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## SC puts kanwar nameplate order on hold amid uproar

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday put in abeyance the directives issued by the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh that mandated eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route to display the names, addresses and mobile numbers of their owners and staff. The top court emphasised that the primary concern should be the type of food being served, not the community of those preparing or selling it.

A bench, comprising Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti, issued the interim order prohibiting the enforcement of the controversial directives until the next hearing on July 26, ordering that food business operators, including dhaba owners, hawkers and other vendors, would only need to display the kind of food they are serving.

"Until the returnable date (July 26), we deem it appropriate to pass an interim order prohibiting the enforcement of the above directives. In other words, food sellers, including dhaba owners, hawkers etc. may be required to display the kind of food they are serving,

but they don't need to display the names of owners, staff and other details," stated the bench in its order, as it issued notices to the three states where these directives are in vogue.

The directives, purportedly aimed at respecting the dietary preferences of Hindu pilgrims and maintaining law and order during the Kanwar Yatra, have sparked political controversy. Opposition leaders condemned the directives as an overreach of government power and an encouragement of discrimination based on caste and religion. They also raised concerns about potential communal tensions and the stigmatisation of certain groups, particularly Muslims, who own many of the eateries along the yatra route.

Allies of the ruling National Democratic Alliance (NDA), including Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), Janata Dal United, Lok Janshakti Party-Ram Vilas (LJP-RV) and the Ajit Pawar-led Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) have criticised the order.

RLD leader Jayant Chaudhary and the NCP's Praful Patel have separately urged the Uttar Pradesh government to roll back the order. LJP-RV's Chirag Paswan said that he doesn't sup-

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### What the court said

"Until the returnable date (July 26), we deem it appropriate to pass an interim order prohibiting the enforcement of the above directives. In other words, food sellers, including dhaba owners...- don't need to display the names of owners, staff and other details."

"In flights, you get Hindu meals, but you don't ask whether the stewardesses are Hindu or not."

"What are the expectations of pilgrims on the yatra? Is it also an expectation of the yatri that the food is sold and prepared by a particular community and, taking a step ahead, also grown by a certain community?"



## Oppn parties welcome verdict, hit out at BJP

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**NEW DELHI:** Several Opposition parties, as well as an ally of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on Monday welcomed the Supreme Court's interim stay against the orders regarding the directive to the eateries along the kanwar yatra route.

The Congress said the party

hopes Prime Minister Narendra Modi can make BJP chief ministers aware of their "raj dharma (solemn duty)". Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav called it a "victory of harmony".

Trinamool Congress (TMC) lawmaker Mahua Moitra said the court order was a "victory for all Indians". The Janata Dal (United) or JD(U) said the directives would lead to divisions in society. →P8

## GAMBHIR BACKS SENIORS ROHIT, VIRAT FOR LONG TEAM INDIA RUN

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**MUMBAI:** New India coach Gautam Gambhir has backed star batters Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma to continue playing in the long term, even possibly at the 2027 Cricket World Cup in South Africa.

"I think they have shown what they can deliver on the big stage, whether the T20 or ODI World Cup... both have a lot of cricket left in them," Gambhir said on Monday. →P22



## INS Brahmaputra suffers damage, listing to its left

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**NEW DELHI:** An Indian warship, the locally made INS Brahmaputra, tipped over at the naval dockyard in Mumbai on Monday after a fire broke out on board the vessel the previous day, and a search was on for a sailor who was on board and went missing during the incident, according to officials aware of the matter. The cause of the vessel tipping over towards port, or the left, was not immediately known. Firefighting units had pumped huge quantities of water to douse the flames, the officials cited above said. →P9



The accident site.

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## HC JUNKS PLEA BY AAP'S SOMNATH BHARTI OVER TYPOS

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court on Monday turned down Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator Somnath Bharti's request to issue notice in his plea challenging Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Bansuri Swaraj's election as an MP, saying that the petition was full of typographical errors. A bench of justice Manmeet PS Arora asked Bharti's counsel to file a corrected plea within 10 days and adjourned the matter to August 13, declining any order for the time being.

Bharti, who lost to Swaraj from the New Delhi parliamentary constituency in the recently held general elections, has accused the BJP leader of "corrupt practices". →P5

## EX-SOLDIER KILLS 6 MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY OVER PROPERTY FIGHT

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**KARNAL:** An ex-serviceman was arrested on Monday for allegedly hacking six members of his family, including his mother and six-month-old nephew, to death over a land dispute in Ambala district of Haryana, police said. The retired soldier, Bhushan Kumar (45), also allegedly tried to burn the bodies after the crime, police said, adding the incident took place at Rataur village in Naraingarh sub-division on Sunday night. Preliminary probe suggested that a dispute over a two-acre land between Bhushan and his brother Harish led to the incident, police said. →P10

# NUMBER THEORY

## 4 things to watch out for in today's budget

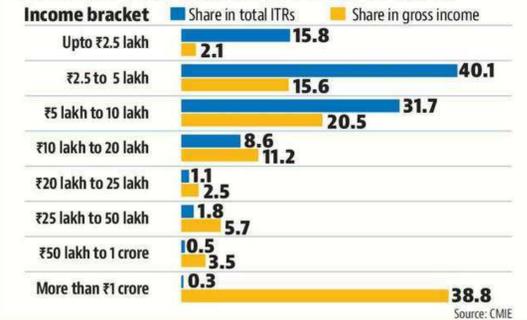
By Roshan Kishore

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will present its budget in a very different political scenario compared to the last ten years. The Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) does not have a parliamentary majority of its own in the Lok Sabha and it is critically dependent on the support of two regional parties, namely, the Janata Dal (United) and Telugu Desam Party from Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. The Budget will also have to cater to the political necessities of forthcoming elections in Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand later this year. While the Economic Survey presented yesterday has restricted itself to flagging medium term challenges for the Indian economy, the Budget will have to be politically more hands on. Here are four things will be worth watching out for in today's Budget.

### 1 Will the budget offer something to the middle class?

The urban middle classes have been known to be the BJP's most loyal support base. While they are expected to have benefitted from the growth in formal sector of the economy and emerging trends such as growth in white-collar job creating engines such as Global Capability Centers, fiscal policy per se has given very little to them to in recent past. Among the most important expectations of the salary earning middle class crowd is income tax relief. Will the budget offer some relaxation to this cohort by raising deduction limit or bringing down income tax rates? An HT analysis of 2021-22 income tax return data - they are the latest available figures - shows that some relief to the tax payers in the lower income brackets might not even lead to a large loss in revenue for the government, as they have a very small share in total taxable income.

Income tax data for 2021-22 (in %)

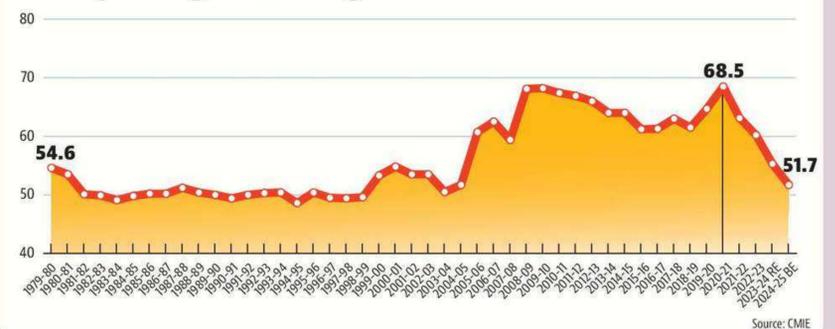


### 2 Will it boost welfare and rural spending?

This is where the interim budget presented in February 2024 was extremely counter-intuitive. The government did not announce any major increase in its flagship schemes such as PM-KISAN and announced a sharp reduction in revenue spending excluding interest payments in real terms. The 2024 interim budget was thus very different from the 2019 one. Does the government think that the fiscal conservatism cost it political capital in the

elections? Will it make amends to this strategy in the run-up to crucial state elections later this year? Will it boost spending in key welfare schemes or introduce some new scheme altogether? Doing this will entail an increase in the share of revenue spending compared to the interim budget presented in February. The budget will give an insight into the government's thinking on these issues.

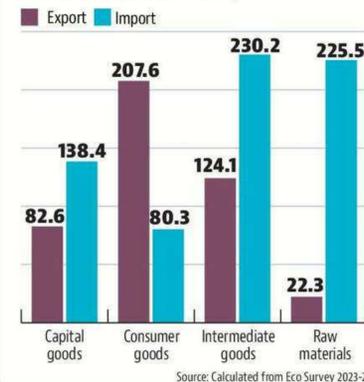
Share of revenue spending excluding interest payments in total spending of central govt



### 3 Will it engage with the criticism of correcting India's inverted duty structure?

Giving a big boost to manufacturing has been this government's big priority and rightly so. While it has launched the Make in India campaign and Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes to boost manufacturing, a consistent criticism of the government's policies has been its reluctance to correct the inverted duty structure (IDS) on tariffs. IDS refers to a tariff regime where duties on intermediate products are higher than that on finished products which eats into the competitiveness of manufacturers trying to manufacture things at home and export them outside. To be sure, the government claims to have taken steps to correct this problem and that its characterization has to be done on a case-by-case basis rather than some generic measure. Also, any big movement towards correcting IDS in tariffs involves a leap of faith because it works on the assumption that a rise in trade deficit in intermediate goods will lead to an increase in India's trade surplus in consumer goods.

Merchandise trade in 2023-24 (billion dollars)

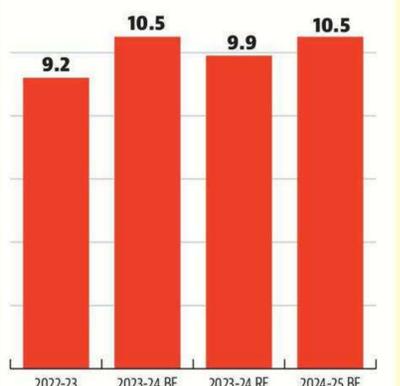


### 4 Will it give fiscal concessions to states ruled by key allies?

This will be the most interesting thing to watch out for in this year's budget. Both the TDP and JD(U) have been mounting pressure for special treatment to Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. With India moving away from the practice of five-year plans and with tax devolution to states being fixed under the finance commission awards, the only route for more fiscal resources to states is via transfers to states over and above their net proceeds in central taxes. Any significant increase in transfers to select states is bound to eat into the fiscal room available to the central government for other things and could also result in similar demands from other states.

Total transfer of resources to states and Union territories with legislature

(in ₹ lakh crore) (Total transfer of resources to states and UTs with legislature excluding states' shares in Union taxes)





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## 6.5-7% growth forecast in cautious eco survey

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**NEW DELHI:** The Economic Survey on Monday projected India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 6.5-7% for 2024-25, lower than 7.2% estimated by the Reserve Bank of India last month and significantly down from 8.2% achieved in FY24, in a cautious outlook that flagged a raft of concerns and potential roadblocks, even as it recognised the significant progress made over the past decade.

The document called for a review of India's stance on investments from China so as to boost India's own competitiveness, a rethink of the Reserve Bank of India's inflation-targeting framework to exclude volatile food prices, more effort by the private sector to create jobs, and a need to reform agriculture and strengthen small enterprises.

In his preface chief economic adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran also put forth a "tripartite compact" the country needs to become a developed nation, an articulated objective of the Narendra Modi government, with the deadline being 2047. The compact, he wrote, is for "... governments to trust and let go, ... private sector to reciprocate the trust with long-term thinking and fair conduct, ... public to take responsibility for their finances and their physical and mental health."

The conservative GDP estimate emanated mainly from challenges such as the polarised

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### RED FLAGS IN THE DOCUMENT

#### China conundrum

"The questions India faces are: Is it possible to plug India into the global supply chain without plugging itself into the China supply chain and what is the right balance between importing goods and importing capital from China? As countries attempt to reshore... India's policy choices concerning China are exacting."



#### Employability crisis

"65% of India's fast-growing population is under 35, and many lack the skills needed by a modern economy. Estimates show that about 51.25 per cent of the youth is deemed employable. In other words, about one in two are not yet readily employable, straight out of college."



#### Potential market instability

India's market capitalisation to GDP ratio has improved significantly... It is essential to strike a note of caution. The market cap to GDP ratio is not necessarily a sign of economic advancement... If equity market claims on the real economy are excessively high, it is a harbinger of market instability than market resilience."



#### Ease of doing business

"Uncertainties and interpretations related to transfer pricing, taxes, import duties and non-tax policies remain to be addressed (to overcome the not so favourable environment for FDI)."



"We are not pessimistic. We actually are optimistic about growth. We are also mindful of the challenges with regard to progress of monsoon."

"There are some risk factors... and financial market risks are rising in the developed world with spillover effects on India, and also the global geopolitics environment."

- V Anantha Nageswaran, chief economic adviser



### INVESTMENTS BY CHINESE ENTITIES WELCOME: SURVEY

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**NEW DELHI:** The Economic Survey proposed a China-specific strategy for India's growth that welcomed Chinese investments instead of imports of Chinese merchandise, contrary to New Delhi's tough stance in response to the LAC standoff since 2020.

### SURVEY CALLS FOR WARINESS OVER RISING MARKETS

**MUMBAI:** While India's financial sector shows promising growth, the Economic Survey 2023-24 released on Monday cautioned that certain areas need focused attention. Amidst the ongoing regulatory oversight, the survey highlighted that the significant increase in retail investors in the stock market calls for careful consideration.

### GLOBAL TIES HELPING INDIA TRADE GROW

**NEW DELHI:** India is gaining market share in global exports of merchandise and services, benefiting from its strong trade relations across countries, which raised its share in global goods exports to 1.8% and services to 4.3% in FY24 as compared to an average of 1.7% and 3.3% respectively during FY16-FY20, the economic survey said on Monday.

## Oppn corners edu min over NEET in Lok Sabha

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**NEW DELHI:** The Opposition on Monday sought to corner the government over alleged irregularities roiling this year's National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) on the first day of the monsoon session, calling for the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan even as the government rejected allegations that widespread paper leaks had vitiated the exam.

Speaking during question hour, Leader of Opposition (LoP) Rahul Gandhi said they will keep

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### SC asks IIT-D to resolve dispute over NEET-UG physics question

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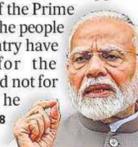
**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday sought an expert opinion from IIT-Delhi to resolve a controversy over a NEET-UG 2024 question that awarded marks for two different answers—a decision that has the potential to trigger a complete overhaul of NEET ranks.

A bench asked the director of IIT-Delhi to form a team to determine the correct answer for the disputed question and submit a report by 12 noon on Tuesday when the matter will be heard next. The scores of at least 420,000 students, including 42 of the 61 who achieved perfect marks, could decrease by five points if the court decides to invalidate the disputed marks.

### MODI ASKS OPPN TO PUT 'DESH' BEFORE 'DAL' DURING SESSION

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged parliamentarians from across the political divide to rise above party politics and work for the nation, underlining that Parliament is meant for "desh" (country) and not "dal" (party). The PM also accused the Opposition of causing disruptions. "For 2.5 hours, an attempt was made to suppress the voice of the Prime Minister. The people of the country have sent us for the country and not for the party," he said.



### WOMAN, SON RUN OVER BY CAR DRIVEN ON WRONG SIDE OF MEERUT E-WAY

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**GHAZIABAD:** A woman and her son were killed after their two-wheeler collided head on with a Maruti Alto car being driven on the wrong side of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME) in Ghaziabad on Sunday evening.

Police officers involved in the probe said the driver was arrested after the incident and was identified as Dev Dutt Kumar from Ghaziabad.

### SC/ST welfare fund used for religious sites, cows

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**BHOPAL:** Madhya Pradesh is diverting some of the funds meant for welfare of scheduled castes (SC) and scheduled tribes (ST) under a fully centrally funded sub-plan, for developing religious sites, museums and for funding cow welfare, this year, according to documents reviewed by HT and government officials familiar with the matter. A state finance department official said that while this is

exceptional, the fact is that people from SC and ST communities will also benefit from the spend. State finance minister Jagdish Devda declined comment on the diversion.

According to documents reviewed by HT, of ₹252 crore meant for cow welfare (Gau Samvardhan and Pashi Samvardhan), ₹95.76 crore has been allocated from SC/ST sub-plan.

Madhya Pradesh is the second state after Karnataka to divert funds from the SC/ST sub-plan for other schemes.

### ROW ERUPTS AS GOVT SAYS NO SCOPE FOR BIHAR SPECIAL STATUS

**NEW DELHI:** A day before the presentation of the Union Budget, which some analysts expect to have some financial sops for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, states governed by key allies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the finance ministry on Monday ruled out granting the so-called Special Category Status to Bihar, citing a 2012 report that argued that the state doesn't meet the parameters for planned assistance under the Special Category Status.

{ U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST } PARTY TO DECIDE PATH FORWARD

## All eyes on Kamala in White House race with a frenetic month to go for Democratic convention



Kamala Harris speaking at the White House on Monday. BLOOMBERG

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**WASHINGTON:** US Vice President Kamala Harris has emerged as the most likely Democratic nominee for the presidency, as she announced her candidacy, inherited Joe Biden's campaign infrastructure, picked endorsements from top party leaders, and raised \$50 million within hours of Biden quitting the race and endorsing her on Sunday. No other Democrat has

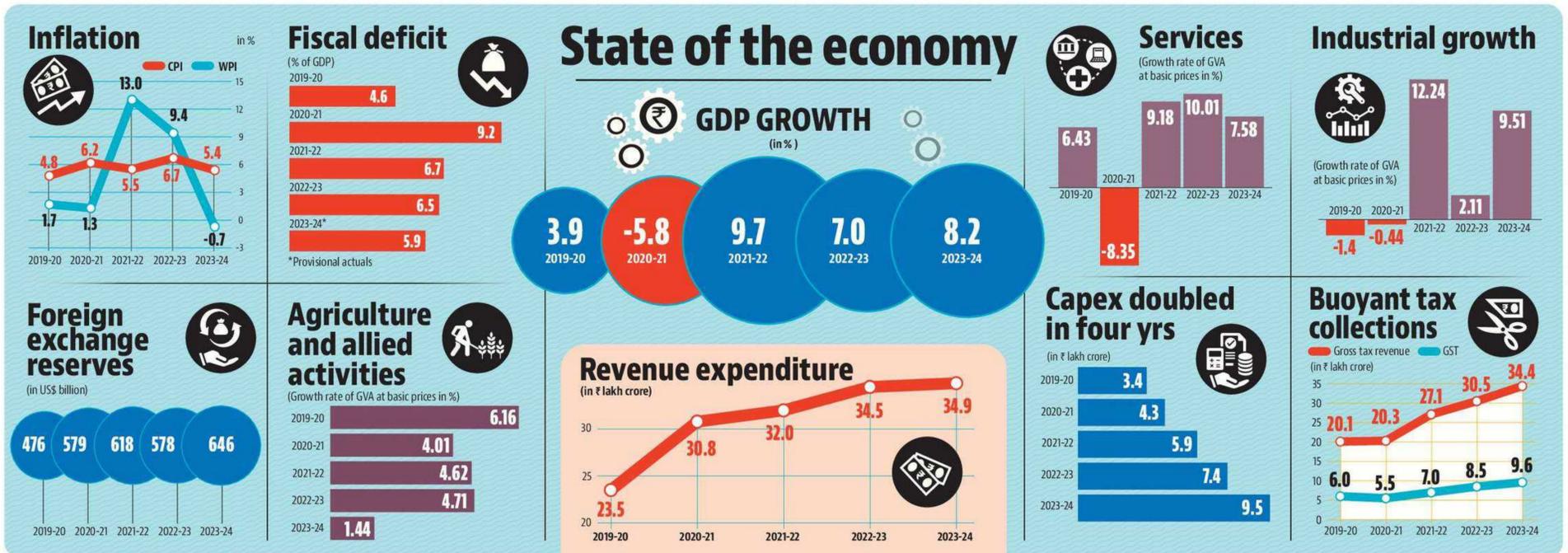
announced their intent to seek the party's nomination so far, although it is very likely that the Democrats could have a so-called open convention, where there is no pre-decided nominee at the start, and where candidates woo delegates for their vote.

Harris made her first public appearance on Monday morning at the White House, where she opened an address by praising Biden's "unmatched" legacy, say-

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## ECONOMIC SURVEY 2023-24



# Progress made, but skills gap, agri challenges on road to '47

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**NEW DELHI:** The Economic Survey has struck a realistic note while listing the challenges involved in India becoming a developed country by 2047, a stated objective of the current government, even as it acknowledges the progress made over the past decade.

In chapter five, which talks about medium term outlook on the Indian economy, the survey is unambiguous about India having to navigate the most critical part in its economic transformation trajectory at a time when global conditions are anything but conducive. It also highlights the internal challenges—from a skills gap to the need to make agriculture competitive and strengthen small enterprises.

The period marked till 2047 will be marked by "significant growth limiting impact" of "increasing geoeconomic fragmentation" in an "environment of global trust deficit" and "limited policy space" for countries, it says. India will have to make sure that it does all it can to generate productive employment before its working age population peaks in 2044. This will require correcting the skill-education mismatch which has created a situation where almost half of India's youth is deemed unemployable. To be sure, education is not the only challenge when it comes to ensuring that India's demographic dividend is exploited fully. The survey flags the growing challenge of adult and child obesity in India; the rise in latter, it says is among the steepest in the world, and argues that for India to "reap the gains of its demographic dividend, it is critical that its population's health parameters transition towards a balanced diet".

India's economic rise, the survey argues will not come from big ticket manufacturing projects alone. It will have to pay more attention to growth potential of the agriculture sector as well as creating a robust and dynamic MSME sector.

The former will require not just factor market reforms but also giving up the urge to worsen the terms of trade of agriculture in the name of controlling inflation. In what will amount to setting the cat among the (monetary policy) pigeons, the survey has also called for revisiting India's inflation targeting framework. "It is worth exploring whether India's inflation targeting framework should target the



Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The report highlighted the limiting impact great power rivalry will have on growth.

inflation rate excluding food. Hardships caused by higher food prices for poor and low-income consumers can be handled through direct benefit transfers or coupons for specified purchases valid for appropriate durations," it says.

In case of the MSME sector, the survey makes a case for deregulation and sector-wise targeted and tailored interventions. To be sure, India's growth challenge is not just about fixing the problems in India's small farms and enterprises. The survey also talks about the need for

deepening the corporate bond market to provide a multitude of financing options beyond banking to finance India's investment needs. Similarly, the survey also calls for a strategic reevaluation of India's engagement with China. "Striking the right balance between the trilemma of trade with China, investment by China, and India's territorial and non-territorial integrity and security" is key to ensuring a robust growth for Indian economy, the survey argues.

To be sure, the survey does acknowledge the progress the

economy has made in over the three decades of economic reforms and especially the past ten years under the current government and calls for a change of gears and direction going forward. "The structural reforms of the last decade, focused on the supply side of the economy, have to give way to nextgen reforms that are bottom-up in nature to yield strong, sustainable, balanced, and inclusive growth", it says. While it does suggest various things the government needs to do to meet its medium-term objectives, it has also introduced a note of caution about both the political and intellectual enormity of the challenge.

"Satisfaction with past progress fades away quickly, and newer expectations take their place. The measurement of achievements in the present against rising aspirations leaves society appear restless and discontented. The latent energy of such aspirations needs to be harnessed even as they have to be met. This has to be carried out in a country of India's size and within a democratic framework. What has brought economy to its present state from where it was three decades ago may not take us to the next destination", it says.

# 'High-value produce key to bolster farm incomes'

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**NEW DELHI:** Small and marginal farmers, who account for over 80% of cultivators in the country, should move to high-value agriculture like fruits and vegetables, fisheries, poultry and dairy farming to boost incomes, the Economic Survey 2023-24 said on Monday.

For growth and employment, policymakers may have to increasingly look to the farm sector, which still employs nearly 45% of the workforce, according to the survey.

A switch from farm to non-farm employment and high-wage industrialisation, the typical path countries take to develop, may no longer hold true, it said.

The "dual-sector model" of Nobel prize winning economist Arthur Lewis precisely showed how, in countries with large populations, shifting surplus labour out of agriculture to factories could raise wages and growth. "Earlier development models featured economies migrating from farm beginnings to industrialisation to value-added services in their development journey. Technological advancements and geopolitics are challenging this conventional wisdom," the survey said.

Hoarding of resources, protectionist excess capacity and dumping, de-globalisation and onshoring of production, and



A farmer sprays pesticide in his field in Gurugram.

artificial intelligence are limiting the room to "squeeze out" growth from manufacturing and services, stated the document released on the eve of the budget.

"Smallholder farmers' incomes cannot be increased by producing rice, wheat, or even millets, pulses and oilseeds," the survey said, calling for a shift to high-value crops.

"That is what happened in China between 1978 and 1984 when the real incomes of farmers doubled in just six years. India is well-placed to emulate this."

Food prices were adversely affected by extreme weather conditions in the last two years, creating inflationary pressures, the survey said, adding that the production of vegetables and pulses were particularly impacted.

The increase in tomato prices in July 2023 was caused by seasonal changes in crop production, crop diseases such as white fly infestation, and the early arrival of monsoon rains in northern India, according to the survey.

There were also logistics disruptions in isolated areas due to heavy rains, it said.

The spike in the prices of onion was due to several factors, including rainfall during the last harvesting season affecting the quality of rabi onions, delays in sowing, prolonged dry spells impacting kharif production, and trade-related measures taken by other countries, the survey's analysis showed.

Myriad farm policies, some of the Centre and other of state governments, have worked at cross-purposes with each other, hurting farmers' interests, destroying soil fertility and depleting groundwater, the document said, calling for a rationalisation.

# Global tensions could limit scope of trade rebound

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**NEW DELHI:** The resilience of global trade is being tested by disruptions on two of the world's leading shipping routes, the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal, according to the Economic Survey 2024.

The Suez Canal handles 12% of global trade and a third of container shipping between Asia and Europe. The diversion of maritime traffic from the Red Sea and around the Cape of Good Hope, mainly due to the fallout of the Israel-Hamas conflict, has added 10 days to journeys and increased fuel costs.

The Panama Canal, which handles 6% of global trade and more than 70% of traffic destined for or originating from the US, is currently operating at partial capacity due to freshwater shortages, the survey said.

Though global shipping costs returned to pre-pandemic levels by the middle of 2023, container shipping rates have risen again. "Extended detours around the Cape of Good Hope have led to a surge in ocean freight rates, up to \$10,000 per 40-foot container," the survey said.

The Economic Survey also pointed to the global economy being buffeted by the Russia-Ukraine conflict, tensions in the Middle East and the Red Sea crisis, which have caused supply dislocations in several commodities and a rise in inflation in many countries. "Foreign investments have slowed down recently due to these uncertainties, higher interest rates in the

**THE SURVEY PRESENTED SOME SUCCESS STORIES IN EXPORTS IN SECTORS SUCH AS DEFENCE, TOYS, FOOTWEAR AND SMARTPHONES**

developed world, and the pursuit of active industrial policies by developed countries," the survey said. "Geopolitical tensions and policy uncertainty could limit the scope of any trade rebound... and food and energy prices could again spike due to geopolitical events and climate disturbances," the survey said.

At the same time, the survey presented some product-specific success stories in exports in sectors such as defence, toys, footwear and smartphones.

India's defence production grew from ₹74,054 crore in FY17 to ₹108,684 crore in FY23, boosting defence exports. Between 2015 and 2019, India was the world's second-largest arms importer, but it has now transitioned to become one of the top 25 arms exporters.

In the field of toys, India relied on China for 76% of imports for a decade. But its import bill for Chinese toys has fallen from \$24 million in FY13 to \$41.6 million in FY24. India is the world's second largest producer of footwear and now accounts for 2.2% of global exports. India also became the world's sixth largest smartphone exporter in 2022, up from the 23rd position in 2014.

# Strong trade ties boosting India's export mkt share

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**NEW DELHI:** India is gaining market share in global exports of merchandise and services, benefiting from its strong trade relations across countries, which raised its share in global goods exports to 1.8% and services to 4.3% in FY24 as compared to an average of 1.7% and 3.3% respectively during FY16-FY20, the economic survey said on Monday.

While moderation in merchandise exports continued during FY24 mainly on account of weaker global demand and persistent geopolitical tensions, India's service exports have remained robust, reaching a new

high of \$341.1 billion in FY24, it said. "The exports (merchandise and services) in FY24 grew by 0.15%, while the total imports declined by 4.9%," it said.

It attributed policy measures for resilience of India's exports both in goods and services. The government took various measures to promote exports and reduce logistics costs involved in international trade, which included setting export targets and their monitoring, provision of export credit insurance services and encouraging banks to provide affordable and adequate export credit to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) exporters, enabling them to explore new markets and diver-



The report said that GIFT City has emerged as a gateway for global capital inflows.

sify their existing products competitively, it said.

India's overall exports (both merchandise and services) have been growing on a "secular basis" since FY17 for almost three years. The trend was

halted after the outbreak of the pandemic in FY20; however, FY22 marked a significant turnaround, it said. The positive momentum extended into FY23, with India's overall exports crossing ₹776 billion. Overall imports also increased to \$898 billion in FY23 compared to \$760.1 billion in FY22. Despite persistent global challenges, overall exports in FY24 surpassed the FY23 record, growing by 0.23%, and overall imports in FY24 declined by 4.9% despite robust domestic demand, it said.

During the first two months of FY25, overall exports increased to \$133.6 billion, compared to \$122.4 billion in the corresponding period of the previous year.

During the same time period, overall imports also increased from \$136.4 billion to \$149.9 billion, leading to a widening of the trade deficit from \$14 billion to \$16.3 billion, the survey said.

The share of India's services exports in world services exports rose to 4.3% in 2022, it said. "India is now the seventh-largest services exporting country globally rising phenomenally from its 24th position in 2001," it said.

Among services exports, software, IT services and business services exports have increased. This was supported by India emerging as a hub for Global Capability Centres (GCCs). India ranks 2nd in the world in telecommunication, computer, and

information services exports, it said. According to the survey, the production linked incentive schemes helped in increasing exports of goods such as mobile phones and electronics items.

The survey said that India's current account deficit (CAD) narrowed to \$23.2 billion (0.7% of GDP) in FY24 from \$67 billion (2% of GDP) the previous year.

It said that the IFSC GIFT City in Gujarat has emerged as a dominant gateway for global capital inflows into India. The contribution of GIFT IFSC in transforming the country's financial industry landscape can be better appreciated by looking at some key business activities in GIFT IFSC, it said.

{ TRANSFORMING LABOUR MARKET } 7.85 MILLION NON-FARM JOBS A YEAR NEEDED TILL 2030

# Survey underscores dangers of AI for future workforces

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**NEW DELHI:** India needs to create 7.85 million non-farm jobs every year until 2030 to absorb its growing workforce amid new challenges such as artificial intelligence (AI), which could prove to be the "biggest disruption for future work", the Budget-eve Economic Survey 2023-24, tabled in Parliament on Monday, said.

Adoption of AI is transforming the job market and India will not "remain immune to this transformation", the survey said, calling for the government and the private sector to come together in a "grand alliance" to leverage such technology to reshape jobs, not replace them. "Artificial Intelligence casts a

huge pall of uncertainty as to its impact on workers across all skill levels—low, semi and high," the review, authored by researchers, led by chief economic adviser V Anantha Nageswaran, said.

The review said AI could even create hurdles to sustained high growth rates for India. According to an International Monetary Fund study, 40% of current jobs will be exposed to AI globally. The study, quoted by the review, found that employment highly exposed to AI in India stood at 26%.

Citing a survey of 33,000 firms, the review said corporate profits had "quadrupled" between FY20 and FY23 but they had not created enough jobs.

India's unemployment rate declined to 3.2% in 2022-23,



A Foxconn unit plant in Tamil Nadu. The survey suggests the PLI scheme could create 6 million jobs over five years.

along with rising youth and female participation in the workforce, the review said. It noted a surge in agricultural employment, partly explained by reverse migration to villages

during the pandemic. The government's annual and quarterly periodic labour force surveys (PLFS) show the country's annual unemployment rate for persons aged 15 and above by

usual status or US, has been declining since the pandemic. US is a reference period during which if person is engaged in an economic activity for 30 days in the last 365 days preceding the survey, he or she is considered employed.

Citing the most recent PLFS, the review said the quarterly urban unemployment rate for people aged 15 and above declined to 6.7% in the quarter ending March 2024 from 6.8% during the same period of the previous year.

The decline has been accompanied by increased worker population ratio, or the number of employed persons, and the labour force participation rate, which is the percentage of people employed as well as those looking for jobs. To be sure, pri-

private-sector estimates of unemployment levels in the world's fastest growing economy vary widely from the PLFS brought out by the statistics ministry.

The survey said the care economy and food processing were two sectors with high job-creation potential.

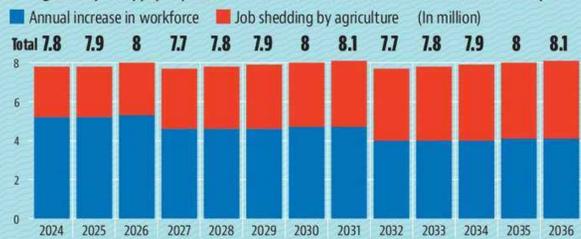
To meet the demand of 7.85 million jobs per year, there is "scope to supplement existing schemes", such as production-linked incentives, which could yield 6 million jobs over five years and the MITRA textile scheme, which could create 2 million employment generation, the survey said.

"The lack of availability of timely data...precludes an objective analysis of the labour market situation in the country," the review said.

ECONOMIC SURVEY 2023-24

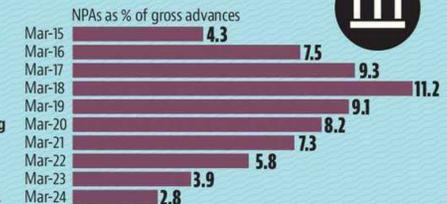
**The rise in requirement for non-farming jobs**

The survey estimated that India needs 7.85 million non-farm jobs per year on avg until 2030. This is assuming men's workforce participation (WPR) remains at current levels, women's WPR grows by one pp. per year, and farm workers decrease to 25% of all workers by 2047.



**Banks see massive fall in NPAs**

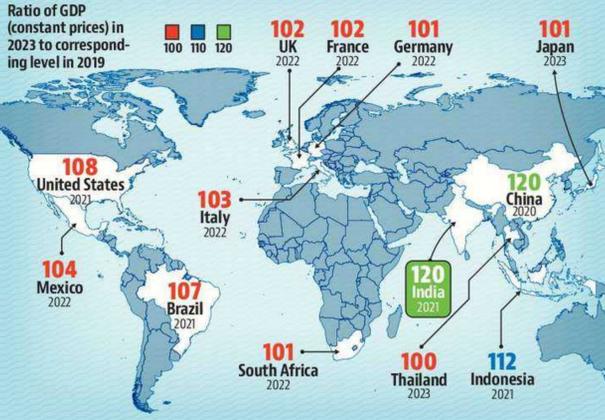
The gross non-performing assets (GNPA) of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) reached a 12-year low of 2.8% in March 2024, continuing a downward trend. This suggests an improvement in the asset quality of banks.



**Highlights of the survey**

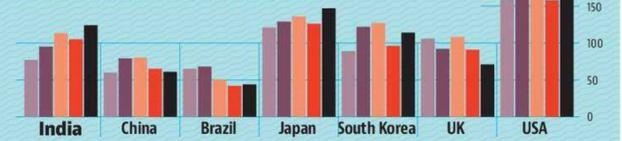
**India's rapid recovery from pandemic**

When pre-pandemic GDP was crossed (constant prices, national currency) Almost all major economies have surpassed the pre Covid-19 pandemic real GDP levels in 2023, but India has recovered better. India's recovery is similar to China's despite registering a steeper decline in growth during the pandemic.



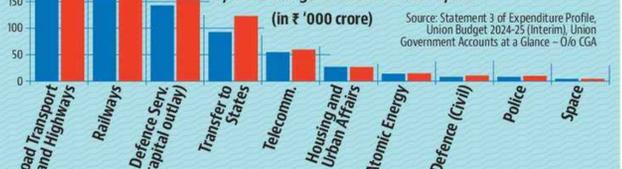
**Caution over ratio of market capitalisation and GDP**

The survey was cautious while noting the improvement in market capitalisation to GDP ratio of the Indian stock market. "If equity market claims on the real economy are excessively high, it is a harbinger of market instability rather than market resilience," the survey said.



**The thrust of India's capex boost**

The survey highlighted the Union government's primary role in boosting physical infrastructure. Road transport and railways have been the main thrust of the capex boost by the Union government in recent years.



**COAL TO OCCUPY SIGNIFICANT PLACE IN INDIA'S ENERGY BASKET, ECO SURVEY SAYS**

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**NEW DELHI:** India will target a diversified set of sources for energy security with a significant place for thermal power, including coal to provide the so-called base load while pursuing low-emission pathways in line with national commitments, according to the 2023-24 Economic Survey Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman tabled in Parliament on July 22.

The survey said the integration of renewables, alongside exploring nuclear energy and biofuels, presents a path towards achieving these objectives.

"This will also include a significant role for thermal power, especially coal-based power plants, in providing base-load to support large-scale deployment of renewables," said the survey, which is an overall review of the economy.

It added the initiatives for cleaner coal, such as the Coal Gasification Mission, extraction of Coal Bed Methane gases, exploring Coal to Hydrogen, Carbon Capture and Storage, and Coal beneficiation through washeries, etc, ultra super-critical technologies for coal power plants need to be promoted.

"India's successful renewable energy growth story is well established. Solar power installed capacity has increased drastically by over 25 times between 2014 to 2023. There are also major risks with large-scale phasing in of renewables, such as intermittency, grid integration, backup power generation, storage, etc."

The survey flagged high import dependency for solar PV panels and said this could be geopolitically tricky for India. "It should not be that India's high dependency on imports mainly for petroleum for its energy needs, shifts to high import dependency for solar PV panels and critical minerals, whose supply chain and geopolitics may be even trickier."

**'Global approach to deal with climate change flawed'**

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**NEW DELHI:** The current global approach to dealing with climate change is flawed because it doesn't recognise trade-offs to climate action, the Economic Survey for 2023-24 released July 22 said, underlining that developed countries should take the lead in countering climate change and be accountable in providing climate finance.

"The current approach to dealing with climate change is flawed for one very simple reason. It continues to ignore trade-offs. But practical men and women have been unable to avoid recognising trade-offs. Countries had to push back their own timelines," the survey said, giving examples of the UK which postponed its decision to ban the sale of vehicles that run on petrol and diesel for five years from 2030 to 2035 and Germany had to dilute its rules for banning boilers running on fossil fuels before they could be passed.

"Alternative energy sources require fiscal subsidies to be affordable. However, most governments worldwide are fiscally stretched, especially after dealing with the economic and health dislocations caused by the pandemic. Many countries also tax fossil fuels heavily. By clamping down on their usage, governments will lose those revenues," the report said, flagging that China has kind of monopoly on materials required for transition to certain renewable sources.

"Geopolitically, the thrust on renewable energy and electric vehicles has set off a race to secure critical minerals and rare earths. China has positioned itself as an indispensable source of several of these materials. Securing supply in crunch times is a matter of concern. Nuclear energy is the cleanest and safest option. However, some nations are reluctant to consider it given that their public overestimates probabilities of rare events...Three Mile island, Chernobyl and Fukushima, loom large in people's



Emissions rise from smokestacks at the Jeffrey Energy Center coal power plant, Emmett, Kansas, US.

minds." It added that developing countries have to downgrade their development goals to contain global emissions but are now being threatened with a carbon tax at borders "in full negation of the spirit of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective national capabilities that was supposed to have undergirded the Paris Agreement".

The survey also points out that rich countries are ramping up energy infrastructure especially for artificial intelligence (AI). As machine learning models have become more advanced, the computational power required to develop them has doubled every five to six months since 2010 according to the International Energy Agency. "Even as developed nations prepare to impose a carbon tax at the border on imports coming into their countries laden with carbon, they are ramping up energy demand like never before, thanks to their obsession with letting Artificial Intelligence (AI) guide, take over and dominate natural intelligence. One of the leading global technology companies promised to achieve Net Zero by 2030 at the turn of the decade. But, the race to dominate the emerging technology of Artificial Intelligence has caused its emissions to be higher by 30% by 2023," the survey said.

**India's climate stand** Despite the impact on economy, India achieved most targets of its first nationally determined contribution (NDC) well in advance, the survey said. For instance, the country achieved 40% cumulative electrical power installed capacity from non-fossil fuel-based energy sources in 2021 and reduced the emission intensity of India's GDP from 2005 levels by 33% in 2019 - nine and 11 years before the target year of 2030, respectively. The NDC was further updated in August 2022. As of May 31, 2024, the share of non-fossil sources in the installed electricity generation capacity has reached 45.4%.

**China focus: Imports, supply chain plan key**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Economic Survey on Monday proposed a China-specific strategy for India's growth that welcomed Chinese investments instead of imports of Chinese merchandise, contrary to New Delhi's tough stance against Beijing in response to the military standoff on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) since 2020.

The survey asked whether the country can boost manufacturing or tap global supply chains without plugging into Chinese supply chains. It referred to India's efforts to cope with China's dominance in manufacturing and global supply chains, especially for materials needed for the country's green transition, as the "Chinese conundrum".

"Striking the right balance between the trilemma of trade with China, investment by China, and India's territorial and non-territorial integrity and security is part of the strategy of growing India's Mittelstand," the survey said, referring to both the face-off at the LAC and efforts to grow small and medium enterprises.

Explaining the strategy, chief economic adviser (CEA) V Anantha Nageswaran said: "If we continue to import goods from China, given that they have excess capacity, the trade deficit will only continue to widen. Therefore, we need to strike the right balance between import of goods and import of capital (FDI)."

Since a brutal clash in Galwan Valley in June 2020 killed 20 Indian soldiers and at least four Chinese troops, New Delhi imposed several economic measures against China, including banning hundreds of apps, restricting foreign direct investment from China, ending direct flights and tightening visa regulations. Even before the standoff, India barred Chinese firms from participating in the roll-out of 5G telecommunications services. Abhishek A Rastogi, founder of



An automated container port in Qingdao, China.

law firm Rastogi Chambers said the survey has proposed a prudent strategy. "Allow capital, technology and skills to come to India in the form of FDI instead of China. Use these resources to boost local manufacturing and exports," he said.

In May, external affairs minister S Jaishankar even said Indian firms should assess business dealings with China through a "national security filter" and source more from domestic manufacturers.

The Economic Survey noted the dynamics of India-China economic relations remain "extremely complex and intertwined", and said China's dominance of worldwide supply chains across product categories is a "key global concern", especially after supply disruptions following the war in Ukraine.

Though India is the fastest-growing G20 member and recording growth rates that outpace China's, "India's economy is still a fraction of China's", and "China's near-monopoly over the production and processing of critical and rare earth minerals" will have significant repercussions for India's renewable energy programme, which is "vulnerable because of its massive dependence on imported raw materials", the survey said.

While noting that Brazil and Turkey raised tariffs on import of Chinese e-vehicles but simultaneously took steps to attract Chinese FDI in this sector, the survey said India has a "similar decision to make, given its large bilateral trade deficit with China".

"Replacing some well-chosen imports with investments from China raises the prospect of creating domestic know-how down the road. It may have other risks, but as with many other matters, we don't live in a first-best world. We have to choose between second- and third-best choices," the survey said.

"In sum, to boost Indian manufacturing and plug India into the global supply chain, it is inevitable that India plugs itself into China's supply chain. Whether we do so by relying solely on imports or partially through Chinese investments is a choice that India has to make."

The survey cautioned against thinking that India "can take up the slack from China vacating certain spaces in manufacturing", and noted recent data cast doubt on whether China is "even vacating light manufacturing". Another key issue for India is striking the right balance between importing goods and importing capital from China.

**Cheap, sustainable homes must amid demand boom**

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**NEW DELHI:** The 2023-24 Economic Survey, tabled in Parliament on Monday, called for adaptive strategies and policies to provide cost-effective and sustainable housing. It noted that the demand for affordable housing will increase as the UN estimates that more than half of India's population will live in urban areas by 2050, compared to 31% in 2011.

The survey said the real estate sector witnessed "a robust recovery" post-pandemic, with the sale of residential real estate in 2023 recording a 33% year-on-year growth, the highest since 2013. This growth was propelled by "rapid urbanisation, rising incomes, the emergence of nuclear families, new entrants in the market, and improved financial options for developers and homebuyers. The strong desire

**THE DEMAND FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES WILL RISE AS U.N. ESTIMATES OVER HALF OF INDIA WILL LIVE IN URBAN AREAS BY '50**

for home ownership was reinforced during the pandemic, acting as a catalyst". Projecting a positive outlook, the survey also noted that legacy stalled projects were a "challenge".

The survey noted that Affordable Rental Housing Complexes (a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban or PMAY-U) were being implemented for the first time in the country to improve living conditions and help urban migrants and the poor living in slums, informal settlements, or peri-urban areas. The survey said over 11.8 mil-

lion houses have been sanctioned, of which about 11.4 million have been grounded for construction and more than 8.4 million have been completed as part of the (PMAY-U) since 2015.

It added the scheme got a push after Narendra Modi assumed the prime minister's office for the third time and announced another 10 million urban houses under the scheme at the first Cabinet meeting.

Srikanth Vishwanathan, CEO of Janaagraha, a non-profit trust working on city systems, said the reference to the urban sector is a mixed bag.

"It does not do justice to one of India's most critical yet under-served public policy agendas, transforming India's cities, given that over 800 million Indians are expected to live and work in cities by 2050. Cities are not an infrastructure sector alone but are distinct units of economy, governance and human development."

{ AS MARKETS BOOM } 'POSSIBILITY OF OVERCONFIDENCE'

**Retail investors must exercise caution: Survey**

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**MUMBAI/NEW DELHI:** While India's financial sector shows promising growth, the Economic Survey 2023-24, released on Monday, cautioned that certain areas need focused attention. Amid the ongoing regulatory oversight, the survey highlighted that the significant increase in retail investors in the stock market calls for careful consideration. "This is crucial because the possibility of overconfidence leading to speculation and the expectation of even greater returns, which might not align with the real market conditions, is a serious concern," the survey said.

According to a Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) study, more than 90% of retail traders venturing into the futures and options (F&O) markets are making losses, which is worrisome, said market expert Ajay Bagga. He noted that retail partici-

pation in the stock markets through well-regulated, well-managed and diversified mutual funds is a positive development. By December 2023, Indian households owned more of the Indian markets than foreign portfolio investors, a significant achievement. With increasing household savings going into investments and speculation, regulators need to determine when to intervene and what measures to take, he added.

So, what is likely driving active retail participation is derivatives trading. "Derivatives trading holds the potential for outsized gains. Thus, it caters to humans' gambling instincts and can augment income if profitable," the survey said.

The capital markets have seen a surge in retail activity through direct trading and indirect trading via mutual funds over the last few years. In FY24, individual investors accounted for almost 36% of the equity cash segment turnover. The number of demat accounts with



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both depositories increased from 114.5 million in FY23 to 151.4 million in FY24.

Globally, derivatives trading often results in losses for investors. Therefore, raising awareness and providing continuous financial education are crucial to inform investors about the risks and potential for low or negative returns from derivatives trading.

Bagga said classifying F&O income as speculative or taxing it at a uniform rate of over 30% instead of the current rate would

hurt investor sentiment. Moreover, increasing the tenure for capital gains on stocks or a move to a marginal tax rate for any holding period, like debt funds, could further hurt sentiment, he explained.

While there is talk about an increase in lot sizes, limiting expiry days and increased margin requirements to create a retail-restrictive environment in the derivatives segment, there may be more to this, warned Nirav Karkera, head of research at Fisdom. "It wouldn't be much of a sur-

prise if this subject features in the budget speech and even attracts some retail-restrictive policy," he remarked. Considering how the idea is not to do away with the segment but simply protect retail investor interest, the likelihood of straightforward penalisation through elevated taxation seems to be pretty much off the table, he explained.

Kranthi Bathini, director of equity strategy at WealthMills Securities, noted that the Sebi panel's pending decision on various topics, including whether to increase the minimum lot size, is a key factor to watch.

Deepak Jasani, head of retail research at HDFC Securities, suggests that the capital markets regulator might introduce curbs on F&O trades gradually.

Instead of implementing all seven-odd curbs discussed at the panel meeting at once, they could probably introduce two at a time, monitor market reactions, and, if the markets react very negatively, potentially roll back one or two.

# Rain lashes parts of Capital but July continues in deficit

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**NEW DELHI:** Parts of Delhi on Monday afternoon recorded short but intense spells of rain, leading to waterlogging that triggered traffic snarls yet again on several arterial roads.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) officials said on Monday, light to moderate rainfall was logged in west, central, north, and southwest Delhi.

The Safdarjung observatory, which is representative of Delhi's weather, received 3.4mm of rainfall between 8.30am and 5.30 pm on Monday.

However, the rain failed to cover the deficit that Delhi currently faces for July.

"This has been a particularly hot and humid July, characterised by calm winds and high humidity. For most of the month, the monsoon trough has stayed south of Delhi and closer to central India, which is why we are not seeing any significant rain," said Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet, adding that every time the trough moves closer to Delhi — as it did on Monday — Delhi logs an increase in rain intensity.

Met officials said Monday's rain was also aided by high temperature during the day and the incursion of moisture from a western disturbance in north-west India.

"We saw convection and the formation of thunderclouds, which was due to a combination of factors which included the monsoon trough moving closer to Delhi, moisture coming from a western disturbance and high temperature before noon. This led to quick formation of rain clouds across Delhi-NCR and moderate rainfall was recorded in some parts of the city, particularly north and west Delhi," said an IMD official, stating there were chances of similar rain



Dark clouds above the Supreme Court in the city on Monday.

ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

occurring on Tuesday and Wednesday.

IMD data showed that after Monday's spell, Delhi's monthly rainfall total for July is now 118.2mm, but this is far short of the average of 143.4mm normally recorded till July 21. This means Delhi is still in deficit this month and will require one to two spells of moderate rain to bridge this gap.

The normal monthly average for rainfall in July is 209.7mm, and last year, Delhi recorded 384.6mm of rainfall. IMD classifies rainfall as "very light" when it is below 2.4mm in 24 hours; as "light" when it is between 2.5 and 15.5mm; as "moderate" when it is between 15.6mm and 64.4mm; as "heavy" when it is between 64.5mm and 115.5mm, and "very heavy" when it is over 115.6mm.

Out of the 12 rainy days so far this month, Delhi has recorded very light to light rainfall on 10 occasions, making Monday only the second "moderate" rainfall spell for this month. Delhi has not recorded any "heavy" rainfall day since June 28.

## Traffic chaos

On Monday, the weather station at Pusa in west Delhi logged the highest amount of rain at 53mm. This was followed by Pitampura (49mm), Delhi University (40mm), Ridge (27.8mm), Lodhi Road (26.6mm) and Najafgarh (24mm).

The rain led to waterlogging in parts of the city, forcing the Delhi Traffic Police to issue advisories, warning people of congestion on GT Road in northeast Delhi, Firmi Road at Najafgarh, and New Rohtak Road in west

Delhi, asking commuters to avoid these routes.

Ashish Verma, 33, who was headed from Lajpat Nagar to Jahangirpuri on Monday afternoon, said he faced waterlogging near ITO, and at Delhi University. "It took me well over an hour to cross these stretches. Traffic was slowing down due to water accumulated on the road," he said.

## Mercury down

Despite the rain, Delhi's temperature continued to remain high on Monday. The Capital logged a maximum temperature of 36.4°C, a notch above normal. It was 36.6°C a day earlier.

Monday's relative humidity oscillated between 65-100% during the day, but the city also recorded winds of 10-15 kmph, IMD said.

The air temperature at Safdarjung was 35.8°C at 11.30 am, with relative humidity at 65%. This gave Delhi a heat index (HI) or "real feel" of 50°C. However, parts of Delhi began to see rain from noon onwards, with the temperature recorded at 2.30 pm as 27.6°C. The "real feel" had dropped to 35°C. Delhi's wet bulb temperature, another indicator of thermal discomfort, was 30°C at 11.30 am, but dropped to 27.6°C at 2.30 pm, aided by rain and good wind speed.

Meanwhile, the minimum for the day was 29.4°C, which was two degrees above normal. It was 26.4°C a day earlier.

But Delhi's air was back in the "satisfactory" category, recording a 24-hour average air quality index reading of 85 on Monday. In comparison, it was 103 (moderate) on Sunday.

{ MEERUT EXPRESSWAY } INCIDENT CAUGHT ON CCTV

## Wrong-side driver kills mother, son on scooter

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**GHAZIABAD:** A mother and son were killed after their two-wheeler collided head-on with a Maruti Alto car being driven on the wrong side of the Delhi-Meerut Expressway (DME) stretch in Ghaziabad late Sunday evening.

Police said the two on the scooter suffered critical injuries and succumbed within a couple of hours of reaching the hospital.

Police said that the collision took place around 7.35pm on Sunday and the incident was captured by CCTV cameras on the expressway. The video shows a scooter moving towards Ghaziabad in the extreme right lane while a white car is seen approaching it from the wrong side, crashing into the scooter head-on within seconds.

Police estimate that the Maruti Alto was travelling at a speed of 40-50km/hour when it hit the scooter, which they believe was going at about 60-70km/hour.

To be sure, both vehicles were violating traffic rules — the car was being driven on the wrong side of the road, while entry of two-wheelers is banned on DME, said senior traffic officials.

Police said the scooter was driven by Yash Gautam, 20, while his mother Manju Gautam, 40, was riding pillion. They added that both were coming from Meerut on the Meerut-Ghaziabad carriageway of DME, and were



The car that was travelling on the wrong side.

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proceeding to their home in Delhi's West Vinod Nagar.

Police said the errant car driver was arrested by the police soon after the incident and identified as Dev Dutt Kumar, a resident of Vijay Nagar in Ghaziabad.

Police said the driver of the car made an illegal U-turn on the access-controlled expressway after he got confused about exits.

"The mother and son on the scooter entered the DME lanes from Meerut and were headed towards Delhi. When they reached an overbridge near Mehrauli, their speeding two-wheeler was hit head-on by a wrong-side driven Alto car, which was also speeding. The scooter suffered significant damages and two riders suffered severe injuries. Police teams rushed them to a hospital where they succumbed late night,

after a couple of hours of treatment," said Poonam Mishra, assistant commissioner of police, Wave City, on Monday.

The police seized the two vehicles. The front section of the Alto was also damaged.

"We have arrested the car driver and are in the process of registering an FIR. During questioning, the car driver told us that he was headed towards Vijay Nagar from Meerut side on DME, and he got confused about the exit from the expressway. Then, he took a U-turn on the expressway and started driving on the wrong side on the same carriageway towards Meerut. But, he ended up hitting the scooter head-on midway. We are trying to ascertain from CCTV footage, the point from where the car driver made a U-turn," Mishra said.

## E-bus hits Metro pillar in Punjabi Bagh, one killed

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**NEW DELHI:** A 45-year-old woman was killed and 23 people were injured in a freak accident where the driver of an electric bus reportedly dozed off and lost control of the vehicle, swerving onto a divider and then crashing into a pillar of the Delhi Metro in Punjabi Bagh, west Delhi early on Monday, police said.

An autorickshaw travelling behind the bus could not brake in time and crashed into its rear, police said, adding that the driver of the three-wheeler and its three passengers were among those wounded in the crash.

The accident, which took place near the Shivaji Park Metro station on Rohtak Road at 7.25am, led to massive traffic snarls during the morning rush hour on the busy route. Dozens of onlookers and motorists were seen trying to rescue the passengers in the bus and auto leading to a serpentine jam on the route.

Senior officials of the Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System (DIMTS), under which the e-bus was operating, said that their initial probe and analysis of the CCTV footage from the camera inside the bus suggest that the driver appeared to have dozed off while driving.

"From what we could see on the CCTV screen inside the bus, it was running in its dedicated lane. Suddenly the bus is seen drifting to the right and then crashing into the Metro pillar. It appears that the driver dozed off



Saveeta, the deceased woman

at the steering wheel and his initial statement appears to be inconsistent with the facts we have collected. We are suspending him as of now. The bus speed was 33km per hour at the time," said a senior DIMTS official.

The bus, operating on route number 939, was going towards its destination Anand Vihar Terminal from Mangolpuri.

Deputy commissioner of police (west) Vichitra Veer said that at 7.42am, the Punjabi Bagh police station received a call regarding the accident. "In the accident, 24 passengers, including the bus's driver and conductor, were injured and shifted hospital. Unfortunately, one female passenger was declared brought dead at Maharaaj Agradas Hospital. Another passenger, aged about 55, is in the ICU there," added DCP Veer.

The deceased woman was identified as Saveeta (single name) and worked as a sanitation worker with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. She lived in Sultanpuri and is survived by her daughter, a son, and four grandchildren.

An FIR has been registered under the applicable section of law at the Punjabi Bagh police station, officers said.

## TWO KILLED AFTER THEIR BIKE IS HIT BY CAR AT DELHI CANTT, 1 ARRESTED

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**NEW DELHI:** A 35-year-old woman and her 13-year-old son were killed, and the woman's husband and six-year-old daughter were critically injured, after their bike was allegedly hit by a car in the Delhi Cantonment area on Sunday night, police said on Monday. A 40-year-old businessman was arrested on Monday in connection with the incident, police added.

A senior police officer said that the deceased were identified as Nasreen and her son Azeem (single names), and the injured were identified as Mehboob and the couple's daughter Ayesha. The family lived in Humanyunpur.

Police said that the accused was identified as Dheeraj Talwar, a resident of Malka Ganj, north Delhi.

According to police, their control room received a call on Sunday regarding an accident near pillar number 163. When police reached the spot, they were informed that four members of a family were severely injured and taken to a hospital.

When police reached the hospital, they were informed that a couple on a bike with their two children were hit by an unidentified vehicle. A case was registered and investigation taken up, police said.

Police said that CCTV footage was obtained and analysed after which the offending vehicle was found to be a white Swift car. "The ownership was checked and the accused was arrested on Monday," an investigator said.

## HC JUDGE RECUSES SELF FROM UMAR KHALID HEARING

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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi high court judge Amit Sharma on Monday recused himself from hearing former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student leader Umar Khalid's bail plea in connection with a case related to the February 2020 northeast Delhi riots.

"List before a bench of which one of us (justice Amit Sharma) is not a member," a bench of justices Prathiba Singh and Amit Sharma said in the order.

Khalid had approached the high court against a city court's May 28 order rejecting his second bail plea.

The court had denied him bail, saying the prosecution wasn't responsible for any delays and also underscored no "significant change in circumstances" since the first bail rejection.

The court said that Khalid, who has been in custody since September 2020, is facing charges under the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, in connection with the northeast Delhi anti-Citizenship Amendment Act riots of February 2020, which claimed 53 lives.

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sah Imran @ Imran, S/o Mohd. Kamil, R/o: 20/392, Trilok Puri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 111/2022, dated 06.04.2022, U/S 27/61/85 N.D.P.S. Act, P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sah Imran @ Imran** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sah Imran @ Imran** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sah Imran @ Imran** accused of **FIR No. 111/2022, dated 06.04.2022, U/S 27/61/85 N.D.P.S. Act, P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **22.08.2024**.

By Order  
**Sh. Kartik Taparua**  
Metropolitan Magistrate-03  
Saket Court, New Delhi

DP/9509/SE/2024

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where complaint has been made before me that accused **Mr. Varun Alamban Sharma S/o Lt. Sh. Ram Kumar Sharma, R/o- H. No. RZ-77A, Block-P-3, Gali No. 10, New Roshanpura, Nazafgarh, New Delhi** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 83/23 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC P.S. New Friends Colony, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Mr. Varun Alamban Sharma** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Mr. Varun Alamban Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Mr. Varun Alamban Sharma** of case **FIR No. 83/23 U/s 498A/406/34 IPC P.S. New Friends Colony, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **31.08.2024**

By Order,  
**Ms. Anam Rais Khan**  
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-01  
Room No. 506, South East Distt.  
Saket Court Complex, New Delhi

DP/8601/SE/2024 (Court Matter)

## SEARCH FOR MISSING BOY

General public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the Photo) **Namely: Ankit Kumar S/o: Sh. Rakesh Kumar, R/o- H. No. 5345, 2nd Floor, Laddu Ghati, Paharganj, Delhi** Age: 17 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Wheatish, Face: Round, Built: Thin, Wearing: White color T-shirt and Black color Jeans, Missing Since 16.07.2024 from his house under area of PS Paharganj, Delhi.

In this regard a **FIR No. 342/24 Dated 16.07.2024** has been registered at PS. Paharganj, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

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**2-YR-OLD FOUND DEAD IN TOILET: FAMILY SUSPECTS OCCULT PRACTICES**

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**NEW DELHI:** A day after a two-year-old boy was found murdered in a toilet in the slums of central Delhi's Anand Parbat, his family noted injuries on his belly, mouth, and forehead, suspecting the murder might be linked to occult practices. However, police have reported no breakthrough in the case but indicated they were working on leads.

The boy was discovered dead in an abandoned toilet in Anand Parbat on Sunday morning after going missing on Saturday evening. The deceased's 28-year-old father showed videos of the body, pointing out two injuries on the right side of the stomach and injuries in the private area. "He was bleeding around his mouth, and there was a red mark in the middle of his forehead, leading us to believe it could be related to occult practices," he said.

The victim reportedly went missing at around 7.30pm on Saturday, prompting the family to file a missing report but were told to search the neighbourhood first. "No police officer came all night. We searched for him but could not find him. Around 8am, someone saw the feet of a child in the toilet. It was my son. Police arrived after we found him," the father said.

Deputy commissioner of police (central) Harsha Vardhan denied these allegations, and said, "The family visited the police station around 1am, and prompt action was taken."

**2 weeks on, Ashoka Rd cave-ins remain unfixed**

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**NEW DELHI:** More than a fortnight after two separate sections of Ashoka Road in Lutyens' Delhi caved in due to damage to the underground sewer lines, the craters on the road are yet to be repaired, with officials blaming the delay on paperwork, saying that they are still waiting for "approval from higher-ups".

At least 22 alerts have been issued on social media in just the past week by the Delhi Traffic Police cautioning commuters about disruption in traffic movement due to the craters, but no resolution appears to be in sight with New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) officials insisting that repair works will "likely take more time."

Almost half the road near Le Meridian hotel has been barricaded due to the first (and larger) cave-in that took place on July 7. The second cave-in that occurred on July 10 is located on the roundabout near 14, Ashoka Road. Both sites, which were filled with debris by NDMC shortly after the incidents, repeatedly cause traffic jams at peak hours.

A senior NDMC official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "We have sent the files for carrying out the repair to the maintenance department, but the repair project is awaiting approval from higher officials. Meanwhile, the long-term work on strengthening of old sewer lines under the



The portion of Ashoka Road that caved in is now covered by rubble.

ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

road is being carried out."

Both the cave-ins have been caused due to a 1200mm-diameter British-era sewer line which passes under the Ashoka Road. "The old sewer line settled in and started leaking, which led to soil erosion and a portion of the road getting damaged. The pipeline will have to be replaced," a second NDMC official said.

A Delhi traffic police officer said: "This is a key road for movement in New Delhi and with half of the road carriageway getting barricaded, the movement of vehicles slows down, especially during the peak office commuting hours. The underlying

problem which caused the cave-ins has not been repaired by the concerned agency. We are issuing advisories daily."

Gopal Krishan, who heads the New Delhi RWA federation, blamed lack of timely repairs for the issue. "Most of the infrastructure in New Delhi was built before the Independence, but it has not been upgraded in a timely and phased manner," he said.

**A recurring problem**

A large section of C-Hexagon near India Gate had also caved in near the National Gallery of Modern Art last year in July leading to traffic disruptions for

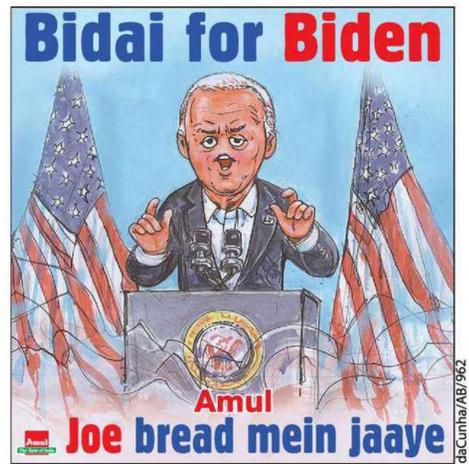
two days. The cause behind the damage to the road was also attributed to an old leaking sewer line. Meanwhile, a large section of the Ashoka Road had also caved in July 2020, also due to leaking sewer lines.

A second official said that several NDMC sewer lines were laid down before Independence and needed to be replaced. "We are taking up the upgrade work in phases. The old brick barrel lines are also to be rehabilitated starting from Q point to Sunehri Pulla drain via Bharti Nagar and Archbishop Marg. The repair at Ashoka Road may take multiple days," the official added.

**MALIWAL ASSAULT CASE: CM'S AIDE MOVES SC FOR BAIL**

**NEW DELHI:** Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar, lodged in jail on charges of assaulting AAP MP Swati Maliwal, has approached Supreme Court seeking regular bail. The Supreme Court is yet to assign a date of hearing to the matter.

In his plea, Kumar challenged the Delhi high court's July 12 order that denied him relief, and alleged that the assault case against him is "an emanation of the nefarious design" of Maliwal, who, the petition claimed, levelled "frivolous allegations" with the intent to harass Kumar. HT



**'Full of typos': HC slams AAP MLA's plea against Swaraj**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court on Monday turned down Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) legislator Somnath Bhatti's request to issue notice in his plea challenging Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Mansu Singh Swaraj's election as an MP, saying that the petition was full of typographical errors.

A bench of justice Manmeet PS Arora asked Bhatti's counsel to file a corrected plea within 10 days and adjourned the matter to August 13, declining any order for the time being.

Bhatti, who lost to Swaraj from the New Delhi parliamentary constituency in the recently held general elections, has accused the BJP leader of "corrupt practices". His petition alleged that some BJP

workers distributed money, sarees, and suits to voters on Swaraj's behalf to influence them to vote in her favour.

The AAP leader further alleged that on the day of the polls, Swaraj's booth agents had her pamphlets displaying her ballot number, photo, and election symbol, along with a photo of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. They showed these things to the electors who had lined up in the booth and asked them to vote on a particular ballot.

The plea went on to add that former AAP minister Raj Kumar Anand, who contested as a Bahujan Samaj Party candidate, was "set up" by Swaraj's party to help her win against Bhatti.

When the matter was taken up for hearing on Monday, justice Arora prima facie remarked

that the plea was full of errors. "It is full of mistakes. There are too many mistakes. You will have to correct the petition first," justice Arora said to the AAP leader's counsel.

Though the counsel pressed for issuance of notice, saying that he would file a corrected plea, the judge turned down the request. "I can't issue notice. I can't understand. I'll simply adjourn it," justice Arora said.

Accordingly, the court in the order said, "A perusal of the plea reveals that it has multiple typographical errors and the reference of the respondent in the plea does not relate with the memo of parties. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner states that the corrected plea will be filed within 10 days. At request, adjourn to August 13."

**Delhi govt to set up 185 kanwar camps**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi government on Monday announced that it will set up 185 camps for kanwars. These camps will mostly be along the Delhi-Uttar Pradesh borders in the north-east Delhi, east Delhi, and Shahdara revenue districts, which serve as entry and exit points for the devotees, revenue minister Atishi said.

"The Arvind Kejriwal government sets up kanwar camps across the city and ensures the best facilities for kanwariyas... Each camp will be equipped with high-quality waterproof tents, medical facilities, clean water, toilets, and furniture," Atishi said at a press conference at the Delhi secretariat.

"Approximately 2 million kanwars pass through Delhi. Ever since the Arvind Kejriwal government was formed in Delhi, high-quality waterproof tents, medical facilities, clean water, toilets, furniture, beddings, have been arranged so that the kanwars, coming after a long journey, do not face any kind of problem," said Atishi.



A kanwar camp being set up on NE3 near IP Extension.

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A revenue department official said that around 150 large camps have already been erected, and the remaining camps will be set up by July 25.

The kanwar yatra is carried out during the Hindu calendar month of Shravan. Thousands of pilgrims mostly from Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh move towards Haridwar to fetch holy Ganga water and return to their hometowns, where they offer the water to lord Shiva at prominent tem-

ples. This year, the annual pilgrimage started on July 22, and it will conclude on August 2.

The Delhi Traffic Police on Sunday had announced that due to the annual kanwar yatra, vehicular movement in parts of Delhi — especially in northeast, east, central, south, southwest, and north Delhi — will be affected till August 2.

Police on July 18 had issued a string of advisories to organisers of kanwar camps in order to curtail the chaos for residents.

**{ JAL ABHISHEK YATRA }  
Procession in Nuh passes peacefully**

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**NUH:** A religious procession organised by the Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), which resulted in communal clashes last year, commenced peacefully in Nuh, Haryana, on Monday morning under heavy police deployment, officials said.

The Braj Mandal Jal Abhishek Yatra started from Nalhar Mahadev Mandir in Nuh, with devotees proceeding towards Singar Temple via Jhir Mandir in Ferozepur Jhirka, covering around 80km. Haryana forest and environment minister Sanjay Singh welcomed the devotees in Nuh, accompanied by Waqf board administrator Zakir Hussain, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) district president Narendra Patel, and Nalhar Mahadev Temple committee patron Gurucharan Singh Malik, among other prominent district figures. They travelled with the devotees to the Singar Temple, officials added.

Members of the Muslim community welcomed the devotees, arranging refreshments and setting up pandals at designated points where the yatra paused before entering the temple, officials added. Bajrang Dal functionary Kulbhushan Bhardwaj noted that many devotees had gathered at Radha Krishna Temple in Gurugram's Sector 10 before heading to Nalhar Temple. "Those who pelleted stones on us last year showered flowers. They welcomed us and greeted us with warmth. The moments were emotional for both sides," he said.

To ensure the safety of this year's yatra, over 5,000 police and paramilitary personnel were deployed. The Haryana government on Sunday suspended mobile internet services in Nuh district for 24 hours (till Monday evening).

Nuh superintendent of police Vijay Pratap Singh mentioned that surveillance was conducted through drones. "The police teams patrolled and were deployed with the procession, keeping a close watch on vehicular movement," he said. Last year's clashes on July 31 resulted in the deaths of six people, including two home guards and a Gurugram mosque cleric, after a mob attacked the procession.

**Woman, neighbour murder Ggm man; chop up his body**

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**GURUGRAM:** More than a month after a Gurugram resident went missing, parts of his body were found buried in the courtyard of a house at Pratapgarh in Uttar Pradesh, police said on Monday, adding that they have arrested his girlfriend and her husband in connection with the case.

Police identified the deceased as Shivnath Sah, 45, and the arrested as Pushpa Gautam, 35, and Vinod Kumar Gautam, 39. They said Sah was murdered by Pushpa and her neighbour Poonam Devi, 32, and the two women then chopped up his body. Vinod and Devi's husband Chintamani Lal later disposed of the body parts, police said.

Devi and Lal are absconding, they said. Giving details of the case,



Shivnath Sah, the deceased

On July 4, Sah's son Jitender, 18, who lives in Mumbai, filed a missing person's complaint at the Gurugram Sadar police station, stating that his father has been missing since June 16.

Inspector Arjun Dev, station house officer of the Gurugram Sadar police station, said that during their investigation, they discovered that Sah had travelled to Pratapgarh on June 16. "We called Gautam for questioning... She broke down and confessed to killing Sah," Dev said.

The Gurugram police, led by Naharpur police post in-charge Surender Kumar, then travelled to Pratapgarh and alerted local police, and on Saturday, Sah's head and chest were recovered from Devi's property in presence of the Pratapgarh SDM.

Officers said other parts of his body were dumped in a nearby canal, and are yet to be traced.

**ACB BEGINS PROBE OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST STAFF AT GOVT HOSPITALS**

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**NEW DELHI:** The Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) has begun probing workforce and security companies that provide staff to Delhi government hospitals, officials aware of the matter said on Monday. The development comes after ACB received multiple complaints, including the under-deployment of staffers, recruitment of ineligible candidates, bogus claims of employees state insurance and provident funds, demand for bribes, and embezzlement of government funds, among others.

ACB chief Madhur Verma stated that government officials are allegedly involved in a criminal conspiracy with the private agencies. "Several complaints have been received at ACB regarding various malpractices and embezzlement of government funds," Verma said.

In response, the Aam Aadmi Party-led Delhi government issued an official statement highlighting that health minister Saurabh Bhardwaj has repeatedly flagged alleged corruption in these hiring. "However, in spite of repeated directions on file, things have not changed on the ground... Strictest punishment should be given to those responsible for continuing this corrupt practice. A thorough inquiry should find out why officials had shut their eyes," the statement said.

**Cop touches high tension wire, killed**

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**NEW DELHI:** A 29-year-old Delhi Police constable succumbed to his injuries on Saturday after coming in contact with a high-tension (HT) wire while investigating a theft case in Najafgarh, police said on Monday. He is survived by his wife and a two-year-old daughter.

Deputy commissioner of police (Dwarka) Ankit Singh said that the deceased was identified as Hemant Yadav, a resident of

Rewari, Haryana, and a member of the anti-burglary cell of Dwarka district. A case was registered at Najafgarh police station and the probe is on, Singh added.

According to police, while investigating the complainant's claims of a theft in Najafgarh, Yadav and Kumar discovered a 66kV high-tension wire running over the roof. When Yadav attempted to trace the thief's potential path when he was electrocuted, resulting in a sudden blast that ignited his clothes, Singh reported. DCP Singh said.



Constable Hemant Yadav.

Head constable Kumar extinguished the fire and rushed Yadav to a local private hospital, where he received first aid before being referred to AIIMS.

According to Yadav's medico-legal certificate, he sustained severe burns covering 60% of his body, including his chest, abdomen, limbs, and genital region, Singh said. Despite medical efforts, Yadav succumbed to his injuries on Saturday.

In response, BSES noted that the HT wire was installed over 50 years ago. "These wires were installed over 50 years ago and in complete violation of the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) guidelines; the building was constructed underneath high-tension wires," they said.

**{ WORLD HERITAGE COMMITTEE }**

**Lumbini, Stonehenge on heritage 'danger' list**

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**NEW DELHI:** Lumbini in Nepal, considered the birthplace of Gautama Buddha, along with the Stonehenge in the United Kingdom feature on the list of "World Heritage in Danger", said World Heritage Committee director

Lazare Eloundou Assomo while speaking at the 46th World Heritage Committee of Unesco being hosted by India in Delhi, adding that these are among the "most critical" sites on the list this time. The committee will be deliberating whether or not to add them on the danger list.

If the sites are approved for the list, he said WHC will work with the Nepal and the UK gov-



At a World Heritage Committee exhibition on Monday.

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ernment to protect the two sites and disburse funds for their preservation.

He said that a "significant" amount of deliberation took place along with several cycles of

visits to the sites before adding them.

A Unesco World Heritage Site, Lumbini, located in the Rupandehi District of Nepal, is renowned as the birthplace of

Siddhartha Gautama, who later became the Buddha. The other site at the top of WHC list is UK's Stonehenge which prehistoric megalithic structure on Salisbury Plain and has several stones forming an intricate pattern.

Assomo also talked about the importance of the WHC meeting this time in conflict-plagued countries such as Ukraine and Palestine and said that the committee is forming several strategies to protect heritage from war.

India's permanent representative to Unesco, the chairman of WHC Vishal Sharma said: "India is the land of Sanskrit, sanskar (values), sanskriti (culture), and sanskar dham (cultural sites), so getting to host WHC means we get to unite all of humanity."

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**GROWTH FORECAST**

global order, growing medium-term challenges, and the uneven spread of the monsoon. Domestic growth drivers supported economic growth in FY24 despite global uncertainties, but private capital formation may turn "slightly more cautious" because of fears of cheaper imports, the survey said. "Considering these factors, the Survey conservatively projects a real GDP growth of 6.5-7%, with risks evenly balanced, cognisant of the fact that the market expectations are on the higher side," said the Survey.

Tabled by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament a day before she presented the Union Budget, the survey called for the creation of more jobs, agricultural and labour code reforms, and tackling the looming threat that artificial intelligence (AI) poses to workers across skill levels.

It called for tapping into foreign direct investment from China, a bold suggestion that came against the backdrop of a crackdown on Chinese products and firms in the aftermath of a deadly border clash in 2020. And it underlined potential concerns of childhood obesity, employability of young people and the population's mental health. "The Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, demonstrating resilience in the face of geopolitical challenges," Nageswaran wrote in the preface to the annual report card on the economy.

The survey praised the government's handling of the economy over the last decade, and the strides made by structural reforms. "The Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of our economy and also showcases the outcomes of the various reforms our government has brought. It also identifies areas for further growth and progress as we move towards building a Viksit Bharat," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on X.

The Opposition criticised the document. "Today's Economic Survey is like a shiny hollow envelope highlighting the failures of the Modi government," Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said.

The National Statistical Office's (NSO) on May 31 projected that India's GDP grew at 8.2% in 2023-24, which was higher than the 7% growth in 2022-23. The Reserve Bank of India on June 7 revised upwards the GDP growth estimate for 2024-25 to 7.2% from 7%. The Economic Survey, however, appeared cautious. "We are not pessimistic. We are actually very optimistic about growth, but we are also mindful of the challenges which I listed to you," Nageswaran said at a press conference.

The CEA said he was more confident about 7% growth for FY25 when he presented the interim Economic Survey in January this year. Since then "the global environment has become even more polarised. And financial market valuations are much more elevated. So, given that we feel 7% is doable, but yet we want to be, not necessarily cautious, but somewhat prudent in projecting [that] we would rather be very pleasantly surprised than being forced to face disappointments," he said.

Despite the core inflation rate being around 3%, RBI, with one eye on the withdrawal of accommodation and another on the US Federal Reserve, has kept interest rates unchanged for quite some time, and the anticipated easing has been delayed.

The Survey noted this, and called for a review of India's inflation targeting framework. "Hardships caused by higher food prices for poor and low-income consumers can be handled through direct benefit transfers or coupons for specified purchases valid for appropriate durations," it said.

On China—a thorny topic politically with deep implications for national security—the document said India had two choices to benefit from the "China plus one strategy"—integrating into China's supply chain or promoting FDI from China. "Among these choices, focusing on FDI from China seems more promising for boosting India's exports to the US, similar to how East Asian economies did in the past." When asked later, Nageswaran said he was urging the Centre to review its stance on FDI from China. "I am asking for re-examination...I'm saying that there is a balance that's required between importing goods versus importing capital. I gave the example of what Brazil and Turkey did. They banned the import of vehicles but then they incentivised them to invest in their own country," he said.

The document invested substantial efforts in sketching the contours of the employment scenario. "In the context of inflation management, the Survey calls for a review of the present inflation targeting regime, broadly arguing in favour of recasting the target focused on non-food CPI inflation. Since recent pressure on CPI inflation was largely driven by food inflation, this modification in inflation management might facilitate easing of interest rates and thereby make monetary policy more growth oriented," DK Srivastava, chief policy advisor of EY India said.

**NEET IN LOK SABHA**

the pressure on the government and argued there were deep-seated problems in the country's examination system.

"The issue is there are millions of students in this country who are extremely concerned about what is going on and who are convinced that the Indian examination system is a fraud," he said during question hour.

Samajwadi Party (SP) MP Akhilesh Yadav also attacked the government and said that it had created a record of paper leaks. "There are some centres where more than 2,000 students have passed. As long as this minister is there, the students will not get justice," he said in the Lok Sabha.

Later in the day, Pradhan condemned the remarks.

"Maybe Rahul Gandhi understands the fundamentals and maths of unfair practices too well. That explains why the Congress government failed to implement the bills to stop malpractice in educational institutions, including the Prohibition of Unfair Practices Bill, 2010. Can the LoP tell under what compulsions, pressure and for what considerations did the Congress Party refuse to bring laws to curb irregularities?" he said on X.

He also lashed out at Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav. "The LoP and his cabal are all but shedding crocodile tears. The ground reality on paper leaks during UPA regime and when Shri Akhilesh was at the helm of UP will open a can of worms for both Shri Rahul Gandhi and Akhilesh Yadav," Pradhan said on X.

Speaking to media outside the Parliament, Gandhi hit back. "Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan should have responded. He spoke about the Supreme Court and PM Modi but he is not able to say what he is doing on this. NEET is a very important issue for the youth. We have always asked for discussion in the Parliament but the government is not interested. We will keep raising this issue."

The NEET-UG examination in 2024 saw 2.4 million students appearing at 4,750 centres across 571 cities worldwide. However, the exam was soon engulfed in chaos and widespread protests across India, with thousands of students demonstrating against allegations of question paper leaks, inflated marking, and arbitrary allowance of grace marks. Opposition parties called for a Supreme Court-monitored probe into the allegations but the government has ruled out a retest, maintaining that the leaks were localised and arguing that cancelling the exam would be

unfair to the successful candidates. A number of other top examinations such as UGC-NET have also been postponed. The case is currently being heard by the Supreme Court.

The first day of the monsoon session began with Congress MP Manickam Tagore giving an adjournment motion notice in the Lok Sabha, demanding a discussion on the NEET controversy.

During question hour, Gandhi said that there were millions of students who were concerned about what was going on and who were convinced that the Indian examination system was a fraud. "This is why we are asking simple questions to the honourable minister. As this is a systemic issue, what exactly are you doing to fix the issue at a systemic level?" he asked in Parliament.

Yadav asked the government to generate a list of students from respective exam centres who got high marks. Pradhan condemned the statements. "A lie will not become the truth just by shouting... I condemn that he [Rahul Gandhi] called that country's examination system rubbish," he said. As the Opposition sought to turn up the heat on paper leaks, speaker Om Birla said it was not right to raise questions about all exams and members should discuss the need of developing a better examination system.

"There is no evidence of paper leaks in the last seven years in any numbers..." Pradhan said in response to Tagore claiming that there were 70 paper leaks in seven years. Tagore wanted to know about the steps taken to address the issue of exam paper leaks and wondered whether the minister will resign.

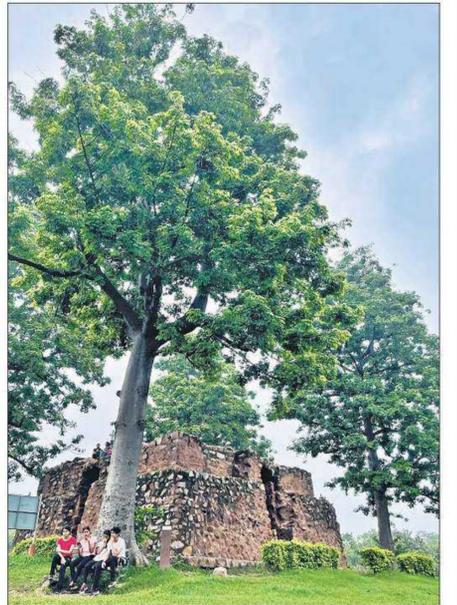
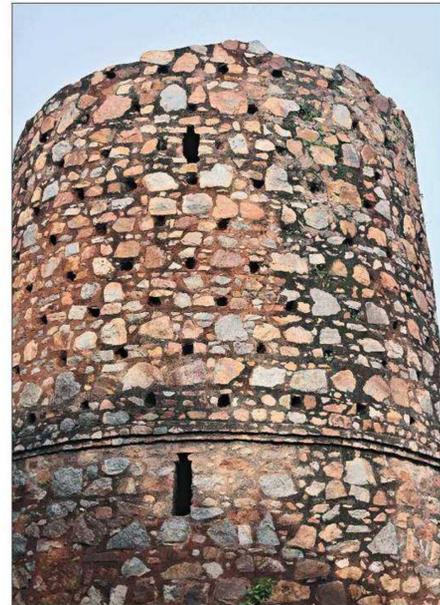
In response, Pradhan said, "I am here at the mercy of my leader, the prime minister, and whenever accountability comes, my government is collectively answerable to that." Regarding alleged anomalies and malpractices, Pradhan asserted, "We are hiding nothing... everything is on record."

Responding to Yadav, Pradhan pointed out that students from all corners of the country had succeeded and that centre-wise results of all NEET-UG candidates had revealed nothing untoward.

NK Premachandran, member of Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), said that the credibility of competitive exams was lost, and demanded a joint parliamentary committee probe into the NEET-UG allegations.

Countering him, Pradhan said, "...we have put all facts in front of the Supreme Court."

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**'Off with his head'**

Two monuments with a common link

**{ PUBLIC INTEREST }**

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The historic region has many monuments, including the tomb of emperor Feroz Shah Tughlaq. Two of the monuments are not particularly handsome or well-known or greatly historic, but they are the most unique among all the monuments. For they are dedicated to the head.

To the lack of head, actually. "Off with his head", meaning "chopping off the head," is a gruesome phrase that famously appeared in Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland*, as well as in the plays of Shakespeare. The phrase strongly resonates with Hauz Khas's 13th century landmarks Munda Gumbad and Chor Minar.

Munda Gumbad (see right photo) is a stone pavilion overlooking the Hauz Khas lake. Munda means bald, and the monument gets this name because it has its dome missing, as if somebody lopped off the topmost portion, making it a headless relic.

Chor Minar (see left photo) is a stone tower

ringed by posh houses in Hauz Khas Enclave, and its past is stained with a cruelty that is unspeakable. Legend has it that it was used to display the severed heads of chor, or thieves. Indeed, the tower's many holes must have been the very places to exhibit the ill-fated heads. The all-knowing Wikipedia talks of the long-age execution of 8,000 Mongol prisoners, their heads displayed in the many towers that littered the vicinity. This tower might be a leftover from that era.

Munda Gumbad is perched atop a public park's grassy mound. The small dark chamber within smells of dampness and dead insects. The walls are scrawled with declarations of love. Morning walkers in the park often lounge outside the monument, sometimes praying with clasped palms.

Just as the wild grass of countryside diligently does its work and cover the many blood-soaked battlefields of long-age wars, time too has diligently tamed Chor Minar's dreadful holes that showcased the severed heads. These niches have become a refuge for the peaceful pigeons.

This late morning, a window in one of the surrounding houses is open, and a lace curtain is ballooning gently out towards the tower. The minar is looking harmless. Even so, while touring the two monuments, make sure to have your head on the right place.



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**NEW DELHI:** In an attempt to prevent landfill blazes, MCD has started the installation of perforated pipe systems to ease the release of methane build up inside east Delhi's Ghazipur landfill site, senior municipal officials said on Monday. The decision comes in wake of three-day long fire episode at Ghazipur earlier in April. A senior MCD official said that the methane release points through perforated pipes are being added to the portion of the landfill where fresh waste is currently being dumped. "We have inserted around 12 such perforated pipes which would act as methane release points," the official said.



**Court summons Kavitha, adjourns bail plea to Aug 5**

**NEW DELHI:** A Delhi court on Monday took cognizance of the third supplementary charge sheet filed by CBI on June 7 into alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise case 2021-22, which names BRS leader K Kavitha as an accused. The court directed Kavitha, 46, to be produced before it virtually on July 26. The court

adjourned her default bail application to August 5.

**HC gives directions to Delhi top cop on child labour cases probe**

**NEW DELHI:** The Delhi high court directed the Delhi Police commissioner to decide in eight weeks a plea seeking directions to the force to expedite the probe and trial into cases of bonded and child labour having an element of human trafficking. Advocate Alpha Phiris Dayal, the petitioner, said bonded and child labour cases registered in 2013 or 2014 were still at charge sheet stage. He further submitted that though he had filed a representation for resolution of issues, the police were yet to respond to the same.

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**Delhi is India's 3rd most polluted city in 1st half of 2024, says report**

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**NEW DELHI:** Delhi ranked as the country's third most polluted city out of 256 cities in the first half of the year, according to an analysis of average PM2.5 data by the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA) that was released on Monday.

The average PM2.5 levels in Delhi during the period January to June was 102µg/m3 — twice the daily national standard of 60µg/m3, and behind only Fariabad (103µg/m3) and Byrnihat in Meghalaya (140µg/m3), the analysis revealed.

The other polluted cities in the top 10 included Gurugram (99µg/m3), Bhagalpur in Bihar (99µg/m3), Sri Ganganagar in Rajasthan (96µg/m3), Greater Noida (96µg/m3), Muzaffarnagar (95µg/m3) in Uttar Pradesh, Ballabgarh

**IN NCR, 25 OF THE 27 CITIES EXCEEDED THE ANNUAL NATIONAL STANDARD OF 405µG/M3. THE ANALYSIS SHOWED**

in Haryana (94µg/m3), and Bhiwadi in Rajasthan (92µg/m3). Among the 256 cities analysed using Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) data on PM 2.5 levels, CREA found 163 of these cities exceeded the annual PM 2.5 standards of 40µg/m3, and all 256 cities exceeded the World Health Organisation (WHO)'s PM 2.5 annual standards of 5µg/m3.

Of these 163 cities, only 63 are part of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) and have dedicated plans to reduce pollu-

tion. The remaining 100 cities still do not have a plan or funding from the Centre, CREA said.

In NCR, 25 of the 27 cities exceeded the annual national standard of 405µg/m3, highlighting the entire region as a problematic area in terms of air pollution.

"Barring Palwal and Mandikhera, all NCR cities have breached the national air standards during the first half of the year. This shows the need to have an action plan for the wider airshed region of NCR and enforce systematic and comprehensive pollution strategies for these cities and sources beyond municipal corporation boundaries or geographical boundaries," Sunil Dahiya, analyst at CREA, said.

"It is surprising these two NCR cities are meeting the standards whereas the rest of NCR is not. It calls for their air quality stations to be assessed, too," he added.

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## Oppn 'misused' Parl to hide its own political failures, says PM



Prime Minister Narendra Modi delivers his customary address, ahead of Parliament session. RAJ KRAI/HT

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday urged parliamentarians from across the political divide to rise above party politics and work for the nation, underlining that Parliament is meant for "desh" (country) and not "dal" (party).

Modi also accused the Opposition of causing disruptions, dubbing it as "negative politics", and said, "...muzzling of the elected government and its PM has no place in democratic traditions."

"For 2.5 hours, an attempt was made to suppress the voice of the Prime Minister. The people of the country have sent us for the country and not for the party. This Parliament is for the country, not for the party..." he said. He was referring to the disruptions during his reply to the President's address last month.

In his customary address at the start of the Monsoon session that began on Monday, the PM said there is a need to "rise up above party politics and commit to the nation by making use of the digni-

fied platform of Parliament..." and added, "...this House is not meant for political parties, this House is meant for the country. It is not meant to serve the Parliamentarians but 140 crore citizens of India."

Urging lawmakers to set aside differences, he said till 2029, the only priority should be the country and the realisation of the dream to make India developed by 2047.

"The electorate has spoken, and now all political parties must fight together for the country for the next five years. Go to the battlefields of election in January 2029. Till then, the only priority should be the country, its poor, farmers, women and the youth", he said.

The PM's statement comes at a time when the Opposition is gearing up to take on the government over a host of issues, from paper leaks and irregularities in the conduct of premier entrance examinations to controversies over issues such as the decision to withdraw the order prohibiting government employees to participate in activities of the RSS, ideological fount of the BJP.

Referring to the Union Budget that will be presented by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday, the PM said it will set the

direction for the next five years and will lay a strong foundation for the dream of a Viksit Bharat or developed India by 2047.

"We are moving ahead to gradually implement the guarantees that I have been giving to the countrymen. This budget is an important one for Amrit Kaal. We have an opportunity of five years, today's budget will also determine the direction of our work for those five years... will lay a strong foundation for fulfilling our dream of a developed India by 2047, when we will be celebrating 100 years of independence," he said.

Underlining the need to allow proceedings without disruptions, he said, in the first session of Parliament, soon after the government was sworn in for the third time, "an undemocratic attempt to suppress the voice of the government which was voted by the majority of 140 crore countrymen to serve them" was made.

Modi also said that "...many MPs did not get a chance to talk about their constituency and share their views in Parliament because of the negative politics of some parties that misused Parliament to hide their political failures".

## Cong hits back: Modi suppressed voice of country for 10 years

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**NEW DELHI:** The Congress on Monday hit back at Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his remarks that the Opposition attempted to scuttle his voice during the first session of Parliament, saying it was he who "suppressed the voice" and "crushed the aspirations" of the citizens for 10 years.

"You (Modi) were lamenting today about being strangled for two-and-a-half hours but the truth is that your government crushed the aspirations of 140 crore Indians in 10 years," Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said.

Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khara said the person who "throttled the country and suppressed its voice" for 10 years looked "very weak and was seen weeping" when the opposition raised its voice.

"He (Modi) said the Opposition throttled the voice of the prime minister for two-and-a-half hours. It is important to remind Prime Minister Modi that during his unjust rule of the last 10 years, the entire country was suffocated, for which the public has punished him," Khara said in a post on X.

"Prime Minister Modi has forgotten that he is not the prime minister of a majority government, but the 'one-third' prime minister of an NDA government run with the support of two parties," he added.

In his customary address at the start of the Monsoon session of



Mallikarjun Kharge

Parliament on Monday, Modi accused the Opposition of causing disruptions during his reply to the Motion of Thanks to the President's address last month, saying "...muzzling of the elected government and its Prime Minister has no place in democratic traditions." "For 2.5 hours, an attempt was made to suppress the voice of the Prime Minister. The people of the country have sent us for the country and not for the party. This Parliament is for the country, not for the party..." Modi said.

Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) lawmaker Manoj Jha also hit out at Modi. "You are the PM of this country. The Opposition does not have a separate PM. Your heart should be big and you should behave with dignity if you expect the same."

Meanwhile, the Congress's parliamentary strategy group met on Monday evening and decided to raise the issues of irregularities in NEET, farmers and Agniveers, among others, during the Parliament session. A meeting of Congress MPs will be held on Tuesday morning followed by a meeting of INDIA bloc floor leaders later in the day, people aware of the details said.

## 'NTA HAS OVER 170 CONTRACTUAL AND OUTSOURCED STAFF; QUESTION PAPERS NOT OUTSOURCED'

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**NEW DELHI:** More than 170 employees at the National Testing Agency (NTA) are either contractual or outsourced staff, the ministry of education informed Parliament on Monday.

The ministry, however, clarified that all "core activities involving setting up of question papers" for exams conducted by the agency are not outsourced.

The ministry shared the information in a written response to a question by Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) lawmaker Kanimozhi Karunanidhi on the number of permanent staff, employees on deputation and contractual staff at NTA.

"Director General (DG) of NTA is appointed by the Central Government under the Central Staffing Scheme. In addition, the number of employees working on deputation in NTA are 22 at present. The number of contractual employees are 39 and outsourced staff or employees are 132. One employee is absorbed in NTA from his parent department," minister of state for education Sukanta Majumdar said.

Asked about the tasks that have been outsourced by NTA to other entities, the minister said that considering the sensitivity involved in competitive examinations, various operational and security measures are undertaken for their smooth and fair conduct.

"Such measures involve engagement of specialised or experienced agencies for providing services like capturing of Biometric, frisking, CCTV surveillance. AI analytics with a view to identify any potential impersonation, exam delivery, etc. However, it is pertinent to mention that all core activities involving setting up of question papers are not outsourced," he said. His remarks came at a time NTA is under scanner over alleged irregularities, after a slew of crucial national examinations were botched up recently.

## Row after Centre says case for spl status for Bihar is not made out

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**NEW DELHI:** A day before the presentation of the Union Budget, which some analysts expect to have some financial sops for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, states governed by key allies of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), the finance ministry on Monday ruled out granting the so-called Special Category Status to Bihar, citing a 2012 report that argued that the state doesn't meet the parameters for planned assistance under the Special Category Status.

The ministry's response provoked an immediate reaction from the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), which is the main opposition party in Bihar; it sought the resignation of Janata Dal (United) leader and chief minister Nitish Kumar, whose party governs the state in a coalition with the BJP.

In a written reply to JD(U) lawmaker Rampriti Mandal, who sought to know if the Centre "proposes to provide special status to Bihar and other most backward states to promote economic growth and industrialization", Pankaj Chaudhary, the minister of state for finance, said in the Lok Sabha. "Earlier, the request of Bihar for Special Category Status was considered by an Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) which submitted its Report on 30th March, 2012. The IMG came to the finding that based on existing NDC criteria, the case for Special Category Status for Bihar is not made out."

The minister pointed out that the Special Category Status for plan assistance was granted in the past by the National Development Council (NDC) to some states that were "characterised by a number of features necessitating special consideration."

The JD(U) has been demanding



The finance ministry was responding to a query by a JD(U) lawmaker in Lok Sabha.

special status for Bihar, one of the poorest states of the country, for several years, and efforts gained momentum after the formation of the third NDA government. The JD(U), along with Andhra's Telugu Desam Party and Maharashtra's Shiv Sena, are critical allies whose numbers in the Lower House helped the NDA cross the majority mark. RJD chief Lalu Prasad demanded Nitish Kumar's resignation, saying the chief minister failed to get special status for Bihar. "Nitish should resign. He had promised to get special status..... The Centre will have to give special status," said Prasad.

To be sure, the Special Category Status has virtually become redundant. The late Union finance minister Arun Jaitley had said the demand for special status by some states was no longer tenable after the 14th Finance Commission recommended that the states' share in net proceeds of Union tax revenues should increase from 32% to 42%. It also suggested that sharing of taxes should be the primary route for transfer of resources to states. With this, it virtually made concessions such as additional funds through special status administratively redundant.

The government is, however, considering options to compensate states such as Andhra Pradesh and Bihar that suffered because of bifurcation.

## Kerala 'foreign secy' triggers controversy

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**NEW DELHI:** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lawmaker P P Chaudhary on Monday said the Kerala government's recent appointment of an IAS officer as "foreign secretary" was "unconstitutional" and an "encroachment" on the responsibilities of the Centre.

Raising the matter in the Lok Sabha, Chaudhary, an MP from Rajasthan, said the move was a "blatant outreach", and sought to know if the Kerala government was treating itself as a "separate nation".

On July 15, the Kerala government issued an order giving K Vasuki, secretary in the labour and skills department, the additional charge of "matters connected with External Cooperation".

Chaudhary said external cooperation meant dealing with

various nations, Indian embassies and missions abroad, functions that are primarily part of the Union List as per the allocation of business rules.

"The Kerala government's action in issuing such an order and appointing an IAS officer as foreign secretary to handle external affairs is unconstitutional. It encroaches on subjects allocated to the Union government and the Union List," he said in the Lower House.

"Is the Kerala government treating itself as a separate nation," he added.

On Saturday, senior Congress leader and Thiruvananthapuram MP Shashi Tharoor defended the Kerala government's actions, saying "Foreign relations are controlled by the Centre... However, it is appropriate for state governments to manage issues involving their residents abroad..."

## parl snippets

## 'LOOK AT ME, I AM FAIRLY ATTRACTIVE': V-P SHARES A LIGHT MOMENT WITH MP

**NEW DELHI:** Vice President and Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday engaged in a light moment with lawmaker Neeraj Shekhar, after the latter got into a verbal fight with the Opposition. Dhankhar urged Shekhar to "look at him" while raising his supplementary question during the Question Hour, saying he looked "fairly attractive". The exchange between the Opposition and Shekhar broke out after the former called Shekhar a "chamcha" (flatterer) when he asked a second supplementary question to Union minister of Jal Shakti, CR Patil. Shekhar hit back, calling the Opposition leaders, "flatterers of madam", in an apparent reference to Congress leader Sonia Gandhi, who was also in the House.

## CPI LEADER RAISES DEMAND IN RS TO RENAME KERALA TO 'KERALAM'

**NEW DELHI:** CPI leader from Kerala, Sandosh Kumar P, on Monday raised the demand for a change in name of the southern state to 'Keralam'. Speaking in the Rajya Sabha, he said, "The name of the state must reflect the culture, history, and heritage of the people living in the state." He also said that the Kerala Legislative Assembly has unanimously passed a resolution to change the state's name. "The demand was raised by the Kerala assembly last year but the assembly was recommended a few technical changes by the Union home ministry," he said.

## SPEAKER GIVES A PIECE OF ADVICE TO MoS JAYANT CHAUDHARY

**NEW DELHI:** MoS (education) Jayant Chaudhary on Monday received some advice from Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. When Govind Karjol demanded a Kendriya Vidyalaya in his area, Chaudhary said "a demand has been raised and his proposal is under consideration". To this, Birla said: "If they don't make demands (during Question Hour), what else do you expect them to do?"

## NEET ISSUE ECHOES IN PARLIAMENT

The (education) minister has blamed everybody (for paper leaks) but himself. I don't think he understands the fundamentals of what is going on here...

RAHUL GANDHI, Lok Sabha LoP

Maybe Rahul understands the fundamentals of unfair practices too well. That is why Cong govt failed to implement bills to curb malpractices...

DHARMENDRA PRADHAN, Edu min

It (paper leaks) puts a question mark on credibility of the government, and the institution. This government has a record of paper leaks.

AKHILESH YADAV, Samajwadi Party MP

## BJD, CONG WALK OUT OF ASSEMBLY OVER 'INACTION' AGAINST GUV'S SON IN ASSAULT CASE

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**BHUBANESWAR:** The budget session of the Odisha assembly started on a stormy note on Monday, as both the BJD and the Congress staged a walkout during governor Raghubhar Das's address over alleged inaction against his son, who has been accused of assaulting a government official at Raj Bhavan.

As soon as the House assembled for Das's address, leader of opposition Naveen Patnaik stood up and raised the issue of breakdown of law and order as he highlighted the alleged assault of the assistant section officer at Raj Bhavan by the governor's son Lalit Kumar. Though a case has been lodged against Kumar, no action has been taken so far.

After walking out of the assembly, leader of opposition Naveen Patnaik said he and his party were disappointed over the lack of action taken by the Mohan Majhi government. "Law and order seems to have completely broken down in our state," Patnaik, who led a walkout of the BJD lawmakers, said. The BJD members were followed by Congress MLAs.

State law minister Prithviraj Harichandan said the governor's secretary has asked the Puri collector to conduct a thorough probe and submit a report within 15 days.

## 'Victory of harmony': Oppn hails SC for staying kanwar yatra order

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court's interim stay on directives issued by the Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh governments to eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route is a "victory for the Constitution and people of India", the Opposition said on Monday, as several parties, including an ally of the BJP, welcomed the top court's move against the controversial orders that have triggered widespread outrage.

The Congress said the directives issued by the three state governments were "completely unconstitutional" and the party hopes the Prime Minister Narendra Modi can make BJP chief ministers aware of their "raj dharma (solemn duty)". The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also hailed the top court's order against the "anti-Dalit" directives of the three states, as the Samajwadi Party (SP) called it a "victory of harmony".

The JD(U), which runs a coalition government with the BJP in Bihar, also welcomed the top court's interim stay, saying the directives would lead to divisions in society.

Earlier in the day, the Supreme Court put in abeyance the directives issued by the governments of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh that mandated eateries along the Kanwar Yatra



Kanwariyas carry an idol of Lord Shiva in Haridwar.

route to display the names, addresses and mobile numbers of their owners and staff.

In a video statement, Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khara said: "We welcome the stay given by the Supreme Court on the completely unconstitutional orders... This was unconstitutional and the Congress along with the entire Opposition opposed it." He added: "We are very happy that the Supreme Court has given such a strong order and we hope that the prime minister makes his chief ministers aware of their 'raj dharma'..."

The Congress hopes that BJP chief ministers "don't defy" Modi, Khara said. "Although the PM's position in his party is considerably weakened, we hope he retrieves that position and asserts himself and stops his chief ministers from indulging in such unconstitutional measures," he said.

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said the "victory of har-

## Kanwariyas vandalise car after it brushes past one of them

**MUZAFFARNAGAR:** A car was vandalised and its occupants thrashed by 'kanwariyas' who claimed that it had brushed against them in Muzaaffarnagar, on the Haridwar-Delhi national highway, police said Monday.

The group of devotees claimed that a 'kanwar' belonging to one of them was rendered impure because the car had touched it near Chhapar area late on

Sunday. A 'kanwar' is a pot filled with water from the Ganga River, hung on a decorated bamboo stick. The stick is balanced by 'kanwariyas' on their shoulders as they take the holy water back home to be offered to Lord Shiva.

Circle officer Raju Kumar Sab said the damaged vehicle was seized and efforts are being made to identify its driver and passengers. ¶

mony" should now be written on a new nameplate. "On a new nameplate, it should be written: 'sauhaardmev jayate' (victory of harmony)," he wrote in Hindi on X.

TMC lawmaker Mahua Moitra said the court order was a "victory for all Indians." "It is a great victory for the Constitution, and for all people of India," Moitra, one of the petitioners against the controversial directives, said.

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut said the directives were aimed at "deepening communal divide" and that the top court "protected the Constitution" through its order. AAP leader and Delhi minister Atishi said: "The BJP is an

anti-Dalit party... When BJP governments give such orders to display caste and surname, it means it was being done so that kanwar yatis do not have food at Dalit-operated eateries. I thank SC for staying this anti-Dalit order."

The top court's decision against the state directives was also hailed by JD(U) leader KC Tyagi. "I welcome this decision of the Supreme Court. It was our apprehension that this rule will divide the society. The Supreme Court took this matter in its cognizance. I am thankful for this," he said.

Several allies of the BJP earlier also criticised the orders of the three state governments.

## { ECONOMIC SURVEY }

## 'Cherry-picked' view, India in most precarious spot: Cong

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**NEW DELHI:** The Economic Survey released by the Centre ahead of the Union Budget on Monday presented a "rosy and cherry-picked" view of the economy, even as India faces its "most precarious and difficult" economic situation in several years, the Congress said on Monday.

The survey was filled with "completely ridiculous lies", the grand old party said, but expressed hope that the Union Budget—the third by the Narendra Modi-led government—will address the country's realities.

The Economic Survey 2023-24 presented by Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Parliament on Monday projected India gross domestic product (GDP) growth at 6.5-7% for 2024-25, lower than 7.2% estimated by the Reserve Bank of India last month and significantly down from 8.2% achieved in FY24. The document called for a review of India's stance on investments from China so as to boost India's own competitiveness. It also called for the creation of more jobs, agricultural and labour code reforms, and tackling the looming threat that artificial intelligence (AI) poses to workers across skill levels.

Congress chief Mallikarjun

We hope that (today's) Budget faces up to the country's realities...

JAIRAM RAMESH, Congress general secretary

Kharge said the survey is "like a shiny hollow envelope highlighting the failures of the Modi government." "Every citizen of the country knows that they are far away from the ground reality!" he said in a post on X.

Kharge, who is the Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, said the survey "tells a blatant lie by claiming that poverty has almost been eradicated." "The truth is that the gap between the rich and the poor in the country is the highest in 100 years!" he said.

"Economic Survey says FDI should come from China. Modi ji gave a political 'clean chit' to China while insulting the 20 martyrs in Galwan, today his economic survey has given an economic 'clean chit' to China. Imports of Chinese goods into India have increased by 68% since 2020 and the trade deficit with China has gone up by 75%."

In a statement, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh

said the Economic Survey "must have been a difficult document for the non-biological PM's spin doctors to produce". "It does its best to present an 'all is well' rosy picture of the economy. Unfortunately for the PM and for the people of India, the economic situation is so desperate that some harsh facts come through anyway," he said, as he shared data pertaining to food inflation, employment and poverty, among others.

"India is in its most precarious and difficult economic situation in many years. The Economic Survey might present a cherry-picked view of the economy, but we hope that tomorrow's Budget faces up to the country's realities," he added.

Kerala finance minister K N Balagopal also slammed the survey report, saying it does not accurately reflect India's current economic reality. "Despite various estimates in June indicating a 9.36% increase in food prices in India, the central government claims there is no inflation," Balagopal said in a statement.

The Opposition's remarks came even as Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the report highlights the prevailing strengths of the economy and identifies areas for further growth as "we move towards building a Viksit Bharat".

# Warship tips over after fire, search on for sailor

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**NEW DELHI:** An Indian warship, the locally made INS Brahmaputra, tipped over at the naval dockyard in Mumbai on Monday after a fire broke out on board the vessel the previous day, and a search was on for a sailor who was on board the vessel and went missing during the incident, according to officials aware of the matter.



The 3,850-tonne multi-role frigate, the lead warship of the Brahmaputra class, suffered extensive damage.

The cause of the vessel tipping over towards port, or the left, was not immediately known. Firefighting units had pumped huge quantities of water to douse the flames, the officials cited above said.

The 3,850-tonne multi-role frigate, the lead warship of the Brahmaputra class, suffered extensive damage and is likely to be out of action for several months, said one of the officials, who asked not to be named. It was at the dockyard for a refit.

An image on social media and TV channels showed the crippled frigate lying flat on its side at the berth, and officials confirmed that it was from the site.

The ship experienced severe

"listing" to port side, and despite all efforts, it could not be brought to the upright position, the navy announced on Monday. "Listing" refers to a vessel tilting to one side after taking water in.

Navy chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi briefed defence minister Rajnath Singh on the development, which may have damaged some key equipment and systems, HT has learnt.

The fire was brought under control by the ship's crew with the assistance of firefighters from the naval dockyard and other ships in harbour by Monday morning, the navy said in its statement.

"Subsequently, in the afternoon, the ship experienced severe listing to one side (port side). Despite all efforts, the ship could not be brought to the upright position. The ship continued to list further alongside her berth and is presently resting on one side. All personnel have been accounted for except one junior sailor, for whom the search is in progress," the statement said.

The navy has ordered an investigation into the incident. The "listing" could have been caused by the huge amounts of water pumped in to douse the fire or some water ingress into the vessel, though the former seems more likely in the absence of a collision, the officials said. "It is a serious incident. The extent of the damage will be known only after a thorough assessment after the frigate is brought to its upright position," said a second official.

Follow-up actions including sanitisation checks for assessment of residual risk of fire were carried out, the navy statement added.

Fires can break out on board vessels during a refit as a lot of welding work goes on inside, said Admiral Arun Prakash (retd), a former navy chief.

"It all depends on how much water is pumped to extinguish the fire. One must be careful about it but sometimes there is no choice as you have to put out the fire at the earliest. During a refit, a vessel has no ammunition, but it does have some fuel inside," Prakash added.

INS Brahmaputra is the first of the locally built Brahmaputra-class guided missile frigates. It was commissioned into the navy in April 2000, has a length of 125 metres, a beam of 16 metres and is manned by a crew of 370, including 40 officers.

The ship is fitted with various weapons including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air-missiles, anti-aircraft guns, and torpedoes.

Earlier in December 2016, INS Betwa, a Brahmaputra-class guided missile frigate, slipped on the dock blocks in Mumbai while undergoing repairs and the freak accident left two sailors dead and 14 injured. It was salvaged to its upright position at a cost of ₹20 crore in two-and-a-half months.

## 'IMPORTANT': SC ON PETITION TO ALLOW VIRTUAL CAMPAIGN BY JAILED LEADERS

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday said that the issue of permitting undertrial prisoners to campaign during elections through videoconferencing raises a question and can be considered in an appropriate case but refused to examine this issue in the context of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, who was arrested in March by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) in connection with the Delhi excise policy case.

"We do not deem it necessary to entertain this petition purportedly filed in public interest," a bench headed by Justice Surya Kant said as it dismissed the plea by law student Amarjeet Gupta who effectively challenged the arrest of the Delhi chief minister just ahead of the run up to the Lok Sabha polls.

The bench, also comprising Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, asked, "Why are you concentrating on only one person? The entire pleadings refer to one particular political person who has a battery of lawyers appearing for him and is capable of coming to court."

Senior advocate CU Singh, appearing for Gupta, said the plea raised an important question that had never been decided by courts — can a person be allowed to campaign even while in jail?

## { VISIT LIKELY THIS WEEK }

# FTA in focus ahead of UK foreign secy's visit

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**NEW DELHI:** As India and the UK prepare for a visit by British foreign secretary David Lammy to New Delhi this week, people familiar with the matter said negotiations for a bilateral trade deal could be prolonged as Britain's new Labour Party government is expected to reopen certain key issues.

Lammy is expected to be in India during July 24-25, when he will meet his Indian counterpart S Jaishankar and commerce minister Piyush Goyal, the people cited above said on condition of anonymity. The proposed free trade agreement (FTA), negotiations for which began in January 2022 and have covered 14 rounds, is set to top the agenda for the visit.

The negotiations for the FTA could be prolonged as the new UK government is expected to reopen key issues such as a cut in import duties on automobiles and scotch whisky and easier grant of business visas, two people said.

There is no doubt the Labour government is keen to sign an FTA with India to show that it could achieve something that the Conservative Party couldn't despite engaging with the world's fifth largest economy since 2022, but the political stance of the Keir Starmer government might lead to the reopening of some settled issues, the people said.

"Anything and everything is open for renegotiation by both



David Lammy

parties until a deal is formally signed," one person said, adding India is committed to a balanced FTA that also protects its sensitivities such as the interests of farmers, small industries and the services sector.

An FTA with India will certainly be an achievement for the Labour Party, which has returned to power after more than a decade. India and the UK began FTA discussions in January 2022 and the 14th round of talks started on January 10. Despite elections, first in India and later in the UK, officials from both sides continued talks on unresolved issues. "We don't think the UK will substantially alter the common ground already achieved by the two sides, but some tweaking is possible," the second person said. Significant progress has been achieved in the 14th round of talks, as chapter-wise textual negotiations are nearly closed.

"But certain matters related to goods and services are still being negotiated," the second person said. Key outstanding issues include the UK seeking tariff concessions for automobiles, including EVs, and scotch whisky, and India seeking easier visa norms for professionals.

## EX-APSC CHIEF, 31 OTHERS CONVICTED IN CASH-FOR-JOBS CASE IN ASSAM

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**GUWAHATI:** A special court in Guwahati on Monday convicted former Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) chairman Rakesh Paul and 31 others in connection with a cash-for-jobs case related to irregularities in recruitment of agriculture development officers (ADOs) in the state.

A case against the former APSC chief and 43 others was lodged in 2017 following a complaint from an ADO job applicant, who alleged that Paul and others demanded a bribe of ₹15 lakh to recruit him.

Special Judge Dipankar Thakuria on Monday acquitted 11 others in connection with the case for lack of evidence, while one person turned approver. Paul, along with two other APSC members, Sameer Rahman and Basanta Kumar Doley, other officials and middlemen were convicted under sections 420 (cheating), 120B (criminal conspiracy) and 468 (forgery for cheating) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and sections 7 (public servant taking bribe) and 13(2) (criminal misconduct) of the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Binata Rynjah, another APSC member accused in the case, had turned approver. The court is yet to announce the quantum of the sentence of the convicts. Paul, along with other members and officials of the APSC, were arrested in connection with another cash-for-jobs case related to the Combined Competitive Examinations in 2013 for the recruitment of civil, police and other service officials.

# 19-yr-old Dalit woman kidnapped, gang-raped and trafficked in Raj

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**BARMER:** A 19-year-old Dalit woman was allegedly kidnapped and gang-raped by two suspects, including a minor, in Sirohi district in Rajasthan, police said on Monday, adding she was later trafficked to another man in Udaipur. A case was registered against four suspects based on a complaint from the woman's family, a police officer said.

"On the night of July 18, the woman had gone outside for some work when two men kidnapped her from the Saroopganj police station area and took her to Udaipur. One of the accused raped her for two days," Saroop-

**A CASE HAS BEEN REGISTERED UNDER SECTIONS OF THE BNS AND SC/ST ACT AGAINST FOUR, INCLUDING A MINOR SUSPECT**

ganj circle officer Bhanwarlal Choudhary said, citing the complaint from the survivor's family. It was not immediately clear if the other accused also raped her. "The woman told her family that on July 21, she was sold to one Kalu Kalbeliya, a resident of Sabina village in Udaipur. While

he was taking her on his bike, they met with an accident and the woman lost her consciousness," the officer said.

They were admitted to the Maharana Bhupal Hospital in Udaipur. "After regaining consciousness on Monday early morning, she informed her family with the help of a police constable," the officer said.

Based on the complaint from her family, an FIR was registered against four accused, including the minor, under sections 137 (kidnapping), 70(1) (gang rape), 143 (trafficking), among others, of BNS, and relevant sections of the SC/ST Act, the officer said.

"Efforts are being made to nab the accused," he added.

## Pawar calls on Maha CM



NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar calls on Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde to discuss issues pertaining to irrigation, milk prices and sugar factories, in Mumbai on Monday.

## MP HC adjourns Bhojshala dispute hearing till top court issues order

**BHOPAL:** The Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh high court on Monday adjourned the hearing on the disputed Bhojshala-Kamal Maula mosque complex in Dhar district, a week after the ASI submitted its scientific survey report on the issue. A division bench of Justice S A Dharmadhikari and DV Ramana said it would hear the matter once the Supreme Court order comes. ASI's counsel Himanshu Joshi said. The SC on July 15 agreed to consider listing a plea against a scientific survey of Bhojshala filed by the Maulana Kamaluddin Welfare Society challenging the high court's March 11 order for a survey to ascertain which community the shrine belonged to.



## BJP leadership launches movts but lost key to get votes: Dilip Ghosh

**KOLKATA:** In a fresh salvo at the BJP leadership, former MP Dilip Ghosh claimed that the party knows how to launch movements but lost the key to conduct elections and fetch votes for its candidates. "The BJP leadership certainly knows how to build up the organization, they know how to launch a movement. But we don't know about electioneering, we don't know how to get votes for the party. We seem to have lost the key, the formula to get more votes required to win seats," the former state chief said. Ghosh's observation came following the party's poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections in the state this year.

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# SC seeks IIT-D's help to resolve NEET-UG question controversy

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday sought an expert opinion from IIT-Delhi to resolve a controversy over a NEET-UG 2024 question that awarded marks for two different answers—a decision that has the potential to trigger a complete overhaul of NEET ranks and affect the scores of over 2.3 million students who appeared for the exam that has already been mired in controversy over alleged paper leak and other malpractices.

Even as the uncertainty surrounding the examination's validity and potential retest keeps the candidates on tenterhooks, with their career prospects hanging in the balance, the top court proceeded to direct for determination of the correct answer for the disputed question, emphasising that there could only be one correct answer and that the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) were required to follow pertinent regulations on marking.

A bench, led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, asked the director of IIT-Delhi to form a team of three experts to determine the correct answer for the disputed question and submit a report by 12 noon on Tuesday when the matter will be heard next.

"In order to resolve the issue as regards the correct answer, we are of the considered view that an expert opinion should be sought from IIT-Delhi. We request the director of IIT-Delhi to constitute a team of three experts on the subject concerned. The expert team is requested to formulate the opinion on the correct option and remit the opinion to the registrar by 12 noon tomorrow," the bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, ordered. The registrar general was instructed to communicate the order to the IIT-Delhi director promptly to ensure swift action.

A decision on this matter is crucial as it may necessitate a com-

## Highlights from the hearing

### Expert opinion sought

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### 8 centres under lens

Top court directs NTA to address queries regarding distribution of wrong question papers at eight centres

### 'Systemic failure' charge needs more evidence

On allegation that the irregularities suggest a systemic failure in maintaining the exam's credibility, SC said it would need more evidence to show the widespread nature of leak

### NTA dismisses charges

In a fresh affidavit, NTA refutes allegations of a conflict of interest against the IIT-Madras director, whose report has been heavily relied upon by NTA and the government to deny claims of leak and systemic failure in conduct of NEET-UG 2024



plete re-evaluation of NEET ranks and scores for all 2.3 million students. Currently, the scores of at least 420,000 students, including 42 of the 61 who achieved perfect marks of 720, could decrease by five points if the court decides to invalidate the disputed marks. This adjustment could ripple through the entire ranking system, significantly altering the standings of students nationwide.

During the hearing, the bench considered a complaint from a group of students who had left the contentious question unanswered to avoid negative marking, while those who chose either of the two disputed answers were awarded four marks each. They argued that according to NTA guidelines, students should follow the latest edition of the NCERT textbook. They asserted that the correct answer for one of the questions, as per the

latest NCERT edition, was option 4, while the old NCERT syllabus indicated option 2 as correct. They contended that NTA's decision to award marks also for option 2 citing some representations contradicted its own guidelines, which required following the latest NCERT edition.

The bench noted the merit in the petitioner's argument. "This is a powerful argument. The instructions are that 'you go by the latest NCERT edition'. Option 4 is the correct answer as per the latest NCERT edition. Then those who answered option 2 cannot be given full marks... There has to be only one correct answer," it said.

Responding, solicitor general Tushar Mehta, representing the Centre, informed the bench that 420,774 candidates had selected option 2 (old NCERT edition answer) while 928,379 candidates

chose option 4. He explained that the NTA awarded marks for option 2 after receiving representations from students who used old textbooks. Acknowledging that there should be only one correct answer, Mehta assured the court that he would return with instructions on the issue at the next hearing.

### Allegations of systemic failure

Resuming their arguments on the retest, the petitioners, led by senior counsel Narender Hooda and Sanjay Hegde, assailed the validity of NEET-UG 2024, citing paper leaks and other malpractices. They argued that these issues represented a "systemic failure" in maintaining the exam's credibility. They supported their claims with statements from paper leak accused individuals before the Bihar police, suggesting that the paper was leaked at Hazaribagh and reached Patna much earlier than the official date of May 5.

Responding to these allegations, the bench observed that the petitioners may be right in claiming that the leak happened before May 5 because some of the statements by the accused show that candidates were memorising the answers on the night of May 4.

At the same time, the bench stressed that the petitioners would have to adduce more evidence to show the widespread nature of the leak. "You have only been able to show the leak at Hazaribagh and Patna. You must tell us how widespread is this? We don't have any other material to show the leak was widespread... At the end of it, we are looking at the entire country. There might be some problem. We can remedy the loopholes... We can address separately and ask the SG to tighten up," the bench said.

The bench also directed NTA to address several queries regarding the distribution of wrong question papers at eight centres across the country. The issue came up after the bench was told that the irregularities were apparent from how

students at many centres received question papers taken out of Canara Bank instead of the correct booklets that were kept in the State Bank of India. Hooda complained that NTA did not follow any principles and initially gave grace marks to candidates at all such centres irrespective of the fact whether the wrong question papers were replaced with the correct ones, or the candidates were allowed to solve the same question papers.

The court sought a clarification about how the centres that got the Canara Bank paper. "How many centres evaluated question papers based on Canara Bank's booklets? Once Canara Bank's papers were evaluated, how did the students fare, and why was the answer key not declared? How did Canara Bank distribute the question papers to coordinators when the papers were supposed to be taken from SBI Bank?" asked the bench.

### NTA refutes conflict claims in report by IIT-Madras director

NTA also submitted a fresh affidavit to the court refuting allegations of a conflict of interest against the IIT-Madras director. The director's report has been heavily relied upon by NTA and the Union government to deny claims of a widespread leak and systemic failure in the conduct of NEET-UG 2024.

NTA's affidavit clarified that the director of IIT-Madras, which holds the responsibility of conducting JEE (Advanced) in 2024, is an ex-officio member of the NTA governing body. However, it emphasised that the core functions of NTA are executed by its managing committee, while the governing body only handles policy matters. The affidavit also stated that the IIT-Madras director had nominated another professor to attend the governing body meetings, with the nominee participating in the last meeting in December 2023. The director himself has not attended any NTA general body meeting since December 2022, it added.

# MP diverts SC/ST funds for cows, religious sites

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**BHOPAL:** Madhya Pradesh is diverting some of the funds meant for welfare of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) under a fully centrally funded sub-plan, for developing religious sites, museums and for funding cow welfare, this year, according to documents reviewed by HT and government officials.

A state finance department official said that while this is exceptional, the fact is that people from SC and ST communities will also benefit from the spend. State finance minister Jagdish Devda declined to comment on the diversion. According to documents reviewed by HT, of ₹252 crore meant for cow welfare (Gau Samvardhan and Pashi Samvardhan), ₹95.76 crore has been allocated from SC/ST sub-plan. The cow welfare fund has increased from about ₹90 crore last year.

For redevelopment of six religious sites, almost half of the money allocated for the current financial years is from the SC/ST sub-plan. The government in the budget presented in July announced ₹109 crore for developing Shri Devi Mahalok, Salkanpur in Sehore, Saint Shri Ravidas Mahalok, Sagar, Shri Ram Raja Mahalok Orcha, Shri Ramchandra Vanshi-Mahalok, Chitrakut and for a memorial of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Gwalior.

Madhya Pradesh is the second state after Karnataka to divert funds from the SC/ST sub-plan for other schemes. Karnataka decided to take ₹14,000 crore from the sub-plan for funding its welfare



Activists said cow welfare will not benefit the SCs and STs.

scheme, following which the National Commission for Scheduled Castes issued a show cause notice to the state chief secretary, seeking an explanation.

The ST sub-plan was introduced in 1974 and SC sub-plan in 1979-80 to implement provisions of Article 46 of the Constitution that provides for states to care for promotion of education and economic interests of weaker sections. Under this, Centre provides 100% special assistance to states to fund their SC/ST sub-plans.

The finance department official cited above added: "The use of the amount of SC/ST sub-plan in general sub-plan is an exception. The situation of using it in infrastructure works arises only in special cases and those belonging to SC and ST communities will also get direct/indirect benefit of infrastructure works. Under the budgetary system, there is no prohibition on transferring the SC/ST sub-plan money for general sub-plan as per requirement."

A tribal department officer, seeking anonymity, said, "The religious corridors and museum will have shops where people of all categories, including SC/ST, will get employment. The artwork will be done in the corridors to promote tribal tradition. The allocated budget will be used for the same."

However, experts said the diversion of the SC/ST sub-plan is misuse of the central scheme.

Tribal affairs expert Vinesh Jha, who has worked with the tribal community in three states, said it's a violation of guidelines laid by the erstwhile Planning Commission for the sub-plan.

"The guidelines for SCSP (Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan) and TSP (Tribal Sub-Plan) in the Eleventh Five Year Plan were framed by the Planning Commission. According to it, the department should place the funds earmarked for SCSP and TSP under a separate minor head to ensure their non-diversion to any other scheme and include only those schemes under SCSP and TSP, which ensure direct benefits to individuals or families belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. These are meant for area-oriented schemes which directly benefit hamlets/villages, which have more than 40% SC and ST population," added Jha.

Using SC/ST sub plan (sub scheme) for the construction of temples, museum and cow shelters is not justifiable and permissible, he added. Supporting Jha, another tribal activist Vikram Acharya said, "Conservation of cows can't contribute anything in the development of SC/ST people. Everybody knows cow shelters run on no profit and no loss basis. Even if they open the cow shelters in SC/ST populated area, it has nothing to do with welfare of SC/ST population, so it is a direct misuse of government funds."

# SC grants bail to Ashish Mishra in Lakhimpur case, alters conditions

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**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday granted bail to Lakhimpur Kheri violence case accused Ashish Mishra and permitted him to reside at Lucknow, altering one of the stringent conditions banning his entry into Uttar Pradesh, which was imposed by the top court while granting him interim bail in January 2023.

A bench, headed by Justice Surya Kant, passed the order after Mishra pointed out a change in circumstance as he has no place to live in Delhi after his father, former Union minister Ajay Mishra, ceased to be a member of Parliament.

"The entire controversy of how influential I am is gone since my father is no longer a Member of Parliament or minister as he lost the recent elec-



Ashish Mishra

"The petitioner is permitted to stay either in the national capital territory of Delhi or Lucknow city," the court said while granting bail.

While releasing him on interim bail last year, the court had restrained him from entering Uttar Pradesh except for participating in the trial. Besides, he was directed not to influence witnesses or delay the trial.

Mishra is accused of mowing down four farmers at Lakhimpur on October 3, 2021, as they protested against the now-scrapped farm laws.

The court was further informed about the slow progress of trial as out of the over 100 witnesses, only seven have been examined. Seeking a fresh status report from the trial judge in two months, the bench passed directions to expedite the trial.

# K'taka clears resolutions against NEET, delimitation

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**BENGALURU:** The Karnataka cabinet on Monday gave its approval for adopting three resolutions, including one against the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical courses and another against delimitation of the Lok Sabha and state assembly constituencies, people familiar with the matter said.

In the cabinet meeting chaired by chief minister Siddaramaiah on Monday evening, a resolution against the pro-

posed 'One Nation, One Election' move was also adopted. The resolutions are likely to be tabled in the state legislature during the ongoing session, a Karnataka minister familiar with the matter said.

The resolution proposes either to replace NEET with another medical entrance exam or tie it to the Common Entrance Test (CET) in Karnataka. The resolution in the ongoing legislature session will urge the Centre to allow a state quota in medical admissions based on CET scores for the state's students, the minister

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cited above said, requesting anonymity.

The development comes amid the ongoing nationwide row over irregularities this year's NEET-Undergraduate or NEET-UG, including allegations

of question paper leaks, inflated marking and arbitrary allowance of grace marks.

"Instead of opposing NEET, which has been upheld by the Supreme Court, the resolution would also seek accommodation for the state's students based on their CET (medical) score," the minister said.

Recently, deputy minister DK Shivakumar, who is also the Karnataka Congress chief, had urged the Centre to scrap NEET and allow states to conduct their own entrance tests.

The state cabinet also passed resolutions against the pro-

posed delimitation process to realign parliamentary and state constituencies as well as the simultaneous three-tier elections across the country.

The high-level committee on Simultaneous Elections constituted under the chairmanship of former President Ram Nath Kovind submitted its report on 'One Nation, One Election' to President Droupadi Murmu in March. Earlier, Union home minister Amit Shah had indicated that the delayed national census and delimitation exercises will begin soon after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

# SURAJ REVANNA GRANTED BAIL IN SEXUAL ABUSE CASE

**BENGALURU:** A Bengaluru court on Monday granted conditional bail to Janata Dal (Secular) leader Suraj Revanna in a sexual abuse case.

Revanna was arrested by Hasan police last month for allegedly sexually assaulting a 27-year-old JD(S) worker. The case was then handed over to the CID for further probe.

The police have filed an FIR against him under IPC sections 377 (unnatural offences), 342 (wrongful confinement), 506 (criminal intimidation), and 34 (involvement of others in the conspiracy).

Suraj is brother of former MP Prajwal Revanna who is facing charges of rape in three cases and accused of sexually abusing several women.

# Ex-soldier kills 6 of family over land dispute in Hry, 4 arrested

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**KARNAL:** An ex-serviceman allegedly hacked six members of his family, including his mother and six-month-old nephew, to death over a land dispute in Ambala district of Haryana, police said on Monday, adding he along with three other people were arrested.

The retired soldier, Bhushan Kumar (45), also allegedly tried to burn the bodies after committing the crime, police said, adding the incident occurred at Rataur village in Naraingarh sub-division on Sunday night.

The deceased were identified as Kumar's mother Saropi Devi (65), brother Harish Kumar (35), sister-in-law Sonia (32), nieces Pari

## ACCUSED BHUSHAN ALLEGEDLY KILLED HIS MOTHER, BROTHER HARISH AND HIS FAMILY, INCLUDING HIS WIFE AND 3 KIDS

(seven) and Yashika (five) and six-month-old nephew Mayank. While others died on the spot, Pari succumbed to her injuries at a hospital, a police officer said.

The ex-serviceman's father, Om Prakash (68), who was also grievously injured in the incident, however, survived and was undergoing treatment at the Government Medical College and Hospital in

Sector 32, Chandigarh, police said. Preliminary investigation suggested that a dispute over a two-acre land between Bhushan and his brother Harish led to the incident, police said.

In his statement to the police, Prakash, the lone survivor in the gruesome attack, said as he returned home from outside on Sunday night, he saw Bhushan, his wife Poonam (42), their sons Makhan and Prince, both in their late 20s, his brothers-in-law Aman and Manish, both in their late 30s, and sister-in-law Baby (32) standing with sharp-edged weapons in their hands. "They attacked me, my wife and later one-by-one they attacked Harish's family... I fled and hid at my neighbour's pump house," Prakash told the police.

# Govt order allowing staff to join Sangh activities hints at resetting RSS-BJP ties

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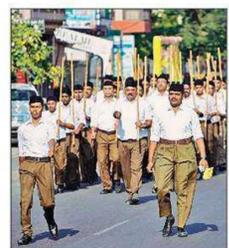
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**NEW DELHI:** A government order issued discreetly earlier this month, removing the bar on its employees from associating with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), the ideological mentor of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), is an indication of ties between the Sangh Parivar and the party being recalibrated following a period when some chill had set in. There have been reports of a strain between the two even before the summer's Lok Sabha polls, which saw the BJP emerge as the single largest party, but without the mandate to form the government on its own.

"It will not be wrong to call it the BJP government's olive branch to its ideological mentor," said a senior functionary associated with an RSS offshoot.

In its July 9 order, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), said the instructions issued in 1966, 1970 and 1980, regarding the participation of government servants in the activities of the RSS "have been reviewed and it has been decided to remove the mention of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) from the impugned OMs (Official Memorandums)". The order was made public on Sunday, after the Congress put out a post on social media. RSS functionaries declined to comment on whether they were aware of the fresh instruction having been issued on July 9.

Although RSS and the BJP functionaries did not air grievances publicly, there have been reports of disengagement between the workers of the Sangh and the party and the absence of the RSS cadre from campaigning was reported



RSS disassociates itself from electoral politics, but its cadre is known to drum up support for BJP on ideological issues. AFP

from several states including Uttar Pradesh, where the party's performance in the Lok Sabha polls was dismal. The party's tally in the state fell from 62 to 33 and the overall numbers came down from 303 in 2019 to 240.

The RSS officially disassociates itself from electoral politics, but its cadre is known to drum up support for the BJP on ideological issues. "Over the past few years there was a strain that crept in... while, the party is ideologically bound to the Sangh, there were differences on how the BJP government approached some of the suggestions and demands from the Sangh," said the functionary, requesting anonymity.

The differences escalated when Sangh's suggestions on some candidates and the messaging in some states was ignored and its advice on tighter filters for new inductees was overlooked. "There were specific instances where the Sangh did not approve of the BJP taking on board leaders who had criminal cases or complaints of financial irregularities against them. The Sangh also felt that

anti-incumbency against some candidates and complaints about MPs and ministers being arrogant and aloof were not addressed," said the functionary.

A second functionary said statements by several leaders including party chief JP Nadda, which seemed to convey that the party does not rely on the Sangh and that the personality of a leader outweighs the importance of the organisation, exacerbated the strain.

"This is not the first time that a leader of the BJP suggested that a person is more important than the Sangathan (organisation). It happened in 1999 as well, when LK Advani, in closed-door meetings suggested that Atal Bihari Vajpayee was the face of the party and therefore more important than the Sangathan: similar views were expressed this time as well (by Nadda) and it did not go down well with the cadre," the second functionary said. Nadda, in an interview to a newspaper, said that BJP, having expanded its footprint and presence, does not depend on the Sangh.

RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, too, has reiterated on several occasions that the organisation does not believe in "glorifying personalities", said the second functionary.

While both the functionaries referred to the order as a move to "placate the Sangh", Sunil Ambekar, all India head of the Sangh's communication wing said that the decision of the government is "appropriate and will strengthen the democratic system of Bharat". "The RSS has been continuously engaged in the reconstruction of the nation and the service of society for the past 99 years. Due to the RSS's contributions in times of national security, unity-integrity, and natural disasters, the various

types of leadership in the country have, from time to time, praised the role of the RSS. Due to their political self-interests, the then-government unjustly prohibited government employees from participating in the activities of a constructive organisation like the RSS," he said in a statement.

The Sangh too is doing its bit for resetting of ties, according to the first functionary, and the cadre has been instructed not to speak out of turn or publicly criticise the government. "At the recent meeting of the RSS in Ranchi, it was conveyed that swayamsevaks (volunteers) should focus on the work allocated to them instead of commenting on government business and policy. The senior leadership did not approve of critical statements and write-ups that appeared post Lok Sabha polls and said only the Sangh chief or the Prachar Pramukhs statements will convey the Sangh's message," he said.

The second functionary said the government order would boost participation in the organisation's programmes. "We have been working with people from a cross section of society and government servants too are part of society... it is good that the government has removed the bar, and this will help increase the footholds in shakhas and more participation in our social service programmes."

To be sure, as part of the Sangh's outreach, Bhagwat and other senior Sangh functionaries are known to hold closed-door interactions with people including bureaucrats, technocrats, academicians and eminent persons from various fields. One such meeting was held in the Capital IGNCIA in 2017, when Bhagwat met several individuals including government officials.

# Army foils attack in Rajouri, launches search ops

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**NEW DELHI:** Army on Monday foiled a terror attack in a remote village of Rajouri district in Jammu & Kashmir, officials aware of the matter said, adding that one terrorist was killed while a jawan and a civilian sustained injuries in the gunfight that followed.

According to officials, terrorists opened fire on the house of a village defence guard (VDG) in Gunda area of Rajouri around 3am on Monday, triggering retaliation from a nearby Army unit, leading to a gunbattle.

The VDG, identified as Parshotam Kumar, and a member of his family sustained injuries. Kumar was recently awarded the Shaurya Chakra.

"Terrorists attacked the house of a VDC at Gunda, Rajouri at 0310h. A nearby Army column reacted and a firefight ensued," said the White Knight Corps in a post on X.

"Indian Army acted on intelligence, anticipating the threat to a Village Defence Guard in a remote area in Rajouri - Reasi. Tactical teams swiftly intervened, ensuring no harm to the #VDC member and his family."

After the attack was thwarted by security personnel, the army launched a massive cordon and search operation. The operation resulted in another exchange of fire. "A major terror attack on and Army picket in a remote village of Rajouri was thwarted. Firing is underway and operation is in progress," an Army spokesperson said to PTI.

# PM to attend Kargil Vijay Diwas event in Ladakh

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**NEW DELHI:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the event marking the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas in Ladakh's Drass on July 26, said officials close with the development on Monday.

On Sunday, Lt Governor of Ladakh Brig (Retd) BD Mishra held a meeting at the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat to discuss the arrangements ahead of Modi's visit to the Kargil War Memorial in Drass.

"The HLG informed the

Departmental Secretaries/ Deputy Commissioner Kargil, Police and Army officials that the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi would be visiting the Kargil War Memorial at Drass on 26th July, 2024 to attend the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas," said the Office of the Lt Governor, Ladakh, in a post on X.

Kargil Vijay Diwas commemorates the success of Operation Vijay on July 26, 1999.

It also marks the end of the 84-day long war between India and Pakistan.

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**July 26 & 27, 2024, 9.00 am - 11.30 am**

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[deeppublicschool@rediffmail.com](mailto:deeppublicschool@rediffmail.com)

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## CHANGE OF NAME

**MONIKA KUMARI** having Pan No I.PPK1888 and Aadhaar No 88472508294 W/o Sh. Manish Kumar Gupta R/o R-125 A Road No 6 Street No 23/2 Shyam Vihar Phase-1 Dindarpur Najafgarh New Delhi-110043 have changed / updated surname my name after marriage from Monika Kumari to Monika Gupta for all future purposes.

**I. HARSHI** Taval S/o Shri Girish Kumar Taval R/o 509, Milano, Matangon Mainson-2, Vaibhav Khand, Indrapuram, Shigra Sun City, Ghaziabad, UP-201014 state that my father's name as Girish Kumar Taval wrongly rec-orded in my Driving License but his correct name is Girish Kumar Taval.

**I. MEHA** Verma W/o Mr. Naresh Kumar and D/o Atar Singh Verma R/o H.No. 787, Bagambad Budana, Modinagar, Ghaziabad, UP-201204 have changed my name from Pooam Rani Verma to Meha Verma for future purposes.

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**I. DEEPA** Bhardwaj W/O Surender Kaushik R/O H.No 80 Teekri Opp Malibu Town Sec. 48 Gurgaon have changed my name to Deepma for all future purposes.

**I. RAJESH** Kumar Sharma S/o Late Shri Bhure Lal Sharma R/o H.No. A/274, Gali Kunj, Dariba Kalan, Chandni Chowk, Delhi G.P.O. North Delhi, Delhi-110006 Have Changed My Name to Rajesh Sharma For All Future Purposes.

**I. PINKI**, S/o Sh. Shyam Singh, R/O H.No. 317 Vikas Nagar Loni Ghaziabad have changed my name as Pinki Sehdev in future for all purposes.

**I. SNEHA** D/o Rajendra Singh Negi House No- 432, BLOCK NO-10, Albert Square, Sector-C, Gole Market, New Delhi-110001 have changed my name to Sneha Negi for all future purposes

**I. MOHIT** Chauhan S/O Deepal Singh Chauhan R/O F-401, CP-2 and 3, Urban Square, Sec-9, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, UP have changed my name to Mohit Kumar Singh Chauhan for all future purposes.

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**I. JYOTI** Rani Ahuja W/o. Sunder Pandurangarao R/o B-39 Raju Park Desai Road Khandpur, New Delhi -110062 have changed my name to Jyoti Ahuja for all future purposes.

**I. RASHMI** Yadav D/O Uday Singh Yadav R/O 21A, Gangapuram, Ghaziabad, UP 201001 have changed my name Rashmi Yadav to Rashmi Sharma for all further purposes.

**I. HARSH** Tanwar S/o Sunder Singh, House No-1, Opp Police Station, Near Emaar Marbella, South City-II, Gurgaon, Haryana-122018 have change my name from Harsh Kumar to Harsh Tanwar for all future purposes.

**I. SURVEER** Singh S/O Lt. Sh. Hari Singh R/o Flat No. 12, Third Floor, Plot No. 156, Pandit Mohalla School Block, IP Extn, Mandawali Fazalpur, Delhi-110002 have changed my name to Surbir Singh for all future purposes.

**I. LALIT** Goyal R/o 7/8, Spring Field colony, Fardabab-121003 have changed the name of my daughter from Evanshi to Ivaanshi. Vide Affidavit dt.18.07.24 before Notary.

**I. SAMLI** Tamer S/o Suresh Kumar R/o SAI (I) Bheavt Vihar-127002, have changed my name to Sahil Tanwar for all future purposes.

**IT'S** for general information that Gulistan wife of Shri Mohd Aneem residing at House No. 1371, Haveli Kailu Khawas, Bazar Chitli Qabar, Jama Masjid, Delhi 110006 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Gulista in my minor daughter's namey Madiha aged 17 years in her 10th educational documents and Birth Certificate No. MCDOLIR207-0029142402. The actual name of mine is Gulistan which may be amended accordingly.

**I. MYTHILY** ramasubramanian w/o mahadevan ramasubramanian, r/o- flat no 246 s/f, mig pkt-3 sector-19, amberhal, dwarka delhi. Have changed my name to mythily vaill.

**I. AMIR** Saeed Khan S/o. Ahmad Saeed Khan, R/o Balt of Fateh, Kanihagh Near Mini Secretariat Baramulla Jammu and Kashmir 193101 have lost my Car/Maruti Suzuki/Swift Dzire/ JKSD 9682 Silver color. It has been stolen along with original RC and Misc documents from F-259, Nayyar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-25 between 02:00 and 02:30 on 03/07/2024.

**I. PUSHPA** Saini D/o Northdwar Devi R/o Kh.No. 68/1, 1st Floor, Village Bhogbarh, Delhi -110040 have lost my Original LAL Dora Certificate No. 90670000709 and Requisitionment Deed of above said property. Finders may contact at above address.

**I. PARVEEN** Gupta, R/O 568/1602, Sayra Gold Avenue Vaibhav Khand Indrapuram Ghaziabad UP-201014, lost my allotment letter dated 5-12-1988, membership no 183, Flat no 20 The Adarsh GGS Ltd., Patparganj Delhi 110092. In Favour of Prem Lata. FIR no. 1947670/2024. Please contact 9312227221

**I. AMIR** Saeed Khan S/o. Ahmad Saeed Khan, R/o Balt of Fateh, Kanihagh Near Mini Secretariat Baramulla Jammu and Kashmir 193101 have lost my Car/Maruti Suzuki/Swift Dzire/ JKSD 9682 Silver color. It has been stolen along with original RC and Misc documents from F-259, Nayyar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-25 between 02:00 and 02:30 on 03/07/2024.

**I. PUSHPA** Saini D/o Northdwar Devi R

**CONVICTS CAN'T BE JAILED BEYOND 10 YEARS: SC ON PUNISHMENT FOR MURDER ATTEMPT**

Utkarsh Anand  
letters@hindustantimes.com

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court on Monday held that a person convicted of an attempted murder cannot be sentenced to rigorous imprisonment exceeding ten years unless the punishment is imprisonment for life.

Clarifying a significant point of law regarding the sentencing under Section 307 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), a bench of justices CT Ravikumar and Rajesh Bindal highlighted the legislature's intention and mandated the adherence to the prescribed maximum sentence for attempted murder cases under the first part of Section 307, IPC.

The court noted that the legislative prescription is unequivocal in terms of the punishment for attempted murder. Specifically, the first part of Section 307, IPC, prescribes a maximum sentence of 10 years while the second entails life term if such acts cause injuries to the victim. "When in unambiguous terms the legislature prescribed the maximum corporeal sentence impossible for the conviction under Section 307, IPC, under the first part and when the court concerned upon convicting the accused thought it fit not to impose imprisonment for life, the punishment to be handed down to the convict in any circumstance cannot exceed the punishment prescribed under the first part of Section 307, IPC," held the bench.

This interpretation firmly restricts the courts from imposing a sentence exceeding 10 years unless the convict is imprisoned for life. Notably, attempt to commit murder has been retained as an offence with identical provisions under Section 109 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which came into effect from July 1. The court added that if the conviction under the second part of Section 307, IPC, is not sentenced to life imprisonment, the only other permissible punishment is as prescribed under the first part — a term which may extend up to ten years and a fine. "A perusal of Section 307, IPC, would make it clear that it really imbues the true spirit of the maxim 'culpa poena per est' — means 'let the punishment be proportionate to the offence; let the punishment fit the crime.'"

**{ VALMIKI CASE }**

**2 ED officers booked for 'coercing' official to name Nagendra, govt**

Coovercolly Indresh  
letters@hindustantimes.com

**BENGALURU:** The Bengaluru Police on Monday registered a case against two Enforcement Directorate (ED) officers for allegedly coercing a Karnataka government official to give statements against the state government and jailed former minister B Nagendra in connection with ₹187 crore irregularities in the Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribe Development Corporation (MVDCL).

Based on a complaint by additional director of the state's social welfare department Kalleth B, a first information report (FIR) was registered at the Wilson Garden police station against two ED officers, a senior police officer said.

In his complaint to the police, Kalleth has accused an ED officer named Murali Kannan and another by the surname Mittal. He also said that ED sleuths had summoned him to the agency's Shanthi Nagar office on July 16 for questioning in the alleged illegal fund transfer case involving MVDCL. "When I appeared for questioning, the officers asked me 17 ques-



B Nagendra

tions. I answered all except three, which required access to files and consultation with subordinate officers. The ED officers took my signature on the statement but refused to provide me with a copy." Kalleth alleged in his complaint to the police. "During the inquiry, ED officers Mittal and Murali Kannan threatened me with implication in the case and imprisonment for two years."

DCP, Central, Bengaluru, Shekhar H Tekkannanavar said "We received a complaint from B Kalleth on Monday and registered a case under sections 3(5) (common intention), 35(2) (criminal intimidation), and 352 (intentional insult) of the BNS."

There was no immediate response from ED over the police action against its officers.

**KERALA'S NIPAH INFECTION SOURCE TRACED TO PLUM**

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**NEW DELHI:** The outbreak surveillance team in Kerala has likely traced the source of the Nipah virus infection that killed a 14-year-old boy from the southern state on Sunday to wild hog plum, according to people familiar with the matter.

The boy with his friends reportedly consumed the fruit from a tree in Pandikkad panchayat. The area is known to host fruit-eating bats that are the primary carriers of the disease.

The Nipah virus infection is a zoonotic disease that spreads between animals and people. An estimated 40-75% of people infected with Nipah virus die.

The number of people at risk for contracting Nipah in the contact list of the 14-year-old boy has increased to 350, out of which 101 are in the high-risk category, according to Kerala health minister Veena George.

Meanwhile, the results of the serum tests on nine people in close contact with the victim turned out to be negative. The National Institute of Virology in Pune confirmed the findings, and said that three more test results are pending with the Institute of Advanced Virology, Kerala, at Thonakkal.

**Policies will determine the end of AIDS by 2030, reveals UN report**

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**NEW DELHI:** The policy decisions taken by governments this year will determine whether the global commitment to end AIDS as a public health threat by 2030 will be met or not, said a new UNAIDS report released on Monday.

The report titled "The Urgency of Now: AIDS at a Crossroads", shows that globally, of the 39.9 million people living with HIV, 9.3 million, or nearly a quarter, are not receiving life-saving treatment. Outside sub-Saharan Africa, which is the hardest hit, countries with the highest numbers of people living with HIV but not on treatment in 2023 were Brazil, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Pakistan and Thailand.

Leaders pledged to reduce annual new infections to below 370,000 by 2025, but new HIV infections are still more than three times higher than that at 1.3 million in 2023, the report revealed. "World leaders pledged to end the AIDS pandemic as a public health threat by 2030, and they can uphold their promise, but only if they ensure that the HIV response has the resources it needs and that the human rights of everyone are protected," UNAIDS executive director Winnie Byanyima said in a statement. "Leaders can save millions of lives, prevent millions of new HIV infections and ensure that everyone living with HIV can live healthy, full lives."

If leaders take the bold actions to ensure sufficient and sustaina-

ble resourcing and protect everyone's human rights, the number of people living with HIV, requiring lifelong treatment, will settle at around 29 million by 2050, the report estimated. But, if they take the wrong path, the number of people who will need lifelong support will rise to 46 million, compared to 39.9 million in 2023.

There has been continued progress in rolling out medicines to people living with HIV, with 30.7 million people now on treatment or more than three in four people living with HIV.

As recently as 2010, treatment coverage stood at just 47%. The expansion is a landmark public health achievement that has seen AIDS-related deaths halved since 2010, from 1.3 million to 630,000 in 2023.

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**F. No. F1-13/2023-Estt./Recruitment of telmanas**

**Cancellation of Recruitment Process**

The advertisement published on 16.03.24 respectively regarding Walk-in Interviews for various posts for Tele-MANAS Program under National Health Mission stands cancelled.

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TENDER NOTICE

Invitation of Tenders through E-Tendering (E-Procurement System)

S/ Tender No. & Date	Name of work with its location	Approx. Cost of work	Amount of Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender & opening of tender
32-W-BR-SIDE 1 PATHWAY-MB Date 22.07.2024	Provision of sidelpath way over Br. No. - 32/SL (6X18.3+1X26.50), 32-A/SL (1X61.00), 124/SL (2X6.1+2X12.2), 125-A/SL (5X12.2), 132/SL (3X12.2) on HPU-KJY section & 8-A/SL (4X12.2), 12-A/SL (1X45.7), 45/SL (6X13.90), 64/SL (3X12.2), 65/SL (1X12.2) on GUL-MZM section & 4-A/SL (3X12.2), 16/SL (2X30.5) on NBD-KTW section & 9/SL (10X18.30), 19/SL (1X18.30), 36/SL (3X18.30), 46/SL (1X18.30) on MB-CH section under AXEN/BLMB over MB-Division.	Rs. 22954345.24	Rs. 264800/-	(08) Eight Months	Upto 15:00 hrs. on 16.08.2024 Opening of tender after 15:00 hrs. on same day

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**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
Public Works Division Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar  
E-Tender Notice No. 73 OF 2024 -2025

E-Tender for the following works in "B-2/Form" for the (01) Works is invited via online E-Tendering system from Contractor/Agency/firm/Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Aurangabad (PH No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra.

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on sub Portal of public works Department also on [www.mahapwd.gov.in](http://www.mahapwd.gov.in) portal as per online tender Schedules.

Sd/-  
**Executive Engineer**  
Public Works Division  
Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1086

**Hindustan Times**

**YASH GOES SHORT CROP FOR TOXIC, CONFIRMS HAIRSTYLIST**

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**Reserve Bank of India**  
New Delhi

**Notice Inviting E-Tender**

Tender No. RBI/New Delhi/Estate/3/24-25/ET/236

Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Intelligent Analog Addressable Fire Alarm system for the Bank's Main Office Building and Annex Building at RBI New Delhi E-tender is invited for "Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and commissioning of Intelligent Analog Addressable Fire Alarm system for the Bank's Main Office Building and Annex Building at RBI New Delhi." For full details of the tender, please visit our website [www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in) or [www.msctecomm.com](http://www.msctecomm.com) or contact us at Estate Department, Reserve Bank of India, 6, Sansad Marg, New Delhi - 110001. The last date of submission of e-tender form is August 28, 2024 upto 14.00 Hours.

NOTE - Corrigendum, if any, issued on above advertisement, will be published only on the Bank's website.

Regional Director  
New Delhi

**Office of the Additional Chief Engineer, PWD, Zone, Ajmer**

No.: ACE/AJ/TECH/F2(30A-Ajmer)/D-1298 Date: 18.07.2024  
NIB No.: PWD2425A0785

**Notice Inviting Bid No. 06/2024-25**

Bids for 01 No. Work are invited from interested bidders upto 12.00 Noon on Thursday 08 August 2024. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppn.raj.nic.in>) of the State; and DIPR departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 345.35 Lacs.

UBN No.: PWD2425WSOB03020 Sd/-  
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E-Tender No. DY-CE-JHSW-63 Dt: 20.07.2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Workshop/Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through On Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

**Description of Work :** Augmentation of Wagon Maintenance facility in Wagon Repair Workshop Jhansi by improving: (a) Improvement of RCC Road in JHSW. (b) Improvement of Drainage system in pit line shed A,B,C,D etc. in JHSW. (c) Improvement of Pipe line in Wagon Repair Workshop, Accountant, STC, Dy.CMM Store and other places etc. in JHSW. (d) Augmentation of broken AC/GI Sheet, Rusted and corrugated steel members wired glasses down take pipe etc. in Loharkhana in JHSW. (e) Construction of Stripping shed with facility of EOT crane in wagon repair workshop Jhansi.

Approx Cost Rs : 24,87,90,186.97, Earnest Money Rs: 13,94,000.00/, Cost of Tender Form Rs : NIL , Date of closing Tender: 14.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs, Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 15 Months. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). 1272/24 (AS)

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No.: 490 Dated: 19/07/2024

**Notice Inviting Bid 03/2024-25**

Bid for Horticulture and Plantation work with Maintenance for Five years in various Schemes at Div-Udaipur to Rs. 105.85 Lakh, under Div-Bhilwara to Rs. 55.77 Lakh & PKM Scheme Udaipur & Sub Div-Dungarpur to Rs. 97.62 Lakh of subject matter (s) of (Procurement) are invited from interested bidders from 24.07.2024 to 12.08.2024 up to 6:00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the state and RHB Department <https://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in> and <https://urban.rajjasthan.gov.in/rhb> websites.

UBN No. RHB2425WSOB00105 TO RHB2425WSOB00107  
Raj.Samwad/C24/2620 DHC Circle, Udaipur

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**

**See Section 82 CrPC**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **STALIN, S/o: Rajender Singh, R/o VPO Daroli, Teh.-Adampur, Distt. Hisar-125052**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 1616/2020, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **STALIN** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **STALIN** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that **STALIN** the said accused of **CC No. 1616/2020, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.10.2024**.

By Order  
**Sh. Himanshu Sehloth**  
Metropolitan Magistrate-03, North  
Room No.-213, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/9315/RD/2024  
(Court Matter)

**झारखण्ड सिल्क, टेक्सटाइल एण्ड हैण्डिक्राफ्ट डेवलपमेंट कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड (झारकापट)**

प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, रातु रोड, राँची

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**  
**EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

**PUBLIC NOTICE FOR REGISTRATION & PARTICIPATION IN THE PROCESS FOR ALLOTMENT OF L-1BF LICENSES FOR WHOLESALE TRADE OF IMPORTED FOREIGN LIQUOR (BIO) IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25**

This is for the information of the general public that L-1 BF licenses for wholesale trade of Imported Foreign Liquor (BIO) in the State of Haryana for the Excise Policy Year 2024-25 shall be granted by way of inviting online applications.

All the prospective eligible applicants will have to get themselves registered before participating in the process of L-1 BF licenses.

The procedure for online registration and placing online application for L-1BF license is available on the official website of the department i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

The number of wholesale licenses of IFL (BIO) in the State is fixed at more than or equal to sixteen (16). In case, the number of eligible applications received in first round is more than or equal to sixteen (16), the L-1BF license shall be granted to all the eligible applicants. In such a case, the department will not initiate any further round(s) for allotment of L-1 BF in the State.

However, in case, the number of eligible applications received in first round is less than sixteen (16), the department may initiate more round(s) for allotment of remaining L-1BF licenses. The number of remaining L-1BF licenses can be calculated by subtracting the count of L-1BF allotted in all previous round(s) from sixteen (16).

It is further provided that in case, the number of eligible applications in second or any subsequent round exceeds the remaining number of L-1BF licenses available for allotment in that particular round, then the grant of such remaining L-1BF license(s) shall be made by draw of lots amongst eligible applicants of that particular round. For more details kindly refer to clause 9.5 of the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 which is available on the official website of the department i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

The License L-1BF shall be granted on fixed annual license fee of Rs. 04.00 Crore to be paid in accordance with the provisions of clause 9.5.3 of Excise Policy 2024-25. Out of the total 16 L-1BF, six applications were received during previous rounds. Now the applications are invited for 4<sup>th</sup> round of the allotment of the remaining 10 L-1BF licenses as per Excise Policy 2024-25.

The schedule for registration & participation in the process of allotment of L-1BF licenses is given below:-

Starting Date & Time for registration and online submission of application	23.07.2024, 1000 hrs
Closing Date & Time for online submission of application	25.07.2024, 1700 hrs
Publication of list of eligible applicants on departmental website	26.07.2024, 1100 hrs

During the course of registration for application of L-1BF, all the prospective applicants will have to deposit the Earnest Money of Rs. 25 Lakh (Rs. Twenty Five Lakh) and Application Fee of Rs 2 Lakh.

The application fee shall be non-refundable and non-adjustable. The Earnest Money shall be adjustable unless forfeited.

The eligible applicants shall have to deposit a security amount equal to 25% of License fee within a week of the date when the names of eligible applicants are published on the official website of the Department.

It is further informed that registration for L-1BF is separate from the registration for allotment of zones of retail outlets.

The Department reserves the right to cancel the whole process without assigning any reason thereto in the interest of revenue.

The department reserves the right to disqualify any application(s) if the application is not complete or it is not found in order. The application(s) may also be rejected if the applicant is found to be black listed or engaged in any malpractices.

The application(s) may also be rejected if any particulars submitted by the applicant are found to be incorrect or fake.

The annual minimum quota of IFL (BIO) and schedule of lifting shall be as prescribed in the Excise Policy.

The eligible applicant shall have to submit all other documents as are required under the provisions of the notice, instructions and the Haryana Excise Act, 1914 and the rules framed there under.

The license shall be granted by Excise Collector with the prior approval of Excise Commissioner-cum-Financial Commissioner subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules, framed there under and the Excise policy 2024-25.

The Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on the official website of the department i.e. [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

Sd/-  
Excise and Taxation Commissioner,  
Haryana

DPR HR 1037/11/235/2025/28093/197

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA**  
**EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT**

**NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF WHOLESALE LICENSE OF IMFL (L-1) AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-13) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE**

The applications are hereby invited for grant of wholesale license of IMFL in the form of L-1 and Wholesale license of Country Liquor in form of L-13 for all the excise districts in the State. The Wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licenses of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) (of the policy year 2024-25), amongst the applicant allottees/licenses of retail zones within an excise district. The quota contribution for the purpose of grant of L-1 & L-13 licenses shall be calculated on the basis of retail liquor zones allotted as on 25.07.2024 for receiving such applications for grant of L-1/L-13. The L-1/L-13 license(s) shall be granted only to those eligible applicants who apply for the License(s) within the date fixed/extended by the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. The Excise Policy provides that the Excise and Taxation Commissioner may invite applications for such number of L-1/L-13 licenses as he may deem fit. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner may also conduct the process of allotment in multiple rounds of inviting applications. Next round of allotment of L-1 and L-13 Licenses will be initiated after the completion of sixth round.

The number of wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in sixth round shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	District Name	Count of new proposed L-1 license 2024-25	Count of new proposed L-13 license 2024-25
1	Ambala	2	1
2	Bhivani	1	1
3	Faridabad	2	1
4	Fatehabad	0	1
5	Gurugram (East)	2	1
6	Gurugram (West)	1	1
7	Hisar	2	2
8	Jagadhari	1	1
9	Jhajjar	3	2
10	Jind	1	1
11	Kaithal	1	1
12	Karnal	3	2
13	Kurukshetra	1	1
14	Mewat	1	1
15	Narnaul	1	1
16	Palwal	2	1
17	Panchkula	1	1
18	Panipat	1	1
19	Rewari	2	3
20	Rohtak	2	2
21	Sirsa	2	2
22	Sonepat	2	2
	<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>30</b>

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. The Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on the official website of the department [www.haryanatax.gov.in](http://www.haryanatax.gov.in).

The application may be submitted in the office of the DETC (Excise) concerned on or before 25.07.2024. The application shall be forwarded by the DETC (Excise) alongwith his recommendation to the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, immediately.

The quota contribution shall be taken up to 25.07.2024.

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted subject to the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25.

Sd/-  
Excise and Taxation Commissioner  
Haryana, Panchkula

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**Office of The Superintending Engineer**  
**9th Circle Public Work Department Dehradun**

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Letter No.4443/1C-9/2024

**National Competitive Bidding Short Term Request for Proposal (RFP)**

Dated: 22/07/2024

The Superintending Engineer 9th Circle, Public Works Department, Dehradun on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites Short Term e-RFP for following work. Information regarding RFP shall be available on <https://www.uktenders.gov.in> from date 23.07.2024

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money (Rs. in Lacs)	Validity of RFP (In days)	Cost of RFP Document (In Rs.)	Period of Completion (In days)
1	Engagement of consultancy services for drafting utility duct infrastructure policy in Uttarakhand.	1.20	60	4000.00 +18% G.S.T.	90

Note:- Corrigendum/Addendum, if any will be published only in the above web-site.



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पत्रांक: वरि.प्र./ई-निविदा सेल/2024/521ए दिनांक: 22 जुलाई, 2024

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क्र. सं. कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉर्किल अनुमानित लागत

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1.	ग्राम-बोडाकी में इंजीनियरिंग कैनल के ऊपर कवर्ट का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-6)	₹. 13.68 लाख
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4.	(सीवर लाईन का अनुसंधान) ग्रेटर नोएडा में विभिन्न व्यास की विभिन्न स्थानों पर सीवर लाईन बिछाये जाने का कार्य। (वर्क सॉर्किल-सीवर)	₹. 420.81 लाख

जलापूर्ति एवं सीवर का कार्य।

क्रम सं.-1 एवं 02 पर अंतिम कार्य दिनांक-24.07.2024 से 05.08.2024 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 07.08.2024 को 11.00 बजे खोली जाएगी एवं क्रम सं. 03, एवं 04 पर अंतिम कार्य दिनांक 24.07.2024 से 07.08.2024 को 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं की प्री-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 09.08.2024 को 11.00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

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SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE  
NO. 01/EE/LICD/VNS/TRASH RACK SYSTEM 1 & 2/GPC/2024-25

Online e-bids on prescribed bid forms in two parts namely (i) Technical bid and (ii) Financial bid are invited simultaneously by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh only for following work at Gyanpur Pump Canal up to 16.00 Hours on 14.08.2024 and shall be opened at 14.30 Hours on 17.08.2024 as stated below. Firms/Contractors registered as Class A or above (Mechanical/Electrical) in Irrigation Department who had earlier done this work can also participate in this bid. The details for submission of bids are available in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

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(a)	Fabrication, Sand blasting, epoxy painting, shifting & erection of new Trash Rack (06 No. side & 02 No. Top) made of M.S. Plate of 12 mm and 8 mm, dismantling of old worn out Trash Rack of suction side of pump no. 1 & 2 at Gyanpur pump canal. Including all material, labour and T&P (Contractor/Firm will mandatorily use M.S. Plate manufactured by SAIL).	01 JOB
(b)	Date & time for Availability of the bid document on website.	26.07.2024 from 10.00 Hours onwards
(c)	Period for Bid submission along with Bid Document Fee, Bid Security /Industries Registration Certificate for exemption from EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format.	From 27.07.2024, 10.00 Hours Upto 14.08.2024 up to 16.00 Hours
(d)	Hard copy of original Bid Document fee, Bid Security & Industries Registration Certificate for exemption from EMD and other supporting documents to be deposited in the office concerned.	16.08.2024 upto 14.00 Hours noon
(e)	Online opening date & time of Technical Bid.	17.08.2024 at 14.30 Hours
(f)	Online opening date & time of Financial Bid.	20.08.2024 at 14.30 Hours
(g)	Venue of opening of bid.	Office of The Executive Engineer, Lift Irrigation Construction Division, Varunapuram, Irrigation Colony, Sigra, VARANASI-221010, UP. Ph.No. 0542-2985196
(h)	Bid document fee.	Rs. 2,000.00 Stationary Charge + (Rs. 300.00+ Rs. 54.00 GST) (Rs Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four) Only including GST.
(i)	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit).	Rs. 79,800.00 (Rupees Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
(j)	Completion Schedule	36 Weeks

Note:- (i) In case of any variation in English and Hindi version of this Tender Notice, English version shall be applicable.  
(ii) Above items are for Government irrigation purpose only.

Executive Engineer  
Lift Irrigation Construction Division,  
Irrigation Department, Varanasi.

UP 217518 Dt. 19.07.2024, Website: [www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER**  
**RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, KENDRAPARA-JAIPUR.**

AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO- SUNGUDA, JAIPUR-754296, Email - [sew\\_kpd@yahoo.com](mailto:sew_kpd@yahoo.com)  
No. Tender Online RCK-19/24 Letter No.- 2444 Date :- 18-07-24

e-Procurement NOTICE  
1. Name of the work : Repair/maintenance of Rural Roads Constructed under PMGSY works in the Dist. of Kendrapara-Jaipur.  
2. Total No. of Package. : 4 (Four) nos. of Road Packages.  
3. Estimated cost : 2.72 Crores for 4 (Four) nos. of Road Packages.  
4. Other Details

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender Clarification	Date & Time of Opening of Tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jaipur	Tender Online RCK-19/24	23.07.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	06.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.	06.08.2024 up to 2.00 P.M.	07.08.2024 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website [www.pmgstenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in)

Chief Construction Engineer,  
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jaipur  
OIPR - 25129/11/0006/2425

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA**  
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AT-CHANDIKHOL, PO- SUNGUDA, JAIPUR-754296, Tel No. 0671-2444488, Email - [sew\\_kpd@yahoo.com](mailto:sew_kpd@yahoo.com)  
Letter No. 2496 Date : 20.07.24

2nd Corrigendum to Bid Identification No. Tender Online RCK-18/24 Invited by this office vide letter No.-2226, Dt.-28.06.2024 The changes as detailed below are hereby made in the above N.I.T. :-  
2 Clause no -06 of NIT modified below :-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of Tender			
		Previously fixed on	Presently Modified on		Previously fixed on	Presently Modified on	Previously fixed on	Presently Modified on
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jaipur	Tender RCK-18/24	29.07.2024 upto 05.00 P.M.	05.08.2024 upto 05.00 P.M.	29.07.2024 upto 02.00 P.M.	05.08.2024 upto 02.00 P.M.	30.07.2024 at 11.30 A.M.	06.08.2024 at 11.30 A.M.	Will be intimated later

All other conditions or NIT remain unaltered.

Chief Construction Engineer  
Rural Works Circle, Kendrapara-Jaipur  
OIPR - 25129/11/0009/2425

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA**  
**WORLD BANK PROJECT DIVISION, AKOLA**  
**E-TENDER NOTICE No.6/2024-2025**  
No. 2188/TC/ETN-6/2024/ Date 16.07.2024

Online E-Tenders

Online Tender are invited by Executive Engineer, World Bank Project Division, Akola (Telephone No. 0724-2436995) e-mail- [wbakola.ee@mahapwd.com](mailto:wbakola.ee@mahapwd.com) for following works for B-1 Works Sr. No. 03 from Competent Contractors (Register With P.W.D.) Government of Maharashtra Public Work Department in appropriate class & B-1 Works Sr. No. 1 to 2 from competent and Interested Contractors (Not Necessary Registered with P.W.D.) If Global Company having its Branch/ Sub Company in India, They Can Participate in Tender. E-Tender can be downloaded from the <http://mahatenders.gov.in>. Other instruction can be seen in the e-tender form. Competent Authority Reserve the Right to Reject All or any one of the Tender. Conditional tender will be not be accepted.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost
1	2	3
1	Construction of Minor Bridge on Bochra Karla road VR 11 on Km 1/00 Tq Akot District Akola. (Illrd Call)	28678483
2	Construction of Minor Bridge on Sawara Manchanpur road VR 56 on Km 0/400 Tq. Akot District Akola (Illrd Call)	20067073
3	Improvement Maintenance and Repairs for Annual to Ukali Bazar Ner Nandkhind Kinkhed Road Km. 34/00 to 45/00, 49/00 to 50/00, 55/070 to 56/600 Tq. Telhara District Akola. (IInd Call)	3167010

Note:-  
1. All eligible/ interested tenderer are required to be enrolled on portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>  
2. Work No. 1 And 3 tender download & preparation of Bid from Dt. 23.07.2024 at 10.00 Hrs To Dt. 30.07.2024 at 18.00 Hrs Download. Work No. 1 And 3 Technical Envelope Opening Date 01.08.2024 (Further tender timetable as on Online)  
3. Please note the further changes regarding above work will not be published through corrigendum by press notice the changes will be available only on electronic tendering system of Govt. Of Maharashtra which is available on the portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in>  
4. All detail information is available on following websites & office information Board. Visit web site for details :  
1. <http://mahapwd.com>  
2. <http://mahatenders.gov.in>  
Information also available on :- Office of the Executive Engineer World Bank Project Division, Akola Office Information Board.  
5. Other instructions can be seen in the tender form. All or any one of the tender may be rejected by the competent authority.  
6. Online schedule in Applicable a Final.  
7. Note that the Bidder has no objection regarding condition & Specification mentioned in Tender & CSD while bidding. No objection are entertained after submission of bidding completed.

Sd/-  
(Pravin Samayak)  
Executive Engineer  
World Bank Project Division, Akola

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1093

**GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA CORRIGENDUM**

Sr. No.	NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH	OLD REFERENCE/ NIT NO.	NATURE OF CORRIGENDUM	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	THE PANIPAT CO-OP SUGAR MILLS LTD PANIPAT	GENL.02024-25 416 DATED 26.06.2024	TECH BID SUBMISSION DATE 25.07.2024 TECH. BID OPENING DATE 25.07.2024 NEGOTIATION DATE 26.07.2024 VENUE OF FINANCIAL NEGOTIATION SUGAR MILLS PANIPAT AT VILLAGE DAHAR	<a href="https://etenders.hry.nic.in">https://etenders.hry.nic.in</a>	9138553300 panipatsugarmills@gmail.com

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RO No. 13/2025/40/28076/19/7

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, LIFT IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, VARUNAPURAM, IRRIGATION COLONY, SIGRA, VARANASI-221010, UP.**

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE  
NO. 05/EE/LICD/VNS/TRASH RACK SYSTEM/9 & 10/GPC/2024-25

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ALL EYES ON KAMALA

ing she was "deeply grateful for his service to our nation." Meanwhile, US Speaker Emerita Nancy Pelosi endorsed Harris on Monday. Pelosi said she was lending her "enthusiastic support" to Harris' effort to lead the party.

Biden, 80, was under tremendous pressure after his debate performance against Donald Trump, 78, exposed age-related deficits and led to calls from party elders, elected representatives, donors and voters to make way for a younger candidate. After resisting for three weeks, Biden finally gave in to the pressure after seeing polls that showed there was no viable path for him to win, reports said.

"I am honored to have the President's endorsement and my intention is to earn and win this nomination. Over the past year, I have traveled across the country, talking with Americans about the clear choice in this momentous election. And that is what I will continue to do in the days and weeks ahead. I will do everything in my power to unite the Democratic Party—and unite our nation—to defeat Donald Trump," Harris said. She added that there were 107 days for the elections. "Together, we will fight. And together, we will win."

Amid uncertainty about the next steps, Jaime Harrison, the chair of the Democratic National Committee, said that the party will undertake a "transparent and orderly process to move forward as a united Democratic Party with a candidate". The process will be governed by the party's established rules and procedures. "Our delegates are prepared to take seriously their responsibility in swiftly delivering a candidate to the American people," he said. The party also announced that its rules committee will meet on Wednesday to establish a process, and the proceedings of the meeting will be public. But even as the party figures out how to proceed and whether delegates will vote for a nominee virtually or do so at the party's convention slated for August 19 in Chicago, the Harris campaign acquired rapid momentum.

Within hours, the Biden for President campaign transformed into Harris for President. The Biden campaign staff is now working for Harris. She also got access to \$96 million of campaign funds that was raised by the Biden campaign. The Harris campaign sent out its own fundraising emails and texts and by Monday morning, eastern time, it had raised almost \$50 million, the highest single day fundraising haul in this election for Democrats.

Former President Bill Clinton

and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton were among the first to back Harris. "Nothing has made us more worried for our country than the threat posed by a second Trump term... Now is the time to support Kamala Harris and fight with everything we've got to elect her. America's future depends on it", the Clintons said.

A spate of her potential rivals, including state governors such as Gretchen Whitmer of Michigan, Gavin Newsom of California and Josh Shapiro of Pennsylvania, too backed Harris for the nomination. The Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Progressive Caucus, two strong groups within the party, endorsed the vice president.

In a statement, the progressives led by Pramila Jayapal said, "Our members are united around a common goal: defeating the existential threat to our democracy and livelihood that is Donald Trump and MAGA extremism. And following a vote by the entirety of the progressive caucus, our members overwhelmingly agree that Kamala Harris is the candidate to do that." In his own statement that lauded Biden's contribution as a president and his decision to now step away, former President Barack Obama did not endorse Harris. Instead, he said, "We will be navigating uncharted waters in the days ahead. But I have extraordinary confidence that the leaders of our party will be able to create a process from which an outstanding nominee emerges."

Nancy Pelosi, the former House speaker, too is understood to be in favour of an open process. And Harris herself has said she intends to "earn and win this nomination". All of this, coupled with DNC chair's statement, suggests that the Democrats will open up the process for other candidates to compete, and the final decision will be taken by delegates, but the convention could still be a formality as the Harris campaign builds a decisive lead and she remains unchallenged.

Biden's decision left Democrats in an undecided situation. Never before has a presidential candidate dropped out so late in the race after having won the primaries. Never before has the party appeared to be on the verge of nominating a Black woman, and an Indian-American woman on the top of the ticket. And never before has the party confronted an opponent such as Trump who has already served one term in office, rejected the results of the last elections, got convicted of crime, survived an assassination bid and retains a lead in the polls.

KANWAR ORDER

port "divide in the name of caste and religion", and JD(U)'s KC Tyagi has cautioned that the order may trigger communal tensions. The bench was hearing a clutch of petitions including TMC MP Mahua Moitra, political commentator and Delhi University academic Apoorvanand Jha, columnist Aakar Patel, and the non-profit Association of Protection of Civil Rights (APCR). Senior counsel Abhishek Manu Singhvi, Huzefa Ahmadi and CU Singh appeared for the petitioners. There was no counsel for the states since it was the first hearing of the matter.

During the hearing, the bench critically examined the reasons to display the names of owners and staff instead of the food items. Justice Roy highlighted the irrationality of such directives with a pointed observation: "What are the expectations of pilgrims on the yatra? Is it also an expectation of the yatri that the food is sold and prepared by a particular community and, taking a step ahead, also grown by a certain community? The government order initially says the directive is voluntary, which is followed by another order saying it will be penalised for not doing so."

Justice Bhatti further shared a personal anecdote to underscore the irrelevance of the seller's community in determining food quality. He recalled choosing a vegetarian restaurant run by a Muslim in Kerala due to its high safety standards, despite having other options run by Hindus. "Ultimately, it's a matter of choice," said the judge.

Justice Roy added: "In flights, you get Hindu meals, but you don't ask whether the stewardesses are Hindus or not." In its order, the bench recorded the petitioners' contentions that the directives were arbitrary, lacked statutory backing and violated multiple constitutional rights. They contended that the orders effectively promoted discrimination based on religious and caste identity, undermining fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 15, and 17 of the Constitution, noted the order while adding that petitioners also claim violation of the right to livelihood in the wake of media reports that some dhaba owners have sacked Muslim staff due to the fear of losing business.

Issuing notice on the three petitions, the court also recorded the petitioners' objections to the government's directives. The court said it would lead to divisions in society.

India (FSSAI) happened to be the statutory regulator of such services. Senior counsel Singhvi, representing Moitra, argued that the directives would lead to economic boycotts and increased communal tensions, pointing out that the directives, although initially voluntary, had been strictly enforced, leading to fines for non-compliance. Singhvi emphasised that such measures had no statutory backing and could result in the economic exclusion of certain communities.

Senior advocate CU Singh, appearing for APCR, argued that that non-compliance with municipal directives would result in fines ranging from ₹2000 to ₹5000. Assisted by advocates Fauzia Shakil, Singh called the orders "pernicious and worrying" where the police authorities are taking it upon themselves to ensure that people from lower castes and communities like Muslims are marginalised due to economic boycott.

Senior counsel Huzefa Ahmadi, representing Apoorvanand and Patel, added that many individuals from minority communities had reportedly lost their jobs due to these directives. Moitra's petition argued that the directives compelled proprietors of eating establishments to disclose personal information under the pretext of respecting pilgrims' dietary preferences and maintaining law and order. Jha and Patel's joint petition contended that the state governments' directives constituted disproportionate intervention and violated citizens' fundamental rights.

The petitions further argued that the directives violated the privacy rights of shop and eatery owners and workers, exposing them to danger and making them potential targets. The directives were said to endorse "untouchability" explicitly barred under Article 17 of the Constitution. Opposition parties, and some of the BJP's allies, welcomed the order. The Congress said the directives were "unconstitutional" and the party hopes Prime Minister Narendra Modi can make BJP chief ministers aware of their "raj dharma (solemn duty)". The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) also hailed the top court's order against the "anti-Dalit" directives of the three states, as the Samajwadi Party (SP) called it a "victory of harmony".

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The minimum monthly emoluments will be around ₹94,650.00 (Rupees Ninety four thousand six hundred fifty) only alongwith other benefits.  
For detail advertisement, eligibility criteria, compensation package, instructions for online application and terms & conditions please visit [www.neepco.co.in](http://www.neepco.co.in) Careers  
Only online mode of application will be accepted. Any further agendum/ corrigendum / updates will be published on our website only.  
Dy. General Manager (HR), Recruitment, NEEPCO Ltd, Shillong.

अखिल भारतीय आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान भोपाल  
**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES BHOPAL**  
(An Autonomous Institute under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare Government of India)  
सक्रेत नगर, भोपाल (म.प्र.)-462020, [www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in](http://www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in)  
Advt. No.- Admin/Recrt. Cell/AIIMS/Bhopal/Cont./6022 Date: 23/07/2024  
**ENGAGEMENT OF RETIRED FACULTY FOR THE POST OF PROFESSOR (CONSULTANT) ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL MEDICINE OF AIIMS BHOPAL**  
All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bhopal invites Applications from eligible Indian nationals who are retired Faculty up to age of 70 years from Institutes of National Importance (INIs) and Government Medical College (GMCs) at the level of Professor for engagement of Professor (Consultant) in the department of General Medicine on a fixed monthly remuneration purely on contractual basis.  
For details of essential eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of engagement, application form, application procedure etc, the detailed advertisement may be referred on the Institute's website [www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in](http://www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in). Interested persons fulfilling the eligibility criteria may submit their applications in the prescribed format within 15 days of the publication of this advertisement along with requisite documents in support of their eligibility through email to [recruitment@aiimshbhopal.edu.in](mailto:recruitment@aiimshbhopal.edu.in). The date of interview and document verification shall be notified separately on Institute's website. Sd/-  
Deputy Director (Admin.), AIIMS, Bhopal

**NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE**  
The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMCL/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tender under One Packet System for the under noted work:-  
**1. Name of work and location:** IOH and Major repair of track machines at TMMD/TKD, KKDE, BTI, LKO & MB under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/TMCL/New Delhi.  
**2. Completion period of the work:** 12 Months  
**3. Approx. Cost of work:** Rs. 6,72,09,946.52  
**4. Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online):** Rs. 4,86,100.00  
**5. Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online):** Rs. Nil  
**6. Date & Time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender:** Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from 22.07.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs. on 12.08.2024. Tender Bids may be uploaded from 29.07.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. on 12.08.2024 on IREPS website. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs. on 12.08.2024.  
**7. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document:** The detailed tender document is available on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) from 29.07.2024 to 12.08.2024. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.  
No.: 1-W-DyCETMCL-IOH-08-24-25 Dated: 22.07.2024 2216/2024  
**SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE**

**ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES BHOPAL**  
Saket Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) 462020  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)**  
NIT No. AIIMSBHOPAL-TENDER/NIT/24-25/007 Date: 23/07/2024  
AIIMS Bhopal invites e-Tender from registered manufacturers/dealers/distributors/Contractors for below mentioned items:  

E-Tender ID No.	Required Items/Services at AIIMS Bhopal	Est. Cost
01/NI/EEE/ABEU/AIIMS/BPL/2024-25	HEPA Filter Validation along with other tests in Operation theatres of Hospital Building at AIIMS Bhopal.	2,24,663
04/NI/SE/Project Cell/ABEU/AIIMS/BPL/2024-25	Supply Installation Testing and Commissioning of the Upgrade of the HVAC System in Modular Operation theatres, Package 2, Hospital Building AIIMS Bhopal.	4,98,79,608

For further details of the above e-Tenders, the prospective bidders may please visit email: [www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in](mailto:www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in) Email: [seoffice@aiimshbhopal.edu.in](mailto:seoffice@aiimshbhopal.edu.in) and Tenders may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal [www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in](http://www.aiimshbhopal.edu.in) and CPP Portal [www.eprocure.gov.in](http://www.eprocure.gov.in). Any corrigendum/ amendments related to this NIT shall be published in the same websites only.  
I/c. Senior Procurement Cum Store officer For & On behalf of Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal

ਪੰਜ ਅਤੇ ਸਿੰਧ ਬੈਂਕ  
**Punjab & Sind Bank**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)  
H.O. Human Resources Development Deptt.  
Block 3, 2nd Floor, NBCC,  
East Kirti Nagar, New Delhi- 110023  
E-mail: [hrd@pjsb.co.in](mailto:hrd@pjsb.co.in)  
Where service is a way of life.  
**RECRUITMENT OF SPECIALIST OFFICERS IN PUNJAB & SIND BANK**  
Punjab & Sind Bank invites applications for the posts of Assistant General Manager - Cyber Security (SMGS-V), Assistant General Manager - Corporate Credit Project Finance (SMGS-V), Assistant General Manager - Data Protection Officer (SMGS-V), Assistant General Manager - Board Secretary (SMGS-V), Assistant General Manager - MSME Credit (SMGS-V), Assistant General Manager - Principal Staff Training College (SMGS-V). For full details please visit Bank's website <https://punjabandsindbank.co.in> under the link Recruitment. General Manager (HRD)

**RAM LAL ANAND COLLEGE**  
(UNIVERSITY OF DELHI)  
BENITO JUAREZ ROAD, NEW DELHI-110021  
Ph No.-24112557, E-mail: [rlac.du@gmail.com](mailto:rlac.du@gmail.com)  
Website: [www.rlaccollege.edu.in](http://www.rlaccollege.edu.in)  
**Details regarding teaching positions advertised vide**  
Advt. No. ET-01/2024/01 dated 16.07.2024  
Online applications are invited in the prescribed Application Form from eligible candidates for appointment to the post of Assistant Professor, in the Academic Pay Level 10 of the 7th Central Pay Commission Pay Matrix, in the College. The last date for receipt of application is 07.08.2024 or two weeks from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News, whichever is later. For details, please visit the College website.  
Any addendum/corrigendum shall be posted only on the College Website <https://www.rlaccollege.edu.in/>  
Principal

**RITES LIMITED** (A Govt. of India Enterprise)  
Shikhar, Plot No.1, Sector-29, Gurgaon - 122001  
CIN : L74899DL1974GOI007227  
**Requires qualified professionals in the following position(s)/ discipline through Walk-in Interviews at RITES Office from 08.08.2024 to 09.08.2024**  

VC No.	Post	Vacancies	Venue
180/24	Resident Engineer (Civil)	01	RITES Office Navi Mumbai, Ahmedabad & Gurugram
181/24	Planning Manager	01	
182/24	Sector Expert/ Civil (P-Way)	01	
183/24	Site Engineer (P-Way)	01	
184/24	Site Engineer (Works)	02	
185/24	Site Engineer (Bridge)	02	
186/24	AutoCAD Operator	02	

For details regarding how to Apply, Position, remuneration, qualification, age, date & venue, selection process etc., candidates may see the detailed advertisement posted on RITES website [www.rites.com](http://www.rites.com) under Career Section.

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"World Class Eye Care with a Social Impact..."  
Sankara Eye Foundation India invites applications from  
**OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**  
specialized in Cornea / Glaucoma  
to join India's leading health chain hospital  
**R J SANKARA EYE HOSPITAL** upcoming at VARANASI.  
Be a part of super-speciality eye care with world class state of art technology.  
Candidate should have minimum 5 years experience. Apply to us on [careers.sefi@sankaraeye.com](mailto:careers.sefi@sankaraeye.com) Ph : 99449 92750  
Our Network : Andhra Pradesh | Gujarat | Karnataka | Maharashtra | Madhya Pradesh | Punjab | Rajasthan | Tamil Nadu | Telangana | Uttar Pradesh  
14 | 10 | 397+ | 43+  
Hospitals | States | Districts | Vision Centers  
3026+ | 30 Lacs+ | 4 Cr+  
Beds | Surgeries | Lives Touched

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक सर्विसेज़ बोर्ड, मुंबई  
**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA SERVICES BOARD, MUMBAI**  
[www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in) Advt. No. 2/2024-25  
Applications are invited for recruitment to the following posts in the Reserve Bank of India:  

Sr. No.	Posts	Vacancies
Panel Year (PY) - 2024		
1	Officers in Grade 'B' (DR) - General	66
2	Officers in Grade 'B' (DR) - Department of Economic and Policy Research (DEPR)	21
3	Officers in Grade 'B' (DR) - Department of Statistics and Information Management (DSIM)	07

2. For all other details such as eligibility criteria, reservation of vacancies, scheme of selection, submission of online application and other instructions, please refer to the detailed advertisement to be published on the Bank's website ([www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)) on July 25, 2024 and in the Employment News/ Rozgar Samachar issue dated July 27, 2024 / subsequent issue. Candidates can apply for the aforementioned posts only by online mode through the Bank's website ([www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)).  
3. Important Dates:  
Website Link Open - For Online Registration of Applications and Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges July 25 to August 16, 2024 (till 06:00 PM)  
Phase-I - Online Examination of Grade 'B' (DR) - General September 08, 2024  
Phase-I - Online Examination of Grade 'B' (DR) - DEPR (Paper-I and II) / DSIM (Paper-I) September 14, 2024  
Phase-II - Online Examination for Grade 'B' (DR) - General October 19, 2024  
Phase-II - Online / Written Examination for Grade 'B' (DR) - DEPR (Paper-I and II) / DSIM (Paper-I and II) October 26, 2024  
NOTE: Corrigendum, if any, issued on the above advertisement, will be published only on the Bank's website ([www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)). (Hindi version of this advertisement will be available in Navbharat Times, Hindustan, Dainik Bhaskar, Amar Ujala, Dainik Jagran.)

**RESERVE BANK OF INDIA SERVICES BOARD, MUMBAI**  
[www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)  
Advt. No. 01/ 2024-25  
Applications are invited for lateral recruitment to the following post on regular basis:  
**OFFLINE APPLICATION PROCESS:**  

Sr. No.	Post	Vacancy
1	Chief Archivist in Grade 'D' in the Reserve Bank of India Archives	01

For all other details such as age, qualification, selection procedure, remuneration, mode of application and other instructions, please refer to the detailed advertisement published on July 22, 2024 on the Bank's website ([www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)) and in the Employment News/Rozgar Samachar issue dated July 27, 2024/subsequent issue.  
**IMPORTANT DATE:**  
Last date for receipt of application: Completed application should reach the Board's Office on or before 6.00 PM on August 12, 2024.  
NOTE: Corrigendum, if any, issued on the above advertisement will be published only on the Bank's website ([www.rbi.org.in](http://www.rbi.org.in)). (Hindi version of this advertisement will be available in Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar and Navbharat Times)

**HPCL LNG LIMITED**  
(100% Subsidiary of HPCL)  
Corporate Office: Priyadarshini Building, A Wing, Fifth Floor, Sion-Trombay Road, Mumbai, Maharashtra- 400 022  
Registered Office: HPCL Regional Office, Petroleum House, Behind Memnagar Fire Station Navrangpura, Ahmedabad- 380 009.  
HPCL LNG Limited (HPLNG), a 100% subsidiary of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL), invites application for Chihara LNG Terminal, Gujarat, for following positions:-  

Sr. No	Positions	Vacancies
1	Group Manager - Safety	1
2	Senior Officer - Shipping	1
3	Senior Officer - Material	1
4	Officer - Shipping	2

1 Manager - Operation Corporate Office, Mumbai  
Application Start Date 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024  
Application End Date 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024  
For application and detailed advertisement, please visit on our website <https://www.hplng.in> under Careers section. Candidates meeting the requisite eligibility criteria may apply online only. Corrigendum, if any will be posted on the website only. CIN NO: U40101GJ2013GOI07228

**SARDAR PATEL VIDYALAYA**  
Lodi Estate, New Delhi-110003  
Invites applications for the posts of :-  
♦ PGT - Sociology  
♦ TGT - Home Science / Food Production  
♦ TGT - History  
**Qualifications :-**  
For PGT : Post Graduate in the required subject from a recognized University and B.Ed. from a recognized institution.  
For TGT : Graduate/Post Graduate in subject from a recognized University and B.Ed. from a recognized institution, having a good command of English.  
• Qualifications required as per CBSE by-laws and recruitment rules of the DoE.  
• An experience of 3-5 years will be an added advantage.  
• Candidates should have 55% and above in the academic record, excellent communication skills and proficiency in subjects relevant to the post  
• Ability to connect with pupil and provide pastoral care.  
Interested candidates may fill the online recruitment form. The last date of submitting the online recruitment forms is 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2024. Details are given on the School Website: [www.spvedlhi.org](http://www.spvedlhi.org)

**SBI**  
State Bank of India  
Central Recruitment & Promotion Department  
Corporate Centre, Mumbai  
Phone: 022-22820427  
Scan QR to Apply

**Engagement of Specialist Cadre Officers on Contract Basis**  
Applications are invited from Indian citizens for the following posts on Contractual basis:  

Sr. No.	Post	Vacancies*
Advertisement No.: CRPD/SCO/2024-25/09		
1	Central Research Team (Product Lead)	2
2	Central Research Team (Support)	2
3	Project Development Manager (Technology)	1
4	Project Development Manager (Business)	2
5	Relationship Manager	273
6	VP-Wealth	643
7	Relationship Manager - Team Lead	32
8	Regional Head	6
9	Investment Specialist	30
10	Investment Officer	49

\*(Including Backlog vacancies)  
The details of above-mentioned posts are available in Detail Advertisement no. CRPD/SCO/2024-25/09 dated 19.07.2024. For eligibility criteria (age, experience, job profile etc.), vacancy details, requisite fee and other details and online application link, log on to Bank's website <https://bank.sbi/web/careers>. Refer detailed advertisement to ensure eligibility and other details before applying and remitting fees. For any query, please write to us through link "CONTACT US" → "Post Your Query" which is available on Bank's official website (<https://bank.sbi/web/careers/post-your-query>)  
• DATE FOR FILING ONLINE APPLICATION & PAYMENT OF FEES: FROM 19.07.2024 TO 08.08.2024.  
Place: Mumbai  
Date: 19.07.2024 General Manager (RP & PM)

**SOLAR ENERGY CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)  
6th Floor, Plate-B, NBCC Office Block Tower-2, East Kirti Nagar, New Delhi - 110023 (An ISO Certified Company)  
CIN No. U40106DL2011GOI225263  
**Notification No: 01/2024**  
Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter referred to as SECI) is a MINIRATNA Category-I schedule 'A' CPSE under the Administrative jurisdiction of the Ministry of New & Renewable Energy. SECI is exclusively dedicated to the development of the RE sector in India and its scope of activities covers all renewable energy sources. SECI invites committed, result oriented and experienced professionals looking for exciting career opportunities in renewable energy sector. Eligible candidates are requested to apply for the following vacancies to be filled on regular basis through ONLINE mode:  

Sl. No.	Position/ Grade	Pay scale in (IDA)	No. of posts
1.	Additional General Manager (Information Technology) (E-7 Grade)	₹ 100000-260000/-	01(UR)
2.	Additional General Manager (Human Resource & Administration) (E-7 Grade)	₹ 100000-260000/-	01(UR)
3.	Deputy General Manager (Human Resource & Administration) (E-6 Grade)	₹ 90000-240000/-	01 (UR)
4.	Deputy General Manager (Project Monitoring) (E-6 Grade)	₹ 90000-240000/-	01 (UR)
5.	Deputy General Manager (Corporate Planning) (E-6 Grade)	₹ 90000-240000/-	01 (UR)
6.	Manager (Contracts & Procurement) (E-4 Grade)	₹ 70000-200000/-	01 (UR)
7.	Manager (Market Operations) (E-4 Grade)	₹ 70000-200000/-	02 (UR)
8.	Deputy Manager (Project - Civil) (E-3 Grade)	₹ 60000-180000/-	01 (SC)
9.	Deputy Manager (IT - ERP) (E-3 Grade)	₹ 60000-180000/-	01 (UR)
10.	Deputy Manager (PMC- Electrical) (E-3 Grade)	₹ 60000-180000/-	01(OBC-NCL, 01-UR)
11.	Dy Manager (Project - Electrical) (E-3 Grade)	₹ 60000-180000/-	02 (01-OBC-NCL, 01-UR)
12.	Senior Engineer (Information Technology) (E-2 Grade)	₹ 50000-160000/-	02 (01-OBC-NCL, 01-UR)
13.	Executive Assistant (E-1 Grade)	₹ 40000-140000/-	02 (UR)

Reservation/ Relaxation/ Concession to candidates belonging to OBC (NCL)/ SC/ ST/ PwBD/ EWS/ Ex-SM category shall be as per Government of India directives.  
For details of qualification, experience, compensation package, reservation and relaxation etc, please visit our website [www.seci.co.in](http://www.seci.co.in) 'Career' section. Any further addendum/corrigendum/updates will only be uploaded on our website [www.seci.co.in](http://www.seci.co.in) under the section 'career'.  
**ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPENS ON 29.07.2024 (11:00 A.M.) AND WILL BE CLOSED ON 28.08.2024 (5:00 P.M.)**



## OPINION

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OUR TAKE

## Urging stability and pragmatism

Eco Survey rightly assumes the role of voice of caution on medium-term growth challenges

The 2023-24 Economic Survey comes in a very different political backdrop for the current government. After all, the BJP couldn't win a majority in the Lok Sabha on its own — despite the Indian economy continuing to be a rare sweet spot of high growth, moderate inflation and macroeconomic stability among major economies.

The survey has left the task of preserving and replenishing the political capital of the government to the Budget. It has rightly assumed the role of being the voice of caution on the medium-term challenge of boosting India's economic prospects. The survey specifically raises three issues.

It correctly flags the fact that the world will be very different going forward with both technological and geopolitical risks adding to headwinds for India's goal of achieving a just and sustainable economic transformation. The former will predominantly be in the realm of constrains from developments such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) squeezing service sector jobs. The latter are likely to emerge from the world, especially developed countries, becoming more and more inward looking and protectionist. Difficult as these challenges are, they will become even more crippling if macroeconomic stability were to come under strain, is the survey's clear message.

This underlines the importance of paying attention to the opportunities in the domestic market while doing all it takes to exploit opportunities abroad. It is here that the survey is critical of the government's policies on the question of exploiting the China-plus-One moment in global value chains. India must encourage FDI from China rather than relying on the trade route to boost export-oriented domestic manufacturing, the survey argues in the backdrop of multiple Chinese companies facing punitive actions from the government's many enforcement agencies over the past few years. This is a call for pragmatism, separating the geopolitical from the geo-economic. To be fair, this is easier said than done.

The most important caution from the survey is on the growing risk from what could be a vicious cycle of speculation and asset bubble creation in the financial markets. It flags India's elevated market capitalisation to GDP ratio, growing retail participation in riskier forms of equity market activity such as derivative trading, and financial sector players indulging in mis-selling and speculative gains. Can the Centre and the regulators undertake a pre-emptive strike on this potentially hazardous exuberance without extracting a cost on market sentiment?

It remains to be seen whether the Budget and subsequent government policy do justice to these rightful concerns.

## Democrats not back in the game just yet

There are two ways to read Joe Biden's exit from the US presidential race. The more optimistic reading is that it gives his party, the Democrats, a fighting chance against Donald Trump. Biden's popularity had been on the wane long before his campaign kicked off, largely thanks to his reluctance to confront Israel meaningfully over its genocidal war on Gaza. Whatever support remained took a beating after his disastrous showing in the debate with Trump on June 27, with doubts over his mental and physical capacity to serve as president deepening. After much handwringing, the Democrats now have a chance to rally behind a consensus candidate.

The other, sobering reading is that the exit comes too late. The Trump campaign, despite the former president's several legal tangles, wasn't all that weak from the start — his core MAGA crowd and the Tea Party loyalists were beginning to forge a truce. The quantum boost to its momentum, though, came from the assassination attempt on Trump on July 13 and his defiant stand just seconds later, and a surprising push for reconciliation in his speech accepting the Republican nomination. This is likely to have resonated with undecided voters as well.

Biden has announced support for vice president Kamala Harris as the Democrats' challenge to Trump. There are signs of the party pivoting, with many senior leaders willing to back her. It also may be pragmatic for the party, avoiding a "blitz primary" before its upcoming national convention — a proposition that would have only injected further chaos. What remains to be seen though is whether Harris is able to mount a strong enough bid against Trump or the damage to the Democrats is already irreversible this time.

## Structural issues afflict UPSC selection process

The Puja Khedkar saga shows the problem has as much to do with the processes of picking our civil servants as with unscrupulous candidates gaming the system

The controversy surrounding IAS probationer Puja Khedkar — her alleged muscling into the service and *ghoda, gaadi, ghar* tantrums at the Pune collectorate where she had been posted as a trainee — should have people wondering if all is well with our famed Steel Frame. Today, the spotlight is on Khedkar, but soon, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) itself will have to do some explaining once the report of the additional secretary of the department of personnel and training (DoPT) is made public.

To start with Khedkar, what did she have in mind while applying for disability certification under two different names? For which category of disability did she apply in the first instance, and did she actually switch to another/add another midway as some of the media reporting seems to suggest? How was the non-creamy layer Other Backward Classes (OBC) certification obtained by her when her father's declared annual income is far beyond the maximum limit of ₹8 lakh per annum? The *tehsildar*, too, seems to have done his fair share of creative

writing at the behest of the Khedkar father-daughter duo.

The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act 2016 defines a person with a "benchmark disability" as someone with a disability of at least 40% in a specific category on a long-term basis, as certified by a medical authority. The minimum percentage of disability accepted for employment in the "mentally handicapped" category is 35%. In Khedkar's instance, most will vouch that she is nowhere near a 35% mental disability, one of the two disabilities she cited to push her case.

The Khedkar case may be the tip of the iceberg, though. The civil services selection process is, without doubt, cut-throat with a million-plus annual applicants for a few hundred posts. Candidates, of course, are heavily invested in terms of money and time. On average, they spend two-three years of their prime in mere preparation. Despite the best efforts, making it is not guaranteed even for the brightest. In such a high-stakes set-up, many may be tempted to use the various quotas, including disability, fair or foul, as insurance. The DoPT would do well to enlarge the scope of inquiry and look at all disability cases from this point of view.

The reasons why people would go to any length to get into the civil services are quite clear. It promises pres-

tigious and challenging career options, not only while in service but also after retirement. Many former civil servants are appointed to tribunals, commissions, regulatory authorities, and even gubernatorial positions by the government. Many others receive plum private sector appointments — marquee consulting firms are a new trend — in the hope of leveraging their networks within the government.

While in service, they hold key positions in the central and state governments as well as the public sector undertakings. The civil services are also massively fast-tracked. Where else in the world can a person in their mid-to-late-twenties head a district often the size of smaller European countries?

While the DoPT must explain the rationale for allowing mental disability within the disability quota for civil services, which need critical mental capabilities at all junctures, the other key question is about the efficacy of the UPSC exam itself. Is it the best way to select candidates, where the emphasis is on rote learning and half-an-hour interviews? Qualities such as integrity, empathy, positive leadership, and problem-solving are not gauged at all. Unlike, say, in the case of the defence services, there is no aptitude test. As a result, we have people with low emotional quotient, as



Ashok Thakur



SS Mantha



The system is open to those who prioritise the hollow trappings of office ANI

the case seems to be in the present instance, manning our civil services. The system is open to self-seekers who prioritise the hollow trappings of office, such as the red beacon, and official accommodation.

One way to lower the stakes for applicants and thereby reduce the chances of fraud and rigging would be to bring down the duration of the selection process, perhaps with the use of technology. Another step needed is increasing transparency by publicly disclosing evaluation criteria, marking criteria, and other relevant information at every stage so that challenges can be mounted and resolved. Of course, lateral entry of highly qualified professionals and domain experts into administrative positions should not merely be in name. A strong lateral entry process will keep civil services on its toes.

The Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), where the country's civil servants are trained for their jobs after clearing the UPSC exam, has a huge role to play. The two years of training lay the foundation for an officer's future and the way she/he deals

with situations. The case studies by Harsh Mander on a poor tribal farmer, Jaktu Gond, remain etched in the minds of many even today, influencing a generation of officers in dealing with poverty-related issues.

We need to fix broken systems rather than fight them. If we have faith in a process and its fairness, we can live with the results. That said, reforming any system requires a multifaceted approach that addresses both structural and procedural issues. With each passing day, an eerie similarity between the lapses that have resulted in the induction of officers who defrauded the selection process and the recent NEET fiasco gets underscored. The result will be the erosion of the public's trust in these nationwide exams — unfortunate for a vast country like ours that cannot do without these. It is hoped that the DoPT and UPSC do a good job of setting right the system and restoring confidence in it.

Ashok Thakur is former education secretary, and SS Mantha is former chairman, AICTE. The views expressed are personal

## NDA's job-growth focus in Budget, and beyond

The National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government under Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi presenting its 11th consecutive full Budget would be an opportune moment to analyse the role of the Budget in addressing the aspirations of the youth by creating an enabling framework for job creation and fostering an environment for employment opportunities. This has been supported by the latest KLEMS data released by the Reserve Bank of India that measures Capital (K), Labour (L), Energy (E), Material (M) and Service (S). The data underlines the NDA government's success in driving economic transformation and creating jobs.

The data reveals that from 2017-18 to 2021-22, over eight crore new jobs were created, defying the global headwinds. When the world was reeling under economic turbulence, an unprecedented global health calamity and political upsurges, India was scripting a story of growth and productivity. The plummeting unemployment rate is driven by opportunities in the manufacturing sector due to various Production Linked Incentive (PLI) schemes to create an Atmanirbhar Bharat and promote Make in India, an expanding service sector, and increased wages and employment arising from the large capital expenditure made towards infrastructure growth. This isn't just employment data — it is a testament to India's economic resilience and growth.

This surge in job creation — approximately 18 crore jobs in the last 10 years — starkly contrasts with the underwhelming performance during the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) era. This was over ten times the number of jobs created compared to the preceding decade under the UPA, clearly highlighting "job-less growth" as a significant feature of that era. The gross economic mismanagement, skyrocketing inflation, and rampant corruption pushed India to the league of the global "Fragile-5". The Modi government's approach has shattered this status quo, turning the tide from a decade of stagnation to an era of unprecedented employment opportunities. Ten years since, India is back on track, and the effects are for everyone to see.

The NDA government has not looked at employment as merely numbers but is inculcating a culture of productivity and providing sustainable income to a large group of youth, women, and disempowered entering the workforce. Over the last decade, several policy initiatives, both within the framework of the Budget and outside, have worked well to create an ecosystem of productivity within each

sector. By making the private sector an active partner in job creation, junking the adversarial relationship of the past, and acknowledging the role of the private sector in fuelling innovation at breakneck speed, the last ten years have spurred job-oriented growth. Rather than solely relying on job creation within the government, the NDA government has focused on nudging individuals towards employment opportunities through private sector jobs and entrepreneurship. The skill development programmes, entrepreneurship training, and financial incentives have empowered individuals to enter and thrive in the workforce. A major shot in the arm for the job market has been the unprecedented focus on capital creation and investments in HIRA — highways, info-ways, railways, and airways. With over ₹43.5 lakh crore invested in infrastructure — almost a 3.72-fold increase compared to 2004-2014 — this move has not only sparked economic growth but stimulated a multiplier effect in the economy. As a result, the capital expenditure, as a share of total expenditure under NDA, rose to over 21% in 2023-24, compared to just 12% in 2013-14.

The government has continuously nurtured a culture of entrepreneurship and empowered individuals through skill development and financial support with the aim of diversifying the economy and enhancing sustainable employment opportunities at grassroots levels. Programmes such as Stand-Up India and Mudra Yojana provide financial support and mentoring to aspiring entrepreneurs, particularly targeting women and the marginalised communities. The fact that India is now the world's third-largest start-up ecosystem, with more than one lakh registered start-ups, exemplifies the substantial gains resulting from these strategic efforts. India's transformation is underpinned by this productive public-private synergy.

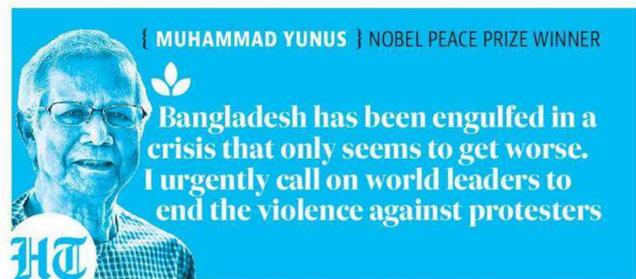
While harnessing the power and vitality of the private sector, the NDA government has filled over eight lakh public sector and government jobs, ensuring the state has the necessary capacity and manpower to efficiently provide critical public services. The public sector has continued to play a key role in strategic sectors and has unleashed employment opportunities across the nation. Data from various platforms reveals that, in 2023-24, EPFO gained over 1.3 crore new subscribers, more than double the 2018-19 intake, totalling 6.2 crore net additions since September 2017. The National Pension System also saw a 30% rise in government sector joiners, with over 7.75 lakh new subscribers in 2023-24 compared to the previous year. Some of this can be ascribed to formalisation of existing jobs, but, in most cases, the age groups for new subscribers point to them being first-time job holders.

While much has been achieved, the government will not rest on its past laurels and will continue to focus on growth and employment generation to harness our demographic dividend. The immense skill, indigenous talent, and innovation will sculpt a vivid vision of Viksit Bharat, and this year's Budget is a continuation of this process.

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The government has partnered the private sector effectively to generate jobs PTI



{ MUHAMMAD YUNUS } NOBEL PEACE PRIZE WINNER

Bangladesh has been engulfed in a crisis that only seems to get worse. I urgently call on world leaders to end the violence against protesters

## Without Census, Budget is policymaking sans data

The full Budget for FY25 would be the fifth presented without the decennial Census. Essentially, the government doesn't know how many people to plan for, the state of human resources, demography, culture, and economic structure at the local, regional and national levels, which are enumerated by the Census. The Census provides crucial data on various socio-economic aspects, including housing, urbanisation, fertility, mortality, migration, disability and more, serving as a foundation for evidence-based policymaking and resource allocation in the Budget.

Despite the BJP-led government's claims that the pandemic forced the postponement of Census 2021, India has failed to conduct this three years after, unlike 143 out of 189 countries that successfully did so after March 2020. For the first time in over 150 years of Census history, dating back to 1872, India has failed to conduct this as per schedule. Data-driven governance enables planning and assessment of social welfare programmes, allowing for evaluation of their impact, and informed policymaking in Parliament.

The Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has stressed the need for updated data for flagship schemes of the government. For instance, the PAC report for FY24, questions the identification of beneficiaries for National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP), "based on outdated data from the census for 2001 and poverty ratios from 2004-05 which may not accurately reflect current demographic and economic circumstances of states." Another PAC Report (FY24) on agriculture, revealed "that coverage of farmers in the country... was very low compared to the population of farmers as per Census 2011" for the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. Similar scathing observations have been made for schemes such as Tribal Sub Plan, Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, and Ayushman Bharat. Several economists have pointed out that the National Food Security Act, rolled out based on 2011 Census data, has excluded 10 crore beneficiaries.

Government acolytes may point to the fact that policymaking hasn't stopped without a Census since India conducts government surveys from time to time. They are wrong. No survey could be as wide as the Census. Sample this. The latest National Health Family Survey (NHFS-5) has a sample size of just 8.25 lakh people. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) surveyed only 4.19 lakh people, while the NSS 78th Round Multiple Indicator Survey had a sample size of 11.63 lakh people. These surveys have an importance of their own, but none can match the Census, which is the most comprehensive and credible source of informa-

tion on India's demographic and socio-economic conditions, enumerating all 140 crore Indians, making it unparalleled in scope and accuracy compared to other surveys.

The absence of a decennial Census has far-reaching implications for the states. For the devolution of funds by the Finance Commission under Article 270, whereby tax revenue collected by the Centre is shared between the states and the Centre, the population of a state has always been a criterion, as has been the human development indices for deciding the share between the states in horizontal devolution. Without the Census, these data are, at best, dated. The delayed 2021 Census has disrupted the usual cycle, impacting fiscal federalism. The 16th Finance Commission, starting in 2026, will not have access to updated Census data, unlike the 15th Commission, which used 2011 data instead of 1971 data, highlighting the importance of timely Census data for informed decision-making.

So, why is the NDA government shifting the Census year from 2021? There are two plausible, purely political reasons. First, the Census data could reveal the true state of India's development, potentially contradicting the government's claims of "Amrit Kaal" and "Viksit Bharat" by providing facts on job quality, health, gender justice, access to water supply, and housing. Second, delaying the 2021 Census enables the BJP to implement delimitation before the 2029 general elections. Delimitation aims to redraw the boundaries of the Lok Sabha seats based on population increase, but the 84th Constitutional Amendment allows it only after the first Census after 2026. This would ordinarily be after the decennial Census in 2031. Delaying the Census till after 2026 would meet the criteria of the 84th Amendment and catch the 2029 election.

Delimitation before 2029 is critical for the BJP's victory. One look at Assam, which has become a laboratory for the BJP, will show us how. The recent delimitation there redrew the boundaries, adjusting population and seats in a way where lines were drawn to ensure that the BJP vote bank dominates the majority of the seats. What is blasphemous is that the exercise was done based on the 23-year-old 2001 Census and with no increase in the total number of seats of 126. Only boundaries were changed to help the BJP's electoral ambitions. As the nation waits with bated breath for the Budget, know that it is one without a basis or a yardstick in the absence of the Census, and the reasons for this are purely political.

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# Biden reduced to a lame-duck president?

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WASHINGTON: With President Joe Biden's decision to quit the presidential race, it is clear that he will become a substantially weaker president in the remaining six months of his term. His party, his opponents, his external allies and partners, and his adversaries all know that will be dealing with a different leader in six months and will hesitate to make any bets on the current administration.

At the same time, whether Biden, no longer constrained by having to run for office and worry about political imperatives, can also feel liberated in exercising authority and pushing issues is to be seen.

In his letter to Americans on Sunday, Biden said that he would not seek re-election but "focus solely on fulfilling my duties as President for the remainder of my term".

The American president remains extraordinarily powerful even at his weakest, especially at a time of global tumult. Indeed, just this week, Biden will host Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu — whose war Biden has supported but who also has defied Biden's advice — in Washington DC.

The war in Ukraine continues. China continues to be aggressive with Philippines and elsewhere. Internally, inflation has dipped but not enough for most consumers even as interest rates remain high and housing is unaffordable.

And everyday, given the fluidity of events, there are new crises that occur in some part of the country or the world and land up on the resolute desk in Oval Office. All of this means that Biden's plate will be full each day he is in office.

The problem for him, however, is how the rest of the political world in a ruthless power capital such as DC and the rest of the geopolitical world now perceive him.

In the Congress, Democrats have a majority in the Senate

while Republicans control the House.

While Biden has had major successes in the past, it is unlikely that the President will be able to push any major legislative breakthrough in this period. Neither side has much incentive in listening to Biden anymore.

In the administration itself, while it has been more disciplined than many credit it for, there is a risk of inter-agency rivalries intensifying, or, on the other end, department leaders going inert and a policy paralysis striking the government given the uncertainty about what lies ahead.

In terms of staff, there will be people who are already brushing up their CVs and looking for a quick exit as they realise Biden isn't returning.

For the outside world, some allies anticipated Donald Trump's lead and earlier in the year, sought to "Trump-proof" policies and security architectures — this is both true in the case of NATO which stepped up aid to Ukraine and in the case of America's treaty allies such as Australia, Japan, Philippines and South Korea which stepped up their partnership with US.

Other countries, including Russia and even Israel, have clearly tilted towards a Trump presidency or calculated they may get a better deal.

But at this stage, capitals of all persuasions may choose to pause, build their networks with the Kamala Harris team, penetrate the Trump ecosystem and wait it out till January when a new administration takes over.

Politically, Biden will also be constrained by the fact that he must not do anything that harms a possible Harris candidacy; in fact, all his speeches and actions have to be supportive of the candidacy, and this may mean restraining himself at times, leaving issues for his possible successor at other times, and being more cautious than he is known for. But there is one alternate scenario.

## Biden steps aside. What happens next?

Joe Biden on Sunday withdrew from the 2024 presidential election race. Biden endorsed Vice-President Kamala Harris to be the Democratic nominee. Here's what you need to know

### WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

- Biden has accrued nearly 4,000 Democratic delegates by winning primary elections. Those delegates would have normally voted for him to be the party's official presidential nominee at the Democratic National Convention, which is to take place from August 19-22.
- After Biden's withdrawal, the Democratic National Committee rules do not bind or force them to do so. Delegates can now vote with their conscience, which means they could throw their vote to someone else.

### WHO COULD REPLACE BIDEN?

Harris is at the top of the list, but she has had her own problems after a rocky start as vice-president and poor polling numbers. California Governor Gavin Newsom, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and Illinois Governor JB Pritzker have all been floated as possible replacements.

### HOW WILL A NOMINEE BE CHOSEN?

- According to Ballotpedia, there are expected to be some 4,672 delegates in 2024, including 3,933 pledged delegates and 739 so-called superdelegates — senior party members.
- In order to secure the nomination, a candidate would need to get a majority — that is, more votes than all the others combined. That's what Harris' allies are trying to do right now — secure the pledged support of 1,969 delegates, and shut down any competition.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO CAMPAIGN CASH?

**\$91mn** The Biden-Harris campaign had \$91 million in the bank at the end of May, but experts on campaign finance law disagree on how readily the money could change hands.

Because Harris is also on the campaign filing documents, many experts believe the money could be transferred over to her if she is on the ticket.

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I respect President [Joe] Biden's decision and I look forward to us working together during the remainder of his presidency.

— KEIR STARMER, British Prime Minister

Ukraine is grateful to President Biden for his unwavering support for Ukraine's fight for freedom, which, along with strong bipartisan support in the United States, has been and continues to be critical.

— VOLODYMYR ZELENSKY, Ukraine President

Thanks to him [Joe Biden], transatlantic cooperation is close. Nato is strong and the USA is a good and reliable partner for us.

— OLAF SCHOLZ, German chancellor

I recognise that President Biden made the decision from the standpoint of what was best politically. Needless to say, the Japan-US alliance is the pillar of Japan's diplomacy and security, so we'll closely watch the future developments.

— FUMIO KISHIDA, Japanese Prime Minister



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# Bid on Trump's life: Secret Service chief says 'we failed'

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WASHINGTON: Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle said on Monday that her agency failed in its mission to protect former President Donald Trump during a highly contentious congressional hearing with lawmakers of both major political parties demanding she resign over security failures that allowed a gunman to scale a roof and open fire at a campaign rally.

In her first congressional hearing on the July 13 assassination attempt, Cheatle repeatedly angered lawmakers by evading questions, citing ongoing investigations.

She called the attempt on

Trump's life the Secret Service's "most significant operational failure" in decades. Cheatle acknowledged that the Secret Service was told about a suspicious person "between two and five times" before the shooting.

Yet, Cheatle gave no indication she intends to resign even as she said she takes "full responsibility" for any security lapses at the Pennsylvania rally.

Cheatle vowed to "move heaven and earth" to ensure that nothing like it ever happens again.

"The Secret Service's solemn mission is to protect our nation's leaders. On July 13th, we failed," Cheatle said.

Lawmakers peppered Cheatle with questions about how the



US Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle

gunman could get so close to the Republican presidential nominee when he was supposed to be carefully guarded and about why Trump was allowed to take the stage after local law enforcement had identified Thomas Matthew Crooks as suspicious. Cheatle acknowledged that Crooks had been seen by local

law enforcement before the shooting with a rangefinder, a small device resembling binoculars that hunters use to measure distance from a target.

She said the Secret Service would have paused the rally if agents had been told there was an "actual threat," but she said there's a difference between someone identified as suspicious and someone identified as a true threat.

Asked about why there were no agents on the roof where the shooter was located or if the Secret Service used drones to monitor the area, Cheatle said she is still waiting for the investigation to play out, prompting groans and outbursts from members on the committee.

"Director Cheatle, because Donald Trump is alive, and thank God he is, you look incompetent," said Rep. Mike Turner, R-Ohio. "If he were killed you would look culpable."

Cheatle, who has spent nearly three decades at the agency, remained defiant that she was the "right person" to lead the Secret Service despite the failures.

Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., noted that the Secret Service director who presided over the agency when there was an attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan later stepped down.

"The one thing we have to have in this country are agencies that transcend politics and have

the confidence of independents, Democrats, Republicans, progressives and conservatives," Khanna said, adding that the Secret Service was no longer one of those agencies.

Trump was wounded in the ear, one rally attendee was killed and two other attendees were injured after Crooks climbed atop the roof of a nearby building and opened fire with an AR-style rifle shortly after Trump started speaking at the July 13 rally in Butler, Pennsylvania.

The Secret Service has acknowledged it denied some requests by Trump's campaign for increased security at his events in the years before the assassination attempt.

# Af has massive opium stockpiles: UN report

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NEW DELHI: Afghanistan continues to have massive stockpiles of opium that can be used to meet the needs of narcotics trafficking networks despite a ban imposed by the Taliban on poppy cultivation, according to a new report by the United Nations Security Council.

A majority of drugs trafficked in India comes from Afghanistan, and Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) agency controls the network used to smuggle the narcotics to different Indian regions, particularly via the maritime route, Indian officials say.

The UN report, prepared by the team that monitors sanctions on the Taliban, said: "As a result of sizeable stockpiles, the trade in narcotics continues to be significant, notwithstanding the ban on the cultivation of opium poppy."

The opium stockpiles in Afghanistan are so great that "no noticeable difference in exports of the drug can be detected from seizure data", according to the report. "Estimates of the scale of stockpiles vary, but it could be several years before the effect of the cultivation ban can be assessed fully," it said.

The UN report further said it



Taliban security personnel destroy a poppy field in Argo district, on May 12.

was "still too early to judge the impact" of the ban on poppy cultivation imposed by the Taliban setup in April 2022. Senior Taliban figures and well-connected traders continue to profit from drug trafficking, it said.

"Numerous de facto authority figures are involved with and profit from continued drug trade, while the Haqqani Network maintains long-established middlemen to promote their interests in heroin trafficking and the more profitable methamphetamine market," the report said.

Citing examples, the report said the Taliban governor of Nangarhar province, Mohammad Naim Barich Khudaidad,

controls the eastern route for narcotics trafficking, while the governor of Balkh province, Yusuf Wafa, controls the northern route. The Indian officials, who declined to be named, said the network of Karachi-based Haji Salim, who works for the ISI, is a key player in trafficking narcotics to India. Salim, the officials said, coordinates with drug lords in Afghanistan for his supplies.

"Not only does Haji Salim work with ISI, but also anti-India terror groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) for funding their terror attacks.

Drugs procured from Afghanistan are labelled with different symbols or inscriptions such as '555', '999', 'Unicorn' and 'Dragon' in clandestine laboratories in Balochistan," said a counter-terrorism official.

"Drug money being used by terror groups is also a worrisome trend," the official added. While the Taliban have taken steps to eradicate drug production following their April 2022 decree banning poppy cultivation, such as the destruction of 834 laboratories and 14,000 hectares of crops, the UN report said there was "significantly less progress in limiting heroin trafficking and synthetics (methamphetamine) production and trade", with the Taliban "continuing to receive significant revenue from narcotics trafficking".

# Israeli PM heads for US to hold talks as death toll in Gaza crosses 39,000

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GAZA STRIP: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu departed for Washington on Monday to deliver a key speech, as the military ordered fresh evacuations in the southern Gaza city of Khan Younis before sending in troops.

Netanyahu called the visit on Monday a "very important trip" that comes at a time of "great political uncertainty", referring to US President Joe Biden's decision not to seek re-election and as Washington pushes Israel to seek a ceasefire deal with Hamas.

The premier is due to meet Biden on Tuesday and address the US Congress the day after. He departs Israel with significant



Benjamin Netanyahu

domestic pressure to agree to a truce and hostage release deal in Gaza.

The nine-month-old war in the Palestinian territory raged on unabated on Monday, with Israel telling civilians in the eastern part of Khan Younis to evacuate.

Gaza's Health Ministry said Israel's campaign in the territory has now killed over 39,000 Pal-

estinians and wounded more than 89,800. Its count does not distinguish between combatants and civilians.

There was already intense shelling in the city on Monday, eyewitnesses said, while a medical source in the city's Nasser Hospital told AFP the toll from the bombing in Khan Younis since dawn today has reached 26 dead.

The health ministry had said there were 14 killed.

In a statement, the Israeli military said "due to significant terrorist activity and rocket fire toward the state of Israel... remaining in this area has become dangerous".

It said its forces were "about to forcefully operate" in the area and told Gazans to move to Al-Mawasi humanitarian zone.



Women police officers escort arrested female PTI workers into a police van after a raid in Islamabad, on Monday.

# Pak police raid HQs of Imran Khan's party

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ISLAMABAD: Pakistan police raided the headquarters of jailed former prime minister Imran Khan's party on Monday, a week after the military-backed government vowed to ban the political movement.

An AFP journalist at the scene saw the headquarters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) sealed off by officers, who led a number of party workers into waiting vans.

Pakistani media initially reported chairman Gohar Ali Khan was taken away, but an Islamabad Police official told AFP they had not arrested him.

The official confirmed the arrest of Raouf Hassan, a founding member and head of the party's press department.

"Raouf Hassan was arrested but the police did not arrest Gohar Ali Khan," the police offi-

other year.

"And the purpose of those trips were many, including that we would well understand where she came from, what produced her; so that we could spend time with our grandparents, with my uncle and our chittis (Tamil for aunt); and to really understand the love of good illi," Harris said to applause and laughter. She recalled her grandfather's early morning walks, stories of India's freedom struggle, and lessons on fighting corruption and inequality, which shaped who she is today.

But Harris also located her own story with the larger story of the rise of the Indian-Americans, naming the five desi members of the US Congress who are called the samosa caucus, and the impact of the community across the country "from the C-suites of American companies to neighbourhood businesses, from the studios of Hollywood to university research labs across our country".

She was right. Last month, in a report titled Small Community, Big Contributions, Boundless Horizons, Indiaspora, among the most respected of the diaspora organisations, examined the impact of the 5.1 million strong community, encompassing first generation immigrants and those who claim Indian roots. The results are telling.

CEOs of Indian origin lead 16 Fortune 500 companies, employing 1.1 million Americans and generating \$1 trillion in revenue. Indians founded 72 of 648 US unicorns and own 60% of American hotels. Despite being 1.5% of the population, they contribute 5-6% of income taxes. From 1975 to 2019, Indian-origin innovators' share of US patents grew from 2% to 10%.

A third of Silicon Valley employees are Indian. The US has 22,000 Indian-origin faculty members, 270,000 Indian students, and 35 of the top 50 colleges have Indian leaders. There are 6,000 Indian restaurants, 36,000 yoga studios, and the diaspora contributes over \$1.5 billion annually in philanthropy. Over 150 Indians hold notable positions in the US administration.

Sanjeev Josphura, the executive director of Indiaspora, locates Harris's rise in this wider context. "Kamala Harris vying for President of the United States is the next step in the steadily increasing engagement of the Indian diaspora in America's political life. On both sides of the aisle, one needn't look far to find Indian origin political and policy leaders at every level, from federal to state to local."

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...Defendants

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**"अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति" (Expression of interest - EOI)**

मैहर जिले के नगर पालिका/नगर पंचायत/नगर परिषद सतना के कार्यक्षेत्र में संचालित निम्नानुसार शालाओं के विद्यार्थियों को प्रधानमंत्री पोषण शक्ति निर्माण अंतर्गत मध्यप्रदेश शासन, पंचायत एवं ग्रामीण विकास विभाग, प्रधानमंत्री पोषण शक्ति निर्माण परिषद द्वारा निर्धारित मनु एवं पोषक तत्वों से युक्त पका हुआ रुचिकर, गर्म एवं गुणवत्तायुक्त भोजन तैयार कर वितरित करने हेतु सक्षम, अनुभव प्राप्त एवं शासन के विधान अनुरूप पंजीकृत शासकीय/अशासकीय संगठन/संस्थाओं का चयन हेतु "अभिरुचि की अभिव्यक्ति" (Expression of interest-EOI) 14.08.2024 दिनांक को 12.00 बजे तक आमंत्रित कर किया जाता है। विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाइट [www.maihar.nic.in](http://www.maihar.nic.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

मैहर जिले के शहरी क्षेत्रों के कार्यक्षेत्र में संचालित शालाओं एवं विद्यार्थियों का विवरण निम्नानुसार है :-

क्र.	शहरी क्षेत्र	शालाओं की संख्या	विद्यार्थियों की संख्या (लगभग)
1.	नगर पालिका मैहर	51	3396
2.	नगर पंचायत अमरपाटन	13	1176
3.	नगर पंचायत रामनगर	34	1693

म.प्र. माध्यम/115489/2024 मुख्य कार्यपालन अधिकारी, जिला पंचायत, सतना (म.प्र.)

**Thane Municipal Corporation, Thane**  
Public Works Department  
Tender Notice

Online tender for one Work for "Construction of EWS and MIG units at Betawade Survey No. 15/1 & Betawade Survey No. 78 at Betawade village, thane on AHP (Affordable Housing in Partnership) - PPP (Public Private Partnership) basis under Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana" is invited by Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC). The details are available in Tender Document (RFP & Concession Agreement). The details are available in Tender Document (RFP & Concession Agreement) with Terms and conditions will be available on website [www.mahatenders.gov.in](http://www.mahatenders.gov.in) from date 23/07/2024 to Dt. 12/08/2024 upto 16:00 Hours. The Prebid Meeting will be held on Dt. 02/08/2024 at 11.30 am. in the office of City Engineer, 3rd floor, TMC Main Building, Dr. Almeida Road, Panchpakhadi, Thane {w.}. On-line tender shall be received on the website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> upto 16.00 hrs. on or before date. 12/08/2024 and will be opened on Dt. 14/08/2024 at 16.00 hrs. if possible in the presence of the tenderer or their representatives.

TMC/PRO/PWD-HQ/166/2024-25  
Dt. 22.07.2024  
City Engineer,  
Thane Municipal Corporation  
Pls visit our official web-site  
[www.thanecity.gov.in](http://www.thanecity.gov.in)

**नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर**  
(पुण्डित दीनदयाल चण्णाय्य भवन लाककोटी, जयपुर)  
फोन नं. नम्बर. 0141-2742054, ई-मेल: dcudt.jmc@gmail.com  
क्रमांक :- जसज/2024/67 दिनांक :- 22.07.2024

**ई-ऑक्शन (होर्डींग) विज्ञापित सं. 41/2024-2025**

नगर निगम, ग्रेटर जयपुर द्वारा सार्वजनिक स्थलों पर विज्ञापन के लिए विभिन्न विज्ञापन साइटों का ई-ऑक्शन निम्नानुसार किया जाना है:-

क्र.सं.	विज्ञापन का नाम	संख्या	ई-ऑक्शन दिनांक	समयावधि
1.	1. निर्मित सुलभ शौचालय पर विज्ञापन एवं संचारण (रूप वाइज) (रूप ए-यूप बी-यूप डी) 2. निर्मित ओवरहेड साईनबोर्ड (गैन्ट्री) 3. नये बैकलिट टॉवर साईट 4. पुराने निर्मित बैकलिट टॉवर साईट 5. निर्मित टॉलेस्ट टॉवर (समूह में)	14 20 9 15 02	12.08.2024	प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 5.30 बजे तक (अंतिम 5 मिनट मेंसेवेक / फर्म द्वारा बोली दिये जाने पर ई-नीलामी की समयावधि में प्रत्येक बार स्वतः ही 15 मिनट की वृद्धि हो जायेगी जिसकी अधिकतम समय सीमा की बाधता नहीं होगी।)
2.	1. मालवीय नगर, जौन, विद्याधर नगर जौन, सांगानेर जौन, मानसरोवर जौन, जगतपुरा जौन एवं मुरलीपुरा जौन यूनिपोल 2. निर्मित बसरोल्टर्स साईट (समूह में), एम.आई.रोड बसरोल्टर्स 3. कियोस्क बोर्ड, (विजली के खंभों पर लगाने वाले छोटे बोर्ड) क्लॉक-ए-पुर्व हवामहल पूर्व जौन 4. 14 निर्मित डिजिटल यूनिपोल समूह में	19 4 01 जौन कियोस्क बोर्ड 14 (समूह में)	13.08.2024	प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 5.30 बजे तक (अंतिम 5 मिनट मेंसेवेक / फर्म द्वारा बोली दिये जाने पर ई-नीलामी की समयावधि में प्रत्येक बार स्वतः ही 15 मिनट की वृद्धि हो जायेगी जिसकी अधिकतम समय सीमा की बाधता नहीं होगी।)

ई-ऑक्शन कार्यक्रम, शर्तें, अमानता राशि, भागीदारी राशि तथा ई-नीलामी बिजनेस रूल्स आदि की जानकारी हेतु नीलामी साईट वेबसाइट [www.jaipurmc.org](http://www.jaipurmc.org) में (E-Auction) पर देखी जा सकती है तथा इसी साईट पर वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 के लिए इच्छुक फर्म/व्यक्ति निर्धारित पंजीयन शुल्क राशि 1,000/- (एक हजार रुपये) जमा करवाकर, पंजीयन करवाकर ई-नीलामी में भाग ले सकते हैं। अमानता राशि दि. 11.08.2024 को राशि 12.00 बजे तक जमा की जायेगी। किसी भी प्रकार की तकनीकी समस्या /अथवा जानकारी हेतु प्रोग्रामर, दूरभाष नं. 8764880056, 8875403031 पर सम्पर्क कर सकते हैं।

उपायुक्त (राजस्व-प्रथम)  
नगर निगम ग्रेटर, जयपुर

**विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय**  
मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल  
क्रमांक- विधा/स्टोर/2024-25(239) दिनांक : 15.07.2024

**निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)**

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/Store/2024-25 (205), Bhopal, Dated 19-06-2024 द्वारा Explosive Vapour Detector & Other 5 Items के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरण के समक-साराणी में "अधिक संशोधन" के संबंध में "शुद्धि पत्र" (Corrigendum) जारी किया गया है जो [website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgp/app](https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgp/app) पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाइट [www.mppolice.gov.in](http://www.mppolice.gov.in) पर उपलब्ध है।

उप पुलिस महानिरीक्षक  
सूचनाओं, म.प्र. भोपाल  
दूरभाष क्र. 07-65-2443654  
Email : sec25-sb@mppolice.gov.in

जी-13704/24

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, LIFF IRRIGATION CONSTRUCTION DIVISION, VARUNAPURAM, IRRIGATION COLONY, SIGRA, VARANASI-221010, UP.**

SHORT TERM e-TENDER NOTICE  
NO. 03/EE/LICD/VNS/TRASH RACK SYSTEM/5 & 6/GPC/2024-25

Online e-bids on prescribed bid forms in two parts namely (i) Technical bid and (ii) Financial bid are invited simultaneously by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Uttar Pradesh only for following work at Gyanpur Pump Canal up to 16.00 Hours on 14.08.2024 and shall be opened at 15.30 Hours on 17.08.2024 as stated below. Firms/Contractors registered as Class A or above (Mechanical/Electrical) in Irrigation Department who had earlier done this work can also participate in this bid. The details for submission of bids are available in the bid document uploaded on the e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>.

Bidders who are not registered with Director of Industries of the State/N.S.I.C. for bidding item are required to submit Bid Security (EMD). Bid security will be deposited in the account of UP e-tender online Account through e-tender Portal by Internet Banking only. All concerned please note that bidding process will not move forward if the Bid Security (EMD) is not paid through e-tender portal by Internet Banking. No other form of bid security will be accepted. But bidders who are intending to seek exemption from submitting bid security (EMD) should submit relevant Industries Registration Certificate issued by competent authority with request letter for exemption. Bid Document Fee also to be deposited in the account of UP e-tender online Account through e-tender portal by internet banking only. All concerned please note that bidding process will not move forward if the Bid Document's Cost (Tender Fee) is not paid through e-tender portal by Internet Banking.

(a) Fabrication, Sand blasting, epoxy painting, shifting & erection of new Trash Rack (06 No. side & 02 No. Top) made of M.S. Plate of 12 mm and 8 mm, dismantling of old worn out Trash Rack of suction side of pump no. 5 & 6 at Gyanpur pump canal. Including all material, labour and T&P/Contractor/Firm will mandatorily use M.S. Plate manufactured by SAIL.	01 JOB
(b) Date & time for Availability of the bid document on website.	26.07.2024 from 10.00 Hours onwards
(c) Period for Bid submission along with Bid Document Fee, Bid Security /Industries Registration Certificate for exemption from EMD and other supporting documents in PDF/XLS format.	From 27.07.2024, 10.00 Hours Upto 14.08.2024 up to 16.00 Hours
(d) Hard copy of original Bid Document fee, Bid Security & Industries Registration Certificate for exemption from EMD and other supporting documents to be deposited in the office concerned.	16.08.2024 upto 14.00 Hours noon
(e) Online opening date & time of Technical Bid.	17.08.2024 at 15.30 Hours
(f) Online opening date & time of Financial Bid.	20.08.2024 at 15.30 Hours
(g) Venue of opening of bid.	Office of the Executive Engineer, Liff Irrigation Construction Division, Varunapuram, Irrigation Colony, Sigra, VARANASI-221010, UP. Ph.No. 0542-2985196
(h) Bid document fee.	Rs. 2,000.00 Stationary Charge + (Rs. 300.00+ Rs. 54.00 GST) (Rs Two Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Four) Only including GST.
(i) Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit).	Rs. 79,800.00 (Rupees Seventy Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Only)
(j) Completion Schedule	36 Weeks

Note:- (i) In case of any variation in English and Hindi version of this Tender Notice, English version shall be applicable.  
(ii) Above items are for Government irrigation purpose only.

Executive Engineer  
Liff Irrigation Construction Division,  
Irrigation Department, Varanasi.

UP 217516 Dt. 19.07.2024, Website: [www.upgovt.nic.in](http://www.upgovt.nic.in)

**Government of Uttarakhand**  
Office of the Director General, Information and Public Relation Department, Uttarakhand  
Suchna Bhawan, Ladpur, Ring Road, Dehradun  
E-mail: [infodirector.uk@gmail.com](mailto:infodirector.uk@gmail.com), Telephone: 0135-2742233 Fax: 2742226

Letter No: 69018/PRO/54-2813 Dated: 22 July, 2024

**Release for Information Directory, 2024 (First Reminder)**

It is proposed to publish the Information Directory, 2024 by the Department of Information and Public Relations. In this regard, it is informed that the department had issued a release through newspapers on Dt. 24th June, 2024, but till date, no department/institution has sent the updated information of the Information Directory/Information Diary-2024 to the department.

Information is required for the publication of Information Directory-2024, their details are being given category wise:- Like prepare the name/designation/telephone No., mobile No., fax No. of all the departments/projects/cooperatives, registrar, council/board, academy/institution/central authority, corporations, chairman, manager, director, tribunal/Lokayukta tribunal/agency, various committees of Uttarakhand, local various institutions, officials of university/educational institutions of Government of India along with updated information and send it compulsorily to departmental e-mail [publicationsuk@gmail.com](mailto:publicationsuk@gmail.com), [suchnaindiry@gmail.com](mailto:suchnaindiry@gmail.com) and fax 0135-2662334 as per the following table from the date of publication of advertisement till 30 July 2024.

Sl. No.	Name/designation of the officer	Name of the allotted departments	Office telephone/ fax number	Residential telephone/fax number	Mobile no.	Departmental website/e-mail
						Sd/- (Banshidhar Tiwari) Director General

DIP No: 22685 dt 22.07.2024

**e-Tender Document for auction (condemn tower)**

**OFFICE OF THE SPTD. OF POLICE (RADIO) UJJAIN ZONE, UJJAIN (M.P.)**  
POLICE LINE, MAHANANDA NAGAR ROAD, UJJAIN (M.P.) PIN No.-456010  
TELEPHONE No.- 0734-29990455, E-mail :- [spradio\\_ujn@mppolice.gov.in](mailto:spradio_ujn@mppolice.gov.in)  
NO. SP(R)/UJ-ZONE/STORE/AUCTION/ 894 /2024 DATE-16/07/2024

**:- OPEN E-TENDER CUM AUCTION NOTICE :-**

S.P. (RADIO) UJN ZONE, UJN invites E-tender for auction of Condemn Wireless Tower (where the condemn tower is in what ever condition) as shown below mentioned :-

S. No.	ITEM NAME	TOTAL QTY	OFF SET PRICE IN Rs.	Required EMD in Rs.	Tender Fee in Rs.
1	45 MTR SELF SUPPORTED TOWER OF TETRA SITE BIJASAN TEKRI HAMUKHEDI UJN	01 No.	90000/-	2700/-	1000/-

- Cost of tender documents is Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. One thousand only) which is non refundable and no Exemption in any condition. tender fee will be deposited online.
- The tender fee and EMD should be deposit online through website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in>
- The Tender should be submitted online on website <https://www.mptenders.gov.in> favour of SP(Radio) UJJAIN ZONE UJJAIN within scheduled date and time.
- The tender documents can be also download from MP Police website (<https://www.mppolice.gov.in>)
- Bidder can be bid only above the offset Price Rupees 90,000/- and GST taxes extra are applicable as per government rules with GST certificate

**6. Schedule :-**

a	Documents download/sale start date/time	19/07/2024 from 1700 hours.
b	Bid Submission Start date/time	28/07/2024 from 1700 hours.
c	Bid Submission End date/time	06/08/2024 up to 1200 hours.
d	Bid will be opened on date/time	09/08/2024 at 1200 hours.

G-13744/24  
Supintendent of Police (Radio)  
UJJAIN ZONE, UJJAIN

**GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION SOLAPUR.**  
Sat Rasta, Near Karigar Petrol Pump, Solapur- 413003  
e-mail- [solapur.ee@mahapwd.com](mailto:solapur.ee@mahapwd.com) Phone No. 0217/2312310  
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 16 FOR 2024-2025 (Online)

Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Solapur-413003 Sat Rasta Solapur invites Online Tenders for the following work from the contractors Registration PWD Maharashtra who fulfill the qualifying criteria mentioned in the Bid Document. Bid Document can be downloaded from the portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Solapur, reserve the right to accept or reject may or all tenders. Conditional tenders shall not be accepted.

Downloading Period of E-Tender	: Dt. 23/07/2024 at 10.00 Hrs to 30/07/2024 at 18.15 Hrs
Pre-Bid Meeting	: Dt. 26/07/2024 at 12.30 Hrs in the office of the Hon. Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle, Solapur (Online via link generated)
Bid Lock	: Dt. 30/07/2024 at 18.15 Hrs
Physical submission DOC.	: At any of the following places within 72 Hrs. after Bid Lock at office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Solapur
Date of Opening of E-Tender	: Dt. 02/08/2024 at 11.00 Hrs. in the office of the Hon. Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle Solapur. (If Possible)

**NOTE:-** Details of Tender documents will be available and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> & <http://mahapwd.com> as under.  
Above Tender Notice is displayed on P.W.D. website [www.mahapwd.com](http://www.mahapwd.com)

Sd/-  
(Manoj R Thakare)  
Executive Engineer,  
Public Work Division, Solapur

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1083

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER,  
KHORHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORHA  
WORKS DEPARTMENT  
Tender call Notice

E-mail: [rbcirckhorha@gmail.com](mailto:rbcirckhorha@gmail.com)

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khorha (R & B) Circle-03/2024-25 Memo No - 1436 Dt. 15/7/2024  
The Chief Construction Engineer, Khorha (R&B) Circle, Khorha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for building works as detailed in the table below:

1. Nature of Work	: Building Works
2. No of Work	: 4Nos
3. Tender Cost	: Rs.10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor	: B & A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website	: From 10.00 AM of Dt.25.07.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt.05.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid	: Dt. 06.08.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: <a href="https://tendersodisha.gov.in">https://tendersodisha.gov.in</a> . Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.	

Chief Construction Engineer  
Khorha (R & B) Circle, Khorha  
OIPR - 3412711/0004/2425

**ODISHA CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION LIMITED, BHUBANESWAR, ODISHA**  
PIN: 751012, Tel No.(0674) 256220, e-Mail: [theoc.ltd@odishaconstruction.com](mailto:theoc.ltd@odishaconstruction.com)  
GSTIN- 21AAOC2571K22M  
"e-Procurement Notice No-12/OCCU/2024-25 (on-line)"

On-line percentage rate tenders are invited for the following works:

Sl No	Name of Work	Name of Division	Bid Identification No	Approx value of work	Bid Security (through on-line transfers per DTGN) (in Rs.)	Period of Completion	Availability & Submission of Tender (on-line)
1	Improvement to service road of 10th distributory of RMC in between RD 4500m to RD 14960m connecting NIT 53 near village Antel of Rushikulya Irrigation System	Berhampur Irrigation Division	OCCU-GMP/04/24-25	Rs.11.42 Crore	Rs. 11,42,000/-	9 (Nine) calendar months	From 23/07/2024, 03.30 PM to 06/08/2024, 5.30 PM
2	Restoration to right bank service road from 00 Km to 2.04 Km & Jayantipur distributory of Bahuda Irrigation Project	Chikiti Irrigation Division	OCCU-GMP/05/24-25	Rs.7.30 Crore	Rs. 7,30,000/-		
3	Improvement to periphery road on right side of Kuanria Dam & road to view tower of Kuanria Irrigation Project	Nayagarh Irrigation Division	OCCU-HQP/49/24-25	Rs. 0.87 Crore	Rs. 87,000/-		
4	Improvement to periphery road of left Distributory from RD 1200 Km to 11.150 Km of Kuanria Irrigation Project	Nayagarh Irrigation Division	OCCU-HQP/50/24-25	Rs.1.93 Crore	Rs. 1,93,000/-		6 (SIX) calendar months
5	Improvement to left bank service road of Guandio minor from RD 75 M to RD 4500 M & RD 5700 M to 7000 M of BBIP		OCCU-HQP/51/24-25	Rs. 1.74 Crore	Rs. 1,74,000/-		

Procurement Office : Managing Director, OCCU. Date of Opening of the Tender: 07.08.2024, 12.00 Noon onwards. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal: <https://www.tendersodisha.gov.in>

Managing Director  
OIPR - 3412011/0020/2425

**NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED**  
(Registered Office: Viduyat Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-800021)  
A Govt. Of Bihar Undertaking  
(DEPARTMENT OF Planning & Engineering)  
CIN-U40109BR2012SGC018920  
[Notice Inviting Tender]  
(Through e-procurement mode only-[www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in))

Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer, (Planning & Engg) for Turn Key Contract for Design, Engineering, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of six(06) nos. of 2X10 MVA, 33/11 KV New PSS along with associated 33 KV and 11 KV lines in different locations of NBPDC land three(03) nos. of new 33 KV line in Chapra circle under State Plan as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	NIT No.	Name of PSS	Capacity	Name of Block	District	Estimated Cost Inclusive of GST (in Crore)	Cost of EMD (in Lacs)	Cost of BOQ/Tender Document (in Rupees)	Bid Processing fee (in Rupee s)
1	45/PR/NBP DC/2024	Jai Prakash College Campus	2X10 MVA	ChapraSadar	Saran	17.81	35.62	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	
2	46/PR/NBP DC/2024	Desri	2X10 MVA	Vibhutipur	Samastipur	12.76	25.52	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	
3	47/PR/NBP DC/2024	G.D.CollegeCa	2X10 MVA	Begusarai Nagar Nigam	Begusarai	11.70	23.4	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	As per actual
4	48/PR/NBP DC/2024	Berha	2X10 MVA	Ladaniyan	Madhubani	10.82	21.64	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	
5	49/PR/NBP DC/2024	Damalbari	2X10 MVA	Pothiya	Kishanganj	8.02	16.04	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	
6	50/PR/NBP DC/2024	G.M.C.H. College Campus Bethah	2X10 MVA	Bethah Nagar Nigam	West Champaran	7.30	14.6	1,00,000/- + GST@18% = 1,18,000/-	

**The Time line for the above tender is as follows:**

Bid Submission Start Date:-	07.08.2024, 11:30 Hrs onwards
Bid Submission Due Date:-	02.09.2024, up to 17:00 Hrs
Physical DOC submission End Date as allowed in the Tender Document	03.09.2024, up to 17:30Hrs
Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:-	04.09.2024, 11:30 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Price Part:-	To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation

Pre-Bid Discussion Through email: [ceplanningnbpdc@gmail.com](mailto:ceplanningnbpdc@gmail.com)  
Pre-bid Discussion Date:- 12.08.2024, 12:30 Hrs  
Pre-bid Query Submission Date:- 12.08.2024  
Venue Details:- Conference hall 4th floor, Viduyat Bhawan-3, Bailey Road, Patna - 800021

The RFP documents can be downloaded from website [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

- The Bank detail of NBPDC is being provided hereunder:
  - Name of Beneficiary A/c: NBPDC Capital A/c
  - Bank A/c No: 0352101042058
  - IFSC Code: CNR80000352
  - Name of Bank: Canara Bank
  - Branch: South Gandhi Maidan, Patna
- Bid processing fee and Cost of BOQ/Tender are mandatory to be paid online mode i.e. internet payment gateways (Credit/Debit cards), Net Banking, NEFT/RTGS. Bids along with necessary online payments must be submitted through e-payment portal [www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in](http://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) before date and time specified in the NIT. The department does not take any responsibility for the delay / Non-submission of tender / Non reconciliation of online payment caused due to non-availability of internet connection, network traffic / Holidays or any other reasons. For online submissions of Cost of BOQ/Tender, bidder shall submit intimation of details to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDC before 17:30 Hrs. of 03.09.2024.
- Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): The Cost of EMD may be paid through either Online or Offline mode. In case, Cost of EMD is opted to paid through Offline mode, Bank Guarantee/Demand Draft for EMD in favour of "Senior Manager (Finance), NBPDC, Patna" must be submitted to Chief Engineer, (P&E), NBPDC, Viduyat Bhawan, Patna positively up to 17:30 Hrs. of 03.09.2024 failing which the tender shall be summarily rejected. For online submissions of Cost of EMD, bidder shall submit intimation to Chief Engineer (P&E), NBPDC before 17:30 Hrs. of 03.09.2024.

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Chief Engineer (P&E)

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# Stocks end lower ahead of budget

In 10 out of the 19 budgets since 2009, markets have given negative returns a week before budget

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**MUMBAI:** The BSE Sensex, India's benchmark stock market index closed at 80,502.8 on Monday, 102.5 points lower than Friday's close. The Sensex has dipped by 0.27% between July 16 and July 22. Does this mean the markets are nervous before the government presents its budget? An analysis by HT shows that the markets turning red before the budget is nothing out of the ordinary.

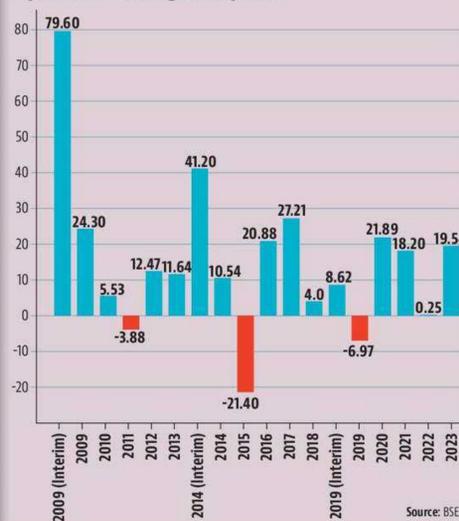
In fact, in 10 out of the 19 budgets presented since 2009 including interim budgets, the markets have given negative returns over the week before the budget. This is largely because investors often tend to reduce their investments in the share market owing to uncertainty regarding budget announcements.

To be sure, markets are affected by many domestic and international factors and it would be wrong to attribute movements a week before the budget to just budget related

**CHART 1** Sensex performance on budget day, a week before, and a week after the day (in %)

Budget	Budget date	Week before	Week after
2009 (Interim)	-3.42	0.53	-2.36
2009	-5.83	0.86	-5.43
2010	1.08	0.39	1.32
2011	0.69	-4.00	-1.21
2012	-1.19	0.99	0.51
2013	-1.52	-0.89	2.62
2014 (Interim)	0.48	0.16	0.86
2014	-0.28	-1.47	2.15
2015	0.48	-0.04	-2.09
2016	-0.66	-2.67	3.70
2017	1.76	-0.19	0.22
2018	-0.16	-0.24	-1.86
2019 (Interim)	0.59	0.64	-0.10
2019	-0.99	1.30	0.04
2020	-2.43	-2.14	3.18
2021	5.00	-4.26	3.11
2022	1.46	0.27	-2.94
2023	0.27	-1.09	1.22
2024 (Interim)	-0.15	1.49	-0.91

**CHART 2** How BSE Sensex has historically fared a year after budget day (in %)



anxieties. The biggest jump in the stock market during the week before the budget came before the 2024 interim budget, when Sensex rose by 1.49%. The biggest fall happened in 2021, when Sensex fell by as much as 4.26%. However,

ever, 2021, also saw the biggest single day rise during the day of the budget among those analysed, as can be seen from the chart 1. On the other hand, although markets tend to remain volatile for a short time after the budget,

historically, they have more often than not managed to end in the green the week after the budget day. Out of the 19 budgets analysed, in as many as 11, the markets remained positive. The biggest spike the week after the budget was seen in 2016,

when BSE Sensex went up 3.7%. Overall, in four out of the last 19 budgets, the market has managed to remain in green both the week before and the week after the budget day. Budgets are not a good indicator of the long term performance

# RBI's Rao flags concerns after global outage

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**MUMBAI:** Reserve Bank of India deputy governor M. Rajeshwar Rao on Monday flagged the risks around cybersecurity and growing dependency of financial services companies on outsourcing arrangements, days after a global Microsoft Windows outage disrupted the operations of industries worldwide, including airlines, banks, and hospitals.

"The first issue I would like to discuss is the issue of third-party dependencies and outsourcing arrangements in regulated entities (REs), because last Friday essentially reflects the kind of risks I am talking about," Rao said at the BFSI summit organized by CareEdge Ratings, referring to the Microsoft outage on 19 July.

Rao acknowledged that third-party dependencies and digital outsourcing have become integral to the operations of financial services entities to enhance efficiency, reduce costs, and improve customer experience, but warned that the arrangements pose several concerns such as selection of the outsourcing partner or lending service providers (LSPs) and their reliability, security, and regulatory compliance.

"For example, while digital lending guidelines mandate that REs should ensure that LSPs engaged by them have suitable grievance redressal mechanism on their website or apps, a recent study undertaken by us found that not all LSPs or apps have the kind of mechanisms we thought they would," he said, adding that poorly managed third-party relationships can lead to not only customer dissatisfaction and reputational damage, but may also invite regulatory and supervisory actions.

Rao flagged cybersecurity as another critical area for financial institutions, including the ability to assess and ensure the preparedness of third-party ser-

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vice providers to protect their digital assets and customer information.

Dependency on third parties can also create vendor lock-in situations, where reliance on a single vendor for critical services or lack of vendor diversification can increase dependency risks and limit the entities' flexibility to adapt to changing market conditions or technological advancements.

Microsoft estimated that 8.5 million computers worldwide were affected due to the outage on 19 July, triggered after cybersecurity software company CrowdStrike rolled out a routine update. The outage caused severe disruptions, including crashing IT systems and derailing air services, news channels and stock exchanges, among others.

Rao also highlighted shortfalls in customer conduct and transparency by financial entities, saying that it is one area where on-ground actions have "fallen short of expectations", which can have significant repercussions on customers' trust and satisfaction.

"However, we continue to observe instances of slow response times to customer queries and complaints, lengthy wait times on customer service hotlines and delayed email responses, contributing to customer dissatisfaction," he said.

Some entities continue to face criticism for their lack of transparency regarding fees, charges, and penal provisions associated with their products and services, wherein customers are often surprised by hidden fees or unclear terms, leading to disputes and complaints.

# Qatar fund chases Byju Raveendran's personal assets

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**MUMBAI/NEW DELHI:** The wealth fund of Qatar has moved an Indian court to compel Byju Raveendran to disclose his personal assets, in a fresh headache for the edtech founder who was separated from his sinking startup just a week ago.

Qatar Investment Authority (QIA), one of the largest external investors in India, also asked the Karnataka High Court to prevent Raveendran from selling, pledging or transferring his assets. In a court filing seen by Mint, the

investor sought to claim Raveendran's personal assets up to \$235.19 million. Apart from investing in the company in 2019 and 2022, QIA had also lent around \$250 million to Raveendran in March 2022, which the math tutor turned entrepreneur ploughed back into Byju's in its last funding round at a peak valuation of \$22 billion.

In its petition, QIA asked the court to "pass an order of injunction restraining Respondent No.1 (Byju Raveendran) including his servants, agents, and assigns from, in any manner dealing/parting with, selling, charging, pledging, transferring, disposing

of, alienating, or encumbering, or in any manner creating any right, title or interest in any of their assets...".

The Qatar fund's action, the latest in a series of measures by investors and debtors against Byju's, is also a rare instance of an investor demanding details of a founder's personal assets. Raveendran's assets are not fully known; however, in his personal capacity, he owns a minority stake in Aakash Education Services, the test prep unit seen as the Byju's group's crown jewel.

"If the party has issued a personal guarantee, then in case of default, lenders can enforce a



**Byju Raveendran, founder, Byju's.** MINT

personal guarantee by initiating legal proceedings. A personal guarantee can be of a continuing type of a specific guarantee", said Jidesh Kumar, managing partner, Kings Stubbs & Kasiva, a

law firm. However, it is not clear from the QIA filing whether Raveendran did offer a personal guarantee. The last known high-profile case where a personal guarantee was invoked by a lender was in the case of Kingfisher Airlines founder Vijay Mallya. Generally, banks demand personal guarantees in clearing large loans.

Qatar Investment Authority has sought relief under Section 9 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. Respondents include Raveendran and his Singapore investment entity Byju's Investments, which is controlled by Raveendran and

his family.

In 2022, QIA had lent \$250 million to Raveendran against his shares in Think & Learn Pvt. Ltd, which he invested in the edtech business at a valuation of \$22 billion. At the time, Raveendran had pointed to the steep valuation to claim that Byju's was not affected by the onset of a funding winter.

This transaction was initially part of an \$800 million round announced in March 2022 from equity investors such as Vitruvian Partners, Oxshott Capital Partners and Sumeru Ventures. Investments from Oxshott and Sumeru never materialised.

# CCI sends queries on RIL, Disney merger

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**NEW DELHI:** India's antitrust body has asked Reliance Industries and Walt Disney around 100 questions linked to their \$8.5 billion India media assets merger, including details on sports rights as it heightens its scrutiny of the deal, two sources told Reuters.

Antitrust experts had warned that the Reliance and Disney deal, which was announced in February, could face intense scrutiny as it will create India's biggest entertainment player with 120 TV channels and two streaming services. The companies will also together own lucrative rights for cricket, India's most popular sport.

In a confidential submission to the Competition Commission of India (CCI) in May, the companies said their merger would not hurt the competition, and argued that cricket rights will expire in 2027 and 2028 and allow bidding by rivals, and advertisers can target cricket-watching consumers on many rival platforms including YouTube. Reuters reported in May. The CCI has now sought more details via two sets of

questions, including why YouTube - which mostly has free, user-generated content - should be treated in the same market as subscription streaming services like Netflix and Disney, two sources familiar with the matter said.

Reliance and Disney have responded to the CCI questions and argued YouTube too has its own licensed, paid content as well as a wide reach, said the sources, who declined to be named as the information is confidential. Data from Media Partners Asia last year showed that YouTube accounted for 88% of the online video market in India, while the premium video market of 12% is dominated by streaming services which "curate premium long-form content".

Reliance-Disney will also own digital and TV cricket rights worth billions of dollars for top cricket tournaments as well as for the Wimbledon tennis championship, which has raised more antitrust concerns. The CCI has also asked the companies details on which entity owns which sports rights and for how long, as well as information on who had bid for them previously.

# Sebi eyes quick resolution of intermediary violations

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**MUMBAI:** Markets regulator, Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), is moving towards a significant overhaul in how it handles minor violations by market intermediaries, such as stock brokers and investment advisers. This proposed change is not only a major shift in domestic regulatory practices but also aligns with global standards for efficient market oversight, as per experts.

On 16 July, Sebi released a consultation paper proposing the inclusion of summary proceedings for certain violations of securities laws by intermediaries. This proposal aims to introduce legal changes in the Sebi (Intermediaries) Regulations to enable the regulator to act more swiftly in protecting investor interests.

The new provisions are designed to expedite resolution times. The summary proceeding is a legal mechanism designed for the swift resolution of cases without the need for a full trial. This approach, previously part



**Violators will have 21 days to respond to the allegations.** MINT

of Sebi's regulations before their repeal in 2008, is now being reintroduced to address obvious or admitted violations more efficiently. According to the consultation paper, summary proceedings are intended to provide uniform treatment for similar violations and streamline the enforcement process, which can currently be cumbersome.

Under the new proposal, Sebi plans to use summary proceedings for cases such as expulsion of members by stock exchanges or clearing corporations, termination of depository agreements, and non-payment of reg-

istration fees, among others. Violators will have 21 days to respond to the allegations, with Sebi aiming to issue a final order within an additional 21 days. Notably, this process will not include personal hearings, potentially concluding cases within 50 days—a substantial reduction from the current timelines.

Senior securities lawyer Chirag M. Shah views the proposed changes as a strategic move to reduce Sebi's adjudication time, thereby freeing up resources for more critical matters.

This sentiment is echoed by advocaccient two-step process as inefficient. The existing procedure involves issuing a show-cause notice and providing a deepak Dhane, founder of law firm Corporate Pleaders, who highlights the an opportunity for personal hearings, which can extend over several months. Dhane believes that the new provisions would significantly streamline this process, making it faster and more efficient.

"These provisions may not be applicable to cases where the facts and/or alleged contraventions are disputed by an intermediary," he added.

# Centre begins planning for airport privatisation 3.0

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**NEW DELHI:** The Centre has begun planning for the next phase of airport development under public-private partnerships (PPPs), two officials aware of the development said. The development is in line with the required infrastructure push to the world's fastest growing aviation market.

"We have initiated internal discussions and we hope to move on the matter in such a way that we can invite preliminary bids for the airports under the next phase of PPP before the end of the current financial year," one of the officials said on the condition of anonymity.

So far, the civil aviation ministry is looking to continue its ear-



**Currently, only 14 out of the more than 135 airports in the country are operated under the PPP mode.** MINT

lier strategy of clubbing a major airport with a minor airport, which was also part of the draft plan strategised under the previous government of the national democratic alliance (NDA).

However, the airports to be considered in the new phase will be relooked at. "We will be reass-

essing the airports that will be part of this round. We have not taken a decision as yet on that," the second official cited above said, also requesting to not be named.

The new government's renewed focus on airport development is also visible in the Eco-

nomic Survey 2024-2025, which was tabled on Monday in the Parliament.

"The number of airports in India has more than doubled since 2014," the survey noted. "However, there is need to augment this capacity by adding more airports as well as expansion/upgradation of existing airports in the next five years."

Further, the survey noted that the Indian market still has untapped potential despite impressive growth in the past decade. "At around 0.13 air trips per capita, the current passenger air traffic is a fraction of India's potential," the survey noted.

"A PPP push is essential for airport development in India as it helps address funding gaps, brings in private sector efficiency and expertise, and speeds up the modernization of air-

ports," Pragna Priyadarshini, Vice President at Primus Partners said. "Private partnerships ensure better operational performance and support the overall growth of the aviation sector." Queries sent to the civil aviation ministry remained unanswered until press time.

Currently, only 14 out of the more than 135 airports in the country are operated under the PPP mode, as per government data. These airports are generally leased for a specific time period, usually 50 years, and as per the terms and conditions of the bid documents.

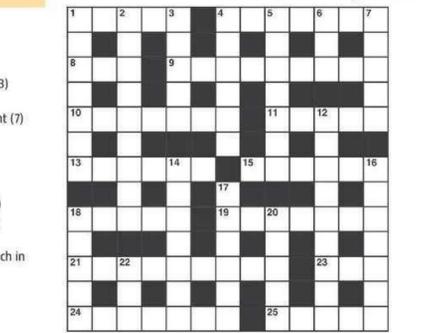
This will be the third phase of airport privatization. The first phase—in the mid-2000s—saw privatisation of airports in Delhi and Mumbai, and construction of greenfield airports in Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

## { THE CROSSWORDS }

### CRYPTIC CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Cries when the law is broken (5)
  - Desert nation's competition (3,4)
  - In the morning one has a purpose (8)
  - Drank disrupted pool game (5,4)
  - Fear led to new form of government (7)
  - Children's edition (5)
  - Actually it's about a friend (6)
  - Writer's mistakes in Latin (6)
  - Divided with 100 over (5)
  - Round, plump and mouth-filling (7)
  - Humane reason to buy presents (9)
  - Have to confess (3)
  - Cunning action made with the French in view (7)
  - It's the herb season we hear (5)
- DOWN**
- Term commonly used for a hiding - why? (4,3)
  - Item I made can be produced without delay (9)
  - Someone mending a pipe (5)
  - Repeat the story about famous archer (6)
  - Row about stray dog (7)
  - An attempt to indicate time past (3)
  - Elicit approval in a girl (5)
  - Remain outside a coach as required by law (9)
  - Allowing buildings to be leased (7)
  - Notice indicating a go-slow could be at an end (7)
  - Vote is for the old Russian government (6)
  - Slaps on the wrist (5)
  - Should be anything or nothing (5)
  - Regret expressed in the French way (3)

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### QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
- Exemplify (3,2)
  - Lay in supplies (5,2)
  - A hard durable wood (3)
  - Beforehand (2,7)
  - Watch carefully (7)
  - A form of football (5)
  - Draw back in fear (6)
  - Start a journey (3,3)
  - The Devil (5)
  - To ham (7)
  - Deceitful treatment (3-6)
  - Follow persistently (3)
  - City of the Hanging Gardens (7)
  - A limited scale (5)
- DOWN**
- Display proudly (4,3)
  - Temporary substitute (9)
  - Earlier (5)
  - Sailors (6)
  - Coin's "head" side (7)
  - One's relatives (3)
  - Devoutness (5)
  - Talk seemingly nonstop (2,3,2)
  - Means of restraint (7)
  - Weariness (7)
  - Supporting pillar (6)
  - Brushwood (5)
  - Flowering tree with berries (5)
  - To catch (3)

### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16918)



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Fill in all the squares in the grid so that each row, column and each of the 9x9 squares contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

### { WEATHER }

**TEMPERATURE HIGH + LOW**

**TUESDAY**  
Generally cloudy sky with moderate rain  
35°C | 29°C

**WEDNESDAY**  
Generally cloudy sky with moderate rain  
34°C | 27°C

**THURSDAY**  
Generally cloudy sky with light rain  
34°C | 27°C

### ALMANAC

Today is 23rd July 2024

- 16 Muharram, 1446
- 2 Shrawana, Krishna Paksha, 2
- Samat 2081
- Sunset: Tuesday at 07:17 pm
- Sunrise: Wednesday at 05:39 a.m.
- Moonset: Tuesday at 07:22 a.m.
- Moonrise: Tuesday at 09:03 p.m.

### TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS

Delhi 35°C | 29°C

Mumbai 28°C | 24°C

Kolkata 30°C | 26°C

Chennai 36°C | 27°C

**Saloma Yomdo assumes the role of Director (E&D) at Oil India Limited**

Saloma Yomdo assumed the position of Director (Exploration & Development) at Oil India Limited on July 19. Yomdo, a graduate in Petroleum Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology (Indian School of Mines), joined Oil India in 1994. Prior, he held the position of Executive Director (E&D) at OIL.

**GM reviews performance of Northern Railway**

Shobhan Chaudhuri, GM, Northern Railway held a performance review meeting with the departmental heads of Northern Railway & DRMs at Baroda House, New Delhi. The GM emphasised that safety is the main concern over railways, and all efforts should be directed towards maintaining the tracks, rolling stock, and signalling in top order.

**Union Civil Aviation Minister issues important statement**

Union Civil Aviation Minister, Kinjarapu Rammoan Naidu has announced the implementation of a uniform IGST rate of 5% on all aircraft and aircraft engine parts, effective from July 15. This decision marks a significant milestone for the domestic Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul industry, aimed at making India a global aviation hub. This new policy simplifies the tax structure, and fosters growth.

**World Heritage Young Professionals Forum 2024 inaugurated**

India is hosting for the first time the UNESCO's prestigious World Heritage Committee meeting from July 21-31 in New Delhi. As an integral part of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, the Ministry of Culture is hosting the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum. Pt Deendayal Upadhyaya Institute of Archaeology is hosting the Young Professionals Forum under the theme of World Heritage in the 21st Century in New Delhi.

**Public Relations Society Delhi organises a webinar**

Public Relations Society Delhi organised a thought-provoking webinar on "AI and Media: Transforming Content and Consumption" featuring esteemed speaker Professor Sanjeev Bhanawat, former HoD, Department of Journalism and Mass Communication University of Rajasthan. Held on the sidelines of World PR Day, this insightful session provided an in-depth exploration of the transformative impact of artificial intelligence on media and content consumption.

## Employees' State Insurance Corporation outreaches to North East States & Sikkim

Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) held a two-day zonal program having brainstorming sessions with various Trade Union leaders, Employers & other Employees representatives, Labour Secretaries and their representatives of all State governments of the North Eastern States and Sikkim at the Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati, to further expand the coverage of ESI Scheme in all the districts of these states. Kamal Kishore Soan, the Director General of ESIC, chaired all the sessions, with all



concerned Commissioner level officers of ESIC HQ as well as the Zonal Insurance Commissioner and Medical Commissioner, in attendance. Meetings were held to get their ground-level feedback.

## ICG conducts successful rescue operation for stranded IFB

Indian Coast Guard successfully coordinated a search and rescue operation for the stranded Indian Fishing Boat (IFB) Aashni (IND-TN-12-MM-6623) despite heavy rains and challenging weather conditions on July 17. During the late hours of July 16, an ICG Dornier aircraft on maritime surveillance located the distressed IFB with 11 crew members, 50 nautical miles off Ponani (80 nautical miles from Kochi).



verted ICGS Saksham, who was on patrol, to assist. The IFB was in distress due to uncontrolled flooding from a hull rupture near the keel and a loss of propulsion.

## BIS urges use of ISI-marked helmets

The Bureau of Indian Standards has issued a critical appeal to all two-wheeler riders nationwide, emphasising the importance of wearing ISI-marked helmets to ensure their safety and well-being. This initiative is part of a broader effort to enhance road safety and reduce fatalities resulting from two-wheeler accidents. "Our standards are regularly updated to keep pace with advancements in technology and changes in automotive and road infrastructure," informed Pramod Kumar Tiwari, Director General, BIS.

## India Pavilion inaugurated at Lifestyle Week in Tokyo



"The Cottage" participated in the Lifestyle Week, held in Tokyo, Japan from July 3-5 with ten exhibitors from the Handloom and Handicraft sector. The India Pavilion set up by "the Cottage" was inaugurated by Madhusudan Ravindran Deputy High Commissioner, Embassy of India (Japan) and turned out to be a success.

## 67 PG students complete internship at the NHRC

67 postgraduate level students from diverse academic streams coming from various universities and colleges in the country completed the month-long summer internship at the National Human Rights Commission, India. Addressing the valedictory session, Vijaya Bharathi Sayani, Acting Chairperson, NHRC congratulated the interns on the completion of their internship. She urged that they should remain vigilant towards the instances of violation of the human rights of the vulnerable sections of society and raise their voices for their protection.

## Extensive parking facilities to be made at RRTS stations

NCRTC will provide extensive parking facilities to the commuters of Nammo Bharat trains along the entire Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut RRTS corridor. More than 8,000 vehicles will be accommodated in these parking spaces. The Nammo Bharat train services are connecting regional nodes across NCR with high speed. RRTS stations are strategically located at an average distance of 5 to 10 km. With an intent to promote use of public transport, NCRTC is taking various initiatives to provide best-in-class first/last mile connectivity.

## DSIIDC to e-auction industrial plots in Narela and Bawana

DSIIDC recently announced an e-auction of Industrial/Kiosks Plots and built-up kiosks on a freehold basis in Narela and Bawana Industrial Areas. The e-auction is slated to be held on August 19. This e-auction presents a great opportunity for industrialists/businessmen to own industrial/kiosk plots and built-up kiosks on a "FREEHOLD" basis in planned and well-developed industrial areas of Delhi. The scheme which commenced on July 12 will conclude on August 12. In total, 110 industrial/kiosks plots and built-up kiosks have been selected for the e-auction with plot size varying from a minimum of 100 sq mt to a maximum size of 1333.99 sq mt.

For details of the scheme, the applicants can visit the website of DSIIDC, www.dsiidc.org and also payment of earnest money deposit can also be done through the website. A dedicated helpdesk has been established at DSIIDC office, A-74, Lajpat Nagar III, where during working hours on all working days, officers are available to assist the applicants.

## Inauguration of NSIC new training held

In a significant stride towards fostering skill development and entrepreneurship, the Minister of MSME, Jitan Ram Manjhi, and the Minister of State, Shobha Karandlaje, inaugurated the New Training at the NSIC Technical Service Centre (NTSC) in Okhla, New Delhi. The event witnessed the presence of SCL DAS, Secretary (MSME), Dr Rajneesh (AS & DC), Mercy Epao, JS-SME, Vipul Goel (JS-ARI), and Dr SS Acharya, CMD, NSIC. The inauguration ceremony commenced with a warm welcome by Dr SS Acharya.

## GeM's e-learning courses availed in 12 languages

Launched earlier this year, the new Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Learning Management System provides access to a multi-lingual interface and SCORM-compliant interactive e-learning courses. GeM has introduced its interactive & multilingual LMS in six additional official languages making this user-friendly learning platform now accessible in a total of twelve official languages of India- Assamese, Bengali, English, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Odia, Punjabi, Tamil, and Telugu, catering to diverse user needs.



The International School Leaders' Summit by Alliance University held on July 12-14, convened educational leaders, professionals, and experts globally to tackle contemporary challenges in education through innovative solutions.



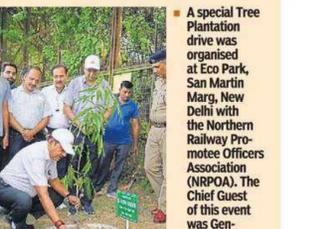
The Minister of State for Defence, Sanjay Seth visited the Bengaluru Complex of Bharat Electronics Limited. He was received by Manoj Jain, CMD, Bhanu Prakash Srivastava, Director (Other Units) and other senior officers.



NHPC Renewable Energy Ltd and Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd entered into a strategic partnership to implement Rooftop Solar Projects on the government buildings to achieve 100% solarisation by Dec 2025.



Dr Shankar Goenka, the prominent TEDx Speaker and Corporate Training Leader addressed the WPPSS CEO's Conclave: Wheat and Wheat Products Vision 2030, organised by Wheat Products Promotion Society in New Delhi.



A special Tree Plantation drive was organised at Eco Park, San Martin Marg, New Delhi with the Northern Railway Promotee Officers Association (NRPOA). The Chief Guest of this event was General Manager (Northern Railway) Shobhan Chaudhuri.



As part of the ongoing nationwide celebration of Swachhata Pakhwada 2024, an EV charging station comprising 2 nos of EV Chargers, each of 30kw and 9.9kw respectively, was installed and inaugurated at Sector-15A, Noida.



Uttam Lal, Director (Personnel), NHPC Limited was conferred with ET HR World Future Skills L&D Leaders Gold Award 2024. NHPC was also conferred with ET HR World Future Skills Gold Award 2024.



REC Limited signed an MoU with the Indian Red Cross Society to provide Rs 10 cr for the procurement and deployment of nine Mobile Medical Units (MMUs) and covers related operational expenditures for three years.



On the final day of the National Workshop on 'Yogic Sukshma Vyayama', held from July 8 to July 13, a closing ceremony took place in the Kriya Hall of the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY).



"Rath Yatra - Eka Aitiha" by ITC Ashirwad Atta once again honours the timeless legacy of Orissa's Rath Yatra. Under this campaign, devotees can visit the Ashirwad activation near Bada Sankha More at Grand Road, Puri.

**MADHYA PRADESH RURAL ROAD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
(AN AGENCY OF PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, GOVT. OF M.P.)  
3rd Floor, Vikas Bhawan, Arera Hills, Bhopal (M.P.)  
(GST No. 23AAATM9054A32X)

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 1192 (PM-JANMAN) (Batch-1, Year-2024-25)**

No. 8931/22-D/12/MPRRDA/2024 Bhopal, dated: 22.07.2024

Online Tenders for Construction of Rural Roads/CDs with 5 years maintenance are invited on the E-Procurement System portal <https://www.pmgstenders.gov.in> as detailed below:

- Name of Work : Construction/Up-gradation of Rural Roads under PMGSY including maintenance for Five year after construction.
- SSR Applicable : SSR issued by M.P. Rural Road Development Authority, effective from 01.01.2024 and amended upto issue date of NIT.

S. No.	Name of District	No. of Packages	No. of Road	Total Length (in kms)	Total PAC (In Rs.)
1	Anuppur	6	10	30.50	189342800.00
2	Ashoknagar	1	1	2.92	23087164.00
3	Dindori	5	11	28.98	206075279.00
4	Gwalior	1	1	2.00	13049877.00
5	Narsinghpur	2	2	41.6	448167100.00
6	Shivpuri	2	3	9.08	52116000.00
7	Shahdol	5	11	29.36	183633125.00
8	Sidhi	1	1	35.85	199430000.00

1. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of Submission: The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in [www.pmgstenders.gov.in](http://www.pmgstenders.gov.in). The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities.

2. Bid document may be purchased online from 25.07.2024 (17:30 hrs) and last date for online bid submission is 16.08.2024 (17:00 hrs)

3. Other Critical dates and details can be viewed in the detailed N.I.T. and SBD for PMGSY Works (June-2020) on the above-mentioned portal and concerned PIU.

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (TENDER)  
M.P. Madhyam/115480/2024  
"मेरी सड़क" ऐप डाउनलोड कर फीडबैक देकर राष्ट्र के विकास में सहयोग दें।

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES**  
(An Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, Near Qutub Minar, New Delhi-110030

**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW**

Eligible candidates from Indian Nationals may appear for WALK-IN-INTERVIEW for the posts of Senior Resident in various specialties in pay level 11 of pay matrix as per 7th CPC on Monday 05 August 2024 at 10.00 AM and WALK-IN-INTERVIEW for the posts of Junior Resident (Non Academic Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases) on contractual basis on fixed emoluments for a period of 6 months on 29th July 2024 at 10.00 AM in NITRD.

S.No.	Name of Post	No. of Posts
1	Senior Resident (TB & Respiratory Diseases)	8 (UR-3, OBC-2, SC-1, ST-1, EWS-1)
2	Senior Resident (Pathology)	EWS-1
3	Senior Resident (Radiology)	UR-1
4	Senior Resident (Microbiology)	UR-1
5	Senior Resident (Thoracic Surgery)	UR-1
6	Senior Resident (Biochemistry)	UR-1
7	Junior Resident, (Non Academic Tuberculosis & Respiratory Diseases)	10 (on contractual basis) (6-UR, 2-OBC, 1-SC, 1-EWS)

Detail of the posts, qualifications, terms and conditions etc. can be obtained from website [www.nitrd.nic.in](http://www.nitrd.nic.in) / Institute's notice board.

DIRECTOR

**NEW OKHLA INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**  
Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.)  
Website : [www.noidaauthorityonline.in](http://www.noidaauthorityonline.in)

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

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

**A) Fresh Tender Work:-**

SL No.	Job No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs)
1	01/DGM (E/M)/Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2024-25	Supply and Installation of Rain Curtain type Fountain at Noida Enter Gate Sector-14A Noida.	107.47

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 05.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 06.08.2024 at 11.00 AM.

**B) Re-Tender Work:-**

SL No.	Job No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs)
1	11/DGM/Sr. M.(E&M)-II/2024-25/ET	Providing octagonal poles for Street light on 12 Mtr. road, 18 Mtr. road in Internal roads of Sector-55, Noida.	134.66
2	06/DGM (E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33/11KV Sub-station in sector-78, Noida	1061.63

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 29.07.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened / downloaded on dated 30.07.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Dy. General Manager (E&M) NOIDA  
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

OFFICE OF THE PROJECT MANAGER, CONSTRUCTION UNIT,  
**UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM**  
Collectorate Compound, Rudrapur, Dist.- Udham Singh Nagar

Letter No.: 1577/Nivida/158 Date: 22-07-2024

**E-Tender Notice**

- Name of the work:- REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSTEL BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION OF TOILET AT I.T.I. GULARBHOJ (UDHAM SINGH NAGAR)
- Estimated Cost:- Rs. 70.16 Lakh
- Period of Completion:- 06 Month
- Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal:- 24.07.2024 (17.00hrs)
- Last date/Time of receipt of bids in the portal :- 07.08.2024 (17.00 hrs)
- Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening :- 09.08.2024 (11.00 hrs)
- Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place:- 27.07.2024 (11.00 hrs) Rudrapur.
- Tender further details, details of subsequent Amendment / correction documentation etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in)

PROJECT MANAGER

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION CIRCLE,  
**UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM, PITHORAGARH**  
Phone/Fax : 05965-230044 E-Mail: [executivechempawati@gmail.com](mailto:executivechempawati@gmail.com)

Bid Notification No. : 1892/Nivida/109, Date: 22.07.2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE (Re-Tender) (Two Bid System)**

Name of the work: Shree Byandhura Mela Kshtra w/s scheme (State Sector Rural).

Date of Publication on e-procurement portal Date. 23.07.2024 at 17.00 hrs.

Note : Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal - [www.uktenders.gov.in](http://www.uktenders.gov.in) & contact 05965-230044.

“जय संघ चीन संघ” “सतत संघ, हर घर खेत से जल” “सक पहना है जल” “आरत में ही नच दुल”  
Superintending Engineer

**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**  
(Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Ashwani Goswami** S/o Dharampal Goswami R/o NIT No. 3 Baka Chowk near Vaid Bladma office Faridabad, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 629/21 U/S 356/379/34 IPC, PS Karol Bagh and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Ashwani Goswami** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ashwani Goswami**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made **Ashwani Goswami** in FIR No. 629/21 U/S 356/379/34 IPC, PS Karol Bagh is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.08.2024.

By order  
Ms. Shipra Dhankar  
Metropolitan Magistrate  
Room No.-180  
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9276/CD/2024

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**A) Fresh-Tender Work:**

Sr. No.	Job No.	Name of the Work	Tender Amount (Rs. Lacs)
1.	09/DGM/SM(WC-1)/2024-25	M/o Road (C/o Internal C.C. road and drain and culvert in S, V, Y & Z-Block in Sector-12), Noida.	218.48
2.	09/DGM/SM(WC-8)/ET/2024-25	M/o Village (P/L CC Pavement and R/o drain in front of Pillar No. 110 Main Gate in Village Salarpur), Noida.	144.89
3.	04/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2024-25	C/o Drain on 45.00 mtr wide road from Metro line toward Pusta Facility Plot side in Sector-147), Noida.	191.25
4.	06/DGM/SM(WC-10)/ET/2024-25	C/o RCC Drain and repairing of drain including providing and placing of drain cover from Golf Course towards Dairy Gujjaran ki on 45.00 mtr wide road between Sector-155 & 151A, Noida.	147.42
5.	01/DGM/SM(WC-6)/2024-25	Resurfacing of road (P/L DBM and BC work on 45.00 mtr. wide road Vedvan Park T-Point to Elite Society Sector-78), Noida.	192.55
6.	04/DGM/SM(WC-6)/2024-25	M/o Road (Remodelling of footpath between Sector-73 and Sector-122), Noida.	137.39
7.	05/DGM/SM(WC-6)/2024-25	Strengthening of road (P/L BC layer on Internal road Sector-119), Noida.	195.03

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 06.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 07.08.2024 at 11.00 AM.

Dy. General Manager (Civil) NOIDA  
CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

**APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION**

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown**, was found dead on 18.06.2024 at 09.42 PM from the area in front of H.No. WZ-106/68, Street side Rajouri Garden, Delhi. In this regard DD No.: 149A, Dated 18.06.2024, has been lodged at Police Station Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:  
**Sex** : Male, **Age** : 50 years, **Height** : 5'6", **Complexion**: Wheatish, **Wearing**: Green Shirt and Blue Jeans Pant.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO  
P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi-110027  
Ph.: 011-25448885, 25453990  
DP/9579/WD/2024

SPORT  PARIS OLYMPICS

In this series, we look at the bond between some of India's Olympics-bound athletes and their coaches and find out what makes them click

# One last tango in Paris for Sharath

The 42-year-old Indian table tennis star will compete in his fifth Olympic Games in Paris but he still needs his young German coach Chris Pfeiffer to give him the odd nudge or two

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**BENGALURU:** Shuffle your feet, shuffle your feet – Chris Pfeiffer often has to remind Sharath Kamal. Decades in elite sport can mean switching to auto-pilot and letting your practised skill take the wheel. The 42-year-old Indian will be playing his fifth Olympics in Paris.

"There's a lot of control in my wrists and hands. It sort of takes over and basically, I start to become slightly laid back and begin to take things for granted," says Sharath. "And skill alone is never enough." That's when the reminders from German coach Chris come in handy. "I need somebody to keep pushing me, getting me out of my comfort zone. Chris is that guy. To keep moving and to stay active is the German way."

Until he moved back to India in 2016, Sharath lived in Germany and played in the Bundesliga for several years. It's where he ran into Chris the first time, who was then coach to the under-21 German national team. Their centre in Dusseldorf was also where Sharath's club was housed and they often saw each other at practice sessions.

Chris took up Manika Batra's offer to be her coach and arrived in India in 2022. The relationship ended up being short-lived and by November that year he was on a plane back to Germany.

A few weeks later, Sharath called. "Help me qualify for the Olympics?" he suggested. The 36-year-old German returned to India in a few months and has been living in Chennai for a year and a half now.

Sometime last year Chris and Sharath sat down to plan for Paris. "At your age, it's hard to cover the whole table with just your forehead," Chris told Sharath. "So we have to work on your backhand, make that our goal for the Olympics, even if you're not so comfortable with it." Sharath agreed.

"Germans are pretty straightforward," says Chris. "Sharath knows it well enough. People were a little hard on him when he was in Germany. Later he realised it was a good thing for him. It pushed him to a better level. Also, for me, it's not like working with a 20-year-old athlete. Sharath understands his body extremely well and he wants to be the best version he can be, so I can be brutally honest with him. Just the amount of work he's put in over the past year has been incredible."

"Even as a young coach I was always very impressed by how rooted Sharath is even though he achieved so much for India. He's still the same guy."

Chris reckons not too many of his compatriots would be able to shift continents, time zones and live for months together in India like he has. "My feeling is that Tamil Nadu is one of the more traditional states in India. It was also one reason why I took up this adventure. I wanted to learn a little bit about other cultures. I like living in India, it's been quite good so far," he says. "Language can be a barrier at

times... Tamil is super hard."

In addition to Chris, Sharath has in-house help too. "What needs to be done I usually know, but for how best it can be done I seek out Rajath," says Sharath, of his younger brother. "I lean on him for tweaks and improvisations. It's his primary strength. Since I've been playing the game for a long time, certain old habits linger. But the game has changed. So, he sits down with videos of my play, breaks down those old habits and says 'okay we can't be doing that any longer'. He understands biomechanics well so he's able to tell me how to position my shoulder and legs, all of that."

Rajath quit playing the sport early after a shoulder dislocation. He completed an MBA degree, took up a corporate job and soon realised his heart wasn't in it. He joined the national federation as performance analyst in 2009 and later slowly took over the job of overseeing Sharath's training from his father and uncle, who were formerly coaches. Sharath spent the entire pandemic cooped up at home, sparring with Rajath.

"I would visit Sharath when he was playing in Europe and would travel with him for tournaments. Even though I am the younger one, when he's playing, and I sit behind him, he kind of listens to me," laughs Rajath. "Growing up he was a bit strict with me, taking care of me like a proper elder brother but once we got professionally associated, I suppose there are less emotions involved."

The sibling dynamics though can come in the way at times. "Obviously Rajath has a lot of respect for me as a player. Just the way we've grown up together, it may be hard for him sometimes to be brutally honest with if he doesn't like something. 'I want you to tell me what you really think', I sometimes tell him," Sharath says. "What's best about him is he's really calm, so it also helps me stay calm when he's around. I'm pretty certain that had he not stopped playing when he did, he would have gone on to become a much more successful player than I am."

It's largely in training that Rajath pitches in. Sharath gives him a structure of his calendar – the tournaments he wants to play, when he wants to peak and they then sit down with his fitness coach and chalk out a plan. "When it comes to matches, Sharath is among the most experienced players on the circuit," says Rajath. "He doesn't really need technical inputs when he's playing. He just wants the energy, the eye contact after a great point, that's all."

Both Chris and Rajath will be by Sharath's side in Paris. It's also going to be Sharath's final Games. Rajath reckons he wouldn't have missed it for the world. "For an athlete of his age to push himself toward a fresh goal is just so inspiring to watch. I suppose all of us learn from Sharath in many ways," says Chris. "I can't say there are too many like him."

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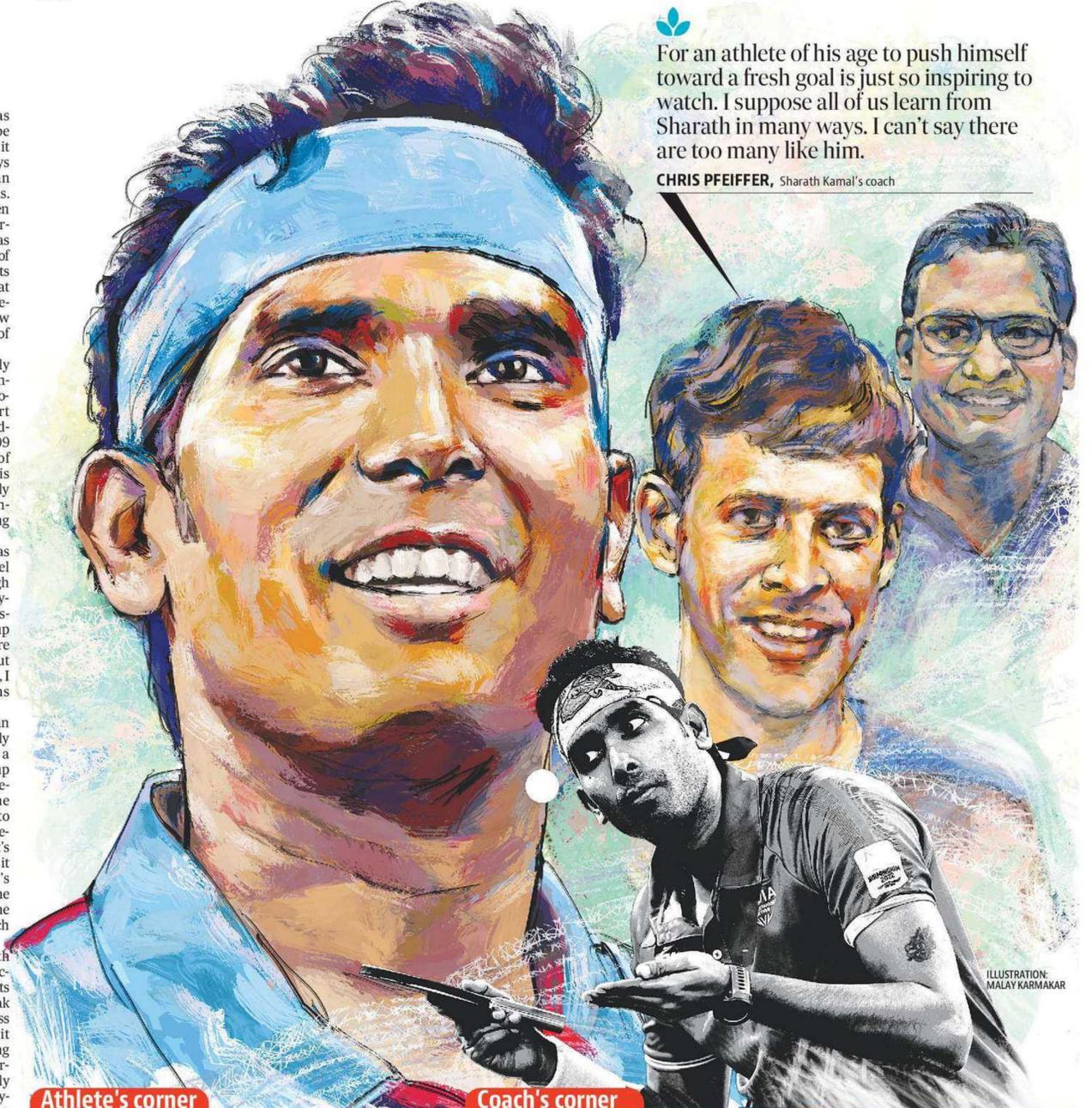


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### Athlete's corner



**SHARATH KAMAL**  
10-time national champion, Sharath took part in his first Olympics in 2004

**First Indian** to win an ITTF pro tour singles title

Has won 7 gold medals, 3 silver and 3 bronze at CWG

Has won 3 Asian Games bronze medals

### Coach's corner

**CHRIS PFEIFFER**  
Coached the under-21 German national team

Among the players who've trained under him is current world No.9 Patrick Franziska

Coached India's Manika Batra for a few months in 2022

Currently head coach at Sharath Kamal's academy in Chennai

In 2023, Sharath organised a week-long training camp for eight promising paddlers under the supervision of Pfeiffer. The German reinforced the basics to the youngsters in this camp



### Over the years

- Pfeiffer and Sharath have known each other since the time the Indian was living in Germany and playing in the Bundesliga
- Chris came to India in 2022 to take up a role as Manika Batra's coach
- The partnership lasted only for a few months before he returned to Germany
- The German returned to India in 2023 after Sharath reached out to him
- Has been working with Sharath since and is head coach at the Indian's academy
- Paris will be Sharath's fifth Olympics
- Sharath also leans on younger brother Rajath for tweaks and improvisations

I've been announcing that Paris is going to be my last Olympics. My team sometimes joke that they don't believe me. It's just been such a great journey, these last bunch of years especially. It's what keeps me content. Getting to a fifth Olympics is a huge high. With age not on my side, I needed this kind of a target to keep working and pushing.

SHARATH KAMAL, India table tennis player

### GAMESWATCH

#### SREEJESH TO RETIRE AFTER OLYMPICS

India hockey keeper **PR Sreejesh** on Monday announced that he will bid adieu to the game after the Paris Olympics, ending a career that spanned 18 years during which he was a pivotal figure in some historic moments for the side. The 36-year-old, a veteran of 328 international caps, including three Olympic Games, and multiple Commonwealth Games and World Cups, will be playing in his fourth Olympics in Paris beginning July 26. "As I prepare for my last dance in Paris, I look back with immense pride and forward with hope," Sreejesh said in a Hockey India press release. "This journey has been nothing short of extraordinary, and I am forever grateful for the love and support from my family, teammates, coaches, fans and Hockey India. Thank you for believing in me. My teammates have stood beside through the tough and the ardent times. We all want to give our absolute best here in Paris and certainly, the desire is to change the colour of our medal," he added.

#### BINDRA AWARDED OLYMPIC ORDER BY IOC

Indian shooting legend **Abhinav Bindra** has been awarded with Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his outstanding services to the Olympic Movement. The award ceremony will be held during the 142nd IOC Session in Paris on August 10, a day before the closing of the Olympics. "It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the IOC Executive Board has decided to award you with the Olympic Order for your outstanding services to the Olympic Movement," IOC President wrote in a letter addressed to Bindra. The Olympic Order is the highest award of the IOC, given to recognise an individual who has illustrated the Olympic ideal through his/her action, has achieved remarkable merit in the sporting world, or has rendered outstanding services.

#### RANDHIR SINGH TO HEAD OCA AFTER POLLS

Former international shooter and veteran sports administrator **Randhir Singh** is set to become the first Indian president of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) after emerging as the sole candidate for the top post for the September 8 elections. The 77-year-old Singh, a former member of the International Olympic Council (IOC) and ex secretary general of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), was currently serving as the acting chief of the continental sports apex body. "The OCA election commission can confirm that OCA acting president Randhir Singh is the sole eligible candidate to be nominated for election of the OCA General Assembly on 8 September, 2024," the OCA said. "The Election Committee, chaired by Rohinton Nariman (former SC Judge), met to review the CVs and eligibility requirements as per OCA Constitution."

## Satwik and Chirag are among the top 3: Boe

Sandip Sikdar

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**NEW DELHI:** Landing in Paris on Monday afternoon, Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty excitedly explored the Games Village, which will be their home for the next couple of weeks for their 2024 Olympics.

Unlike Tokyo though the world No.3 men's doubles pair will enter the Porte de la Chapelle Arena—venue for the badminton competition in Paris—this weekend as one of India's brightest medal prospects, even a possible gold.

"If we can come in at our 100% when we play like the way we do, we are very difficult to beat. If everyone hits their 100%, I feel we are the best in the world. That's the advantage we have, of being us, that we can actually trust and have the confidence that we are the best pair," their coach Mathias Boe said.

"That doesn't mean we are going to win, but knowing that we've the highest level, it's a nice feeling to have. I feel Satwik and Chirag are, if not the strongest, then at least among the top 3 of the strongest pairs in the world." Third seeds Rankireddy and



Coach Mathias Boe (R) with the Indian badminton squad at the Games Village in Paris on Monday. CHIRAG SHETTY/INSTAGRAM

Shetty were handed a favourable draw a week back, placed in Group C with Indonesia's reigning All England champions Fajar Alfian/Muhammad Rian Ardianto (world No.6), German world No.31 Mark Lamsfuss/Marvin Seidel and Frenchmen Ronan Labar/Lucas Corvee, the world No.46. The top two will qualify for the quarter-finals where a draw will be held to decide the line-up for the knockouts.

The reigning Asian Games gold medallists have a 3-2 record

against the Indonesians and haven't lost to Alfian and Ardianto since 2018, having won the last three contests. They are 1-0 against the German pair and are 2-0 against the Frenchmen.

"To say who will be their toughest challenge will be really tough to predict. There are at least nine pairs that have won big events (recently). Right now, the world ranking is a good benchmark to see who has been the best. We had to pull out of a few tournaments, otherwise we

would have been higher than No.3," said Denmark's Boe, who won an Olympic doubles silver in 2012 London.

"It is an open field. At this point at least nine pairs can win without it being a huge surprise. That's what makes men's doubles exciting this year, maybe the most even discipline of all five. It also gives us a good chance. We've beaten all of them, but also lost to them. Makes the challenge fun."

This year too, Rankireddy and Shetty have been in brilliant form, reaching four finals — Malaysia Open, India Open, French Open and Thailand Open — winning the latter two for an 23-6 win-loss record. The 2022 CWG championships also haven't dropped out of the world's top three this year, after twice being No.1.

But the pair also pulled out of some events due to Rankireddy's niggles. What was thought to be a shoulder issue, which has affected the 23-year-old in the past, was actually a lower back issue that was bothering Rankireddy. Boe said Rankireddy is now in perfect shape and his shoulder and back are fine. Once in a while, Rankireddy struggles when rivals attack his net game. Boe said it

will not be a worry.

"He is great at the net, that is not a concern for me. Both can play at the front and at the back. I actually see it as our advantage. We are the most diverse doubles pair. We don't have a clear front or back court player. We can play in reverse positions. He has gained more confidence in the front court," the two-time All England champion said.

Apart from wrestling, only badminton has delivered India medals in the last three Olympics. Saina Nehwal won bronze in London 2012 and PV Sindhu took silver and bronze in Rio 2016 and Tokyo 2020 respectively. Boe believes the doubles pair can extend that run.

"If we have confidence and belief in nerve wracking and tight situations, it is enough to just focus on ourselves and not be dependent on our opponents' level to drop. Whoever handles pressure the best will have the best chance."

"We are aware of the conditions and what it takes... They have performed many times before too where there were expectations. They are relaxed and are ready for the challenge."



Hardik Pandya. AFP

## FITNESS AND AVAILABILITY ARE PREREQUISITES FOR CAPTAINCY, SAYS AGARKAR

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**MUMBAI:** Hardik Pandya's troubled injury record hurt his India captaincy ambitions. The chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar said this in so many words, while explaining why Suryakumar Yadav superseded the pace bowling all-rounder as India's T20I captain for the limited overs series against Sri Lanka starting July 27.

"The biggest thing is the captain should be on the park more often than not. I mean, that's a prerequisite really," Agarkar said, addressing the media, sitting alongside head coach Gautam Gambhir on Monday. "Hopefully, Surya does that. And so far, there's never been a concern with his T20 batting anyway. Again, you look at the some of the feedback that you get."

The chief selector was referring to feedback from the Indian dressing room on Hardik's leadership and man-management skills, which wasn't very encouraging. By handing over reigns to Surya, the selectors were pressing 'the reset button' in the lead-up to the 2026 T20 World Cup.

"Like I said, you know (Hardik's) fitness is a concern. Not just that, we also feel that Surya has the necessary qualities to be a good captain. Two years is a long time. So at least, it gives us a bit more of a chance to look at some things differently. The main thing is we want guys who are available all the time," he added.

# Gambhir's focus on building trust and winning mentality

The new India coach said Rohit and Virat have a lot of cricket left in them; he also laid emphasis on a happy dressing room

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**MUMBAI:** Gautam Gambhir was up and about for his 10th media interaction as India's new head coach. And in India's travel jersey, the 42-year-old could have easily passed off as one of the senior pros of the side. But everyone knows he isn't. Rather, in an age when scripting T20 tournament wins can earn you lucrative contracts and well-earned family breaks, Gambhir has chosen to fasten his seat belt for one of the most challenging jobs in cricket.

A spunky opener with focus, Gambhir played most of his cricket for India in the shadow of the Fab Five (Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and VVS Laxman). Perhaps, he would empathise better with those who are not categorised as glorious stroke players or serial wicket-takers.

"Sometimes international cricket can be tough; it can be insecure as well because only 15 can be picked. It is the job of support staff to keep them happy," he said. "It is very simple. It is important to give players freedom — that's what I believe in — and not have a relationship of head coach and player. The best relationship is one built on trust."

And trust is where his relationship with Rohit Sharma (37) and Virat Kohli (35) will begin. India's two most experienced batters have proved vital in the last two World Cups and their presence in Test cricket adds a touch of class to the team. But how long will they be around?

"One thing I can be very clear of is that both those guys have a lot of cricket left in them. More importantly, with the (2025) Champions Trophy and a big tour of Australia (November), they would be motivated enough. And then, hopefully, if they can keep

## The think tank opens up on key issues

**On workload management**

"For batters, if they can play consistently and if they are in good form, might as well play all the games. For Bumrah, because he is one rare kind of a bowler who anyone would want, so it's our responsibility to try and have him fresh for most of the important games. So workload management for not just Bumrah but fast bowlers becomes very very important."

— GAUTAM GAMBHIR, HEAD COACH, INDIA

**On Pant over Samson in ODIs**

"Before his unfortunate accident, Pant's been a key player for us. KL has been terrific in One Day cricket, he had a great WC. Unfortunately, someone had to miss out, and in this instance, it was Sanju. These guys will have to keep getting runs and performing otherwise you know there's a quality player waiting. There's a big Test season coming up, we feel these two will have a huge role to play. To get Rishabh playing 50 overs will be a step forward, hopefully he'll build on what he's done so far."

**On Jadeja's ODI future**

"We know what Jaddu has done. He's had a terrific 50-over World Cup. No, not at all dropped. All options are open. Either of them (Jadeja and Axar Patel) wouldn't have played all three games if we'd taken both. There's a big Test season coming up, where Jadeja's likely to feature in a lot of the Tests. He's within the scheme of things."

**On Surya's omission in ODIs**

"No, we haven't discussed Surya in ODIs at this point. Shreyas is back, KL is back and they have had great WCs, Rishabh is back as well, so there's great quality through the middle order. So, at this point Surya is a T20 player."

— AJIT AGARKAR, CHIEF SELECTOR



their fitness, the 2027 ODI World Cup as well," said Gambhir.

He added, "But this is a very personal decision. I can't say how much cricket is left in them. Ultimately, it's up to them as well, it's up to the players. How much can they contribute to the team's success. Because, ultimately, it's the team that is important."

Gambhir's coming together with Kohli is one of the most anticipated early sidelights to his coaching stint.

The duo has been teammates for Delhi and India and have had their share of on-field scuffles. And in past interviews, Gambhir has expressed disappointment over Kohli superseding him for India captaincy. But so much is now dependent on both of them moving on.

"It's good TRP, but my relationship is not public. What kind of relationship do I share with Virat Kohli? I think it is between two mature individuals," he said. "On the field, everyone has got the right to fight for their own team, for their own jersey, and want to come back to a winning dressing room. But at the moment, you are representing India and 140 crore Indians and I am sure we are going to be on the same page and try and make India proud."

Gambhir said the two had exchanged messages after his taking over the new role. "Virat is a thorough professional and a world-class athlete. I have always said that I have huge respect for him as a player and it is going to continue. And hopefully we can work together really well."

On conflicting reports over whether he wanted more all-format players or advocated for format specialists, Gambhir indicated, with chief selector Ajit Agarkar sitting beside him, that player transitions may dictate the future course.

"For example, Virat, Rohit and Ravindra are not there (in T20), it will happen. The T20 team will go through a transition with three seriously good, world class players retiring from the format. But in 50-over and Test cricket, the more consistent we can be, the better it is going to be."

Gambhir is fortunate that he is taking over the reins from Rahul Dravid, under whom the team has

# After Open heroics, Shubhankar turns attention to Paris

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**ROYAL TROON:** Shubhankar Sharma has the glint of a metal in his eyes after yet another solid performance in the Open Championship.

The Indian star, who turned 28 on Sunday, heads to Paris for the Olympics, where he will represent his country in the golf event for the first time in his career.

The tournament will be played at Le Golf National in the outskirts of the French capital. Men's event, where Gaganjeet Bhullar is the other qualifier for India, is scheduled to start from Thursday, August 1, while the women's event — featuring Aditi Ashok and Diksha Dagar — starts on Wednesday, August 7.

The Indian players go in as underdogs, with Sharma the highest ranked in the world at No.173, and Bhullar at 295.

But Sharma, in a buoyant mood after his tied-19th finish in the final Major championship of the season, said a medal was possible. "I mean, you just have to look at the results in Tokyo to know that anything is possible if you are playing good golf. In the presence of so many superstars, Rory Sabbatini and CT Pan won the silver and bronze. I honestly think the Olympics can create a very different kind of motivation," said Sharma after battling his way through rain and blustery wind at Royal Troon.

"I know we golfers are lucky in that we have four majors to play in every year, but personally, the Olympics mean a lot to me. I am very aware of what kind of spotlight a good performance in France by any one of us would put on Indian golf."

One of the reasons Sharma is feeling confident is how well he played on a difficult course and in challenging conditions at Royal Troon.

"This absolutely gets me into an Olympics mindset. You could not take any shot for granted at The Open last week. It was a grind from the first tee shot to the last putt, and that's what I would expect at the Olympics as well," said Sharma.

"I have played the Le Golf National several times and it is a



Shubhankar Sharma. AFP

man's course. It can easily separate the boys from men. You need to be a superior ball-striker to do well there, as you needed to do at Royal Troon.

"I also feel good about my chances because I put in a lot of work and I have started seeing the reward for those hours. There are always some tendencies that a player gets into, and it's always important to get pull yourself out of those and get back to better hitting days. And I did that before the Italian Open, where I finished in top-5. I then made 15 birdies over the weekend in the Scottish Open, which is another good thing."

"And at The Open, you have to strike it really good, your ball control has to be brilliant. You need to be very tenacious, which I was throughout the week. The competitive juices are flowing, and I'm looking forward to Le Golf National."

Sharma is staying back in the vicinity of Royal Troon for the next three days, but is not planning to hit any golf balls. At the moment, he is excited to become a part of the Indian contingent at the opening ceremony.

"The plan is to just chill for three days," said the Padma Shri award winner. "I need the rest. I've been playing, playing, playing, and then last week was the highest level we play at a major championship. It takes a lot out of you physically, mentally and emotionally, especially when it's so tough. So, I do think I'm quite primed for the Olympics."

## SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one Male (depicted in the photo) namely Jagdish @ Vikash S/o Kishore Kumar R/o H.No. J-786, 3rd Floor, Jahangirpuri, Delhi, Age-25 Years, has been reported missing since 17.07.2024 from his Residence vide DD No. 25A Dated 18.07.2024 registered at Police Station Mahendra Park, Distt. North West, Delhi. His physical description is as under:

**Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Height:** 5'5" **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Round, **Clothing:** Red Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Pyjama.

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

**SHO**  
Police Station Mahendra Park, Distt. North West, Delhi  
Ph.: 7048963688, 8750870227  
Website: <https://cbi.nic.in>  
DP/9547/NW/2024

## NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const.-I, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender under Two Packet System for the under noted work:-

1. Name of work and location	Construction of Block-III of Railway Officer's Rest House for all zonal Railways, production units & training institutes including Electrification and HVAC work at Tilak Bridge, near ITO, New Delhi (Composite work).
2. Completion period of the work	24 (Twenty four) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.
3. Approx. cost of work	Rs. 1557.54 Lakh (Rupees Fifteen crore fifty seven lakh fifty four thousand only)
4. Earnest money amount (to be deposited Online)	Rs. 9,28,800/- (Rupees Nine Lakh twenty eight thousand eight hundred only)
5. Date, Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 13.08.2024 on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> . The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 13.08.2024
6. Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document	Above tender document will be available on IREPS web site i.e. <a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a> from 22.07.2024 to 13.08.2024. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tender are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

No. 220-Acs-1-1257-B3-ORH-TKJ Dated : 22.07.2024 2217/2024

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No. F.1(A-689)/JMRC/DC/Admin/Manpower RFP/2023-24/10 Date : 22/07/2024

**NOTICE INVITING BID**

JMRC invites bids from the eligible contractors for "RFP for Engaging (Hiring) Contractor for Providing office support services at JMRC Corporate Office and Other Sites Offices of JMRC. With estimated cost ₹ 5.72 Crore. Pre-bid Meeting scheduled at 11:30 Hrs on 26/07/2024 at above said office address. All interested bidders are invited to attend the meeting. Last date for submission & opening of bids is 12/08/2024. Please visit JMRC website <http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jmrc>, SPP Portal <http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in> and <http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in> for all Clarification/queries. (UBN: JMRC2425510B00049) Raj Mansarovar/DC/24/2621

## NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS/Br/L/2024-25/11 Date: 19.07.2024

**E-Tendering Tender Notice**

Dy. Chief Engineer/Bridge/Line/Jhansi, North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of President of India invites open E-tenders on the prescribed forms for the under noted work:-

Tender no.:	Br-JHS-2024-14	Name of work:	Jhansi Division: Construction of Road Over Bridge in lieu of Level Crossing No. 476 at Km 135.1/8-9 in Banda-Manikpur-section.
Approx. Cost of work	₹ 40.49 Crore/-	Bid Security (Earnest Money)	₹ 21.74,600/-
Date of closing of Tender :	16.08.2024	Completion period :	18 Months

**Eligibility Criteria for similar work:** Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regrading of open web girder OR Any bridgework involving erection/launching or regrading of bowstring arch bridge. **Note:** (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 15:00 hrs. on the due date of tender closing i.e. 16.08.2024. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. (5) Payment of Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit) (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. (6) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (7) Tender on line can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on dated 16.08.2024. 1267/24 (MG)

## DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA

On 17.07.2024, one Bishamber Singh S/O Anchal Singh R/O W.No. 10 Hiranagar District Kathua lodged a written report at Police Station Hiranagar stating therein that on 16.07.2024 his son namely Sanjeev Singh, age 29 years, went to Kali Mata Mandir, Hiranagar Fort and did not return home. The complainant tried his best to search his son but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 18 dated 17.07.2024 has been entered at Police Station Hiranagar. During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas he is still untraced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about his whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-

DESCRIPTION ROLL	PHOTOGRAPH
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Name : Sanjeev Singh</li> <li>Father : Bishamber Singh</li> <li>Permanent Address : W.No. 10 Hiranagar</li> <li>Present Address : W.No. 10 Hiranagar</li> <li>Tehsil : Hiranagar</li> <li>Police Station : Hiranagar</li> <li>Age : 29 years</li> <li>Height : 5 feet 9 inch</li> <li>Complexion : Wheatish</li> <li>Built : Medium</li> <li>Face : Oval</li> <li>Eyes : Black</li> <li>Language known : Hindi/ Dogri</li> </ul>	

Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts:-

- DPO Kathua - 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
- dpokathua@police.gov.in (Mail ID)
- PCR Kathua-01922-234311(Phone/Fax)
- Police Station Hiranagar - 01922274222

DIP-J-3238-24 Sr. Superintendent of Police Kathua

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सायल नगर, भोपाल (म.प्र.)-462020, [www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in](http://www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in)

Advt. No:Adm-2(4)/Rec/Cont.AIIMS-BPL/2024/6030 Date: 23/07/2024

**WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR ENGAGEMENT OF MEDICAL PHYSICIST AT AIIMS, BHOPAL ON PURELY CONTRACTUAL BASIS**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal will hold a Walk-in-Interview for engagement of 02 Medical Physicists (01 for UR and 01 for EWS), on purely contractual basis for the Department of Nuclear Medicine on 30/07/2024. For details of essential eligibility criteria, terms and conditions of engagement and reporting time for walk-in-interview etc. AIIMS Bhopal website [www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in](http://www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in) may be visited. The interested candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria may come for walk-in-interview along with the duly filled application form in the prescribed format and with all documents in support of their eligibility (in original) and set of self-attested photocopies, application fee etc. on 30/07/2024 at 09:00AM positively. Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin.), AIIMS, Bhopal

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(Under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana)

"Directorate of Technical Education"

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E-mail: [onlineadmissionhelp@gmail.com](mailto:onlineadmissionhelp@gmail.com)  
Toll Free Admission Helpline No. - 1800-137-3735

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**Registration for admission to Diploma, B.E./B.Tech. & B.Pharmacy courses for the session 2024-25**

It is for the information to the candidates belongs to the Backward Classes of Haryana that the State Govt. has issued the new notification dated 16.07.2024 of criteria for exclusion of Creamy Layers from the Haryana Backward Classes.

Therefore, an opportunity is being provided to the candidates of BC Category before result of centralized counselings for revising their Backward Classes category i.e. BC-A & BC-B as per the new State Govt. notification if they are eligible. However, all these candidates are required to submit the certificate from the Competent Authority at the time of physical reporting in the allotted institute that they are not covered in the creamy layer as per the State Govt. notification dated 16.07.2024. The new candidates may register at <http://techadmissionshry.gov.in> for admission to B.E./B.Tech., B.Arch., B.Tech. (lateral entry) & B.Pharmacy (lateral entry) and participate in the centralized counseling as per the schedule.

**Note:**

- The aspiring candidates may contact to the HSTES at toll free no. 18001373735 and email at [onlineadmissionhelp@gmail.com](mailto:onlineadmissionhelp@gmail.com).
- For complete details regarding eligibility, list of institutions, fee structure, counseling schedule and notification of creamy layer in Backward Classes etc., please visit HSTES websites for admission brochure available at [www.hstes.org.in](http://www.hstes.org.in) and <http://techadmissionshry.gov.in>.
- The candidates from State of Haryana must provide their Parivar Pechchan Patra (PPP) ID or Aadhaar No. (If applicant does not remember PPP ID) as per the provisions of the "THE HARYANA PARIVAR PECHCHAN ACT, 2021" (refer to <https://meraparivar.haryana.gov.in>).
- Candidates are advised to visit HSTES websites time to time for the admission related latest information: [www.hstes.org.in](http://www.hstes.org.in) and <http://techadmissionshry.gov.in>

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RO NO. 1115/11/325/2025/28048/19/7 Joint Director, HSTES

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person Pradeep S/O Chhote Lal Sharma R/o Village Chitsoma, Alipur, Siyana, Bulandshahr, (U.P.) has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No 02/2019 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC and 3 & 4 Dowry Prohibition Act at P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Pradeep cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Pradeep has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said Pradeep accused of FIR No 02/2019 u/s 498A/406/34 IPC and 3 & 4 Dowry Prohibition Act at P.S. Jyoti Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on 06.09.2024.

By Order: Ms. Nidhi Bala,  
Metropolitan Magistrate (Mahila Court-03),  
Room No. 08, Shahdara District,  
Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/9370/NE/2024

## कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता (उत्तर), उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान

32, राजपुर रोड, देहरादून  
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पत्रक : 1119/अधिअभि(उत्तर)/ई-निविदा/2024-25 दिनांक : 22.07.2024

**शुद्धि पत्र**

इस कार्यालय पत्र सं 885 / अधिअभि(उत्तर) / ई-निविदा/2024-25 दिनांक 04.07.2024 हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की गयी थी, जिसका संशोधित विवरण निम्नानुसार है:-

The tender time schedule (Key Dates) is as follows:-

S. No.	Description	Time Schedule (Key Dates)
4	Bid Submission: Start date	15.07.2024 at 11:00 Hrs
5	Bid Submission: End date	30.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs
6	Offline Submission of Documents (Cost of bidding Document, Bid Security, Original affidavits and all supporting Document in support of qualification). At office of Executive Engineer (North), 32 Rajpur Road, Dehradun.	31.07.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs
7	Date of Technical & Financial Bid Opening	01.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs

अधिशासी अभियन्ता (उत्तर)  
कृपया वेबजल एवं सीवर सम्बन्धी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नं. 1800-180-4100 का प्रयोग करें।

## PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Satish S/o Karan Singh R/o- Vill- Lishadi Khurd, P.S. Bachrayu, Distt-Amroha, Uttar Pradesh has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 66/2023 U/s 419/420/34 IPC, P.S. Cyber East, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Satish cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Satish has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Satish of case FIR No. 66/2023 U/s 419/420/34 IPC, P.S. Cyber East, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint/case on or before 28.08.2024.

By Order  
Ms. Preeti Aggarwal  
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate  
East District, Room No. 29  
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/9376/ED/2024(Court Matter)

HINDUSTAN TIMES MEDIA MARKETING INITIATIVE

# Young India's questions on budget 2024 answered

In conversation with a few students, Founder & CEO of StockGro, Ajay Lakhota, decodes how the budget affects the common man

The union budget is a roadmap for the economy for the year to come. It outlines the government's economic policies and the sectors which are going to become areas of focus. This can have a significant impact on your stock investments as you need to align your portfolio with the government's priority areas. The announcement of the budget can also cause some volatility in stock markets which investors need to be prepared for.

Owing to the elections, India will witness two budgets this year. In an exclusive conversation with students, Ajay Lakhota, Founder, StockGro, discussed the budget and its impact on the common man with Ishaan Agarwal and Sandeep Yadav of National Institutes of Technology (NIT) Allahabad and Devika Deevasan of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras.

**Everyone thinks that the budget is all about taxes. How does it affect the common man?**

The myth that the common man is not affected by the budget, is not true. Let's look at this with some examples. Assume, your grocery bill is ₹ 50,000 every month, and most of it comprises the staples that you buy. Out of this ₹ 50,000, if the 5% GST component becomes 10%, you would have to pay an additional ₹ 30,000 in taxes annually. This is how the budget would start affecting the common man.

The budget is also how the government decides fund allocations to different sectors of the economy like defence, healthcare, agriculture and so

on. So if a budget allocates more money to agri-infra across the next couple of years, we can understand that the throughput of the agricultural sector will increase. This makes it a good time to invest in this sector.

**Why do we have two budgets this year?**

This year is unique because it has been an election year. When the government presents a budget, it is for the whole year. But in election years, if the same government is not re-elected, all the initiatives would have to be re-evaluated. The new government will change the budget and reallocate funds to different sectors. For this reason, a provisional budget was created which was valid till the election happened. Now that the election is done and the NDA is back in power, the government will set up a full year's budget from here onwards.

**The budget always manages to shake up the stock market. Why does that happen?**

The stock market is very deeply ingrained in the financial system. So, when the new budget comes in, it affects the taxes and incentives given to specific sectors. Government spending could increase on a specific sector, implying higher revenues and a likely increase in profits as well. This will result in an uptick in stock prices. But the opposite is also true. For example, if taxes on tobacco increase, the profits for the sector will go down and this will cause share prices to come down as well.

Did you know that the street



has very specific expectations from every budget? If the budget is not popular, you will see that the street reflects the sentiment through a correction in the stock markets. If the budget is a very popular budget, then you will suddenly see the stock market going up once the budget is announced.

**How can the common man benefit from this year's budget?**

If there is optimisation in direct taxes, which is the tax you pay directly on your income, your savings will increase. This is because you are not paying as much in taxes as you used to. The increased savings will probably lead to more spending.

This helps to improve the GDP. On the other hand, increased allocation on financial inclusion and insurance sectors is going to reduce your healthcare spends, which also increases your disposable income. Again, the additional money is either spent or invested.

Interestingly, if there is a reduction in capital gains taxes, more people will start investing in mutual funds as against fixed deposits where you pay 30% taxes on the interest. If the same logic is extended to the start-up ecosystem, if long term capital gains reduce, a lot of start-ups will start setting up their headquarters in India. Right now, they go and register their

headquarters in Singapore or in the US due to just one reason – reducing their capital gains tax burden.

**Defence and railways are always among the most talked about sectors post-budget. Do you think these will outperform this year as well?**

Defence and railways were outperforming in the last few quarters because the interim budget gave both sectors a huge impetus. The government has come back with the same agenda. So, the kind of subsidies and the tax benefits which were given to defence and railways should continue even after this budget. My view is that both the sectors

will outperform the market for the next couple of quarters at least. In addition to these, I feel banking and finance should take centre stage, because whenever the economy is growing very fast, the first sector to grow is the banking and finance sector.

**How can newbies like us start making decent profits from this budget?**

First, try to understand where the government is spending. Second, it is important to know what kind of stimulus is being provided to different sectors. Third, look at what kind of tax benefits are being extended to some sectors. Once you understand this, take a top-down approach

and identify the sectors which should grow and look at some good companies that are performing well. Analyse the outlook of those companies for the next two years, evaluate what analysts are saying in their reports and then invest. Also remember that when you are investing, always put in a stop loss.

**How is your own portfolio changing before this upcoming budget? Which sectors are you excited about?**

If the Indian economy is going to grow fast, the one sector which has to grow faster than the economy is the finance sector. Moreover, our country is also really hungry for infrastructure

improvement, and this is also the sector which provides more and more livelihood to the bottom of the pyramid. So, I am bullish on the banking and infrastructure sector. But while that is happening, engineering services will also benefit from the additional spending. Therefore, personally, I will add the top two stocks in the engineering, banking and financial services sector. And, finally, I will retain railways and defence stocks in my portfolio.

**Any final tips on how to make the most of this budget season with StockGro? Can you just share a stock tip before the budget?**

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