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Era-defining evening of sport: Stage set for three mega finals

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MUMBAI: There's still about a couple of weeks to go for the Olympics, but a sporting avalanche awaits on an almighty Sunday of football and tennis, featuring three tournaments across three countries and three different time zones — starting 6.30pm on Sunday, stretching into early Monday morning.

First on the cards — tennis. The Wimbledon men's singles final, where defending champion Carlos Alcaraz will take on seven-time champion Novak Djokovic on the London greens.

The action will swiftly shift from the serene All England Club to the raucous Olympiastadion in Berlin, when Spain and England walk out for the battle of Europe at 12.30am. And if that isn't enough, the after-party is reserved for 5.30am on Monday when Lionel Messi's Argentina take on Colombia in the final of Copa America in Florida.

There's also a more low-key appetiser before the three high-profile finals – the fifth and final T20I between India and Zimbabwe at 4.30pm.

Sporting landslides of such kind on a single day are rare, although not unprecedented. Five years ago on this exact same date, the Super Sunday of 2019 took shape, an evening of epic proportions, when the Wimbledon final and the ICC Cricket

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Krejcikova holds on for victory in Wimbledon women's final

LONDON: Barbora Krejcikova held off Italian crowd favourite Jasmine Paolini to win the Wimbledon singles title on Saturday, coming through 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 on a sunlit Centre Court.

The Czech doubles specialist dominated the opening set with a near-perfect display but was rocked by a dazzling Paolini fightback which sent the showpiece into a decider.

The momentum appeared to be with seventh seed Paolini, but a tight third set swung 31st seed Krejcikova's way when she broke serve at 3-3 courtesy of a double-fault.

Serving for the title at 5-4, Krejcikova just about held her nerve, wasting two match points and saving two break points before sealing victory at the third time of asking.

"I was just telling myself to be brave and if the game doesn't go my way it's still 5-5 and we continue," said Krejcikova. →P24

DU SESSION SET TO BEGIN LATE AFTER CUET RESULT DELAY

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NEW DELHI: Delhi University vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh on Saturday said the start of the first semester for undergraduate courses will be postponed by two weeks owing to a delay in the CUET-UG results.

"The academic session for the first semester for the courses where admission is through CUET-UG will likely get pushed to August 16," Singh said, adding that the academic calendar of other semesters will not be affected and they will start on August 1 as scheduled. →P4

Some relief as rains lash Delhi



Showers lashed parts of Delhi on Saturday morning and afternoon, waterlogging several streets, but also slashing temperatures across the city. Related story on page 4 RAJ K RAJ /HT PHOTO

PUT UP PORTRAITS OF SEPARATISTS AT GOLDEN TEMPLE MUSEUM: JATHEDAR

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AMRITSAR: Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh on Saturday asked the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to put up portraits of pro-Khalistan separatists Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Paramjit Singh Panjwar and Gajinder Singh at the Central Sikh Museum, located inside the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar. "The SGPC should take a decision to display the portraits of the three keeping in view their sacrifices," he said. →P2

Italian police free 33 Indians from 'slavery'

ROME: Italian police said on Saturday they had freed 33 Indian farm labourers from slave-like working conditions in the northern Verona province and seized almost half a million euros from their two alleged abusers.

Labour exploitation is in the spotlight in Italy following an accident in June in which an Indian fruit picker died after his arm was severed by machinery.

In the latest case, police said the alleged gang-masters, also from India, brought fellow nationals to Italy on seasonal work permits, asking them to pay €17,000 each and promising them a better future.

The migrants were given farm jobs, working seven days a week and 10-12 hours a day for just €4 per hour, entirely docked from them until they settled their debts, police said, describing the migrants' treatment as "slavery".

Some were asked to keep working for free to pay an additional €13,000 for a permanent work permit "which, in reality, would have never been given to them," the police statement said. →P18

FIR FILED AGAINST IAS TRAINEE'S MOTHER AFTER VIRAL GUN VIDEO

PUNE: An FIR has been registered against the mother of trainee IAS officer Puja Khedkar for allegedly threatening a farmer with a pistol, police said on Saturday. Puja's father has also been named in the first information report (FIR).

"Police have registered an FIR against Manorama Khedkar, Dilip Khedkar, parents of trainee IAS officer Pooja Khedkar and five others on the complaint of a local farmer," officers said. →P6

{ 3 GANGSTERS SHOT DEAD } SONEPAT GUNFIGHT

Team of 17, e-surveillance, shoe-leather intel: The 3-week pursuit of Burger King shooters

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NEW DELHI: A 17-member Delhi Police team worked for three weeks, leaning on electronic surveillance and a bevy of inputs from their human intelligence network to narrow in on the men who were involved in the Burger King shootout last month, investigators aware of the matter said on Saturday, a day after three men were shot in an exchange of fire with officers in Sonepat, Haryana.

A GANGSTER IN HIMANSHU BHAU'S GANG HAD TIPPED OFF DELHI POLICE ABOUT THE PLAN, SAID OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTOUT

The three men were headed for a village five kilometres away, to extort ₹50 lakh from a local doctor for their gang leader, fugitive Portugal-based gangster Himanshu Bhau, when they were waylaid by the raiding team, two police officers who were part of the encounter said on Saturday.

The gangsters and police exchanged 43 bullets during the shootout.

A member of Bhau's gang had tipped off the Delhi Police crime branch team about their plan, leading officers to the three men – Ashish Lalu, Vikas (also known as Vicky Ridhana) and Sunny Kharar (also known as Gujjar). The informer's identity has been withheld and he has been assured police protection.

Ashish and Vicky were involved in the June 18 shooting at Rajouri Garden in which a rival gang member – 26-year-old Aman Joon – was shot dead inside a Burger King outlet that was packed with more than 60 people, sending ripples through the city. →P4

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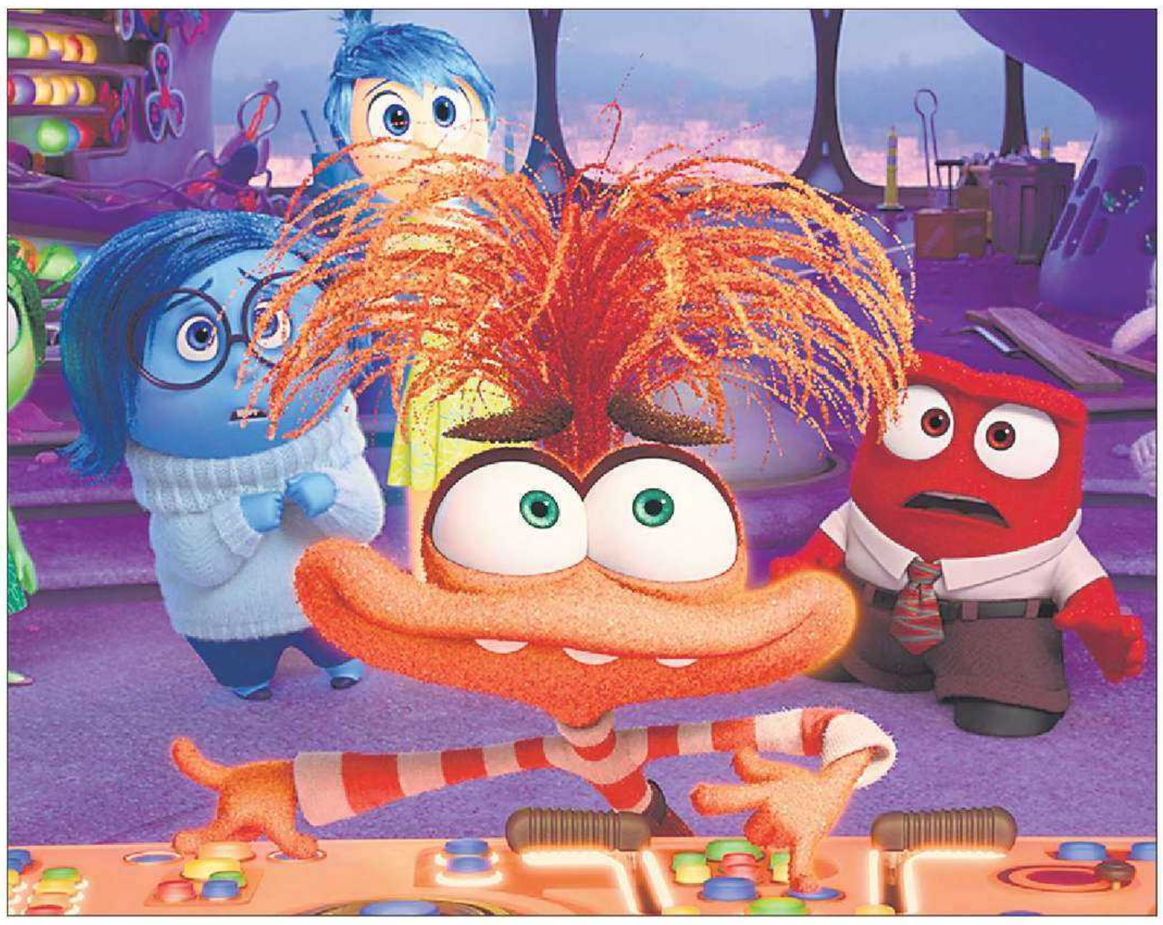
THE WEEK THAT WAS

Silence, please! It's time to ask some questions



Rachel Lopez

Risk, reward, regret, revolution. Magic, monsoon, movies, milestones. And one emotion that is breaking records. Our quiz tests how much you've tuned in to the news. All set?

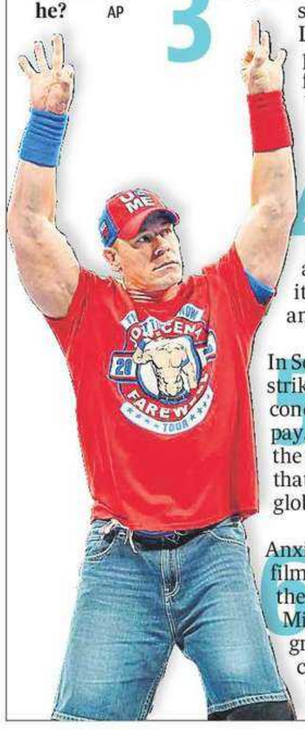


This movie, about managing anxiety, is the highest-grossing film of 2024. What is its name?

1 You can't see him. He just announced that he'll retire from the WWE next year. He's 47, a 16-time WWE world champion, and an actor. He thanked viewers "for letting me play in the house that you built for so many years". Who is he?

2 The word comes from the Latin term for shadow. The Chinese turned paper ones waterproof by rubbing wax on them. In 16th century Europe, they were the height of fashion. A foldable version was invented in Uraiújfalu, Hungary. It's raining clues. What?

This man will retire from wrestling soon. Who is he? AP

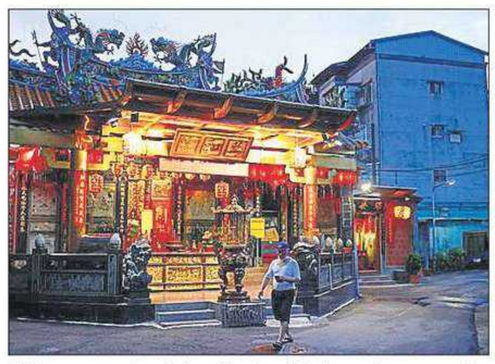


3 Nelly Korda is world number 1. She started the season by winning five consecutive LPGA Tour titles. Then, a run of poor performances. Then, she withdrew from a tournament after being bitten by a dog. Bogey, birdie, par, putt. Which sport?

4 It's the biggest heist in Canada's history. Some 400kg of gold, worth $20 million, was stolen from a Toronto airport last year. Only a small amount was melted in Canada. Most of it may have already reached the UAE and which other country?

5 In South Korea, 30,000 workers are on strike, demanding better working conditions and cost-of-living increase in pay. It's created a Galaxy S of problems for the electronics company. They promise that supply won't be affected. Which global firm?

6 Anxiety is good for business. Name the film, a sequel to a 2015 film, that's already the biggest hit of 2024, and just passed Minions to become the fifth highest-grossing animated film in history, collecting $1.22 billion globally. Go Riley!



This country is celebrating its 400th anniversary this year. Can you name it? REUTERS

7 Thomas Taylor's 1997 watercolour is now the most valuable Harry Potter item. It fetched $1.9m at auction. There's a boy, a train, a hint of magic. Sotheby's calls it the first visualisation of Harry and the wizarding world. What was it used for?

8 That's risky. Austrian chemical heiress Marlene Engelhorn is giving away $27 million to 77 NGOs supporting affordable housing, closing tax loopholes for the rich and climate causes. She asked 50 people for advice. Who were these people?

9 This year marks 400 years of the founding of Fort Zeelandia and the city that grew around it. It's the oldest city of former Formosa. Celebrations include a lantern festival. Which nation, whose name is derived from tavo-an, or meeting place?

10 This company makes rockets, satellites, missiles and one familiar vehicle. It will now plead guilty to criminal conspiracy to defraud the US, and may pay $487.2million in fines over its Max 737 crashes. Fasten your seat belts. Name the company.

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Rescuers recover bodies of 3 Nepal landslide victims

KATHMANDU: The body of a 40-year-old Indian working in Nepal and two others were recovered by rescuers on Saturday from the wreckages of two buses that were swept by a mudslide a day earlier. The two buses carrying 54 passengers, including seven Indians, went missing in the Trishuli River in the landslides at the Simaltal area along the Narayanghat-Mugling road in Chitwan district on Friday. PTI

Munak canal fixed, but supply still patchy in parts

NEW DELHI: Officials from the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on Saturday said the repair work at Munak Canal was completed around Friday midnight after about 40 hours of work. However, supply remained affected in some areas, including Dwarka, Palam, Matiala, Sadh Nagar, Ranhola, and Madhu Vihar. It takes about four to five hours for water Haryana releases to reach Delhi. →P4

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A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE



Shorts fired

At 88, her writing has only become sharper, more concentrated, even if the books themselves are slimmer. Rosarita, Anita Desai's first in over a decade, is set in a vanished Delhi and contemporary Mexico, as a daughter finds out truths about her mother's past. 'We all choose what we tell our children,' she says →P13

{ LIFESTYLE }

Let it rip

Why are countries around the world rolling back roads? Over contests and block parties, people are voting on which patches to strip, in a bid to tackle the urban heat island effect, capture rainwater – and reverse the idea that we must build to develop →P14

{ CULTURE }

Once more, with felines

Cats are notoriously hard to direct. So why are they starring, in A Quiet Place, Ripley, The Marvels? They bring to a scene what a dog cannot... but it's a bit like assembling a team of bank robbers, directors say →P15

{ URBAN }

Heart gallery

The newest add-on at weddings is a painting of the couple, created live. For the artists, it's a race against time. Step away, and a guest may doodle on the work. Worse still are relatives who approach to kindly say: That doesn't look like the couple, beta →P16

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INDIA parties clinch 10 assembly bypoll seats

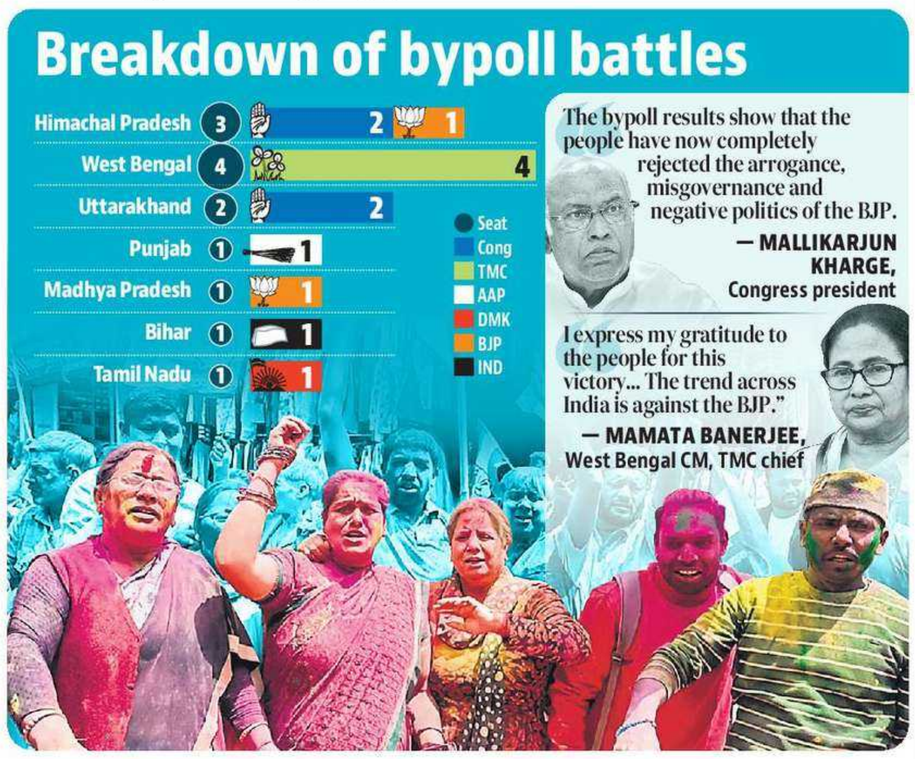
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NEW DELHI: Members of the INDIA bloc on Saturday won the bypolls to 10 of the 13 assembly seats across seven states and said that the results were a reflection of the growing discontent against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which won only two of the constituencies that voted on July 10.

Although the results have little bearing on the equations in the respective state assemblies, they are likely to provide impetus to a buoyed Opposition after the Lok Sabha elections, which saw the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) come to power for the third consecutive time, but with a reduced majority.

Of the 13 seats, the BJP held three, Congress two and the Trinamool Congress (TMC), Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK), Janata Dal United or JD(U) and Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) one each before the bypolls. Three seats were held by Independent candidates.

On Saturday, the Congress won four seats — two each in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand; the TMC won all four seats that polled in Bengal; the AAP won the lone Punjab seat and DMK the one Tamil Nadu seat. The BJP won one seat each in Himachal and MP. The one seat that polled in Bihar was won by an Independent candidate.



"This victory shows that the people have completely rejected the arrogance, misgovernance and negative politics of the BJP. This is also strong proof of the falling political credibility of [Prime Minister Narendra] Modi, [home minister Amit] Shah," said Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge.

Rae Bareli MP and Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that the results proved that the "web of fear and illusion woven by the BJP" has been broken.

"Every class, including farmers, youth, labourers, businessmen... wants to completely destroy the dictatorship and establish the rule of justice," he said in a post on X.

Former Himachal Pradesh chief minister and senior BJP leader Jai Ram Thakur said the party accepted the mandate.

"Our fight for the welfare of the people of the state would continue from the road to the

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Narendra Modi

WANT TO MAKE MUMBAI FINTECH CAPITAL OF THE WORLD: MODI

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MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday launched and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth ₹29,400 crore across Maharashtra and said that he aimed to make the state a global economic powerhouse and Mumbai the fintech capital of the world.

Addressing a gathering in Mumbai, the Prime Minister said: "Maharashtra has a glorious history, Maharashtra has a strong present and Maharashtra has dreams of a prosperous future...My goal is to make Maharashtra the biggest economic powerhouse of the world and Mumbai the fintech capital of the world."

Modi accused the Opposition of spreading misinformation on job creation, labelling them as hindrances to progress.

"Those who spread fake narratives are enemies of investment, infrastructure development and enemies of the country's growth. Their every policy is about betraying youth and stall employment. Now they are getting exposed as people are rejecting their lies," he said. →P2

Disquiet in J&K as new rules add to LG powers

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SRINAGAR: The Opposition on Saturday denounced the Centre's move to widen the scope of Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor's (LG) powers on key administrative and legal matters — ranging from police and public order to postings and prosecution sanction — saying that the step will render the chief minister "powerless" and "disempower" the region's people.

The ministry of home affairs (MHA) on Friday amended the transaction rules pertaining to the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, which was enacted alongside the revocation of Constitution's Article 370 for the bifurcation of the erstwhile state into the Union Territories of J&K and Ladakh.

The amendments give LG, who reports to the Centre, more say in various matters of administrative importance, including those related to the region's police and anti-graft bureau.

"No proposal which requires

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Widening scope of influence

Law and order, prisons: Proposals concerning police, public order, All-India Services and Anti-Corruption Bureau to be directly placed before LG. Matters related to prisons to also be handled by LG

Law officers: Appointment of advocate general and other top law officers to require LG's approval

Prosecution sanction: Decisions regarding prosecution sanctions and filing of appeals come under LG's purview

Bureaucratic staff: Proposals for postings and transfers of administrative secretaries to now be routed through LG

LG's position stronger ahead of polls deadline

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NEW DELHI: The amendments by MHA to the rules under the Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, have not only delineated but also enhanced the powers of the LG of J&K. This move is particularly noteworthy when compared to the ongoing battles over the powers of the LG in Delhi and comes at a crucial time, nearing the Supreme Court's September 30, 2024, deadline to hold elections in J&K.

While the Delhi LG often finds their authority challenged by the elected government, the MHA's clear delineation of the LG's powers in J&K stands in stark contrast, showcasing a deliberate effort to centralise authority and streamline decision-making in the Union territory. →P6

Imran conviction set aside, Pak authorities move to avert release

ISLAMABAD: A Pakistani court on Saturday overturned the convictions and seven-year sentences of former Prime Minister Imran Khan and his wife, but officials quickly moved to prevent his release from prison.

The acquittal in a case relating to the legality of the couple's 2018 marriage seemed to have removed the last hurdle in the way of Khan's release, nearly a year after he was jailed, and his followers started gathering near the prison where he was being held in Rawalpindi to greet him.

But shortly after the court's ruling, Khan was arrested yet again, in connection to riots last year, his party said.

It added that it believed Khan's wife, Bushra Bibi, was also being arrested again, in a lingering corruption case.



Imran Khan

Authorities have registered multiple cases against Khan since 2022 when he was ousted from power through a vote of no-confidence in the parliament. Khan has been embroiled in more than 150 legal cases, including inciting violence, since his initial arrest in May 2023. →P18

ISRAEL TARGETS OCT 7 ATTACK'S PLOTTERS IN GAZA STRIKE, 90 KILLED

GAZA STRIP: Israel targeted Mohammed Deif and Rafa Salama, two of the alleged masterminds behind the Oct. 7 attacks, in a deadly air strike in the Khan Younis area of Gaza, according to an Israeli official.

At least 90 people died and 271 were injured in the attack, said Gaza health ministry the.

Military chief Deif ranks second only to Yahya Sinwar, Hamas' top leader in Gaza; Salama is the commander of Hamas' Khan Younis Brigade.

The official couldn't confirm whether Deif and Salama were injured or killed in the strike early Saturday morning.

On its X account, the IDF said that "two senior Hamas terrorists and additional terrorists" had hidden among civilians in the area. It didn't give the names of the Hamas operatives. →P18

In 3 months, 23% surge in direct tax collections from individuals

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NEW DELHI: Income tax collections from individuals rose more than 23% to ₹6.45 lakh crore in the current financial year starting from April 1 up to July 11, compared to the same period last year, according to data released by the government, which said the rake-in was high despite significantly higher refunds as well.

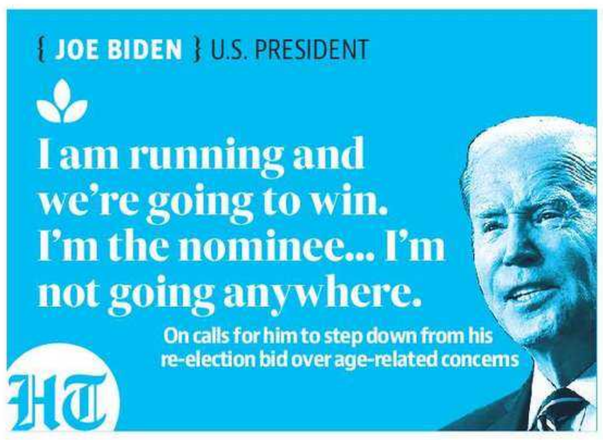
The trend could be an indicator of a healthier economy, with the trends holding across other direct tax categories, including corporation tax (paid by companies), which logged a 20% jump.

In spite of higher refunds, the net collection in direct taxes jumped by 19.5% in FY25 (April 1-July 11) to ₹5,74,357 crore as compared to ₹4,80,458 crore in the same period previous year.

Total refunds during the period was ₹70,902 crore, 64.5% more than ₹43,105 crore refunded last year, which also showed increased efficiency in processing income-tax returns (ITRs) because of the technological advancement.

Companies paid total

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Results announced for 13 seats

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TMC sweeps all 4 seats, assembly tally now 215

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KOLKATA: The Trinamool Congress (TMC) on Saturday wrested the Raiganj, Bagda and Ranaghat Dakshin assembly seats from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and retained the Maniktala seat in West Bengal assembly bypolls. The bypolls for the four assembly seats were held on July 10.

TMC candidates Krishna Kalyani, Madhuparna Thakur and Mukut Mani Adhikari won the Raiganj, Bagda, and Ranaghat Dakshin seats, respectively, while Supti Pandey won Maniktala in North Kolkata.

The BJP secured the second position in all four seats, while the Left-Congress alliance finished a distant third and lost deposits in two assembly segments.

TMC candidate Supti Pandey won by a record margin of 62,312 votes in Maniktala over her nearest rival Kalyan Chaubey of the BJP. In cementing her victory by a margin of 33,445 votes from Bagda, 25-year-old Madhuparna Thakur earned the distinction of becoming the youngest MLA of the West Bengal Assembly.

Ranaghat Dakshin, was also wrested from the BJP, by TMC's Mukut Mani Adhikari who had won the seat on a BJP ticket back in 2021.

In Raiganj in Uttar Dinajpur district, Kalyani won by a margin of 50,077 votes over his nearest rival Manas Kumar Ghosh of the BJP.

West Bengal chief minister and TMC supremo Mamata Banerjee thanked the people for the party's resounding victory.

"We thank the people for their faith in us. We will dedicate the by-election and the Lok Sabha poll victories to the martyrs on our July 21 Martyrs' Day rally," she said. With this victory, the TMC's tally stands at 215 in the 294-member assembly. Since 2021, when the BJP won 77 seats, the party's tally has come down to 71.

Reacting to the party's performance in the bypolls, a state BJP leader said the party would introspect. "We will review our performance. But the TMC did not allow free and fair elections and there were a lot of irregularities. The ruling party had unleashed a reign of terror," BJP state spokesperson Samik Bhattacharya alleged.



Supporters of TMC candidate from Ranaghat South assembly constituency Mukut Mani Adhikari celebrate after his victory in the bypolls on Saturday. PTI

{ BIHAR }

Independent candidate trounces JD(U), RJD

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PATNA: The bypolls to Rupauli assembly seat in Bihar sprung a surprise on Saturday, with independent candidate Shankar Singh, who defeated Rashtriya Janata Dal's Bima Bharti and Janata Dal (United)'s Kaladhar Prasad Mandal.

Shankar Singh, who had last month quit Union minister Chirag Paswan's Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) to contest the by-elections polled 68,070 votes, 8,246 more than Mandal's tally.

Bharti, a former Bihar minister who had won the seat for JD(U) three times on the trot, failed to retain it on an RJD ticket, finishing third, and with a vote share touching 18%, narrowly escaping forfeiture of security deposit.

The by-election was necessitated after Bharti resigned from the assembly and quit the JD(U) recently.

JD(U)'s Mandal, who had joined the party recently, put up a spirited fight, leading in the first six rounds, only to concede, later on, to Singh.

"It is a stunning result," said RJD spokesman Shakti Yadav. "Two OBC candidates have lost. Those working on the agenda of the BJP have succeeded. The backward classes must introspect."

Senior BJP leader and deputy chief minister Vijay Kumar Sinha said: "The Independent candidate, after all, has his roots in the NDA. The bypoll outcome is proof that people are fed up with the RJD."

{ HIMACHAL PRADESH, UTTARAKHAND }

Cong bags 4 seats, BJP secures one in the Hills

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DEHRADUN/SHIMLA: The Congress on Saturday won both assembly seats in Uttarakhand where bypolls were held on July 10, snatching the Manglaur constituency from the Bahujan Samaj Party, and retaining the Badrinath constituency.

The party also scored a victory in Himachal Pradesh, where it won two seats, with chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu's wife Kamlesh Thakur winning the Dehra assembly constituency.

The results of the by-elections, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said, were proof that "people have rejected BJP's politics".

In Uttarakhand, Congress's Qazi Mohammad Nizamuddin won the seat for the fourth time edging out BJP's Kartar Singh Bhadana by a narrow margin of 422 votes. Nizamuddin won the seat twice on a BSP ticket and once on a Congress ticket in the past.

The BSP, which had won the seat in the 2022 assembly polls, was relegated to the third position. The Congress's victory in Manglaur takes the number of its MLAs in the 70-member Uttarakhand Assembly from 19 to 20.

The Congress held the Badrinath seat where Rajendra Bhandari had defeated state BJP president Mahendra Bhatt in 2022.

HIMACHAL CM SUKHVINDER SINGH SUKHU'S WIFE KAMLESH THAKUR WON THE DEHRA ASSEMBLY CONSTITUENCY

In Badrinath too, Congress's Lakhapat Butola, a relative newcomer who contested from an assembly seat for the first time in the bypoll, scored an upset victory over former minister and MLA Rajendra Bhandari of the BJP whose resignation as an MLA just before the Lok Sabha polls had necessitated a bypoll to the seat. Butola defeated Bhandari by 5,224 votes.

Former chief minister and Congress leader Harish Rawat thanked the voters for not succumbing to the BJP's "pressure", and for choosing the Congress.

In neighbouring Himachal, Thakur defeated BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh by a margin of 9,399 votes. In the Nalagarh assembly bypoll, Congress's Hardeep Singh Bawa defeated BJP's KL Thakur by 8,990 votes.

However, the Hamirpur seat went to the BJP after its leader Ashish Sharma defeated his closest rival, Congress leader Pushpinder Verma, by a margin of 1,571 votes.

{ MADHYA PRADESH }

BJP DEFEATS CONG CHALLENGER IN CLOSE CONTEST

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CHHINDWARA: Bharatiya Janata Party's Kamlesh Shah on Saturday won the bypoll to Amarwara (ST) assembly constituency in Madhya Pradesh by a margin of 3,027 votes, defeating his nearest Congress rival Dheeran Shah Invati in a close contest after 21 rounds of counting.

Shah polled 83,105 votes while Invati garnered 80,078 votes, a poll official said.

This is after 16 years that the BJP has won the Amarwara constituency after BJP's Premnarayan Thakur had trounced GGP's Manmohan Shah Bhati in 2008 by a thin margin of 437 votes.

Incidentally, Thakur, like Kamlesh Shah, was also a Congress turncoat.

Hailing the victory, chief minister Mohan Yadav said the people have reposed their faith in the BJP government's "guarantee of trust".

Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitu Patwari, however, termed the BJP win with a slender margin a "moral defeat" of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which he said blatantly misused the state machinery and money in the conduct of the bypoll.

Amarwara (ST) assembly segment is part of the Chhindwara Lok Sabha constituency, the erstwhile stronghold of Congress leader Kamal Nath, which BJP wrested from his son Nakul Nath in recent Lok Sabha elections.

Devraman Bhalavi of the Gondwana Gantantra Party (GGP) finished third by bagging 28,638 votes after counting which was supposed to be concluded after 20 rounds to the 21st.

With the bypoll victory, the number of BJP MLAs in the 230-member MP assembly has increased to 163.

The Congress has 63 MLAs and Bharat Adivasi Party one, while three seats are vacant.

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Media plays natural role in creating discourse: PM

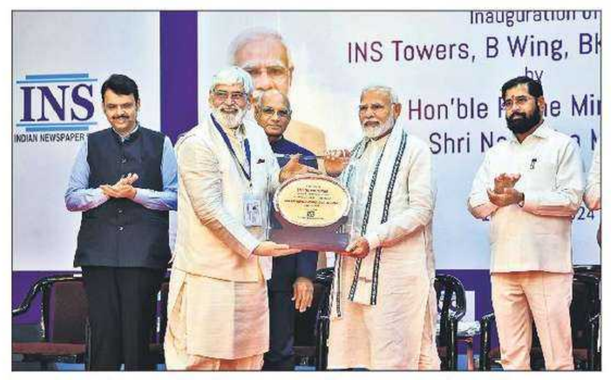
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MUMBAI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hailed the role of media in charting the future of the country and creating discourse by discussing serious issues as he inaugurated the Indian Newspaper Society's secretariat at INS Towers in Mumbai. During the day-long visit to the coastal city, Modi also launched and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth ₹29,400 crore across Maharashtra and said he wanted to make Mumbai the fintech capital of the world.

"Media makes people aware of their strength. Media's natural role is to create discourse by discussing serious issues," Modi said, inaugurating INS Towers at the INS secretariat during his first visit to the state after returning to power for a third term.

He added that the media is not a mute spectator of the condition of the nations but it plays a major role in changing them.

Highlighting the role played by the INS in recording the ups and downs of India's journey, Modi said: "The role of newspapers is very important in the journey to Viksit Bharat in the next 25 years. The citizens of a country who gain confidence in their capabilities start achieving new heights of success. The same is happening in India today."



PM Narendra Modi being presented a memento by Indian Newspaper Society (INS) president Rakesh Sharma at the inauguration of the INS Towers in Mumbai on Saturday. ANI

He added: "A country's global image directly affects its economy. Indian publications should enhance their global presence."

The PM also lauded the media for making movements like Swachh Bharat or Startup India a part of national discourse, saying these initiatives were not impacted by vote bank politics.

During the visit, Modi also launched and laid the foundation stone of development projects worth ₹29,400 crore across Maharashtra.

Speaking at an event in Mumbai's Goregaon suburb, the Prime Minister said: "Maharashtra has a glorious history, Maharashtra has a strong present and Maharashtra has dreams of a prosperous future...My goal is to make Maharashtra the biggest economic powerhouse of the world and Mumbai the fintech capital of the world."

He further accused the Opposition of spreading misinformation regarding job creation, labelling them as hindrances to progress.

"Those who spread fake narratives are enemies of investment, infrastructure development and enemies of the country's growth. Their every policy is about betraying youth and stall employment. Now they are getting exposed as people are rejecting their lies," he said.

Chief minister Eknath Shinde, Governor Ramesh Bais, deputy chief ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar were also present for the function.

Row erupts in Odisha after official accuses Guv's son of assault

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BHUBANESWAR: Opposition parties on Saturday demanded action against Odisha Governor Raghubar Das's son, a day after an official posted at the Raj Bhavan accused him and five others of assault for not sending luxury cars to pick him up from the Puri railway station.

THE RAJ BHAVAN OFFICIAL ALLEGED THAT DAS'S SON LALIT KUMAR, AND HIS AIDES HAD SLAPPED, PUNCHED, AND KICKED HIM

Baikunthanath Pradhan (AGE), an assistant section officer at the Raj Bhavan for the last three years, on Friday alleged that Das's son Lalit Kumar and his five associates slapped, punched, and kicked him on the night of July 7 on the Raj Bhavan premises in Puri.

"On 7th July night while I was sitting in the office room, the personal cook of Odisha Governor Aakash Singh came to my office and told me that Lalit Kumar wanted to meet him at Suite No-4. When I went there, Lalit Kumar started slapping me and used abusive language," Pradhan said.

Pradhan's wife Sayoji, meanwhile, alleged that Kumar also "forced my husband to lick his shoes and spit, and even threatened to kill".

HT reached out to Raj Bhawan and the principal secretary to the Governor for their comments. However, none of them reacted.

The incident has triggered sharp reactions from the Opposition parties in the BJP-ruled state, with BJD MLA Pratap Deb questioning the government's silence. "Everyone is waiting for justice from the Chief Minister. Being in the Opposition, we demand justice to the state government employees.," Deb said.

Congress workers, meanwhile, took to the streets demanding strict action. In a post on X, senior Congress leader Niranjan Patnaik said: "I urge the Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Majhi, to order a thorough investigation and ensure that justice is served."

A BJP spokesperson said a case has been registered with police in Puri and an investigation is underway.

GOVT MUST ENSURE PEACE IN MANIPUR: KUKI BODY TO SHAH

IMPHAL: The central government must ensure peace in Manipur and provide a political solution to the ethnic strife in the northeastern state by creating a Union Territory with a legislature for the Kuki-Zo community under Article 239A of the Constitution, the Indigenous Tribal Leaders' Forum (ITLF), the Kuki apex body, urged Union home minister Amit Shah in an open letter on Saturday.

The organisation also condemned the arrest of two village volunteers, including one juvenile, from Phaitol village in Manipur's Tamenglong district, and the alleged beating of seven Kuki women by central security forces.

"Three village volunteers were arrested after an arson attack on the home of L Hengjol village's chief, and five Kuki women beaten up by security forces had to be rushed to Noney Hospital for treatment. Additionally, security forces set fire to the home of the general secretary of Kuki Inpi (Jiribam, Noney and Tamenglong)," the letter accused.

Following the two incidents, Manipur police stated in its statement that the two individuals arrested from Phaitol village were apprehended during a search operation following an attack on police and Fire Service while trying to extinguish a fire in the village. THOMAS NGANGOM

Punjab: AAP's Mohinder Bhagat defeats BJP's Sheetal Angural in Jalandhar West bypolls

CHANDIGARH: The Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday retained the Jalandhar West assembly seat with its candidate Mohinder Bhagat defeating BJP's Sheetal Angural by 37,325 votes in the bypoll, in a boost for Punjab's ruling party following its drubbing in the Lok Sabha polls.

The bypoll to this reserve Assembly segment was necessitated following the resignation of Angural as AAP legislator. He joined the BJP in March. Bhagat polled 55,246 votes while Angural secured 17,921 votes, according to officials. Congress nominee Surinder Kaur, who was in the third position, got 16,757 votes. With this victory, AAP will have 91 MLAs in the 117-member assembly. The Congress has 15 MLAs, SAD three, BJP two, BSP one and one Independent.

In Tamil Nadu, ruling DMK retains Vikravandi seat, wins by a margin of 67,757 votes

CHENNAI: The ruling DMK emerged victorious in the bypoll to the Vikravandi Assembly constituency by a margin of 67,757 votes and NDA constituent Pattali Makkal Katchi ended up runner-up with 56,296 votes.

Anniyur Siva secured 124,053 votes and Nam Tamilar Katchi nominee K Abinaya secured 10,602 votes and became a distant third. By retaining the Vikravandi seat, the ruling DMK has continued to maintain its winning streak in the state since the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The Dravidian party chief pointed to INDIA bloc's win at the national level and said BJP should learn lessons from its defeats. "BJP must realise that without respecting regional sentiments it cannot run the government and the party," Stalin said.

RAJ MAN HELD FOR ASSAULTING PARTNER'S MINOR DAUGHTER: COPS

BARMER: A 38-year-old man has been detained for the alleged assault of a 15-year-old girl, the daughter of the woman he was in a live-in relationship with, in Jaisalmer, officials said on Saturday. The girl's mother has also been booked for voluntarily causing hurt, the officials said.

The minor was allegedly subjected to repeated assault over the last eight years, along with her 17-year-old sister, by the man, and brutalized with hot oil at the couple's house in the city on June 14, additional superintendent of police in Jaisalmer, Priyanka Kumawat, said.

The minor's mother, 35, and the accused have been in a relationship for the last eight years. "However, during the entire period both she and her elder sister were allegedly subjected to molestation and brutal assault by the man," said Kumawat.

On June 14, the minor resisted the advances of the accused, who then brutalized her with hot oil, Kumawat said.

"We have formed a medical board to conduct a medical examination of the girl. POCSO has been added to the case which was registered earlier and her statement has been recorded," said Kumawat. HTC

Akal Takht Jathedar asks SGPC to put up separatists' portraits

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AMRITSAR: Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh on Saturday asked the Shiromani Gurdwara Parbandhak Committee (SGPC) to put up portraits of pro-Khalistan separatists Hardeep Singh Nijjar, Paramjit Singh Panjwar and Gajinder Singh at the Central Sikh Museum, located inside the Golden Temple complex in Amritsar.



Giani Raghbir Singh

Addressing a function organised by SGPC and Dal Khalsa at Gurdwara Shaheed Ganj Baba Gurbaksh Singh to pay tributes to Gajinder Singh, a wanted terrorist, the Jathedar said: "The SGPC should take decision of displaying portraits of the trio keeping in view of their sacrifices."

Gajinder Singh was one of the five men from the once-banned organisation Dal Khalsa who hijacked the Indian Airlines flight from Delhi to Srinagar on September 29, 1981, and forced it to land in Lahore to seek the release of several pro-Khalistan separatists, including Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale. He was jailed in Pakistan and lived in exile since his release in 1995. He died of complications after a heart attack on July 3 this year.

Hailing Gajinder as someone who "raised his voice against the atrocities of the Indian government against Sikhs through his activism and poems", the Jathedar said: "In 2020, Akal Takht Sahib announced a title of 'Sikh Warrior in Exile' for him, and a ceremony will soon be organised to confer the title."

The other two pro-Khalistan separatists to be honoured are Khalistan Commando Force chief Panjwar, one of India's most wanted criminals who was shot dead in Lahore on May 6, 2023, and Nijjar, a designated terrorist by the central government, was gunned down in Surrey in Canada's British Columbia a month later on June 18, 2023.

2 INDIAN-ORIGIN MEN HELD IN SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES IN CANADA

TORONTO: Two Indian-origin men have been arrested in Canada in separate cases of sexual assault and harassment, officials familiar with the matter said on Saturday, a week after a 25-year-old Indian-origin man was arrested on charges of groping several women at a water park in Moncton city.

On Friday, the Surrey detachment of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police said Ajastar Singh (59) has been charged with sexual assault and sexual interference with a 15-year-old girl at a Gurdwara Dukh Nivaran in May last year. He was later released on bail with multiple conditions, including no contact with children under the age of 16.

Meanwhile, the Peel Regional Police arrested Jagdev Kooner (40), a resident of Brampton in the Greater Toronto Area, and charged him with voyeurism, criminal harassment and trespass for filming unsuspecting victims at their residence in April this year, police said.

Kooner was held for a bail hearing and appeared before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton. HTC

Glimpses from the grand Ambani wedding







Clockwise from top: Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani and his wife Nita Ambani greet Shankaracharya of Dwarka Peeth Swami Sadanand Saraswati and Shankaracharya of Jyotirmath Swami Avimukteshwaranand upon their arrival at Anant Ambani and Radhika Merchant's post-wedding event; the couple seeks blessings from Prime Minister Narendra Modi; and a glimpse of the ceremony, in Mumbai. PTI/ANI





Hemant Soren and his wife, Kalpana, with Sonia Gandhi; (right) with Sunita Kejriwal and Sanjay Singh in Delhi on Saturday. HT/AGENCIES

J'khand CM meets Sonia, Sunita Kejriwal, extends 'full support' to jailed Delhi CM

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NEW DELHI: Jharkhand chief minister and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha working president Hemant Soren paid courtesy visits to the wife of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, Sunita Kejriwal, and Congress parliamentary party chief Sonia Gandhi, in Delhi on Saturday — days after Soren was released from jail and resumed office as the chief minister.

Soren was accompanied by his wife and Jharkhand's Gandey constituency MLA Kalpana Soren. Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha MP, Sanjay Singh, who was present during the couple's meeting with Sunita Kejriwal at Kejriwal's residence, said Soren has extended "full support to the Delhi CM and his family". Soren said he hoped that Kejriwal would be granted bail soon in the excise policy case.

"Today in Delhi, I met Honourable Chief Minister Bhai Arvind Kejriwal ji's wife Mrs. Sunita Kejriwal... Arvind ji, his family... are fighting this battle against the conspiracy with great strength... The victory of truth is eternal!" Soren posted on X.

Soren was meeting Gandhi for the first time since his release from jail and taking charge as the Jharkhand CM. Referring to the INDIA bloc's vote share in the recently concluded general elections, Soren said: "Indians ... tolerate a lot until they cannot and then they make themselves heard by voting". The JMM and the Congress are alliance partners in the Soren-led government. Assembly elections in the state are scheduled to take place later this year.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said: "Both Soren and Kejriwal consider public resources a source for their political and economic development.

100k vehicles under aggregator scheme

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NEW DELHI: Nearly 100,000 vehicles, including cabs and bikes, belonging to 24 major cab and delivery service aggregators have come on board under the Delhi government's cab aggregators licence regime, transport department officials aware of the development said on Saturday.

The Delhi government in November last year notified the Delhi Motor Vehicle Aggregator and Delivery Service Provider Scheme — which mandated all cab aggregators and delivery service providers to obtain licence under the scheme and switch their fleet entirely to electric by 2030 — in the Capital.

Transport minister Kailash Gahlot said the vision of the (chief minister) Arvind Kejriwal-led government regarding the aggregator services is based on protecting the environment and to ensure the safety and comfort of users. "Most of the key aggregators have received a licence, and nearly 100,000 vehicles have come on board. There was a nominal fee, and the licence will be valid for five years. The aggregators have to ultimately shift to electric which will decarbonise the transport services... We appeal to all aggregators with over 25 vehicles in their fleet to obtain licence," said Gahlot.

Over the last seven months, most of the key players in the aggregators and delivery service space have obtained licence and their fleet was registered on the portal created by the transport department, the officials added.

A transport department official said Ola, Uber, Amazon transportation services, Blinkit, Zomato and Swiggy are among the 24 aggregators and delivery services that have already obtained the licence. HT reached out to Ola and Uber, but did not get any response to requests for comments.

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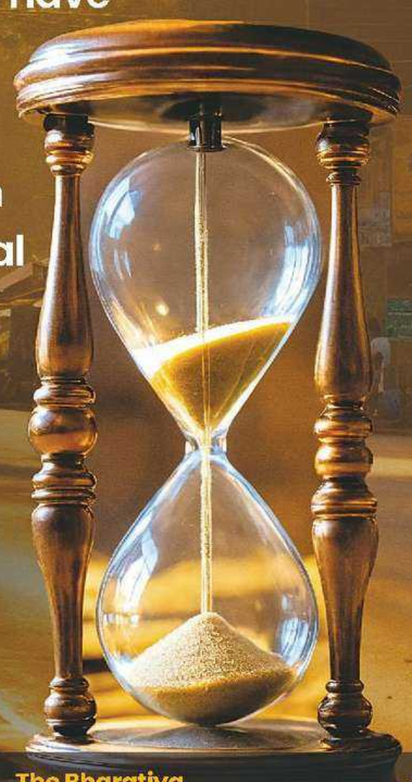
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Team of 17, non-stop surveillance: How cops hunted down 3 hitmen

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Police at the site of the encounter in Sonipat on Friday evening. PTI

NEW DELHI: A 17-member Delhi Police team worked for three weeks, leaning on electronic surveillance and a bevy of inputs from their human intelligence network to narrow in on the men who were involved in the Burger King shootout last month, investigators aware of the matter said on Saturday, a day after three men were shot in an exchange of fire with officers in Sonipat, Haryana.

The three men were headed for a village five kilometres away, to extort ₹50 lakh from a local doctor for their gang leader, fugitive Portugal-based gangster Himanshu Bhau, when they were waylaid by the raiding team, two police officers who were part of the encounter said on Saturday.

The gangsters and police exchanged 43 bullets during the shootout.

A member of Bhau's gang had tipped off the Delhi Police crime branch team about their plan, leading officers to the three men – Ashish Lalu, Vikas (also known as Vicky Ridhana) and Sunny Kharar (also known as Gujjar). The informer's identity has been withheld and he has been assured police protection.

Ashish and Vicky were involved in the June 18 shooting at Rajouri Garden in which a rival gang member – 26-year-old Aman Joon – was shot dead inside a Burger King outlet that was packed with more than 60 people.

Their associate Bijender Singh alias Golo, who brought them to the Burger King on his motorcycle, was arrested in the last week of June by the special cell of Delhi Police after a brief resistance in Rohini area, police said. Investigators said they are still looking for Anu Dhankar, the woman who allegedly lured Joon to the restaurant.

"The video clip showed that Joon jumped across the billing counter to save his life. The attackers followed him and continued firing at him. They fired around 25 rounds from a close range, killing Joon at the spot. A case of murder and firing was registered at the Rajouri Garden police station. Later the Bhau gang took responsibility for Joon's killing through a social media post," said a special cell officer aware of the case.

The motives

A senior crime branch officer, who asked not to be named, said an objective of shooting, apart from eliminating a rival, was to also issue a "warning" to the city's business community, said Delhi Police officers.

Five or six businessmen in Delhi have already received extortion threats from Bhau and his aide, Sahil Ritolia, who is also hiding in a foreign country, over the past few weeks.

Before the Burger King shooting, their gang-members had already executed a shootout at Fusion Cars, a used car showroom in Tilak Nagar, and later demanded ₹5 crore as extortion money, the officer said.

Special commissioner of police (crime) Shalini Singh said that after the Burger King murder, the crime branch's RK Puram team began collecting information about the three suspects. Bijender was arrested by the special cell 10 days after the shooting.

"Our crime branch team members remained on the ground for more than three weeks, collecting information about Ashish and Vicky," she said. The team visited Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Haryana in search of the suspects, but in vain.

The final action

On July 12, said Singh, the team received a tip-off that the two suspects, and their associates, will travel through Kharkhoda village in Sonipat in a Kia Seltos.

A 17-member crime branch team led by deputy commissioner of police (crime) Amit Goel was dispatched to Sonepat in the afternoon. They informed the Haryana police and its special task force (STF) was directed to join the raid.

Around 8pm, some members of the crime branch spotted the white car in which the three were travelling and began tailing it. Half an hour or so later, in a bid to escape, they sped on to Rohtak-Chinauli Road, walking straight into a trap laid by STF and other crime branch personnel. "Seeing the police presence ahead, the suspects turned the vehicle towards an unpaved road, but their car got stuck in the muck. All three first fired at police from inside the car and then stepped out. They were warned to stop firing and surrender. But they paid no heed and police responded," said Singh.

Of the 19 rounds fired by the personnel, at least 11 hit the three gangsters, killing them on the spot. Ashish and Vicky were hit by three bullets each in the head, neck and chest, and Sunny was hit by five in the head and chest.

The assailants fired 24 rounds, of which one hit DCP Goel, who was leading the police operation, on his bullet-proof vest. DCP Goel said Ashish has been involved in 18 serious crimes, including murder, extortion, rioting, and assault on police personnel, while Vicky and Sunny had three and four cases against them respectively.

Hry police arrest dreaded gangster from IGI Airport

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GURUGRAM/NOIDA: The Haryana Police's Special Task Force (STF) has arrested wanted gangster Rakesh, alias Kala Khairmpuria, who has been implicated in over two dozen criminal cases including murder and extortion across Haryana, officers aware of the matter said.

Khairmpuria, who had been evading law enforcement agencies since jumping parole in 2020, was apprehended at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport in Delhi, said police. Police have also established links between the Burger King shooting incident and Khaimpuria.

According to deputy inspector general of police and STF (Haryana) chief Simardeep Singh, Khairmpuria was released on parole in 2020, after which he absconded. While on the run, Khairmpuria continued his criminal activities, expanding his operations in Haryana and neighboring states of Delhi and Rajasthan.This year alone, at least 50 traders and businessmen have received extortion calls from gangsters in the Hisar region, said police.

The STF conducted a thorough investigation to locate Khairmpuria, uncovering his fake identity and tracking his travel details to Thailand, police said. "We coordinated with the ministry of home affairs and obtained Interpol references and notices against Khairmpuria. His fraudulently obtained passport was revoked, and legal documents establishing his identity and criminal record were shared with relevant law enforcement agencies through MHA," said DIG Singh. Khairmpuria fled India in early 2023 using a fraudulently acquired passport and continued to operate from abroad, DIG Singh said.

"His affiliations extended to criminal groups such as the Himanshu Bhau and Neeraj Faridpuria gangs. Notable incidents linked to his gang include the murder of a Sarpanch in Sonipat, a firing incident at a famous sweet shop in Gohana, a murder at a Murthal eatery, and a shootout at a Burger King outlet in Rajouri Garden, Delhi," he said.

Khairmpuria's criminal record dates back to 2014, with charges including dacoity, robbery, murder, and illegal possession of firearms, police said. He was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment in 2018 for a murder in Hanumangarh, they added. Police revealed that Khairmpuria's gang targets businessmen, traders, industrialists, and builders in Haryana by firing shots outside their business establishments.

4 members of Sundar Bhati gang arrested in Greater Noida

The Greater Noida police on Friday night arrested four members of jailed gangster Sundar Bhati's gang from Dankaur in Greater Noida, officers said on Saturday, adding that a cache of sophisticated weapons was recovered from them.

Deputy commissioner of police (Greater Noida) SM Khan said one of the four suspects is a weapons supplier, and all of them were history sheeters and were identified as Bhati's gang members by the Uttar Pradesh Police.

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The repairs at Munak Canal were completed late on Friday night after 40 hours of work. RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTO

Canal repaired, but supply still patchy in parts

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NEW DELHI: Officials from the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) on Saturday said the repairs at Munak Canal were completed late on Friday after about 40 hours of non-stop work.

However, supply remained affected in some areas, including Dwarka, Palam, Matiala, Sadh Nagar, Ranhola, and Madhu Vihar.

Water minister Atishi said that Haryana released water from the Kakroi head around 11am on Friday, reaching Delhi by afternoon. It takes about four to five hours for the water Haryana releases to reach Delhi. Following a sudden breach at the carrier-lined canal (CLC) branch of the Munak canal late on Wednesday night, several blocks of the JJ Colony in Bawana were flooded in waist-deep water.

"The repair work, including reinforcement, concreting, etc., was completed by midnight on July 12. Since a minimum of eight hours was required for curing, the Haryana irrigation department conducted a fitness test at the site on Saturday morning after the curing period and released water from the Kakroi regulator (40km above the Delhi border) at 11am. The scheduled water supply in the command areas of the Dwarka plant will commence from Sunday morning smoothly," said a DJB spokesperson.

Supply remained affected for the second consecutive day with around 100 million gallons per day (mgd) less water production. While DJB did not officially release its daily summer bulletin on water production on Saturday, an official said about 898mgd was produced in Delhi — marginally higher than the season's lowest production of 888mgd on June 21. The shortage was due to lower production at the Haiderpur, Nangloi and Dwarka plants, affected by the CLC breach.

Residents said there was no update from authorities. "We knew that there will be supply issue but there was no update... we kept waiting for the supply to resume even by evening. The helplines don't work and nobody responds to contact numbers given online," said Alakshendra Mishra, a resident of Dwarka Sector 8.

DJB's statement added that along with the canal repair, pending work of shifting of 200mm air valve along the Dwarka raw water line was also started at the site on Friday by the National Highways Authority of India for the completion of the Urban Extension Road II.



CM LOST 8.5KG IN JAIL, CLAIMS AAP MP; BJP HITS BACK

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NEW DELHI: Senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh on Saturday said that jailed Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has lost 8.5kg weight since his incarceration began on March 21, adding that there has been a significant dip in his blood sugar level.

Singh expressed concern over Kejriwal's health and said this was a sign of serious illness.

"When Kejriwal was arrested on March 21, his weight was 70kg and today it has dropped by 8.5kg to 61.5kg... Losing 8.5kg weight and not knowing the reason for it are symptoms of many serious diseases," Singh said at a press meet at AAP headquarters.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said, "Every time AAP leaders see any hope of bail for Kejriwal they start their old rhetoric that BJP wants to keep him in jail and that his health is steadily deteriorating... every time Kejriwal gets bail he never goes in for any treatment instead his political diatribes increase to new heights," Sachdeva said.

Minimum drops by 4.6°C as monsoon trough brings rain

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People caught in rain at Kartavya Path on Saturday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT

NEW DELHI: A monsoon trough passing over the Capital resulted in light to moderate rainfall in the city on Saturday, bringing the minimum temperature down by a couple of notches, said officials from the India Meteorological Department (IMD). Following the rainfall, some parts of Delhi reported waterlogging as well as incidents of trees falling.

Similar spells of showers are likely in the next two days and IMD officials attributed the reason to the passing monsoon trough.

The minimum on Saturday, plunged to 25°C, two degrees below normal, from 29.6°C a day before. The maximum, however, went up marginally and was clocked at 35.6°C, compared to 34.3°C a day before. The maximum is expected to go down to 33°C by Monday and the minimum is expected to show an upward trend in the coming days, IMD predicted.

"On Saturday, a monsoon trough was passing over Delhi, leading to moderate rain in several places. The trough moved from north Rajasthan to Delhi and is now moving eastwards towards north of Bay of Bengal. There was some moisture from the Arabian Sea as well as Bay of Bengal," said Krishna Mishra, scientist at IMD.

Safdarjung, Delhi's base weather station, recorded 2.9mm of rain in 24 hours till 8.30am and 13.6mm of rain from 8.30am to 5.30pm.

Mishra added, "A squall line had formed from northwest Delhi to Mainpuri across Faridabad, Palwal, Mathura and Agra, with slight discontinuity over Palwal-Nuh. It covered over 300km. When multiple convective cells form and accumulate, they join to form a squall line, which is basically a line of thunderstorm. It got triggered, leading to rain."

MCD said waterlogging was reported in Harsh Vihar, Om Vihar, Yamuna Vihar in Shahdara area, Mukherjee Nagar and Malviya Nagar.

Delhi's AQI remained in the "moderate category" at 102.

DU 1st sem may start Aug 16 as CUET-UG results delayed

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NEW DELHI: Delhi University (DU) vice-chancellor Yogesh Singh on Saturday said the start of the first semester for undergraduate courses will be postponed by two weeks as there has been a delay in the release of the results of the Central University Entrance Test UG (CUET-UG).

"The academic session for the first semester for the courses where admission is through CUET UG will likely get pushed to August 16," Singh said, adding that the academic calendar of other semesters will not be affected and they will start on August 1 as scheduled.

The CUET-UG 2024, which is the single-window test for admissions to a majority of undergraduate programmes at 46 central universities, including DU, was conducted in the hybrid mode in May by the National Testing Agency (NTA). The results were originally scheduled to be released on June 30 but there was a delay owing to alleged discrepancies involving the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG), which is also conducted by NTA.

CUET-UG RESULTS WERE SCHEDULED TO BE OUT ON JUNE 30 BUT THERE WAS A DELAY DUE TO DISCREPANCIES IN NEET-UG EXAM

Singh added there has been no communication from NTA on when the results would be declared.

The Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) portal for admission to undergraduate programmes of DU was opened on May 28 following which students seeking admission could register themselves in the first phase. The second phase of admissions, however, will only commence after the declaration of the CUET UG results.

"The start of the first semester will tentatively be on August 16. If the CUET results come sooner and the process is wrapped up earlier, it might start earlier as well," DU registrar Vikas Gupta said.

University Grants Commission (UGC) chief M Jagadesh Kumar assured that NTA was working to announce the results as soon as possible.

"After the last date for the draft key challenge, experts review the challenges and prepare the final key. It usually takes about a week or two for NTA to do all this and announce the results. However, NTA is working to announce the results as soon as possible," Kumar told news agency ANI.

LG APPROVAL FOR HIRING 165 JUNIOR SCIENTISTS AT FSL

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has approved the recruitment of 165 junior scientific assistants (JSAs) on a contract basis to address the workload on staff at the forensic science laboratory (FSL) following the enactment of the three new laws on July 1, officials from the LG office said on Saturday.

These recruits will be deployed at various crime scenes, officials said. "These posts will be in addition to the existing 346, which includes officials in various verticals of FSL. The newly sanctioned posts are in place as FSLs are going to face an immense workload after the notification of the three laws and their implementation from July 1 this year. The LG also directed FSL to maintain total transparency in the recruitment process, so that there is no scope for any complaint even in the future," the official said.

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CPI(M) leader killed in Tripura

AGARTALA: CPI(M)'s Badal Shill, who was critically injured in an attack in Rajnagar area of South Tripura, died while undergoing treatment at a hospital on Saturday, police said.

The party alleged that Shill was murdered by BJP-backed goons, and called for a 12-hour statewide bandh on Sunday in protest.

LoP not just a post: Rahul

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi said on Saturday that the LoP is not just a post for him.

In a post on his WhatsApp channel, he said, "It is my duty to know the problems of the people of this country and raise them with full devotion in Parliament... I will not stop until the people of India get their rights and justice."

TMC leader shot dead in Bengal

SILIGURI: A TMC leader was shot dead in North Dinajpur district of West Bengal on Saturday. Locals said that a gang of five-six miscreants on bikes shot at Bapi Roy (35) and another TMC leader Mohammad Sajjad, who has been admitted in a critical condition.

Girl killed in clash over land pricing

BUDAUN: A two-year-old girl was killed after she was allegedly hit with a wooden stick during a clash between two groups over the price of a land on Saturday, a police officer aware of the matter said. The girl, Awanshika, died on the spot. After the incident, the people involved in the clash dispersed.

{ REORGANISATION ACT }

Amendments to J&K Act bolster LG's role

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NEW DELHI: The amendments by the ministry of home affairs (MHA) to the rules under the Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, have not only delineated but also enhanced the powers of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) of Jammu & Kashmir. This move is particularly noteworthy when compared to the ongoing battles over the powers of the LG in Delhi and comes at a crucial time, nearing the Supreme Court's September 30, 2024, deadline to hold elections in J&K.



The amendments have vested the LG with huge powers over administrative, legal matters.

While the Delhi LG often finds their authority challenged by the elected government, the MHA's clear delineation of the LG's powers in J&K stands in stark contrast, showcasing a deliberate effort to centralise authority and streamline decision-making in the Union territory.

The MHA's amendments have vested the LG of J&K with extensive powers over key administrative and legal matters. These include decisions on police, all-India services officers such as the IAS and IPS, and the granting of prosecution sanctions.

To be sure, clause 43 of the Transaction of Business of Govt of Union territory of Jammu & Kashmir Rules, 2019, stated that LG shall in respect of matters connected with public order, police, all India services and anti-corruption bureau exercise his executive functions in his discretion under the Act.

The amendments to the 2019 rules now include a new provision making it clear that the chief secretary of the UT shall be obligated to place all such matters before LG for a final decision.

"No proposal which requires previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to 'Police', 'Public Order', 'All India Service' and 'Anti Corruption Bureau' to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary," stated the new amendment.

Under the amendments, LG has the authority to decide on the appointment of the advocate-general and other law officers, besides grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal.

Section 79 of the 2019 Act mentioned that the LG "shall appoint a person who is qualified to be appointed a judge of the high court, to be advocate-general".

In line with the substantive provision, the amendment to Rule 42 states: "In the principal rules, after rule 42, the following rules shall be inserted, namely: 42A. Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs shall submit the proposal for appointment of Advocate-General and other Law Officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, for approval of the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister."

However, the 2019 Act or the rules did not mention anything on LG having the authority on taking a call to file an appeal in a case even as it now allows LG to do so.

Clause 42 under the 2019 rules authorised the department of law, justice and parliamentary affairs to decide on all legal matters, including proposals for legislation and withdrawal or institution of prosecution.

Rule 42B has been inserted to state that "any proposal regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of appeal shall be placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs."

These changes ensure that LG holds substantial control over law enforcement and administrative appointments. The amendments requiring that any proposals regarding prosecution sanctions or appeals be placed before LG by the UT further consolidates LG's role as the primary decision-maker in these domains.

Most of these issues have been a persistent bone of contention in Delhi. The tug of war between LG and the elected government in Delhi involves the issues relating to control over bureaucrats as well as appointing lawyers to represent the UT before the courts in the Capital. The Supreme Court has repeatedly intervened to delineate the boundaries of LG's authority, emphasising the importance of the elected government's role in decision-making. Despite these rulings, conflicts over the LG's powers in matters of administration, policing and appointments continue to surface, reflecting a more contested and negotiated balance of power.

At the behest of the Delhi government, the Supreme Court is currently seized of issues relating to the control of bureaucrats and appointing lawyers and special public prosecutors by LG to represent the national capital. Even as a 2019 judgment by the Supreme Court decided the issue pertaining to the anti-corruption bureau's control, vesting LG and the Centre with such authority, the power struggles in Delhi over a raft of other administrative issues continue, inviting the orders of the constitutional courts to balance the scale of power between LG and the elected government.

By empowering the LG of J&K with more definitive and expansive powers, the Centre has apparently promoted a centralised approach to decision-making in J&K, particularly in matters concerning the police, public order and all-India services. In Delhi, however, LG's decisions are frequently subject to the concurrence and cooperation of the elected government, creating a more collaborative but often contentious governance model.

The Centre, in J&K, has however clearly outlined LG's authority, seeking to establish a more centralised and controlled governance framework, likely in response to the unique administrative and security needs of the UT.

In Xi's China, ruthless drive to clean up, synergise its military continues

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NEW DELHI: Chinese President Xi Jinping has been on a strident campaign to rid the country's armed forces of corruption, and has powered through with major military reforms.

Since he took over as powerful general secretary of Chinese Communist Party (CCP) on November 15, 2012 and as the chairman of Central Military Commission (CMC), Xi has conducted large scale purges in the Peoples' Liberation Army (PLA). In this period, he fired two defence ministers and at least two vice chairmen of CMC, in addition to a large number of top officers on grounds of corruption, inefficiency, political rivalry and for resisting reforms in the PLA.

On June 19, addressing a political-military conference at Yanan, Jinping acknowledged that there were "deep-seated problems" in the Chinese military's politics, ideology, work style and discipline. He was quoted by state-run CCTV saying, "there must be no hiding place for corrupt elements in the army."



Xi Jinping

This is in stark contrast to India, which is still grappling with its armed forces for synergetic theatre commands. Xi, on the other hand, reorganised seven military regions of China into five theatre commands back in 2016.

As per a list of officers facing purges in China compiled by HT through open source intelligence, close to 52 top generals have faced the axe since 2014.

Another list compiled by HT shows that no less than 65 top PLA officers/ commissars/ commanders/ directors have been purged since 2012, with eight others generals being investigated for corruption and allied charges but not punished.

In fact, a report published in PLA daily in 2015 showed that in just two years, since 2013, 4,024 officers of the rank of Lt Colonel and above, including 82 generals, were the subject of anti-corruption inquiries. As a result of which 21 commanders, 144 officers were demoted and at least 77 were reprimanded.

Generals like Xu Caihou, who was vice chairman of CMC, was expelled from the party in June 2014 on charges of corruption but the charges were dropped after he passed away in March 2015. Another vice chairman Gen Guo Boxiong was purged by chairman Xi in July 2015.

Defence ministers Wei Fenghe and Li Shangfu were expelled from the Communist Party on charges of accepting gifts and facilitating benefits.

According to China watchers in India, the likely reason for purges in PLA, PLA Navy, Air Force or Rocket Forces are that during President Xi's first term, officers close to or appointed by the previous Hu Jintao and Wen Jiabao administration were at higher echelons of PLA leadership – a position that meant they could exercise influence even after their political mentors went out of power – and that it was to check this that Xi replaced them.

Another key reason for the purge, they said, was the widespread rampant corruption in the PLA as viewed by Xi when he took over as chairman of CMC. In December 2012, Xi emphatically claimed that the PLA should be absolutely loyal to the party, absolutely clean and absolutely reliable. At the first meeting of the CMC under his leadership, Xi stated that the Chinese military, which controls the guns, cannot be a hiding place for corrupt figures.

The third reason for the purge, they added, was inefficiency and opposition of top commanders to Xi's modernisation and mechanisation for the PLA.

With Xi determined to make PLA a world-class military rivalling the American armed forces, a large number of generals who were proving to be a hindrance or had performance deemed not up to the mark were fired by paramount leader Xi.

9TH BRS MLA IN T'GANA DEFECTS TO CONGRESS

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HYDERABAD: A day after a Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) lawmaker from the Rajendranagar assembly constituency in Telangana defected to the Congress, another BRS MLA — Arekapudi Gandhi from Serilingampalli constituency in Hyderabad — switched over to the ruling party on Saturday.

Gandhi joined the Congress in the presence of state unit president and chief minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence. Along with him, several other corporators also joined the ruling party. Gandhi is the ninth BRS MLA to defect to the Congress in over a month.

A Congress leader, requesting anonymity, said that at least five more BRS lawmakers are expected to join the Congress in the next few days.

IAS trainee's mother booked for threatening farmer with a pistol

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PUNE: A first information report (FIR) has been registered against the mother of trainee IAS officer Puja Khedkar for allegedly threatening a farmer with a pistol, police said on Saturday. Puja's father has also been named in the FIR.



Puja Khedkar

"Police have registered an FIR against Manorama Khedkar, Dilip Khedkar, parents of trainee IAS officer Pooja Khedkar and five others. The FIR was filed last night (Friday) at Paud police station based on the complaint of a local farmer who alleged that he was threatened by Manorama Khedkar. Charges under the Arms Act have also been included," police said to ANI.

The complaint follows a year-old viral video, which showed the mother Manorama Khedkar brandishing a pistol and threatening a farmer.

'Puja received disability certificates from Ahmednagar hospital'

Khedkar, who recently courted controversy for misusing benefits from the other backward classes (OBC) and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) quota to secure a position in civil services, was issued the disability certificate for visual impairment by Ahmednagar District Hospital in 2018. Three years later, the probationer currently posted in Washim, was issued the mental illness certificate by the same authorities in 2021, said Dr Sanjay Ghogare, Ahmednagar district civil surgeon.

"Puja Khedkar was given the certificates of visual impairment and mental illness by the then medical board in 2018 and 2021 respectively. The board in April 2021 also issued a joint certificate for both the disabilities," he said.

Puja's father Dilip Khedkar said her disability certificate was legitimate. "There are many kinds of disabilities. Puja suffers from vision impairment, which is more than 40%. Therefore she fulfils 40% criteria of the disability," he said, adding that "medical experts on a panel had verified her disabilities before issuing the certificate".

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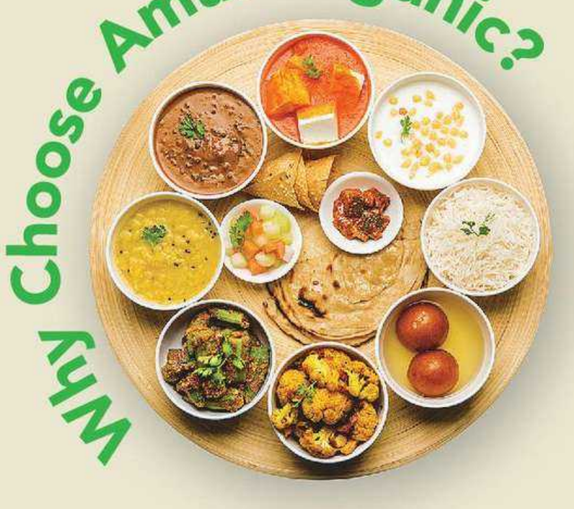
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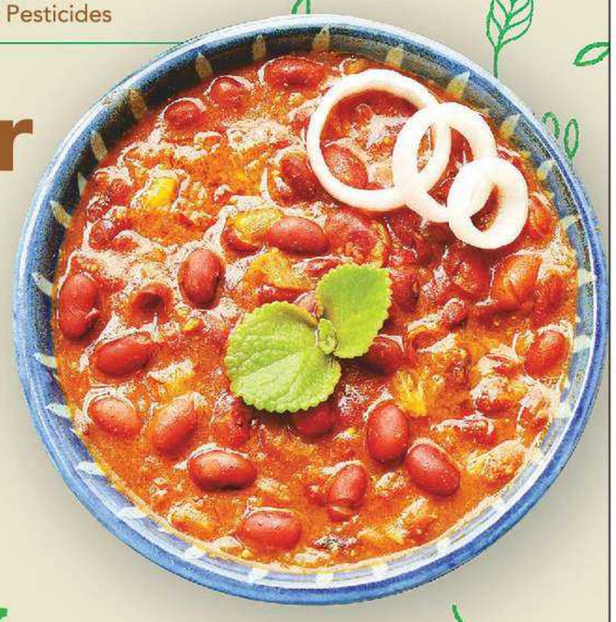


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BHUBANESHWAR: More than four-and-a-half decades after the Ratna Bhandar, the treasury of Puri's Jagannath Temple, was last opened, a 16-member committee headed by a retired high court judge and doctors will be on standby on Sunday as its doors are opened for the first time since 1978.

The opening of the Ratna Bhandar had become a major poll plank during the Lok Sabha and assembly elections in June, with the BJP highlighting the state government's stance that the "key of the treasury" had been lost.

In the days after chief minister Mohan Majhi took charge on June 12, replacing Naveen Patnaik who ruled for 24 years, the government said it was committed to opening the Ratna Bhandar for audit. Last month, it appointed a new committee headed by retired Orissa high court justice Biswanath Rath to oversee the inventorisation and audit of the Ratna Bhandar.

Former deputy administrator of the temple, Bhaskar Mishra, said last week that even if the duplicate key does not work, the locks would be broken to enter the Ratna Bhandar on Sunday.

The 16-member committee headed by retired HC judge Biswanath Rath said that they were cognisant of the challenges of opening a structure after 46 years. "All those who are supposed to enter the Ratna Bhandar will wear a dhoti and gamchha like servitors of Jagannath temple do. Lord Loknath, considered the presiding deity of the treasury will be worshipped before the committee members enter. Adequate lighting arrangements have been made so that we can see through the valuables clearly. A team of doctors have also been kept ready in case any of the committee members feel sick," he said.

"As many of the valuables are present in wooden boxes, we have to check in what conditions they are in as there is a possibility of rainwater seeping inside the Ratna Bhandar. The audit and inventorisation of the Ratna Bhandar valuables will not happen as soon as it is opened and that will occur once the government gets machines and jewellers who can assess the quality of the valuables," Rath said.

Once the valuables are brought out, they will be kept in a temporary enclosure inside the temple premises, watched constantly by CCTV cameras. Rath said the digital cataloguing of the valuables will be done as well.

The Ratna Bhandar, located near the Jagamohana (assembly hall in temple architecture) of the Jagannath temple, stands at a height of 11.78 metres. It has two chambers — Bahara Bhandar (outer chamber) and Bhitara Bhandar (inner chamber) — containing the jewels of the deities.

The treasure of Jagannath Puri

After four-and-a-half decades, the doors of the Ratna Bhandar will be reopened for an audit today. A look at what may be found inside

Last exercise

The last audit was conducted in 1978. Its findings:

128.38 kg of 454 gold articles were found

221.53 kg of 293 silver articles were found in both the chambers of the treasury

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Weighing 43.640 kg
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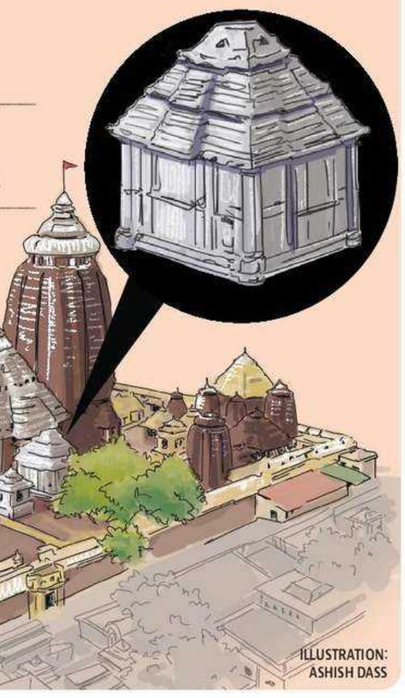


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KC Venugopal

VENUGOPAL SLAMS MODI GOVT AFTER APPLE NOTIFICATION ON SPYWARE HIT

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NEW DELHI: Congress leader KC Venugopal on Saturday said that he was a target of "malicious spyware" as he shared a screengrab of a message, purportedly from Apple, which informed him of a "mercenary spyware attack that is trying to remotely compromise the iPhone associated with your Apple ID".

The Alappuzha MP accused the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led central government of targeting him with the spyware, and asserted that his party " will oppose this blatantly unconstitutional act" and breach of privacy.

Along with the notification, Venugopal said on X, "Thank you PM Modi ji for sending your favourite malicious spyware on my phone also! Apple has been kind enough to intimate me about this special present of yours!"

"It is quite clear what happened here. We know that the Pegasus operation can only be done through a government organisation. Private individuals cannot get it... Entire privacy has been taken away by this government," Venugopal told HT.

The party will take a call on how to proceed, he added.

HT reached out to Apple for more details on the notification, but was yet to receive a response by the time of going to print.

6 killed, 2 injured after truck, ambulance collide in Bengal

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NEW DELHI: At least six people were killed and two others sustained injuries after an ambulance they were travelling in collided with a truck in the Paschim Medinipur district of West Bengal, police said on Saturday.

Police officers said that the ambulance was transporting a patient and their family, when it hit a truck filled with cement bags. The accident took place near the Panchami state highway, officials added. "The ambulance, carrying eight people including family members of the patient and driver, collided head-on with a truck loaded with cement bags. Six persons died at the spot," a senior police officer told PTI.

The ambulance patient, identified as Aparna Bag, and the driver of the ambulance survived. However, they were in critical condition. The deceased were identified as Aparna's mother Anima Mallick, uncle Shyamal Bhuniya, and aunt Chandana. Her husband Shyamapada Bag also died in the accident. "We will ascertain whether the driver was under the influence of alcohol and whether there were any technical issues with either vehicle," the police officer quoted above said.

With inputs from PTI



A bus that skidded off the road and plunged into a 200 feet deep gorge in Doda district on Saturday. PTI

2 dead, 25 injured as bus falls into gorge in Doda

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JAMMU: At least two people were killed and 25 others were injured after a bus skidded off road and plunged into a 200 feet deep gorge in Doda district of Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday.

The bus, travelling from Bhalessa to Thathri with 28 passengers, met with the accident near the steep Bhatyas area on Saturday morning.

Officials said that the injured were taken to the government medical college in Doda district.

One of the victims was found dead on the spot, while the other died during treatment, officials said.

The incident comes a month after a bus carrying pilgrims fell into a 150 feet deep gorge in Jammu district.

The accident, which took place at Tungi-Morh in the Chowki Chora belt, killed 22 while leaving several others injured.

Police intensify search for two men in connection with Unnao accident

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KANPUR: The Unnao police on Saturday conducted raids in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, and Paharganj, Delhi, as it widened the search for two men in connection with the July 10 bus-milk tanker collision on the Agra-Lucknow Expressway which claimed 18 lives.

The accused have been identified as Sohan Jain, who is the owner of Jodhpur-based KC Jain Travels, and Chandan Jaiswal of Paharganj-based Namaste Bihar Travels.

While KC Jain Travels owned the bus, it was being operated by Namaste Bihar Travels.

Bangarmau circle officer Arvind Kumar Singh said that the two were named in an FIR filed by Unnao transport officer Arvind Singh. "Two police teams are carrying out raids in these two cities but the suspects have not been found yet. The police are actively tracing them," Singh said. The offices of both KC Jain Travels and Namaste Bihar Travels were found shut, he said.

A PROBE INTO THE ACCIDENT SHOWED THE BUS'S FITNESS CERTIFICATE AND INSURANCE HAD EXPIRED, AND IT HAD A TAX LIABILITY OF ₹20L, 93 CHALLANS

An official, who is part of the search team, said the mobile phones of the two accused were constantly switched off and that they had put them under electronic surveillance to track their locations.

A probe into the accident revealed that the bus's fitness certificate and insurance had expired, and it had a tax liability of ₹20 lakh along with 93 outstanding challans.

Jain Travels had registered 35 buses, including the one involved in the Unnao accident, under the name of a Mahoba-based farmer, Pushpendra Singh, who worked for them earlier but quit his job after the Covid-19 pandemic, the probe revealed.

The Unnao police are also planning to question Pushpendra Singh, who is currently missing, another official said.

MIB adds new provisions to draft broadcasting bill

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NEW DELHI: The government has added a new provision to the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill that grants the central government power to direct any internet service provider or social media company to take "appropriate action for implementation" of the Bill, the ministry of information and broadcasting (MIB) told stakeholders in its presentation during the consultation on July 9.

At the same presentation, the MIB also acknowledged that for stakeholders, the impact of inclusion of OTT and digital news services was the major point of concern in the bill.

The Bill was released for public consultation on November 10 last year. In the July 9 meeting, the I&B secretary told senior officials to share the updated draft with stakeholders to receive comments by July 31 but the draft has not been shared thus far.

In the July 9 presentation, during the discussion the same day, and in an email sent on June 3, the MIB made it clear that there is a difference between linear broadcasters and on-demand broadcasting services that the Bill recognises by allowing for different programme and advertising codes for them. The MIB will also review the existing programme and advertising codes, and all new codes will be framed only after due consultation.

MIB said that in the new draft, OTT and digital news broadcasters have been exempted from criminal penalties for failing to intimate to the government on reaching the prescribed threshold.

Unlike all other broadcasters in the bill who are required to register with the government, both OTT broadcasting services, and any person "who broadcasts news and current affairs programs" online, including through social media, have to provide an intimation to the central government of their operations if they have Indian subscribers or viewers above a to-be-defined threshold.

The composition of the Content Evaluation Committee (CEC), which is required to precertify all content before it is broadcast, will be decided by the broadcasters in the updated draft.

The negative list, that is the content that will not require certification or vetting by the CEC, has been included in the updated draft.

In the new draft, programmes such as news and current affairs, programmes already certified by the CBFC, live events, and others as may be notified are part of this list, the June 3 email said.

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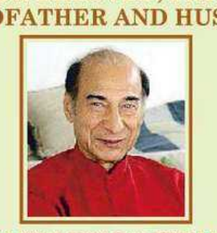
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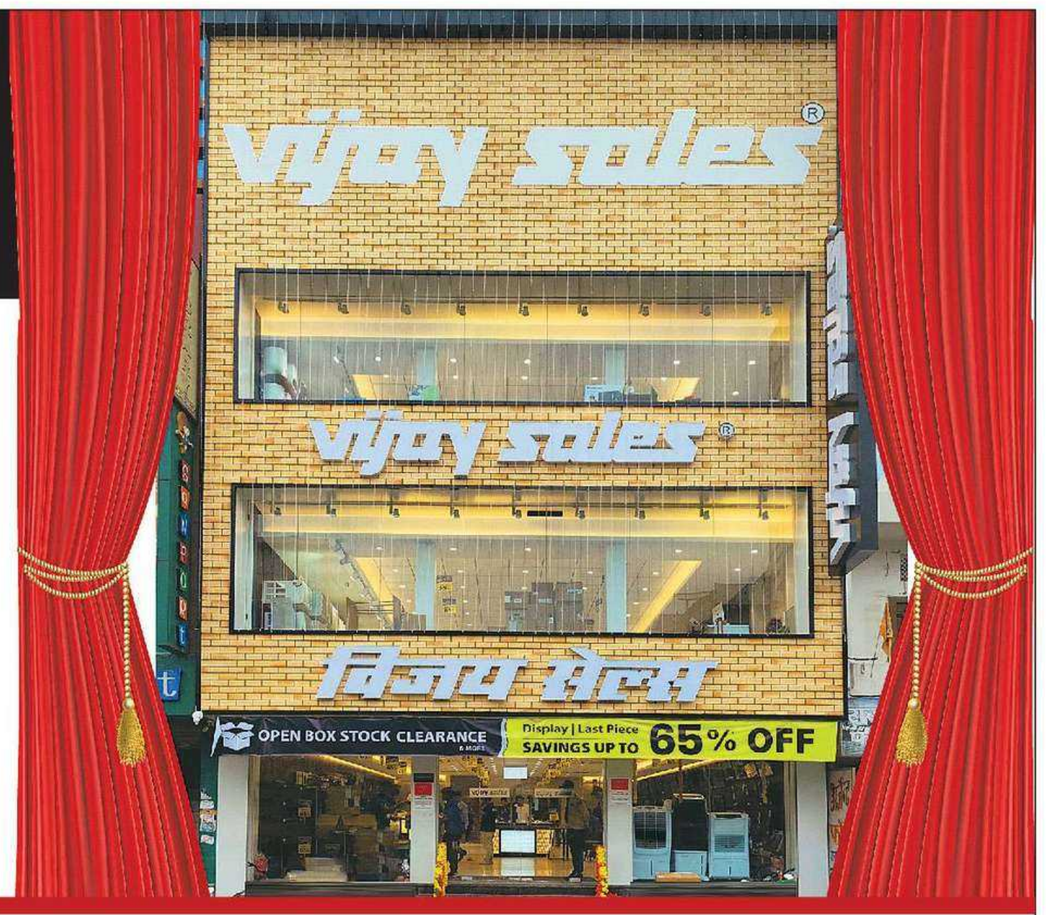
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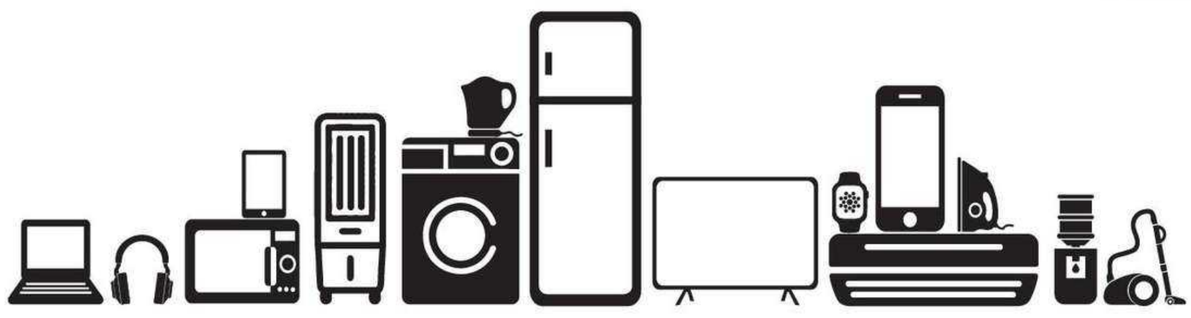
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BYPOLLS IN 7 STATES

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The BJP suffered the most significant damage in West Bengal, where the chief minister Mamata Banerjee-led TMC won all four seats, wresting three of them — Bagda, Ranaghat Dakshin and Raiganj — from the BJP. In Maniktala, a seat where the bypoll was necessitated after the death of former state minister and TMC MLA Sadhan Pandey, his wife Supti Pandey beat the BJP's Kalyan Chaubey by over 60,000 votes. But more significantly, the TMC also swept both Ranaghat Dakshin and Bagda, the seats that have a significant presence of Matua community, a traditional BJP vote base.

In Raiganj, the TMC's Krishna Kalyani beat the BJP's Manas Kumar Das by 50,000 votes.

"The trend across India is against the BJP. Even the earlier mandate (of Lok Sabha elections) was not in favour of NDA," the TMC chief said.

The BJP accused the TMC of indulging in violence and blamed the ruling party's "pressure tactics" for the drop in its tally. "Despite repeatedly telling the ECI about political violence,the central forces were not utilised. We will fight back ," Samik Bhattacharya, BJP spokesperson, said.

Bypolls to Dehra, Hamirpur and Nalagarh in Himachal Pradesh were necessitated after the three Independents who had voted in favour of the BJP in the Rajya Sabha polls on February 27 resigned on March 22. They joined the BJP the next day but their resignations were accepted by the Speaker on June 3. The BJP had fielded the Independents from their respective seats as party candidates. The Congress won two of the seats and the BJP bagged one.

From the Dehra seat, Kamlesh Thakur, the wife of Himachal Pradesh CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, emerged victorious defeating BJP candidate Hoshiyar Singh by over 9,000 votes. The Congress now has 40 MLAs in the 68-member assembly, providing stability to the Sukhu government, which stared at an uncertain future a couple a few months ago.

"This is the victory of people over money power. The voters have delivered a strong rebuke to the politics of horse-trading and have voted to maintain political integrity in the state," Sukhu said

In Uttarakhand, the Congress was able to regain some political face, after it won two bypoll seats, just over a month after it lost all 5 Lok Sabha seats in the state for the third consecutive term. To be sure, neither of the two seats were held by the BJP — one was held by the BSP and the other by the Congress — but both saw a fierce political battle.

In Manglaur, All India Congress Committee secretary and three-time MLA Qazi Nizamuddin defeated BJP's Kartar Singh Bhadana by a slender 422-vote margin. The election was necessitated after the death of sitting BSP candidate Sarwat Karim Ansari, with his son Ubaidur Rahman finished third. Lakhpat Singh Butola of the Congress won his first-ever assembly elections from the Badrinath seat, defeating the BJP's Rajendra Singh Bhandari by a margin of 5,224 votes. The seat fell vacant after Bhandari, then the Congress MLA, switched allegiances to the BJP.

BJP state president Mahendra Bhatt said, "We will look into the reasons for defeats in both seats."

Uttarakhand Congress chief Karan Mahara said, "In these elections, our party stood as one unit...we have been working to strengthen our cadre for the last two years. This is good for democracy."

The one place where the Congress faced a setback was in Madhya Pradesh's Amarwara seat—considered a bastion because it falls in the Chhindwara region which is home to former chief minister Kamal Nath—where its candidate Dheeran Sah lost to the BJP's Kamlesh Shah by 3,252 votes.

Three-time MLA Kamlesh Shah was the incumbent legislator, but quit the Congress and joined the BJP. Kamlesh Shah said, "I am happy that residents of Amarwara gave me a fourth chance to serve them." The Congress said the ruling party had misused government machinery.

In Bihar's Rupauli, independent candidate Shankar Singh, who had quit the Lok Janshakti Party to contest the elections as an independent, stunned both the NDA and the INDIA alliances by defeating Kalandhar Mandal of the JDU by 8211 votes, relegating the RJD's Bima Bharti to third place.

The bypoll had been necessitated by the resignation of MLA Bima Bharti who was a five time MLA, but quit the party to contest the Purnea Lok Sabha polls on a RJD ticket—a seat that independent candidate Pappu Yadav won.

In Punjab, the AAP retained its hold on the Jalandhar West assembly seat with its candidate Mohinder Bhagat defeating BJP's Sheetal Angural by 37,325 votes in the bypoll. The bypoll to this seat was necessitated following the resignation of Angural as AAP legislator who joined the BJP in March.

The ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam emerged victorious in the bypoll to the Vikravandi constituency by a margin of 67,757 votes and NDA constituent Pattali Makkal Katchi finished second with 56,296 votes.

"BJP must realise that without respecting regional sentiments it cannot run the government and the party," DMK chief and Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin said.

J&K LG'S POWERS

previous concurrence of the Finance Department with regard to Police, Public Order, All India Service and Anti Corruption Bureau to exercise the discretion of the Lieutenant Governor under the Act shall be concurred or rejected unless it has been placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary'," the inserted sub-rule (2A) said. Earlier, these proposals required an approval from J&K's finance department before reaching LG.

According to another new rule, the appointment of top law officers will now have to be approved by LG. "Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs shall submit the proposal for appointment of Advocate-General and other Law Officers to assist the Advocate-General in the court proceedings, for approval of the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary and the Chief Minister," rule 42A states. These appointments were previously decided by the J&K government.

The J&K LG will now also have a say on the grant or refusal of prosecution sanction, the amendments said. "Any proposal regarding grant or refusal of prosecution sanction or filing of an appeal shall be placed before the Lieutenant Governor through the Chief Secretary by the Department of Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs," the inserted rule 42B said. This was earlier decided by the cabinet or CM.

The MHA notification added that any recommendation related to the posting and transfer of bureaucratic staff will have to be routed through LG's office. "...In respect of matters connected with posting and transfer of Administrative Secretaries and cadre posts of All India Services officers, the proposal shall be submitted to the Lieutenant Governor by the Administrative Secretary, General Administration Department through the Chief Secretary," it said.

Additionally, matters related to prisons, the Directorate of Prosecution and the Forensic Science Laboratory will also be handled directly by LG, according to the notification. MHA officials clarified that the amendments were made to the "transaction of business rules" and not the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019. "The notification regarding transaction of business rules is not amendment to the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act, 2019. It is a simple amendment to the transaction rules which are issued to avoid any ambiguity," said an MHA official who didn't want to be named.

The amendments, which came into effect months before elections are expected to be held in the region, drew condemnation from the Opposition.

Former J&K chief minister and National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah said the move indicated that elections were "around the corner", adding that "a firm commitment laying out the timeline" for restoration of J&K's statehood was a prerequisite for the polls.

"The people of J&K deserve better than powerless, rubber stamp CM who will have to beg the LG to get his/her peon appointed," he said in a post on X. J&K has not had an elected government since December of 2018.

Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) president and former chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti said the movie will convert the J&K assembly into a municipality. "In 2019, J&K was bifurcated into pieces, even our special status was taken away in an undemocratic way. The (rules) are aimed at converting the once powerful state assembly into a municipality," she said in a video message.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge accused the central government of continuing to "betray J&K". "Modi Govt wants to delay the restoration of full statehood to Jammu and Kashmir, even though the Supreme Court has mandated Assembly Elections by Sept 30th, 2024. Even if full statehood is restored, it wants to keep the newly elected State Govt at the mercy of the LG, by clamping its executive power," he posted on X

Apni Party chief Altaf Bukhari appealed to political parties to shun their differences and unitedly raise their voice against the Centre's move. "We appeal to all parties to shun political differences and come together on this issue." The BJP rejected the charge, with its spokesperson Altaf Thakur accusing the Opposition of trying to unnecessarily criticise centre government.

EVENING OF SPORT

World Cup final coalesced, sprinkled with Formula One's British Grand Prix.

The Wimbledon-Euro-Copa trinity came together again in July 2021. This time, though, there's a common theme at play across these tennis and football spectacles – of a generational battle; of generational talents at either end of the spectrum hoping to take their team to the summit; of a clash of styles between sublime Spain's all-win run and edgy England's gritty show.

Alcaraz versus Djokovic has been the standout tennis rivalry since the start of last year. The 21-year-old Spaniard got his first big win over the Serb at last year's Wimbledon final, and trust the 37-year-old to be greedy to have his say again (he has beaten Alcaraz in their two meetings since). That he put himself in a position to be there a month after having a knee surgery is just Djokovic doing Djokovic things. The 24-time Grand Slam champion is also chasing Federer's record eight men's singles titles at Wimbledon.

Around 4,000 miles away, also chasing some more glory towards the final chapter of a storied career will be Messi. The same age as Djokovic, the Argentine is back in another major final after leading his country to the FIFA World Cup in December 2022.

Lamine Yamal's career is just about getting started, along with the Messi comparisons. The Spaniard, who turned 17 on Saturday, has left opponents and viewers alike awestruck. Speaking about his tennis final on Sunday, Carlos Alcaraz — rather bravely in London — also brought up football.

"It will be a good day for Spanish people," Alcaraz said in his on-court interview.

"I didn't say Spain are going to win," Alcaraz added, smiling. "I said it will be a fun, fun day."

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

ANSWERS

1. John Cena
2. Umbrella
3. Golf
4. India
5. Samsung
6. Inside Out 2
7. The cover of the first book
8. Strangers
9. Taiwan
10. Boeing

{ THE CROSSWORDS }

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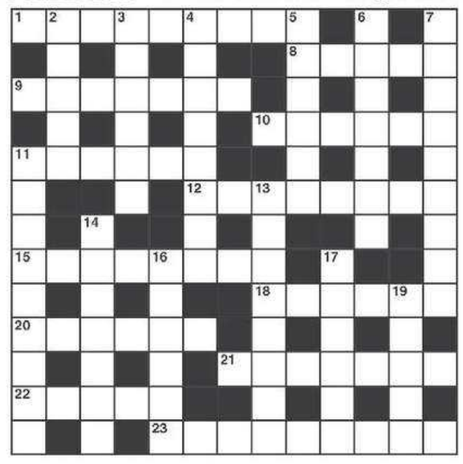
ACROSS

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8 Perfume starts a romantic interlude (5)
9 What old scholars often dipped into (7)
10 It makes a very fine trap (6)
11 Roar and bluster about the Spanish (6)
12 Go where one shouldn't or chance being disturbed (8)
15 Bird artist (8)
18 Happy medium condition? (6)
20 Observing it's a dumbbell? (6)
21 A split in the union (7)
22 Overweight round-headed wild bees (5)
23 There's no getting to the nearest bank from here (9)

DOWN

2 Drawn - from the past for example? (5)
3 A fabric that is woven as and when one pleases (2,4)
4 Knows beyond doubt there's plenty of water (4,4)
5 He stops to interfere (6)
6 It ought to be soundly curbed for safety (7)
7 A fresh air allocation is everyone's entitlement (4,5)
11 One having a sea view? (3,6)
13 Their falling would ruin acts perhaps (8)
14 He provides French wine with the rent possibly (7)
16 A four-foot cycle (6)
17 Left work (6)
19 Article on companies making drink (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 In good order (9)
8 Liberated (5)
9 To sully (7)
10 Violent disorder (6)
11 Fireplace (6)
12 To support (8)
15 Determine meaning of (8)
18 Declare positively (6)
20 Set fire to (6)
21 Long-experienced person (3,4)
22 Killed (5)
23 Huck Finn's buddy (3,6)

DOWN

2 Lift with great effort (5)
3 Poverty (6)
4 Highly secret (4-4)
5 Obliterate (6)
6 Maybe (7)
7 A maverick in a group (3,3,3)
11 Precipitately (9)
13 Lasting consumer goods (8)
14 Malicious gossip (7)
16 Obvious (6)
17 Spurn (6)
19 Gamut (5)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16910)

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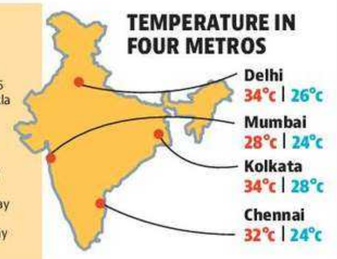
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Today is 14th July 2024
- 7 Muharram, 1446
- 23 Ashadha, Shukla Paksha, 08
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Sunset: Sunday at 07:21 pm
Sunrise: Monday at 05:33 am
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TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS



MASTER OF APPLIED EPIDEMIOLOGY (MAE)
[INDIA EPIDEMIC INTELLIGENCE SERVICE (EIS) PROGRAMME]

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

MHCJ/Tech/e-Nit/2024-25/02 — Dated: 11.07.2024 — Due on : 01.08.2024

On behalf of the President of India, e-tenders in two cover system on turnkey basis are invited from OEM /Authorized dealers/ Registered/ Reputed firms having sufficient relevant experience of similar nature and having Average Annual Turnover of not less than 5.50 crore during the last three (03) years for the work mentioned below:

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No:- JDA/EE & TA to Dir. Engg.I/2024-25/D-40 — Date: 12.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID
NIB No.: EE & TA to Dir. Engg.I/06/2024-25

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works:-

S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
1	JDA2425WLRC00134	547.72	Road	01.08.2024

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on procurement portal **website www.sppp.raj.nic.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and https://jda.rajasthan.gov.in**

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E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM/TRD, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the president of India, invites E-tender for the following work. **Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No.:** http://www.ireps.gov.in **Date & time of closing of e-tender:** 05.08.2024 up to 15.00 hrs. **Date & time of opening of e-tender:** After 15.00 hrs. on 05.08.2024 **Tender No.:** 04-TRD-JU-ETENDER-24-25 **Name of Work: Outsourcing of maintenance of OHE under JOR, MBNL and DQN OHE cum PSI depot over Jodhpur Division for a period of two years. Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.):** ₹ 30107007.22 **Tender No.:** 05-TRD-JU-ETENDER-24-25 **Name of Work:** Outsourcing of maintenance of PSI assets under JOR, MBNL, DQN OHE cum PSI depot in SMR-BLDI section and DNA, DIA and SUGH OHE cum PSI depot in DNA-RTGH section over Jodhpur Division for a period of 2 years. **Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.):** ₹ 15777742.00 For detailed information visit http://www.ireps.gov.in 798-PM/24

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Narender Nishad S/o Jeev Dhan** R/o S-2/14, Budh Vihar Phase II, Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No.533/2015, U/S 498A/406/34 IPC** has been registered at **P.S. Jaitpur, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Narender Nishad** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the **Narender Nishad** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused of **FIR No.533/2015, U/S 498A/406/34 IPC** registered at **P.S. Jaitpur, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **13.08.2024**

By Order
Anam Rais Khan (MM) Mahila Court No 1, Room No 506, Saket Courts, New Delhi

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UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY



General Public is hereby informed that a male person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown** was found at **Near F-Block, Gandhi Vihar, Timarpur on 11.07.2024 at 2:12 p.m.** In this regard vide **FIR No: 395/24 U/s.281/106(1) BNS dated 11.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S Timarpur.**

The description of the deceased is given as below:

Name: Unknown, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** Approx 30 years, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'7", Head and Face injuries **Wearing:** White and Blue Colour Shirt, Grey Colour Lower and bare feet.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to identify the deceased but no clue has come to light so far. Anyone having information about the deceased, please inform the undersigned.

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P.S Timarpur, New Delhi
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'TEACHING LAW IN REGIONAL LANGUAGES CAN IMPROVE ACCESS TO LEGAL SYSTEM'

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LUCKNOW: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud on Saturday said law students should be well-versed with regional languages and laws so that people's access to the legal system can be improved.

Addressing the third convocation of Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University, Lucknow, CJI Chandrachud underscored the importance of imparting legal education in "easy language", asserting that it is currently a shortcoming in the legal profession.

Citing an analysis done by the research department of the Supreme Court on 81 universities and colleges, the CJI said, "It was found that common people experience hurdles in understanding their rights and schemes meant for them as they do not know English." He added, "This means that in law universities, legal education is imparted English, and many times, students at legal aid centres are not able explain legal procedures to the common people in regional languages."

The CJI also pointed out that in higher courts, the proceedings are held in English but the people whose cases are heard often do not understand the arguments being presented in the court.

A total of 113 awards were given at the convocation, with four other categories for special awards in Law of Taxation, Criminal Law, Best Mooter of the Year and Student of the Year. Since several of the students from the last nine years are now placed across the country, and some even abroad, a few unfortunately could not make it to the ceremony to receive the awards themselves, and were presented the awards in absentia.

UP BJP cadre huddles up ahead of crucial Nadda meeting today

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JP Nadda

NEW DELHI/LUCKNOW: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) president JP Nadda was set to hold the crucial state executive meeting in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday amid internal unease in the state cadre following the party's poor performance in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

The BJP's tally in Uttar Pradesh plummeted from 62 to 33 seats, contributing significantly to the party's overall decline from 303 to 240 seats nationwide. This setback has sparked a wave of public criticism from within party ranks, causing concern among the central leadership in Delhi, people aware of the matter said.

On Saturday, Badlapur legislator Ramesh Mishra stoked controversy by stating that the BJP would lose the 2027 Uttar Pradesh elections if chief minister Yogi Adityanath is not removed from office. This statement comes amidst growing discontent, with some leaders, including ministers, claiming their pre-election warnings about anti-incumbency and other issues were ignored.

"There is a section of leaders, including a few ministers who have put on record that their inputs were overlooked... ahead of polls they had cautioned that issues such as anti-incumbency against some sitting MPs; anger against turn coats and the concern over irregularities in appointments have the potential to damage the party's prospects," said a functionary speaking on condition of anonymity.

Among them, this person added, Union minister and Apna Dal leader Anupriya Patel had raised concerns about irregularities in government appointments, particularly affecting OBC, SC, and ST candidates as damaging the party's prospects.

Internal rifts have been identified as a key factor in the BJP's poor showing, alongside the Opposition's narrative that the party sought a mandate to alter the Constitution and scrap caste-based quotas, another leader said. This messaging reportedly shifted Dalit votes to the Samajwadi Party and eroded support among OBCs and some upper-caste constituencies.

Sunday's state executive meeting, to be held at the Ram Manohar Lohia National Law University auditorium, is expected to draw an unprecedented 3,000 to 3,600 delegates. The gathering will include MLAs, MPs, unsuccessful Lok Sabha candidates, and various party officials.

A third senior BJP leader, speaking on condition of anonymity, suggested that issues such as lack of coordination within state leadership, internal sabotage, and the arrogance of Lok Sabha poll candidates might be raised during the closed-door sessions with Nadda.

As the BJP grapples with these internal challenges, party leaders in Delhi emphasised the need to address grievances through proper channels. "There is a process in the party, there are designated leaders who can be approached for airing issues, and this will be conveyed to the state unit," a party functionary stated.

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TAX COLLECTIONS

₹2,65,336 crore corporate income-tax (CIT) in this period of FY25 compared to gross ₹2,20,297 crore in the same period of FY24, a 20.44% jump. They, however, received refunds of ₹55,063 crore in the current period, 65.15% more than ₹33,341 crore refunded in the corresponding period last year.

Hence, the net CIT revenue (after refunds) from April 1-July 11 was ₹2,10,274 crore, with 12.47% year-on-year increase.

Collections from individual taxpayers – classified as personal income-tax (PIT) – was ₹3,61,862 crore, which was 22.76% y-o-y growth. After ₹15,826 crore refunds (62.46% y-o-y jump), the net PIT collection was ₹3,46,036 crore, posting an annualised growth of 21.41%.

Securities Transaction Tax (STT), another component of direct tax. jumped over 128% from ₹7,285 crore in April 1-July 11, 2023 to ₹16,634 crore in April 1-July 11, 2024, according to official data, which signals robustness of activities in Indian bourses. STT is levied on every transaction – both sale and purchase — of securities that are listed on the stock exchanges in India.

After ₹13 crore refunds, the net collection of other direct taxes was ₹1,413 crore in the current financial year up to July 11, as compared to ₹1,194 crore in the same period last year after refunding ₹23 crore, according to the data. Other taxes include equalisation levy, fringe benefit tax, wealth tax, banking cash transaction tax, hotel receipt tax, interest tax, expenditure tax, estate duty and gift tax.

AAP: TREE FELLING MADE CAPITAL PRONE TO BAD AIR

NEW DELHI: The Aam Aadmi Party on Saturday said the illegal cutting of 1,100 trees in the Ridge in Chhattarpur, south Delhi, allegedly at the behest of lieutenant governor VK Saxena, made the city prone to more pollution and severe heatwaves.

"The government of (chief minister) Arvind Kejriwal is trying to make Delhi pollution free by increasing green cover, but the BJP and LG are getting trees felled illegally," said senior AAP leader Dilip Pandey.

The LG office did not comment on any of the allegations.

HT also reached out to Delhi BJP, which refused to comment, saying that the matter is sub judice. HTC

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Vacancy details, general terms & conditions and prescribed recruitment rules etc. for the aforementioned posts will be available at **https://www.aiimskalyani.edu.in** and **https://recruitments.aiimskalyani.edu.in.**

The last date of online submission of applications will be **30 days from the date of publication** of this advertisement in the Employment News and hardcopy of online application should reach Recruitment Cell, AIIMS, Kalyani **within 15 days from the last date of receipt of online application.**

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The e-Auction documents, terms and conditions, details of earnest money in the shape of CDR pledged to District Mineral Officer, Kathua and other relevant details for each Minor Mineral Block along with site plan can be obtained from the official website of the Geology and Mining Department i.e. **https://geologyminigjkeauction.com** by all the interested parties after creating an online user account with the help of DSC (Digital Signature Certificate Class-II), against online payment of Rs. 1000/- for each Minor Mineral Block. The details of Minor Mineral Blocks of District Kathua and timeline for e-Auction are given below:-

Details of Minor Mineral Blocks of District Kathua for e-Auction

S. No.	Description of the Blocks	Area in hectare	Co-ordinates of the Blocks	Minimum Reserved Bid INR	Earnest money in the shape of CDR
1.	Ujh River Downstream NH Bridge at village Mahi Chak District Kathua	9.80	A=32°25'0.23"N 75°24'28.25"E B=32°25'0.07"N 75°24'14.84"E C=32°25'10.10"N 75°24'18.67"E D=32°25'9.38"N 75°24'30.42"E	6,23,000/-	26,46000/-
2.	Ujh River Up stream Pandorian-Korepunnu Bridge Area (Block-I), District Kathua	7.85	A=32°20'43.01"N 75°23'39.00"E B=32°20'47.00"N 75°23'42.00"E C=32°20'56.00"N 75°23'40.00"E D=32°20'58.00"N 75°23'31.00"E E=32°20'44.26"N 75°23'35.61"E	4,99,000/-	21,19,500/-
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Timeline details for e-Auction of Minor Mineral Block

S. No.	Description	Date and time
1.	Last date for online purchase of e-Auction documents against online payment of Rs.1000 (One Thousand Only) for each Minor Mineral Block.	**04.08.2024 (up to 04.30 PM)**
2.	Last date for uploading the requisite documents, earnest money and details on auction portal	**04.08.2024 (up to 05.30 PM)**
3.	**e-Auction date and time:**	
	a) First Round (Scrutiny of technical bids)	**05.08.2024 (08.00 AM to 03.30 PM**
	b) Second Round (Price bidding)	05.08.2024 (04.30 PM to 06.30 PM) (Extendable up to 01 hour as per terms and conditions)

NO: DMO/K/e-Auction/2024-25/457-64
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Rajinder Singh, JKAS
District Mineral Officer, Kathua
(Member Secretary, District level e-Auction Committee)

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2	Physiology	—	—	1(one)	2(two)	1(one)	—
3	Biochemistry	—	—	—	2(two)	2(two)	—
4	Pharmacology	—	—	—	2(two)	2(two)	—
5	Pathology	1(one) Contract basis for a period of 1 year	—	—	1(one)	4(four)	—
6	Microbiology	—-	—	—	1(one)	2(two)	—
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8	Community Medicine	—-	—	1(one) Statistics	2(two)	—	—
9	General Medicine	—	—	—	3(three)	—	3(three)
10	Psychiatry	—	—	—	1(one)	—	—
11	General Surgery	—	—	—	4(four)	—	—
12	Orthopaedics	1(one) Contract basis for a period of 1 year	—	—	—	—	—
13	ENT	1 (one) Contract basis for a period of 3 years	—	—	—	—	—
14	Ophthalmology	1(one) Contract basis for a period of 1 year	—	—	—	—	—
15	Anaesthesiology	—	—	—	2(two)	—	—
16	Radio- Diagnosis	—	1 (one) Contract basis for a period of 3 years	—	—	—	—
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Learning from Delhi-uge: Cosmetic plans won't do



Well-run cities are the best testimonial to a healthy nation. A well-run city is a beautiful city HT PHOTO

Citizens have to be made integral to urban planning, by recognising them as stakeholder communities and as co-owners of public projects



Narayani Gupta



Narayan Moorthy

June comes every year. And, with it in recent years, so do the floods in Delhi. Earlier, the Yamuna overflowed across the floodplains. Now, pounding rain causes choked stormwater drains to overflow across neighbourhoods, not distinguishing the VIPs from the VOPs (the "very ordinary people").

In monsoonal India, water has always been a boon — and a challenge. Over 3,000 years ago, in Dholavira, systems had been worked out to store precious rainwater for months. Around 200 years ago, the training needed to manage the distribution of water was institutionalised in British India. Now, hydrological engineers turn away from employment in poorly paid government jobs and move to careers hinging on MBAs. Poorly paid, oppressed local planners agree to support venal proposals for gross densification or hard paving. So, what do we see? Impecunious engineers and urban planners, bored or voiceless archaeologists, ignored environmentalists and architects — in a land with a 5,000-year history of technology and construction, where the "*panchala*" smiths, confident of their skills and sense of aesthetics, were buoyed up by appreciation, even if the lesser mortals who admired the beauty often could not appreciate the skill — just as the world knows Leonardo da Vinci the painter, but few know da Vinci the engineer.

Can we look for systemic solutions to bring back the sense of vocation, respect and reward for professionals like government engineers and planners — so that they attract our best talent? Their actions have such multiplicative effects on the lives of all citizens, so much more than political representatives.

Annual floods have been occurring in south Delhi since the 1990s because of the neglect of our historic canals. Once our *nahar*s were labelled *naallahs*, the rupture was total. Even more violence is being done since 2010 — 600 year-old *nahar*s are being covered to serve as car parks, and virtual dams are being built, in the form of underground metros, underpasses, and multiple basements. All these are yet more examples of the "expedient" ignoring the city, when an "event" is glamourised at the cost of the long-term. But acronyms, speeches and bouquets cannot by themselves make a functioning city. Not gimmicks, but well-run cities are the best testimonial to a healthy nation. A well-run city is a beautiful city.

Beauty has nothing to do with cosmetic flourishes or with monumentality. The charm of old cities is from attitudes — the respect for the small space as much as for the monumental, for forces of nature as much as the inhabitants' regular needs, among other things. The "city beautiful" was one of the features of the European Enlightenment, and there are echoes of Shah Jahan's Lahore and Delhi in Frederick II's Potsdam and Paris. But the industrial towns — Manchester, Birmingham, and Glasgow — retained their vitality even as they made industrial slums a thing of the past. Our own Surat and Indore have in recent years achieved miracles. And they allow the rest of us to hope.

Could we not link the spirit of the past to present challenges, equipped with all that the sciences can teach us? Can't we dream of a happy city?

Delhi's climatic crises of the last 50 years are easily explained by its top-heavy governance, with officials taking shelter behind obfuscation. The urban (rich) minority see the majority much as did the bourgeois of Paris in the 19th century as "*les classes laboureuses et dangereuses*", wanting their labour but not their presence! A privileged fraction of urban inhabitants living in gated ghettoes does not translate into civic improvements.

From the mid-20th century, India's homegrown cadre of engineers and architects became part of an international fraternity. Delhi's Master Plan of 1962 incorporated best practices from other countries, if not from India's own history. It emulated London — a "green belt" around the city, large city level/scale areas reserved for city forests, every locality planned around big and small parks like the squares of central London, and even the establishment of the Delhi Development Authority to create affordable housing including for the poor.

What is worrying is that cities like Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune and Bangalore, which were good examples of urban living, changed course in the 1980s. They chose to favour densification, narrow roads in tortuous organic networks, the filling up of both natural and medieval man-made water bodies to maximise profit, and handing over whole precincts to developers.

All citizens need to be recognised as stakeholder communities and made co-owners in public projects — whether a public road or an auditorium — and given some degree of say over "public land" and "public funds". We need to learn from the practice in local councils in Britain, where the local residents, the local school principal, the head of a local institution (a museum within the precinct, for example) are mandatory members of the local council — thus reflecting local needs, realities and aspirations — instead of just the politician, cautious bureaucrat or hapless government planner. These are not client-patron situations — the work should be necessarily collaborative to involve the last stakeholder citizen and the officials who will be able to formalise it. Those who toil in the heat and the rain should know too that they are contributing to a worthwhile project.

What a price we pay otherwise, we who navigate (literally) the flooded new technicolour tunnels and potholed roads! Slipshod work, papered over for immediate effect, public funds squandered on shoddily built projects with no thought to long-term environmental impact, or to the harried pedestrian, the street hawker, the domestic help. The disdain for regular upkeep and maintenance, of never looking at appropriate micro-interventions but only at grand massive scale developments. The health problems will surface later; the sense of alienation, insidiously.

All may not be lost if we learn from our own history as much as by observing other nations. We need to eschew the showcasing and valorisation of a false notion of "heritage" — making it a pleasant leisure activity for many, a viable source of income for a few. The past is a foreign country. We live in today. Delhi can't be pushed back, and the agenda for all of us beckons, to work for a happy equitable city that can hold up its head with pride.

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{ SUNDAY SENTIMENTS }



Karan Thapar

Three lessons for Indian politics from British polls

For nearly a decade, we've grown accustomed to viewing Britain in terms of its flailing economy, faltering politicians, crumbling infrastructure and steadily diminishing stature. We weren't wrong. But now there's an opportunity to see Blighty differently. And this time we, in India, can learn a few invaluable lessons as well.

The United Kingdom is arguably the most multicultural society in the world. It has had a prime minister (PM) of Indian origin, several chancellors, foreign secretaries and home secretaries who are either Black or Asian as well as heads of Scotland, Wales and London. I can't think of another country with a similar record.

Thirteen per cent of the MPs recently elected to the House of Commons are of Black/Asian or ethnic minority origin, compared to 10% in the previous House; 29 are people of Indian origin and 15 of Pakistani origin. Twelve are Sikhs. Yet Asians are only 8% of the population and Blacks 4%. People of Indian origin are 3.1%. People of Pakistani origin 2.7%.

In comparison, Muslims are nearly 15% of India's population and in proportionate terms there should be 74 Muslim MPs in the Lok Sabha. There are just 24. In 2019 it was 26, in 2014, 23. We don't have a Muslim chief minister in any of our 28 states, in 15 there's no Muslim minister, in 10 there's just one.

More tellingly, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party doesn't have a single Muslim Lok Sabha MP. In Uttar Pradesh, with nearly 20% Muslims, the party doesn't have a single Muslim member of the legislative assembly. That was also the case in 2017. In Gujarat, it hasn't fielded a Muslim candidate in any Lok Sabha or Vidhan Sabha election since 1998. That's a quarter century of deliberate distancing although 9% of the state are Muslims.

There's a second and very different lesson we could also learn. How to respond when you've led your party to its worst-ever defeat.

In Britain, the outgoing prime minister, Rishi Sunak resigned. He did so before 12 hours had lapsed. In fact, before the results were fully out, the Conservatives had started to publicly debate what sort of party they need to become if they're to return to power. In the weeks and months ahead, that will intensify. And the entire country will participate in the process. The media will question and provoke, MPs will quarrel and bicker, and aspirants will step forward and drop out. It will often be embarrassing for the party whilst several individual reputations could shatter. But in the end, a new party will emerge.

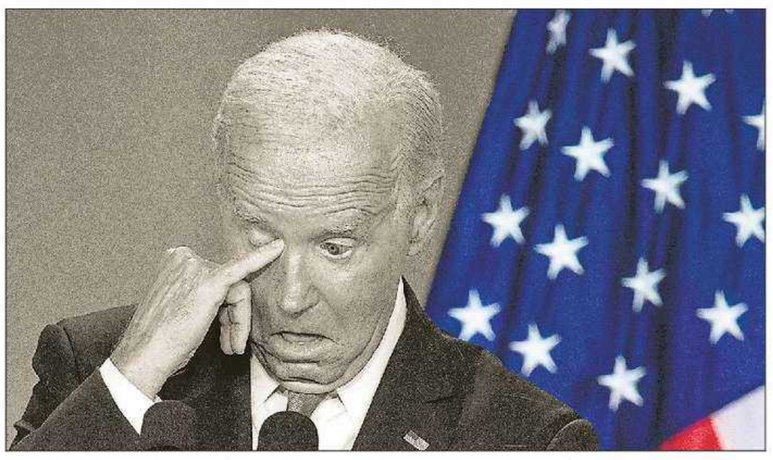
Now consider what happened after the Congress plummeted to its worst-ever defeat in 2014. No one resigned. The party did not debate its future. Sonia Gandhi continued as president for three more years, eventually making way for her son. An election to choose a leader from outside the Gandhi family did not take place till 2022 and Shashi Tharoor's candidature was frowned upon. Even today, a decade later, the Gandhis remain in effective control. Mallikarjun Kharge may be president but Rahul Gandhi is the man who matters. Sonia Gandhi, though old, unwell and usually unwilling to speak in Parliament, remains chairperson of the Congress Parliamentary Party.

There's a third lesson too but I'll only mention it briefly. Sunak drove to Buckingham Palace to resign in the prime minister's official car. He left in a private car from a side gate. An hour later, Keir Starmer arrived in the leader of the opposition's car. After his appointment as prime minister, he left for Downing Street in the PM's official limousine. By the time he got there the Sunak family's belongings had been packed and removed. No 10 was ready to receive the new head of government.

All of this happened within hours of the results becoming clear. The constitutional process was not paused for five days to arrange a spectacular swearing-in. The election over, the job of governance began immediately. Whilst all new prime ministers claim they'll start work at once, the British actually do.

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A Biden-sized problem for the US Democrats



The decision on Biden's future rests with the president himself AFP



Ian Bremmer

With the 2024 presidential election less than four months away, the Democrats now face a perfect political storm. President Joe Biden's startlingly unfocused debate performance against Donald Trump leaves party officials, and many of the Democrats' likeliest voters, calling for a change at the top of the ticket.

A few weeks ago, backing Biden was thought to be the Democrats' best hope. After all, it's not easy to beat a president seeking re-election. Since 1932, only Jimmy Carter, the elder George Bush, and Donald Trump have failed. A Biden retirement or a credible primary challenge seemed needlessly dangerous.

The decisions of Democrats Harry Truman and Lyndon Johnson not to seek re-election powered Republicans Dwight Eisenhower (1952) and Richard Nixon (1968) respectively to victory. Senator Edward Kennedy's primary challenge in 1980 helped cripple Jimmy Carter's re-election campaign and move Ronald Reagan into the White House. It was much safer, most Democrats believed, to stick with Biden, a man who has already beaten Donald Trump once — and no Democrat who wants to be president one day wants to be the one to hobble an already vulnerable incumbent.

But growing worries about Biden's age — he is 81 now and would be 86 at the end of a second term — have become the central issue of the campaign, even as Trump faces sentencing on felony fraud charges. (There's a good indicator of just how dysfunctional America's politics has become.) Following Biden's debate debacle, the editorial board of the *New York Times*, the centre-Left establishment paper of record, urged the president to drop out, and recent polls signal that about half of Democratic Party voters agree.

Unless Biden decides to leave the race, the odds of replacing him are virtually zero. Over the course of Biden's sweep through the primary election season, he locked in the support of the delegates needed for his nomination at the party's August convention in Chicago. These delegates are pledged to back Biden unless he releases them. Even if the party could easily replace him, who would be the Democrats' new nominee? Poll after poll shows that Vice President Kamala Harris is no more popular than Biden, and pushing her aside for another contender risks alienating large numbers of women and minority voters.

In addition, other possible replacements — California Governor Gavin Newsom, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, transportation secretary Pete Buttigieg and others — are untested on the national stage. To understand how quickly an unproven candidate might flounder, look no further than Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and his hotly anticipated and disastrous attempt to take down Trump in this year's Republican primaries.

Biden has so far shown no indication that his plans are in doubt. He has publicly declared his intention to remain in the race. The public shows of support from former presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton demonstrate a determination to move forward. And the president might still beat Donald Trump. In America's hyper-polarised political environment, millions of people who tell pollsters that Biden is too old to serve a second term will still vote for him, if only to keep Donald Trump out of the White House. Both sides in this race believe the future of American democracy is at stake in this election, and voter turnout will likely be high for both parties.

But the hill Biden must climb will be made steeper in the coming weeks by a steady stream of anonymous Democratic officials warning in the media that Biden must go. At least until the party's convention, that problem will weigh on the president's ability to turn the page. Speculation that the Democrats might advance the date on which Biden is formally nominated will suggest he's panicking, even if he isn't. All this is happening at a time when the Biden campaign hoped to keep media attention on Trump's many liabilities.

For now, the Democratic Party is paralysed. Ousting a sitting president would be an enormous political gamble; sticking with a stumbling incumbent might carry even more risk. Trump, meanwhile, has enjoyed a charmed few weeks of good news. Almost all his legal headaches have been postponed until after the election. Sentencing has been delayed in his conviction in New York in the so-called hush money case. Recent Supreme Court rulings have lessened fears that Trump faces jail time and reminded conservative voters that Trump made the court more conservative and might do it again if he wins in November. The media is more focused now on Trump's choice of a vice-presidential running mate than on his own erratic behaviour.

The decision on Biden's future rests with the president himself, and it's impossible to know for sure what he'll do. For now, he appears intent on staying the course and trying to change the subject. But with each passing day, the pressure for a change at the top of the Democratic Party's presidential campaign is growing. An unprecedented environment for a uniquely dysfunctional United States presidential election.

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Poet and policeman: Art of Keki Daruwalla



Vappala Balachandran

Earlier this week, the Sahitya Akademi published *A House of Words-Festschrift: In Honour of Keki N. Daruwalla*, and organised a discussion on the poet, one of the most significant voices in Indian writing in English. *Festschrift* in German means "celebration writing". The many significant poets who attended the online function spoke warmly about Keki, his poetry, his compassion, his aphorisms, or "Kekisms" as they called these and how he was always empathetic towards younger poets.

Keki and I were born in the same year in two countries that were once part of India: I in Yangon and he in Lahore. I worked with him in the same intelligence department since 1976, sometimes at different stations but always keeping in touch. He had joined earlier, after working as assistant superintendent of police in Uttar Pradesh from 1959 and a spell with the erstwhile Special Service Bureau till 1965. Between 1979 and 1980, he worked as the special assistant to then prime minister Charan Singh. In 1980-81, he was at Oxford University on study leave as a Queen Elizabeth II House Fellow. From then on, he was continuously with the Cabinet Secretariat, with a spell as a senior diplomat, doing national intelligence work till he retired in 1995 as chairman, Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC), which had the ultimate responsibility of integrating and interpreting strategic intelligence for the Cabinet. Post retirement, he was appointed as a member of the National Commission of Minorities from 2011 to 2014 when he had to undertake visits to different parts of the country to investigate cases of injustice against minorities. In between these heavy responsibilities, he wrote 17 books of poetry and fiction, many of which have been translated into Spanish, Swedish, Magyar (Hungarian), German and Russian.

How did a "multi-hatted" police-intelligence man like Keki, now 87 years old, become a renowned poet at a young age? He won the Sahitya Akademi award for his collection of poems, *The Keeper of The Dead*, forty years ago. Another book of poems, *Landscapes*, won him the Commonwealth Poetry Award (Asia) in 1987. His first novel, *For Pepper and Christ*, was shortlisted for the Commonwealth Fiction Prize in 2010.

It is said that sometimes creative writers prove to be good intelligence officers since both need curiosity, observation, imagination, and constant questioning to find answers. One finds that in abundance in Keki's writings. In *Dialogues with a Third Voice* (1970), he asks: "How long must I sacrifice the body to the soul ... lost in some vague, aesthetic future?" On rare occasions, the poet clashes with the policeman and professional angst sets in. *Routine*, a 1971 poem, describes the scene of police firing and concludes: "Depressed and weary we march back to the lines." Five decades later, in *Swamy and Friends*, describing the tragic death of Father Stan Swamy in prison, he writes: "If you had no *mai-baap*, you were left to fate; no bail, more jail". In between his official work, Keki would take time off, go into isolation in his own house and produce those gems. One of his ways to recharge his creative mind was by holding small marbles in his palm and gently shaking them!

Of all his works, my favourite is *For Pepper and Christ* (2009), a fictional account of Vasco da Gama's voyage to my home state, Kerala. I was amazed at how he could describe the 15-16th century Calicut (Kozhikode) with such precision. He told me that he used to do research for the book at the American University library in Cairo while he was visiting his younger daughter, Rookzain. Let me conclude with an excerpt from his poem, *Map-Maker* (2002): "Perhaps I'll wake up on some alien shore in the shimmer of an aluminium dawn, to find the sea talking to itself and rummaging among the lines I've drawn; looking for something, a voyager perhaps, gnarled as a thorn tree in whose loving hands, those map lines of mine, somnambulant, will wake and pulse and turn to shoreline, sand".

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{ SUNDAY LETTERS }

Guru Dutt's lasting imprint on cinema

This is with reference to "*In Guru Dutt's life and art, frames of disenchantment*" by Amrit Gangar (July 7). Dutt's films reflect the disillusionment he found in the masses of a newly freed nation. His movies, especially *Pyaasa* and *Kaagaz ke Phool* are lessons in direction as well as acting.

Saimul Quadri

Raising the bar for Parliament

This is with reference to "*A charter for Parliament to improve its functioning*" by Karan Thapar (July 7). The ruling dispensation and the Opposition should enable the smooth functioning of Parliament. At risk is India's status as the mother of democracy.

M Gopinath

Address concerns of women voters

This is with reference to "*Parties must fulfil poll promises to women*" by Lalita Panicker (July 7). With women increasingly using the electoral process to voice their expectations, no party can afford to ignore their issues.

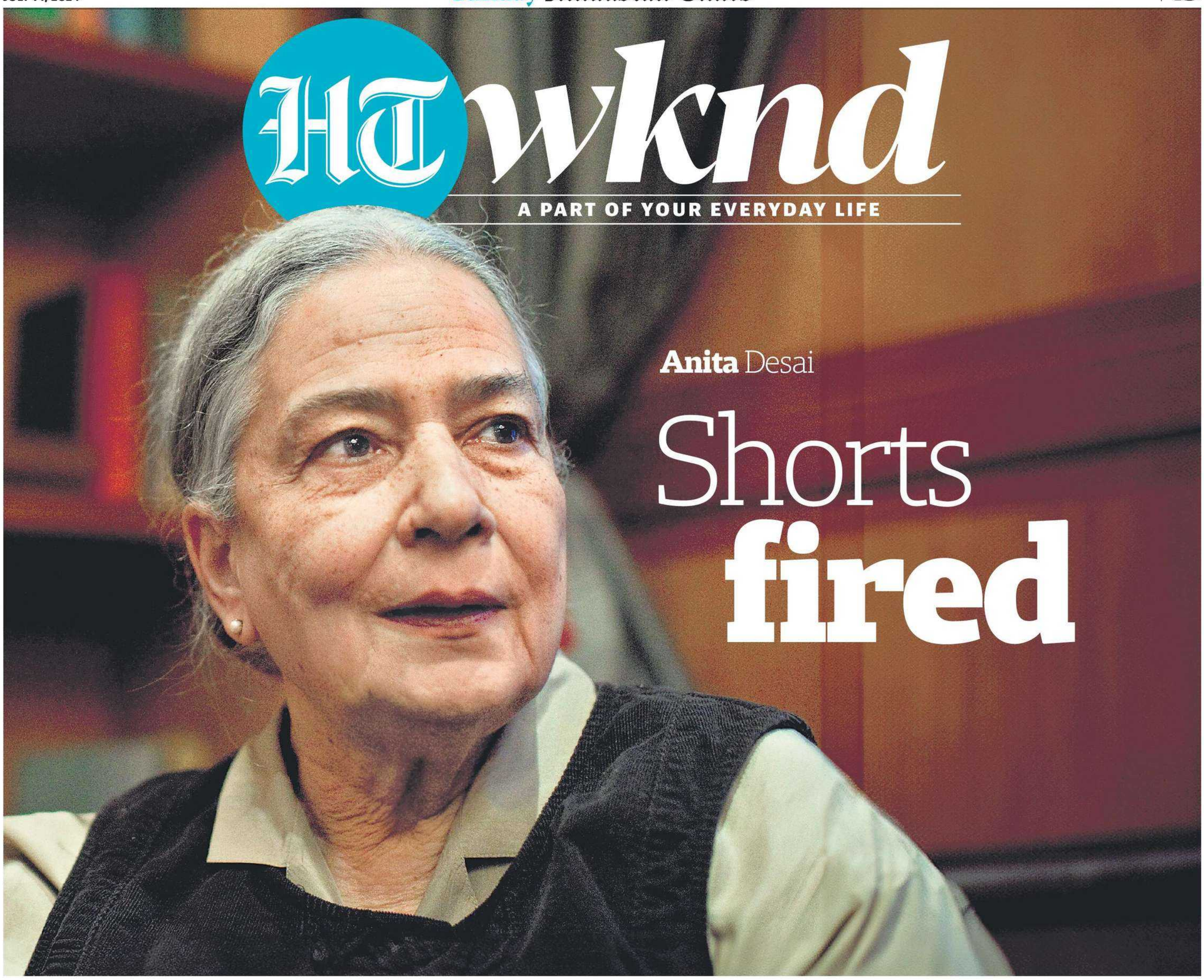
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A PART OF YOUR EVERYDAY LIFE

Anita Desai Shorts fired

At 88, her writing has only become sharper, more concentrated, even if the books themselves are slimmer. Rosarita, her first in over a decade, is set in a vanished Delhi and contemporary Mexico, as a daughter finds out truths about her mother's past. 'We all choose what we tell our children,' Desai says

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Speaking to Anita Desai on the telephone feels strangely like talking to an erudite distant aunt you've never met.

The landline in her home in a small town in New York state crackles and echoes. The doorbell rings. There are so many questions one is tempted to ask, but I stick to talking about Rosarita, Desai's latest novella, set in a vanished Delhi of the post-Independence period and in contemporary Mexico.

"Old Delhi was where we had our home. Of course, so much that was known to me in those years, the life that we led, doesn't exist anymore. India's a new country now. It isn't my material any more, so I have to leave it to the younger generation," says Desai, 88.

Why Mexico? "The first time I went there, I was escaping a very bitter winter in New England. I just caught a plane to a city I had heard of but never visited, Oaxaca. I remember getting off the plane and my first impression was, 'Oh, I'm back in India!' After that, I kept going back, and it always rewarded me very richly with the material that finally came to rest in this book," she says, adding that she also kept seeing parallels in the huge upheavals faced by the two once-colonised nations.

"It seemed to me that under the surface of art, and culture and beauty, there was this thread of violence and injustice. Strangely enough, it was possible to bring in a lesser-known American thread — the fact that there were some American artists who did choose to go to Mexico rather than to Paris. So I was able to bring in that part of World War 2 and talk about the experience not only of those who suffered on the ground but of those who inflicted violence on them," Desai says.

Which brings us to the artist Satish Gujral, whom Desai mentions in her author's note as someone else who "clearly saw the parallel between the Mexican Revolution and India's Partition, that, as a refugee, he had experienced himself".

I mention a long-ago meeting with Gujral, and how he spoke then of his time in Mexico training under the artist Diego Rivera. "I am thrilled to hear that you actually met him... I wish I had had that experience. I had already written the book when it occurred to me that there was one Indian artist who shared my feelings of our common histories of revolution and independence and all the violence that went with it. But this was long after Satish Gujral's death (in 2020) and I never met him. I had very little to go on. But I was very happy that I could include him because he was an important influence at the back of my mind, in my subconscious," she says.

While most authors dwindle as they age, many descending into a pastiche of their earlier and richer work, Desai's writing has become sharper, more concentrated, even if the books themselves are shorter.

> My children would go to school, and that was my quiet time to myself... Maybe I'd have written more in other circumstances, but now I think it's all right to learn how to work within borders.
> **ANITA DESAI**

"In recent years, the novella is the form that I feel most comfortable with, perhaps because I haven't got the energy and the strength to write the bigger books that I wrote when I was younger, and do the research I did into histories and the past," she says. "It takes a lot of stamina to stay with a book like that. Now, when I find a subject that will fit into a novella, I'm happier dealing with it. My work is getting briefer and briefer."

Desai's books have never been doorstoppers. In Custody, shortlisted for the Booker Prize in 1984, was 248 pages long. Her powerful Baumgartner's Bombay (1988), which traced the journey of a Jewish refugee, was about 40 pages longer. To me, the 94-page Rosarita, about the journeys both outward and inward of Sarita and her daughter Bonita, is no less impactful.

Unlike Baumgartner, the mother and daughter haven't fled the Nazis.

They are racing, though, away from a stifling marriage in the case of the former and in search of a life of meaning for the latter. "Not In Custody or Fire on the Mountain (1977), but other books like Baumgartner's Bombay and Journey to Ithaca (1995) have taken me on long journeys because I do think writing is a form of exploration. When one is writing a book, one is exploring not only a character but exploring their worlds, their histories, their pasts. I suppose that's why the book also takes the form of a physical journey," says Desai, whose narrator in Rosarita begins uncovering an unknown side to her mother during her travels.

Desai's own parents — the German-origin Toni Nime and the Bengali businessman DN Mazumdar — led "quite complicated lives".

"Although they told us about some of it, I always had a feeling that there was a great deal that was left out. I think my father, in particular, was a very reserved man. We never visited East Bengal, which was his home, though he told us of some bits of his life there. He always seemed nostalgic about the green waterways of Bengal. But there was so much else that he didn't tell us, like the fact that his family was involved in the independence movement. An uncle, his brother, even spent time in prison," Desai says.

Nime, on the other hand, was a marvellous storyteller. "She recreated her childhood in Germany in such detail that it was like listening to fairy stories." But even here the tales were incomplete.

Desai visited Germany in her mid-20s. "It was after World War 2 and there was very little resemblance to the stories my mother had told us, and I realised how much is kept in reserve," she says.

"Either parents do not like to speak of certain areas of their lives or they are not able to convey these to their children. I think we all choose what we tell our children."

Speaking of literary influences, Desai says that the Mexican writer Juan Rulfo's 1955 novel Pedro Paramo has probably influenced her writing most. The book is about a dying mother who sends her son to visit his father in his father's village.

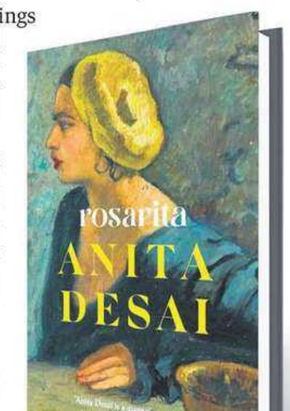
"When he goes there, he finds there's no one alive. It's a village of ghosts."

Desai has fashioned her own ghosts into believable characters, always in search of their true selves. It is why her writing continues to be powerful.

She still sets aside her mornings to write, she says, a habit she fell into when her four children (one of whom is the Booker Prize-winning Kiran Desai) were little.

"They'd go to school and that was my quiet time to myself. I knew what I wanted to do with that time. I didn't have any other hobbies or ways of living except through my books, the ones I wrote and the ones I read," she says. "Maybe I'd have written more in other circumstances, but on the other hand, now I think it's all right to learn how to work within borders."

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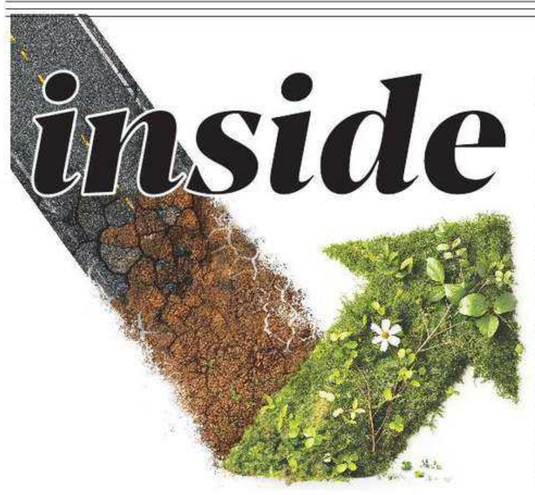
1 Anita Desai, 88, was born in Mussoorie, to the German-origin Toni Nime and the Bengali businessman DN Mazumdar. She studied English literature at Miranda House, Delhi. She won the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1978, for Fire on the Mountain (about old wounds reopened when a young woman visits her great-grandmother). She is perhaps best known for Clear Light of Day (1980), a family tale set in post-Partition India.

2 Last week, the writer released her first book in over a decade, Rosarita. Published by Picador, it is a slim novella about memory, grief, and the search for a life of meaning. It is also, like so many of her works, about parents and children. Released on July 4, it follows Bonita, an Indian studying Spanish in Mexico, who begins to learn things about her mother's past.

3 Desai currently lives in New York state and is the Emerita John E Burchard Professor of Humanities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

READ: Half-outsiders: An interview with Anita Desai and Kiran Desai, on the complexities of being immigrant writers. By Sandip Roy

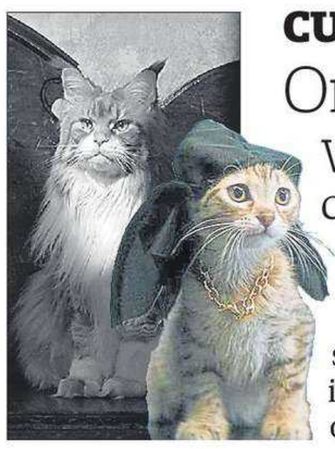
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Let it rip



Why are countries around the world rolling back some of their roads? Over block parties and district-level contests, people are voting on which patches of tarmac they can do without. Streets are being made narrower, parking spaces stripped. All in a bid to tackle the urban heat island effect, capture rainwater, replenish groundwater – and ease the damage done by the philosophy that says we must build to develop

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Like money and passports, we take them for granted. We've forgotten there was ever a world without roads.

Well, parts of the world are rolling back the tarmac.

In the US, UK, Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, China, Spain and Poland, citizens' groups, NGOs and municipal corporations are working together to depave, prying off asphalt and concrete and restoring the natural surfaces of streets, parking lots, school yards, even domestic backyards.

That's step one. "What comes next is crucial: restoration of the soil, which has often been polluted and artificially compacted," says Marc Barra, an ecologist with the Regional Agency for Biodiversity in Paris. "This is done through ecological engineering, via decompaction, the incorporation of earthworms and the use of pioneer plants."

Since 2020, parts of schoolyards and college quadrangles have been stripped in southern France and turned into rain gardens (a sunken garden designed to allow rainwater to seep through), in efforts led by the local administration and the NGO Bleu Versant, but executed with the help of teachers, parents and children.

In Belgium, a hotly contested race between towns is seeing under-utilised roads, parking lots, driveways and backyards depaved and re-greened in a similar fashion, since 2023. It was a devastating flood in 2021 that got the local administration thinking about depaving, and they have been working with residents since.

In London, the mayor's office offers a free online toolkit on how to strip and re-green concrete in one's driveway or backyard, or set up community groups to do this on a larger scale in the neighbourhood.

In Melbourne, there is talk of turning half the on-street parking slots into sunken rain gardens to combat flooding, with trees to add shade and mitigate the urban heat island effect as well.

Environmental factors such as hotter and drier summers, the heat island effect, recurrent floods and depleting groundwater levels are driving such efforts.

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> **THAMI CROESER,** urban planning researcher with Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, Australia

"Depaving helps make over-concretised cities spongier," says Thami Croeser, an urban planning researcher with Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, Australia.

It is important to monitor success by carrying out flora and fauna inventories and measuring benefits such as cooling, seepage of rainwater and the use of the space by local residents, Barra adds. "It's also important to recycle the bitumen," because the carbon footprint of producing those materials is far too high for them to simply be disposed of.

So, in Belgium, "tile taxis" have been commissioned by the local government, to ferry away loads of tarmac and gravel, which are processed and recycled. (Read the story alongside to see how monthly prizes and pizza parties fit in.)

Meanwhile, in Portland, Oregon, where it all began, block parties are helping residents view depaving as something to celebrate, rather than a doomsday measure or a chore.

Roads not taken

Depaving can be traced to a small localised effort in Portland in 2008, when an NGO called Depave worked with the city administration, a landowner and local residents to strip the tarmac off a single vacant lot near a café, and turn the space into a permaculture garden.

Before Depave and Oregon, in the 1970s, the US Forest Service began mapping unused roads in national parks and restoring them to their natural surfaces. Many of these had been built around the logging industry, and were no longer in use. Yet they were contributing to landslides and disrupting wildlife. (Read the story alongside to see how even fish populations rebounded once they were gone.)

Re-routing

Of course, not all roads are villains. In our world, shaped as it is, they play a vital role. They save lives, keep neighbourhoods and nations safe, ease movement of goods and people.

To determine whether a road ought to stay or go, it helps to ask: Would local residents really miss this, if it weren't here, says restoration ecologist Adam Switalski, who consults with the US Forest Service on decommissioning projects.

"Climate change is pushing us to adopt nature-based solutions and reimagine our cities," says Croeser of RMIT University.

Depaving, in this context, represents a vital social movement of our time. "It is, after all, also a symbolic action — an admission that we can and should step away from the idea that we must build in order to develop," says Barra.

Increased funding would help, he adds. It could be the difference between the movement remaining rather niche, and it growing into a mass global campaign along the lines of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

"We've centred so much of our urban hubs on automobiles and concretised, built-up spaces that these elements are often all we see, smell and hear," says Croeser. "But streets are really just spaces between buildings and they can be anything we want them to be. So we need to change the rules and say: How about we don't do asphalt here anymore?"

IMAGE: MIDJOURNEY; PHOTO IMAGING: PUNEET KUMAR

{ STREET SMART } NEW ROUTES IN INDIA?

'Build what we need, no more'

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Think of the many times you've heard of trees being felled for road-building or road-widening.

Multiply that across a tropical subcontinent, in the midst of a road-building spree.

The BJP-led NDA government has added 50,000 km of national highway across the country, over the past decade; a hike of more than 50% in total area covered by such roads. Another 202 national highway projects worth thousands of crores are in the works.

"Roads have come to be thought of as a definition for development. But after a certain point, the same roads and infrastructure start having a net-negative impact on the system as a whole," says Anish Andheria, a wildlife biologist, member of the Maharashtra State Board of Wildlife, and president of the not-for-profit organisation Wildlife Conservation Trust (WCT).

The trees and green patches at whose expense roads are



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{ LEADING THE WAY } PORTLAND

Perma-change

In Portland, Oregon, **block parties (above)** are held to discuss depaving.

Amid music, art and food, residents talk about what stretches of concrete they don't really need, and decide what they could use the space for instead.

In 2022, one such effort saw an unused parking lot in Portland turned into a traditional Native American healing space complete with a ceremonial area, sweat lodge, fire pit and a garden home to hundreds of native plants, including ceremonial tobacco.

In videos on the Depave website, residents speak of how proud they are to have been able to help build it, and how good it feels to hand it over to a generation that has no lived experience of such a space.

It was the NGO Depave that drove that transformation, and has driven similar efforts here since. Back then, it began by holding talks with citizens, a landowner and the city administration to turn a vacant concretised lot into a permaculture garden.



Once the go-ahead came from both sides, a date was fixed and people were invited to join in. About 148 citizens turned up at the lot: authors, ecologists, entrepreneurs, teachers, students, social workers and seniors. They yanked the asphalt off with pry bars and then scooped up the gravel that lay underneath. There was some singing and the beating of a drum.

A year later, seeds were planted. Today, the Fargo Forest Garden is home to native fruit and nut trees, berry shrubs and a vegetable patch.

The NGO Depave works on two types of projects in the state: "transformations" and "retrofitting". The former alters a site's usage entirely, as with the healing space and permaculture garden. Retrofitting projects tend to be smaller, and involve scraping tarmac off parts of streets, lots or yards to install tree wells or small patches of soil and greenery that can generate shade, allow water to percolate, help reduce flooding.

The NGO says it has depaved about 35,000 sq metres of concreted land in these two ways, since 2008.

"We also train those interested in starting such efforts," says **communications coordinator Katherine Rose (above)**. "The idea is to turn as many lifeless paved areas as possible into permeable spaces that are more useful to the communities they are situated in."

{ HITTING DELETE? } AUSTRALIA

Put it in park

Imagine Melbourne with grass and trees in place of streetside parking slots.

A study by ecologists and urban planners with the universities of Melbourne, Sydney, Monash and California, led by the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) University, indicates that the depaving and redesign of about 11,000 on-street parking spaces (about half of total street capacity in the city) would reduce water pollution, capture more of the rainwater that otherwise floods the city and is wasted, and draw more birds and bees back to the city.

Perhaps most significantly, it could help battle the 40-degree-Celsius-plus heat waves that have been becoming more frequent in Melbourne in recent years — if the former parking lots were replaced with trees, shrubs and spongy sunken garden beds designed to allow rainwater to percolate.

Findings were published in the journal NPJ Urban Sustainability in 2022.

Where would people park? The study addresses that too.

It turns out that of the approximately 220,000 parking spaces in the Melbourne municipal area, most are off-street and residential or commercial. And apartment parking has a vacancy rate of 26% to 41%..



'It's scary for politicians to take space away from cars, especially in busy cities like Melbourne or Mumbai. Drivers can be hysterical and it can be dramatic,' Croeser says. 'But the reality is that this is a positive trade-off.'
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"There is potential to reallocate much of the **on-street parking (above)** to these vacant lots," says Thami Croeser, urban planning researcher at RMIT. Using data provided by the City, the researchers confirmed that this kind of reallocation would be possible, if motorists were willing to park and then walk, on average, about 100 metres.

Stripped of concrete, the former parking slots would collectively amount to 60 hectares worth of new tree canopy in the centre of the city, where much of the heat is typically trapped.

The research has garnered a lot of media attention, partly because it offers a roadmap for key goals that the city has set for itself, which include increasing tree canopy cover from 22% to 40% by 2040.

"It's scary for politicians to take space away from cars, especially in busy cities like Melbourne or Mumbai. Drivers can be hysterical and it can be dramatic," Croeser says. "But we aim to keep the pressure up and hopefully get policy-makers to take note of the impact that simple measures, implemented on available land, can have. Because the reality is that this is a positive trade-off."

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{ ROAD, KILL } USA

No sign that we were ever there

"Historically, roads, because they are economically crucial, have been indiscriminately built in the US, with little consideration of their environmental impact, especially in ecologically significant areas such as forests and river basins, where logging is a major industry," says restoration ecologist Adam Switalski.

These roads have, over time, contributed to soil erosion and increased rates of storm run-off, worsening landslides, polluting streams and rivers, and affecting wildlife.

By the 1990s, many of the roads built around logging weren't even in use, but the environmental damage they caused continued. So, for 20 years, Switalski has been working to roll some back, advising on road-decommissioning projects particularly around streams and rivers in US national parks and forests.

His biggest joy, he says, is to return to a site and see... nothing at all; just a landscape continuing as if undisturbed. As the plants come back, so does the wildlife. "It's so rewarding," he says.

A road by a river, depaved in the early 2000s, even helped fish flourish. In a 2007 habitat study published in the journal Transactions of the American Fisheries Society, researchers noted that road decommissioning resulted in vegetative regrowth, reducing fine sediment in streams, driving the populations of bull and cutthroat trout up in the Flathead National Forest.

"When you see something like that, it means that we did something right," Switalski says.



A fish-barrier culvert is decommissioned at the Lolo National Forest in Montana.
PHOTO: ADAM SWITALSKI

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often built are not just home to flora and fauna, he adds.

"They are systems that form the backbone of our human ecosystems, societies and economies. Indiscriminate land acquisition to build roads can then spell long-term disaster. The West made this mistake. In the US, there are efforts now to depave roads, demolish dams on wetlands, and restore natural systems. We should learn from their mistakes, rather than repeating them."

Over the years, Andheria and WCT have worked with forest departments in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, among others, to help plan the paths that new roads will take, so as to cause the least disruption to natural ecosystems and animal habitats.

In the wild, Andheria and WCT consult on elements such as animal crossings, adding native trees to such overpasses to make them seem more contiguous with the forest and picking materials for construction that will do the least to further alter the habitat.

The move away from tar is a good step being taken in India, he says. "Tar, because of its nature and colour, traps far too much heat. That's one reason it melts in intense heat the way it does."

Trees are a good idea, wherever they can be added along roads, he adds. "Roads tend to absorb ambient heat and raise atmospheric temperatures. Trees can keep direct sunlight from reaching the street, helping mitigate this effect."



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Planting the right species of trees is vital. Pick species native to the region, over generic ornamentals.

Flowering and fruiting invasives can be particularly harmful because they draw pollinators to the region that are indifferent to native species, thereby altering the ecosystem to an even greater degree.

But Andheria's most fundamental piece of advice: Wherever possible, build small, he says. Build what we need, no more.



HOW badly can a new road hurt an existing habitat? Read about new designs for animal crossings that are attempting to minimise their impact

{ TRAIL MIX } A TIMELINE

Track your ride: A brief history of the road



A bit of the wood walkway found in Glastonbury, dating to 3800 BCE. BRITISH MUSEUM

The earliest roads were made of timber and were brief paths, meant to ease the movement of wheels over troublesome areas such as bogs.

Then came flagstones (as tools improved), cobblestones (uncomfortable for humans but kept horses' hooves from slipping) and tar (traces of which have been found in 8th century CE Baghdad roads).

Roads kept empires stable. They became the mark of great civilisations, in Harappa, Persia, Rome. Coupled with the wheel, they helped humans shrink the distance between home and the nearest sources of water, food, employment, entertainment and defence.

Our words for "vehicle" come from our ancient words for path or way.

The Sanskrit root term "vaha" (to bear) birthed the Latin "veho" or "vehere" (to carry). By the 1100s, this had yielded the Old English "weg" (or path) and the Old High German "wegan" (to move). From here, of course, came "vahan" (Hindi for vehicle), the English "wagon", and "vehicle" itself.

It is unclear when the first footpaths were maintained, since early human habitation left no permanent traces. But as settled living caught on, 12,000 to 10,000 years ago, humans likely built and maintained deliberate pathways between settlements and nearby sources of water. Later, the paths would have linked settlements and fertile plots where seeds were sown for agriculture.

Trade was the first big catalyst for road-building. Early tribes likely used well-maintained pathways to facilitate the trade of flint, dyes, narcotics and special plants. The Australian Aboriginal peoples still used such pathways for this purpose when the first European explorers arrived on that continent in the 17th century.

The wheel, of course, would have been the next turning point. The earliest known wheels have been dated to 4500 BCE Mesopotamia. As this marvel boosted transport, the loads became heavier and the journeys longer. And roads began to matter.

The oldest known paved roads — made using bricks, stones and timber — have been found in ancient urban centres such as Ur in Mesopotamia and Glastonbury in England, and have been dated to 4000 BCE and 3300 BCE respectively.

The earliest traces of a built path go back a bit further. In Glastonbury, walkways made of oak planks dating to 3800 BCE have been found. These were small stretches built to make it easier to walk (or presumably push a cart) over boggy peatlands.

By 2200 BCE, an early highway was being built in Egypt, of sandstone, limestone and wooden logs. It facilitated the movement of large sleds filled with basalt from a region full of quarries to a patch of desert where temples and pyramids were being built.

By the 5th century BCE, the Persian king Darius I had built the Royal Road, a dramatic 2,400-km highway that linked Sardis in the west of the empire to Susa, the capital. He had snatched the throne, assassinated other claimants, been able to establish no real claim himself (other than brute force). The road was built to help protect his place on the throne. It was dotted with 111 post houses that messengers could use to relay messages to the palace. It's a model Alexander the Great would replicate in the 4th century BCE.

In India, it is worth noting, some of our national highways have been laid atop what were major trade routes in ancient times too. Dating to the 4th century BCE, the Uttarapatha or the Northern Great Route stretched from Taxila in modern-day Pakistan, through Punjab, to the western coast of the Yamuna. This became the Grand Trunk Road. The Dakshinapath or Southern Great Route stretched from Magadha (now Bihar) in the east to Pratisthana (present-day Paithan in Maharashtra) in the west.

By 300 BCE, caravans were using a combination of existing roadways and trails of their own to take large consignments of luxury goods from China, India and the Middle-East to Europe by land. This set of trails would come to be known as the Silk Road.

Cuisines and cultures would merge and new ideas would find wings, along this route.

By the 19th century, the industrial revolution made road-building materials easier to standardise. Colonialism saw roads flung across continents, to control territories and populations, and facilitate trade.

Roads remain the difference between life and death. The golden hour in medicine isn't a golden hour without a good road. They still boost trade, connect communities and keep nations and neighbourhoods safe.

But they are also still the first sign that humans are coming. And something — fire, war, chainsaws, traffic, concrete — always follows.



culture

Once more, with felines

Cats are notoriously hard to direct. So why are they getting starring roles, in A Quiet Place, Ripley, The Marvels? Well, they bring to a scene what a dog simply cannot: intrigue, menace, scathing judgement. It's still 'like assembling a team of bank robbers', as one director put it

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Two breakout stars have emerged in this month's horror release, A Quiet Place: Day One (the third in the franchise). Nico and Schnitzel together play Frodo, a strong, brooding service animal.

Frodo is alert to danger and often helps his human, the ailing Samira (Lupita Nyong'o), as they make their way through a dystopian New York full of noise-activated monsters. When separated from Sam, he attaches himself to another capable person, Eric (Joseph Quinn), and then unites Eric and Sam to give them all a better chance at survival.

These fine feline actors did such a good job, there is now talk of a Frodo spinoff. What's more, director Michael Sarnoski says he used no CGI at all, in the cat scenes. Nico and Schnitzel were just two professionals, starring alongside the Oscar-winning Nyong'o and Quinn. To be able to feature the cat character so prominently in the film "was a big victory for us," Sarnoski told Variety.

British filmmaker Matthew Vaughn is likely yowling in despair.

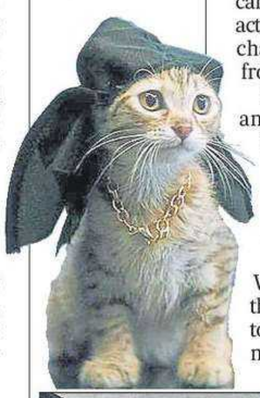
For his secret-agent action-comedy Argylle (released in February and now streaming on Apple TV+), he held auditions and picked carefully. He fixed on a professional feline actor to play Alfie, the beloved pet of the lead character, who is a spy novelist on the run from the bad guys in her books.

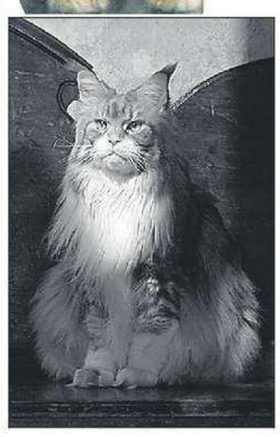
The feline simply would not cooperate and had to be fired on day one of shooting. Vaughn, a confessed dog person, replaced it with his daughter's pet cat, Chip, who was somewhat easier to work with but still had to have his performance enhanced by CGI.

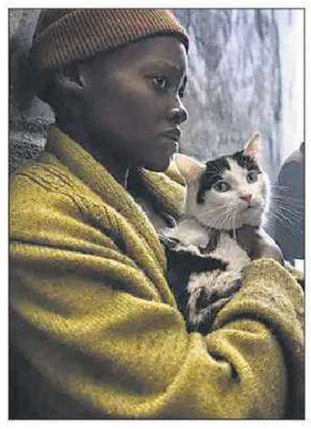
That's how it usually goes with felines. Why then do filmmakers write cats into their capers? Well, in cinema, cats can add to a scene what a dog simply cannot: an element of intrigue or menace; a sense of being watched, and likely judged.

And, when one does get the shot, it can be legendary.

Think of the cat in Marlon Brando's lap in The Godfather (1972). "You come into my house... on the day my daughter is to be married... and you ask me to do murder... for money" (stroke, stroke, stroke). The air of menace is magnified, with those two pairs of eyes looking out, rather than one. Here are a few more-recent tales that felines enriched.







(Above and below) It took a cast of seven kittens to film Keanu. (Bottom) Lucio, the cat in this year's Ripley, was recast twice before the director found the relatively obliging King. The two cats that play Frodo in A Quiet Place: Day One were so cooperative, they've made global news.

Ripley (2024)

This year's black-and-white Netflix retelling of Patricia Highsmith's classic novel, The Talented Mr Ripley (1955), features a Maine Coon called Lucio as the sole witness to the protagonist's bumbling, rage-fuelled crimes.

Lucio was written into the script by director Steven Zaillian. The role was recast twice before Zaillian landed on King.

Through the film, Lucio gathers evidence, distributes it for better visibility, waits all night, as if on stakeout, by the vintage wrought-iron lift doors. But, wouldn't you know it, the humans are too dense to catch on... until it's too late.

The Marvels (2023)

Six cats have so far been employed to play Goose, the cat-shaped alien in the Marvel Studios films Captain Marvel (2019) and its sequel The Marvels (2023).

One of these, Reggie, is a Hollywood veteran who also featured in the 2016 Quentin Tarantino film The Hateful Eight. He does the heavy lifting in Captain Marvel, providing the effective close-ups and reaction shots. He also provides the form on which most of the special effects are based.

Goose and its fellow Flerkens are whip-smart, have oral tentacles and can eat things 10 times their size... so only a bit more intimidating than our own felines.

Asked how shooting went, trainer Jo Vaughan told Entertainment Weekly: "Cats are cats... That's why you have two... So if one goes, 'Do you know what? I'm not really feeling it today,' you can switch to the other one."

Keanu (2016)

The kidnapped kitten in this action-comedy was played by seven kitties.

Veteran Hollywood animal trainers Larry Payne and April Macklin were roped in to get them screen-ready. Over a month, they were trained to stay calm around loud noises and commotion, run for cover on command.

By eight weeks, each kitten had its specialty: one could meow on cue, another could sit when asked nicely, a third could run; one turned out to mainly be good for cuddling. "It was like assembling a team of bank robbers," director Peter Atencio has said.

"It's a little bit easier with the kittens, believe it or not, than with adult cats," Payne told Associated Press. "Because I don't think they know any better."

{ PLAYING TO WIN } BELGIUM

With stars in their eyes

Neighbourhoods across the Flanders region of northern Belgium are in a race to depave.

In the city of Leuven, for instance, residents meet to discuss which stretches of road can be stripped down to their soil and lined with indigenous trees. For every sq metre converted and for every action (depaving, greening or collecting rainwater from roofs), a neighbourhood earns stars.

Collect enough stars at the local level, and the city administration throws a pizza party or organises a garden concert. Top the list at the regional level, and there are prizes up for grabs every month.

"At the moment, Leuven ranks third in the Flanders race," says Baptist Vlaeminck, coordinator of Life-PACT (People-driven: Adapting Cities for Tomorrow), an initiative of the Leuven city administration.

The contest is designed to be fun, but the larger mission is more serious.

Since 2021, the Leuven administration has been promoting depaving as a way to help mitigate flooding, tackle the urban heat island effect, replenish groundwater levels.

"2021 was a tipping point," Vlaeminck says. "Parts of Leuven were inundated more severely than anything we could remember. A lot of people realised then that climate change wasn't some years away. It is our current reality and we need to act now."

The year after that flooding, Leuven reached out to the tiny suburb of Spaanse Kroon (250 housing units; about 500 residents) to ask if they would help with an experiment to reimagine the area's roads.

To start things off, the administration created a landscaping popup in one corner of an under-utilised street, to offer residents a glimpse of what could be.

Next, a gardening-themed "information market" was organised, and residents had a chance to talk to local representatives and experts about what depaving would entail.

Public meetings and workshops followed. Residents discussed the kinds of trees and shrubs that might be planted, and how parking needs would be met.

Then work began. Some streets were made narrower. Unused or under-used parking spots were mapped and earmarked for depaving. Landscaping followed.





(From top) Depaving in the tiny suburb of Spaanse Kroon, in Leuven. The transformed neighbourhood is now home to more green patches, with streets narrowed where possible. PHOTOS COURTESY LIFE-PACT / CITY OF LEUVEN

A key part of the project involved motivating people to also depave private spaces such as driveways and backyards. To help, the administration offered free appointments with "garden rangers" for advice. And it offered "tile taxis", which could be called to pick up the slabs of concrete once they had been removed.

"These tiles, cobbles and gravel are cleaned and sold for reuse," says Vlaeminck. (This is a crucial step, given the carbon footprint involved in creating these materials.)

Earlier this year, the city of Leuven calculated that it had depaved over 4,000 sq metres of concrete roadways, sidewalks and parking spaces (in addition to scores of private driveways and backyards).

That's plenty of points added to the Leuven score. "We want to increase our count," Vlaeminck says, "and we want to motivate people, not just to win but also to make their city more liveable."

{ THE SPORTING LIFE }

Rudraneil Sengupta



Is Sable on track to bring it home?

The steeplechase runner is India's second big hope in track and field at the Olympics, after Neeraj Chopra. What a run he has had

India's athletics federation, it turns out, expects two medals from the 30-strong track and field contingent headed to the Paris Olympics.

One of those medal prospects is, of course, Neeraj Chopra, whose javelin throw won gold at Tokyo 2020. The federation has named no names, but with due respect to the powerful squad, the second name is obvious too: Avinash Sable.

This is a record-setting contingent overall. India has never had as many men and women qualify in athletics, and that is a big leap forward. There are other firsts too. Jyothi Yarraji is the first Indian to qualify for the women's 100m hurdles. For the first time, India will have two competitors in a single athletics event (javelin throw, where Kishore Jena will compete alongside Chopra).

Annu Rani is the first Indian woman to qualify for javelin throw. Parul Chaudhary is the first Indian to compete in two events here: the women's 5000m steeplechase and women's 3000m steeplechase. All 30 names on the squad are dominant in Asia, but 28 do fall a bit short of the Olympic medal standard.

Which brings us back to Sable. What a prospect he is. This past week, he smashed his own national record in the 3000m steeplechase, for the 10th time in five years — at the Paris Diamond League, at the same track he will race on during the Olympics.

He only began running in 2015. The 29-year-old from drought-hit Marathwada almost quit school to work in a brick kiln, after his parents' crop failed one too many times. He now holds the Asian Games record in his sport, and became the first non-Kenyan athlete since 1994 to win a Commonwealth Games medal in it, when he finished just behind Kenyan gold medallist Abraham Kibiwot at Birmingham 2022.

That year, Sable also began to compete in other categories. He smashed a 30-year-old national record in the men's 5000m run in only his second attempt at the event.

Nine years in, he barely notices the records he sets and breaks.

"My ambitions have changed," he told me. "Breaking national records is not going to improve me as an athlete. I don't even think it's enough to be the best at the Asian level, or win a gold at the Asian Games. I want to win Olympic and world medals."

If there is one blip in Sable's career, it is his inexplicable failure to make it out of the heats at the 2023 World Athletics Championships, in what was the slowest race ever run at the event.

"After that, I thought I should give up, go back home," he says. "But then I remembered my struggles, how we could not even eat twice a day when I was a child... and I realised the importance of my journey."

When he returned to the track, it was with a new appreciation for the strategic nuances of steeplechase — a complex and tactical sport that requires all the pacing of distance running, but also throws in 28 obstacles and seven water jumps over 3 km.

It's a sport so complex and unwieldy that the Olympic, World and World Championship records are all held by different people. Only one woman has won more than one Olympic medal; two men have won twice.

"I needed to understand my pace better," Sable says. "My failure (at the Worlds) was a great learning moment for me. Because now I know that I will not make the same mistakes in Paris." Let's call that hurdle one.

Here's to Chopra, and Sable, and India at the Games.

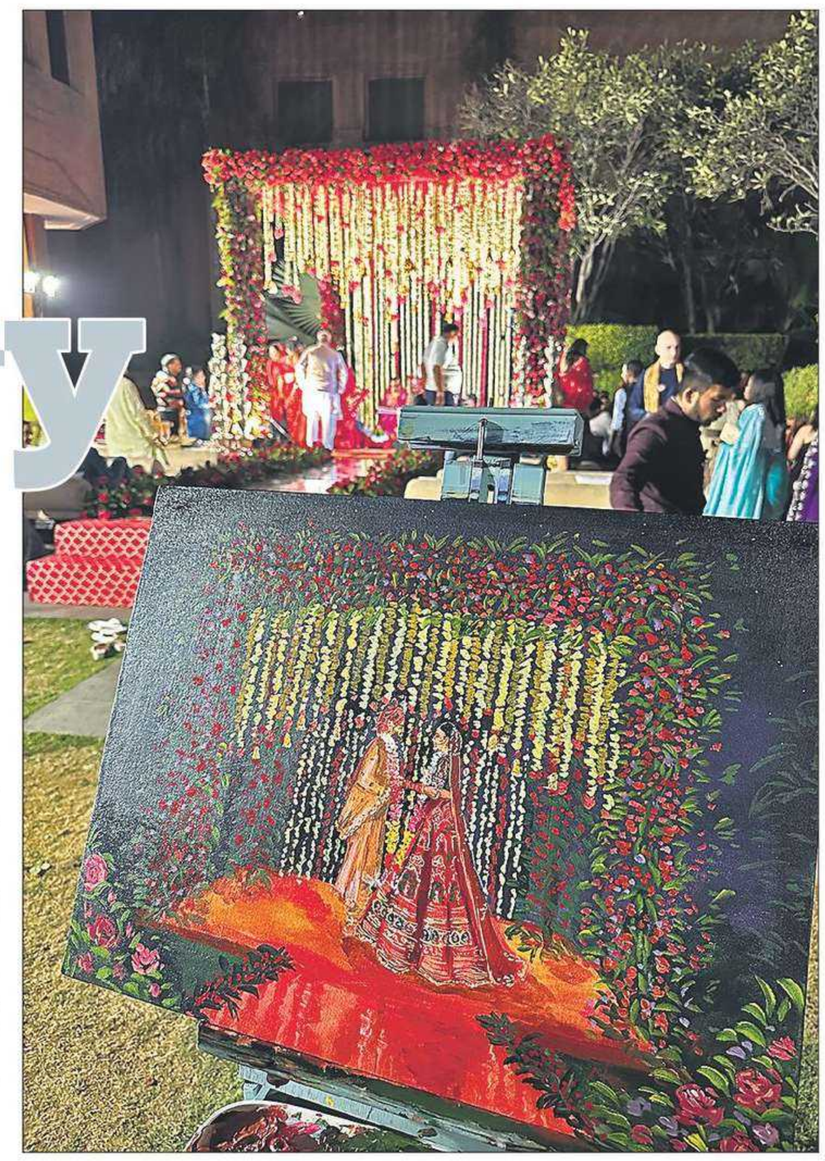


The steeplechase is a complex and tactical sport that involves distance running, 28 obstacles and seven water jumps over 3 km. GETTY IMAGES

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Heart gallery



The newest add-on at weddings is a painting of the couple, created live. For the artists, it's a race against time. Plus, step away and a guest may doodle on the work, mistaking it for a communal canvas. Or a relative may approach to say: That doesn't look like the couple, beta

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Pritesh Rangole likes to arrive at a wedding hall at least two hours before the bride and groom. He sets up his easel, canvas and colours, studies the light. Plans the dimensions of his painting, and decides which elements of the decor he will incorporate.

Once the couple arrives, there is no time to do anything but sketch (really fast) and take the odd photograph as a visual aid.

Rangole, 27, draws quick outlines of the newlyweds, taking special care to represent their outfits and jewellery. He adds more details as the ceremony gets underway, and as the family and group photoshoots begin.

Then he steps away, finds a quiet corner, finishes his painting, and hands it over to the couple before they leave.

It's hard work completing a canvas in real time. "Particularly with the loud music, the crowds, and subjects who are never still," he says, laughing. It is often so busy — what with requests from relatives, and children wanting to see what's going on — that there is no time for food or even toilet breaks.

The appointed hour can be an added adjustment: painting at ceremonies conducted at 3 am, in biting winter, hands cramping as the artists clutch their brushes.

But the money is good and demand is growing. Rangole says he has worked at 40 weddings since he started in August, for rates that start at Rs 35,000 per event.

As artists offer such services across major cities, the throwback to the pre-camera era is complete. Paintings were a popular method of recording significant events from about the Renaissance in the 16th century to the arrival of the camera about 300 years later.



In the current era, the trend of bringing artists back to weddings emerged in the US about a decade ago.

In India, it is a throwback to something far older too. For thousands of years, traditional folk-art forms such as Warli, Pattachitra and Madhubani recorded celebrations in art works. Rajasthani and Mughal miniatures would later do the same, representing in intricate details festivals, hunts, coronations and (usually royal) weddings.

Labour of love

Today, most couples and their families get quite involved in the conceptualising of the wedding art, says Delhi lawyer-turned-artist Noor, 25 (who goes by only one name). Some want deceased relatives to be represented. Others want pets woven in.

"Even if a couple just wants us to surprise them, it helps to have a discussion with them, to explore exactly what they mean," says Keerthana Adepu, 23, from Hyderabad.

The more lavish the wedding, the more complicated things can become. Arriving for a ceremony being held in Abu Dhabi, Chetan Advirkar, 30, from Mumbai discovered that the airline had lost his luggage. "I had no time to buy new art supplies. I was panicking," he says. After much wheedling, several calls and some pulling of strings, the airline compensated by acquiring a set of art supplies for him.

Most artists comment on the cold. Wedding season stretches through the winter and "my hands become so rigid, it's hard to hold the brush," Advirkar says.

The pranks can be painful too. Noor and Rangole have both left canvases unattended for a few minutes to take some photographs, and returned to find doodles and scribbles on a half-finished work. "The damage was fixable, but at first I thought I had lost two hours of frantic sketching and painting," Noor says.

"Guests unfamiliar with the concept of live painting think it's a canvas for everyone to draw on, or that it's a game or an engagement activity," adds Adepu.



Quick on the draw

The live commentary can be even more disturbing than the doodles.

"Before the painting is done, relatives will tell you that the portrait doesn't resemble the couple, 'at all'," Rangole says, laughing. Some will sympathetically ask what went wrong, or smile and say there is still time to fix it.

The worst moments are when you know they're right, says Adepu. "Sometimes, no matter how hard you try, either the painting isn't finished on time, or the clients are not happy with it. In such cases, I take their suggestions, go home, make the changes and finish it to their liking. After all, it is their big day and you want to do your best to make them happy."

In most cases, though, the response is pure joy. The paintings are greeted with gasps and laughter, affectionate jibes at those in the frame, and sometimes emotional tears. "The reactions are the most satisfying part of the job," Advirkar says.

These are such happy events filled with love and hope, Noor adds. "It feels good to be part of a person's best day rather than, as a lawyer, being part of some of their worst."

SEE more weddings captured on canvas

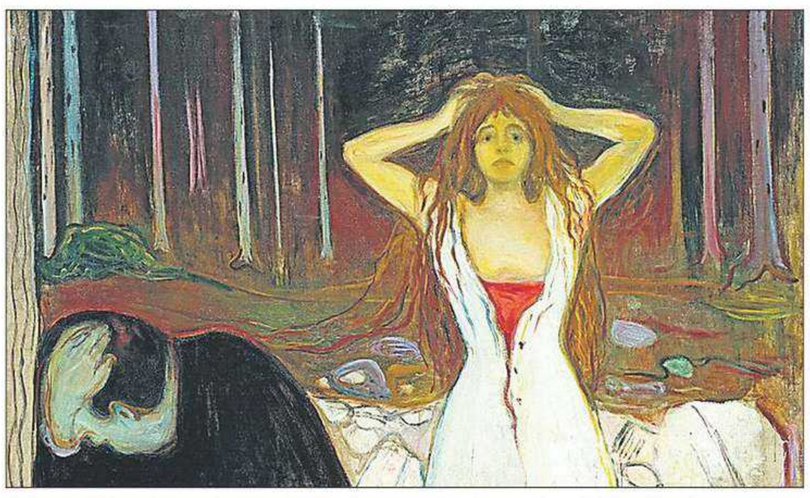
(Above right and below) A live painting created by lawyer-turned-artist Noor, and Noor at work. (Right) Keerthana Adepu at work in Hyderabad.

{ WITH LOVE }

Simran Mangharam

What, vent, why: Letting it all out

There *is* a good way to handle a ranting loved one. Aim to neither judge nor compete. Don't try to 'solve' the problem. A step-by-step guide



Ashes by Edvard Munch; 1894 - 95. Don't turn a simple emotional offloading into an afternoon of despair. Venting, done right, can leave everyone feeling better. WIKIMEDIA

Letting off steam is an important part of any deep relationship. It helps people bond, builds empathy, and allows the individual concerned to restore equilibrium as pent-up emotion is released and acknowledged.

When a partner vents, it is usually a sign of a healthy relationship. By opening themselves up, they are indicating that they feel safe and loved.

Even in the healthiest relationships, though, it is not always clear what the person being vented to, is supposed to do. So here are five tips I have found to be most effective for my clients.

First and most important: Understand your role. As the person being vented to, it is easy to assume that the loved one is looking for discussion, exploration, questions and problem-solving. They are not. They simply need you to listen. Do this without interrupting and they will feel heard and acknowledged and likely move on.

People often complain to me that their partner vents "too often". This can be a factor of them not feeling heard to begin with. Do less; say less. Don't try to solve the problem. Just be present.

My second tip: Pay attention. What a partner vents about, and how they do it, can offer great insight into their emotional state. Challenges at work, issues with a parent or child, lack of downtime or alone time are certainly problems in themselves. But listen carefully and one may learn that the person you love is feeling overwhelmed about something they thought (and you assumed) they could handle by themselves.

The third tip is a cautionary note: Avoid treating this as an opportunity to do some venting of your own. Let them have their moment.

Turning one person's need to vent into some sort of victimhood contest is the surest way to transform what felt like a safe space into one of judgement. Don't be the kind of partner who silently asks: Why can't you do better (which is particularly cruel when a person is already doing all they can).

Tip four: Don't make the rant about you. So many venting sessions turn into bitter fights because the person who should have been listening feels the urge to explain. My husband and I have both made this mistake, and it is one we have worked to correct.

Between responsibilities such as work, the children, the home and in-laws, for instance, I love having guests over. My husband enjoys having people over, but also likes us to have a few evenings to ourselves.

Years ago, I remember him venting about how little time we got together. I immediately went into explanation mode. It didn't end well. We both felt judged; we both felt mildly rejected in the moment.

These are what are called paper cuts in a relationship. They don't do great harm, but they add up, and they can make a loved one feel wary, guarded and alone.

Eventually, my husband and I sat down, talked, and agreed on a balance. Remember, you're on the same team. You are the team.

My final tip is for the person venting. It helps to clarify at the outset that this is not a problem one needs help with. The simple words "I need to vent" work like magic. They tell the other person the next few minutes might be rough, but it's just the need to get something off one's chest.

Change, deep discussion and problem-solving can come later.

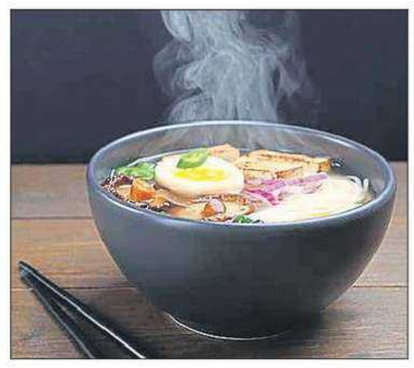
For the moment, the emotional debris has been cleared away. Think of it as a good waste-management plan. Except, in this case, try not to reuse and recycle.

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Why did we evolve to like a piping-hot bowl of ramen, and what secrets is the ice-cream hiding? Temperature tells us food is safe, signals that it is delicious – and cold can hide a cupful of sugar. ADOBE STOCK, SHUTTERSTOCK

{ SOUND BITES } WHAT GOLDILOCKS DIDN'T KNOW

Too hot? Too cold? Or just right





Swetha Sivakumar

When dal boils, its temperature is close to 100 degrees Celsius. The temperature in the human mouth is about 37 degrees Celsius. While the dal has cooled a bit by the time it is served, the gulf in temperatures is still a large one. Most hot meals, in fact, tend to be served at temperatures of about 60 degrees Celsius.

Why do we like food this hot? And how does the body cope?

Well, there are some hacks we employ without even knowing it.

Pay attention the next time you take a bite of something that is still steaming, and note how you involuntarily suck in a vortex of air first. This is a reflex that helps cool food before it touches the palate or tongue.

A second hack is perspiration. As hot food causes temperatures to rise in parts of the body, perspiration kicks in to cool us down. This is often accompanied by a runny nose and watery eyes, in a phenomenon known as gustatory sweating.

This is something I fondly recall my dad experiencing often. Even in the sweltering Chennai summer, he loved his hot rasam-rice for lunch. Sweating profusely, and frequently wiping his face with a towel he brought to lunch for that very purpose, he would relish each meal fresh off the stove.

Rather than navigate such spikes in temperature, why did we not simply evolve to prefer our food cooled? Well, most of our hot meals starts to lose a little something as they cool. That something is aroma.

Aroma molecules are tiny, airborne particles that drift off a dish and into the nose and mouth, where they are detected by olfactory receptors. The hotter the dish, the more aroma molecules are diffused — because heat gives the particles themselves more energy for movement, plus the particles' primary vehicle is steam.

Aromas play a key role in our experience of flavour. Which means a hot meal that has cooled is, as my father always argued, simply not the same dish.

There is a second reason we evolved to prefer hot meals: heat is an indicator that food is safe. Bacteria flourish in temperatures of 4 to 60 degrees Celsius. Heat an item to more than 60 degrees Celsius and bacteria start to die. (This is also why most items at a buffet are kept either hot or cold.)

Finally, there is the factor of mouthfeel. Food often doesn't "feel right" when it's gone cold, and that's because its textures have started to change. Most starches start to noticeably retrograde below 55 degrees Celsius. As they eject their water content and bond more closely, rice gets gluggy, potatoes turn into a lump, and chapatis and naans get stiff and dry. Even dal, which contains a fair amount of starch, starts to congeal. Fats, meanwhile, start to solidify. Melted cheese begins to cake; meats may turn rubbery.

There are, of course, foods that taste fine at room temperature, such as sandwiches, wraps and chaat. But these rely heavily on textures and crunch, without which they would "taste" more like mush and be less enjoyable.

Now a slight tangent, and a handy tip for those with a sweet tooth. Cold dulls the tastebuds, and so our perception of sweetness is lowered when we eat dessert. For this reason, kheer served hot needs a lot less sugar than ice-cream. And ice-cream, when melted, tastes so very sugary.

So, if you're looking for healthier dessert options, start with a temperature check. Opt for warm over cold.

Bon appetit.

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{ DOWNLOAD CENTRAL } PIONEERS OF PUNK

NOFX: A final act of rebellion

Sanjoy Narayan

The American linguist and philosopher Noam Chomsky, 95, best known for his ground-breaking work in linguistics and his influential critiques of US foreign policy and media, is not someone whose name one would expect to find in the lyrics of a punk rock band.

Then again, NOFX are not garden variety purveyors of punk.

In one of their best-known songs, Franco Un-American (2003), the initially apolitical protagonist sings of how he read the works of Chomsky and Howard Zinn (another left-wing political scientist) and became more aware of global issues and the need to engage with them.

NOFX are a punk band that even hardcore punk rockers may have missed. Yet their career has lasted more than 40 years, and their influence has been widespread.

When the band recently announced that they were breaking up for good, the news made headlines. The New York Times called them "the Grateful Dead of punk rock". Since the 1980s, they have played more than 3,000 shows and sold millions of largely self-released albums, without ever making it really big in the mainstream.

The comparison with the Dead is a bit specious. We'll soon see why.

NOFX was formed in Los Angeles in 1983, with Fat Mike (birth name Michael Burkett) on bass and vocals; Eric Melvin on rhythm guitar; Erik Sandin on drums; and El Hefe (birth name Aaron Abeyta) on guitar, trumpet and trombone. Wind instruments are uncommon in punk bands, but besides the trumpet and trombone, bassoons, accordions and saxophones appear frequently in this group's songs.

Their roots in Southern California lend an inflection to Fat Mike's singing. Unlike many hardcore punk vocalists, he is more melodic, with the influence of ska (the Jamaican precursor to reggae) clearly discernible.

What really sets NOFX apart is their steadfast adherence to punk's ideology. This genre, in its early days, was rooted in a do-it-yourself ethos and an outright rejection of convention. That was the very thing about early punk rock. Bands did everything themselves and didn't bow to controls by the music industry. They eschewed overwrought instrumentation and conventional norms about what could or couldn't be done with their music.

Over time, punk went mainstream and many of NOFX's peers caved on these fronts, including Green Day, Blink-182 and Bad Religion. NOFX held their ground. They rejected deals from major label, releasing their music through Fat Mike's independent banner, Fat Wreck Chords, instead. This approach let them continue to operate on their own terms.

In their politics, they leaned heavily left. They are known for their criticism of organised religion, of conservative policies in the US, and of the influence of large corporations on politics. Their music reflects this. Songs such as The Idiots Are Taking Over (2003), Murder the Government (1997), and The Separation of Church and Skate (2003) directly address political and social issues. Their 2003 album The War on Errorism, released during the George W Bush administration, was particularly political. Franco Un-American, The Idiots... and Separation... are from this album.

It is in this respect that NOFX are a world apart from the Grateful Dead, a band that is adored by millions of fanatic followers but one that has assiduously avoided joining issue with politics and has remained, instead, a flower child stuck in the time warp of the 1960s.

The 2022 NOFX song Punk Rock Cliche, in fact, sardonically pokes fun at the caricature the genre has become; and they don't even spare themselves in it.

Despite all the messaging, their use of language is poetic and witty. In Don't Call Me White from the 1994 album Punk in Drublic, a line goes: "The connotation's wearing my nerves thin / Could it be semantics generating the mess we're in?"

Now, as a farewell, NOFX is on a tour called 40 Years, 40 Cities, 40 Songs Per Night. It concludes in Los Angeles in October.

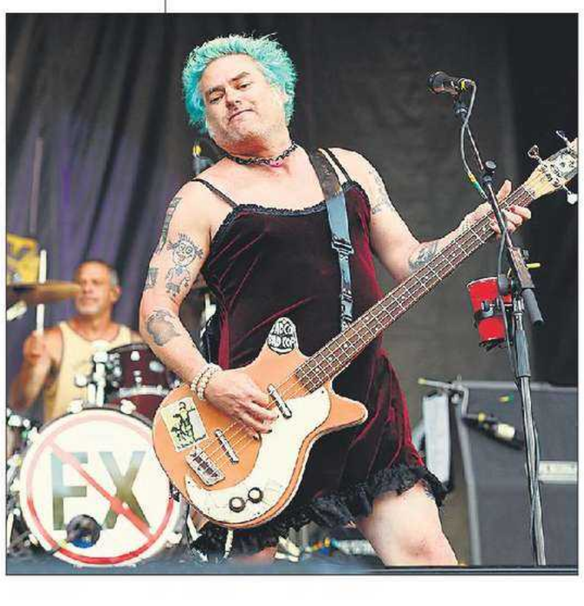
Those of us who have followed their journey will miss the concerts in particular: Fat Mike's banter his bandmates; his eclectic cross-dressing; his openness about his interest in BDSM, and his view of openness as a fundamental element of the punk ethos of challenging norms and being true to oneself.

They will be remembered as the band that steadfastly gave NOFX.

(To write in with feedback, email sanjoy.narayan@gmail.com)

LISTEN to Sanjoy Narayan's essential NOFX playlist

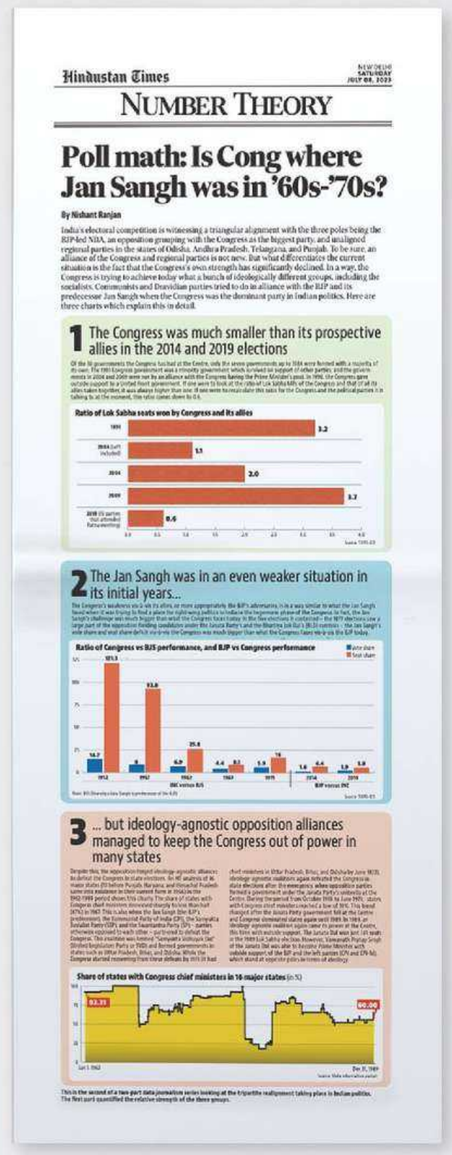
Fat Mike and the band perform in Vancouver in 2019. Fans will miss his banter, his eclectic cross-dressing, and his willingness to live the punk ethos of challenging norms and being true to oneself. GETTY IMAGES



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NUMBER THEORY

Poll math: Is Cong where Jan Sangh was in '60s-'70s?

By Nishant Ranjan

India's electoral competition is witnessing a triangular alignment with the three poles being the BJP-led NDA, an opposition grouping with the Congress as the biggest party, and unaligned regional parties in the states of Odisha, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, and Punjab. To be sure, an alliance of the Congress and regional parties is not new. But what differentiates the current situation is the fact that the Congress's own strength has significantly declined. In a way, the Congress is trying to achieve today what a bunch of ideologically different groups, including the socialists, Communists and Dravidian parties tried to do in alliance with the BJP and its predecessor Jan Sangh when the Congress was the dominant party in Indian politics. Here are three charts which explain this in detail.

1 The Congress was much smaller than its prospective allies in the 2014 and 2019 elections

Ratio of Lok Sabha seats won by Congress and its allies

2 The Jan Sangh was in an even weaker situation in its initial years...

Ratio of Congress vs BJS performance, and BJP vs Congress performance

3 ... but ideology-agnostic opposition alliances managed to keep the Congress out of power in many states

Share of states with Congress chief ministers in 18 major states (in %)

This is the second of a two-part data journalism series looking at the tripartite realignment taking place in Indian politics. The first part quantified the relative strength of the three groups.

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RO. No. 599 Dt. : 12.07.2024

Tender Notice

Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Distribution Division, Dakpathar (D.Dun), invites sealed tenders for following works:

Tender No. PDD-05/2024-25 : Annual Contract for operation of 11/0.4 KV Sub Station No-01 Tons Colony Dakpathar

Tender No. PDD-06/2024-25 : Supply and Repairing of 60 Watt LED Street Lights.

Estimated cost : **21,13,010/- + GST extra**
Estimated cost : **03,44,900/- + GST extra respectively.**
Date of availability of bid document on website : **13.07.2024**
Last date for submission of tender : **01.08.2024 (up to 13.00 hrs.)**
For eligibility criteria and full & further details, kindly visit our website.Tenders can only be downloaded from our website **"www.uttarakhandjalvidyut.com".**

Executive Engineer

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Sunil, S/o:** Sardar Singh, **R/o:** Plot No. 41, Daulatabad Road, Shanka Vihar Industries, Gurugram, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case, **Case Reg. No. 83870/16, FIR No. 169/2004, U/s 498A/406 IPC,** registered at P.S.: Mansarover Park, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sunil** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sunil** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sunil** accused of **Case Reg. No. 83870/16, FIR No. 169/2004, U/s 498A/406 IPC,** registered at P.S.: Mansarover Park, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.08.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Nidhi Bala
Judicial Magistrate First Class
(Mahila Court)-03
Karkardooma Courts, Shahdara, Delhi

DP/9084/SHD/2024
(Court Matter)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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e-OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No: - 128-W/280/Tender Notice/24-25/W-I (NIT-22-27) Dated: 12.07.2024

Name of work with location, cost of work and Earnest Money	**1.** Annual Bridge zone work for Repairs & Maintenance of Bridges etc on DUK & NK section under ADEN/KUN. **Approx. Cost :** Rs.7281467.35/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 145600/- **Completion Period :** 12 Months	
	2. Annual Bridge zone work for Repairs & Maintenance of Bridges etc on DUK under ADEN/PNP. **Approx. Cost :** Rs.7015798.16/- **Earnest Money :** Rs.140300/-, **Completion Period** : 12 Months	
	3. Dewatering of LHS, Desilting of sump wells, cleaning or waterways and other Maintenance works of bridges and LHS in the section of ADEN/PNP. **Approx, Cost :** Rs. 9317116.70/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 186400/-, **Completion Period** : 12 Months	
	4. Major repairs of staff Qtrs by replacing jack arch roof to RCC roof of T-96(4unit), T-71 (8 unit) at PNP & Conversion of Type-I Qtrs into Type-II Qtrs E-6(6 unit) at PNP in the section of SSE(w)PNP under ADEN/PNP. **Approx. Cost :** Rs.9284192.74/- **Earnest Money :** Rs. 185700/ **Completion Period :** 12 Months	
	5. Provision of Safety fencing/precast/RCC/Sleeper/anticrash barrier type boundary wall on DUK section under ADEN/PNP. **Approx. Cost :** Rs. 97991895.84/- **Earnest Money**: Rs. 640000/- **Completion Period :** 12 Months	
	6. Provision of Safety fencing/precast/RCC/Sleeper/anticrash barrier type boundary wall on DUK section under ADEN/KUN. **Approx. Cost :** Rs. 97991895.84/-, **Earnest Money :** Rs. 640000/- **Completion Period** : 12 Months	
Date and time of submission of tender and opening of tender		Upto 15.00 hrs on 06.08.2024 opening of e-tender at 15.00 hrs on 06.08.2024
Website particulars, published-tender, notice location etc complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded		Above tender available on IREPS site i.e **www.ireps.gov.in**
Similar nature of work	**For S. No. 1 to 6 :** Any Civil work other than track work.	

NOTE : ii) All attachments must be self attested by the tenderers and the affidavit should be submitted in the new format attached with tender conditions as per Annexure-XXIII is compulsorily. **2138/24**

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH, CHANDIGARH

AUCTION NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited for the auction of given below vehicles on "**AS IS WHERE IS BASIS**" lying at Transport Yard, PGI, Chandigarh. **Tender will open on 07.08.2024 at 3.00 P.M.** Last date for submission of tender is **07.08.2024 till 02.00 P.M.** Vehicles can be inspected on any working day from **10.00 AM to 1.00 PM** and Saturdays **10.00 AM to 12.30 PM** from **15.07.2024.** Detailed tender forms including terms and conditions may be obtained from Central Store on the cash payment of Rs. 200/- at fee counter in Nehru Hospital from 2.00 P.M. to 4.00 P.M. or by sending a bank draft in **favour of the Director, PGI, Chandigarh payable at Chandigarh from 15.07.2024 to 06.08.2024.** Highest bidder will have to lift the Items as it is without breaking /splitting. To lift the vehicles, the highest bidder will make the arrangement at his own cost and risk. Other terms and conditions are mentioned in the tender form.

Detail of Items given as:

S. No.	Regd. No.	Make	Model	EMD/FDR
1	CH01GA-4426	Maruti SX4	2013	Rs. 16000/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand only)
2	CH01GA-4452	Maruti SX4	2013	Rs. 16000/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand only)
3	CH01GA-4474	Maruti SX4	2013	Rs. 16000/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand only)
4	CH01GA-4476	Maruti SX4	2013	Rs. 16000/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand only)
5	CH01GA-4479	Maruti SX4	2013	Rs. 16000/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand only)
6	CH01GA-4592	Swaraj Mazda Sanitation Van	2014	Rs.16500/- (Rs. Sixteen thousand five hundred only)

Director PGI reserves the right to accept or reject any/all tenders without any prior notice or reason. Please note & follow the following instructions:
1. Only one Participant with one tender will be allowed to attend in the auction hall.
PGI RC Advt. 24 HR-000356 **DIRECTOR**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/49 **Date:** 12.07.2024

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, **The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit)** invites the following E-procurement Tenders.

S.N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	30243143	STAINLESS STEEL PIPE 18x2.0MM	2400 MTR.	01.08.2024
2	30243140	PIPE 28x2.0MM	2400 MTR.	01.08.2024
3	30243103A	DOUBLE SIDE OPENABLE DOOR	76 NOS.	05.08.2024
4	38243219	Set of locking brackets	180 SET	08.08.2024
5	80241258A	PRE-PRINTED UNRESERVED TICKET	124027 ROLLS	31.07.2024
6	64235125A	Conveyor Belt	08 Nos.	26.07.2024
7	64245174	Potentiometer	165 Nos.	27.08.2024
8	64245178	Filter	630 Nos.	08.08.2024
9	64245179	Hand Pump	58 Nos.	26.08.2024
10	64245172	Compressor for Air Conditioning	10 Nos.	29.07.2024
11	40243201	110 V, 1100 AH, VRLA type SMF battery	21 Set	05.08.2024
12	40243359	REGULATED BATTERY CHARGER	100 Nos	07.08.2024
13	40245036	LED based twin beam head light	400 Nos	12.08.2024
14	40245035	Supply of PTFE Short Neutral Section Assembly Complete	15 Nos.	06.08.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from **IREPS** website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. **1221/24 (A)**

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हरिद्वार
पिन कोड- 249404

पत्रांक : 140/46/ई-1/डी0आर0(पी0सी0एस0)/2020-21
दिनांक : 12 जुलाई, 2024

विज्ञप्ति

'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य सिविल/प्रवर अधीनस्थ सेवा परीक्षा-2021'

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि 'उत्तराखण्ड सम्मिलित राज्य सिविल/प्रवर अधीनस्थ सेवा मुख्य परीक्षा-2021' के सापेक्ष साक्षात्कार हेतु सफल अभ्यर्थियों में से पुलिस उपाधीक्षक एवं कारागार अधिकारी पद हेतु वरीयता देने वाले 651 अभ्यर्थियों हेतु विज्ञप्ति संख्या- 130/46/ E-1/ DR(PCS)/2020-21, दिनांक 09 जुलाई 2024 द्वारा शारीरिक मापदण्ड परीक्षा कार्यक्रम आयोग की वेबसाइट पर प्रसारित किया गया था। उक्त कार्यक्रम की संशोधित विज्ञप्ति आयोग की वेबसाइट पर प्रसारित कर दी गयी है।

2. उक्त परीक्षा में सम्मिलित अभ्यर्थियों को प्रश्नगत पदों के सापेक्ष शारीरिक मापदण्ड परीक्षा के अन्तर्गत शारीरिक स्वस्थता से सम्बन्धित मानदण्डों के आधार पर अपने-अपने जनपदों में अवस्थित जिला चिकित्सालय में गठित चिकित्सा परिषद द्वारा जारी शारीरिक स्वस्थता प्रमाण पत्र मूल रूप में दिनांक 05 अगस्त, 2024 (सोमवार) तक आयोग कार्यालय में डाक अथवा अन्य किसी भी माध्यम से (कार्यदिवस-सोमवार से शुक्रवार) सचिव, उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, हरिद्वार के कार्यालय में डाक अनुभाग के काउन्टर पर जमा करना अनिवार्य होगा।

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sanjay @ Sanju, S/o:** Sh. Dhandha, **R/o:** Jhuggi No. 6, Sonia Camp, Jhilmil Industrial Area, Delhi - 110095 has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case No. **86370/2016 & FIR No. 1603/2016, U/s 457/380/411/34 IPC, P.S.: Seemapuri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Sanjay @ Sanju** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Sanjay @ Sanju** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sanjay @ Sanju** accused of Case No. **86370/2016 & FIR No. 1603/2016, U/s 457/380/411/34 IPC, P.S.: Seemapuri, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **05.09.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Aishwarya Singh Kashyap
Metropolitan Magistrate
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/9091/SHD/2024
(Court Matter)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-Procurement Systems)

N.I.T. No.	05 - D, I & J 2024-25-WV
1. Name of work with its location:	**S.N. (D)** Development of Goods shed at Farukhnagar (FN) in the section of SSE/W/GGN under ADEN/DEE **Similar nature of work:-** Any Civil work other than track work.
S.N. (I) Urgent Repair to drain & washable apron between Platform 5&6 and Platform 7&8 at HNZM **Similar nature of work:-** Any Civil work involving concreting work.	
S.N. (J) Survey of Track for Pre tamping and post tamping, design mode tamping work on high speed route between NDLS-PWL & DEE-RE section for running of 160KMPH high speed trains	
2. Approx. Cost of work: S.N. (D) Rs. 1,43,57,112.31, **(I)** Rs. 59,99,953.90, **(J)** Rs. 29,40,723.24	
3. Earnest Money Deposit: (It should be in the form of net banking or payment gateway Only. **Note:-** FDR will not be accepted as EMD for tender invited on IREPS as per Railway Boards letter no. 201025//CE-I/CT/5/1 dated 31.08.2016)	
S.N. (D) Rs. 2,21,800.00, **(I)** Rs. 1,20,000.00, **(J)** Rs. 58,800.00	
4. Completion period of Work : S.N. (D) 06 Months, **(I)** 06 Months, **(J)** 06 Months	
5. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender: Upto 15.00 hrs. on 06.08.2024. Opening of tender at 15.00 hrs. On 06.08.2024	
6. Website particulars notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc.: Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in**	

No.: 128-W/280/OET/2023-24/W-V/NIT-05 - D, I & J Date: 13.07.2024 2148/24

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Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Water Resources Department

Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Tulsi Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.)
Email Id : ceproc.encwrd.bpl@nic.in Tel: 0755-2767635, Fax : 0755-2552406

N.I.T. No. 1076/2023-24/E-in-C/e-tendering **Bhopal, Dated 07.07.2024**

Bids for following works are invited on website **https://www.mptenders.gov.in**. Last Date of purchase/download of Bid Document and submission of bid is **30.07.2024, 17:30 hrs.** Any amendment/modification can be seen only on the website. Detailed N.I.T. and other details can be viewed on above mentioned website.

S. No.	Tender No.	Work	District	Amount (Lakhs)
1.	2024_WRD_355261	**On Turnkey Basis :-** Construction of 10 No's Roads (State Highway and other roads), 05 No's Bridges (with protection work), 05 No's Pipe culverts and 07 No's slab culvert affected by submergence of Banda Major Irrigation Project, as per detailed scope of work but not limited to that.	Sagar	4670.36
2.	2024_WRD_355263	Construction of mild steel pipe barrel type well drop syphon structure at RD 28005 M of Rajghat left bank canal in down stream of Lower Orr Dam.	Shivpuri	3411.00

G-13422/24 **Chief Engineer (Procurement)**

PASHCHIMANCHAL VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED

(A Govt. of UP Undertaking)
Urja Bhawan, Victoria Park, Meerut-250001

"PUBLIC NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING"

It is for the information of stakeholders of P.V.V.N.L that, On the petition filed before Hon'ble U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission Lucknow for Determination of Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR)/ Tariff for FY 2024-25, Annual Performance Review (APR) for FY 2023-24 and True-up for FY 2022-23, a public hearing will be organised by the Hon'ble UP Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) on 20-07-2024, 11:00 AM onwards at Atal Sabhagar, Chaudhary Charan Singh University, Ramgarhi, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh 250001. This is for the kind information of all stakeholders of P.V.V.N.L Chief Engineer (Commercial). "Save Electricity in the Interest of the Nation" पत्रांक : 2580 दिनांक : 12.07.2024



WORLD

LANDSLIDES IN VIETNAM KILL 11 PEOPLE AFTER HEAVY RAINFALL

HANOI: Landslides triggered by torrential rains in mountainous northern Vietnam buried a 16-seater van, killing at least 11 people and leaving some missing on Saturday, state media reported.

Rescue teams including soldiers and citizens Ha Giang province had found 11 people dead and four injured, state-run Vietnam News Agency reported.

Local authorities said the exact number of people in the van was not known and the aftermath of the heavy rains was complicating search and rescue efforts, the report said.

Prime Minister Pham Minh Chinh urgently instructed local authorities and related government agencies to promptly deal with the disaster and stand ready to respond to more floods and landslides.

Around 280mm of rain had hit the area over the past 24 hours, according to the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting. REUTERS

Collapse of school in Nigeria leaves 22 students dead

ABUJA: A two-storey school collapsed during morning classes on Friday in north-central Nigeria, killing 22 students and sending rescuers on a frantic search for more than 100 people trapped in the rubble. AP

Ruth Westheimer, trusted authority on sex, dies at 96

WASHINGTON: Ruth Westheimer, the wildly successful sex therapist who became a pop culture phenomenon in the 1980s with her bluntly delivered advice on how to spice up your life in the bedroom, has died, US media reported on Saturday. She died at her home in New York. She was 96. AGENCIES

Pakistan thwarts Imran's release after third acquittal

Candidates loyal to Imran Khan won the most seats in national election, but were kept from govt by an alliance of military supported parties

Agence France-Presse
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ISLAMABAD: A Pakistan court overturned ex-prime minister Imran Khan's conviction on illegal marriage charges on Saturday, though he remains jailed over allegations of inciting riots.

Khan was slapped with a trio of convictions in the days before February elections — cases he says were orchestrated to prevent his return to power.

Those cases have now all been at least partially rolled back on appeal, with a treason conviction carrying a decade jail term overturned in April, and a 14-year graft sentence suspended in June, though the conviction still stands.

Khan and his wife Bushra Bibi had also been sentenced to seven years for allegedly marrying too soon after her divorce in a breach of Islamic law.

But Islamabad Additional District and Sessions Court judge Afzal Majoka announced on Saturday that the "appeals of both Imran Khan and Bushra Bibi are accepted".

Khan remains locked up, though, with a spokesman for his Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party saying a court in eastern Lahore had approved his arrest over three cases alleging he incited riots in May 2023.

Spokesman Ahmed Janjua said that it was "yet another gimmick to keep the illegal imprisonment prolonged".

Khan's detention 'illegal'

Earlier this month a UN panel of experts found Khan's detention "had no legal basis and appears to have been intended to disqualify him from running for political office". "Thus, from the outset, that prosecution was not grounded in law and was reportedly instrumentalised for a political purpose," it said, calling for his immediate release after nearly a year in jail.

Candidates loyal to Khan won the most seats in the national election, but were kept from government by an alliance of military-backed rival parties.

Khan served as prime minister from 2018 to 2022, when he was ousted by a no-confidence vote after falling out with the military establishment, which wields huge influence over civilian politics. In opposition he waged a campaign of defiance against the top generals, who directly ruled Pakistan for decades of its history, even accusing them of an assassination attempt that wounded him.

But the former cricket star's comeback campaign was hobbled by scores of legal cases, which analysts say were likely brought at the behest of the military establishment.

Gallup Pakistan analyst Bilal Gilani said the rolling back of the cases could suggest the establishment was softening its stance on Khan after the election secured their favoured government — or that the courts were defying their attempts to keep him confined.

Khan was first briefly arrested in May 2023, sparking nationwide unrest from PTI supporters, some of which targeted military facilities.

The government and military cited the attacks as justification for a sweeping crackdown on PTI, which saw its senior leadership decimated by arrests and defections. An anti-terrorism court in the eastern city of Lahore on Tuesday refused to grant him bail as police investigate his alleged role in the unrest, despite the fact he was behind bars at the time.

PTI candidates were forced to stand as independents in February 8 elections, which had been repeatedly delayed amid political chaos. Khan's arrest and conviction for graft back in August 2023 meant he was barred from standing for office himself, confined to a cell in Adiala Jail south of the capital Islamabad. Despite that, candidates loyal to PTI secured more seats than any other party.

Key cases against Imran Khan

A court in Pakistan acquitted Khan, 71, and his third wife on Saturday on charges of unlawful marriage, a move that would have paved way for his release. But within hours, authorities issued fresh orders to arrest him in another case. Here's a look at all the cases against the former PM and their status.

ACQUITTED OR SUSPENDED SENTENCES

STATE SECRETS CASE In June, Islamabad High Court overturned Khan's conviction on charges of leaking state secrets. He had been given a 10-year prison sentence on charges of making public a classified cable sent to Islamabad by Pakistan's ambassador in Washington in 2022, in what is commonly known as the cipher case.

STATE GIFTS CASES Khan was given jail sentences - one of 14 years and the other three years - in two cases pertaining to illegally acquiring and selling state gifts. Both sentences have been suspended by high courts while his appeals are heard. Also known as the Toshakhana or state treasury case, Khan and his wife are charged with selling gifts worth more than 140 million rupees ($501,000).

UNLAWFUL MARRIAGE CASE Saturday's decision by an Islamabad court overturned a February ruling that found Khan and his wife, Bushra Khan, guilty of breaking Islamic law by failing to observe the required interval between Bibi's divorce from a previous marriage and her 2018 marriage to Khan.



A supporter of ex-PM holds a placard after a court overturned the conviction of Khan and his wife in Islamabad, on Saturday. AFP

PENDING

ABETTING VIOLENCE: Khan is still facing trial on anti-terrorism charges in connection with violence against the military and other state installations that erupted following his brief arrest in May 2023. Hours after his acquittal in the unlawful case, authorities ordered a new arrest directive under this case.

Italian police free 33 Indian workers from slave-like conditions

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ROME: Italian police said on Saturday they had freed 33 Indian farm labourers from slave-like working conditions in the northern Verona province and seized almost half a million euros ($545,300) from their two alleged abusers.

Labour exploitation is in the spotlight in Italy following an accident in June in which an Indian fruit picker Satnam Singh died after his arm was severed by machinery.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni had said that Singh, one of thousands of Indian immigrants who work the fields in the country, was the victim of "inhuman acts".

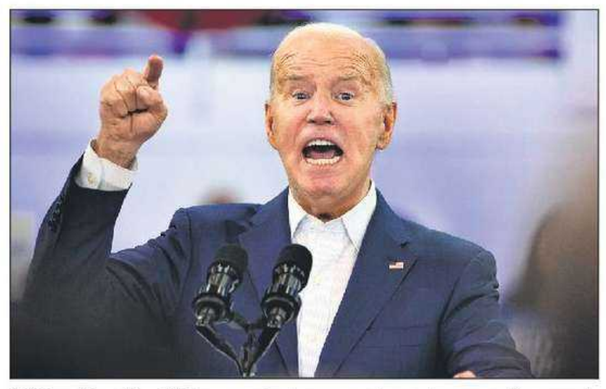
In the latest case, police said the alleged gang-masters, also from India, brought fellow nationals to Italy on seasonal work permits, asking them to pay €17,000 each and promising them a better future.

The migrants were given farm jobs, working seven days a week and 10-12 hours a day for just €4 per hour, which was entirely docked from them until they settled all their debts, police said, describing the migrants' treatment as "slavery".

Some were asked to continue working for free to pay an additional €13,000 for a permanent work permit "which, in reality, would have never been given to them", the police statement said.

The alleged abusers were charged with crimes connected to slavery and labour exploitation, while the victims will be offered protection, work opportunities and legal residency papers, the police said.

Like other European nations, Italy has growing labour shortages often filled via immigration, particularly in lower paid jobs, and has a migrant work visa system that has faced cases of fraud.


US President Joe Biden speaks to supporters at a campaign event at Renaissance High School in Detroit, Michigan, on Friday. AFP

Joe Biden takes fight to Trump in bid to rescue troubled prez campaign

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MICHIGAN: President Joe Biden said he was being unfairly targeted for his verbal miscues and vowed to "shine a spotlight" on Republican Donald Trump and his agenda, as the Democrat looked to pivot away from a debate performance that badly damaged his campaign.

"It's going to be all about Trump from here on out," Biden told supporters in Detroit in the swing state of Michigan, on Friday.

Biden delivered a refreshed stump speech that included an outline of his planned first 100 days in a second term and some of the bluntest attacks on Trump's legal troubles to date to a boisterous crowd that met him with a chant of "Don't you quit!" He reiterated his intention to stay in the race.

"I am running, and we're going to win. I'm not going to change that," the president said.

Biden went after the "Project 2025" blueprint put forward by Trump backers that calls for mass deportations, socially conservative policies, slashing federal agencies and politicising the civil service.

Biden, 81, accused the news media of covering concerns about his age at the expense of Trump's plans, and of ignoring the former president's flubs.

"No more free passes," the US president said.

Musk donates to Trump

Billionaire Elon Musk has donated to a super political action committee (PAC) working to elect Donald Trump to the White House, a major gambit by the world's richest person to make his imprint on the US political landscape.

It's unclear how much Musk has given, but the people characterized the figure as a sizable amount. The PAC is next required to disclose its list of donors on July 15.

Restrictions on Trump's FB, Insta accounts lifted

SAN FRANCISCO: Meta said on Friday it was lifting restrictions on US presidential candidate Donald Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts, ending measures put in place after his supporters violently stormed the US Capitol in 2021.

It said that "former President Trump, as the nominee of the Republican Party, will no longer be subject to the heightened suspension penalties".

Trump's Facebook and Instagram accounts were suspended indefinitely a day after his supporters attacked the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, and it was determined he had praised people engaged in violence on social media. AFP


People gather near damages, following what Palestinians say was an Israeli strike at a tent camp in Al-Mawasi area, in Khan Younis in the southern Gaza Strip, on Saturday. REUTERS

{ GAZA WAR } MOHAMMED DEIF

Israel targets Hamas military chief, 90 dead

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CAIRO/GAZA/JERUSALEM: An Israeli airstrike killed at least 90 Palestinians in a designated humanitarian zone in Gaza on Saturday, the enclave's health ministry said, in an attack that Israel said targeted Hamas military chief Mohammed Deif.

It was unclear whether Deif was killed. "We are still checking and verifying the results of the strike," an Israeli military official told reporters.

The militant Islamist group Hamas said in a statement that Israeli claims it had targeted leaders of the group were false and aimed at justifying the attack, which was the deadliest Israeli attack in Gaza in weeks.

Displaced people sheltering in the area said their tents were torn down by the force of the strike, describing bodies and body parts strewn on the ground. "I couldn't even tell where I was or what was happening," said Sheikh Youssef, a resident of Gaza City who is currently displaced in the Al-Mawasi area. "I left the tent and looked around, all the tents were knocked down, body parts, bodies everywhere, elderly women thrown on the floor, young children in pieces," he told Reuters.

THE ISRAELI STRIKE AGAINST DEIF ALSO TARGETED RAFA SALAMA, THE COMMANDER OF HAMAS' KHAN YOUNIS BRIGADE, DESCRIBING THEM AS TWO OF THE MASTERMINDS OF THE OCT 7 ATTACK

Deif has survived seven Israeli assassination attempts, the most recent in 2021 and has topped Israel's most wanted list for decades, held responsible for the deaths of dozens of Israelis in suicide bombings.

The Gaza health ministry said "half" of the dead were women and children and that there were 300 wounded, many in a "critical" condition.

Al-Mawasi is a designated humanitarian area that the Israeli army has repeatedly urged Palestinians to head to after issuing evacuation orders from other areas.

Reuters footage showed ambulances racing towards the area amid clouds of smoke and dust. Displaced people, including women and children, were fleeing in panic, some holding belongings in their hands.

The Israeli military published an aerial photo of the site, which Reuters was not immediately able to verify, where it said "terrorists hid among civilians".

"The location of the strike was an open area surrounded by trees, several buildings, and sheds," it said in a statement.

The Israeli military official said the area was not a tent complex, but an operational compound run by Hamas and that several more militants were there, guarding Deif.

Many of those wounded in the strike, including women and children, were taken to the nearby Nasser Hospital, which hospital officials said had been overwhelmed and was "no longer able to function" due to the intensity of the Israeli offensive and an acute shortage of medical supplies.

Oli-led coalition government in Nepal to be sworn in tomorrow

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KATHMANDU: K P Sharma Oli, set to become Nepal's new Prime Minister, on Saturday held consultations with his alliance partner Nepali Congress in preparing the list of ministers to be inducted into the new coalition government that is likely to be sworn in on Monday.

President Ram Chandra Paudel is expected to appoint Oli, 72, as the new Prime Minister of the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML)-Nepali Congress (NC) coalition on Sunday.

"However, the President is likely to administer the oath to the new Prime Minister and other members of the Cabinet on Monday morning. A small Cabinet is likely to be announced on Monday before the oath-taking ceremony starts," said sources close to the NC and UML.

This comes after incumbent Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' failed to win a trust vote in Parliament, on Friday.


Former premier K P Sharma Oli (right) takes part in confidence vote at the parliament in Kathmandu, on Friday. REUTERS

Late on Friday night, Oli staked his claim to become the next Prime Minister with the backing of NC president Sher Bahadur Deuba and submitted the signatures of 165 House of Representatives (HoR) members — 77 from his party and 88 from the NC — to form the government under Article 76-2 of the Constitution.

Out of a total of 21 ministries, the Nepali Congress will get nine and the UML eight plus the post of Prime Minister, a source close to Oli said.

"Key positions such as Home, Foreign, Finance and Energy will be divided between NC and UML. Nepali Congress is likely to get the portfolio of Home while the Finance will go to the UML," the source said.

On Saturday, CPN-UML held a high-level meeting to discuss the future course of action and finalise the names of ministers to be included in the Cabinet.

IRAN'S PREZ-ELECT SAYS READY FOR DIALOGUE WITH EUROPEAN NATIONS

TEHRAN: Iran's president-elect Masoud Pezeshkian said he looks forward to improved relations with European nations, even though he accused them of reneging on commitments to mitigate the impact of US sanctions. Pezeshkian won a run-off election against ultraconservative former nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili last week.

The 69-year-old has called for "constructive relations" with Western countries to "get Iran out of its isolation", and favours reviving the 2015 nuclear deal between Iran and global powers. The United States unilaterally withdrew from the accord in 2018, reimposing sanctions, which led Iran to gradually reduce its commitment to the terms of the deal. AFP

{ 2021 'RUST' SHOOTING INCIDENT } ACTOR WEEPS IN COURT AFTER VERDICT

Judge tosses Alec Baldwin's manslaughter case

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SANTA FE: A New Mexico judge on Friday brought a sudden and stunning end to the involuntary manslaughter case against Alec Baldwin, dismissing it in the middle of the actor's trial and saying it cannot be filed again.

Judge Mary Marlowe Sommer dismissed the case based on misconduct of police and prosecutors over the withholding of evidence from the defence in the 2021 shooting of cinematographer Halyna Hutchins on the set of the film "Rust".

Baldwin cried, hugged his two attorneys, gestured to the front of the court, then turned to hug his crying wife, Hilaria, the mother of seven of his eight children, holding the embrace for 12 seconds. He climbed into an SUV outside the Santa Fe County courthouse without speaking to the media.

"The late discovery of this evidence during trial has impeded the effective use of evidence in such a way that it has impacted the fundamental fairness of the proceedings," Marlowe Sommer said. "If this conduct does not rise to the level of bad faith it certainly comes so near to bad faith to show signs of scorching."

The case-ending evidence, revealed during testimony on Thursday, was ammunition that was brought into the sheriff's office in March by a man who said it could be related to Hutchins' killing. Prosecutors said they deemed the ammo unrelated and unimportant, while Baldwin's lawyers alleged they "buried" it and filed a motion to dismiss the case.


Alec Baldwin gets emotional at Santa Fe County District Court in New Mexico, on Friday. AFP

The judge's decision ends the criminal culpability of the 66-year-old Baldwin after a nearly three-year saga that began when a revolver he was pointing at Hutchins during a rehearsal went off, killing her and wounding director Joel Souza. "Our goal from the beginning was to seek justice for Halyna Hutchins," District Attorney Mary Carmack-Altwies said in a statement. "We are disappointed that the case did not get to the jury."

The career of the "Hunt for Red October" and "30 Rock" star and frequent "Saturday Night Live" host — who has been a household name for more than three decades — had been put into doubt, and he could have gotten 18 months in prison if convicted.

Baldwin and other producers still face civil lawsuits from Hutchins' parents and sister, and from crew members. Hutchins' widower and young son had agreed to settle their own lawsuit about a year after the shooting, with the widower becoming an executive producer on the then-unfinished film.

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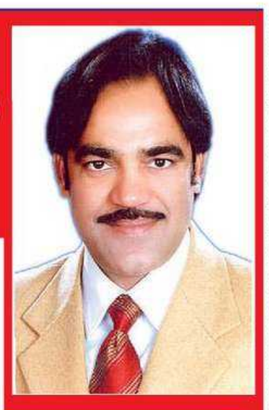
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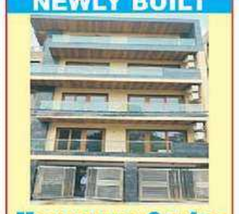
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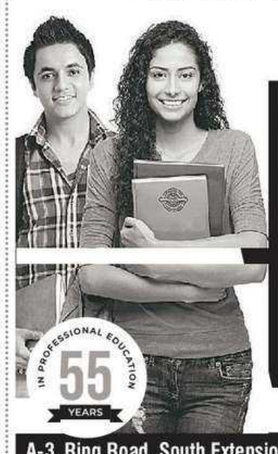
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I HARISH Singh S/O, Dalbir Singh Barthwal R/o C-8/63, Street No.02, Sadatapur Extension, Karawal Nagar, North East Delhi, Pin Code:- 110090 have changed my name to Harish Singh Barthwal.

I, YASHVEER Bainda S/o Dayanand Bainda R/o H.No. 1492, Sector-14, Faridabad, Haryana-121007 have changed my name from Yashveer to Yashveer Bainda & my original address is R/o Flat No. 802, Aspen Tower -12, Omaxe Forest SPA, Surajkund Road, Sector-43, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 for all purposes.

I, JASSI Joon W/o Mr. Sudhir drall R/o house no. 522 , in front of metro pillar no. -738, near Tikri Border metro station, Tikri kalan, west Delhi, New Delhi-110041 have changed my name from Jassi Joon to Jassi drall for all future purpose.

I HITHERTO known as Varun Kumar Son of Shri Anoop Raj residing at 802, S1 Saraswati, Sector-D, Pocket-6, Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi-110070 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Varun Kumar Chopra .

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I, BHARTI W/o No. 3000243N Hav Sunil Kumar Baroa R/o VPO-Ardhujpura, Teh-Surpura (Ater), Dist-Bhind, Madhya Pradesh-477555, declare that I have changed my name from Bharti to Bharati for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt 11-07-2024

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I, NO-4083611K Sep Mahipal Singh R/o Vill-Shri Ram Enclave Nakraunda, PO-Nakraunda, Teh & Dist-Dehradun, Uttarakhand-248008, declare that my son's name is wrongly mentioned as Sujjal Singh in my service records and his correct name is Sujal Singh for all future purposes vide affidavit before Public Notary Delhi dt 10-07-2024

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I, ARVIND Kumar S/o Shri Surendra Pal Singh R/o A-135, Sector-92, Noida, hereby declare that Arvind Kumar Singh & Arvind Kumar both are the same person s name. Henceforth, I shall be known as Arvind Kumar for all purposes.

I, ANKITA Bhardwaj D/o Ajeet Kumar Singh, R/o B-240, Shalimar Garden Main, Gauri Shankar Colony, Ghaziabad-201005, declare that my name is mentioned as Ankita Kumari, in my Pan card as Ankita. I.e. Ankita, Ankita Kumari & Ankita Bhardwaj are one & same person. Hereafter I will be known as Ankita Bhardwaj for all purposes.

I, DHRAMVIR Sharma S/o Sh. B R Sharma R/o C-36/3 Mukund Vihar, Karawal Nagar Delhi-94 have changed my name from Dhramvir Sharma to Dharamvir Sharma for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DAYANAND Bainda F/o Bharat Bainda R/o H.No. 1492, Sector-14, Faridabad, Haryana-121007 have changed my name from Dayanand to Dayanand Bainda & my original address is R/o Flat No. 802, Aspen Tower -12, Omaxe Forest SPA, Surajkund Road, Sector-43, Amarnagar, Faridabad, Haryana-121003 for all purposes.

I, PARIVESH Kumar Gupta S/o Dinesh Kumar R/o Badarpur, Delhi-110044 has changed my name from Pravesh Gupta to Parivesh Kumar Gupta for all future purposes.

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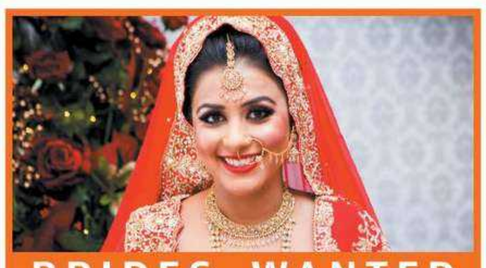
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EURO 2024

Spanish royalty meets English resilience

Spain have been the form side but their opponents go into their second successive Euro final looking like a team

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KOLKATA: The expectations on them having changed during the European championship, England and Spain will seek a final flourish in Berlin on Sunday.

England arrived in Germany fizzing with attacking talent that included best players in two of the world's most competitive leagues and a third who had been prolific in Bundesliga. Supposed to thrive, they barely survived.

It's been the opposite with Spain. Their quality was not the problem, the question was: would performance match potential. Doubts were laid to rest in the opener against Croatia and as they went deeper, Spain got better. Before the quarter-final against Germany, Luis de La Fuente said they were the best team in the tournament and it was difficult to dispute the Spain coach.

From managing matches with adroit possession play to sparkling goals and solid work in the defence, Spain have ticked boxes on way to winning all six matches. Lamine Yamal has not only lifted the self-esteem of Rocafonda, up the coast from Barcelona where he grew up, but lit up a tournament. Dani Vivian stepped in for Jesus Navas when the 38-year-old full back ran out of gas and did enough to check Kylian Mbappe. And Vivian is a centre-back. Yamal's father has said Spain will win 3-0. Alvaro Morata is not 100% fit but Ollie Watkins has accepted that Spain were the favourites. Spain have scored 13 goals, nearly twice that of England.

This, therefore, can be termed a contest between royalty and resilience, energy against inertia, dazzle v dour. But the thing about a final is this: the best team does not always win. Add to that Harry Kane's comment and you know Spain have a fight on their hands. "We have had to show unbelievable character, resilience, physical strength, mental strength — we have shown it all but there is still one more to go."

Kane has 406 goals for club and country, 44 of them in 45 matches for Bayern last term. He has been far from his best but can win the Golden Boot. And he is still looking for his first-ever trophy. Believe the England captain when he says they are going to look Spain in the eye.

For all the obvious differences, there are also a lot of similarities. Both teams have conceded in all the knockout rounds but have been robust in defence. England have won 35 tackles, Spain 28. Crucially, England have lost 35 tackles which is the least among the quarter-finalists. That number for Spain is 46 but it is balanced by Spain making 255 ball recoveries, the most in the tournament, 30 more than England.

The midfield battle promises to be quite something with Phil Foden, Jude Bellingham, Declan Rice and Kobbie Mainoo pitted against Yamal, Nico Williams, Fabian Ruiz and Rodri. England's passing accuracy is 90.3%, Spain's 90%.

That even in the midst of such galacticos, Rodri is crucial was borne out by Watkins saying, "he dictates games the way he plays." Stopping the ball going to him will make England's life a lot easier, said Watkins. "But it is never that simple with a world-class player like him." Of the last 79 matches he has played for club and country, Rodri has lost one.

Spain and England topped their groups in the qualifiers and in the first round of the tournament. The draw opened up favourably for England with France, Germany, Portugal and Spain on the other side. "We have had to go through the hard road," said Olmo, referring to Spain having to beat Germany and France.

"The style of game we are playing has got us here." Spain have pressed hard and high and complemented that with swift, slick, often one-touch moves in the front third. England have struggled for balance but against Holland in the semi-final they looked like a team. Southgate will have to decide whether Luke Shaw starts or Kieran Tripper continues as the right-footed left-back.

And both have coaches who have worked their way up meaning they are familiar with the players from when they were boys. De la Fuente knows most of the squad from when they were in Spain's age-group teams. Southgate has headed the English FA's elite player development programme and coached the under-21s.

"He has changed our culture within the team which is...extremely difficult having players come from different environments with their clubs to feel so comfortable in everyone's company," said centre-back John Stones, who has played under Southgate as an under-21.

De la Fuente, whose team won silver in the Tokyo Olympics, inherited a squad eliminated by Morocco in the last World Cup. "We have come from a period of strict rules (when Luis Enrique was Spain coach). Now, it's...controlled anarchy," said Spain right-back Dani Carvajal.

Spain and England have played an under-17 World Cup final, the European championship that preceded that, and in a Women's World Cup final. But the men's teams haven't played each other in a Euro or World Cup since 1996.

The last time they met, in a 2018 Nations League match, England led 3-0 before managing to win 3-2. The last time England played a Euro final, Italy won and seeing them lift the trophy is an image that will haunt him forever, Declan Rice told BBC. The last time Spain won a major title, it was overshadowed by a lip-lock scandal.

Not all of that will change at the Olympiastadion where Dhyan Chand and Jesse Owens pricked German pride in the 1936 Olympics. But it will either see an English first or a record European fourth title for Spain.





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RODRI

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KEY MATCH-UPS

YAMAL VS RICE
The Spanish wonderkid only turned 17 on Saturday, but is toying with rival defences like a seasoned pro. Curling a 25-yard strike against France in the semis lent weight as Messi's heir apparent at Barcelona. England's Declan Rice, among the best holding midfielders going around, and left wingback Kieran Trippier will have to double up to stop Yamal

FODEN VS RODRI
England's left-footed midfielder has come into his own after a subdued start. He ran the show in the semi-final with clever runs into the box and incisive through balls against the Dutch. But nobody is better equipped to check him than his Manchester City teammate Rodri, the world's best defensive midfielder. Rodri will also be the foundation for Spain's attacks

SPAIN

Spain have been the best team of Euro 2024. Dominating possession and passing in tight spaces are embedded in their DNA, but they have been slightly different in this campaign with their directness. Led by young wingers Nico Williams and Lamine Yamal, Spain haven't shied away from taking long range shots

ENGLAND

England, rescued from elimination versus Slovakia in the Round of 16 by Jude Bellingham's stunning last-gasp equaliser, have got better, finding bit more rhythm going forward. Their best so far was against Netherlands in the semis and they are high on confidence. Is it finally coming home?

FORMATION



SPAIN FORMATION 4-2-3-1



ENGLAND FORMATION 3-4-2-1

Spain's likely line-up

Unai Simon	23	Rodri	16
Dani Carvajal	2	Fabian Ruiz	8
Robin Le Normand	3	Lamine Yamal	19
Aymeric Laporte	14	Dani Olmo	10
Marc Cucurella	24	Nico Williams	17
		Alvaro Morata	7

England's likely line-up

1	Jordan Pickford	4	Declan Rice
2	Kyle Walker	12	Kieran Trippier
5	John Stones	11	Phil Foden
6	Marc Guehi	10	Jude Bellingham
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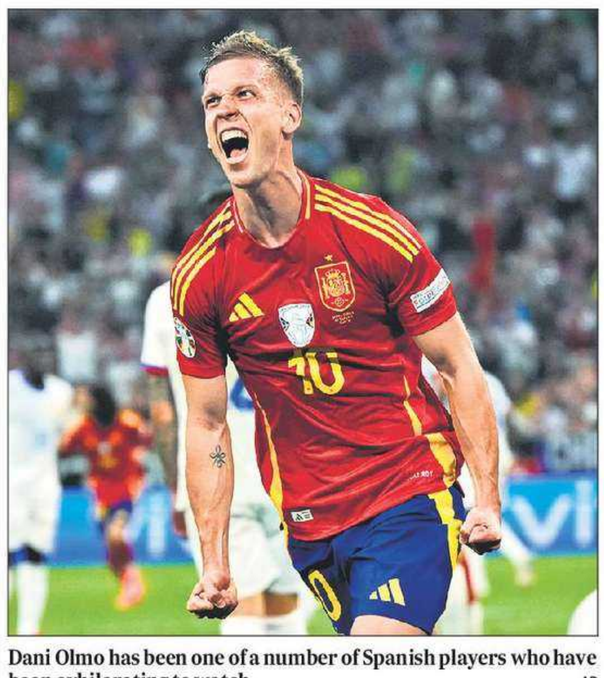
Lamine is a natural talent on an exceptional scale. There are very few like him. He has to keep a balance.

LUIS DE LA FUENTE, Spain

We were inhibited at the start of the tournament, but we've been a bit freer in the last few games. We have certainly improved with the ball.

GARETH SOUTHGATE, England

If Spain triumph, the real winner will be football



Dani Olmo has been one of a number of Spanish players who have been exhilarating to watch. AP

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NEW DELHI: There are many around the world who will hope that the Euro 2024 heads 'home' and they won't be wrong in that either. Any side that manages to come through the gruelling group stage and the knockout round, as England have, deserves support.

But if you are a neutral fan, then it is very likely that you are in Spain's corner. There are two main reasons for that.

One, for the kind of football that La Roja have played in the tournament. They've been the side to watch — fun while going forward, exciting on the press and they have a tremendous squad headlined by some young talent that has the world asking for more.

Spain came out of a tough group that included Italy, Croatia and Albania, before getting past Georgia, Germany and France to reach the final. And they did it by compiling a record of six wins, already the most at a single edition of the competition.

Football has so many ups and downs and that was witnessed in the semi-final against France. The French took the early lead but the manner in which Spain fought back showed that this is a side that has plenty of steel too. It's not all a show, not all the time.

"The worries I had about this Spanish team," said former England defender Micah Richards to BBC, "they answered them against France - how they can adapt to situations and when you have pace on the wings you always have a chance. They look really balanced and I think they are favourites."

Two, for the kind of football it can inspire other nations to play. Trends are often dictated by the winners and that is why Spain, rather than England, might get coaches and teams to re-evaluate the idea of winning football.

SPAIN HAVE BEEN THE SIDE TO WATCH — FUN WHILE GOING FORWARD, EXCITING ON THE PRESS AND THEY HAVE SOME YOUNG TALENT THAT HAS THE WORLD ASKING FOR MORE

Tournament football is often about minimising risks. While that works well for teams, it can often be a frustrating watch for fans. England's football, in that sense, is old school tournament football. Spain, on the other hand, have taken the risks and lived to tell the tale.

They tend to switch between 4-2-3-1 and 4-3-3 at the drop of a hat and are a genuine joy to watch while going forward but, according to Opta, they have conceded shots worth 1.09 expected goals (xG) per game at Euro 2024, which puts them bang in the middle of the 24 teams who competed at the competition.

So, they aren't perfect but they aren't trying to be that either. They still aren't at the level of the Spain teams that dominated world football between 2006 and 2012 but, on current form, they are probably the best team in Europe and they have got here by playing a very direct and aggressive style of play.

Their press has been superb. When they lose the ball, they don't just sit back and wait. England will have far lesser space to work with than they were afforded by Netherlands. La Roja rank top of all teams for high turnovers (66), shot-ending high turnovers (13) and goal-ending high turnovers (2).

"They've got everything you need to be successful and that's the reason they've won every single game at this tournament," assessed former England striker Alan Shearer while speaking to the BBC.

A win will continue to push Spain to keep playing this kind of football and it will be interesting to see where this path can eventually take them. A defeat, on the other hand, might just put a handbrake where none exists at the moment.

It may not lead to a full-scale revision but a few doubts will perhaps creep in and the footballing world, often throttled by defensive tactics, can do without that now.

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Krejcikova's high in a season of injury lows

The Czech turns her nightmarish year into joy and disbelief by beating Paolini to win the women's singles title at Wimbledon

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Czech Republic's Barbora Krejcikova kisses the trophy after beating Jasmine Paolini of Italy in the Wimbledon women's singles final in London on Saturday. AFP

MUMBAI: A day before her Wimbledon final against Jasmine Paolini, Barbora Krejcikova decided to have a quick Q & A session with her followers on social media. She had taken time out for a similar interaction three days earlier as well. Describing herself as a calm person, the 28-year-old spoke about her favourite players, enjoying Coldplay's music, and a lot more. She was anything but short of words.

Standing in the middle of Centre Court on Saturday though, Krejcikova was almost speechless. Moments earlier, she had completed a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 victory to claim her first Wimbledon and second Grand Slam singles title. "It's unreal what just happened," she managed to say. "It's definitely the best day of my tennis career and also the best day of my life."

Looking back at the torrid six months she had endured, one could sense the relief and elation. From struggling to get out of bed due to a back injury to being sidelined again with the flu and then losing her first match in four tournaments in a row — Krejcikova had gone through the toughest phase of her career. She had 10 doubles majors to her name, besides the singles triumph at Roland Garros in 2021, and one would've thought she was at the right age to find her peak. The relentless setbacks, however, left her wondering if the best days were behind her.

But over the past two weeks at the All England Club, the lego-loving Czech managed to piece together an unbelievable, as she herself described it, run to the title. She became the fourth woman in the Open Era from her country, after her mentor, the late Jana Novotna, Petra Kvitova and Marketa Vondrousova, to emerge as champion at Wimbledon. For the eighth year in a row, a different champion's name was added to the Venus Rosewater Dish.

"I cannot believe it," said Krejcikova. "I had a very tough first match here and wasn't in good shape before that because I was injured and ill. I didn't have a good season and it's unbelievable that I'm standing here as the Wimbledon champion. How did this happen?"

On the other side of the net on Saturday was someone whose journey this year had been just as fascinating. Paolini, also 28, had become the first woman since Serena Williams in 2016 to reach the French Open and Wimbledon final in the same season. And before reaching the Australian Open fourth round this year, she had never gone past the second round at a Grand Slam in 16 attempts.

Merely 35 minutes into the contest, it seemed Paolini was in for a one-sided defeat, similar to the one she endured against Iga Swiatek in Paris a couple of months ago. Krejcikova, high on confidence after knocking out fourth seed and 2022 champion Elena Rybakina, dominated with her forehand and missed just two first serves to race through the opening set.

But Paolini, who had earned a thrilling comeback win in the semi-finals herself, wasn't going to be blown away this time. The Italian seventh seed began dictating play with her forehand and used her incredible movement, which is arguably her biggest strength, to gain momentum. Krejcikova hit a string of uncharacteristic errors and seemed rattled heading into the decider. But as was the case against Rybakina, she managed to hold her nerves when it mattered the most. She had a 11-1 record in all Slam finals and used her experience to play percentage tennis and draw mistakes from her opponent. From 3-3, she got the decisive break, and despite facing two break points while serving for the match, she managed to convert her third championship point.

As she stood with her trophy after jokingly hesitating to touch it initially, Krejcikova remembered her inspiration and mentor. Novotna, who had won Wimbledon in 1998, was the one a young Krejcikova and her mother had approached for coaching. Novotna had taken her under her wings and shaped her career.

"Going to Jana changed my life," said Krejcikova, who is set to re-enter the top 10 in the rankings. "After playing juniors, I wasn't sure about going pro but she told me I had the potential. She always wanted me to win a Slam, which I did in Paris. That was an unbelievable moment for me but I never imagined winning the same trophy as she did."



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History fuels Djokovic in final blockbuster against Alcaraz

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LONDON: Novak Djokovic believes the prospect of creating tennis history will provide the "fuel" he needs to defeat Carlos Alcaraz and clinch an eighth Wimbledon title and record 25th Grand Slam on Sunday.

Just five weeks after undergoing surgery on his right knee, 37-year-old Djokovic can become the oldest Wimbledon champion of the modern era and avenge his heartbreaking five-set loss to the Spaniard in last year's final. "I'm aware of what's on the line. Any Grand Slam that I play, there's always history now on the line," said Djokovic. "I will try to use that as a fuel to play my best tennis."

Djokovic will be playing in his 10th Wimbledon final and 37th at the 75 Majors in which he has played. A 25th Grand Slam title would be an all-time record for men and women, snapping the mark of 24 he shares with Margaret Court.

"It serves as a great motivation, but at the same time it's also a lot of pressure and expectations," added the Serb.

"Every time I step out on the court now, even though I'm 37 and competing with the 21-year-olds, I still expect myself to win most of the matches, and people expect me to win 99% of the matches that I play."

Djokovic arrived at Wimbledon under a form and fitness cloud. The 22-year-old Italian Jannik Sinner took his Australian Open title and then his world No.1 ranking.

Alcaraz succeeded him as French Open champion.

Djokovic hadn't reached a final coming into the All England Club.

When he played his first round match it was only 25 days after he had gone under the knife to repair a torn meniscus which had caused him to withdraw from Roland Garros.

'Not reckless'

"We agreed that we would not talk about my guaranteed Wimbledon participation until three, four days before the tournament starts," explained Djokovic.

"I understand why people were thinking it's premature, it's maybe reckless, but I don't think it was, to be honest."

Alcaraz, 16 years Djokovic's junior, is in his fourth Grand Slam final and is looking to add a second Wimbledon to his 2022 US Open breakthrough and French Open title from last month. His win in the 2023 All England Club final snapped Djokovic's 34-match winning streak at the tournament.

Alcaraz has endured an uneven tournament.

On Friday, he defeated Daniil Medvedev in the semi-finals but only after having to come back from dropping the first set for the third time at the tournament.

He is bidding to become only the sixth man to win the French Open and Wimbledon back-to-back.

However, Djokovic has won their last two meetings — in the 2023 Cincinnati Open final and then in the semi-finals of the season-ending ATP Tour Finals.

Alcaraz hopes to make it a super Sunday for Spain by winning the Wimbledon final before the country's national football team face England in the Euro 2024 final in Berlin.

"Being a Spaniard, yeah, it would be a perfect Sunday," said Alcaraz. "It's going to be a really fun day for Spanish people watching my final, watching the Euros final."

Fixing: Court for framing charges

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday ordered for the framing of charges against four accused in the 2000 cricket match-fixing scandal case. It also said that some matches of the India-South Africa Test and ODI series were fixed and attempts were made to fix other fixtures. The two Tests and five ODIs were held from February 19 to March 19, 2000. The court said, "Investigation also concluded that some of the matches were fixed and an attempt was made to fix some other matches."

Lahiri leads by 4 shots after Rd 2

SOTOGRANDE: Indian golfer Anirban Lahiri shot a 5-under 66 to take a four-shot lead of the LIV Golf Andalucia tournament on Saturday. Lahiri added to his 69 from Friday to go 7 under overall after two rounds. He hit six birdies to overcome one bogey at the Real Club Valderrama course in southern Spain.

Pogacar wins 14th stage, builds lead

SAINT-LARY: Two-time champion Tadej Pogacar surged ahead on the last climb to win the mountainous 14th stage of the Tour de France, extending his overall lead to nearly two minutes on Saturday.

Jaiswal, Gill shine as India clinch series vs Zimbabwe

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Yashasvi Jaiswal (left) and Shubman Gill stitched together an unbroken stand of 156 for the opening wicket. AP

HARARE: Yashasvi Jaiswal's flair was complemented by skipper Shubman Gill's poise as India cantered to a 10-wicket victory over Zimbabwe in the fourth T20I, taking an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series.

This is the second time that India have defeated Zimbabwe by 10 wickets, having done so at the same venue in 2016. While Jaiswal went hammer and tongs during his unbeaten 93-run knock, the stand-in skipper (58 not out) was ready to play the second fiddle in a chase of 153 that was completed in 15.2 overs.

The target was made to look way easier than it should have been on a track that had good bounce and carry.

Jaiswal, who had to sit out of the playing eleven during India's victorious T20 World Cup campaign, didn't look rusty at all, playing shots all around the wicket.

The lack of pace in Zimbabwe's attack was the home team's undoing as the dominant Jaiswal reached his half-century with nine fours.

There was no way that Zimbabwe could have stopped the run fest; the main interest as the game reached its conclusion was whether the two young flag-bearers of India's batting for the next decade could reach their individual milestones. Gill managed to get to his fifty, not leaving enough runs for Jaiswal to complete his hundred.

Earlier, India's part-time bowlers Shivam Dube and Abhishek Sharma performed commendably in the middle overs to restrict Zimbabwe to 152/7. Raza smashed 46 off 28 balls but India's fifth bowler Abhishek (1/20 in 3 overs) and sixth option Dube (1/11 in 2 overs) produced a decent effort to keep the proceedings under control. They removed the dangerous-looking opening duo of Wessly Madhevere (25 off 24 balls) and Tadiwanashe Marumani (32 off 31 balls) to put the brakes in the middle overs.

Medium-pacer Tushar Deshpande (1/30 in 3 overs) was handed a debut cap, but in his first spell he flattered to deceive, either pitching the ball too full or bowling too short.

More often than not, he drifted onto the pads of the Zimbabwe batters, allowing Madhevere and Marumani to pick up easy boundaries.

Deshpande, though, did get the wicket of Sikandar Raza with a slower delivery in the slog overs to prevent Zimbabwe from surpassing 170, which would have been par on this track. Zimbabwe's best opening stand for the series in the first three games was 9 but Madhevere and Marumani added 63 in a solid stand even if it was not exactly spectacular.

The final T20I will be held on Sunday.

Brief scores: Zimbabwe 152/7 in 20 overs (S Raza 46; K Ahmed 2/32). India 156/0 in 15.2 overs (Y Jaiswal 93*, S Gill 58*). **India won by 10 wickets**.

PONTING PARTS WAYS WITH DELHI CAPITALS AFTER 7 SEASONS AS COACH

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NEW DELHI: Delhi Capitals (DC) on Saturday announced that they have parted ways with Ricky Ponting after the Australian legend spent seven seasons as head coach of the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise.

"As you move on as our head coach, we are finding it incredibly difficult to put it down in words. The four things that you told us about in every huddle — care, commitment, attitude and effort, they sum up our seven years together," DC posted on their official 'X' handle.

Ponting, who won a cluster of trophies during his playing days with Australia, took charge as DC coach in 2018. It was a rocky start for Ponting as Delhi finished bottom of the table that year, but they were able to qualify for the playoffs in the subsequent three editions. They even reached the final in 2020 but weren't get the better of Mumbai Indians.

What seems to have cost Ponting in the end is the absence of silverware. It is one of just three franchises in IPL's 17 editions to have never won the tournament, the others being Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) and Punjab Kings (PBKS).

It is understood that the management made it clear to Ponting that it wasn't happy with the team's inability to go all the way. With a mega auction slated to be held before the next season, this will be an opportunity for the franchise to reset.

They didn't even make the cut for the playoffs in the last three seasons.

Former India captain Sourav Ganguly is the Director of Cricket at the franchise.

