network

**New Delhi:** Chaos erupted at GTB hospital in New Delhi early on July 9 when family members of a patient who passed away after childbirth, engaged in violent behaviour, prompting hospital authorities to call for police intervention. The police have booked three people for creating ruckus in the hospital.

According to the police, the disturbance began when relatives of the deceased patient started causing a commotion in the hospital. The woman had tragically died shortly after giving birth, which deeply upset her family and led to heightened tensions, resulting in damage to the hospital property.

Cops responded promptly to restore order and address the situation.

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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Okmal Jeta Road, Howrah-711003, NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-143 of 2024-25. Memo. 2040 Dt. 09.07.2024. Tender ID : 2024\_WBPWD\_709806.1. Name of Work : Electrical installation works regarding illumination and beautification of the proposed Statue of Shri Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay within the campus Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Uluberia, Howrah. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-144 of 2024-25. Memo. 2041 Dt. 09.07.2024. Tender ID : 2024\_WBPWD\_709836.1. Name of Work : S/IT of Air-Conditioning machine at different places of newly constructed of Fire Station, Howrah under Howrah Division, WBES. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website: www.pwd.wb.in, Sd/- A. Das, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T11052(3)/2024

**उत्तराखण्ड पावर कार्पोरेशन लिमिटेड**  
**कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत। निविदा लिखित विवरण मुद्रांकित विद्युत वितरण मण्डल उपायुक्त/निविदा चम्पावत से आमंत्रित निविदा संख्या 03/2024-25/वि/वि/03/03 (चो), 04/2024-25/वि/वि/03/03 (चो) एवं 05/2024-25/वि/वि/03/03 (चो) में प्रतिभाग प्राप्त न होने के कारण निविदा अनिर्वाह व ऑफलाईन जमा की तिथि 18.07.2024 को जाती है। निविदा को अन्य शर्त व नियम पूर्ववत् रहेगा। निविदा सम्बन्धित अधिक जानकारी हेतु कृपया https://uktenders.gov.in वेबसाइट पर देखें। अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल, चम्पावत "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव" RO-853 dt. 09.07.2024**

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
The Executive Engineer, Tamilkud Highway Division, PW (Roads) Directorate invited Tender of e-NIT No. 02 of 2024-2025 for maintenance of Bridges, Culverts and different Roads under the jurisdiction of Tamilkud Highway Division. Tender ID: No. 2024\_WBPWD\_709804.1 to 8. Bid submission start date (online): 16.07.2024 at 12.00 Noon. Bid submission closing date (online): 24.07.2024 at 12.05 P.M. for SI. Nos: 3, 4, 5 & 7 and 31.07.2024 at 12.05 P.M. for SI. No: 1, 2, 6 & 8. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Intending Bidders are requested to visit the Website: http://wbttenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, THD, PW (R) Dte., Govt. of W.B. ICA-T11050(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
No. - WB/PWD/SS/EE/BIR/01/2024-25-2nd cl. The Ex. Engr. Birbhum Divn. PW(S.S) Dte. Invites online tenders from Bonafide resourceful outsider having credential in similar nature of work for the work: i) Repair and Renovation of Single Storied Godown at ZARS, Nalhati, Birbhum. i) Repairing & maintenance of the doors & windows of the Haji Md. Serafat Memorial Government Polytechnic at Rampurhat, Birbhum. (Tender ID: 2024\_WBPWD\_709869.2) Bid submission Closing on 22.07.2024, 3:00 P.M. Further details can be seen in website: https://wbttenders.gov.in Sd/- Ex. Engr. Birbhum, PW (S.S) Dte. ICA-T11077(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**1st CORRIGENDUM**  
1st CORRIGENDUM against Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WB/PWD/SS/EE/BIR/01/2024-25 (Tender ID - 2024\_WBPWD\_694978.1) The Ex. Engr. Birbhum Divn. PW(S.S) Dte. has been added a Corrigendum against the NIT for "Repair & Renovation work of Residential Quarters at Nanour BPHC, Birbhum (CIVIL works only). Bid submission Closing date extended till 20.07.2024, 3:00 P.M. Further details can be seen in website: https://wbttenders.gov.in Sd/- Ex. Engr. Bir. Divn., PW (S.S) Dte. ICA-T11078(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**PASCHIM BANGA GO-SAMPAD BIKASH SANSTHA**  
**(A GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ORGANIZATION)**  
e-Tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer, PGBSBS, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700106 for the following:

Sr. No.	Description of Items/Works	Bid submission Starts on	Bid submission Closes on
1.	Procurement of Microscope with phase contrast with biotherm & CC TV Camera for Semen Station.	11.07.2024	25.07.2024
2.	Procurement of Farm Machinery and Equipment (Power Tiller & Chaff Cutter) 2" Call.	11.07.2024	18.07.2024
3.	Procurement of Disposable Syringe (2 ml with hypodermic needle).	11.07.2024	01.08.2024
4.	Procurement of (a) Water bath and (b) Auto dispenser for diluter for Semen Station	11.07.2024	25.07.2024
5.	Procurement of CASA (Computer Assisted Semen Analyzer) with Software for Sperm Station, Beldanga	11.07.2024	25.07.2024
6.	Procurement Digital Compact Incubator for Bacteriological work for the Semen Station Haringhata, Salboni & Beldanga	11.07.2024	18.07.2024

The detailed e-NIT may be obtained from the e-Tender Portal: <http://wbttenders.gov.in> Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, P.B.G.S.B.S. ICA-T11091(3)/2024

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** A 40-year-old e-rickshaw driver died after being electrocuted at an illegal charging station in Shahbad Dairy. He was sitting in his vehicle while it was being charged, said police. The victim's family alleged negligence by the charging station owner.

The deceased was identified as Pankaj Ravidas, who lived with his family in Shahbad Daulatpur and was its sole breadwinner. Police received a PCR call on July 7 from a hospital, which declared Ravidas dead on arrival.

A police team also went to the charging station to inspect the site. His family members alleged that they were informed two hours after the incident. "Like regular days, he was charging his



Pankaj Ravidas

three children aged 6-15 years and his wife. "He pled the e-rickshaw in multiple shifts since the morning to run the family. We all are studying, and my mother is a housewife. We don't know how we will survive," the victim's son said.

He said every day his father used to charge the e-rickshaw at the station along with 100 others. He usually charged the e-rickshaw in the afternoon, sit in it and scroll his phone, the son added.

A police officer said the charging station was illegal and they would question the owner, who was out of town. He has been asked to join the investigation, said police. A case under Section 106 (causing death by negligence) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita has been registered.

e-rickshaw at the charging station inside a godown in Shahbad Dairy along with other rickshaws. For each charge, the station takes Rs 100," his son said.

The family claimed that the charging wire was exposed in some places, leading to the electrocution.

Ravidas is survived by

**VALLABHBHAI PATEL CHEST INSTITUTE**  
**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI, DELHI-110007**  
Tel.: 011-27402400, 27667102, Fax. No. 011-27666549

Applications are invited for filling up of following posts for "Establishment of Medical College Level Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at V.P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi" under Principal Investigator Dr. Madhu Khanna in the Department of Microbiology (Virology Unit) as per below mentioned details:

S.N.	Designation	No. of Post	Emoluments (Norms for Salary) in Rs.
VRDL/01	Research Scientist B (Medical)	01	56000+HRA
VRDL/02	Research Scientist B (Non-Medical)	01	56000+HRA
VRDL/03	Research Assistant	01	35000/- Consolidated
VRDL/04	Lab. Technician	02	20,000+HRA
VRDL/05	Data Entry Operator	01	20,000/- Consolidated
VRDL/06	Multi-Tasking Staff	01	18,000/- Consolidated

**Note:** Age relaxation will be applicable as per rule  
Nature of Employment: Contractual  
Duration of Employment: One Year (12 Months) extendable up to three years, depending on the performance and budget grant from funding agency.  
Job Location: Medical College Level VRDL, Department of Microbiology, V.P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi  
For details, please visit Institute website: [www.vpci.org.in](http://www.vpci.org.in).  
Any further addendum/corrigendum shall be uploaded in the Institute's website only.  
Prof. Madhu Khanna  
Principal Investigator  
CBC 17169/12/0012/2425

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

**ADA-ADV-126(A)** **ADDENDUM** **Date: 10-07-2024**

**RECRUITMENT OF PROJECT ASSISTANTS:**  
**ADVERTISEMENTS NO. ADA-ADV-126 DATED 9TH JULY 2024**

The details on Stipend, Upper Age limit and Tenure is included under para 'C' of General Conditions in the above referred advertisement of ADA published in this daily on 10.07.2024 and mentioned below as:

**Stipend:** (a) 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 and eligible for Walk-In interview: Rs. 37,000/- per month plus HRA as per rules.  
(b) Candidates having only UG level qualification i.e B.E/B.Tech (in First Class) and eligible for written Test and Interview: Rs.31,000/- per month plus HRA as per rules.

**Upper Age Limit:** 28 years (age relaxation allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC as per rules).  
**Tenure:** Initially for two years, extendable upto 04 years as per rules/requirement of the project.  
Please log on to [www.ada.gov.in](http://www.ada.gov.in) for full details on the advertisement.  
Director (Admin & HR), ADA

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Applications are invited for the following temporary post to be engaged on contract basis for a period of one year (extendable upto 2<sup>nd</sup> years or co-terminus of the project based on requirement & satisfactory performance) in ICMR research project entitled "Genomic Analysis of diversity, population structure, transmission dynamics and multidrug resistance in *Candida auris*, an urgent treat to public health" under Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary, Medical Mycology unit, Department of Microbiology, V.P. Chest Institute, University of Delhi:

S. No.	Post	No. of posts	Remuneration Per month	Age Limit	Essential Qualification
1.	Project Technical Support-III	01	Rs.28,000/- +27% HRA	35 years	Three Years Graduate in Life Sciences/ Microbiology/ Biotechnology/ Biomedical Sciences/ Bioinformatics +three Years experience or PG in relevant subject / field.
2.	Project Technical Support-II	01	Rs.20,000/- + 27% HRA	30 years	12th in Science + Diploma (MLT/DMLT/ Engineering) + Five Years Experience in relevant subject/ field

**Tenure of Project:** 2<sup>nd</sup> years  
Eligible & interested candidates may submit their application alongwith the recent bio-data with self-attested photocopies of all certificates/documents in support of qualifications and experience to Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary, Medical Mycology Unit, Department of Microbiology, Vallabhbhai Patel Chest Institute, University of Delhi, Delhi-110 007 within 2 weeks from the date of advertisement on E-mail: [projectapplication54@gmail.com](mailto:projectapplication54@gmail.com)  
For details, please visit Institute website: [www.vpci.org.in](http://www.vpci.org.in). Any further addendum/corrigendum shall be uploaded in the Institute's website only.  
Prof. Anuradha Chowdhary  
Principal Investigator  
CBC 17169/12/0013/2425

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**Public Notice - Non-Banking Financial Companies**

The Reserve Bank of India has since cancelled Certificates of Registration (CoR) issued to the following Non-Banking Financial Companies under sub-section of Section 45-IA of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 and therefore these companies are not authorised to carry on the business of a Non-Banking Financial Institution, as defined in clause (a) of Section 45-I of the RBI Act, after cancellation of their CoR.

i) Due to exit from Non-Banking Financial Institution business

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Office Address	CoR No.	CoR Issued on	Cancellation Order Date
1.	M/S Anshu Leasing Private Limited	240, Choudhary Farms Jonapur, Mehrauli, New Delhi - 110030	B-14.02797	December 31, 2002	April 30, 2024
2.	M/S Jewel Strips Private Limited	102, Akashdeep Building 264, Barakhamba Road, Central Delhi-110001	B-14.03296	January 08, 2014	April 30, 2024
3.	M/S Revolving Investments Limited	Flat No. 19 & 20, 8th Floor, Gopal Dass Bhawan, 28 Barakhamba Road, Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001	14.00823	May 20, 1998	April 30, 2024
4.	M/S A.V.B. Finance Private Limited	4th Floor, Punjabi Bhawan, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi - 110002	B-14.01341	March 25, 2008	April 30, 2024

ii) On account of NBFC ceasing to be a legal entity due to amalgamation/ merger/dissolution/ voluntary strike-off, etc.

Sr. No.	Name of the Company	Office Address	CoR No.	CoR Issued on	Cancellation Order Date
1.	Urja Capital Private Limited	F-3/B-A, Krishna Nagar, New Delhi- 110051	N-14.03344	October 06, 2016	April 18, 2024
2.	Usg Financial Services Private Limited	Omaxe Square, Basement - 2, Jasola District Center, Jasola New Delhi- 110025	B-14.03347	November 16, 2016	April 18, 2024
3.	Vandana Dealers Pvt. Ltd.	Omaxe Square, Basement - 2, Jasola District Center, Jasola New Delhi- 110025	B-14.03345	October 25, 2016	April 18, 2024
4.	Molly Trading Company Private Limited	207, Kusal Bazar, 32-33 Nehru Place, South Delhi, Delhi - 110019	B-14.03139	March 31, 2008	June 27, 2024
5.	Sri Rajesh Financial And Management Services Private Limited	Second Floor, B/33, W. E. A. Karol Bagh, New Delhi - 110005	14.00294	March 06, 1998	June 27, 2024
6.	MSG Finance (India) Pvt. Ltd.	Plot No. 6, Flat No. D/2, G/ F & F/ Aurbindo Marg, New Delhi - 110017	B-14.03459	January 29, 2019	June 27, 2024
7.	Shree Krishna Finbiz Private Limited	V/44 & 45, First Floor, Arya Samaj Road, Uttam Nagar, Delhi - 110059	B-14.02718	December 19, 2011	June 27, 2024

New Delhi  
General Manager  
Mukesh Kumar

**Order on Bibhav's bail plea on July 12:** Delhi High Court on Wednesday said it will on July 12

pronounce order on whether to grant bail to chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav

Kumar in the case pertaining to alleged assault on Aam Aadmi Party MP Swati Malwal. PTI

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Registration on the online web portal i.e <a href="https://hry.online-counselling.co.in/">https://hry.online-counselling.co.in/</a>	11/07/2024 to 14/07/2024 (till 11:59 PM)

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**TENDER NOTICE**

MPMKVVCL, Bhopal, invites following bids from manufacturers through e-tendering.

Tender specification Number	Particulars	Approx. Value (Rs. Lakh)	Tender Fee including GST (in Rs.)	Date of Pre-Bid Conference	Date of Opening of Tender
MD/MK/04/1068	Rate Contract for supply of various size of LT Aerial Bunched Cable.	2848.83	17700/-	23.07.2024 03.00 PM	31.07.2024 03:00 PM

Other details and full tender documents will be available on Company website <https://portal.mpcz.in> & Govt. Website [mptenders.gov.in](https://mptenders.gov.in) shortly.  
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**ADVERTISEMENT NO. 05/2024**  
**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW ON 15 JULY, 2024**

**ITEM No.1 TEACHING FACULTY ON CONTRACT**

Consolidated pay & Designation of Prof./Assoc. Prof. may be considered against advertised lower post subject to eligibility/suitability of the candidate.

**REMUNERATION**

PROFESSOR	₹ 2,39,607 pm
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR	₹ 1,59,334 pm
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR	₹ 1,36,889 pm

**ITEM No. 2**

**EMPANELMENT OF PART TIME SPECIALIST/SUPER-SPECIALIST, ADJUNCT FACULTY**  
(TEACHING EXPERIENCE NOT MANDATORY)

REQUIREMENT	REMUNERATION
Part time Specialist / Super-Specialist on case to case basis in anesthesia/intensive (critical care medicine) (emergency medicine)	PERCENTAGE (%) OF CGHS RATES
Super Specialist full time	Entry level- ₹ 2,00,000 pm Consultant level- ₹ 2,40,000 pm
Super Specialist part time	Entry level- ₹1,00,000 + 20,000* Consultant level- ₹1,20,000 + 20,000*
Adjunct faculty having more than 8 years work experience after pg degree in modern medicine	*Visiting charges in case of Emergency Call for 4 hours each day for 4 days a week and other allowances as per rules. ₹ 4000 PER SESSION
Adjunct faculty having more than 10 years work experience after pg degree in modern medicine	₹ 6000 PER SESSION

**SENIOR RESIDENT** Salary: ₹ 1,36,889  
**JUNIOR RESIDENT** Salary: ₹ 1,13,434

For more details visit website: [www.esic.gov.in](http://www.esic.gov.in)  
NOTE: Reservation as per roster. In case of non-availability of candidates of suitable category, the post may be filled with UR candidates on a tenure of 44 days. Sd/- (Dean)

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Bid Submission Schedule (Online)	Opening Technical Bid (Online)
<b>EXECUTIVE ENGINEER - MCPH Division No. 3</b>			
1.	Replacement of old/damaged 4" i/d & 6" i/d CI pipe lines by providing and laying of 4" and 6" i/d DI water supply lines in Sector 21-C, Chandigarh (Ch to : Capital Head). Estimated Cost : Rs. 1,25,69,668/- Tender Fee : Rs. 3,000/-	10.07.2024 To 19.07.2024 Upto 11:00 A.M.	19.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M.

Note :- 1) Tender Notice alongwith detailed terms and conditions is available/uploaded on website at [www.chandigarh.gov.in](http://www.chandigarh.gov.in) or [etenders.chd.nic.in](mailto:etenders.chd.nic.in)

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Sd/-, Principal/Secretary

**CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN HOMOEOPATHY**  
(An Autonomous Body of Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India)  
Jawaharalal Nehru Bhariya Chikitsa Arum Homoeopathy Ausandhan Bhawan 61-65, Institutional Area, Opp. D-Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi-110058

Advt. No. 111/2024-25 Dated: 10.07.2024

**ENGAGEMENT OF RESEARCH FELLOWS ON CONTRACT BASIS**

The DDPR Central Research Institute for Homoeopathy, Noida under C.C.R.H., New Delhi intends to engage the following Research Fellows purely on contract basis through test/walk-in-interview on the dates mentioned below:

S.No.	Name of the post	No. of post (s)	Date of interview
1.	Research Associate (Veterinary)	01	30.07.2024
2.	Senior Research Fellows (Homoeo)	08	09.08.2024

The details about place of posting, essential qualification, experience, remuneration, etc. are available on the website of the Council, namely, [www.ccrindia.nic.in](http://www.ccrindia.nic.in).  
Assistant Director (Admn.)

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES DEOGHAR**  
(स्वास्थ्य एवं परिवार कल्याण विभाग, भारत सरकार के अधीन राष्ट्रीय महत्व का संस्थान)  
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भारत सरकार/Government of India  
Website: [www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in](http://www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in)

No.-AIIMS/DEO/RECT.CELL/2024-25/1774, Date- 04.07.2024

**Advertisement for Contractual Faculty Posts**  
Advt. No.- AIIMS/DEO/RECT.CELL/2023-24/1773

Online applications are invited for the medical faculty posts on contractual basis in various departments at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Deoghar Jharkhand, cut-off date for receiving application is 20.07.2024.

For further information candidates are requested to visit the website of institute- [www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in](http://www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in) on regular basis.  
Recruitment Cell, AIIMS Deoghar

# Feathered Foes: How Pigeons Can Leave You Gasping For Air

## Prolonged Exposure Can Lead To Chronic Lung Disease: Study

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New Delhi: Pigeons symbolise peace, but prolonged exposure to their feathers and droppings can be life-threatening to people who can get serious chronic lung disease.

In a recent case study, doctors at Sir Gangaram Hospital reported that an 11-year-old boy from Vasundhara Enclave showed a severe respiratory distress due to his contact with pigeon feathers and droppings, highlighting a lesser-known health hazard.

The boy's coughing, which had seemed routine at first, quickly escalated and required urgent hospital care. A medical screening threw up disturbing results. Tests revealed that the student had a lung inflammation and opacities that were consistent with hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP).

The boy's deteriorating respiratory function demanded immediate medical intervention due to an immune-mediated condition triggered by an allergic reaction to the pigeon feathers and droppings.

According to a study, HP is usually seen in the adult population. However, it is also reported in children younger than 15 years of age at diagnosis and often goes unrecognized. It is a rare disease in childhood with the prevalence of 4 cases per 1 million children and an incidence of 2 cases per year. HP is also a common type of long-term interstitial lung disease

### CREATING A FLUTTER

#### WHY THEY ARE A THREAT

- Carriers of diseases like ticks and mites
- A threat to other birds like house crow and common myna
- Droppings are acidic, can destroy roof material and create leaks

**THE PIGEONS YOU SEE** are not the ones in pure native form, but hybrids



File photo

#### Fungal-based infections caused by pigeon droppings

- HISTOPLASMOSES OR DARTLING'S DISEASE**
  - Affects sensitive groups (children, elderly people, asthmatics and those with weak immunity)
  - Flu-like symptoms | Headaches, fever, dry cough and fatigue
- CANDIDIASIS**
  - Caused by yeast; affects mouth, throat, skin; may lead to respiratory, urogenital tract infections
  - Leads to belching, bloating, indigestion, nausea, diarrhoea, gas, intestinal cramps, vomiting and gastric ulcers
- CRYPTOCOCCOSIS**
  - Infection affects lungs, nervous system
  - Caused by encapsulated yeast

(ILD) in children.

According to doctors, ILD leads to progressive and irreversible scarring of lung tissue, impairing a person's ability to breathe freely and the lungs' capacity to transfer sufficient oxygen into the bloodstream and expel carbon dioxide from the body.

Under the care of Dr Dhiren Gupta, co-director of the paediatric intensive care unit, and his medical team, the boy underwent intensive treatment. The team — which included Dr Anil Sachdev, chairperson of paediatrics, Dr Suresh Gupta, the director, PICU/Paediatrics, and Dr Nee-raj Gupta, an associate con-

sultant in paediatrics, — administered oxygen therapy using a high flow system and provided steroid treatment.

The boy's condition was monitored throughout the process.

After undergoing treatment, the patient's lung inflammation was successfully reduced, allowing him to breathe almost normally again. Given the favourable reaction to the intervention, the patient was discharged with a detailed care plan to help him manage his condition.

Dr Gupta emphasised how crucial it was to identify the initial symptoms of HP early and act swiftly to avoid severe

complications. "This case highlights the critical importance of recognising the early signs of HP and taking prompt action to prevent serious complications," he said.

He stressed the need for awareness about possible environmental triggers, such as bird droppings and feathers.

Dr Gupta also cautioned against underestimating the potential harm caused by seemingly harmless birds when they inhabit the same space as humans. It is important to take appropriate precautions and maintain a clean environment to minimise the risk of exposure to harmful substances associated with these birds.

# Tumour particle travels from woman's heart to brain, triggers unusual stroke

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New Delhi: A seemingly healthy young woman — with no prior history of any medical issues — suffered an unusual stroke recently after a microscopic particle from a tumour in her heart separated and lodged itself in her brain.

The patient, Rakhi Devi (27), a resident of Kundan Nagar, responded well to medication for her stroke symptoms and then underwent heart surgery to get the tumour removed.

Doctors at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj, discovered that the cause of the stroke was a tiny fragment of a cardiac tumour that had got dislodged and made its way to the woman's brain — a rare occurrence highlighting the unpredictable nature of certain medical conditions, even in individuals who appear to be in good health.

The patient had sought medical attention due to severe headaches, vomiting, altered sensorium and persistent numbness on the right side of her body. During the evaluation process, doctors discovered



red a 7cm tumour within one of the chambers of her heart, which had caused the stroke symptoms.

Further investigation revealed that a fragment of the tumour had separated, resulting in a blockage in the brain's blood supply. This phenomenon, known as embolisation, occurs when a solid substance detaches from its parent tumour and lodges in another organ, most commonly the brain, said doctors.

A team of doctors, led by Dr Vaibhav Mishra, director and head, cardio thoracic vascular surgery, cardiac sciences, Max Super Speciality Hospital, Patparganj, removed the tumour.

"The patient arrived with symptoms of a stroke, which is particularly uncommon in

young individuals, especially women," said Dr Mishra. A neurologist swiftly evaluated her condition and started immediate treatment. Given the unusual occurrence of stroke in a patient of such a young age, the medical team conducted a thorough diagnostic investigation. This included extensive imaging of the patient's head and neck arteries to determine the exact cause of the condition.

A minimally invasive technique was employed to extract the tumour from the patient's heart, avoiding the need for a traditional open-heart surgery, said Dr Mishra. "Conventional open-heart surgery means cutting the breast bone and a big incision in the centre of the chest, but because of her young age,

we decided to do a minimal invasive surgery, where a 5cm cut was made in the right chest and without cutting the ribs," he said, adding that such an incision also contributes to a "scarless" appearance, as it is hardly noticeable after the surgery.

Before the patient underwent surgery, she was treated for the stroke by Dr Vivek Kumar, senior director, neurosciences. "Due to the prompt and accurate diagnosis, she improved significantly and made full recovery," he said. The treatment involved the surgical removal of the tumour in its entirety. This procedure not only resulted in the complete recovery of the patient, but also effectively eliminated the possibility of future brain strokes, Dr Kumar added.

Talking to TOI, Rakhi said she is recovering well following her surgery and is not experiencing any complications. "Despite the recent medical procedure, I can do all the work, manage my daily tasks and responsibilities, and also take care of my children, who are six and four years old," she said.

# A year on, fine hike for mosquito breeding yet to be implemented

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New Delhi: Despite receiving the initial nod a year ago, Delhi govt's proposal to increase the fine for mosquito breeding in residential and commercial areas is still awaiting notification.

On Tuesday, health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said the proposal is expected to be implemented soon. "While we had approved the recommendation for increasing the challan amount to Rs 5,000 about a year ago, the proposal is stuck at other levels. We expect this to be implemented soon," he said.

The proposal was approved in a meeting chaired by CM Arvind Kejriwal and attended by mayor Shelly Oberoi on July 28 last year. If it comes into effect, people will have to cough up Rs 1,000 if mosquito breeding is found in their residential premises. Commercial establishments will have to pay Rs

SAURABH BHARADWAJ SAYS

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5,000 for the same.

Currently, MCD's public health department imposes a maximum fine of Rs 500 for all violations. Officials emphasised that unless the challan amount is hiked, people will not take the norms seriously. "With rising instances of waterlogging across the city after the monsoon, we have intensified awareness among residents to check mosquito breeding. At the same time, people also need to be more alert," said an official.

In addition to the Rs 500 fine, the civic body can impose administrative charges up to Rs 50,000 on construction sites, buildings, office complexes and institutes. However, no

such challan has been imposed this year, said the official.

According to an MCD report, Delhi reported 246 dengue cases from Jan 1 to June 29. This is more than double the number reported in the corresponding period of 2023, which was 122. In the preceding years, the city reported 143 cases in the first six months of 2022, 36 cases in 2021 and 20 cases in 2020. No dengue-linked deaths have been reported so far this year.

MCD said it has conducted over 1.8 crore visits to houses till July 6 this year to check vector-borne diseases. During these visits, 43,650 houses, buildings and premises were found to have mos-

quito breeding spots that were detected and treated. Additionally, over 2 lakh houses were sprayed and fogged, said officials.

Bharadwaj said following monsoon's arrival, all civic bodies and departments were instructed to prevent mosquito breeding within their jurisdiction. "Hospitals were directed to ensure the availability of medicines and create separate wards if cases of vector-borne diseases rise. Medical superintendents were asked to conduct rounds to check for mosquito breeding. Schools were also advised to encourage children to wear full-sleeve shirts," he said.

On Tuesday, the mayor instructed public health officials to intensify ward-level awareness campaigns across all zones within a week. She stressed on focusing on unauthorised colonies and densely populated areas and identifying hotspots to prevent the spread of vector-borne diseases.

## SC dismisses plea to raise limit on no. of autos in city

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Wednesday refused to entertain a plea filed by Bajaj Auto seeking an increase in the upper limit on the number of auto-rickshaws allowed in Delhi.

Observing that it cannot pass direction on a plea of an auto manufacturer who is guided by commercial interest, a bench of Justices Abhay Oka and Augustine George Masih observed that the cap was imposed for protection of environment, and it would send a wrong signal if the court entertains such a plea by a company interested



The Supreme Court observed that the cap was imposed for protection of environment

in increasing its business.

"At the instance of a manufacturer of auto rickshaws, the application cannot be entertained. If this court starts entertaining applications of the manufacturers of vehicles for relaxing the norms which were imposed for protecting the environment, it would send wrong signals," the court stated.

The court clarified that it will entertain a plea for raising of the cap if govt or any authority or organization working for the interest of the common man of Delhi approaches the court.

## Elevated road in Ggn to link Dwarka & Mumbai e-ways

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Gurgaon: Haryana govt on Wednesday approved a 5.5km signal-free elevated corridor from Vatika Chowk to the CPR cloverleaf that will connect Dwarka Expressway with Delhi-Mumbai Expressway at Sohna. The decision was taken at the GMDA board meeting in Chandigarh chaired by chief minister Nayab Singh Saini. The Rs 750-crore project, which factors in Rs 130 crore for land acquisition at Vatika Chowk, will take two years to complete after the work is allotted.

Under the plan, both the main carriageway and service roads of the elevated corridor will have six lanes — three on each side. GMDA officials said the existing SPR stretch will be developed into the service lanes, which will have entry and exit points to the elevated section. Additionally, 3m-wide footpaths and 2.5m-wide cycle tracks and green belts will be developed on each side.

The stretch from the CPR cloverleaf to Vatika Chowk currently has traffic signals at three intersections, which will be removed. "We have received administrative approval for the upgrade of SPR from Vatika Chowk to the CPR cloverleaf on NH-8 for a signal-free elevated corridor. We will soon engage a consultant to prepare the detailed project report, along with design and technical specifications," a senior GMDA official said.

The elevated section, once constructed, will help in decongesting major arterial roads like Golf Course Road and Sohna Road by providing an alternate route for commuters, reducing bottlenecks and

## The Rs 750-crore project, which factors in Rs 130 crore for land acquisition at Vatika Chowk, will take two years to complete after the work is allotted

travel time. At present, commuters from Dwarka Expressway or Jaipur traveling to Sohna or Faridabad have to cross the heart of the city through Rajiv Chowk or Subhash Chowk to get onto the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway.

The project to redevelop SPR — a crucial link that provides direct connectivity between major residential sectors and commercial and industrial areas, which is in a dilapidated condition at present — was first planned in March 2019 and received administrative approval in June 2022. The initial plan was to redevelop the entire 14km stretch from Ghata T-point till NH-8 by building eight flyovers, widening carriageways to six lanes, and adding service lanes at a cost Rs 845.5 crore.

But concerns were raised about the need to build three flyovers between Vatika Chowk and the cloverleaf, given that the traffic volume wasn't too high on the stretch. It was then suggested that this portion be elevated for a seamless commute from Shiv Murti in Delhi to NH-8 and further to Delhi-Mumbai Expressway. At the previous Authority meeting, then CM Manohar Lal Khattar had directed officials to redesign the project to connect SPR with the Dwarka and Delhi-Mumbai Expressways.

## 15 years after stir, Parsaul farmers agree to give up land

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Noida: A longstanding deadlock over 1,326 residential plots allocated to buyers off the Yamuna Expressway in 2009 was resolved this month, with farmers in Parsaul agreeing to relinquish their land in return for higher compensation.

Farmers from Parsaul and another village, Bhatta, had erupted in protest against land acquisition by UP govt in 2011 — a stir that came to be known as Bhatta-Parsaul land agitation — which led to political churn in the state and long-drawn-out court battles with hundreds of cases being filed.

Eventually, the legal battles led to the Allahabad high court ordering a 64.7% increase in compensation for farmers, which development authorities continue to collect from homebuyers.

The farmers consented to part with their land, allowing Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority to take possession and hand over plots to buyers by the end of this year. This means allottees of YEIDA first residential scheme will see their wait for plots come to an end after 15 years.

In March this year, YEIDA had also acquired 800 plots over 49 hectares of area in Parsaul from farmers. "With the acquisitions this year, we have now taken over 2,226 plots of the total 2,300 disputed plots in sectors 18 and 20. About 72 plots are still in litigation, but we expect these disputes to be resolved soon," YEIDA chief executive officer Arun Vir Singh said on Wednesday.

YEIDA has acquired 135 hectares of land across the two sectors this year. Around 500 farmers will receive compensation in return.

Mange Singh Malik, a resident of Parsaul, said, "Farmers were not against land acquisition but wanted better compensation and other benefits. With increased compensation and the desire for development of the village, it is a positive outcome."

"The issue goes back to 2009, when YEIDA announced its first residential scheme for 21,000 plots of 300-400sqm in sectors 18 and 20. The authority did not own all the land that was part of the scheme.

**APPEAL**  
General Public is hereby informed that two male persons namely **Sh. Jamaluddin & Sh. Nizamuddin** both S/o **Sh. Jaan Mohammad R/o B-508, Gali No. 10, Phase-6, Shiv Vihar, Karawal Nagar, Delhi** were attacked on 27.02.2020 at about 5:30-5:45 P.M. by some unidentified persons in Gali No.-13, Phase-06, Karawal Nagar, Delhi resulting in death of Sh. Jamaluddin on 03.03.2020 and Sh. Nizamuddin sustained grievous injuries. A case FIR No. 140/2020, U/S 147/148/149/307/302 IPC is registered at P.S. Karawal Nagar in this regard, which is being investigated by Crime Branch.  
Any person having any information about the accused persons involved in the said incident or any other clue in the case may please contact the undersigned. A reward of Rs. One Lakh Fifty Thousand shall be given to whoever providing any clue leading to the arrest of accused persons.  
Asstt. Commissioner of Police  
Anti Robbery Snatching Cell  
Crime Branch, 11/rd Floor, P.S. Shakarpur, Delhi  
Phone: 011-22048331, 9953163270  
DP/8916/Crime/2024

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED**  
See Section U/S 82 & 83 Cr. P.C.  
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Md. Jaffar S/o Md. Shami R/o C-194, Main Road, Brahmpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case e-FIR No. 23136/2018 dated 05/07/2018 U/S 379/411 IPC, P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Md. Jaffar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Md. Jaffar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).  
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Md. Jaffar** of case e-FIR No. 23136/2018 dated 05/07/2018 U/S 379/411 IPC, P.S. Nand Nagari, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 18.09.2024.  
By Order  
Ms. Dipakshi Rana  
Ld. Metropolitan Magistrate-03  
Room No. 19, Shahdara District  
Karkardoua Courts, Delhi  
DP/8900/NE/2024(Court Matter)

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ई-32 जल फर्म, हल्द्वानी (नैनीताल) पिन-263139  
पत्रांक : 1501/निविदा/अनुबन्ध-हल्द्वानी/151 दिनांक 10/07/2024  
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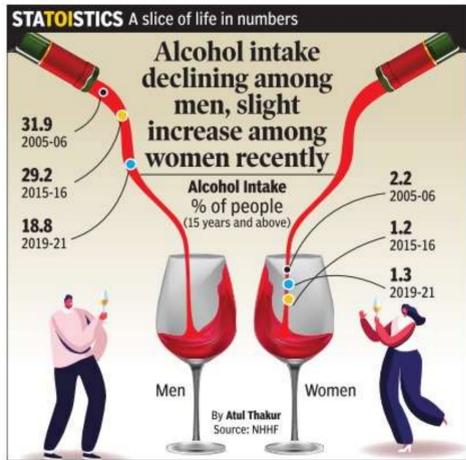
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## Snake scare at Puri Ratna Bhandar

Do snakes guard treasures in ancient temples? While movies on serpents protecting wealth inside shrines have hit the silver screens many times, authorities of Puri's Jagannath temple apprehend a real threat from reptiles of all sizes as they gear up to open the temple's Ratna Bhandar for an inventory after 46 years on July 14, reports **Debabrata Mohapatra**.

With the committee's apprehension evident, Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA) has started a hunt for a skilled snake charmer who would be deployed in Ratna Bhandar to ensure the safety of people during its opening. Moreover, suppose a snake does manage to come close, a team of doctors will also be ready with a medicine kit. "We have sent a draft SOP on the opening of Ratna Bhandar to govt for approval, where we have sought deployment of a snake charmer and a doctor/team of doctors during the opening of the divine treasury," a senior SJTA official said.



## Loco drivers spared, 3 others suspended for WB train crash

Subhro Niyogi & Roshan Gupta

**Kolkata:** In the first administrative action in the June 17 Bengal train accident in which 10 people died, North-east Frontier Railway (NFR) has suspended Rangapani station superintendent, signal technician of the section between Rangapani and Chatter Hat — where signals were not functioning for three hours before the accident — and the guard of the goods train that dashed into Kanchanjungha Express.

No action has been taken against the Kanchanjungha Express driver and his assistant for stopping the train on the section. The assistant loco pilot of the goods train, who survived the crash, has also been spared, although senior railway officials had initially held the loco pilot of the goods train responsible for disregarding signals, causing the accident.

It had later emerged the signals on the stretch were malfunctioning and the Rangapani station superintendent had issued a memo to loco pilots of both trains to bypass the nine faulty signals. Sources said the three persons named in the suspension order were prima facie found responsible and would be chargesheeted and face departmental inquiry.

## Isro Spy Case Chargesheet Filed In Thiruvananthapuram Court

# Spurned cop cooked up case to justify illegal detention: CBI

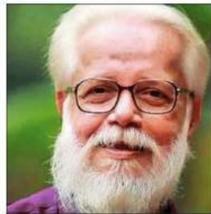
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### Thiruvananthapuram:

The Isro espionage case of 1994 was fabricated by a former Kerala police special branch officer to justify illegal detention of a Maldivian woman after she rejected his advances, CBI has said in its chargesheet.

CBI filed its chargesheet before chief judicial magistrate's court in Thiruvananthapuram, following an SC directive in 2021 to probe alleged roles of senior Kerala police and IB officers in framing Isro scientist Nambi Narayanan, accusing him of selling vital space tech secrets to two Maldivian women acting as intermediaries for Pakistan.

CBI said the case exemplified abuse of law and authority from the outset. "Mariyam Rasheeda was detained illegally and framed with the false overstaying case. They substantiate role of accused S Vijayan, Siby Mathews, KK Joshua, RB Sree Kumar and PS Jayaprakash in registration of false cases against two Maldivian ladies Mariyam Rasheeda and



Fauziya Hassan, two Isro scientists D Sasikumaran and Nambi Narayanan, and two other persons K Chandrasekhar and SK Sharma," chargesheet says.

Accused conspired to create false documents leading to illegal arrests and torture. Findings against then special branch officer Vijayan, who retired as SP, indicated he made advances towards Rasheeda in a hotel room, and when she resisted, she was falsely charged with espionage, CBI said.

"Vijayan hurriedly left the room and searched the details about Mariyam Rasheeda and Fouziya Hassan, and from the hotel records, came to know that she was in telephonic contact

**When Rasheeda, a Maldivian woman, resisted his advances, special branch officer Vijayan falsely charged her with espionage, CBI said. False interrogation reports were prepared, which formed the basis for the arrest of others, including Isro scientist Nambi Narayanan (left). In 2018, SC awarded Narayanan a compensation of Rs 50 lakh and recognised the gross miscarriage of justice**

with one D Sasikumaran, a scientist working in LPSC, Isro," the chargesheet says.

Vijayan also seized her passport and air tickets to Male, preventing her from leaving even after her visa expired. She was arrested later on charges of overstaying. "False interrogation reports were prepared, which formed the basis of arrest of others. During interrogation, they were physically and mentally tortured for extracting confession," the chargesheet says.

Narayanan, an aerospace engineer, had played a crucial role in developing the Vikas engine used in many of India's rockets. Following the espionage allegations, he was arrested and subjected to severe physical and mental

torture. This ordeal lasted 50 days, during which his reputation and career were severely damaged.

"As an individual, it is immaterial for me if the culprits are awarded punishment or not... It will be enough if they confess that they made a mistake," Narayanan, who fought a 20-year battle to uncover the truth, said Wednesday.

CBI took over the case in 1996 and found no evidence against Narayanan and other accused scientists. Narayanan took the matter to SC, seeking justice and accountability for the wrongful arrest and torture he endured. In 2018, SC awarded Narayanan a compensation of Rs 50 lakh and recognised the gross miscarriage of justice.

## Law univ battles millipede invasion, gets hostels vacated

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**Ahmedabad:** Millipedes have invaded Gujarat National Law University (GNLU), forcing the varsity to get hostels vacated and conduct online classes from July 15. The millipede infestation began a week ago and intensified over the past four days. The insects covered the walls of hostels and classrooms, leaving students frightened, a source said.

In an email to students, GNLU registrar Jagdeesh Chandra T G explained, "To effectively address the presence of millipedes in and around the hostel premises and allow students to safely return home while professional pest control treatments are carried out, the university has opted to conduct classes online from Monday."

A senior GNLU official said, "We have been actively managing this issue with the assistance of professional pest control services, which have made significant strides in mitigating the problem. Transitioning to online classes will facilitate thorough pest control efforts while ensuring minimal disruption to students' academic progress." The university administration tried to solve the menace using its own sanitation staff, but to no avail.

## ITBP seizes 108kg gold smuggled in from China in Eastern Ladakh

**New Delhi:** In the first such seizure, ITBP patrol in eastern Ladakh intercepted 2 suspicious persons around 1 km from China border, and found them in possession of 108 kg gold bars weighing 1 kg each illegally brought from across the border, reports **Bharti Jain**.

"This is the largest ever haul of smuggled international gold in the history of ITBP, or perhaps in the history of (all) central armed police forces (CAPFs)," ITBP IG Clay

Khongsai told reporters in Leh on Wednesday.

The two suspects, who were travelling with mules, were identified as Tsering Chamba, 69, and Tenzin Targy, 40. The duo initially said that they were out collecting medicinal plants but a search of their belongings by ITBP, led to the recovery of gold bars, besides Chinese food items, two mobile phones, one binocular, knives, torch and hammer, among other things.

## HC: Freedom of religion doesn't include right to convert others

**Prayagraj:** Right to freedom of religion does not include the right to convert others. Allahabad HC observed, denying bail to a person accused of religious conversions, reports **Rajesh Kumar Pandey**.

Rejecting the application of Shrinivasi Rav Nayak on Tuesday, Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal said: "The Constitution confers on each individual the fundamental right to practice and propagate his religion. However, individual

right to freedom of conscience and religion cannot be extended to construe a collective right to proselytize."

The right to religious freedom belongs equally to the person converting and the individual sought to be converted, the bench ruled. Nayak, a native of Andhra Pradesh, was booked under the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2021, for converting some Hindus to Christianity.

## Scientists at elite institution under CBI's graft scanner

**Nagpur:** CBI on Wednesday launched searches at CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (Neeri) premises in Nagpur, following allegations of corruption, report **Soumitra Bose & Sarfaraz Ahmed**. Searches were also carried out in 17 other locations across India.

CBI has registered three separate cases against 10 persons for their alleged role in manipulating tender pro-

cedures and corruption in procurement of equipment.

Those booked include Rakesh Kumar (former Neeri director); chief scientist & head of Vertical 2: Environmental Bioprocess, Atya Kapley; senior principal scientist, wastewater management in Vertical 3, Ritesh Vijay; senior principal scientist, sophisticated environmental analytical faculty in Vertical 5, Sanjeev Goyal, Delhi zonal centre head Sunil Gulia.



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The 13th edition of India Warehousing Show (IWS) is slated to make a significant impact in the sector. The event is scheduled to take place from July 11 to 13, 2024, at the state-of-the-art Yashobhoomi, India International Convention & Expo Centre (IICC), Dwarka, New Delhi. Organised by RX India, IWS continues to be a cornerstone event for warehousing, material handling, logistics, automation, and supply chain

professionals. At the event, the Joint Secretary (Logistics and Trade), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Suresh Ahirwar, is expected to share his insights on the evolving logistics landscape in India. His address will highlight the government's initiatives to enhance the efficiency and competitiveness of the sector, aligning with the theme, 'Streamlining Tomorrow: Transforming Supply Chains through Automation'.

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# 15 yrs on, SC uses Art 142 to settle 'defective BMW' case

## Asks Carmaker To Pay ₹50L As Compensation To Buyer

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Wednesday used its Constitution-conferred omnibus powers under Article 142 to settle an unusual 15-year-old dispute over a BMW 7-Series car that was found to be defective after delivery and led to the buyer filing cheating charges against BMW India and its directors.

The car was purchased by a firm from a dealer in Hyderabad on Sept 25, 2009, but a serious defect was noticed while driving out of the showroom to the owner's premises.

Though the car was repaired, the problem recurred three months later.

The frustrated buyer lodged a police complaint against BMW India, its managing director and other directors accusing them of cheating him with a defective car. BMW moved Telan-

## SC to civic body: Can't make poor parents run around for manhole death damages

A 13-month-old child of a labourer died after falling into a manhole in Hisar (Haryana), prompting the Punjab and Haryana HC to order the civic body to pay Rs 15 lakh compensation to the grieving parents.

Hisar MC challenged the verdict in SC claiming that the manhole was in Indian Railways' area and that the HC erred in asking the civic body to pay the compensation amount.

A bench led by CJI D Y Chandrachud said, "A child died in a manhole. You want the grieving poor labourer parents to run from pillar to post to get compensation? If you think Railways is responsible for the open manhole, file a suit to recover the amount from them." The bench said it is an interim order of the HC against which the civic body has approached SC.

"The HC will take into account the evidence presented by the civic body while deciding the case and if it finds that Railways was responsible for the tragedy, it would direct it to reimburse the amount to Hisar Municipal Corporation." **TNN**

gana high court for quashing of the cheating FIR. On Mar 23, 2012, HC quashed the prosecution against BMW and suo motu ordered the carmaker to replace the defective car with a new one. The buyer, however, did not accept the offer.

D Y Chandrachud and Justice J B Pardiwala expressed surprise at the HC judgment asking BMW to replace the defective car with a new one when the carmaker had only petitioned for quashing of the cheating case lodged against it by the buyer.

BMW India's counsel has offered to pay around Rs 30 lakh as compensation to the buyer now, saying a brand new 7-Series car costs more than Rs 1 crore at present and that the value of the used defective car would be around Rs 45 lakh. The car was purchased in 2009 for Rs 85 lakh.

SC noted that BMW had accepted the HC judgment and not moved SC challenging the HC order. The bench said while the HC order quashing the cheating case against BMW was legitimate, it resorted to its Article 142 powers to settle the old dispute and asked the carmaker to pay Rs 50 lakh as compensation to the buyer.

# BJP releases papers to claim illegalities in Sidda wife case

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Bengaluru/Mysuru: BJP intensified Wednesday its criticism of Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah, releasing copies of sale deeds, land registration and other documents to support allegations that Mysuru Urban Development Authority (Muda) had illegally allotted land to his wife Parvathi aka Parvathamma. The CM has denied the charges.

State BJP president BY Vijayendra alleged violations involving Siddaramaiah and his family, calling for the chief minister's resignation. According to him, Parvathi was allotted 14 sites measuring 60x40 ft each instead of the two sites of the same size she was entitled to for her 3.2 acres of acquired land. "This is totally illegal," he said.

Vijayendra accused Siddaramaiah of failing to declare these properties in his 2013 election affidavit, calling it a "blatant violation" of Representation of the People Act,

## Land scam sparks fresh internal feud in Cong as 'neutral camp' demands action

The alleged Mysore Urban Development Authority (Muda) land allotment scam involving Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi has intensified the internal strife in Congress, leading to the resurgence of a neutral camp comprising senior functionaries like BK Hariprasad and KH Muniyappa, reports **BV Shivashankar**.

This camp wants the party high command to penalise those involved in the Muda and Valmiki board scams. They are urging the party brass not to support efforts to cover up these issues and want the high command to take corrective measures. They will give their suggestions to a panel led by AICC office bearer Madhusudan Mistry, which has been formed to find reasons for Congress's poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections.

1951, and the model code of conduct. He said BJP might file a formal complaint with EC.

BJP has accused Muda of deviating from the standard site allotment ratio of 40:60, allegedly favouring a 50:50 ratio for Parvathi on CM's directive.

According to Siddaramaiah, the 3 acres and 16 guntas gifted to his wife by her brother were encroached upon by the agency without "official acquisition". The sites allotted to Parvathi, totalling 38,284 sqft in upscale Vijayanagara III Stage of Mysuru as compensation, were lower in value than the land they lost, he had said.

# Cops: Accused splurged ST scam funds on ₹3.3cr Lambo

Bengaluru: A key accused in the Rs 94-crore ST fund scam used funds meant for development of STs in Karnataka to buy a Rs 3.3 crore Lamborghini from a car dealer in Hyderabad, according to police, reports **Santosh Kumar B**.

The super-luxury purchase didn't go far: Within days police traced the Italian sports car; seized and returned it to the dealer; and recovered the Rs 3.3 crore from the dealer.

A police SIT is conducting probes into Karnataka Maheshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd scam. B Nagendra had quit as a Karnataka minister in the first week of June following allegations that funds were allegedly diverted in March-April this year.

According to sources, SIT arrested Satyanarayana Varma (36) in Hyderabad on June 13. Police seized Rs 8.2 crore in cash which allegedly belonged to the corporation. Later, it brought him to Bengaluru and interrogated him. SIT officials said Varma had played a key role in the scam.

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Download the Tender Document by scanning the barcode or go to the link below.	

Link: <http://thehansfoundation.org/bids/>

**The Hans Foundation**  
Wing B, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Milestone Experion Centre, Sector 15, Part 2, Gurugram, Haryana - 122001.

## tender & notices

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
Our client Mr. Anup Oberoi S/o Late Sh. Prem Prakash R/o 14-Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005 is the co-owner of the said property bearing No.14-Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005. This is to inform the general public at large that Mr. Yash Pal Oberoi S/o Sh. Daulat Ram Oberoi is the owner of only 1/2 portion of the property bearing No. 14-Pusa Road, New Delhi-110005 and not the entire property. A public notice dated 25.06.2024 has been issued by Mr. Yashpal Oberoi claiming himself to be the owner of said property in a manner which is partly incorrect and false statement. Any body dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever shall be liable for all actions and consequences thereof. **KUNAL KHERR ADVOCATE F-256, NEW RAJINDER NAGAR, NEW DELHI-110060, Mob. : 9910072229**

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Mrs. Shivani Bhardwaj w/o Mr. Bhardwaj** has applied for a purchase loan to our client **ICICI HFC Ltd. Branch Kausambi** by mortgage of property i.e. Shop No. C on Ground Floor built on Municipal No. 15, 14 (Old) / 22 (New), Plot No. 61, situated at Arjun Nagar, Sector-1, Ghazabad, U.P., measuring 15.595 Sq. Mtr. Mrs. **Poorima Devi** was owner of the property vide registered Sale Deed dated 15-07-2010. She passed away on 02-11-2012. We have been informed that Mr. Vishwanath Sharma, Mr. Abhishek Arora & Mrs. Hridi Arora alias Nidhi Pant are her only legal heirs. If anyone has any objections then please contact with proof within 7 days, after that no objections will be accepted. **Karande Kumar Adv. Advocate for LEGAL ASSOCIATES 9-3/4-1, Dhillad Garden, Delhi-95. Mob. : (+91 701604304)**

### TENDERS

**NATIONAL SPORTS CLUB OF INDIA**  
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**EXTENSION OF TENDER PURCHASING AND SUBMISSION DATE**  
This notification is in continuation of the tender floated on 07<sup>th</sup> July for Civil work, Renovation/landscaping/beautification of the NSCI, New Delhi. (ELIGIBILITY) Tenderer having past experience in similar nature of work supported by work order and completion certificate and the average turn over as per audited balance sheet during the last 3 financial amounting to Rs. 2 crore year duly certified by the Chartered Accountant.

Tenders will be available at Club Reception upto 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 from 11a.m. to 4p.m. on payment of Rs. 1500/- + GST (Non refundable) and the last date of submission of tender is 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024 upto 4p.m. NSCI reserves all rights to accept or reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

For any further clarification contact **CEO, NSCI Club Office** between 11a.m. to 5p.m. (Ajay Bansal) Hon. Regional Secretary

## PUBLIC NOTICE PROPERTY BEARING NO. 1, MUNIRKA MARG, VASANT VIHAR, NEW DELHI 110057.

Be it known to all that THE INDIAN SOCIETY OF THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, a Society Registered Under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860, having its Registered Office at C-37 Connaught Place, New Delhi, India - 110001, through its Managing Director Shri Sunil Venkoba Rao Suthrave, duly authorized vide Resolution Passed by circular resolution by the Members of the Governing Body held on 04.06.2024, (say 'Owner') representing itself to be the sole, absolute and exclusive owner of Entire Freehold Plot of Land bearing No. 1, Munirka Marg, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi-110057, measuring 1280 Sq. Yds., with all rights of ownership, possession, privileges, easements and appurtenances thereto (say 'Said Property'), had agreed to sell and transfer the same to my client free from all encumbrances, charges, liens, mortgages, prior agreements etc.

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**NARESH GUPTA (Advocate)**

C-75, Greater Kailash Part-I, New Delhi-110048. Tel. 29235175, 40568077

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**COURT NOTICE**  
IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI  
(Ordinary Original Civil Jurisdiction)  
**ARJ. P. 086/2023**  
Moneyswami Financial Services Pvt. Ltd. - Petitioner  
Versus  
Alpha Path Lab And Ors. - Respondents  
Respondent Nos. 1. Alpha Path Lab (Through its Proprietor Sh. Rajendra Kumar S/O Sh. Ram Prakash) Office At: Ground Floor, 81, Pocket-4, Sector-21, Rohini, North-West District, Delhi-110086. (M) 9809039629 (E) mail: 89989898785@gmail.com  
Office At: Plot No. 9, Ground Floor, Pocket-12, Sector-20, Rohini, Delhi-110058  
2. Mrs. Karishma W/o Sh. Rajendra Kumar R/o House No. 180-181, First Floor, Pocket-4, Sector-21, Rohini, Delhi-110086  
Also At: Office At: Kankaria Road, Hatnara, Uttar Pradesh-204101 (M) 828598423  
(E) MAIL: karishma193@gmail.com  
WHEREAS the above named Petitioner has filed a petition under Section 11 (5) & (6) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. Whereas, this Court issued notice to the below named Respondent Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 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# BMW hit-&-run accused Mihir changed his look to hide, prosecution tells court

Sent To Police Custody Till July 16; Father Loses Sena Post

Rebecca Samervel & Mateen Hafeez | TNN

Mumbai: After the prosecution submitted that the crime was heinous and the victim was killed most brutally, a magistrate's court in Sewri remanded Mihir Shah, the 24-year-old accused in the BMW hit-and-run case in Worli, in police custody till July 16.

Seeking maximum custody, prosecutors Ravindra Patil and Bharti Bhosale said Mihir, who had been absconding before being nabbed Tuesday, had tried to mislead the probe and had changed his appearance. "It is necessary to investigate who helped the accused cut his hair, shave his beard and change his identity to hide," the prosecution submitted.

Mihir, son of Shiv Sena functionary Rajesh Shah, was arrested Tuesday from a Virar hotel, almost 60 hours after he allegedly rammed a two-wheeler and killed Kaveri Nakhwa (45). Police had arrested Sunday Rajesh Shah and the family driver, Rishiraj Bidawat (30), who was in the



Mihir being produced in Sewri court Wednesday. The prosecution said he hasn't cooperated with the probe and is giving misleading information

car at the time of the incident. Wednesday's developments in court came as Shiv Sena removed Rajesh Shah as deputy leader and CM Eknath Shinde announced Rs 10 lakh as financial aid for the victim's family. Asked about the delay in sacking Rajesh Shah, Shinde was quoted by PTI as saying, "Should sacking him from the party be given priority or taking action against the accused or providing support to the family? Govt will not support anyone. Action has been taken in this case."

During interrogation, police sources said, Mihir told them he was behind the wheel. After being arrested, he was taken to JJ hospital for a check-up where doctors collected blood samples that have been sent for examination. Police said they will confront Mihir with Bidawat and also take the two to the crime scene and verify their statements.

"The accused has not cooperated with the investigation and is giving misleading information in connection with the evidence of the incident," the prosecution submitted. Prosecutors also submitted there were discrepancies in Bidawat's and Mihir's statements. "Hence it is necessary to conduct a thorough investigation by confronting both accused," they said. The prosecution also alleged Mihir had disposed of the number plate and had not revealed its whereabouts. "Accused Mihir Shah has committed the said crime along with co-accused and escaped from the crime scene with their help," it claimed.

## Illegal parts of bar where Mihir, friends had 12 large pegs of whiskey razed

Chittaranjan Tembhekar & Richa Pinto | TNN

Mumbai: A day after Maharashtra excise dept suspended the licence of a Juhu bar that served hard liquor to Worli hit-and-run accused Mihir Shah though he is not 25 years old yet, BMC demolished illegal additions at the establishment. Civic inspection done on Tuesday found illegal extensions at Vice-Global Tapas Bar.

Civic officials said the establishment had been operational since 2022. The bar's premises have been sealed till the next hearing in the matter before the suburban district collector on July 19, excise officials said. BMC officials said they found an open space of about 1,500 sq feet on the ground floor being used without permission and around 2,000 sq feet of the terrace area covered with an iron shade.

Excise dept finds several irregularities with bar. Excise officials alleged on Wednesday that based on the bill paid at the bar, Mihir and his friends had consumed 12 large pegs of whiskey — or

around four pegs each — on the fateful day. This quantity can keep one intoxicated for eight hours, they added.

Mihir and his friends left the bar at 1.30am and the mishap occurred at 5am — within four hours of intoxication, sources said. The victim, Kaveri Nakhwa (45), was on a two-wheeler while Mihir was in a BMW at the time of the crash.

Apart from serving liquor to Mihir who is below 25 years of age, excise dept found other alleged irregularities with the bar. These include selling liquor to non-drinking permit holders in non-permitted areas, non-submission of licensed premises for inspection, mixing permitted liquor serving area with non-permitted restaurant zone, variations in liquor stock permitted against non-permitted, and lack of liquor transport licence for a certain amount of liquor stock.

In May, following the Porsche accident in Pune, around 60 bars across Mumbai Metropolitan Region were closed for five to 10 days as punishment for not following closure timings, for offering liquor to underage patrons.

# India has key role to play for Ukraine peace: Nehammer

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We (India and Austria) are both ready to provide every possible cooperation to achieve this, PM Narendra Modi said.

Interestingly, Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer said he and Modi agreed the West and Global South must come together to further pursue the path chosen at the peace summit in Switzerland. "Also, in this regard, India has a crucial role. The war in Ukraine must end," he said.

While India did participate in the Switzerland summit at the senior official level, it did not endorse the joint declaration that called for making Ukraine's territorial integrity the basis of any peace process because Russia wasn't invited to the conference. India's position has been that enduring peace is possible only through a process that involves both sides.

"Concerning the war in Ukraine, both leaders supported any collective effort to facilitate a peaceful resolution consistent with international law and the UN Charter. Both sides believe that achieving a comprehensive and lasting peace in Ukraine requires bringing together all stakeholders and a sincere and earnest engagement between the two parties to the conflict," a joint statement said.

"Chancellor Nehammer conveyed Austria's keen interest to engage with IMEC," the statement added.



Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer conveyed Austria's keen interest to engage with India-Middle East-Europe Corridor (IMEC)

## Modi interacts with eminent citizens US: India to remain strategic partner

PM Modi on Wednesday interacted with a few prominent Austrian citizens, including Nobel laureate Anton Zeilinger, during his visit to Vienna. The PM said that Zeilinger's work in quantum mechanics is path-breaking and will continue to guide future generations. TNN

India will continue to be a strategic partner for the US despite concerns over its ties with Russia, the Biden administration has said. "India is a strategic partner with whom we continue to engage in frank dialogue to include their ties with Russia," Pentagon press secretary Major Gen Pat Ryder said. PTI

## We gave Buddha, not yuddha, to world: PM

PM Narendra Modi on Wednesday said India has given "Buddha" to the world, not "Yuddha" (war) which means it has always given peace and prosperity, and therefore the country is going to strengthen its role in the 21st century.

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Vienna, Modi also said that India is working towards being the best, the brightest, achieving the biggest and reaching the highest milestones. Describing his first visit to Austria as "meaningful", Modi said that after 41 years, an Indian PM has visited the country. "India and Austria are celebrating 75 years of their friendship," he said.

"Democracy connects both the countries. Our shared values are liberty, equality, pluralism, and respect for the rule of law. Both countries celebrate diversity, and a big medium to reflect these values are elections," he said. PTI

# U'khand village pledges to look after martyred soldier's 2 kids, wife, mom

Dehradun: There were few dry eyes in the crowd as the last rites of Havildar Kamal Singh Rawat, 28, one of the five soldiers from Uttarakhand who were killed in action in Kathua district of J&K, were performed in his native village of Pauri in Pauri Garhwal district on Wednesday morning, reports Kalyan Das.

As Rawat, the sole breadwinner of his family, was laid to rest in presence of hundreds of villagers amidst slogans of "Kamal Singh amar rahe" and "Bharat mata kija", the entire congregation in a heart-warming gesture made a common pledge to take care of his family — two daughters, aged five and three, wife and mother.

"The whole village is shrouded in anguish and anger against the cowardly attack that claimed the lives of our bravehearts. He was the son of the village. This is the least we can do," said village head Rajpal Singh Gusan.

Meanwhile in Dehradun, Naik Vinod Singh Bhandari, 33, who was also killed in the terrorist attack, was cremated with full military honours on Wednesday in the presence of his family, including his retired Army jawan father, Naik Bir Singh Bhandari, and three sisters who shouldered the coffin of their only brother.

With tears in his eyes, the elder Bhandari expressed his pride, saying, "My son made the supreme sacrifice for the motherland. Not everyone gets a chance to live and die for their country. He was among the lucky ones." Vinod is survived by his two children — four-year-old son and four-month-old daughter, wife and parents.

Among the other three fallen soldiers, Naib Subedar (JCO) Anand Singh, 41, was cremated at his native village of Kanda-Bhardar in Rudrapur district while the other two, Riflemen Anuj Negi, 25, and Adarsh Negi, 26, were laid to rest in Dobariya village in Pauri Garhwal district and Thatti Dagar village in Tehri Garhwal district, respectively.



Army personnel carry the mortal remains of Naik Vinod Singh, who lost his life in the Kathua terrorist attack, for the last rites at Bhaniyawa village in Dehradun on Wednesday

## Army, J&K Police & CRPF scouring rugged terrain to capture terrorists

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An NIA team has reached the ambush site and is assisting police in the probe. Army, J&K police and CRPF personnel are scouring the region's rugged terrain and forests to capture the terrorists, but no one has been captured or killed yet, an official said. Heavy rain has made aerial surveillance through drones and helicopters difficult.

Officials have begun piecing together events from the ambush near Badnota village, where over two hours of continuous gunfire occurred before reinforcements arrived. The terrorists, believed to be a group of three, positioned themselves at two spots on a hill and took cover in thick foliage to surprise the troops with grenades and gunshots when the trucks were negotiating a bend on Ma-

chedi-Kindli-Malhar road around 3.30pm.

Despite facing heavy gunfire, the soldiers fired incessantly to prevent more casualties and stop the terrorists from seizing their weapons. "The Garhwal regiment soldiers unleashed a barrage of 5,189 rounds on terrorists, forcing them to flee," an official told a news agency.

Kashmir Tigers, a shadow group of Pakistan-backed terrorist outfit JeM, has claimed responsibility for the ambush.

Sources said locals are being questioned on whether they had spotted the terrorists before the ambush. Authorities have warned people against providing shelter, food, or aiding the terrorists in hiding and navigating the area undetected. The recent escalation in violence in Jammu has concerned locals in the upper reaches, who demanded the strengthening of village defence groups.

## Man speeds up car when told to slow down, hits 4 cops, 2 critical

Kolkata: A traffic sergeant and three other cops were injured when a sedan, which had slowed down at a police checkpoint in Kolkata, suddenly sped up and hit them, rammed three vehicles, before smashing the footpath guard rails, reports Dwaipayan Ghosh.

The injured personnel were rushed to a hospital. Two of them were said to be critical. The incident took place around 8.45 pm on Wednesday at 22 Camac Street, a high security zone due to its close proximity to state govt offices, US consulate and shopping zones.

The driver was arrested. Police said the car was coming from Park Street at a high speed. Cops on duty motioned it to slow down, which it did. However, as the police personnel approached the driver — who was the only person in the vehicle — waving at him to roll down the window panes for a breathalyser test, he suddenly accelerated, hitting the traffic sergeant and the other three, who were standing near the car.

The vehicle then swerved to the left, hitting three parked cars. The driver appeared to have lost control by then and was unable to manoeuvre the car, hit the guard rails and eventually got stuck on the footpath. Cops dragged out the driver and took him to the Shakespear Sarani police station. Till reporters last came in, he was still being questioned. Police refused to divulge more details.

# On mom's testimony, man given jail for letting bro suffer sex abuse

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: A mother's testimony against her elder son — who had turned a blind eye to his younger brother's sexual abuse by their neighbour — ensured a 20-year jail term for him and life imprisonment till death for the neighbour last week.

This Pocco case is sad and different. A 13-year-old boy, subjected to penetrative sexual assault several times by a 35-year-old neighbour, ran to his 25-year-old elder brother for help, only to be threatened into submission and made to suffer more episodes of sexual assault.

The siblings' mother faced the worst dilemma during the trial, with one of her sons being the victim and the other a collaborator in the offence. Yet, she stood firm and testified against her elder son, who was awarded 20 years in jail by a city court, which also imposed life term on the neighbour, clarifying he shall remain in prison till death.

It all began when the mother noticed her younger son would run into his room every time the neighbour came to their house. Her fears came true when she prodded the teen, who narrated to her the horrific abuse. Determined to get him justice, the mother filed a complaint. It led to the arrest of her elder son and his friend for offences punishable under Pocco Act.

## 7 get life for raping minor orphan

Nagpur court Wednesday awarded seven rapists rigorous imprisonment till their death for raping in 2017 a 16-year-old girl who had escaped from an orphanage, reports Vaibhav Ganjapure.

The judge also slapped Rs 18,000 fine each on convicts Atul, Firoz Ahmad, Swapnil Jawade, Mayur Barsagade, Krishna Dongare, Channi Mangliani, and Sachin Bawane. The survivor had been staying at a shelter home after her parents' death. She and four other minors fled the home on April 20, and took refuge near a shop that night. The next morning, her companions left the place, leaving the survivor alone there. Around 10pm on April 21, the accused saw the girl sitting on a sidewalk and made her board an auto on the pretext of providing her food.

The men then took her to Khamla, where four accused raped her throughout the night. The next day, the three other accused took her to an under-construction apartment in Sugat Nagar in Jaripatka where they raped her, before abandoning her at Sitabuldi.

Police said when the teenager sought help from his elder brother, the latter forced him to comply with the friend's demands and threatened him against dis-

## Girl, 8, raped & killed in AP; 3 minors held

A eight-year-old girl was allegedly gang-raped and murdered by three of her school seniors — all minors — in Andhra's Nandyal district on July 7. The rape-murder came to light on Wednesday after police detained the accused trio, who had dumped the body into a canal to hide their crime, reports Sandeep Raghavan. Cops are yet to trace the body.

Police said the girl's father lodged a complaint Sunday, stating that his daughter went missing while playing at a park. Clues provided by the sniffer dog helped cops zero in on the three boys. The dog not only led police to the crime scene but also stopped at the houses of the accused. After initial round of investigation, the suspects were taken into custody.

During questioning, the accused minors told cops that they spotted the girl playing and lured her to come with them to play. The trio then took her to an isolated spot near Muchumari irrigation project, gagged and raped her one after the other. Fearing arrest, they killed the child, discarded her body in the canal and fled.

While the elder brother was arrested and remanded in 2022, the main accused was on the run. He was eventually arrested in Feb 2024.

GOVERNMENT OF MANIPUR  
DIRECTORATE: TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT  
**E-TENDER NOTICE**  
Imphal, the 10th July, 2024  
**No. M-TPT/75/2022-DoT/PT-DT:** The Department of Transport, Government of Manipur invites bids from interested service providers (shall be a Government entity (PSU) such as a Central or State Govt. Department / Office/ or a company incorporated under the Indian companies Act 1956/2013 with at least 50% equity stake of Government entity) in the country for selection of Implementing Agency for Development, Customization, Deployment and Management of State wide Vehicle Tracking Platform for Safety & Environment as per AIS 140 Specifications, in State of Manipur under Nirbhaya Framework. The details may be seen from <https://manipurenders.gov.in>.  
Sd/- (Dr. Nivedita Lairenakpam)  
Director of Transport, Manipur

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rahul @ Parveen @ Monu**, S/o: Mam Chand, R/o: 2C/51, Mohan Garden, Uttam Nagar, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 667/2018, U/s 419/420 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rahul @ Parveen @ Monu** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rahul @ Parveen @ Monu** has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant;

Proclamation is hereby made that **Rahul @ Parveen @ Monu** the said accused of FIR No. 667/2018, U/s 419/420 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi, is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 12.08.2024.

By Order  
Sh. Devanshu Sajjan  
DP/8935/WD/2024 Metropolitan Magistrate-07, 2nd Floor,  
(Court Matter) Room No.-289, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER  
PHED CIRCLE ALWAR  
No- 1830 Date- 28/6/24  
NOTICE INVITING BID (NIT No. 14-27/2024-25)  
Bids for Work of Construction of Sources, PLU/JTC of Rising, Distribution, Pipelines, Reservoirs and FHTC including Defect Liability period J/M Khedmeda, Galakheda-medupura, Titpuri, Garoo, Dorodi Jatwara-kheralaganpur, Natoi, Kuttinsabdas-bangan ka nangla, Darola, Arruwa, Kalwari, Samuchi, Dantiya-chainpura, Khonkhar under PHED Division Kathumar (Alwar) are invited from interested bidders upto 06:00 PM on Date 02.07.2024. Other particulars of the Bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in>) of the state and <https://phedwater.rajasthan.gov.in> in departmental website.  
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## INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer Kalpa Division, HP.PWD, Kalpa, District Kinnaur (HP) on behalf of Governor of H.P. invites the item rate bids, in electronic tendering system, from the eligible class of Contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

Sr. No. :- 1 Name of Work :- Balance work for the C/O Sarai Bhanwan at Sunnam in District Kinnaur HP (SH:- Building portion, WS & SI and site development) Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 54,52,642/- Starting Date for downloading Bid :- 12-07-2024 Earnest Money :- 6,81,000/- Eligible Class of Contractor :- B Class Deadline for submission of Bid :- 26-07-2024 Date of opening of Technical bid :- 27-07-2024 Time :- Nine Months

Sr. No. :- 2 Name of Work :- Slope stabilization and rock fall mitigation works at Km. 10/530 to 10/700 along hill side of link road to Village Nesang (SH:- Removal of loose rock mass, Construction of Gabion walls in benches in sliding zones and providing Erosion mat in sliding zone alongwith drilling and grouting of fissure & F.T. hollow bar and providing mechanically woven Hexagonal shaped wire mesh netting in essential portion etc. Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 2,51,47,560/- Starting Date for downloading Bid :- 12-07-2024 Earnest Money :- 5,0,3000/- Eligible Class of Contractor :- B Class Deadline for submission of Bid :- 26-07-2024 Date of opening of Technical bid :- 27-07-2024 Time :- One Year

Sr. No. :- 3 Name of Work :- Balance work for the C/O PHC Building at Jangli in District Kinnaur HP (SH:- Building portion and WS & SI works) Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 86,03,428/- Starting Date for downloading Bid :- 12-07-2024 Earnest Money :- 1,73,000/- Eligible Class of Contractor :- C Class Deadline for submission of Bid :- 26-07-2024 Date of opening of Technical bid :- 27-07-2024 Time :- One Year

Sr. No. :- 4 Name of Work :- C/O 61.00 Mtr. Span Bailey bridge over Spiti River to Surmdoling (Garden Colony) in G.P. Sumra District Kinnaur (HP) (SH:- C/O 61.00 Mtr. Span Bailey bridge Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 5,34,90,186/- Starting Date for downloading Bid :- 12-07-2024 Earnest Money :- 10,70,000/- Eligible Class of Contractor :- A Class Deadline for submission of Bid :- 26-07-2024 Date of opening of Technical bid :- 27-07-2024 Time :- Two Years

Sr. No. :- 5 Name of Work :- Balance work for the Construction of link road to Ribba Kanda Km. 000 to 11/725 under NABARD RIDF-XIII/STATE (SH:- Balance formation cutting, R/wall, B/wall, X-drainage work with slab culvert, Parapets, Katcha drain, sign board, Kilometer stone and dumping structure etc. in Km. 0/00 to 11/725) Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 3,40,08,523/- Starting Date for downloading Bid :- 12-07-2024 Earnest Money :- 6,81,000/- Eligible Class of Contractor :- B Class Deadline for submission of Bid :- 26-07-2024 Date of opening of Technical bid :- 27-07-2024 Time :- One Year

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department website [www.hptenders.gov.in](http://www.hptenders.gov.in).

Executive Engineer,  
Kalpa Division,  
HP.PWD, Kalpa.  
Advt. No. 0698/10/07/2024 HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

OFFICE OF THE ADDL. CHIEF ENIGNEER,  
PWD, ZONE BIKANER  
No.-749 Dt.- 03-07-2024  
NIB CODE:- PWD2425A0529  
NIB NO. 02/2024-25  
Bid for 01 No. Building work are invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM dt. 25.07.2024 (Thursday) Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state and DIPR department website. The approximate values of the procurement is Rs.1651.02 Lakhs.  
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[PWD2425WLB02062]  
Sd/-  
Addl. Chief Engineer,  
PWD, Zone Bikaner  
DIPRC/5572/2024

Quality Council of India  
The Quality Council of India (QCI), an autonomous body under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, invites proposals from competent agencies for the Request for Empanelment (RFE) of IT Firms for Providing IT Services - Design, Development, Implementation and maintenance of Web & Mobile Application software and Websites. Detailed requirements are available on GeM under the following bid numbers:  
• Tier A - GEM Bid: GEM/2024/B/5125322  
• Tier B - GEM Bid: GEM/2024/B/5125556  
• Tier C - GEM Bid: GEM/2024/B/5125861  
• Tier D - GEM Bid: GEM/2024/B/5126055  
• Tier E - GEM Bid: GEM/2024/B/5126222  
Interested parties should submit their technical and financial bids on the GeM portal by July 25, 2024, at 3 PM. The detailed RFEs are available on the QCI website under the tenders section (<https://qcin.org/work-with-us/tenders>).



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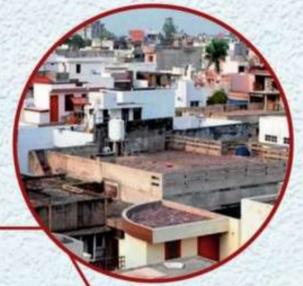
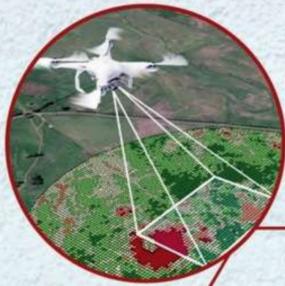
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**KATE BECKINSALE SAYS SHE WAS HOSPITALISED FOR 6 WEEKS EARLY THIS YEAR AMID HEALTH TROUBLES CAUSED BY 'STRESS AND GRIEF'**

## Biden passes first Nato fitness test but Dems are still doubtful

Nancy Pelosi, A Long-Time Biden Ally, Becomes Most Prominent Democrat To Express Doubts About 81-Year-Old Prez's Viability For A Second Term



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Basketball player LeBron James stands behind Kamala Harris as she meets with the US men's Olympic basketball team in Las Vegas. Trump called Kamala Biden's 'insurance policy'. 'If Joe had picked someone even halfway competent they would have bounced him from office years ago'

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: With more focus on clarity of thought, delivery, and body language than substance of his speech, US Prez Joe Biden on Tuesday pledged Nato support to Ukraine till Russia is defeated.

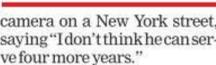
The assertive performance on the global stage did little to staunch pressure from Democrats who want him to stand down from the 2024 presidential elections, with former US House speaker Nancy Pelosi, who is herself 84 and a long-time Biden ally, becoming the most prominent party grandee to express doubts about the 81-year-old president's viability for a second term.

"It's up to the president to decide if he is going to run. We're all encouraging him to make that decision. Because time is running short," Pelosi said in a TV interview on Tuesday, even though Biden has insisted he will now bow out. Pressed on whether she wanted him to seek re-election, Pelosi, in what fell well short of a full-throated endorsement, told MSNBC's Morning Joe, "I want him to do whatever he decides to do. And that's the way it is. Whatever he decides, we go with."

Elsewhere, Democratic Senator Michael Bennett expressed fears that Trump could win a landslide in Nov as things stand. Even George Stephanopoulos, the ABC News anchor and former Democratic operative on whose platform Biden went on to assert he will stay in the race, was caught on candid

### George Clooney, a major Biden fundraiser, urges him to drop out of presidential race

George Clooney, the Hollywood actor and Democratic financial powerhouse who co-hosted a major fundraiser for Prez Biden last month, wrote in a New York Times guest essay Wednesday that Biden was too old to seek reelection and should end his campaign. "The one battle he cannot win is the fight against time," Clooney wrote. "It's devastating to say it, but the Joe Biden I was with three weeks ago at the fund-raiser was not the Joe Biden of 2020. He was the same man we all witnessed at the debate." Clooney, who last month hosted a \$28m fundraiser in Hollywood for Biden that his campaign said was the largest ever for a Democratic candidate, is by far the highest-profile figure in the party to call for the president to end his campaign. "This isn't only my opinion; this is the opinion of every senator and congress member and governor that I've spoken with in private," wrote Clooney. Clooney argued the party should pick a new nominee at its convention next month, saying the process would be "messy" but "wake up" voters in the party's favour. AGENCIES



camera on a New York street, saying "I don't think he can survive four more years." Amid continued turmoil in the party, Biden displayed energy and vigour in an address to Nato leaders in which he pledged more military support for Ukraine and a further strengthening of the western alliance. "When this senseless war began, Ukraine was a free country. Today it is still a free country, and the war will end with Ukraine remaining a free and independent country. Russia will not prevail. Ukraine will prevail," Biden said in a forceful speech that drew repeated applause from the assembled Nato leaders.

Many of them fear that a Biden defeat and a return of Trump to the White House will torpedo Nato because the former president does not think highly of the alliance and is pally with Russian Prez Putin, a course that will throw Ukraine and

other frontline European nations under the Moscow bus.

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Pelosi herself said she wanted to delay the conversations about Biden's future till after the Nato summit. "Let's just hold off. Whatever you're thinking, either tell somebody privately, but you don't have to put that out on the table until we see how we go this week," she said in what appeared to be advice to Democrats.

Amid all this, vice-president Kamala Harris has continued to back Biden's renomination even as she builds her own profile, inviting a New York Times story with a headli-

### 'China has become an enabler of Russia's war effort in Ukraine'

Nato allies will pledge to support Ukraine on an "irreversible path" to integration and call on China to cease all support for Russia's war effort against Kyiv, according to a draft joint communique seen by Reuters. China has become a decisive enabler of Russia's war effort in Ukraine and Beijing continues to pose systemic challenges to Europe and to security, according to the draft communique being developed at the Nato summit in Washington. Nato countries intend to provide Ukraine with minimum funding of €40bn within the next year, according to the draft. REUTERS

ne that read, "For Kamala Harris, the Challenge of Getting Ready Without Getting Ready."

With Biden holding center-stage in Washington DC, Harris is on the road in Texas and Nevada, garnering positive headlines, including calling on the US national basketball team training in Las Vegas and urging them to go for a fifth consecutive gold medal in men's basketball at the Paris Olympics.

Talk of her replacing Biden as the party nominee has triggered Trump attacks. "The radical left Democrat Party is divided in chaos and having a full-scale breakdown. All because they can't decide which of their candidates is more unfit to be president: Sleepy Joe Biden or Laughing Kamala," Trump said at a rally Tuesday, calling her Biden's "insurance policy", because, "If Joe had picked someone even halfway competent they would have bounced him from office years ago."

### Musk beats \$500m severance lawsuit by fired 'Twitter' workers

Elon Musk won dismissal of a lawsuit claiming he refused to pay at least \$500 million of severance to thousands of Twitter employees he fired in mass layoffs after buying the social media company now known as X.

US district judge Trina Thompson in San Francisco ruled Tuesday that the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) governing benefit plans did not cover the former employees' claims, and therefore she lacked jurisdiction. The case is one of many accusing Musk of reneging on promises to former employees, including former chief executive Parag Agrawal, and vendors after buying the company for \$44 billion in Oct 2022.

According to the complaint, Twitter's 2019 severance plan called for employees who stayed on after the buyout to get two or six months of pay plus one week of pay for each year of employment, if they were laid off. The plaintiffs said Twitter instead offered fired employees one month of pay as severance, with no benefits.

Thompson said ERISA didn't apply to Twitter's post-buyout plan because there was no "ongoing administrative scheme" where the firm reviewed claims case-by-case or offered benefits. The judge said plaintiffs can try amending their complaint, but only for claims not governed by ERISA. REUTERS

### In first remarks after polls, Macron calls for mainstream coalition

Paris: French President Emmanuel Macron Wednesday called on mainstream parties to join forces to form a solid majority in the National Assembly, in his first comments since Sunday's snap election delivered parliamentary gridlock. The vote, which Macron unexpectedly called after losing to far-right National Rally (RN) in June's European polls, has plunged France into uncharted waters, with three politically divergent blocs and no obvious path to forming a govt.

In a letter to local newspapers, Macron urged mainstream parties with "republican values" to form a governing coalition and said he hoped to pick a PM from such a grouping. "Let us place our hope in the ability of our political leaders to demonstrate sense, harmony and calm in your interest, and that of the country," he wrote. "It is in the light of these principles that I will decide on the appointment of the PM."

Macron did not explicitly call for RN and the hard-left France Unbowed parties to be excluded from such coalition, but his mention of "republican values" is understood to exclude parties on the far left or the far right.

The left-wing New Popular Front, which combines

### Sarko campaign case: Carla Bruni charged with witness tampering

Lyon: Former supermodel and French first lady Carla Bruni-Sarkozy was given preliminary charges Tuesday for involvement in alleged efforts to pressure a witness who accused ex-President Nicolas Sarkozy of receiving illegal campaign financing from Libya.

Bruni-Sarkozy was placed under judicial supervision on Tuesday, which included a ban on contact with all those involved in the proceedings with the exception of her husband, according to a judicial official not authorised to be publicly named when speaking about an ongoing investigation.

Preliminary charges against Bruni-Sarkozy include witness tampering and participation in a criminal association with an attempt to commit fraud in efforts to deceive magistrates investigating her husband on suspicion of receiving illegal funds during his 2007 presidential election campaign, the official said.

After she was questioned by police in May, her lawyers said she provided "useful clarifications and explanations".

The witness involved, Ziad Takieddine, is central to accusations Sarkozy received millions in illegal payments from the regime of then-Libyan President Muammar Gaddafi. AP

### Arson attack in UK leaves Sikh man dead, 4 hurt

Naomi Canton

London: A Sikh family in Wolverhampton has been left devastated and a murder investigation launched after a man set fire to their house during the night using a petrol canister in a deadly arson attack which left their 26-year-old son, Akashdeep Singh, dead and four family members injured. The family was captured on CCTV and was released by police on Tuesday. It shows a man in dark clothes smashing the ground floor window of their home at 1am local time on June 25 and then throwing a petrol canister inside and setting fire to the house. He then runs away.

Two weeks on, a 52-year-old woman and a 16-year-old boy remain in hospital in critical but stable condition.

### Copenhagen to reward tourists who behave

A new fee for day trippers to Venice, Italy. A looming ban on vacation rentals in Barcelona, Spain. Restrictions on sale of alcohol in Mallorca, Spain. At a time when overwhelmed European cities are slapping tourists with restrictions, Copenhagen, Denmark, is trying a different approach: rewarding visitors who act responsibly.

Beginning Monday, tourists who demonstrate climate-friendly travel behaviour like cycling, train travel and cleanup efforts — will be granted access to museum tours, kayak rentals, free meals and more.

"We must turn tourism from being an environmental burden into a force for positive change," said Mikkel Aaro-Hansen, CEO of Wonderful Copenhagen, the tourism organisation for the Capital Region of Denmark. An important step, he said, "is to change how we move around, what we consume, and how we interact with the locals."

Those who arrive by bike or train at CopenHill, an artificial ski slope, will be able to go down the rooftop hill for free. Other sites will allow visitors to volunteer in cleanup efforts. The National Gallery of Denmark will hold workshops to turn plastic waste into pieces of art, while the Copenhagen Surf School will offer a free lunch to surfers who take part in 30 mins of beach cleaning after their surf course. More than 20 attractions will be participating in the pilot programme over the summer. wvt



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### Out of 23 desi MPs, 3 take oath on Gita, one picks Sundar Gutka, 5 opt for Bible

Naomi Canton

London: Of the 23 PIO MPs out of 29 sworn into the new British parliament thus far, five, including former home secretary Priti Patel, have chosen to swear an oath on the Bible, three chose Bhagavad Gita and one chose Sundar Gutka.

Seven Sikh Labour MPs said they wished to swear their oath to God but without holding Sundar Gutka, and seven PIO MPs, including two Punjabi-origin MPs, chose to affirm and not swear any oath to God.

Bob Blackman, a Tory MP who has been elected chair of the 1922 committee and represents Harrow East, which has a large Indian diaspora, and who was awarded the Padma Shri, swore on King James Bible and Bhagavad Gita.

MPs started taking oath on Tuesday after Speaker Lindsay Hoyle was re-elected. They can either take oath on a holy book or make a secular affirmation. The oath is: "I swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegian-



Tory Witham MP Priti Patel took oath on the King James Bible

ce to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law, so Help me God." The affirmation is: "I do solemnly and sincerely and truly declare and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law."

Two new MPs — Bihar-born Labour MP Kanishka Narayan and Conservative Leicester East MP Shivani Raja — as well as opposition's Rishi Sunak took oath on Bhagavad Gita. New Conservative MP Neil Shashi-Hunt and new Labour MPs Jeevun Sandher, Sonia Kumar, and Sureena

### China to probe claims of same trucks ferrying edible oil & coal

Bangkok: China's authorities said they were investigating food safety concerns in cooking oils after an investigative report from local media revealed that tankers carrying soybean oil from a major state-owned company were also used to carry a form of coal.

The report from Beijing News, a state-backed outlet known for original reporting, found that it was an "open secret" among truck drivers that the tankers did not get cleaned in between their stints carrying edible oils and the chemicals.

Among the trucks the driver followed, the vehicles carried products from Sinograin, a major state-owned corporation, as well as China Energy Investment Corporation, one of the national-level companies directly overseen by the govt. "Enterprises in violation and relevant responsible persons will be severely punished according to law," State Council said. AP

### Leicester riots: Man behind 'fake' news charged with terror offences

Naomi Canton

London: Majid Freeman, who is accused of spreading misinformation about the role Hindus played in the 2022 Leicester riots and was a key campaigner behind Shockat Adam, the newly elected Gujarati-origin independent Leicester South MP, has been arrested and charged with terror offences.

Freeman, 36, whose real name is Majid Novsarka, was charged Wednesday with encouragement of terrorism and supporting a proscribed organisation. His Leicester home was searched Tuesday and he was arrested. He was released on bail Wednesday and is due to appear at Westminster magistrates' court on July 24.

Adam unseated former shadow paymaster Jonathan Ashworth in a big upset of the UK elections. Freeman had followed Ashworth around when he was canvassing. A video shows him shouting: "Do you condemn Netanyahu? Yes or No?" Ashworth is seen taking his own video saying: "I am not going to have these guys bully me

off the streets. I am not going to be intimidated." Freeman replies: "No one is bullying you. We are asking you why you abstained on the vote for a ceasefire in Gaza. You have the death of Palestinian men, women and children on your hands. Is Netanyahu a war criminal?"

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### AROUND THE WORLD



A kayaker paddles past an art installation of an ATM cashpoint, attributed to the anonymous artist Impro, in Sonning, Britain

### Milk, eggs and now bullets for sale in vending machines at US grocery stores

A company has installed computerised vending machines to sell ammunition in grocery stores in Alabama, Oklahoma and Texas, allowing patrons to pick up bullets along with a gallon of milk. American Rounds said their machines use an identification scanner and facial recognition software to verify the purchaser's age and are as "quick and easy" to use as a computer tablet. But advocates worry that selling bullets out of vending machines will lead to more shootings. The firm maintains the age-verification tech means that transactions are as secure, or more secure, than online sales, which may not require the purchaser to submit age proof, or at retail stores, where there is a risk of shoplifting. There have been 15 mass killings involving a firearm so far in 2024, compared to 39 in 2023.

### Man in China caught with 100 live snakes in trousers

A man has been caught trying to smuggle over 100 live snakes into mainland China by cramming them into his trousers. The unnamed traveller was stopped by customs officers as he sought to slip out of semi-autonomous Hong Kong and into the border city of Shenzhen, China Customs said on Tuesday. "Customs officers discovered that the pockets of the trousers the passenger was wearing were packed with six canva drawing bags and sealed with tape," it said. "Once opened, each bag was found to contain living snakes in all shapes, sizes & colours."

### Buckingham Palace opens famous balcony room to all



Visitors to Buckingham Palace this summer will get to stand behind the famous balcony the royal family poses on. For the first time, the palace is opening the building's East Wing, which includes the Centre Room where the balcony is located. Visitors will not be able to stand on the balcony.

### Nasa astronauts stuck on ISS confident of return: 'Failure not an option'

Washington: The first two astronauts to fly Boeing's Starliner capsule said from the International Space Station Wednesday they were confident in the spacecraft's ability to return them home whenever the company and Nasa fix an array of issues that have kept them in space far longer than expected.

"I have a real good feeling in my heart that this spacecraft will bring us home, no problem," Nasa astronaut Sunita Williams said during the test crew's first news conference since docking to the ISS more than a month ago. Will-

ams and Barry "Butch" Wilmore, both veteran Nasa astronauts and former US Navy test pilots, were launched aboard Starliner from Florida on June 5 and docked the next day at the ISS, where they were scheduled to spend roughly eight days.

A series of issues with Starliner's propulsion system has extended their mission indefinitely. Five of Starliner's 28 maneuvering thrusters went dead during its 24-hour trek to the station, a propellant valve failed to properly close and there have been five leaks of helium, which is used



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to pressurise the thrusters. "We're absolutely confident," Wilmore said. "That mantra you've heard, failure is not an option... And that's why we're staying, because we're going to test it. That's what we do." Wilmore acknowledged that an ongoing investigation by the US space agency and Boeing involving thruster tests on Earth is key for their return.

The current test mission is Boeing's final step before the spacecraft can clinch Nasa certification for routine astronaut flights and become the second US orbital capsule alongside

SpaceX's Crew Dragon, which has dominated the nascent human spaceflight market amid Starliner's development delays.

Nasa officials and Boeing engineers have focused on the faulty thrusters and aim to conduct weeks of testing before allowing Starliner to return Wilmore and Williams to Earth. Though Nasa and Boeing have said Starliner is capable of returning the astronauts to Earth in an emergency on the ISS, the capsule is not approved to fly home under non-emergency circumstances until its issues are resolved. REUTERS

# Shunted IAS officer's OBC cert under lens

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Pune collector Suhas Diwase's report said the use of beacon light and displaying "Maharashtra govt" insignia on her private car were actions deemed inappropriate for her position, sources added.

Questions have also been raised about Pooja Khedkar's appointment, with allegations that she did not fit into OBC non-creamy layer category under which she appeared for UPSC exam.

The transfer order stated that Khedkar will carry out her remaining tenure at Washim as a supernumerary assistant collector. While her transfer order cited administrative reasons, the chief secretary told TOI on Wednesday that govt had already acted on the collector's letter and transferred her to Washim.

Washim district collector Bhubaneswari S confirmed that Khedkar has been posted at Washim collectorate. "She is yet to join and in case of delay, the matter would be re-

ported to general administration department," Washim collector said.

Pune police commissioner Amitesh Kumar said action would be initiated against her under Motor Vehicles Act for use of red and blue beacon light and "Maharashtra govt" insignia on her private car.

Khedkar was posted at the Pune district collector's office from Mar 21, 2023, for a term which was to end in July 2025. She was issued an order on March 18, 2023, to join the Pune office as a probationary assistant collector.

Pune RTI activist Vijay Kumbhar had raised questions about Khedkar's appointment. "She appeared for UPSC exam under OBC non-creamy layer and PwD category, where the creamy layer certificate limit is an annual parental income of Rs 8 lakh," Kumbhar said.

TOI on Wednesday made repeated calls to Pooja as well as her father and sent text messages seeking their version on the matter. Neither of the two responded.

# Higher NEET-UG scores due to 25% syllabus cut: IIT report

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The court, while acknowledging that the leak and use of unfair means at a few centres in Patna and Gujarat had compromised the sanctity of the exams, had said it would order a retest if it was convinced that there was a systemic failure, and that the exams were vitiated to the extent that isolating the beneficiaries from untainted examinees would not be possible.

Citing the verification done by IIT-M, Centre remained hewed to its stand that leaks and irregularities were limited and localised.

On an unusually large number of students getting high scores in NEET-UG this year, the IIT report said, "There is an overall increase in marks obtained by students, specifically in the range of 550 to 720. This is attributed to 25% reduction in syllabus. In addition, candidates obtaining such high marks are spread across multiple cities and centres, indicating very less likelihood of malpractice."

Centre said IIT-M drew the conclusions by analysing NEET-UG results data with

## Claims of NEET-UG paper leak in Patna, Sawai Madhopur not true, NTA tells SC

National Testing Agency informed Supreme Court in a late night affidavit on Wednesday that allegations of NEET-UG paper leak in Patna and Sawai Madhopur (Rajasthan) were not true and suspected wrongdoer candidates in Patna had obtained moderate scores which had no impact on the sanctity of the exam, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

On the allegation of paper leak in Patna, NTA said, "No question paper was found missing in any trunk; no locks were found broken; NTA observers did not report anything adverse; and no incident of paper leakage was observed." In Sawai Madhopur, a wrong question paper was initially distributed which was later corrected. But some candidates protested and left the centre without giving the exam and thereafter a picture of the question paper was circulated on social media, the NTA said.

Centre said IIT-M drew the conclusions by analysing NEET-UG results data with the help of Python for data processing, PostgreSQL for data storage and Metabase for analysis after seeking several data facts from National Testing Agency.

On counselling to be carried out based on NEET-UG results, Centre said, "For any candidate, if it is found that

s/he has been beneficiary of any malpractice, candidature of such person would be cancelled at any stage during the counselling process or even afterwards."

Responding to SC's query on steps being taken to make future NEET-UG and similar exams glitch and malpractice free, Centre said it has constituted a seven-member committee of experts chaired by Dr K Radhakrishnan, ex-chairman of Isro and chairman, board of governors, IIT Kanpur.

"Confidentiality of question papers is the utmost priority in any examination and govt remains committed towards protecting interests of lakhs of students who have attempted the question papers fairly," it said and cited enactment of Public Examination (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act by Parliament on Feb 12.

# HC orders SIT probe into Bathinda farmer's killing

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The court said it would be in public interest for Haryana to open the highway "for all time to come". HC also ordered an SIT probe, headed by senior Haryana IPS officer Satish Balan, into the Feb 21 killing of Bathinda farmer-activist Shubhkar Singh, 22, near Khanauri inter-state border.

Haryana govt submitted a forensic science laboratory report on the pellets found in Shubhkar Singh's body, Haryana additional advocate general Deepak Sabharwal said the report, submitted in a sealed cover, indicated the pellets were fired from a shotgun at close range, a weapon not used by state police.

HC had on May 28 requested a report from Central Forensic Laboratory in Chandigarh to address concerns about the weapon used and

ensure a fair investigation.

The division bench issued these orders while hearing petitions regarding farmers' protests and blockades, including a PIL filed by advocate Uday Pratap Singh.

The protesters welcomed the HC order, with Kisan Mazdoor Morcha (KMM) convenor Sarvan Singh Pandher saying: "Our submission has been proved that it is not the farmers who blocked the highway but Haryana and central govt."

Farmers have decided to seek legal advice before determining their next course of action, with informal discussions likely to begin Thursday. A decision is expected at the July 16 meeting between SKM (Non-Political) and KMM members.

On Tuesday, Punjab govt provided compensation of Rs 1 crore to Shubhkar Singh's family and a job to his sister.

# Hard weather, avalanches hit search mission

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Magar — survived by his wife, two young children, and his parents — was an avid mountaineer. He participated in national skiing and snowboarding competitions and won multiple medals.

Lt Col Manish Shrivastava, public relations officer for defence in Dehradun, said HAWS meticulously planned a search mission — named Operation RTG (Rohit, Thakur, Gautam) — on June 18. He said, "The team faced difficulties due to harsh weather and frequent avalanches. They succeeded in recovering all three soldiers' remains on Sunday. Retrieving the soldiers' remains exemplifies the Army's ethos of 'leave no man behind'."

On Oct 8, the team was hit by an avalanche, causing four instructors to fall into a crevasse. Initially, only Lance Naik Stanzin Targais's body was recovered.

# Bus' bid to overtake milk tanker from left led to Unnao crash: DM

Kanpur/Patna: The horrific crash on Lucknow-Agra Expressway in which 18 people lost their lives on Wednesday occurred when the driver of a Delhi-bound bus tried to overtake a milk tanker from the left, Unnao DM Gaurang Rathi said, report Faiz Siddiqui and Madan Kumar.

Eyewitnesses said that the collision was so severe that the bus was smashed into a mangled heap of iron and the passengers were flung onto the road while the tanker overturned.

The injured were initially taken to Bangarmau community health centre and later to the Unnao district hospital.

PM Narendra Modi condoled the deaths and announced ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh each for families of the deceased and Rs 50,000 for the injured.

UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath and Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar also expressed grief over the loss of lives. Nitish announced ex gratia of Rs 2 lakh to next of kin of each deceased.

The Unnao administration has issued helpline numbers (0515-2970767, 9651432703, 9454417447, 8887713617, 8081211289).

A case has been registered under relevant legal provisions.

An official privy to the probe said the documents of the bus were incomplete. "Its fitness certificate



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**PURCHASE OF KHADI FABRICS**

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1. Start of downloading of bid - 11-07-2024
2. Last date for submission of sealed bid - 18-07-2024

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# Accused took 20% cut from salaries of victims: Cops

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We are not privy to details of the investigation but I am sure we will find even more inconsistencies because Santhosh Katkooi is innocent of human trafficking, his attorney said.

Officers said accused would give women and men training in computer programming and after their internship place them in shell companies 'run by Katkooi'. For this the couple would take 20% cut from salaries of victims working as programmers, officials said in the arrest affidavit.

The women rescued from the Katkooi home are believed to have told police that they were brought to Princeton for an "internship" and learn JavaScript.

Princeton police on July 8 charged the accused with human trafficking and second-degree felony.

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2	CE / MM	114	1

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The details can be viewed and downloaded online from dated 11/07/2024 to 18/07/2024 at 17.00 Hrs. directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. This detailed tender notice is available on portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>, also on [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com) and on Notice Board of the Office of Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Amalner.

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(Tender Id : 2024\_SPDC\_252514\_1)

For and on behalf of the Managing Director, J&K Power Development Corporation, the office of Executive Engineer Generation Division LJHP Baramulla invites e-bids valid for a period of 180 days from reputed and registered Suppliers, contractors having sufficient experience of the relevant job for following work as per drawing :

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1.	Spares, Consumables And Lubricants Required At LJHP For Routine And Annual Maintenance	As per BOQ	47.68	2% of the estimated cost.	Rs. 2000.00 Non-Refundable	45 Days

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3.	e-Bid submission (start) date & time	09/07/2024
4.	e-Bid submission (end) date & time	29/07/2024 at 16:00 hrs
6.	Commercial and Technical Bid opening date & time	31/07/2024 at 14:00 hrs
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RO Code : 2612/991/2023/35542

# Assam floods claim 9 Kaziranga rhinos

Guwahati: The flood in Assam has severely impacted the wildlife population in the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, resulting in death of 148 animals, including nine rhinos and 135 hog deer, reports Mukut Das.

Twelve hog deer, one swamp deer and one rhesus macaque succumbed to injuries while undergoing treatment, while two hog deer were killed in vehicle accidents. Rescue teams have successfully saved 135 animals, primarily hog deer.

**North Eastern Railway**

**Open Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2024-25-T08 Date 08.07.2024**

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TRD, North Eastern Railway, Varanasi for and on behalf of President of India, invites sealed "OPEN" E-Tender for the following work:

S.N. : 01, Name of work : OHE modification work for 2x25 KV Traction System for capacity upgradation of BSB-PRRB Section of HUN route (Phase-II) in BSB Division of N.E. Railway, Tender Reference No. : SrDEE-TRD-BSB-2024-25-T08, Approx. Cost (in Rs.) : ₹ 32,50,15,430.51, Earnest Money (in Rs.) : ₹ 17,75,100/-, Cost of tender documents (in Rs.) : Nil, E-Tender Closing Date and Time : 30.07.2024 upto 14:45 Hrs., Completion Period : 18 Months.

E-Tender Online will be submitted upto 14:45 Hrs. on date 30.07.2024. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the official website of Indian Railways i.e. [www.irreps.gov.in](http://www.irreps.gov.in).

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**E-TENDER NOTICE No: DRM (M) ADI/19/2024-25 dated 05.07.2024**

E-Tender is invited from eligible contractors for the following work. Tender No : Re-M442-Mo-Water-Filling-LHB Name of the Work : "Contract work for supply, installation, fitment, testing, and commissioning of additional water filling arrangement in LHB Coaches at Ahmedabad division as per approved Railway drawing. Estimated Cost of work : ₹ 2,73,98,420/- (Rupees Two Crore Seventy Three Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Only (All inclusive) Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) : ₹ 2,87,000/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Only Date & Time of tender closing and opening : Closing at 15:00 Hrs. on dated 26/07/2024 and Opening at 15:30 hrs. on dated 26/07/2024 Website particulars Notice Board location where complete details of tender can be seen & address of the office of tender inviting Authority : <http://www.irreps.gov.in> Divisional Railway Manager (Mechanical), (W. Rly.) 2nd Floor, Mechanical Branch, Near Chamunda Bridge, Naroda Road, P.O. Saipurbogha, Ahmedabad-382845

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**PURCHASE OF KHADI FABRICS**

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1. Start of downloading of bid - 11-07-2024
2. Last date for submission of sealed bid - 18-07-2024

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**Ro. No. 586 Tender Notice Dated 10.07.2024**

Office of the Executive Engineer (Generation), Ramganga Power Station, Kalagarh (Pauri-Garhwal), invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:

**Tender No. 07/EE(G)/Kig/2024-25.**

**Name of Supply/Work/Service - Annual Maintenance Contract for Routine Maintenance Activities.**

**Estimated cost - Rs. 8,19,591/- GST extra.**

Date of availability of bid document on website -11/07/2024  
Last date for submission of tender -02/08/2024 up to 16.00 Hrs.  
For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website [www.ujvnl.com](http://www.ujvnl.com).  
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Tender Notice No. PCE/BLW(ET)/Publish/2024-25/08 Date:08.07.2024

**E-TENDER**

Dy. Chief Engineer, Banaras Locomotive Works, Varanasi on behalf of the President of India invites "Open" Tender through E-Tendering from the contractors. SN: 1. Tender No.: BLW-WAT-ET-002RT-24-25. Name of work: Laying of new turnout (1:8.5) on PSC layout of BLW inside workshop with replacement of old Mixed Gauge Turnout on Wooden Sleeper under SSE/PWAY & to facilitate two track gauges in single track by shifting of track under SSE/WWS BLW Varanasi, Tender cost (₹): ₹ 2,19,48,506.24, Earnest Money (₹) : ₹ 2,59,800.00, Time of Completion: 08 Months, Closing Date of Tender: 02.08.2024 at 15.00 PM, Date of Opening of Tender: 02.08.2024 at 15.30 PM. SN: 2. Tender Notice No. PCE/BLW(ET)/Publish/2024-25/08/09 Date: 08.07.2024, Tender No.: BLW-WAT-ET-010-24-25, Name of work: Operation & maintenance of STP, IETP & SUMP WELL for two years under SSE/STP, Repair & Calibration of Flow Meters of STP & IETP, Repair to existing on line water analyzers, Monitoring of Air, Noise, Sludge, Waste Oil etc. for Two years, Repair to clarifier wheel, surface Aerator of STP BLW, Varanasi, Tender cost (₹): ₹ 2,36,75,699.68, Earnest Money (₹) : ₹ 2,68,400.00, Time of Completion: 24 Months, Closing Date of Tender: 05.08.2024 at 15.00 PM, Date of Opening of Tender: 05.08.2024 at 15.30 PM. Special Notice: To see the detailed terms & conditions of tender and for submission of tender, please visit website: <http://www.irreps.gov.in>.

PRO/BLWC-08 Dy. Chief Engineer,<



A thought for today

We don't let animals suffer, so why humans?

STEPHEN HAWKING

# Killing The Right To Die

Delhi HC erred gravely in its euthanasia decision. It showed no empathy, & paid no heed to SC ruling

Part from being insensitive, Delhi HC has doubly erred in the case of a family seeking a review by a medical board to gauge if their 30-year-old son in a vegetative state since 2011 was a case for passive euthanasia by the law. Doctors diagnosed the case as a point of no-return some years ago. Delhi HC, however, overread the parents' plea as one for active euthanasia, which is illegal. The plea was for a medical panel review, which needs HC's nod. Delhi HC then overreacted and threw out the plea. The case, per medical fraternity and lawyers, appears to tick the prerequisites set by Supreme Court in 2018, in a historic judgment that recognised the right to die with dignity as a fundamental right, and prescribed guidelines for terminally ill patients.

**Judge & confused** | In 2018, while SC's order removed legal uncertainty about the right to refuse life-sustaining treatment, doctors at the time had observed that no specified timelines for advanced wills, and challenges of defining terminal illness, could prove to be confusing. Delay is an injustice. Six years on, Delhi HC is indeed confused. It bypassed the fact that SC's order clearly talks about "no plausible possibility of the person ever being able to come out of this stage", as a condition for a medical panel to review cases.



**Where's the palliative care?** | The parents' distress is evident. Not only have they watched their son decay in mind, body and spirit without any doctor providing a sliver of hope for his chances of recovery, but they are financially gutted. The judge didn't even suggest palliative care by the state - Delhi govt, GOI have near to zero capacity for palliative care. The nano slice of facilities that exist have mostly HIV and cancer patients in their care.

**Cost of care** | The gap in govt-run palliative care coupled with no caps on prices of most medical devices means the burden of expenditure on chronically ill at home or hospital is entirely the family's. From catheters to urine bags, food pipes to stomach bags, physiotherapists and nurses, families run pillar to post to cope with the expenditure. The state is entirely missing.

Perhaps the judge could at least have sought govt relief for the parents when discarding their plea? Faulty reading of the law and false morality can be soul-destroying - watching a son in a vegetative state, fending for him, selling a home, ageing through the process is also suffering. The court added to that suffering. It showed no compassion, let alone empathy. But most troublingly, it seemed to pay no heed to SC's landmark ruling.

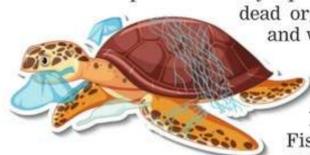
# Ode To The Turtle

Whether with superglue or law, saving this ancient, singular creature is in our hands

Is an animal only an animal? To be human is to know that the answer is, no. Whether as storytellers or as scientists, the richness of our living has come from being in a more-than-human world. This means recognising kinship and reciprocity with other species, trying to save them as we would save our own. Sometimes this needs advanced medicine. But as the experts at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, Bareilly, showed on Monday, with the right intent, sometimes even the common stuff from a household drawer, can deliver a tidy rescue. They used superglue and a blouse hook to rejoin the shattered shell of an endangered turtle that had been run over by a car.

Turtles help build healthy aquatic ecosystems. They clean up dead organic materials, diseased fish and weeds. But it's a hairy life they have these days. If it's not a highway, it's a dam or an oil spill, a threat is constantly looming over their habitats. Fishing nets are chasing them, pesticides are killing them, land erosion is taking away their breeding grounds. Plastic smells nice to them but then wrecks their digestion. As elsewhere, in India both the multilateral CITES treaty and national laws protect the vulnerable species. But illegal trade in turtle meat continues, sold in both local bazaars and to international traffickers.

Turtles lived on when dinosaurs couldn't. Why does saving them matter? Think about how their unique appearance and behaviour have won them esoteric, overlapping roles in mythologies across space and time. Maybe the world's best known one is from *Aesop's Fables*. The Native American concept of earth resting on the back of a giant turtle, is echoed in the Hindu portrayal of a tortoise as a pivot for *samudra manthan*. These creation stories remind us we have never walked alone, we can't walk alone.



# As the crore flies

Cash flows in for cricketers. What about our stars from other sports?

Bachi Karkaria

*Sharm-ati hai* to admit it, but my eyes aren't Kohli-lined. But, just because I'm not cricket-crazed doesn't mean I didn't fist the SKY when India finally slew SA; in fact, I still get a catch thinking of that jaw(not ball)-dropping finish. So, I'm not belittling the beyond-boundary adulation of a billion Indians; or begrudging the lakhs-strong Mumbai welcome. It's the other millions that stump me. The ₹125cr BCCI reward on top of the roughly ₹20cr given by ICC, which seems measly by comparison but is the highest-ever T20 World Cup prize money. Then, as a follow-on to Friday's blockbuster, our CM Eknath Shinde announced an additional ₹11cr to Rohit & Co. State's in Maha-debt, but guess he can't take his eye off the electoral ball coming at Shoib Akhtar speed.

Still, it's bit much, no, considering how much else pads up our A-team members' bank accounts? Or considering how much this XXXLargesse could have helped those lower down the batting order. Even in cricket, let alone other less lionised sports. Jail me under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita's new sedition law, but here's what I imagine overhearing in different locker rooms.

**Harmanpreet Kaur:** Even half that cash prize would bowl us maidens over

**Rohan Bopanna:** Sports mantri's mantra of 'Love All' is mere lip serve; tennis gets slammed, grandly

**PV Sindhu:** I've been shuttling from one trophy to another for just peanuts

**Manika Batra:** No such OTT prize cash for TT

**Mohun Bagan:** Indian eyeballs are glued to Euro'24 but we're still kicked around

**Salima Tete:** No crore-carrot for our stick-work

**Prags:** National chess-thumping's fine, but Vishy I got more cashy

**Sakshi Malik:** We only get prize molesters

**Dhinidhi Desinghu:** Freestyle glory is fine, but sans money we'll just float

**Lovlina Borgohain:** Not even Kom Banegi Crorepati

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**Alec Smart said, "If the flood doesn't kill you, the pothole will."**



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# PLAY IT LIKE YAMAL

Spain's wonder kid, France's Mbappé, Netherlands' Gakpo, England's Saka: European football is teaching something vital to Europe's far-right-flirting politics

Rudraneil Sengupta



In a thrilling Euro 2024 semi-final in Munich, a powerful French team was beaten by a resurgent Spain. Both the European footballing powerhouses featured star-studded squads, but there was no doubt about the player who shone brightest. Lamine Yamal, days away from his 17th birthday, the youngest player ever to play in a Euros semis, twisted and turned with the French defence massed around him, and unleashed a shot that rocketed into the top right corner of the French goal, dipping and curling as it went in.

With that, the boy from Barcelona's famed La Masia academy, who has drawn comparisons with Lionel Messi from the moment he made his Barcelona debut last year, announced himself on the big stage. His presence also heralded something new for Spain, one of the only major footballing nations in Europe that, till this Euro, has fielded largely monoracial teams. Yamal's father is an immigrant from Morocco. His mother is an immigrant from Equatorial Guinea. Yamal wears boots featuring the flags of both countries (along with the Spanish flag). He is not alone in the squad.

On the other side of the pitch there's 21-year-old Nico Williams, whose electrifying pace has lit up the Euros. Williams' parents fled their native Ghana, walking barefoot for days across the Sahara before seeking asylum in Spain, where they were almost deported. Williams' older brother Inaki plays for the Ghana national team.

While European countries that ran major colonial empires have featured multiracial football teams for a long time now (France and Portugal were among the first to cap black players back in the 1930s, the Netherlands debuted black players in the 1960s and England in the 1970s), Spain, with its history of economic collapses in the recent past, has been a country of emigration rather than immigration till only a decade ago.

Football is the great immigration success story of Europe. It's also a public theatre of race issues, a medium through which Europe's pro- and anti-immigrant narratives play out. No team embodies that more than the team that was on the receiving end of Yamal's sensational strike. No wonder then, that ahead of France's crucial quarter-finals encounter against Portugal last week, Kylian Mbappé, who may be the most recognisable French person in the world right now, warned that his country was in a "catastrophic" political situation.

Just days before, the French far-right party National Rally, led by the zealously anti-immigrant Marine Le Pen, had surged to strong gains in the first round of snap elections in the country. "I think now, more than ever, you need to get (out to vote)," Mbappé, who is of Cameroonian and Algerian descent, said. "It is an urgent juncture. We cannot let our country fall into the hands of these people."

A day later, France scraped through to the semi-finals, keeping their hopes alive for yet another major trophy. And two days later, Marine Le Pen's party crashed to a shock defeat, relegated to third position as France wrapped up its elections.

If France's remarkably multiracial team had managed to win the Euros they would have been heralded as a shining example, along with the election results, of how France defeated bigotry in favour of diversity. It wouldn't have been the first time. The French football team has been at odds with the country's far right for decades. In 1998, when an unfancied French team, led by Zinedine Zidane, the son of Algerian immigrants, went to the World Cup, they were acutely



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aware of what the far right thought of them.

Back then, it was Le Pen's father, Jean-Marie Le Pen, who had vocally criticised the football team. But when the French won the World Cup, a nation erupted in delirium. More than a million people descended on the Champs-Élysées - projected on the Arc de Triomphe, against the backdrop of the French tricolour, were just two words, "Merci Zizou" - "thank you Zizou".

Overnight, the team became a shining symbol of a new, successful, multicultural France - "Black, Blanc, Beur" or "Black, White, Arab", a play on the tricolour of the French national flag.

The euphoria was short-lived. Four years later, Jean-Marie Le Pen stunned France by advancing to the second round of the presidential elections, showing how much popular support his anti-immigration stance enjoyed. That support has only grown over the decades. In 2017, Marine Le Pen garnered even more votes as she made it to the second round of the French elections. In 2018, France again won the World Cup, with a team that was even more racially diverse than the one in 1998, with Mbappé as its standout star.

Sporting success does not change countries, but one thing is certain - there is no better example of what a successful, well-integrated, multi-cultural society, with immigrant success stories, can look like than a major European football team.

For France, it is the victory of the much-maligned suburbs of Paris and other major cities - the infamous "banlieues". From their goalkeeper Mike Maignan (Haitian father, Guadeloupean mother) to their spearhead Mbappé, via their indefatigable midfield maestro N'Golo Kanté (Malian parents), more than half the French squad has been drawn from the banlieues.

This is because the football ecosystem in Europe is perhaps the best example of a system that is truly free of privilege or discrimination - if you are a seven- or eight-year-old boy with a flair for the game and the desire to pursue it, you will get exactly the same opportunities and backing, no matter what race, colour, class, or economic background you come from.

At the Euros, the semi-final line-ups reflect this reality. England and the Netherlands, the other semi-finalists, also have highly diverse teams. For the Netherlands, Gody Gakpo (Ghanaian-Dutch) has led with goals, Tijjani Reijnders (Indonesian-Dutch) and Xavi Simons (Afro-Surinamese-Dutch) have orchestrated the midfield, and Virgil van Dijk (Afro-Surinamese-Dutch), their captain, has been a colossus in defence.

Bukayo Saka, who scored England's only goal before a penalty shootout in the quarter-finals, is the son of first-generation Nigerian immigrants. As Europe tussles with its far right, its great football teams wear colours of multiculturalism proudly.

The writer is a sports journalist

# Modi's Tightrope Walk On Russia-Ukraine

PM visited Russia as both he and Putin need each other. Problem is, until the thorny Ukraine issue is resolved, Delhi-Moscow ties will remain uncomfortable

Indrani Bagchi



What separates a multipolar world from a bipolar one, observed a Twitter expert, is the India-Russia relationship. In Russia for a bilateral summit with Putin after five years, Modi's job was never going to be easy. It became particularly fraught as visuals of the Modi-Putin "hug" coincided with an unconscionable missile attack by Russia on a children's hospital in Ukraine, killing sick and injured children, not to mention destroying essential healthcare facilities for the most vulnerable.

Modi chastised Putin over the attack in televised remarks ahead of their private talks, saying that "when innocent children are killed, when we see innocent children dying, it is heart-wrenching."

Modi agreed to a summit in a week when the Nato summit was on the front pages in Washington. It was a big diplomatic bonus for Putin. Russia is not "isolated" Putin asserted, and its diplomatic offensive in the "non-west" world has been fairly successful. "Ours is a particularly privileged strategic partnership," Putin said, pocketing the diplomatic gift Modi offered.

Modi reiterated his now famous position of this not being an "era" of war. "Solutions will not be found on the battlefield," Modi went on to say, calling for dialogue to end the war. "Resolutions and peace talks don't succeed in the midst of bombs, guns and bullets." It may have been a swipe at Putin's indiscriminate bombing of Ukraine. Conversely, it could have also been a quiet reminder to Nato that only arming Ukraine wouldn't actually finish the job.

India attended the recent peace summit in Switzerland at the senior officials' level, correctly refrained from signing on to the communique and made a clear call for Russia to be at the table. This may happen if Trump returns to White House in Nov. India figured it would engage Putin on its terms. Modi also met Ukraine

president Zelenskyy and renewed ties with G7 days after he was sworn in for the third time. So, in terms of ticking boxes, India has not taken a wrong step in this balancing act.

India's "Ukraine dilemma" has evolved - in 2022, it was best described as 3Fs and one C - fuel, food, fertiliser, and China. India has ridden out the energy crisis with Russia climbing to the top of the charts as an oil supplier, while the others have declined in urgency. But China has grown as a challenge for India. Interestingly, it has also grown as a challenge for Russia. It wasn't like



Beijing was celebrating when Putin hugged Kim Jong-un last month. So, Russia is making its own moves, and India is a big part of its game. India spurred China-dominated SCO last month. It may want to keep Brics from becoming a Chinese colony, and therefore help Russia out at the next summit in Oct. At a strategic level, Russia remains acutely aware that India provides its best bet against China.

India's current Ukraine dilemma is this - it wants

the war to stop, and a reasonable peace agreement. Russia, according to Indian strategists, may not be losing this war, but it has to be shepherded to the peace table. Can India do it? Modi and Putin had "frank" discussions on Ukraine, we just don't know what they were. Meanwhile, Nato is pledging to increase weapons production to keep arming Kyiv. In the absence of peace, India is prioritising "interests", with limited success, but full domestic endorsement.

The old understanding that India keeps Russia close to prevent a "no limits" Russia-China embrace has only heightened. India wants to diversify its investments in Russia, find ways for Russia to repatriate its oil revenues without incurring sanctions.

India is doubling down on its investments in Russia's energy sector, particularly in the Far East. This is significant as Russia feels more and more nervous about losing those lands to persistent Chinese migration and encroachment. Russia has also rebuilt its military-industrial complex, cranking up a war economy by putting its industries to work.

Ukraine war is teaching countries like India and many in the global South that the chase for high-tech weaponry should also be accompanied by mass-produced mid-tech weapons. Russia is still building those, supplying to many countries in the non-western world. For India, seeking to build a homegrown defence industry, Russia remains accessible in terms of tech and production.

Nuclear energy is back on the bilateral agenda with Russia as part of India's energy transition plans. Russian cooperation and knowledge sharing aren't all joy as we have seen with Kudankulam. But it's the only one available at present. India's taking it.

This summit may have been all bilateral, but until Ukraine is resolved, it will always remain uncomfortable. Discomfort is a major attribute of the multipolar world.

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## Calvin & Hobbes



## Sacredspace

I have never said that there is no need for a guru. All depends on what you call guru. He need not be in a human form.

Ramana Maharshi

# It Pays To Turn Away From Memory Lane

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To illustrate what memory, or the lack of it, can do, Osho tells us the story of Hua Tzu, a man who was forever happy, feeling light and burden-free. But this state of mind came at a price - loss of memory. He had no problems with anyone because he would forget all their misgivings in a short while. There was no anger, aggression, competition, comparison, jealousy, or envy; no need to be clever, nor to be sly, no regrets or guilt. It bothered the people around him. He would receive a gift in the morning and forget about it by the evening; get a gift in the evening and forget about it by the morning. But Hua Tzu was in bliss. He was only living in the present, no recollection of past problems and no future anxiety. Stationed far above

mental turbulence, forever sitting by the pool of joy. As that is our natural state when we are shorn of subconscious collection that includes our memories.

One part of our memory comes from genes we inherit from our biological family. This ancestral property includes physical traits, colour of the eyes and skin, shape of our nose, and even diseases present from birth but lying dormant. Another type of memory that comes with birth is social memory, made of social experiences, including historical events, facts, and stories deemed important by society. Social memory creates numerous perceptions of good and bad, such as the belief that tall and fair-skinned people are good and dark-skinned people are not. Similarly,

someone of a different religion might not have wronged you, but you might harbour resentment against them due to social memory.

As long as we are burdened by these memories, we cannot be free to live joyfully. Something similar happened to Hua Tzu. Worried about his forgetfulness, Hua Tzu's family sought the help of physicians and shamans, but nothing worked until a Confucian came along one day. He focused on reforming Hua Tzu's mind and changing his thoughts. And lo, overnight, Hua Tzu was back to being his old self, and he was livid. He chased out his wife and sons and the Confucian. All his old memories were back. He was once again burdened by his past pains and future anxieties. He was no longer happy and free.



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Most of our spiritual practices are aimed at helping us break loose from the burdens of the past - old habits, perspectives and prejudices. Forgetting or destroying our memories may not be possible, but we can work on being unaffected by them, not allowing them to colour our present behaviour. This is true sannys. Meeting every moment with a fresh gaze. Practices such as mantra jap, meditation and pranayama can centre us; writing a journal to pour out all that is on the mind can help release our subconscious collection. What can also help is accepting all situations without complaining, as they are meant to help us evolve, and sailing through them by giving our best, and as the Gita says, offering all our actions to the Divine. With this attitude, we feel light. Only when we are light can we go far.

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Source: Ministries

**IndiGo's Gangwal joins board of US carrier Southwest**

**New Delhi:** IndiGo co-founder Rakesh Gangwal has joined the board of US low-cost carrier Southwest, nearly 2.5 years after resigning from the board of the Indian LCC after falling out with promoter Rahul Bhatia. He has also served on several other public company boards, including US Airways Group in the past. Gangwal said: "I look forward to supporting the company's strategic direction and building on its well-earned reputation as one of the world's most admired and respected airlines." Southwest appointed Gangwal as a member effective July 7. **TNN**



**Sensex drops 400 pts on profit-booking**

**Mumbai:** The sensex and Nifty buckled under heavy selling pressure to sink below record high levels on Wednesday, tracking deep losses in metal, auto and IT stocks amid widespread profit-booking after recent gains. **AGENCIES**

**Glenmark Pharma to sell life sciences stake**

**New Delhi:** Glenmark Pharmaceuticals on Wednesday said its board has approved a proposal to offload the remaining 7.8% stake in Glenmark Life Sciences via an OFS, in a deal valued at around Rs 778 crore. The shares will be sold at a floor price of Rs 810 per share. **AGENCIES**

**SBI raises ₹10,000cr more via infra bond**

**Mumbai:** SBI on Wednesday announced raising Rs 10,000 crore through issuance of infrastructure bonds. The bond proceeds will be utilised in enhancing long-term resources for funding infrastructure and affordable housing segment, SBI said in a statement. **AGENCIES**

**MS ditches OpenAI board observer seat**

Microsoft has given up its board observer seat at OpenAI in a move aimed at easing US and UK antitrust regulators' concerns about the extent of its control over OpenAI. But the change was unlikely to resolve concerns by the US FTC, a source at the agency said. **REUTERS**

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**10 times**  
Goa's per capita income was higher than Bihar's in 2021. In the mid 1980s, the difference was only 3 times



Source: Forum for state studies

**India Inc raises record \$30bn in 6 months, riding FPO wave**

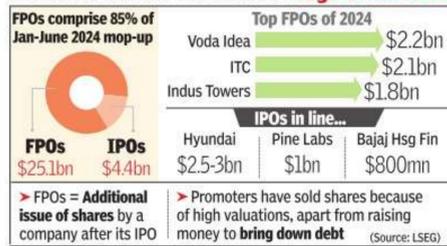
**Follow-On Offers Mop Up Over \$25Bn, Large IPOs Lined Up**

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**Mumbai:** Indian companies raised a record \$29.5 billion (nearly Rs 2.5 lakh crore) in the equity market through IPOs & FPOs during the first half of 2024, more than double the amount raised in the same period last year. The Jan-June total is the highest-ever in terms of proceeds, with the number of issuances also rising 64%.

The surge has been driven by follow-on public offers (FPOs) this year — making up 85% of the total proceeds this year, LSEG's India Investment Banking Review said. In the first half of 2024, Indian IPOs raised \$4.4 billion — a 98% increase compared to the year-ago period. The number of IPOs also saw a 71% jump year-on-year. India accounted for 27% of global IPOs by volume, up from 13% in the same period last year. Follow-on offerings raised \$25.1 billion, a 156% increase from a year ago. The number of follow-on offerings grew by 56% over the same period last year. An FPO refers to an addi-

**Promoters Make The Most Of High Valuations**



tional issuance of a company's shares after its IPO. Despite the flood of new shares, demand has continued to outstrip supply as investors rushed in to buy more equity after the general election results were announced, pushing Nifty up by 10% in the first half of the year. According to analysts, 2024 might well be a record year for equity issuances if Hyundai India proceeds with its proposed \$2.5-3 billion (nearly between Rs 21,000-25,000 crore) IPO — which will be India's biggest ever. Other large IPOs expected by the market include a Rs 8,300-crore offer from Pine Labs, a Rs 7,000-crore issue by Bajaj Housing Finance and a possible listing of HDB Finance. The significant inflow of funds into capital markets is anticipated to make available more shares to meet demand. In the first half, promoters of 37 listed companies, including multinational corporations, offloaded their shares to both domestic and offshore investors. There have been suggestions that govt should also divest its holdings in public sector companies to capitalise on

current valuations.

Vodafone Idea was the top equity issuer in the first half, raising \$2.2 billion (about Rs 18,000 crore) in April — it was also the biggest FPO in India ever. ITC and Indus Towers followed with their \$2.1 billion and \$1.8 billion FPOs, respectively (see graphic). Other issues included TCS, IndiGo and Mphasis. Industrials, telecom and financials were the top three sectors among the issuers with 21%, 16.6% and 14.5% share of the issuance, respectively. According to LSEG, despite increased equity markets activity, investment banking fees were down 11% at \$0.5 billion, with Kotak Bank being the top earner and Citi being the top book runner. On the M&A front, India-related M&A deals were up 4.4% in the first half at \$37.3 billion. The biggest transactions were Star India's acquisition by Viacom18 Media, ATC Telecom's purchase by Data Infrastructure Trust and Nidar Infra — parent of data center provider Yotta by Cartica Acquisition group.

**RBI allows forex a/cs in GIFT, widens LRS scope**

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**Mumbai:** Indian residents can now open foreign currency accounts in GIFT City into which they can remit money for all purposes allowed under RBI's Liberalised Remittance Scheme. The scheme allows every individual to send up to \$250,000 abroad annually. So far, money transfers under LRS to International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs) were allowed only for investing in securities within IFSCs, excluding Indian companies, and for paying education fees to foreign universities or institutions in IFSCs. Now, RBI allows remittances under LRS for deposits, purchasing immovable property, investing in equity and debt, giving gifts, making donations, travelling,

maintaining close relatives, receiving medical treatment as well as studying abroad. The foreign currency account in GIFT City can be used for all these purposes.

**While Indians have the freedom to move money abroad under LRS, routing through an IFSC will provide ease of compliance**

The funds in the foreign currency accounts can be used to invest in portfolio management schemes that invest in foreign securities and also in depository receipts of foreign stocks trading in IFSC exchange. Residents, however, are not allowed to invest in stocks of Indian companies listed on IFSC but can invest in foreign listings.

An IFSC is a jurisdiction where business is done in foreign currency and for all regulatory purposes, treated as an international financial hub. In India, GIFT City is the only IFSC to have been approved by govt. "RBI has finally clarified and confirmed that residents can use LRS for all types of investments and expenditures. This puts GIFT IFSC on the same level as other jurisdictions for LRS investments. Previously, it was unclear whether LRS funds could be used through GIFT for overseas investments. Additionally, expenditures were not allowed, making it impossible to buy insurance policies or paying education loans in dollars," said a senior banker. This is the latest liberalisation for GIFT City, and follows a series of steps taken over the last 10 years.

**Tata Motors, M&M offer discounts as demand dips**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Is the slowdown in the car market forcing companies to cut prices? Tata Motors and Mahindra & Mahindra have reduced prices of some of their key SUVs to give a push to demand even as others such as Maruti, Hyundai and Honda offer discounts on certain models.

Tata Motors has announced cuts of about Rs 1.4 lakh on its two premium flagship SUVs. The Harrier now comes for Rs 14.9 lakh and the Safari Rs 15.5 lakh. Even the Nexon EV has an offer of Rs 1.3 lakh discount. Tata Passenger Electric Mobility chief commercial officer Vivek Srivastava termed them "never seen before benefits" to increase the accessibility of the vehicles. The Punch electric is also being offered with a benefit of up to Rs 30,000, he added. Mahindra & Mahindra also launched a special edition of the XUV700 with a price reduction. The XUV700's fully-loaded AX7 range now starts at Rs 19.5 lakh, a price cut of over Rs 2 lakh. "The price cut will enable more people to experience the range," the company said.

Car sales have been struggling to match the buoyancy that it witnessed over the past few years. Factors that punctured demand include a high base and other negatives such as severe summer heatwave, uncertainty around elections, and expensive vehicles.

The numbers in the month of June saw Maruti and Hyundai — the top two carmakers — report weak growth in dealerships deliveries. While Maruti, which recently launched the new-gen Swift, had a 3% growth in dealer dispatches, Hyundai — that is now preparing for an IPO — was flat at 0.2%.

**Desi co faked generic viagra data: US FDA**

**Regulator Gives Synapse's Pharma Clients A Year To Submit Fresh Data To See Impact**

Generic versions of erectile dysfunction drugs Viagra and Cialis, among other medications, were allowed on the US market using potentially problematic data that call into question their safety and efficacy, a Bloomberg analysis found.

The US Food and Drug Administration alerted brand-name and generic companies on June 18 about a research company in India that had falsified the data used in key studies to gain approval of their medications. Data from the researcher, Synapse Labs, may have been used in hundreds of drugs, which remain available for sale.

European regulators last year flagged Synapse to the FDA, which later told US companies that relied on Synapse for key studies to gain approval of their medications that they would have to redo the work somewhere else.

The FDA said companies that used Synapse will get a year to submit new data on the drugs. Without that information, it's difficult to know the true outcomes of the studies and whether they're safe. And insurers may have reason to retroactively decide not to cover the medications. "It raises a lot of questions about the implications for the drugs on the market," said Massoud Motamed, who was an FDA inspector until Jan

2023 and has a doctorate in biochemistry. Motamed said his biggest concern is that the drugs Synapse was involved with may have too much or too little active ingredient. Too much can

identify safety issues". Bloomberg's analysis identified a number of generic drugs that are no longer deemed the same as the brand though they were earlier this year. Among them

**DOUBTS OVER SAFETY**

The drugs research co Synapse Labs was involved with may have too much or too little active ingredient, an expert said

Too much can lead to dangerous toxicity issues. Drugs that don't have enough active ingredient run the risk of not working

Impacted drugs, according to a Bloomberg analysis, include:

- Viagra & Cialis generics by Umedica
- Lipitor from Lupin
- Risendronate sodium from Aurobindo Pharma

FDA has not noticed any signs in its side effect data that the drugs had serious safety concerns so far

But without correct info, it's difficult to know the true outcomes of the studies and whether they're safe

lead to dangerous toxicity issues. Drugs that don't have enough active ingredient run the risk of not working. The FDA isn't telling patients, doctors or pharmacists which drugs among thousands might be impacted because the agency said whether a drugmaker used a particular research company for hire is "confidential information", according to the FDA alert. Cherie Duvall-Jones, a spokesperson for the agency, said "the FDA remains vigilant and will act should we

are Viagra and Cialis generics made by India's Umedica Laboratories. Other drugs on the list include generics of the cholesterol-lowering drug Lipitor from Lupin and risendronate sodium from Aurobindo Pharma. Umedica, Nivagen, Lupin and Aurobindo didn't respond to requests for comment. The FDA often protects corporate information, including what factory a drug is made in, for fear of running afoul of trade secret laws. **BLOOMBERG**

**Help decriminalise laws, push EVs: Goyal to India Inc**

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**New Delhi:** Commerce & industry minister Piyush Goyal on Wednesday urged industry to help govt decriminalise more laws, work with it to push EVs, foster R&D and innovation and help in nation building, including by purchasing India-made goods, even if they were marginally expensive.

Addressing a Fici meeting, the minister also said the initial signals from the Labour govt in the UK were encouraging for a free trade agreement and the EFTA nations — Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein — are upbeat about investments in India after recently signing a trade agreement with the country. "First time in history, an FTA has gone into investments and jobs. India can withdraw concessions given in the FTA if they (EFTA) do not fulfil the (investment) commitments. The excitement that I am finding in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, and Switzerland makes

me believe that we could actually exceed that (\$100 billion commitment) if we all are more forthcoming. They will look for Indian partners and investors," the minister said ahead of his visit to Switzerland.

The minister also said govt was pushing for quality standards and quality control orders to make the Indian industry more competitive and stop sub-standard goods from entering India and defended Indian spice makers, some of whom had faced regulatory issues in Hong Kong and Singapore.

Indian exporters, he added, are conscious about quality standards and the problem with some spices consignments was "very very" minuscule compared to food and related exports of \$56 billion and it should not be exaggerated.

Goyal said that govt, which is looking for a fresh bill to decriminalise several provisions across multiple laws, was not getting enough inputs and asked industry leaders to provide the same.

**SAT stays Sebi's notice to Religare**

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**Mumbai:** The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has stayed markets regulator Sebi's show cause notice to Religare Enterprises and its board of directors. At the same time, it has asked the financial services company to make necessary applications for the open offer by the Burman family (the largest shareholder of Religare) to the regulators.

The senior counsel appearing for Religare sought time till July 22 to make applications without prejudice to the company's rights and contentions. Last month, capital market regulator Sebi in an interim order asked Religare to apply for approvals with all regulators before July 12 that are required for the Burman family to proceed with the open offer to buy more shares in the company from public shareholders.

The Burman family wants to buy an additional 26% stake of the company via the open offer route for a total consideration of Rs 2,115 crore. Sebi has been granted a month's time to file its reply and a rejoinder be filed within the next one month. The matter is now fixed for further hearing on Aug 26.

**Indians open up to 'folding' phones with ₹1L+ price tags**

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**New Delhi:** Foldable phones or those offering dual screens are gaining in volumes as video and content consumption remains strong and these ultra-premium devices also offer flaunt factor to buyers. And, many financing options, which enable buyers to pay for the devices (in most cases cost upwards of Rs 1 lakh) through EMIs, make purchasing relatively easier.

While Samsung was the first to bet on the category in 2019, others have also joined the trend. In June, Vivo made a debut with X Fold3, while Motorola sells Motorola Razr and OnePlus Open. Oppo also brought Find N3 Flip in October last year. In line with the current trend of devices becoming intelligent, most of the dual screen smartphones now come heavily built around AI,



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offering features such as circle to search, chat assist and sketch to image. Samsung is using AI as a strong pull factor to market the sixth generation of its flagship Galaxy Z Fold6, which it launched with an entry price of Rs 1.6 lakh (256 GB version) on Wednesday. Samsung's Flip carries a price tag of Rs 1.1 lakh. "The dual screens are gradually getting their own set of buyers, largely as devices are aspirational, offer large screen size for watching content and come with a novelty factor," Raju Pul-

lam, senior VP of Samsung's India mobile business, told TOI. "We are seeing a lot of consumer upgrades to dual screens, especially from the Rs 30,000-50,000 category."

As per IDC, almost a million foldable phones were sold in India last year, still a small number in the overall industry sales of 146 million units. However, companies say the adoption is only going to go up as higher content consumption and faster networks, such as 5G, will prompt people to go for bigger screens. "Foldable smartphones offer larger displays, making work and entertainment more accessible and enjoyable. Potential buyers of foldable devices are seeking not just a premium smartphone experience but a device that enables efficient multitasking for long hours on the go, along with primary functions," a Vivo executive said.

**NPCI to roll out credit line option on UPI**

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**Mumbai:** The National Payments Corporation of India, on the rails of the UPI, is set to introduce a new product which will function like a credit card.

RBI has allowed banks to offer credit lines to customers through UPI. Several banks, including Axis, HDFC, ICICI, Indian Bank and PNB, are live on this product. The credit line to customer is a product where the customer gets a fixed credit line and pays interest to the bank only to the extent they use their credit limit. The new credit feature

on UPI allows customers to make purchases without immediately seeing any funds outflow from their accounts. The payments take place at the end of a cycle and can only be made to shops, with the shopkeeper bearing the cost of credit in terms of fees. There is no charge for the customer. While this is a new product, the payment infrastructure that will be used will be the existing UPI payment and acceptance setup.

In the eight years since its launch, UPI has replaced debit cards as the primary method for account-to-merchant payments. Credit on UPI offers similar capabilities

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- Under a credit line, customers get a fixed credit line and pay interest to the bank only to the extent they use their credit limit
- With RBI allowing banks to offer credit lines through UPI, customers can make purchases without immediately seeing any funds

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ties as credit cards. One of the main factors driving adoption is the comparison of fees that merchants would have to pay in relation to credit cards. According to a report by AT Kearny and Amazon Pay, 53% of consumers prefer

UPI for online purchases, while digital wallets and cards (credit, debit, and prepaid) are preferred by 30%. In offline purchases, cash is still predominant, with 25% of consumers preferring UPI and 20% preferring digital wallets and cards.

# Rybakina ends Svitolina run

Reaches Semifinals, Now Faces Krejčíková

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London: For the first time, in what seemed like forever, the Centre Court roof was open. There was a steady stream of light, even though a cold drift blowing across the grounds made jumpers and jackets the go-to armor of the day. Brollies were temporarily binned.

Later in the afternoon, as the sun made a reappearance at Wimbledon, Elena Rybakina's point-precise play in the quarterfinals lent to the sharpness of the moment.

The fourth-seed, champion here in 2022, had 28 winners in her 6-3, 6-2 victory over the world No.21 Elina Svitolina. In the semifinals on Thursday, Rybakina plays the No.31 seed Czech Barbora Krejčíková, who rallied from 1-4 in the second set to reach her first



ROLLING AHEAD: Elena Rybakina stretches to play a forehand against Elina Svitolina

semifinal at SW19 with a 6-4, 7-6 (4) win over the heavy-hitting 13th seed Jelena Ostapenko. Rybakina, who likes to keep her exchanges short and on off the court, improved her im-

pressive record at Wimbledon to 19-2 in main-draw matches. "I'm staying really aggressive from the first shots. On the baseline I was playing pretty well and felt the ball good. I think my return has improved," Rybakina said. "The serve is helping me, even though today may not be a high percentage, but in important moments, I served it out."

## RESULTS (DAY 10, QUARTERFINALS)

**Men:** Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Alex de Minaur (9), Australia, walkover.  
**Women:** Elena Rybakina (4), Kazakhstan, def. Elina Svitolina (21), Ukraine, 6-3, 6-2; Barbora Krejčíková (31), Czechia, def. Jelena Ostapenko (13), Latvia, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Rybakina, who is tied with world No.1 Iga Swiatek (seven, excluding the United Cup) for the joint-most WTA-level semifinals, said she was better prepared for the later stages of a Major than she was two-years ago. "Back then I was not expecting to be that far in the draw. Now with all the experience and with the time which has passed I want to be in this stage of the tournament," she said. "I'm much more experienced and know what to do."

It's a different kind of nerves for the Kazakh now. "Every time you go on the court there are nerves. This is still the same," the Moscow-born 25-year-old said. "But I'm managing that much better than before. In 2022 I was definitely more nervous than now. It was the first time for me to play on Centre Court. It was a lot of people, a lot of attention. Now, of course, I got used to it a little bit. I'm taking these matches in a different way."

Rybakina, who has the most aces served at the Championships in women's draw this year (31 - tied with Lulu Sun), trails Krejčíková 0-2 in head-to-head clashes, having lost twice on hard courts (in 2021 & 2022).

In the first of the women's semifinals, seventh-seeded Jasmine Paolini will take on the battling Croatia Donna Vekić, ranked some 30 places below her, in a battle of shot makers.

# Nayar likely to be India assistant coach

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Mumbai: Former India and Mumbai allrounder Abhishek Nayar could be India's new assistant coach, TOI has learnt. Apparently, India's newly-appointed head coach Gautam Gambhir, who was a mentor of 2024 IPL champions Kolkata Knight Riders, is highly impressed with the work put in by Nayar in the backroom as an assistant coach at the franchise, where he has been in the post since 2018, and wants him as an integral part of "Team Gambhir" for India.

It will also help that Nayar has an excellent equation with India's ODI and Test captain Rohit Sharma since the time Rohit started playing for Mumbai as a teenager. It can be recalled here that a few years back, India's wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik, who retired recently, had credited Nayar and his coaching methods for his resurgence. Soon after KKR's IPL triumph in May, leg-spinner Varun Chakravarthy had praised Nayar's role in the set-up. TOI tried to get in touch with Nayar, but he didn't respond to calls or messages.

Talking about Nayar's input in the IPL title win, KKR head coach Chandrakant Pandit had told this paper in an interview. "Nayar's contribution was huge. He conducts our camps well. He spends time throughout the year with our domestic players. Whenever they are free, our domestic players come to Mumbai for a camp with us. It's not necessarily that 15 players have to be there for us to have a camp. Even if one player is available, he's welcome to fly down to practise with us. Nayar is always involved, and for the last six years since he's joined KKR, he has played an important role in shaping our domestic players." The 40-year-old Nayar played three ODIs for India in 2009.

**Zaheer for bowling coach?** Meanwhile, if reports are to be believed, the BCCI is interested in roping in India's pace bowling great Zaheer Khan as the men's team's new bowling coach. Gambhir is believed to have proposed former India and Karnataka speedster Vinay Kumar's name for the role, with L Balaji being the other option.

# Injuries, weather, marathon matches cast a shadow on SW19

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London: The dark and somewhat distressing threat of injury has hung over Wimbledon 2024 from Day 1. Much like the nimbostratus these past nine days.

In the lead-up to The Championships, it was the 24-time Major winner Novak Djokovic's right knee and two-time champion Andy Murray's back, both of whom had surgeries, and third-seeded Aryna Sabalenka's shoulder that were the talking points.

There was no respite from injury and illness woes in the days that followed - Aslan Karatsev (groin), Thanasi Kokkinakis (knee), Jessica Bouzas Maneiro (back), Beatriz Haddad Maia (back), Hubert Hurkacz (knee), Anna



THE CRASH: Alex de Minaur takes a nasty tumble during his fourth round match against Arthur Fils which led to him giving a walkover to Novak Djokovic in the quarterfinals on Wednesday

Kalinskaya (wrist), Lucas Pouille (abdominal) Madison Keys (hamstring), Grigor Dimitrov (knee), Alexander Zverev (knee) and Jannik Sinner (illness).

As if that wasn't enough, on quarterfinal Wednesday, after praying for a miracle for

two days, the number nine-seed Aussie Alex de Minaur withdrew from his last-eight clash against Djokovic with a hip injury he suffered in the dying minutes of his fourth-round clash against Frenchman Arthur Fils on Monday.

"I'm devastated, but I had to pull out due to a hip injury, a little tear (of the fiber cartilage that connects the adductor)," he said. "I felt a loud crack during the last three points of my match against Fils and got a scan yesterday, it confirmed that this was the injury. There's a high risk of making it worse if I was to step on court."

It has been that kind of a Wimbledon, great accesses being the order of the day. It didn't help either that since the showers were intermittent on most days, players were on-and-off the courts quicker than children doing the rounds of rides in a weekend fair.

Not surprisingly then that Daniil Medvedev's victory over world No.1 Jannik Sinner was the 36th men's match this year to go to five sets - a new professional era Grand Slam record. The previous record of 35 five-setters was equaled at this year's Australian Open after the record was established at the 1983 US Open. The Wimbledon record stood at 34 five-set matches in the 1969 Championships. Medvedev didn't think the increase in number of five-setters had anything to do with the rain.

"Maybe the level is closer than before," the fifth seed said. "Grass is a surface where it's tough to win in straight sets. One break can decide the outcome of the set. You do one bad game on your serve, double-fault, easy-miss or something like this, and you can lose the set. In my opinion, it's more about grass court itself."

Defending champion Carlos Alcaraz pointed at the conditions, which were completely different when the roof was closed and open. Djokovic, who has been playing with a knee sleeve, stressed that he's feeling "really good".

"Once you close the roof, it feels like we've been playing an indoor grass court tournament. I played every single match basically indoor. We are blessed to have the roof, don't get me wrong, particularly on the two big courts that we can play out our matches and also the other matches on the outside courts are not played. I feel the frustration of the players obviously because you get interrupted many times during the day."

"Obviously it's not something you can do anything about. If the rain is there, it's there," the 37-year-old said. "Unfortunately some of the falls have caused some of the players to withdraw."

is at par with the players. The 51-year-old was happy with an equal pay check as other coaching staff. It was more of a goodwill gesture than any official call as Dravid's tenure as India coach had originally ended after last year's 50-over World Cup at home.

However, skipper Rohit Sharma and the governing body were successful in convincing Dravid to stay till the T20 World Cup as they then had felt that time was too short for a new coach to take up the high-pressure job.

# Dravid refused extra bonus from BCCI

New Delhi: Former India head coach Rahul Dravid has refused to take the extra bonus amount of Rs 2.5 crore offered to him by the BCCI following the recent T20 World Cup triumph in the Americas.

Dravid was offered Rs 5 crore following the national team's success but he was happy to settle for the due amount - Rs 2.5 crore - similar to other coaching staff.

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## GALLERY

### WADA did not mishandle Chinese dope case: Probe

The World Anti-Doping Agency did not mishandle or show favouritism in the case of 23 Chinese swimmers who tested positive for banned substances and were cleared to compete in the Tokyo Olympics, an independent investigation said on Tuesday. A report by Swiss prosecutor and lead investigator Eric Cottier found there was nothing in the file to suggest WADA in any way favoured the 23 swimmers who tested positive for trimetazidine.

**Only Dreams excels in B'uru tryouts:** Only Dreams, Vinalia, Imperial Gesture and Super Marvella excelled during the try-outs at Bengaluru. **Outer-sand: 600m:** Only Dreams (Rb) and Mahlagha (Rb) - 45secs; former finished two lengths ahead. Vinalia (Rb) and Imperial Gesture (Rb) - 44secs; both moved quite well. TNN/AGENCIES

# India take lead over Zim with all-round show

Harare: Shubman Gill and Ruturaj Gaikwad produced high-quality knocks before the bowlers did their part as India outplayed Zimbabwe by 23 runs in the third T20 here on Wednesday. Gill (66 off 49), Yashasvi Jaiswal (36 off 27) and Gaikwad (49 off 28) propelled India to 182 for four against Zimbabwe after the visitors opted to bat on a fresh pitch.

## THIRD T20!

Zimbabwe were never really in the run chase despite an entertaining effort from number four Dion Myers (65 not out 49), ending at 159 for six in their stipulated 20 overs. Washington Sundar, who is likely to play a bigger role in India's T20 set-up after the retirement of Ravindra Jadeja, struck thrice while Avesh Khan took a couple of wickets.

The fourth T20 of the five-match series will be staged here on Saturday, July 13. After a loss in the series opener, India have restored normal service with back-to-back victories.

After Avesh Khan bounced out opener Wessly Madhevere in the second over, the wickets kept falling for the home team. However, Zimbabwe did well to stead



IN CONTROL: Shubman Gill top scored with 66 off 49 balls on Wednesday

the ship after losing their first five wickets for 39 runs. The 77-run stand off 57 balls between Myers and Clive Madande (37 off 26) put much needed life into the game.

Earlier, Gill-led India made some interesting selection calls. They duly inducted World Cup winners Jaiswal, Sanju Samson (12 not out off 7) and Shivam Dube into the playing eleven, leaving out the likes of Riyan Parag in the middle order.

Sanju came to bat at number five with four specialist openers Jaiswal, Gill, Abhishek Sharma (10 off 9) and Gaikwad occupying the top four positions respectively.

Jaiswal, who did not get a game in India's triumphant campaign in the T20 World Cup, was happy to be back in the middle and went for his shots from the get go. The southpaw collected couple of fours and a six over deep-midwicket in the opening

**150** Number of wins registered by India out of 230 T20Is contested to become the first team to accomplish the feat in T20Is - lost 69, tied 5 and no-result six.

- Rajesh Kumar

over bowled by off-spinner Brian Bennett to set the tone.

Gill began with a gorgeous on drive off left-arm pacer Richard Ngarava before pulling him for a six over fine-leg.

Zimbabwe were poor in the field to say the least, conceding extra runs and grassing regulation catches throughout the innings. Pacer Blessing Muzarabani (2/25) once again got the extra bounce from length and was the pick of the bowlers.

After racing to 49 for no loss in four overs, India could not maintain that tempo reaching 55 in the powerplay with both openers in the centre.

**Brief scores:** India 182 for 4 (Gill 66, Gaikwad 49, Jaiswal 36, Raza 2-24, Muzarabani 2-25) beat Zimbabwe 159 for 6 (Myers 65\*, Madande 37, Washington 3-15, Avesh 2-39) by 23 runs

# Atkinson's seven on debut dismattles WI on Day One

London: England debutant Gus Atkinson upstaged James Anderson's farewell by taking a sensational seven wickets as the West Indies collapsed to 121 all out on Wednesday's opening day of the first Test at Lord's.

The build-up to the three-match series had centred on England great Anderson's last appearance in the five-day game following a record-breaking Test career that has yielded 701 wickets - the most by any fast bowler at that level.

But Surrey quick Atkinson stole the spotlight with a remarkable haul of 7-45 in 12 overs - including three wickets in just one over.

Anderson, by contrast, did not add to his tally of Test wickets until he had last man Jayden Seales lbw to end the West Indies innings.

West Indies debutant Mikyle Louis top-scored with 27 as the tourists were dismissed inside 42 overs. England were 30-1 in reply at tea after Ben Duckett was caught behind off Seales for three.

Having played just one warm-up match and with inexperienced top-order batsmen Kirk McKenzie, Alick Athanaze and Kavem Hodge holding only nine caps between them before this Test, it was little surprise the West In-



FIERY START: Gus Atkinson celebrates his maiden wicket on Wednesday

dies struggled after losing the toss in overcast conditions.

West Indies were 88-3 when Atkinson, who had already taken two wickets before lunch, came on to bowl the 35th over.

With his second ball of the over he had Athanaze caught by Joe Root in the slips for 23.

Atkinson produced a superb delivery with the next ball that Jason Holder, returning to Test cricket after nearly a year's absence, could only edge to Harry Brook in the cordon.

In reply, England were 156/3 at the time of going to print. Zak Crawley was dismissed for 76 off 89 while Ollie Pope scored 57 off 74 balls.

# Mary Kom: The lioness in winter

This is the Olympic season, but Mary Kom, India's brightest star not so long ago, is happier away from the limelight than in it. It is a space, she says, of her own making

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Faridabad: Mary Kom is not answering the door. The distant-sounding echo of a cartoon show on TV is the only sign of activity inside her house. We gingerly open the door and step inside. Sleeping on the L-shaped sofa are two kids, sleeping as only kids can - mouths open, limbs sprawled. They are Prince and Merlyn Kom, just back from school and lost to the world.

Mary Kom wouldn't answer the door, because she's enjoying a late afternoon siesta, or as we learn later, just taking one because it is now an enforced routine.

"Olympics?!" She groggily waves off the obvious icebreaker, a very meh reaction to an obsession that had otherwise kept Mary Kom's fire burning for years, an obsession that bordered on the unhealthy, accused of being highly individualistic, a selfishness that rubbed many the wrong way. All that never seemed to faze her, in fact often famously spurring her further. But now?

The Paris Games are only weeks away, but India's most obstinate star doesn't appear too bothered. Mary Kom, frighteningly fierce, fabulously funny is not at home. The person sitting before us, asking us tea, is an impostor - distant, distracted not just dazed from late, afternoon sleep. "There are issues, you know..." she says sullenly.

The other day, over a week ago, Mary Kom was present at the In-



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dian contingent's Olympics kit and apparel launch. Standing alongside Karnam Malleswari, the first Indian woman to win an Olympic medal, and other erstwhile medal winners, she was in a familiar setting but didn't linger on.

A couple of weeks before that, she had accompanied tennis and badminton stars, Sania Mirza and Saina Nehwal, on an episode of *The Great Indian Kapil Show* on Netflix, where she mock-admonished the popular comedian - whose routine is often peppered with sexist jibes - not to anger her or else she'll knock him out. But she also laughed lots and seemed

to be having fun. "Brother, that is Mary Kom for you. There is a public face, there is a private face. You will never come to know what I'm thinking, what I'm going through."

"I like to get ready and go out," she grins. A newspaper snippet earlier this week mentioned how she surprised a crowd at a south Delhi bar by showing up and belting out a couple of old rock classics. Olivia Newton-John's 'Let Me Be There,' was one of the tracks she sang, but Paris is a no-no.

Earlier this week, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) announced that Beijing Games bronze winning shooter Gagan

Narang would be India's chef-de-mission to Paris, after the original appointment had withdrawn. It would have been a historic first for India - a sportsperson and a woman being the leader of the Indian contingent, but Mary Kom was letting this one pass.

"If I had the years with me, Paris was definitely on my mind. That and that one colour (of the medal). I really wanted to go for these Olympics, but 'family first'. I really cannot leave my children," she says.

"Team India is in my heart, but home comes first," she says, laughing at her effort at wordplay,



HOME TRUTHS: (Left) A thoughtful Mary Kom (left) at her residence in Delhi NCR; With fellow Olympic medal winners, Gagan Narang and Karnam Malleswari, at an event in the run-up to the Paris Olympics

but hastens to add, "There are issues... at home. I would not have been able to do justice to it with my mind occupied elsewhere. The chef-de-mission is a huge responsibility."

"I briefed PT Usha ma'am, she understood immediately. I told her, maybe next Olympics, or next time, whatever, I'll probably be ready..." she laughs raucously, but it's soon replaced by inward grimace.

In this Olympic season, Mary Kom is predictably much in de-

mand, but she is choosing her appearances carefully. "I have to manage home; the kids are growing up and this is a strange time. My mind is constantly at home."

Is this the lot of all superstars in the evening of their existence, more women than men? The former Rajya Sabha MP is learning to play a whole new game - investments, savings, outreach, tuition, fees, a withering brand.

"I have a lot on my mind, and I tend to get emotional, it's only natu-

ral, we are all human... I am so thankful for my workout and physio sessions, it helps keep my mind off things. My physio and trainers are my greatest support."

Alone with her children here, perhaps being back home could have been her other support, but she is wary of returning to Manipur. "We Koms are very scared, we have to be alert all the time. We are a very small community and are caught in the crossfire between the Meiteis and Kukis, one slip and they can confuse us as belonging to the other."

The day we meet, Mary Kom was mentioned in the Parliament's opening session. While addressing the violence in Manipur, Bimol Akoijam, Congress MP from Inner Manipur, in a midnight speech that has gone viral, said, "You are dishonouring the likes of youths who hold the Tricolour on international platforms, the likes of Mary Kom and Mirabai Chhanu. You are saying you don't matter in this country, your state doesn't matter... you must realise that these people have fought for this country."

But in her home, Mary Kom is fighting another battle, silently. As age approaches, she's planning a professional return and as a younger generation takes over the Olympic dream, memories of the past swirl in the head.

"Inside I'm burning, no," she says with a resigned sigh. "How can I say I am not missing the Olympics. But, what to do..."



FOOTBALL SHOULDN'T BE TOO COMPLICATED. YOU ARE GOOD OR YOU ARE NOT GOOD. I WASN'T GOOD AND WE'RE GOING HOME. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT. I HAD THE AIM OF BEING EUROPEAN CHAMPION, I HAD THE AIM OF HAVING A GOOD EUROS — I DIDN'T DO ONE NOR THE OTHER."

FRANCE CAPTAIN, KYLIAN MBAPPE

# YAMAL, WHAT DID YOU TEACH IN SCHOOL TODAY?

### Boy Oh Boy! A Kid With Braces Scores A Goal For The Ages To Fire Spain Into Final

**Munich:** The aphorism, youth will inherit the world, is sitting light and pretty on schoolboy Lamine Yamal.

Spain coach Luis de la Fuente said seeing the 16-year-old winger performance against France on Tuesday in their semi-final triumph was like watching "a genius". Yamal scored a brilliant goal to level Randal Kolo Muani's opener for *Les Bleus*, with Dani Olmo then netting the winner for Spain.

Named player of the match, Yamal became the youngest-ever male Euros goalscorer. "We have seen a genius, the product of a genius," De la Fuente said.

"He's a player we have to take care of — I have to give him the advice to keep working with the same humility and keep his feet on the floor."

"He would keep growing but this maturity and attitude at such a young age is like that of a more experienced player."

"We are lucky he is Spanish and we can enjoy him for many more years."

Yamal has dazzled at the tournament but it was on Tuesday in Munich he came of age. The Barcelona winger created goals for team-mates in the wins over Croatia, Georgia and Germany but had not managed to find the net himself.

"We were a goal down and I just got the ball — I didn't think about it much and then shot at goal," player of the match Yamal told ZDF.



<b>SPAIN</b>	2
Yamal 21, Olmo 25	
<b>FRANCE</b>	1
Kolo Muani 8	

**RENAISSANCE PAINTING:** The world stands still as Lamine Yamal lets the ball fly into the French goal in Munich

## ON-PITCH RETORT TO RABIOT

Yamal's goal and defeat of France was the perfect reply to an earlier remark by French midfielder Adrien Rabiot, who had reportedly said the impressive Yamal would have to do much more against *Les Bleus* if he wanted to play in the final.

Yamal during the match ran to a television camera yelling "speak now, speak now". He was asked who he was talking to, but declined to say. "The person I'm talking about, this person will know who this person is," he said.

"I'm not thinking much about (only being 16), I'm just enjoying it and I'm proud to be in the final."

The forward, who made his Barcelona debut at 15 in the 2022-23 campaign, has improved with virtually every appearance and become a vital figure for his team. With Spain it is a similar story, Yamal already La Roja's key player despite having made just 13 appearances for his country.

The last of those was on a humid night in Bavaria Tuesday where he made history and scored arguably the goal of the tournament.

Yamal's game is bright but not excessive, with his tricks designed to open up space for himself rather than to show off. He largely makes sensible decisions but

<b>YAMAL'S MOVES</b>	Minutes played	Touches	Shots from outside the box	Shots from inside the box	Shots on target	Goals scored	Tackles	Discipline:
	90	44	3	0	1	1	3	1 yellow card



**I COME FROM...** Yamal's 304 sign denotes the zip code of his Rocafonda address



**EARLY DAZE:** A nine-year-old Yamal with Real's Ramos ahead of the 2017 Clasico

also fires up the crowd with showstopping dribbles. In that regard he is similar to a player he looked up to as a child, former Barcelona great Lionel Messi.

Last week a barely-believable photo emerged of the Argentina forward bathing a baby Yamal, as part of a charity calendar Barcelona players were pictured in, back in 2007.

"The beginning of two legends,"

wrote Yamal's father Mounir Nasraoui on Instagram, sharing the photo.

Spain's 38-year-old right-back Jesus Navas, who started against France, is older than Mounir. France midfielder Adrien Rabiot is 29 but lacked the wisdom not to challenge a record-breaking player seemingly undaunted by any challenge he faces. "(We have to) show him that to play in a Euros final, he will have

"Win, win, win and win. That was my goal, to have my birthday in Germany. We were a goal down and I just got the ball, I didn't think about it much, I was aiming for exactly the top corner where my shot went in. It was a feeling of pure elation."

—Lamine Yamal ON HIS GOAL AND HOW HE WANTS TO CELEBRATE HIS 17TH BIRTHDAY (JULY 13 - THE DAY BEFORE THE FINAL)

"We have seen a genius, the product of a genius. He's a player we have to take care of — I have to give him the advice to keep working with the same humility and keep his feet on the floor. We are lucky he is Spanish."

—Luis de la Fuente, SPAIN COACH

The only two players across the last two Euro/World Cup tournaments with 15+ chances created, 15+ shots and 15+ dribbles:

World Cup	Lionel Messi
Euro 2024	Lamine Yamal

## YOUTH AND AGE COMBINE

Spain progressions down the left have been a recurring feature of their run to the final of Euro 2024, yet it was from the other side of the pitch that the decisive moments came during their Munich semifinal against France. Despite the age difference, the combination of Yamal & Jesus Navas bore fruit.



NAVAS, 38

**Allround game:** The UEFA technical observer panel praised Yamal's all-round game: "At such a young age, he works hard defensively and is a threat on the ball, impressing with his positioning and forming a productive partnership with Navas on the right."

**Navas' part:** If Yamal, who turns 17 on Saturday, made history, Navas, at 38, achieved his own milestone as the oldest player to appear in a Euro or World Cup semis. Navas is, in fact, older than Lamine Yamal's dad, who is 32. The defender debuted with Spain in 2009 against Argentina when Lamine Yamal was only two years old. In his 59 min on the pitch Navas made 5 clearances — joint-1st among the Spain players — while his three crosses from open play matched Carvajal's highest figure.

# France see dismal closure to dream

## We didn't do enough to get to the final, says captain Mbappe

**Munich:** Even without the mask, Kylian Mbappe was outclassed by a 16-year-old wonderkid.

Mbappe ditched the vision-restricting mask that he had been wearing since breaking his nose in France's opening match but *Les Bleus* fell to Spain in the semifinals on Tuesday.

Lamine Yamal is heading to the Euro 2024 final on Sunday — the day after his 17th birthday — while Mbappe will be on holiday before joining new team Real Madrid.

"I had the aim of being European champion, I had the aim of having a good Euros — I didn't do one nor the other," Mbappe said.

"It's disappointing, we have to go on holiday. I'll rest well, I think I need that to come back fresh and have a really good pre-season preparation."



**FINAL NAIL:** The entire French defence is unable to stop Olmo's (No 10) clincher

France coach Didier Deschamps had said on Monday that Mbappe would have to wear the mask for "weeks... maybe months" so there was surprise when he took to the field in Munich without the mask that had so annoyed him.

"I was fed up, I couldn't see well with it," Mbappe said. "I spoke with the doctor to see and he told me to make the decision like a man and I

don't regret it."

Euro 2024 had hardly gone to plan for Mbappe and France before Tuesday's match — no French player had scored from open play with their three goals coming from a solitary Mbappe penalty and two own-goals.

Mbappe had a total of 23 attempts at goal in Germany. Only Deco with 24 at Euro 2004 had more non-penalty shots without scoring.

The 25-year-old Mbappe had described the mask-wearing experience as "an absolute horror" and removing it seemed to have an immediate effect as he set up France's ninth-minute opener with a pinpoint cross to the back post for Randal Kolo Muani's headed goal.

The France superstar should have scored and sent the match into extra time when he was released on the left by Bradley Barcola.

"I think I had to score, or at least hit the target," he said. "It went over and that's the harsh reality of football." AGENCIES

## FOOTBALL LOVERS MISS SEMIS AS SONY CHANNELS GO OFF-AIR

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**Kolkata:** Almost a fourth of Kolkata's football lovers missed the pulsating Euro semifinal between Spain and France on Tuesday night as all Sony TV channels, including its sports channels that are now beaming the Euro matches, were taken off four multi-system operator (MSO) platforms that cater to around 70% of cable homes in Kolkata. The move followed a dispute over channel prices between the MSOs and the broadcaster.

Sony Pictures Network India (SPNI), which has five major sports channels and their HD versions, went off air on Monday on GTPL-KCBPL, DEN, Hathaway and Metrocast that account for around 39 lakh cable homes in Bengal and more than 10 lakh in Kolkata. Networks like SitiCable and Meghbala remained unaffected. Several other MSOs across the country, too, had Sony channels taken off. Many were forced to switch to the Sony LIV app.

# Messi and Argentina march on to final

## Captain says he is enjoying his last battles with the team as Albiceleste have the opportunity to win third major title in a row

**East Rutherford:** Lionel Messi said he was enjoying his "last battles" with Argentina after the 37-year-old found the net in a 2-0 win over Canada on Tuesday to book a place in the Copa America final.

After a lacklustre display against Ecuador in the quarter-finals, Messi looked back to himself again, connecting with Angel Di Maria and strike partner Julian Alvarez, who also scored. "I'm living it like I lived it in the last Copa America, in the last World Cup... these are the last battles and I'm enjoying them to the maximum," he told TyC Sports after the win set up a meeting with Uruguay or Colombia in the final.

Messi, now playing with Inter Miami in Major League Soc-

cer, has yet to indicate whether he will continue to play with Argentina in the 2026 World Cup, which will feature a final at the New Jersey venue. But asked about Messi's "last battles" comment, Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni asked for calm. "We have to leave him alone, he knows that we will not be the ones to close the door on him. He can stay with us as long as he wants, even when he retires... Let him decide what he wants," he said.

It was Messi's 109th international goal. Messi has 28 goals in his last 25 matches for Argentina and 14 in Copa America play, three shy of the record. He has scored against 38 different nations. Messi has chance to win a

third straight major title with his national side following their 2022 World Cup triumph and their 2021 Copa America win.

The eight-time Ballon d'Or winner referenced veteran team-mates Di Maria and Nicolas Otamendi and said that the success was validation for the difficult barren years the team had suffered. "The truth is that it's crazy what this group has done," Messi said.

"It's not easy for us to be in a final again, for us to compete again to be champions," he added after the victory at MetLife Stadium.

Despite Argentina reaching the final with some comfort against Canada, the former Barcelona forward said it had been a tough test so far. "It's a difficult

7 Messi has led his national team to the most finals (7) in the history of football — five Copa Americas and two World Cups

Copa, evenly matched, with very bad pitches, with high temperatures, very tough teams, and for us to be in a final again is something to enjoy," he said.

Goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez said that despite being world champions the joy of reaching a final was just as intense as ever.

"It's a source of pride as an Argentine, a representative of this national team, to be able to play in another final. It feels as if it was the first time," he said. AFP



<b>ARGENTINA</b>	2
Alvarez 22, Messi 51	
<b>CANADA</b>	0

## Argentina's top five scorers in Copa America

17	Norberto Mendez (17 matches)
14	Lionel Messi (38 matches)
2007: 2 goals (6 matches)	
2011: no goals (4 matches)	
2015: 1 goal in 6 matches	
2016: 5 goals in 5 matches	
2019: 1 goal in 6 matches	
2021: 4 goals in 7 matches	
2024: 1 goal in 4 matches	
13	Jose Manuel Moreno (16)
13	Gabriel Batistuta (16)
11	Hermínio Masantonio (8)

Messi scored in 6 out of the 7 editions he participated in. Only Zizinho had achieved this feat. (Between 1942 and 1957). The Brazilian shares with Argentine Mendez the record for the most goals scored: 17.

"I intend to continue. I intend to keep living day by day without thinking about what will come in the future. It's something I just live each day. I'm 37 years and only God knows when the end will be. The truth is that it's crazy what this group has done, what the Argentina national team has been doing, because after all this it gives value to all (the tournaments) I and the old generation have played in."

"We've enjoyed him (Di Maria) so much. He's always given his all and the best of himself and that he will retire in a final is something he simply deserves." — Messi

4 This is Argentina's fourth final in the last five editions of the tournament.

# SC: Parl never sought to limit divorced Muslim woman's rights to 'iddat' period

'Such An Interpretation Would Be Regressive, Anti-Divorced Muslim Woman'

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We are inclined to conclude that equivalent rights of maintenance ascertained under both, the secular provision of Section 125 of CrPC 1973 and the personal law provision of Section 3 of the 1986 Act, parallelly exist in their distinct domains and jurisprudence, thereby, leading to their harmonious construction and continued existence of the right to seek maintenance for a divorced Muslim woman under the provisions of CrPC 1973 despite the enactment of the 1986 Act," Justice Masih said, adding that Parliament never sought to restrict the rights of a divorced Muslim woman to the 'iddat' period. 'Iddat' refers to the period of time for which a Muslim woman must wait before she can remarry, 3 months in case of a divorce.

The Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Di-



This court will not countenance unjust or Faustian bargains being imposed on women, said Justice BR Nagarathna

vorced) Act was enacted by the Rajiv Gandhi govt in response to pressure from Muslim groups and politicians who were upset with the SC verdict in the Shah Bano case where the court had ordered that the old and indigent divorcee from Bhopal be given a monthly maintenance of Rs 125 per month.

Justice Nagarathna said Parliament's intent in enact-

ing the 1986 law was to enhance the rights of a divorced Muslim woman in addition to what she would have been entitled to under Section 125 of CrPC. She said if the intent was to curtail the rights of a divorced Muslim woman, then the clause of 'notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force' would not have found a place in Section

3 and Parliament did not simultaneously or at any time thereafter create any bar for a divorced Muslim woman from claiming maintenance under Section 125.

"One cannot read Section 3 of the 1986 Act containing the non-obstante clause so as to restrict or diminish the right to maintenance of a divorced Muslim woman under Section 125 of CrPC and neither is it a substitute for the latter. Such an interpretation would be regressive, anti-divorced Muslim woman and contrary to Articles 14, 15(1) and (3) as well as Article 39(e) of the Constitution," Justice Nagarathna said.

"Therefore, a technical or pedantic interpretation of the 1986 Act would stultify not merely gender justice but also the constitutional right of access to justice for aggrieved Muslim divorced women who are in dire need of maintenance. This court would not countenance unjust or Faus-

lian bargains being imposed on women. The emphasis is on sufficient maintenance, not minimal amount. After all, maintenance is a facet of gender parity and enabler of equality, not charity. It follows that a destitute Muslim woman has the right to seek maintenance under Section 125 of CrPC despite the enactment of the 1986 Act," she said.

The court noted that Section 125 of CrPC was more beneficial to women in comparison to Section 3 of the 1986 law as maintenance to a divorced Muslim woman is given within the 'iddat' period by her husband under the 1986 law but under the secular provision, any divorced wife is entitled to maintenance till she remarries. Under personal law, maintenance for children is given by her former husband only for a period of two years but under Section 125, maintenance is given until the children attain the age of majority.

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## Govt to resume wheat sale, will consider lifting rice export ban

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New Delhi: Govt has decided to resume sale of wheat in the open market from Aug to keep prices from surging and is likely to take a decision on lifting the ban on export of certain varieties of non-basmati rice in response to demands made by exporters.

Paving the way for sale of FCI's wheat stock, the food ministry has fixed the minimum sale price of Rs 2,325/quintal for private bulk buyers like millers, which is lower than the prevailing market price of Rs 2,400/quintal. Similarly, the minimum sale price for rice to bulk buyers has been fixed at Rs 2,800/quintal. These prices exclude transportation charge from FCI depots.

In an official communication, the ministry has said that the quantity of grain stocks to be offloaded will be decided by FCI in consultation with the ministry after keeping the stock allocated for the PDS, buffer norms and additional quantity of 20 lakh tonnes.

Currently, FCI has 289 lakh tonnes of wheat stock.

## Rajiv's regressive legacy erased, says BJP on SC verdict

Rajiv govt's decision to enact a law to overrule an apex court judgment granting alimony to divorced Muslim women was one of the biggest threats to the Constitution as it gave primacy to Islamic laws

—SUDHANSHU TRIVEDI

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court order on maintenance for divorced women has come as a vindication of BJP's longstanding opposition to the Rajiv Gandhi govt overruling the SC verdict in Shah Bano case even as the party welcomed the judgment and said those displaying the Constitution and pledging adherence to it were exposed once again.

At a press conference, Rajya Sabha MP and BJP spokesperson Sudhanshu Trivedi said the Rajiv govt's decision to enact a law to overrule an apex court judgment granting alimony to divorced Muslim women was one of the biggest threats to the Constitution as it gave primacy to Islamic laws.

"This judgment has finished off a threat posed to the Constitution by the de-

cision of a past Congress govt," Trivedi said. The apex court had granted a big relief to Muslim women, he said, adding that it should be seen beyond religion as it was an issue of equal rights.

Another BJP spokesperson Shazia Ilmi said it was a historic decision and a relief for all Muslim women. "The Supreme Court has also said that this is not a donation of any kind and a divorced woman can approach the court and demand maintenance. I think this is the result of the prayers of a lot of Muslim women," she said.

Senior JD (U) leader KC Tyagi said, "We welcome the Supreme Court decision. We support the rights of Muslim women."

BJP's IT department head Amit Malviya added, "Rajiv Gandhi's regressive legacy erased."

## 'It will ensure gender equality': Women groups, NCW hail order

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New Delhi: Welcoming the Supreme Court judgment affirming the right of Muslim women to seek maintenance under Section 125 of CrPC, National Commission for Women chairperson Rekha Sharma said the order was a "significant step towards ensuring gender equality and justice for all women, regardless of their religion."

## Studying verdict, say cagey Muslim bodies

On a day the Supreme Court judgement affirmed the right of Muslim women to seek maintenance under the secular law (Section 125 CrPC), the otherwise vociferous Muslim organisations like the All India Muslim Personal Law Board and Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind chose to be cautious with their functionaries saying that their legal teams were studying the order to decide on the future course of action.

Women's rights activist Zakiya Soman said, "This judgment is truly progressive and I welcome it wholeheartedly. It is an irony that maintenance rights granted under 125 CrPC were snatched away from Muslim women with Shah Bano in 1985. It has taken nearly four decades for this travesty to be corrected by the judgment."

All India Democratic Women's Association general secretary Mariam Dhawale said it was a welcome judgment.

## Cong: Those giving it political colour are playing games

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New Delhi: Congress spokesperson and senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi welcomed the Supreme Court order on maintenance rights of Muslim women but cautioned that those "mischievously and deliberately" reading politics into the judgment were unnecessarily playing games. Mahila Congress president Alka Lamba too welcomed the judgment, which she said would provide justice to women in need, irrespective of their religion.

Singhvi said it was too late in the day for the petitioner, as he did in this case, to argue that the right to maintenance and supports provided in the secular law did not apply to married Muslim women as that had been decided several times earlier and the SC was only "reiterating, reapplying and reinforcing" the established law of the land.

"The obligation to support a married woman applies irrespective of religion and is gender specific for the help of women but is religion neutral. That is what the SC has said and the judgment deserves to be welcomed," Singhvi said.

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case by the Supreme Court and should not be made to acquire political hues and colours as some quarters are trying to do," he added.

Lamba said, "The judgment has seen women as women, and not their religion. I have spoken to many women from the Muslim community and they are very happy. This judgment will ensure that women are not dependent in life, and can bring up their children and look after themselves independently. The judgment should be implemented immediately."

## SC: Men must empower homemakers financially

New Delhi: Underscoring the role played by homemakers, Supreme Court on Wednesday said their contribution to the national economy needed to be recognised and they must be given access to financial resources of the family as they take care of the home instead of working, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

"Services and sacrifices of homemakers for the economic well-being of the family and the economy of the nation remain uncompensated in large sections of society," a bench of Justices B V Nagarathna and Augustine George Masih said. The court said it was well known that an Indian homemaker tries to save as much as possible from the monthly household budget not only to augment the financial resources of the family but also to save a small portion for her personal expenses.

"Most married men in India do not realise this... Some husbands are not conscious of the fact that the wife... is dependent on them not only emotionally but also financially," Justice Nagarathna said. "Therefore, I observe that an Indian married man must become conscious of the fact that he would have to financially empower and provide for his wife who does not have an independent source of income by making available financial resources particularly towards her personal needs; in other words, giving access to his financial resources," she said.

## CBI: Bones believed to be Sheena's found but won't be cited as proof

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Mumbai: The bones purported to be of Sheena Bora have been found in CBI's malkhana (record room) in its Delhi office, the investigation agency on Wednesday informed the trial court hearing the murder case, nearly a month after the deposition of a witness, a forensic expert, was stalled after it was submitted that the remains could not be traced. CBI, however, clarified that the remains would not be cited as evidence in the case.

CBI's submission came after the court said that they had received an email from a person claiming to be the forensic expert's brother. The email alleged that the forensic expert had received crows to lie about Sheena's remains being missing, and that the doctor had recently bought a house and a clinic in Dubai.

The email was then shown to the three defence lawyers, Ranjit Sangle, Manjula Rao and Shreyansh Mithare representing accused Indrani Mukerjea, Peter Mukerjea and Sanjeev Khanna, respectively. They are all out on bail. CBI's special public prosecutor C J Nandode then submitted that following the last hearing, after going to the malkhana, the bones were found. Nandode also submitted that the bones were not being relied on by the prosecution as they were not cited in the chargesheet, and now they want to proceed without bringing them on record.

The deposition of the forensic expert then continued and was completed.

So far, 91 witnesses have deposed in the Sheena Bora murder case

The defence lawyers insisted that there should be action against the email sender for misleading the court. The court replied that it was up to the CBI to do so.

CBI's case is that Indrani, along with her former husbands Khanna and Peter — who in 2015 was still married to her — and their driver Shyamvar Rai hatched a plan to abduct and murder her daughter Sheena and attempt to murder her son Mekhal Bora. CBI claimed that on April 24, 2012, Indrani, Khanna, and Rai abducted Sheena in a car, administered sedatives, strangled her, and disposed of her body in a forest in Raigad district. The alleged crime came to light in August 2015. Rai turned approver and deposed as a prosecution witness.

On June 13, Nandode had told the trial court that a set of remains examined by the forensic expert could not be traced. The witness was among the experts who had examined various sets of bones and remains recovered by Pen police in the forest in 2012 and in 2015.

So far, 91 witnesses have deposed in the murder case. The trial will continue on Friday.

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**ACTOR JACQUELINE FAILS TO APPEAR BEFORE ED ON SUMMONS IN A LAUNDERING CASE RELATED TO ALLEGED CONMAN SUKESH; SHE IS CALLED AGAIN P4**

## Govt: NEET results analysis by IIT-M found no abnormality

**'No Retest Based On Unsupported Apprehensions'**

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**New Delhi:** The Centre informed Supreme Court through a late-evening affidavit on Wednesday that IIT-Madras conducted a comprehensive data analysis of the results of NEET-UG, which was marred by a question paper leak, and found no abnormality.

The govt submitted IIT's report in court along with its affidavit and said, "City-wise and centre-wise analysis was done for two years (2023 and 2024) to find out if there were any abnormal indications. The analysis was carried out for the top 1.4 lakh

### NTA SAYS NO PAPER LEAK IN PATNA

There is an overall increase in the marks obtained by students, specifically in the range of 550 to 720. This is attributed to 25% reduction in syllabus. In addition, candidates obtaining such high marks are spread across multiple cities and centres, indicating very less likelihood of malpractice

If any candidate is found to have been the beneficiary of any malpractice, candidature would be cancelled at any stage during counselling process or even afterwards — Centre's affidavit in SC

No question paper was found missing in any trunk; no locks were found broken; NTA observers did not report anything adverse; and no incident of paper leakage was observed in the constantly monitored CCTV coverage in the command centre — NTA

ensuring that 23 lakh students are not required to be burdened with a fresh test merely based on unsupported apprehensions". It expressed commitment towards a robust examination system completely insulated from any malpractice.

The apex court will hear the matter on Thursday.

The Centre said it is approaching the issue in a manner to "ensure that no candidate guilty of malpractice gets any benefit, while also

► '25% syllabus cut', P 17

**Judge recuses from same-sex union review**

**New Delhi:** SC on Wednesday indefinitely deferred in-chamber adjudication of petitions, seeking review of its Oct 17, 2023 judgment rejecting pleas for legalisation of same-sex marriages, as one of the judges on the bench recused from the proceedings.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, who will succeed CJI D Y Chandrachud on Nov 3 this year, recused from the case as he became aware that an advocate who had represented a party in the original case was a relative. Though the review petitions were filed last year, the bench had to be reconstituted as two judges have since retired. **TNN**

**IAS probationer shifted after pics of her Audi with beacon go viral**

**Pune:** A 2023 batch probationary IAS officer, Pooja Khedkar, was transferred from Pune collector's office to Washim Monday, soon after videos of her private car — Audi A4 — with red and blue beacon light and Maharashtra Govt's insignia, went viral on social media, reports Nisha Nambiar. Official sources said she was shifted based on the collector's report that said Khedkar "sought special privileges, which were not allowed to an IAS probationary officer".

Sources told TOI that Pune collector Suhas Diwase's report to state chief secretary Sujata Saunik on June 24 regarding Khedkar's conduct also mentioned that she seized the ante chamber of an additional collector.

► OBC cert under lens, P 17

**Remove barricades from Shambhu border within 7 days: HC to Haryana govt**

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**Chandigarh/Bathinda:** The Punjab and Haryana high court instructed Haryana govt Wednesday to dismantle barricades at the Shambhu interstate border near Ambala within seven days. The barricades, guarded by central forces and Haryana police, were put up in Feb this year to prevent Punjab farmers from entering Haryana during their 'Delhi Chalo' march.

Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha have been leading the farmers' stir, demanding legal guarantee of MSP. HC also directed Punjab, Haryana and farm unions to maintain law and order. Court allowed Haryana to take "effective measures" if protests got out of hand.

"There is no free flow of



The border near Ambala has been barricaded since Feb

transport vehicles or buses, and the diversion can only be used by private vehicles. Public has been put to major inconvenience. The protesters have now dwindled to 400-500... Thus, the lifelines of Punjab are blocked on account of mere apprehension," Justice G S Sandhawalia said.

► HC orders SIT probe, P 17

**Kejriwal kingpin, AAP beneficiary of proceeds: ED**

ED has described Arvind Kejriwal as the "kingpin and key conspirator" and AAP as the "major beneficiary of proceeds of crime" in its seventh supplementary

► Bharadwaj: Probe poll bond payments to BJP from tainted cos, P 4

chargesheet in the excise policy case. The chargesheet claims Kejriwal demanded Rs 100 crore from South Group for liquor sale contract, of which Rs 45 crore was spent on Goa polls. **P 4**

**Desi co faked generic Viagra data: US FDA**

Generic versions of erectile dysfunction drugs Viagra and Cialis were allowed on the US market using potentially problematic data that call into question their safety and efficacy, a Bloomberg analysis found. FDA alerted brand-name and generic companies on June 18 about a research firm in India that had falsified the data used in key studies to gain approval of their drugs. Data from the researcher, Synapse Labs, may have been used in hundreds of drugs. **P 19**

**Man murders neighbour with baseball bat**

A 26-year-old man was beaten to death with a baseball bat in Mangolpuri on Wednesday. Police have arrested the accused, who claimed that the victim had misbehaved with his sister three days ago and that he wanted revenge. The accused and the victim were neighbours.

The deceased was identified as Neeraj, who lived in Pitampura. He worked at a mobile shop in Mangolpuri. Police analysed CCTV footage and arrested the accused, Prince, near Delhi Cantt. **P 3**

**Exposure to pigeons can lead to severe lung diseases: Study**

Prolonged exposure to pigeon feathers and droppings can result in people contracting serious chronic lung diseases, according to a recent case study at Delhi's Sir Gangaram Hospital. Doctors highlighted this lesser-known health hazard after an 11-year-old boy showed severe respiratory distress. **P 10**

**Religious freedom doesn't include right to convert: HC**

Right to freedom of religion does not include the right to convert others, Allahabad HC observed, denying bail to a person accused of conversions. "The individual right to freedom of conscience and religion cannot be extended to constitute a collective right to proselytise," Justice Rohit Ranjan Agarwal said. **P 11**

**Cops hint at more arrests in Princeton trafficking, no. of victims could be 50**

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Police officers in Princeton, Texas, have told US media channels that the number of victims in the human trafficking case in which four Indians, including three Telugus, have been arrested could touch 50. Officers also hinted at more arrests.

So far 15 victims have been identified but their names have been withheld by police. Reports in local newspapers and TV channels said the 15 victims found in the Ginsburg Lane residence of arrested couple Santhosh Katkooori and Dwaraka Gunda in Collin County were between 23 and 26 years of age.

The Princeton Herald, meanwhile, published a statement by Katkooori's attorney, Jeremy Rosenthal, who disputed police claims of "forced labour" against the

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► Cops said accused would train women and men in computer programming and place them in shell companies run by Katkooori  
► Couple would take 20% cut from salaries of victims  
► There was no furniture in Katkooori's home, just blankets, a bunch of PCs & other electronic gadgets

couple and two others. "These workers are in the IT field and nothing about this is forced labour," Rosenthal said.

"Princeton police department has taken a 'shoot first, aim later' approach. They claim to have seized computers, studied the details of the operation and then made the arrests," Rosenthal was quoted as saying.

► Took 20% cut, P 17

**9 months after avalanche, three bodies recovered**

**Dehradun:** The bodies of three soldiers who were buried alive in an avalanche during a mountaineering expedition to Mount Kun in Ladakh in Oct last year were recovered by the Army's High Altitude Warfare School and cremated on Wednesday, reports Kalyan Das.

Thakur Bahadur Ale Magar, Rohit Kumar Negi and Gautam Rajbanshi were Havildar instructors. Magar's remains were brought to his unit in Dehradun, where his last rites were performed following military traditions in the presence of his family after the Army facilitated the travel from Nepal.

► Hard weather, P 17

## YAMAL KA KAMAAL PUTS SPAIN IN FINAL

Lamine Yamal came to Euro with a bunch of 'youngest' records. He's set more in Germany, with his stellar show against France taking Spain to final and one win away from a record 4th title

► At 16 years & 362 days old, Yamal is the youngest player ever to score at Euro, netting a stunning curler in La Roja's 2-1 comeback semifinal victory over Mbappe's Les Bleus

► The youngest to ever feature in Euro, the Barca boy broke the record of Switzerland's Johan Vonlanthen, who at 18 years & 141 days scored, also against France, in 2004

► Yamal, of Equatoguinean and Moroccan descent, was already the youngest to debut & score in La Liga at 15, youngest to start in CL and youngest to score for Spain

► Yamal turns 17 on Saturday, a day before the Euro final, and is the tournament's current joint assist leader at 3



**WUNDERKIND'S WONDERGOAL:** Yamal received the ball 25 yards from the goal, swerved left, then right, again left to fool Adrien Rabiot and curled the ball past French keeper Mike Maignan into the top-left corner. He then held his head in disbelief

At 17 years & 239 days, Pele was older than Yamal when he scored his 1st World Cup goal in 1958 vs Wales, a record that still stands. Colombia's Johnnier Montaño is Copa's youngest scorer (16 years & 171 days vs Argentina in 1999)

Julian Alvarez and Messi were on the mark as Argentina beat Canada 2-0 to reach Copa final **FULL COVERAGE P 21**

EDIT PG: Play It Like Yamal

# Bengal wins Round 1 versus Centre in SC on CBI probes

## Court Junks Delhi's Objections, Allows WB's Constitutional Suit On Centre-State Dispute

## HC admits gov's defamation suit against Mamata

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New Delhi: Supreme Court Wednesday trashed the multiple grounds cited by Centre to seek dismissal of West Bengal's constitutional suit raising a Centre-state dispute on CBI allegedly illegally carrying out probes in the state despite the Trinamool Congress govt's revocation of the general consent to the agency to start probes on its own.

Rejecting preliminary objections raised by SG Tushar Mehta seeking dismissal of the suit and accepting contentions of advocates Kapil Sibal and Abhishek Singhvi, who appeared for WB, a bench of Justices B R Gavai and Sandeep Mehta posted the suit for framing of issues on Aug 13.

Centre's main contention was that CBI is neither a state, nor its investigation supervised by the Centre, and hence the state cannot claim any relief against Union govt. As the state's grievances are mainly against CBI, it could not have filed a suit without making



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the central agency a party.

Dealing with Mehta's submissions, the bench said, "We find that SG's contention that even if CBI, being an independent agency, is considered to be an instrumentality of the State under Article 12 of Constitution, it cannot be equated with Government of India as contemplated under Article 131 of Constitution, in our view, holds no water."

Writing the 74-page judgment, Justice Gavai said, "In our view, CBI is an organ or a body, which is established by and which is under superintendence of Govt of India in view of the statutory scheme

as enacted by the DSPE Act."

He said, "No doubt that powers of superintendence of central govt would not relate to superintendence of investigation of a particular case (which is vested with Central Vigilance Commission by a judgment of SC) and the probe agency (CBI) would always be entitled to investigate the offences independently."

"However, that would not water down the administrative control and superintendence of DSPE that vests with Centre. In that view of the matter, we find that the contention in that regard needs to be rejected," the bench said.

It said, "It is the case of WB (plaintiff) that CBI is established (under Delhi Special Police Establishment Act) by the Union govt (defendant), its exercise of powers is controlled by the defendant and its functioning is also under the superintendence of the defendant. Therefore, it cannot be said that the plaintiff has not made out any cause of action against the defendant." SC said under the DSPE

admitted Bengal governor CV Ananda Bose's defamation suit against CM Mamata Banerjee, TMC MLAs Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar and ex-MP Kunal Ghosh seeking Rs 11 crore in damages and asking for court orders to the four to immediately retract their personal imputations made against him. HC is set to hear the case on Monday. **TNN**

Act, CBI can probe a case in a state only after a notification is issued by Centre specifying the case and area involved in the particular case with prior consent of the state govt.

West Bengal in its suit filed under Article 131 of the Constitution had argued that it withdrew general consent on Nov 16, 2018. CBI could not have continued to register cases and exercise its powers under the DSPE Act. "Continuation of registration of cases and exercise of powers after withdrawal of the consent is an act of constitutional overreach," the state contended.

# Colombo counts collateral damage of Putin's war

## Economic crisis at home is driving former Lankan soldiers to sign up with Russian army to fight in Ukraine. Many are injured or feared dead. As anxious kin await news, new recruits are lining up

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Withana Patiranaage Tushara Priyanga (44) knew the sounds of war before he went to Russia to fight in Vladimir Putin's army. Priyanga, now a soldier for hire, was in the Sri Lankan army when the country's civil war was at its worst.

Money is why he went to join the Russia-Ukraine war - he is among the many victims of the Lankan economic crisis. But now, recuperating in a hospital in Georgia, paralysed waist down, he wonders whether it was worth it. Priyanga, one of a 1,000-plus contingent of Lankan mercenaries recruited by agents supplying troops to Russia, was injured while fighting in Donetsk, the industrial city in eastern Ukraine that is currently occupied by Russia.

In April, during a Russian military operation, Priyanga was trapped under debris, injuring his right ankle. Before he'd fully recovered, he was assigned to the front again. This time, Priyanga was attacked while running to a bunker for protection. He collapsed and was carried to another bunker, which came under a drone attack. He was finally taken to a hospital in Georgia.

### Wooded With Fat Packages

Priyanga and others like him were promised Rs 10-20 lakh (Lankan rupees) per month to fight for Russia in Ukraine. In mid-May, Lanka's defence minister told media in Colombo that 16 Lankan retired military personnel had been killed in the Ukraine war and that the govt was trying to bring back other Lankans fighting there.

Sri Lanka defence ministry's director-media and spokesman Col Nalin Herath told **TOI**, "The Sri Lankan defence ministry has formed a special cell to reach out to families of soldiers in Russia. We've got 463 calls so far from family members. We think at least 600 soldiers are fighting there; some say there are more than a thousand."

President Ranil Wickremesinghe sent a delegation led by his foreign minister that met Russian defence ministry officials on June 26-27. "Our immediate plan is to get them out. Our foremost concern is saving their lives," said Col Herath.

In the scenic Kurunegala hill city in Lanka's north-west, some 100km from Colombo, Nadeesha, 42, and her five children await news of Wasantha Gunasekara (44). His family says he is missing in Russia. But his friends recruited by the Russian army believe he is dead. His brother, T M Palitha Bandara, says Wasantha retired from Sri Lankan army in 2019 after 22 years of service. He joined the Russian army on Feb 22. "We last heard from him on March 29. It was a voice message. Later, our numbers were blocked," says Palitha.

Uditha Prasad Gamage (42) has his right arm in a sling now, after coming under a drone attack on the Ukraine frontline. He is recovering in a hospital in Volgograd, Russia. Uditha says before he retired as a sergeant major in the Lankan army, he fought in the final phase of the civil war in Mullaitivu, where LTTE chief Velupillai Prabhakaran was captured and killed in May 2009.

### Thrust into Combat

"Many of our friends are doing frontline operations. We have heard that our people have been injured and died," said a retired Sinhala soldier on condition of anonymity. "We take it day by day. Due to the current economic situation in Sri Lanka, it is difficult for us to live on pension. We are stuck with bank loans." Him and another retired soldier friend, Rasalingam Manjula Pushpa Kumar (36),



Wasantha Gunasekara (left) is 'missing' in Russia. His friends recruited by Russian army believe he's dead. Wasantha (44) retired from Lankan army in 2019 after 22 years of service. He joined Russian army on Feb 22. His family (above) last heard from him on March 29. It was a voice message

### HOW RUSSIA FINDS FOREIGN RECRUITS

Russia's 'special military operation' in Ukraine has entered its third year and shows no signs of ending. Official fatality figures haven't been released but reports by western media say they run into lakhs.

Struggling to find soldiers, Russia has looked to citizens of foreign countries as a ready recruitment pipeline. Thousands of people from outside Russia are believed to be fighting the war in Ukraine.

Since the launch of its invasion in 2022, Kremlin has watered down existing provisions and enacted new legislation - including on minimum duration of contract and Russian language proficiency - to facilitate the induction of foreign mercenaries. Along with high salaries and bonuses, it's also offering a simplified route to Russian citizenship for those signing up to fight in Ukraine.

Misinformation and fraudulent promises are said to be fuelling recruitments. For instance, Indian-origin blogger Faisal Khan admitted to having promoted jobs with the Russian military on his popular Baba Vlogs online channel. However, he claimed he was unaware that instead of non-combatant jobs, foreign volunteers were being thrust into action by Russian authorities.

A BBC report on Nepalese nationals in the Russian military said those looking to join first travel to Russia on a tourist visa. After a brief checkup, they are offered a one-year contract and given a Russian bank account. Salaries amount to over \$2,000 monthly along with bonuses linked to the duration spent at the frontline. What recruits do not receive is proper combat training or an introduction to the Russian language.

Govts around the world have been pressuring Moscow to send back their citizens who are being made to fight Russia's war.

Meanwhile, faced with troop shortages, Ukraine has expanded "its system allowing people from around the world to join the army" a Voice of America report said earlier this year. **TNN**

Rasalingam, a Tamil and an auto taxi driver He chose to go to Russia in Feb, leaving behind his wife and three children. "I have received 5 lakh roubles so far," he says.

"We hear that Lankan soldiers are getting injured. I don't know how many have died. None of the families has received compensation or monthly salaries that are due to those who fought," said another retired Lankan soldier who, too, did not wish to be identified.

It's been close to four months since retired Lankan soldiers arrived in Russia to fight the Ukraine war. Driven by an economic crisis at home, they are soft targets for recruiting agents. According to Lanka police, an Indian agent is said to be working with Lankan agents.

"They promised us a salary of Rs 20,13,000 (Sri Lankan), a vacation after six months, citizenship in Russia and travel abroad. On landing in Russia, soldiers are trained by uniformed men from several other countries," said Priyanga.

### Signing Up As A Last Resort

Thousands of Lankans were recruited young, when they were 18 or slightly older, by the Lankan army for the final phase of the war (2008-2009) against LTTE. After 2007, the number of recruits rose from 125,000 to 200,000. In 2009, after the war, at least 40,000 soldiers remained in north-east Lanka, according to Lankan military officials. Subsequently, many were forced to retire with petty pensions.

Lankan sources said while 12,000 surrendered LTTE cadres were reintegrated, the state and the army lacked a programme for professional combat officers and soldiers. With limited options, many infantry officers and soldiers in their early 40s opted for early retirement, says Major (retd) Hemantha Dayaratne, a former infantry officer.

"Sri Lanka and Russia agreed to a mechanism, which would include foreign and defence ministry representatives, to stop Sri Lanka soldiers from joining the Russian army as mercenaries. Both sides can monitor," said Col Herath on the decisions taken at the meeting in Moscow.

"We have received a list of 13 names from Russia of those who died in battle. In all, 17 soldiers have died so far. We requested Russia to help Lankan ex-soldiers who wish to come back," said Col Herath. There could be at least 600 soldier-mercenaries fighting in Russia now, he said.

But more retired soldiers are preparing to sign up and head to Russia. And the tragedies keep mounting. Waranasooriya Muthugala's wife Renuka and their three children in Kurunegala are distraught.

Waranasooriya, who retired from the Sri Lankan air force and signed up to fight for Russia, had spoken to them on March 12 from the Rostov Army Training School in Russia. He hasn't called since.

He, and hundreds of his ex-army colleagues, are collateral damage - of economic distress in one country, and of war-mongering by another.