

DELHI TREE FELLING MATTER

It's Bench vs Bench at SC over Delhi case: 'Judicial propriety not adhered to'

Justice Gavai asks why did another Bench act when notice already issued

ANANTHAKRISHNAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

A SUPREME Court Bench led by Justice B R Gavai on Wednesday said another Bench led by Justice AS Oka had "not adhered to judicial propriety" by acting on a contempt plea against the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) in the tree-felling case, pointing out that it had already issued notice in the matter.

"The Additional Solicitor General (ASG) had informed the other Bench that this court is already seized of the matter, that this court has already issued notice for contempt," Justice



Justice B R Gavai and (right) Justice AS Oka

Gavai said.

The Bench, also comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and K V Viswanathan, referred the matter to Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, asking him to decide which Bench should continue to hear the case

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Games tomorrow: As Paris becomes stadium, some complaints & hope



MIHIR VASAVDA
PARIS, JULY 24

THE WAITER grumbles something in French and it certainly isn't "bonjour".

On any other Wednesday morning, this chic brasserie near the banks of the River Seine would have had waves of customers flowing in and out. But a "lockdown" that reminds him of the pandemic, a part of the strict security measures before Friday's opening ceremony, means business is slow and the server's tips have dried up. So, he's grumpy.

And he isn't the only one. The Games are here and the locals seem testy.

Then again, Simon Kuper issues a tongue-in-cheek disclaimer. "Parisians complain

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The moon pictured with the Olympic rings at the Eiffel Tower, ahead of Friday's opening ceremony. Reuters

PROTESTS INSIDE, OUTSIDE HOUSE

Sparks fly as Opp MPs allege Budget bias, FM says outrageous charge

Two states got pakodas, jalebis, plates of others empty: Karge

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ALLEGING DISCRIMINATION in the Union Budget against states ruled by non-NDA parties, the Opposition staged angry protests inside and outside Parliament Wednesday, drawing a sharp response from Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman who rejected the charge as "outrageous".

Members of the Opposition INDIA bloc first protested outside the Makar Dwar — it's the entrance used by MPs to enter the Parliament building. Then, during Question Hour in Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, they raised slogans alleging injustice to Opposition-ruled states before staging a walkout from the two Houses. The members, however, returned later and participated in Question Hour and Zero Hour proceedings.

Later, in the afternoon, the Opposition also participated in the debate over the Budget with Congress MP Kumari Selja initiating the debate in Lok Sabha and former Finance Minister P Chidambaram in Rajya Sabha.

When proceedings began for the day in Rajya Sabha, Leader of

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Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and other INDIA bloc MPs stage a protest at Parliament, Wednesday. ANI

Team India's go-to man, Jasprit Bumrah, is guest at Express Adda today



India pacer Jasprit Bumrah

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IN THE aftermath of India's T20 World Cup triumph, which ended a 13-year wait for an ICC trophy, there can be no one better than Jasprit Bumrah, who repeatedly

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Tech security, FTA on table: UK's Lammy meets Modi, Jaishankar

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

RECOGNISING THE increasing role of technology in national security and economic development, India and the UK have embarked upon a new Technology Security Initiative, which will be coordinated by the National Security Advisors of the two countries, the Ministry of External Affairs said Wednesday.

This announcement came as

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy in New Delhi on Wednesday. ANI

Why end of indexation benefit on property sale has ignited a debate

AGGAM WALIA & AANCHAL MAGAZINE
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EXPLAINED

AMID PUSHBACK from several quarters against the capital gains tax regime announced in Budget 2024-25, government officials Wednesday said the tax rate without indexation on unlisted capital assets including property may not be beneficial only in cases where the annual

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MP HC imposes cost of ₹1 lakh on state, says 'insensitivity on part of the police department'

ANAND MOHAN J BHOPAL, JULY 24

THE MADHYA Pradesh High Court has imposed a cost of Rs 1 lakh on the state after observing that it was "nothing but insensitivity on the part of the police department" as an investigating officer failed to appear before a special court in connection with an alleged fake encounter case since 2012. The court also directed the DGP to look into the matter.

Vimla Devi, 56, had alleged that on April 22, 2005, the local SHO from Dabra Police Station and other officers from the area took her three sons to the station. On April 27, her two sons — Balkishan and Kalli — were released, but she alleged that third son Khushali Ram was kept in police custody.

She claimed that she learnt about the death of her son from

a newspaper clipping, which described him as "a dacoit carrying a reward and killed along with another dacoit in a police encounter." She also claimed that the newspaper had identified her son in the photograph as "Kalia alias Brijkishore".

A magisterial inquiry was ordered in 2007 and after perusing the police report, it was concluded that "Kalia alias Brijkishore is alive and lodged at District Jail, Jhansi".

Vimla Devi accused MK Mudgal, then the SP, Datia and other police personnel of killing her son in a fake encounter and sought an investigation.

The trial court in MP had earlier directed the state to pay Rs 20,000 for inaction over her son's death in 2007.

Earlier this month, a bench of Justices Vivek Ruxia and Rajendra Kumar Vani said, "A final closure report... is required to be examined by the

special court".

"The order sheets reveal there is a delay in considering the closure report as investigating officer Virendra Kumar Mishra has not appeared before the special court since 2012. As per the latest status report, he is posted as SP, Datia. Surprisingly, he could not get one or two days time to appear before the court since 2012. Most of the time, he remained on deputation but did not care to appear before the special court so that the learned session court could examine the closure report. The petitioner expired awaiting justice from the court. It is said that even the cost of Rs 20,000 had not been paid to the petitioner to date," the bench said.

"There is no explanation given by the police before the writ court, as well as before this court, why no action was taken on the complaint made by the petitioner about the missing of her son," it said.

No felling of trees on Kanwar Marg, UP Govt to NGT

DHEERAJ MISHRA GHAZIABAD, JULY 24

DENYING THE allegations about illegal felling of trees, Uttar Pradesh government Wednesday said that the width of the proposed road of 20 meters, at some places, has been reduced to 15 meters to minimise the felling of trees.

"No illegal activity of cutting unauthorised trees shall be done by the department as environmental protection is the duty of state... Nearly 3,000 trees have been saved from felling till date by way of reducing the width of the road to 15 meters," said UP's PWD in an affidavit before NGT.

NGT is examining the issue of felling of more than 1 lakh trees and shrubs in the protected forest area of three forest divisions—Ghaziabad, Meerut and Muzaffarnagar for construction of two lanes of 111 km "Kawar Marg" from Muradnagar to Purkaji near Uttarakhand border.

The petitioners have said that illegal felling of trees in the garb of widening the roads is taking place and the trees have been cut up to the width of 40 meters, while there is a permission for only up to 20/15 meters.

While explaining the scheme, the department said that there is more traffic after crossing Muzaffarnagar as this is

the first district, on the route, prime in importance where Industrial/Commercial activities are at crescendo.

"It also can not be ignored that not only traffic from Haridwar, but also from Saharanpur, Shamli, Bijnor & other diverted inroads Haryana gets merged at Muzaffarnagar towards Delhi and there are two routes for Delhi from Muzaffarnagar, one is NH-58 and another is Ganga Canal route.

The decision to build a Kanwar Marg at the right shoulder of the upper Ganga Canal was taken in 2017 with a specific direction that "the road that will be built on both sides of the canal shall be built specifically keeping in mind the purpose and objectives of the Kanwar Yatra."

There is already a road existing on the left side of the canal. PWD said after the new Kanwar marg, The traffic coming from Haridwar towards Muradnagar via the existing road on the left side shall be diverted to the road under construction on the right side through traffic crossing more than 20 in numbers and as such the traffic on both sides of the canal may be set at ease.

"Traffic census conducted by PWD on the existing road at the left side of the canal is also one of the parameters duly tested on the anvil for the necessity of another road," the report said.

'Mahila ho, jaanti nahi ho': Nitish's response draws Opp ire

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, JULY 24

BIHAR CHIEF Minister Nitish Kumar's remark — "Mahila ho, jaanti nahi ho (you are a woman, you don't know)" — directed at RJD's Masaurhi MLA Rekha Paswan created a furore in the state assembly Wednesday, with leader of opposition, RJD's Tejashwi Prasad Yadav, calling it "uncivilised and undesirable".

The chief minister was explaining in the assembly how the state government had moved the SC against Patna HC scrapping its decision to raise reservation from 50% to 65%.

At this, Paswan got up from her seat to make an intervention. Upset at her interruption, the CM said, "Mahila ho, jaanti nahi ho."

Amid a reaction from Opposition, he said, "Arre bol rahi hai... kahan se aake? In logon ke saath aake. In logon ne mahila ko aage badhaya tha? (She is at least speaking. You know how? She has come this far despite keeping the company of these people (RJD). Do you think they ever promoted women?)"

Later, JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar defended Nitish, saying his "speech should be listened to in full rather than taking out a portion to use for a political purpose".

Tejashwi said on X, "It has become a habit of CM Nitish Kumar to make undignified, undesirable, uncivilised, uncouth and low-level remarks against women. This has been a matter of great concern for the state."

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Opp MPs allege Budget bias, FM counters

Opposition and Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said the INDIA parties "condemned" the Budget which, he said, had ignored states other than Bihar and Andhra Pradesh — the two states are ruled by BJP allies JD(U) and TDP. The Opposition staged a walkout but returned to the House within minutes as Sitharaman, who had presented the Budget a day earlier, began responding to Kharge's allegation.

"If the speech does not mention a particular state, does it mean the schemes of the Government of India, the programmes of Government of India, the externally-aided assistance that we obtain from the World Bank, ADB, AIB and so on, don't go to these states? They go as per a routine," he said.

She said though she had not mentioned Maharashtra, the Cabinet had approved Rs 76,000 crore for a port project in Vadhwani. She asked the Congress if all states had been mentioned in the speeches during their time in government.

"This is a deliberate attempt of the Opposition parties led by the Congress to give an impression to the people 'nothing has been given to our states, it has only been given to two states'... This is an outrageous allegation," she said.

Responding to TMC MPs who said West Bengal had been left out of the Budget, Sitharaman said Central schemes had not been implemented in the state in the last 10 years.

Accusing the government of adopting a discriminatory attitude, Kharge had said, "Nobody

got anything from the Budget that was presented yesterday. Everyone's plate is empty except two who have got pakodas and jalebi. I have never seen such a Budget. It was presented merely to cling to power." He alleged that wherever the people rejected the BJP, those states got nothing from the Budget.

When Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar allowed Sitharaman to respond, Kharge said, "Matra ji bolne mein expert hain, mujhe maloom hai (She is an expert speaker, I know that)."

At this, Dhankhar said, "Woh mata nahi, aapke beti ke barabar hai (She is old enough to be your daughter, not mother)."

Earlier, outside the House, leaders of the Congress, including Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, along with those of the TMC, DMK, SP, RJD, AAP, Shiv Sena (UBT) and the Left, stood with different placards including those that read 'INDIA rejects NDA Budget', 'NDA betrays INDIA in Budget' and 'Treat All States Equally'.

The MPs raised slogans against the Modi government, maintaining that the Budget catered only to states ruled by the BJP and its allies. Sharing a picture of the protest on his WhatsApp channel, Rahul Gandhi said, "Today, along with INDIA janbandhan MPs, protested against NDA's 'Kursi Bachao Budget' in Parliament House premises. This budget is an assault on the sanctity of India's federal structure — in the greed for power, other states of the country have been neglected and discriminated against. INDIA bloc will continue to raise its voice to pro-

vide equal justice to every state." Kharge told reporters: "This Budget is anti-people, no one has got justice. They have talked about a special package, but special status has not been given. This is a deceptive Budget."

SP chief Akhilesh Yadav argued that the government had given a "support price" to its allies rather than the farmers. He said Uttar Pradesh had been given nothing because "people of Lucknow have angered the people of Delhi" — he was referring to the setback the BJP suffered in UP in the Lok Sabha elections when its tally came down to 33 from 62.

In Lok Sabha, when the proceedings began, Opposition MPs started raising slogans. Speaker Om Birla took exception to INDIA bloc MPs blocking the Makar Dwar used by MPs to enter the House. "While protesting in Parliament, you must remember that no member faces inconvenience in reaching the House. This is not right. Many members have written to me," the Speaker said.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju said several members had also complained to him about this. "What Opposition MPs have done during Question Hour is condemnable. In the all-party meeting, leaders of all parties said the House must run smoothly, and by rules. But after coming to the House, disrupting Question Hour is not right," he said.

After the walkout by opposition members in Rajya Sabha, Dhankhar criticised their conduct, saying if disruption was weaponised as a strategy, then democracy would be threatened.

As Paris becomes stadium, some complaints — hope

about everything all the time," says the British-French author.

A lament can be a conversation starter. Be it 'se plaignre' (grumbling generally), 'raler' (complaining for fun), or 'faire la gueule' (sulking).

They crib that the build-up has been mired in political turmoil of Olympic proportions. Scoff over the tripling in public transport rates, the sudden metro station closures and the out-of-bounds city centre. They whine about the rats swimming in the Seine. And worry that the balconies of the Haussmann-era buildings along the iconic river may not be able to take the weight of the crowds expected to gather there to watch the opening ceremony.

Complaining, in this Olympic season, has become a medal sport. But like any host fearing that everything could go wrong when the guests turn up, the last-minute jitters and trepidation are finely counter-balanced with growing excitement and fervent hope.

Hope that when the actual Games begin, the cynicism will make way for passionate cheering as more than 10,000 athletes from 208 countries fight in 329 medal events across 32 sports. Hope that for whatever it's worth, the Paris Games will mark the return to normalcy of the Olympics after Tokyo's 'Ghost Games'.

Held amid the Covid pandemic in 2021, the Japanese capital was forced to close the doors of its majestic stadiums to the public. The closest the locals got to any sporting action was standing outside the fenced arenas or around the street corners, taking photos of the buses ferrying athletes.

UK's Lammy meets Modi, Jaishankar

UK Foreign Secretary David Lammy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval in New Delhi to mark the new Labour government's first high-level engagement with India.

The two sides also held discussions on bilateral ties, global issues including the conflict in West Asia and an early conclusion of the India-UK Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

"The Prime Ministers of India and the UK are launching a new 'Technology Security Initiative' (TSI) to elevate the strategic partnership to the next level," the MEA said in its statement.

The TSI builds upon the ambitious bilateral cooperation agenda set out in the India-UK Roadmap 2030, and will bring into sharper focus collaboration in critical and emerging technologies (CET) across priority sectors, it said.

The TSI will be coordinated by the NSAs through existing and new dialogues. The progress made on the initiative will be reviewed on a half-yearly basis at the Deputy NSA level.

Besides discussing an early conclusion of negotiations to achieve a mutually beneficial FTA, the two sides agreed to deepen

In contrast, the French capital has been transformed into one giant stadium. For the next three weeks, its iconic monuments — the Eiffel Tower, Grand Palais, Invalides and Place de la Concorde — will turn into playgrounds.

The reduced access and temporary structures around these landmarks sites may be a source of irritation for tourists who have braved the Olympic surge to make Paris their summer destination. But the athletes who competed in front of empty stands three years ago, performing to pre-recorded chants and AI-generated chants, will write their scripts in postcard-perfect surroundings.

Paris hasn't bothered with constructing modern-day coliseums and draping the entire city with Olympic brandings. But, in its typical understated, effortless fashion, the Olympics is all you see wherever you look. The ubiquitous five rings that adorn the Eiffel Tower also hang gracefully on the terminal of the Charles de Gaulle airport. The Games' colours are splashed on the streets and the dedicated Olympic lanes will ensure the athletes don't get stuck in traffic in this city where more people travel on bicycles than anywhere in the world.

The drivers moan as their cars oscillate between the first and second gears in bumper-to-bumper traffic, but won't steer into the empty 'Jeux' (Games) lanes, fearing a 135-euro (roughly Rs 12,200) fine. There's nothing more audacious, however, than Friday's opening ceremony on the River Seine, which will see a flotilla of more than 200 boats in an outdoor celebration that's never been

seen before.

The creative director of the opening ceremony, Thomas Jolly, called the idea "typically French", which, in essence, means there's a compulsion "to not be like everyone else". "Secondly, a little bit of insolence," the 42-year-old theatre actor said. "Thirdly, audacity — which can sometimes come across as arrogance, which, let's be honest, is the case with France."

The instinct to wow the world has come at a price. The days leading up to the ceremony have been most disruptive. Cars are being stopped and searched every second kilometre. Pedestrians and cyclists have had to register for special QR codes to access the secured zones around the Seine. Both banks of the river have been shut down, leading to businesses — from booksellers to souvenir shops to restaurants — facing a practical closure.

Simon Kuper, the author of 'Impossible City: Paris in the Twenty-First Century', says the people who live or work by the river have been in "a kind of lockdown for days around the opening ceremony". "So, to go to the supermarket, you need a pass. If you want to have a friend for dinner two days before the opening ceremony, you have to register that friend with the police. And the police have to see that he's not a security risk," Kuper says.

And so, the Parisians complain. Thousands have even left the city — or plan to in the next few days. But as Tokyo showed even in the harshest of conditions, once the Games are declared open and elite sport begins, all the noise fades into the background.

It's Bench vs Bench at SC

so as to avoid conflicting orders.

"Though the other Bench has not adhered to judicial propriety, we are doing so... When, for the same cause of action for felling of trees, this court had issued notice, could the other Bench have proceeded for that," Justice Gavaï asked.

On April 24, a two-judge Bench of Justices Gavaï and Sandeep Mehta had issued notice to the DDA Vice-Chairman, Subhashish Panda, over the felling of trees for widening the approach road to the Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences (CAPFIMS) in Southwest Delhi's Ridge area.

In May, another Bench of Justices Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan also issued notice to Panda on a plea alleging contempt in the matter. In subsequent hearings, Justice Oka said there was a "cover-up" on what transpired during Delhi Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena's visit to the site in February.

On Wednesday, Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, appearing for Panda, told the Bench presided by Justice Gavaï that the inauguration of the CAPFIMS Hospital, on which Rs 2,200 crore was spent, was scheduled for April, but was deferred due to the road widening issue. He also referred to the April 24 notice.

Taking note, Justice Gavaï asked how the other Bench could have heard the contempt plea when it had already issued notice. "The appropriate course for any Bench would have been to refer the matter to the Chief Justice and get the order as to which Bench should hear it because, ultimately, it is the Chief Justice who is the master of the roster," he said.

Saying that he did not want any conflicting orders, he advised Singh to approach the CJI. "We don't want any conflicting orders because we, at least, believe in judicial propriety," he said.

Singh said he had approached the Bench because the matter was

already pending before it. He said while the contempt proceedings could go on before Justice Oka's Bench, "this national interest project should not be lost".

In its order, Justice Gavaï's Bench noted that it had already issued a notice on April 24 on the contempt plea. It added that DDA had also moved Justice Oka's Bench to seek permission to fell the trees but this was rejected, and that Bench had also initiated contempt proceedings in May.

On being told by the amicus curiae that the contempt proceedings before Justice Oka's Bench "have substantially travelled Justice Gavaï's Bench said: "In order to avoid conflicting orders, we find it appropriate that the contempt proceedings initiated by the Bench presided by one of us, Justice Gavaï, by order dated April 24, 2024, are kept in abeyance."

Senior Advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan, who represented petitioners seeking contempt action against the DDA, objected to Singh's submissions.

"We don't want to say anything on the question of propriety. When a Bench had already been seized of the matter, how could another Bench have looked into it," Justice Gavaï responded.

Sankaranarayanan sought to clarify that the DDA's action was in contempt of two separate proceedings, both related to environmental issues. "Maybe, but then it was the same cause of action," said Justice Gavaï. "It would have been more appropriate for the other Bench to seek clarification from the Chief Justice of India before initiating the contempt proceedings for the same cause of action as to which Bench should continue with the same proceedings," his Bench said in its order. "As already observed here and above, we do not propose to proceed with the contempt proceedings initiated by us since the proceedings before the other Bench have already progressed," it said.

Jasprit Bumrah at Adda today

Indian Express Group, and Sandeep Dwivedi, National Sports Editor, The Indian Express.

Bumrah's dominance is highlighted by the respect and admiration he has gained from fast bowling legends around the world, from the great West Indian Andy Roberts to Pakistan's Wasim Akram, who recently joked that the only way to stop Bumrah from wreaking havoc is to steal his boots. Much will depend on Bumrah if India are to achieve their goals of winning the Test championship and the ODI World Cup in the near future.

The Express Adda is a series of informal interactions organised by The Indian Express Group and features those at the centre of change. Previous guests include External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Tata Sons Chairman N Chandrababu Naidu, Union Housing and Urban Affairs and Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, cricket icons Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, chess legend Viswanathan Anand, Olympic gold medalist javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra and motivational strategist Gaur Gopal Das.

Debate over indexation benefit

appreciation has been lower than 9-11%. In all other cases, officials said that their internal estimates suggest the new tax rate without indexation would be beneficial.

Industry players and analysts, however, countered this view amid apprehensions the new regime without indexation benefit is likely to result in higher frequency of secondary market real estate sales as people would not want to hold on to assets beyond 3-5 years. It may also result in the use of more cash in property transactions, they argued.

"Nominal real estate returns are generally in the region of 12-16 per cent per annum, much higher than inflation. The indexation for inflation in the region of 4-5 per cent, depending on the period of holding. Therefore, substantial tax savings are expected to a vast majority of such taxpayers," a government official said.

"The new tax rate without indexation is beneficial in most cases. For property held for five years, the new regime is beneficial when a property has appreciated 1.7 times or more. For property held for 10 years, it is beneficial when the value has increased to 2.4 times or more. For property purchased in 2009-10, if value has increased to 4.9 times or more, it is beneficial. Only where returns are low (less than about 9-11 per cent per annum) that the earlier tax rate is beneficial but such low returns in real estate are unrealistic and rare (less than 10% of the cases)," the official said.

The Budget on Tuesday proposed to remove the indexation benefit available for calculation of

any long-term capital gains available for property, gold and other unlisted assets. It also proposed to rationalise capital gains tax on these assets at 12.5 per cent as against 20 per cent earlier that came with indexation benefit.

Officials said critics were judging the new regime in haste. Indexation benefits would be offered for property purchased before 2001, which would help people to take that benefit for ancestral property, an official said.

"The proposal was brought with an aim to bring every asset class that faces capital gains at par. We wanted to offer a simple treatment... This removes the differential rates for various classes of assets," the official said, adding that the benefits have been extended with a hike in exemption limit of long term capital gains for certain financial assets to Rs 1.25 lakh per year from Rs 1 lakh.

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2	West	106	SS Mota Singh Marg Janakpuri West, JE Store	28	South	162	MB Road near Tigiri Guridwara
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5	West	102	Khyala, JE Store	31	South	167	Khanpur MB Road near Tigiri Guridwara
6	West	101	Najafgarh road Tilak Nagar, JE Store	32	South	154	Lado Sarai vacant land adjacent lado sari crossing bus stand
7	West	116	Bindapur, JE Store	33	South	156	Vasant Kunj Opp. Bhatnagar School Vasant Kunj
8	West	96	Behind Kukreja Hospital, Tagore Garden, JE Store	34	South	157	Aya Nagar, Fatehpur Beri dispensary (JE store)
9	West	100	Opp. DA Block Hari Nagar, near ITI, Jail Road / Fateh Nagar	35	South	158	Bhatti, Fatehpur Beri dispensary (JE store)
10	Najafgarh	119	Manglapuri, JE Store	36	South	159	Chattarpur, Fatehpur Beri dispensary (JE store)
11	Najafgarh	121	Dwarka Sector 17, JE Store	37	Central	142	Behind Sale Tax Office / Kabristan, ITO, Daryaganj Ward no 142
12	Najafgarh	135	Ram Phal Chowk, Palam, JE Store	38	Central	143	Sidarth Extn. Pocket-B & C (service road) along Barapulla Nallah, Sidarth Nagar Ward no 143
13	Najafgarh	130	Dhulisris, JE Store	39	Central	143	Dharamveer Maan Marg, Sidarth Nagar Ward no 143
14	Najafgarh	127	Gopal Nagar, JE Store	40	Central	144	JE store Nehru Nagar near VIMHANS Hospital Ward no144
15	Najafgarh	125	Rewla Khanpur, JE Store	41	Central	145	JE store C-Block near Gurudwara Defence Colony Ward no 145
16	South	148	Hauz Khas near main market near 24 *7 store Malviya Nagar, JE store	42	Central	146	Nallah adjacent to PWD Office near Kodya Basti Ward no 146
17	South	150	Green Park JE store Green Park Extn. Opp. K-15	43	Central	174	JE store G-Block Govt. Flats S.N. Puri near Railway Line Ward no 174
18	South	151	Munirka JE store Near Ayyappa Temple Sec.-1 R.K. Puram	44	Central	176	Road along DDA park near Govindpuri Metro Station Ward no 176
19	South	152	Sector-7 R.K. Puram near SDMC Pky. School (JE Store)	45	Central	178	Near Pocket-10 Kalkaji Extension (Satya Sai Back Gate no. 2)
20	South	153	JE store Poorvi Marg near Guru Harkishan Public School opp. Church A block Vasant Vihar	46	Central	178	Near Pocket-12 Kalkaji Extension, (Opposite Barat Ghar)
21	South	149	Malviya Nagar Opp. Malviya Nagar Market, New Delhi (JE Store)	47	Central	178	Opposite Shamshan Ghat Tughlakabd Village near Pond.
22	South	165	Madangir Near Virat Cinema, Dakshinpur, New Delhi (JE Store)				
23	South	171	C.R. Park Opp. S-175, G.K.-II, New Delhi (JE Store)				
24	South	172	Chirag Delhi Near E-1 Soami Nagar, New Delhi (JE Store)				
25	South	173	G.K.-I B-block Nallah, Behind Archana Complex, New Delhi (JE Store)				
26	South	155	Adjacent to PHC Mehrauli (JE Store)				

RO No. 20/DPI/MCD/2024-25

S. No	Zone	Ward No.	Location /Address	S. No	Zone	Ward No.	Location /Address
48	Central	180, 181, 182, 183, 184	Tajpur Pahari	77	Civil Line	8	JE Store MCD open land janta Vihar Mukundpur
49	Central	185, 186, 187	Near J.E. Store Sarita Vihar	78	Civil Line	13	JE store Bhai Parmanand colony Mukharjee Nagar
50	Narela	4	MPL Store, Nehru Enclave, Alipur	79	Civil Line	14	Municipal Flats Behind Model Town III Ward no 14 Dhirpur
51	Narela	30	MPL Store, Bawana Village, Bawana	80	Civil Line	16	JE Store Opposite Jahangirpuri Metro Station ward no 16 Azadpur
52	Narela	26	J.E STORE OF WARD NO 26 (POOTH KALAN VILLAGE ON ROAD NO 3)	81	Civil Line	17	JE Store J Block Jahangirpuri Ward no 17 Bhalswa
53	Narela	27	JE STORE OF WARD NO. 27 POCKET 5 SEC-24, ROHINI NEAR POWER HOUSE	82	Civil Line	20	JE Store Mandir Mohalla Samaypur Ward no 20 Badli
54	Narela	29	J.E STORE OF WARD NO 29, NEAR MAHARISHI VALMIKI HOSPITAL	83	Karolbagh	90	JE Store, F-Block Moti Nagar
55	Narela	32	J.E STORE OF WARD NO 32, KHANJAWLA IN FRONT OF I & FC OFFICE ON ROAD NO 3	84	Karolbagh	91	JE Store, Ramesh Nagar, Near Chacha Nehru Park
56	Narela	35	J.E STORE OF WARD NO 35, NEAR BUS STAND GHEVRA VILLAGE	85	Karolbagh	139	JE store H-Block, Naraina Vihar.
57	Rohini	21	JE Store, Near Petrol Pump Sector-16, Rohini	86	Karolbagh	83	Mcd JE store Mahrana Pratap Market, D B Gupta Road
58	Rohini	22	JE Store, Pkt. B-6, near M.C. Pky. School Sector-5 B, Rohini	87	Karolbagh	86	MCD J.E. Store, East Patel Nagar, Near coe! Store
59	Rohini	49	JE Store, H-Block, Infront of Police Station Mangolpuri	88	Karolbagh	88	J.E. Store Baljeet Nagar, near shadipur Red Light
60	Rohini	51	JE Store, Near Pkt. E-18, Women Cell Office, Sector-3, Rohini	89	City SP	70	M-Block, Shastri Nagar, near Bus Stand, Road no. 40, Metro pillar No. 192
61	Rohini	52	JE Store, Near M.C. Pky. School, Sector-9, Rohini, Back Side of Rajapur Village	90	City SP	71	Padam Nagar, Opp. Vivekanand Puri, Sarai Rohilla, Azad Road.
62	Rohini	41	JE Works Store near Bus Terminal, Sultanpur	91	City SP	72	Azad market, opp. Punjab National Bank
63	Rohini	43	JE Works Store near Jalebi Chowk, Sultanpur	92	City SP	79	Balimaran, katcha bagh-2 near town hall
64	Rohini	48	JE Works Store near Fire Station GH-8, Guru Harkishan Nagar	93	City SP	80	Ram nagar Qutab Road opp. Nabi Karim
65	Keshav Puram	55	JE store at Ayurvedic Hospital, Haiderpur	94	City SP	81	JE store Qutab Road opp. Khwaja Bagi billah kabristan
66	Keshav Puram	56	JE store at Singhalpur Village, Shalimar Bagh	95	City SP	76	Malba dumping site opposite Delite Cinema Asaf Ali Road
67	Keshav Puram	57	JE store at UU-Block, Pitampura	96	City SP	74	JE Store, Kachha Bagh, Chandni Chowk
68	Keshav Puram	58	JE store opp. A-5 Block, Paschim Vihar	97	Shah.South	204	Karkari Mod, Adjoining Karkardooma Flyover Road No. 57 (PWD Road).
69	Keshav Puram	60	JE store adjacent MC Pky. School Boys, Rani Bagh	98	Shah.South	205	Open huadi, Near Foot Over Bridge, Road no 56 (PWD Road), Charan Singh Marg.
70	Keshav Puram	62	M-Block Shakurpur Village, J.E. Store	99	Shah.South	210	Geeta Colony - Near Taj Enclave Geeta Colony.
71	Keshav Puram	63	Near Bhagwan Parshuram Chowk, Tri Nagar, J.E. Store	100	Shah.South	213	'Y' Point, Opposite C&D Waste treatment plant, Seelampur.
72	Keshav Puram	64	Near C 2 Block, Keshav Puram, J.E. Store	101	Shah.South	193	Open site near Canal road near Govind Apartment Vashundara Enclave.
73	Keshav Puram	66	Shakti Nagar Extn. Ashok Vihar Ph-III, J.E. Store	102	Shah.South	194	Open site Near Badi Masjid Mulla Colony & Culvert near Rajveer colony
74	Keshav Puram	68	Near M.C. Pky. School, Model Town-II, J.E. Store	103	Shah.North	219	Near EE(M)-I /SNZ Division office
75	Keshav Puram	69	Opp. H.No. 16/07, Shakti Nagar, J.E. Store	104	Shah.North	242	Near Veer Savarkar Hospital, karawal Nagar (JE Store)
76	Civil Line	6	JE Store near Bhalswa Lake Ward no 06 Burari	105	Shah.North	236	Behind Ambedkar College, Kardampuri
				106	Shah.North	226	Shastri Park DDA Land, Near D-Aqua Hotel

Executive Engineer (C&D Plant)

TRAFFIC ADVISORY
from 22.07.2024 to 02.08.2024
DUE TO MOVEMENT OF KANWARIAS

Every year during the Hindu lunar month of "Shravan", devotees (Kanwarias) travel on-foot from Gau Mukh, Gangotri Dham and Haridwar carrying holy "Ganga Jal" for offering the same at Shiva Temples on "Shravan Shivratri". The holy expedition called Kanwar Yatra commences on the first day of Sawan (Shravan) i.e. 22.07.2024. It culminates on the Chaturdashi Tithi i.e. 02.08.2024 as holy Ganga water will be offered to Lord Shiva. A large number of Kanwariyas reach Delhi and some of them go to Haryana & Rajasthan via Delhi borders. This year the expected number is about 15-20 Lacs.

MAP SHOWING KANWARIAS' & HTV / MGV DIVERSION ROUTE - 2024 IN DELHI

Legend:
 - KANWARIAS' ROUTE (Orange line)
 - KANWARIAS' CAMP (Blue circle)
 - HTV & MGV DIVERSION ROUTE (Blue line)
 - TRAFFIC DIVERSION POINTS (AS & WHEN REQUIRED) (Purple star)

- These devotees carrying kanwars will pass through below mentioned routes:**
- Apsara Border - Shahdara Flyover - Seelampur T' Point - ISBT Flyover Boulevard Road- Rani Jhansi Road - Faiz Road - Upper Ridge Road - Dhaula Kuan - NH-8 and exit from Rajokri Border for Haryana.
 - Bhopura Border - Wazirabad Road - Loni Flyover - Gokulpuri T' Point - 66 Foota Road - Seelampur T' Point- NH 1 and further towards new ISBT Bridge.
 - Entry/Exit from Loni Border to Loni Flyover from UP or Entry/Exit from Sonia Vihar Border - Pusta Road- Khajoori Flyover - Wazirabad Road from UP.
 - Bhopura Border - Wazirabad Road - Wazirabad Bridge - Outer Ring Road -Mukarba Chowk - NH 1 and exit/entry from Singhu Border or Mukarba Chowk - NH 1 - Bawana Road and exit/entry from Auchandi Border or Madhuban Chowk -Peeragarhi and exit/entry from Tikri Border for Haryana.
 - Maharajpur Border, Road No.56, Ghazipur Border - NH 24 - RingRoad - Mathura Road and exit from Badarpur Border for Haryana.
 - Kalindi Kunj - Mathura Road - Badarpur Border.
 - Kalindi Kunj - Mathura Rd - Modi Mill - Maa Anand Mai Marg - M.B. Road.
 - New Rohtak Road (from Kamal T-Point to Tikri Border).
 - Najafgarh Road (from Zakhira to Najafgarh).
 - Rohtak Road from Zakhira to Madipur to Peeragarhi Chowk to Nangloi Chowk to Mundka to Tikri Border.
 - Najafgarh Road from Zakhira to Uttam Nagar to Najafgarh Firdi Road to Jharoda Border.
 - Outer Ring Road from Madhuban Chowk to Peeragarhi Chowk to Keshopur Mandi to District Centre Janakpuri.
 - Dev Prakash Shastri Marg from Rattanpuri Chowk To Loha Mandi.

- Diversion plan during the days of heavy rush hours:**
- HTVs will be diverted by UP Police from Mohan Nagar towards NH-24 and no such traffic will be allowed towards Wazirabad Road via Bhopura and/or towards GT Road via Apsara Border.
 - HTVs except city buses will not be allowed on GT Road towards Shahdara and Wazirabad Road.
 - Heavy Commercial transport vehicles except city buses coming from GT Karnal Road at Outer Ring Road will be diverted straight towards NH-24 and will not be allowed to move on Wazirabad Road and GT Road towards Shahadra.
 - Heavy commercial transport except city buses coming from Loni Road (Shahdara side) will be diverted on Wazirabad Road to exit from Outer Ring Road.
 - Heavy commercial transport except city buses coming from internal area as like Sonia Vihar, PTS Wazirabad Pusta, Pusta Road will be diverted towards Outer Ring Road via Wazirabad Road to take NH-24.

During these days, due to the movement of Kanwariyas and setting up of "Kanwaria Camps" on road side, traffic congestion/obstruction is experienced at several places. Generally heavy traffic congestion occurs on **Najafgarh Firdi, Rohtak Road, Pankha Road, Dev Prakash Shastri Marg, Nangloi-Najafgarh Road, Outer Ring Road, Rani Jhansi Road from Baraf Khana Chowk to Fire Station, Boulevard Road and at Azad Market Chowk, Gokul Puri Fly Over, 66 Foota Road, Maujpur Chowk, Badarpur T Point, Mathura Road**. Similarly, traffic congestion is experienced on **NH-08 from Dhaula Kuan Metro Station up to Rajokri Border**. Due to diversion of vehicular traffic, bound for **Apsara Border and Maharajpur Border to Ghazipur**, by UP Police, **there will be congestion on NH-24** as well. Motorists and road users are advised to plan their movement in advance to avoid in convenience and delay. In addition to these important roads and intersections, Kanwariyas movement is observed in smaller numbers in several locations all over Delhi. Delhi Traffic Police has made elaborate arrangements to segregate the movement of Kanwariyas and other road users and to minimize inconvenience to the general public and devotees. The devotees and road users are advised to follow the traffic rules and obey the directions of Policemen on duty. During this period of Kanwariyas movement, traffic violation will be checked by on the spot prosecution and by photography/videography of violations which will be followed by prosecution.

General public and motorists are advised to keep patience, observe traffic rules and road discipline and follow directions of traffic personnel deployed at all intersections and remain updated through:
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UPSC ASPIRANT KILLED 'Precious life was lost': Atishi orders probe into electrocution

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TWO DAYS after a 26-year-old IAS aspirant died after he was electrocuted in a water-logged lane in Patel Nagar, Delhi Power Minister Atishi on Wednesday directed Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to initiate an inquiry into the matter. She has also sought action against those who are responsible for the incident.



Power minister Atishi

Atishi asked the Chief Secretary to suggest policy measures so that such instances do not occur in the future and submit a report by 5 pm on Friday. "A shocking incident has come to light, where a 26-year-old IAS aspirant has lost his life due to electrocution in Patel Nagar area. A young precious life has been lost due to the negligence and apathy of government officials," Atishi wrote to the Chief Secretary. "The cause of the death needs to be ascertained and responsibility needs to be fixed in order to give a clear message that such instances will not be tolerated," she said.

building to power an electric water pump. It was Nilesh's fourth attempt at the UPSC exam. After three attempts, he had cleared the preliminary exam this time and was studying for the mains. He hailed from Uttar Pradesh's Ghazipur. DCP (Central) M Harsha Vardhan earlier said, "It was found that the victim was electrocuted due to an electric current in the iron gate. There was also water-logging on the road. The victim was taken to RML Hospital where he was declared dead by doctors."

A case was registered under sections 106(1) (causing death of any person by doing any rash or negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide) and 285 (danger or obstruction in public way or line of navigation) of the BNS against unknown persons. On Wednesday, Atishi also said that instructions have been issued to provide compensation to the victim's family. "No amount can compensate for the loss of life but we hope to provide some relief to the grieving family members. A proposal for ex-gratia relief as per guidelines should also be put up by tomorrow 5 pm," she said.

Nilesh Rai, a civil engineering graduate from IISc in Bangalore who was preparing for the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) exam, was headed to his paying guest accommodation on Monday in South Patel Nagar's Block 8 from a nearby library. But the lane in front of his PG was water-logged, and Nilesh held onto an iron gate to cross the section. Within seconds, however, he was electrocuted to death. The iron gate that he had held had a naked wire touching it, which was allegedly being used by an adjacent

Delhi riots video: Departmental inquiry begins against 2 cops

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THE DELHI Police have initiated departmental inquiry against two policemen in the case where five men, including Faizan who died later, were allegedly beaten during the 2020 North-East Delhi riots. The incident was caught on video where police personnel in riot gear were purportedly seen kicking and prodding the men writhing in pain on the ground, forcing them to sing Vande Mataram and the national anthem.



Northeast Delhi was marred by violence in Feb 2020. Archive

"It has also been alleged that during investigation of the above mentioned criminal case, on the basis of evidence collected, prima facie the location of (the two policemen) was fixed at the incident. However, during investigation, they have continuously denied the fact and have not assisted in the investigation of the case," the order read. "The above act... amounts to gross misconduct, unprofessional conduct and (is) unbecoming of a police officer," it added.

When *The Indian Express* reached out to Deputy Commissioner of Police (South-East), Rajesh Deo, who is head-

ing the investigation in the case, he confirmed that the inquiry was taking place. The two policemen have not been suspended, he said.

On Tuesday, the Delhi High Court directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to probe the death of 23-year-old Faizan during the 2020 riots. Faizan's mother, Kismatun, had sought a court-monitored SIT probe into her son's death, alleging that Faizan was "targeted, brutally assaulted" and "injured by policemen" at Kardampuri and subsequently "illegally detained" in an injured condition at Jyoti Nagar police station between February 24 and 25, 2020.

He was denied timely critical medical care resulting in his death later at a hospital, claimed the petition.

The High Court, in February 2021, had instructed the police to file an affidavit ascertaining if CCTVs at Jyoti Nagar police station were functioning on the day Faizan was detained there. However, Delhi Police had responded saying that the CCTVs were not working between February 24 and March 4 in 2020 due to technical glitches.

In January 2022, the police said in the HC that they had identified a head constable but he had denied his involvement.

HC issues notice to Delhi Police on Khalid's bail plea

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

A DIVISION bench of the Delhi High Court on Wednesday issued notice to the Delhi Police, seeking its response on the bail plea by Delhi riots accused and former Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) student Umar Khalid.

The matter was taken up before the division bench of Justices Suresh Kait and Girish Kathpalia. The bail pleas of other accused in the alleged 'larger con-

spiracy' of the 2020 Delhi riots, namely Sharjeel Imam, Meeran Haider, Saleem Khan and Shifa Ur Rehman too were placed before the bench, all of which have now been posted for further hearing on August 29.

Two other bail pleas — one by Abdul Khalid Saifi and other by Gulfisha Fatima — too were listed before a division bench of Justices Suresh Kait and Manoj Jain where a request was made by their counsels to reserve the two matters for judgment as arguments from both sides have been completed.

How to get PUC certificate renewed amid protest by petrol dealers in the Capital

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

AMID THE ongoing strike by the Delhi Petrol Dealers Association (DPDA), the Transport Department has requested the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) and Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) to set up Pollution Under Control (PUC) checking centres on their premises for the convenience of residents.

The DPDA protest has been ongoing for over a week with petrol dealers demanding a revision of PUC checking rates. They have closed most of the PUC checking centers at the petrol pumps across the city.

Transport Minister Kailash Gahlot said, "Ensuring that vehicles comply with pollution norms is crucial for improving Delhi's air quality. By increasing the number of PUC checking units, we aim to make it more convenient for citi-



The DPDA protest has been ongoing for over a week. Archive

zens to get their vehicles tested and certified. We appreciate the cooperation of the DMRC and the IGL in this endeavour."

Earlier in 2017, the Supreme Court mandated all state transport departments across the country to set up PUC centres at every fuel station.

However, the Delhi Transport Department recently found out that some PUC checking centres were not complying with this order, said officials. Consequently, officials added, enforcement teams were directed to take strict action against non-compliant

DU UG students may now need 28 credits to make it to 2nd year

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

DELHI UNIVERSITY has proposed to increase the credit requirement from 22 credits to 28 credits for a student to pass the first year of the undergraduate course and be promoted to the second year, an official said.

The step has been taken to "align" with the student goals set in the National Education Policy (NEP).

This step has been taken to overcome the shortcomings of the NEP under which each semester has seven papers, including four core discipline-specific papers with four credits each; and four additional papers called the General Elective, Value Added course, Skill Enhancement Course and Ability Enhancement course with two credits each in every semester.

"If we go with the earlier 22 credits out of 44 as basic requirements for a student to get promoted to the second year, a student who has passed in all subjects in the first semester will earn the required credits in the

first semester itself and will not be as active as they should be in the second semester. Which is why we have proposed to raise it to 28 credits so that the student can exhibit good performance in enough discipline-specific (DSC) papers of the course they have opted," said a former Controller of Examination who was part of the 12-member committee constituted by the varsity to review the passing and promotion criteria rules. The minutes of the committee's meeting stated, "There is, however, no compulsion to take the core academic subjects for attaining the minimum credits for passing the semester... This is causing loss to the students' academic growth and defeating the goals set in NEP 2020."

The recommendations of the committee further state that "the student should acquire at least 28 credits out of the total credits of both the semesters for promotion to next year. However, Students representing University of Delhi in Sports/Extra-Curricular Activities/ NCC/NSS etc. may be exempted from this requirement subject to the prior approval of the competent authority."

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E-Tenders are invited for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following items. Only e-offer will be accepted for which vendors must have Class III Digital Signature and registration on IREPS. The details of tenders are in the following sequence S. No.: Tender No. (Due Date), Description and Quantity. S. No.: 1. 05235217D (07.08.24), (I) Steel Wire Rope DIA-16 MM, 500 Metre, (II) Steel Wire Rope DIA-08 MM, 500 Metre, S. No.: 2. 05241127, (07.08.24), Cut of Wheel Size-355MM, PL No 70100032, 200 Nos., S. No.: 3. 05241048, (07.08.24), (I) Depressor Valve, PL No15510670, 12 Nos., (II) Cranking Tool, PL No15610159, 16 Nos. & (III) Lifter for Cooling PL No15630055, 02 Nos., S. No.: 4. 05241134, (07.08.24), Solid Bamboo Lathi 5 FT Long x 1.1/2, PL No 71130421, 300 Nos., S. No.: 5. 05235172A, (07.08.24), Different Type of Solenoid Valve, 01 Set, S. No.: 6. 05245066B, (08.08.24), Control Transformer, 01 Set, S. No.: 7. 05245124, (09.08.24), Steel Liner 1.2 MM, 50 Nos., S. No.: 8. Tender No.: 06240010A, Due Date: 13/08/2024, Description of Item: Main Transformer 6531 KVA, Part No.: 29731008, Quantity: 452 Nos., 9. Tender No.: 06241031A, Due Date: 20/08/2024, Description of Item: Heat Shrink Tube, Part No.: 18530163, Quantity: 220Nos., S.No.: 10. Tender No.: 06241121A, Due Date: 21/08/2024, Description of Item: Heat Shrink Tube, Part No.: 18530229, Quantity: 960 Nos., S.No.: 11. Tender No.: 06231086C, Due Date: 21/08/2024, Description of Item: Post Assembly Contact, Part No.: 18140178, Quantity: 42 Nos., S.No.: 12. Tender No.: 06241186A, Due Date: 20/08/2024, Description of Item: Strain Relief, Part No.: 18330502, Quantity: 522 Nos., S.No.: 13. 03241021 (02.09.24), AL Sheets & Plates, PL No. 29400107, 894 Set., S.No.: 14. 03241067 (22.09.24), Steel Plate Type-11, PL No. 29170450, 2700 Nos., S.No.: 15. 03241083A (28.08.24), Set of Pipe Saddle, PL No. 29210549, 648 Set., S.No.: 16. 03230003A (23.10.24), Side Wall Assy, PL No. 2917040, 8 set., S.No.: 17. 08241263, Open Tender (27/08/2024), JACKSCREW-FEMALE, (PL No. 19151056), Qty. 1446 Nos., S.No.: 18. 08241303, Open Tender (27/08/2024), STUD SLIP RING 3/8-16X5-5/8", (PL No. 19110534), Qty. 240 Nos., S.No.: 19. 09231027B, Global Tender, (21/08/2024), FUSE AND INDICATOR ASSLY (PL No. 18310606), Qty.1823 Nos., S.No.: 20. 02245003, (16/08/2024), TIM Shield APL Kit, PL No 17052312, 10 Nos., S.No.: 21. 02245002C, (12/08/2024), Gasket Inlet Turb, PL No. 17274102, 23 Nos., Note:- The details of above tenders are available in www.blw.indianrailways.gov.in and www.ireps.gov.in. Corrigendum: S. No.: 22. Bid No.: E-34, Tender No.: 02232077A, Name Plate Part No., 16250084 & 16250072, Revision: 1, Details of Corrigendum: The tender quantity and opening date has been revised and now the same will be opened on 06/08/24 instead of 01/08/24 for PL No. 16250084 quantity 1120 Nos. instead of 412 Nos., for PL No. 16250072 quantity 997 Nos. instead of 299 Nos., S. No.: 23. Tender No.: 07245231, Bid No.: 29, Revision: 1, Old due date: 22.07.2024, Revised due date: 09.08.2024, S. No.: 24, Tender No.: 07221150, Bid No.: 29, Revision: 1, Old due date: 18.07.2024, Revised due date: 09.08.2024. Note:- All other terms & conditions remain unchanged.
PR/BLW/S-39 Principal Chief Material Manager Website: blw.indianrailways.gov.in

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 82246836B Insulin Biphasic Aspart Inj (Insulin Aspart and Insulin Aspart Protamine 30/70) Cartridge 100IU per mL in 3mL Each (Intermediate Acting) 7638 Nos. 17.08-024
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. Inj. Medicines Date: 24.07.2024
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STATE OFFICE, HARYANA KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES COMMISSION
(Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Govt of India)
103-A, The Mall, Ambala Cantt-133001 (Haryana)
Tel: 0171-2630334, E-mail- soambala.kvic@gov.in Website : www.kvic.gov.in
NOTICE
State office, Ambala, KVIC is inviting application(s) from Eligible Individual/SHGs/NGO's/KIs, Vis/Implementing agencies/Nominations from KIs/KVIB/DIC's etc. (as applicable) from Haryana state for promotion of self-employment through training-cum-tool kit distribution/credit linked scheme under Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) / Cluster development under SFURTI etc.

S.No/Programme	Remarks
Gramodhyog Vikas Yojana	
1 ABFPI (Palm Gur)	Training cum tool kit distribution
2 ABFPI (Village Oil)	
3 ABFPI (Cane & Bamboo)	
4 ABFPI (Fruits & Vegetables)	
5 ABFPI (Spices & Condiments)	
6 FBI (Honey Bee)	
7 HMPFI (Paper plate/ Dona making)	
8 Leather & Plastic Industry - 25 days Leather Manufacturing	
9 Leather & Plastic Industry - One day crash course on leather Products Repairing	
10 RENTI (Turn Wood)	
11 RENTI (Waste Wood)	
12 RENTI (Wooden Toy)	
13 Service Industry - Digni Tea	
14 Service Industry - Electrician	
15 Service Industry - Plumber	
16 Service Industry - AC Repairing	
17 Service Industry - Mobile Repairing	
18 Service Industry - Sewing machine	
19 Wellness & Cosmetic Industry - Automatic Agarbatti	
20 Mineral Based Industries (Kumbhar Sashaktikaran)	
Khadi Vikas Yojana	
1 Workshop Scheme for Khadi Institution/Artisans	Group/Individual Workshop
2 Sales outlet renovation	For existing Khadi Institution
3 Strengthening of Weak Khadi Institutions	For existing Khadi Institution
Miscellaneous Schemes:	
1 Credit linked scheme for first loan/second loan for New/Existing PMEGP Beneficiary	Establishing new enterprise/Existing
2 SFURTI Cluster formation	Establishing cluster
3 Bio-gas set-up	Individual biogas unit set-up

For detailed guidelines/Eligibility/Application format of above GVY/KVY/PMEGP/SFURTI/Bio-Gas schemes etc please visit <https://www.kvic.gov.in/kvices/index.php> or may request through mail soambala.kvic@gov.in and duly filled-in/signed application with supporting documents shall send to "The Director, State Office, KVIC Mall Road, Ambala, Haryana-133001" through speed post/in-person within last date of Application i.e 21 days from the date of Advertisement
Note: The selection of candidate(s) is based on sanction for Haryana state/guidelines/first cum first serve basis/as per rule as applicable from time to time etc. Director

सेंट्रल बैंक ऑफ इंडिया Central Bank of India
1911 से आरंभ के लिए "केंद्रित" "CENTRAL" TO YOU SINCE 1911
Regional Office, White House Compound, Gaya-823001
APPENDIX-IV-A [Refer provision to 8(6) & rule 9(1)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & rule 9(1) 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/properties were mortgaged/charged to the Central Bank of India, Bodhgaya Branch, Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis, condition on 26/08/2024 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM, for the recovery of sum of Rs. 15,39,711/- (Rupees Fifteen lakh thirty nine thousands seven hundred eleven only) and interest & other charges as on 30/08/2017 and further interest there on from 31/08/2017 and other expenses thereon due to the secured creditor Central Bank of India, Bodhgaya Branch from the borrower 1. Mr SUMAT KUMAR.
The Reserve Price will be Rs. 19,71,000/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh seventy one thousands Only); The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 1,97,100/- (Rupees One lakh ninety seven thousands one hundred only) & Bid increment amount Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).
Date and time of Auction: Date: 26/08/2024, Time Between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM.
Mode of Auction: E-Auction <https://centralbankofindia.co.in/> or visit <https://ebkray.in/> and/or contact Recovery Department, Regional Office, Gaya (Mobile: 9405517149)
All that part and parcel of House Property(Land) in the name of 1. Mr SUMAT KUMAR S/O SHRI RAMSHARAN RAUT @ Bhim Prasad
Details/Description of the property/ies:-
Deed No. Area Location Property Details Boundary
SALE Deed No 268/15, Dtd.07/01/2015 810 SQ.FT. Mauza- Khanjapur, P.S. Buniyadganj, Thana no 250, Anchal office: Manpur, District - Gaya Thana No-250, Khata No-265 (Plot No-464 Old, 2127 new North-Rasta waad pain, South-Naresh Mahto, West-Gopal Sao, East-Shreya Agrawal
For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor's website, i.e. <https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in> and service provider's website <https://ebkray.in>
Date : 22.07.2024 Place : Gaya
Authorised officer CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

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The Reserve Price will be Rs. 2407500/- (Rupees Twenty four lacs seven thousand five hundred Only); The Earnest Money Deposit will be Rs. 240750/- (Rupees Two lacs forty thousand seven hundred fifty only) & Bid increment amount Rs. 50000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand Only).
Date and time of Auction: Date: 26/08/2024, Time Between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM.
Mode of Auction: E-Auction <https://centralbankofindia.co.in/> or visit <https://ebkray.in/> and/or contact Recovery Department, Regional Office, Gaya (Mobile: 9405517149)
All that part and parcel of House Property (Land) in the name of 1. Mr Perbhunjun Kumar Alias Prabhanjan Yadav S/O Mr Ram chariter Yadav
Details/Description of the property/ies:-
Deed No. Area Location Property Details Boundary
Sale Deed No 18481 Dtd. 27.09.2013 608 SQ.FT. Mauza-Chandauti, Anchal-Gaya, Thana-Magadh Medical College, Thana No-180, District-Gaya Thana No-180, Khata No-37 (Old), 90 (New), Plot No-73 (Old), 499 (New) North-10 Feet Proposed Road, South-Siddhi Yadav, West-New Plot No. 500, East-Umesh Prasad
For detailed terms and condition of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Central Bank of India, Secured Creditor's website, i.e. <https://www.centralbankofindia.co.in> and service provider's website <https://ebkray.in>
Date : 22.07.2024 Place : Gaya
Authorised officer CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA

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65 years of Diplomatic Relations

Ambassador Victor Hugo Echeverri Jaramillo

AS THE Ambassador of Colombia to India, it is a privilege to reflect on the growing partnership between our two nations, particularly on this month of July, as we celebrate the 214th anniversary of our independence, and the 65th anniversary of bilateral diplomatic relations.

Colombia and India have rooted bilateral relationship in shared values of democracy, multilateralism, promotion of peace, and progress. Our bilateral ties comprise culture, education, south-south cooperation, investment and a bilateral trade of more than \$4.5 billion.

Important exchanges like the official visit of Minister of External Affairs Dr. Jaishankar to Colombia in April 2023 and the visit of the Colombian Minister of Information Technologies Mauricio Lizcano to India last February 2024, are a testimony of our mutual attraction.

Our nations are poised to leverage their capacities to address global challenges like limiting carbon footprint and climate change. We have set similar goals regarding reduction of Green House Gas emissions by 2030, in fulfilment of the Paris Agreement.

This is relevant because Colombia and India are among the seventeen megadiverse countries of the world (this is, 17 countries that contain the 70% of the biodiversity of the world).

In fulfilling our responsibilities with the planet and with our own biodiversity, Colombia will host the 16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, this paramount meeting will take place in the city of Cali from October 21th to 1th November, under the motto "Peace with nature".

Colombia recognises India, as a trusted partner to advance international initiatives aimed at conserv-



ing biological diversity, its sustainable use and fair and equitable sharing of the benefits from genetic resources.

Just a few numbers to highlight the biodiversity of Colombia: More than 58,000 species were registered in Colombia in 2019. With more than 1.2 sq kilometers, Colombia's land extension is 0.9% of the planet land surface, but the country is home of 10% of the world's total biodiversity.

Cultural exchanges and people to people connections forms the heart of our bilateral relations, bridging geographical distances and fostering mutual understanding. Both countries rich in cultural heritage and diversity, offer a tapestry of traditions, arts and customs that continue to inspire each other.

Colombian cultural festivals, literature, music and dance have found an appreciative audience in India, as well as an increasing number of Spanish students all around India; while Indian cultural traditions like festivals, classical music and dance, yoga and meditation, traditional clothing, handicrafts, architecture and philosophy have gained substantial following in Colombia. This cultural symbiosis is further strengthened by the increasing number of travelers between our countries, either as tourists, students or professionals.

In conclusion, the partnership between our countries is a testament to the power of Diplomacy and the potential for mutual growth. By continuing to strengthen our ties and explore new horizons amid the complexities of the 21st century, we can contribute to a more prosperous and harmonious future for both our nations.

Long live to the Colombia - India friendship!

A milestone in diplomacy

The fruitful ties of 65 years celebrate the enduring bond between the two nations, their progress, and the promising future ahead

THE Republic of India and the Republic of Colombia — two vibrant democracies located in different parts of the globe — share a rich history of deep friendship and cordial diplomatic relations spanning 65 years and uniting them in their unwavering commitment to cooperate across diversified sectors of mutual interest. The fruitful ties of 65 years — a celebratory milestone — underscore not only the long-lasting bond between the two nations and the progress made in strengthening it but also herald the promising future that lies ahead.

Historical ties

The year 2024 marks the 65th anniversary of diplomatic relations between India and Colombia built on a strong foundation of shared democratic values, mutual respect, and a commitment to international peace and stability alongside enhancing bilateral cooperation. Established formally on 19 January 1959, these relations have grown steadily over the decades, nurtured through constant high-level visits, cultural exchanges, and cooperation across various international forums.

The embassies in both nations have played pivotal roles in fostering and expanding ties by facilitating dialogue and understanding alongside numerous exchanges in several sectors while helping accelerate seamless cooperation between the two nations, ensuring that bilateral relations remain robust and dynamic.



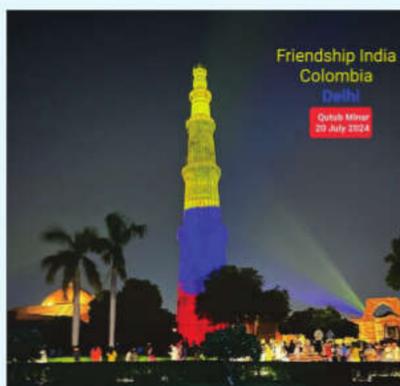
Economic cooperation and booming trade relations

Economic cooperation has been a significant pillar of the steadily growing India-Colombia bilateral relations. By identifying key areas of mutual interest and working towards enhancing trade and investment, both countries have benefitted significantly from their trade relations that have reached new heights in recent years. Bilateral trade — witnessing an increase of over 50% in 2022-2023 from that in the preceding period — stood at \$4.31 billion in 2023-24, wherein ex-

ports from India to Colombia amounted to \$1.22 billion and imports from Colombia to India were of \$3.1 billion.

India exports mainly pharmaceuticals, automobiles, iron and steel products, engineering goods, chemicals, and cotton to Colombia, while Colombia exports mineral fuels, gold, emeralds and other precious stones, aluminium, zinc, teak wood and plastic to India. The trade volume between the two nations has shown a consistent upward trend, sup-

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Codrin Group: A decade of leadership in sustainable forestry

WITH a decade of experience in the Colombian market, Codrin Group—an Indo-Colombian venture led by CEO Priyank Pradeep from India and Group Managing Director Diana Paternina from Colombia—has become a leading exporter of sustainable forestry products and one of the largest managers of tropical plantations in the country. Last year, they accounted for 35 to 38% of Colombia's total forestry exports and 50% of the forestry trade between Colombia and India.

In 2017 the group identified the lack of integrated operators in forestry and timberland industry. Diana, MD, quoted there was a big potential to bring management, logistics and market access in one single platform. Codrin Group through its subsidiary, Codrin Forestry, manages the approximately 5 thousand hectares of assets and Codrin Green handles logistics, distribution and market access.

In 2023, to further enhance the investment in forestry, Codrin Carbons, leveraging international voluntary carbons markets, launched an ambitious project to plant 100 thousand hectares across South America by 2035.



Priyank Pradeep, Group CEO & Co-Owner and **Diana Maria Paternina**, Group MD & Co-Owner at the launch of ambitious 'Colombia Green Carbon' project



Phase I was launched in Colombia, with 14 thousand hectares. They are also working with indigenous community for a conservation and livelihood project in 140 thousand hectares in Chocó, Colombia.

Group CEO Priyank told Indian Express that the company is committed to investing in a sustainable future to ensure long-term

business viability, with a focus on giving back to both the community and nature. They fully align with the government's vision for a greener, sustainable economy.

With plantation management investments in Brazil, Panama and USA, they continue to engage with global investors including Indian sustainability funds, to boost investments in the sustainable forestry economy.



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ported by various trade agreements and bilateral trade forums.

While Colombian investment in India is estimated to be \$5 million, India's investment in Colombia has been noteworthy at \$300 million, excluding ONGC Videsh's investment, wherein Indian companies in Colombia are mainly concentrated in the oil, IT, pharmaceutical, agrochemicals, infrastructure and two-wheeler sectors. Against the backdrop of Indian companies participating in oil exploration and production, contributing to Colombia's energy sector, the cooperation has not only boosted economic ties but also fostered technological and expertise exchange between the two countries.

Bridging cultures

A key aspect of India-Colombia relations, cultural exchanges have been of vital importance in strengthening the people-to-people ties between India, the most populated country and the fifth-largest economy globally, and Colombia, Latin America's fourth-largest economy bestowed with an abundance of rich cultural heritage and natural beauty. In April 2023, India and Colombia signed the Cultural Exchange Programme 2023-26 during the visit of the External Affairs Minister from India to Colombia to deepen mutual cultural appreciation and understanding.

Central to the exchange of both countries' rich cultural heritage are myriads of cultural events, festivals, performances, film shows and exhibitions organised regularly by the respective embassies to promote cultural understanding and boost people-to-people connections. Alongside Yoga's immense popularity in Colombia, Indian festivals, dances, music, gastronomy and spirituality are of particular interest to Colombians, while Colombian music, dance, cuisine and literature have found enthusiasts in India.

Looking ahead

As India and Colombia celebrate six and a half decades of exemplary diplomatic relations, both nations look forward to a prosperous future filled with opportunities for further collaboration and mutual growth while their friendly ties continue to flourish. The commitment to strengthening bilateral ties remains strong, with both countries continuously exploring new avenues for cooperation building on the strong foundation laid in the past decades.

Centered on shared values and a common vision, the future looks promising for an even more dynamic and fruitful bilateral relationship between India and Colombia in the years to come.

Glimpses from the National Day Reception



A nation of cultural & natural richness

COLOMBIA is the most biodiverse country per square kilometre in the world. Managing this biodiversity is crucial for the social and economic development of a large portion of the population. As a result, biodiversity is a key concern for national economic policy. The country's diverse landscape is shaped by the Andes mountain range, which runs from north to south, and is bordered by the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea and the Pacific Ocean.

The entire eastern part of the country sits upon the basins of the Orinoco and Amazon rivers. The specific climate, fauna, and flora of each of those regions generate over 300 unique ecosystems. With amphibians, reptiles, corals, birds, mammals, orchids, flowers, palm trees and so many other animals and plants, Colombia is home to about 10% of the planet's biodiversity. In total, there are over 50,000 species in the country, of which 14% are endemic.

In fact, per square kilometre, the country is the most biodiverse. There are more bird, amphibian, butterfly, and frog species here than anywhere else



in the world. Colombia is one of the most biodiverse countries in the world, known for its rich cultural, ethnic, and natural diversity.

Colombia's cultural and ethnic diversity is a rich tapestry woven from its varied ethnic groups. The

majority of Colombians are mestizos, people of mixed European and indigenous descent, reflecting the country's colonial history and its complex social fabric. Indigenous peoples, such as the Wayuu, Embera, and Kogi, contribute to Colombia's cultural mosaic with their unique languages and traditions.

Colombia's biodiversity is unparalleled, making it the second most biodiverse country in the world. The nation is home to an astounding variety of flora and fauna, including more bird species than any other country, along with a rich array of mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. This incredible biodiversity is supported by Colombia's diverse ecosystems, which range from the lush, dense Amazon rainforest and the towering Andean mountains to the tropical Caribbean and Pacific coasts and the vast, open Llanos (savannas).

Colombia's diversity is not just a point of national pride but also a critical factor in its global recognition. The blend of cultural richness and natural abundance makes Colombia a unique and vibrant country.

A captivating destination for travellers

COLOMBIA, a land of incredible diversity, vibrant culture, and stunning landscapes, is a gem in the heart of South America. From the pristine beaches of the Caribbean coast to the lush Amazon rainforest, Colombia offers a unique blend of natural beauty and rich cultural heritage that attracts tourists from all over the world. This article explores into Colombia's multifaceted culture and tourism opportunities, highlighting the key attractions and cultural experiences that make it a must-visit destination. Colombia's culture is a vibrant tapestry created from its indigenous heritage, Spanish colonial influence, African roots, and contemporary artistic expressions. This rich mosaic is reflected in its music, dance, festivals, and daily life.

Colombia is synonymous with rhythm and dance. It is the birthplace of several iconic music genres, including Cumbia, Vallenato, and Salsa.

Festivals in Colombia are a testament to the country's rich cultural diversity. The Flower Festival in Medellín, with its vibrant parades and floral displays, celebrates the region's floriculture. Colombia has produced world-renowned artists and writers, including the Nobel Prize-winning author Gabriel García Márquez.

Colombia's diverse geography offers a wealth of natural wonders and tourist attractions that cater to all types of travelers. The Caribbean coast is famed for its white sandy beaches and crystal-clear waters. Destinations like Cartagena, with its historic walled city and vibrant nightlife, and the Rosario Islands, known for their coral reefs, are popular among tourists.

The Andean region, home to the bustling cities of Bogotá and Medellín, is characterised by stunning mountain landscapes and fertile valleys. The Coffee Triangle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is renowned for its picturesque coffee plantations



The Amazon rainforest in southern Colombia is a paradise for nature lovers. Leticia, the gateway to this vast and biodiverse region, offers tourists the chance to explore the jungle and encounter exotic wildlife

and charming rural towns. Visitors can tour coffee farms, learn about the coffee-making process, and enjoy the breathtaking scenery.

The Amazon rainforest in southern Colombia is a paradise for nature lovers and adventure seekers. The town of Leticia serves as the gateway to this vast and biodiverse region, where tourists can explore the jungle, encounter exotic wildlife, and interact with indigenous communities.

Colombian cuisine is as diverse as its culture, offering a variety of flavours and dishes that reflect the country's regional diversity. From the hearty Bandeja Paisa of the Andean region to the coastal delicacies like Arepas de Huevo and Cazuela de Mariscos, there is something to tantalise every palate. Street food, such as Empanadas and Arepas, provides a quick and delicious taste of Colombian culinary traditions.

Colombia's rich culture and diverse tourist attractions make it a captivating destination for travelers seeking unique experiences. Whether it's dancing to the rhythms of Cumbia, exploring the pristine beaches of the Caribbean, or trekking through the Amazon rainforest, Colombia offers a myriad of adventures. The country's warm hospitality and vibrant spirit ensure that visitors leave with unforgettable memories and a deep appreciation for its cultural and natural treasures. As Colombia continues to emerge as a top travel destination, it promises to enchant and inspire all who venture to explore its wonders.



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India's partnership with Colombia goes a long way back. Besides diplomatic ties, it includes trade that has crossed USD 3.5 billion and involves the oil and minerals sector, where **ONGC Videsh Limited** has a significant presence. While rejoicing at having come this far, we look forward to many more years of continued partnership.



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Supporting SME global integration: Key economic growth in India and Colombia

TODAY, a major challenge for governments is integrating small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) into the global economy. These businesses face difficulties not only in their operations but also in understanding international trade dynamics. Successful integration will improve economic indicators, boost local production, and enhance overall well-being for their stakeholders.

In this regard, it is important for both India and Colombia to support this type of initiative so that small and medium-sized companies can exorcise their fear of exporting and strengthen their skills when it comes to going out of their comfort zone.

Likewise, ProColombia, a government entity attached to the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism oversees promoting exports, attracting foreign investment, promoting tourism and managing the country brand that during the government of President Gustavo Petro (2022-2026) is "Colombia the country of beauty".

To achieve this objective, the "Internationalisation Factories" programme was created at the initiative of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism and its implementation was delegated to ProColombia, which seeks to encourage SMEs with no experience in international issues to prioritise the increase of non-energy mining exports, promote an export culture at the corporate level regardless of their size, and expand the exporting business network.

This programme identifies the main shortcomings of small and medium-sized companies such as the lack of a business model aimed at the internationalisation of their products; lack of personnel trained in logistics; lack of knowledge of customs procedures; inefficiency in the management of



time and costs in exports; lack of strategic alliances; failure to identify vulnerabilities in export channels, such as poor management of e-commerce; lack of knowledge of the diversity of requirements other than those of production, such as halal and kosher certificates, among others.

The programme also aims to address social disparities by supporting the inclusion of companies and producers from diverse racial backgrounds, sexual orientations, migratory origins, and those with special needs and disabilities. To date, it has assisted 193 women-led businesses with over 2,400 interventions, resulting in approximately \$5 million in exports. Additionally, 20 peasant companies have received more than 180 interventions, reflecting movements of over \$25 million and benefiting 4,000 families directly. Nine companies formed by victims of Colombia's internal con-

flict have received over 120 interventions and have exported more than \$50,000.

This Internationalisation factories programme supports excellence for export, has a mentoring programme for knowledge transfer, supports international expansion and generates sustainable projects especially for indigenous populations, women, and peasant communities, among others.

This technical assistance enables small and medium-sized enterprises to integrate sustainable development goals (SDGs) such as ending poverty (Goal 1), achieving gender equality (Goal 5), promoting decent work and economic growth (Goal 8), and reducing inequality (Goal 10) into their daily operations. Consequently, SDGs are no longer just aspirational but are actively realised through this policy, enhancing the internationalisation processes of these companies.

A key challenge for governments globally is integrating SMEs into the global economy. For countries like India and Colombia, it's crucial to support SMEs in overcoming export fears and developing the skills needed to succeed internationally

In that order of ideas, these companies assume a commitment to export under the rules of sustainable development, to internationalise their territories under a culture for export, reaffirms the commitment of the Global South and generates the possibility of creating mechanisms for the exchange of successful experiences, activating these initiatives in the field of multilateralism.

ProColombia values sharing this experience with India due to its diverse population and vast territory. We believe that synergies can be found to support the internationalisation of small and medium-sized enterprises, whether they are near or far from urban centres. These enterprises hold great potential to drive development, achieve economic self-sufficiency, and enhance the well-being of their communities.

By Alfonso Soria,
Director of ProColombia-India

Colombia seeks Indian investment to boost trade

COLOMBIA'S beauty cannot be described. Through the central area are the snow covered volcanoes and mountains of the Andes; the North and West are lined with tropical beaches; the desert in the North and the vast grasslands of Los Llanos in the East! That's Colombia, a unique South American country situated uniquely with coastlines on both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, Colombia is one of just 12 nations globally with a sustainable tourism policy. 2023 marked its best year for tourism, welcoming over 6 million international travelers. As the fourth-largest economy in the region, Colombia is also recognised for its economic stability within Latin America.

Bogota, the bustling capital, hosts a diverse array of industries, including textiles, pharmaceuticals, aeronautics, and automotive sectors, making it an ideal hub for manufacturing and distribution. The city is a prime destination for international businesses looking to expand in Latin America. With its competitive costs, well-educated and skilled workforce, and access to raw materials, Colombia provides an excellent location for manufacturing operations.



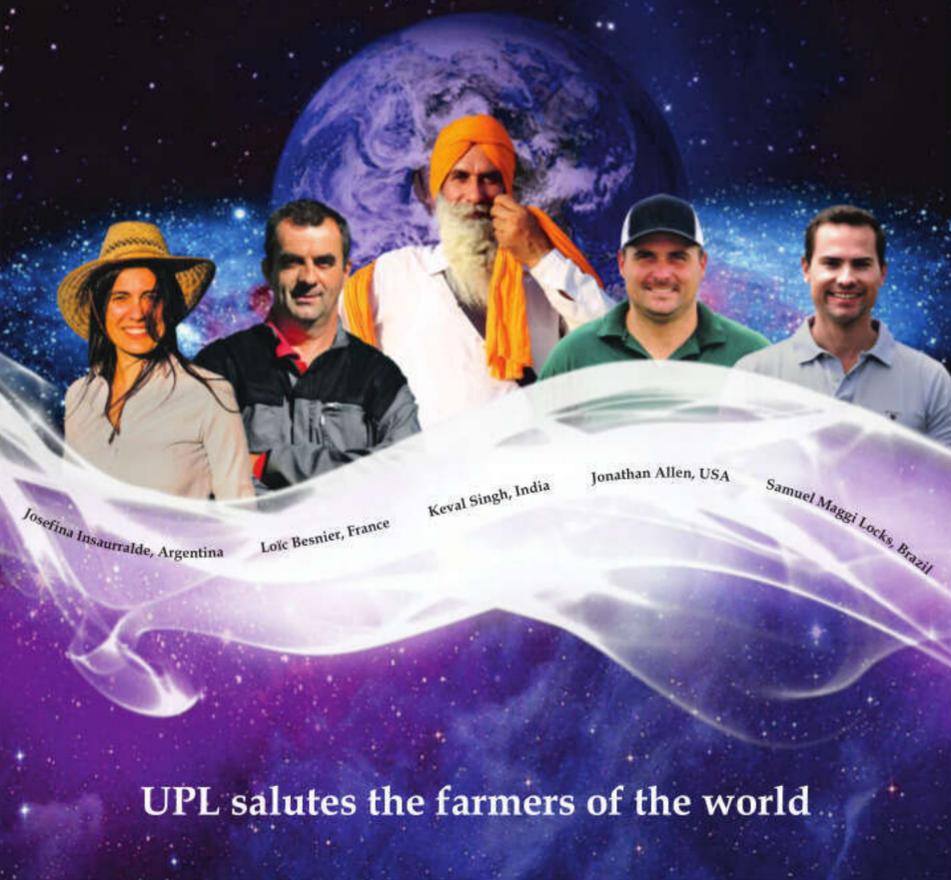
Pradip Madhavji
Honorary Consul of Colombia in Mumbai

Colombia and India celebrate 65 years of diplomatic relations this year, and business alliances between the two countries are growing rapidly. With plenty of opportunities for bilateral trade and investments by Indian companies in various sectors, the Colombian government is committed to attracting investment that contributes to building lasting peace.

Need to know - Colombia:

- National language, Spanish, a global dialect with about 500 million native speakers. Is the official language in 20 countries; the world's fourth most spoken language after English, Mandarin and Hindi
- World's leading source of emeralds
- Rich coffee culture - third largest exporter of coffee in the world
- Cuisine influenced by indigenous Colombian, Spanish, and African flavours, with a slight Arabic influence in some regions
- Leads in bird, butterfly and orchid species

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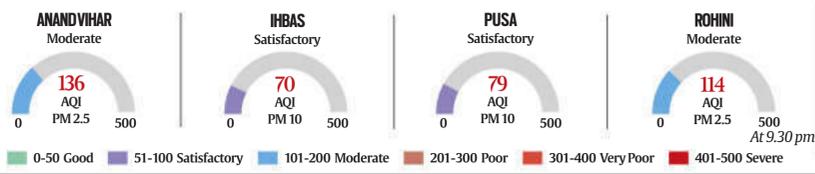


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SKY WATCH
July 25
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MAX: 34 | **MIN: 26**
0.9°C below normal | 1.3°C below normal

8 IAS officers shifted in major reshuffle, posted in Delhi

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR V K Saxena on Wednesday effected the transfer of over half a dozen senior Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Delhi, Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshadweep, Daman and Diu and Dadra and Nagar Haveli (Civil) Services (DANICS) officers across departments under the Delhi government as well as those beyond its jurisdiction.

In the transfers and postings announced by the Delhi government's services department, six IAS officers, who were part of the overhaul, were awaiting postings and belonged to the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) or Central cadre and batches from 1996 to 2008.

After the passage of the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (Amendment) Act, 2023, the transfers and postings of all IAS and DANICS officers are done by the three-member National Capital Civil Services Authority (NCCSA).

The body, which is chaired by the Delhi Chief Minister and has the Delhi Chief Secretary as well as Principal Secretary Home as the remaining two members, has the power to recommend the transfer, posting, and vigilance matters related to all IAS and DANICS officers in the capital and last met in January this year. A senior government official said that the appointments made on Wednesday fell under

the sole purview of the L-G's Secretariat; bureaucratic sources said the Delhi government was also "consulted" on the postings. Anbarasu, a 1996-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT (Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory) cadre — who held three significant charges, including that of the Principal Secretary, Public Works Department, Trade and Taxes as well as the CEO of the Delhi Jal Board — was relieved of the charge of Principal Secretary, Trade and Taxes.

Nikhil Kumar, a 2000-batch IAS AGMUT cadre officer, has been posted as the Secretary, Land & Building. A 2008-batch officer, Chanchal Yadav, has been posted as the Secretary (Home). Arti Lal Sharma of the 2010 batch has been posted in the Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

While Jitender Yadav of the 2010 batch has been posted as the Additional Commissioner in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Ravi Jha of the 2011 batch has been posted as the Deputy Commissioner (New Delhi). Marathe Onkar Gopal, a 2008-batch DANICS officer, has been posted in the MCD as well.

As part of the exercise, 2009-batch AGMUT cadre IAS officer Krishna Mohan Uppu, who was posted as Excise Commissioner and had the additional charge as the Secretary of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC), was relieved of the former charge and given full charge of Secretary, NDMC.

CHARGESHEET POINTS AT SEVERAL LAPSES

'No fire safety, unqualified staff at hospital where 7 babies died'

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

NO FIRE safety equipment, no qualified nurses, the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) housing more beds than sanctioned strength, and more cylinders than prescribed being stored in a hazardous manner: These are among the details included by the Delhi Police as part of its chargesheet in the Vivek Vihar fire case.

Seven newborns were killed and four other infants rescued after a massive fire broke out at the Baby Care New Born Hospital on the night of May 25.

The 796-page chargesheet with 81 witnesses was filed before a Metropolitan Magistrate at Karkardooma court Monday; its cognizance is yet to be taken.

A senior officer, aware of the contents of the chargesheet, said, "The documents received from the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS) proves that in 2021, the facility was granted licence to run the NICU of five beds for three years. However, the renewal application was under submission with DGHS."

The cause of the fire has not been concluded by the Delhi Police in its chargesheet and reports of forensic experts, Delhi Fire Services, Electrical Inspector and an MCD team have been placed on record.

Some of the violations that found mention in the chargesheet include:

■ The accused persons were

NEGLIGENCE FLAGGED

Hospital strength: The facility had 12 beds despite permission to host only 5

Fire safety: No document available to show measures were installed and devised in the hospital

Unqualified staff: Only BAMS doctors were deployed to take care of infants as against a Registered Medical Practitioner. Unqualified nurses were also deployed.

Cylinders: There were 31 cylinders on the premises, in contrast to permission of only 20.



The fire broke out on the night of May 25. File

Delay in informing police: The doctor-on-duty did not make a PCR call, which caused a delay of 30 minutes in reporting the matter to police

running the NICU for 12 beds in "violation of licence for five beds only," said the official quoted above.

■ No fire safety as there was no document available on the application file to show that measures were installed and devised in the hospital. This is in violation of Delhi Nursing Home Registration Act and Delhi Nursing Home Registration Rules, 2011, said the official.

■ The facility did not have enough space, or permission, for 12 beds.

■ Only BAMS (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery) doctors were deployed to take care of NICU infants as against a Registered Medical Practitioner having a valid DMC (Delhi Medical Council) certificate, mentioning a

postgraduate degree in ICU and NICU.

■ No qualified nurses were deployed at the hospital. According to rules, nurses should have a minimum qualification of GNM (General Nursing and Midwifery) along with an experience certificate of working in a 10-bedded ICU for one year.

■ The owner, Dr Naveen Khichi, had a case lodged against him in 2019 for alleged violation in another baby care centre, which was sub-judice in court. Despite this, the DGHS had issued a licence to the NICU.

■ The building had 31 cylinders at the time of the incident. However, at the time of issuance of licence, the accused had given a declaration that he will only have 20 cylinders (Five of Category B,

and 15 of Category D) on the premises. Besides, the cylinders were stored in a hazardous manner, according to the chargesheet.

■ The owner has also been charged under section 75 of JJ (Juvenile Justice) Act which pertains to punishment for cruelty to children. Another officer, aware of the contents of the chargesheet, stated, "The nursing staff on duty stated that the owner of the nursing home allowed the other male staff members to cook on the rooftop. Despite the issue being pointed out to Dr Khichi, it was ignored." The official further said investigation found that the structural design of the nursing home was not safe for emergency. "Accused kept the inflammable material i.e., bundles of old papers, wooden debris (on the premises), which became inflammable in prevalent scorching hot weather. Those materials aggravated the fire," said the official.

The chargesheet, according to sources, also stated that two eyewitnesses were examined who saw the spread of the fire and also made the PCR call. "Dr Akash (the doctor-on-duty) was seen calling on the phone but he did not make a PCR call...this caused a delay of 30 minutes in reporting the matter to police," said the officer.

Further, autopsy revealed that the infants died of flame burns, according to the chargesheet.

Following the fire, Dr Khichi along with Dr Akash, who was in-charge of the NICU on the night of the incident, were arrested by the Delhi Police.

AFTER WOMAN DIES IN DTC BUS ACCIDENT

Alcohol test, roster review among steps to curb bus accidents

GAYATHRI MANI
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

TAKING CUES from the pre-flight drug and alcohol testing for pilots and cabin crew members in the aviation industry, the Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System Limited (DIMTS) is set to conduct random testing of drivers and conductors of cluster buses for alcohol consumption before the allocation of the duty roster, officials said. The move comes after a 55-year-old woman was killed and 23 passengers were injured when a DTC bus rammied into a Metro pillar in West Delhi's Punjab Bagh.

The directions were issued in a meeting on Tuesday held by the DIMTS to discuss the accident. The meeting was attended by all the cluster bus providers, depot managers, and regional managers to deliberate upon the accidents and discuss a slew of measures to prevent such incidents from happening again, said officials.

"Random testing was done earlier also but it was done in the

night and second shifts...But now, the DIMTS has decided to conduct daily checks in the morning shift before the driver and conductor get onboard for their shift," said a senior DIMTS official. "Apart from this, random or surprise checks will also be conducted during duty. Directions have been issued to all depot managers and cluster providers to increase the random checkings at all the cluster bus depots," the official added. Officials also said that the DIMTS has also decided to strengthen the duty allocation system so that no overworked driver is deployed on duty.

"Every time whenever there is an accident, the entire incident is studied and analysed to see where was the fault — if there was any issue in the bus, was it raining or faulty road. So here in this case, we assume that the driver did not get proper rest. He is usually deployed in the second shift but on the day of the accident, he was deployed in the morning shift. We are assuming that he did not get proper rest or he was coping with the morning shift," said the officials.

	2022		2023		2024
	Entire Year	Upto July 15	Entire Year	Upto July 15	Upto July 15
Total Accidents	107	60	103	60	33
Persons Injured	97	48	101	56	--
Killed	25	16	30	25	7

Man faces action for posing on bonnet of moving car in Spider-Man costume



The man posed on the bonnet of the car in Dwarka, on Monday. X/delhipolice

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

DRESSING UP as 'Spider-Man' and posing on the bonnet of a moving car in Dwarka landed a West Delhi resident in trouble who was apprehended by the police on Monday. Besides, the driver and owner of the car were also prosecuted. The Delhi Traffic Police took note of the offence after people complained on social media about the episode. The man who dressed up as Spider-Man has been identified as Aditya, 20, who is a Najafgarh resident. The driver was identified as Gaurav Singh, 19, a resident of Mahavir Enclave.

"The car was registered in the name of the driver's father. We have registered a case for negligent driving, driving without a pollution certificate, and driving without seat belt," said a police

official. "The youngsters were making videos for attention on social media," he said.

A fine of Rs 26,000 was imposed for dangerous driving and other violations, officials said.

According to the police, they received a complaint on social media platform X about a Scorpio car seen on Dwarka roads with a person dressed as Spiderman on its bonnet. Police traced the car and located the occupants near Ramphal Chowk, Dwarka.

"Such reckless behaviour on the roads will not be tolerated, and strict action will be taken against offenders to uphold the law and protect the lives of road users," Delhi Police said as it urged citizens to report any instance of dangerous driving or traffic violations promptly.

"Public cooperation is vital in maintaining road safety and ensuring the smooth flow of traffic in the city," an officer said.

WAS WANTED IN 2 OTHER SIMILAR CASES

Man, convicted in rape case earlier, held for raping 3-year-old

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
GURGAON, JULY 24

A 50-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested from Madhya Pradesh for allegedly raping a 3-year-old girl in Gurgaon, police said. The accused, identified as Ratan who hails from Bahihari in Madhya Pradesh, had previously served a 10-year sentence for raping a 5-year-old girl, officials added. He was wanted in two other rape cases. Police said they have contacted other state police for information on unsolved cases.

The case was registered at a police station in Gurgaon on April 26 after a woman lodged a complaint that she and her husband worked as labourers. The accused had come to the site where they worked. He slept outside their room the previous night.

"When the woman woke up in the night, her daughter was not in the room, and the person was also not outside. Next morning, she was found unconscious near their room with injury marks on her body," said police spokesperson ASI Sandeep.



AS IT RAINED....

Intense spells of rain in several parts of the capital in the early hours on Wednesday caused waterlogging, traffic snarls and uprooting of trees. Meanwhile, residents in the city grappled with high humidity levels. The IMD has issued a yellow alert (be aware) for the capital till Thursday. The maximum temperature recorded on Tuesday was 36.2 degrees Celsius which was a notch above normal and minimum temperature on Wednesday was 24.8 which is 2.5 notches below normal. Gajendra Yadav

Mughal-era coins, helmet that doubled as cooking vessel: What's inside Humayun's Tomb museum

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

DID YOU know that Humayun travelled three times more than Marco Polo, the famed explorer, covering 34,000 kilometers in his life? Or that he was so obsessed with astronomy and astrology that he wore a specific colour each day of the week to align with the planet of the day? Or that he was so fond of books that he used to carry his libraries on camelbacks during his travels?

Such fascinating nuggets about the life of the second Mughal Emperor and more will be highlighted as the long-awaited Humayun's Tomb World Heritage Site Museum, situated between Sunder Nursery and Humayun's Tomb in Nizamuddin, will be inaugurated on July 29.

"For every world heritage site, UNESCO recommends a center for historical and cultural knowledge. Visitors quickly re-



Glimpses of the museum; (right) A visitor clicks a photograph. Amit Mehra

alise that this is not just a tomb and often end up visiting all the heritage sites in the area. The idea is to promote tourism and help people understand this place and its history better," explained Ratish Nanda, the project director for the museum.

The museum, managed by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), is part of a larger conservation effort encompassing the 300-acre Humayun's Tomb-

Sunder Nursery-Nizamuddin Basti area of Delhi. Upon entering the museum, visitors are greeted with a 40-foot-wide 3D illustration and architectural models highlighting World Heritage monuments along the Yamuna River.

At the entrance, a wall features a map detailing Delhi's 2,500-year history, illustrating its seven ancient cities. Designed like a baoli (step-



Glimpses of the museum; (right) A visitor clicks a photograph. Amit Mehra

well), the museum building is set underground. It includes a 100-seat auditorium, temporary galleries, cafés, meeting rooms, and a library. "When curating objects for a museum, we look for a narrative. We have been very specific in selecting pieces to build this story," Nanda explained during a tour of the museum.

Among the most interesting artefacts that narrate Humayun's story is a pear-shaped water ves-

CATTLE FEEDING ON GARBAGE, AUTHORITIES UNABLE TO STOP: HC

High Court amid concern over landfill proximity: Relocate Bhalswa dairy to Ghogha colony

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

THE DELHI High Court has directed the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB), Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD), and Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to take immediate steps for shifting all dairies from Bhalswa to Ghogha Dairy Colony within four weeks. The directions came after the High Court noted the "inability" of the authorities to take action to stop milk cattle from feeding on garbage from the landfills near Bhalswa and Ghazipur.

The bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora was dealing with a petition where the "bad" condition of all nine designated dairy colonies in Delhi was highlighted. The High Court had earlier asked the central government to explore the feasibility of shifting Ghazipur and Bhalswa

dairy colonies outside the city as they are situated next to landfill sites, which is "very dangerous". After the latest hearing on July 19, the High Court recorded in its order, "The statutory authorities charged with compliance with these rules to protect the animals have completely failed in their duty and in this process, not only have they turned a blind eye to the cruelty met out to these animals but have also ignored the fatal effect it has had on the quality of milk produced by these animals and which is being sold for consumption to the residents of the state."

"The milk being sold from these animals is unsafe for consumption and despite this issue being highlighted in the Court in the last several hearings, the concerned statutory authorities are unable to get out of their slumber and take remedial steps in these colonies to ensure that the cattle have safe space, medical facilities, and grazing ground to stop them from feeding on the garbage of the landfills," it added.

The HC's directions came after the Court was informed that unutilised land — up to 83 acres — was available at the Ghogha Dairy Colony while the land required to shift Bhalswa Dairy Colony would be 30 acres. The HC further directed that with the shifting, the existing dairy plots of Bhalswa Dairy Colony will be reverted to the land-owning agency. The HC also clarified that while dairy plot allottees have illegally converted the use of these dairy plots into commercial and residential uses even though they were to be exclusively used as cattle sheds, no equities can be claimed by the occupants of the superstructures. Meanwhile, the High Court directed the MCD commissioner, under whose jurisdiction the Ghogha Dairy falls, to hold a meeting next week for drawing up a detailed layout plan for the Ghogha Dairy Colony. The HC has further sought that the detailed layout plan be placed before the court before the next date of hearing, scheduled for August 23.

els, administration, interest in reading, astrology, the arts, and his patronage of architecture. Another gallery, called the 'Icons of a Sacred Landscape', highlights four cultural figures associated with the Nizamuddin area from 14th century: Sufi Saint Hazrat Nizamuddin Auliya, his disciple and poet Amir Khusrav Dehalvi, Rahim (a commander-in-chief of Akbar's army and poet), and Dara Shukoh (known for translating the Upanishads into Persian).

The artefacts displayed in the museum are on loan from the National Museum for 10 years.

The museum also features artefacts from other Mughal rulers. Among the exhibits are coins from the reigns of 18 Mughal-era kings and the throne of Bahadur Shah Zafar, the last Mughal emperor. "Coins from Akbar's era have 'Allah' on one side and 'Ram' on the other.

Coins from Jahangir's era were the most expensive, and those minted by Bahadur Shah Zafar are the hardest to find," Nanda said, pointing to the display.

9 IN PARLIAMENT BUDGET SESSION

BRIEFLY

Enough funds to tackle heatwave: Govt

New Delhi: Money available to states from the National and State Disaster Response fund is enough to tackle heatwaves and thus they were not notified in the 'national disaster' list, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences Jitendra Singh told the Lok Sabha Wednesday. Heatwaves are currently not included in the 'national disaster' list, which includes cyclone, drought, earthquake, fire, flood, tsunami, hailstorm, landslide, avalanche, cloud burst, pest attack and frost and cold wave. Singh was responding to a question by Congress MP Sukhdeo Bhagat. Singh said the 15th Finance Commission had considered the inclusion of more calamities in the list, but did not find much merit in the request. **ENS**

'28 terrorists killed in J&K in past few days'

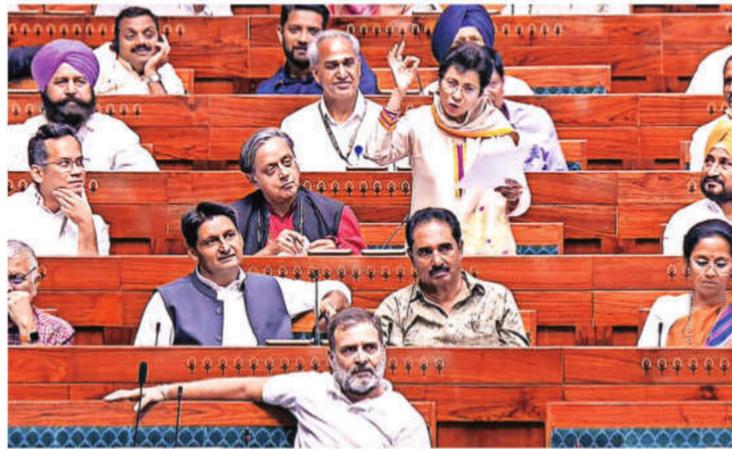
New Delhi: Minister of State for Home Affairs Nityanand Rai Wednesday told the Rajya Sabha that 28 terrorists had been killed by security forces in J&K in the "past few days", while the number of soldiers who lost their lives was "much less". Replying to a question by BJP MP Dinesh Sharma on tourism in J&K, Rai was asked a supplementary question by Congress MP Pramod Tiwari about the number of soldiers who have died on the borders in the past 10 days. Saying that the Congress MP was politicising the issue, he said the number of deaths of civilians and forces had gone down in the past 10 years compared to the UPA government's 10-year rule from 2004 to 2014. He said the security forces had killed around 900 terrorists since the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. The tourism sector in the UT has witnessed unprecedented growth after 2019, the minister said. **ENS**

All depts asked to fill reserved vacancies: Govt

New Delhi: All Union government ministries and departments have been asked to form an in-house committee for the identification of backlog reserved vacancies and fill them through special recruitment drives, MoS in Personnel Jitendra Singh told the Lok Sabha. In response to another question, he said reservation in posts and services under the Centre is provided to SC, ST and OBC in communities at 15%, 7.5% and 27% respectively on direct recruitment on an all-India basis. **PTI**

Barbs over 'Budget bonanza' for Andhra, Bihar

LS: Opp says lot of kindness for 2 states, BJP says all kept in mind



Congress leaders including Rahul Gandhi and Kumari Selja in Lok Sabha on Wednesday. **PTI**

ASAD REHMAN
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

THE OPPOSITION said in Lok Sabha Wednesday that the Union Budget was designed to save the coalition government at the Centre, alluding to the budgetary provisions for Andhra Pradesh and Bihar which are ruled by BJP allies TDP and JD(U), respectively. The Congress said it appears like the BJP has given up on the upcoming elections in Maharashtra, Haryana and J&K as there is not much for them in the Budget.

The BJP hit back saying that while Andhra and Bihar may not figure in "Congress account", the government has all states in mind. The TDP and JD(U) thanked the Centre for what their states got.

Initiating the discussion on the Budget, Congress MP Selja Kumari said she is thankful to the Finance Minister for "showing a big heart and reading the Congress manifesto" — a reiteration of the party's claim that the government has borrowed its ideas. "We prepared it with a lot of hard work... They kept their guarantees on the side and used our manifesto. What do I say to this Budget? Whether to call it Kursi Bachao Budget or shaken-up Budget or Jumla

Budget? We see jumlas in this." "A lot of kindness has been shown towards two states. It doesn't seem a lot has been given to other states," she said.

She cautioned JD(U) chief Nitish Kumar and TDP chief N Chandrababu Naidu to not go by what the BJP says. "It doesn't take them time to look the other way." Referring to the upcoming polls in Haryana, Maharashtra and J&K, she said: "It seems the government has already given up. These states were not mentioned (in the Budget)."

BJP MP from Tripura Biplab Kumar Deb countered her saying that under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, a transparent economic system has been put in place. "Selja ji was talking about two states. It is possible that Bihar and Andhra Pradesh are not in Congress account. It is in our account, and so are all the other states," he said. Praising the youth internship provision, Deb said that through a portal, one crore youth will get a chance to do internships.

Congress MP Shashi Tharoor said the Union Budget reflects the government's "economic mismanagement and financial recklessness". He said the brakes of the Indian economy have fallen off but the government's horn keeps

getting louder. "This overwhelming Budget is a woefully missed opportunity," he said.

TDP MP Mathukumilli Bharat said he would like to remind the Opposition that when the UPA-II government came to power, it did not have the magic numbers. "Compared to then, we are much stronger now," he said. "I would like to specifically appreciate the Finance Minister and PM for the support of Rs 15,000 crore for Amravati in the current financial year and the commitment for more in the coming years."

JD(U)'s Dinesh Chandra Yadav said no one should have an objection if a backward state received funds in the Budget. "Seeing the backwardness of the state, the allocation was given to Bihar, and we are grateful for that," he said.

NCP (SP)'s Supriya Sule said the Budget has failed to address the issues facing the country, including agrarian distress. She also said the government should hold Assembly elections in J&K.

Later, a remark by BJP MP Abhijit Gangopadhyay, a former judge of the Calcutta HC, against Opposition members led to an uproar. After Congress's Gaurav Gogoi registered his protest, the Speaker informed the House that the remark has been expunged.



TMC's Abhishek Banerjee at Parliament on Wednesday. **ANI**

Modi govt is on borrowed time, it will implode soon, says Abhishek

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

TRINAMOOL CONGRESS leader Abhishek Banerjee Wednesday claimed Prime Minister Narendra Modi is leading a "creaky, shaky and vulnerable" coalition government that is running on borrowed time.

Taking part in the Budget discussion in Lok Sabha, he said the government was looking after the interests of only two states, ignoring all other citizens.

"Waqf badal gaya (times have changed). Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads a creaky, shaky NDA coalition government, waiting to blow up. Rather than investing in the future of the country, it is unfortunate that the Union government is investing in Modi's political survival at the expense of the nation's well-being," said the MP from Diamond Harbour.

"The truth is, the honourable PM is on borrowed time. You are all on borrowed time. *Kursi ki peti bandh lijiye. Mausam bigadne wala hai* (fasten your seat belts. The weather is set to worsen)," he said.

He said the Budget was an "anti-people" document crafted to bribe two political parties and buy time before the government "implodes".

In RS, Opp says no focus on inflation, jobs; govt counters



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Rajya Sabha. **PTI**

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

A DAY after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the Budget, Opposition parties in Rajya Sabha accused the Centre of splurging on the ally-ruled Andhra Pradesh and Bihar at the cost of other states. They also said the government had failed to address crucial issues such as inflation and unemployment.

Leading the discussion was former finance minister and senior Congress leader P Chidambaram. "I am particularly happy that she (Sitharaman) had an opportunity to read the Congress manifesto. I would urge friends on treasury benches to read the Congress manifesto so that in your party meetings, you can persuade the prime minister and the finance minister to take some more ideas from our manifesto," he said.

Chidambaram also took issue with Sitharaman's brief mention of inflation. "The Finance Minister dismissed the subject of inflation in 10 words. WPI inflation is 3.4%, CPI inflation is 5.1%, food inflation is 9.1%. Go into the hinterlands of India, the inflation is much higher," he said.



Cong MP P Chidambaram in Rajya Sabha Wednesday. **PTI**

The Congress MP also put forward five demands to the government: A daily minimum wage of ₹400; legal guarantee for minimum support price, a core demand for protesting farmers; a write-off of the unpaid balance of education loans till March; removal of the Agnipath scheme; and scrapping of NEET for states that do not want it.

Chidambaram also said that before April 2024, the BJP did not act upon demands made by Bihar, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha "just because the political leadership changed in these states, BJP instantly changed its attitude," he said.

INDIA bloc ally TMC alleged that India is more unequal now than in the 1920s, during colo-

nial rule. MP Sagarika Ghosh said Andhra Pradesh and Bihar are receiving the largesse only because they have allied with the NDA.

BJD MP Sujeet Kumar also said Andhra Pradesh and Bihar received a "budget bonanza". "We don't begrudge this budget bonanza for Bihar and AP. But why the step-motherly treatment for other states?" he said.

The BJP and its allies sought to blunt the Opposition attack. Asom Gana Parishad MP Birendra Prasad Baishya said the success of any economic policy depends on agriculture, services and benefits, adding that the government has given equal importance to manufacturing, the agricultural sector and services.

BJP MP from UP Radha Mohan Das Agrawal read out indices to explain that India is moving ahead at a great speed. "The Opposition is acting like they are not seeing it, and PM Modi is lifting the people of India from poverty, particularly multidimensional poverty," he said.

Shiv Sena MP Milind Deora said government should direct its actions to create onshore jobs lost to China; rework supply chains and reduce dependence on countries that can become hostile; and greening the economy.

Rly Ministry allocated ₹1,112.57 cr for Kavach in FY25, says Vaishnaw

ENS & PTI
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

A SUM of ₹1,112.57 crore has been allocated for the installation of the Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system Kavach in the financial year of 2024-25, Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

Responding to the questions raised by DMK MPs Kanimozhi Karunanidhi and Rani Srikumar on the details regarding the funds allocated and utilised for installation of Kavach system in the country, Vaishnaw said: "The funds utilised on Kavach works so far is ₹1,216.77 crore. The allocation of funds during the year 2024-25 is ₹1,112.57 crore."



Kavach is an indigenous automatic train protection system. "Kavach aids the loco pilot in running the train within specified speed limits by automatic application of brakes," Vaishnaw said. On a day the Opposition protested against alleged discrimination towards non-NDA states, Vaishnaw gave a detailed account of railway projects in Andhra Pradesh. "Andhra Pradesh is a very important state... this is a historical budget allocation for development of the state," he said.

At meet, farmer delegation reminds Rahul of MSP promise, he says will pressure govt

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, LUDHIANA, JULY 24

THE INDIA bloc will put pressure on the government and will explore all possibilities, including moving a Private Member's Bill, to ensure farmers get a legal guarantee for MSP. Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi told a 12-member delegation of farm union leaders during a meeting in Parliament House on Wednesday.

In the nearly 45-minute meeting, the delegation of farmer leaders from Punjab, Haryana, UP, Telangana, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka apprised Gandhi of their issues, specifically the long-pending demand of a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their crops. Gandhi assured the farm leaders — repre-



The farm leaders in Parliament on Wednesday. **PTI**

sentatives of Sayunkt Kisan Morcha (non-political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha — that the legal guarantee for the MSP was their right and the INDIA bloc will ensure they get it.

"We will have a discussion with INDIA bloc leaders and will

put pressure on the government to ensure that the farmers get a legal guarantee for MSP," Rahul told reporters after the meeting. "In our manifesto, MSP with a legal guarantee was promised. We have done an assessment and that can be done."

Jagjit Singh Dallewal, coordinator of SKM (non-political), said, "At the meeting, we reminded Rahul Gandhi of his election promise. Before the Lok Sabha elections, his party manifesto had promised a legal guarantee for MSP on crops. The people have given them the role of a strong Opposition. We told him that we expect him and other Opposition MPs to raise farmers' issues in Parliament."

Gandhi had invited the farm leaders for a meeting in his office in Parliament. The Congress claimed the farmers were initially denied entry. Congress general secretary (organisation) K C Venugopal posted on X, "Snubbed by the government, beaten with sticks and welcomed with bullets, these farmers have lost all expectations from the government..."

₹362 crore given to 4 lakh Sahara depositors: Shah

New Delhi: Cooperation Minister Amit Shah Wednesday informed Rajya Sabha that ₹362.91 crore has been disbursed to over 4.2 lakh depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies as of July 16 this year.

In a written reply, Shah said this disbursement is facilitated through the CRCS-Sahara Refund Portal, which was established following a Supreme Court order on March 29, 2023, aimed at assisting legitimate depositors in reclaiming their funds.

Presently, the payment of only up to ₹10,000 is being disbursed to each genuine depositor against verified claims through an Aadhaar-linked bank account. "An amount of ₹362.91 crore has been released to 4,20,417 depositors of Sahara Group of Cooperative Societies as on July 16, 2024," he said. **ENS**

RJD's Buxar victor Sudhakar Singh: Perennial 'rebel' devoted to farmers' cause

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

AMONG THE four seats the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) won in Bihar in the recent Lok Sabha polls, the party's most surprising victory came from the Buxar seat. The constituency, locally known as "mini-Kashi", has been bagged by the BJP six times in the last seven elections. However, this time, the seat was wrested from the BJP by the RJD's Sudhakar Singh, 48, a former MLA. Sudhakar has thus become the MP for the first time after defeating the BJP's Mithlesh Singh by about 30,000 votes.

Though Sudhakar comes from a politically influential family—his father Jagadanand Singh is the state RJD president and the only non-BJP leader who had won Buxar before him (in

2009)—his political journey has not been without struggles.

In the 2010 state Assembly polls, when he tried to kickstart his electoral innings from the Ramgarh seat in the Buxar region, his father denied him an RJD ticket. Disappointed, Sudhakar sought a ticket from the BJP, which obliged. A miffed Jagadanand campaigned against his own son for 45 days and ensured his defeat.

"My father perhaps thought I was not capable of contesting an election. Perhaps, he thought I was too young," Sudhakar says about his father's opposition to his first electoral bid.

"It taught me that in politics, father-son relationship has no meaning. It is fine in the personal space. It taught me that on the question of ideology and policy, it is essential to remain steadfast. In politics, ideology and policies

are prime and my father decided to stick to it, without a care for his relationship with me. I believe what he did was right. He stood by his party and ideas," Sudhakar says, stressing that the episode did not leave any bitterness between the father-son duo.

But it is not just his father that Sudhakar has rebelled against. As the agriculture minister in the Nitish Kumar-led Mahagathbandhan government, he called his own department "corrupt" and accused the CM of not being concerned about farmers' issues. He was forced to resign.

"Imagine the kind of political atmosphere we are living in, where a minister can't express a difference of opinion with his government. Isn't this part of democracy's fundamentals? As far as ideas are concerned, I have stood against my father and against Nitish Kumar. Now I'll



stand against Narendra Modi," he says.

However, politics was not always Sudhakar's first choice. Having studied in a government school in Ramgarh, Sudhakar graduated from Kirori Mal College in Delhi and nursed dreams of becoming a businessman. He worked with Tata Iron and Steel Company (TISCO) and Kalyanpur Cement before starting his own agri business. But politics was always there in him.



Sudhakar Singh's father is the Bihar RJD chief. **X**

"In 1994, I contested the Kirorimal College elections as an Independent but lost with a small margin. At that time, WTO negotiations on the Dunkel draft were going on and we protested against it, as it would hurt farm-

ers' interests," he says.

While pursuing his business, Sudhakar also got associated with the RJD and held many agitations demanding the minimum support price (MSP) for farmers' crops in Bihar. "Following our agitation, the Centre made a commitment that in Bihar too we will open FCI purchase centres to buy farmers' crops at MSP," he says.

After his stint with the BJP between 2010 and 2015, Sudhakar returned to the RJD and won the Ramgarh Assembly seat on its ticket in the 2020 polls.

On being asked why in 2010 he joined the BJP, a party he now opposes, Sudhakar says, "When I was contesting elections as a BJP candidate, the political situation was different. Then the BJP was in the Opposition (at the Centre) and its economic policies were different. They were against FDI

in retail. Their farm sector policies were different. At that time they wanted a law on land acquisition. But after coming to power, parties change their character. It has now become a tough choice between party and policy for an honest politician."

The first-time MP argues that the Modi government's three contentious farm laws angered him enough to run for Parliament. "I felt I will have to raise issues of the people there. We feel there should be more representatives from the farm sector in Delhi," he says.

On how he won the "tough" Buxar seat, Sudhakar says, "I think winning elections are easy. If you ask me to contest against the PM, I will feel no nervousness or difficulty. I am always ready for a fight. I have even challenged Nitish Kumar in his own constituency. I find elections to be

easy because I fight on issues and not on caste equations."

According to Sudhakar, his resignation from Nitish's Cabinet over farmers' issues endeared him to the people of Buxar. "People felt that for their sake, I had sacrificed my ministership. People felt this man fights for us. So when the polls came, people fought for me," he says.

On how he felt attending Parliament for the first time, Sudhakar says, "I was shocked to find there is no difference between the Bihar Assembly and the Lok Sabha. I felt sad. On such an important issue of the NEET paper leak, the Speaker was not allowing the LoP to speak. When there was a protest over this, the Speaker said I will allow it after the debate on the President's address. But the House was adjourned with a full day left for the session to end."

TRACK MAINTENANCE & OTHER ANCILLARY WORKS IN RANGIYA DIVISION

Tender Notice No.: 33-ENGG-RNY-2024-25, Dated: 22-07-2024. E-Tender is invited by the undersigned for the following work: **S.N.1: Brief Description of Item:** Maintenance of BG Track, overhauling of LC gates, distressing of Track, unloading of ballast on newly constructed BG track along with all other ancillary works between Km. 344/7 to 392/2 Km (Nalbari-Agthori, Total=47.50 Km) in New Bongaigaon-Rangiya-Kamakshya project. **Tender Value:** ₹3,87,15,113.99. **Earnest Money:** ₹3,43,600.00. **Date & time of closing of tender at 15:00 hrs. and opening at 15:30 hrs. on 13-08-2024.** For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website <http://www.irops.gov.in>

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male namely **Unknown, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown found dead on 16.07.2024 at KM Pole No. 1518/2729, Sunday Market, Tughlakabad, Delhi.** In this regard DD No. 26A, dated 16.07.2024 has been lodged at Police Station Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi. Photo is not clear. Identification of unidentified male is as under:

Name: Unknown, Age: 40-45 Years, Height: 5'2", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: Brown Colour T-Shirt and Light Green Colour Half Pant.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male may kindly be inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station, Delhi
DP/9629/Rly/2024 Ph.: 8750872318, 8700314472

WESTERN RAILWAY-BHAVNAGAR DIVISION TENDER DOCUMENT

Chief Workshop Manager's office, Carriage Repair Workshop, Bhavnagar Para, Bhavnagar - 364003, Western Railway; For and on behalf of the President of India Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer, Carriage Repair Workshop, Bhavnagar Para, Western Railway invites E-tender for below work: **E-Tender No. BVPW-2023-24-Corr-31-R3; Name of the Work: Corrosion repair in BG Coaches at Bhavnagar Workshop as per scope of work for 2 years; Approximate cost of work: ₹ 5,81,28,537.79/-; Bid Security: ₹ 4,40,700/-; Tender Document Fee: ₹ 0,000/-; Validity of tender offer: 60 Days; Completion Period of work: 24 months from the date of issue of L.O.A. Last date & time for submission of tender: 09/08/2024, 15:00 Hrs; Date & Time for opening of tender: 09/08/2024, 15:30 Hrs; Issued by: Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer, Office of Chief Workshop Manager, Carriage Repair Workshop, Bhavnagar Para, Western Railway; Important Note: The tender shall be submitted only Electronically on <https://www.irops.gov.in> and no manual offers are allowed against this E-tender, and any such manual offer received at this office shall be ignored and not opened.**

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उपरोक्त अल्पकालीन निविदा दिनांक 25.07.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे से दिनांक 01.08.2024 को अपरान्ह 5:00 बजे तक अर्थात् दो दिनों तक सकेत में प्राप्त ई-निविदाओं को दिनांक 02.08.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11:00 बजे तक अर्थात् एक दिन तक अर्थात् खोलना होगा। निविदाकारों द्वारा अर्थात् निविदा गये समय तक प्राप्त की गई प्रतियों को खोलना अर्थात् खोलना नहीं है। दिनांक 02.08.2024 की रात 5:00 बजे तक कार्यालय में प्राप्त कराना अनिवार्य है अन्यथा निविदा को Consider नहीं किया जाएगा।

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NORTHERN RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE (Through e-tendering)

Name of work with its location: Provision of LHS in lieu of L-Xing No. 1C (Km 10.704) on APNL-BPLN section under Sr. DEN-III

Approx. Cost of the work (Rs.): Rs. 21,95,545.79 /only

Bid Security (Rs.): Rs. 43,900 /- only

Address of the office: Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annex-1, DRM Office, New Delhi-110055

Date & Time for upload the tender / closing of tender: Tender uploading 22.07.2024 / closing date & time-14.08.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.

Website particular & notice board location where complete details of the tender can be seen etc.: See the Northern Railway website www.irops.gov.in & Notice board at S&T branch, 3rd Floor, DRM office, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055.

Tender No. 558-Sig-16-M-TENDER-1427 Dated: 22.07.2024

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of Republic of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Construction-I) North Western Railway, Jaipur invites E-Tender for the following works upto 15.00 Hrs. on the mentioned date.

Name of work: Tender No. EL/CJ/P/ABR-TRAH/17/05/2024 Modification of LT/HT Electrical overhead Power line Track crossings by under ground cable from 60 to 116KM between Abu Road and Taranga Hill section in connection with New BG Line work **Approximate cost of the Work: Rs.24628202.00** **Earnest Money to be deposited: Rs. 273200.00** **Date of Completion of work: 24 Months** **Date & Time of closing E-Tender: 16.08.2024** Upto 15.00 Hrs. 16.08.2024 at 15.30 Hrs. The details of above E-Tender are available on Website: www.irops.gov.in

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COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CONTRACT FOR CNC SURFACE WHEEL LATHE

Tender No.: IMF-MP-PLG-NBQS-533A **Dated: 22-07-2024.** E-Tender is invited by the undersigned for the following work:

Name of Work : Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract for CNC Surface Wheel Lathe (BG) (MC Sr. No. SWL-69, Make: M/s HYT Engineering Co. Pvt. Ltd., Date of Commission: 09.07.2010) at WTS/NBQS for a period of 03(Three) years on yearly basis, inclusive of all spares, materials and labour costs vide COWFOW A.T. No. COWFOW/IRS-3703/P-2IG-406(HYT) Dated 17.03.2009, Amendment No. 1 dated 06.04.09. **Advertised Value :** ₹55,62,571.61; **Earnest Money :** ₹ 1,11,300.00-. **Date & time of closing of above tender at 15:00 hrs. on 13-08-2024.** For details please visit in website www.irops.gov.in.

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Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Ltd
Shankarsheth road, swargate, Pune - 411037

EXTENSION - 2

Regarding the extension for tender purchase & submission dates published in RFP for Tender No. 12-CE-2024 = Selection of Eligible Bus Manufacturer to Design, Manufacture, Supply, Commission and Support of 12 Meter 100 CNG Non AC BRT buses for 12 years. Interested bidders can participate as per following dates:

Duration : 24/07/2024 To 01/08/2024 till 03.00 pm
Acceptance Details : 24/07/2024 To 01/08/2024 till 03.00 pm
Technical tender opening date : 02/08/2024 till 03.00 pm

All relevant details of the procurement are available in Request For Proposal (RFP) document. The RFP document is available & can be purchased online from www.mahatenders.gov.in. All subsequent notification, announcement, changes, extension & amendments would be posted on website.

Sd/-
(Nitin Narvekar)
Joint Managing Director
Pune Mahanagar Parivahan Mahamandal Ltd.

Adv. No.: CE/14
Date: 24/07/2024

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY Open Tender Notice No. SrDEE-TRD-BSS-2024-25-T10 Dated 23.07.2024

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

S No. 1:- Name of work : 25 KV Electrification Work in Connection with Provision of Light ROB at LC No-68B at Km 96/353 between POU-BAGJ in THE-CPJ section of Varanasi Division N.E.Railway

Tender reference no. SrDEE-TRD-BSS-2024-25-T10, Approx. Cost (in Rs.): ₹ 1,28,09,360.97, Earnest money (in Rs.): ₹ 2,14,100.00. Cost of tender documents (in Rs): Nil, E-Tender closing date and time : 14.08.2024 up to 14:45 Hrs. Completion period: 06 Months.

E-Tender Online will be submitted up to 14:45 Hrs on date 14.08.2024. For full details and submission of bid kindly visit the Official website of Indian railway i.e. www.irops.gov.in

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD CPRO/Elect-89 Varanasi
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WESTERN RAILWAY-BHAVNAGAR DIVISION VARIOUS TRD WORKS

Notice for Inviting E-Tender: No. DRM/TRD/BVP/2024-25/01 Date: 17/07/2024; The Divisional Railway Manager (TRD) Western Railway, Bhavnagar Para invites E-tender on behalf of President of India for the following works: **Tender No.: 92-TRDBVP-2024-25-R; Name of Work: TRD works in connection with (1) Provision of 12-meter-wide-foot over bridge with lift for divyangjans under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS) at Bhat Jn, Keshod, Savarkunda and Gonal stations. (2) Closure of LC no 190 at km 126/67 between Dhola-Bhavnagar Terminus by providing connecting road. (3) Construction of LHS at LC no. 76 at Km 70/1-2 and 98 at Km 89/8-9 and LC no 7 at Km 5/4-5 between Dhasa-Rajula city. (4) Construction of LHS (Single RCC Box 4.50x4.50) in lieu of LC no. 119°C class Non-Interlocked at Km 170/7-8 in Rajkot - Somnath section. (5) Construction of LHS (Twin RCC Box 4.50x4.50) in lieu of LC no. 128 °C class Non-Interlocked at Km 135/2-3 in Dhola - Bhavnagar section. (6) Construction of RUB (single RCC box size 4.5m x 4.50m) in lieu of Manned LC no. 5 °C Non-Interlocked at Km 4/2-3 in Sihor-Palitana section and (9) Raising and Extension of Platform no-01 at Nimgala station. **Tender amount: ₹ 1,26,05,351.33/-; Tender fee: Nil; EMD Amount: ₹ 2,13,000/-; Address: DRM (Traction) BVP, DRM Office, Bhavnagar Para - 364003.** The bidders have to apply online through link i.e., www.irops.gov.in only. For further details please visit website www.irops.gov.in Last date to apply online will be 16.08.2024 up to 15:00 hrs for above mentioned tenders.**

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GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL BLOCK-IV, 4TH FLOOR : CIVIL SECRETARIAT ITANAGAR-791111.

NO. PERS-13/31/2002 Dated Itanagar, the 16th June 2024.

CIRCULAR

Applications from eligible candidates are invited for filling up of 1(one) post of Deputy Director (Training) Group 'A' in the Pay Matrix Level-11 on deputation from other State Govt. Department / Training Institute or officer of the State Government on standard terms and conditions of deputation issued vide DOPT OM No.6/8/2009- Estt (Pay II), dated 17th June 2010 or as amended from time to time.

- Conditions of eligibility/terms of appointment for the above mentioned post are indicated in **Annexure-I**.
- The applicants should clearly furnish their bio-data in the application format as indicated in **Annexure-II**.
- The respective department while forwarding the applications of the candidates for deputation should clearly certify the particulars along with attested copies of CR dossiers/APARs for preceding 5(five) years and enclose the list of major/minor penalties imposed (if any) together with Vigilance/Disciplinary clearance.
- The applications should reach within 30 days from the date of publication to the address as below- **THE SECRETARY (PERSONNEL), GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL BLOCK-II, 2ND FLOOR :: CIVIL SECRETARIAT ITANAGAR-791111.**
- Soft copy of the application as advance copy can be sent through e-mail to personneldepartmentarunachal@gmail.com
- Applications received after the prescribed time period or not accompanied with the requisite information/ documents or not eligible on all counts are liable to be rejected.

Sd/-
Secretary (Personnel)
Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh
Itanagar

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Tender Enquiry No. 317/SS(D)-368/RDSS/Spares Dated: 23.07.2024

Dy.CE/Substation (Design) / TS Organization, C-1, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites Short Term E-tender for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply and Delivery (F.O.R. Destination at any place in Punjab) of 105 Nos. 60 KV, 10KA Station type Heavy Duty, Class-III, Zinc Oxide (Gapless Type) Lightning Arresters suitable for 3 Phase, 50 Cycles, 66 KV Solidly Grounded Neutral System. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://gem.gov.in> from 25.07.2024 (11:00 AM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at <https://gem.gov.in>

No. - 35985/PB C-477/24

NORTHERN RAILWAY Tender Notice

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

N.I.T. No. : 13 (A,B,C)24-25/WE

Name of work with its location:

(A) Repair to Toilet, Bathroom, Kitchen, and Room Floor in Type-I & II Quarters in the section of SSE/W/SSB under ADENE-IV.

(B) Heavy repair of claim office in NDCR building in the section of SSE/W/TC under ADENE-I.

(C) Repair work of KSS, for chajja, flooring, sewer line Grill & Misc work in the sec of SSE/W/TC under ADENE-I.

Approx. Cost of work : (A) Rs. 74,99,999.00, (B) Rs. 99,99,994.33 (C) Rs. 99,99,972.70

EMD amount : (A) Rs. 1,50,000.00, (B) Rs. 2,00,000.00, (C) Rs. 2,00,000.00

Completion period of work : (A) 08 Months, (B) 08 Months, (C) 08 Months

Date and Time for submission of tender and opening of tender : Closing date of tender on 16.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Website particular notice board location complete details of tender can be seen and address of the office from where the tender form can be purchased etc. : Above tender available on website i.e. www.irops.gov.in

No.: 128-W/269/OET/24-25/WE/NIT/13(A,B,C) Dated: 24.07.2024 2260/2024

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/TRD & GSSU/JP, acting for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-Tenders for following works. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders, and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **S.N.1. NIT No. : EL-GSSU-JP-2024-25-02, Name of work :** TRD work in connection with proposed upgradation/modernization of infrastructure at Goods Sheds/Siding proposed at Line-4 Nindhar Benad station in J.P.RSG section of Jaipur Division. **NIT Cost (Rs.): 39,09,904.46, Bid Security (Rs.): 78,200.00. Tender opening date : 21.08.2024. Date & time of closing e-tenders : On tender opening date Upto 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening e-tenders : On tender opening date after 15:00 hrs** Complete details of tender can be seen on website : <http://www.irops.gov.in>

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JHARKHAND URJA SANCHARAN NIGAM LIMITED
(CIN: U40108JH2013SGC001704)
(GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)
OFFICE: General Manager, Contracts & Materials, Multi-Lateral Funding Projects, JUSNL Building, Kusal Colony, Doranda, Ranchi - 834002 (Jharkhand)
Email: pijusnl@gmail.com Visit us on: www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in

e-Tender Notice

Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Limited invites Bids (to be submitted in the e-Procurement Portal) for the following works:-

NIT No.	Name of work (Request for Bid (RfB))	Date of publishing e-NIT	Last date of submission/ uploading bid by the bidder	Date of Opening of technical part of Bid
109/PR/JUSNL/2024-25	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Left Over Work for 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission lines from 1. Angada - Silli (21.50 KM) 2. Angada-Irba (Skidiri) (15.15 KM) 3. Irba - Kanki (34.1 KM) 4. Irba - Ratu (54.47 KM) 5. Silli - Chowka (61 KM)	25.07.2024	13.08.2024 upto 18:00 Hrs	14.08.2024 upto 16:30 Hrs
110/PR/JUSNL/2024-25	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Left Over Work for 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission lines from 1. Dumka - Shikarpara (53.4 KM) 2. Amrapara - Godda (82.50 KM) 3. Amrapara - Pakur (18.44 KM)	25.07.2024	13.08.2024 upto 18:00 Hrs	14.08.2024 upto 16:30 Hrs
111/PR/JUSNL/2024-25	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Left Over Work for 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines from 1. Naudaha-Chhatrapur (19.61 KM) 2. Nagaruntari - Garhwa (28.25 KM)	25.07.2024	13.08.2024 upto 18:00 Hrs	14.08.2024 upto 16:30 Hrs
112/PR/JUSNL/2024-25	Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Left Over Work for 132 KV Double Circuit Transmission Lines from 1. Surda - Bahragora (43.05 KM) 2. Bahragora - Dhalbhumgarh L1LO 1 at Chakulya (21.31 KM) 3. Bahragora - Dhalbhumgarh L1LO 2 at Chakulya (21.46 KM) 4. Surda - Jagudoga (21 KM) 5. Ramchandrapur - Jagudoga L1LO (1-Circuit) at Sundernagar (0.176 KM)	25.07.2024	13.08.2024 upto 18:00 Hrs	14.08.2024 upto 16:30 Hrs

Detailed Invitation of Bids which includes instructions for submission of Bids and all other relevant information are available on <http://www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in> along with Bidding Documents. Any details required in this regard can also be obtained from the office of the undersigned (+91-9430090855) during office hours.

The firms that technically qualify will be informed for date of opening of financial part of Bid.

Bidders are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in bidding document. Interested bidders may participate in the bidding process as per instructions given in the bidding document.

Ajay Kumar,
General Manager, Contracts & Materials,
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PR 330526 (Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd) 24-25 (D)

Sd/-
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CIN: L23201MH1952GOI008858

PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONVENING THE 72nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that 72nd Annual General meeting of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited will be held on Friday, August 23, 2024 at 11.00 A.M. through VC/OVAM and members can cast their votes through e-voting facility provided through NSDL. Since the Notice of the said Meeting will be sent only in Electronic Mode, Members are requested to update their email ID and Bank details (to facilitate payment of dividends) with the Company/RTA (in case of Physical shares) and Depository Participants (in case of Demat shares).

Place : Mumbai
Date : July 24, 2024

By the order of the Board
V. Murali
Company Secretary

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल, हाजीपुर
शुद्धि-पत्र

इस कार्यालय का प्रयांक-1223 अतु 0 दिनांक-10.06.2024 द्वारा निर्गत ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं-06/2024-25 (कार्य का नाम:-वैशाली जिला-तन्तर्गत, विदुपुर में राजकीय अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, वैशाली के परिसर में अतिरिक्त 500 बेड का बालक छात्रावास 01 अदद 300 बेड (G+5) एवं 01 अदद 200 बेड (G+3), 200 बेड का एक बालिका छात्रावास (G+3), सहायक प्राध्यापक के लिए स्टूडियो अपार्टमेंट (G+4), प्राध्यापक-सह-प्राध्यापक गैरेंट हाऊस हेतु टाईप C मकान (G+4) तथा एमेनिटी मकान (G+1) का निर्माण कार्य (विद्युत कार्य सहित) जिसका पीओआर सं-001696 (BCD) 2024-25 है जो दिनांक-14.06.2024 को दैनिक समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशित हुआ है को अपरिहार्य कारणवश अद्यपि विस्तार किया जाता है।

क्र.सं.	विवरण	पूर्व में निर्धारित तिथि	संशोधित तिथि
1.	परिमाण विवरण (अनुसूचित करण) एवं निविदा जमा करने (अनुसूचित करण) की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-03.07.2024 से 25.07.2024 को अपर 3:00 बजे तक।	दिनांक-23.08.2024 से 12.09.2024 को अपर 3:00 बजे तक।
2.	निविदा (सम्बन्धी की) जोखने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक-26.07.2024 को अपर 3:30 बजे तक।	दिनांक-13.09.2024 को अपर 3:30 बजे तक।
3.	प्रौद्योगिकी की तिथि, समार एवं स्थान	(1) दिनांक-10.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपर को अंतिम अभियंता, मजदूर अंतर्गत, मुजफ्फरपुर का कार्यालय। दिनांक-16.07.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपर को मुख्य अभियंता (हासट) का कार्यालय विभाग, विहार, पटना का कार्यालय	(2) दिनांक-30.08.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपर को अंतिम अभियंता, मजदूर अंतर्गत, मुजफ्फरपुर का कार्यालय। दिनांक-05.09.2024 को 3:00 बजे अपर को मुख्य अभियंता (हासट) का कार्यालय विभाग, विहार, पटना का कार्यालय

इसे इस हद तक संशोधित समझे तथा शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत रहेगा। निविदा से संबंधित नियमों, शर्तों के विशेष जानकारी के लिए कार्यपालक अभियंता, वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल से सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता
वैशाली भवन प्रमंडल, हाजीपुर
PR- 004568 (BCD) 2024-25

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ET -1116 THE COIMBATORE DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS UNION LIMITED
Pachapalayam, Kalampalayam (Post), Perur (Via), Coimbatore-641 010
Phone No.0422-2208014 / 2208004 E-mail: avinbe@gmail.com
Ref.No.3360/Estt-1/Tender/2024

TENDER CALL NOTICE

The Coimbatore District Co-operative Milk Producers' Union Limited invites online tender from the eligible bidder for a period of Two years for carrying out work on contract basis by engaging labour basis for activities, Milk sachet stacking & related works, Ghee filling & Butter packing, NDC Tanker cleaning. The tender forms will be available online from 29.07.2024 to 02.09.2024, 5.00pm. The filled in tender forms can be uploaded online upto 03.09.2024, 11.30am and the same will be opened on the same day 12.00 noon. The prebid meeting will be held on 14.08.2024, 11.00 am at the office premises.

The EMD amount, scope of work and other details can be downloaded from the website www.tntenders.gov.in at free of cost.

General Manager,
Avvin, Coimbatore.

DIPR/ 2532 /TENDER/2024

गया नगर निगम
अल्पकालीन ई-कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना सं-0-E-Quotation-05/2024-25
(ई-टेंडरिंग द्वारा <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)

- विज्ञापन दाता का पदनाम एवं पता : नगर आयुक्त, गया नगर निगम
- कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि : दिनांक-23.07.2024
- कोटेशन प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि / समय : दिनांक-07.08.2024 को 10:00 बजे से (on website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
- प्रौ बिड मीटिंग का समय स्थान / तिथि : समय 11:00 बजे, स्थान-कार्यालय, गया नगर निगम दिनांक-08.08.2024
- संवेदक द्वारा कोटेशन अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि / समय : दिनांक-14.08.2024 के 15:00 बजे तक (on website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
- (a) तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि / समय : दिनांक-16.08.2024 के 15:30 बजे से (on website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
(b) वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि / समय : तकनीकी बीड निष्पादन के बाद। (on website <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in>)
- अग्रद्वार, समी मूल शपथ पत्र एवं Existing Commitment का मूल कागजात तथा परिमाण विवरण के मूल्य का Online/B.G. के रूप में जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि / समय एवं स्थान : दिनांक 16.08.2024 को 15:00 बजे तक 1. मुख्य अभियंता, बुडको, राजापुर, पटना। 2. अधीक्षण अभियंता, मगध प्रमंडल, गया। 3. नगर आयुक्त, गया नगर निगम कार्यालय, गया।
- कार्य का विवरण / मद का नाम : स्वनिधि/छटा वित्त/15^{वीं} वित्त/पितृपक्ष मेला आवंटन

युप सं.	कार्य का नाम	संशोधित जमा राशि	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य	Bid Processing Fee (Through online payment)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1.	पितृपक्ष मेला 2024 के अवसर पर गया नगर निगम अंतर्गत विशेष सफाई कार्य हेतु सफाई सामग्रियों (यथा-चूना, क्लोरिडिंग पावडर, फिटिकेरी, ड्राइड इत्यादि) के आपूर्ति का कार्य।	34000	5000	AS Online By EPROC	15 days

9. निविदा की वैधता अवधि : 120 दिन
विस्तृत जानकारी state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar से प्राप्त की जा सकती है।
PR- 004497 (B & C) 2024-25

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गया नगर निगम

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Govt. of Bihar

Government Engineering College, Samastipur
राजकीय अभियंत्रण महाविद्यालय, समस्तीपुर

Principal: Dr. R. M. Tugnayat, M.E. Ph.D, LMISTE, FMIETE, LMIE

SHORT TERM NOTICE

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW FOR GUEST ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/ GUEST LAB. ASSISTANT/ GUEST INSTRUCTOR
Advt.No.- GEC/SAM/02/2024-2025

Government Engineering College, Samastipur is going to conduct a walk-in-interview for the empanelment of GUEST ASSISTANT PROFESSOR/ GUEST LAB. ASSISTANT/ GUEST INSTRUCTOR in various departments/subjects as per the requirement on temporary basis. Interested and eligible candidates may appear for the walk-in-interview with all their original academic certificates, category Certificate, Residential Certificate, a hard copy of CV, 02 sets of photocopies of original documents/ certificates, and 02 recent passport size photographs as per the following schedule.

Department/ Subject	Name of Post	Date and Time of Interview	Eligibility
Physics	Guest Assistant Professor	29.07.2024	The qualifications for recruitment of faculty in the disciplines of Basic Sciences, Social Science and Humanities shall be as per the UGC Notification no. F.1-2/2017 (EC/PS) Dated 18 th July, 2018 and UGC guidelines issued from time to time.
Chemistry			
Biology	Guest Lab Assistant	29.07.2024	The qualifications for recruitment is as per AICTE Norms
Physics			
Chemistry	Guest Lab Assistant	29.07.2024	The qualifications for recruitment is as per AICTE Norms
Physics			
Mechanical Engineering	Guest Lab Assistant/ Guest Instructor	11:00 AM	Educational qualification: Three-year Diploma under regular course (Non Distance Mode) in the relevant Branch of Engineering obtained from an Institute approved by AICTE, New Delhi. OR Three-year diploma under regular course (non distance mode) in the relevant or equivalent branch of engineering obtained from university or deemed/ deemed to be university under the provisions of University Grants Commission Act.
Civil Engineering			
Electrical Engineering	Guest Lab Assistant/ Guest Instructor	11:	



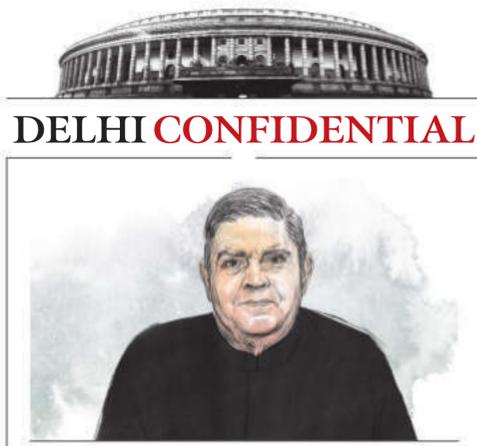
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Bhagwant Singh Mann
Chief Minister, Punjab

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- Farmers received **₹1,500 per acre** as financial assistance
- Restored **15,914 watercourses** to ensure canal water reaches the tail-end areas
- **124.56 lakh** metric tons of wheat purchased and **₹28,289.57 crores** paid to farmers **within 24 hours**



MORE LIKE DAUGHTER

BEFORE THE Opposition walked out of the Rajya Sabha in protest against the Budget, accusing the BJP-led government of prioritising only Bihar and Andhra Pradesh, Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar urged Leader of the Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge to allow Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to respond. Kharge said: "Mein bol deta hun. Mataji bolne mein toh expert hain mujhe maloom hai. (Let me speak. Mataji is an expert in speaking, I am aware of that)."

PREAMBLE AGAIN

A DAY after the Supreme Court stayed the enforcement of the directives in Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand to eateries along the Kanwar Yatra route to display the names of the owners, the UP Congress's minority wing is contemplating to put up the Constitution's Preamble at eateries and food carts across the state. A Congress leader said that the move will counter the BJP's "divisive politics" and the idea came from the success of the Opposition camp's 'save the Constitution campaign' in the recent Lok Sabha elections.

BUDGET ALTERCATION

LIFETIME RSS member Ratan Sharda on Wednesday criticised BJP IT Cell chief Amit Malviya for his social media post regarding the Union Budget. Late on Tuesday night, Malviya had posted on X, "Everyone is an indexation specialist tonight". Early Wednesday morning, Sharda quoted Malviya's post and posted on X: "This attitude of #BJP IT Cell is a serious problem. Instead of coming up with simplified communication about good points of #Budget2024, he ends up trolling citizens. Answer their fear, don't insult them dear @amitmalviya."

After Hathras stampede, UP Police issues SOP for crowd management

Lucknow: To prevent incidents of stampede, the UP Police has issued an SOP for crowd and police management at large events. This comes after a stampede in Hathras on July 2 that left 121 dead. The SOP covers four main areas: continuous action to be taken in view of the crowd-caused disaster; advance preparations for events; emergency actions during a stampede; and overall event management.

SC orders status quo at Shambhu border, proposes panel to reach out to farmers

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 24

THE SUPREME Court Wednesday ordered a status quo at the Shambhu border, where Haryana has put up barricades to stop protesting Punjab farmers from heading to Delhi, and proposed an independent committee to reach out to the farmers.

The court was hearing Haryana's plea seeking a stay on the Punjab and Haryana HC's directive to open the border near Ambala on an experimental basis. It has been closed for public transport since February.

"We are proposing to constitute some independent committee comprising persons who can reach out to farmers and to suggest where they are wrong or right and can communicate with other stakeholders also," a bench of Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta and Ujjal Bhuyan said, and asked the two states to suggest names to include in the panel.

"It is a case of trust deficit," said Justice Surya Kant. "We will think of some independent per-



The border has been closed for public transport since February.

sons, who are neutral to the controversy."

"Till such times, both states are directed to maintain status quo at the site... to prevent flaring up the situation at Shambhu border," the bench said.

Appearing for Haryana, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta said the protesters have hundreds of tractors and trolleys modified as "armoured tanks" and that it may lead to a law and order situation if they are allowed to enter Delhi.

"Can you open it allowing these tractors and trolleys to come?" the bench said.

Mehta said even allowing this on an experimental basis may lead to law and order problems, and that the matter should be better left to the wisdom of the state.

"You need to make some effort. After all, you are the state. You have to take some initiative to reach out to the farmers. Why would they like to come to Delhi and why would they like to bring all these tractors and trolleys?" said Justice Surya Kant.

Mehta said, "They are most welcome to come to Delhi. Our only difficulty is that they may not come in tankers, or JCBs etc".

FIRING AT SALMAN KHAN'S HOUSE

Shooters told not to wear helmet, smoke while firing: Chargesheet

SADAF MODAK MUMBAI, JULY 24

"DON'T WEAR a helmet... smoke a cigarette while firing to appear fearless... you will create history" — these were the instructions given allegedly by Anmol Bishnoi, the younger brother of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi to the bike-borne shooters, a day before they fired at Bollywood actor Salman Khan's house in Bandra on April 14. These are mentioned in the chargesheet filed by the Mumbai police, which also includes Khan's statement. Khan said he believes Lawrence Bishnoi and his gang carried out the firing to kill him and his family members.

The chargesheet includes a transcript of an audio conversation on Signal app between wanted accused Anmol and Vicky Kumar Gupta, who was riding the bike on the day of the firing.

"Waha pe goliya bade soch samajh kar aur saari jagah tatatat chalani hai. Chahne apne ko aadha bhinit lage toh bhii dikkat nahi hai, ek minut lage ya dedh minut lage, koi dikkat nahi



Salman Khan says he believes the firing was done to kill him and his family members

hai, aur aise chalani hai ki bhai dar rahe ho... us waqt cigarette peete peete hi chalani taki camera me aaye... ki aise lage ki behkhauf chalte hai jii, matlab apne ko ye cheez dikhana hai ki inko koi nahi hai (You need to fire carefully and quickly. Do not worry even if it takes half a minute or more than a minute. You should fire to scare Bhai... You should fire while smoking a cigarette so that CCTV cameras capture you that way... it will seem you are fearless, we have to show that.)", the transcript states.

The chargesheet claims Anmol was in touch with Gupta and Sagar Pal, who allegedly fired, through the Signal app. It also claims that on one occasion the shooters spoke to Lawrence, who is in a jail in Gujarat. The Mumbai police claim the

conspiracy of firing was hatched with the intention of getting a stronghold and supremacy in Mumbai, with the aim of getting pecuniary and other advantage for his gang.

The Mumbai police have filed a chargesheet against six persons, including Gupta and Pal, while naming Lawrence, who is lodged in Sabarmati jail, Anmol, who is believed to be in the US or Canada, and Rawtaram Swami, who is believed to be in the UK, as wanted accused.

"I was sleeping when I heard a cracker-like sound. Around 4.55 am, the police bodyguard informed me that two people on a bike had fired from a weapon at the balcony of our first-floor house... I have learnt from social media that Lawrence Bishnoi and gang have taken responsibility for the attack," Khan's statement says. Khan has also mentioned how the family often uses the balcony where the shooters aimed at, including during parties or to wave at fans. He also said he would go to the balcony between work, late in the night or in the early hours.

The chargesheet also states that the planning for the firing was in the works since 2023 when Anmol had reached out to Pal and Gupta about some 'big work' to be done in Mumbai.

"That you won't allow," said Justice Surya Kant. "That is the point where the friction starts. And friction is a mild word I am using because of the sensitivity," Mehta said, Justice Surya Kant then asked, "Have you taken any initiative to negotiate and talk to the farmers?"

Mehta replied in the affirmative, to which the judge responded: "We are sorry to say, you are sending your ministers or someone else. There is a deficit of trust. Your ministers will go from here to talk to the farmers without realising what are their local problems. Unfortunately, the other side will take it as if they (ministers) are only talking about the government viewpoint despite their best intentions... Why don't you think of some neutral umpires... both sides? Some confidence needs to be inspired."

Mehta said that the farmers had earlier protested against the three farm laws which were withdrawn but now they have come up with some other demands. He said the government will consider the court's suggestion seriously.

Does the right to be forgotten include taking down verdict? SC to decide

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, JULY 24

WILL THE right to be forgotten include taking down judgments that reveal an acquitted person's identity? The Supreme Court Wednesday said it will decide.

"We will have to settle the law," said CJ D Y Chandrachud, presiding over a three-judge bench, which was hearing an appeal by Indian Kanoon, a law search engine.

The portal had moved SC against a March 3, 2024 Madras High Court direction asking it to take down a judgment copy in a sexual assault case as it had the name of the accused who was finally acquitted. The man had moved High Court saying he was denied Australian citizenship because his name appeared in the judgment.

The SC bench, which issued notice on the plea, also stayed the HC direction.

The CJ pointed out that "once a judgment is delivered, it is part of the public record" and wondered how the HC could have directed pulling down the entire judgment even assuming there was an acquittal. He termed it "far-fetched".

WIP security: Govt alerts DGs, cites attempt on Trump's life

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL NEW DELHI, JULY 24

CITING THE recent assassination attempt on former US President Donald Trump, the central government has asked Director Generals of states, union territories and paramilitary forces to increase security measures so "high-risk dignitaries" can be kept safe, particularly during rallies, corner meetings, and roadshows.

Trump survived an assassination attempt on July 13, while addressing a campaign rally near Pennsylvania. He was shot and wounded in his right ear by a 20-year-old man, who fired eight rounds with an AR-15-style rifle from the roof of a building.

The incident is one of seven assassination attempts cited by the Centre in its communication shared on July 16 with the DGs, including those in-charge of the CRPF, CISF, ITBP, NSG as well as state intelligence bureaus.

"Former PM of Japan, Shinzo Abe, was fatally shot on July 8, 2022 from close quarters by an individual using a homemade shotgun, while addressing a corner public meeting. During a road march, former Pakistan PM Imran Khan was fired upon on November 3, 2022 and reportedly suffered a bullet injury. Vice-President of Argentina, Christina Fernandez, escaped an assassination bid on September 1, 2022 as a man unsuccessfully tried to fire a loaded pistol close to her head," said an official, citing the communication from the Centre's internal security division.

"During an election campaign speech of former PM of Japan, Fumio Kishida, on April 15, 2023, a youth hurled a smoke bomb towards him from within the crowd. Fernando Villavicencio, one of the candidates for the Presidency of Ecuador, was shot dead on August 9 last year as he rode a police pick-up vehicle after a public rally. Slovak Prime

Minister Robert Fico suffered life-threatening injuries when he was shot and wounded in an attempted assassination on May 15 this year during a public event," said the official.

The note states that such incidents underline the vulnerabilities of high-risk dignitaries to various threats during public interfaces, including rallies, corner meetings, and roadshows. "We all should work on three main points — physical security measures, technical surveillance, and contingency drills and role of personal security officers," the official said, citing the communication.

Physical security measures include controlling access to the venues and checking/frisking of men and material. "The proximate area should have only a minimum number of authorised persons and there should be no crowding around the dignitary. The venue should be put through comprehensive physical, visual and technical checks followed by deployment of security personnel. The area up to a sufficient depth around the venue should be secured and all high-rise features as well as other vantage points in the vicinity that offer a direct line of sight of the dignitary should be sanitised and dominated," said the official, citing the communication.

The official said drills to prepare for possible contingency situations or eventualities should be formulated and rehearsed. These include providing immediate cover to the dignitary, rapid threat neutralisation, and evacuation to a safe location/hospital in the shortest possible time. "PSOs of the protectee should always remain alive to the situation, be vigilant and quick in sensing and responding to a threat. They should be positioned in such a manner so as to have 360 degrees observation to detect any threatening movement/activity," said the official, citing the communication.

Release of panel's report on Malayalam film industry stayed

SHAJU PHILIP THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 24

HOURS BEFORE its findings were to be made public, the Kerala High Court Wednesday stayed the release of a report on the problems faced by women in the Malayalam movie industry.

The report had been prepared by the state government-appointed Justice K Hema Commission.

The court's interim stay on the findings of the commission came on the back of a petition by filmmaker Saji Parayil, who challenged the state information commission's July 6 directive ordering that the findings be made public. The panel was set up in 2017 after a prominent woman actor was abducted and sexually assaulted in a car near Kochi.

Actor Dileep was arrested in connection with the case and is

currently being tried for it. In his petition, Parayil argued that the disclosure of such a report could affect the privacy of those who had deposed before the commission.

Set up by the Left Democratic Alliance government, the commission saw scores of women from the industry depose before it on the condition that the names be kept confidential. The commission, which submitted its report in 2019, was believed to have recommended a tribunal to look into the allegations, although the contents of the report were never officially made public.

The issue of making the report public has been a subject of controversy in Kerala, with state's cultural affairs department unwilling to disclose information even under the Right to Information Act.

On July 6, the state information commission, following petitions from RTI activists and media persons, ordered that the report be made public. To protect the identities of those who deposed before it, the commission ordered that such portions should be redacted.

As a result, 70 pages of the 300-page report were removed from the version meant to be released. In his petition, the filmmaker said that disclosing the report would violate the confidentiality promised to those who deposed and that any move to make the report public will affect the film industry.

India successfully flight-tests Ph-II ballistic missile defence system

New Delhi: India successfully flight-tested the second phase of its ballistic missile defence system Wednesday. The target missile was launched at 4.20pm mimicking an adversary ballistic missile from launching complex IV at Abdul Kalam island off coast of Odisha.

It was detected by the weapon system radar and the AD interceptor system was activated, according to a government statement.

The interceptor AD endo-atmospheric missile was launched at 4.24 pm from launching complex III at Chandipur. The flight test fully met all the trial objectives validating a complete network-centric warfare weapon system consisting of long range sensors, low latency communication system, and MCC and Advance Interceptor missiles, the statement said.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh complimented the DRDO for successful flight test and stated it has again demonstrated India's ballistic missiles defence capability. DRDO chief Dr Samir V Kamat congratulated the entire team for their untiring effort and contribution. ENS

Advertisement for Bihar Government (बिहार सरकार) regarding a corrigendum for a tender. It includes details about the tender for a conference hall, the location (Patna), and contact information for the Bihar Government.

Advertisement for Northern Railway Tender Notice. It details the tender for Track Machines (UTV-2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072) and includes technical specifications, completion period, and contact information.

Advertisement for India successfully flight-tests Ph-II ballistic missile defence system. It provides a detailed summary of the test, including the launch time, location, and the success of the interception.

Advertisement for SHAJU PHILIP, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, JULY 24. It includes a brief bio and contact information for the author.

Advertisement for Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research Chandigarh. It details the tender for various medical equipment and services, including oxygen therapy chambers, cooling systems, and MRI contrast media.

Advertisement for Northern Railway Cancellation of Tender. It states that the tender for Track Machines (UTV, 2001, 2002, 2004, 3061 and 10072) is cancelled due to administrative reasons.

Advertisement for Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation Ltd. It details the tender for sugar supply and includes information about the tender process and contact details.

Advertisement for Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited. It details the tender for electrical equipment and services, including transformers and conductors.

VIDEO SHARED ON SOCIAL MEDIA, POLICE TO PROBE IF SIMILAR INCIDENTS TOOK PLACE EARLIER

Sassoon Hospital doctor suspended after he 'abandons patient' who lost legs in accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
PUNE, JULY 24

PUNE CITY Police, who were investigating a case in which a doctor at Sassoon General Hospital in Pune is accused of abandoning a destitute patient — whose legs had been amputated — at a secluded place, have said they will also probe whether similar incidents have taken place in the past.

Dr Adi Kumar, a doctor at Sassoon Hospital, was suspended on Tuesday after social activists lodged a police complaint alleging he and other staffers at Sassoon abandoned a destitute patient in a secluded

area near Regional Mental Hospital in Yerawada in the early hours of Monday. The destitute patient, who is in his 30s, had suffered grievous injuries to both his legs in a road accident. Both his legs had to be amputated.

According to the complaint filed by social activist Dadasaheb Gaikwad, the accused doctor and an unidentified staffer of Sassoon had taken the patient out and abandoned him in a secluded location in Yerawada after transporting him there in an autorickshaw. Gaikwad alleged that this is not the first time patients were abandoned in this manner and called for a thorough investigation in the matter. "Similar things have happened

multiple times and I have written to the Sasson authorities in the past," Gaikwad said.

A day after Dr Adi Kumar was suspended for his alleged role in abandoning a patient in a secluded area, hospital authorities have issued a show cause notice to Dr Pravin Londhe, the head of the unit under whom the patient was admitted. Hospital authorities have also started an enquiry into the incident.

Congress MLA Ravindra Dangekar raised the matter after the videos of the doctor abandoning the man were shared widely on social media.

The case, which was earlier registered at Yerawada police station, has now been trans-

ferred to Bundgarden police station, under whose jurisdiction the hospital falls. "As part of the probe into this incident, we will also try to establish whether similar things have happened in the past and determine the hospital staffers involved in it," said Deputy Commissioner of Police (Zone 2) Smartana Patil.

According to the police, they have registered a case under Section 125 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), which pertains to endangering the life and personal safety of others.

Gaikwad, who runs an organisation that works for the welfare of the homeless and destitute, said he had noticed that some of the patients he had

helped get admitted to Sassoon Hospital for treatment could not be found when he went on follow-up visits.

"I saw that some of the patients, especially those with serious ailments and disabilities, who we admitted were disappearing from the hospital and the staff was marking them as escapees. So, I decided to keep a close watch with my colleagues to find out how these patients were 'escaping'," said Gaikwad.

Gaikwad said his colleague Ritesh Gaikwad waited outside Sassoon Hospital late on July 22 posing as an autorickshaw driver when some hospital staff approached him to hire his vehicle to ferry a patient.

Kupwara: Soldier killed, militant gunned down

Encounter began on Tuesday evening in Lolab valley

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, JULY 24

A SOLDIER and a militant have been killed in a fierce gunfight in north Kashmir's Kupwara on Wednesday, the Indian Army said.

The gunfight began Tuesday evening when a joint team of army and Jammu and Kashmir Police launched a search and cordon operation after receiving intelligence reports about militant movement in the higher reaches of Lolab valley in Kupwara.

This is the second gunfight in the UT in the last 24 hours.

According to the army, a joint team of police and army spotted suspected militants near Trimukha Top in Lolab during a search operation late on Tuesday, leading to an exchange of fire. The operation was halted briefly as it grew darker but resumed Wednesday morning after hiding militants opened fire on the joint team.

"Based on input, a joint search operation was launched by Indian Army & J&K Police on days leading up to 23 and 24 July (sic)," the Army's Chinar Corps posted on X. "On 24 July, suspicious movement was observed and challenged by vigilant troops in response to which terrorists opened



Security personnel take position during an encounter in Trimukha on Wednesday. PTI

fire. In the ensuing fire fight one terrorist has been eliminated and a (sic) NCO injured".

The army personnel has been identified as Naik (gunner) Dilwar Khan. Police sources said he belonged to the Artillery unit of the army.

"All Ranks of the Chinar Corps salute the supreme sacrifice of our braveheart Nk (Gnr) Dilwar Khan, who laid down his life in the line of duty," the Army posted on X. "Chinar Warriors salute his immense valour and sacrifice, express deepest condolence and

stand in solidarity with the bereaved family".

According to sources, the operation is still ongoing and that there could be one more militant hiding in the area. Police suspect that the militants had recently infiltrated into the Valley from Kupwara sector.

According to security sources, Lolab in Kupwara is a transit point for infiltrating militants, with a dense forest that connects it to Bandipore, Ganderbal and Srinagar. It also connects with Sopore in Baramulla district.

INS Brahmaputra fire: Divers find sailor's body

SAGAR RAJPUT
MUMBAI, JULY 24

THREE DAYS after a fire broke out onboard Navy's guided missile frigate INS Brahmaputra, divers early Wednesday recovered the body of a 25-year-old Leading Seaman, who had gone missing since the incident.

Colaba police filed an accidental death report after the recovery of the body. The Leading Seaman was identified as Sitendra Puran Singh from Surajgarh, Rajasthan.

Navy officers said INS Brahmaputra was undergoing a refit at Mumbai Harbour when the fire broke out Sunday. It was noticed by the ship's duty staff while carrying out routine maintenance work.

Navy has ordered an inquiry. The Navy said in a statement that it stands resolutely with the bereaved family in this hour of grief.

Following the fire, Navy Chief Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi Tuesday visited Mumbai to review the sequence of events leading to the incident and efforts undertaken to locate the missing sailor. According to the Navy, he was briefed on the mitigating actions taken to limit the extent of the damage, plan to recover and undertake repairs to restore the ship's functionality at the earliest.

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KARNATAKA LANDSLIDE: SEARCH FOR TRUCK DRIVER FROM KERALA

Boom excavator, satellite images: How rescuers zeroed in on a missing truck

SANATH PRASAD
SHIRUR, JULY 24

FOR THE last eight days, search and rescue teams have been working relentlessly in Ankola in Karnataka's Shirur to find the people who went missing in last week's landslide. And their efforts have paid off — by Wednesday afternoon rescuers were able to finally zero in on the location of a lorry that has been missing for eight days.

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At the site of the landslide in Shirur. Jithendra M

boom excavator to dredge up the silt and clear the path for using heavy machinery tomorrow," he told *The Indian Express*.

At Ankola in Karnataka's Shirur, a boom excavator, brought in from Goa some 120 km away, is hard at work trying to dredge up mud from the river Gangavali. In the middle of the river, deep divers from the Indian Navy wait for their cue on boats while helicopters hover above, trying to mark coordinates.

The finding marks a significant breakthrough in the search for those who went missing after the landslide on NH-44. While eight bodies have been

found so far, Arjun, who was driving a Benz lorry with 40 tonnes of timber from Kerala's Kozhikode to Karnataka's Belgavi, has yet to be found.

Several agencies, including the National Disaster Response Force, the Army, the Navy, the fire department and the National Highways Authority of India, are currently engaged in the operation.

Over the next few days, search operations are expected to intensify in an effort to retrieve the truck. For this, experts from Goa and Noida, Uttar Pradesh, are expected to arrive to help confirm their findings.

"Once it is confirmed, we will begin the process of lifting the lorry. Security will be beefed up and the general public will not be allowed in the vicinity to ensure mobile phone signals don't mess with the drones that will be used. Only drone operators will be allowed. We have also requested a dredger from the Dredging Corporation of India, Goa," the SP said.

Meanwhile, minor irrigation and port officials will be roped in to help control the river flow near the area where the lorry is suspected to be.

However, with rescue now in its second week, the pace of the operation has come under some criticism. While authorities claim that rain has significantly slowed down the work, locals claim that the rescue work is also affecting traffic flow.

"A lot of truck drivers have lined up across either side of NH 66 trying to figure out how to make their way around the blocked portion of the national highway," Vinay Kumar, a local taxi driver, told *The Indian Express*. "Unfortunately, the state government has failed to make alternative arrangements for them. In fact, we're (the local taxi drivers) the ones providing food and other essentials to them."

Assam music legend goes missing, police probe leads to Brahmaputra

SUKRITA BARUAH
GUWAHATI, JULY 24

ON MONDAY, renowned Assamese composer Ramen Barua (86) left his family's home in Guwahati around 10 am, like he would nearly every morning. Now missing for over 84 hours, all roads have led police to the Brahmaputra, which flows near his home, and rescue teams are looking for signs of a body in the swollen river.

The octogenarian is one of the last two surviving brothers of an illustrious family of 13 siblings,



Ramen Barua is missing for more than 84 hours

many of whom were tall figures in Assam's cultural and sporting life. The two — Ramen and his younger brother, Dwipen — are legends of the Assamese music industry. While Ramen is a composer, Dwipen is a singer, who lent his voice to many of Ramen's famous tunes, including in the 1969 movie, *Dr Bezbarua*, a trail-

blazing Assamese commercial film which his late brother Brajen Barua had directed and starred in.

Both brothers live on the ground floor of their family's 100-year-old house, and Dwipen said he did not suspect that anything was amiss when Ramen left home in the morning.

Ramen's daughter Barnika filed a missing person complaint.

Guwahati Commissioner of Police Diganta Barah said the police have ruled out foul play. Probe has led them to suspect that he may have been swept away in the Brahmaputra.

BJP's T Raja wades into Bhojshala debate: 'Magnificent temple soon'

Bhopal: Controversial Telangana BJP MLA T Raja has waded into the debate around the disputed Bhojshala temple-cum-Kamal Maula mosque complex in Madhya Pradesh's Dhar district. He said a "magnificent temple

will be built in Madhya Pradesh" and "we will win the Bhojshala case soon". Last week, the Archeological Survey of India said in a report to the HC that the "existing structure was made from the parts of earlier temples". ENS

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EXTRACT OF STANDALONE FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30 TH JUNE, 2024					
Sr. No.	Standalone	Quarter ended			Year ended
		30-Jun-24 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-24 (Audited)	30-Jun-23 (Unaudited)	31-Mar-24 (Audited)
a.	Total Income from Operations	451.78	533.51	450.57	1,798.91
b.	Profit / (Loss) Before Exceptional Items and tax	105.04	76.02	114.92	267.69
c.	Profit / (Loss) Before Tax	105.04	76.02	114.92	267.69
d.	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period / year	77.99	58.97	85.01	199.26
e.	Total Comprehensive Income	76.81	54.87	84.65	194.80
f.	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value: ₹ 10/- per share)	1,463.10	1,463.10	1,379.48	1,463.10
g.	Compulsorily Convertible Preference Shares (Face Value: ₹ 100/- per share)	-	-	2,000.00	-
h.	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	9,384.64	9,307.75	7,281.22	9,307.75
i.	Securities Premium Account	8,742.09	8,742.01	6,825.63	8,742.09
j.	Net worth	10,867.56	10,790.67	10,680.52	10,790.67
k.	Debt Redemption Reserve	99.05	99.05	99.05	99.05
l.	Outstanding Debt	14,605.68	14,214.64	11,497.19	14,214.64
m.	Earnings Per Equity Share (of ₹ 10/- each) (in ₹)				
(i)	Basic Earning Per Share - (in ₹)	0.53	0.40	0.58	1.36
(ii)	Diluted Earning Per Share - (in ₹)	0.53	0.40	0.58	1.36
n.	Debt Equity Ratio (in times)	1.35	1.32	1.08	1.32
o.	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (in times)*	1.10	1.39	1.03	0.68
p.	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (in times)*	1.36	1.30	1.52	1.28
q.	Current Ratio (in times)	0.16	0.32	1.41	0.32
r.	Long Term Debt to Working Capital (in times)	(3.40)	(8.61)	5.78	(8.61)
s.	Current Liability ratio (in times)	0.32	0.27	0.19	0.27
t.	Total Debts to Total Assets (in times)	0.54	0.54	0.50	0.54
u.	Debtors' Turnover ratio (in number of days)	104	85	112	106
v.	Operating margin (%)	47.45%	30.49%	50.46%	40.31%
w.	Net Profit Margin (%) including exceptional item	17.26%	11.05%	18.87%	11.08%

Notes: 1. The above results were reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at its meeting held on 23rd July, 2024. 2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of quarterly financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarterly financial results is available on the Stock Exchange website www.nseindia.com and on the Company's website www.tatapowerrenewables.com 3. For other line items referred in Regulation 52(4) of SEBI (Listing obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, pertinent disclosures have been made to the National Stock Exchange and can be accessed on URL www.nseindia.com. * In Case of quarterly numbers, Ratios have not been annualised.

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Rehabilitate those affected by anti-encroachment drive: SC to Uttarakhand

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THE SUPREME COURT Wednesday said that authorities should identify and devolve a scheme for those who are likely to be affected by the drive to evict encroachers in Uttarakhand's Haldwani.

The court asked Uttarakhand Chief Secretary to convene a meeting in this regard with railway authorities and the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

"As the first initiative, let the land, which is required immediately (for Railways development) be identified with full description. Similarly, the families who are likely to be affected in the event of taking possession of that land also be immediately identified," a three-judge bench presided by Justice Surya Kant said and directed that the exercise be completed in four weeks time.

The bench also comprising of Justices Dipankar Datta and Ujjal Bhuyan was hearing a plea by the Railways seeking modification of the January 5, 2023, order staying the eviction ordered by the Uttarakhand HC.

Appearing for the Railways, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati urged the court to lift the stay on an "incremental basis". The bench however sought to know how proactive Railways had been on the issue.

Bhati pointed out that proceedings under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971 were pending against the alleged encroachers.

Justice Surya Kant said, "Assuming they are encroachers, still...they are all human beings. They have been residing for decades. These are all pucca houses".

The SC will hear the matter again on September 11, 2024.

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Budget's political choices

Budget 2024 misses the mark on reviving demand, fails to address rural distress



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NUMBERS UP CLOSE

Assumptions underpinning budget math are reasonable. Greater clarity is needed on medium term debt-deficit trajectory

IN 2020-21, THE first year of the pandemic, the central government's fiscal deficit had surged to a staggering 9.2 per cent of GDP. Since then, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has been steadfast in her commitment to fiscal consolidation, while at the same time, managing to ramp up allocations for capital expenditure. By 2023-24, Sitharaman had managed to bring down the deficit to 5.6 per cent. In the latest budget, she has continued on that path, targeting a further reduction to 4.9 per cent this year, and restating her intent to bring it below 4.5 per cent by 2025-26. However, last year, the Union Budget was conservative in its revenue assessment — actual collections exceeded expectations by around Rs 1 lakh crore. This year, too, the assumptions underpinning the budget numbers appear to be restrained.

The budget has pegged gross taxes to grow at 10.8 per cent. This is in line with the 10.5 per cent nominal GDP growth it has assumed. But, this implies a tax buoyancy of one, which is considerably lower than what was witnessed last year. Under the broad rubric of gross taxes, the budget has projected direct taxes to grow at a faster pace than indirect taxes, and within direct taxes, personal income taxes to outpace corporate taxes. In fact, collections from personal income taxes, which were earlier lower than corporate taxes, are now considerably higher. Alongside, the government's non-tax revenue is up, driven by a higher transfer from the RBI and receipts from other communication services. The latter includes licence fees for telcos and spectrum-usage charges. Tax devolution to states works out to around 32.5 per cent of gross tax collections as a sizeable share of revenue flows through the levy of cesses and surcharges.

On the expenditure side, the budget has pegged the Centre's spending to grow at 8.5 per cent this year, less than the growth assumed for the year. However, capital spending is expected to continue to outpace revenue expenditure, indicating the policy inclination of the government. The capex to GDP ratio has been maintained at 3.4 per cent, with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and Railways garnering a sizable share of the allocations. Alongside, the government's subsidy bill on food, fertiliser, petroleum and others is expected to decline further to 1.31 per cent of GDP this year, from 1.49 per cent last year. Allocations towards subsidies had peaked at 3.82 per cent in 2020-21. The medium-term fiscal policy cum fiscal policy strategy statement accompanying the budget has not provided the rolling targets for the next two years as was the practice in the past. While the budget does state that from 2026-27 it will try to keep the fiscal deficit at levels that ensure that government debt is on a declining path, it should provide greater clarity.

THE FIRST BUDGET of the third term of the National Democratic Alliance reflected the changed political reality of the government but was far from the economic reality of the country. The change in political circumstances after the elections meant that the allies crucial for the government's survival (read Bihar and Andhra Pradesh) found the necessary mention, but it was still short of what they expected. But a post-election budget was also an opportunity for the government to reset the fiscal paradigm to usher in a process of reforms for the economy still recovering from the slowdown of the first term and the pandemic-induced shocks of the second term. There is a consensus that despite the recovery, the economy is suffering from deficient demand, contributing to a slowdown in consumption growth, tepid private investment and precarious exports. In effect, all three sources of demand — private consumption, investment and exports — require a serious push for growth to be sustainable.

The reasons behind deficient demand are well-known. Most indicators of income and earnings in the last decade suggest either stagnation in real earnings or, worse, decline. According to the Periodic Labour Force Surveys (PLFS), real earnings of regular workers have been declining since 2011-12. Labour Bureau data on wages shows a decline in real wages in non-farm occupations, with agricultural wages almost stagnant. Recent reports on the unorganised sector also suggest a decline in real earnings. Cultivation incomes have barely increased by 1 per cent per annum in the last decade. Together, these account for almost three-fourths of workers in the economy. The only remit for this budget should have been to find ways to raise the earnings of these workers. In reality, there is not even a recognition of the crisis of earnings in the economy. The rural economy has been in distress for almost a decade. It has now spilled over to urban areas. Depleting household savings and non-collateralised retail loans are fuelling whatever little consumption growth is visible.

The Finance Minister did not have to look for solutions. Its own Economic Survey ar-

gues for the necessity of agricultural growth for sustained economic revival. The budget has announced a wish list without allocating anything additional for agriculture. The idea of encouraging natural farming was announced first in the 2019-20 Budget. The actual spending on National Mission on Natural Farming last year was Rs 100 crore even though the allocation was Rs 459 crore. This year, even this has been reduced to Rs 366 crore. The total budget allocated for all agricultural research institutes, including ICAR and NAAS, and agricultural universities has declined compared to last year. Of the eight schemes as part of the first priority of 'Productivity and Resilience in Agriculture', none has seen an increase in budgetary allocation. While fertiliser and food subsidies have seen lower allocations, even the PM-KISAN has not seen any increase in yearly transfers since 2019. For the broader rural economy too, there is hardly any increase in allocations. The lifeline during the COVID pandemic and the slowdown, MGNREGA, has seen a decline, compared to the actual spending in 2022-23, and the same as last year's revised spending. Given the important role it plays in raising rural wages, it could have been the instrument to improve incomes in rural areas.

While the Economic Survey has blamed the private sector for being ungrateful for not contributing to raising private investment, the budget has done little to entice them. The flawed approach of a supply-side response with massive corporate tax cuts in 2019 has not led to a private-sector investment revival. However, the private sector used the subsidy to clean its balance sheet without contributing to increasing investment or generating employment. But blaming the private sector is hardly the solution. The real elephant in the room is a lack of demand with no corporations willing to invest so long as demand remains subdued. The solution does not lie in incentives and subsidies to the corporate sector but in creating demand in the economy.

Perhaps, as punishment, now the private sector has also been asked to shoulder the

burden of creating jobs in the economy. With the lack of decent employment becoming a political issue, this budget has proposed a plan of Rs 2 lakh crore to be spent in six years to create 41 million jobs. However, the outgo in the current year is only Rs 28,000 crore for the employment incentive schemes and even this is unlikely to be spent given the onerous conditions set out for getting the benefit. All three incentive schemes require workers and enterprises to be part of EPFO. The total number of workers registered in EPFO was 13 million in 2023-24, one million less than in 2022-23, despite several schemes on similar lines already in place since the pandemic. The government now intends to create 16 million EPFO-enrolled jobs this year with a government cost of Rs 17,500 per employee. The rest of the employee cost is to be borne by the private sector. Even with an average salary of Rs 25,000 per month (the schemes are for employees earning less than 1 lakh per month), the private sector will bear 94 per cent of the new employee cost.

The reality of how much was actually spent and how many jobs created will be known only next year when a new set of announcements comes. With actual spending in most departments remaining below-budgeted expenditure every year, budget announcements look more like political manifestos than actual action plans. But any concrete action to revive demand and investment in the economy requires changing the political-economy paradigm, which still favours supply-side incentives when the problem is a lack of demand due to stagnant or declining incomes. It is a political-economy approach that prefers large subsidies to corporates as essential even if it is at the cost of pruning investment in agriculture, rural development and human capital. The problem is also not of fiscal prudence but of political priorities — of where to spend. In the end, a budget is a political choice not just an accounting exercise.

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JUSTICE FOR FAIZAN

Delhi High Court ruling in 2020 riots case, taking Delhi Police to task for a 'hate crime', is significant — and reassuring

IN FEBRUARY 2020, more than 50 people died, many more were injured and hundreds affected in one of the worst communal riots in India's national capital in decades. The Delhi Police invited criticism, not just for lacking the will to stem the violence — the brunt of which was borne by the minorities — but some cops were also accused of abetting mobs that had a free run of the city for at least four days. A Fact-Finding Committee of the Delhi Minorities Commission found "that victims themselves were arrested, especially when they filed or attempted to file complaints". Now, the Delhi High Court has called out some of the custodians of law for being "driven by bigoted mindsets". The Court took note of two online videos that had gone viral when the riots were raging. They show policemen raining blows on Faizan, a resident of northeast Delhi, humiliating him and forcing him to sing Vande Mataram and the national anthem.

The Court was responding to a petition by Faizan's mother, who had alleged that the cops detained the 23-year old illegally, denied him medical care, resulting in his death at a hospital. Its 38-page order is a stinging indictment of the Delhi Police's "tardy" probe into allegations against its own personnel. Particularly resonant are its words of outrage: "The element of abomination gets aggravated if a hate crime is committed by a person in uniform". This observation is of a piece with several studies, including those by the police itself. For instance, a 2014 report by the then DGs of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu noted that minorities view police as partisan to the majority community. It pointed out that "the demeanour of some police officers and men in several serious communal riots... has served to strengthen such beliefs". By "conveniently sparing the persons involved in the brutal attack" against Faizan, as the Delhi HC has said, the Delhi Police may have reinforced such distrust.

On being told that the Court has directed the CBI to investigate Faizan's case and bring the guilty to book, his mother expressed the hope that justice may finally be served. In March 2020, about a week after the riots, Home Minister Amit Shah had told the Rajya Sabha that "the government will not spare anyone from any side". However, as the HC observed, "even after four-and-a-half years, the perpetrators of the crime" are at large. After its verdict, the Home Minister's promise will again be tested by the quality of justice that is served to Faizan's mother — and others like her.

Rs 17,500

How will the taxpayer spend this unexpected amount the budget has handed her?

YEAR AFTER YEAR, Union budget after Union budget, finance ministers have buried the lede. The salaried middle class wait with bated breath as schemes and packages are announced and figures in the thousands of crore banded about in Part I of the speech. The majority of taxpayers have to pretend to be deeply interested in the fiscal deficit or the outlay for infrastructure, as they scroll through live blogs or remain glued to their television sets. Then, just before the end, the FM finally gets to income taxes. This year, the taxpayer will get to keep up to Rs 17,500 more of their yearly income. As windfalls go, it's not quite a life-changing lottery — but it's not nothing. How will people spend it?

In households across India, discussions will turn into debates and fights. Should the bratty teenager get the smart phone he has been demanding? Should the kitchen or bathroom, practically falling apart, finally be renovated? Or, perhaps, a quick family holiday at a domestic destination? The point of the tax break, after all, is to boost the economy through consumption. Hapless young couples may want to pay off their debt, realising, as too many people do too late, that being boring is being responsible. Then, there are the ones that are the envy of all those who have settled down. The yuppy without responsibility may just eat out at a chic restaurant where a "modern" Indian meal costs more than Rs 17,500 for two. And post photos, with YOLO tags and an appropriate filter.

Many people may already have spent the windfall in their heads, not realising that only the upper crust of taxpayers will get the maximum benefit. Even for them, there's always inflation and unexpected expenses. Fridges and TVs conk off, air conditioner compressors mysteriously run out of gas. But whatever else goes wrong, they at least had a moment of sudden joy, after listening to facts, figures and policy statements for 86 minutes.



SANDIP ROY

A GEOMETRY BOX has become the unlikely repository of nostalgia these days.

One compass, one protractor, two set squares, one pencil, one eraser, one ruler, one sharpener. All neatly tucked into a yellow-and-orange metal box, a place for everything and everything in place. In pre-liberalisation India, the Camlin "geometry box" was a rite of passage. Children studied arithmetic. But the Camlin box of "mathematical writing instruments" meant we had graduated to geometry (and algebra). It didn't just open up a world of magical shapes. Now we could also painstakingly inscribe our name on wooden desks at school with the compass. It was a brief interregnum sadly. Soon, trigonometry would descend and the days of the "geometry box" would end.

The death of Subhash Dandekar, chairman emeritus of Kokuyo Camlin, prompted a flood of nostalgia about Camlin products. Many remembered their "geometry box" as the ultimate schooldays flex of pre-liberalisation India. But if flex means to show-off, the Camlin "geometry box" was hardly a classroom flex because everyone had it. We took it for granted, like our Camel paints and pastels. As a boy, I went to endless sit-and-draw competitions where I more often than not drew "A Day at the Zoo" with my Camel pastels, pack of 24 shades.

It's only with Dandekar's death that I discovered the story behind the camel. Camlin began as Dandekar & Co., a writing ink manufacturing company started in 1931 by D P Dandekar and his brother Govind. The company went through a lean period and almost

THE LOST GEOMETRY BOX

In pre-liberalisation era, Camlin promised a homegrown dependability

shut down, but decided to stick it out and chose the camel as its mascot because it was a symbol of endurance. Subhash Dandekar studied colour chemistry in Glasgow and diversified into pastels, crayons, water colours and pencils with floral patterns. The "Camel" and "Ink" eventually fused into Camlin. In 2012, the Japanese company Kokuyo acquired a majority stake and it's still going strong as Kokuyo Camlin.

Often, our fond remembrance for the products of a pre-liberalisation India is a strange nostalgia for deprivation. Recently, the re-introduction of Campa Cola provoked a gush of made-in-India nostalgia as if we had forgotten Indians really wanted to feel good and have fun with the banished Coca Cola. Instead they had to make do with the wannabe. There's something odd about fetishising deprivation as nostalgia.

But our nostalgia for Camel/Camlin is different. It's affection for certain brands that defined us without even realising it. Boroline ointments, Binaca toothpaste, Kissan squashes, Britannia biscuits, HMT watches, Camlin geometry boxes were all the gold standards of what it meant to grow up Indian. This was not about any manufactured made-in-India nationalism. The allure of the foreign still ran strong. Visiting aunts and uncles from abroad were much in demand for all the exciting foreign things they could bring — Dove soaps, Danish butter cookies and Toblerone chocolate bars. But products like Camlin delivered a quiet reassurance about India's own capability as well. There was something solid

about them like the Ambassador cars. They may not have been flashy but they were utterly dependable. They were stalwarts.

In a more fickle age, we are learning that dependability also has value. No one wants to roll the clock back to a licence raj where we had few choices but we are also realising that a plethora of choices does not necessarily buy happiness. In fact, in a world of multinational mega companies who own almost everything, what we are often really served is merely the illusion of choice in snazzy packaging. I grew up with Camlin geometry boxes and Camel paints as did my sister before me, as did my niece and nephew after us. We didn't feel deprived. Rather, there was comfort in knowing we were part of the same caravan, like a line of camels marching through time.

As India modernises rapidly, there is a growing market for nostalgia. One of the busiest stalls at the Kolkata Book Fair was one selling Sulekha inks and fountain pens. Campa Cola wants to cash in on the nostalgia as well with its relaunch. Camlin, however, never went away. So the nostalgia here is not for a lost geometry box. It is for the orderly simplicity it represented — no frills, no fuss, no excess yet utterly functional.

As we come out of the biggest blindest wedding the country has ever seen, even the most obtuse will admit there's something acutely reassuring about a geometry box that was always quietly at the right angle.

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JULY 25, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

EXCISE DUTY RAISED

THE GOVERNMENT HAS accepted the recommendation of the Eighth Finance Commission to provide for the enhancement of the state's share in the Union excise duties to 45 per cent from 40 per cent and the retention of the state's share of income tax at the present level of 85 per cent. For the current financial year, the government will continue with the recommendations made by the commission in its interim report.

AKALIS END ISOLATION

THE AKALI DAL has planned a two-pronged

move to free gurdwaras from the control of security forces. The party leadership decided to seek the cooperation of the national opposition parties for its demand. The move to attain opposition support is seen as an attempt to end the Akali Dal's isolation from the national mainstream.

DOCTORS' STRIKE

JUNIOR DOCTORS ALL over the country went on a day's strike in support of the striking Maharashtra resident doctors. The Delhi junior doctors wore black bands in protest. The resident doctors of Maharashtra have been on an indefinite strike against the sanction

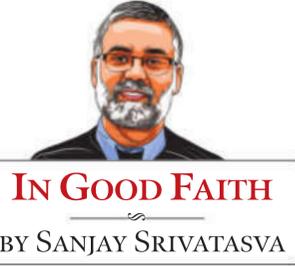
of capitation fee in medical colleges in Kharad, Loni and Amravati.

EXTREMISTS ATTACK

TRIPURA ASSEMBLY DEPUTY Speaker Bimal Sinha had a miraculous escape when extremists of the Tribal National Volunteers (TNV) fired four rounds at his car. Almost simultaneously, another extremist group attacked the nearby outpost of the district armed police at the Baramura Oil and Natural Gas Commission complex, injuring one policeman and three labourers. Massive combing operations are underway to apprehend the TNV extremists.

A sepia Hinduism

Its current reinvention — in terms of purity and impurity — owes a great deal to transformations in the cultures of nostalgia



IN GOOD FAITH
BY SANJAY SRIVATASVA



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HINDUISM IS A religion with an impressive textual tradition but the religion that is practised rarely draws upon its holy books. Unlike the Bible and the Quran, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata are not instructions on proper ways of being devout. They are expansive stories about the multiple possibilities of being good and the frequently blurred distinctions between good and evil. Depending on their behaviour, demons can become saints and saintly persons can be brought down. Just as caste in India does not follow a pan-Indian template — Brahmins in Punjab and Haryana do not enjoy social and cultural dominance — Hinduism, too, does not derive — or earlier sought to derive — legitimacy from a set of written rules.

In a society where the Hindu *jajman* (patron) was just as happy to extract services from Hindu as well as Muslim service providers, there could be no way of strictly adhering to a self-contained Hindu world. Muslim barbers (*nais*), tailors (*darzis*) and drummers (*dholis*) constituted and completed the worlds of Hindu rituals and festivities. The recent edict by the Uttar Pradesh police — stayed by the Supreme Court — that restaurants along the *kanwar* route across the state must carry the name of the owner so that the “purity” of the pilgrims’ faith remains intact is little more than a reinvention of Hinduism. It has nothing to do with its everyday life and actual history. Either that, or a religion that for hundreds of years has been in robust health even though Muslims have been integral to its key ritual and worship practices has suddenly become fragile and in need of protection.

Historians report that in the early parts of the 19th century, Christian missionaries travelling the countryside would ask peasant families about their familiarity with events in the Vedas and other religious books. Their inquiries were met with bemusement and confusion — how to tally the worship of ancestors in Haryana and household gods in the Kumaon region with what was written in the Vedas? The flummoxed missionaries would frequently bemoan the fact that “Hindus did not know their own religion”. The UP government’s commandment regarding nameplates on eateries and restaurants along the *kanwar* route is, actually, an extension of the missionary attitude. It suggests that the everyday practice of Hinduism is not what the religion is all about and that Hindus don’t know their own religion. Like so much that has happened in the name of Hinduism over the past decade, the nameplate episode has little to do with the core — everyday — aspects of the religion.

Under modern conditions of life — and the *kanwar* yatra is a quintessential modern phenomenon in its staging — all projects of seeking “purity” are, at best, flawed and, at worst,

comical. They invent pure ways of life through recourse to a method of tracing identity — history — that is itself nothing but an account of the mixing of cultures and people. The *lived* history of Hinduism is nothing but an account of how people learnt to live in the middle of a river of different ideas, practices, foods and beliefs. Standing in the middle of the flow, they don’t drown or shout out nostalgic cries, yearning for a time when the river wasn’t there. There is a difference between propagandists of culture and those who live it. The current reinvention of Hinduism — in terms of purity and impurity — owes a great deal to transformation in the cultures of nostalgia.

Over the past decade, there has been a definitive shift in cultures of nostalgia. Earlier, proclamations of “glorious and pure” past tended to be limited to the anti-colonial and pro-Hindutva campaigns. They primarily sought to show that Indians were no less than Europeans in the realm of ideas and had the same capacity for thought. The current shift relates to the emergence of *lifestyle nostalgia* where *everyday* aspects of the past are presented as lost worlds of a better time. Lifestyle nostalgia is a middle-class invention and preoccupation. Ironically, though the *kanwariya* phenomenon is not, primarily, a middle-class religious event, the nameplates episode derives from the rise of lifestyle nostalgia.

There are three aspects to lifestyle nostalgia. First, it refers mainly to an apparent Golden Age that existed from the 1960s to the 1990s. Second, it imagines this age as an un sullied world of pure relationships between humans. Think of the wide circulation of social media memes and short videos — usually in evocative black and white or sepia — that tell us of unconditional parental love; joyful family togetherness; the “simple pleasures” of train travel; and the delights of frolicking in monsoonal downpours with cousins and friends. The third aspect of lifestyle nostalgia is the striking ways in which goods and commodities from the 1960s to the 1990s have now become markers of a sentiment-

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talised past. There is now an unending supply of social media messaging with images of cassette tapes (with scribbled notes); metal pencil boxes; black-coloured dial telephones; spinning tops; Ambassador cars; and rooftop TV aerials.

Lifestyle nostalgia serves to break the connection between actual conditions of life and its romanticised version. Never mind that parent-child relations could be authoritarian with little scope for personal decision-making and forget that in most parts of the city, lack of attention to infrastructure meant annual monsoon misery. Why, also, bother with the reality that the black telephone and Ambassador cars symbolised the hierarchy of access to means of communication and mobility respectively? But the point behind lifestyle nostalgia is, precisely, the great middle-class capacity for self-absorption and the symbolism of the nameplates diktat is addressed to it, rather than those who participate in it. The latter — the mostly non-middle class pilgrims — are fully aware of how their lives are entangled with those of Muslims. Indeed, it is striking that there has been no concerted demand for nameplates from the *kanwariyas* themselves and many have pointed out that they are met with the same hospitality in “Muslim” areas as in “Hindu” ones.

There are two particular dangers of proliferation of lifestyle nostalgia. The first is that actual life is expected to adhere to an entirely fictional template. And second, that those who are expected to take part in lifestyle nostalgia have had no role in its propagation. But, this is in keeping with the broader trend within movements of religious mobilisation: Those who suffer its consequences are rarely those who dream it up. Sepia — though now a template for thinking about it — is never the colour of everyday life. And sepia Hinduism benefits just a tiny minority.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

“The government needs to be more aware of the ground realities and sufferings that the general public are having to endure, and pursue a path of de-escalation.”
— THE DAILY STAR, BANGLADESH

Modest yet momentous

While the market has repeatedly underestimated the impact of Nirmala Sitharaman’s budget, the economy has not



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IF ONE WERE to formulate a “Sitharaman’s Law of Budget”, it might be: “The impact of her budget tends to be modest on the market but meaningful on the economy.”

Data from the past seven years supports this hypothesis.

Nirmala Sitharaman is the first finance minister in India to present seven consecutive budgets. On the previous six occasions, the BSE Sensex closed on the budget day at -0.2 per cent, 0.2 per cent, 0.01 per cent, -1.3 per cent, 1.4 per cent, and 0.01 per cent, respectively, yielding a meagre average daily return of 0.02 per cent. This year’s budget was no different, with the Sensex ending the day down 73 points, translating to a return of -0.09 per cent. Even the day after the budget, the Sensex continued to languish in negative territory.

While the market has repeatedly underestimated the impact of her budget, the economy has not. The 2023-24 Economic Survey points out that “the Indian economy is on a strong wicket and a stable footing.” During her tenure, the Indian economy has been characterised as a “Goldilocks economy” — a term describing the ideal state for an economy — with rapid growth, low and falling inflation, a declining fiscal deficit, a modest external deficit, a stable currency, and a positive and strong economic outlook.

Even though the stock market seems to go sour on budget day, it has soared in the medium term. During Sitharaman’s time as finance minister, the BSE Sensex has more than doubled from 36,000 to 80,000, yielding an average annual return of nearly 15 per cent.

Will her seventh budget continue the tradition of being modest on the market (in the short term), but momentous for the economy (in the medium term)? The answer is yes, for the following four reasons.

One, it keeps advisors close, and voters closer. The 2024-25 Budget acknowledges that despite rapid growth and macro-stability, there are serious structural challenges in the economy. The agriculture sector is in distress, the labour market is not creating adequate jobs for the youth and women, MSMEs and the informal sector have stagnated, and foreign investors remain hesitant. These insights did not come from government advisors but from voters. Full marks to the North Block mandarins for recognising these inconvenient truths about the economy. Identifying the problem is the first critical step in solving it, so the budget should be praised for focusing on the areas that need the most attention.

Two, it stays the course on macro-stability. The budget avoids the temptation of spending the dividends received from the

RBI and growing tax revenues on populist schemes. Instead, it aims to expand the tax base, maintain investment momentum, reduce fiscal deficits, and commit to lowering the government debt-to-GDP ratio in the medium term. These measures should further contribute to macro-stability, encourage greater foreign investment, strengthen the case for rating upgrades, and possibly convince the RBI to cut interest rates earlier than expected, all of which will bode well for economic growth.

Three, it is better to try and fail, than to never try. It is rare to see a budget putting “job creation” at its centre. Economists are good at recommending policies to boost growth but struggle to suggest policies that create jobs. The task was made more difficult as some experts continued to insist that the economy is creating adequate jobs, denying the existence of any employment problem in the country. The government, to its credit, went against such advice to announce six new schemes with a two-lakh-crore outlay to create jobs and upgrade skills. Given the complicated design structure, these schemes are bound to face teething problems and significant implementation challenges. But it’s better to at least attempt a solution, even if it doesn’t work. So, kudos to the government for exploring heterodox solutions to India’s job problem.

Four, there is a pivot on trade and investment policies. After years of mixed signalling, this year’s budget tries to pivot towards gradual liberalisation of trade and investment regimes. Customs duties have been reduced, albeit selectively. The corporate tax rate on foreign companies has been lowered, the additional equalisation levy has been removed, and the angel tax for startups has been abolished. These measures will help domestic founders and their mostly foreign backers. One hopes these are the start of steady reforms to continue opening the Indian economy to global competition and aligning its trade and investment policies with its successful foreign policy regime.

However, there are plenty of missed opportunities in the budget as well. Raising the competitiveness of India’s industry through drastic deregulation measures, as argued by the Economic Survey, is conspicuously absent. Unlike in the past, this year’s budget pays lip service to digital economy issues and leveraging AI for public goods. There was hardly any mention of improving public service delivery in the education, health, and social sectors. The elaborate and overly complicated nature of the employment and skilling schemes indicates that officials formulating the policies continue to be divorced from the reality of the state’s capacity to implement them.

But overall, and like many of her previous budgets, the Finance Minister has struck a fine balance between macro-level reforms and micro-level concessions. The market may have shrugged off its impact on budget day, but it should rebound once the full effect is understood.

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The thinning of Kannada

Behind Karnataka’s quota row, a larger and longer showdown



JANAKI NAIR

YOU CAN’T BE too much of a “local” in Karnataka these days. A farmer dressed in a *panche* (dhoti) was turfed out of a mall, even though he had the money to spend. Capitalism’s “sumptuary laws” were soon called to account: Discrimination apart, there was much that the glittering mall had brushed under the carpet, quite literally, in unpaid property taxes amounting to over Rs 3 crore, which the mall once more brushed away as “only” Rs 17 crore. Beneath its pretty clothes and its petty policy was the dirty petticoat of illegality.

Meanwhile, the government’s attempt to make the “local” more visible in the realm of work has also exploded. The vexed relationship of Kannada to the world of modern technology, industry, science, or indeed critical humanities, long lamented, has once more erupted, this time as a showdown between one of India’s classical languages and capitalism itself. The Karnataka government’s decision to draft a bill reserving jobs in the private sector for locals (to fulfil an election promise) — now postponed — had sent great shivers down the spines of industry heads, educational entrepreneurs, and real estate barons, who all fear an immediate plunge of their economic fortunes, should such a “restrictive” policy come into place.

The cat among the pigeons was the proposed Karnataka State Employment of Local Candidates in the Industries, Factories, and Other Establishments Bill, 2024, which would mandate 70 per cent of non-management jobs and 50 per cent of management jobs to

those who are “locals”.

How is the local defined? For one, this requires a domicile in Karnataka for a period of 15 years. That’s easy; there are those from other states who have been domiciled in Karnataka for up to three generations. Fifteen years of domicile in the balmy environs of Bengaluru is a piece of cake many have shared.

The part of the bill that caused the explosion insists that “migrants” to Karnataka learn the local language. For long, Karnataka and especially Bengaluru, the “Dubai of India”, has been considered a “cosmopolitan” place. This merely means that people who have lived here for decades have no obligation to wrap their heads around the local language. Karnataka must be the only state in India where journalists, writers, artists, filmmakers, techies, and scientists can operate and hold jobs without any knowledge of the regional language.

So what is this “devious political stunt” that places the majority of non-Kannada speakers under pressure? Suddenly, the world has been divided between those who are “skilled” and those who are not. Industry chiefs have raised fears that their skilled workers will dry up. The fear of the “great unskilled” son-of-the-soil is ironical, all things considered.

First, speaking, reading, and writing Kannada are considered skills that are not worth acquiring. Those who flock to Karnataka for work or education have gone to court, fought it out in editorials, or simply in-

sisted that they need not learn Kannada; instead, they demand that the people of Karnataka respond to their needs in English, Hindi and Anything But Kannada (in many schools, the preferred language is French).

Whether the suited and booted mall rats or their less well-endowed retail assistants who wear ill-fitting “uniforms”, the non-local shows scant interest in the local language. Equipped with English, they may accost anyone who may actually be able to read a Kannada newspaper or book with the shaming accusation “you can actually read Kannada”. In short, it is not a language that “people like us know” — is the “lingue” of only the *panche* wearer.

Second, for all those who are airing their views on the more important role the state should play in skilling/reskilling locals, the unwritten assumption is that it cannot be in the Kannada language. If the Kannadiga has not made the cut, it is because she is unskilled in the language capitalism had already made its own, namely English.

Kannada’s beleaguered existence has furrowed the brows of every government. It enjoys neither official hegemony nor a robust cultural presence. Despite its long lineage, (since the sixth century at least), its long list of Jnanpith awardees (as testimony to its literary brilliance), it remains in the shadow of English, and increasingly, Hindi. No wonder Kannada’s latest skirmish with capitalism was over nameboards in the state capital. It is a language that relies on the state to propel its ex-

istence, as large numbers desert Kannada-medium schools for the preposterous privately-run hoax that passes in the name of English-medium schools.

This extraordinary thinning of language (all languages) is something that should worry those who are worried about real estate, profits, and quick returns on investments. It should worry the state, if its efforts to promote Kannada learning have not succeeded despite establishing a Kannada Development Authority, periodically passing rules regarding the teaching of Kannada in schools and colleges, and supporting billboards in Kannada. It should equally worry those speaking in the name of the economy since the “functional” English among those who staff the vast economic machine is by no means a cultural achievement.

Is this a case of politics versus the economy? Has the battle already been lost? Can the citizens of Karnataka, local and migrant, give up being “cosmopolitan” in its most emaciated form, in order to become cosmopolitan? This will require not only the will of the state, but also the support of the bourgeoisie. But above all, it requires reorienting the desire of the people. Karnataka still has the chance to build a robust bilingual policy, which will enable the local to participate, not only in the economy but as an equal partner in a culture of self-respect, civility and self-worth.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHANGING COURSE

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Hope deferred: A holding operation’ (IE, July 24). The budget does not cover investment, employment, and consumption adequately. There is a lack of a systems approach to tackle inflation. Income tax relief is marginal and government pensions to those aged 90 and above are not exempted. The public distribution system and high government expenditure are trouble spots that need action. However, the budget was influenced by the election results and the NDA’s reduced majority. The BJP has realised that its communal outlook should be kept away from politics. Election results have pressured the NDA to be more careful.

A.I. Agarwal, New Delhi

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, ‘Hope deferred: A holding operation’ (IE, July 24). The BJP rode the wave of public disenchantment in 2014 and promised the people “*achche din*”. This promise cannot be deferred anymore. Did the major problems of investment, employment, and consumption not exist in 2014? The question is what has been done to address these issues in the last 10 years amidst the tall claims of Viksit Bharat. Intriguingly, in the interim budget before the election, employment did not figure, but the post-election budget has made efforts to address the jobs crisis. The election results reflect the failure of the trickle-down effect in equitably distributing wealth and contributing to the development of society at large.

L.R. Murmu, New Delhi

NEGLECTING FARMERS

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘A setback for the farm’ (IE, July 24). The Union budget “ignored” the farming sector. There is neither anything about giving a legal guarantee of MSP nor any farm loan waivers. Apart from this, there is no scheme in the budget for the long-term development of the agriculture sector. The government allocated Rs 1.52 lakh crore to the sector which was just 3 per cent of the total budget size. The overall rate of inflation is more than 3 per cent and for the agriculture sector, the rate is 6-7 per cent. The production of pulses and oilseeds has been stressed but there is no mechanism for assured purchase. By all accounts, the Union budget offers little relief to the farmers.

SS Paul, Nadia

THIS REFERS TO the article, ‘A setback for the farm’ (IE, July 24). The budget introduces significant provisions to transform the agricultural sector with a focus on sustainability, productivity, and economic growth. One crore farmers are envisaged to be brought into natural farming within two years. This is to be accompanied by the establishment of 10,000 bio-input resource centres for sustainable farming practices. To enhance vegetable production and streamline the supply chain, the budget emphasises promotion of cooperatives and startups. However, these provisions face implementation challenges. The widespread adoption of natural farming practices requires substantial support.

Khokan Das, Kolkata

16 THE WORLD

‘How Far Away Was Oswald From Kennedy?’
TRUMP SHOOTER GOOGLED KENNEDY KILLING: FBI

FBI Director Christopher Wray told lawmakers on Wednesday that a laptop tied to the Trump rally gunman, Thomas Matthew Crooks, included a Google search of “How far away was Oswald from Kennedy?” That is a reference to Lee Harvey Oswald, the shooter who killed President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. AP

TOP OF THE WORLD



Former Pakistan PM Nawaz Sharif. File

PAKISTAN
‘Army officers visited London to convince Sharif to return’

Lahore: Pakistan’s powerful army sent its officers to London in 2022 to convince former prime minister Nawaz Sharif to return to the country to “save” it from destruction under Imran Khan’s regime, the ruling PML-N supremo’s son-in-law claimed on Wednesday. Nawaz, 74, had returned from London in October last year after spending four years in self-imposed exile on medical grounds. Upon his arrival, he was acquitted in all the cases he was facing. “The Army had gone to London (in 2022) and touched the knees of Nawaz Sharif and requested him to come to Pakistan and save it from the destruction of (former prime minister) Imran Khan,” Capt (ret.) Muhammad Safdar while addressing party workers of the ruling ML-N. He said when Nawaz returned to become prime minister for the fourth time then the powerful circles (a reference to military) decided against it. PTI

JAPAN
Population declines 15th year in a row

Tokyo: Japan’s total population marked the 15th straight year of decline, according to government data released Wednesday. Births in Japan hit a record low of 730,000 last year. The 1.58 million deaths last year were also a record high. Japan’s population was 124.9 million as of January 1. The data also showed that the 11% increase in foreign residents helped their population surpass 3 million for the first time. They now make up nearly 3% of the total population and are mostly of working age from 15 to 64. PTI

UNITED STATES
Rushdie attack: Assailant faces terror charges

Buffalo: A man who severely injured author Salman Rushdie in a frenzied knife attack in western New York faces a new charge that he supported a terrorist group. An indictment unsealed in U.S. District Court in Buffalo on Wednesday charges Hadi Matar with providing material support to Hezbollah, a militant group based in Lebanon and backed by Iran. The indictment didn’t detail what evidence linked Matar to the group. AP

PHILIPPINES
Manila signs defence deal with Singapore

Manila: The Philippines and Singapore signed a defense pact Wednesday that will allow their militaries to broaden their engagement. Defense Secretary Gilberto Teodoro Jr signed the MoU with his counterpart in Singapore, Ng Eng Hen, in a ceremony, on Wednesday. AP

TRUMP SAYS HE’S WILLING TO DEBATE HARRIS MULTIPLE TIMES

I know his type: In debut rally, Harris targets Trump over ‘fear and hate’



AGENCIES
MILWAUKEE, JULY 24

US VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris assailed Donald Trump Tuesday at her first campaign rally since replacing President Joe Biden as the Democratic presidential candidate, while a Reuters/Ipsos opinion poll showed her taking a marginal lead over her Republican rival.

In a 17-minute speech, Harris, 59, aggressively went after Trump’s vulnerabilities, comparing her background as a former prosecutor to his record as a convicted felon. Harris ticked through a list of liberal priorities, saying that if elected she would act to expand abortion access, make it easier for workers to join unions and address gun violence, drawing a sharp contrast with Trump, the Republican nominee for president in the Nov. 5 election.

Bangladesh
crawls back to normalcy after deadly unrest

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
DHAKA, JULY 24

BANGLADESH CRAWLED back to normalcy on Wednesday after a five-day nationwide violent student protest over quotas in government jobs with rush hour traffic returning to streets in the capital, and limited reopening of banks, garment factories and internet services.

A nationwide internet blackout since last Thursday has restricted the flow of information in the country. Limited connectivity was restored on Tuesday night, with priority given to companies such as banks, technology firms and media outlets.

Mobile phones have started working, but users say the internet is slow, while mobile internet and sites such as Facebook remain suspended. The curfew was relaxed for seven hours in the capital and in other districts too but the authorities said a strict vigil by army troops would continue. However, schools and other educational institutions remained shut. The violence claimed dozens of lives, including that of students, with some media tally suggesting the toll to be as high as 184.

Chinese scientists find traces of water in lunar soil

K J M VARMA
BEIJING, JULY 24

CHINESE SCIENTISTS studying the soil samples of the moon brought by Chang’e-5 mission found water molecules in lunar soil, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).



US Vice President Kamala Harris during her first campaign event as a candidate for president in West Allis, Wisconsin, on Tuesday. Reuters

“Donald Trump wants to take our country backward,” she told a cheering crowd of several thousand in Wisconsin, a battleground state with a pivotal role in deciding the election outcome. “Do we want to live in a country of freedom, compassion and rule of law, or a country of chaos, fear and hate?”

Speaking about her record as tough a prosecutor in California, Harris, said she “took on perpetrators of all kinds: Predators

who abused women; fraudsters who ripped off consumers; cheaters who broke the rules for their own gain.”

“So hear me when I say, I know Donald Trump’s type,” Harris said, a day after she secured the support of a majority of Democratic delegates, paving the way for her to become the party’s presidential nominee. She emphasised her commitment to reproductive rights, an issue that has plagued Republicans since the US

Supreme Court — powered by three Trump-appointed justices — eliminated a nationwide right to abortion in 2022.

In a conference call with reporters on Tuesday, Trump expressed confidence in his ability to defeat Harris, noting that her previous presidential run in 2020 did not even survive until the first statewide nominating contest. Trump offered to debate Harris multiple times. “I want to debate her, and she’ll be no different be-

EXPLAINED
Campaign gets fresh energy

THE FIRST campaign rally of Harris was a notable contrast to the smaller, more subdued events Biden held, underscoring Democrats’ hope that Harris, 59, can revive what had been a flagging campaign under Biden, 81. Political fundraisers are saying that they have seen a breathtaking financial turnaround for Democrats since Biden’s withdrawal. Harris’ campaign said it had collected a staggering \$100 million between Sunday and Monday, far surpassing the \$53 million that Trump’s political operation touted raising after his conviction in a business fraud case.

cause they have the same policies,” Trump said.

Biden to address nation

Biden said on X that he would deliver a Wednesday night Oval Office speech explaining his decision to end his campaign.

NEPAL’S POOR AIR SAFETY RECORD

Nepal has been criticised for its poor air safety record in recent years but the reasons also include sudden weather changes and airstrips located in hard-to-access rocky terrain, apart from human error

914 people have died in air crashes in the country since the first disaster was recorded in August 1955

January 15, 2023: 72 people were killed when a Yeti Airlines aircraft crashed in Pokhara. It was attributed to a human error

May 29, 2022: 22 people on board were killed as a Tara Air plane crashed in Mustang district

In 2016: 23 people aboard were killed in an air crash in Mustang district

March 2018: US-Bangla Air crash at the Tribhuvan International Airport killed 51 people on board

July 1992: 113 killed as Thai aircraft crashed

September 1992: 167 people killed after Pakistan aircraft crashed



Rescue operations underway at Tribhuvan airport in Kathmandu on Wednesday. AP

Nepal air crash kills 18

YUBARAJ GHIMIRE
KATHMANDU, JULY 24

AS MANY as 18 people including a child were killed after a Nepalese private plane crashed and caught fire shortly after taking off from the Tribhuvan International Airport on Wednesday.

According to reports the only survivor is the pilot, identified as Manish Shakya who got seriously injured and is currently undergoing treatment at Kathmandu Medical College Hospital. The Bombardier CRJ-

200 aircraft of Saurya Airlines, carrying 19 people, including two crew members and technical staff of the airline, was bound for Pokhara International Airport for regular maintenance service when the accident took place.

“Shortly after takeoff from runway 02, the aircraft veered off to the right and crashed on the east side of the runway,” said a statement issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of Nepal.

The deceased child passenger has been identified as Adhiraj Sharma, who was the son of Manu Raj Sharma, a technician of Saurya Airlines. His wife Priza

Khatiwada also died in the crash. Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli and Home Minister Ramesh Leksh separately visited the accident site. Oli said he was deeply saddened by the tragic deaths in the crash.

According to Tribhuvan International Airport chief Jagannath Niraula, the plane flying from Kathmandu to Pokhara turned in the wrong direction. “As soon as it took off, it turned right instead of turning left,” Niraula was quoted as saying by the BBC News Nepal. However, “the cause of the accident has not been revealed yet,” he said.

SINGAPORE, WHICH SUBSISTS ON IMPORTED FOOD, IS LOOKING TO SECURE ITS FUTURE WITH NEW WAYS OF FEEDING PEOPLE

In Singapore, customers can now buy meat grown in a lab

SUI-LEE WEE
SINGAPORE, JULY 24

IT WAS a remarkable moment in the annals of food, perhaps even humanity: A store in Singapore started selling lab-grown meat directly to the general public in May.

On a recent Saturday, visitors to the store, Huber’s Butchery, watched as a chef sautéed filets — 3% of which were generated from chicken cells and the rest from plant proteins — and served them in taco shells with avocado, pico de gallo and coriander. It looked, cooked and tasted

like chicken. Sascha Wenninger, 39, put three packs of the meat in his shopping basket. “I like eating meat, and if I can do it without animal cruelty, it’s ideal,” he said. Others were not so enthused about meat cultivated in a lab. “Why eat something artificial when you can get fresh live chicken from nature?” said Philippe Ritoux, 58.

The city-state, which is smaller than New York City, has spent tens of millions of dollars to study novel ways of producing food because it has very little land to farm and imports 90% of its food. It has looked at urban



A shopper at Huber’s Butchery, which is selling lab grown meat, in Singapore on July 13. NYT

and vertical agriculture, approved insects for human consumption and given generous subsidies to cultivated meat startups. Singapore became the first country to approve a lab-grown, or “cultivated meat” product for commercial sale in 2020 (the US followed two years later, but Florida banned it in May) and has since given the green light to other futuristic products including a protein-rich powder synthesised from air and a concoction that does not require animal cells to grow meat in a lab. “Before Singapore, cultivated meat was completely science fiction,” said

Josh Tetrick, co-founder of Eat Just, the company behind the cultivated meat being sold at Huber’s. Consequently, any success Singapore has could have global significance. But for many experts, lab-grown meat has failed to live up to its promise of replacing traditional meat and reining in climate change by reducing greenhouse gases that are emitted from livestock farming.

The price tag of the quarter-pound bags of cultivated meat at Huber’s — 720 Singapore dollars, about \$5.30 — is a testament to how incredibly expensive it is to produce it. “There are enormous

scaling challenges between where we are and where we need to get to, and those scaling challenges are not guaranteed to be solved,” Tetrick said. Partly because of this, new funding for lab-grown meat startups is drying up. Before it began retail sales, cultivated meat in Singapore was available only in the restaurant within Huber’s. Starting in January 2023, Huber’s sold a sandwich with fries and greens and a pasta dish with spring vegetable orzo-chiette. Both dishes were priced at 18.50 Singapore dollars and heavily subsidised by Eat Just’s subsidiary, Good Meat. NYT



Police clear demonstrators in Washington on Wednesday. AP

SPEECH TO CONGRESS

Netanyahu looks to bolster US support, faces protests and lawmaker boycotts

REUTERS
WASHINGTON, JULY 24

DOZENS OF Democratic lawmakers planned to skip Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s speech to Congress on Wednesday, expressing dismay over the thousands of civilian deaths and the humanitarian crisis from Israel’s campaign in Gaza.

Netanyahu will make a record fourth speech to a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives, passing British leader Winston Churchill, who made three such speeches.

Netanyahu’s speech was expected to focus on coordinating the Israeli and US response to the volatile situation in the Middle East, where there is a growing danger of the Gaza war spilling over into a wider regional conflict.

Some lawmakers said they were uncomfortable about appearing to endorse Netanyahu and his hard-right coalition government. “For him, this is all about shoring up his support back home, which is one of the reasons I don’t want to attend,”

ISRAEL: TRUCE TALKS ONLY NEXT WEEK

Jerusalem: The departure of the Israeli team negotiating a Gaza ceasefire and hostage release deal mediated by Egypt, Qatar and the US has been pushed from Thursday to next week, an Israeli official said on Wednesday.

Senator Chris Van Hollen told reporters. A Republican House member, Representative Thomas Massie, also said he would not attend.

Some of the most prominent Democrats planned to stay away. Netanyahu will meet both Biden and Harris on Thursday. Netanyahu was to travel to Florida to meet with Trump on Friday. Several hundred activists staged a demonstration on Tuesday at a congressional office building, and mass protests were promised for Wednesday. The Capitol building was surrounded by high fencing and a heavy security presence.

The ‘Iron Lady’ of Venezuela threatens to unseat its ‘autocrat’

JULIE TURKEWITZ & ISAYEN HERRERA
BOGOTÁ, COLOMBIA, JULY 24

SHE TRAVELS the country in white, rosaries swinging from her neck. Women cry in her arms, men beg her for salvation. Stripped of her bodyguard last week by the government, she traversed the streets unprotected.

María Corina Machado, 56, the newest leader of Venezuela’s opposition, has struck fear into the hearts of the country’s ruling party. She is not the one running for president, but she is the driving force behind the main opposition candidate, Edmundo González.

The mobilisation Machado has catalysed follows years of political apathy in Venezuela, where the government of President Nicolás Maduro has crushed protests and arrested dissidents, helping to spur an enormous exodus from the country.

Now, Machado, a conservative former member of the national assembly once rejected by her own colleagues, has not only corralled Venezuela’s fractious opposition behind her, but has also captivated a broad swath of the



Maria Corina Machado during a rally on July 4

electorate with a promise for sweeping government change. Under Maduro, the country has witnessed an extraordinary economic contraction.

Machado’s popularity will be tested this Sunday, when the country holds a presidential election that could bring an end to 25 years of socialist rule.

In January, a high court ruled that Machado was barred from the ballot. Then came a surprise: The government allowed her coalition to nominate a different candidate, and González became the consensus choice. If the opposition wins, González, 74, will be president. Machado said that she believed they could win.

Last week, Maduro vowed that Venezuela would fall “into a blood bath” if he didn’t win. NYT

17 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 80,148.88 ▼ 280.16 (0.35%) NIFTY: 24,413.50 ▼ 65.55 (0.27%) NIKKEI: 39,154.85 ▼ 439.54 HANG SENG: 17,311.05 ▼ 158.31 FTSE: 8,146.57 ▼ 20.80 DAX: 18,379.39 ▼ 178.31

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹71,650	₹83.71	\$81.98	₹87,500

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) as of July 23

International market data till 1900 IST

IN UNION BUDGET

India creates legroom to sign UK, EU FTAs with Customs Act amendments

RAVI DUTTA MISHRA
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

TO CREATE legroom for signing free trade agreements (FTAs) with developed nations such as the UK and European Union, the Union Budget 2024 has introduced amendments in the Customs Act, liberalising compliance with value-addition norms that typically guard against misuse of concessions agreed in a trade pact.

Value addition norms guided by 'rules of origin' assume special significance at a time when India is signing a slew of FTAs. Rules of origin are the criteria needed to determine the national source of a product. While trade agreements help boost trade volumes with partner countries, it often risks a third country benefiting from the concessions resulting in a loss of revenue if rules of origin are breached. The government on Tuesday amended Section 28DA of the Customs Act, 1962 substituting 'certificate' of origin with 'proof' of origin. The fine prints of the Budget defined "Proof of origin" as a "certificate" or "declaration" in accordance with a trade pact.

Tax experts explained that the amended Customs Act now enables the acceptance of "proof" of origin (if India decided so in an agreement) which is a wider term



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that includes a certificate of origin as well as a self-declaration in line with global Customs norms. However, they also expressed concerns over the implementation as allowing self-certification could result in a breach and require a high degree of integrity in the exporting country without which India could lose Customs revenue.

'Amendments to impact future FTAs'

Former Chairman of Central Board of Indirect Taxes & Customs (CBIC) S Ramesh explained that the amendments in the Customs Act would affect future trade agreements including the one signed with the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) which has a provision allowing self-certification that can be activated in

the future. Notably, China is Switzerland's third-biggest trading partner after the US and the European Union. Switzerland is a member of EFTA. The two countries signed FTA in 2013. Earlier this year, China and Switzerland signed a joint declaration agreeing to deepen their partnership.

"The developed countries have good tracking systems, and the self-certification mode has already come into play in those countries for the FTAs they sign. India is still insisting on authority to sign a certificate of origin, because we had a bad experience of goods being diverted from China and other countries through Indonesia and Vietnam among others," Ramesh, former CBIC Chairman and current MD, Price Waterhouse & Co LLP said.

The amendments came ahead

UK FOREIGN SECY ON INDIA VISIT

■ The amendments came ahead of British Foreign Secretary David Lammy's two-day visit to India to galvanise negotiations for the FTA. Lammy began his visit on Wednesday.

of British Foreign Secretary David Lammy's two-day visit to India to galvanise negotiations for the India-UK FTA. Lammy began his visit on Wednesday. Moreover, India is also set to resume talks with the EU after a pause during the general elections.

Rules of origin breach

While the amendments give Indian trade negotiators a choice as to which geography they wish to allow self-certification by foreign exporters, India has seen various instances of breaches in rules of origin.

A report by the think tank Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) said that a nearly 60 times jump in silver imports during the last financial year from the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is unusual since the West Asian country does

not produce silver and the import jump may be indicative of a breach in rule of origin finalised by India and UAE under the FTA.

In fact, India introduced stringent rules of origin verification norms, CAROTAR, in 2020 after the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said it had found "few instances of re-routing of goods through the countries" with which India has FTAs. Several Southeast Asian countries such as Thailand subsequently raised concerns against CAROTAR norms in the India-ASEAN FTA review.

Despite stringent rule of origin norms, the India-ASEAN trade gap in FY23 surged to \$43.57 billion in favour of bloc countries, growing sharply by over 40 per cent compared to \$25.75 billion in FY22. "Circumvention of rules of origin has been happening regularly and enforcement of rules of origin and even the CAROTAR has been a problem. Such is the nature of integration and supply chain that it requires a robust Customs administration to do the due diligence. And the problem is that you get caught between ease of doing business and regulating trade," Biswajit Dhar, Professor of Economics at JNU said.

Query mailed to the Commerce Ministry on Wednesday afternoon remained unanswered until the time of going to press.

'Not for high dividends ... If we suck profits out, PSUs will not be able to invest'

AFTER CONSISTENTLY missing disinvestment targets, the government is now doubling down on a shift in its disinvestment policy. According to **TUHIN KANTA PANDEY**, Secretary, Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM), the shift is reflective of the realisation that public asset management need not be overly dependent on strategic disinvestment, and requires a broader and more holistic approach that is decoupled from fiscal management. In an interaction with AGGAM WALIA and SUKALP SHARMA, Pandey talks about the change in strategy, the government's push to make public sector undertakings (PSUs) more competitive, efficient, and market oriented, and more. Edited Excerpts:



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THE EXPRESS
INTERVIEW
WITH
TUHIN KANTA PANDEY
SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF INVESTMENT AND PUBLIC ASSET MANAGEMENT

There seems to be a clear move away from strategic disinvestment towards a broader public asset management strategy. Is it going to be the way forward in the medium to long term? And could you give us an insight into what went behind this shift?

It is important to look at public asset management differently from fiscal management... For 10-15 years, I would say there was a broad understanding between the pink press, economists and maybe even the government that you are bringing the fiscal deficit down, and that you must disinvest... you let the capital (in PSUs) go. But the markets do not look at it that way... and most of these (PSUs) are market players... investors expect the promoter to also manage these companies in a similar way as any commercial business enterprise. This means that boards have to be really bothered about shareholders' interests... If minority shareholders start feeling that the companies care for their interest, they will care for the company's stocks also... So I think there was a bit of disconnect when we had a focussed disinvestment strategy.

There was also a time horizon issue. If you are selling a certain number of shares, you are letting go of future dividends. It is like if you are disposing of your property, you are making one-time capital gains, but you are also foregoing future rental income... So, you are not really counting the opportunity costs—future rentals, or in our case, future dividends... We have also realised that there has to be an alignment of interests of the minority shareholders with those of the majority shareholders (government).

Talking of PSU dividends, there is a feeling in some quarters that perhaps PSUs are being forced to pay high dividends, because of which they are not able to invest in raising their capacities as much as they should.
It (high dividends) is no longer

the case. We are not asking them to maximise dividends. If we suck the profit out, the PSUs will not be able to put some of their earnings into their projects, which means that growth will not come... then as an investor, your share price will not grow because gains come only from profitable growth.

They (PSUs) can take exemptions also, and many times they have said that they will not be able to give it... A consistent dividend policy is much better than a maximum dividend policy... There is a certain amount of deliberation they must do. Investors also need some certainty. There are certain investors... pension funds and others, who are interested in stable returns and high dividend yield companies. In between our dividend yield used to be very high because the share prices were very low. That is not the case anymore.

So, is the era of the government pushing for large strategic disinvestment transactions over, or will privatisation go hand in hand with a more calibrated approach to stake dilution in PSUs and asset monetisation?

In the overall approach we are presently following, we want to be a lot more calibrated. I don't think there is a lot of focus currently on big deals and big-ticket privatisations. We are now following a holistic public management strategy where disinvestment is based on opportunities and calibration, and I would also say a gradual process, not very sharp (offloading of shares)... Because stocks is a sensitive game, where you have complex supply and demand dynamics... We don't want to create overhangs... It could affect share prices for many months.

DIPAM is making efforts to help PSUs with image building

and perception management. What is the specific problem that you see on that front?

The market talks about something called public sector discounts. They look at whether the PSU managements are completely in alignment with the interests of the companies and shareholders or whether they have multiple objectives to serve, other than the commercial objectives. Even in private companies, there are multiple objectives... but there is an element of constraint within the public sector managements due to certain rules just because they are government-owned... Perception is always important in the market... As we are trying to make the managements conscious about minority shareholders and markets, we are also trying to align their interests along these lines... for instance, they should have communication skills for effectively handling and addressing analyst calls and talking to the market... in that context, we had taken an initiative jointly with the Capacity Building Commission for senior PSU executives and we will continue (with such initiatives).

Would it be correct to say that the government wants PSUs to be as conscious of the markets and as competitive as their private sector peers?

Sure, that is the objective. I think this approach will lead to a lot of value creation.

Given DIPAM's thrust to make PSUs more market-oriented, is there any plan to have more direct intervention or coordination between DIPAM and the PSUs?

We don't want a very intrusive approach because they are listed companies that have independent boards and independent directors. From our side, it is basically a nudge and we believe in giving a soft nudge... Also, we are doing a lot of capacity building of officers in the administrative ministries who are dealing with the companies, like nominee directors so that they can meaningfully contribute to the decision-making process at the board level... I think with this kind of capacity building and the right alignment between (annual performance) MoUs and performance-based systems is leading to a lot of good work.

FULL INTERVIEW ON www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

Vivad se Vishwas: Taxpayers can opt from Dec 31

New Delhi: The 'Vivad se Vishwas' scheme announced in the Budget for settlement of pending direct tax appeals will be launched this year and its notification apart from relevant FAQs would be issued soon, CBDT chairman Ravi Agrawal said Wednesday. **PTI**

ESIC adds 23.05 lakh new members in May

New Delhi: Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) added 23.05 lakh new workers under the ESI scheme run by it in May 2024, the Labour Ministry said. **PTI**

Larsen & Toubro PAT rises 12% to ₹2,786 cr in Q1

New Delhi: Larsen & Toubro on Wednesday posted a 12 per cent rise in consolidated profit after tax to Rs 2,786 crore in the June quarter, on the back of higher revenues. **PTI**

Axis Bank Q1 profit inches up 5.7% to ₹6,436 cr

Mumbai: On a standalone basis, the third biggest private sector lender reported a 4 per cent rise in net profit at Rs 6,035 crore. **PTI**

Mobile, component makers invest over ₹8K cr under PLI

New Delhi: Mobile phone and specified components makers under the PLI scheme for large scale electronics manufacturing have cumulatively invested Rs 8,282 crore till June 2024, Parliament was informed on Wednesday. **PTI**

Business growth at three-month high in July, PMI shows

Bengaluru: HSBC's flash India composite purchasing managers' index, compiled by S&P Global, rose to 61.4 this month from June's final reading of 60.9, marking three years of expansion. **REUTERS**

Sebi: 70% of individual intraday traders in equity cash segment made losses in FY23

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
MUMBAI, JULY 24

AS MANY as 70 per cent, or 7 out of 10, individual intraday traders in the equity cash segment incurred net losses in fiscal 2022-23, a study by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said on Wednesday.

The study showed 1 in 3 individuals who trade in the equity cash segment, trades intraday. The number of individuals participating in intraday trading in the equity cash segment surged by 300 per cent in FY23 from FY19.

Intraday traders, or day traders, square off their position by the end of the day.

The study comes a day after Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in the Union Budget 2024-25, announced to double the Securities Transaction Tax (STT) on futures & options (F&O) of securities, in order to curb the exponential rise in volume in the derivative segment.

In January 2023, SEBI had said that as many as 89 per cent

ANALYSING TRENDS BEFORE & AFTER PANDEMIC



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of the individual traders — 9 out of 10 individual traders — in the equity F&O segment incurred losses with an average loss of Rs 1.1 lakh during FY22.

The Sebi's recent study, which covers the periods of FY19, FY22 and FY23, is based on a sample of individual clients of the top-10 stock brokers, accounting for around 86 per cent of the individual client count in the equity cash segment during FY23. The study analyses trends

before and after the pandemic.

It said that the number of individuals trading intraday in the equity cash segment has increased from around 15 lakh in FY19 to 69 lakh in FY23, which is a growth of 4.6 times.

This surge in participation has been associated with a rise in traders with low turnover, traders who trade less frequently, young traders, and traders from tier-II and tier-III cities.

AI Mission: With fresh budgetary allocation, IT Ministry looks to procure up to 500 GPUs

SOUAMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, JULY 24

AFTER RECEIVING its first budgetary allocation for the ambitious IndiaAI Mission, the IT Ministry is looking at soon releasing a tender to procure between 300 to 500 graphics processing units (GPUs) to help the private sector build domestic computing capacity for building and testing artificial intelligence (AI) systems, *The Indian Express* has learnt. In the Union Budget 2024, the Ministry of Electronics and IT has been allocated Rs 551.75 crore for the IndiaAI Mission for 2024-25.

In March, the Union Cabinet had cleared the Rs 10,372 crore IndiaAI Mission to establish a computing capacity of more than 10,000 GPUs and also help develop foundational models with a capacity of more than 100 billion parameters trained on datasets covering major Indian languages for priority sectors like healthcare, agriculture, and governance. The idea is that if such an infrastructure exists in the country, start-ups could plug into it for developing AI systems.

As a first step though, the ministry is taking a more moderated

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What is IndiaAI Mission

WORTH RS 10,372 CRORE, IndiaAI Mission seeks to establish computing capacity of more than 10,000 GPUs and also help develop foundational models for artificial intelligence.

approach. "With the allocation, we will look at AI compute, skilling, data sets and some other applications... the funds outlay for now, we will aim at procuring 300 to 500 GPUs. We will release a tender in due course," a senior government official said on condition of anonymity.

Computing capacity, or compute, is among the most important elements of building a large AI system, apart from algorithmic innovation and data sets. It is also one of the most difficult elements to procure for smaller businesses looking to train and build such AI systems, given the high costs. It is also likely to be a weak point in India's AI strides as no major do-

mestic company currently controls the crucial hardware needed to build large scale datasets. In that, Nvidia has a near virtual monopoly, with its A100 chip — considered to be the most cutting edge for AI applications — costing as much as \$10,000.

This is why the government has decided to step in and help procure some GPUs to allow Indian start-ups access to such computing needs early on.

This is a strategy that the European Union is following as well. To allay concerns over over-regulation of AI, which could stifle innovation, the European Commission earlier this year released a set of rules to enable start-ups and other businesses to access hardware — such as supercomputers and computing capacity — to build large-scale AI models.

Of India's Rs 10,370 crore plan, the implementation of computing infrastructure will be done through a public-private partnership model with 50 per cent viability gap funding. If the compute prices come down, the private entity will have to add more compute capacity within the same budgeted amount to meet increased demand. Of the total outlay, Rs 4,564 crore has been ear-

marked for building computing infrastructure.

The Cabinet has approved the financing by the government of deeptech startups at various levels of growth. Of the total outlay, roughly Rs 2,000 crore has been earmarked towards this.

As part of the programme, an IndiaAI Datasets Platform will be set up, which will look at leveraging the quality, access, and use of non-personal datasets for AI innovation. The platform will be tasked with hosting identified "high-quality" AI-ready datasets.

Together, these proposals cover two of the most crucial elements of building large language models: the hardware and access to high-quality datasets.

The government will also set up the IndiaAI Innovation Research Centre, which will undertake the development and deployment of large foundational models, with focus on indigenous Large Multimodal Models and domain-specific foundational models. Close to Rs 2,000 crore has been earmarked for this centre. There is a plan to financially support 4,000 B.Tech, 400 M.Tech, and 600 PhD candidates who will focus on AI in premier educational institutions.

'CERT-In reported possible data breach at BSNL'

New Delhi: The Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) had reported possible intrusion and data breach at state-owned Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL) on May 20, 2024, Parliament was informed on Wednesday.

An Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) has been constituted to conduct an audit of the telecom networks and suggest remedial measures for prevention of data breaches in the telecom networks, Minister of State for Communications Pemasani Chandra Sekhar said in a written reply in the Lok Sabha.

To a question on data breach in BSNL, the Minister informed that Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In) reported possible intrusion and data breach at BSNL on May 20, 2024. "The same was analysed and found that one File Transfer Protocol (FTP) server was having the data similar to the sample data shared by CERT-In..." he said. **PTI**

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE PUNJAB
21 July 1989



Shaheed Constable Kurada Ram
 83-Bn
 2-10-1972 To 25-7-1994
 Rajasthan

The 18th Battalion of CRPF was deployed in the Ferozepur district of Punjab to assist the state police in anti-terrorist operations. On 21 July 1990, a team was assigned to cordon and search Jogewala village in Zira tehsil, where militants were suspected to be hiding. After securing the village, the team began searching the houses. As they approached one house, militants inside opened fire. The troops immediately returned fire, but the militants managed to escape into the sugarcane fields. Constable Soma Sundaram, who took the brunt of the fire, sustained severe bullet injuries and made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE Manipur
25 July 1999



Shaheed Constable P.T. Kaandhare
 45-BN
 25-2-1970 To 25-7-1999
 Maharashtra

The 45th Battalion of the CRPF was deployed in Manipur for counter-insurgency operations. On 25th July 1999, during an operation in Imphal, Shaheed Constable P.T. Kaandhare displayed exceptional courage in driving away well-entrenched militants. He laid down his life in the fierce encounter. His selfless sacrifice exemplifies exceptional bravery and dedication to duty.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE Assam
25 July 2001



Shaheed Constable Awadh Kishore Singh
 24-BN
 25-6-1972 To 25-7-2001
 Bihar

On 25th July 2001, CRPF troops of the 24th Battalion launched an operation against insurgents in Kauchdola village, PS Gauripur, district Dhubri. Unable to establish contact with the insurgents, the troops were ambushed by hidden insurgents as they returned. A fierce encounter ensued. Shaheed Constable Awadh Kishore Singh, at the front, sustained severe bullet injuries but continued the assault, forcing the insurgents to flee. He later succumbed to his injuries, achieving martyrdom.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE Jammu & Kashmir
25 July 2004



Shaheed Constable Harpal Singh
 58-BN
 2-5-1981 To 25-7-2004
 Punjab

On 25th July 2004, troops of the 58th Battalion of CRPF were returning to their camp after providing security near the airport. As they passed through Hasipora village, PS Chadoora, district Budgam, militants ambushed them with indiscriminate fire from the rear. Shaheed Constable Harpal Singh, who was at the back of the unit, sustained severe injuries but managed to fire back, forcing the militants to flee into the by-lanes. Despite the troops' immediate pursuit, the militants escaped. Constable Harpal Singh later succumbed to his injuries, achieving martyrdom and bringing glory to the Force.

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Tender Notice
 Office of the Executive Engineer (Maint.), Chibro Power Station, Dakpathar (Dehradun), invites sealed tenders from interested parties.
 Tender No: CH(Maint.) - 18/2024-25 Annual Maintenance Works of Unit no 03 & 04 at Chibro Power Station.
 Estimated cost: Rs. 24,75,752/- (GST extra)
 Date of availability of bid on website: 23.07.2024, 18:00 hrs
 Last date for submission of tender: 13.08.2024, up to 16:00 hrs
 For further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"
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ABRIDGED SALE NOTICE
HINDUSTHAN SMALL TOOLS PRIVATE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
 (A Company under Liquidation vide Hon'ble NCLT order dated 19th December 2022)
 Registered Office: 30 Chowringhee Road, Kolkata-700016, West Bengal
 CIN: U2219WB1955PTC022547

Take note that a Sale Notice has been published for Sale of Corporate Debtor as Going Concern and/or its Assets and Properties owned by Hindusthan Small Tools Private Limited (In Liquidation) ("Corporate Debtor") forming part of the Liquidation estate formed by the Liquidator, at a reserve price of Rs.14.69 crore [comprising of commercial properties with built-up total area of 42,404 square feet located at 1458 Garia Main Road, Kolkata with reserve price of Rs.14.60 crore and 2 BHK Flat at 3rd floor at Nayabad, Kolkata with reserve price of Rs.0.09 crore]. For details please visit website of e-auction service provider at https://ncltauction.auctiontiger.net and visit IBI website at https://ibi.gov.in/en/liquidation-auction-notices/lists and email at kuverma@gmail.com.
 Last date to submit Expression of Interest is August 5, 2024 and E-auction date is August 23, 2024.

Sd/-
KULDEEP VERMA
 Liquidator of Hindusthan Small Tools Private Limited
 Regn. No. IBI/HPA-001/PL-P00014/2016-17/10038
 46, BB Ganguly Street, 5th Floor Unit No 501, Kolkata 700012
 E-mail: kuverma@gmail.com/cirp.hspl@gmail.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of certain lands situated at Jatpura Village, Goverdhan Tahsil, Mathura District, Uttar Pradesh State measuring 0.6118 Hectares. Details of the land parcels, including details of its current owner are provided in the schedule below. The land parcels which are the subject matter of our title investigations shall be collectively referred to as the "Schedule Property."

If any person has any right, title, interest, claim or demand in relation to the Schedule Property or any part thereof or, has executed any transactions or documents (whether registered or unregistered) with the Owners or predecessors in title of the Schedule Property, having the effect of creating an encumbrance thereon, are called upon to submit their statements, objections or claims in writing, along with documentary evidence in support thereof, with the undersigned, within 30 (Thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received, we would conclusively presume that no person has any right, title, interest, claim, demand, charge, or encumbrance whatsoever existing on the Schedule Property or any part thereof and we will issue our opinion confirming that the owners have title in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of lands situated at Jatpura Village, Goverdhan Tahsil, Mathura District, Uttar Pradesh State in total measuring 0.6118 Hectares, which is more fully detailed in the table herein below:

Sl. No.	Owner Name	Khasra Nos.	Khata Nos.	Extent in Hectares	Boundaries
1.		159	247	0.1408	North: Land belongs to Maharaj Shree South: Open land belongs to Maharaj Shree East: Parkarama West: Land belongs to Preyesh Goswami
2.	Preyesh Goswami son of Shradh Kumar Goswami	149	157	0.2600	Land belongs to Maharaj Shree Residential Plot Land belongs to Preyesh Goswami Residential Plot
3.		155	158	0.2110	Land belongs to Maharaj Shree Residential Plot Land belongs to Preyesh Goswami and Lohana Ayithi Bhavan Residential Plot

Date: 25/07/2024
 Place: Mathura

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा

शुद्धि-पत्र

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा के अन्तर्गत मुख्यमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना के तहत ई-निविदा संख्या- 02/2024-25/RWD/CHATRA, दिनांक-20.06.2024, जिसकी प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि 30.07.2024 है तथा P.R. No. 328884 (RURAL WORK DEPARTMENT) 24-25 (D) है, अगले आदेश तक स्थगित किया जाता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा
 PR 330515 Rural Work Department(24-25)#D

SUGARFED PUNJAB
 (The Punjab State Federation of Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd.)
 Plot No. 53, Phase-II (Opposite Bassi Cinema), S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali)

E-TENDER NOTICE-2024-25

"Online E-Tender is invited for supply, Erection and Commissioning of New Process Cooling Tower (One Cell-induced draft counter flow) of 1250m³/hr Capacity" at the existing cooling tower area at The Ajnala Cooperative Sugar Mills Ltd., Bhala Pind, District Amritsar, Punjab-143102. Details are available on website: <https://eproc.Punjab.gov.in>

For participating in the above e-tendering process, the bidders shall have to get registered themselves with <https://eproc.Punjab.gov.in> and get user ID, Password. Class-3 Digital Signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering process. For any clarification/difficulty regarding e-tendering process flow, enrollment please contact help desk of NIC on 0172-2970263, 0172-2970284.

Key Dates :-

Sr.No.	Bidding Schedule	Date & Time
1.	Date of Publication of Tender in the News Papers	25.07.2024
2.	Start date of submission of Bids	26.07.2024 from 5:00 PM onwards
3.	Pre-bid meeting	05.08.2024 at 11:00 AM at Sugarfed Office, Opposite Bassi Cinema, Phase-2, Sector 54, SAS Nagar, Mohali.
4.	Last Date & Time of submission of Bids	19.08.2024 upto 5:00 PM
5.	Opening of Technical Bids	20.08.2024 at 11:00 AM
6.	Opening of Financial Bids	To be intimated later on

Sd/-
 Managing Director, Sugarfed Punjab, Mohali.

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
 (A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking), Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358
 Victoria Cross Vijeta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwal Road, Dehradun-248001,
 Telephone. -(0135)-2763672-76, Fax-(0135)-2760289, Website: www.uktenders.gov.in

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Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. Dehradun invites e-tender for supply of following item :-

Sl. No.	Tender Specification No.	Name of Item	Quantity	Estimated Cost (₹)	Average Yearly Turn Over of Preceding Three Financial Year (₹)	Earnest Money Deposit (₹)	Cost of tender document including GST (₹)	Last Date & time of online request for Tender and Submission of tender in online & offline mode	Date of opening of Part-I of tender in online & offline mode
1	CCP-II/8/2024-2025	250kVA, 11/0.433KV, BIS EEL-2(New), Cu. wound, Distribution Transformer	800 Nos.	63.52 CRORE	95.28 CRORE	1.27 CRORE	29500	16.08.24 upto 17:00 Hrs.	17.08.24 at 15:30 Hrs
2	CCP-II/9/2024-2025	400kVA, 11/0.433KV, BIS EEL-2(New), Cu. wound, Distribution Transformer	400 Nos.	50.24 CRORE	75.36 CRORE	1.01 CRORE	29500	16.08.24 upto 17:00 Hrs.	17.08.24 at 15:45 Hrs

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-अतिरिक्तकालीन निविदा संख्या- 08/2024-25/RWD/CHATRA दिनांक- 23.07.2024

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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1	RWD/CHATRA/35/2024-25	मीरपुर मुख्य पथ से होरपुर भाया अमीना स्कूल तक पक्की सड़क निर्माण कार्य (लं.-1.450 कि.मी.)	173.883	173.883	एक करोड़ त्रिंशत् लाख अठ्ठासी हजार तीन सौ मात्र	12 माह	प्रथम
2	RWD/CHATRA/36/2024-25	अन्नादास से जमुया आर.डी.ओ. रोड भाया आर.डी.ओ. पथ निर्माण कार्य (लं.-3.495 कि.मी.)	374.192	374.192	तीन करोड़ चौहत्तर लाख उन्नीस हजार दो सौ मात्र	15 माह	प्रथम
3	RWD/CHATRA/37/2024-25	ग्राम हुमरा दुन्दीदा मेन रोड से नारायणपुर मेन रोड भाया पलकडीह, बरवाडीह जाकार तक पथ का निर्माण कार्य (लं.-2.500 कि.मी.)	252.841	252.841	दो करोड़ बावन लाख चौरासी हजार एक सौ मात्र	15 माह	प्रथम
4	RWD/CHATRA/38/2024-25	कोलेखरी पहाड़ मुक्त से हटवरिया कासदाबर तिलेहत एक पथ का निर्माण कार्य (लं.-3.000 कि.मी.)	333.870	333.870	तीन करोड़ तीस लाख सत्तासी हजार मात्र	15 माह	प्रथम

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 06.08.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 21.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
 4. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 23.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे।
 5. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करनेवाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, चतरा, द्वितीय तल, विकास भवन, चतरा।
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पत्रांक-359 दिनांक- 23.07.2024
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(1) उपलब्ध भवन/तल की विवरणी -

Total Constructed area floor wise			In ground floor		
Sl.No.	Particulars	Area (in sq.ft.)	Sl.No.	Particulars	Area (in sq.ft.)
1	1 st floor	6397sqft	6	Conference Hall	505 sqft
2	2 nd floor	6397sqft	7	Cafeteria	860 sqft
3	3 rd floor	6397sqft	8	Gymnasium	503 sqft
4	4 th floor	6397sqft	9	Visitors Lounge	947 sqft
5	5 th floor	6023sqft			

(2) अग्रिम की राशि- निविदादाता द्वारा उद्धृत किये जानेवाले मासिक किराया की तीन गुणा राशि (Bank Draft)
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 1- भवन/तल को किराये पर लेने हेतु माग लेने वाले निविदादाता को विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन भरकर मुहरबन्द लिफाफा में प्राधिकार के कार्यालय में जमा करना होगा।
 2- आवेदन पत्र में संबंधित कॉलम में किराया हेतु कर्णांकित भवन/तल के सामने मासिक किराया अंकित करना होगा जो प्राधिकार द्वारा निर्धारित मासिक किराया से कम नहीं होगा। जिस निविदादाता द्वारा उच्चतम किराया उद्धृत किया जायेगा उन्हीं उक्त भवन/तल किराया पर आवंटित किया जायेगा।
 3- जियाडा द्वारा आवंटित किये जानेवाले भवन/तल के किराया में प्रत्येक तीन वर्ष में 15% की वृद्धि की जायेगी।
 4- आवेदन पत्र प्राधिकार दिनांक 25.07.2024 से दिनांक 07.08.2024 तक जमा किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त निविदा की समीक्षा दिनांक 08.08.2024 को अपराह्न 2.00 बजे किया जायेगा तथा उसी दिन अपराह्न 3.00 बजे निविदा खोली जायेगी।
 5- किराये पर लगाये जानेवाले रिक्त भवन/तल के संबंध में पूर्ण जानकारी उद्योग विस्तार पदाधिकारी, मोबाइल नं०- 8294472762 से सम्पर्क कर प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।
 6- प्रस्तावित निविदा की प्रक्रिया को अग्रहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा बिना कारण बताये रद्द करने का अधिकार सुरक्षित रहेगा।
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 PR 330505 RIADA(24-25).D

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Satender, S/o: Sh. Munirka Prashad, R/o: Gali No. - 33, Tara Apartment, Tughlakabad Extension, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 289/2020, U/s 279/304A/3181/MV ACT, P.S.: Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Satender** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Satender** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Satender** accused of case **FIR No. 289/2020, U/s 279/304A/3181/MV ACT, P.S.: Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.08.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Kartik Taparia
 Metropolitan Magistrate
 Saket Court, New Delhi

DP/9655/SE/2024
 (Court Matter)

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male namely **Salesh Yadav, S/o Makharu Yadav, R/o H.No. 2294, Gali Hinga Beg Tilak Bazar, Delhi-06** has been missing since 24.05.2024 from his home. In this regard **DD No. 36 A, Dated 24.05.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Lahori Gate, Delhi. The description of missing male is as under:

Name: Salesh Yadav, Age: 36 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Red Colour T-Shirt, Blue Colour Gamchha and Slipper in Feet.

If anyone has any information about this missing male please inform P.S. Lahori Gate, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in>, E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
 Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station Lahori Gate, Delhi
 Ph: 011-23953776, 8750870122

DP/9461/N/2024

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1	CCP-II/8/2024-2025	250kVA, 11/0.433KV, BIS EEL-2(New), Cu. wound, Distribution Transformer	800 Nos.	63.52 CRORE	95.28 CRORE	1.27 CRORE	29500	16.08.24 upto 17:00 Hrs.	17.08.24 at 15:30 Hrs
2	CCP-II/9/2024-2025	400kVA, 11/0.433KV, BIS EEL-2(New), Cu. wound, Distribution Transformer	400 Nos.	50.24 CRORE	75.36 CRORE	1.01 CRORE	29500	16.08.24 upto 17:00 Hrs.	17.08.24 at 15:45 Hrs

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E-Tender Notice No. S&T CON 2024-05. Open tender through e-Tendering System is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works: **Tender No. DYCSTE C NJP 2024 05 04.**

Name of work: Supply, installation, Testing and Commissioning of Electronic Interlocking of Indoor and Outdoor Signalling gears and associated works at Khawaspur (KWP/R) Station of Kathiar Division in connection with Arariya-Galgolia (Thakurgaon) New Line Project of N.F. Railway (Construction). **Tender Value: ₹6,03,86,014/- Earnest Money: ₹4,51,900/- Date & time of closing of tender: 16.08 hrs. of 12-08-2024.** The complete information with tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

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Short Term e-Procurement Notice
 Date-23-07-2024

Sl. No.	Tender Reference No.	Work Name	Amount in (Rs)	Completion Time
1	JSBCL/28/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Kharali Block in Ranchi District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
2	JSBCL/29/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Rahe(Nawadhi) Block in Ranchi District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
3	JSBCL/30/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Kaliyasol Block in Dhanbad District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
4	JSBCL/31/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Anandpur Block in West Singhbhum District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
5	JSBCL/32/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Hatgamharia Block in West Singhbhum District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
6	JSBCL/33/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Chitarpur Block in Ramgarh District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
7	JSBCL/34/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Sadar Block in Jamtara District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
8	JSBCL/35/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Simaria in Chatra District.	12,44,53,840/-	12 Months
9	JSBCL/36/2024-25	Construction of Community Health Centre Building at Pathargama in Godda District.	9,14,89,781/-	12 Months
10	JSBCL/37/2024-25	Construction of New Community Health Centre Building at Patratu Block in Ramgarh District.	12,65,39,420/-	12 Months
11	JSBCL/38/2024-25	Construction of Ayurvedic-cum-Yogayush Centre, Netarhat, Latehar	9,16,08,057/-	12 Months
12	Date of Publication of Tender on Website		31-07-2024 at 11:00 AM	
13	Start Date of Submission of Bids		31-07-2024 at 11:00 AM	
14	Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids		21-08-2024 at 05:00 PM	
15	Date/Time of opening of Bid		22-08-2024 at 05:00 PM	
16	Name & Address of office Inviting tender		e-Procurement Cell, Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi.	
17	Helpline Number of e-procurement Cell		0651-2446259	
18	e-mail ID		cbf@jharkhandtenders@gmail.com	

Note:- Cost of bidding document for a non-refundable fee & Bid Security (EMD) shall be payable online through <http://Jharkhandtenders.gov.in>.
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Nodal Officer e-Procurement Cell
Jharkhand State Building Construction Corporation Ltd., Ranchi

PR 330555 Jharkhand State Building Construction Corp. Ltd.(24-25)D

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It is, for general information that I, Amar Singh Jat, S/o-Kishori Lal, R/o-153/2, Shakti Apartment, Vikram Enclave Extn., Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201005, declare that name of my minor son has been wrongly written as Bhavish in my minor son namely Bhavish Choudhary aged-15 year in his school record. The actual name of my minor son is Bhavish Choudhary which may be amended accordingly.

0040740039-8

It is for general information that I, Amar Singh Jat, S/o-Kishori Lal, R/o-153/2, Shakti Apartment, Vikram Enclave Extn., Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, U.P.-201005, declare that name of my minor daughter has been wrongly-written as Manvi in my minor daughter namely Manvi Choudhary aged-12 year in her school record. The actual name of my minor daughter is Manvi Choudhary which may be amended accordingly.

0040740039-7

IT IS GENERAL INFORMATION THAT I, MOLIKH GOEL S/O MAHESH KUMAR R/O 110-A, ANAND NAGAR, INDERLOK, DELHI-110035. DECLARES THAT MY MOTHER'S NAME HAS BEEN WRONGLY WRITTEN AS MEENU GOEL IN MY 10TH CLASS CERTIFICATE, BUT ACTUAL NAME IS MEENAKSHI WHICH MAY BE AMENDED ACCORDINGLY.

0070914390-1

I, kamalika Ghosh Roy, W/o Anirban Bhattacharya, R/o-Flat.No.C-802, Hamilton Heights, Espire Tower, Sector-37, P.O.-Amarnagar, District Faridabad, Haryana-121003, have changed my name to Kamalika Bhattacharya, for all, future purposes.

0040740036-8

I, VIJAY S/O JAMES ROSHAN, R/O FLAT NO-14 S.F, BLOCK-G SOURYAPURAM TOWNSHIP, POCKET-L LAL KUWA GHAZIABAD U.P.-201001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIJAY KUMAR BHATTI.

0040740039-3

I, URMILA DEVI, mother of, Amar Jeet Rana, Presently, residing at, H.No.38, V.P.O. Bohar, Distt., Rohtak, Haryana-122011, have changed my name from URMILA DEVI to URMILA, vide affidavit date-24.07.2024.

0040740036-10

I, Virender Singh, R/o Flat.No.16B, Penthouse elite, Tower-E, Central Park-2 Resort, Sector-48, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122018, have changed my minor son name from Paarikshit Gill to Parikshit Gill.

0040740036-9

I, Sushil Kumar S/o Sunder Lal R/o D-12/35, Sector-7, Rohini, Delhi-110085, have changed my name to Sushil Kumar Juneja Permanently.

0040740037-2

I, Sameena Begum W/O MOHD NAEEM, R/O H.No.C-228, Street No-10, Chauhan Bangar, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to SAMINA BEGUM. Permanently.

0040740038-2

I, Sakshi Chawla, W/o Tarun Budhiraja, R/o MU-36 C, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Sakshi Budhiraja.

0040740001-1

I, Sagar S/o Late Sh. Harish Kumar Arora R/o A-220 Ground Floor Deep Vihar Pansali Delhi-110042, have changed my name to Sagar Arora

0040740001-6

I, SHAHNAWAZ ALI, S/o- MASOOM ALI, R/o FLAT-A-193, 18TH-FLOOR, GULSHAN IKBANA, SECTOR-143, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH-NAGAR, UTTAR PRADESH-201306, changed my minor daughter name KINZA to KINZA ALI, for all, future purpose.

0040740001-9

I, SEEMA TIKADAR W/O SUBROTO R/O H.NO-102, E-BLOCK, J.J COLONY BAWANA DELHI-110039, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER NAME MAHI TO MAHI TIKADAR.

0040740039-4

I, SATPAL HASWANI S/O KISHAN DASS R/O R-10 Model, Town-3, North, West Delhi-110009, have changed my name to SAT PAL.

0040740038-4

I, SARITA, W/O RAVI, R/O 435, WARD NO.18, GALINO, 1, UTTAM NAGAR, GOHANA, SONIPAT, HARYANA-131301, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SARITA GUPTA.

0040740001-3

I, Rubi, W/o Bhisham Kumar, R/o-6926/136A, Jaipuria Mill, Kamla Nagar, Delhi-110007, declare that Rubi and Ruby is the name of one and same person.

0040740001-8

I, Rohtas Singh S/o Giasi Ram, H.No-60, Miya Mohalla, Pali Faridabad (Haryana)-121004, have changed my name to Rotash Singh.

0040740036-6

I, Rekha Sanoria W/o Ramesh Kumar R/o G-66 Gali.No-3, Near Krishna Mandir, Shakarpur Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Rekha.

I, Ramesh Kumar Sanoria S/o Babu Ram, R/o G-66 Gali.No-3, Near Krishna Mandir, Shakarpur Delhi-110092, Have Changed My Name To Ramesh Kumar.

0040740036-7

I, Mohit Bansal, S/o-Shri Pramod Kumar Bansal, R/o-Plot No.771, Flat B-1, First Floor, Niti Khand-1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014, have changed the name of my minor daughter's from Khushi to Mihika Bansal for all future purposes.

0040740039-1

I, Rajeev Kumar Sharma, S/o-Kali Charan Sharma, R/o, H.No-1370, Sector-3, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, Rajeev Kumar Sharma & Rajeev Sharma both are same person.

0040740001-5

I, RADHEY SHYAM S/O-ROOP LAL, R/O- PLOT NO-Q-72, G.F. BHAGAT-ENCLAVE, UTTAM NAGAR, DELHI-110059, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RADHEY SHYAM GUPTA.

0040740001-4

I, Parneet Singh Batra S/o, Permdinder Singh R/O FA-328/4, Mansarover-Garden, Delhi-110015 that my father's name is wrongly written as Permdinder Singh Batra in my Passport-No.F8807927 and Parmdinder Singh in my 10th-class CBSE Certificate. But my father's actual name is Permdinder Singh.

0040740038-8

I, Yashashvi S/o Rajesh Kumar R/O H.No.97, behind-Civil Hospital, Sector-10, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Yashasvi Gandass.

0040740036-3

I, Mohd Nayeem S/O Sayeed Ahmad R/O H.No.C-228, Street No-10, Chauhan Bangar, New Seelampur, Delhi-110053, have changed my name to MOHD NAEEM. Permanently.

0040740038-1

I, Mohd Gulnawaz Khan, S/o-Sh. Abid Ali Khaan, R/o-flat no. A-505, Divyansh flora, Gaur City-2, Sector-16P, Greater Noida West, Chipanya khurd, Urf Tigri, Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP-201009, have changed my name to Gulnawaz Khan for all purposes.

0040740039-2

I, Mohd Abid, S/o-Kalamuddin, R/o-232, Chhatta Lal Mian, Near-Badi Masjid, Fasil Road, behind Delhi-Cinema, Darya Ganj, ND-02, have changed my minor son's name from Nashit to Mohammad Nashit, permanently.

0040740040-1

I, Mohammad Shariq, S/o Mohd. Sami, R/O H.No.1658, kucha Dakhni Rai, Patauda House, Darya Ganj, Delhi-110002, That in my 10th & 12th-Class Certificate & Marksheet my name has been wrongly-written as Mohd. Shariq instead of Mohammad Shariq which may be amended accordingly, for all future purposes.

0040740008-10

I, MAHESH AHUJA, S/O THAKUR DASS AHUJA, R/O H.NO-1220 SECTOR-19 FARIDABAD NIT HARYANA-121001, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MAHESH CHANDER AHUJA.

0040740039-5

I, Deepika Verma, W/o Sumit Chhabra, D/o Narender Kumar, R/o-B-41, Main Kanti-Nagar, Krishna-Nagar, Delhi-110051, have changed my name from Deepika Verma to Neha Chhabra, for all, future purposes.

0040740036-1

I, Bachan Singh, S/o Dharam Singh, R/o 169, 2nd-Floor, Sarpanch ka Bara, Mandawali Fasalpur, Delhi-110092, have changed my name to Bachan Singh Bisht, permanently.

0040740001-10

I, Ashok Jindal S/o Shri Ram Jindal R/o-8, Chokhani Estate, Mehram Road, Bhiwani-127017 (Haryana), have changed my name to Ashok Kumar.

0040740036-4

I, Arun Kumar S/o Bir Singh, H.No.11, Patti Pachiyar, Near-High School, Harsa, Gurgaon (Haryana), have changed my name to Arun Thakran.

0040740036-2

I, AKANKSHA DUDHURI, W/O-NITIN ARORA, ADDRESS-FLAT NO-603, THE-CEDAR ESTATE SECTOR-54, GURGAON, HARYANA-122003, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO AKANKSHA DUDHURI.

0040740001-2

I, ARTI HASWANI W/o SATPAL R/O R-10 Model Town-3, North, West, Delhi-110009, have changed my name to ARTI.

0040740038-3

I, Yogender S/o Ramesh Chand R/O H.No.1154/A, Jatav Mohalla, Najafgarh, South-West, Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Yogender Solanki.

0040740038-5

I, Parneet Singh Batra S/o Permdinder Singh R/O FA-328/4, Mansarover-Garden, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Parneet Singh for all purposes.

0040740038-6

I, Mahesh Kumar Sharma S/o Prem Parkash Sharma R/o BE-92, Gali No.-2, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to MAHESH SHARMA.

I, Vidhi Agaraiya, W/o Sh. Shivak Aggarwal, R/o Ground Floor, S-23, Greater Kailash Part - I, New Delhi-110048, declare that I have changed my name to Vidhi Aggarwal post marriage. Both Vidhi Agaraiya and Vidhi Aggarwal are the same person. The correct name is Vidhi Aggarwal for all future purposes.

0070914401-1

I, Sunita Yadav, wife of Surendra Prasad Yadav resident of Mahavir Enclave, Palam, Delhi have changed my name from Sunita Yadav to Sunita Ray Affidavit dated 17-07-2024 before Notary Public, Delhi.

0070914351-1

I, Tamarpreet S/o Manjeet Singh R/O G-4/206, 2nd-Floor Sector-16, Rohini-110089 have changed my name to Tamarpreet Singh.

0040740001-7

I, Subhir Kumar Mittal Alias Subhir Mittal S/O Rajinder Kumar Mittal, R/O House No- M 291, Part 2, Greater Kailash, South Delhi, Delhi-110048, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Subheer Mittal.

0070914364-1

I, SUDI KISHA, D/O Naresh Kumar, R/O H.No.25/15, Khasra No.112, Rajpur Khurd Extn Colony, New Delhi-110068, have changed my name to SUDI KISHA SINGH, for all purposes.

0040739965-1

I, Shalini Choudhary W/o Yogendra Chaudhary R/O SI-36, Shastri Nagar, Ghaziabad have changed my name to Shalini Chaudhary.

0070914383-1

I, SEEMA w/o NARENDER KUMAR BHARDWAJ R/O 314, near Sant Ganga Ram Convnt School, Ghoga, Delhi-110039 have changed my name SEEMA BHARDWAJ permanently.

0040739976-2

I, SEEMA BHARDWAJ w/o NARENDER KUMAR BHARDWAJ R/O 314, near Sant Ganga Ram Convnt School, Ghoga, Delhi-110039 have changed my minor daughter's name RIDHIMA to RIDHIMA BHARDWAJ permanently.

0040739976-1

I, Ranjit Singh S/O Iqbal Singh Batra, R/O J 200 First Floor, Behind Federal Bank, Rajouri Garden, Rajouri Market, West Delhi-110027, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ranjit Singh Batra.

0070914358-1

I, Ramesh Chugh S/O Amir Chand Chugh, R/O 265, Sukhdev Vihar, New Friends Colony, South Delhi-110025, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Ramesh Kumar Chugh.

0070914357-1

I, Ram Prasad Sharma, S/o, Nima Ram Sharma R/o, RZB-3/247, Vijay-Enclave, Palam-Village, New Delhi-110045, inform that Ram Prasad Sharma and Ram Prasad Prajuli both are the same and one person.

0040740038-9

I, Raj Kumar Bansal S/O Vishwanath Poddar, R/o House Number-23, Block-Dp, Pitampura, Saraswati Vihar, North West Delhi, Delhi-110034, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Raj Kumar Poddar.

0070914363-1

I, Pawan Kumar, S/o Janak Raj, H.No.F-192, Mansarover Garden, Ramesh Nagar, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Pawan Kumar Dhawan, for all purposes.

0040739963-1

I, Parneet Singh Batra S/o Permdinder Singh R/O FA-328/4, Mansarover-Garden, Delhi-110015, have changed my name to Parneet Singh for all purposes.

0040740038-6

I, POONAM KAPOOR W/O RAJ KUMAR R/O H.No 2391 ARYA PURA, SUBJI MANDI, NEAR BY GHANTA GHAR, MALKA GANJ, DELHI-110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO POONAM FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0070914384-1

I, Mohammad Alam s/o Abdul Hamid R/O G-41, Karampura, New Delhi-110015, have changed my minor daughter's name from Aleena Shah to Aleena Parveen (DOB:05-09-2009).

0040740035-2

I, Ram Parkash Sharma S/O Baldev Krishan R/O E-24 Vishnu Garden New Delhi-110018 Have Changed My Name to Ram Parkash

0130043707-1

I, Meena Kumari w/o Sanjay Kumar R/O A-88, New Moti Nagar, New Delhi-110015, have changed my name to ANITA.

0040740035-1

I, Ram Parkash Sharma S/O Prem Parkash Sharma R/o BE-92, Gali No.-2, Hari Nagar, Delhi-110064 have changed my name to MAHESH SHARMA.

I, Kumari Sejal D/o No.14428209L Rank HAV VIJAY VEER SINGH R/O B-3/93 BRIJUPURI GOKULPURI SHAHDARA NORTH EAST DELHI, DELHI-110094 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO SEJAL PANWAR VIDE AFFIDAVIT DATE 24.7.24 BEFORE DELHI

0070914406-1

I, Kalpana Halder, Mother of No-JC 672154A, Subedar/Store Keeper Sanjib Halder Medical category Shape-I, RO-Angrali, District-North 24 Parganas(N), West Bengal. In my son's service records my D o B has been wrongly mentioned as 01 July 1961 instead of 21 Nov.1953 as in Aadhaar Card. It needs correction. Objections be filled to concern authorities.

0020478844-1

I, Jaspreet Singh Makkar S/O Pritam Singh, R/O B-17, Anand Vihar, Delhi, East Delhi-110092, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Jaspreet Singh.

0070914360-1

I, Jaisingh S/O Randhir Singh R/O H.No.330B, 4th-Floor, Block-C1, Palam-Vihar, Gurgaon-122017 (Haryana), have changed my name to Jai Singh.

0040740036-5

I, HARDIK, S/O Naresh Kumar, R/O H.No.25/15, Khasra No.112, Rajpur Khurd Extn Colony, New Delhi-110068, have changed my name to HARDIK SINGH, for all purposes.

0040739965-2

I, Gudiya W/O Somveer, R/O C-2/326, Sec-27, Purnavasi Colony, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi-110085, Declare that name of Mine has been wrongly written as Kamlesh in my minor Son Shivam, aged about 17 Years. In his 10th And 12th Class Marksheet Cert Certificate. The actual name of Mine is Gudiya, which may be amended accordingly.

0070914359-1

I, Arun S/o Sh. Rajbir R/O B/1-178 Ward No.2, Mehrauli Delhi 110030 do hereby declare that my name mentioned in LIC Policy 116273529 as Arun Vaid. But my correct name is Arun. I confirm that Arun and Arun Vaid is one and Same person.

0040740017-2

I, Arun S/o Sh. Rajbir R/O B/1-178 Ward No.2, Mehrauli Delhi 110030 do hereby declare that in my son Shivam's birth certificate no. MDCDLIR-011-004588318 mentioned father name as Arun Vaid. But my correct name is Arun only. My son has to be called Shivam S/O Arun in future for all purposes.

0040740017-1

I, Anjali Garg, D/O Shiv Kumar Garg, R/O H.No. 907, Patel Nagar, Railway Road, Hapur, U.P. - 245101, inform that in my educational documents my name has been wrongly mentioned as Km. Anjali Garg instead of Anjali Garg. I will only use my name as ANJALI GARG for all future purposes.

0040740042-1

I, Shubham S/o-Late Sh. Vinod Dukiya R/O-BG-6/142, Ground Floor, Paschim Vihar, Delhi-110063 have changed my name to Shubham Sharma for all purposes.

0040740042-1

I, ADEEP KUMAR, S/O KANTI PRASAD BHATNAGAR, R/O H.95, GROUND FLOOR, RESIDENCY GREENS, OPP CYBER PARK, SECTOR-46, KANAKA(73), GURGAON, HARIJANA(12203), have changed my name to ADEEP BHATNAGAR for all future purposes.

0070914392-1

I, Bharti Arora, W/O Mohit Chandra Chaukiyal R/O RZ-26P/66, Chandra Park Palam Colony, Palam Village, South West Delhi-110045, have changed my name and shall hereafter be Known as Bharti Chaukiyal

0070914356-1

I, hitherto known as Kanak Ahuja alias Varsha Bhatia D/O Ramesh Bhatia W/O Sanjay Ahuja R/O BK-1, 106C, Shalimar Bagh, Delhi-110088 have changed my name & shall hereafter be known as Varsha Bhatia vide affidavit dated 22-07-2024

0050246581-1

I, Ravindra Rawal S/o Tejvir Singh R/O Ghodi Bakheda, Ghori, Gautam Budh Nagar have changed my name to Ravindra Kumar for all future purposes.

0070914402-1

I, Naresh K Aggarwal S/o Chandrakant Gupta R/O H.No.-24, Second Floor, NRI Complex, Next To Jahapanah Club, Greater Kailash 4, VTC-Alaknada, PO-Kalkaji, DIST-South Delhi, Delhi-110019, have changed my name to Naresh Aggarwala

0070914384-1

I, PALAK THAKARAR D/O CHANDRESH THAKARAR R/O HOUSE NO. 1/33 FIRST FLOOR, ROOP NAGAR, MALKA GANJ, DELHI-110007 HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO PUSHTY THAKARAR FOR ALL PURPOSES.

0070914404-1

I, Ranga Bala Chander Alias R Balachander S/O Ranga Swamy Bala R/O 49-127, Cherukuppally Colony, Qutubullapur, Vtc-Chintal, Po-Hmt Township, Sub Dist-Tirumalagiri, Dist-Hyderabad, Telangana-500054, have changed my name to Ranga Prabhu

0070914382-1

I, Mohd. Parvez Khan F/o Alika Khan R/O J-4/75A UGF, Khirki Extn., Malviya Nagar Delhi-110017 have changed my daughter name from Alika Khan to Anabiya Khan.

0070914382-1

I, Manjeet Kaur Batra W/o Permdinder Singh R/O FA-328/4, Mansarover-Garden Delhi-110015 have changed my name to Manjeet Kaur for all purposes.

I, Danveer Kumar S/o Arjun Sahni R/o Ward No.-08, Gahatara, Tetarabad, PO-Tetarabad Chandpura, Dist-Khagaria, Bihar-851204, Have changed my name to Ajay Kumar

0070914386-1

I, Subhash Rana R/O 916, Bhabra Pana Bijwasan Delhi-110061, Have Changed my Minor Child Name Jivansh to Jivansh Rana.

0040740037-1

LOST & FOUND

HDFC Housing Finance FD Receipt. No: JA/330532 in the names of Parkash Talwar & Namita Mehta has been lost. Finder please contact- 9811340593.

0040740037-10

I, Subhash Chand Jain S/o Late Om Parkash Jain have lost allotment & possession Letter in the name of S.C. Sharma, D-6, Sahyog C.G.H.S. LTD., Parvana Vihar, Plot No.52, Sector-9, Rohini, Delhi-85. #9818351943 0040739995-1

0040740037-9

I, U.B NARANG, S/O D.R NARANG, I/11241-B, Near-Kirti Mandir, Subhash Park, Naveen Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have LOST my Original-Allotment & Possession-letter of Flat.No.C-01, Ground-Floor, SAGAR SADAN- Apartment Plot.No.113, IP-Extension, Patparganj, Delhi-110092, Finder Contact-9315822076.

0040740040-3

I, NIRMAL DEVI GUPTA, W/O SHRI VIJAI GUPTA, R/O B-173, LOK VIHAR, PITAM PURA, DELHI-110034, declare that my share-Certificate No. from 10204066 to 10204071 total 6-Shares from Golden Greens Golf and Resorts Ltd. Tranquility Avenue Village-Sakaputr, Gurugram-122101, (HR) has been lost somewhere.

0005246582-1

I, VIJAI GUPTA S/O LATE SHRI MAM CHAND GUPTA, R/O B-173, LOK VIHAR, PITAM PURA, DELHI-110034, declare that my share-Certificate No. from 9795909 to 10204065 total Shares 408157, from Golden Greens Golf and Resorts Ltd., Tranquility Avenue, Village Sakaputr, Gurugram-122101, (HR) has been lost somewhere.

0040740040-2

I, Pramod kumar Pandey S/o Manrakhn Lal Pandey R/o 388 Sector-A Pocket-C Vasant Kunj New Delhi-110070 is stating that I have lost my original Property Document DDA POSSESSION SLIP. Finder may contact at above address or call at (M) 7042860022

0040739957-1

I, Anita Lubana w/o R C Kathia have lost my original sale deed of property No.B-7/17/2 DDA Flats Saderjung Enclave New Delhi

0040739957-1

It is notified for public information that the original documents for reallocation plot number from E-252 to C1/2791A, Builder Buyer Agreement, and few transfer sets related to plot number 2791-A, Sushant Lok 1, Gurgaon, have been lost or misplaced. FIR/LR No. 1959868/2024 has been registered online. If found, please contact the owner, Mr. Jagdeep Anand, at Tel. 9555394230. 0040739967-1

NOTICE

I Mrs Mamta Singh is legally wedded spouse of No. 14447929F of 154 field Regiment resident of Jhaua Bhojpur, Bihar-802351 do hereby affirm and State on Oath as per my husband service documents my name has been mentioned as Mamta. Which is incorrect my correct name is per Aadhar Card No. 916550968147 issued by Govt. of india as Mamta Singh. The name endorsed as Mamta which is existing in his service documents is not correct and hence the affidavit sworn before the Judicial Magistrate. I give an undertaking that all documents submitted by me are correct all documents issued by Government organisation offices have been signed by authorized designated and government official if any documents at my stage found fake I am aware that I will be liable for punishment.

Deponent
Mamta Singh

WESTERN RAILWAY RATLAM DIVISION

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E-Tender Notice No. M247GLRSRG 2420 Date: 23.07.2024 Name of Work: Dismantling, Repair, Rehabilitation Reconditioning, Testing and supply of Tap Changer type N-32 for Electric Locom and re-fitting. Location: Office of CWM/ Dashed W.Raly Estimated Cost of the Work: ₹9,19,52,880/- Bid Security: ₹6,09,800/- Date & Time of Submission & Opening of E-Tender: Submission of E-tender Upto 14:30 Hrs. on 14.08.2024 and Opening of E-tender at 15:00 Hrs. on same day. Tender Notice and documents available at: www.ireps.gov.in/ E-Tenders /Works /IRElectrical

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Sd/-
Pawan Gupta (Advocate)
Ch. No. 114, G.F., Western wing
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi-110054

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"My client Sh. Suraj Prakash Bhola s/o Late Roshan Lal Bhola, aged about 86 years, a resident of House No. 4

Why SC couldn't agree on environmental release of GM mustard

JOY SINHA KARPURAM
 NEW DELHI, JULY 24

A TWO-JUDGE Bench of the Supreme Court on Tuesday delivered a split verdict on whether to allow the "environmental release" of Genetically Modified (GM) mustard. Justices B V Nagarathna and Sanjay Karol disagreed on whether the approval given by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) — the body that is responsible for approving proposals relating to genetically engineered organisms — to proceed with field trials following the environmental release was done properly. This was the GEAC's second major push to introduce GM mustard as the first GM crop that is meant for human consumption. *Bacillus thuringiensis* cotton (or Bt cotton) is the only GM crop that has been approved for cultivation in India so far.

ing before a larger Bench. However, both judges directed the Union of India "to evolve a National Policy with regard to GM crops", and to consult experts, farmer representatives, and state governments during the process.

Story of GM mustard
 On September 15, 2015, the Centre for Genetic Manipulation of Crop Plants (CGMCP) at the Delhi University sought the GEAC's approval for the environmental release of a genetically engineered hybrid mustard called DMH-11 (commonly known as GM mustard). Mustard flowers contain both female (pistil) and male (stamen) reproductive organs, which makes the plant largely self-pollinating. The GM mustard developed by the DU scientists contains two alien genes — the first, 'barnase', gene interferes with pollen production and renders the plant male-sterile, and the resulting plant is crossed with fertile mustard flowers containing the second, 'barstar', gene which blocks the action of

the barnase gene. The resulting plants are meant to be high-yield variants of mustard.

Along with the proposal, the CGMCP submitted a biosafety dossier, and the GEAC created a sub-committee to examine its contents. Following some revisions, the sub-committee considered the dossier and submitted its report. In September 2016, the report was published and comments were invited.

On May 11, 2017, the GEAC recommended the environmental release of GM mustard. If approved, this would allow field tests to be conducted to examine the effects of cultivating the crop. However, after receiving several representations, the Ministry of Environment sent the proposal back to the GEAC for re-examination in March 2018. The GEAC then directed the CGMCP to examine the effect of GM mustard on honey bees and soil microbial diversity. But these tests were deferred through 2020-21. In May 2022, gene scientist Prof Deepak

Pental on behalf of the CGMCP wrote to the Minister for Environment urging him to accept the recommendation for the environmental release of GM mustard. The GEAC sought comments from various government departments, which recommended releasing GM mustard. The proposal was submitted on October 18, 2022. It was accepted by the Centre on October 25, and recommendations and conditions regarding the field tests were sent to Prof Pental.

Case before the SC
 Environmentalist Aruna Rodrigues and the research and advocacy organisation Gene Campaign challenged the decision to approve the environmental release of GM mustard before the Supreme Court. In their split decision, the judges disagreed on two key aspects: first, whether the GEAC's decision-making process was legal and, second, whether it violated the "precautionary

principle" for scientific innovations. The precautionary principle, a standard test in environmental litigation, is recognised as a facet of the right to a clean environment, a subset of Article 21 (fundamental right to life).

JUSTICE NAGARATHNA said that the field tests that the GEAC committed to conducting with the CGMCP did not take place. Instead, the GEAC did a "volte-face" after Prof Pental sent the letter to the Centre in May 2022, and recommended the environmental release of GM mustard regardless. This shift in stance without providing any reasons, shows there was no "application of mind" by the GEAC, which is in "gross violation of the principle of public trust", Justice Nagarathna ruled. She also said that the GEAC did not sanction any studies on the long-term effects that GM mustard could have on future generations. The process adopted by the GEAC "has failed to take into consideration the precautionary principles while approving the environmental release of the transgenic mustard", violating

both the precautionary principle and the right to a safe and healthy environment, she said.

JUSTICE KAROL held that environmental release and the following tests and trials were in line with "the development of a scientific temper" and abided by the precautionary principle. "Without field trials, the performance of the plant in the field or environmental safety of such plant cannot be known. Studies, being conducted in open environment is necessary for studying the impact on human health and biodiversity, for the performance of a GM crop is dependent on a host environment," he said. Justice Karol held that the GEAC's process was "independent" and "reasoned". He observed that the GEAC-appointed expert committee had found that honeybees do not discriminate between other GM crops such as genetically engineered canola. He noted that the Department of Biotechnology and the Department of Agricultural Research and Education had both recommended the environmental release of GM mustard.

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WHO MIGHT KAMALA HARRIS PICK AS HER RUNNING MATE?

VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris, endorsed by President Joe Biden to succeed him as the Democratic presidential candidate, will have a bench of new-generation party leaders to turn to when she will move toward picking a running mate. By now, the list of possibilities is fairly well known: Democrats who had already seemed like potential presidential contenders in 2028 or as potential candidates themselves this year.

Harris could be inclined to turn to someone from a swing state that the party needs to win. She is also likely to turn to a male running mate, Democrats said, to give the ticket balance. Here is a look at the names of Democrats on Harris' desk now.

JOSH SHAPIRO
 Shapiro, 51, was elected governor of Pennsylvania in 2022 after serving as the state's attorney general from 2017 until he moved into the governor's office. Pennsylvania is a must-win state for Democrats, and Shapiro's stock among Democrats rose after he swamped his Republican opponent in 2022, Doug Mastriano, winning 56% of the vote.

MARK KELLY
 The Arizona senator first rose to national prominence after his wife, former Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, survived an assassination attempt in 2011. Kelly, 60, a veteran of the Navy and a former astronaut, began campaigning for stricter gun control. He won his Senate seat in 2020. He has carved out an image as a moderate in Arizona, building a coalition that relied on white women in the suburbs as well as young Latino voters who were crucial in delivering the state to Biden in 2020. That kind of coalition is likely to be essential if Democrats hope to hold on to the White House this year.

ANDY BESHEAR
 At 46, Beshear is a two-term Democratic governor from Kentucky, a



Kamala Harris addresses supporters in Wisconsin on Tuesday. Reuters

solidly Republican state. When he first won in 2019, his victory was regarded as a fluke; Trump won the state by about 30 percentage points three years earlier. But last year, he easily won reelection not only by capturing cities, but also small rural counties where he had previously lost. He has emphasised the "common good," working with Republicans on legislation, including medical marijuana, and often talks about his Christian faith. It is a message that could be particularly appealing for Democrats now, as they try to win over moderate white voters in the suburbs.

J B PRITZKER
 Pritzker, 59, has been the governor of Illinois since 2019. That is not a swing state, but he is a billionaire, and he could help finance the campaign of Harris. That is no small matter as Trump has seen an avalanche of financial support since Biden's poor debate appearance in Atlanta last month.

ROY COOPER
 Cooper is the governor of North Carolina, which at best be called a swingish state — Barack Obama won there in 2008. Picking him might put it in play, or at the least, press the Trump campaign to invest money in a state it would otherwise not have to worry about.

THE NEW YORK TIMES



AMITABH SINHA

THAT THE international framework for fighting climate change has been ineffective is evident from the fact that none of the targets set by it has ever been met. It is also well known that the system is highly inequitable. And yet, any suggestion of an alternative approach risks being seen as heresy.

The Economic Survey presented on Monday decided to risk it. Its two chapters on climate change were devoted almost entirely to pointing out the flaws and inequities in the system, and suggesting alternative pathways that incorporate, among other things, lifestyle and behavioural changes to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Survey noted that the "excessive pre-occupation" with meeting the 1.5- or 2-degree Celsius temperature target was putting impossible pressure on developing countries, forcing them to make choices they were not ready for, and diverting their focus and resources away from the more near-term imperatives of improving the lives of their people. It went so far as to suggest that it was possible to imagine a warmer world that was more equitable and resilient than a world in which the 1.5-degree threshold was achieved at all costs.

The Economic Survey does not deny climate change. These arguments are not new, and already have wide resonance in the developing world. Just that these views would be expressed in informal groups behind closed doors, and not in a policy document of the government. It is not clear though whether the Economic Survey was making an academic argument, or signalling of possible shift in India's energy transition trajectory.

Increasing resilience
 In essence, the Economic Survey's argument is that adaptation should get at least as much importance as mitigation — more so because the impacts of climate change are already unfolding, and it is becoming increasingly clear that the 1.5-degree target will be breached very soon, no matter what the world does (or not) in response. In this

Mitigation vs adaptation

EXPLAINED CLIMATE CHANGE

The Economic Survey has pointed to flaws and inequities in the global climate action regime, and suggested alternative pathways that incorporate lifestyle and behavioural changes



Heavy rain flooded rural areas of Gujarat's Porbandar district last week. As the impacts of climate change worsen, extreme events such as floods and droughts are becoming increasingly common around the world, impacting large numbers of people. Express

situation, rapid improvement in incomes and overall well-being of the people is the best insurance against climate change. It is important to understand that while there is near consensus in the scientific community that the frequency and intensity of climate impacts increase with rise in temperature, the 1.5- or 2-degree thresholds are chosen arbitrarily — they are not natural thresholds for climate change. There are no climate impacts that get triggered only after these limits are crossed, and not before.

To those who do not subscribe to the doomsday view that climate change would destroy the world in a few years, the argument of the developing countries will make sense. Since climate impacts cannot be stopped, the world must focus on rapid development and adaptation to increase resilience, especially among communities that are at the greatest risk.

The counter-argument: at these higher temperatures, the ferocity of climate impacts would increase so much that incremental improvements in resilience would be rendered useless.

Indeed, there are uncertainties on both sides. It is in this context that it is sometimes proposed that the rich and developed countries do the mitigation work while developing countries focus on adaptation. But this is easier said than done.

Inequities and hypocrisy
 The Economic Survey articulates the impatience of developing countries with the developed world's hypocrisy. The United States has the largest historical responsibility, but has been the biggest laggard on emissions reductions. Its 2019 emissions were about 6% higher than in 1990, and is even now only marginally lower. The developed countries as a bloc have not fulfilled any of their emission reduction targets, or their commitments to provide finance or technology to the developing countries.

The responsibility for these failures have been sought to be passed on to the rest of the world in the form of calls for enhanced climate action. In fact, the international climate architecture has always been less about saving the planet from the consequences of climate change and more about preserving the existing world order. It has become the vehicle to perpetuate the dominance of the rich and industrialised world by mandating transitions that are more suited to them.

If it was just about climate, there would have been no need to junk the Kyoto Protocol which was far more equitable and effective to deal with climate change. But the process to dismantle the Kyoto Protocol — and replace it with something more suitable (eventually the Paris Agreement) — began immediately after it came into effect. The developed countries re-

acted quickly that Kyoto had the potential to challenge — or at least make it difficult to perpetuate — the prevailing global order.

Scientific organisations such as the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have strengthened the narrative of the developed countries. Even as it became increasingly clear that the 1.5-degree target would be breached, almost every scientific assessment continued to present scenarios that showed that it was still possible to achieve the target, if only more effort was made. These scenarios may be plausible in theory, but are completely unrealistic given the countries' track record. But each such report is followed by calls for greater action, which translates into enhanced pressure on the developing countries.

Recent work by Tejal Kanitkar, an assistant professor at the Tata Institute of Social Sciences, and her colleagues has shown how inequities and biases were built into the models used by the IPCC to draw up climate scenarios. Their studies have shown that the most recent IPCC assessment had disregarded both the historical responsibility of the developed countries and the future energy requirements of the developing nations.

Alternative approaches

The Economic Survey's criticism of the established order on climate change needs to be followed up by effective action.

■ While building its infrastructure, India could make it among the most climate resilient in the world. But this does not seem to be happening at the fastest pace and largest scale that is possible. The Central Vista, for example, will be a huge improvement over the current set of buildings in the Central Secretariat complex, but it remains to be seen if it will be the best model for futuristic building.

■ The Smart City plans that were begun nine years ago contain several elements of climate proofing, but most of these cities are still struggling with managing their sewage.

■ The railways stations that are being built are likely to be far better than the existing ones. But they will not be the world's most climate-friendly stations.

■ India has been offering Mission Life — which calls for lifestyle and behavioural changes — as a key ingredient of its climate change strategy, but it is still to become a mass movement. Pointing to over-consumptive lifestyles of the developed world has limited use when the rich in India indulge in similar over-consumption.

The politics around Panchamasali Lingayats' quota demands in Karnataka

JOHNSON TA
 BENGALURU, JULY 24

Panchamasali Lingayats, a sub-caste of Karnataka's dominant Lingayat community, have been demanding inclusion in Category 2A of the Other Backward Classes (OBC) for more than three years. This will enable them to avail the 15% quota in government jobs and college admissions earmarked for this category, as against the 5% quota the Lingayat community currently enjoys under Category 3B of Karnataka's OBC quota matrix.

On Tuesday, community leaders held a meeting with lawyers to look at how to take forward their agitation.

Who are the Panchamasalis?
 The Lingayats (officially classified as Hindu sub-caste 'Veerashaiva Lingayats') are followers of Basavanna, a 12th century philosopher-saint who rejected orthodox ritualistic Hindu practices and caste hierarchies in favour of a

more personal, affective relationship with God, specifically Lord Shiva.

Today, the Lingayat community is an amalgamation of many sub-castes who hold sway in 90-100 of Karnataka's 224 state assembly seats. The agriculturalist Panchamasalis make up nearly 70% of the Lingayat population, numbering around 85 lakhs (as per the community's own claims).

Yet the Panchamasalis have long felt under-represented in Karnataka politics. The state's Lingayat chief ministers like B S Yediyurappa (the preeminent Lingayat leader for decades), and Basavaraj Bommai have belonged to other sub-castes. The community also claims to be economically worse-off than other Lingayat sub-castes.

How does OBC reservation work? When did the Panchamasalis' demand arise?
 OBCs comprise different castes and sub-castes who are often at different levels of marginalisation. To prevent any one dominant OBC group from cornering all quota benefits,

CURRENT QUOTA MATRIX

Category	Quota
Other Backward Classes	32
Cat 1 (Backward Castes)	4
Cat 2A (OBC)	15
Cat 2B (Muslims)	4
Cat 3A (Vokkaliga, etc.)	4
Cat 3B (Lingayat, etc.)	5
Scheduled Castes (SC)	15
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	3
EWS	10
Total reservations	60

most states further sub-categorise OBCs based on different castes' relative marginalisation. In Karnataka, the 32% quota for OBCs is distributed among five categories. Of these, the largest quota is for Category 2A which, at present, includes 102 castes.

Panchamasalis have wanted to be included in this category for over two decades.

Their disaffection translated to an agitation in 2020 when Murugesu Nirani, a wealthy BJP MLA, was not inducted in then Chief Minister Yediyurappa's cabinet. Nirani galvanised support among Panchamasali leaders by positioning himself as a champion for their long-standing demand.

He would later backtrack, but leaders like the BJP's Basanagouda Patil Yatnal, and Congress' Vijayanand Kashapannavar and Lakshmi Hebbalkar continued to make the quota demand a political issue. Panchamasali pontiff Basavaraja Mruthyunjaya Swamy led a state-wide agitation for the demand. This agitation was called off in July 2021 after Yediyurappa assured to "resolve" the issue on the floor of the Karnataka assembly.

How did the BJP try to placate the Panchamasalis? Did it succeed?
 Amidst growing troubles in the Karnataka BJP, Yediyurappa resigned as chief minister on July 26, 2021. He was succeeded by Basavaraj Bommai who made a controversial

decision to secure the entire Lingayat (and Vokkaliga) vote in the 2023 assembly elections. On March 27, 2023, the Bommai government scrapped the 4% quota under Category 2B for Muslims, and distributed it (2% each) among the Vokkaligas and Lingayats in newly-created Categories 2C and 2D. This meant that the Lingayat quota increased from 5 to 7%.

The Panchamasalis, however, were insistent on their Category 2A demand. Moreover, after the Supreme Court observed that the changes made were "shaky and flawed", the Karnataka government provided an undertaking saying that it will not make any changes to the state's OBC sub-categorisation. The matter was subsequently adjourned, and has seen no progress since.

Ultimately, the Lingayat community, which had staunchly backed the BJP since the 1990s, ended up playing a major role in the party's loss in the May 2023 assembly elections. The BJP won only 18 of the 68 seats where it fielded Lingayat candidates, including 7 of 27 seats where it fielded candidates from the Panchamasali sub-sect-

The Congress, on the other hand, won 37 seats of the 48 seats where it fielded Lingayat candidates, including 10 of the 14 seats it gave to Panchamasali candidates.

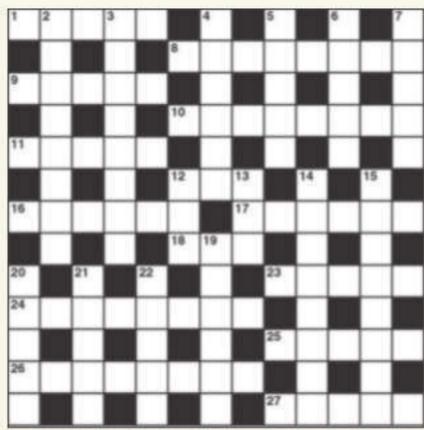
How is the Congress government dealing with the situation?

The Congress, which has been buying time for the Supreme Court to provide a legal solution in the matter, is likely to defer any decision on the quota demand until findings of the Karnataka Social, Economic and Caste Survey are accepted, and made public, by the state cabinet. This report was handed to the government in February this year.

The Congress, which is heavily reliant on the support of the existing Category 2A OBC communities, could also recommend the inclusion of all Lingayats in the central OBC list — this would curvy some goodwill among the Lingayats while keeping the party's existing base happy.

Currently, 16 Lingayat sub-castes who are considered "very backward" are provided reservations for central government jobs and college administrations under the OBC quota.

CROSSWORD 5425



- ACROSS**
- But it's not an impediment to getting a lift (5)
 - Equestrian ability acquired by large majority (4,4)
 - Frank impression (5)
 - He will have an inclination to be utterly determined (4-4)
 - Sole member of citrus family (5)
 - Sound alternative to sail (3)
 - Passenger ship has a slender look (6)
 - A quiet look by doctor shows self-possession (6)
 - Part of a wheel that projects about a centimetre (3)
 - Elevate one among many (5)
 - Has a cigarette and looks happier (6,2)
 - Side where the brightest is best off (5)
 - Showed annoyance in grating nutmeg? (8)
 - Stone some used to flag a terrace (5)
- DOWN**
- Flying is not yet developed (2,3,3) (8)
 - Come on, Mr Wild is not entitled (8)
 - She provides father with a cooked meal (6)
 - Give a hand (5)
 - Cut and serve out (5)
 - Condition of the nation (5)
 - Type of whale that comes in for criticism (3)
 - Batter with butter (3)
 - Permitting everyone to be in debt (8)
 - To break a strike is a tremendous success (5,3)
 - Morning spent being entertained (6)
 - Ammunition to haul on board (5)
 - One's caught in a trap once more (5)
 - Otto makes a mince tart (2,2)

Solutions Crossword 5424 Across: 1 Undertakes, 6 Laic, 10 Lotto, 11 Leviathan, 12 Oratorio, 13 Ounce, 15 Overdue, 17 Soloist, 19 Detests, 21 Morocco, 22 Omega, 24 Altitude, 27 Nefarious, 28 Range, 29 Sent, 30 Advertiser **Down:** 1 Ugili, 2 Deterring, 3 Roost, 4 At large, 5 Envious, 7 Ashen, 8 Contention, 9 Caroler, 14 Good points, 16 Despairs, 18 Incidents, 20 Sea Lord, 21 Matisse, 23 Elfin, 25 Tarot, 26 Hear

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CALVIN & HOBBS by Bill Watterson



MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
Your family may not agree and will undoubtedly argue the toss, but if you feel that a change of residence is required, you must set the wheels in motion. Professional considerations must also now be taken into account, including partners' hopes.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
Please don't hesitate or procrastinate any longer if group activities are on the agenda. It seems very much as if you are about to take on some responsibility or other on behalf of the community at large. And newfound confidence will help.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
Spare no effort if domestic improvements are now underway. We're talking about superficial changes, such as redecorating and minor repairs, rather than a move of home. Yet property deals are very well aspected; much money to be made in bricks and mortar?
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
You must now consider your business affairs from an altogether different standpoint. If you change tack now, you will avoid being wrong-footed as the weekend draws near, and you will open doors to new possibilities.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
You should be assured of a much smoother ride in personal relationships now that Venus is moving on. However, what takes place now may be similar in nature to a recent dispute in a special partnership; it's as if intimate events seem to mirror developments in the world.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
The bird may have flown as far as one particular offer of co-operation is concerned, but that doesn't mean that you can't now press ahead by yourself. It may be two months, though, before you fully realise the wisdom of your actions. That gives you time enough to contemplate.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
There does seem to be a risk of some underhand activity in your immediate circle. Even though not necessarily ill-intentioned, the result may be bad feeling. Therefore you must make sure that all that needs to be said is voiced openly and with total honesty.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
Planetary activity in or around sensitive signs of the zodiac always suits your purposes. This is why the present time could prove to be a profoundly positive one for you and all who are fortunate enough to be associated with you. Lead by example, rather than expecting obedience.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 22)**
You would probably rather be told that an emotional relationship is about to blossom than that a particular partnership is soon to come to an end. Actually, while the former is quite true, you must also call a halt to an involvement which has run out of steam.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
Some of you are getting the idea that changing circumstances are causing you to have a tough time. The plain truth is that you have a great deal on your plate, but that life has seldom looked better. It's all a question of discovering the silver lining.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
Difficult or challenging aspects between now and the end of the month could mean that your ego takes a knock. Please understand that, from the spiritual perspective, the consequences could be highly desirable. For one thing, you'll soon have a much better idea of what you're doing here.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
There is a wonderful tie-up between planets signifying home, family, romance, creativity, work and health. What more is there to say, except that you should appreciate your good fortune? Well, for one thing, you could also make a profit.

JUMBLER WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given quip.

Life in abundance comes only through ____ - Elbert Hubbard (5,4)

LTAEE **DIOSLT**

DLLOR **EEIRGV**

SOLUTION: EAT, DRILL, STOLID, GRIEVE
Answer: Life in abundance comes only through great love. - Elbert Hubbard

Difficulty Level 3s

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.

SUDOKU 5632

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius



SOLUTION SUDOKU 5631



INAUGURATION - OIL INDIA

An EV Charging station comprising 2 EV Chargers, each of 30kw & 9.9kw respectively, was installed & inaugurated at Noida's Sector-15A, Club House. The EV charging station has been provided under CSR initiatives of Oil India & was inaugurated by Ashok Das, Dir. (HR), Oil India in the presence of Gaurav Bansal, Project Engineer, Noida Authority & other officials from OIL, Noida Authority & the residents of Noida 15(A).



FOUNDATION DAY - THDCIL

THDCIL commemorated its 37th Foundation Day, marking over three decades of transformative contributions to India's energy landscape, with a grand celebration at its Corporate Office in Rishikesh, as well as across all its Projects & Unit offices across India. RK Vishnoi, CMD, unfurled the THDCIL flag & addressed the employees & their families gathered at the Rasmanjari Hall, THDCIL, Rishikesh.



EXHIBITION - NBT

To honor the 25th anniversary of India's triumph in the Kargil War, the NBT & DMRC have jointly organized a two-week exhibition at the Rajiv Chowk Metro Station in central Delhi. The exhibition aims to pay tribute to the bravery, resilience, & sacrifices of the heroes of the Kargil War. Featuring a collection of archived photographs of the battlefields shared by the Indian Army, the exhibition highlights key battles & acts of courage on the battlefield.



CELEBRATION - UTTARAKHAND GRAMIN BANK

Uttarakhand Gramin Bank celebrated the HARELA Festival recently with a tree plantation drive across the state. The main event took place in Dehradun's Cantonment Area while approximately 290 branches across 13 districts of Uttarakhand actively participated in the festivities. The celebration was led by Chairman Hari Har Patnaik, who was joined by General Managers Armita Raturi & Bharti Naudiyal along with the staff of Uttarakhand Gramin Bank.

SEMINAR - NATIONAL INSURANCE SEMINAR

Organized by the Kolkata Insurance Institute, the National Seminar on "Impact on the insurance industry due to recent IRDAI regulations" was held recently in Kolkata's Hotel Kenilworth. Chief Guest RS Muni, CMD, National Insurance Co Ltd. commended the seminar's focus on recent health insurance changes. Debasis Das, GM (Retired), National Insurance, highlighted the Institute's history. Guest of Honour SN Satpathy, Secy General (III), discussed industry advancements.



MOU

The signing of an MoU marked a milestone in the industry, bridging the gap between the advertising world & renowned academic institutions to foster innovation & entrepreneurship. Commenting on the partnership, Mukesh Gupta, CMD of Graphisads, stated, "This collaboration marks an exclusive effort in India, uniting Ad Agency with an esteemed academic institution to propel media startups forward."



ROADSHOW - INDIA EXPO CENTRE & MART

Uttar Pradesh Government and India Expo Centre & Mart jointly held a roadshow recently in New Delhi's Hotel Royal Plaza to promote the 2nd UP International Trade Show (UPITS 2024) in the national capital. Alok Kumar, Principal Secy. Department of M.S.M.E. and Export Promotion headed the roadshow with other senior Govt. officials of UP and Dr. Rakesh Kumar, Chairman India Expo Centre and Mart.

BUDGET 2024 - ALLCARGO GATI

Post budget 2024, Uday Sharma, CCO, ALLCARGO GATI said "The budget's robust initiatives for the infrastructure, skill development & MSME sector are set to transform possibilities into realities. The Rs 26,000 crore investment in road connectivity projects, including key expansions like the Patna-Purnea expressway & new infrastructure such as the Bodhgaya-Rajgir-Vaishali-Darbhanga route, underscores a major step towards enhancing connectivity & faster transportation of goods. The MSME cluster initiative announced in the budget is a game-changer for our sector". By enhancing access to credit and promoting business growth, it acts as a catalyst for MSMEs, enabling them to expand operations and thrive. This initiative will not only benefit MSMEs but also have a positive ripple effect on logistics partners like us, facilitating smoother operations and enhanced service delivery to meet growing business demands effectively.



CORPORATE BRIEFS



INAUGURATION - REC

REC inaugurated the "REC Gift of Life-Cardiac Ward" at the state-of-the-art Sri Sathya Sai Sanjeevani Hospital in New Raipur. Vivek Kumar Dewangan, CMD, REC inaugurated the "REC Gift of Life- Cardiac Ward" in the presence of distinguished guests, hospital management, doctors, medical staff, patients & their family members, & senior officials from REC. The cardiac ward has been supported under REC's CSR initiatives over the past six months.

AWARD - MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UJJAIN

Municipal Corporation Ujjain ranked first in the category of Major Cities in the country for the efforts made in the field of empowerment of street vendors under the PM Swarnidhi Yojana. In the PM Swarnidhi PRAISE and Day-NULM SPARK award distribution program held at New Delhi's India Habitat Center, Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar praised Municipal Corporation Ujjain for the efforts made in the field of empowerment of street vendors under PM Swarnidhi Yojana in the country. The PM Swarnidhi PRAISE Award was presented to the Corporation Mayor Mukesh Tatwal, Corporation President Kalavati Yadav & Commissioner Ashish Pathak for securing first position in the Cities category.



FOUNDATION DAY - BANK OF BARODA

Bank of Baroda celebrated its 117th Foundation Day recently. The theme for the Bank's 117th year is "Trusted Today, Transforming Tomorrow", outlining the Bank's vision to be a world-class financial services institution, built on the foundation of the trust of its customers for well over a century. On the occasion, the Bank launched a range of digital and technology-led initiatives aimed at further enhancing the payments and banking experience of customers alongside extending its support to a number of social causes.



CONTRACT - OIL INDIA

OIL, India's oldest oil and gas company and the youngest Maharatna CPSE, signed a contract recently with Dolphin Drilling Limited, Norway, a leading drilling contractor for the offshore oil & gas industry, for the hiring of the 'Anchor Moored Semi-Submersible Drilling Unit Blackford Dolphin'. The contract was signed by the CEO of Dolphin Drilling & the GM (C&P) of OIL in the presence of the Chairman & Managing Director of OIL along with Functional Directors and senior officials of OIL and Dolphin Drilling Ltd. The Blackford Dolphin will be deployed for drilling in Andaman Offshore Blocks to undertake exploration activities in the block.



Pratt & Whitney, an RTX (NYSE: RTX) business, announced the establishment of its new Customer Service Center in Bengaluru. The new center will be part of Pratt & Whitney's India Capability Center (legal India entity UTCIPL) & will drive customer service & operations support for Pratt & Whitney Canada's 68,000 engines in service. The facility is expected to employ more than 150 aerospace experts & engineers who will support a global customer service ecosystem. The center will be co-located with Pratt & Whitney's supply chain operations, engineering, & digital transformation centers of excellence in India. "With the new Customer Service Center, we are leveraging our existing investments in India & using regional talent to augment our world-class product & service dependability & customer experience service level," said Nivine Kallab, vice president, Customer Programs, Pratt & Whitney Canada.

APPOINTMENTS

INDIANOIL Arvind Kumar takes over the office of Director (Refineries), IndianOil. Kumar brings a wealth of experience and strategic insight to his new role, following a distinguished tenure as the MD of Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd., a GoI enterprise & a group company of IndianOil. During his leadership at CPCL, Kumar spearheaded numerous significant achievements, including the turnaround of CPCL & Manali refinery, reaching its highest-ever throughput in the fiscal year 2023-24. His strategic acumen was pivotal in enabling CPCL to produce nationally significant fuels such as ISROSENE & JP-7, which are crucial for ISRO & DRDO. Before taking on the role of MD at CPCL, Kumar served as the ED (Projects) at the Refineries Headquarters of IndianOil & as the ED & Refinery Head at Mathura Refinery during 2020-21. His leadership & management skills have been consistently demonstrated throughout his career, marking him as a visionary in the field of refinery operations & Project Management. In addition to his role at CPCL,



GRID-INDIA Samir Chandra Saxena assumed charge recently as Dir. (Market Operation) of Grid Controller of India Ltd. (GRID-INDIA), formerly PO-SOCO. Prior to this, he was ED National Load Despatch Centre, GRID-INDIA. Saxena holds a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from Aligarh Muslim University, an MBA from IIT Delhi, & a Certificate Course in Power Sector Regulation from Comillas Pontifical University, Italy. Starting his career with POWERGRID in 1994, he has nearly three decades of experience in power system operations, electricity market operations, & grid integration of renewables. He also represents India in the CIGRE Study Committee C5 on Electricity Markets & Regulation. Ms. S. Usha, CGM, has become the first-ever woman to lead the National Load Despatch Centre, GRID-INDIA, as its Head now.



ACHIEVEMENT - Friends of Happiness Foundation

The Friends of Happiness Foundation has become the only organization in the world to conduct the Reiki Grand Master exam and award the Grand Master certificate to successful candidates. This significant step has earned the foundation, registered with NITI Aayog and dedicated to providing high-quality education in Reiki, international recognition. The foundation is also known for its extensive social activities, wherein it organizes blood donation camps, food distribution drives, plantation campaigns, and women empowerment programs alongside holding free health check-up camps and yoga and meditation classes.



Uttarakhand Tourism launched the first state-sponsored online Homestays booking portal - www.uttarastays.com, where Homestay owners do not have to pay integration charges, platform fees, & commission on bookings etc. Close to 5,000 Homestays in the state would be accessible online with Homestay owners registering these with the Uttarakhand Tourism Department & integrating these on the platform by providing information about the Homestays & signing agreements for the same. With plans to link Wellness Centres with the Homestays, the portal aims to provide authentic information about Homestays & a seamless mechanism to book these online.

DDA The lining of the Western Yamuna Canal, being maintained near Bawana, suffered damage, resulting in flooding in the adjoining areas of Bawana JJ Colon. Remedial measures taken & water was drained; coordinated with NDRF, MCD, SDM Narela, DJB, Public representatives & local residents. JCB, Dewatering pump, drinking water tanker & mobile toilet have been deployed at the location by DDA.

INTERVIEW: PR SREEJESH & MANPREET SINGH

Two pillars, fourth Games

Hockey warhorses recall journey from ridicule to redemption, from finishing last at London 2012 to bronze at Tokyo 2020

VINAYAK MOHANARANGAN
JULY 24

TWO FORMER India captains. Two stalwarts of Indian hockey over the last decade and then some years. Two men who, between them, have seen the lows of London 2012 and the highs of Tokyo 2020 spanning their careers. And come Paris 2024, PR Sreejesh and Manpreet Singh will represent the Indian men's hockey team for what will be their fourth Olympic Games appearance.

Sreejesh, a giant of the game between the goalposts, has confirmed that Paris will be his last event as he brings down the curtains on an epic career. Manpreet, four years younger, could continue playing on for a while longer but perhaps Paris will be his last Olympics too. In a candid chat with *The Indian Express* at the SAI center in Bengaluru before leaving for Europe, Sreejesh and Manpreet look back at their journeys through the prism of their three previous Olympic Games appearances.

When you started playing hockey, did you think about four Olympics?

PR Sreejesh: Surely Manpreet must have thought about it, his village already had so many Olympians, he was destined.

Manpreet Singh: No, definitely not four. I perhaps knew I'd go for one at least, that was the dream. When I went to London 2012, I was the youngest. My teammates didn't let me feel so much pressure. They used to watch my back all the time, especially Sree bhai. I am not just saying it because he is sitting in front of me now, but all the time, he has been there for me. I have spent a lot of time with him. So much so that, I even like it when he gives us gaalis on the field. To be honest, I keep telling him that I don't have any problem, scold me if I have done anything wrong on the field. I feel good, knowing that he is there behind me.

Sreejesh: There is no point in pampering on the field. See, hockey matches can get really intense. There is no time to be like 'son, it's OK, don't worry'. In the heat of the moment, we give gaalis. We have to do the same in training.

See you know my story, I came from a background where I had never seen hockey. My only intention in taking up the sport was to get grace marks for my school exams. Olympics was far-fetched. But looking back at our journey, I first met Manpreet when he came into the core group around 2011. At London both of us were fairly young, I was 22-23, Manpreet was around 19. Everyone was excited because we did not qualify in 2008, so for us even going to Olympics felt like a big thing. We were like children who were given toys, just that excitement of something new. We are going to become Olympians, we are happy to participate.

But eventually London 2012 must have been a big learning.

Sreejesh: We didn't even realise that we are going to the Olympics to win medals. Sreejesh, Olympian. Manpreet, Olympian. That was big. But when we came back after losing all matches, we realised how big a mistake we have made. It was a disaster. More than a learning, we just took the pain to heart. Everywhere we went, we were made fun of.

Manpreet: 'Tum log ek match toh jeet jaate, last match toh jeet jaate'. We were told at least we should have won the last match. It felt horrible.

Sreejesh: From then, there was a change. The coaches were changed, Roelant Oltmans and Terry Walsh changed our system. Then our race started, to get better. 2013 Asia Cup final. Then 2014 was a great year for us, with Asian Games gold and CWG silver. And through it all, our bonding got better and better.



Illustration: Suvajit Dey

MANPREET SINGH
370 caps / defender & midfielder

PR SREEJESH
328 caps / goalkeeper

Then came 2016. Sreejesh, you were the captain. But a tough one in Rio too.

Sreejesh: For Rio, we realized that Olympics was a really serious matter but from that experience we learned the most important lesson... that we should take no time easy. Then all this experience came in handy in Tokyo, where our first concern was that we should not be easy on any team because any team can stop us. Any team can ruin your path.

Manpreet: Yes, that match against Canada (last match of group stage in Rio) still hurts. We went into that match thinking this was Canada, we can easily beat them. But we drew against them, and we had to play the quarterfinals against Belgium. It could have been a match against Spain.

Then came Tokyo, where you reached your career's high points.

Manpreet: The very good thing about Tokyo was that Sree was there with all his experience, I had already played at the Olympics. Harman, Bob (Rupinder) were there. So we shared all that we knew with younger members. We knew that the Olympic village is like a mela, there are 10,000+ athletes, so you need to make sure you don't feel lost there.

Everyone had it in their mind that yes, we have to do something new, whatever we have faced in the first two Olympics, we

shouldn't here. And we have to give our best in every single match, turn up again and again. In the pool, after that one match against Australia (lost 1-7), our mindset changed, year we can't play like this.

Sreejesh: Actually because of Covid, the distractions were very few. Normally, where we used to go out for a walk or something in the evening, this time there was a fear that your Games could end if you went out and caught something. We all just stayed indoors. And the Australia match was a wake-up call at the right time.

What was your first impression of Manpreet?

Sreejesh: Manpreet has been the same since he came into the team. Very hyper, jumping around everywhere. (Points to his leg) Even now see how big a cut he has on his leg, that's how he is in training.

Almost 13 years in a sport like hockey being an outfield player is not at all easy. It's his dedication, discipline, determination, passion and love for the game. And the support he gets from his family. Other main thing about him is staying positive. Mistakes happen, anyone can have a bad game. We get angry too but staying positive and supporting each other is key.

Not many will understand what it takes to play your fourth Olympics, to be at your peak for so long... when it comes to a sport like hockey, it's physically challenging, fitness is so important. Being a goalkeeper, my experience is helping me a lot to make up for growing old. But he has to challenge all the best players around the world in the heat of the battle.

And he has evolved his game too.

Sreejesh: That's a brilliant thing about him. He can play anywhere on the field. I mean when the coach needs him to come into defense, he does that. If you want him as an attacking midfielder, he can do that. I always tell him that I won't leave my goalie pads in front of him, because he will become a goalkeeper too! (Both laugh)

What impact has Sreejesh had on you?

Manpreet: His support to me. Since I have come into the team, he is always there. Any time I feel low, I will talk to him. I feel good. He will guide me. Even on the Australia tour, there was a moment when I made a bad defensive error, I gave a straight pass to the opponents and we conceded. It was a blunder. But he was there for me, whatever happened is done, focus on the next moment. He gives the sweet type gaali, it is always meaningful. And he doesn't just concern himself with goalkeeping, he speaks to defenders and midfielders also.

Put on your interviewer caps. What is the one thing you'd like to ask each other?

Sreejesh: Now, don't ask me about retirement! (We do now know about it, as Sreejesh will retire after Paris 2024).

Manpreet: The only thing I will tell you is, after you retire, come back to coaching. It

is a necessity. The experience you have, he should share that with generations to come.

Sreejesh: Definitely. I have trained under more than 20 coaches. So there is no use in sitting home with all the experience that I have. And the second thing is like I always feel like we need, in Indian hockey, we need to develop Indian coaching strength, because we cannot depend on foreigners every time. We can use them to develop our knowledge but it is important that we develop our strength so definitely this has to happen. I will definitely come down, not just to help the senior team but in the junior level so that we can work at the grassroots level.

So Manpreet, you are going to be the next guy after Dhanraj Pillay, going on to be the record-breaker, 400 matches, and more.

Manpreet: (Laughs) But for that I will need to focus heavily on my fitness. I shouldn't be playing just for the sake of it, I have to earn my place with my fitness and not by force. If my fitness is good enough that I can compete with the youngsters and other good players, then I will continue but otherwise I won't. Hockey is just so fast nowadays.

Sreejesh: That is how it should be. After a time you can't force yourself. Because there is also self-dignity. You shouldn't feel that you are worthy for the team but the other ten people don't think so.

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

Canadian assistant coach kicked out

The Canadian women's soccer team assistant coach and an analyst have been kicked out of the Olympic squad after New Zealand said its team had their training session disrupted by a drone flown by a staff member of their Group A opponents, the Canadian Olympic Committee (COC) said on Wednesday. Head coach Bev Priestman has also removed herself from coaching the team against New Zealand in Group A on Thursday, the COC added. "Joseph Lombardi, an unaccredited analyst with Canada Soccer, is being removed from the Canadian Olympic Team and will be sent home immediately," COC said in a statement. "Jasmine Mander, an assistant coach to whom Mr. Lombardi reports to, is being removed." **REUTERS**

Hijab row: French sprinter barred

French sprinter Sounkamba Sylla says she has been barred from Friday's opening ceremony because she wears a hijab, and the French Olympic Committee said it is working with her to find a solution that adheres to the team's secular requirements. Sylla, a member of France's 400-meter women's and mixed relay teams, shared her frustration on Instagram. "You are selected for the Olympics, organized in your country, but you can't participate in the opening ceremony because you wear a headscarf," she wrote. France enforces a strict principle of "laïcité", loosely translated as "secularism." **AP**

MEANWHILE...

Officials play down Covid cluster fears

French and Australian officials played down the risk of a COVID cluster at the Paris Olympics after the Australia team was the first to report that one of its athletes, a water polo player, had tested positive and been isolated. Paris 2024 is meant to be the first post-pandemic summer Olympics, after the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, postponed by a year due to COVID, were held largely without spectators. "I need to emphasise that we are treating COVID no differently to other bugs like the flu. This is not Tokyo," Australia's Olympic team chief Anna Meares said. **REUTERS**

INDIA WATCH

ARCHERY RANKING ROUNDS

Women's individual, 1pm
Deepika Kumari, Anika Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur will be the first Indians to start at the Olympics. Their position will also decide the women's team ranking.

Men's individual, 5pm
Pravin Jadhav, Tarundeep Rai and Dhiraj Bommadevara are in the ranking rounds. The mixed team events rankings will also be based on their, as well as the women's individual scores.

REFUGEE TEAM

Forced to leave their own country, but not giving up on medal dreams

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PARIS 2024 will be the third successive Summer Olympics featuring a contingent comprising refugees. This edition's team is bigger than ever - 37 athletes from at least 11 countries competing in 12 different sports. They may have faced severe hardships and adversity in their journey to Paris, but they are not there merely to make up the numbers.

Just ask Cameroon-born boxer Cindy Ngamba, one of the team's flag-bearers at Friday's opening ceremony. "Just for our name 'refugee Olympic team' to be called out, refugees all around the world will acknowledge us," she told Reuters. "We are seen as a team, we are seen as athletes, as fighters, hungry athletes who are part of a family."

"We are not just refugees, we are athletes. (People) see us as refugees, but forget we are athletes with the same goals as the other

countries represented here. We can achieve the same thing, win the same thing, have the same drive, the same hunger and the same energy," Ngamba added.

The Refugee Olympic Team came into existence in 2015. Their first Games was Rio 2016, with a 10-member contingent. As war and displacement ravage different regions of the world, the 37-member team in Paris will take part in disciplines such as swimming, canoeing, wrestling and taekwondo.

There is an understandable temptation to reduce their appearance at the Olympics as boilerplate inspirational stories. While there may be a justification to resist such an urge, strife has been an essential part of these athletes' journeys to the quadrennial showpiece. None of them wish to shed the tag of a refugee.

Take Manizha Talash, a 21-year-old Breaker from Kabul. She had taken up the sport after being inspired by a stray video, and entered a male-dominated sphere



Cameroon-born boxer Cindy Ngamba (75 kg) is in the same weight category as India's Lovlina Borgohain. **Reuters**

where the pursuit of her passion became nearly impossible after the Taliban returned to power in Afghanistan in 2021. After playing caretaker to her younger brother for a

12 SPORTS, 37 ATHLETES

- 37 athletes will be representing the team that has its own emblem from countries like Iran, Afghanistan, Cameroon, South Sudan and Syria
- 12 different sports will see participants from the refugee team, these include the mainstream sports such as athletics, weightlifting and wrestling, as well as the likes of taekwondo, judo and breaking.

year while on the run in Pakistan, Talash made it to Spain as a refugee. Once spotted as a talented breaker, the IOC funded her training, six days a week, and included her in the

refugee team.

Medals will be on the line at the Olympics but "being at the Games and in Paris," Talash told TIME magazine, "that is winning to me."

Means to escape horrors

Her compatriot Farzad Mansouri also sees sport as a means to escape the horrors of the recent past. The taekwondo athlete competed in Tokyo, where he was the flag-bearer for Afghanistan. He fled to the UK when the Taliban took over. He may have got a chance to compete at the Olympics once again, but his friend and teammate Mohammed Jan Sultani was not so lucky. He was killed in a suicide bomb attack at Kabul airport, and Mansouri is competing for himself as well as for the departed. "I really hope that we can find peace in my country and around the world," he told The Guardian.

Some refugees arrive at the Games to keep their competitive fire burning. Saman Soltani, a 28-year-old canoeist, was not able

to return to Iran after an artistic swimming programme in Spain two years ago. Taking shelter under a former coach in Austria, her only contact in Europe, and fascinated by the sport of canoeing, she rose through the ranks, becoming Austrian national champion.

Saman dreams of gold, perhaps for the refugee team. "I know I'm special, I knew it from when I was a child, because I always liked to do big things," she told AFP. "I'm excited to see what I will do in the future. Because I know I want to be world famous."

Others are aware of their status as role models. "It feels like there is a certain responsibility that comes with being part of this team," 21-year-old runner Perina Lokure Nakang, born in South Sudan but grown up mostly in a Kenyan refugee camp, told elle.com. "We represent refugees, over 120 million people globally, and I want to show the world that we can do anything if we are given a chance."

ROLAND GARROS OPEN FOR OLYMPICS



SPAIN'S DREAM TEAM

Rafael Nadal played down hopes of him and Carlos Alcaraz winning the gold at Roland Garros. The 14-time French Open winner recently returned from a long injury layoff.

"I understand a little bit the morbid illusion of seeing us play together but let's not think that this translates into success, I think it's a mistake," said Nadal on Wednesday.

Carlos Alcaraz, though, was happy about a return to clay. "The illusion of returning to Roland Garros, to these courts that I have always enjoyed playing on... makes it easier," he said.



NOVAK DJOKOVIC'S path to winning the Olympic gold became slightly easier as Jannik Sinner dropped out of the Paris Games.



AT 44, Rohan Bopanna is India's oldest Olympian at Paris and will be teaming up with Sriram Balaji.

Nakamura, Anish Giri join Anand, Carlsen as GCL icon players

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HIKARU NAKAMURA and Anish Giri will join former world champions Magnus Carlsen, Viswanathan Anand and stars like Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and Ian Nepomniachtchi as "icon players" in the second season of the Global Chess League.



While Nakamura will play for the newest team American Gambits, Giri will make his debut with PBC Alaskan Knights.

"I followed the Global Chess League in its first season and was hooked to the format. It is an exciting opportunity not only for the top players, but also for fans as they get to pick a team with their favorite players to cheer on. I am excited to be a part of the American Gambits team, and look forward to meeting my teammates in London," Nakamura said.

Carlsen, who featured in the first season of the Global Chess League, will continue to play for Alpine SG Pipers while five-time world champion Anand will once again represent Ganges Grandmasters.

"The first season in Dubai was a fantastic experience. Chess has been an individual sport, but the concept of a team setting introduced by the Global Chess League is very exciting and refreshing. I look forward to playing again with the Alpine SG Pipers," Carlsen said.

After taking the Mumbai Masters to the final last season, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave will turn out for the Mumbai-based franchise again. Two-time world chess championship contender Nepomniachtchi will be the icon player for Triveni Continental Kings.

The second season of the Global Chess League, a joint venture between Tech Mahindra and FIDE, will be held from October 3 to 12 at Friends House in London.

While announcing the icon players, Sameer Pathak, CEO of Global Chess League, said the organisers would be announcing the rest of the players for each of the six teams in the coming weeks.

"With such renowned names at the helm of each team, we are confident that the exciting matches will offer millions of chess fans an incredible experience," Pathak said.

Anand recently hailed the Global Chess League as an "Indian way" of organising sport. "Indians are enjoying lots of sport now. But we like imposing our own business model on it. We want something new. That's why last year we had the Global Chess League, which was this new Indian way of organising sport," Anand said at the Express Adda last week.

Football kicks off with crowd trouble, 2-hour suspension

REUTERS
PARIS, JULY 24

A FAN invasion in the opening match of the Olympic football tournament between Argentina and Morocco on Wednesday caused chaos, with Argentina eventually beaten 2-1 following a VAR review after play was suspended with the score tied at 2-2.

Argentina's Cristian Medina scored deep in injury time to salvage what looked like a 2-2 draw, but the decision ruling out the goal was delivered about two hours after play was suspended when the teams re-emerged on to the pitch to finish the match in an empty stadium.

The teams played for three minutes and 15 seconds after VAR completed its review and disallowed the goal.

After order was restored in Saint-Etienne and the teams had left the field following the fan invasion, they discovered that the match had not been completed but suspended by officials.

The venue manager told Reuters the game had been interrupted, adding that a decision about whether the match would be completed was being discussed.

The teams re-emerged just before 7:00 p.m. local time and warmed up a second time so the final minutes could be played.

The gold medal winners in 2004 and 2008 were not at their best despite lining up with recent Copa America winners Julian Alvarez, Nicolas Otamendi and Geronimo Rulli.

Soufiane Rahimi put Morocco ahead after Achraf Hakimi set him up from the right following a superb passing move in the final seconds of the first half.

Rahimi doubled the advantage and netted his second from the penalty spot in the 49th minute before Giuliano Simeone

SCORELINE	
Morocco 2	Argentina 1
S Rahimi 45+2', 51'	Simeone G 68'
Uzbekistan 1	Spain 2
E Shomurodov 45+3'	M Pubill 29'
	S Gomez 62'

pulled one back for Javier Mascherano's side in the 68th.

Medina then found the net 16 minutes into stoppage time before fans stormed the pitch and objects were thrown at players as chaos erupted in the eastern French city.

Spain beat Uzbekistan 2-1 in their opening match of Group C at the Parc de Princes.

Spain, who struggled to hit their stride in the opening stages of the game, took the lead in the 29th minute against Uzbekistan with a close-range finish from Marc Pubill off Abel Ruiz's flick. Uzbekistan, cheered on by an ecstatic crowd, equalised just before halftime thanks to Eldor Shomurodov's penalty following a VAR review for a Pau Cubarsi foul.

"For me, Uzbekistan were no surprise," Spain coach Santi Denia said. "We have achieved our objective, but it's been a very difficult game and now it is time to improve. That's my job, I have to transmit better."

"I told the team at halftime to improve ball circulation, which was what we were missing. We have to improve that. If we do it we will have more options to achieve victory."

Spain wasted a golden chance to restore the lead after the break when Sergio Gomez's penalty effort was saved by Abduvohid Nematov, but the Real Sociedad player redeemed himself and found the net in the 62nd minute.



Moroccan fans invaded the pitch after Argentina equalised in the 15th minute of added time. The goal was later disallowed after VAR reviewed it.

British Olympic medallist whipping horse sparks equestrian debate

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VERSAILLES, JULY 24

THE VIDEO footage that led to British Olympian Charlotte Dujardin pulling out of the Paris Games shows her whipping a horse's legs multiple times, sparking a broader debate about the equestrian sports just before the Olympics starts. The International Equestrian Federation (FEI) on Tuesday shocked the riding world when it suspended six-times Olympic medallist Charlotte Dujardin - Britain's joint-most decorated female Olympian - over inappropriate training methods.

"What is shown in this video is first of all completely unacceptable at any point, any time in a horse's training", FEI Veterinarian Director Goran Akerstrom told Reuters on Wednesday.

"You can certainly see that some of the whiplashes did hit the horse and the horse was stressed with it", he said, describing the whiplashes as "stupid" for the horse's learning process. The FEI brutally woke up to the challenge of improving horse welfare after the Tokyo Olympics severely harmed its image.

In 2021, one horse died in a cross-country accident while another one suffered from severe nose bleeding from jumping and spectators were shocked by scenes of abuse in a modern pentathlon competition.

FEI chief veterinarian Akerstrom said the FEI recently released an action plan with 37 measures to protect horses, including rules for the tightness of nosebands and flexible cross-country obstacles designed to prevent severe accidents. The Dujardin video, which was aired on the Good Morning Britain news programme on Wednesday, puts equestrianism in the spotlight again.

"It's necessary that we have a change and the actions that we are taking will lead to that change", Akerstrom said. Meanwhile, eventing horses arrived at the Versailles chateau on Wednesday morning for Olympic equestrian competitions which are meant to set new standards for horse welfare. The stakes are high. Animal rights organisation PETA renewed its call for equestrian events to be banned from the Olympics.

"The message to the International



Charlotte Dujardin is a six-time Olympic medallist.

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PETA
CAMPAIGN GROUP

Olympic Committee should be clear by now: Remove equestrian events from the Olympic Games," PETA said in a statement.

A spokesperson for UK Sport, the government agency responsible for investing in Olympic and Paralympic sport in Britain, said Dujardin's eligibility to receive public funding and access to publicly funded benefits had been suspended, pending the outcome of the FEI's probe.

'Deeply disturbed'

"We are disturbed by the serious concerns that have been raised in the past 24 hours regarding horse welfare and Charlotte Dujardin," it said in a statement.

Meanwhile in Versailles, horses from 28 nations, including Australia, Britain, China and Australia - some of them worth more than one million euros (\$1.08 million) - passed the compound's gates from dawn, where they received final medical checks. They were brought into climate-regulated

stables with extra large boxes and round-the-clock surveillance as the sport's governing body seeks to display its efforts to put animal welfare first. The FEI also appointed a dedicated "Horse Welfare Coordinator" for the first time, leading a team of stewards that monitor every horses movements through the games, including at night.

"My job is to be strict," said Richard Corde, the retired French veterinarian who was appointed for the job. "We will make sure that the horse is always in the most comfortable conditions, that there are no constraints and that there are no abnormal movements."

The FEI has launched an investigation in Dujardin's case. Officials of the body in Versailles and the British equestrian team declined to make any further comments, citing the ongoing probe.

Dujardin said in a video statement announcing her Olympic withdrawal on Instagram on Tuesday that footage showed her making an error of judgement that was out of character and did not reflect how she trained her horses or coached her pupils.

"Yet again, an Olympic rider has been caught on video abusing a horse to force the animal to behave in an entirely unnatural way, simply for her own glory", campaign group PETA said.

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