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NOTING THAT THE anticipated monetary policy easing by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has been delayed, the Economic Survey for 2023-24 has made a case for changing the inflation tar-

geting framework of the central bank by excluding food prices. "Despite the core inflation rate being around 3 per cent, the RBI, with one eye on the

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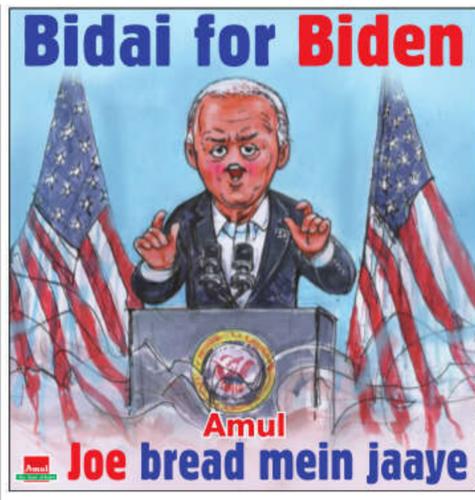
'Investor overconfidence in markets serious concern'

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THE ECONOMIC Survey 2023-24 has cautioned against the possibility of overconfidence leading to speculation and the expectation of even greater returns in

the stock market. This is a "serious concern" as it may not align with the real market conditions and the significant increase in retail investors in the market calls for careful consideration, the survey has warned.

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SC issues interim stay on Kanwar Yatra order: 'Must not be forced to name owners or staff'

May need to 'display kind of food', says Bench; notices sent to UP, Uttarakhand

ANANTHAKRISHNAN G
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE SUPREME Court on Monday ordered an interim stay on the directives issued by police in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand asking owners of eateries along the route of the Kanwar Yatra to display the names of their owners.

Hearing a clutch of petitions challenging the move, the SC, in its ex-parte interim order, said the eateries, however, "may be required to display the kind of food they are serving".

Last week, police in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand had issued directives to eateries, in-

cluding roadside carts, falling on the Kanwar Yatra route to display the names of their owners and staff. The Opposition, as well as some BJP allies, had criticised the move, saying it would impact communal harmony.

Issuing notices to the states of Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and other states along the Kanwar Yatra route, a Bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and S V N Bhatti said: "Until the returnable date... we deem it appropriate to pass interim order prohibiting the enforcement of the

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Row over Centre's RSS order: Opp says offices, staff being politicised

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A POLITICAL row has erupted over a Central government notification removing the RSS as a political organisation, thereby allowing government officials to participate in the Sangh's activities. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge targeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday, alleging he "wants to politicise government offices and employees on ideological basis". The BJP and the RSS welcomed the government's decision, with the Sangh calling it appropriate.

The Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), which deals with issues related to Central government person-

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nel, issued the order on government officials' participation in RSS activities on July 9, stating that instructions issued on the matter in 1966, 1970, and 1980 "have been reviewed and it has been decided to remove the mention of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)" from the "impugned Official Memorandums. The DoPT, which was part of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs until **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday said the initial statements of some of the accused arrested in the NEET-UG case indicated that a "leak" may have occurred on the night of May 4, on the eve of

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the exam, but no evidence had been placed before it so far to es-

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NEW DELHI, PUNE, JULY 22

PROBATIONARY IAS officer Puja Khedkar, who is facing a UPSC probe for allegedly "faking her identity" to flout appearance



Puja Khedkar is accused of 'faking her identity'

norms for the civil services exams amid allegations of misusing

caste and disability quotas, and her family are at the centre of a web of eight companies linked to their relatives and others known to them, an investigation by *The Indian Express* has found.

Records show that five of these companies are run from commercial addresses in Pune **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Survey signal: Keep food prices out of retail inflation while deciding interest rates

withdrawal of accommodation, and another on the US Fed, has kept interest rates unchanged for quite some time, and the anticipated easing has been delayed," it said.

Headline retail inflation has remained over 5 per cent for eight months in the last one year. It has largely been high food prices, especially of vegetables, pulses and cereals, which has kept the headline retail inflation sticky; food items contribute 46 per cent to the consumer price index basket. However, retail core inflation — the non-food and non-fuel segment — moderated to a four-year low of 4.3 per cent in FY24.

In fact, this is one reason why RBI hasn't been able to cut interest rates. Even though actions on policy rate do not influence food prices, the worry that high food inflation may become generalised is holding back the central bank. Those who speak for RBI put the onus of bringing food prices down on the government. Indeed, in a recent interview to CNBC TV 18 this month, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das said, "When we are at 5 per cent and our target is 4 per cent, I would feel it is too premature to talk about interest rate cuts."

On India's inflation targeting framework, the Survey said inflation targeting should be considered, excluding food, as higher food prices are, more often, not demand-induced but supply-induced. Short-run monetary policy tools are meant to counteract price pressures arising out of excess aggregate demand growth, it

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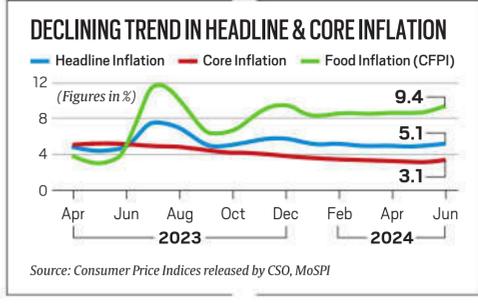
WITH EMPLOYMENT and growth taking centre-stage, reviving consumer demand to kick-start private investment has become an imperative for the NDA government in its third term. Lower interest rates is a key policy instrument to get corporates to invest.

said, adding that it is "worth exploring whether India's inflation targeting framework should target the 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 specific purchases valid for appropriate durations," it added.

In May 2016, the RBI Act, 1934, was amended to implement the statutory framework for flexible inflation targeting, under which average inflation more (or less) than the upper (or lower) tolerance band of the inflation target for any three consecutive quarters is considered as a failure in meeting the inflation target.

At present, the RBI's target for headline retail inflation is 4 per cent with a band of plus or minus



2 per cent. The agreement between the RBI and the government in 2016 had also acknowledged that the range under the inflation targeting regime will accommodate data limitations, projection errors, short-run supply gaps and instability in the agricultural production — an important factor for CPI inflation, as food articles have a major weight in the CPI indices.

Many countries have established their own inflation targets based on various factors that serve their economic objectives best, the Survey said. Factors such as the level of economic development, the structure of the economy, the state of the financial system, and the trade-off between inflation and other economic objectives may influence these targets, it said.

Compared to advanced economies like the USA, Germany, and France, India had one of the lowest deviations from its inflation target in the triennial

average inflation from 2021-2023, it said.

Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran in the preface of the Survey pointed out that though the Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, there has to be heavy lifting on the domestic front for recovery to be sustained. The moderation in inflation was largely the result of prudent administrative measures and monetary policies implemented during the post-pandemic economic recovery phase. Most states and union territories showed a decrease in inflation rates, with 29 out of 36 recording rates below 6 per cent. However, states that witnessed elevated food prices have also seen higher rural inflation as weightage of food items is greater in the rural consumption basket.

Stating that food constitutes a very high portion of the Consumer Price Index (CPI) in developing countries, the Survey said when central banks in devel-

oping countries target headline inflation, they effectively target food prices. "So, when food prices rise, inflation targets come under threat. Therefore, the central bank appeals to the government to bring down the increase in the prices of food products. That prevents farmers from benefiting from the rise in terms of trade in their favour," it said.

To manage inflation, the Union Government undertook "prompt measures such as open market sales, retailing in specified outlets, timely imports, reduced the prices of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) cylinders and implemented a cut in petrol and diesel prices", it said. The RBI raised policy rates by a cumulative 250 bps between May 2022 and February 2023 and also managed liquidity levels efficiently. Even as higher policy rates are transmitted through the system, the RBI continues to support growth with adequate liquidity, thereby ensuring that inflation is headed to the target of 4 per cent on a durable basis, it said.

Globally, inflationary pressures have moderated in most economies with declining global commodity prices and easing of supply chain pressures, the Survey said. However, core inflation remains sticky and driven by high service inflation. There are elevated risks for core services inflation in advanced economies, it said. Many central banks have hinted at the peaking of the interest rate hike cycle, it said. But if services inflation moderates

faster, it will create space for reduction in policy rates by advanced economies and also help emerging economies like India to follow the rate cut path, it said.

"If the services inflation across economies moderates faster, that may allow central banks to bring forward the monetary policy easing cycle earlier than currently anticipated. A likely reduction in policy rates by central banks of Advanced Economies, especially the Fed, will open the space for central banks of EMEs (emerging market economies) to follow the lead, bringing down the cost of capital," it said.

However, any escalation of geopolitical conflicts in 2024 may lead to supply dislocations, higher commodity prices, reviving inflationary pressures and stalling monetary policy easing with potential repercussions for capital flows. This can also influence RBI's monetary policy stance, the Survey noted.

Despite global supply chain disruptions and adverse weather conditions, domestic inflationary pressures moderated in FY24, the Survey said. After averaging 6.7 per cent in FY23, retail inflation declined to 5.4 per cent in FY24.

The RBI and the IMF have projected that India's consumer price inflation will progressively align towards the inflation target in FY26, the Survey said. Assuming a normal monsoon and no further external or policy shocks, the RBI expects headline inflation to be 4.5 per cent in FY25 and 4.1 per cent in FY26.

● 'Investor overconfidence'

the real economy are excessively high, it is a harbinger of market instability rather than market resilience, the survey further warned, referring to the high market capitalisation to GDP ratio of 124 per cent.

The warning has come at a time when "the market capitalisation of the Indian stock market has seen a remarkable surge over the years" and the number of retail investors and fund flow to the market increased in the last one year. Indian stock market was among the best-performing markets, with India's Nifty 50 index ascending by 26.8 per cent during FY24, as against (-)8.2 per cent during FY23. The Sensex has already crossed the 80,000 level.

"While the outlook for India's financial sector appears bright, some areas will require focused attention going forward. The significant increase in retail investors in the stock market calls for careful consideration," the survey said. "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," it said.

Further, India's market capitalisation to GDP ratio has improved significantly over the last five years to 124 per cent in FY24, compared to 77 per cent in FY19, far higher than that of other emerging market economies like China and Brazil. "It is essential to strike a note of caution," it said.

"The market capitalisation to GDP ratio is not necessarily a sign of economic advancement or so-

phistication. Financial assets are claims on real goods and services. If equity market claims on the real economy are excessively high, it is a harbinger of market instability rather than market resilience," it further cautioned.

The survey said the increased retail participation in financial markets and familiarity with financial products are beginning to grow in line with India's emergence as the world's fifth-largest economy. "Therefore, firms operating in banking, insurance, and capital markets must keep the interests of the consumers in mind and improve their service quality through fair selling, disclosure, transparency, reliability, and responsiveness," it said.

"Their internal appraisal and incentive systems must be in alignment with these considerations. It is in their interest and in the interest of the nation that they optimise their commercial goals over the long run," it said.

Significant interest from domestic and global investors in the Indian stock market as an attractive investment destination and sustained IPO activity placed the Indian market fifth in the world by market capitalisation in FY24, the survey said.

After enduring a highly turbulent global environment in FY23, global stock markets recovered and performed well during FY24. All the major markets, except China and Hong Kong, delivered better returns during the period compared to the previous year. FY24 saw stellar performances from the US, Brazilian and Japanese markets among the global markets.

● Agro to auto, IAS trainee and her family at centre of 8 firms linked to relatives, friends

linked to Khedkar's parents, Dilip and Manorama, who are facing separate probes for alleged violations of law. In all, seven of the eight companies were formed under the umbrella of Diligence Group — the eighth is Puja Automobiles, a firm in which Manorama is a partner along with her husband's brother-in-law (see chart).

The Diligence companies include Thermoverita Engineering, which owns the two luxury cars that have featured in controversies surrounding Puja and her father. Records show that its shareholders include Lata Bangar, who is the sister of Puja's father Dilip, and her husband Mahadev Bangar. The company's address is a commercial plot owned by Manorama in Pune's Talawade — this address was also used by Puja to obtain the ration card for her disability certificate.

The other Diligence companies include two "sugar & agro" firms — all of them have the Khedkars or their close relatives and others linked to them listed as directors or shareholders.

The Indian Express tracked down records linked to the Diligence Group companies, and the automobile firm, and spoke to some of the key relatives of the Khedkars and others named in these commercial entities. This is what it found:

● Of the Diligence Group companies, Puja, who is identified as "Pooja" in records, held a 20% stake in Diligence Infraprojects in 2018. Her brother Piyush owned 50% stake in Om Deep Sugar & Agro in 2022. Their mother Manorama was a shareholder in three of these firms — Diligence Sugar & Agro, Diligence (India) Corporation and Diligence

All in the family

Eight companies linked to Puja Khedkar, her family, relatives and others known to them

Thermoverita Engineering (2003)

Shareholders: Lata and Mahadev Bangar. Lata is the sister of Puja's father Dilip, and the wife of Mahadev
Directors: Sancheet Hange, Kavita Bendale, etc. Sancheet is Puja's cousin, Kavita identified herself as an "acquaintance" of the Khedkars
Address: Manorama's plot, Talawade (Pune)

Diligence Envirotech (2012)

Shareholders/directors: Sancheet and Kavita
Address: Kavita's residence (Pune)

Diligence (India) Corporation (2012)

Shareholders/directors: Manorama and Mahadev
Address: Manorama's shop, Sadanand Apartment (Pune)

Diligence Recyclers (2013, now struck-off)

Shareholders/directors: Sancheet, Kavita
Address: Manorama's shop, Chandralok Apartment (Pune)

Infraprojects — at least until 2018.

● Except for Om Deep Sugar & Agro, none of the other six Diligence Group companies have filed their annual returns after 2019.

● Dilip's brother-in-law

Diligence Infraprojects (2014)

Shareholders/directors: Mahadev, Manorama and "Pooja"
Address: Manorama's shop, Sadanand Apartment (Pune)

Diligence Sugar & Agro (2014)

Shareholders: Mahadev, Sancheet, Kavita, Manorama (former)
Directors: Sancheet, Kavita, etc
Address: Sancheet's residence, Bhodani (Pune)

Om Deep Sugar & Agro (2022)

Shareholder: Akash Bendale, MM Thanedar, Piyush Khedkar (former), Akash is Kavita's son
Directors: Akash Bendale and MM Thanedar
Address: Manorama's shop, Sadanand Apartment (Pune)

Puja Automobiles

Partners: Mahadev, Manorama, unknown
Address: Pathardi, Ahmednagar

Mahadev is linked in records to four Diligence companies.

Mahadev is also a partner in Puja Automobiles, a tractor dealership run by Manorama in Ahmednagar, Maharashtra. Speaking to The Indian Express over phone, Mahadev claimed

he was not involved in the functioning of these companies. "We are partners but the companies are now closed. There were other people involved as well. I don't have much idea about these businesses. Khedkars are our relatives. Lata is Dilip Khedkar's sister," he said.

● Puja's cousin Sancheet Hange is connected to four Diligence companies. At his family-owned farm in Pune's Indapur taluka, Sancheet's father Tanajirao Hange identified himself as a farmer and a former taluka office-bearer of the Congress. Asked why the Khedkars were using cars owned by a company in which his son is a director, Tanajirao said, "He (Sancheet) is a farmer by profession and I don't know much about his involvement in the companies. Puja's mother Manorama is my wife's younger sister." Tanajirao also claimed that Sancheet was travelling and could not be contacted.

● The names of a woman identified as Kavita Bendale and her son Akash feature in five Diligence companies, including Thermoverita. When The Indian Express visited Bendale's Pune residence, she described the Khedkars as "casual acquaintances". "We are simple, middle-class people. We know about the companies but don't have any idea about their functioning or financials. We know the Khedkars casually. Our names are there (in the companies) because they (Khedkars) requested us," she said.

Kavita's son Akash is a shareholder in Om Deep Sugar & Agro Pvt Ltd, which was registered at a commercial property owned by Manorama in Pune's Sadanand Apartment. Two other

Diligence companies were also registered at this address. A fourth Diligence company used the address of a shop owned by Manorama in Pune's Chandralok Apartment.

Apart from the UPSC probe, Puja and her parents are facing multiple probes for violations ranging from misuse of government symbols to unaccounted wealth.

Pune Traffic Police have seized the Audi car in which Puja travelled for multiple violations, including misuse of official beacon, VIP number plate and government insignia. Maharashtra police have, meanwhile, launched a probe into a video that purportedly featured Dilip in a Mitsubishi Pajero with a Government brass plate on the bumper. Both vehicles are registered in the name of Thermoverita.

Last week, Manorama was arrested for allegedly threatening farmers at gunpoint in Pune district in 2023.

A 2023-batch IAS officer, Puja also faces allegations of posing as an OBC non-creamy layer candidate in her UPSC candidature and refusing to take tests to corroborate her claims of visual and mental disabilities. Last week, she was recalled to the civil service training academy in Mussoorie.

Puja's father Dilip retired from the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board in 2020, and faces a complaint of unaccounted wealth for which the state's Anti-Corruption Bureau has sought a report from its Ahmednagar unit. Records show that he declared wealth of over Rs 40 crore and an annual income of Rs 49 lakh while contesting the Lok Sabha polls as a Vanchit Bahujan Aaghadi (VBA) candidate earlier this year. He got 13,749 votes.

above directives. In other words, the food-sellers... may be required to display the kind of food they are serving to the kanwariyas but must not be forced to disclose the names/identities of the owners or employees."

"It is permissible for the authorities to ensure that the kanwariyas are served vegetarian food conforming to the standards of hygiene and conforming to their preferences... In furtherance of this, the competent authority may, perhaps, issue orders under The Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006 or The Street Vendors Act, 2014, but the powers vested on the competent authority cannot be usurped by the police without any formal order supported by law," the Bench said.

The Association for Protection of Civil Rights, Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra, political commentator Apoorvanand Jha and columnist Aakar Patel were among those who filed petitions challenging the move.

The petitioners argued that the directives, if permitted, would infringe upon the secular character of the Republic, as enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution, and would also violate the rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 15(1), 17 of the Constitution.

Appearing for Moitra, Senior Advocate A M Singhvi said the Food Safety and Standards Act mandates the seller to only disclose the calorific value of the food, and whether its vegetarian or non-vegetarian.

But Justice Bhatti disagreed and said the name of the "licencence is also displayed". There can be two perspectives, he said, adding, "this can also be an oc-

casian to improve the safety and standards of food items in the country".

Singhvi, however, said this should then be done in individual cases. "How can the police issue a blanket, general direction," he asked, adding that Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath "accepts the point of identity exclusion and makes a virtue out of it". He claimed that "hundreds are losing their jobs" because of the directive. The idea is to warn the kanwariyas to avoid certain eateries, he said.

Justice Roy asked: "What is actually the expectation of the yatriis? They hope to take only vegetarian food, right? When somebody is giving vegetarian food, or the option of vegetarian food, do the kanwariyas expect the food to be cooked by those of a certain community or category? Are the kanwariyas expecting that the food must be grown by members of a particular community?"

Singhvi contended: "How much backward integration do you do? The owner has to be non-minority, the server has to be non-minority, the cook has to be non-minority, the grower has to be non-minority. That is ridiculous. You will be throwing the Constitution to smithereens".

He added that the Kanwar Yatra is not new and "they have been doing it for decades, (since) pre-independence". The court sought to know if a government order was issued following the police directives. The counsel said there was a press release issued by the police which said it was voluntary, but also a statement saying that those who don't follow the directive would be penalised.

"You chose by menu card and not name," Singhvi responded.

"There is a public notice which is issued with the stamp of the Muzaffarnagar police... also carried on their Twitter handle," said Senior Advocate Huzefa Ahmadi, appearing for another petitioner.

He said Adityanath had made a public statement that this should be strictly enforced, and there was a similar statement by Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami too.

"It is now being said to do it everywhere, even where the yatra is not there. Tomorrow, it will come to that also," he argued. "There have been employees who have been fired after this. So there are consequences... This directly impinges on secularism and fraternity," he said.

Senior Counsel CU Singh, appearing for one of the petitioners, said the directive "does not serve any rational objective".

During the hearing, Justice Bhatti also recalled the time when he was with the Kerala High Court.

"I have my experience and knowledge (of) when I was in Kerala. I may not state openly as I am a sitting Judge of this court. Without disclosing the name of the city, there is a vegetarian hotel run by a Hindu. There is another vegetarian hotel run by a Muslim. As a Judge of that state, I was going to the hotel run by a Muslim for vegetarian food. When it comes to food standards and safety, he was displaying everything. He had returned international standards of safety, cleanliness and hygiene. So it was my choice to go to that hotel," he said.

"You chose by menu card and not name," Singhvi responded.

● NEET leak likely on exam-eve, but no proof to show it was widespread: SC

question in the exam, for which marks were awarded for two options. The SC sought a report on the correct answer by Tuesday noon.

"All first statements seem to indicate that the leak takes place on the night of May 4," said Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, presiding over a three-judge Bench, adding that the question was whether the breach was confined to Hazaribagh and Patna, or spread to other states as well.

The CBI apprised the Bench, which included Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, on the statements of some of the accused arrested by the Bihar Police, and later by the CBI which took over the investigation.

Ruling out any widespread leak, the Centre and the National Testing Agency (NTA) have maintained that the "breach" was confined to Hazaribagh and Patna, and it occurred on the morning of May 5, the date of the exam. The Centre was represented by Solicitor General Tushar Mehta.

Senior Advocate Narendar Hooda, appearing for some of the petitioners, has contended that the leak took place before

May 5. "Assuming that the theory (of the Centre and CBI) that the solved question papers were made available at about 10.15 am (May 5), and between 9.20 am and 10.15 am, the seven chaps (question solvers) solved all the questions and gave them to the students, is the leak systemic or confined to Hazaribagh and Patna? That you have to establish something on the basis of data. Show us what the data tells you. Until now, we are focused on Hazaribagh and Patna... whether the leak took place in the morning (of May 5) or the night of May 4, whether it took place before lodging (the question papers) in the bank vaults," the CJ said.

"But how widespread is it? We don't have any other material apart from this, what you have showed us, to indicate that the leak was so widespread that it found its way all over the country... You will have to show there is systemic destruction of the sanctity of the exam across India... Is there any contemporary evidence to indicate that the leak went to other states," the CJ asked Hooda.

Hooda responded that there

were systemic flaws in the way the exam was conducted by the NTA and said he was relying on "circumstantial evidence" to say the leak must have happened in other states too.

"The way the NTA is holding this exam, it cannot be sustained because there is absolutely no system in place... So far as direct evidence of this crime is concerned, the file is before the court, which is being investigated. As petitioners who are not privy to the investigation either by Bihar Police or by the CBI, all we can rely on is the circumstantial evidence," said Hooda.

"Therefore (your case is that), falling back on an alternative hypothesis, because of these systemic flaws in the process, credibility of the exam must have been breached in other states... We do not have evidence to show that there was a leak in other states, but because of these flaws in the examination process... it is likely that it must have spread to other states," the CJ said.

"That's my case," agreed Hooda.

The Bench also questioned the NTA about reports that question paper booklets from Canara Bank were distributed at three

centres in Jhajjar (Haryana), instead of booklets from the State Bank of India.

Earlier, while observing that the sanctity of the exam had been "breached", the SC had observed that ordering a retest depended on whether the alleged breach was at a systemic level and affected the integrity of the entire process, and whether it was possible to segregate the beneficiaries of the fraud from tainted students.

Hooda, in his arguments, cited the Supreme Court's 2015 decision to cancel the All India Pre-Medical/Pre-Dental Entrance Test, after finding that 44 candidates benefited by unfair means. "Even if one undeserving candidate, a beneficiary of such illegal machination, though undetected, is retained in the process, it would be in denial of the claim of more deserving candidates. At present, the examination stands denuded of its sanctity as it is not possible to be cleansed of all the participating beneficiary candidates with certainty," the SC had said in 2015.

In a hearing that lasted over five hours, 23 lawyers argued before the Court, including SG Mehta. The hearing will resume on Tuesday.

● Row over Centre's RSS order: Opp says offices, staff being politicised

1998, functions directly under PM Narendra Modi now as the Cabinet Minister concerned.

Sources said the move, coming in the backdrop of recent hiccups in the ties between the BJP and the RSS, was being seen as the party's "positive gesture" to "call a truce" with its ideological parent. The BJP received an assurance that the Sangh's leaders would not publicly criticise it or its leadership, the sources added. The BJP leadership took exception to RSS leaders' recent public criticism of the party and government, while the Sangh's leaders were unhappy with BJP president J P Nadda's comment during the Lok Sabha polls that the party was capable of running itself unlike in the past when it depended on the RSS.

Meanwhile, targeting the government, Kharge wrote on X, "This will be a challenge to the sense of neutrality of public servants in government offices and the supremacy of the Constitution. The government is probably taking these steps because the people defeated its nefarious intent to change the Constitution. The Modi Gov continues its efforts to take control over Constitutional bodies and work its way in through the back door and

tampers with the Constitution. This is also a violation of the apology and assurance given by RSS to Sardar Patel in which they had promised that RSS will work as a social organisation without any political agenda, in accordance with the Constitution of India. The Opposition shall continue its efforts to protect the Constitution of India and our Democracy."

Asked about the order, BJD chief and former Odisha CM Naveen Patnaik told reporters in Bhubaneswar, "I can't believe it. It seems utterly shocking."

Demanding withdrawal of the order, BSP chief Mayawati said the Centre's decision was politically motivated and aimed at appeasing the RSS to "alleviate the bitterness that has intensified between the two after the Lok Sabha elections over government policies and their arrogant attitudes". She said the order was "beyond the national interest".

In Delhi to attend the Budget Session of Parliament, Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav said, "It is a very sensitive thing. An officer on a sensitive post with their conduct inclined towards any political party or organisation, we are seeing it every day in Uttar Pradesh where government offi-

cials are working for a political party... Days of communal politics will be over very soon, people have realised."

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi said officials in government bodies can now "officially prove their Sangh credentials". "Such a shame, instead of aligning only to Bharat Mata's interests, the BJP is leading them towards keeping ideological interests first," she said.

AIMIM chief and Hyderabad MP Asaduddin Owaisi said the order, if true, goes against India's integrity and unity. "Every RSS member takes an oath that puts Hindutva above the nation. No civil servant can be loyal to the nation if he is a member of RSS."

What RSS, BJP have said

RSS publicity in-charge Sunil Ambekar said for the last 99 years the RSS had been continuously engaged in rebuilding the nation and service to society.

"Due to the contribution of the Sangh in national security, unity, integrity and taking the society along during times of natural disasters, various types of leadership of the country have also praised the role of the Sangh from time to time. Due to its political interests,

the then government had baselessly banned government employees from participating in the activities of a constructive organisation like the Sangh. The present decision of the government is appropriate and strengthens the democratic system of India," Ambekar said in a statement.

BJP leader and Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal said the 1966 ban was driven by political reasons. "The Congress has always had a negative mindset for nationalist organisations and such thinking has no place in the country," he told reporters. He alleged that Opposition parties were only interested in appeasement politics and had displayed a negative attitude towards Hindus.

BJP's IT Cell chief Amit Malviya also shared a screenshot of the latest order on social media and alleged that the 1966 order was "unconstitutional" and should not have been passed in the first place.

The BJP's NDA allies JD(U) and the RLD remained silent on the row. While JD(U) spokesperson K C Tyagi refused to comment, RLD spokesperson Mohammad Islam said he would speak only after the party discussed the matter.

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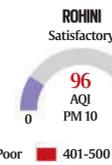
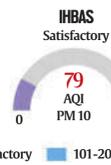
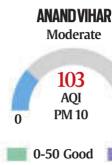
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Woman killed after DTC bus hits Metro pillar

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ON HER way to work, a 55-year-old woman died after the bus she was travelling in rammmed into a Metro pillar in West Delhi's Punjabi Bagh early Monday, officers said. Twenty-three people on the bus were injured.

The victim, Savita, had been working with the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) as a sweeper since 1997. She is survived by her 32-year-old son who works at a private firm and daughter who got married recently.

Savita's brother-in-law, Ashok, told *The Indian Express*, "She had been running her family single-handedly ever since her husband, who owned a private travel agency, died of natural ailment in 2003... her youngest son died in January of a stomach illness."

Ashok added that Savita used to head to work at West Delhi's Naraina every day at 7.30 am and return by 6 pm. She would board the bus from Mangolpuri S Block bus stand, a few kilometres away from where she lived in Sultanpuri. "She became a permanent employee of the MCD only three years ago...", he added.

According to police, the Punjabi Bagh police station received a PCR call at 7.42 am regarding the accident near Shivaji Park on Rohtak Road. "The agencies concerned promptly responded to the call... it was found



The bus rammed into a Metro pillar in Punjabi Bagh; the victim, Savita

that a DTC electric bus... plying between Mangolpuri and Anand Vihar, had collided with a Metro pillar. As the bus braked suddenly, an auto-rickshaw collided with the bus from behind," said DCP (West) Vichitra Veer.

He added that 24 people, including the driver and conductor, were injured. Of these, 14 were taken to Maharaja Agrasen Hospital and 10 to Acharya Bhikshu Hospital in Moti Nagar. "A woman was declared dead on arrival at Agrasen Hospital. An in-

jured passenger, aged around 55 years, is admitted to the ICU at the same hospital," said the DCP.

An FIR under BNS sections of rash driving and causing death by negligence has been lodged at Punjabi Bagh police station. "A crime team was called to the spot for inspection and the reason behind the accident will be established based on their report and mechanical inspection of the vehicle," said the DCP.

Police recorded the statement of the bus driver, Rahul, who said a vehicle was trying to overtake the bus due to which he had to make a sharp right turn and ended up crashing into the pillar. He sustained severe injuries after he got trapped between the seat and the shattered windshield; a few passersby had to pull him out. Police added that no traces of alcohol were found in his blood.

A Delhi Transport Corporation official said, "The bus was running in its designated lane. A motorcyclist and an autorickshaw driver suddenly took a right turn and to avoid hitting them, the bus driver also turned right and hit the Metro pillar."

Auto driver Usman (54) and his wife Shah Jahan and daughter Neha, who were sitting behind, also sustained injuries — Usman sustained a fracture on his head. They were heading to Sir Ganga Ram Hospital for Jahan's treatment when the accident took place. An officer said other passengers on the bus sustained minor injuries. (inputs from PTI)

FAMILY NEVER OPENED DOOR FOR ANYONE: GHAZIABAD POLICE

Boy found dead in flat: Kin suffered from mental illness, lived in isolation, say cops

NEETIKA JHA
 GHAZIABAD, JULY 22

FOR THREE days, the body of 13-year-old Tejas Jain was lying on the floor in a dingy room. His mother Komal Jain, 50, and sister Kavya, 23, thought he was asleep and were trying to wake him up by running a wet cloth on his face.

The stench, police said, was so foul that a neighbour called for help. And when police arrived, they uncovered the tragic story of a family, who were all "suffering from schizophrenia" and had been living in complete isolation.

The house in Ghaziabad's Chandemagar is a ground-floor flat that looks like it's been abandoned. Its entrance is an iron door that has rarely been opened. When police came to check, they found cobwebs all around. Inside, two rooms were filled with heaps of garbage — empty plastic bottles, dirty clothes, half-empty food packets, rotten vegetables — and a stench. The only functional object is a large maroon colour wall clock: its arms running per-

fectly on time. Police said they had to break into the house because despite knocking, nobody answered the door

"A neighbour called and told us about the smell," said Station House Officer, Link Road, Priti Singh. "When we reached, (we found) a heart-wrenching (sight)."

Police said they had to break into the house because despite knocking, nobody answered. "It took us an hour to convince the family that we were there to help them," SHO Singh said.

"Inside, we saw a woman wiping the face and body of a boy with a wet cloth. She repeatedly said her son was asleep. There was a young woman there too, she was the daughter," she said. "We were confused. We saw the state of the rooms... We kept asking what had happened."

Police said neighbours didn't know much. "The family had not been in touch with anybody. The

neighbours had not even seen them outside. But they knew who they were and gave us the contact details of the woman's brother," said SHO Singh.

Prashant Kumar Jain, a businessman who lives in Delhi's Chawri Bazar, was contacted. "He came immediately. He told us his sister Komal and her two children have been suffering from schizophrenia for years," SHO Singh said.

Jain told *The Indian Express* that he had admitted all three of them to the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IH-BAS) in Delhi six years ago. "They were there for a month. They needed treatment but it didn't work out. I had even approached the court about it," Jain said.

Asked why the family was living alone, Jain said his sister wouldn't allow him to help. "She would not open the door for anyone. I would come and keep knocking but they wouldn't answer. She didn't even allow our mother, who is now dead, to open the door. They felt someone could harm them. That's why I decided to transfer money

into their account so they have enough to feed themselves. I had also requested the neighbours to inform me in case of emergency," Jain said.

He said his sister's husband died 12 years ago. "That's when things started to go downhill."

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Trans-Hindon (Ghaziabad), Patil Nimish Dasharath told *The Indian Express* that the autopsy report showed the boy died due to a chronic lung disease.

Police said they have ruled out the possibility of foul play after investigating all aspects carefully. "We looked into every aspect. We even checked if there was any property angle. There is none," ADCP Dasharath said.

"The family never opened the door as they were scared they would be taken to the hospital. We're waiting for the cremation to take place, we will take them to a hospital soon," he said.

A neighbour, Sushma Pandey, said she would try to offer them food sometimes. "They would never open the door," she said. "They were scared of everyone."

Shops shut, roads deserted, residents at home: Nuh empties out for yatra

AISWARYA RAJ
 NUH, JULY 22

ON MONDAY, Class VI student Mulkhlaas did not attend his school in Ghasera and his uncle Nasim Ahmed's money transfer agency was shut. The duo were at home, away from Nuh town. As the Jalabhishek Yatra, conducted by the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) and other organisers, was taken out from Nalhar, all shops, except chemists, were shut and roads and streets were deserted.

On July 31 last year, violence broke out during the yatra which left six, including a cleric, dead and sparked episodes of arson and vandalism.

This year, amid the fear of potential violence as well as increased security, locals unanimously closed shops, did not send kids to school, and stayed put in their houses till the yatra left Nalhar for Ferozepur Jhirka's Jhir temple and later Singar.

Mulkhlaas said a teacher at his government school in Ghasera told them not to attend class. "He said teachers who come from Rohtak and Gurgaon would not come today, so no one attended. People were expecting some untoward activity and did not want to be in the middle of violence," he said.

Ahmed said the internet suspension made it more difficult. "The yatra was taken out least conspicuously till last year and some elements... conducted it by provoking locals. This year, it has not been a cause for concern because these people were absent. We closed shops of our volition," he said.

Sitting at his chemist shop, Abdullah Khan (28) said his store was open it as it was an essential service. On why other shops were shut: he said, "If something unto-



Empty roads during the Jalabhishek Yatra in Nuh, Monday. Tashi Tobgyal

ward takes place, police would come and ask us why we didn't close our shops when the yatra was taking place. When the violence took place (last year), the shops and houses people who were not even involved were bulldozed. It made sense to stay away."

Police were deployed at many checkpoints on the way to the temple, checking vehicles for weapons before they were allowed entry. At Nuh town, RAF personnel were deployed along with Haryana Police. A drone hovered over the temple while many checkpoints were set up on the hills above it.

Meanwhile, several residents propped up stalls for refreshments and showered flowers on the yatrins. Arif Ali, the sarpanch of Kherla village, said the administration held a meeting with them on July 2, asking them to put up stalls to welcome devotees. "Everyone in the village came together for this. We had to make up for the violence that took place last

year, and this year, we could make people feel at home," he said.

Nuh Deputy Commissioner Dharendra Khadgata said the district administration made extensive preparations for the procession — security arrangements were ensured by the administration, with police deploying checkpoints to maintain peace.

A Nuh administration spokesperson said residents cooperated with security measures.

Sanjay Singh, Sohna MLA and Forest minister, Monday visited Nalhar temple and said: "There was enthusiasm among residents of the district during the Braj Mandal pilgrimage. Local people warmly welcomed the pilgrimage at various places. This reflects the area's strong and longstanding tradition of brotherhood."

The minister accompanied the pilgrimage from Nalhareswar Temple to Jhir and Singar temples.

Meanwhile, Faridabad's Saran police station had informed cow vigilante Rajkumar alias Bittu

Bajrangi he could not attend the yatra. "... you have been charged with serious crimes such as inciting communal feelings, participating in illegal assemblies, and intentional murder with the intent of robbery... This year, on the date 22.07.2024, no permission has been granted for you to attend the Jalabhishek Yatra at the Nalhar Shiva Temple. A copy of this notice has been sent to you via WhatsApp and you have been informed accordingly. You are instructed to remain at home during this period and not participate in any criminal activities directly or indirectly, nor promote anything related to this matter on social media. If you fail to comply..., separate legal action will be taken against you," it said.

Ishwar Mittal, a VHP leader, said they did not have any association with criminal elements. "We conducted the yatra with utmost caution and with cooperation of enforcement agencies and locals," he said.

Anti-graft body to probe hiring of security guards at Delhi govt hospitals

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THE DELHI government's Anti-Corruption Branch (ACB) has registered a case of corruption against three firms providing security services as well as unnamed government and private officials, in connection with alleged malpractices in hiring security guards in Delhi government hospitals, said officials.

Joint Commissioner of Police (ACB) Madhur Verma said the investigating agency filed an FIR after receiving several complaints regarding various "malpractices" and "embezzlement" of government funds by private manpower/security provider companies in connivance with government officials in providing security personnel in different hospitals.

"During verification, it was revealed that these private players, hand-in-glove with government officials, are actively involved in various malpractices and violations of tender conditions as well as laid down procedures in providing security personnel at different Delhi government hospitals," said Verma.

Officials said the agencies allegedly violated tender norms by recruiting unqualified security personnel without verification of criminal antecedents. In some cases, they allegedly got payment from the hospitals without actually deploying the agreed number of security guards in the award of tender, they added.

"There are also allegations that one person was deployed in more than one hospital and the agencies claimed bills from more than one hospital and demanded bribes from security personnel for fresh recruitment...", said officials, adding that hundreds of contractual employees were deployed by these companies in different Delhi government hospitals.

A comprehensive investigation has been launched to unearth the alleged conspiracy and fix the role and culpability of government officials and private individuals involved in the matter, said officials.

The Delhi government in a response said, "Health Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj had highlighted the corruption in hiring contractual manpower soon after he took charge as minister. Just a few days ago, Minister Bharadwaj sent a detailed note to the Secretary, Health, and again directed to stop the practice of hiring manpower through private contractors and start hiring manpower through PSUs under state and central government..."

Officials said on July 19, Bharadwaj in a note said, "Despite repeated directions on file, things have not changed on the ground. Strict punishment should be given to those responsible for continuing this corrupt practice. A thorough inquiry should find out why officials had shut their eyes despite repeated reminders by the Health Minister."

Ghaziabad: Pvt college chairman booked for using 'casteist slurs' against student; he denies claim

DHEERAJ MISHRA
 GHAZIABAD, JULY 22

THE CHAIRMAN of a private college in Ghaziabad has been booked for allegedly abusing a student from the Scheduled Caste (SC) community and using casteist slurs during a phone call, said police.

Police took action after a recorded audio clip of the purported conversation went viral on social media and a group of local Dalit leaders, including a zilla panchayat member, filed a complaint.

While the student has not been identified yet, police said he is a Bareilly resident and is pursuing B.Ed from Gyanasthali College.

In the purported conversation, the chairman can be heard telling the student that he will not get his B.Ed degree. He also threatened to "fail every SC student" and the college will now write that admission of this caste will be prohibited. Asking the student why he doesn't pay fees, the chairman allegedly threatened to "lock him up in Bhojpur police station". He also allegedly said that people of his caste were painting walls and he should too.

The chairman, Hariom Sharma, denied the allegations and claimed it was a conspiracy against him.

Zilla panchayat member Anil Gautam alleged that the chairman abused not only a single student but the entire Dalit community. "We are demanding that the college's affiliation be cancelled soon. Our demand to the Uttar Pradesh CM is that if the chairman of an institute named 'Gyanasthali' can talk in such a manner against the Dalit community, it is a clear sign that there is something seriously wrong with our society and casteism persists," said Gautam.

Another complainant, Mohit Jaatav, also said Hariom Sharma has humiliated the entire SC community and action should be taken against him. "... While talking to the student, Sharma said just like... dogs are not allowed, he will put up a board at the college gate to bar entry of SC students... The affiliation of such a college must be cancelled. He does not know what 'gyan' means, else he would not have used such language," alleged Jaatav.

ACP Modinagar Gyan Prakash Rai said an FIR under BNS section 352, section 67 of Information Technology (Amendment) Act 2008, and

Section 3(2)(v) of The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989, has been registered.

"We have not contacted the student yet. The accused, Hariom Sharma, has also not been questioned. We received a complaint that a person from the Scheduled Caste was abused on the phone... and that he was insulted with caste-related words. Based on the information received, a case has been registered at Bhojpur police station under relevant sections. Necessary legal action is being taken," said Rai.

When contacted, Sharma told *The Indian Express*, "Mei Brahman hoon, shastra aur shastra jaanata hoon (I am a Brahmin, I know scriptures and weapons)... But I did not say any of it. This is a conspiracy against me. I do not have any problem, let the police investigate the matter. Fake videos of even Rahul Gandhi go viral, is it not possible to fabricate my voice? I am not going anywhere, I will support the investigation. I do not understand what I should call this SC community or how I should refer to them, they have a problem with every word. I have been receiving threats but I do not fear death."

has stained our washroom tiles," said Manish Kumar, a resident.

Ranjeet Sahu, who has been living in the village for the last six years, says they collected the blue water in a bottle and visited all authorities. "We went to the DJB for help... there is no door we haven't knocked on but everyone has turned a blind eye to our plight. The water and sewer pipeline of our village run close to each other... the sewer line is very old so it tends to occasionally leak onto the roads. The population of the village has increased, but the sewerage system does not have the capacity to handle the load. Currently, blue water is flooding the roads too," he adds.

"Our panchayat sangh visited the village. There is anger growing amongst villagers over this; the polluted water supply has put them in danger of contracting diseases...", says Than Singh Yadav, head of Delhi's panchayat collective.

The panchayat sangh also announced that if nothing is done, a meeting of all three villages of Nangloi will be called Sunday to brainstorm on actions that can be taken to solve this issue. "The administration concerned is treating poor residents and farmers of Delhi's rural villages like second-class citizens and denying them basic necessities. This will not be tolerated anymore," asserts Yadav.

DJB officials, however, say they are not aware of the matter. "There are many areas in Delhi where the water is polluted. We keep getting complaints in this regard for which we have a helpline number; from there, the issue gets transferred to a junior engineer who then works on resolving the issue. The amount of time taken depends on the complexity of the issue... we will take this issue into notice and solve it at the earliest," says a DJB official.

Residents said the issue has persisted for 2 weeks now, with the blue water seeping onto the roads too. Express

the streets too. "The issue persists in at least 45 houses. In many other houses, the water is not visibly blue but people have been falling sick nonetheless... we haven't been using tap water and are being forced to buy cans... the water is so blue that it



EXCISE POLICY PROBE: DELHI COURT TAKES COGNIZANCE OF CHARGESHEET

CBI cites 'clinching' WhatsApp chats of K Kavitha's 'close associate' in supplementary chargesheet

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

"CLINCHING" WHATSAPP chats retrieved from the mobile of BRS legislator K Kavitha's "close associate", and details of the alleged money trail and kickbacks have been flagged in the supplementary chargesheet filed against her by CBI in the corruption case linked to the alleged excise policy scam.

A Delhi court on Monday took cognizance of the chargesheet, akin to a prosecution complaint. "The WhatsApp chats retrieved from the mobile phones

of the accused Butchibabu Gorantla, a close associate and chartered accountant of K Kavitha, are very clinching," the central probe agency underlined.

One such alleged WhatsApp message retrieved from Gorantla's phone was cited by the agency, which read, "... We have appointed a consultant who will give us the policy tweaking, ins and outs of the policy and presentable business opportunity."

"We are required to make two-three Delhi visits, (for) detailed discussions, and freezing the policy... then we know the final business opportunity," the



K Kavitha was arrested in March. File

message further read. In its chargesheet, the central

agency also said that Kavitha "demanded, collected, and provided Rs 100 crores to (the) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for manipulating and tweaking the excise policy".

"K Kavitha used the wholesale liquor licence (L-1) holder M/s Indo Spirits (where she was holding 32.5% share) as a vehicle to recoup the upfront money of Rs 100 crores paid by her to the AAP," the chargesheet further stated.

K Kavitha's assistant Ashok Kaushik, the CBI alleged, was "involved in the transfer of ill-gotten money to Goa (for funding the AAP's assembly election campaign) through hawala

channel." Kavitha obtained Rs 14 crore from a company of Hyderabad-based businessman P Sarath Reddy, who has now turned an approver, under the "guise of a land deal" and this amount was paid to the AAP, the CBI alleged.

Earlier, the agency had alleged that Kavitha "orchestrated" a deal with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his former deputy Manish Sisodia. She, along with other members of an alleged liquor cartel called "South Group" paid kickbacks "through a string of intermediaries and middlemen" to gain access to the excise policy formation.

On Monday, Special Public Prosecutor DP Singh, representing the CBI, told a Delhi court that they'll be filing the final chargesheet in the corruption case by the weekend.

Kejriwal will likely be named in the final chargesheet as the CBI had earlier said that their investigation against all the other accused is complete.

Special Judge Kaveri Baweja took cognizance of the chargesheet against Kavitha.

The BRS leader had earlier moved a default bail plea in the case, citing a "defective" chargesheet filed by the agency. Arguments on the bail plea will be heard on August 5.

Man running detective agency held for illegal CDR procurement

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A 60-YEAR-OLD man running a private detective agency in Delhi for nearly 25 years has been arrested by the Crime Branch of Delhi Police for allegedly illegally procuring call detail records (CDR). Tarun Vincent Daniel, the accused, was allegedly introduced to procuring CDR details two to three years ago by two men from Gurgaon, noted the FIR. He procured such records for over 100 clients, and was caught red-handed when police laid a trap, officials added. None of Daniel's alleged associates who have also been booked have been arrested yet.

On June 29, the Crime Branch received a tip-off that a detective agency in Vikaspuri was procuring call detail records in an unauthorised manner. The Crime Branch team decided to send a decoy client to Daniel's agency to nab Daniel red-handed, said officials. The decoy client requested Daniel to procure the CDR details of a number, to which Daniel

quoted a price of Rs. 60,000. The client transferred Rs. 29,000 as an advance payment and promised that he'd pay the rest once the details were delivered to him. On July 17, Daniel transferred the details to him and requested him to pay the rest of the money that was owed for the service. The decoy client told him that he'd give the money to Daniel in cash and that they should meet the next day near Dwarka Mor metro station where he was arrested.

During questioning, Daniel allegedly revealed he had been approached by Anurag and Arjun, two residents of Gurgaon, two to three years ago, who'd told him that they'd be able to help him procure call detail records in an unauthorised manner. They had also put him in touch with Sanjay, a resident of Bulandshahr in Uttar Pradesh, who allegedly worked in a telecom firm. Daniel revealed that he had provided such details to almost 100 clients. Daniel is being running a detective agency called AD Detective since 1996. Private investigating agencies function in a legally grey area in India, as per experts. There are no

laws that set down rules, regulations, and licensing. In 2007, the Private Detective Agency Regulation Bill was introduced in Rajya Sabha that set down licensing requirements. "The Bill restricted foreign agencies from working in India by capping foreign agents to own up to 49% of the company and denying them the provision of being a part of the board of directors," said Kunwar Vikram Singh, Chairman, Association of Professional Detectives and Investigators (APDI). The Bill was eventually sent to the Standing Committee where it languished for years, said Singh. "A few years ago, the government withdrew the Bill from Parliament. We've asked them to consider reintroducing it soon with changes. If the Bill passes, everyone will have to get licenses. Till then, agencies will continue working in grey area," said Singh.

Explaining that getting call detail records is difficult, he said "Many information brokers work in the market. These brokers know people in the market who can procure these details for a price."

Cop dies after he was electrocuted while inspecting crime scene



Constable Hemant Yadav

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A POLICEMAN, who was electrocuted when he went near a high-tension wire while inspecting a crime scene in Najafgarh, died on Saturday after battling for his life for a week, said officials.

Constable Hemant Yadav, 30, was posted in Dwarka district's Anti-Burglary Cell. On July 13, Yadav was in the Ghasipura area to examine the crime scene in a theft case. When the complainant suggested that the thief might have entered the house via the roof, Yadav went to the roof along with a colleague.

While trying to have a clear view of the adjacent roof to get more clues, Yadav did not realise that he was close to a high-tension wire. The constable's clothes caught fire following a short-circuit and he was electrocuted. His colleague ran to his rescue and doused the fire immediately. Yadav was admitted to a hospital at Dwarka Mor. He was later referred to AIIMS burn block and trauma center. He suffered 60% second-degree superficial and deep electric flash burns. For seven days, Yadav fought for his life before succumbing to injuries on Saturday, police said. He hailed from Haryana's Rewari and is survived by his wife and a 3-year-old daughter. On Sunday, he was cremated in his village. "All possible assistance is being given to Yadav's family," DCP Ankit Singh, Dwarka, said.

A BSES official said that the wire was installed over 50 years ago in an unauthorised colony. He said that despite being served a notice, the owner didn't rectify the position of the wire as per the CEA (Central Electricity Authority) guidelines. "We (BSES) extend our deepest condolences to the family of the deceased," he said. An FIR was filed at Najafgarh police station.

HIV patients accuse AIIMS ART Centre security staff of assault

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

SCENES OF chaos were witnessed on Monday at the Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) Centre in AIIMS as some HIV patients alleged assault by the security staff. The patients have submitted a complaint against security guards, and the additional security officer (ASO) to the Deputy Director of Administration.

In the complaint, an HIV patient alleged that AIIMS security guards and the ASO engaged in a fight with the patients, staff, and doctors. "One of the security officers slapped me when I tried to ask for my records," the patient claimed. A dedicated centre for HIV patients, it provides a free supply of antiretroviral drugs. Tuberculosis patients are also provided with trained physicians at the ART Centre. Several videos were widely shared on social media where the patients and doctors could be seen giving details of the incident. In a video, a patient can be seen alleging that his files were thrown away by the security staff.

When contacted for a response, AIIMS official spokesperson remained unavailable.

Doctors blamed the security department and administration for Monday's "ruckus and mismanagement". According to sources, there were alleged discussions on giving a portion of the ART Centre to set up a pharmacy



AIIMS Delhi. File

without consulting the Department of Medicine. Sources said the security guards were trying to vacate a portion of the Centre on Monday. "They asked us to vacate the area on the directions of the Medical Superintendent. However there was no order with them," said a source.

"The ART Centre comes under the Department of Medicine. We earlier gave a presentation to AIIMS Director Dr M Srinivas on this, and we were told that nobody would disturb us again," said a source.

However, the security guards — at around 12.15 pm — reached the ART Centre and allegedly started misbehaving with patients, staff, and doctors. They also allegedly threw away records of patients, and medicines, said sources. "It is a sensitive area and preserves the case history of HIV patients. Patients receive medicines, dates, and consultations here. It's crucial but the security guards misbehaved and disturbed the routine process of OPD consultation," a senior doctor said. The security staff, sources claimed, also abused female staff.

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2020 riots: HC Judge recuses from hearing Umar Khalid's bail plea

New Delhi: Delhi High Court Justice Amit Sharma Monday recused himself from hearing former JNU student Umar Khalid's bail plea in the police's "larger conspiracy case" pertaining to the

2020 Northeast Delhi riots. The bail plea was listed before a division bench of Justice Prathiba Singh and Justice Sharma after a change in the roster of judges dealing with the matter. ENS

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6 IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

OPP MPs WALK OUT AS PRADHAN SAYS NO EVIDENCE OF LEAK IN 7 YEARS

Rahul leads Opp's NEET charge: Serious issue, minister blamed all but himself

Pradhan: One incident in Patna... Govt has nothing to hide

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A UNITED Opposition used the alleged irregularities in the NEET-UG exam to take on the Centre on Monday, the first day of the Budget Session of Parliament, with Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi saying there was a "serious issue" with the examination system in the country.

During Question Hour, after the Opposition staged a walkout over Union Minister for Education Dharmendra Pradhan's statement claiming that there was no evidence of paper leak in the last seven years, Speaker Om Birla suggested that members should discuss developing a better examination system in the country.

Besides Gandhi, SP leader Akhilesh Yadav and DMK's Kalanidhi Veeraswamy questioned the government over the issue.

Gandhi, who led the charge, said: "It is obvious to the whole country that there is a serious issue with the examinations in the country. The minister blamed everyone but himself. I don't even think he understands the fundamentals of what is going on here... The issue is there are millions of students in this country who are extremely concerned."

"Every student in this country thinks, we in the Opposition also think, that if you are rich, you can buy the Indian examination sys-



Dharmendra Pradhan, Rahul Gandhi in Lok Sabha. PTI

tem. As this is a systemic issue, what exactly are you doing to fix this issue at the systemic level?"

Congress MP Hibi Eden said data showed 70 instances of paper leaks in 15 states in last seven years. Calling it the "biggest scam", he sought a high-level probe panel to probe the conduct of all competitive exams. He also talked about data recently released by the NTA. Eden said it showed "that 67 top-ranking candidates scored 99.9%, including six from a single examination centre in Haryana... Who owns this centre?"

Pradhan said there had been a "single incident" in Patna of paper leak during the NEET-UG held on May 5, and maintained the Centre had "nothing to hide". The CBI has already initiated a probe into the allegations, and all the facts have been submitted to the Supreme Court, he said. "Let's wait and see what instructions the court gives. This House is open to any kind of discussion."

Denying the figure of 70 instances of paper leaks in last seven

years, also mentioned by Congress MP Manickam Tagore, Pradhan said: "Since the establishment of the NTA, there have been 240 exams, with 5 crore applicants and 4.5 crore students participating."

Tagore went on to ask if Pradhan would take responsibility for the exam irregularities and resignation. Pradhan said: "I am here in this position at the mercy of my leader PM Modi. When questions of accountability arise, our government will be answerable..."

On Akhilesh's charge that the NDA government was setting a record in paper leaks, Pradhan said it was the Congress-led UPA government that had initiated the process of centralisation and that current criticisms were politically motivated. He also asked why the UPA government had not framed a law to contain unlawful activities in competitive examinations.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla tried to bring down tensions saying such "blame game" would negatively impact the Indian education system. "The agency is investigating, and the matter is in court. We should not play blame games... We should look at developing a better system... It is not right to raise questions about all examinations," Birla said.

Once the Speaker made his remarks, Gandhi wanted to speak again, but was disallowed. The Opposition, including Congress, SP, DMK, NCP and Left members, staged a walkout in protest.

Govt: No proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality

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IN RESPONSE to questions on the National Testing Agency (NTA) and the conduct of NEET-UG in the Lok Sabha, the Government has said there has been a "likely breach of chain of custody" of the question paper in only one instance and that "there is no material on record to indicate any proof of any large-scale breach of confidentiality in this pan-India examination".

"The Ministry of Education has asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to conduct a comprehensive investigation into the entire gamut of alleged irregularities including conspiracy, cheating, breach of trust etc," a response submitted by Union Minister of State for Education Sukanta Majumdar stated.

On the number of cases registered on the leakage of the NEET-UG question paper and the action taken by the Government, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has said in his response that an FIR was registered only in one case, in Patna, alleging the leak of the question paper and that the

ministry lodged a complaint with the CBI, which then registered an FIR in the matter on June 23.

On whether the Government has any record of paper leaks in exams conducted by central agencies and details of leaks in the past 10 years, Majumdar has stated that "data regarding examination-specific incidents is not maintained centrally in the Ministry". "NEET (UG) seeks to uphold merit and to prevent exploitation, profiteering, and commercialisation of education. Currently, there is no proposal under consideration to scrap NEET (UG)," he said in response to a question on whether counselling was likely to be cancelled and the "old system" from the pre-NEET period would be restored "in view of large-scale protest by students".

In response to a question on the work that the NTA outsources to private agencies, Majumdar stated that considering the sensitivity involved, "various operational and security measures are undertaken for their smooth and fair conduct". "However, it is pertinent to mention that all core activities involving setting up of question papers are not outsourced," he said.



PM Narendra Modi addresses the media ahead of Budget Session on Monday, in presence of Union ministers Kiren Rijju, Jitendra Singh, L. Murugan and Arjun Ram Meghwal. Remuka Puri

Budget will lay foundation for Viksit Bharat dream, says Modi

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A DAY before the first Union Budget during the NDA government's third term, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Monday that the Budget will set the direction of the next five years and will lay a strong foundation for the dream of Viksit Bharat by 2047.

At the beginning of the Budget session, Modi said, "We are moving ahead with the goal of gradually implementing the guarantees that I have been giving to the people of the country. This Budget is an important budget of Amrit Kaal. We have got an opportunity of five years and the Budget will also determine the direction of our work for those five years. This Budget will lay a strong foundation for fulfilling our dream of a developed India by 2047, when we will be celebrating 100 years

of Independence."

It is a matter of pride that India is the fastest growing country among the big economies, he said. "We are growing with a continuous growth rate of 8% in the last three years. Today, the positive outlook, investment and performance in India are at the peak of opportunity. This in itself is an important milestone in India's development journey," Modi said.

Without naming any member or party, Modi alluded to the sloganeering by the Opposition members during his reply to the debate on Motion of Thanks on the President's Address during the first session of Lok Sabha.

"You must have seen that in the first session of the Parliament, there was an undemocratic attempt to suppress the voice of the government which was voted to serve by the majority of 140 crore people of the country. For two and a half hours, suppressing the voice of

the country's Prime Minister cannot have any place in democratic traditions. And there is no remorse for all this, there is no pain in their hearts," Modi said.

He said that the parties had fought against each other in the run up to the Lok Sabha elections, and through extensive campaigns told the people what they wanted to do for them and the people have returned the verdict.

The PM said all MPs should now come together and fight for the country for the next five years by rising above party lines in the House. "Go to the battlefields of elections in January 2029. Till then, the only priority should be the country, its poor, farmers, women and the youth," he said.

Modi lamented that many Parliamentarians could not get any opportunity to put forward their views and the issues pertaining to their constituencies due to the negative approach of some political parties.



Akhilesh Yadav with other SP MPs at Parliament. PTI

15% PMAY-U beneficiaries minorities, says Ministry

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A LITTLE over 15% of the beneficiaries who have got houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban (PMAY-U), so far, come from religious minority communities, according to a reply by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to a question in the Rajya Sabha on Monday.

Replying to a question by nominated MP Satnam Singh Sandhu, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister of State Tokhan Sahu said 118.64 lakh houses had been sanctioned under PMAY-U, which was launched in 2015, based on proposals submitted by states and UTs as of July 15. Out of those, 85.04 lakh houses had been completed or delivered to the beneficiaries.

Of the total sanctioned houses, 15.15% or 16 lakh houses were for beneficiaries of the minority communities, of which 13.45 (12.74%) were Muslim beneficiaries, 1.73 lakh (1.64%) Christians, 49,670 (0.47%) Sikhs, 19,707 (0.19%) Buddhists, 10,457 (0.10%) Jains and 1,127 (0.01%) Zoroastrians, Sahu stated in a written reply. The scheme had been extended from 2022 to December 31, 2024 to allow for completion of houses sanctioned till March 31, 2022.

In reply to another question by Congress MP Ajay Maken, the reply stated: "...States/UTs have been advised to accelerate the pace of construction and ensure completion of sanctioned houses/projects within the stipulated timelines as per Detailed Project Report (DPR)."

No case is made out for special category status for Bihar, Govt tells Parliament

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ON THE eve of the Union Budget presentation, the government told Parliament on Monday that the case for special category status for Bihar is not made out.

"Earlier, the request of Bihar for special category status was considered by an inter-ministerial group (IMG), which submitted its report on March 30, 2012.

The IMG came to the finding that based on existing NDC (National Development Council) criteria, the case for special category status for Bihar is not made out," Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary told Parliament while answering a question by JD(U) MP Rampreet Mandal.

In his written reply, the minister said the special category status for plan assistance was granted in the past by the

NDC to some states that were characterised by a number of features necessitating special consideration.

These included hilly and difficult terrain, low population density or sizeable share of tribal population, strategic location along borders with neighbouring countries, economic and infrastructural backwardness and non-viable nature of state finances, Chaudhary said in the reply.

At the all-party meeting on Sunday, the JD(U) and the YSRCP had raised their demand for special category status for Bihar and Andhra Pradesh respectively.

The BJD too reminded the BJP about its promise of special category status for Odisha made ahead of the 2014 elections. Another BJP ally, Union minister and IJP (RV) president Chirag Paswan, also joined the JD(U) in demanding the special category status for Bihar.

Andhra got ₹35,492 crore from Centre in 5 years: MoS

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THE CENTRE has so far provided a financial assistance of Rs 35,492 crore to the Andhra Pradesh government, Union MoS for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Lok Sabha Monday.

Replying to supplementary question asked by TDP member Daggumalla Prasad Rao, Chaudhary said the Centre has provided Rs 1,678.76 crore as resource gap, Rs 1,750 for Rayalaseema, the most backward region of the state, Rs 2,500 crore for the capital at Amaravati, and Rs 15,147 crore for Polavaram project. Under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, the Centre provides financial assistance to the state.

Chaudhary said that the central government has released over Rs 63,000 crore to Andhra Pradesh over the last five years from 2019-20 to 2023-24 under various centrally sponsored schemes.

Rao had asked him whether there were any issues of fund diversion or misallocation related to these funds in Andhra during the past five years. He also said Andhra Pradesh CM N Chandrababu Naidu has requested for substantial financial support from the Centre to help reconstruct and rebuild the state, which is facing acute financial challenges to continue the stalled infrastructure projects.

Chaudhary said Naidu had given a letter to the Centre in this regard. The central government would examine Andhra Pradesh's request and take a decision, he said.

Dhankhar rejects Opp notices for debate on Kanwar route orders

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RAJYA SABHA Chairperson Jagdeep Dhankhar on Monday rejected notices from seven Opposition members for a discussion on the Uttar Pradesh Police's order asking eateries on the Kanwar Yatra route to display names of their owners and employees. A notice for discussion on issuing of "fake" disability certificates for UPSC was also rejected.

The Opposition MPs had given notices under rule 267, seeking suspension of the business of the day to take up discussion on the issue.

Dhankhar said the notices were "neither in conformity to requirements of rule 267 nor to directions given by the chair... And so the same are not accepted". Dhankhar also said that the notices should have been sent online, prompting the Opposition MPs to demand of fine submissions of notices be



Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar presides over the Business Advisory Committee meet at Parliament House. ANI

allowed as well.

While DMK member Tiruchi Siva said that in case there were problems with sending the notices online, physical notices may also be accepted, Samajwadi Party's Ram Gopal Yadav made his case by citing the recent Microsoft outage.

The Chair conceded and said physical notices will be accepted in exceptional situations. Meanwhile, during Zero

Hour, RJD member Manoj Kumar Jha also raised the issue of development in Bihar, urging the Centre to start five special economic zones in the state.

He added that while some of his colleagues may be demanding either special status or special package for their states, the "either, or" was not acceptable to Bihar. He said Bihar wanted both "and we will ask for it in Parliament and on the streets."

Kanwar orders divisionary move: Cong MP

New Delhi: Terming the UP Police directives to eateries along the route of the Kanwar Yatra to display the names of the owners as unconstitutional and undemocratic, Congress MP Dharamvir Gandhi hit out at the BJP and alleged the party wants to achieve its political objectives by enforcing "divisionary agenda".

Raising the issue during Zero Hour, Gandhi said: "This is a divisionary step. It will create a new tension in the area where people are living peacefully. This is unconstitutional and undemocratic."

He said SSP of Haridwar in Uttarakhand had issued a similar directive. "I think this is a divisionary agenda and by implementing it, the BJP wants to achieve its political objectives. This is an attempt to divide the society. I request the government to stop it."

He said that these orders should be withdrawn to maintain mutual and communal harmony and to protect the unity and integrity of the country. ENS

LS discussion on Olympics: Hooda brings up wrestlers' protests

Hooda says situation shouldn't arise when players have to fight own govt: Rijju says avoid raising federation fights

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A DISCUSSION in Lok Sabha on India's preparedness for Paris Olympics took a political turn on Monday, after Congress MP Deepender Hooda brought up the issue of alleged sexual harassment by former BJP MP Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh.

While Hooda didn't name Singh, he said a situation should not arise when players have to fight their own government and the system. He also mentioned

how no one from the government responded when some medal winners had said that they would throw their medals in the Ganga.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju, who had earlier held charge of the sports ministry, intervened to say that members should avoid raising "federation fights" in the House.

The minister said there is bound to be politics in sports federations and such issues should not be raised in Parliament. Rijju said no other government has done what PM Narendra Modi



Congress MP Deepender S Hooda speaks in Lok Sabha. PTI

has done for sports.

The short discussion on 'India's preparedness for the upcoming Olympic games' was in-

cluded through a supplementary agenda.

When Speaker Om Birla asked the House to take up the discus-

sion, RSP's N K Premchandran questioned the timing and asked what suggestions could the House offer when the Indian team has already left for the Olympics beginning July 26. He alleged that the government is taking the House for granted, noting that supplementary agenda is issued to bring important legislative items.

The discussion was started by BJP's Sanjay Jaiswal, who said the opposition finds the discussion on sports irrelevant. He said the government has invested over Rs 400 crore for 16 disciplines and is making all-out efforts to ensure

athletes get the best training and facilities. Based on the demand of players, the government is also hiring the best available coaches from across the world since 2014, he said.

Taking part in the discussion, Azad Samaj Party MP Chandrashekar Azaad said: "I would like to ask the government what steps have been taken to increase participation from rural areas, and of SC/ST aspirants. How much amount has been allocated for this?... also, how many athletes will be from different categories..."

7 ECONOMIC SURVEY

Undoing learning loss from Covid most urgent



Education sector bustling with transformation led by NEP 2020, says survey

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POINTING AT "the gap between class standard and learning level" having widened since Covid, the Economic Survey states that "improving learning outcomes and undoing the Covid-induced learning loss is more urgent than ever."

It refers to data from the National Achievement Survey (NAS) 2021 to point out a drop in student performance. In comparison to the NAS 2017, student performance underwent a "significant drop in NAS 2021," it states, adding that Class 10 scores decreased by 13.4% in Mathematics, 18.6% in Science, and 9.1% in Social Science, while Class 3 scores decreased by 3.9% in Language, 4.7% in Mathematics, and 4.4% in Environmental Studies.

"The education sector is bustling with the across-the-board transformation led by the NEP 2020, which is expected to yield Foundational Literacy and Numeracy for every child passing the third standard in the near future," stated the survey.

Of the schemes "driving" the NEP 2020 goals, the survey included the PM-SHRI scheme. With vocational education receiving "focused attention" under NEP, exposure of skill education to upper primary students has been approved for 1,08,418 schools for FY 2024-25.

On higher education front, the survey refers to an "acceleration in total enrolment coupled with rising enrolment equity over the past eight years." Total enrolment in higher education was at 4.33 crore in FY 2021-22, up from 3.42 crore in FY 2014-15, according to All India Survey on Higher Education report for 2021-22.

'Excessive preoccupation with single global temp target, need to move away'

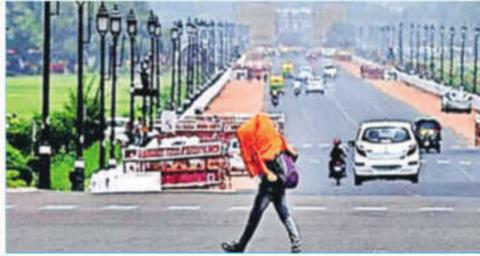
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MAKING a strong departure from the global narrative on climate change, India on Monday said risking economic welfare of the people in developing countries for keeping global temperatures within some threshold was a "flawed" way of dealing with the problem.

Articulating a radically new argument on climate change in the Economic Survey, the government suggested that nearer-term policies to improve the lives of the people were the best insurance against climate change, and the world needed to move away from its "excessive preoccupation" of meeting a single global temperature target, like the 1.5 or 2 degree Celsius thresholds.

The survey, which contained two chapters on climate change for the first time, lamented the fact that development goals had been "downgraded" and reduction of global emissions had been elevated "to the pinnacle of all economic policies".

The 2015 Paris Agreement asks countries to make efforts to ensure that the rise in global average annual temperature is con-



The survey said the kind of demands being put on developing countries had a cost that was 'too much for most nations'. File

tained within 2 degree Celsius from the pre-industrial times (average of 1850-1900 period), preferably within 1.5 degree Celsius itself. Every country has to prepare, and implement, an action plan that contributes towards meeting this target.

The survey twice quoted Mike Hulme, a professor of Geography at the University of Cambridge, to make the argument that this was not the best course.

"... global temperature is a seriously flawed index for capturing the full range of complex relationships between climate and human welfare and ecological integrity," Hulme wrote in his 2023

book *Climate Change isn't Everything: Liberating Climate Politics from Alarmism*.

The survey said the kind of demands being put on the developing countries, particularly with regard to transitioning away from fossil fuels, had a cost that was "too much for most nations".

"It is morally wrong to tell developing countries to abandon their aspirations for better living standards so that developed countries can maintain their ways of living in cleaner environments and cooler climates," it said.

The survey argued a more sustainable solution to the climate problem lay not in replac-

E Explained
Challenging climate change discourse

THE INEQUITIES of the global climate change architecture, and the duplicity of developed nations have been called out repeatedly by India and other developing countries, but for the first time India is questioning the very objective of climate change discourse, framed in terms of a single global temperature target. This comes at a time when it is becoming increasingly clear the 1.5 degrees Celsius target would be missed.

ing one form of energy fuel with another, but in avoiding overconsumption and wastage and making lifestyle changes. Pointing out that the solutions being offered had their own set of problems, India gave the example of critical minerals required for batteries. These minerals were being mined in the most underdeveloped parts of the world, utilising

the labour of poor people in very dangerous conditions. "Moreover, do each of us really need multiple screens, even if they are charged by renewable energy sources, or must everyone fly off to fancy destinations in fancy planes for a great conversation on reducing climate impact, or that we must eat for taste what we shouldn't eat for health or environment... instead of imbibing sustainable practices in way we live, we worry more about carrying PETA labels on our bags," it said.

India also called out the uninformative and prescriptive nature of climate change strategies without taking into account the geographical, economic and climatic differences of countries.

"Without cross-learning, many natural ideas relevant to sustainable development, such as consumption patterns, lifestyles, plant vs meat-based diet, etc., are not factored in... Beef production has the highest emissions per kilogram of food product... Despite this, there is not even a call for change, let alone a mandate (for reduction)," it said. India argued the scale of energy transitions the countries were being asked to make for meeting temperature target had never happened in history in short period envisioned.

NREGS demand not true indicator of rural distress: Survey

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE DEMAND under MGNREGS is not a real indicator of rural distress but is rather predominantly linked to a state's institutional capacity and, to some extent, different minimum wages and other considerations, said the Economic Survey 2023-24 tabled by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in Lok Sabha on Monday.

Noting that a state's institutional capacity is "crucial" for effectively tapping MGNREGS funds, the survey, citing several studies, said literature establishes a link between per-capita income and institutional quality. And, discussing factors that explain differences in MGNREGA work demand across states, it said MGNREGS fund usage and employment generation are not proportional to poverty levels. Additionally, it said, "calculations reveal there is little correlation between MGNREGS fund usage and rural unemployment rates."

"It is evident from the data... that MGNREGS work demand does not directly correlate with increased rural distress at a micro level," the survey said.

"States with lower per-capita incomes and higher poverty levels often have weaker institutions, thereby tapping fewer funds per work executed and generating less employment per capita for the rural poor... states with higher institutional capacities plan and coordinate better, executing costlier works in rural infrastructure or natural resources management," it said.

The survey also highlighted differences in registering demand and increased leakages in MGNREGS.

"Variations in MGNREGS fund usage arise from irregularities and leakages observed across states... Over four years, Social Audit Units found Rs 935 crore misappropriated under MGNREGS... It also noted that transparency, accountability, and record-keeping processes were often violated in MGNREGA implementation," it said.

"From the above diagnostic analysis, it can be concluded that demand under MGNREGS is not a real indicator of rural distress but is rather predominantly linked with the State's institutional capacity and to some extent also different minimum wages and other considerations," the survey said.



TEAM MEETING

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Union MoS Pankaj Chaudhary with officials on the eve of the Union Budget in New Delhi on Monday. ANI

'Worth considering incentives to states for modernising agricultural marketing'

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE ECONOMIC Survey recommended incentivising states for interventions to modernise agricultural marketing as recommended by the 15th Finance Commission.

According to the survey, implementing the e-National Agriculture Market (e-NAM), supporting Farmers Producer Organisations (FPOs) and enabling cooperatives to participate in agri-marketing could enhance market infrastructure and facilitate better price discovery.

"Improving market infrastructure by incentivising states can be explored. This can be done by creating an index to rank states, al-



Agriculture requires serious structural transformation, the Economic Survey noted

lowing the participation of cooperatives and enabling remunerative returns to investors according to functioning of their APMCs and other market institutions..." said the survey.

The observations are significant as the NITI Aayog has revived

the 15th Finance Commission's idea of providing financial incentives to states to encourage them to implement agriculture reforms. The *Indian Express* had reported NITI Aayog officials, in a presentation to PMO, mooted the idea of a new scheme with an outlay of Rs 50,000 crore to incentivise states to adopt agricultural reforms.

"The growing significance of allied sectors such as animal husbandry, dairying and fisheries in enhancing farmers' income suggests that greater emphasis should be placed on tapping into the potential of these activities to boost farmers' incomes," it said.

"Smallholder farmers' incomes cannot be increased by producing rice, wheat, or even millets, pulses and oilseeds. They

need to move to high-value agriculture - fruits and vegetables, fisheries, poultry, dairy and buffalo meat. Once incomes of smallholders increase, they will demand manufactured goods, spurring a manufacturing revolution," it said.

The survey said investment in tech, production methods, marketing infrastructure and reduction in post-harvest losses need to be scaled up. Productivity of crop sector can also be enhanced through greater investment, including from the private sector, it said.

Observing that Indian agriculture sector is a "success story," the survey noted, "Indian agriculture is not in a crisis now but requires a serious structural transformation because climate change and water criticality loom large."

A hollow envelope during nation's most difficult situation: Congress on survey

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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AFTER THE pre-budget Economic Survey was presented in Parliament by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Monday, the Congress said it is like "a shiny hollow envelope highlighting the failures of the Modi government" when the country is going through the "most precarious and difficult economic situation in many years".

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said the Modi government "has crushed the aspirations of 140 crore Indians in 10 years". "The Union Education Minister spreads lies in the House, avoids taking responsibility for the NEET paper leak... Today the future of the youth is in limbo. The unemployment rate is at 9.2%. There is a stampede for jobs," Kharge said in a post on X.

The backbreaking inflation, he said, has pushed the savings of families to the lowest in the last 50 years. He said the survey says "FDI should come from China".

"Modiji gave a political 'clean chit' to China while insulting the 20 martyrs in Galwan, and today his economic survey has given an economic 'clean chit' to China," he said, adding import of Chinese goods to India have jumped by 68% since 2020 and trade deficit with China has soared by 75%.

In his post, Kharge said, "today's news says now the Modi government wants to reimplement the three anti-farmer black laws through the back door."



The future of youth is in limbo, says Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge

cated. Truth is the gap between rich and poor in the country is the highest in 100 years."

In a statement, Congress General Secretary incharge communications 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."

"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," the former Union minister said.

Congress's Deputy Leader in Lok Sabha Gaurav Gogoi said, "On inflation, the government has totally failed... The rich are not bothered. But the poor and the middle class are asking when they will be freed of inflation. The survey doesn't have any answer. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman doesn't see inflation."

Environment of adverse trade may ease this year

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NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE ADVERSE trade environment last year that resulted in a 5% decline in India's merchandise exports in FY24 is expected to ease this year and the subsequent year. However, geopolitical tensions and policy uncertainty could limit the scope of trade recovery, the Economic Survey said.

While export growth is expected to improve in several economies as external demand for goods picks up, "food and energy prices could again spike" due to geopolitical events and climate disturbances, it said, adding restrictive trade practices increasingly adopted by countries are leading to higher prices as supply chains have become increasingly complex.

International trade has contributed to India's economic growth as rising services exports despite a decline in merchandise imports has cushioned the over-

all trade deficit from \$121.6 billion in FY23 to \$78.1 billion in FY24 and improved India's current account deficit (CAD), the survey noted.

The survey said global trade is going through a particularly challenging phase of uncertainty and there is increased efforts by the US to de-risk and de-couple from China. But China's overwhelming dominance in the supply of processed critical minerals and materials for energy transition renders a true decoupling between the two nations "neither easy nor likely", it added.

While India "may not be an immediate beneficiary of trade diversion from China", it has seen a substantial increase in its electronic exports over time as India's electronic exports to the US have transitioned from a trade deficit of \$0.6 billion in FY17 to a trade surplus of \$8.7 billion in FY24, underscoring a significant increase in value addition, the survey said.

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Pvt investment, lack of quality data key issues facing infra sector

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INDIA MUST boost private sector participation to maintain its infrastructure growth momentum, which has been largely driven by public sector investment, according to the Economic Survey. The survey also called for improving quality of data on infrastructure development, financing, and utilisation to drive more effective policy-making and identified delays in land acquisition and obtaining land-related clearances as key challenges for the sector.

"The addition to the stock of infrastructure in the last five years owed predominantly to public sector financing. Private sector participation is not forthcoming to the extent desired," the survey said. Despite substantial investments in connectivity and energy-related infrastruc-

ture, issues such as land acquisition delays and the slow digitization of land records persist, it said.

The survey also highlighted long payback periods for large projects, the absence of an independent regulator for infrastructural sectors, and problems with contractual and project structuring as major barriers to private sector participation.

To address the private sector's reluctance in mobilising large equity and debt at affordable costs for infra projects, the government brought in PPP models. "Many novel PPP financing models, like hybrid annuity model, have been introduced to mitigate this constraint. But private sector participation through these models has so far been limited to only certain sectors like roads and water," the survey noted.

To encourage private sector investments, the survey recommended numerous initiatives at the subnational level, which in-

cludes state and local governments, to facilitate resource mobilisation for infra development. "Examples include pooled financing mechanisms for municipal projects, specialised municipal intermediaries, asset recycling programs, tax increment financing and land sales and development rights among other innovative approaches," it said.

For better tracking of infrastructure projects, it suggested consolidating data from multiple sources to provide a comprehensive inventory of projects. "The last decade witnessed earnest efforts on the part of the Government to build institutions and structures that monitor progress in infrastructure... However, there is no single source that gives an inventory of infrastructure projects in the country, undertaken at different levels so as to evaluate progress sectorally and sub-sectorally vis-à-vis corresponding targets," it said.

Retail investors flock to market, hold Rs 36 lakh cr worth stocks

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE NUMBER of retail investors in the domestic stock market has surged to over 9.5 crore at present and they directly own close to 10% in the market through investments in 2,500 listed companies, the Economic Survey said.

This unprecedented surge in retail investor participation and activity has been fueled by the technological advancement such as India Stack and regulatory measures.

"Individual investors today are over 9.5 crore and have nearly 10% direct ownership of the market through its almost 2500 listed companies. This translates to around Rs 36 lakh crore of wealth as of March 2024, apart from indirect ownership in equity mutual funds that have Rs 28 lakh crore in assets under management (AUM)," the survey said.

The individual investor's share in the equity cash segment turnover was at 35.9% in FY24. The number of demat accounts with both depositories - National Securities Depository Ltd and Central Depository Services Ltd - rose from 1,145 lakh in FY23 to 1,514 lakh in FY24.

The impact of this influx of individual investors in the market is also reflected in new investor registrations with the exchanges, their share in total traded value, net investments, and ownership in the listed companies, the survey said.

The registered investor base at NSE has nearly tripled from March 2020 to March 2024 to 9.2 crore as of 31 March 2024, potentially translating into 20 per cent of the Indian households now channelling their household savings into financial markets, it said.

Govt, people need to focus on diet, mental health

Incidence of Type 2 diabetes rose from 2% to 20% over 50 yrs: Survey

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THIS YEAR'S Economic Survey takes note of economic impact of an increasing burden of non-communicable diseases and mental health issues, stating:

"For India's working-age population to be gainfully employed, they need skills and good health. Social media, screen time, sedentary habits, and unhealthy food are a lethal mix that can undermine public health and productivity and diminish India's economic potential."

It goes on to say: "The private sector's contribution to this toxic mix of habits is substantial, and that is myopic. The emerging food consumption habits of Indians are not only unhealthy but also environmentally unsustainable."

The report states that obesity and diabetes are on the rise in the country. Citing data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5 in 2019 and 2021), the survey says obesity has increased by four percentage points in men and 3.4% in women over previous round of the survey in 2015-16.

Blaming the upsurge in the consumption of highly processed

food containing sugar and fat, it says: "If India needs to reap the gains of its demographic dividend, it is critical that its population's health parameters transition towards a balanced and diverse diet." The report states that 56.4% of total disease burden is due to unhealthy diets, as the National Institute of Nutrition had said in its recent dietary guidelines for Indians.

The survey goes on to say the incidence of Type 2 diabetes has increased from 2% to 20% over the last 50 years. It argues: "Firstly, the government and the public at large need to accord healthy eating and mental health the attention they deserve. Secondly, public health being a state subject, state and local level governance

remain pivotal for the national big-ticket programmes to reach the last mile through the path of least resistance."

The government has planned screening for non-communicable diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and the three-most common cancers through its network of over 1.6 lakh health wellness centres across the country. There are states such as Delhi that have not implemented the scheme and others like Punjab and West Bengal that are in tussle with the Centre over funds and branding norms to be followed.

Screening people and giving them medicines is not enough, said former director of Indian Institute of Public Health Gandhinagar Dr Dileep Mavlanakar.

"There is a huge economic impact if the working population is unhealthy. While the focus earlier was on infectious diseases, maternal and child health earlier, it has been shifting towards non-communicable diseases over last several years. Health systems are still geared towards managing acute ailments but there is a need for longitudinal follow-up of each patient for management of chronic conditions such as diabetes," he said.

On mental health, it stated that 10.6% adults suffered from mental disorders in India according to National Mental Health Survey 2015-16. It also mentions the negative impact of social media on mental health of the children.

In letter to Tamil Nadu CM, Gujarat IAS officer's wife who died by suicide flags false cases against her

ADITIRAJA VADODARA, JULY 22

A GUJARAT cadre IAS officer's estranged wife, who died purportedly after consuming poison Saturday, has left behind a letter addressed to the Chief Minister of the Gujarat Electricity Regulation Commission (GERC).

Gandhinagar Civil Hospital on Sunday morning while undergoing treatment after purportedly consuming poison on Saturday morning in a garden across the road from the official residence of her husband, Ranjeeth Kumar - currently posted as the Secretary of the Gujarat Electricity Regulation Commission (GERC).

"The note left behind by Suriya is addressed to the Chief Minister of TN, in which she has said that someone identified as 'Raja' lured her into a trap, and that she got entangled in two criminal cases in which he is the prime accused. One case pertains to loan recovery from a woman to whom Raja had allegedly given money, and another case is of kidnapping a boy... In the letter, she mentioned that her husband (Ranjeeth Kumar) is a noble man, who took care of their children in her absence," the officer said.

The officer said that although it "appears to be a case of suicide" and an accidental death report was filed at Gandhinagar Sector-21 police station, the police is ascertaining if Suriya had arrived with the poison in preparation to take the drastic step. The officer said, "We do not know if she had arrived with the poison... Her body has been kept in the cold room at Gandhinagar and her family from Tamil Nadu arrived on Monday to complete the formalities and take back her body. We have not communicated with the Madurai po-

lice, where she is supposed to be wanted, as we have no communication from them." Meanwhile, Gandhinagar police Monday confirmed Suriya's parents and brother decided to return with her body to complete her final rites at their native home. An officer said since Suriya had "conveyed her regret and apology" in the letter to Ranjeeth, he too, had arrived at the police station to accept her body to conduct her final rites but "after much deliberation, the parents and her brother decided to proceed to TN".

Lakhimpur Kheri case: Former Union minister's son gets bail

SC allowed Ashish Mishra, son of former Union minister of state for home Ajay Mishra, to stay in Delhi or Lucknow

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THE SUPREME Court on Monday granted bail to Ashish Mishra, son of former Union minister of state for home Ajay Mishra, in the Lakhimpur Kheri violence case and allowed him to stay in Delhi or Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh.



Four anti-farm law protesters were killed when a convoy of vehicles, including one belonging to Ashish Mishra's father, ran over them on October 3, 2021. File

Four anti-farm law protesters were killed when a convoy of vehicles, including one belonging to Ashish Mishra's father, ran over them on October 3, 2021. Two BJP workers, the driver of one of the vehicles, and a journalist were also killed in the ensuing violence.

Dave added that Mishra had two minor daughters who are studying and that he had to look after them.

him to visit the place of trial a day before the date set for the trial. On the submission that only seven witnesses have been examined so far, the court said the trial proceedings should be expedited. The court also directed the trial court to fix the schedule for hearing, giving priority to the matter.

The court, which granted Ashish Mishra interim bail on January 25, 2023, made its order absolute and modified the condition restraining him from entering Uttar Pradesh.

The bench finally ordered, "Taking into consideration all the attending circumstances, the interim order is made absolute and conditions are modified."

The court asked the public prosecutor to inform the trial court about the witnesses who will be produced on each date and directed that the state should ensure their presence. It also asked the trial court to submit a status report on the trial before the next date of hearing.

Appearing for Ashish Mishra, senior advocate Siddharth Dave submitted before a bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan that Ajay Mishra had lost the recent Lok Sabha elections and that therefore the question of the accused being influential would not survive.

The court added that Mishra "is permitted to stay in Delhi or in Lucknow, UP, and shall abide by the other terms and conditions in the 2023 [order]". It also allowed

Supreme Court stays cancellation of ex-MLA's bail

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE JAIPUR, JULY 22

THE SUPREME Court Monday stayed the cancellation of bail of BJP leader and former MLA Girraj Singh Malinga by the Rajasthan High Court.

Communal tension in UP's Bahraich after Dalit girl 'molested'; six arrested

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, JULY 22

COMMUNAL TENSION erupted in an area of Uttar Pradesh's Bahraich district on Monday after a Dalit girl was allegedly molested by a youth belonging to another community while her family members and relatives were attacked by the accused and his associates when confronted over the issue, police said.

claimed he was passing by when his motorcycle grazed the girl, the SP said.

A bench of Justices MM Sundresh and Arvind Kumar stayed the order of cancellation of bail which was passed by Justice Farzand Ali of High Court earlier this month, wherein Malinga was directed to surrender in a month.

Six persons, including the youth accused of molestation, were arrested after a case was registered against nine persons by name and other unidentified individuals, officials said.

The girl called up her brother who, upon reaching there, hit the youth with an iron rod on his head, causing injuries. This led to a confrontation between the two groups and people from both the communities, including the meat sellers, got into a brawl, Shukla said. The girl suffered minor injuries while trying to intervene in the fight and was sent home after being given treatment.

Malinga was represented by Ajit Sharma and Aditya Vikram Singh. Singh said that the court orally observed that it seems that the complainant is also a political person. The complaint was filed by Harshadipati who is a serving engineer with the electricity department. In March 2022, Harshadipati Valmiki was allegedly assaulted by Malinga, who was then a Congress MLA from Bari Assembly in the district.

A heavy police force was deployed in the area to maintain law and order. Five persons, who were injured, were stated to be stable and some of them were admitted to the district hospital, it learnt.

One girl and four men were injured in this incident and are undergoing treatment. One of the injured men has been referred to the district hospital in Bahraich, as his condition is critical, Tripathi said.

Malinga joined the BJP in November, with both parties trading barbs. Malinga, however, lost to Congress candidate Jaswant Singh Gurjar in Bari with a margin of over 27,000 votes.

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IAS officer whose rejig sparked row now posted as Deoria DM

Divya Mittal was transferred from Mirzapur for 'violating protocol' after she performed 'jal puja' at a village

ASAD REHMAN NEW DELHI, JULY 22

IAS OFFICER Divya Mittal, whose transfer order in September 2023 had led to an outrage in Mirzapur, has been posted as district magistrate in eastern UP's Deoria district.

Adityanath, complaining about her. Subsequently, she was transferred on September 1 and then put on waitlist from September 4, 2023 to February 1, 2024. On February 1, she was posted as CEO of Uttar Pradesh Rural Road Development Agency.

was broken by "anti-social elements" and the supply had stopped once again. Lahuria Dah is a small village in eastern UP's Mirzapur, which has a population of around 1,500 people and falls in the most backward regions of eastern UP. It is inhabited mostly by members of the Dalit community, with some Yadav and Baniya homes.

She had worked for months to get piped water delivered to get piped water delivered to Lahuria Dah village in Mirzapur. On August 30, 2023, after piped water reached the village, Mittal held a small "jal puja", where she opened a tap with running water for the first time in 70 years.

In September last year, The Indian Express had reported how residents of Lahuria Dah village were unhappy with Mittal's transfer from Mirzapur district.

Mittal, who has an MBA from IIM Bangalore and did her B.Tech from IIT Delhi, had quit her job as an exotic derivatives trader in London to join the civil services. She is a 2013 batch IAS officer.

This apparently didn't go well with the local BJP leader Vipul Singh, who wrote to CM Yogi

Singh had said that Mittal performing puja was against protocol and that it should have been done by someone from the government. "The local MLA, MP, and others were not invited," he had said.

On Wednesday, she wrote on X, "This too shall pass". A truth that gives you hope in bad times and humility in good."

Woman who accused Jharkhand BJP chief Marandi aide of rape files withdrawal plea

ABHISHEK ANGAD RANCHI, JULY 22

IN A twist to the 2021 rape case against Jharkhand BJP chief Babul Marandi's political adviser Sunil Tiwari, the complainant has filed a withdrawal petition in a Ranchi court. The complainant in her petition stated that she had filed the rape case "due to some misunderstanding without un-

derstanding the veracity of the allegation" and she does not want to pursue the case against Tiwari.

Ranchi court on July 11 when she signed the withdrawal petition in person. When asked the rationale behind lodging a complaint, Pradhan said he did not know of the fresh FIR.

The petition was filed on July 11 through her lawyer Amrendra Pradhan and the court will now decide whether or not the petition is maintainable.

The Indian Express contacted the complainant, however, she refused to comment on the issue. Her petition for a compromise stated that she and Tiwari have "resolved their disputes and differences at the intervention of common friends and well wishers" and that she "does not have any grievance with the accused..."

A second FIR against Tiwari for "criminal intimidation" was registered at Arghora police station on July 16 following the rape victim wrote to the public prosecutor on June 26 that she was being "intimidated" at his behest.

Pradhan confirmed that the complainant was present in the

Advertisement for Noida Industrial Development Authority (Noida) E-Tender Notice. Details include job numbers, names of work, and tender amounts.

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Public Notice from Government of Haryana, Excise & Taxation Department regarding the process for allotment of L-1BF licenses for wholesale trade of imported foreign liquor.

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Public Notice from Government of Haryana, Excise & Taxation Department regarding the process for inviting applications for the allotment of wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liqueur (L-13).

Advertisement for North Eastern Railway (NER) Open E-Tender Notice No. IZNElect/OT/12/2024. Details include job numbers, names of work, and tender amounts.

Table showing the count of new proposed L-1 license and L-13 license for various districts in Haryana.

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Advertisement for उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे (UPR) ई-ऑक्शन आमंत्रित करने की सूचना. Details include job numbers, names of work, and tender amounts.

Advertisement for Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd. (JUSNL) 6th Time Extension Notice. Details include job numbers, names of work, and tender amounts.

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INS Brahmaputra damaged in Mumbai fire, search on to locate missing sailor

Navy's guided missile frigate was undergoing refit at the Naval Dockyard when the fire broke out

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

A FIRE onboard the Navy's INS Brahmaputra on Sunday evening severely damaged the guided missile frigate, rendering it incapable of being brought back to an upright position. No casualties have been reported in the incident, officials said.

A search is underway to locate a junior sailor who went missing after the fire broke out at Mumbai dockyard while INS Brahmaputra was undergoing refit.

The fire was detected by the ship's duty staff while carrying out routine maintenance work onboard the ship. The blaze was brought under control by the ship's crew with the assistance of firefighters from Mumbai's Naval Dockyard and others on Monday morning itself.

The ship continued to list further alongside her berth since Monday afternoon and is now resting on the side, the Navy said, adding that an inquiry into the



Built by state-run Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, INS Brahmaputra is the first of the indigenously built Brahmaputra-class guided missile frigates that was commissioned into the Navy in 2000. Express

fire incident is underway. "Follow-on actions including sanitisation checks for the as-

essment of residual risk of fire have also been carried out," the Navy said in a statement.

"Despite all efforts, the ship, however, could not be brought to the upright position. The ship

continued to list further alongside her berth and is presently resting on one side."

Built by state-run Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited, INS Brahmaputra is the first of the indigenously built Brahmaputra-class guided missile frigates that was commissioned into the Navy in 2000. With a length and beam of 125 metres and 14.4 metres, respectively, INS Brahmaputra has a displacement of 5,300 tonnes, and is capable of speed in excess of 27 knots.

Both INS Beas and INS Betwa — also named after rivers — are other ships in this class.

The Indian Express had reported that the Navy, in collaboration with the government-owned Cochin Shipyard Limited, began the conversion process of the propulsion system of INS Beas from steam to diesel early April. Once successful, there were plans to convert INS Brahmaputra and INS Betwa from steam to diesel propulsion to enhance their life, maintenance support and capability.

FIRST SESSION OF ODISHA ASSEMBLY

'Assault' by Gov's son rocks Day 1, Naveen says shocked over lack of action in case

SUJIT BISYOI
BHUBANESWAR, JULY 22

TARGETING THE Odisha government over the assault of a Raj Bhavan staffer allegedly by Governor Raghuraj Das's son, Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik on Monday said law and order seems to have broken down in the state.

"My party and I are disappointed and surprised to find that the present government has taken no action on the Governor's son, who has meted out violence to a government officer. We are deeply shocked by this," Patnaik told reporters at the state Assembly.

Patnaik's Biju Janata Dal (BJD) and the Congress staged a walkout in the Assembly during the Governor's speech marking the beginning of the first Assembly session after the new BJP government assumed power in the state.

Saying that during his tenure

as chief minister, immediate action was taken against ministers, MLAs, MPs and senior government servants who broke the law, Patnaik suggested the present government was not acting according to the law.

"Because of this, my party marched out of the Assembly at the beginning of the session," he said.

Responding to the uproar over the issue, Law Minister Prithviraj Harichandan said the Governor's secretary has asked the Puri District Collector to conduct a thorough probe into the matter.

"Instructions have been issued to the Puri Collector to complete the probe and to submit a report within 15 days. Based on the report... action will be taken against whoever is involved. The state government is completely aware of the incident and law will take its own course. I appeal to the Opposition MLAs to have patience," Harichandan told

reporters.

Assistant section officer Baikuntha Pradhan (47), who was posted at Raj Bhavan, had alleged that Governor Das's son, Lalit Kumar, and five others slapped, punched, and kicked him on the night of July 7 on the premises of Raj Bhavan, when he was posted to supervise preparation for President Droupadi Murmu's visit. He alleged that he was assaulted for not sending luxury cars to pick Lalit up from the Puri railway station.

On July 10, Pradhan, who is also an ex-serviceman, submitted a written complaint to the Governor's principal secretary. A day later, he also filed an online police complaint, which is yet to be registered.

Though the Governor met Pradhan and his wife and assured "justice to them", no action has been taken.

Meanwhile, Pradhan has been transferred to the Home Department.

WEEKS AFTER BEING SWORN IN

Bengal Governor asks TMC MLAs to pay fine, says oath taking 'invalid'

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, JULY 22



West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose

A FORTNIGHT ago, when TMC MLAs -- Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar -- were administered oath by Speaker Biman Banerjee in the Assembly, it seemed that weeks of impasse over the oath-taking ceremony had come to an end with the Raj Bhavan relenting to the demand of the two newly elected legislators. However, in a fresh turn of events, Governor C V Ananda Bose has written to the two MLAs, telling them that their oath was an instance of "constitutional impropriety", and therefore if they would take part in Assembly proceedings or vote in the House, they would have to pay a fine of Rs 500 per day.

The MLAs received the letter on Monday as the Assembly convened for the 10-day session. In the letter, the Governor

contended citing Article 193 of the Constitution that he had assigned Deputy Speaker Asish Banerjee to administer the oath to the new MLAs, but instead Speaker Biman Banerjee presided over the swearing-in ceremony. When the Constitutional head of the state designated someone to administer the oath to the MLAs, the Speaker had no jurisdiction in the matter, the letter said.

Soon after the two MLAs took oath on July 5, the Governor had written a letter to President Droupadi Murmu, calling the swearing-in ceremony a "violation of the Constitution". "A report is being sent to the Hon'ble President about the

Constitutional impropriety of the Speaker in 'administering' the oath or affirmation to the two newly elected MLAs," the Raj Bhavan had posted on X soon after the MLAs were sworn in.

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Sayantika Banerjee, the TMC MLA from Baranagar, said: "We received this letter today (Monday). We do not know what to do. We met the Speaker and showed him the mail. He will take a decision."

"We understand we have no problem in attending the session as elected representatives after taking oath in the temple of democracy -- the state legislature," she added. Asked if she would pay the fine, Sayantika said, "Why should I? Have we done anything illegal or improper?"

The fresh row comes as four more TMC MLAs, who were elected in the just concluded by-polls, are likely to be administered oath on Tuesday.

TYAGI SAYS PARTY EXPECTING GOOD SPECIAL PACKAGE FOR BIHAR IN BUDGET

JDU on SC kanwar order stay: Good for communal harmony

SANTOSH SINGH & ASAD REHMAN
PATNA, JULY 22

AHEAD OF THE Budget, NDA constituent JD(U) Monday said it expects a "good special package" from the Centre.

JD(U) advisor and national spokesperson KC Tyagi told *The Indian Express*: "We do expect a good special package in the Union Budget. We have already put forward proposals for medical colleges, airports and other development projects. We have been

reiterating our demand on different forums. Bihar needs a big push and we hope the Centre will warmly respond to our demands."

Asked about the Centre saying no to special status category state status for Bihar in response to a question from JD(U) MP Rampreet Mandal, Tyagi said, "It was an old question. Special status is anyway decided at the National Development Council, which does not hold its meetings these days. We do not read too much into this as the Centre has reiterated its old stance on the matter." Tyagi said they have de-

manded either special status or "any package equivalent" to it.

He also responded to the Supreme Court prohibiting the enforcement of the Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand directives to eateries along the route of the Kanwar yatra to display the names of the owners. "Now that the Supreme Court has stayed the orders of the UP and Uttarakhand governments, it only endorses our point of review. The court has given a very good verdict on the need to maintain communal harmony. We do not need to add more to it."

The Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), a BJP ally at the Centre and in UP, also said that the Supreme Court order had put a stamp on what the party has been saying. RLD national secretary Anupam Mishra told *The Indian Express*: "The honourable Supreme Court order has come. I have been saying that the order related to the kanwar yatra was related to food items. I had said that restaurants must be marked if they are vegetarian and non-vegetarian. If such an arrangement is made, no one would have an issue. The Supreme Court has put its stamp

on what we had said. While staying the UP order, the court has said that only food item details will be displayed till the next hearing. This is a good decision. We will request the state government to ensure that the court order is implemented and to find a way which hurts no community or person in society."

RLD chief Jayant Chaudhary had on Sunday said the police move was unnecessary and the decision was "not taken after a lot of thought". Kanwar yatriks don't check religion of people before accepting "sewa" from them, he said.

Migrant worker found living in dog kennel in Kerala to 'save on rent'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 22

AMIGRANT worker in Kerala was found to be living in an abandoned dog kennel in the compound of a businessman, prompting the state Labour Department on Monday to order a probe.

According to officials, Shyam Sunder from West Bengal has been living in the dog kennel in Ernakulam district's Piravom town for the last three months as he wanted to save on rent.

Action against the house owner could not be initiated, department officials said, as he had not forced Sunder to live in the kennel, which was converted into a small room. A few other migrant workers are living in another building in the same compound. Sunder, who has been in Kerala for the last four years, had earlier lived in a nearby rented house.

An official at the Ernakulam district labour office, who looked into the issue, said the migrant

worker opted for the kennel to cut the cost of rent. "He paid Rs 500 a month to live in the kennel, which had a grilled door. Earlier, he was at another house nearby, where he was paying Rs 3,000 a month as rent... Hence, this kennel looked attractive for him," the official said.

"The Labour Department cannot initiate any action against the house owner. We will recommend that the local administration look into the matter if it involves violations with regard to giving buildings on rent," sources said.

Piravom Municipality vice-chairman KP Salim said that after the issue came up in the media, the migrant worker was moved to another premises.

"We have come to know that the migrant worker wanted the kennel premises as he cannot afford to pay higher rent. There are other migrant workers living in another building in the same compound for a rent of Rs 2,500 per head a month. Nobody forced him to stay in the kennel," he said.

MP BJP Minister threatens to quit after losing forest charge to Cong turncoat

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, JULY 22

A DAY after he was divested of the forest and environment portfolio, Madhya Pradesh scheduled caste welfare minister Nagar Singh Chouhan on Monday threatened to resign from his post. His portfolio has been allocated to Congress turncoat Ramnihar Rawat.

Chouhan threatened that his wife Anita Singh Chouhan would also quit as the Ratlam MP if the BJP leaders failed to respond "positively" to his concerns.

"I am going to Delhi to discuss this issue. Till then, I stand by my statement. I will decide in a day or two after talking to the party organisation. If I feel I should not stay on the post, I will resign along with my wife Anita. I can continue to serve the people of Alirajpur as the MLA," Chouhan told *The Indian Express*.

Chouhan said the move to take away the forest and environment portfolio from a tribal leader like him was not in the BJP's interest.



NCP(SP) chief Sharad Pawar with Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in Mumbai on Monday. PTI

Sharad Pawar meets Shinde to discuss Baramati issues

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, JULY 22

NATIONALIST CONGRESS Party (SP) chief Sharad Pawar on Monday met Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at the Sahyadri Guest House to discuss issues related to milk prices and irrigation in Baramati, sources said.

The meeting comes a day after Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched an attack on Sharad Pawar. Baramati is in Pune district, of which Ajit Pawar, Deputy Chief Minister and Sharad Pawar's estranged nephew, is the guardian minister. Both Pawars had shared an uneasy moment in the District Planning and Development Committee meeting last week.

While both Shinde and Pawar did not give any statement about Monday's meeting, which lasted for an hour, sources said the two leaders also discussed the issue of Maratha reservation.

State minister and senior NCP leader Chhagan Bhujbal had vis-

ited Pawar last week, requesting him to intervene in the issue of ongoing conflict in Maratha and OBC communities over reservation.

Meanwhile, the NCP (SP) on Monday reacted sharply to Shah's attack on Sharad Pawar.

At the BJP's conclave in Pune on Sunday, Shah had said, "If there is the biggest 'sargana' of corruption in Indian politics, it is Sharad Pawar. There is no confusion in my mind about this. I am saying it openly that Pawar has institutionalised corruption in the country."

Baramati MP Supriya Sule termed Shah's allegations against her father as laughable.

"It was the government under Narendra Modi which awarded Padma Vibhushan to Sharad Pawar. It seems Amit Shah also forgot that the building in which he was speaking yesterday was also built when Sharad Pawar was the CM," she said. Sule pointed that whenever the BJP talks about corruption, it should remember that 90 per cent of those have joined hands with the BJP are facing corruption allegations.

Will simplify usage: HC pushes for abbreviations of new criminal laws

Chandigarh: Adopting abbreviations for the new criminal laws will not only simplify the usage of lengthy Hindi terminology in legal space but will also promote inclusivity, facilitating a more accessible and efficient judicial process, the Punjab and Haryana High Court has ruled.

The bench held that there is nothing wrong in FIRs, petitions and orders, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023; Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023; and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, are referred to as BNSS, BNS and BSA, respectively.

The observation was made by the bench of Justice Anoop Chitkara while hearing the anticipatory bail plea of a woman, Manpreet Kaur, an accused in the alleged guava orchard scam.

Justice Chitkara asserted that "India is a union of multi-linguistic states where, as per the data collected from the Census of 2011, a total of 121 languages and 270 mother tongues are spoken and the Hindi speakers constitute 43.63 percent... The hard-to-pronounce titles cause lingual impediment, cognitive chaos, and tedium that can pre-

vent the legal system from operating smoothly. We, the people of India, respect the mutual co-existence of Hindi and non-Hindi speakers and acknowledge the inevitable discomfort for the latter to pronounce difficult Hindi names."

"Abbreviations are not artificially created linguistic units for language economy but they eliminate contradiction between modern consciousness and limited lexical resources of any language... They assist in making manuscripts easy to read and understand," said the HC. ENS

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Pune: Two held for throwing woman's body, sons into river

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JULY 22

THE PROBE by Pimpri Chinchwad police into the missing persons case of a pregnant woman and her children has revealed that the body of the woman, who had died at a Navi Mumbai hospital, was thrown into Indrayani river in Pune along with her two sons.

Pimpri Chinchwad police have arrested the woman's paramour, who works as a driver and his accomplice friend who works as a nurse, on charges of murder, presuming that the two children aged three years and 18 months, did not survive.

Police said their probe suggests that the woman died when she was taken to a Navi Mumbai hospital to perform medical termination of pregnancy (MTP). Police said their probe will now focus on how the woman died at the time of the MTP in hospital, whether the procedure was performed or not, and the role of the doctor and staff at the hospital.

The deceased woman's paramour Gajendra Gadagkhair (37) works as a driver and his accomplice friend Ravikant Gaikwad (35) has been working as a staff nurse for over 12 years, officials

said. The deceased woman was separated from her husband who works as a driver in a middle eastern country, officials said, and the two were in the process of getting a divorce.

Police said the woman and her two kids had left her mother's home on July 6 and were in touch with the family till July 8. When she could not be contacted after that, the mother registered a missing persons case on July 10 at Talegaon Dabhade police station for her daughter and her two grandchildren.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Bapu Bangar said, "During investigation, it was found that the woman's lover had sent her with his friend for an MTP. Initial probe suggests that the woman died during a medical procedure. Subsequently, the man's friend brought back the woman's body and her two children. The paramour and his friend threw her body in the Indrayani river in Talegaon MIDC area in the early hours of July 9."

DCP Bangar added, "When the children witnessed the incident and began crying, they were also thrown alive into the river. We have booked Gadagkhair and Gaikwad on charges of the murder, presuming the two kids did not survive."

Rare recovery for Kerala teen from fatal PAM infection

Thiruvananthapuram: In a rare feat, a 14-year-old Kerala boy, who was infected with primary amoebic meningoencephalitis (PAM), recovered from the fatal infection.

Health Minister Veena George said the recovery from the PAM is very rare in the country. Only 11 persons in the world have so far been cured of the infection caused by Naegleria fowleri or "brain-eating amoeba."

After the PAM was reported in Kerala, the health department was put on alert. When the boy was reported to the primary health centre at Meladi in Kozhikode, they suspected he had symptoms of encephalitis. The boy was shifted to a private hospital in Kozhikode, where the government arranged Miltefosine medicine for him. He was cured of the infection after a treatment of three weeks, said the minister.

Government data on PAM says that sporadic cases of the infection, which has a mortality rate of 97 per cent, have been reported from many parts of Kerala in the last decade. As of July 7, 2024, over the last 2 months, five cases of PAM have been reported from North Kerala. The cases over the last 2 months have been reported in children aged 5, 13, 12, 13 and 15 years respectively with a male-to-female ratio of 3:2. ENS

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Rangarha Branch

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SPELLING IT OUT

Economic Survey is forthright in its assessments. Issues raised and prescriptions given need to translate into policy

THE ECONOMIC SURVEY 2023-24, the annual flagship document of the finance ministry, is remarkably realistic and forthright in its assessment of the state of the Indian economy and its growth prospects. The Survey has carefully documented economic progress over the years, especially the rebound from the depths of the pandemic, and analysed in detail the challenges that lie ahead. It captures the paradox of the Indian corporate sector “swimming in excess profits” and banks interest margins rising to a “multi-year high”, while the economy witnesses subdued private sector investments, limited growth in more productive employment opportunities, and private consumption grows at just 4 per cent.

The Survey acknowledges that public sector investment has “sustained” capital formation in the country and says that the private sector now has to take the baton. The latter has invested more in “dwellings, other buildings and structures” but not in “machinery and equipment and intellectual property”. This needs to change. There are some encouraging trends too. The corporate sector data indicates that capital formation continues to expand, even though “at a slower rate”. The jobs crisis, which formed the backdrop of the national elections, and was seen to have shaped, in part, the electoral outcome, has also been explored in great detail. The challenge confronting the country has been captured succinctly by a single statistic — 78.5 lakh jobs in the non-farm sector need to be created each year to not only absorb those entering the labour market each year, but also those exiting agriculture. Existing schemes such as the production linked incentive scheme (PLI) and Mudra are unlikely to be sufficient to facilitate employment generation at this scale and therefore need to be supplemented. There is also the skill challenge to contend with — roughly half of the youth straight out of college are “deemed employable”.

It is difficult to miss the Survey’s pessimism on the external front. It notes that India’s journey to become Viksit Bharat by 2047 will be more challenging than that of China. China benefited from a benign geopolitical environment and the high noon of globalisation. Both conditions no longer exist. Alongside, there is the threat from climate change and global warming and the advent of Artificial Intelligence. The Survey notes that these forces “will create barriers and hurdles” for India to sustain high growth rates “in the coming years and decades”. It says that “overcoming these requires a grand alliance of Union and state governments and the private sector”, underlining the criticality of states in India’s development trajectory. The Survey puts forth a host of policy measures and strategies to tackle pressing issues. But the question is whether the issues raised and the policy prescriptions given will translate into actual policy making in the Union Budget that will be presented by the finance minister today.

BIDEN BOWS OUT

He does the right thing by his party. Democrats will need to rally behind new ticket, Republicans face new challenge

EVER SINCE HIS underwhelming performance in the presidential debate, it was a question of when, not whether, US President Joe Biden would be persuaded to quit the race for a second term in the White House. With his age-related frailties on show in the debate, pressures from the Democratic Party had steadily mounted for Biden to step down and avoid a spectacular defeat in the polls. With Biden on the ticket, Democrats feared that they might not only lose the White House but also fare terribly in the full range of contests to the US Congress, state assemblies and governorships. It’s never easy for leaders to give up positions of power, at the highest or lowest levels. But the elders of the Democratic Party eventually prevailed over Biden.

Notwithstanding his initial hesitations, however, Biden gets full credit for not letting his ego come in the way of doing the right thing by the party that he has served, in various capacities, for more than half a century. By stepping aside, Biden has also scrambled an election that was tilting decisively in favour of the Republicans. By producing a new ticket, the Democrats hope to rejuvenate a campaign that has been reeling under attacks from the Republicans energised and united under Trump. With the Democratic Party convention set for the third week of August in Chicago, time is of the essence for Democrats in rallying around a new ticket. Thanks to Biden’s endorsement of her candidature, Vice President Kamala Harris is the front-runner with many advantages. Her multiple identities — a woman, a Black and a South Asian — are of exceptional value to the Democratic Party that privileges diversity. It is also easier to campaign around Harris, whose name is recognised, than spending time, money, and effort on a new candidate.

However, her failed campaign for the presidential nomination in 2020, a less than impressive performance as Vice President, and considerable opposition to her in the party suggest there will be wrinkles to be sorted out before Harris becomes the presidential nominee. But if Democrats have a problem with Harris, the Trump campaign will also face new challenges. The age argument now turns against Trump, who is 78 years old. He will face a vigorous rival — Harris is 59. If Harris focuses on women’s issues — including the right to abortion — she could wean away many female voters to the Democratic side. By challenging Trump on a range of other wedge issues and widening their appeal beyond traditional liberal constituencies, the Democrats could sharpen internal divisions within the Republican Party. If the Democrats become organised, they could turn this election into a meaningful contest and restore fading faith in US democracy.

AFFRA, NOT CAFFRA

Move to change racist plant names is part of a larger, sometimes controversial, reckoning with scars of colonialism

TO THE AVERAGE admirer of the African coral tree, with its spreading crown and scarlet flowers, it might not matter much that scientists will now refer to it as *Erythrina affra* and not *Erythrina caffra*. Yet, the decision to switch from “caffra” — drawn from the slur “kaffir” which was used to describe people of African descent — to the inoffensive “affra” in over 200 species of plants, fungi and algae marks a remarkable shift, an acknowledgment that far too many species bear names that recall, and honour, a brutal past and unsavoury deeds. The resolution was passed ahead of the International Botanical Congress, which began in Madrid on Sunday, giving fresh life to a controversy over nomenclature that has long split the world of biological sciences.

For critics of any wholesale move to rename species — whether plant, mammal, amphibian or fungi — such attempts are impractical, and smack of historical revisionism and illiberalism. Those pushing for new nomenclature, however, argue that to continue using the old names would be to honour figures such as the imperialist Cecil Rhodes or George Hibbert, a slave owner, at the cost of people and histories that they sought to erase. For example, an estimated 1,500 land vertebrates in Africa are named after white European men. In some places, like New Zealand, there is even a move to revert to names used by indigenous populations long before colonisers “discovered” them.

Following the Black Lives Matter movement calls to reevaluate the place of honour still occupied by oppressive figures from the past have only grown louder. The proposals to divest species of names with a heavy colonial and racial baggage may form only a small part of this larger reckoning, but they’re a reminder that even the seemingly dispassionate realms of the sciences bear the scars of wounds inflicted long ago.

EVEN AMIDST A relentless news cycle, the war in Gaza ought not to fade from consciousness. The population of Gaza is still facing a politically-sanctioned brutality and a humanitarian crisis of unprecedented proportions. Houthi rebels have used missiles and drones against Israel and attacked international shipping routes. Iran and Israel have used missiles at each other, though the fact that this exchange was not more catastrophic is now being bandied about as an example of restraint. The risks of the war spreading more intensely to Lebanon and Syria still exist. With a possible transition to a new administration in the United States, the chances of one or another party interested in this war engaging in price discovery to see what they can get away with will only increase.

This war has convulsed the politics of democratic countries in the West. The protests on college campuses have dissipated, their lingering effects diverted to a debate over the extent of anti-Semitism on campuses. The debate may have merit. But it has also become a pretext to not deal with the moral horror of this war.

It is in this context that the International Court of Justice has issued a very significant advisory opinion on Israel’s occupation. There is near unanimity that Israel is in breach of its obligations under international law in every respect, whether it be respecting the Palestinians’ right of self-determination, human rights or humanitarian concerns. Even the dissenting opinion of Justice Julia Sebutinde does not quite dispute the illegality of Israel’s occupation. The more elaborate joint explanation by Sarah Cleveland and Georg Nolte concedes that Israel has a right to self-defence but such a right cannot be used for the purposes of annexation and suppression of the right of self-determination of Palestinians. While concurring with the majority opinion in the substance of its findings, Cleveland’s single-authored explanation registers two cautionary notes: First, that the opinion does not address threats to Israel’s security and that it has no implications specific to the current war in Gaza (as opposed to Israeli occupation in general). But it rightly argues that this conflict will not be solved unless the right of self-determination

of both Israel and Palestine is satisfied, a solution that has eluded the international system since 1948.

The order has several technicalities. But the bottom line is that Israel’s practices in the West Bank and East Jerusalem clearly violate the prohibition on the use of force, and the forcible acquisition of territory. The Court finds the Israeli regime’s practices systematically discriminatory. “The Court observes that Israel’s legislation and measures impose and serve to maintain a near-complete separation in the West Bank and East Jerusalem between the settler and Palestinian communities.”

International law has provided little protection against the sheer barbarity of this war. But those of us who wish Israel well should also be shocked by the sheer self-defeating irrationality of its response. What Israel has done cannot, by any measure, be described as a strong response to Hamas’ barbaric attack. The purpose of a strong response would have been to make Israel more secure, not less. Yet, on almost every dimension, this war will make Israel less secure.

An authoritative pronouncement by the ICJ on the scale of the illegality of Israel’s occupation and humanitarian violations weakens its standing. It lost the global sympathy it had gained after the October 7 attacks that a more measured response would have preserved. As the drone attack launched by the Houthi shows, Israel’s security has not been enhanced. If the objective was to weaken and undermine radicalism directed against Israel, the opposite has occurred.

The United States’ strategic irrationality here also raises serious questions. As a supporter of Israel, it is not acting in Israel’s interest. It has destroyed whatever slivers of moral authority it had left, cementing its place as the leading obstacle to the institutionalisation of international law. Even its bumbling humanitarian efforts would be considered a parody, if the context were not so profoundly tragic. The grotesque spectacle of an authoritarian figure like Benjamin Netanyahu being invited to address both houses of the Congress at a moment when the role of the United States ought to be to defuse the crisis rather than deepen it, defies logic. In its dealings with Netanyahu, the United States comes across as either weak or duplicitous towards the world. Biden’s remark in an interview that “I am the guy that did more for the Palestinian community than anybody” is exactly the kind of mendaciousness that makes any other politician’s lies or self-delusions look good.

There are other conflicts in the world as well. But the festering legacy of this conflict has global ramifications. A new administration in the United States, a new “moderate” leader in Iran, might be an opportune moment for a reset. But there are grounds for pessimism. The progressive destruction of normal political life in Palestine makes finding a workable *modus vivendi* on this issue harder. The temptation of politicians in the West to use the spectre of Hamas to avoid confronting the underlying problem, the now bipartisan delusion in the US that peace can come to the Middle East by sidelining Iran, and the Gulf states’ attempts to repress discussions of this problem in the hope that it will go away and not rebound on their regimes, make it likely that the politics of avoidance will continue. There are no adults left in the international system on this issue. But one thing we know: Each attempt to resolve this issue by force, whatever short-term benefits it might bring, creates an even deeper longer-term problem. The cries buried under the rubble of Gaza will come back to haunt the global system and humanity like a curse.

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WHY THE BEAR SPEAKS TO US

It opens up the world of professional kitchens — and struggles to make dreams work

THE BEAR FIRST lumbered onto our screens two years into the pandemic, when the hospitality industry was still recovering from the harsh blows of the years past — global lockdowns, travel restrictions and social distancing. These had, it seemed at the time, rung the death knell for restaurants as we’d known them. It was at this unlikely moment that the show captivated audiences across the globe, with an immensely lovable albeit dysfunctional kitchen crew.

The first two seasons of the show balanced aesthetic flourishes with a grounded reality. Season one introduced us to the award-winning chef, Carmy (Jeremy Allen White), who, reeling from his brother’s suicide, returned to Chicago to revitalise the family’s struggling sandwich shop, “The Beef”. Season two explored under-utilised story arcs, chronicling the chaotic metamorphosis of “The Beef” into “The Bear” and the money and might it takes to open and run a restaurant. The latest season clocked 5.4 million views within its first four days on streaming platforms as reported by Disney. It has garnered a record number of Emmy nominations.

What *The Bear* excels in is its exploration and portrayal of the spectrum of experiences within the high-pressure environment of professional kitchens: The elation of triumphs juxtaposed with the sting of defeat, the flashes of creativity amidst rigid hierarchies, the deep admiration for chefs interwoven with the perils of hero worship.

The show resonates deeply, particularly in a cultural climate where the harsh realities of restaurant work are finally coming to light. We’re witnessing a shift where celebrated restaurants face scrutiny for their treatment of staff, a pendulum swing from the days of media glorification. But haven’t these issues always simmered beneath the surface — the toxicity, abusive chefs, punishing hours, grueling conditions? And isn’t Carmy, in a way, yet another iteration of the tortured prodigy trope, a White male saviour? Is *The Bear* glamorising the very problems it portrays?

Having embarked on my own journey towards opening an F&B venture, I’m acutely aware of the human cost hidden behind every exquisitely-plated dish. Fine dining exemplifies this even more. Even in the most positive environments, there’s the line cook toiling under relentless heat, the potwasher nearing exhaustion after hours on their feet, the server masking their struggles with a practiced smile, and the chef missing their child’s milestones. In the worst cases, the scars run far deeper than the burns and cuts of a demanding kitchen.

This isn’t a call to dismantle fine dining. Great, ambitious restaurants serve a purpose, offering an alternative to the soulless convenience of fast food and delivery apps. There might exist, however, a better way, a model that prioritises the well-being of the staff alongside the artistry on the plate. *The Bear* hints at Carmy’s evolution into a different kind of leader who has learned from his past and

seeks to create a more positive work environment. However, the show’s inclusion of celebrities with chequered pasts casts a shadow on this message. Accusations of a harsh environment plague Thomas Keller’s Per Se restaurant, and chef Kwame Onwuachi’s 2019 memoir, *Notes from a Young Black Chef*, details racism and the anger he faced while working there. Rene Redzepi, once known for abusive behaviour at Noma, has acknowledged seeking therapy to address it.

The show’s true impact, though, lies in its ability to resonate with a diverse audience, captivating both industry professionals and casual viewers. Even those unfamiliar with the vocabulary and ecosystems of the kitchen find themselves engrossed in the story. Beyond industry slang and celebrity cameos, *The Bear* captures a universal truth: The bittersweet struggle of pouring yourself into something that is both immensely demanding and often unrewarding. Carmy’s journey mirrors the experiences of many of us, as we navigate the challenges of failure, grief, and the process of picking ourselves back up, a little wiser, a little tougher, maybe even with a new scar or two. So next time you belly up to a bar or a restaurant, take a moment to appreciate the unseen cacophony behind the scenes. Maybe then, the next experience you have will not just be delicious, but a little human too.

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JULY 23, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

MITIGATING DANGER

PRIME MINISTER INDIRA Gandhi on July 21 sought the cooperation of those opposed to her, to pay heed to the “deliberate” dangers posed to the country. She did not specify who she was referring to. Gandhi’s move comes after substantial evidence has been brought to the government’s notice suggesting external forces are working against India.

SANTA SINGH REMOVED

THE SIKH HIGH priests through an edict issued, excommunicated Santa Singh, chief Nihang of the Budha Dal, from the Sikh Panth.

The decision was taken after Singh defied priests’ directives which didn’t permit the continuation of *kar seva* in the Golden Temple complex. Santa Singh claimed that the priests had no authority over the Dal.

GURDWARA AGITATION

THE AKALI DAL will shortly launch an agitation in consultation with all Sikh priests and other party jathedars in Punjab for “freeing” gurdwaras from the control of security forces and other “government-supported agencies.” The agitation is said to continue till the Army is removed from Golden Temple and control is handed over to the SGPC.

SHIFTS IN ASSAM

THE ASSAM AGITATION leaders indicated that they may stand for general elections in the state if they were held based on 1971 electoral rolls, and the foreigners’ names were deleted. This is a swift shift in narrative. The All-Assam Students Union (AASU) and All-Assam Gana Sangram Parishad (AAGSP) have been spearheading the movement against foreign nationals in the state. They have suggested revising the voters’ list with reference to the 1952 list. They had reiterated their determination to oppose elections held based on the 1979 electoral lists.

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Who's the greenest of all?

Climate debate has warmed up more than the climate itself, and developing countries like India are at its forefront. Economic Survey examines the issues



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IN THE POPULAR children's fairy tale, Snow White, the evil queen often asks her magical mirror, "Mirror, Mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all?". The mirror tells the queen that she is, until one day when she isn't, and Snow White is. In its painful recreation in the modern world, the metaphorical mirror is often asked who's the "greenest", and the answer has to be "You — my developed world", until some day, when it says, "Eh, sorry, that's not green."

From the looks of it, the climate debate has warmed up more than the climate itself, and developing countries like India are at its forefront. Global plans and strategies are in place. Some pledges have been made by developed countries, while developing countries have been implored to reduce carbon emissions "to limit the global temperature increase to 1.5 degrees C above pre-industrial levels" through Nationally Determined Contribution commitments. Yet, the climate idealists, who advocate for ambitious and immediate action to combat climate change, seem to have met their match with climate realists, who prioritise practical and achievable solutions.

In the middle of these, developing countries like India stand on precarious ground. Sustainable in ethos, we find ourselves surprised at the crossroads of having to address economically what we have always believed and practised philosophically. As the fifth-largest economy in the world, expected to become the third largest before 2030, our energy needs are expected to grow about 1.5 times faster than the global average in the next 30 years. Therefore, our developmental requirements stand head-to-head with our climate commitments, and we have to continually resist being swayed by the characterisation of being one of the largest polluters. It's a delicate balance that we must strike.

The accepted pathways for achieving the target, popularly called "climate adaptation" and "climate mitigation", are a bouquet of strategies primarily centred on shifting energy sources, regenerative and environmental practices, and protecting natural ecosystems. Climate adaptation involves adjusting to the effects of climate change, while climate mitigation focuses on reducing the causes of climate change. However, the interesting point about the climate debate has been that before pledging billions of dollars, no one seems to have asked a fundamental question: Is the adopted strategy optimal and in everyone's interest?

In this context, Chapter 13 of the Economic Survey — a Special Essay on Climate and Mission LiFE — examines threadbare the issues hidden in the chosen Goldilocks mean. The chapter contrives to understand the flaws hidden in the accepted pathways, the lack of logical thought processes in the opposing strategies adopted by the developed world, and the inadequacy of consensus on the ideas around climate



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change. India has, time and again, stood firm on the principle of historical emissions. The developed world used global resources in the most destructive ways possible to usher in a capitalist's dream and get the world to the point it is at now. But it refuses to accept any responsibility for this. The so-called Climate Pledges are fraught with issues — insufficient in quantum, in the form of loans than grants, riddled with conditions, and aimed at profit maximisation rather than green intensification. Plus, of course, there's a hidden "no" behind all the "yeses" as recently evidenced by the discussions in the run-up to COP29. The US and other Western countries have reportedly pushed to make the New Collective Quantified Goal (NCQG) contributions "voluntary" for those who "choose to pay".

However, the best-kept secret in all this is what the Mirror knows: To correct wrongs done to nature, one must go back to it. This means adopting a life strategy that is in accordance with nature instead of only focusing on a few industrial pathways. Strategies that are inherently sustainable — such as plant-based consumption, efficient agricultural and livestock production, not using toilet paper, consuming less, and questioning our energy-guzzling technologies — are not what the climate advocates advocate. In fact, it's ironic that the same developed world that evaluates progress on a per-capita basis on almost all fronts does not acknowledge emissions comparison on the same metric. India's per-capita carbon emissions are significantly low at ~2.5 tons compared to the global average of 6.3 tons. Chapter 13 in the Economic Survey assesses the overall and per-capita comparison of countries considered high on the green index.

This is where India must step back and reevaluate its options because, if it were to change the lifestyle of its large population and mimic the energy-consuming unsustainable patterns of the developed world, it

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would soon run into a massive problem. This means countries must undertake a cost-benefit analysis of consumption choices. Producing one kg of beef requires 25 kg of feed crop, while one kg of lamb requires 15 kg of feed crop. So, the question of utilising a limited resource like land becomes an economic and sustainable choice rather than a moral one. The essay in the Economic Survey examines this in greater detail.

Hence, accepted climate-suitable pathways need to account for a variety of approaches with optimality at their core. Sustainability is embedded in the Indian traditional ethos and in our belief in the power of small individual actions to make a great difference. India has a great many individual-led sustainable behaviours — using cloth for kitchen cleaning instead of tissue paper, plates made of leaves instead of plastic, water-based toilet cleaning systems, and reusing and upcycling household items. This thought process was at the core of Mission LiFE, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 2021 UN Climate Change Conference (UNFCCC COP2026), which seeks to bring individual responsibility to the forefront of the global climate narrative.

The Economic Survey 2024 discusses five ways Mission LiFE can be effected in everyday life through voluntary and policy actions. However, we must go over and above, deeper and inwards — questioning the root of over-consumption and the desire for profligacy that thinks not a second before disposing of perfectly usable things. For this, there is a need for equanimity — a human's ability to have the confidence and the power to opt for internal stability and prepare for and accept outside change. Let's start by reading Chapter 13 of the Economic Survey.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Mr Biden has played his part, but the democratic project is never complete. That work now passes to the next generation of political leaders and to the American people."

— THE NEW YORK TIMES

Survey signals for Budget

Economic Survey calls for continuing reforms with an eye on geopolitical uncertainties, climate change challenges and need to boost employment



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AT 8.2 PER cent, India's GDP growth in fiscal 2024 was 170 basis points higher than what last year's Economic Survey had projected. A subdued agricultural sector and a host of global risks failed to dent the growth momentum. The higher growth, together with improved tax collections and extra dividend payout from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), has increased the fiscal space. External buffers are also strong owing to a low current account deficit and ample forex reserves. Moreover, high-frequency data for the first quarter of this fiscal reflects a healthy growth trajectory. The S&P Global Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was in a healthy expansion zone, at 57.3 and 58.1 for manufacturing and services, respectively. Balance sheets of corporates and banks are also well-placed to support growth.

All these point to a Goldilocks setting for the upcoming budget.

That said, some nuances of macroeconomic performance indicate all is not hunky-dory. Heightened global uncertainty, elevated food inflation amid climate risks and slow recovery in private investment are a few issues the Economic Survey highlights, and rightly so. These are also signals for the budget to make amendments to policy.

At the surface, global growth has remained surprisingly resilient. The IMF forecasts global growth at 3.2 per cent in 2024. But such optimism can be derailed by geopolitical uncertainties, increased indebtedness and escalating tariff friction. If these risks play out, their effects could spill over to India. Over the years, India has become more integrated with the global economy in terms of trade and capital flows. The Survey acknowledges these risks and bats for strong external and fiscal buffers.

For this fiscal, the Survey projects GDP growth to moderate to 6.5-7 per cent, in line with CRISIL's forecast of 6.8 per cent and a tad below the RBI's forecast of 7.2 per cent. Elevated interest rates and regulatory actions to curb retail credit growth will temper GDP growth. And, fiscal consolidation will imply a lower stimulus to overall growth.

Although the government has slightly greater fiscal elbow room than it had when it presented the interim budget, it is unlikely to splurge all of it on boosting the economy. Some of it may be utilised to prune the fiscal deficit and gradually dial down debt. Over its last two terms, the government has broadly maintained fiscal discipline, and this stance is unlikely to change.

The Survey notes that investments are largely government and household-driven and the private corporate sector is yet to decisively take the baton. That is despite healthy corporate and bank balance sheets, stepped-up public investment in infrastructure, a competitive tax regime, and a more supportive policy environment aided by the Production Linked Incentive scheme. In the

private sector, hiring and compensation growth will need to keep up with the high profitability growth seen in the last few years, the Survey points out. This will be required to shore up demand visibility.

We believe the government also needs to focus relentlessly on improving infrastructure and logistics and incentivising research and development spending to catch up with India's Asian competitors. Indian corporates fear the ongoing tariff wars could accentuate overcapacity and lead to dumping of goods into India.

In this environment, incentives may be needed in key strategic manufacturing sectors to attract private corporate investments. Private consumption is punching much below its weight in GDP. Last fiscal, private consumption grew 4 per cent — half of GDP growth. This was the slowest growth in two decades, except during the pandemic year 2020-21.

Some transitory factors that slowed private consumption, particularly in rural areas, such as the hit to agricultural GDP and high food inflation could reverse this year with a normal monsoon. That said, urban consumer sentiment is weakening as the impact of rate hikes and softening growth in services (a dominant share of which is in urban parts) plays out. The RBI's consumer survey reflects this trend.

The budget, therefore, may need to support employment-intensive activities such as construction, which can augment income and demand in the short term.

The medium- to long-term policy focus should be on enhancing growth prospects and augmenting the ability of people to participate in it. Employment creation and bridging the skills gap at the entry level — especially in manufacturing and in anticipation of the likely disruption from generative artificial intelligence — should be a priority. The Economic Survey points out that employment generation in the IT sector slowed considerably in the last two years.

The stubbornly high food inflation has emerged as a key concern for the government and RBI. Food has significant weight in the consumer basket and is exposed to the vagaries of the weather, including climate change. Heatwaves and changing monsoon patterns as a result of climate change have made Indian agriculture more vulnerable. This has created upside risks to headline inflation on account of high food prices and is holding the RBI from cutting rates. The Survey calls for stronger price-monitoring mechanisms and higher production of essential crops such as pulses and edible oils.

We believe strengthening storage and transport infrastructure, fast-tracking efforts in food processing and development of climate resistant crops are imperative for an enduring reduction in food inflation.

The government needs to kick off the next level of reforms in land, labour and agriculture. Since they fall under the Concurrent List, central and state governments must move in tandem — this requires deft consensus-building.

That said, sustainable high growth requires acceleration of reform efforts whose payoffs may not be immediate. The Survey believes the economy can grow at 7 per cent per year if "we can build on the structural reforms undertaken over the last decade".

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The jobs benchmark

Labour-focused solutions to India's dire employment crisis are needed



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ON JULY 13 in Mumbai, an hour before Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the wedding reception of the richest Indian's son, he addressed the public at another event saying, "the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has released a report stating eight crore (80 million) new jobs have been created in the last 3-4 years. There is no jobs problem in the country". The significant part about this is not Modi's false bravado, which is now routine politics, but the crutch of credibility provided by the RBI for this astonishing claim.

When five million youth line up for 60,000 job vacancies in Uttar Pradesh or when 34 million people plead for minimum wage work under the rural employment guarantee scheme (just last month) or when thousands of jobless youth queue up to risk their lives fighting a war for Israel, surely even Modi doesn't believe his own claim. Should one then construe from Modi's statement, a sense of despondency and lack of new ideas to resolve the prevailing jobs catastrophe? Perhaps, instead, he is resorting to brushing matters under a carpet of dubious reports by institutions like the RBI.

The shoddiness of the RBI report is staggering. Apparently, India created more manufacturing and services jobs in the last five years than in the previous 13 combined. Citing the RBI report, Modi could have even made a case for a Nobel prize in Economics for pioneering a new economic model in which growth can halve while productive jobs triple. The RBI report shows that 50 million high-quality jobs in manufacturing and

services were created in FY 2019-23 when Covid-ravaged GDP growth was a meagre 5 per cent. But when growth was at 11 per cent in the previous five-year period, only 20 million such jobs were created. "Modinomics" has proved many eminent economists wrong about capital-labour theory and has demonstrated that the slower the growth, the faster the job creation. I am being deliberately facetious only to highlight the extent of the government's desperation to use the RBI to bury India's jobs crisis.

There have been several policy attempts by the Modi government to spur job creation. "Make in India", launched in 2015, was supposed to create jobs by boosting manufacturing activity. Instead, manufacturing fell from 17 per cent of the GDP in 2014 to 14 per cent in 2023. In 2019, the government announced sudden corporate tax cuts to incentivise the private sector to invest and create jobs. Instead, private investment as a share of the GDP remained flat. This only led to loss of corporate tax revenues for the government and to offset the loss, the middle class and the poor were taxed more.

In 2020, the government launched a Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme with the idea that higher production will trickle down to greater jobs. There is no accurate measure of the number of jobs created under PLI.

Incentivising production does not yield commensurate jobs any longer due to enormous technology-aided productivity gains. For example, the hullabaloo about semicon-

ductor and iPhone manufacturing aside, the sobering fact is that the world's largest electronics manufacturer, Foxconn, doubled production and revenues between 2010-2020 but did not add more workers. It is then prudent to shift to direct policy interventions for job creation than rely on indirect trickle-down economics. Employment Linked Incentive (ELI) is one such powerful idea.

ELI will incentivise corporates based on the number of new payroll jobs created rather than the number of goods they produce. Under PLI, the government decides the sectors that will be incentivised, which leads to attendant issues of picking the wrong sectors or cronyism. ELI should be sector agnostic and simply pay corporations for the number of jobs they create, regardless of the industry. This will ensure that productivity decisions — such as investment in machinery versus workers — are left to individual firms without any government involvement. A PLI targeted at labour-intensive sectors such as apparel or leather goods is not the same as ELI. The future of work is perhaps about to undergo its most disruptive phase with artificial intelligence, gig work, etc. It is foolhardy to believe that governments can keep up with such rapid changes and pick sectors and firms in a top-down manner based on their current labour intensity. It is best for governments to keep the focus on the number of new jobs created in the economy on aggregate.

ELI can be implemented using the Aadhaar-based payroll and bank-account-in-

frastructure. This would prevent duplication and ghost employee reporting to claim incentives. Further, it is recommended that the ELI incentive amount be standard for every employee hired rather than be tied to wages of the worker to ensure that there is no adverse government intervention in the wages and every employee is treated the same regardless of their pay or skill.

There are bound to be fears of misuse in the early years of the scheme where corporates could ask their existing employees to resign and rehire them under ELI to claim incentives. These can be handled through efficient administration and supervision. There is also some legitimate apprehension over ELI's potential impact on overall productivity of India's economy with the shift from incentivising labour to production. But the current trend of jobless growth is unsustainable. Tilting the balance more towards labour is not just desirable but a precondition to maintain social harmony. The US, UK, Germany, Australia and some other nations have some form of employment incentive programmes for corporations; it is not an untested idea.

India's jobs crisis is dire. Several well-intended policy measures to fix this have failed. But hiding behind the reputational "pallu" of institutions like the RBI and giving up on potential solutions is a double blow. India is ready for ELI, regardless of whose idea it is.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A DIVISIVE ORDER

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The Kanwar's journey', (IE, July 22). The diktat by the UP government ordering eateries and vendors along the Delhi-Haridwar route to display the owner's name is meant to create communal divisions. This move will ultimately lead to the economic boycott of a section of Indian citizens based on religion. It will embolden others to level baseless allegations against any community they bear hatred towards — to target its livelihood and have the authorities harass them unreasonably. It has rightly been criticised by both the Opposition and BJP's allies like the JD(U) and RLD. Damocles' sword hangs over Muslim employees of the Hindu-owned eateries along the yatra route. Such decisions are solely for electoral gains and to distract from core issues. They go against the spirit of our society.

SH Quadri, Bikaner

LOOK WITHIN

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Healing a fractured people' (IE, July 22). George Orwell aptly said, "Political chaos is connected with the decay of language." Acts of assassination have no place in society and must be condemned.

However, we must consider the root causes of such actions, for which we may be partly responsible. Politicians often manipulate the people for power, exacerbating inequality and polarisation. Politicians must understand that their quest for power leads to lasting destruction. We must refrain from divisive politics and prioritise humanity.

Ajay Corriea, Vasai

GAZA SUFFERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'Death and desolation in Gaza' (IE, July 22). Despite repeated efforts, there is little prospect of the war in Gaza ending soon. Adding fuel to the fire, the scenario may expand into a larger regional conflict, with Houthi and Hezbollah forces operational in Yemen and Lebanon, also battling Israel. The death toll of roughly 40,000 Palestinians in Gaza may be understated, as there is no account of those buried under rubble across its territory. The number of fatalities from malnutrition and other diseases is also unknown. Even UN agencies providing scant aid to those suffering in war-ravaged Gaza are facing setbacks, with hundreds of humanitarian workers killed in the crossfire. Diplomatic efforts must continue with a sense of urgency.

Kamal Laddha, Bengaluru

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ST fund 'scam': FIR against two ED officers for pressuring official to name Karnataka CM, others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, JULY 22

A CASE was lodged against two ED officers Monday based on a complaint filed by an official of the Karnataka Social Welfare Department, who alleged that he was being forced to name Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, former minister B Nagendra and the Finance Department in connection with the alleged irregularities in Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation (KMVSTDC).

Bengaluru's Wilson Garden police station lodged an FIR Monday based on the complaint filed by Kalllesh B, Additional Director, Social Welfare Department, in which he has named ED officers — one Mittal (mentioned only by his surname) and Muruli Kannan.

Sections 3(5) (joint criminal liability), 351(2) (criminal intimidation), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) have been invoked in the FIR.

According to the FIR, the ED officers allegedly threatened

Kalllesh with arrest and said, "If you want the ED to help you, you have to give it in writing that money was transferred to the MG Road account (of the bank) based on directions by CM sir, Nagendra sir and FD (finance department)." Kalllesh was summoned for questioning by the ED on July 16 and his statements were recorded by Muruli Kannan in connection with the case, the FIR stated. Kalllesh said he had answered 17 questions on the first day and sought time to answer three remaining questions as he needed to look at the files, it said, adding that he was asked to re-

turn on July 18.

The FIR stated that after his questioning concluded, the ED officers took his signature on his statement. "I asked them to give me a copy of the statement. They did not give it. Then they started questioning me again. But this time, there weren't any written questions," the FIR stated, quoting Kalllesh.

The officers told him that transferring the amount from state treasury to KMVSTDC and then to the MG Road branch of the Union Bank of India was wrong, the FIR said. "I told them that I had deposited the money

on 25.03.2024 at the bank after submitting bills. But irregularities in the said bank account took place on 05.03.2024," he said, according to the FIR.

Besides the SIT set up by the state government, the CBI is also probing the alleged fund embezzlement, including the illegal transfer of funds to Hyderabad-based companies.

Earlier, the ED had raided locations linked to Nagendra and the state-run corporation chairperson and Congress MLA Basanagouda Daddal. Nagendra, who has been arrested by ED, is currently in judicial custody.

ATTACK ON ARMY POST FOILED

Militant killed, 2 injured in gunfights in Rajouri



Army personnel in Rajouri district on Monday. PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, JULY 22

A MILITANT was killed and two persons, a soldier and a civilian, sustained minor injuries in gunfights between the Army and militants in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district on Monday, officials said.

According to officials, a group of militants fired on the house of a recently decorated village defence guard (VDG), Parshotam Kumar, in Rajouri's Ghunda Khawas village early Monday.

Confirming the attack on X, the Army's Nagrota-based White Knight Corps said: "Terrorists attacked the house of a VDG at Gunda, Rajouri, at 03.10 hours. A nearby Army column retaliated and a firefight ensued. Operations are continuing."

The Army acted on intelligence, anticipating threats to

a VDG in a remote area of Rajouri-Reasi, the Corps said, adding: "Tactical teams swiftly intervened, ensuring no harm to the VDG member (Kumar) and his family."

Later, a cordon and search operation were launched to trace the militants, triggering gunfight, officials said, adding that the security personnel retaliated after the militants threw a grenade, following which they attacked a newly established Army picket in the area around 4 am, resulting in fire exchange.

"A major militant attack on an Army picket in a remote village of Rajouri was thwarted. Firing is underway, and operation is in progress," an Army spokesperson said.

The attack has triggered fear in the area due to the threat of the presence of the militants in the region.

"We are terrorised following

the attack. This happened in the area after several years. It was peaceful... Firing (on Monday) started around 3 am and kept continuing," a local woman said, requesting anonymity.

It is time to rearm VDGs with modern weapon and communication technology to take on the militants operating in the hills of Jammu, another villager said.

Reinforcements have been rushed to the area, and searches are underway in the forests. The militants are yet to be traced, officials said.

Jammu has been witnessing a surge in militant activities, with the security establishment often the target. In the past three months, militants have carried out over a dozen attacks on security forces, police and civilians, killing at least 10 security personnel including two officers and seven pilgrims, said officials.

-WITH PTI INPUTS

Ex-serviceman kills six kin over 'land dispute' in Haryana



A police officer at the house of the accused in Rataur village near Narayangarh, Haryana, on Monday. Jasbir Malhi

SUKHBIR SIWACH
RATAUR VILLAGE (AMBALA),
JULY 22

AN UNCOOKED *chapati* near the gas stove, a couple of wooden logs allegedly used to burn bodies, a school identity card of a girl child lying on a bed, and an empty liquor bottle — bear the picture of the crime scene in Rataur village of Narayangarh where a former serviceman allegedly hacked to death five members of his family, including his mother, a nephew and two nieces, Sunday night "just to claim one acre holding of his younger brother".

Ambala police said the incident took place at 9.30 pm when 40-year-old retired soldier Bhushan, with the help of six others, killed his mother Surti Devi (60), his younger brother Harish (35) and three of his brother's family, including Harish's wife Sonia (32), their daughter Taru (5) and son Mayank (five months), with an axe and other sharp-edged weapons. Harish's other daughter, Pari (7), who suffered burn injuries as the accused tried to burn the bodies succumbed to her injuries during treatment at Chandigarh's Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER), police said.

Police said Bhushan also attacked his father Om Prakash (68), who is undergoing treatment at PGIMER. All deceased were cremated in their village on Monday after the postmortem at the Ambala Civil Hospital.

Based on Om Prakash's statement, an FIR was registered against seven persons — Bhushan, his wife, two sons, two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law — for murder and other charges under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)

at the Narayangarh police station in Ambala district. Bhushan, his wife and two brothers-in-law have been arrested, said police.

Ambala SP Surinder Singh Bhoria said: "It appears the main accused was under the influence of alcohol when he committed the crime."

Sources close to the family said after he retired from the Army nearly seven years ago, Bhushan got a Group D job in a veterinary hospital and also started a small hotel in Narayangarh. Om Prakash, a SC member, has divided his two acres holding between his sons Bhushan and Harish, who live separately in adjoining houses near 2 km from Rataur village. Om Prakash and his wife were living with Bhushan, police said.

Om Prakash told police: "Bhushan, his family members and brothers-in-law were pressuring me to register the two acres in the name of Bhushan, causing a dispute between brothers."

"Bhushan attacked me and my wife with an axe, saying he would teach us a lesson for not registering the land in his name," Om Prakash said. According to the FIR, Bhushan and his family members then barged into Harish's house and attacked him, his wife and their two children with the axe and sharp-edged weapons.

Meanwhile, Om Prakash took shelter in the fields to save his life, and returned home only to find five of his family members dead and Harish's other daughter Pari, who suffered burn injuries, crying with pain, the FIR said.

SP Bhoria said, "Upon receiving information at around 12.30 am Monday, officers concerned reached the spot. A special search operation was launched and suspects were apprehended. They are being interrogated."

2015 cash-for-jobs scam: Ex-APSC chairman, 31 others convicted

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, JULY 22

A SPECIAL Court on Monday convicted former Assam Public Service Commission (APSC) chairman Rakesh Kumar Paul and two ex-members in the 2015 cash-for-jobs scandal linked to the recruitment of Agriculture Development Officers (ADOs) in the state. It also convicted 29 ADOs who were appointed by the commission in a fraudulent manner, but acquitted 11 other accused for lack of evidence.

Special Judge Dipankar Thakuria said it was established that the APSC officials, in conspiracy with the fraudulently selected candidates, had "cheated genuine candidates in particular and the Government in general". The court, however, did not lay down the quantum of sentence and said it would do so after hearing the convicts on the question of sentencing under section 235 (2) of the CrP.

The scandal, related to the recruitment for 80 ADOs, first came to light in 2017 when a candidate who was not selected,

Bedanta Bikash Das, filed a complaint at a police station in Guwahati.

In the FIR, Das alleged he had passed the screening test and appeared for the viva-voce but was asked for a bribe of Rs 15 lakh from Paul and an associate. He claimed he had paid Rs 50,000 as "advance" but was unable to pay the rest.

According to the FIR, Das alleged he had filed an RTI request about his viva-voce marks and found that a candidate who had been selected, Mrigen Haloi, was shown to have received different marks in different documents.

While Das, in his complaint, had named only Paul, Haloi and an APSC employee, Mosaraf Hussain, during the course of the investigation, the number of accused rose to 44. These included former APSC members Samedur Rahman, Basanta Kumar Doley and Binita Rynjha, 35 other ADOs and three middlemen.

Rynjha later turned approver and told the court she had been pressured by the other accused APSC members and chairman Paul to manipulate marks in return for money and gift.

While Paul, Rahman and

Doley were convicted under sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and multiple sections of the IPC, including cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy, the 29 ADOs were convicted for cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

In his judgment, Special Judge Thakuria observed that it has been established by the prosecution that Paul, Rahman, Doley and Rynjha had "cheated genuine candidates in particular and the Government in general, and also forged Tabulation sheets maintained by them".

"By increasing marks in the Tabulation sheets they gave wrongful gain to the accused candidates and by reducing marks they caused wrongful loss to some genuine candidates. The act of altering marks in the Tabulation sheets by striking off the original marks and applying whitener and erasure and changing marks in the Merit list, the accused Chairman and Members and the approver showed the existence of the conspiracy with the accused candidates and proved that the accused candidates were the party in the conspiracy," the court said.



THAT SINKING FEELING

A waterlogged road following heavy rainfall in Jaipur on Monday. Rohit Jain Paras

Kerala teen who died of Nipah had fruit from area where bats thrive

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM,
JULY 22

A DAY after a 14-year-old boy in Malappuram succumbed to the Nipah virus, Kerala health department on Monday confirmed that he had consumed hog plum fruit from his neighbourhood, where the presence of fruit bats, known as reservoir of the zoonotic virus, was confirmed.

Health Minister Veena George, after a review in Malappuram, said the boy's friends have said that he consumed the fruit, known locally as ambazhanga, from the vicinity of his house days before he developed the fever.

"We have confirmed the presence of fruit bats in that region. Prima facie analysis indicates that this could be the source of infection. Further examination is required to confirm this. A team of experts from National Virology Institute-Pune will reach Malappuram on Monday to study fruit bats in the region," she said.

George said an analysis of earlier incidents of the infection had shown that the strain of the virus found in the affected persons in Kerala was similar to the strain found in the body of the fruit bats. With the help of ICMR, efforts are going on to ascertain the presence of the virus in fruits, she said.

In the previous incidents of Nipah too, the infection was reported from places where there was presence of fruit bats. In 2018 and 2023, the cases were reported in the eastern hilly region of Kozhikode.

In 2019, when one case was reported in Kochi, the infected person had reportedly consumed a fruit bitten by a bat. In 2021, when the infection claimed a boy's life at Chathamangalam in Kozhikode, field survey had shown that he had consumed rambutan fruit, grown in the region. In the 2023 outbreak in Kozhikode, which killed two persons, the study found that the index case had exposure to a farm land cultivating bananas, which had the presence of fruit bats.

Jagan warns cops after clash with legislators outside Andhra Assembly

SREENIVAS JANYALA
HYDERABAD, JULY 22

THE YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) accused police of heavy-handedness and walked out of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly on the first day of the session after a march by party leader Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy along with party MLAs and MLCs, protesting against alleged attacks on YSRCP cadre, was stopped at the Assembly gates.

After police intercepted the march, Jagan said they snatched and tore the placards and papers the YSRCP MLAs and MLCs were holding.

The YSRCP legislators expressed displeasure at the behaviour of police at the Assembly gate, and Jagan warned the police that they would not be able to persist with their "heavy-handedness" forever. He said they had a duty to protect democracy, not to undermine it.

Later, the YSRCP staged a walkout from the Assembly after protesting during the Governor's address that kicked off the first day of the five-day session.

On Sunday, Jagan had met Governor S Abdul Nazeer at Raj Bhavan in Vijayawada and spoke about the law and order situation in the state, requesting an investigation by central government agencies on alleged atrocities of the TDP government.

This came after a YSRCP youth secretary was hacked to death in Vinukonda town on July 17 by an alleged TDP supporter.

During the discussion with the Governor, Jagan had agreed that after coming to power, the TDP-led coalition government immediately targeted those who didn't support them in the recent elections.

He alleged that TDP targeted YSRCP sympathisers.

He accused the ruling party of destroying property, including people's houses, causing widespread fear.

He said that even YSRCP MPs and MLAs, as well as candidates who contested the elections, had no protection. After walking out of the Assembly Monday, Jagan and his MLAs continued to protest outside.

CENTRE FILED AFFIDAVIT IN MADHYA PRADESH HIGH COURT DAY AFTER ISSUING NOTIFICATION

At the centre of RSS case — a retired govt employee from Indore

ANAND MOHAN J
BHOPAL, JULY 22

A DAY after the Centre issued a notification removing the RSS as a political organisation with which government officials cannot be associated, an affidavit was filed in the Madhya Pradesh High Court by the Union of India apprising it about the order.

At the centre of the case is Purushottam Gupta, a retired central government officer from Indore, who in September 2023 knocked on the court's doors, saying rules that barred him from joining the RSS were "an impediment for him to gratify his desires at the dusk of his life".

In his petition, Gupta said that following his retirement, he "intends to join the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh as an active member in the remaining years

of his life".

He said he "intends to be integrally involved in the social, cultural and religious activities undertaken by the RSS. However, the impugned office memorandums issued by the MHA are an impediment for the petitioner to gratify his desires at the dusk of his life".

Speaking to *The Indian Express*, Gupta said he served in the Central Warehousing Corporation and retired two years ago. He said he decided to challenge the order after he grew bored of sitting at home.

"I worked for eight hours every day for the government for years. I should have the freedom to serve any organisation. I have seen the RSS work closely. They work in the searing heat, in the cold and in the rains for the country. Why should I not join? So I challenged this order," he said.

He was represented by his lawyer Manish Nair, who argued that the rules barring Gupta from joining the RSS were violative of his fundamental rights. He argued that there was discrimination since state government employees were free to participate in RSS events, and only central government employees were barred.

During the hearing, the court expressed displeasure over the fact that the case was pending since the central government did not file its reply to the petition. According to court records, the case was heard on six occasions, and each time, the Union of India sought more time to file its reply.

On May 22, Solicitor General of India Tushar Mehta appeared virtually before the court along with Additional Secretary Manoj Kumar Dwivedi and Additional Secretary, MHA, Praveen

Vashista. They assured the court that a reply would be filed in four weeks' time, which was allowed by the court.

A senior prosecution department official attached with the central government told *The Indian Express*, "On July 10, we filed an affidavit before the court informing that the central government had lifted its restrictions and removed the RSS from the order. The case has not yet been decided; it will be in the coming days. We cannot say if this case was a reason for lifting of the ban. There are many such cases across the country and there may be other factors."

On July 11, the Bench of Justices S A Dharmadhikari and Gajendra Singh reserved its order in the case.

A senior lawyer from the central government said, "In our reply, we mentioned that in the

impugned order, the RSS has been removed by the central government (as a political organisation with which government officials cannot be associated)."

Another source from the state government's prosecution branch said, "From our side, we had informed the court that in 2006, the Shivraj Singh Chouhan-led BJP government had removed restrictions on state government employees participating in RSS events." He said it "appears the order is a result of this case".

During the hearing on May 6, the court had noted that in two separate hearings, the central government was given a last indulgence to file its reply in the matter, "failing which the opportunity to do the same shall stand closed".

It observed, "Ideally, after giving last indulgence twice, the court would have proceeded to

consider the interim relief prayed for by the petitioner, being uninfluenced by the convenience exhibited by the counsel for Union of India in choosing not to file any reply. However, looking to the reliefs claimed in the writ petition, we tremendously felt that the writ petition cannot be adjudicated without an informed properly worded counter affidavit/reply filed by respondent No. 1 (Union of India)."

The court said it was "inclined to pass order on the interim relief as prayed for by the petitioner", but could not, considering that the "nature of relief claimed by the petitioner challenging various office memorandums issued by the Union of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and/or the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT)".

"These office memorandums are stated to have been issued in

furtherance of Rule 5 of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, now forming the integral part of sub-rules 12, 12A and 13 of Rule 5 of the CCS Rules. The constitutional validity of these Rules have been put to assail on behalf of the petitioner which was issued way back in the 1960s and 1970s, almost half a century now," the court said.

The court had on May 6 directed the Union of India's most senior officers to be present before it for "enabling efficacious adjudication of the dispute at hand" as it was "left with no other option".

The court had also asked the respondents to file a detailed affidavit within 15 days, failing which the secretaries and additional secretaries concerned would be summoned by the court virtually to explain the delay.

ECONOMIC SURVEY FOR 2023-24

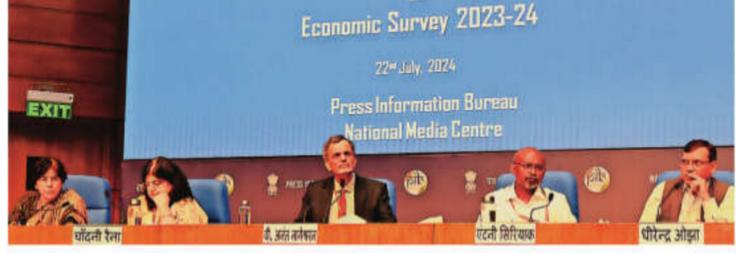
FY25 growth seen at 6.5-7%

AANCHAL MAGAZINE
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INDIA'S GROSS Domestic Product (GDP) is seen growing "conservatively" at 6.5-7 per cent in real terms in FY25, with prospects for continued strong growth on the back of improved balance sheets in the private sector, a likely pickup in rural demand amid predictions of a normal rainfall forecast and a likely increase in merchandise exports with improving growth prospects in advanced economies, the Economic Survey for 2023-24 tabled in Lok Sabha on Monday stated.

"We are not pessimistic, we are actually very optimistic about growth but we are also mindful of the challenges... about the way the monsoon has progressed since we wrote the interim economic survey in January where we were confident about 7 per cent (growth). Since then the global environment has become even more polarised and financial market elevations are much more elevated"

"So, given that we feel 7 per cent is doable but yet we want to be, not necessarily cautious but prudent, in projecting. We would rather be very pleasantly surprised than being forced to face disappointments and that is why



Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran along with other officials after tabling of the Economic Survey 2023-24 in Parliament on Monday. Source: PIB

we are projecting a growth rate of between 6.5 and 7 per cent," Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said.

While India's current GDP level is seen close to the pre-pandemic trajectory in Q4 FY24, the Survey said any escalation of geopolitical conflicts in 2024 may lead to "supply dislocations, higher commodity prices, reviving inflationary pressures and stalling monetary policy easing with potential repercussions for capital flows", which could also influence Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) monetary policy stance.

The GDP growth rate projected by the Survey is lower than

8.2 per cent growth recorded in the financial year 2023-24 and over 7 per cent growth seen in the last three financial years.

Nageswaran in the preface of the Survey pointed out that though the Indian economy is on a strong wicket and stable footing, there has to be heavy lifting on the domestic front for recovery to be sustained. Sustaining overseas investor interest will require effort amid higher interest rates in the developed countries which imply a higher cost of funding and a higher opportunity cost to invest abroad, he said.

"Emerging economies have to compete with active industrial policies in developed economies

involving considerable subsidies that encourage domestic investment... notwithstanding the impressive strides made in the last decade, uncertainties and inter-pretations related to transfer pricing, taxes, import duties and non-tax policies remain to be addressed. Lastly, geopolitical uncertainties, which are on the rise, will likely exert a bigger influence on capital flows, notwithstanding other reasons for preferring to invest in India," he said.

On the crucial debate surrounding employment, the CEA said shocks -- bad debts in the banking system, high corporate indebtedness, and Covid pandemic -- and not structural forces

EXPLAINED

E Projected growth rate lower than FY24

THE GROSS domestic product (GDP) growth rate projected by the Survey is lower than 8.2 per cent growth recorded in the financial year 2023-24 and over 7 per cent growth seen in the last three financial years.

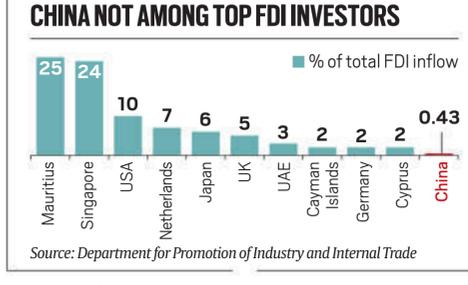
India must plug itself into China's supply chain, attract investments

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

AMID A rapidly rising trade deficit with China despite efforts to curb imports and investments in the backdrop of the Galwan clash in 2020, the Economic Survey has advocated attracting investments from Chinese companies to boost exports. The Survey suggested the change in stance as a number of countries such as Mexico, Vietnam, Taiwan and Korea are benefiting from China plus one strategy pursued by Western firms with a simultaneous rise in investment from China.

The Survey suggested that the China plus one phenomenon may not result in a total movement of trading relations away from China and that India should find the "right balance" between importing goods from China and importing capital (FDI) from China. It further said that Chinese dominance over several products creates a risk of economic coercion.

"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 stated.



economies did in the past, the survey emphasised.

"Choosing FDI as a strategy to benefit from China plus one approach appears more advantageous than relying on trade. This is because China is India's top import partner, and the trade deficit with China has been growing. As the US and Europe shift their immediate sourcing away from China, it is more effective to have Chinese companies invest in India and then export the products to these markets rather than importing from China, adding minimal value, and then re-exporting them," the survey said. Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran during a press briefing on Monday said that Chinese over-capacity is one of the risks for India's private sector investment in the country. The Survey also said that Chinese overcapacity is leading to prices collapsing globally and driving other national producers out of business, especially in product categories where China dominates.

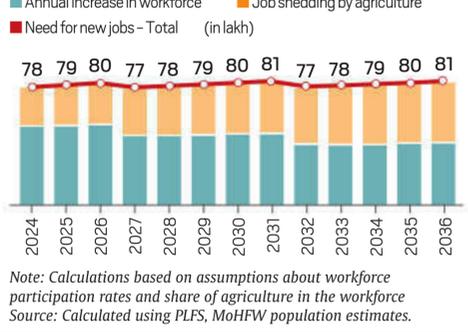
the government to limit Chinese influence on the Indian economy. The most prominent was the amendment brought about in the FDI policy under Press Note 3 (PN3). The modification in PN3 brought the investment in India from land bordering countries under the government route.

As per official figures, India approved only a quarter of the total 435 foreign direct investment applications from China till June last year since the modification in Press Note 3 was introduced in April 2020. However, China contributes only a fraction of the total FDI equity inflows into the country. China stands at the 20th position with only 0.43 per cent share or \$2.45 billion in total FDI equity inflow reported in India from April 2000 to December 2021, as per the Commerce and Industry Ministry. The survey said that global trade is going through a particularly challenging phase of uncertainty and there are increased efforts by the US to de-risk and de-couple from China. But China's overwhelming dominance in the supply of processed critical minerals and materials for energy transition renders a true decoupling between the two nations "neither easy nor likely", it added.

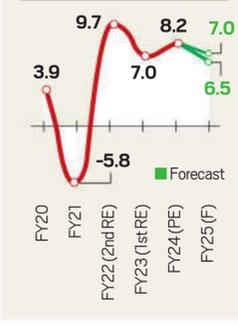
Economy on strong footing, unemployment a concern

Even as the economy is on a strong footing, the Economic Survey for 2023-24 projected an evidently conservative GDP growth estimate of 6.5-7 per cent for 2024-25. The Survey also indicated that while India Inc's bottomline expanded significantly over the past few years, the growth in compensation to employees did not match its pace. On the employment front, the Survey projected that India needs to generate nearly 80 lakh jobs annually in the non-farm sector.

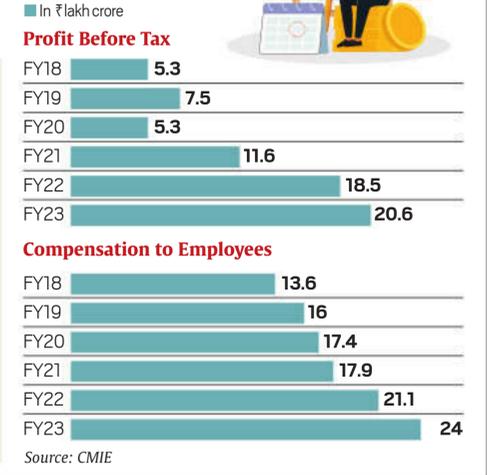
India needs to generate an average of 78.5 lakh jobs annually until 2030 in the non-farm sector



Sustained momentum in GDP growth (in %)



Corporate Sector (Non financial + financial)



China top-trade partner

India faces two choices to benefit from China plus one strategy: it can integrate into China's supply chain or promote foreign direct investment (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

Move away from Press Note 3

The border standoff after the Galwan clash in 2020 had seen several measures announced by

FOR GROWTH OF MSMEs

Deregulation, balancing ties with China vital

AGGAM WALIA
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

REDUCING THE compliance burden on India's MSME sector through subnational deregulation alongside balancing trade and security concerns with China is vital for the sector's growth, the Economic Survey 2023-24 said.

In addition to improving access to credit for MSMEs, the Survey also noted the need for intervention in providing MSME entrepreneurs with training in enterprise management and to upgrade data collection on indicators of production and employment in MSMEs.

By loosening licensing, inspection, and compliance (LIC) requirements imposed by state and local governments on MSMEs is holding the sector back from growing to its potential and being job creators of substance, it said.

For instance, an Indian factory is required to provide double the space for workers compared to regulations in Southeast Asian countries like Hong Kong, Singapore or the Philippines. The Survey notes that an Indian factory with 1,000 square metres of floor space can employ up to 82 more workers if India follows Malaysia's regulatory standards.

"Going forward, for the Mittelstand (MSMEs) to expand,

THE IMPORTANCE OF LETTING GO

■ CEA V Anantha Nageswaran wrote in the preface to the Survey: "The Indian state can free up its capacity and enhance its capability to focus on areas where it has to by letting go of its grip in areas where it does not have to..."

Ishopanishad enjoins all of us to let go of (renounce) our possessions, be free and enjoy that freedom: Power is a prized possession of governments. They can let go of at least some of it and enjoy the lightness it creates in both the governed and the governing."

'Make in India Mittelstand' (MIIM), a collaboration between India and Germany to encourage small and medium-sized German companies to invest and manufacture in India. It underscored the need for a relationship with China that balances trade and investment needs with security concerns.

"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," it said. Beginning the start of the MIIM programme in September, 2015 to August, 2021, over 151 German Mittelstand companies came to India with total declared investments of over ₹1.4 billion. In a press conference following the release of the survey, V Anantha Nageswaran, Chief Economic Advisor to the Finance Ministry, highlighted the importance of relaxing compliance burden on improving management outcomes. "An important aspect of LIC being loosened is that most of the small enterprises have a very limited management bandwidth, so if we reduce the compliance burden on them, we also release the bandwidth for them to focus on doing their business and on human resource endowment as well," he said.

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Growth will cross Survey forecast: India Inc

New Delhi: Industry bodies on Monday expressed confidence that India's GDP growth will surpass the 6.5-7 per cent forecast by the Economic Survey and hoped that the upcoming Budget will roll out measures to help unlock the country's growth potential.

Chandrajit Banerjee, director general, CII, stated that it is "pragmatic" in its approach and offers a futuristic vision to move India boldly towards achieving the developed economy status by 2047. "The survey is positive about the India growth story, and I am confident that India's GDP growth for FY25 will surpass the forecast given in the Survey and basis certain conditions, it has the potential to be at 8 per cent," CII president Sanjiv Puri said.

Echoing similar sentiments, president of PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry Sanjeev Agrawal said the Survey conservatively projects real GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent, with risks evenly balanced and market expectations on the higher side.

"We see a very mature take on the outlook for the Indian economy presented today as part of the Economic Survey. While a projected growth rate of 6.5-7 per cent for fiscal 2024-25 may appear a bit conservative, we feel that for a country of the size of India, which has been growing at a fast pace, this growth is encouraging," Ficci president Anish Shah said. Having said that, let me also add that with many path-breaking reforms such as GST and IBC having now matured, it is time that we look at the next leap on the reforms trajectory... he added.

ACROSS SKILL SEGMENTS AI casts a 'huge pall of uncertainty' for workers

SOMUYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 22

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) could cast a "huge pall of uncertainty" on workers across skill segments in India, with those working in more backend operations such as business processing outsourcing (BPO) under the most amount of threat, the Economic Survey 2023-24 has said. The Survey also questions the climate impact of AI, which needs a large amount of energy to run data centres around the clock.

This is perhaps the first time a government document has officially flagged the impact AI could have on jobs in India -- while there is a veneer of pragmatism over the country's general propensity towards embracing new technology and how the country's start-up ecosystem could harness AI, the

BPO SECTOR UNDER MOST PRESSURE

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Economic Survey also draws a murky picture on how certain jobs in India could decline considerably in the next decade.

"...the advent of artificial intelligence casts a huge pall of uncertainty as to its impact on workers across all skill levels -- low, semi and high," the Economic Survey 2023-24 said. "These will create barriers and hurdles to sustain high growth rates for India in the coming years and decades.

Overcoming these requires a grand alliance of union and state governments and the private sector." "...studies suggest that the application of AI is likely to restrain the growth opportunities for business services progressively and, therefore, poses a challenge to long-term sustainability and job creation. Thus, focusing on human capital to take advantage of the agglomeration effects of large, well-functioning cities is critical for the growth of services, especially those with global market potential," the Survey added.

The Survey's comments come amid a global debate on the impact AI could have on jobs, and whether it would render some low-middle skilled jobs completely irrelevant. The impact on economies like India, where such a workforce forms a majority of the population, has been under the limelight since the era of generative AI took the

world by storm two years ago. Noting the medium-term growth outlook for the Indian economy, the Survey said that while technology, in general, enhances productivity, the "social impact of emerging technologies such as AI via labour market disruptions and labour displacement is barely understood. It also has the potential to skew the capital and labour shares of income in favour of the former."

The Survey said that India will "not remain immune" to the AI transformation as it will "reshape" the future of work. During a press conference Monday, Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said that jobs in the business process outsourcing (BPO) sector, in particular, could be under the most amount of pressure with the advent of AI, even as he maintained that the larger impact of AI on job losses or creation remains uncertain globally.

'A template to steer India towards a Viksit Bharat, with a cautionary note'



RANEN BANERJEE

ECONOMIC SURVEY expects all hands on the deck approach to steer the India to a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The Chief Economic Advisor has sounded a cautionary note on the growth expectations for FY25 as well as the medium term. It highlights the fact that the global scenario in which China attained

its growth was very different than what India faces now. There is increased global protectionism, sustainability concerns and distortion of the labour markets with emergence of artificial intelligence (AI).

The Survey flags that though the private sector capex has started picking up but the investments in intellectual property, machinery and equipment is significantly lagging. This will have an impact on good quality manufacturing jobs in the future. Similarly, industry has been exhorted to contribute to skilling and curriculum development to make the youth more employable. The academia also has a huge role to play.

The Survey has also high-

lighted that the policy choices for India need not be binary and we need to have a multitude of but-tons to be pressed to address the challenges of such a diverse and large country. Overly focusing on manufacturing and the transition of jobs from farm to industry and services that is a traditional path of evolution may no longer be available or applicable in case of India. An emphasis has been made on rethinking this paradigm and the need to focus on how agriculture sector itself can provide more value enhancing jobs.

The Survey quotes the IMF paper on possible higher taxation of corporates for redistribution of wealth given the disruptions com-

ing from generative AI. However, it cautions against the same and highlights that jobs are not necessarily only for subsistence but for personal dignity and exhorts the private sector to invest more to create jobs given the unprecedented profits made post pandemic and the tax cuts provided by the government.

The Survey presents the growing confidence on the external front with our rising foreign exchange reserves. It has highlighted how overseas capital invested in India has been able to book and repatriate profits. This is stated to be good in the long term as it will attract more capital investments in the country in future. The

Survey, however, has also cautioned against the risks from increasing market capitalisation to GDP ratio and derivatives to the stability of capital markets given the expanding base of retail investors. The Survey also highlights risks from mis-selling of financial products including insurance that may lead to challenges in further improving the penetration rate of insurance and finance in the country.

The services exports have delivered strong results. However, the Survey presents a caution that this engine may not be able to continue to fire over the next decade owing to headwinds from the developments in telecommu-

nication standards, AI, and protectionism. The Survey highlights the imperative to support the MSMEs. It highlights the disproportionate costs and impediments the MSMEs bear from regulations and the need for enhancing their ease of doing business.

The Survey acknowledges that the monetary policy interventions through increase in policy rates have led to price stabilisation with core inflation clearly under check. However, the food inflation is a worry and is dependent on weather vagaries. Better price monitoring and price stabilisation measures will be needed going forward to contain food inflation. The Economic Survey 2023-24

presents itself as an honest assessment of the economy presenting the significant achievements made in terms of trade, monetary policy, fiscal policy, growth, financial inclusion amongst others. It also presents some of the challenges that face the economy in terms of jobs, agriculture sector stress, food inflation, skilling imperative and private capex not picking up owing to confidence in consumption growth still not being in place. We now await the Union Budget announcements on measures to address some of these headwinds and challenges facing us.

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U.S. Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle admitted to Congress on Monday that she and her agency failed when a would-be assassin wounded Republican candidate Donald Trump, but rebuffed bipartisan calls to resign. Republican and Democratic lawmakers called on her to resign, which she rebuffed, saying, "I think that I am the best person to lead the Secret Service at this time." REUTERS

VICE PRESIDENT praises Biden's legacy, in first public appearance after his exit from race

PELOSI calls Harris 'brilliantly astute', says she is the best person to defeat Trump in November polls

PRESIDENT TRUMP questions Democrats' right to change candidates citing Biden's primary wins

Harris moves closer to Democratic ticket

ZEKE MILLER & SEUNG MIN KIM WASHINGTON, JULY 22

BIDEN'S EXIT BRINGS OVER \$50 MN. BIGGEST DAY IN YRS FOR PARTY

Washington: Democrat donors greeted President Biden's departure from the presidential race with an avalanche of cash at a startling pace, donating more than \$50 million online on Sunday and making it the single biggest day for online Democratic contributions since the 2020 election. NYT

VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris moved swiftly Monday to lock up Democratic delegates behind her campaign for the White House after President Joe Biden stepped aside amid concerns from within their party that he would be unable to defeat Republican Donald Trump.

Harris made her first public appearance Monday morning at the White House, where she opened her address to National Collegiate Athletic Association championship teams by praising Biden's "unmatched" legacy, saying she was "deeply grateful for his service to our nation." Harris was filling in at the event for Biden, who is recovering at his home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware after contracting COVID-19 last week.

Biden's exit Sunday, prompted by Democratic worries over his fitness for office, was a seismic shift to the presidential contest that upended both major political parties' carefully honed plans for the 2024 race.

Aiming to put weeks of intra-party drama over Biden's candidacy behind them, prominent Democratic elected officials, party leaders and political organizations quickly lined up behind Harris in the hours after Biden announced his exit.

Former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi endorsed Harris to replace Biden at the top of the party ticket, calling her "brilliantly astute" and saying that she is the best person to defeat former President Donald Trump. Additional endorsements Monday, including Maryland Gov.

Wes Moore, Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker and Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, left a dwindling list of potential rivals.

Over 700 pledged delegates have told AP or announced that they plan to support Harris at the convention, which is over one-third of the pledged delegates she needs in order to clinch the nomination.

Democratic National Committee rules most recently set 1,976 delegates as the benchmark to win the nomination. If she's successful at locking up the nomination, she must also pick a running mate and pivot a massive operation to boost her candidacy with just over 100 days until elections.

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Vice President Kamala Harris speaks from the South Lawn of the White House on Monday. AP

WORLD REACTS

I respect President Biden's decision... as he has done throughout his remarkable career, he will have made his decision based on what he believes is best for the American people.

KEIR STARMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

Thank you for your leadership and ongoing service President Biden. The Australia-US Alliance has never been stronger with our shared commitment to democratic values, international security...

ANTHONY ALBANESE AUSTRALIAN PRIME MINISTER

I've known President Biden for years. He's a great man, and everything he does is guided by his love for his country. As President, he is a partner to Canadians—and a true friend...thank you.

JUSTIN TRUDEAU CANADIAN 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.

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HIGH-PROFILE DEMOCRATS, PROBABLE CONTENDERS ENDORSE HARRIS'S CANDIDACY



NANCY PELOSI Former House Speaker

ANDY BESHEAR Kentucky Governor

GRETCHEN WHITMER Michigan Governor

JB PRITZKER Illinois Governor

TIM WALZ Minnesota Governor

TONY EVERS Wisconsin Governor

16 GOVERNORS, 38 SENATORS, 168 REPRESENTATIVES declared their support for Harris, along with Democratic National Committee delegates from North and South Carolinas, Maryland, Florida and Tennessee.

Promises, risks for Democrats in Kamala Harris's candidacy

SHANE GOLDMACHER WASHINGTON, JULY 22

THE PRESIDENTIAL race has been transformed into an abbreviated 106-day sprint that more closely resembles the snap elections of Europe than the drawn-out American contests. The tight timeline will magnify any missteps Harris might make but also minimize chances for a stumble.

She inverts the age argument as unlike the 81-year-old Biden, Harris, 59, is not old—and just that fact neutralizes what has been one of the most potent Trump lines of attack. Within minutes of Mr. Biden's quitting, Democrats and anti-Trump Republicans were questioning Mr. Trump's capacity to govern into his 80s, a daring attempt to reframe an age debate that has been so damaging to Democrats.

Harris has often been at her best politically when she has taken on the role of prosecutor-in-chief, whether on the debate stage when she first bore into Mr. Biden in June 2019 over busing or as a senator on the Judiciary Committee where her intensive



Joe Biden with Kamala Harris at the White House on July 4. File

cross-examinations went viral. Now she will have the chance to do so in the same year in which an actual prosecutor in New York scored 34 felony convictions against him and Mr. Trump still faces more than one future criminal trial.

Harris does not have an advantage that Biden had—50 years in the public spotlight as a more moderate Democrat who pushed back against the more extreme elements of his party. Harris

got her start in politics as the district attorney of one of the nation's most famously liberal cities, San Francisco, before winning statewide in one of the nation's most famously liberal states, California. Harris hence, will be tagged a California liberal.

Harris faces other distinctive challenges as a Black candidate and a woman, in a country and a political system where both groups are often held to different standards. NYT

'Mentally not fit': Republicans ask Biden to resign from Presidency

WASHINGTON, JULY 22

WASHINGTON, JULY 22 REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL candidate Donald Trump will try to show swing voters that his likely new rival, Vice President Kamala Harris, has her fingerprints all over two issues he is counting on for victory in November: immigration and the cost of living.

Sources in the Trump campaign said it will cast Harris, the likely Democratic candidate after President Joe Biden quit the race on Sunday, as the "co-pilot" of administration policies it says are behind both sources of voter discontent. Sources told Reuters that Trump's campaign had for weeks been preparing for Harris should Biden drop out.

Make America Great Again Inc, a super PAC backing Trump, said on Sunday it was pulling anti-Biden television ads that had been set to run in the battleground states of Arizona, Georgia, Nevada and Pennsylvania and replacing them with an ad attacking Harris. The 30-second ad accuses Harris of hiding Biden's infirmity, and it seeks to pin the administration's record solely on her.

Trump camp switches gears to confront a Harris challenge

WASHINGTON, JULY 22

WASHINGTON, JULY 22 IT WASN'T until Saturday evening that Biden began to come to the conclusion that he would not run for reelection. He started writing a letter to the American people. Biden had been off the campaign trail for a few days, isolated because of COVID-19, when it all started to deeply sink in, not to mention the persistent voter concerns about his age that were only exacerbated by the catastrophic debate.

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Donald Trump at a rally in Grand Rapids on Sunday. AP

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Spain's PM to testify in wife's corruption case

MADRID, JULY 22



A SPANISH court on Monday summoned Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez to testify as a witness in an investigation into alleged corruption and influence peddling accusations against his wife that led him to consider resigning in April. Sanchez, who runs a minority Socialist-led government, will be interviewed by investigating judge Juan Carlos Peinado at his official residence, the Moncloa Palace, on July 30, the court said. The proceedings are part of a preliminary investigation into whether Begona Gomez used her position as the premier's wife to

Bangladesh protests pause, PM Hasina blames Opp for violence

DHAKA, JULY 22



Bangladeshi military patrols in Dhaka on Monday. AP

STREETS APPEARED calm in Bangladesh's capital on Monday a day after the Supreme Court agreed to scrap most government job quotas that had angered student-led activists and led to deadly protests. Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina blamed her political opponents for deadly violence that swept the country during recent student-led protests against quotas in government jobs, stating on Monday that a curfew would be lifted when the situation improved. Hospital data showed at least 147 people were

killed in one of the worst outbreaks of violence in recent years. Late on Sunday, protesters gave the government 48 hours to meet a string of new demands, but most appeared to be obeying the curfew on Monday in cities that had seen regular demonstrations after a high court in June reinstated the old quotas. REUTERS

Israel sends tanks back into Khan Younis, kills at least 49 Palestinians

GAZA, JULY 22



Aftermath of an Israeli strike in Khan Younis on Monday. AP

GAZA: Israel sent tanks back into the greater Khan Younis area and at least 49 Palestinians were killed by Israeli fire, Gaza medics said on Monday, after ordering evacuations of some districts it said had been used for renewed attacks by militants. The Palestinians were killed by tank salvos in the town of Bani Suhaila and other towns fringing the eastern side of Khan Younis, with the area also bombed by air, they said. Residents of densely built-up southern Gaza said the tanks advanced for more than two kilometres into Bani Suhaila, forcing residents to flee under fire. Gaza health ministry said the dead included several women and children and that at least 186

other people had been injured by Israeli fire. Dozens of families have begun to leave their houses, Palestinian officials said, adding they were not given time to get out of harm's way. REUTERS

NETANYAHU HEADS TO U.S., TO ADDRESS CONGRESS TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Israel will be the United States' strongest ally in the Middle East regardless of who is elected president in November, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said on Monday before flying to Washington, where he was due to address the US Congress. A meeting with Biden is tentatively planned for Tuesday if the 81-year-old president has recovered from Covid-19. REUTERS

Govt servants and RSS activities: what Rules say

SHYAMLAL YADAV
 NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE CENTRE has decided that the "mention of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)" as an organisation that government officials cannot be part of, should be "removed". This bar on officials participating in activities of the RSS first came into effect almost six decades ago. Following a directive issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) earlier this month, employees can now participate in the activities of the RSS without attracting disciplinary action under the rules of conduct applicable to them.

What is the DoPT's directive?
 On July 9, the DoPT, which manages the central government's human resources, said the government has "reviewed" instructions issued in 1966, 1970, and 1980, "and it has been decided to remove the mention of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) from the impugned OMs (Official Memorandums) dated 30.11.1966, 25.07.1970 and 28.10.1980".

What did these circulars say?
 On November 30, 1966, the Ministry of Home Affairs (of which DoPT was part until 1998) issued a circular: "Certain doubts have been raised about Government's policy with respect to the membership or any participation in the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the Jamaat-e-Islami by Government servants... Government have always held the activities of these two organisations to be of such nature that participation in them by Government servants would attract the provisions of sub-rule (1) of Rule 5" of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

"Any government servant, who is a member of or otherwise associated with the aforesaid organisations or with their activities, is liable to disciplinary action," the circular said. Rule 5 of the 1964 Rules is about "Taking part in politics and elections". Rule 5(1) says: "No Government servant shall be a member of, or be otherwise associated with, any po-

litical party or any organisation which takes part in politics nor shall he take part in, subscribe in aid of, or assist in any other manner, any political movement or activity."

The All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, which apply to officers of the IAS, IPS, and Indian Forest Service, has a similar Rule 5(1).
 ■ On July 25, 1970, the MHA said, "Action should invariably be initiated against any Government servant who comes to notice for violation of the instructions [of November 30, 1966]." During the Emergency (1975-77), orders were issued to take action against workers of the RSS, Jamaat-e-Islami, Ananda Marg and CPI-ML, whose activities had been banned.

■ On October 28, 1980, the government of India Gandhi issued a circular underlining "the need to ensure a secular outlook on the part of Government servants", and stressed that "the need to eradicate communal feelings and communal bias cannot be over-emphasised".

This circular reiterated the 1966 and 1970 orders: "No notice should be taken by Government and its officers, local bodies, state-aided institutions of petitions or representations on communal basis, and no patronage whatsoever should be extended to any communal organisation... Any disregard of these instructions should be considered as a serious act of indiscipline and suitable action initiated against the erring employees."

What was the position prior to 1966?
 Before the notification of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, and the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, there was the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, which were framed in 1949, when Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was home minister. Rule 23 of 1949 was the same as Rule 5 of 1964 and 1968. Thus, participating in political activities was always prohibited for government employees. The nature of the organisations in question was clarified from time to time as per requests and representations.

What can happen in case of violations of

these Rules?
 Rule 5(3) of the 1964 Rules says: "If any question arises whether a party is a political party or whether any organisation takes part in politics...the decision of the Government thereon shall be final."

Rule 5(3) of the All India Services (Conduct) Rules, 1968, says: "If any question arises whether any movement or activity falls within the scope of this rule, the question shall be referred to the Government for its decision."

In the most serious cases, violations could lead to the official concerned being dismissed from service. However, since the RSS does not have a system of formal membership, it is difficult to establish an individual's association with it.

So what does the July 9 circular mean?
 It essentially means that the RSS is not a "political" organisation, and that central government employees can now take part in RSS activities without fear of attracting action under Rule 5(1) of the Conduct Rules.

Crucially, however, while the 1966, 1970, and 1980 circulars also mentioned the Jamaat-e-Islami as an organisation of a "political" nature, the July 9 circular removes that tag from only the RSS. This means that the Jamaat-e-Islami still remains an organisation whose activities are categorised as "political", and government officials cannot take part in them.

Is this the first time that a government has removed the RSS's "political" tag?

All three circulars were issued when Indira was PM. However, all governments have had the same approach towards the RSS. Through the 1980s and 90s, when Rajiv Gandhi, P V Narasimha Rao, and the National Front and United Front governments were in power, the circulars of 1966, 1970, and 1980 remained applicable. This situation did not change when Atal Bihari Vajpayee, a *swayamsevak* himself, was PM from 1998 to 2004. The same policy continued for 10 years of the Narendra Modi gov-

ernment from 2014 onward — until July 9. On January 5, 2016, in response to a question asked by *The Indian Express* under the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005, the DoPT reiterated: "No such orders withdrawing the OM/s dated 1966, 1980 has been issued."

What has been the RSS's attitude towards these Rules?

The RSS, which describes itself as a non-political, cultural organisation, has repeatedly said that its activities are not affected by such restrictions.

On December 1, 2014, Sarsanghchalak Mohan Bhagwat, when asked whether he would ask the Modi government to lift these restrictions on government employees, said: "Hum sarkar se koi maang nahin karne jaa rahe. Hum apna kaam kar rahe hain. Hamara kaam aise kisi avrohdhon se nahin rukta (We are not going to demand anything from the government. We are doing our work. Our work is not affected by such restrictions)."

Does the July 9 circular apply to state government employees as well?

This circular is only for central government employees. State governments have their own Conduct Rules for their employees, and issue such instructions from time to time. Views of some state governments have changed depending on which party is in power.

■ P K Dhumal's BJP government in Himachal Pradesh withdrew the restriction on its employees from participating in RSS activities on January 24, 2008.

■ In Madhya Pradesh, Digvijaya Singh's Congress government imposed restrictions on employees in 2003; however, Shivraj Singh Chouhan's BJP government issued a clarification on August 21, 2006, saying the "restrictions are not applicable on RSS".

■ In February 2015, the BJP government of Raman Singh in Chhattisgarh issued a circular saying there were no restrictions on government employees taking part in RSS activities.

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A 1982 SC ruling that allowed appointment of RSS-affiliated persons to government jobs

APURVA VISHWANATH
 NEW DELHI, JULY 22

ON JULY 9, the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) issued an order lifting the restriction on government employees taking part in the activities of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). Almost 42 years earlier, a ruling of the Supreme Court had paved the way for appointing individuals with an RSS background to government jobs.

The case in question involved Ramashankar Raghuvanshi, a municipal school teacher in Madhya Pradesh, who had been dismissed by the state government because he "had taken part in 'RSS and Jansangh activities'".

Subsequently, the government's order of termination of service was quashed by the Madhya Pradesh High Court, which held that the order was of a "punitive character". The ruling was then challenged by the state government in the Supreme Court.

In its judgment, the top court said: "We think it offends the fundamental rights guaranteed by Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution to deny employment to an individual because of his past political affiliations, unless such affiliations are considered likely to affect the integrity and efficiency of the individual's service."

This ruling by Justices Fazl Ali and O Chinappa Reddy has been the precedent in administrative law that ideological inclinations, even towards the RSS,

cannot be the sole ground for denying public employment.

However, the ruling made it clear that once employed by the state, a person cannot engage in political activities, and that she would be subject to all rules made in conformity with the Constitution. While service rules and conditions govern the conduct after the individual takes office, the ruling, in effect, protects adverse conclusions against an individual with an RSS background.

"Neither the RSS nor the Jansangh is alleged to be engaged in any subversive or other illegal activity nor are the organisations banned. Most people, including intellectuals, may not agree with the programme and philosophy of the Jansangh and the RSS or for that matter, of many other political parties and organisations of an altogether different hue. But that is irrelevant. Everyone is entitled to his thoughts and views. There are no barriers. Our Constitution guarantees that. In fact members of these organisations continue to be members of Parliament and State Legislatures. They are heard often with respect, inside and outside the Parliament. What then was the sin that the Respondent committed in participating in some political activity before his absorption into Government service? What was wrong in his being a member of an organisation which is not even alleged to be devoted to subversive or illegal activities?," the SC said in the ruling.

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EXPLAINED POLICY

EXPLAINED ECONOMICS

Why today's Budget matters

A Budget is the exercise where the government tells Parliament — and through it, the country — about the health of its finances. This includes three main things: income, expenditure, and borrowing

UDIT MISRA
 NEW DELHI, JULY 22

ON TUESDAY, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will present the first Budget of the third Narendra Modi government, and the second of this year.

Typically once every five years, the Union Budget is presented twice — first as an Interim Budget (in February) by the outgoing government, and then as a full Budget by the newly-elected government. Sitharaman had presented the Interim Budget for 2024-25 on February 1.

Between the time Sitharaman presented the Interim Budget and now, the composition of Parliament has changed significantly. The BJP no longer enjoys a majority on its own in Lok Sabha. It will be interesting to watch how the changed political mandate impacts the Finance Minister's Budget speech.



(left) Then Finance Minister Arun Jaitley before presenting the first Modi government Budget in 2014, with then MoS Commerce Nirmala Sitharaman to his right; (right) Sitharaman holding a *bahi-khata* with the 2019 Budget. PIB

5 THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN THE UNION BUDGET

Tax revenues: Government's tax revenues have become progressively more responsive to increases in total GDP. Better 'tax buoyancy' can provide higher than anticipated income to the government.

Expenditure towards rural India, small businesses: These are the segments that are still struggling with economic distress. How the Budget addresses their situation will be crucial for the country's overall

economic health.

Subsidy outgo: There is only so much that a government can spend in the form of direct benefits to different sectors of the economy. How much the government is willing to spend — and where — will be an indicator of its economic and political priorities.

Fiscal deficit: Each year's fiscal deficit adds to the existing mountain of government debt. In the last ten years,

the government has never achieved the prudential norm of a fiscal deficit being 3% of GDP (it was 5.1% for 2024-25, as per the interim budget).

Overall philosophy: The first budget of a new government enunciates the broader approach it hopes to follow towards managing the economy. With a weaker mandate in 2024, it will be interesting to see how the government responds.

tain terms, an addition to a debt that citizens and their future generations will have to pay back. Thus, it is imperative for citizens to closely monitor things like: Who does the government tax, and how much? What are the government's spending priorities? Does it spend enough on education and health? Does it offer subsidies to those who need it? How can the government bridge the gap between its income and expenditure?

How does the Union Budget impact the Indian economy?

Union Budgets, unlike household budgets, can influence the trajectory of the country's economy. Apart from not overburden-

ing people with increasing levels of borrowings and debt, a government can use the Budget to influence the behaviour of Indian citizens and businesses in two broad ways.

■ **By tweaking who it taxes, and by how much.** For instance, if a government wants to incentivise businesses in one segment of the economy — presumably because it believes that such a move will leverage India's demographic profile, create jobs, and bring prosperity — it can lower the tax rate. This may or may not lead to lower revenues. In fact, it is quite possible that the increased economic activity (thanks to the lower tax rate) leads to higher overall revenues.

■ **By tweaking where a government spends,**

and how much. While the Budget is only for a year, the Budget at the beginning of a new government's term (as is the case this time) can often signal the broader direction of how the government wants to spend money. For instance, arguably the biggest macroeconomic policy shift of the previous government (2019-2024) was the focus on incentivising investments by the private sector. To this end, the government gave a historic break in corporate tax while boosting its own spending in infrastructure.

However, this strategy has been met with a muted response, with businesses themselves not making the kind of fresh investments that the government had hoped for due to overall demand for goods and services from people being less than encouraging. Widespread economic distress, coupled with employment-related stress, were key concerns in the minds of the voters who have reduced the BJP's seat tally by more than 60 in the Lok Sabha election.

In such a scenario, the government could, if it wants to, pivot and tweak its spending in a manner that boosts consumption by common people, instead of further incentivising businesses to invest. As consumption recovers over time, firms may find it worthwhile to make fresh investments.

Key takeaways from Economic Survey

UDIT MISRA
 NEW DELHI, JULY 22

THE ECONOMIC Survey for 2023-24 stands out from previous economic surveys in that it provides a more realistic picture of the challenges before India's economic growth. As such, despite India's GDP growing at more than 8% in FY 2023-24, the survey pegs the GDP growth rate for the current financial year (FY 2024-25) between 6.5% and 7%.

Here are some key challenges that the survey flags, and the recommendations it makes to address these.

The Survey's diagnosis

Global headwinds: The environment for foreign direct investment (FDI) to grow in the coming years is not highly favourable. High interest rates in developed countries have not only raised the cost of funding, but also increased the opportunity cost to invest in developing countries like India. Moreover, economies such as India have to compete with industrial policies in the developed world involving considerable subsidies that encourage domestic investment. Geopolitical uncertainties also continue to play spoilsport.

China challenge: The Chief Economic Advisor (CEA) underscored how India continues to be overly dependent on China for imports, especially for renewable energy. He also stated that China has not let go of the low-skills manufacturing space that India wanted to occupy.

AI threat: The Survey notes that while there has been a boom in telecommunications and Internet facilitated business process outsourcing (BPO), the next wave of technological evolution might bring the curtains down on it.

Tepid private investment: The Survey emphasised that the corporate sector had not responded, despite the Union government cutting taxes in September 2019 to facilitate capital formation. "...Between FY20 and FY23, the profit before taxes of the Indian corporate sector nearly quadrupled... Hiring and compensation growth hardly kept up with it," the CEA stated in the Survey.

Employment imperative: The Indian economy needs to generate an average of nearly 78.5 lakh jobs annually until 2030 in the non-farm sector to cater to the rising workforce.

Data deficiency: A constant refrain against the government has been the lack of good quality and timely data especially related to employment. In the Survey, the CEA accepted that this was indeed a gap that was holding back a proper analysis. "The lack of availability of timely data on the absolute number of (formal and informal) jobs created even at annual intervals, let alone at higher frequencies, in various sectors — agriculture, industry including manufacturing and services —

precludes an objective analysis of the labour market situation in the country," it stated.

Lifestyle disadvantages: The Survey notes that "social media, screen time, sedentary habits, and unhealthy food are a lethal mix that can undermine public health and productivity and diminish India's economic potential."

Recommended solutions

Job creation by the private sector: One of the central pillars of the past two Narendra Modi governments has been the determination to reduce the role of government in the economy and incentivise the private sector to take over the dominant position. In doing so, the government had hoped that the private sector would create jobs. The Survey reiterated that hope: "...It is in the enlightened self-interest of the Indian corporate sector, swimming in excess profits, to take its responsibility to create jobs seriously."

Lifestyle changes by private sector: "India's traditional lifestyle, food and recipes have shown how to live healthily and in harmony with nature and the environment for centuries. It makes commercial sense for Indian businesses to learn about and embrace them, for they have a global market waiting to be led rather than tapped," writes the CEA.

Farm sector as the saviour: Traditional economic theories suggest that as economies develop they make a structural transition from agriculture to manufacturing and services. But the Survey states that "trade protectionism, resource-hoarding, excess capacity and dumping, onshoring production and the advent of AI are narrowing the scope for countries to squeeze out growth from manufacturing and services" and "forcing us" to turn conventional wisdom on its head. In other words, the CEA states, "A return to roots, as it were, in terms of farming practices and policy making, can generate higher value addition from agriculture, boost farmers' income, create opportunities for food processing and exports and make the farm sector both fashionable and productive for India's urban youth".

Removing regulatory bottlenecks: "The Licensing, Inspection and Compliance requirements that all levels of the government continue to impose on businesses is an onerous burden. Relative to history, the burden has lightened. Relative to where it ought to be, it is still a lot heavier," stated the CEA. He singled out the Medium, Small and Micro Enterprises (MSMEs) as one sector that required to be relieved of regulatory burden the most.

Building state capacity: The CEA noted that what was needed in the economy now was not big reforms but the grunt work. To this end it advocated building up state capacity for sustaining and accelerating India's progress.

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E-tender No. - RTM-GSU-PSSA-1_R1. Name of Work :- Request for Proposal (RFP) for appointment of Project Supervision Services Agency (PSSA) for various construction site of works in the jurisdiction of Chief Project Manager Gati Shakti Unit Ratlam, Western Railway, Approx value :- ₹1,37,39,410/- Earnest Money to be deposited in :- ₹2,18,700/- Completion on period :- 12 Months. Similar type of work :- As per Tender Document Clause 3.1.3 (Eligible Assignment). Date of uploading on tender :- 29/08/2024. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at website www.ireps.gov.in. cost of tender form is NIL.

Dy. Chief Engineer (Gatishakti) **SNP-158** Ratlam Division, Western Railway
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Bid Identification No. C.C.E.J.C (R&B)-03/2024-25
 No. 2614 Date. 27.07.2024

1. Nature of the work	: BRIDGE WORKS
2. Total No. of Works	: 01 (One) Nos.
3. Estimated cost	: Rs. 5.44 Crs.
4. Period of completion	: 18 (Eighteen) Calendar Months.
5. Cost of Bid Document	: Rs. 10,000/-
6. Bid Security (EMD)	: Rs. 5.44 Lac As per column no. 06 of IFB.
7. Class of Contractor	: "A" Class as per cl no. 05 of TCN & according to Financial Eligibility.
8. Date & time of availability of bid Document in the portal	: From 11.00 hours of 29.07.2024 to 17.00 hours of 12.08.2024
9. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the Portal	: 17.00 hours of 12.08.2024
10. Opening date of Bid	: 10.00 hours of 13.08.2024
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WESTERN RAILWAY-RATLAM DIVISION
VARIOUS WORKS

W/623/NIT/1. Date: 19/07/2024. The Divisional Railway Manager (W/A) Ratlam invites "Open Tender" through e-tender on website www.ireps.gov.in the details are as under:-

E-Tender No. & Name of Work	Approx. Value ₹	EMD ₹
1. RTM-2024-25-36R, Chandriya - Ratlam (UP) - TRR(P) - 2.080 Tkm & Ratlam - Khandwa - TRR(P) - 6.746 Tkm Total 8.826 Tkm	1,17,94,181.14	2,09,000
2. RTM-2024-25-35R, Ratlam - Khandwa Section - CTR (S/P) - 1.524 Tkm & TRR(S) - 3.963 Tkm	95,72,402.87	1,91,500

Approx Quantity : For Sr. no. - 1 & 2 - As per tender schedule. Cost of Tender Form ₹ : For Sr. no. - 1 & 2 - Nil. Completion Period: For Sr. no. - 1 - 12 Months. For Sr. no. - 2 - 09 Months. Similar type of work : For Sr. no. - 1 & 2 - Any Track Work. Date of uploading on website: For Sr. no. - 1 & 2 - 19/07/2024. Date of Opening of Tender: For Sr. no. - 1 & 2 - 14/08/2024. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at Website: www.ireps.gov.in

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1.	कार्य का नाम	Laying of Paver block on both side of Road from km/Ch143.00 to Ch 146.00 of NH 333 for the year 2024-25.
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4.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा प्रकाशित होने की तिथि एवं समय	24.07.2024 (11:00 AM)
5.	वेबसाइट पर निविदा उपलब्धता की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	07.08.2024 (12:00 Noon)
6.	निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	08.08.2024 (12:30 PM)
7.	निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले का पदनाम एवं पता	कार्यालयक अभियन्ता राष्ट्रीय उच्च पथ प्रमंडल, देवघर
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2	DRM-RJT-2024-25 E-33	Rajkot Division - Outsourcing of Track Maintenance activities under Sr. Section Engineer	4,25,47,726.74	3,62,700.00
3	DRM-RJT-2024-25 E-34	Hapa - Goods Yard: Interlocking of point No. 501/502 & 503/504 with insertion of 03 trap points, 2	8,92,871.98	17,900.00
4	DRM-RJT-2024-25 E-35	Rajkot Division - House Keeping of Officers' Rest House for 24 months (including catering services) at Rajkot.	15,85,646.82	31,700.00

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 राष्ट्रीय उच्च पथ प्रमंडल, देवघर।
 PR.NO.330245 Deoghar(24-25):D

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
NOTICE OF INVITING E-TENDER

Dy. CME /Carriage Workshop, Ajmer North Western Railway acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tender No. Carriage-05-2024-RT Date 20.07.2024. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Details are as under. Name of work with its location: Up-gradation of Coach Toilets of AC Coaches (Qty: 61 Nos) at Carriage Workshop NWR Ajmer (As per Scope of Work) Approx. cost of the work: ₹ 6,56,09,334.49/- Tender Document Cost: ₹ 00.00 Earnest Money to be deposited: ₹ 4,78,100.00/- Date and time for submission of E-Tender: Submission of E-Tender up to 13.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Website particular: www.ireps.gov.in Eligibility Criteria: Applicable. Note: Tender document cost & Earnest Money to be deposited online through payment gateway facility on the IREPS website only. 841-AR/24

कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
 विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
 Mail: spjworksdibvcdrcnc@gmail.com

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0-01 / 2024-25

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम :- कार्यालयक अभियन्ता, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
- परिमाण विपत्र विक्री की तिथि :- दिनांक-29.07.2024 को अपराह्न 1.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-30.07.2024 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-30.07.2024 को अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
- परिमाण विपत्र विक्री का स्थान :- (क)अधीक्षण अभियन्ता का कार्यालय,छोटानागपुर भवन अंचल संख्या-1 भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
 (ख)कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग राँची।

निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान:- कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
 निविदाधीन कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (₹)	अग्रिम की राशि (₹)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (₹)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	Annual Maintenance Contract of Jharkhand Bhawan, Vasant Vihar, New Delhi (Group -A) for the Period August, 2024 to July, 2025.	30,59,800.00	62,000.00	5000.00	12 Months

निविदा की शर्तें WWW.jharkhand.gov.in एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पट पर देखा जा सकता है।
 विस्वासमान
 PR 330352 Building(24-25):D कार्यालयक अभियन्ता विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, ऩा 110 विा राँची।

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS

TENDER NOTICE No: S/2024/66 Date: 22.07.2024
 The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. All the E-tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty	Unit	Due Date
1.	30243329B	ELASTOMERIC PAD To ESCORT	150	Nos.	29.07.2024
	37241871	Spring plank to RDSO Drg.No. SK-69594	543	Nos.	05.08.2024
	30240460A	S-VEL speed sensor	171	Nos.	12.08.2024
	37241882	BRAKE WEAR PLATE TO DRG. NO. SK-69597	22257	Nos.	12.08.2024
	60235515A	The scope of, supply shall include design, installation,	01	Nos.	14.08.2024
	37242841	New Door way stiffening cross bar Assembly	2763	Nos.	14.08.2024
	40240039B	BLIND Socket Assembly for LHB Coaches	378	Nos.	19.08.2024
	30242268	Sealed glass unit for LHB fixed window	2533	Nos.	21.08.2024
	30242634A	Wheel set earthing equipment	242	Nos.	26.08.2024
	6324ENG 07	Running contract for manufacturing & supply of Elastic Rail Clips	49300	Nos.	28.08.2024
	30242623	Carbon Brush assembly for wheel set	4161	Nos.	28.08.2024

Note: (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for Full details/Description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender closing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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प्राचार्य कार्यालय
अनु० ना० मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया
अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

विद्युत संयंत्र पत्रांक-1410

विद्युत वर्ष 204-25 में आगामी तीन वर्षों के अनुग्रह नारायण मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया में अधिनरत छात्र-छात्राओं को Family Apoption Programme हेतु हर सप्ताह के मंगलवार एवं शनिवार को अलग-अलग गाँवों में ले जाने एवं कॉलेज वापस लाने हेतु विद्युत पर एक CNG/Electric/Diesel (52 सीटों वाली एफसी० बस) की सेवा हेतु इच्छुक वाहन मालिकों / ड्रेमप्लस एजेंसियों से मुहुरबन्द लिफाफे में सील निविदा राष्ट्रीय समाचार में प्रथम प्रकाशन की तिथि से 15 (पन्द्रह) दिनों के अन्दर निबन्धित / स्पीडपोस्ट के माध्यम से कार्यावधि 10:00 बजे पूर्वहण से अपराहण 05:00 बजे तक आमंत्रित कि जाती है। बिलम्ब से प्राप्त निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा दो तरह की होगी (क) तकनीकी निविदा (ख) वित्तीय निविदा। दोनों निविदा अलग-अलग लिफाफे में सील कर, पुनः उसे बड़े लिफाफे में सील कर उस पर किस मद के निविदा दिया जा रहा है, अंकित कर प्राचार्य, अनुग्रह नारायण मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया पर भेजना होगा। निविदा कम्प्यूटराईज्ड टंकित होना चाहिए। हस्तलिखित व लेप लेपन एवं काट-कूट वाले निविदा पर विचार नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि को अवकाश की स्थिति में अगले कार्य दिवस तक निविदा प्राप्त की जायेगी। निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि के अगले दिन कथ समिति के द्वारा तकनीकी निविदा खोली जायेगी। उक्त तिथि को अवकाश की स्थिति में अगले कार्य दिवस को निविदा खोली जायेगी। तकनीकी निविदा खुलते समय निविदादाता स्वयं या उनके प्राधिकृत प्रतिनिधि उपस्थित रह सकते हैं। जिसके लिये उन्हें अलग से कोई सूचना नहीं दी जायेगी। बस की सेवा हेतु नियम एवं शर्तों की प्रति निविदा प्रकाशन के पश्चात् प्राचार्य कार्यालय, अनुग्रह नारायण मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया में ₹० 1000.00 (रुपये एक हजार) मात्र का बैंक ड्राफ्ट मूल में प्राचार्य, अनुग्रह नारायण मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया के पदनाम से प्लेज्ड हो, जमा करने पर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। जिसे लौटायाना नहीं जायेगा। निविदा शुल्क जमा करने वाले का ही निविदा कथ समिति के समक्ष रखा जायेगा। निविदा की विस्तृत विवरणी कॉलेज वेबसाइट www.anmmc.ac.in से Download किया जा सकता है या कार्यावधि में कार्यालय से सम्पर्क करें।

प्राचार्य
 अनु० ना० मगध मेडिकल कॉलेज, गया
 उक्ता सूचना www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar पर भी देवी जा सकती है।
नये से बचने का हे एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय
 विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
 Mail: spjworksdibvcdrcnc@gmail.com

अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं0-01 / 2024-25

- विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम :- कार्यालयक अभियन्ता, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
- परिमाण विपत्र विक्री की तिथि :- दिनांक-29.07.2024 को अपराह्न 1.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-30.07.2024 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे तक।
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- दिनांक-30.07.2024 को अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
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 (ख)कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग राँची।

निविदा प्राप्ति एवं खोलने का स्थान:- कार्यालयक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, भवन निर्माण विभाग, राँची।
 निविदाधीन कार्य का विवरण :-

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (₹)	अग्रिम की राशि (₹)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (₹)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
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निविदा की शर्तें WWW.jharkhand.gov.in एवं कार्यालय के सूचना पट पर देखा जा सकता है।
 विस्वासमान
 PR 330352 Building(24-25):D कार्यालयक अभियन्ता विशेष कार्य प्रमंडल, ऩा 110 विा राँची।

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI
 (SBM Cell), KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN-834001
 E-mail: support@ranchimunicipal.com

Notice Inviting E-Tender (2nd call)
 NIT No. 179/Health Date: 20/07/2024

Sl. No.	Event	Details
1.	Name of Work	Rate Contract of Supply of Various Items and Services for IEC and Capacity Building under Swachh Bharat Mission (SBM) for 3 Years
2.	Publishing of Tender	For more detail and bid document please visit website: www.jharkhandtender.gov.in
3.	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Rs. 1,00,000 (Rupees One Lacs Only). The Bidders shall provide Bid Security through payment gateway of https://jharkhandtenders.gov.in and receipt of the same shall be uploaded through the e-procurement portal along with the submission of proof of payment of tender fees in hard copy.
4.	Tender Fee	The Bidder shall pay to the Authority a sum of INR 10000 + 18% GST (i.e INR 11,800) (non-refundable) (excluding indirect taxes, services & gateway charges) shall be paid through online payment gateway of

Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd
Registered Office: Plot No 59 & 60- 23,22nd Cross, 29th Main
BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru 560076. www.vistaarfinance.com

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002
NOTICE is hereby given by Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd (VFSPL), that the following borrowers who have availed loan against property from Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd and failed to pay Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) of their loan to and that their loan account has been classified as Non-performing Asset as per the guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India. The Borrowers have provided security of the immovable property towards the loan, the details of which are described herein below. The details of the loan and the amounts outstanding and payable by the borrowers to Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd as on date are also indicated here below. The borrowers as well as the public in general are hereby informed that the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd, the secured creditor has initiated action against the following borrowers under the provisions of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (the SARFAESI Act). If the following borrowers fails to repay the outstanding dues indicated against their names within 60 (Sixty) days of this notice along with further interest and other charges if any, the undersigned will exercise any one or more of the powers conferred on the Secured Creditor under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, including power to take possession of the property and sell the same. The public in general is advised not to deal with property described here below.

Account No	Name of the Borrowers and Co-Borrowers	Total Loan Outstanding (in INR)	Total Loan Outstanding As On
0249SBML01191 & 0249SBML01202	1. Mr/Mrs. Azeem Mohd Abrar 2. Mr/Mrs. Mohd Abrar 3. Mr/Mrs. Nisha Mohd Abrar	Rs. 23,52,523.68	10-07-2024

Description of the Secured Asset: All That Part and Parcel Of Immoveable property Residential Plot No. 188, area measuring 100 Sq.Yds i.e 83.61 Sq Mtrs Out Of Kharsa No 1709, Situated At Toli Mohalla in the Village Loni (Chakbandi Outside), Pargana and Tehsil Loni District Ghaziabad U.P.duly registered as doc no 400 in book no 1, vol no 1310, on pages 165-214 in the office of SR- Loni, Ghaziabad, on dated 10-01-2020 Owned by Mohd.Abrar S/O Mr Imam Uddin. Boundaries of the property as bounded Under: East: House of Iqbal, West: House of Shamsuddin, North: House of Hanun, South- Rasta 15 Ft Wide.

Date: 23-07-2024
Place: Ghaziabad

For Vistaar Financial Services Pvt Ltd.,
Authorized Officer

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट सिंडिकेट
Regional Office: Punea
POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice calling upon the Borrower / Guarantor mentioned herein below to repay the amount mentioned in the notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice. The Borrower/ Guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower / Guarantor and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act, Read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule. The Borrower / Guarantor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties herein below and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank for the amount mentioned against their names and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section(8) of section 13 of the act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

BRANCH- FORBESGANJ BRANCH

Name of the Mortgagee / Borrower - M/s Tanya Enterprises, Prop- Mr. Manish Kumar Jha S/O Ram Shankar Jha. **Liability-** Rs. 21,87,227.26 (Rupees Twenty-One Lakhs Eighty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Seven and Paise Twenty-Six Only) and interest thereon. **Date of Demand Notice-** 29.04.2024. **Date of Possession Notice-** 18.07.2024.

Description of the Immoveable Property: - SALE DEED NO- 7564 DATED- 15/11/1994
All That Part and Parcel of Land Measuring 4 Decimal Covered Under Khata No- 153, Khesra No- 2044, Tauli No- 8/1, Thana No- 145, Situated at Mauja-Bhadreshwar, Pargana- Sultanpur, Thana + Sub-Registry- Forbesganj, District- Araria, Bihar in the Name of Mr. Manish Kumar Jha S/O Ram Shankar Jha. **Bounded By-** North- Subhash Jha, South- Road, East- Road, West- Prakash Jha

Date- 18.07.2024
Place- Forbesganj

Authorized Officer
(Canara Bank)

उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड
1-ए/आई.एन.एस.-1, आवास विकास कालोनी, बौद्ध विहार, दिल्ली रोड, मुरादाबाद

पर्यावरणीय अधिसूचना दिनांक 14.09.2006 यथासंशोधित दिनांक 01.12.2009 के अन्तर्गत लोक सुनवाई हेतु आम सूचना
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि मसैस त्रिवेणी इंजीनियरिंग एण्ड इन्डस्ट्रीज लि० (शुगर यूनिट), ग्राम मिलक नारायणपुर, तहसील टाण्डा, जिला रामपुर द्वारा वर्तमान क्षमता विस्तारिकरण करते हुए गन्ना पराई क्षमता 5000 टि०सी०डी० से बढ़ाकर 10000 टि०सी०डी० तथा सह ऊर्जा उत्पादन क्षमता 10.0 मेगावाट से बढ़ाकर 18.0 मेगावाट किये जाने हेतु पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति प्राप्ति हेतु प्रस्ताव "उत्तर प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड" के समक्ष प्रस्तुत किया गया है।
बोर्ड को भारत सरकार के पर्यावरण वन और जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय द्वारा जारी अधिसूचना संख्या-एस.ओ. 1533(ई) दिनांक 14.09.2006 यथा संशोधित एस.ओ. 3067 (ई) दिनांक 01.12.2009 के अनुसार लोक सुनवाई हेतु इस आशय की सूचना लोक सुनवाई की तिथि से 30 दिवस पूर्व का नोटिस जारी किया जाना प्राविधानित है। परियोजना से संबंधित संक्षिप्त अपिलेख निम्नलिखित कार्यालयों में उपलब्ध हैं-
(अ) जिलाधिकारी, जनपद रामपुर।
(ब) उपयुक्त, जिला उद्योग एवं उद्यम प्रोत्साहन केन्द्र, जनपद रामपुर।
(स) क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, भवन सं. 1ए/आईएनएस-1, आवास विकास कालोनी, बौद्धविहार, दिल्ली रोड, मुरादाबाद।
(द) बोर्ड मुख्यालय, उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, टी.सी. 12-वी, विपूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ।
अतः समस्त सर्व साधारण को इस नोटिस के माध्यम से सूचित किया जाता है कि उक्त परियोजना की पर्यावरणीय स्वीकृति से संबंधित प्रकरण हेतु प्रस्तावित परियोजना स्थल मसैस त्रिवेणी इंजीनियरिंग एण्ड इन्डस्ट्रीज लि० (शुगर यूनिट), ग्राम मिलक नारायणपुर, तहसील टाण्डा, जिला रामपुर, उत्तर प्रदेश पर दिनांक 24.08.2024 (शनिवार) को पूर्वाह्न 12.00 बजे लोक सुनवाई का आयोजन किया गया है। अतः उक्त स्थल पर उपस्थित होकर अपने विचार/आक्षेप प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। इसके अतिरिक्त कोई भी व्यक्ति/संस्था वर्णित कार्यालयों में लिखित आपत्ति/सुझाव बोर्ड मुख्यालय, उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, टी.सी. 12-वी, विपूति खण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ एवं क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, 1ए/आईएनएस-1, आवास विकास कालोनी, बौद्धविहार, दिल्ली रोड, मुरादाबाद को लिखित आपत्ति/सुझाव दिनांक 23.08.2024 तक दे सकते हैं।
घर संख्या 751/ए.एन.ओ.सी-695/रामपुर दिनांक 22/07/2024

क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी

Form No. INC-26
[Pursuant to rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014]
BEFORE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (REGIONAL DIRECTOR)
NORTHERN REGION, NEW DELHI

In the matter of sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Companies Act, 2013 and clause (a) of sub-rule (5) of rule 30 of the Companies (Incorporation) Rules, 2014 and

In the matter of **FORESIGHT CAPITAL TRUST PRIVATE LIMITED** having its registered office at "K-22, First Floor, Punjabi Bazar, Kotla, Mubarakpur, Kasturba Nagar (South Delhi), South Delhi, New Delhi, Delhi, India - 110003" ... **APPLICANT COMPANY**

Notice is hereby given to the General Public that the Applicant Company proposes to make application to the Central Government, power delegated to Regional Director under Section 13 of the Companies Act, 2013 seeking confirmation of alteration of the Memorandum of Association of the Applicant Company in terms of the Special Resolution passed at the Extra Ordinary General Meeting held on 11 July, 2024 to enable the Applicant Company to change its registered office from the "National Capital Territory of Delhi" to "State of Maharashtra".

Any person whose interest is likely to be affected by the proposed change of the registered office of the Applicant company may deliver either on the MCA-21 portal (www.mca.gov.in) by filing investor complaint form or cause to be delivered or sent by registered post of his/her objections supported by an affidavit stating the nature of his/her interest and grounds of opposition to the Regional Director, Northern Region at the address, B-2 Wing, 2nd Floor, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, 2nd Floor, CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003 within Fourteen days from the date of publication of this notice with a copy to the Applicant Company at its registered office at the address mentioned below: "K-22, FIRST FLOOR, PUNJABI BAZAR, KOTLA, MUBARAKPUR, KASTURBA NAGAR (SOUTH DELHI), SOUTH DELHI, NEW DELHI, DELHI, INDIA - 110003" For and on behalf of **FORESIGHT CAPITAL TRUST PRIVATE LIMITED** Sd/- Mr. Dinkar Rai Director DIN: 00863791

Date: 22/07/2024
Place: Delhi

tru TRUCAP FINANCE LIMITED
(Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd)
Registered Office: 3rd Floor, A Wing, D.J. House, Old Nagardas Road, Andheri (East), Mumbai - 400069, Maharashtra, GST No: 27AAAC098871ZC Corporate Identity Number: L64920MH1994PLC334457

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the Public that Auction of pledged Gold Ornaments will be conducted by TruCap Finance Limited (Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd) on 26th July 2024 at 11:00 A.M.
Branch address: TruCap Finance Limited (Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd), R.k Tower Halibawal Road situated at B-1461/1 ram Shamam Chowk Hamra Road Ludhiana Punjab - 141001.
The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Loan Accounts of our various Customers who have failed to pay their dues. Our notices of auction have been duly issued to these borrowers.
The Gold Ornaments to be auctioned belong to Overdue Loan Accounts of our various Customers mentioned below with branch name.
Firozpur Branch: GL0000000104821, GL0000000182462, GI0000000181210, GI0000000146898.
Jalandhar Branch: GL0000000229771, GL0000000232124, GI0000000229904, GL0000000229731, GL0000000231149, GL0000000231897, GI0000000269929.
Sirhind Branch: GL0000000207156, GL0000000149923, GI0000000208571.
For more details, please contact TruCap Finance Limited (Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd).
Contact Person: Satish Kumar
Contact Number(s): 9560735444
TruCap Finance Limited (Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd) reserves the right to alter the number of accounts to be auctioned & postpone / cancel the auction without any prior notice.

TruCap Finance Limited
(Formerly known as Dhanvarsha Finvest Ltd)

IN THE COURT OF SH. GAGANDEEP SINGH, SPECIAL JUDGE PC ACT, CBI-04 ROOM NO. 604, ROUSE AVENUE COURTS, DELHI.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED.

(See Section 82 Cr.P.C.)

CBI No. 30/2024
R.C. No: 050 2021 A 0004
PS: CBI,SC-II, NEW DELHI
U/S: 120-B r/w420,468,471 of IPC and 13(2) r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act 1988
NDOH : 03.07.2024

CBI VS. M/s Indian Technometal Co. Ltd & ORS.

WHEREAS complaint has been made before me that **Rakesh Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Satya Dev Sharma R/o 4512, Sector B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110008**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence **U/Sec.120 B r/w 420,468,471 of IPC & 13(2)r/w 13(1)(d) of PC Act, 1988** and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rakesh Kumar Sharma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rakesh Kumar Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rakesh Kumar Sharma S/o Shri Satya Dev Sharma R/o 4512, Sector B, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110008**, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on **29.08.2024**

Dated this 08.07.2024

Sd/-
(Special Judge)
CBC 32205/11/0011/2425

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
सिंडिकेट सिंडिकेट
RECOVERY & LEGAL SECTION, REGIONAL OFFICE
3rd Floor, Luv-Kush Tower, Exhibition Road, Patna - 800001, Ph. : 0612-2320180, Email : npacopat@canarabank.com

PROPERTY FOR E-AUCTION

E-AUCTION Sale Notice for Sale of Immoveable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged / hypothecated/ Pledged / charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Canara Bank** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on **07.08.2024**. Details are as under:

Sl. No.	Name / Add. Contact No. of the Branch	Name and Address of the Borrower(s) / Guarantor (s)	Outstanding in Rs.	Details of Property	Reserve Price (Rs.) (EMD/Bid Multiplier Amt./A/C No./IFSC Code)
1.	Rajwara Branch Muzaffarpur, Bihar Mob : 8210998507	Borrower / Mortgagee - Sri. Devendra Kumar , S/o Sri Amir Kumar, At - Dahachapra, Po - Dhanaia, Muzaffarpur-843125, Phone- 8969690600 Co-Borrower - Sri. Vijayant Kumar , S/o Sri. Devendra Kumar, Vill - Dahachapra, Po-Dhanaia, Sahebganj - 843125, Phone - 8969402600	Rs. 21,32,612.00 As on 19.01.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name Sri Devendra Kumar , S/o - Late Amir Kumar, Khata No-16, Khesra No- 655, Thana no 92, Area- 9 Decimal Boundary: North- South- Amir Kuer, East- Road, West- Bishwanath Kuer & Govt. of Bihar. Location- At - Mauza Dahachapra , P.S- Sahebganj, Anchal - Sahebganj, Sub Registry Office - Paroo, Dist.- Muzaffarpur	Rs. 9,11,250/- EMD - 91,125/- 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0001708
2.	Sheohar Branch, Sheohar, Bihar Mob. 8210998517	Borrower/s - M/s Kiran Stores , Prop. - Kiran Devi, W/o, - Prabhakar Singh, Ward No. 2, Nagar Panchayat, Sheohar, Pin- 843329, Mortgagor/s - Kiran Devi , W/o - Prabhakar Singh, Ward No 2, Nagar Panchayat, Sheohar, Pin- 843329	Rs. 20,89,075.87 as on 03.06.2023 +interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Mrs. Kiran Devi W/o - Prabhakar Singh, Residential Land and Building at Thana Number - 163, Khata No 1496, Khesra No - 212, Ward No. - 2, Nagar Panchayat, Sheohar, Pin- 843329, Area - 9 Decimal, Boundary - North - Hari Kishore Tiwari, South - Ashok Tiwari, East - Kreta, West - Road, Location - Mauza- Sheohar, Thana No.- 163 J.No.- 9822, Thana- Sheohar, Dist.- Sheohar	Rs. 14,40,000/- Rs. 1,44,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0003132
3.	Ramdayalu Nagar Branch Muzaffarpur Mob. 8210998502	Borrower - Rajesh Pandey S/o - Jagannath Pandey, Vill- Harapur Bakhari, Anchal- Mushahari, Muzaffarpur- 843103, Co- Borrower / Mortgagee - Smt. Ranju Pandey , W/o Sri Rajesh Pandey, Vill.- Harapur Bakhari, Anchal- Mushahari, Muzaffarpur- 843103	Rs. 31,48,168.22 as on 08.09.2022 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All That Part And Parcel Of the property consisting in the name of Smt Ranju Pandey , W/o - Sri Rajesh Pandey, the property is a residential property situated at Mauza- Terma, P.S- Ahiyapur, Thana No- 682, Khata No- 15, Khesra No- 23M, Area- 1 Decimal, Boundaries as per deed: North - Sogarnath Thakur, South - Kacha Rasta, East - Purchaser Niz, West - 12 Feet Rasta & Chanchala Pandey, Boundaries Actual: North - Sogarnath Thakur, South - Vacant Land, East - Vacant Land, West - Vacant Land & Kacha Rasta	Rs. 4,50,000/- Rs. 45,000/- 10,000/- A/c- 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0008622
4.	Juran Chapra Branch Muzaffarpur Mob. 8210998501	Borrower/ Mortgagee - Late Ram Prakash Pandit represented through his legal heirs Smt. Pinki Devi (Wife), Priti Kumari (Daughter), Priya Kumari (Daughter), Pranay Kumar (Son), Pallavi Kumari (Daughter) (Minors represented by Mother & Natural Guardian Smt. Pinki Devi W/o Late Ram Prakash Pandit and Guarantor Smt. Pinki Devi W/o Late Ram Prakash Pandit	Rs. 16,64,497.50 as on 21.10.2023 +interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	All that part and parcel of the property consisting in the name of Late Ram Prakash Pandit S/o - Late Jagannath Pandit, Khata No. - 162 Ka, Khasra No. - 969, 970 (Part), Area - 3.50 Decimal, Boundary - North - Shivji Pandit, South - Gita Devi, East - Raj Kishore Thakur, West - Road Nagar Nigam Location - Mauza - Bela Chapra, PO + PS - Industrial Area Bela, Anchal - Mushahari, Thana No. 281, Ward No. - 49, Dist. - Muzaffarpur	Rs. 26,29,260/- Rs. 2,62,926/- 10,000/- A/c- 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0002821
5.	Balihar Branch Mob : 8102915093	Borrower - Sri Akhilesh Kumar Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh Resident of Vill - Dhodhandih, P.O - Nonhar, P.S - Surayapura, Dist- Rohtas, Bihar- 802221 Mortgagor - (i) Sri Akhilesh Kumar Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh. (ii) Sri Bir Bahadur Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh (iii) Sri Vikash Kumar Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh. (iv) Sri Rajeshwar Singh S/o Late Thakuri Singh	Rs. 9,32,442.92 as on 06.05.2024 + interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	Residential Property (Single Storey Building) situated at Mauza - Nonhar, Khata No. - 41, Khasra No. - 3875, P.S - Surajpura Dist. - Rohtas, Bihar, Extent of Areas- 3.125 Decimal. Boundary - North - Niz, South - Rajeshwar Singh, East - Vacant Land, West - 10' wide Road, Name of title holder - 1. Sri Akhilesh Kumar Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh, 2. Sri Bir Bahadur Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh, 3. Sri Vikash Kumar Singh S/o Rajeshwar Singh, 4. Sri Rajeshwar Singh S/o Late Thakuri Singh	Rs. 14,36,000/- Rs. 1,43,600/- 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB0017582
6.	Narayanpur Branch Mob. 8102915092	Borrower (s) / Guarantor(s) : M/s/Anjali Trading Proprietor- Sri Chandrawas Prasad S/o Sri Madan Prasad, Vill + Post- Surajpura, Dist- Rohtas, City - Bikramganj, Bihar, 802221. Mortgagor - Sri Subhaschandra Pandit S/o Sri Madan Prasad Resident of Vill+ Post- Surajpura, Dist - Rohtas, City - Bikramganj, Bihar- 802221	Rs. 24,87,591.01 as on 20.07.2024 +interest & Other Cost thereon till realization	The property holders are Sri Chandrawas Prasad and Sri Subhaschandra Pandit , both are son of Sri Madan Prasad, The above property is residential building situated at Mauza- Surajpura , Thana No- 332, Khata No- 142, Khasra No- 797, P.S- Surajpura, Dist- Rohtas, Bihar, Extent of Area- 03.00 Decimil Boundary: (At Present) North - 8' wide P.C.C Road, South - Harendra Sah, East - 12' Wide P.C.C Road, West : Vacant Land, Property Holder - Sri Chandrawas Prasad and Sri Subhaschandra Pandit , both are son of Sri Madan Prasad	Rs. 4,05,000/- Rs. 40,500/- Rs. 10,000/- A/c - 209272434 IFSC Code - CNRB00017581

Last Date of EMD 08.08.2024 For Detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in www.canarabank.com

Authorized Officer Canara Bank

COEP Technological University (COEP Tech)
A Unitary Public University of Government of Maharashtra (Formerly College of Engineering Pune)

Admission Notice for First Year B. Planning Programme for the Academic Year 2024-25

Admission notice is issued for CAP Rounds being conducted by COEP Technological University Pune (COEP Tech.) for **First Year B. Planning Programme** including CIWGC, OCI / PIO / FN, NRI category students for the Academic Year 2024-25. For further guidelines and detailed information please visit University's website : <https://www.coeptech.ac.in/admission/undergraduate/>
Date : 23/07/2024 Registrar

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA NIZAM SUGARS LIMITED (NSL)
5-10-174, Shakar Bhavan, Fateh Maidan Road, Basheerbagh, Hyderabad-500 004, Telangana. Ph.No. : +91-040-23237386, E-mail : nizam sugars@gmail.com, Website : <https://tender.telangana.gov.in>

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR REVIVAL OF NIZAM SUGARS LTD., (NSL) UNITS IN TELANGANA STATE

The Consultancy Services invited vide Ref.No.: NSL/HO/REVIVAL/RFP/01, Dated : 03.07.2024.
"Submission of bids has been extended up to 05:00 PM of 30th July 2024".
Sd/-
R.O. No.: 203-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25
MANAGING DIRECTOR

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BO: Khagaria (493100) Email: bo4931@pnb.co.in

60 DAYS' NOTICE TO BORROWERS

Rupesh Kumar & Priyanka Pathak, S/O Umesh Pathak, Murgachak, PO- Mathurapur, Khagaria (Bihar), India, Pincode- 851204 Date-04.05.2024

Dear Sir/Madam,
NOTICE U/S 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002
Reg: Account No. -187820990000015, 1878300001045 & 187850001496 Credit Facility (OD-HOUSING LOAN) availed by Rupesh Kumar & Priyanka Pathak S/O Umesh Pathak, Murgachak, PO- Mathurapur, Khagaria (Bihar), India, Pincode-851204 has availed the following credit facilities: -

Sl.No	Facility	Limit	Balance Outstanding as on 30.04.2024 + Intt Wef 01.05.2024
1	OD-HOUSING LOAN	23.00 Lakhs	Rs. 23,72,087.70DR/- +Interest w.e.f. 01.05.2024
2	TERM LOAN	30.00 Lakhs	Rs. 22,78,751.00 DR. + Interest wef 01.05.2024
3	OVERDRAFT	-----	Rs. 146.00 + Interest wef 01.05.2024
	TOTAL	53.00 Lakhs	Rs. 46,50,984.70 + Interest wef 01.05.2024

Due to non-payment of installment/ interest/ principal debt, the account/s has/have been classified as Non-Performing Asset as per Reserve Bank of India guidelines as on 20.04.2024
We had demanded/recalled the entire outstanding together with interest and other charges due under the above facilities vide letter dated 22.04.2024. The amount due to the Bank as on 30.04.2024 is **Rs. 46,50,984.70** (Rupees Forty-Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four and Paise Seventy Only + Interest wef 01.05.2024 with further interest until payment in full (hereinafter referred to as "secured debt").
To secure the outstanding under the above said facilities, you have, inter alia, created security interest in respect of the following properties/assets

S No.	Facility	Security
1	OD-HOUSING LOAN/ TERM LOAN/ OVERDRAFT	COLLATERAL: - Sale Deed Bearing No-1260 Dated 24-04-2017 In Favor Of Punjab National Bank By (1)Rupesh Kumar, S/O Sri Umesh Pathak & (2) Priyanka Pathak, W/O Sri Rupesh Kumar. At Mauza-Mathurapur, Tauli No-1447, Thana No- 265, Khata No-119, Khesra No-2064,2065, Pargana- Farkiya, Ward No-10, Area-09 Dhur (1.83 Decimal) under Nagar Parishad Area Khagaria Boundary:-North- Amarjeet Yadav, South-Hal Hari Lal, East-Sambhu Prasad, West-06'-0" wide P.C.C Road
	TOTAL	Rs. 62,46,678 (RV)

We hereby call upon you to pay the amount of **Rs. 46,50,984.70** (Rupees Forty-Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four and Paise Seventy Only + Interest wef 01.05.2024) at the contracted rate until payment in full within 60 days (Sixty Days) from the date of this notice. In default, besides exercising other rights of the Bank as available under Law, the Bank is intending to exercise any or all of the powers as provided under section 13(4) of the **Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002** (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"). The details of the secured asset/s intended to be enforced by the Bank, in the event of non-payment of secured debt by you are as under:
COLLATERAL: -
Sale Deed Bearing No-1260 Dated 24-04-2017 In Favor Of Punjab National Bank By (1)Rupesh Kumar, S/O Sri Umesh Pathak & (2) Priyanka Pathak, W/O Sri Rupesh Kumar. At Mauza-Mathurapur, Tauli No-1447, Thana No-265, Khata No-119, Khesra No-2064,2065, Pargana-Farkiya, Ward No-10, Area-09 Dhur (1.83 Decimal) under Nagar Parishad Area Khagaria
Boundary - North- Amarjeet Yadav, South-Hal Hari Lal, East-Sambhu Prasad, West-06'-0" wide P.C.C Road
Your attention is hereby drawn invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13of the Act in respect of time available to you redeem the secured assets.
Please take notice that in terms of section 13(13) of the said Act, you shall not, after receipt of this notice, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of business) any of the secured assets above referred to, without prior written consent of the Bank.
You are also put on notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence.
If for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited /remitted with/to the Bank. You will have to render proper account of such realization/income.
We reserve our rights to enforce other secured assets.
Please comply with this demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of non-compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequences.
* This notice is issued without prejudice to the bank taking legal action before DRT/Court, as the case may be.
* This notice is issued without prejudice to the bank's rights in the suit/litigation pending before DRT/Court.
* Delete, if not applicable.

Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank

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Possession Notice [Under Rule 8 (1) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

As per the powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and under Section 13(12) of the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 read together with Rule 3, the Authorized Punjab National Bank. The undersigned as an officer issued demand notice as mentioned in the table below, asking the borrowers/guarantors to pay the amount specified in the respective notices against their names in the table within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said intimation in writing. was asked to The following borrowers/guarantors have not paid the amount specified in the respective notices issued under section 13(2) within the stipulated time, the aforesaid borrowers/guarantors and the general public are hereby informed that the undersigned has made payment against the property concerned have taken symbolic possession of the properties (guaranteed assets) mentioned in the following table in compliance with the powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned. In particular the aforesaid borrowers / guarantors and the general public are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in the following table and any transaction with the said properties shall be effected on the amount mentioned in the relevant column of the table and thereon. The interest will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank.

S. No	Branch Name	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Claim Amount on Date	Date of Demand / Date of Possession	Description of Immoveable Property
1.	B.O.- MUNGHER (050820)	M/S Rahul Enterprises, Prop.- Mr. Rahul Kumar	Rs. 27,10,335.00/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakhs Ten Thousand Three Hundred Thirty Five Only) as on 30.04.2024 plus interest W.E.F 01.05.2024.	13 (2)-29.04.2024 13 (4)-19.07.2024	Primary Security: Equitable Mortgage of residential property in the name of Mrs. Siyamani devi, W/o Sri Mohan Singh, R/o - Bekapur, PS-kotwali, Po & District- Munger, Situated at Bekapur, ps- Kotwali, Po & District- Munger, Touzi no. 3713, Khesra No. 41, Sheet no. 01, ward no. 10 (old), 12 (New), jamabandi no. 74 under Anchal Sadar, District Registry & District Munger Total Land Area - 0.87 Dec/380 Sq.ft. bearing sale deed No. 442 reg. on 09.02.2007 Boundary: North: Legal Heirs of Late Bhola Sah & Masomat Jagia, Hall Dinesh Prasad South: Nagarpalika Gali 6ft, East: Kali Tajira Road vadhu bhola mandir, West: Hissedar Radhe shyam prasad

Date- 19.07.2024
Place- Munger

Authorised Officer
Punjab National Bank

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank
...भरोसे का प्रतीक ! ...the name you can BANK upon !

Circle SASTRA Office, Bhagalpur (Ground Floor-Naulakha Apartment), Opp DIG Kothi, Badi Khanjarpur, Bihar-812001, (Email : cs8197@pnb.co.in)

Possession Notice [Under Rule 8 (1) of security interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002]

As per the powers conferred under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and under Section 13(12) of the Securities Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 read together with Rule 3, the Authorized Punjab National Bank. The undersigned as an officer issued demand notice as mentioned in the table below, asking the borrowers/guarantors to pay the amount specified in the respective notices against their names in the table within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said intimation in writing. was asked to The following borrowers/guarantors have not paid the amount specified in the respective notices issued under section 13(2) within the stipulated time, the aforesaid borrowers/guarantors and the general public are hereby informed that the undersigned has made payment against the property concerned have taken symbolic possession of the properties (guaranteed assets) mentioned in the following table in compliance with the powers conferred on them under section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on the dates mentioned. In particular the aforesaid borrowers / guarantors and the general public are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in the following table and any transaction with the said properties shall be effected on the amount mentioned in the relevant column of the table and thereon. The interest will be subject to the charge of Punjab National Bank.

S. No	Branch Name	Name of Borrower / Guarantor	Claim Amount on Date	Date of Demand / Date of Possession	Description of Immoveable Property
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BHAKRA BEAS MANAGEMENT BOARD
(Irrigation Wing)

CORRIGENDUM-II NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Refer our tender notice (N.I.T. No. : 01/2024-25) for the work of "Emergency Flood Warning System at Dam Site Pandoh Engineering & Designing Erection Testing and Commissioning of Alert Information and direct system at Pandoh Dam." (Opened on 09.07.2024). The last date for download and upload of document extended upto 29.07.2024 till 12:30 and same will be opened on 30.07.2024 at 12:30 PM. All other terms and conditions will remain the same. For detail please visit us at <http://etender.gov.in/eprocure/app> Executive Engineer, Pandoh Dam Division, BBMB, Pandoh (H.P.)-175124 1419-PR-BSL-4 FOR YOUR BETTER TOMORROW SAVE ENERGY TODAY

NORTHERN RAILWAY
TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-Procurement system.
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	11242061	STAINLESS STEEL ELECTRODE FOR WELDING OF MANGANESE STEEL LINER TO BOGIE FRAME	65947 MTR	13.08.24
02	19240580	METALIZED CARBON STRIPS SUITABLE FOR HIGH REACH PANTOGRAPH	4085 NOS	19.08.24
03	02241807	BRUSHLESS DC RAILWAY CARRIAGE FAN 400MM SWEEP FIXED TYPE	10158 NOS	09.09.24
04	03242216	ENDLESS V-BELT FOR RAILWAY COACHES SIZE C-122	25255 NOS	07.10.24

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No. 35/2024-2025 Dated: 22/07/2024

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पिंपरी चिंचवड महानगरपालिका,
पिंपरी, पुणे- ४११०१८
स्थापत्य विभाग
निविदा नोटीस क्रमांक- ०२/२०२४-२०२५

सुद्धीपत्रक क्र.- ३
सदर निविदेमधील खालील कामाचा स्वीकृती दिनांक २९/०७/२०२४, दु. ३:०० वाजेपर्यंत वाढविण्यात येत आहे. इतर तपशिलत कोणताही बदल नाही.

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सही/-
(मकरंद निकम)
शहर अभियंता,
जहिरात क्र. ६६
क्र. स्था/१५/कावि/२२६/२०२४
दि. २२/०७/२०२४

पिंपरी-चिंचवड महानगरपालिका,
पिंपरी, पुणे- ४११०१८

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division,
9th Floor, PUB, Bengaluru - 560 001.

No.:EE/IN/TEND/04/2024-25 Date:19.07.2024
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Through KPP Portal only) (Two Cover System) (KW-4)

The Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the works detailed in the table below:

Sl. No.	Name of the Work
1	Upgradation and Redevelopment of Mahatma Gandhi Plaza at M.G. Road (Call-2) Approx. Value of work: Rs. 400 Lakhs. EMD : Rs. 6,00,000/-

1) Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP portal from 26.07.2024 onwards. 2) Pre-bid meeting : 20.08.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. 3) Last date for submission of tenders: 26.08.2024 upto 16.00 Hrs. 4) Opening of Technical Bids: 27.08.2024 at 16.30 Hrs. Further details can be accessed from GoK KPP Portal <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> or KPPP Helpdesk at +91-80-22441076 or contact the office of the undersigned.
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division.

INSTITUTE OF HUMAN BEHAVIOUR & ALLIED SCIENCES (IHBAS)
Hospital based autonomous academic Institute, under Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, dealing with "Brain - Mind Problems & their Solutions"
Dilshad Garden, Delhi 110 095 (India), Tel.: 2259 7750
E-mail: purchaseihbas@gmail.com; website: www.ihbas.delhi.gov.nic.in
F.No.14/22/PS(G)/IHBAS/2023/143 Dated: 19.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The following tenders will be uploaded on the E-procurement site (<http://govtprocuremem.delhi.gov.in>) of Delhi Govt./GeM portal/IHBAS website:-

S. No.	Name of items	Uploading Site
1.	Tender for General Pest Control Services	GeM portal
2.	Tender for Hiring of Chartered Accountant Services	E-procurement portal
3.	Tender for Supply of Milk and Paneer	E-procurement portal
4.	Tender for supply of Dietary items (Cereals, Spices, etc.)	IHBAS website

Interested firms/suppliers may please see the detailed Terms & Conditions of the respective Tenders from the above mentioned sites before submission of the tender.
Sd/
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0134/24-25 OIC Purchase (Non-Medical)

SML ISUZU LIMITED
CIN : L50101PB1983PLC005516
Regd. Office: Village Arson, Distt. Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Nawanshahr) Punjab -144 533, Phone : 01881- 270255; Fax : 01881-270223
Email: investors@smlisuzu.com | Website: www.smlisuzu.com

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS
TRANSFER OF UNCLAIMED DIVIDEND (FY 2016-17) AND SHARES TO INVESTOR EDUCATION AND PROTECTION FUND (IEPF)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 124 of the Companies Act, 2013, read with the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (Accounting, Audit, Transfer and Refund) Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time, Members are hereby informed that unclaimed dividend for the financial year ended 31st March, 2017 and the respective Shares of the Company in respect of which dividend have remained unclaimed for seven consecutive years from the financial year ended 31st March, 2017 will be due for transfer to the Investor Education and Protection Fund (IEPF) on 28th October, 2024.

The Company has uploaded full details of concerned Shareholders and number of Shares due for transfer to IEPF at the web link <https://www.smlisuzu.com/Investors/shareholders-information/transfer-of-shares>. Individual letters in this regard have also been sent to the concerned shareholders at the registered address available with the Company.

The Company has also uploaded the list of shareholders whose dividend for FY 2016-17 and onwards remain unclaimed/unencashed liable to be transferred to IEPF.

The concerned shareholders are requested to claim the unclaimed dividend(s) by 20th October, 2024 failing which the Company will proceed to transfer the unclaimed dividend and respective shares to the IEPF Authority, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of law.

For any information/query on this matter, concerned shareholders may contact the Company or its Registrar and Share Transfer Agent at the following address:

SML ISUZU Limited	MCS Share Transfer Agent Limited
Corporate Office: SCO 204-205, Sector 34-A, Chandigarh-160022	Unit: SML ISUZU Limited
Tel: 0172-2647700-02/ 0172-415 5901	Sri Venkatesh Bhavan, F-65, 1st Floor, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase - I, New Delhi - 110020
E-mail address: investors@smlisuzu.com	Tel: 011-410406149
	helpdeskdelhi@mcsregistrars.com

For SML ISUZU LIMITED
PARVESH MADAN
Company Secretary
ACS-31266

Date: 22.07.2024
Place: Chandigarh

SOUTH EASTERN COALFIELDS LIMITED
"A MINI RATNA COMPANY"
NOTICE

All the tenders issued by SECL for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of SECL <http://www.secl-cil.in>, CIL e-procurement portal <http://coalindiattenders.nic.in> and Central Public Procurement Portal <http://eprocure.gov.in> In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal <http://gem.gov.in>. SECL's mining services tenders are also now available on GeM portal <http://gem.gov.in>

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a child namely **Sahib S/o Aashiq Ali R/o H. No.- 297, H-17 Block, Sangam Vihar, New Delhi** has been missing/ kidnapped from his home Since 29.06.2024 at 01:00 PM in this regard, a FIR/GD No. 344/2024, U/s 363 IPC, Dt. 30.06.2024, has been registered at P.S.: Sangam Vihar, Delhi.

The description of the missing child as under.
Age: 12 years, Height: 4' Face: Round, Build: Thin, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Colour Pant and Check Shirt. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out his but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing child may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax No. 011-24368639 PS: Sangam Vihar, Delhi
DP/8656/SD/2024 Ph No. 8010085267, 8750870833

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(See Section 82 Cr.PC.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Yusuf, S/o Lt. Babu Khan R/o Jhuggi No.193, Khoobram Park, Prem Nagar-1, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No.1090/15 u/s 354A/354B/509/34 IPC, P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Yusuf cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Yusuf has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Yusuf of FIR No.1090/15 u/s 354A/354B/509/34 IPC, P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 20.09.2024.

By Order,
Ms. Preeti Rajoria
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-02 North-West
DP/9062/RD/2024 Room No.18, Ground Floor, Rohini Courts, Delhi

U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.
PARICHHA THERMAL POWER PROJECT
PARICHHA JHANSI

E- TENDER NOTICE

- E-Tender- S-PAR/C/MMC2/PD1/6000005931** "Supply of various CI bends for AHD, 2x250 MW, PTPP, Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 6,59,120.00 EMD Rs.6,600.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 12.08.2024 up to 12:00 PM.
- E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC5/CHD1/6000005311** "Round the Clock Operation of Sprinkler system near Richhaura village Boundary." Estimated Cost Rs.8,49,720.00 EMD Rs. 17,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 08.08.2024 up to 04:00 PM.
- E-Tender- ET-04/CMD4/PTPP/2024-25** "Two years long Maintenance work of 19750 No Saplings (Plants) by PTPP Parichha." Estimated Cost Rs. 23,45,505.00 EMD Rs. 47,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 01.08.2024 up to 12:00 PM.
- E-Tender- N-PAR/C/OMC2/BMD1/6000005338** "Preventive/Breakdown maintenance of HP/LP Valves/ safety Valves, Routine de-slagging/soot removal and Preventive/Breakdown maintenance of wall blowers LRSB of boiler and other associated work of Boiler of unit no. 5 & 6 2x250MW, CTPS, Parichha, Jhansi." Estimated Cost Rs. 24,11,593.00 EMD Rs. 30,000.00 e-bid Submission dt.: 12.08.2024 up to 01:00 PM.

NOTE:- Total Quality of work, tender specification and other terms & conditions is as per tender document available on the e-tender portal our website www.etender.up.nic.in & uprvnl.org. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time.

सं० 178 / टी० रा०३०-२० / पी०टी०पी० / दिनांक : 22.07.2024
"Save Electricity for Nation"

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Infra Division - RI,
N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560 002.

No: EE/RI/TEND/08/2023-24 Date: 22.07.2024
INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)
(Turnkey Lump Sum Fixed Price No Variation Contract)
(Two Cover System) (Through GOK KPP Portal only)

The Executive Engineer Infra Division-RI, BBMP, Bengaluru - 560 002, invites tenders from eligible Tenderers on turnkey, Lumpsum, fixed price, no variation and no escalation basis for the construction work detailed below in the table:

Sl. No.	Name of the work
1	Providing junction improvement works under SURAKSHA-75 in arterial and sub arterial roads at Domlur-Hal Old Airport Junction, Anil Kumble Circle, Hosur Road Junction, Ashwath nagar bus stop junction (Dr. Rajkumar Road), Swamy Vivekananda Metro Station Junction, Suranjan Das Road Junction-NGEF Signal & Nagawara Junction in East Zone. (CALL II). Cost of work proposed (Rs. in Lakhs including GST): 882.70. EMD: Rs.13.25 Lakhs. Stipulated Period of Completion : 6 Months (including monsoon season). Eligibility of Contractor and Category: Class I & above.
2	Providing junction improvement works under SURAKSHA-75 in arterial and sub arterial roads at Hongasandra MS Junction, Manipal County-Hosur Road Junction, Garebavipalya Temple & HSR Layout 27th Main Junction in Bommanahalli Zone. (CALL II). Cost of work proposed (Rs. in Lakhs including GST): 488.50. EMD: Rs.7.50 Lakhs. Stipulated Period of Completion : 6 Months (including monsoon season). Eligibility of Contractor and Category: Class I & above.

Calendar of Events: 1) Availability of tender documents in GOK KPP portal : 23.07.2024 onwards. 2) Last date of Receipt of queries: 03.08.2024 upto 16.00 hrs. 3) Date of Pre-bid meeting: 03.08.2024 at 16:00 hrs. 4) Last date of submission of Tenders: 06.08.2024 upto 16:00 hrs. 5) Date of Opening of Technical bid: 07.08.2024 at 16:15 hrs. 6) Date of Opening of Financial bid: Will be intimated to qualified tenderers.

Further details can be had from the office of the above during office hours on all working days or from the GOK KPP portal website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>
Sd/- Executive Engineer, Infra Division-RI, BBMP

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Ritesh Bhardwaj S/O Surendar Bhardwaj R/o (1) H. No. 677 Gali No. 18, Mahavir Enclave Part 2nd, Delhi. (2) Permanent address- H. No. 28/39 Old Rajender Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 304/19 U/S 354D/506/509 IPC, P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Ritesh Bhardwaj cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Ritesh Bhardwaj, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the Ritesh Bhardwaj in FIR No. 304/19 U/S 354D/506/509 IPC, P.S. Aman Vihar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.08.2024.

By order
Ms. Preeti Rajoria
Metropolitan Magistrate
Mahila Court 02
Room No. 18, Ground Floor
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/9500/RD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Where as complaint has been made before me that accused **Ajay Kumar S/o Sh. Chander Bhan, R/o- RZ- A-46, Nihal Vihar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide FIR No. 21770/21 U/s 379/411 IPC PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Ajay Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Ajay Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Ajay Kumar of case FIR No. 21770/21 U/s 379/411 IPC PS Paschim Vihar East, Delhi is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of 06.09.2024.

By Order
Sh. Devanshu Sajjan
Metropolitan Magistrate-07
Room No. 289, 2nd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9447/OD/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED
See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Anchhuman S/o Raju R/o Vegabond** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 852/21 U/s 392/411/120B/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Anchhuman cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Anchhuman has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Anchhuman of case FIR No. 852/21 U/s 392/411/120B/34 IPC, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 24.09.2024.

By Order
Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 356, 3rd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9440/WD/2024(Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a Man namely **Vinay Kumar, S/o: Mahendra Kumar, R/o, H. No. 24/160 Trilokpuri, Delhi** has been Missing/Kidnapped from his house since 15.07.2024 from Trilokpuri Delhi. In this regard DD No. 110-A dated 15.07.2024 at 11 p.m. has been lodged at Police Station Kalyanpuri, East Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:
Name: Vinay, Age: 22 Years, Height: 5'10", Complexion: Dark, Wearing: White T-Shirt and Black Trouser
If anyone has any information about this missing male please inform Kalyanpuri, East Delhi

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 8750871830 SHO
Police Station,
Kalyanpuri, East Delhi
Ph.: 8750871830

DP/9435/ED/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.PC.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Subhash, S/o: Gulzari, R/o: D-6, JJ D-Block, Sultalpur, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 04/2023, U/s 379 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Subhash cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Subhash has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Subhash accused of FIR No. 04/2023, U/s 379 IPC, P.S. Nangloi, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.09.2024.

By Order
Ms. Charu Asiwali
Metropolitan Magistrate
West, Room No. 336 A
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9113/OD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Aman Sahu S/o Rajender Sahu R/o Vijay Pal Ka Makaan, Sardar Mohalla, Tughlaqabad Village, New Delhi** Age: 20 years, Height : 5'7", Face: Long, Built: Thin, Complexion : Fair, wearing mehroon colour T-shirt with red colour lower and hawai chappal in feet has been missing from his houe since 29.06.2024. In this regard a GD No. 93A dated 06.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Govindpuri, New Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following.

Ph: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO : P.S. Govindpuri, New Delhi,
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Ph. : 011-29986050,
Fax: 24368639, 29980049, 8750870932
Tel.: 24368638/24368641 DP/9386/SE/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Mohd. Imran, S/o: Mohd. Naushad, R/o D-602/603, Jahangirpuri, Delhi-110033**, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in CC No. 542629/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Burari, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused Mohd. Imran cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Mohd. Imran has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

Proclamation is hereby made that Mohd. Imran the said accused of CC No. 542629/2016, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Burari, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 29.08.2024.

By Order
Ms. Divya Gupta
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act-05)
(Central) Room No. 02,
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/9507/N/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.PC.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Ashok Kumar, R/o: N-101-B, Munshi Lal Building, Cannught Circus, Delhi, Mobile No. 9810513258, 9711144145** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC NI ACT/3191/2021, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Saket, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Ashok Kumar cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Ashok Kumar has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Ashok Kumar accused of CC NI ACT/3191/2021, U/S 138 NI Act, P.S. Saket, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 09.09.2024.

By Order
Ms. Pooja Kumari
Metropolitan Magistrate (NI Act)
South, Room No. 25
Saket Courts, New Delhi

DP/8775/SD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Deepak @ Toni S/o Sh Krishan Kumar R/o Village Noona Majra, Bahadurgarh, Haryana & also H.No. 25/267, Gali No. 4, Nai Basti Bahadurgarh**, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR No. 556/2020 U/s 307/34 & 25/54/27/59 A.Act., has been registered at P.S. Mundka, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Deepak @ Toni cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the Deepak @ Toni has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused of Deepak @ Toni of FIR No. 556/2020 U/s 307/34 & 25/54/27/59 A.Act., registered at PS. Mundka, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 22.08.2024.

By Order
Sh. Vijay Shankar, ASJ-04, West Distt.
Room no. 202, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9519/OD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Aman S/o Samair Singh @ Samay Singh @ Sanjay R/o: D-1457, Sultanpuri, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 268/21, U/s 356/379/411 IPC, P.S.: Nangloi, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Aman, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Aman, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) Aman of case FIR No. 268/21, U/s 356/379/411 IPC, P.S.: Nangloi, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 18.11.2024.

By Order
Ms. Charu Asiwali
Metropolitan Magistrate-05,
West, Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/8834/OD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Vinit Kumar @ Asaram S/O Ajay Kant Jha R/o H.No. & H/O Manju B-355, Jaat Chaupal Lambi Gali Shahbad Dault Pur, Delhi** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under FIR No. 84/2016 U/s 392/394/411/34 IPC., has been registered at P.S. KNK Marg, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said Vinit Kumar @ Asaram cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the Vinit Kumar @ Asaram has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused of Vinit Kumar @ Asaram of FIR No. 84/2016 U/s 392/394/411/34 IPC registered at PS. 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, MM-03
North District, Room No. 213, Rohini Courts, Delhi

DP/9412/RD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Hitesh S/o Shri Gopal R/o H.No.- E-23 Sec 24, Jd colony, Budh Vihar Delhi** has been missing since 16/04/2024 at 10:00 Am from the area his house. In this regard D.D. No. 91A dated 19/04/2024 has been registered at P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing male is as under:
Nam: Hitesh, Gender: Male, Age: 31 years, Height: 5'1", Complexion: Fair, Wearing : Black colour shirt and Black colour pant.
If anyone has any information regarding this missing male, kindly inform SHO/ Budh Vihar, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639 SHO
P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi
DP/6216/RD/2024 Ph. No. 011-27052773, 9315852821

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PERSONAL

It is for general information that I, Yashmeet Chouhan S/o Brajpal Singh R/O 172 A, Gali No-3, 8 Marla, Satkarta Colony, Panipat, Haryana-132103, declare that name of my father and mother has been wrongly written as Brijpal Singh and Geeta respectively in my Secondary School Marks Statement Cum Certificate and Senior School Marks Statement Cum Certificate. The actual name of my father and mother are Brajpal Singh and Geeta Devi respectively, which may be amended accordingly. 0070913946-7

I, hitherto known as MANOJ KUMAR SHARMA, S/o, SHRI K.L. SHARMA, R/O, D-34B, D-block, chattrpur-Enclave, New Delhi-110074, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as MADHVANAND PURI. 0040739640-7

I, hitherto known as Harshit, S/O-Bhim Lal, R/O-I-Block, I-125, Ashok Niketan, Naraina-Vihar, South-West Delhi, Delhi-110028, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Harshit Sharma. 0040739595-10

I, hitherto known as BHAVNA, W/O Mr. SAURABH SHARMA, R/O-86-D, POCKET-1, MAYUR VIHAR PH-1, DISTRICT EAST-DELHI, DELHI-110091, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AND SHALL HEREAFTER BE KNOWN AS BHAVNA SHARMA. 0040739600-7

I, Yogesh Kumar, S/O BALBIR YADAV, R/O WARD NO.10, Village BHATSANA, REWARI (HARYANA)-123106, have changed my name YOGESH YADAV. 0040739604-5

I, Vinod Kumar R/O-2229, Sector-2, 3 Part, Rohtak, Haryana-124001, have changed my minor son's name from Dhruv to Dhruv Dhankhar, Permanently. 0040739604-8

I, Sushil Alias Sushil Kumar S/o Hari Ram R/O H No-177, FF, Pocket-5, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086, have changed my name to Sushil Bansal. 0040739635-2

I, Mohd Shuaib, S/O Late Sharif Ahmad, R/O-1209, Gali No.-39/4, Jafraabad, Delhi-110053, have changed my name, from Mohd Shuaib to Mohammad Shuaib, for all future purposes. 0040739604-1

I, Shaileendra/Saileendra Kumar Srivastava, S/O Virendra Srivastava, House, No.2411, 7th Avenue, Gaur-City-1, Sector-4, Greater-Noida West, Gautam-Budh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh 203207, have changed my name to Shaileendra Srivastava. 0040739635-5

I, Sarvesh Kumar W/o Khajan Singh R/O Village-Saroli Hathin, Palwal (Haryana)-121102, have changed my name to Sarvesh Kumar. 0040739604-6

I, Sanjay Kumar Singh S/o C.P.Singh R/O H.No-1576 Sec-28, Faridabad Haryana-121008, have change my name to Sanjay Singh, for all future purposes. 0040739635-1

I, SYED TUBA R/O H.NO.147, NIMRI COLONY, ASHOK VIHAR, DELHI-110052, HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME AMYRA NORE TO AMYRA SYED NORE. 0040739635-3

I, SUSHIL KUMAR, S/O RAMJEEV MAURYA, residing at, C-1/65 C-BLOCK MADHU VIHAR DWARKA DELHI-110059 have changed my name to SUSHIL MAURYA permanently. 0040739600-6

I, SUBHASH CHAND JAIN, S/O-JANARDHAN JAIN, R/O-2168, 167, GANESHPURA-B TRI-NAGAR ONKAR, NAGAR, DELHI-110035, INFORM THAT MY NAME SUBHASH JAIN AND SUBHASH CHAND JAIN BOTH, NAME ARE THE SAME AND ONE PERSON AND MY AADHAAR NO IS-580565942659. 0040739600-8

I, SONALI SARAOGI D/O-RAJ SARAOGI R/O-E-23, POORVI MARG, THIRD-FLOOR, VASANT VIHAR, DELHI-110057 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SONALI SARAOGI SINGH. 0040739595-2

I, SHAWETA BANSAL, W/O SACHIN R/O FLAT NO-221 TOWER-4, ASHIANA UPVAN AHINSA KHAND-2, INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD, U.P-201014 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SHAWETA GUPTA. 0040739604-9

I, SAYEED AHMAD, S/o Shri Nazeer Ahmad, R/O E-176 Shaheed-Nagar, Sahibabad Chikamberpur Ghaziabad, U.P., declare that my name and Date-of-Birth has been wrongly written as Sayeed Ahmed & 07.02.1960 in my passport no-K5512397 documents. The actual my name is SAYEED AHMAD, S/o-Nazeer Ahmad & date-of-Birth-03.05.1960. For all the future purposes. 0040739592-8

I, Rukhsana Begum, W/o Mohd Zia, R/O-I-21, Thakur No.4, Abul Fazi Enclave Part-1, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025, have changed my name to Rukhsar. 0040739604-10

I, ANJALEE KUMARI Daughter of CHANDE RAM JAISWAL R/O M-49, CAMERO-COMPLEX, SUBROTO PARK, NEW DELHI-110010 have changed by name from ANJALEE KUMARI to ANJALI KUMARI vide-Affidavit IN-DL1892194713129W Dated-16/07/2024. 0040739642-3

I, Ritika Aggarwal W/o Ankur Sharma, R/O 183, Sector-17, Faridabad have changed my name to Ritika Aggarwal Sharma after marriage. 0040739592-4

I, Rajiv Mehta, S/o-Satya Pal R/O-Flat.No.18, Geeta-Apartment, Geeta-Colony, Delhi-110031, have changed my name to Rajeev Mehta. Rajiv Mehta and Rajeev Mehta is one and the same person. 0040739604-3

I, Partik, S/o Neranjan Vig R/O H.No-5516, Jain Mandir Mohalla, Jain Puri, Rewari (Haryana)-123401, have changed my name to Parteeek. 0040739604-4

I, PARDEEP, S/O. MR.CHAND SINGH, R/O.-RZF-905/21A, 2ND FLOOR, LBS MARG, RAJ NAGAR-II, PALAM COLONY, NEW DELHI-110077, inform that PARDEEP & PARDEEP LOCHAB, both names are same person. 0040739604-7

I, NAHEEM O-Allanor R/o, Village Sirsa Kalan Ahtmal, Tehsil, Hasnapur, Polic e-Station, Rehra, Post Rehra, Block, Gangeshwari, District-Amroha (Uttar Pradesh)-244255, have changed my name to Mohd Naeem for all purposes. 0040739592-7

I, MEENA, W/O GURVINDER BABLA, R/O-B-800, SAINIK-COLONY SECTOR-49, FARIDABAD HARYANA-121001, have changed my name to MEENA BABLA, for all future purposes. 0040739595-3

I, NADEEM AHMAD, S/O-NAEEM AHMAD, R/O-47, NAI-BASTI OKHLA, NEW-DELHI 110025, IN MY PASSPORT I AND MY FATHER NAME ARE INCORRECT-NADEEM AHMED, S/O-NAEEM AHMED CORRECT NAME ARE NADEEM AHMAD, S/O-NAEEM AHMAD. 0040739600-5

I, MUDIT SHARMA, S/O ANIMESH SHARMA, R/O-C-3/301, EASTERN HEIGHTS, NYAY-KHAND-3 INDIRAPURAM, GHAZIABAD U.P-201014 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ADVIK SHARMA, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040739600-3

I, MOHD NAZIM, S/o Nasir Ahmad, R/O A-389, near-Jama masjid j colony Old-Seemapur Delhi-95, Declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as Mohmed Nazim, S/o-Naseer Ahmad in my passport, no-16687965 documents. The actual my name is Mohd Nazim, for all the future purposes. 0040739592-9

I, Krishnanand S/O Chhatra Dhari R/O RZV-54, Nihal Vihar, Gali No-5, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, Have change my name to Krishna Nand 0040739635-7

I, Krishan Singh, S/O Trilok Singh, R/O H.No.C-4/319, Yahuma Vihar, Delhi-110053, declare that name of my wife has been wrongly written as KAMLA DEVI in my service record. The actual name of my wife is KAMLA BISHT, which may be amended accordingly. 0040739570-1

I, Karam Chander Aggarwal, S/o-Jagdish Prasad Aggarwal, R/O-3129/227, G. G., Chander Nagar, Trinagar, Delhi-110035, have changed my name to Karam Chand Aggarwal 0040739640-4

I, Kamlesh D/O Om Prakash Goyal W/O Sushil Bansal, H.No-177, FF, Pocket-5, Sector-22, Rohini, Delhi-110086, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO KAMLESH BANSAL. 0040739635-3

I, Jai Pal Singh, S/o Om Prakash, H.No-5359/6, Street No.6, New Chandrawal, Jawahar Nagar, Delhi-110007, Changed my name to Jaipal. 0040739595-1

I, JYOTI KAUSHIK W/O AMOL PANKAJ MANNAN, H.No.96, POCKET-1, SECTOR-22, ROHINI, DELHI-110086, have changed my name to JYOTI KAUSHIK MANNAN, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES. 0040739642-2

I, Hemant Subhashchandra Sikka S/O Subhas Chandra Sikka R/O, A-266, Second-Floor, Meera Bagh, Paschim vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Hemant Sikka. 0040739595-8

I, Hazi Yameen, S/O Mohd Yunus, R/O H.No.A-1383, A-Block, Gali.No-23, Shri Ram-Colony, Rajiv-Nagar, Delhi-110094, have changed my name to MOHD YAMIN. Permanently. 0040739595-9

I, HIMANSHU SAKHUJA S/O LALIT SAKHUJA R/O 46/8, FIRST-FLOOR EAST PATEL NAGAR KALINDI COLLEGE CENTRAL DELHI-110008, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HIMANSHU SAKHUJA. 0040739635-6

I, HIMANSHU S/O-ANIL KUMAR CHOPRA, R/O-PLOT, NO-117, NEAR-GURDWARA, CHAND-NAGAR, WEST DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HIMANSHU CHOPRA, FOR ALL PURPOSES 0040739600-10

I, GURVINDER LAL, S/O-TIRATH BABLA, R/O-B-800, SAINIK-COLONY, SECTOR-49, FARIDABAD, HARYANA-121001, changed my minor son name AYAN to AYAN BABLA, For all, future purposes 0070913926-1

I, Sukhvinder Singh S/O, Harbhajan Singh R/O F-704, Charms Castle, Rajnagar, Extention Ghaziabad have changed my name to Sukhvinder Singh Chamak. 0040739648-1

I, SUJATA MINHAS, W/O MOHAN CHARAN, R/O H NO-529, SECTOR-A POCKET-C VASANT NAGAR, SOUTH WEST DELHI-110070, have changed my name to SUJATA MOHAN CHARAN for all future purposes . 0070913973-1

I, Jatin Grover S/O, Bal Kishan Grover R/O A5-B/429, DDA Flats, Shanti Kunj, Paschim Vihar, New Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Jatin Grover vide Affidavit Dtd: 22/07/2024 sworn before notary Rajkumar, Delhi. 0040739580-1

I, GURVINDER LAL, S/O TIRATH BABLA, R/O, B-800 SAINIK-COLONY SECTOR-49, FARIDABAD HARYANA-121001, changed my minor Daughter name BHOOMI to BHOOMI BABLA, For all, future purposes. 0040739595-6

I, GURVENDER LAL, S/O TIRATH BABLA, R/O, B-800 SAINIK COLONY SECTOR-49, FARIDABAD HARYANA-121001, have changed my name to GURVINDER BABLA, For all, future purposes 0040739595-4

I, GIRISH KUMAR SABLOK S/O KHAN CHAND H.NO.B-260, T/F, SURAJMAL VIHAR, ANAND VIHAR, SHAHDARA, DELHI 110092 changed my name to GIRISH SABLOK. 0040739640-2

I, June Lal D/O Shri Bagh Mal R/O C-1, Ganesh Nagar, Tilak Nagar, Delhi-110018, changed my name to Sunita DUA. 0040739600-1

I, Divya Hemant Sikka W/o Hemant Sikka, R/O A-266, Second Floor, Meera Bagh, Paschim-vihar, Delhi-110087, have changed my name to Divya Sikka. 0040739595-7

I, Diptayan, S/O-Dibyendu Bhowmick, R/O-SMQ No.55-C, Air Force Station, Arjanagarh, New Delhi-110047, have changed my name, from DIPTAYAN to DIPTAYAN BHOWMICK vide-affidavit dated-18-07-2024 at New/Delhi 0040739640-6

I, Davinder Kaur Hora, W/O Manjit Singh Hora, R/O-B-22 Mansarovar Garden New Delhi-110015 Have Changed My Name to Devender Kaur Permanently 0040739640-1

I, Banarsi Lal, S/O Shri Gopal Dass, R/O C-1 Ganesh Nagar, Tilak-Nagar, Delhi 110018, changed my name to Banarsi Lal DUA. 0040739600-2

I, Amandeep Singh Jaggi S/O Bhupinder Singh Jaggi R/O 2-C/40, 1ST-Floor, Near Rohtak Road, Karol Bagh, W.E.A., Delhi-110005, that my children school records Jaskaran singh and Darsh Deep Kaur my name is wrongly written/mentioned as Amandeep Singh instead of Amandeep Singh Jaggi. Which may be amended accordingly. 0040739640-5

I, ANIL KUMAR, S/O-KUNDAN LAL CHOPRA, R/O-PLOT NO-117, NEAR-GURDWARA, CHAND-NAGAR, WEST DELHI-110018, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO ANIL KUMAR CHOPRA FOR ALL PURPOSES. 0040739600-9

I, AJAY SAXENA S/O KASHI RAM, H.No-4649/82/16, STREET. NO-11, NEW MODERN BUDDH-BAZAR SHAHDARA, EAST-DELHI-110032, have changed my name to AJAY KUMAR, for all, future purposes. 0040739604-2

I, Vijay Kumar Bajpai S/O Sh. Mayadhar Bajpai R/O 667 Hari Mohalla Nangloi Village Delhi-14 have changed my name to Vijay Bajpai. 0040739578-1

I, Sunil Kumar S/O Shyam Sundar Singh R/O Khet-566, Kuleshara, Greater Noida, Surajpur, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.-201306, have changed my name to SUNIL KUMAR SINGH for all future purposes. 0070913971-1

I, Sourabh Mehra S/O Mahesh Chander Mehra residence F-39/766A, Gali No-10, Ganesh Nagar-2, Shakarpur, East Delhi-110092 have changed my name from SORABH MEHRA to SOURABH MEHRA for all future purposes. 0040739619-1

I, Sharanya W/O Santhanagopalan.K.R/O, Flat-No.135, Sahyog-Apartments, Mayur-Vihar Phase-1, Delhi-110091 have changed my name to Sharanya.S for all purposes. 0040739642-1

I, Shakuntala Devi W/o Prateek Singh R/O Mansoorpur, Semra Larpur, Rampur, UP-244924, have changed my name to Shakuntla Devi for all purposes. 0040739575-1

I, Satish S/o Tara Chand R/O FCA 43, Bhimsen Colony, Ballabgarh, Faridabad have changed my name to Satish Sharma. 0040739592-1

I, Sachin Kumar Rai S/o Subodh Kumar Ray, R/O 6908, Qila Kadam Sharif, Nabi Karim, Pahar Ganj, New Delhi-55 declare that my father's name has been wrongly written as Subodh Kumar Rai in my School Records & 10th and 12th Class Documents. The actual name of my father is SUBODH KUMAR RAY which will use for all purpose in future. 0040739616-1

I, Bhupender Chaudhary, S/o Sukhbir Chaudhary, R/O-H.no.47, Ground Floor, Block-6, Rajendra Nagar, Sector-2, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar pradesh-201005, have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Pinki Chaudhary, 0040739648-1

I, SUJATA MINHAS, W/O MOHAN CHARAN, R/O H NO-529, SECTOR-A POCKET-C VASANT NAGAR, SOUTH WEST DELHI-110070, have changed my name to SUJATA MOHAN CHARAN for all future purposes . 0070913973-1

I, Humera Kausar Qudussi W/o Inamur Rehman R/O 385/218, Lane No.15, Ghaffar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Humera Qudussi to HUMERA KAUSAR QUDDUSI for all future purposes and legal documents. 0040739573-1

I, Gaurav Pandey S/O Kaushal Pandey, R/O D-63, Flat F, 2nd Floor, Paryavaran Complex, Ignou Road, Saidul Azaid South Delhi-110030, I have changed the name of my minor Son Anushrah Pandey aged about 11 Years and He shall hereafter be known as Akshat Pandey 0070913973-1

I, Varun Kumar S/O Rohtash Dahiya R/O F-12, Swati Apartments, I.P., Extension, New Delhi-110092 have changed the name of my minor son from Havish Dahiya to Shaurya Singh Dahiya for all purposes. 0040739571-2

I, MANJU, THE SINGLE PARENT, RESIDENT 373, SECTOR-15, SONIPAT, HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME FROM HARDITYA TO HARDITYA SINGH. 0040739592-6

I, S VISWANATHAN Dependents of ARUN P M R/O D-141, CAMERO COMPLEX, SUBROTO PARK, NEW DELHI-110010 have changed by name from S VISWANATHAN to VISWANATHAN S vide-Affidavit IN-DL18921723075477W Dated-16/07/2024. 0040739642-2

I, Raj Kumar Jha S/O Ravinder Jha, R/O B-9/748, Kailash Vihar, Pansali, Pehlud Pur Sangar, North West Delhi-110042, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Raj Kumar. 0070913982-1

I, Punam Puri (UID 880319738872) W/o Sushil Puri R/o 1/491, 2nd Floor, Sector-1, Vaishali, I.E.Sahibabad, Ghaziabad-201010, have change my name Punam Puri to Poonam Puri for all future purposes. 0040739621-1

I, Paramjeet Kaur W/o Harjeet Singh, R/O 77B, Lal Qtrs, West Punjabi Bagh, New Delhi-110026, declare that my name and date of Birth has been wrongly mention in my 8th Marksheet as Baby 14.08.1978, instead of Paramjeet Kaur 14.08.1980 for all future purposes. 0040739615-1

I, No-IC 77398A, Major Vikrant, Resident of House No-961, New Vijay Nagar, Tehsil/District-Rohtak, Haryana. I want to change my name from Vikrant to Vikrant Kaushik in my service records as per in civil documents vide affidavit no In-JK0694834170776W dated 22-07-2024 before notary public Shopian, Government of Jammu & Kashmir. 0020478736-1

I, Naresh Kumar S/O Shamburam Goel R/O H.No.1040, Sector 17, Faridabad have changed my name to Naresh Goel. 0040739592-2

I, N.K Chauhan S/O Sumer Singh R/O 46, Industrial Area, Phase-3, Tahliwala, Una, Himachal Pradesh, have changed my name to N.K Chauhan to Narendra Kumar for all future Purposes. 0070913974-1

I, L.D Garg S/O Munshi Ram R/O G-10, 1st Floor Green Park, Extension South West Delhi-110016 have changed my name L.D Garg to Lechhman Dass Garg for all future purposes 0070913972-1

I, Kritika Goyal D/O Naresh Kumar Goyal, R/O D3/112 Second Floor, Rohini Sector 16, Dist: North West Delhi, Delhi-110089, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Sakshi Goyal 0070913981-1

I, Khanna Sanjeev S/O Raja Ram Khanna R/O 39B, GT Road, Yamuna Enclave, Panipat, Haryana-132103 have changed my name to Sanjeev Khanna 0070913988-1

I, Khanna Namita W/o Sanjeev Khanna R/O 39B, GT Road, Yamuna Enclave, Panipat, Haryana-132103 have changed my name to Namita Khanna 0070913976-1

I, KUMARI NAINIKA D/O No.4061929F RANK EX NK MOHAN SINGH R/O TA 176/1, FIRST FLOOR RIGHT SIDE FROM STAIR, GALI NO.-3, TUGHLAKABAD EXTN., KALKAJI, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110019 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO NAINIKA CHAUDHARY VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 22.7.24 BEFORE DELHI 0070913977-1

I, Subhash Chand Saini alias Subhash Saini S/O Sita Ram Saini R/O E-251, Gali No.01, Rahul Vihar-1, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201001 have changed my name to Subhash Saini for all purposes. 0040739571-3

I, K R VALSALA Dependents of ARUN GOPI K R/O RZ-D-3, 64B, GALI-NO.7, MAHAVIR-ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110045 have changed by name from K R VALSALA TO VALSALA K R vide-Affidavit IN-DL2118164386755W Dated-19/07/2024. 0040739642-4

I, K K GOPI Dependents of ARUN GOPI K R/O RZ-D-3, 64B, GALI-NO.7, MAHAVIR-ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110045 have changed by name from K K GOPI to GOPI K K vide-Affidavit IN-DL21180857282869W Dated-19/07/2024. 0040739642-5

I, Humera Kausar Qudussi W/o Inamur Rehman R/O 385/218, Lane No.15, Ghaffar Manzil, Jamia Nagar, Okhla, New Delhi-110025 have changed my name from Humera Qudussi to HUMERA KAUSAR QUDDUSI for all future purposes and legal documents. 0040739573-1

I, Madhu Bala W/o Late Sh. Yashvir Singh Sharma R/O RZ-A-104, Kt.No.1127.8, Block-A, Madhu Vihar, Delhi-110059, want to state that my husband's bag is lost and we are unable to find the bag and valuable relates, property documents of the bag. Hence, I would like to declare that if anybody finds any bag Related to Yashvir Singh Sharma which is black in colour, Please contact to me and return the bag. The misuse of the document of relates would be illegal and hence, if found, the person will be prosecuted under law. Kindly contact me to return. My contact number is: 9999776853. 0040739615-1

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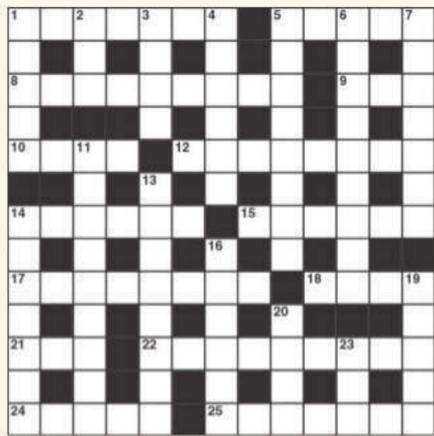
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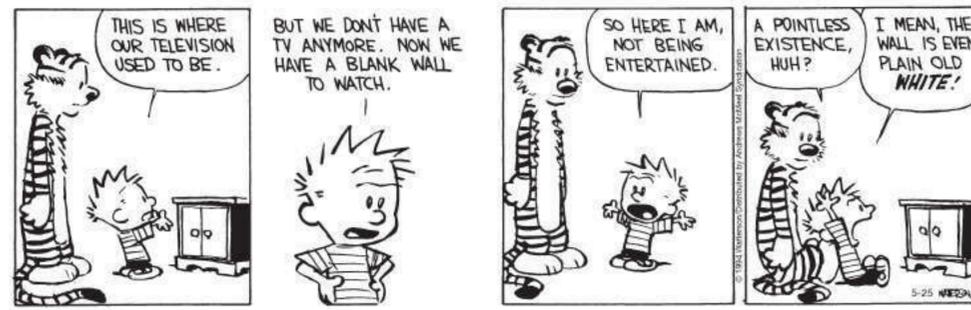
- ACROSS**
- Refuse to make a scathing comment (7)
 - It's an advantage for this girl to return (5)
 - Large bird's fair feature (3,6)
 - Act after article causes trouble (3)
 - Little dog sits on a would-be moth (4)
 - Newly arrived it is put back inside and reserved (8)
 - It acts strangely causing interference perhaps (6)
 - A truce for the priest's assistant (6)
 - Sense there's agreement among a boat's crew (8)
 - It can be taken in a bank (4)
 - This amount will be the highest (3)
 - Adverse criticism? Not as a rule (9)
 - 24 Seven different levels (5)
 - 25 Complaint I will put before the Head (7)
- DOWN**
- A problem is raised in Polish comment (7,2)
 - Be a self-employed solicitor? (3)
 - One rejected a knight's title? It's a bloomer (4)
 - It carries food for a flea perhaps (6)
 - Point finally reached after weeks of study in America (8)
 - Draw on board (9)
 - Preacher makes pleas to convert (7)
 - Does it supply wood for building aircraft? (5,4)
 - Insisted order is order (8)
 - 14 Church eminence (7)
 - Affected a stylish greeting (6)
 - Ready money? (5)
 - Jewel in ring given to a friend (4)
 - 23 Not hot diamonds (3)

Solutions Crossword 5422 Across: 1 Delivery, 5 Warm, 9 Erato, 10 Seafood, 11 Undergarment, 13 Rarity, 14 Truant, 17 State pension, 20 Extract, 21 Exits, 22 Tang, 23 Presages Down: 1 Diet, 2 Learner, 3 Violent death, 4 Resign, 6 Atone, 7 Meditate, 8 Hairdresser, 12 Prospect, 15 Adoring, 16 Terror, 18 Again, 19 Asks

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

A man who carries a ___ by the ___ learns something he can learn in no other way. - Mark Twain (3,_,4)

KLOAA EENRLT

ABHIT AENPRC

SOLUTION: KOVALI, HABIT, RELENT, PRANCE
Answer: A man who carries a cat by the tail learns something he can learn in no other way. - Mark Twain

Difficulty Level 2s

SUDOKU 5630
Instructions To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

	1		9	2				
	5							6
	2	3						8
3			5	4				
5			7	4				6
			6	8				7
8	7			3	9			
								7
			6	7				5

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5629

7	6	1	4	2	5	3	8	9
9	3	8	1	7	6	4	2	5
2	4	5	3	9	8	7	6	1
6	7	3	2	8	9	5	1	4
8	5	9	7	1	4	2	3	6
4	1	2	6	5	3	9	7	8
5	9	7	8	6	2	1	4	3
3	2	6	5	4	1	8	9	7
1	8	4	9	3	7	6	5	2

Difficulty Level

1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited

(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), 4, Meera Marg, Udaipur - 313001, Phone: (0294)2427177, 2428763-67, Fax: (0294) 2426766, 2428739, Email: constractco.rsmm@rajasthan.gov.in

Detailed Notice Inviting Tender Date - 22.07.2024

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender no. Cont-06/2024-25 dated 18.07.2024 UBN No. MML24255COB00070	Deployment of qualified personnel (Sampler/Sampler Boy/Lab Boy, Chemist (Analyst) & supervisor) for the work of Collection, preparation and analysis of sample and supervision of Loading of Rock Phosphate at Mines including IBP & Railway sidings of SBU & PC Rock Phosphate, Udaipur (Rajasthan) Contract value Rs. 181.36 Lacs, EMD in Rs. 3.63 Lacs, Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-

CORRIGENDUM-1 AGAINST TENDER NOTICE No. CE/CON/NJP/BLT/2024/07

Corrigendum-1 has been issued against Tender No. CE/CON/NJP/BLT/2024/07. For details please visit www.ireps.gov.in

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	Opening Date (Time)	Amount/EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth.	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/Email
1.	THE ROHTAK CO OP MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED	SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF FLOW PLATE SYSTEM IN MILK PLANT.	21.07.2024 12.08.2024	AS PER DNT	https://tenders.hrya.nic.in	9996577829 vitarohak@gmail.com

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LTD (CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001702)

Regd. Office - Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004
E-mail - gmhrjbvnl20@gmail.com, GST No. 20AAAD3148A1ZD

Notice Inviting E-Tender

E-Tender in two parts, Part-I (Technical & Commercial) & Part-II (Price Part) is invited from experienced & financially sound registered supplier/ companies/ co-operative society/ agencies/ proprietorship/ Partnership firms/ NGO/ PSU/ registered tour operator/ Private Ltd./ Public Ltd. etc. as per following :-

NIT No.	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Tender Fees	Earnest money to be deposited (EMD)
50/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Tender for hiring of Commercial Electric Vehicles on monthly rental basis (Model Tata Tigor EV/ Top Model) (e-Car, Sedan type 5-Seat or E-Vehicles (Sedan/ SUV) of higher specifications). Tentative Requirement Qty- 50 cars, with Chauffeur services along with supply, installation & Maintenance of e-Vehicle (EV) A.C.D.C. (A.C./D.C. in the ratio of 2:1) Charging stations Qty- 25 Nos. in the ratio of 01 charging station per 02 E-Cars for a period of Five (05) years for Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL) Hqs, HEC, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.	Rs. 16,45,65,000/- (Rs. Sixteen Crore Forty Five Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand) only.	Rsg. 10,000/- 18% GST = Rs. 11,800/- (Non-refundable)	Rs. 32,91,300/- (Rs. Thirty Two Lakhs Ninety One Thousand Three Hundred) only in the form NEFT/ RTGS, Online through e-tender website www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in (refundable after Tender process) **To get the refund, bidders must retain the same Bank account active till Tender process

Detailed NIT documents and BOQ including terms & conditions, specifications etc. can be downloaded and submitted online through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

स्वहित एवं राष्ट्रहित में कर्जा बचाये। कृपया अपनी शिकायतों को दाल फी नं 1800 345 6570 पर दर्ज करवाये।

Sd/-
GM (HR), JBVNL

PR.NO.330267 Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd(24-25):D

UJVN Ltd.

(An Uttaranchal Govt. Enterprise)
H.Q. - "UJVNL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. ROAD Dehradun-248006.
Phone - 0135-2763508, 2763808 & Fax : 0135-2763507
CIN No. - U40101UR2001SGC025866 Website: www.ujvnl.com

RO No. 623 Date: 22.07.2024

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Office of The Executive Engineer (Civil-IV), Lakhwar Multipurpose Project, Dakpathar (Distt-Dehradun) invites sealed and separate tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tenders are given below:

Tender No. : 01/E (Civil-IV)/LMP/2024-25

Name of work : Dismantling, Shifting, Establishment and Operation of bank operated cable way based Gauge and Discharge measurement site on river Yamuna for Lakhwar Multipurpose Project

Estimated Cost : Rs 21,21,754.00 (excluding GST)

Date & Time of availability of bid document on website: 23.07.2024, from 13:00 Hrs

Last Date for submission of tender : 06.08.2024, up to 13:00 Hrs

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The Tender documents can be downloaded from the NIGAM's website "www.ujvnl.com".

Executive Engineer (Civil-IV)

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

Sr. No.	Name of Board/Corp./Auth.	Name of Work/Notice/Tender	Opening Date (Time)	Amount/EMD (Approx.) in Rupees	Website of the Board/Corp./Auth.	Nodal Officer/Contact Details/Email
1.	HARYANA SCHOOL NIKESHA PARTVINA PARASAD	CONSTRUCTION OF PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY BIOLOGY LAB AT GOSSA KHORI BASAI AND 2 ACRES AND PHYSICS LAB AT GOSSA REWASAN, DISTT. NUBLE - 4 WORKS	18.07.2024 23.07.2024	2.31 CRORE	www.hrya.nic.in	904139705 chibhambhalla@gmail.com
2.	HARYANA SCHOOL NIKESHA PARTVINA PARASAD	CONSTRUCTION OF IRC BUILDING AT GOSSA NIZAMPUR AND OPS SHIMA, DISTT. MAHENDRAGARH - 5 WORKS	18.07.2024 26.07.2024	7.72 CRORE	www.hrya.nic.in	9467807461 chibhambhalla@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT: www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.ctenders.hrya.nic.in No. 28059/HRY

OFFICE OF THE RANCHI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, RANCHI (ENGINEERING SECTION), KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI, PIN - 834001

e-mail :- support@ranchimunicipal.com

LETTER NO :-198/Eng DATED:-22-07-2024

e-Procurement Notice (7th Call)

- Name of Tender Inviting Officer :- Chief Engineer, RMC, Ranchi
- Date of Publication of Tender on Website :- 25-07-2024
- Bid Submission Start Date :- 25-07-2024
- Bid Submission End Date :- 08-08-2024 Up to 5:00 PM
- Date/Time of Opening bid :- 10-08-2024 Up to 12:30 PM
- Helpline number :- 9279239910/9430763688

Sl. No.	Ward No.	Name of the Work	Approximate value of work (Rs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Cost of Tender Document (Rs.)	Period of completion
01	RMC	"Remaining Works of Urban Hatt" at Kanke, Ranchi.	10,62,86,028/-	10,63,000/-	29,500/-	365 Days

Tender Fee and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) is to be paid through online mode as per instruction of IT Dept., Govt of Jharkhand Letter No- 120 Dated- 03-10-2023 and UDHD Gov. Of Jharkhand Letter No-4847 Dated- 11-10-2023.

Further details can be seen on website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Ranchi Municipal Corporation, Ranchi

PR 330347 Ranchi Municipal Corporation(24-25)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 04 / 2024-25/EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से पर्थो का निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

दिनांक-22.07.2024

क्र० संख्या	आइडेंटिटी फिकेशन संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राकालित राशि (लाख में) अंक में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कोल नं०
1	EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ /01/2024-25	ग्राम बकोरिया में हरिजन टोला बेंजनायप राजक के घर से दुर्गा बाड़ी होते हुए नावाहारी कमारक पथ तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लंबाई-2.20कि०मी०	250.901 लाख	दो करोड़ पाब्यास लाख नब्बे हजार एक सौ ९० मात्र	12 माह
2	EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ /02/2024-25	ग्राम कमारक में रामदास साव के घर से डोगवाटाड प्राथमिक विद्यालय होते हुए समाना घाट तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लंबाई-1.50कि०मी०	165.714 लाख	एक करोड़ पैंसठ लाख एकतर हजार चार सौ ९० मात्र	09 माह
3	EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ /03/2024-25	ग्राम कमारक में राजेश डोबेर के घर से पुरवरा तालाब तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लंबाई-1.36कि०मी०	121.050 लाख	एक करोड़ एकसौ लाख पांच हजार ९० मात्र	09 माह
4	EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ /04/2024-25	ग्राम बकोरिया में टोला दुर्गाबागी से हरी टोला होते हुए मरिचद तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लंबाई-1.65कि०मी०	163.095 लाख	एक करोड़ तिरसठ लाख नौ हजार पांच सौ ९० मात्र	09 माह
5	EE/RWD/DALTONGANJ /05/2024-25	ग्राम कसियाबाड में शंकर साव के घर से लेदा साव नदी तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। लंबाई-1.10कि०मी०	102.343 लाख	एक करोड़ दो लाख चौतीस हजार तीन सौ ९० मात्र	09 माह

- वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि : 29.07.2024
- ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 19.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM
- निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 21.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे
- निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज।
- ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं० -06562357595
- विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट Jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालटनगंज

PR 330278 Rural Development(24-25)#D

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 :-

Name of work and location	Completion period of the work	Approx. cost of work	Earnest money amount (to be deposited online)	Date, Time for submission of e-tender and opening of tender	Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document
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).	24 (Twenty four) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter.	Rs. 1557.54 Lakh (Rupees Fifteen crore fifty seven lakh fifty four thousand only)	Rs. 9,28,800/- (Rupees Nine Lakh twenty eight thousand eight hundred only)	Tender may be uploaded upto 11.30 hrs. on 13.08.2024 on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in The bidders can only participate in the e-tender, the tender will be opened at 11.30 hrs. on 13.08.2024	Above tender document will be available on IREPS web site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in 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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ROAD TO PARIS

The lonely grind of athletes and their journeys that defy all odds; breaking down intricate concepts and capturing the buzz on the ground, *The Indian Express* goes behind the scenes in the build-up to the Olympic Games

PARIS SNIPPETS

LeBron picked as United States' male flag bearer

Washington: LeBron James wasn't totally sure what the opening ceremony was all about when he was picked for his first Olympics in 2004. This time, he'll be one of the stars of the show. James has been picked by his fellow U.S. Olympians to serve as the male flagbearer for the Americans in Friday night's opening ceremony for the Paris Games. He becomes the third basketball player — and the first men's player — to carry the U.S. flag at the start of an Olympics, joining Dawn Staley for the Athens Games in 2004 and Sue Bird for the Tokyo Games that happened in 2021. The female U.S. flagbearer is expected to be revealed Tuesday. AP



Sreejesh to retire after Olympics

New Delhi: Hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh announced that he will retire after the Paris Olympics, ending a career that spanned 18 years during which he was a pivotal figure in some historic moments. A veteran of 328 International caps, including three Olympic Games and multiple Commonwealth Games, Asian Games and World Cups, he will be playing in his fourth Olympics. "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 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." REUTERS



Scratch-and-sniff baguette stamps

Paris: Visiting Paris for the Olympics and want to share the enticing aroma of a fresh baguette? A scratch-and-sniff stamp on your postcard could be the answer. The crunchy stick of fluffy white bread is a symbol of France around the world and has been a mainstay of its diet for at least 100 years. Many would consider its scent of wheat and yeast unrepeatable. But not the French post office. "You just have to rub the stamp here like this with your nails," said postal worker Clarisse Briand. "You can smell the bread, the baguette." Just don't expect France's gastronomic purists to be impressed just yet. "Our yeast is gentle," said Jeanne Barrere, manager of the Leonie Bakery near Paris's Champs-Elysees boulevard. REUTERS

MAKING OF A CHAMPION

Aiming for the high table

Behind table tennis ace Manika Batra's rise is mother Sushma's constant support through ups and downs

SHIVANI NAIK
JULY 22

MANIKA BATRA can't readily remember the name of that motivational book she reads before every TT match. "Ek moti-si kitaab hai", she describes the 280 pager which works for her like a charm. A fat book.

Effortlessly glamorous and effortfully guarded about her life, India's most recognised table tennis star, isn't at pains to sound particularly profound before the Paris Olympics. Her practical mantra of two decades is: "I know my dreams. So I wake up every day and work hard for them."

In a playing career of 15 years, she has found herself in myriad controversies of selection and copy-paste tweets and was even disallowed personal coaching at the last Olympics. Copping nastiness that comes the way of India's female athletes, while being serially misunderstood, the 2018 Commonwealth Games champion refuses to dwell on all the bile.

She once refused to tank a match which would've helped one more Indian qualify, and has been labelled selfish, for not helping the team. But heading into Paris at 29, she has finally found a group of teammates and a coaching arrangement she's comfortable with. "I don't focus on criticism. I'm not active on social media. I don't scroll (time-lines)," she says. Some call it being insular, but Manika is simply wary of opening up.

At the table, things have been upbeat as she nicked a win over Chinese Wang Manyu, closely behind teammates Ayhika Mukherjee and Sreeja Akula who notched Top 3 scalps. "There's no specific reason why India is doing well. We are all working very hard and the fear of facing Chinese players has gone down a little. There's belief we can beat any opponent," she adds.

'No half-hearted things'

A Delhi girl through and through, Manika followed her older sister and brother into the sport, inheriting her parents' tall frames — mother Sushma is 5'6 1/2" and her father 5'11". Sushma started off as a housewife, and then ran a fashion boutique for some years. "People asked me why's she wasting her time in sport 15 years ago when most pushed their kids into becoming doctors or CAs. But I always thought sport had potential," Sushma recalls. "I knew *kar jaaegi woh kuchh table tennis mein*. (She will go far in sport). In school I loved playing badminton in our sports period, but couldn't do anything with it. Now, I'm living my dream through my daughter," she adds. Manika's older siblings would drift into careers in finance and ease Sushma's workload, but the youngest hung around climbing unscaled heights.

There were hurdles with a family in flux and a burgeoning sporting career stressing their finances, though Sushma's in-laws offered complete support in a bustling Punjabi household. "There were hurdles, and I was often confused whether to continue her TT or not. But she was stubborn. There were rough days as we struggled for equipment and travel. The sport had no profile really a decade ago, so some days were very difficult. But now that things are going good, I actively want to forget about the bad times," the mother insists.

As the youngest, Manika grew up pampered by everyone, but the mother knew things were turning serious with TT when the youngster grew a streak of discipline. "I told her strictly that work cannot be timepass, and you have to respect whatever



Manika Batra with mother Sushma, a badminton enthusiast who could not pursue the sport professionally. Insta

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MANIKA'S MOTHER

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ASIAN GAMES MEDALLIST

win a few times," the mother recalls of going easy on a hard-on-herself child.

In the last decade, Manika turned into a massive Virat Kohli fan, for his very relatable Delhi persona. "It's because of how he handles everything that happens to him, and how passionate he's about winning through all that. And how he enjoys playing cricket," Manika says.

Finding answers

For a boisterous Punjabi who would impulsively break into a dance listening to whatever percussions floated into her ears and flit from one distraction to next, the toiling repetitions for elite sport, needed effort in mastering. This last year was about thrashing out her erstwhile weakness: the forehead.

She had stagnated through the pandemic years, ending in a torrid 2022 CWG, four years after being anointed Indian TT's golden girl. "My mind used to struggle with working on

just one thing. Just repeating the same thing for 7-8 hours put strain on my head. It's why I started on breathing exercises," she says.

The exuberance and impulsive instincts had to be tempered in more ways than one. "I used to like *Chhole bhature* so much. I'm a Punjabi, we love food. And had a sweet tooth too. But as TT became a priority, I stopped liking sweet automatically. I don't feel like eating it only, so now it's more of salads," she says.

Sushma witnessed Manika cut back to bland protein and fibre. "Paneer bhurji, Daal maadhi, poha, daliya, she likes that, but wanting to win means we talk about food more than her actually eating it," Sushma laughs.

The mother rode the roller-coaster of results, but bit back the emotional advice after a loss. "My life is tied in with her TT. Especially when she's finishing matches, my hands start to tremor and heartbeat increases. But I refuse to close my eyes, I have to watch even if I start blabbering nonsense," she says.

Manika herself is relishing the uptick in results now, and turned very emotional after beating top Chinese Wang Manyu at Saudi SMAASH last month. She had trailed 8-10 at a crucial juncture, but executed a surprise twiddle switch of the paddle that she'd worked on endlessly, to stun the opponent. "I knew the Chinese was going to turn, and just didn't expect me to twiddle. Honestly, it was very impressive to watch, and I was really really good. I saw the clips 5-6 times and the whole match on my flight back," she says punch pleased. The loss cost the fancied Manyu an individual spot selection in the Chinese team, and Manika won't be ignored as a threat at the Olympics, though India's barely ever sniffed medal stages there.

Manika's learnt to enjoy what she likes in her private world. Diljit Dosanjh music. Shopping for clothes. "I always think I have too few clothes in my cupboard. So sometimes shopping *jaake paise udaake aa jaati hoo* (bought some money)," she says candidly.

Her vocation dictates her movie tastes, with *Iqbal* and *Chak de!* as favourites. "I only like sports movies, I think. I really like Ranveer - Alia pairing but usually nothing about what's going on screen in a movie or what the story or dialogues are, registers in my head these days. I just like watching the actors," she says about glazing over most films.

It's not too different with books, as words float past even if she reads them aloud. Not only is she not judging books by their covers — she barely recalls their names, focusing only on passages that put her in the right frame of mind before a match. The fat book might be called Champions Mind, she might've unwittingly stumbled upon what sports snobs call a player's 'zone'.

TABLE TENNIS' BHANGRA TWIDDLE

MANIKA BATRA famously fooled Chinese Wang Manyu at Saudi SMAASH in May, when she twiddled at match point, 11-10 up, after trailing 8-10.

TWIDDLING IS rotating the TT paddle to switch grips quickly from backhand to forehand rubbers. Manika has been trained to twiddle for 15 years, but uses it rarely and always with a hard hit that's seldom effective. Against the World No 2 Chinese though, Manika anticipated Wang would turn to go for the backhand, and flipped the grip playing pure placement on the block, sending it to her opponent's forehand. It was risky given the



As a surprise element, Manika Batra rotates the paddle to switch grips from backhand to forehand rubbers. File

Chinese are experts at countering, and had Manika missed, Wang would've been back in the match at 11-11, and dragged her into a decider.

THE 'TWIDDLE' comes from Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland books, named after the near-indistinguishable twins Tweedledee-Tweedledum, and describes the imperceptible grip-switch, played by loosening the wrist on the grip for a quick change. Think Daler Mehndi's Bolo Tara ra hook-step wrist-work, with a TT paddle, and you have the Bhangra Twiddle.

SHIVANI NAIK

you pick as profession. And she was taught to stay positive in any situation, which helps her when there's challenges beyond the table. We are Punjabis, we don't get daunted by life's ups and downs. She learnt to let go of

the negative and have a 100 percent nature, no half-hearted things," Sushma insists.

Sushma reckoned very early that losses could push an otherwise bubbly daughter into a shell. "She is chatty at home. But

would take losses very badly early on. I had to soften the blow of defeats for her. So I'd tell her just like you feel giddy and happy when you win, your opponents also should experience that joy. So it's OK if you let them

GAME ON

With a surge in ranking, key wins and solid sparring, Sreeja raring to go

ANIL DIAS
JULY 22

SREEJA AKULA was keen, and a table was all she needed for her plan to play-all-day.

Having grown an insatiable appetite for her sport, the first-time Olympian had wanted Table Tennis' version of an all-you-can-eat buffet when she headed to Chinese Taipei to train. Three practice sessions spanning 12 hours, including one post dinner, against 20 opponents with varying playing styles, was the Hyderabad's three-course fill before she set out to Paris.

"When you travel for tournaments, you have timing slots to practice. But I wanted just to be at the table the entire day. I wanted to play against various types of opponents. I wanted nothing but table tennis for more than a week," Sreeja had told *The Indian Express*. And that's exactly what she got.

India's No. 1 paddler has had a whirlwind eight months leading up to the Paris Olympics. From doubting herself, to becoming the first Indian to win a WTT tournament,

to beating a top Chinese player, to adding another WTT title; all the while suffering from a tennis elbow problem, she has been through it all. And silently.

Now, nothing can distract her from the ultimate goal — medalling at the Olympics.

And she's leaving no stone unturned to fulfill her goal. In April, she had a high-intensity 12-day training camp in Chinese Taipei where she sparred with 15-16 year-olds. When she was struggling with her tennis elbow problem, she immediately sought help from Strength & Conditioning (S&C) experts from the famed Gopichand Academy in Hyderabad.

Considering their fabulous performances in WTT events and at the ITTF World Team Championships in Busan earlier this year, a lot is expected from the women's team comprising Sreeja, Manika Batra and Archana Kamath. Sreeja, who's currently the highest-ranked amongst them at No. 25 in the world, knows that she has to play a pivotal role. "She's very motivated. She knows she has the quality and the game to perform at the highest level," says her coach Somnath Ghosh.



Sreeja Akula is currently ranked No.25 in the world, up from 94 in January. File

When Sreeja won her first women's singles title at a World Table Tennis (WTT) event — the Corpus Christi Feeder tournament at the start of the year — she didn't really think much of it. It was a great way to start an Olympic year, but Sreeja knew that Paris was a

long way off and she was still far from her best. In fact, before her win at Corpus Christi, Sreeja admitted that she doubted herself on the world stage. "I was getting great results in the domestic circuit, but internationally I couldn't get the results I wanted," she had told this newspaper.

It was the World Team Championships that changed everything. In what was a historic day for Indian table tennis, Ayhika Mukherjee and Sreeja beat the Chinese World No. 1 and World No. 2 respectively. Though they lost the overall tie, suddenly the world was talking about Indian women's TT. "After that win, we knew that everyone would be watching us now and expecting us to do well too. It motivates you to do better and to improve. The Olympics coming, was just added motivation," Sreeja said.

A different beast

Ghosh has seen Sreeja grow into a world-beater but says she has become a different beast in 2024. After all, she jumped 70 places from World No. 94 in January to her best ranking — World No. 24 in June. "She's willing to do everything and anything to improve. That's the mindset of a champion," Ghosh says.

After winning a Feeder II series in Beirut, Sreeja could've had a training camp with top Indian players at an academy in the country, but instead, she chose to travel to Chinese Taipei to spar with 15-16-year-olds. "They

have a phenomenal academy where upcoming youngsters focus only on table tennis," says Ghosh, who accompanied her. "The schedule was such that she would wake up at 6.30 am and go running. Immediately after that was breakfast, and then practice till lunch. Then practice again till dinner and after that, another practice. It was 11-12 days of just that and she was so happy."

Sreeja said it was refreshing to have so many sparring partners. "When we train here, we don't have that many sparring partners. But over there, we had players from all age groups. There were more than 20 15-16-year-olds who had amazing energy and drive. They also had varying playing styles that gave me great experience," she said.

While the Chinese Taipei stint gave her incredible experience, it also bolstered her confidence to face any type of opponent. Her fearlessness was on display when she won the women's singles and women's doubles title at the WTT Contender in Lagos late last month. Going into the Paris Games, Sreeja knows that there won't be any 15-16-year-olds, but she says she no longer fears anyone.

BRIEFLY

Nagal bounces back to enter Round of 16

Kitzbuhel: India's top-ranked tennis player Sumit Nagal on Monday fought back from the brink to defeat Slovakia's Lucas Klein in the opening round of the ATP 250 Kitzbuhel Open in Austria. The Paris Olympics-bound Nagal won 6-4, 1-6, 7-6 (3). Nagal won the first set, but was a shadow of his dominant self in the second set as Klein cantered through it. The world No. 80 Indian was down 3-5 in the deciding third set, but found a way to come back and force the tie-break. In the tie-break, Nagal regained his flow to emerge a 7-3 winner to earn a spot in the pre-quarterfinals. **PTI**

No offshore series against India: PCB

Karachi: The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Monday made it clear that it has made no proposal to play an offshore T20I series against India, and its current focus is on the smooth conduct of the Champions Trophy. There have been talks about PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi holding discussions with the BCCI officials on the possibility of a T20I series at an offshore venue, likely in either England or Australia. "There is no such proposal on the table or under consideration because right now the biggest challenge for us is to organise the Champions Trophy in a befitting manner and we also have a packed international schedule," a highly reliable source said. **PTI**

Journey won't be easy: Stimac to Marquez

New Delhi: Smarting from his unceremonious exit, former Indian football team head coach Igor Stimac on Monday warned his successor Manolo Marquez that the journey ahead "won't be easy" but backed the Spaniard to deliver the goods. Stimac, who was part of Croatia's run to the semifinals of the 1998 World Cup, was sacked last month after India's failure to qualify for the third round of the 2026 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers despite getting a relatively easy draw. "Dear Manolo, Congratulations on being named the new Indian head coach. The journey won't be easy, but your experience with Indian players speaks for itself and you are best suited to take the Blue Tigers to the next level! Good luck my friend," Stimac tweeted. The association between Stimac and AIFF ended on a sour note. **PTI**

Dominant India Women face Nepal

Dambulla: Buoyant India will look to extend their winning run and seal a semifinal berth when they face Nepal in their final Group A Women's T20 Asia Cup match here on Tuesday. India registered convincing wins in their first two matches of the continental tournament, beating traditional rivals Pakistan and United Arab Emirates by seven wickets and 78 runs respectively to put one foot in the semifinals. Minnows Nepal hardly have any time to recover from the thrashing they received at the hands of Pakistan in their previous outing on Sunday, the same day when the tournament's overwhelming favourites and defending champions India bulldozed the hapless Emirates side. **PTI**

Old guard, new roles

Dressing room feedback on Surya, Hardik's fitness record behind captaincy call, Gambhir & Agarkar explain

DEVENDRA PANDEY
MUMBAI, JULY 22

FOUR DAYS after squads were picked for the short limited-overs tour to Sri Lanka, head coach Gautam Gambhir and chief selectors Ajit Agarkar addressed the debates and talking points that had emerged from the team selection meeting. They chose Suryakumar Yadav over Hardik Pandya, Rohit Sharma's deputy in the T20 World Cup, because the all-rounder was prone to picking up injuries and on the basis of feedback from the dressing room on Suryakumar, revealed Agarkar, who stressed that "Hardik, remains an important player".

Among other highlights of the interaction, Gambhir emphasised he "shares a good relationship with Virat" and that "Virat and Rohit have a lot left." He touched upon the workload management of bowlers, especially of Bumrah, and that his prime responsibility is to make "a happy and secure dressing room."

The biggest talking point was Suryakumar's elevation as captain, rather than the natural progression of Hardik assuming charges after Rohit's retirement from the shortest version. But Agarkar clarified that fitness was the biggest criterion. "The biggest thing is that the captain should be on the park, more often than not. That's a prerequisite really. We also feel that Surya has the necessary qualities to be a good captain. He has a good cricket brain, and is one of the best T20 batters in the world. He has been around the group for a year as well," he elaborated.

It was not a decision taken in haste, Agarkar stressed. "It's not an overnight thing where you just decide that someone should be captain or should not be captain. Obviously, a lot of thought goes in. You get a lot of feedback from the dressing room as well, what sort of qualities you are looking for," he added.

The Mumbai Indians batsman, though, was overlooked for the ODI, where Agarkar said, "both Shreyas Iyer and KL Rahul had a stellar run in the ODI World Cup." Besides, Pant has returned to contention and squeezing Suryakumar, whose 50-over career has not taken off as brilliantly as his T20I one, would be difficult.



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ON RELATIONSHIP WITH VIRAT KOHLI



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INDIA MEN'S TEAM CHIEF SELECTOR
ON PICKING SURYA OVER HARDIK AS CAPTAIN

Good relationship with Kohli

After the Suryakumar-Hardik debate was dusted, the topic drifted to Kohli, specifically the relation between Gambhir and Kohli, who had on-field run-ins as recently as the last IPL. But Gambhir blunted the scandalous undertones in his typical nonsensical way. "It (run-in) was good for the TRPs. My relationship (with Kohli) is not for public consumption. It's between two mature individuals," he said in an assertive tone.

He would add: "I share a very good relationship off the field and will continue to do that. On the field, everyone has got the right to fight for their own jersey and come back to a winning dressing room. But at the moment, we're representing India, representing

140 crore Indians and I'm sure we're going to be on the same page and try to make India proud."

Extolling his virtues—"a thorough professional, a world-class athlete and a world class player"—he said he and Rohit could continue playing for a long time. "Both have a lot of cricket left in them. More importantly with the Champions Trophy and a big tour of Australia coming up they will be motivated. Then, hopefully, they can keep their fitness to make the 2027 World Cup as well," he said.

That the ageing stalwarts have retired from T20Is would ease their burden, but Gambhir underlined the importance of managing workload, especially of bowlers,

especially with Test-heavy calendar towards the backend of the year. "For a batsman if they can play consistently and if they are in good form, might as well play all the games," he said, and pointed out to Rohit and Kohli, who he said would be available for most games as they only have two formats to look after.

But that's not the case of Bumrah, a cross-format bowler. "Workload management for someone like Bumrah is important. 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. Not just for Bumrah but for other fast bowlers too," he said.

Embarking on his first tour as coach, Gambhir laid out his guiding philosophy. "I've always said that a happy dressing room is a winning dressing room. So that's my responsibility alongside the entire support staff," he said.

He dwelled on giving players the freedom. "It's important to give players the freedom, that's what I absolutely believe in, and not to have a relationship between a head coach and a player. The best relationship is a relationship built on trust. The most important thing for me is that they will always have my back. I don't complicate things and neither do I want to complicate," he said.

Among other discussions on team composition, Agarkar clarified that Ravindra Jadeja was not picked for the ODIs to manage workload, what with a busy Test season ushering in. "He's within the scheme of things and very important as a player," he said. Meanwhile, Gill bypassed a clutch of senior players to become the vice-captain in both formats because "we've got a chance to reset the button a little bit."

Gill, perceptibly, is being groomed as future captain, when Rohit and Kohli would retire from Tests and ODIs too. Suryakumar, the T20Is captain, is 33. "We want to try and have somebody who can also learn from a couple of the senior guys that are there. So we don't face the same challenges of trying to look for a captain in case there are injuries or loss of form somewhere. He's shown some decent leadership qualities and we want to get him some experience," Agarkar said.

All of these talking points gave a sense of intrigue to what would otherwise have been a low-stakes trip.

Nadal not satisfied but happy to stay injury-free

REUTERS
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RAFA NADAL may not be too pleased with the level of his tennis in his first final since winning the 2022 French Open title but the injury-plagued Spaniard said it was important to avoid any damage in Bastad ahead of the Paris Olympics.

The 38-year-old, who missed almost all of 2023 with a hip problem and has been limited to six events this year because of a muscle tear and fitness issues, lost 6-3 6-2 in the Swedish Open final to Portuguese seventh seed Nuno Borges on Sunday.

After beating fifth seed Cameron Norrie on Thursday, Nadal won tough three-set matches against fourth seed Mariano Navone and Duje Ajdukovic in his next two rounds and appeared to feel the effects in the final. "The level was so far from what it should be. Probably the energy too. It has been a long week with long matches," Nadal told reporters.



No damage

"Even if my body, I don't have damage, that's important - but mentally and physically, I'm not used to playing four days in a row and playing long matches."

"I need to analyse well and find the reason why I played that way, even if the energy wasn't right... Things like this can happen, and that's the situation. I don't have to lie or hide anything."

Nadal opted to skip Wimbledon this month to prepare for the Olympics on the clay courts of Roland Garros, where he has won 14 of his 22 Grand Slam singles titles.

The former world number one, who expects to retire at the end of this year, won an Olympic singles gold medal in 2008 and the doubles gold in 2016.

He will team up with French Open and Wimbledon champion Carlos Alcaraz in the doubles event at Paris, where the Olympic tennis tournament runs from July 27 to Aug. 4.

German horse, Indian rider and their slow trot before the big Games

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HOW DO you ask a horse, an equestrian Olympian, to relax before a big competition day? It takes more than the proverbial whisper. Sir Caramello Old, who will be at the Paris Olympics, teaming up with 23-year-old Kolkata-based rider Anush Agarwalla in the Dressage event of the Games, is the country's only four-legged participant besides the 117 humans.

The 16-year-old German-born horse's five-year association with Agarwalla has helped the two build a bond and perfect the "switch on, switch off" routine like most elite athletes.

Though responding mostly to stable staff in the German countryside, Agarwalla reckons Sir Caramello Old's ears tend to prick forward whenever he hears the voice of Sukhwinder Singh, the soulful singer with several hit songs to his name. "He really loves his freestyle music, such as AR Rahman's 'Jai Ho,'" says the rider. But he still loves hearing "Brav" -- German for 'well done' -- from the Indian rider.

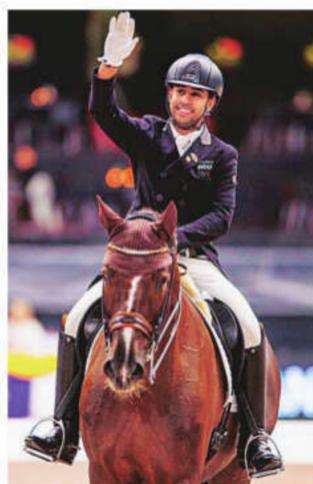
Sir Caramello Old is a chestnut gelding, who loves his long walks into the fairytale-like woods, deep inside the north Rhine country-town of Borchen. This was part of the rest and recuperation regime charted out for the horse after late last year's hectic tournament schedule of four qualifiers in just over two months.

"We slowly built our momentum to peak for the Olympics. But in the few off-season months, we needed to keep him fit. So there was no training, but we would go for walks, just taking him and setting off on the hiking trails near the stables. Change of scenery, and just seeing something else," Agarwalla recalls.

He goes on to add that Sir Caramello Old is happiest when showered with attention and loves dinners out in the woods.

But then, he had to be told that the break was over and it was time to train for the Olympics. "The training sessions get intense progressively. Also, when you wash the horse and he's cleaned and prettied up a certain way, he knows we're going for a show in the next 24 hours," says Agarwalla.

The Paris Olympics starts this weekend with the opening ceremony on July 26. The



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Since the age of three, Sir Caramello Old has travelled to equestrian circuits in Germany, Denmark and USA and has been ridden by Ashley Holzer, a former Olympic bronze medalist.

Dressage event starts on July 30.

The Indian rider isn't the first owner of the old pro horse. Since the age of three, Sir Caramello Old has travelled to equestrian circuits in Germany, Denmark and the USA, and has been ridden by American Ashley Holzer, a former Olympic bronze medalist. In 2019, he was listed at a German barn sale. That was the time Agarwalla was nursing the heartbeat of failing to qualify for the Tokyo Games.

The two would join forces and soon, a bond would form. "It was in 2021, I remember very clearly. He had been very quiet and subdued because of the atmosphere. But he began to loosen up after I patted and spoke to him, and knew he was comfort-

able thereafter," Agarwalla says.

While rider cues on the paddock may vary, Agarwalla guesses that horses do respond to verbal communication. "I think there's a few words he knows. But it's more about the way you speak to them -- the tone. Sir Caramello Old responds to a few words in German. Essentially, when a horse does something good, we say 'Brav'. And he's rewarded with a break," he explains.

While Sir Caramello Old loves 'Jai Ho', the rider toggles between Indian music and English rap. Agarwalla took a liking for the 1983 movie chorus of 'Lehra do'. "I first heard it at the Asian Games and that song is a good memory," he says.

In equestrian, a sport for fine margins where 0.01 point can decide medals, Agarwalla says his biggest challenge will be to keep the horse calm during the critical movements of a piaffe, when judges are most focussed on the horse. A piaffe is a slow trot on the spot set to music, like a quickstep or kadam taal of dances.

"We've worked a lot on the canter. But in the lead-up we have focussed a little more on the piaffe, and just need to be careful that he stays calm," Agarwalla insists.

GAMEPLAN

What do Satwik-Chirag need to do to beat competition for Olympic gold

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THE DRAW could be called fair, and fairly reasonable this time. For Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty had run into World Nos 1 and 3 at the Tokyo Olympics, and even nicked a win off one of them but exited at the group stage nevertheless un-luckily.

This time, they are the No 3 seeds heading into their second Games. And both the draw and dangers call for them to take things one match at a time.

The Indians won the French Open, sort of a Test event, at that same hall this spring, with the A/Cs turned on, making it similar to the Olympics. But the glare of the summer can be quite different even in indoor environs for the main showpiece.

Still the Porte de La Chapelle Arena is expected to play faster than other sluggish big halls, which carves up the competition clearly.

The spectacular Chinese Weikeng Liang and Wang Chang, top seeds, remain favourites for the title. Wang, with his exceptional quick movements and anticipation at the net, will prove lethal in those faster courts, and the wild hitter Weikeng will relish the conditions, as much as the two hard-hitting Indians.

The other pairing that might revel in

their fast, flat attack and make life difficult for everyone around are Anders Skaarup Rasmussen and Kim Astrup.

They might seem to be caught up in the horror group D with the defending champions, the always-dangerous second Chinese and the thirsting-for-glory Japanese. But Astrup-Rasmussen can blast their way out of that group, and continue to threaten whoever comes in their path, given their playing style.

If the conditions -- if the French Open was an indicator -- stay steady, a particular needle might get threaded: facing the assorted wobbly serves of opponents, which turn devilish might not be a bother here in the absence of sideways drift that wrecks havoc.

Shetty's childhood coach Uday Pawar insists the myriad mystery serves that spun webs, and messed with the Indians' returns, might pose negligible trouble at the French venue.

Also, that coach Mathias Boe got down to demystifying them himself, serving them at a fast clip as Shetty and Rankireddy came to grips with the possibility of facing them without being consumed by the fear, in training ahead of Paris.

Interestingly, Boe, Pawar says, isn't a big fan of weaponising the spinning serves either. He might even dissuade one of his two players, who's pretty adept at the Wobbler, from trying them out at the Games. The



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thinking seems to be that chair umpires aren't going to take too kindly to borderline befuddling serves at the Olympics, and might call faults on all such attempts. So it's not worth the trouble.

The fact remains that one of the two Indians possesses the skill, and is confident

he can pull it off, if needed at the right time -- like match point for a medal. Boe's annoyance of the irritating serves though, remains.

While the Top 3 head into Olympics in favoured conditions, the likes of Malaysian Aaron Chia, slimmed down and enjoying

pressure to boot, pose the threat of running away with matches in those attack-heavy courts.

He can literally get going on his day. The Korean reigning World Champions will be a bit of mystery -- not particularly scary on faster courts, but that makes southpaw Seo Seung-jae all the more determined to find solutions at the net, as perhaps the most skilled player in the men's doubles draw.

Satwik-Chirag's group opponents, the Indonesians, are not to be trifled with, and always start at 50-50 probability, even if they have lost all three times to Indians. "Indians have a good record against them statistically. But they need to get there and let the racquet do the actual talking," Pawar says, insisting that it will be important to top the group to avoid running into a tougher quarterfinal match-up.

The Germans Lamsfuss and Marvin can be dangerous too, and should be approached with caution, in the group stages.

Perhaps the biggest challenge at Paris -- real and doubt-inducing swirl -- for the Indians, will be Satwik's fitness status. By all accounts, he has been managing his power torquing back and shoulder for at least 3 years now, even as murmurs and mutters paint it as a dire picture. The mischief-making lingo of this world keep stirring the pot of speculation. He's won Asia, Thomas Cup and Indonesia all with careful

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niggle-management, but it's an open secret that the Indian duo are at their best when both are injury-free.

Attack is their strength, and even if their defense is much improved now than at Tokyo, there's simplicity to their venom -- all-out offense at the first opportunity. Their maturity has been in being able to respond to a plan not working, by smoothly switching to a countering game and coping with the stress piled on by a defiant opponent.

Pawar says as Chirag's oldest coach, he kept his advice deliberately pithy given the pressure that medal hopefuls from Indian get swamped under. "What's defined their success is the hunger to keep winning more and more. They've won the biggest matches. The main reason you got there is because you had the burning fire. Don't be complacent. Be happy that you get to contend for a medal at the Olympics. And don't ever be subdued," he ends.