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Sensex hits 82k, Nifty 25k for 1st time

Sensex broke above the 82,000 mark for the first time — hitting an intraday high of 82,129 points — and Nifty above 25,000 Thursday after taking cues from global market following US Fed chief's indication that a rate cut could come as soon as Sept. The indices, however, closed lower as profit taking at higher levels had set in due to the rising geopolitical tensions in West Asia. P 21

July GST kitty of ₹1.82L cr is third highest

After a muted growth in June, goods and services tax (GST) collections made a comeback in July, recording a 10.3% increase at Rs 1,82,075 crore. It is the third highest monthly collection since the regime kicked in seven years ago. Like most months, several northeastern states were top performers, with Manipur logging a 61% jump. Ladakh leads the pack, with a rise of 67%. P 21

SC allows sub-groups within 15% Scheduled Caste quota

'States Must Identify, Exclude Creamy Layer'

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New Delhi: In a landmark decision, Supreme Court on Thursday permitted states to sub-categorise castes within the Scheduled Castes (SC) based on socio-economic backwardness and degree of under-representation in govt jobs to ensure that the larger pie of 15% SC quota goes to backwards among them. It also asked govts to devise suitable criteria to bar the 'creamy layer' among SCs and STs from availing reservation.

By this 6:1 majority ruling, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices B R Gavai, Vikram Nath, Bela M Trivedi, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra and S C Sharma overruled the 2004 judgment of a five-judge bench in EV Chinnaiah case which had said SCs were a homogeneous group and could not be sub-categorised. Justice Trivedi dissented and said the Chinnaiah judgment was constitutionally valid.

To minimise politics and executive play over extension of the 'quota within quota' concept to Scheduled Castes, the court clarified that sub-classification of castes within SCs cannot be based on govt's whims or political considerations.

It firmly said sub-classification of the most backward among the SC community must be based on empirical data, both quantifiable and demonstrable, regarding their backwardness.

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'UNEQUALS CAN'T BE TREATED EQUALLY'

- **Justice B R Gavai**, the lone Dalit on the 7-judge bench, said the **child of a Scheduled Caste IAS/IPS or civil service officer cannot be equated with the child of a poor SC person** studying in a gram panchayat/ zila parishad school
- He said opposition to sub-classification is like the tussle in a train's general compartment. 'Firstly, persons outside...struggled to get into the general compartment. However, **once they get inside it, they make every attempt possible to prevent persons outside... from entering it'**
- In her dissenting verdict, **Justice Bela Trivedi** said the Scheduled Castes are a 'homogeneous class', **'cannot be tinkered with by states'**
- She said **states cannot enact law to provide quota or give preferential treatment** to a particular caste by sub-dividing SCs. Only Parliament can

Tough balancing act ahead for Centre

Months after he shared the stage with Madiga activists in Secunderabad, PM Modi and his govt are now faced with sub-categorising SCs, which runs the risk of angering stronger Dalit groups across the states, even as it remains to be seen how the communities react to identification and exclusion of the creamy layer. P 18

Win for Madiga activist after 30 yrs

Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi founder Manda Krishna Madiga, 59, has been wearing black and white for 30 years to drive home his fight for sub-categorisation of SCs, for the Madigas in particular. Backed by PM Modi last year, Madiga is happy with the verdict and far from done. "There are many issues to stand up for," he said. P 18

India's Bronze Edge: Rifle ace Swapnil lives his Oly dream

3 Medals Shooting Team's Best-Ever Haul In Games

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Paris: Life has taught Swapnil Kusale not to lose his poise. The boy from Maharashtra's Kambalwadi village has seen tough times, with his father having to mortgage the family's land to extend his shooting career. Being a ticket collector at Central Railway's Pune division during his formative years as a professional shooter probably taught him to shut out the noise and stay in the moment. It was a quality that did wonders for him at Chateauroux Shooting Centre, 300km from Paris, Thursday.

Tension was rising and the shooters were sweating. But Swapnil took one step at a time, rising up the ladder in 50m rifle 3 positions final, ultimately clinching bronze.

With three medals, the Indian shooting contingent in France has delivered its best performance in Olympic history, eclipsing the medal tally of two in 2012.

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Photo: PTI



INSPIRED BY DHONI

- Son of a teacher father and sarpanch mother, Swapnil Kusale (28) has given India its **1st-ever Oly medal in men's 50m rifle 3 positions**
- A railway TTE since 2015, Swapnil draws inspiration from M S Dhoni (who also was a TTE). Swapnil **has been promoted to OSD,** says Central Railway GM



Govt rolls back steep duty hike for lab chems

In a relief for the scientific community, the finance ministry has rolled back a customs duty hike levied on chemicals used in laboratories, **reports Hemali Chhapia**. In the Budget, govt had increased the duty from 10% to 150%, throwing research budgets astray. **TOI** had on July 31 highlighted that customs duty on close to 40,000 items had swelled. P 15

BSF kills intruder at Jammu border

BSF shot dead a suspected Pakistani terrorist attempting to cross the international border in the Samba sector of Jammu Thursday. Troops are on high alert as terrorist attacks in the Jammu region since June 9 have claimed the lives of 10 Army soldiers, a CRPF constable, and nine civilians. P 11

Atiq-Ashraf killings: Clean chit for cops

The judicial commission set up to investigate the murder of gangster-politician Atiq Ahmed and his brother Ashraf in police custody ruled out the possibility of "pre-planned conspiracy" executed by police or "police negligence". The commission's report was tabled in the UP assembly Thursday. TNN

India summons SL envoy on fisherman

India Thursday summoned the Sri Lankan acting high commissioner and registered a strong protest over the collision earlier in the day between a Lankan navy vessel and an Indian fishing boat that left an Indian fisherman dead. Another Indian fisherman was reported missing after the collision. P 11

5 kanwariyas die of electrocution

Five kanwariyas, two of them minors, died of electrocution and five others were injured in Jharkhand's Latehar after their four-wheeler hit an electric pole. In Agra, an **e-rickshaw driver has died days after he was allegedly thrashed by kanwariyas** for "hitting" a kanwar with his vehicle. TNN

1st CBI chargesheet in NEET leak case

Using AI and advanced forensics, CBI has filed its first chargesheet in the NEET-UG paper leak case against 13 accused. The leak was 'localised' and happened at Oasis school in Hazaribagh, CBI has said in its report, sources said. Investigation against key accused and the masterminds is still going on. P 16

HC cites Gyanvapi case, says Hindu side's suits maintainable on Mathura

Rajesh Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: Allahabad high court upheld Thursday the maintainability of a batch of lawsuits by Hindu plaintiffs seeking to reclaim the site of Mathura's Shahi Eidgah as being part of Shri Krishna Janmabhoomi before a pre-existing temple was purportedly razed to make way for the Aurangzeb-era mosque there.

Dismissing the Shahi Eidgah committee's petition challenging the maintainability of these lawsuits, Justice Mayank Kumar Jain said there was no provision in any of the cited laws barring the plaintiffs from presenting their arguments to have a court determine the religious character of a particular place of worship. The Muslim side had argued that the lawsuits weren't maintainable under the Places of Worship Act, 1991; Waqf Act, 1995; Specific Relief Act, 1963; and the Limitation Act, 1963.

Justice Jain cited several past judgments, including the HC's observations in the Kashi Vishwanath Temple-Gyanvapi case, to drive home the point that the religious character of a disputed place of worship needs to be determined.

"Either the Gyanvapi compound has a Hindu religious character or a Muslim religious character. It can't have a dual character...The religious character (of a place of worship) has to be ascertained by the court considering the pleadings of the parties, and evidence led in support of pleadings," the order states.

"No conclusion can be reached on the basis of framing of preliminary issues of law. The (Places of Worship) Act only bars conversion of a place of worship; it does not define or lay down any procedure for determining the religious character of place of worship that existed as on 15.08.1947," it adds, quoting the Dec 19, 2023, order in KVT-Gyanvapi case.

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LG directive was not meant to violate law: CS

As the officials records and communications by DDA officials to contractor bring to light the fact that illegal felling of trees in the ridge in South Delhi was expedited on the direction of LG when he visited the site, Delhi chief secretary has now come in support of the LG and told SC that his direction could not be meant to bypass the statutory provision. P 8

Deaths at Delhi govt's shelter home for mentally ill patients spiked in July

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New Delhi: A spate of deaths in the second fortnight of July this year at Asha Kiran in Rohini — the only Delhi govt-run facility for people with mental impairment in the capital — has caused alarm and revived allegations of neglect and poor living conditions that have haunted it in the past.

According to sources and documents of Asha Kiran's medical care unit seen by **TOI**, 12 inmates, most of them women, have died between July 15 and July 31. The symptoms of the patients were similar as the toll went up — loose motion and vomiting. The bodies of inmates who pass away and patients who cannot be treated at the facility are usually sent to Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hospital, which is just 2km away from the shelter home.

According to sources in the forensic department of the hospital who wish to remain anonymous, the list of those who died includes 10 women and two men. Only one body was received for autopsy between July 1 and July 15, indicating there was a sudden surge in the next fortnight which needs to be investigated. In fact, several other inmates are learnt to be undergoing treatment at the hospital. Going by the data of the medical care unit, in July, 54 inmates were sent outside the facility for treatment, more than usual. "The initial case summary of many of the inmates showed symptoms of loose stools (diarrhoea) but only the final FSL report will determine the cause of death," said a source.

▶Water samples, P 8

Meitei, Kuki groups sign peace agreement for one Manipur district

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Guwahati: Facing flak for failing to bring peace in the roiled region, BJP govt in Manipur Thursday made the first breakthrough by facilitating an agreement between the conflicting Meitei and the Hmar, belonging to the Kuki-Chin-Zo ethnic group of Jiribam district, to end hostilities and re-establish peace.

Although restricted to Jiribam, govt sources described it as a big achievement towards their plans to bring back peace in the valley and hill areas of Manipur. The resolutions adopted said that "both sides will make full efforts to bring normalcy and prevent incidents of arson and firing." "The signing of the agreement, though confined to one district now, marks the first step towards resolving the ongoing conflict between the two communities," an official said.

▶Meeting on Aug 15, P 24

Relief camp inmates clash with police

Several displaced Meitei people living in a relief camp in the valley region of Manipur were wounded in a clash with police during a rally, organised in Imphal Thursday to demand their right to return home in the India-Myanmar border town of Moreh in Tengnoupal district. These people were displaced months ago due to the conflict. P 24

Sidda: Won't quit even if guv gives prosecution nod

Bengaluru: As the possibility of Karnataka governor Thaawar Chand Gehlot giving sanction to prosecute CM Siddaramaiah over a land allotment scam at Mysuru Urban Development Authority loomed large on Thursday, the CM insisted he would fight the graft charge legally and politically, ruling out any possibility of resignation.



The CM's firm stand followed a breakfast meet with his cabinet colleagues at his official residence, Cauvery, and a subsequent meeting of the council of ministers led by deputy chief minister DK Shivakumar. TNN

▶Take BJP head-on, P 24

Bomb smuggled into guesthouse in Tehran 2 mths ago killed Hamas chief

Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh was assassinated Wednesday by an explosive device covertly smuggled into the Tehran, Iran, guesthouse where he was staying, according to seven Middle Eastern officials, including two Iranians, and a US official.

The bomb had been hidden approximately two months ago in the guesthouse, according to five of the Middle Eastern officials. The guesthouse is run and protected by Iran's Revolutionary Guard and is part of a large compound, known as Neshat, in an upscale neighbourhood of northern Tehran. The bomb was detonated remotely, the five officials said, once it was confirmed that he was inside his room at the guesthouse. The blast also killed a bodyguard.

The explosion shook the building, shattered some windows and caused the partial collapse of an exterior wall, according to the two Iranian officials, members of the Revolutionary Guard briefed on the incident. NYT

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AFP



Ayatollah Ali Khamenei leads a prayer over Haniyeh's coffin

Israel killed outfit's military chief in July

The Israeli military said Thursday that it has confirmed that the head of Hamas's military wing, Mohammed Deif, was killed in an airstrike in Gaza in July. Israel targeted Deif on July 13 on the outskirts of Khan Younis. There was no immediate comment by Hamas, which had previously said Deif survived the strike. P 22





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TEMP ON THURSDAY
33.4° MAXIMUM | 24.3° MINIMUM

FORECAST Generally cloudy sky with moderate rain. Max & min on Friday will be around 35 and 25°C

SUNSET 7.12PM (FRI) SUNRISE 5.43AM (SAT)
MOONSET 5.07PM (FRI) MOONRISE 2.17AM (SAT)

64 DELHI AQI ON THURSDAY (SATISFACTORY CATEGORY)

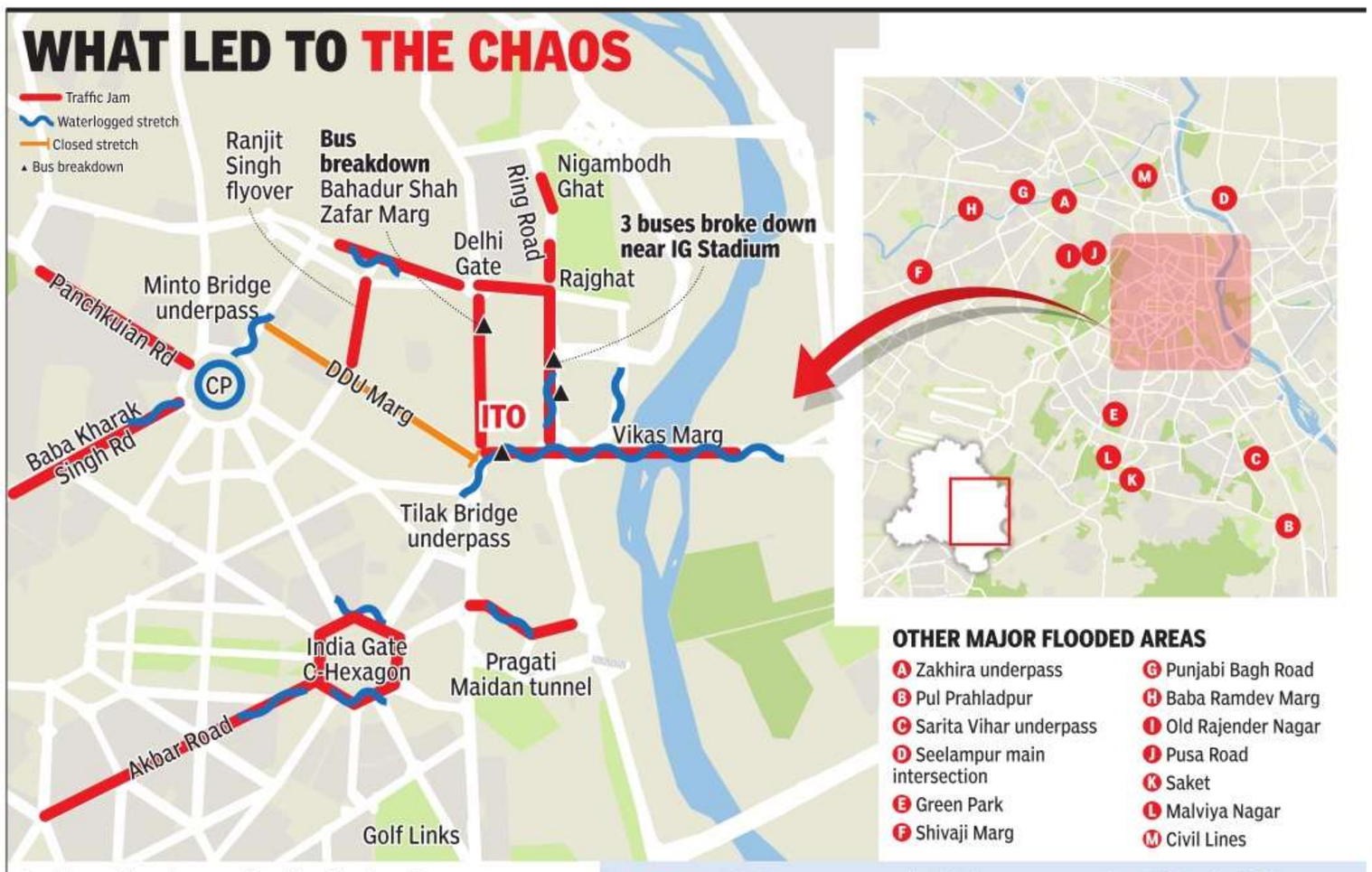
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How ITO Became An Island

Central Hub Was Cut Off As Other Parts Of Delhi Were Submerged Or Blocked



Problems faced every time it rains heavily

- Breakdown of buses and cars
- Water entering houses
- Massive traffic jams
- Commuting time increases
- Existing drainage infrastructure not equipped to handle heavy rainfall
- Sewer lines start overflowing
- Chances of electrocution and accidents increase
- Old and dilapidated buildings prone to collapse
- Power supply hampered
- Rainwater enters low-lying areas of underpasses

PWD infra: 151 permanent pumping stations | 200 QRTs with maintenance vans | 696 pumps | 234 mobile pumps deployed

NDMC infra: 6 control rooms | 120 fixed pumps | 62 temporary pumps

MCD infra: 72 permanent pumping stations | 465 mobile and submersible pumps | Teams working in two shifts in 12 zones

Vibha Sharma & Siddhanta Mishra | TNN

New Delhi: The heavy rains on Wednesday evening left the city damp, irate and exasperated. But perhaps the people with the most complaints were those working in or passing through ITO. The area, which is a central hub of offices, was cut off from the rest of the city till late at night. The roads fanning out from the intersection, one of the busiest in the capital, were all submerged, barricaded or gridlocked.

Tilak Bridge went under in the excessive rain as did Vikas Marg leading to Laxmi Nagar. Police blocked Deen Dayal Upadhyay Marg to prevent vehicles from reaching the flooded Minto Bridge. And those who attempted to take Ring Road from Delhi Gate past Raj Ghat ran into an intractable traffic jam.

Several vehicles experienced breakdowns near the intersection, causing more obstruction to movement. Two buses whined to a halt after turning left from ITO towards Vikas Marg. Another bus was abandoned on the road near Delhi Gate, while two stuttered and stopped almost simultaneously near Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium. The malfunctioning buses stood adjacent to the footpath, one occupying the leftmost lane and the other on the main carriageway, leaving only a single lane for motorists to squeeze through. "As if this wasn't enough, waterlogging on the right side forced traffic to move extra slowly," said Rukmini Gupta, who works in an office in ITO.

Leaving the ITO intersection didn't end the ordeal for motorists. They encountered yet another impediment after a bus broke down at the junction of Ring Road and Vikas Marg next to Indira Gandhi Stadium. People going to south Delhi and New Delhi faced similar obstructions, many revealing also how power cuts darkened the streets and slowed progress.

With DDU Marg blocked for vehicles reaching there on Vikas Marg, taking a U-turn from the ITO traffic lights to access the Delhi Gate route didn't prove useful because the Ring Road stretch near Rajghat and Indira Gandhi Stadium was also flooded. The only recourse was to turn back to Bahadur Shah Zafar Marg and wade through knee-deep water.

A trip that usually took an hour ended up lasting five-six hours for many people, leaving them cross and impatient. "I reached home in Malviya Nagar from my office at ITO in five hours," said Anant Kumar. "Ironically, the heart of the city turned into an island. Had there been any medical emergency or other exigencies, I don't know how lives would have been saved."

Unusually, the waterlogging and traffic congestion at ITO and Rajghat continued until Thursday afternoon even though normalcy returned to other areas of the city. All this despite ITO, Rajghat, Tilak Bridge and Minto Bridge having been identified by the civic authorities as waterlogging hotspots for which specific measures were formulated. "Wednesday proved that the authorities didn't take the necessary steps to prevent waterlogging despite last year's floods," said AK Jha, a resident of Daryaganj.

PWD officials claimed that though Tilak Bridge was cleared late at night, the heavy rainfall meant water kept accumulating on the road as quickly as it was being removed. "No drain in Delhi is designed to take that volume of rainfall," said a PWD officer. "100mm of rainfall in one hour is too heavy for the system to handle." The depression under the bridge also collected water flowing from the ITO crossing.

Tilak Bridge, where the jurisdiction of NDMC and PWD intersect, had six mobile PWD water pumps and a sucker machine to manage the collected water. While the similar flooding on June 28 was attributed to an unclogged outfall drain, there was no clear answer this time to what happened.

"The high intensity rains will continue to be a problem. The drains can be cleaned, but slope readjustments have to be done to prevent flooding," a PWD officer said.

At the seasonally affected Minto Bridge, two drains were constructed to link with an underground sump. Through an intricate set of five motors, water was diverted to a bigger drain near the BJP headquarters. "From there, the water is pushed to the main drain operated by the irrigation & flood department at IP Estate," an official explained. But such interventions haven't achieved their objective.

Ranjit Singh Flyover, a crucial link between Delhi Gate and Barakhamba Road, was deluged at its tail end. Even the reinforcing of concrete structures, replacement of bearings and resurfacing of the road surface done in preparation for the G20 summit last year did not help. "The drainage at the spot functioned efficiently," insisted an NDMC official.

TIMES VIEW: It's true that heavy downpours can cause waterlogging. But it is equally true that the traffic problem on Wednesday night was multiplied due to poor drainage. The city had witnessed a similar situation over a month ago but little was done to mitigate the problem. It seems nobody is accountable for the misery that millions endure. This is unacceptable. Those who don't do their job must be taken to task and the problem fixed. Authorities must act on a mission mode. They must also recognise that extreme weather events will become increasingly frequent and plan accordingly.

WEDNESDAY CHAOS TOOK 5 LIVES IN DELHI...

12-yr-old boy among three electrocuted in different parts of city

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Three people, including a 12-year-old, died due to electrocution in different parts of the city on Wednesday.

In the first case, police received a call around 7.36pm from a spot near the DDA flats at Bindapur in southwest Delhi. a 12-year-old boy died after being electrocuted in Bindapur on Wednesday. The deceased was identified as Mudit Kumar, a Class VII student who lived in the DDA Flats in Bindapur. His father is a manager with a private bank.

Police received a call about the incident around 7.36pm on Wednesday. A team from the local police station rushed to the spot near DDA Flats in Bindapur. "The father of 12-year-old Mudit Kumar reported that his son had been electrocuted and died," a police officer said. At the scene, officers found two electric cables emerging from the ground. A case has been registered under Section 106(1) (causing death by negligence) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

The father, Raman Kumar, told TOI that Mudit had returned from the coaching centre and had gone to bathe with other children. Unknown to them, there was an electric pole managed by BSES with exposed wires at the spot. "The other children also received electric shocks but managed to escape. My son fell into the water and was electrocuted," claimed Raman Kumar. The children, he said, had tried to rescue Mudit but failed and one of them had alerted Mudit's family.

"I was in office when I learnt about the incident," said the father. He blamed the power discom for his son's death. "It was sheer negligence. They were informed about the naked cables 10 days ago when a few kids had received shocks," he claimed. "In fact, I had warned Mudit not to use that route. After the complaint, some BSES staff arrived but did nothing."

In another incident, a 28-year-old man was electrocuted in his home in southeast Delhi's Meethapur. Around 8pm on Wednesday when it was raining heavily, he went to his terrace and was electrocuted either because there was a current leakage or he came in contact with the electrified water tank alarm system. "There are no eyewitnesses. The exact cause of electrocution is being verified," a police officer said. The deceased, Prabhat, was the son of Delhi Police sub-inspector Ombir Singh, who is posted in the control room.

The third case on Wednesday also involved a 28-year-old man. Anil, a resident of Sangam Vihar, was returning home after buying vegetables when he fell down. He was rushed to the hospital, where he was declared brought dead. Police are yet to confirm the cause of death, but the locals insisted it was a case of electrocution. Dinesh Jaiswal, a neighbour, claimed there was a live wire touching the water.

On way to weekly market, woman and son drown in drain

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Tanuja was still clutching her three-year-old son's hand when rescuers pulled out their lifeless bodies from a drain on Wednesday night. The 23-year-old mother and child became the latest casualties of the waterlogging in the city after they fell into a partially constructed drain in east Delhi's Ghazipur area.

Tanuja and Priyansh were en route to the weekly market in Ghazipur when the tragedy happened. According to eyewitnesses, the waterlogging made it difficult for anyone to make out the presence of the drain, 15ft deep and 6ft wide, near the CNG pump in Ghazipur paper market. Investigations have revealed that it was the toddler who accidentally slipped into the exposed drain, and in a frantic endeavour to save her son, Tanuja also plunged into the drain, resulting in their deaths.

The most appalling aspect of the incident was the jurisdictional dispute between the east Delhi police and Ghaziabad police, with the former allegedly refusing to take up the case. Local residents retrieved the bodies between 11.30pm and midnight and the Ghaziabad cops transported them to Lal Bahadur Shastri Hospital in Kalyanpuri.

The Delhi cops subsequently visited the scene only to discover that the bodies had already been taken to hospital. A local inquiry revealed the circumstances surrounding the incident. Delhi Police eventually registered an FIR and started the probe into the matter.

Narendra Bisht, Tanuja's brother-in-law, recounted to **TOI** that the two deceased were going to the local Wednesday market at the time of the incident. "Some neighbours were with Tanuja when she fell into the drain," Bisht said. "One of them tried to rescue her but could only retrieve her umbrella." Some people at the scene called the police control room.

Both Tanuja and her husband had intended to go shopping at the weekly market. After work, he phoned her to ask her where she was, but received the shocking news of the tragedy when a neighbour took the call. "Tanuja's death was a consequence of negligence of leaving the drain uncovered," Bisht asserted.

Just days earlier, Tanuja had become an aunt. "She was going to the market to buy gifts for the newborn and some household items," said Bisht. The family had relocated to Ghaziabad four years ago from Uttarakhand in pursuit of better employment opportunities. "They were planning to enrol Priyanshu in playschool this week. Now, all their aspirations have been shattered," said the grieving brother-in-law.

... NEIGHBOURS TOO LOST 8 PRECIOUS LIVES

In Ggn, 3 die as tree branch causes wire to snap; 1 drowns

Gurgaon: Three men returning from work were electrocuted near IFFCO Chowk metro station after a wire snapped and fell on them when they were wading through a footpath left flooded by Wednesday evening's rain.

Devesh Bajpayee (34), Waseem Zama (55) and Jaipal Yadav (32) were following each other on the waterlogged road when the branch of a tree fell on one of the low-tension (220 Volts) wires, causing it to snap and fall on them directly.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the wire supplied power to streetlamps in the area. Although such wires are supposed to be underground, it was overhead on that particular stretch because of disruption in the usual cable network.

A case was registered late on Wednesday evening under Section 106 of the BNS (causing death by negligence). The maintenance of streetlights in the area has been outsourced to a private agency by MCG.

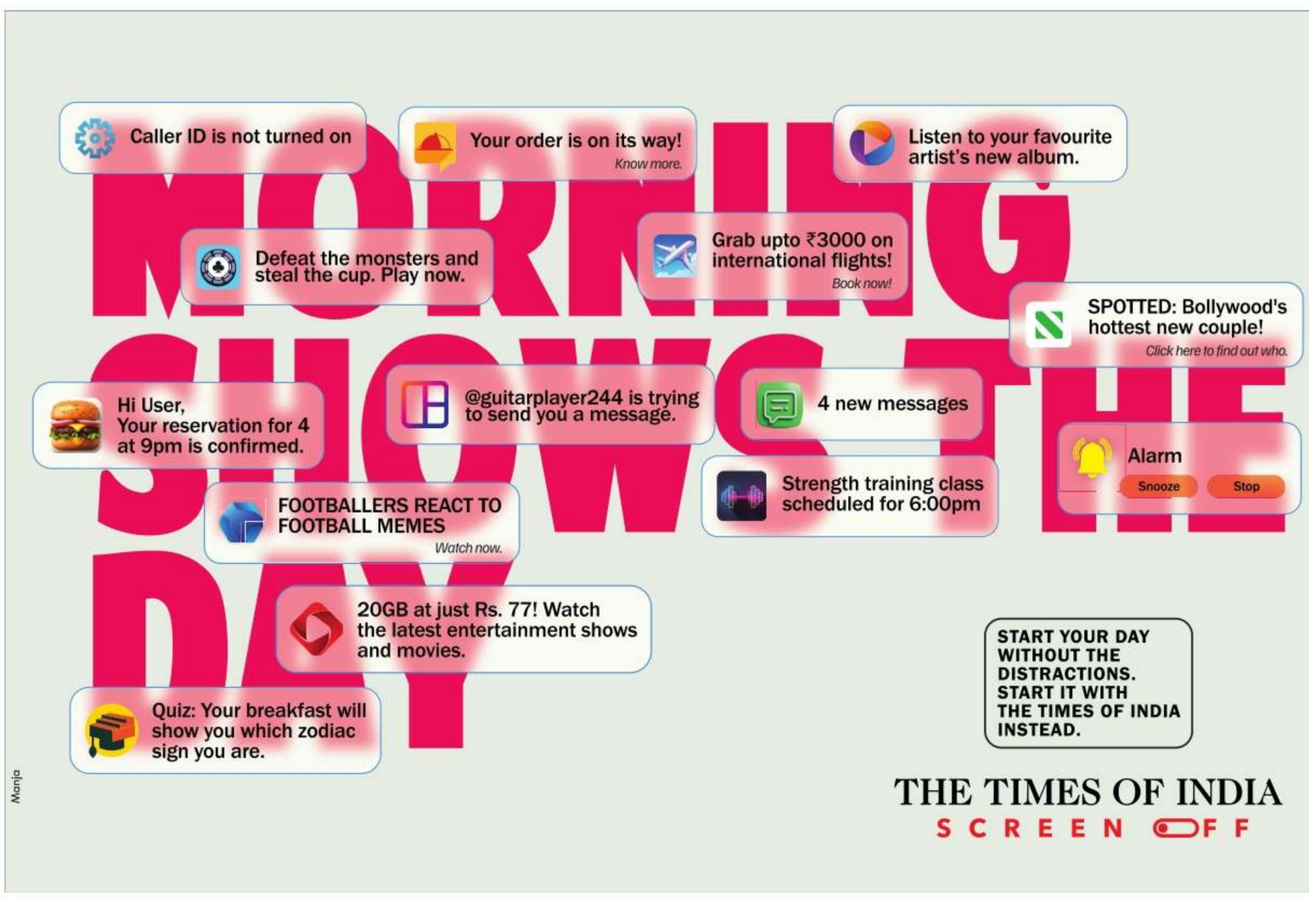
Meanwhile, a 44-year-old man who had stopped to relieve himself drowned in a stormwater drain on Sohna road in Bhondsi late on Wednesday evening. TNN

Hoarding & wall collapses kill 3 in Noida, Ghaziabad

Ghaziabad/Noida: Three daily wage earners — a labourer walking home, and a ragpicker and his wife — died in separate accidents linked to the spate of showers across NCR on Wednesday night.

Mukesh Goswami, a 55-year-old labourer living in Ghaziabad's Kotwali, was walking to his home in the rainstorm around 8pm, when an advertisement board came loose and collapsed, killing him on the spot. Ghaziabad DCP Rajesh Kumar said the incident took place near Ghantaghar as Goswami was walking past some mobile shops. A passerby alerted cops, and a police team took Goswami to MMG Hospital, where doctors declared him dead. Police said they have not received any complaint on the incident, but they are checking if the hoarding — 10 feet in length and 12-15 feet in breadth — was legal or not.

In another incident in Greater Noida, a couple died after the boundary wall of an adjacent plot collapsed on their shanty while they were sleeping in Ambedkar Nagar Colony of Dadri. Police said they suspect the base of the boundary wall of a vacant plot became unstable as the ground was saturated with rainwater. TNN



GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE
EE, CED, P.W. Dte. invite online e-tender for the work of, (i) "Construction of new proposed (G+6), Integrated Court Building at Alipurduar District....SITC of DG Set." Bid submission Start Date (online): 30.07.2024, Bid submission Closing Date (online): 21.08.2024 upto 01.00 p.m. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ and tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- E.E., CED, P.W.D., GOVT. OF W.B. ICA-T13040(2)/2024

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e-TENDER NOTICE
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Out for pizza, youth falls into drain, drowns

Gurgaon: A 22-year-old BSc student, who was out to buy pizza along with his sister and brother-in-law, slipped into a drain in Faridabad's Mohana Road and drowned around 9pm on Wednesday. Prince's body was recovered around 10 hours later on Thursday morning after an extensive search by police and SDRF.

Police said the drain next to the restaurant was flowing to capacity because of heavy downpour. In the dim light, Prince lost his footing, fell into it and was swept away by the currents, making rescue attempts by his brother-in-law and locals futile. Prince had stepped aside to relieve himself, while his brother-in-law and sister were getting the pizza packed.

People gathered at the spot after hearing his brother-in-law's cries for help and alerted the police. Cops, other emergency services along with SDM (Ballabhgarh) Trilokchand arrived at the scene. During the search operation, a sewer worker located Prince's body, which was then sent for a post-mortem examination. Prince was from Sadikpur Bajna in UP's Mathura. TNN

WHEN MINUTES TURNED INTO HOURS

Bhavreen Kandhari | Activist

Commute | **Patiala House to Defence Colony through Lodhi Rd**

Distance travelled 20km

20 mins normally

3:30 hrs last night

Route diversions | **Traffic stagnant**

"I took a halt at Janpath for 40 min, where the water had started coming inside shops. Traffic was stagnant on Lodhi Road and there was no official to monitor the movement. These problems need to be solved on a larger level. We have to rope in experts so that we can get into the technicalities of the issue and a systemic change can happen



Vinay Gupta | Jeweller

Commute | **Kucha Mahajani to Karkardooma**

Distance travelled 10-12km

30 mins normally

5 hrs last night

Route diversions | **From Mori Gate**

"Delhi's traffic system is in a shambles. It's not uncommon to find oneself trapped in a gridlock, but seeing ambulances struggling to navigate the chaos is truly disheartening. This is a stark reflection of the city's infrastructure shortcomings, a far cry from the 'world-class' image it often strives to project



Zenith Chaudhary

Commute | **Galleria market to Aerocity**

Distance travelled 13km

35 mins normally

2 hrs last night

Route diversions | **No scope as traffic crawled**

"Traffic conditions deteriorated significantly last night. Vehicles moved at a snail's pace. Previous day's rain exacerbated the situation, exposing the city's inadequate infrastructure, which was evidently ill-prepared to handle such weather-related challenges



Amit Dwivedi | Corporate firm staffer

Commute | **ITO to Saket**

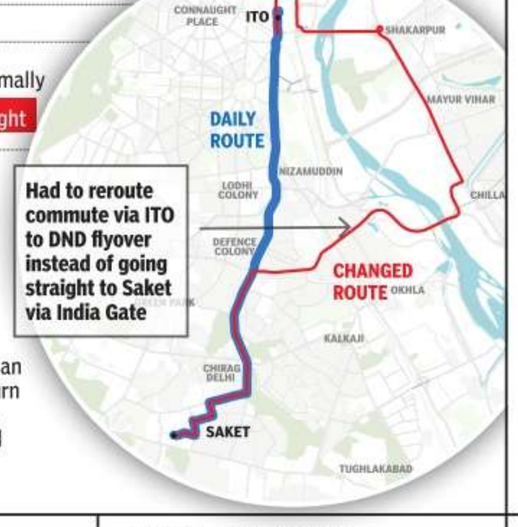
Distance travelled 25km

45 mins normally

4:45 hrs last night

Route diversions | **Multiple**

"Due to severe flooding around ITO, my journey was significantly prolonged. Instead of my regular route through Ranjit Singh flyover, I was forced to take Ring Road near Gandhi Memorial. But I couldn't continue straight on Ring Road towards Pragati Maidan due to the blockages. I had to turn left onto ITO bridge to cross the Yamuna. From there, I navigated through Mayur Vihar and DND Flyway before reaching Saket



Rashmi Singh | Exec with pvt firm

Commute | **DLF 5 to Shahdara**

Distance travelled 37km

1:45 hrs

4:30 hrs last night

Route diversions | **None**

"Travel was a nightmare due to severe waterlogging and persistent traffic jams. Key routes were inundated, causing vehicles to crawl. The situation was worsened by poor drainage system, leaving commuters stranded for hours. It was frustrating to navigate the waterlogged streets. Public transport was equally hit, with buses and cabs stuck in gridlock



Yash | MBA aspirant

Commute | **Sector-62, Noida to Vasundhara**

Distance travelled 5km

25 mins normally

5 hrs last night

Route diversions | **Multiple**

"The rain severely disrupted my commute from the coaching institute to back home. Cab fares skyrocketed over three times, and many roads were inundated, with water reaching knee-deep in certain areas—even in a meticulously planned city. The situation was further exacerbated by traffic diversions associated with Kanwar Yatra



Kishor Joshi | ASI staff

Commute | **Tilak Marg to Vikas Nagar**

Distance travelled 24km

Normally **1:30 hrs**

4:30 hrs last night

Route diversions | **None**

"I typically travel by bus from my office on Tilak Marg to my residence in Vikas Nagar. However, upon encountering a massive traffic jam at Chanakyapuri railway colony caused by heavy rain, I took the metro from Janakpuri East station. When I got down at Uttam Nagar East, there were no auto-rickshaws available"



Akansha Tiwari | Manager at branding company

Rajender Nagar to Subroto Park

Distance travelled 9km

25 mins normally

2:40 hrs last night

Route diversions | **None**

"Commuting back from work was a challenging task. My journey, which typically takes less than half an hour, was significantly prolonged due to the heavy rain. The usual 9km distance, which I can cover in 25-30 minutes, ended up taking 2 hrs and 40 minutes. The streets were flooded, and I struggled to navigate my car through the waterlogged roads



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Waterlogging in Old Rajender Nagar again after heavy rainfall. Delhi has become a city of lakes

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Anyone can genuinely answer who' is responsible for water logging , who's govt in Delhi , NDMC and MCD under which govt? It's joke for Delhi residents that one day rain in rainy session can't manage because concern govt and department can't work on it

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Ripple effect: 30 Delhi-bound flights diverted, 100 delayed

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Around 30 Delhi-bound flights were diverted and over 100 flights delayed at IGI Airport because of incessant rain, gusty winds of up to 45kmph and lightning on Wednesday night.

Of the 30 flights diverted to other cities, 16 were of IndiGo, six of Air India, and one each of Vistara, Alliance Air, Air India Express, American Airlines, Emirates, Akasa Air, Cathay Pacific. A chartered flight too had to be diverted. Fifteen flights were diverted to Jaipur, nine to Lucknow, three to Amritsar, two to Ahmedabad, and one to Chandigarh between 7.30pm on Wednesday and 1am on Thursday.

Indira Gandhi International Airport saw 68.3mm of rainfall till 8.30am on Thursday. The airport recorded a high wind speed at 27kmph, which rose to 45kmph at 7pm on Wednesday. "A frequent change in wind speed impacts flight take-off," an official said.

Many passengers complained about the delays. Anjali, a passenger, said: "My flight from Delhi to Bangkok was delayed by about five hours on Wednesday night. We had to board the flight in the rain as there was no shade."

Rohit Rathore, another passenger, wrote on X that his flight was delayed by over four-and-a-half hours.

Delhi Metro recorded a higher number of passenger journeys on Wednesday at 66.6 lakh as against 65.3 lakh a day earlier.

A Delhi Metro Rail Corporation official said the passenger journeys rose on Wednesday as many people preferred the metro when heavy rain lashed the city and caused traffic snarls and waterlogging.

On June 28, when the city had seen heavy rain, DMRC had recorded over 69 lakh passenger journeys.



Man dies as portion of building collapses

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A man died after a portion of a building collapsed in Sadar Bazar following heavy rainfall on Wednesday. Three other people were also injured in two similar incidents in Defence Colony and Shastri Park.

The deceased, identified as Anil Gupta, was a shop owner. Police said the incident took place late in the evening, when Gupta was closing his shop. A PCR call was received at 8.28pm. Data revealed that police received at least 27 PCR calls related to building collapses on Wednesday.

In the aftermath of the mayhem caused by the heavy rains, the Delhi Police helpline was flooded with urgent calls. While 127 calls related to waterlogging were logged, 50 calls about fallen trees were reported. The PCR control room also received nearly 3,000 calls related to traffic snarls — 2,727 on Wednesday and 218 between 12am and 7am Thursday.

On Wednesday evening, traffic was thrown completely out of gear, with thousands of commuters trapped in gridlocks at various locations across the city. ITO and adjacent areas witnessed vehicles at a complete standstill for over two hours and a similar situation was seen in many places in south Delhi too. Commuters endured a nightmarish experience as two- and three-wheelers crawled at a snail's pace on major roads, which were heavily waterlogged, till around 11pm. Traffic police personnel were scarce and assistance was minimal as vehicles broke down in the middle of the streets.

Due to severe waterlogging under Minto Bridge, traffic was severely disrupted and diverted to Connaught Place Outer Circle and Minto Road. Many were stranded for hours in the congestion. Traffic was also impacted at Anuvrat Marg on both carriageways as water had accumulated near Qutub Minar metro station.

As a result of water accumulation at Nigambodh Ghat, traffic was adversely affected on Mahatma Gandhi Marg. There were also snarls on Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg due to waterlogging at Chatta Rail Chowk.

Commuters heading from Chirag Delhi towards Nehru Place on Outer Ring Road were also stranded due to substantial water accumulation under Savitri flyover. There were jams on the carriageway from Moolchand towards Chirag Delhi too. Traffic was impacted on Minto Road owing to waterlogging under Minto Bridge, with diversions in place from CP Outer Circle.

From Zakhira to Pul Prahladpur, it's woeful — as usual

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New Delhi: The heavy downpour on Wednesday evening didn't lead to waterlogging only at ITO and Tilak Bridge, leaving hapless commuters in misery for hours on the roads. Some of the other usual suspects — Zakhira and Pul Prahladpur underpasses, Ring Road stretch near Nigambodh ghat, and Pragati Maidan tunnel — also witnessed flooding, resulting in complete chaos on these stretches.

According to officials, the pumps placed at these locations were insufficient to handle the amount of rainwater. Therefore, the spots remained flooded for a few hours, putting them out of use.

During last year's floods, when the Yamuna had swelled, two spots on the Ring Road stretch between Kashmere Gate and ITO had witnessed heavy waterlogging — one, just where the IP flyover ends, where any congestion has a direct impact on ITO, and the other one at the Rajghat traffic signal.

On Wednesday, the story was no different. Both stretches saw flooding, slowing down vehicles to a crawl.

According to the PWD control room, water also collected at Zakhira and Pul Prahladpur, although the traffic kept moving. However, both spots have been identified as 'hotspots' and are prone to waterlogging, meaning they require more attention from authorities.

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Road outside Bharat Mandapam was flooded on Wednesday

Pul Prahladpur underpass is one of the critical points from where several waterlogging incidents have been reported. In 2022, PWD, to avoid a repeat of waterlogging, constructed an underground sump of 7.5 lakh litres capacity and a permanent pump house of 600 horsepower.

Both Zakhira and Moolchand underpasses were waterlogged on Wednesday, putting south Delhi areas out of gear. This is the second time in a month that Zakhira underpass has been flooded.

The stretch is notorious for getting waterlogged every monsoon, causing inconvenience to commuters. During monsoon, waste from temporary drains built by railways blocks this underpass, due to which the water pumps get clogged. PWD had said it had installed screens to stop the railway line waste. This does not seem to have helped.

At Pragati Maidan tunnel, PWD had deputed temporary pumps and removed excess water. But the entry was closed from Mathura Road. Security guards claimed there was waterlogging, which was denied by PWD officials.

"A comprehensive drainage master plan for Delhi will provide a lasting solution. The process is underway," said a PWD official.

Libraries being run from basements: MCD seals 65 sites

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has sealed over 65 coaching centres and libraries operating from basements since Sunday as they violated building bylaws in the city.

The action came days after three civil service aspirants drowned in the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajender Nagar.

"Sealing action was carried out in the basements of 23 coaching centres in west zone, 8 in central zone, and 3 in Najafgarh zone. In central zone, 14 coaching centres were issued notices, out of which 6 vacated the premises, and 8 were sealed," an official said, giving a break-up on some of the properties.

After a delegation of students met the commissioner and aired their concern over the state of civic services in Old Rajender Nagar, MCD issued a circular asking the deputy commissioners to prevent the misuse of basements and take safety measures.

"A building having a basement will be surveyed and immediate action, including sealing, will be taken against those who are found misusing the facility. There should be separate entry and exit gates for the basement. All building plans shall be made available in the public domain so that violators can be detected," the circular issued by the additional commissioner said.

It added that all encroachments above drains and footpaths shall be removed and the stormwater drains shall be fully desilted. Choking at any point shall be cleared with supersucker machines. "In case a fresh drain is required, an immediate proposal (should) be put up," the proposal said.

Officials clarified that the zones have been asked to ensure that private concessionaires are sensitised about the quick removal of garbage as there is putrefaction of the same during the rainy season resulting in a foul smell.

"Even the urinals or toilets which are in poor condition have been directed to be brought back in shape immediately," the civic body said.

The officials said the problem of waterlogging in Old Rajender Nagar won't be resolved unless the slope of the roads is improved.

Civic body to devise plans for drain revamp

New Delhi: MCD is planning to chalk out a plan for revamping old and damaged drains in various wards after conducting a survey. Sharing the plan during a press meeting on Thursday, Mayor Shelly Oberoi stated that a meeting with department of environment management services and engineering department was held. "I have asked them to create a ward-wise list of areas where the drainage system needs revamp or maintenance. There are many areas in Delhi where the drainage system has never been replaced and is currently not functioning properly," Oberoi said. TNN

AAP: LG must resign over death of woman, son by drowning in 'DDA drain'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: AAP held a protest and demanded action against officials a day after a mother-son duo fell into a drain in east Delhi's Ghazipur and drowned.

Alleging that the drain was being built by DDA and was not covered, AAP also demanded the resignation of lieutenant governor VK Saxena, who is the chairman of the authority.

Several AAP workers, led by MLAs Kuldeep Kumar and Rohit Mehraulia, reached the protest site and shouted slogans against the LG and BJP.

At a press conference, AAP Rajya Sabha member Sanjay Singh termed the incident "murder" and accused BJP of staying silent on it. "DDA was doing some redevelopment of the drain. LG is the chairman of DDA. The officials report to him. They demand the arrest of the mayor if some incident happens. They demand the resignation of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. We demand action against LG," Singh said.

AAP MLA Kuldeep Kumar said: "I was there when the bodies were taken to the mortuary. This is not an accident, but murder. DDA officials who did not barricade the drain or put up signage should be held accountable."

In a statement, DDA said the spot where the duo fell was under MCD, while the stretch under its jurisdiction was fully covered. The authority in a statement said the total length of the drain is 1,350 metres, and a stretch of 1,000 metres had been handed over to MCD some time ago. "The remaining 350 metres... is under DDA. Recently, the desilting of the section of the drain under DDA's jurisdiction was completed," a DDA spokesperson said.

"A screen was also installed at the junction point of MCD and DDA drains to prevent the flow of garbage. According to residents and media reports, the two drowned in the MCD drain. The bodies were found at the junction of MCD and DDA drains," a DDA spokesman added. MCD said the two fell in an under-construction DDA drain. Delhi BJP vice-president Lata Gupta said it was important to establish whose drain it was and action should be taken.

Bharadwaj to seek ₹5,200cr for MCD to revamp roads & drains

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Thursday said he would write to Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to provide a grant of Rs 5,200 crore to Municipal Corporation of Delhi to develop infrastructure like drains and roads. Addressing a joint press conference with mayor Shelly Oberoi, Bharadwaj said urban local bodies of cities in all states were getting grants from the Centre, except Delhi.

"Delhi is the national capital. Like other urban local bodies, MCD should also get grants from the Centre. It should ideally get a grant of over Rs 5,200 crore and I will write to the Union finance minister on this," Bharadwaj said.

The minister said the urban local bodies across the country received Rs 1.2 lakh crore in grants from the Centre in the last five years. He said as per the 2011 Census, the total urban population in the country was 37.7 crore. "Going by these numbers, the urban local bodies (in other states) received Rs 3,211 per person from the Centre. Delhi's urban population stands at 1.6 crore, according to the Census. Therefore, Delhi should get Rs 5,243 crore for its urban local body," Bharadwaj said. "This is the MCD's right, it is not any special treatment," he added.

AAP-led MCD has been facing flak due to widespread waterlogging in Delhi amid the ongoing monsoon season which has claimed several lives. Earlier, Delhi finance minister Atishi had also raised the issue of the Centre denying MCD grants. Reiterating the arguments made by Atishi earlier, Oberoi said Delhiites were contributing over Rs 2 lakh crore in income tax annually apart from Rs 25,000 crore paid to the Centre as CGST.

"When Delhiites pay taxes responsibly, why does central govt not give money for the development of Delhi and public works?" Oberoi questioned.

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said MCD was facing widespread criticism due to the stagnation in municipal services in Delhi and the joint press conference by Bharadwaj and Oberoi was an attempt to divert the issue. "Before demanding special funds from the Centre, Oberoi should explain to the people of Delhi why AAP govt is not providing full funds to MCD. Also, why has Delhi govt, despite a two-year delay, not yet constituted the constitutionally required sixth finance commission, which is necessary for the reassessment and increase in municipal funds?" Kapoor asked.

"Instead of pointing fingers at the Centre, Oberoi should ask minister Atishi to release Rs 20,000 crore pending funds for the municipal corporation," he added.

Anindya Chattopadhyay



MCD has been facing flak due to widespread waterlogging in Delhi

BJP alleges scam in desilting of drains, AAP strikes back

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Alleging a scam in the desilting of drains in the city, BJP on Thursday demanded a CBI probe into it.

Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said the city's sewer and storm water drainage system had completely collapsed in the past two-three years, and even a light rain caused waterlogging.

He said a committee formed by the party to investigate the reasons for the increased waterlogging "had warned us on June 20 that the desilting of drains and sewers was not being carried out by any department of Delhi govt or MCD". He alleged, "We had even alerted Delhi govt through a press conference that no preparations were being made for the monsoon, but no notice was taken."

Sachdeva claimed the first monsoon rain on June 28 had exposed the false claims made by Delhi govt. "Even 10 minutes of rain have caused significant waterlogging at major traffic intersections such as ITO. Delhi govt's irrigation and flood control department, PWD, DJB and MCD are responsible for desilting drains and sewers. None of them has disposed of even a single truck of silt at Singhola Khampur or any other landfill site. MCD has sent a few hundred trucks of silt from internal sewers to Bhalswa landfill," he said.

"A scam worth hundreds of crores of rupees has occurred in the desilting of drains. Chief minister, ministers, MLAs, contractors and lower-level govt officials are involved in this, and a CBI investigation is necessary," he demanded.

AAP said even urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj had called several press conferences and released videos of directions being issued to chief secretary to give the list of desilted drains so that they could be verified.

"Chief secretary Naresh Kumar did not send the list. Similarly, in various meetings, Bharadwaj said most of these desilting efforts were only on paper and there should be a third-party audit. But chief secretary did not conduct the third-party audit," AAP alleged.



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THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY

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A day after heavy rain lashed Delhi, the city witnessed a rare occurrence — clear, blue skies. But the joy came at a cost. A portion of a school building collapsed in Daryaganj while a road caved in at Hauz Khas

Coaching Centre Deaths: Bail For SUV Driver

Cops Drop Charge Of Culpable Homicide Not Amounting To Murder; Court Says Implicated In 'Over-Enthusiasm'

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New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday granted bail to Manuj Kathuria, accused of driving his SUV through a flooded street, causing a wave of water to breach the gates of the three-storey building housing Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajender Nagar. It eventually resulted in the flooding of the basement, where three civil service aspirants got trapped and drowned.

The investigating officer in the case informed the court of additional sessions judge Rakesh Kumar that the police had decided to drop the charge of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, i.e., Section 105 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), against Kathuria. The judge remarked that the 50-year-old businessman was implicated in "over-enthusiasm" when charged under this BNS section.

The court then granted bail to Kathuria and noted that the other alleged offences against him were bailable.

"In view of the submissions made by the State through their reply, since the offence under Section 105 of BNS, 2023, which is non-bailable, is not made out at this stage, the rest of the sections are bailable in nature," the court said.

Delhi Police, in its status report filed in the court, stated, "In continuation to the reply to the previous bail application moved by the accused in the lower court, it is submitted that, during further investigation, it has transpired that the ingredients of Section 105 BNS are, at this stage, not being sufficiently established."

"The same can be better assessed when the expert team from IIT-Delhi visits the spot and, post-inspection, submits its findings. Thus, as of now, the primary offence against the accused is of Section 281 BNS (rash driving), for which the court may kindly pass appropriate orders as deemed fit," the status report added.



Delhi High Court bench had pulled up Delhi Police, terming the arrest of the driver of the vehicle and its investigation "strange"

The court granted Kathuria bail on various conditions, including furnishing a personal bond and surety bond of Rs 50,000 each, not passing any comments regarding the case to the media in any manner, joining the investigation when required, not tampering with evidence, and not contacting the complainant or other witnesses.

Additional public prosecutor Atul Srivastava requested the court to direct Kathuria not to speak to the media about the case in view of its sensitive nature and due to the investigation being at a nascent stage.

Apart from Section 105, Kathuria had also been charged by Delhi Police under sections 106(1) (death of person by rash or negligent act not amounting to culpable homicide), 115(2) (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt), 290 (negligent conduct with respect to pulling down, repairing or constructing buildings), and 281 (rash driving or riding in a public way).

Counsels appearing for Kathuria — senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, advocate Rakesh Malhotra and others — submitted before the court that allegations against him were false, frivolous and completely vague. They also said that it had become evident that the state authorities, who bear the responsibility for overseeing the drainage facilities in the area and ensuring that no illegal coaching centres operate under their jurisdiction, are attempting to shift the blame for their failures to Kathuria.

"The authorities have chosen to exploit the video footage available online, which merely depicts the applicant driving through the affected area, to unjustly position him as a scapegoat for the incident," submitted the counsels.

On Wednesday, terming the offence "serious", the magisterial court had denied bail to Kathuria, saying the plea was "untenable at this stage".

This was just hours after a Delhi High Court bench, headed by acting Chief Justice Manmohan, had pulled up Delhi Police, terming the arrest of the SUV driver and its investigation "strange". HC had made it clear that accountability must be fixed for the deaths and asked why no MCD official had been "hauled up" so far.

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A day of rain exceeds record of entire Aug in '22, 23

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New Delhi: One day of rain measured at 107.6 mm was more than the precipitation recorded in the entire month of Aug in the past two years. While the city's base weather station, Safdarjung, recorded 91.8mm and 41.6mm of rainfall in entire August 2023 and Aug 2022, respectively, it logged 107.6mm rainfall in 24 hours till 8.30am on Thursday. The normal average for Aug in India Meteorological Department's data is 233.1mm.

Several other stations in Delhi-NCR also recorded over 100mm of rainfall till 8.30am on Thursday in the most widespread spell of heavy rain this season. SPS Mayur Vihar in east Delhi logged 147.5mm, Noida Sector 62 145mm, Gurgaon 119.5mm, Najafgarh in southwest Delhi 113mm, Safdarjung 107.6mm, Lodhi Road in central Delhi 107.5mm and Delhi University in north Delhi, 104.5mm in the 24-hour period.

Some other areas saw heavy rain, among them Pusa where 86mm of precipitation was recorded, Ayanagar 71.4mm, Jagdishpur KVK (Sonipat) 69mm and Palam 68mm in the same period.

This was the second time this season when Delhi saw widespread rainfall. On June 28, when the monsoons arrived in the city, Safdarjung logged 228.1mm of precipitation. Three other weather stations — Lodhi Road, Ridge and Palam —also reported rainfall of over 100mm.

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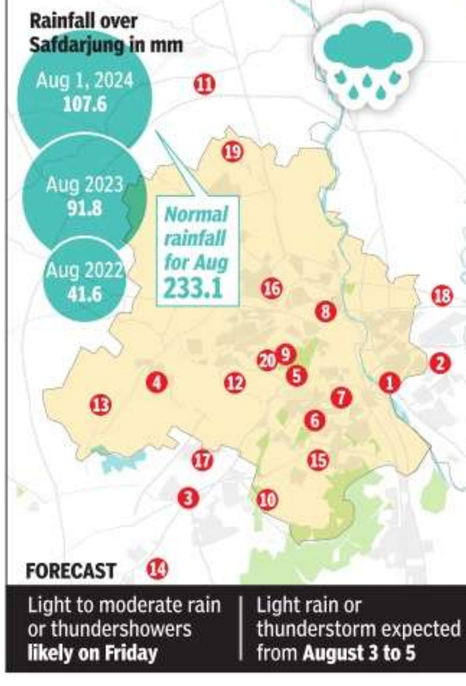
REASON *Monsoon trough came closer to Delhi*

- A day of rainfall at 108mm was more than the precipitation recorded in entire Aug in past two years
- No rain was recorded from 8.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday, except for Pitampura which saw very light rainfall of 0.5mm
- Maximum temperature dipped from 37.8°C on Wednesday to 33.4°C on Thursday
- Minimum temperature dropped from 30.4°C on Wednesday to 24.3°C

Photo: Jatin Kumar



Rainfall over Safdarjung in mm



Rainfall (in mm) recorded over Delhi-NCR in 24 hours (till 8.30am on Thursday)

Station (District)	Rainfall
1. Mayur Vihar (East Delhi)	147.5
2. Noida (Sec-62)	145
3. Gurgaon	119.5
4. Najafgarh (South West Delhi)	113
5. Ridge (North)	113
6. Safdarjung (Delhi's base station)	107.6
7. Lodhi Road (Central)	107.5
8. Delhi University (North)	104.5
9. Pusa (New Delhi)	86
10. Aya Nagar (South West)	71.4
11. Jagdishpur KVK (Sonipat)	69
12. Palam (South West)	68
13. Ujwa KVK (South West)	63
14. KVK (Gurgaon)	51
15. IGNOU (South West)	45.5
16. Pitampura (North West)	45.5
17. NCAP University (Gurgaon)	44.5
18. KV2 Air Force (Hindon)	43.5
19. Narela (North)	39.5
20. KV Naraina (South West)	27.5

RAINFALL INTENSITY
Terminology (Rainfall range in mm)
- Very light rainfall (Trace 2.4)
- Light rainfall (2.5–15.5)
- Moderate rainfall (15.6–64.4)
- Heavy rainfall (64.5–115.5)
- Very heavy rainfall (115.6–204.4)
- Extremely heavy rainfall (>= 204.5)

FORECAST
Light to moderate rain or thundershowers **likely on Friday** | Light rain or thunderstorm expected from **August 3 to 5**

Since the monsoon trough came close to Delhi on Wednesday, the region witnessed an intense spell of rain with parts of the city experiencing extremely heavy rainfall. However, no rainfall was recorded from 8.30am to 5.30pm on Thursday, except for Pitampura which saw very light rain of 0.5mm.

IMD has issued a yellow alert for light to moderate showers on Friday. Naresh Kumar, scientist, IMD, said, "The monsoon trough oscillated marginally on Thursday. Light to moderate rain is likely on Friday."

Wednesday's rain caused the mercury to dip. The maximum temperature on Thursday fell 4.4 degrees to 33.4 degrees Celsius, a degree below normal. The minimum temperature also dipped from 30.4 degrees on Wednesday to 24.3 degrees, three below normal, on Thursday. The relative humidity oscillated between 63% and 100%.

The air quality index also improved on Thursday to 64 from the 96 a day earlier. With rain helping to wash out the pollutants, the air quality was in the 'satisfactory' category. It is likely to deteriorate to the 'moderate' category on Saturday.

The Met department has forecast light to moderate rain on Saturday that may cause minor traffic disruption and water accumulation in low-lying areas and on roads. "Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination. Follow any traffic advisories that are issued in this regard. Avoid going to areas that regularly suffer waterlogging," said IMD.

Rain intensity is likely to reduce from Saturday. The Met department has predicted light rain or thunderstorms from Aug 3 to 5 and said the maximum temperature is likely to be around 35 degrees Celsius over the next few days.

How Noida stayed on the move despite Wednesday washout

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JT POLICE COMMISSIONER
Some police teams were already out on roads to facilitate kanwar pilgrims. As it started to rain heavily, they were deployed to manage traffic. Teams were formed to ensure vehicles moved both in Noida and Greater Noida

Noida: The deep red lines on Google Maps didn't prove as daunting for commuters as the city remained on the move despite Wednesday evening's deluge, which brought neighbouring Delhi to a standstill.

Noida received 118mm of rain in three hours on Wednesday evening. But its roads recovered quickly as police and Noida Authority officials hit the streets to identify chokepoints and ensured that vehicles moved, although at a snail's pace.

RP Singh — deputy general manager at the Authority — said no sooner did the city's roads submerge, teams were deployed around the usual waterlogging spots — the DND Flyway loop, the Sector 62 underpass and arterial roads in sectors 14A, and 15A.

"We had to be prompt. We cleaned the drains so they did not overflow and add to the waterlogging. At some places, submersible pumps were put to work so that the roads dried up in hours. We also created rainwater harvesting points to drain the water out and set up a helpline for all complaints related to flooding," he added.

According to Singh, the helpline — 0120-2423795 — will be in use for residents to file complaints in the future too. Any complaints related to rain, be it waterlogging or uprooting of trees, can be lodged by calling on this number.

As Authority officials ensured that the civic infrastructure did not go on its knees, police teams fanned out across the city to see that roads did not become bottlenecks.

Joint police commissioner Shivhari Meena and DCP (traffic) Yamuna Prasad were out on the streets themselves.

"Yes, traffic was slow at certain pockets because it rained heavily. Some police teams were already out on roads to facilitate kanwar pilgrims. As it started to rain heavily, they were deployed to manage traffic. Teams were formed to ensure vehicles moved both in Noida and Greater Noida," Meena said.

While Meena inspected traffic at Sector 98, the Noida Expressway and around the Hajipur underpass, Prasad stationed himself in Sector 62.

Greater Noida, where waterlogging isn't a recurrent problem, wasn't spared either by Wednesday's rain. Some roads were left flooded, but the water was drained out by Thursday morning.

"Some areas around Beta 1 were flooded, but water receded quickly because drains were clean. By Thursday morning, it did not appear it had rained so heavily the previous evening," said Harinder Bhati of Beta 1.

Abhishek Kumar, president of the Noida Extension Flat Owners Welfare Association (NEFOWA), pointed out an engineering anomaly for the roads getting flooded in the first place.

"It appears that the roads and drains are not aligned. The Authority must carry out fresh inspections of its drains. They should also be cleaned regularly," he added.

2 MCD staffers among 4 held by CBI for 'graft'

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has arrested four people — two employees of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and two touts operating at the office of sub-registrar in Nangloi — in two separate cases of bribery.

The accused were caught red-handed while allegedly demanding and accepting Rs 65,000 and Rs 25,000, respectively, from the complainants.

In the first case, CBI registered a case against a beldar of MCD's north zone who allegedly demanded Rs 70,000 from a person for allowing unhindered construction of his house in Nihal Vihar. After negotiation, the amount was settled at Rs 65,000.

After receiving a complaint, CBI laid a trap and arrested Rajkumar and Ajay Kumar Goswami, the beldar and his mate.

The second case was registered against a tout working at the office of Nangloi sub-registrar, who allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 30,000 to facilitate the execution of a gift deed "by using his personal influence on the sub-registrar", the complaint stated. He finally agreed to do the work for Rs 25,000.

"CBI set up a trap and caught the accused and another tout, both operating at the office of sub-registrar, while they were accepting the bribe. They were identified as Kishan Rana and Bhola," an officer said. TNN

These cops extorted people with threat of crime rap

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Thursday raided a police post in north Delhi's Majnu ka Tila and uncovered an organised racket in which police personnel allegedly extorted people by threatening to declare them as history-sheeters. The bribe was allegedly collected by the proprietor of an eatery located near the post, CBI said.

Perturbed by repeated CBI raids, police commissioner Sanjay Arora is learnt to have issued directives for the removal of the station house officer (SHO) of any such area. **TOI** had earlier reported that SHOs should be held accountable in instances of CBI raids, a practice that has now been discontinued.

Following Thursday's raid, the SHO of Civil Lines was transferred, the second such action since **TOI's** report. Previously, an SHO in Dwarka has been removed following a CBI raid.

The latest case involves a head constable stationed at Majnu ka Tila police chowki. The first information report lodged by CBI states that the complainant, Nimit Kumar, had received a call from mobile number 85598327**, belonging to head constable Rajan, on his phone at 11.59pm on July 29.

The caller posed as a staffer from Civil Lines police station and told Kumar that the deputy commissioner of police's office had drafted a bad character list and he was on the verge of being declared a BC, colloquially known as a history-sheeter. He was asked to come to Majnu ka Tila police chowki with three photographs, and his and his parents' aadhaar cards, the FIR stated.

Rajan met Kumar around 2pm and allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs 30,000 to remove his name from the list of BCs. Kumar requested for two days' time to arrange the amount. At 2.52pm on July 30, Kumar received another call from Rajan, pressuring him for the bribe by July 31 evening, failing which he would be declared a BC.

To record evidence, Kumar tried to make WhatsApp calls to Rajan at 4.17pm and 4.28pm on Wednesday, but the calls remained unanswered. At 5.03pm, Rajan returned his call, and Kumar told him that only Rs 12,000 could be arranged.

Rajan allegedly directed him to come to Majnu ka Tila police chowki and deliver the money to a person called Upender at a nearby dhaba before abruptly ending the call. Kumar received another WhatsApp call from Rajan at 6.28pm, who asked him if he had reached the eatery. Kumar said he would arrive in 15-20 minutes. Instead, he informed CBI, which started an investigation and conducted the raid on Thursday.

In an unprecedented crackdown on corruption in the police department, at least two dozen cops have been arrested this year, leaving the police brass red-faced.

CBI has been raiding the cops every week at the least. A few days ago, it conducted six raids in around 10 days and apprehended cops red-handed while taking a bribe.

Last week, three cops, including a sub-inspector, were arrested. In Patparganj Industrial Area, two head constables were arrested for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 10,000. In Hauz Khas, a sub-inspector was taken into custody for receiving Rs 2.50 lakh. Two weeks ago, the agency booked two policemen on charges of demanding a bribe from a person to facilitate the release of his brother from Tihar Jail.

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CBI Raids On Policemen Intensify But When Will Brass Crack Whip?

Measures To Ensure Transparency & Accountability Must, Say Senior Cops



Kabul-bound man held at IGI with ₹33-lakh drugs

New Delhi: Central Industrial Security Force on Thursday detected a huge quantity of different medicines worth Rs 33.5 lakh from a Kabul-bound passenger at IGI Airport.

The passenger, identified as Yaseen Dulat Khan, could not produce the supporting documents for carrying such a large amount of medicines. He was later handed over to Customs for further action.

"Based on behaviour detection, CISF surveillance and intelligence staff noticed suspicious activities of a passenger at the check-in area of Terminal-3. The passenger was later identified as Yaseen Daulat Khan (Indian) bound for Kabul via Dubai by Fly Dubai flight No. FZ-442 (STD-0410 hrs). On checking his baggage through the X-BIS machine, some doubtful images were noticed," CISF stated in a press release.

Thereafter, the passenger was allowed to complete the check-in formalities and was kept under close watch through physical and electronic measures. After clearing the check-in process and immigration formalities, the passenger was intercepted by CISF surveillance and intelligence staff and was brought to the departure Customs office.

On thorough checking of his check-in baggage and hand baggage, in the presence of Customs officials, a huge quantity of medicines of approximate value of Rs 33.5 lakh were detected.

On inquiry, the passenger could not produce supporting documents for carrying such a huge quantity of medicines. ANI

DELHI ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Extension of Last Date for Inviting Applications from Third-Party Meter Testing Laboratories for Empanelment

To protect interests of consumers, the Commission vide Regulation 32 (8) of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017, has provided measures to the consumers to get their electricity meters tested at a third-party facility.

In order to facilitate consumers to be aware of the approved NABL third party testing laboratories within their jurisdiction and testing fee, the Commission vide its Public Notice dated 07.06.2024 invited applications for empanelment of third party meter testing laboratories with fee details and other terms and conditions for consideration and approval of the empaneled list.

The last date for receipt of applications for the empanelment was 08.07.2024 which is now extended upto 19.08.2024.

The empanelment would be valid for 2 years or limited to the validity period of NABL certification, whichever is earlier.

The application format is available on the Commission's website.

The stakeholders are requested to forward the applications latest by 19.08.2024 to the Secretary, DERC either by post or through e-mail on **secyderc@nic.in**

Dated 29.07.2024 **Rajesh Dangi, Secretary**

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0145/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I), Bankura (A-I) Division, WRDD invites e-tenders For Excavation/Re-Excavation of 4 nos SFMIS/WDS vide e-NIT Ref. No. **WBWRIDD/EE(AI)/BANKURA/e-NIT02/SM, JAL/2024-25,** Tender ID-**2024_WRDD_726206_1 to 4**, values of works Rs. 55,70,972.00 to **1,00,45,840.00; Last dropping date is 28.08.2024 up to 11.00 AM**. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I)
Bankura (A-I) Division
ICA- T12997(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Krishnagar Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-tender for 01 (one) no. work of 1) Dismantling and Construction of Principal's, Teaching and non-teaching staff Toilets including S&P and other allied works' at GGDC, Chapra. Estimate Amount: Rs. 9,96,818.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_724770_1. eNIT No. WBPWD/SS/EE/KNG-07(e)/2024-25. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 03/08/2024 at 11.00 A.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 16/08/2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in the website only. Details of NIT and tender Documents may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE Kng. Divn. SS PWDte. ICA-T13032(3)/2024

Police pursue 'targeted killing' angle in woman's murder on NE Delhi flyover

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Investigators probing Wednesday's fatal shooting of a woman on a flyover in northeast Delhi are exploring possibilities other than road rage as the motive behind the heinous crime, according to sources.

One of the lines of inquiry is "targeted killing", an officer said on Thursday. The fact that the perpetrator was able to take a precise shot from a distance of about 30 feet has left the cops perplexed, suggesting the involvement of a professional assassin. This, they said, also indicated that a high-quality firearm was used in the murder.

"While road rage remains an important line of probe, we are also probing if the woman, and not her husband, was the target," said an officer.

The alternative lines of investigation were initiated after the victim's husband informed the cops that the suspect had made lewd remarks directed at his wife. The cops are also looking at the possibility of someone known and close to the family being involved in the incident.

The victim, 25-year-old Simranjeet Kaur, is survived by her husband, Heera Singh, and two sons, aged 6 and 12.

The assailant, who remains at large, has been captured on CCTV footage. The cops have reviewed footage from more than 200 CCTV cameras to identify the suspect and have traced his escape route. The footage revealed that the assailant fled the scene towards Meet Nagar and subsequently towards Bahta-Hajipur Loni. According to investigators, he allegedly fired the fatal shot and escaped via the Gokulpuri flyover, reaching the Bhopura border and eventually Bahta-Hajipur.

The murder took place around 2.45pm. According to police, Singh had a verbal altercation with the man on another two-wheeler near Gokulpuri flyover after their vehicles almost brushed against each other. Singh and his family continued on the road below the flyover while the suspect rode up on the flyover, police said, adding they continued to hurl abuses at each other.

Singh told police that the accused fired a single shot from the flyover down below, from a distance of about 30 feet. The shot hit Kaur in her chest and she collapsed. Singh rushed her to GTB Hospital, where she was declared brought dead, police said.

Following the post-mortem on Thursday, the victim's body was returned to her family for the final rites.

DDA to develop app for STF to handle grievances more effectively

New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority is going to develop a dedicated mobile application for its Special Task Force to address the issue of illegal constructions more effectively. The decision has been taken to avoid delays while using the existing centralised complaint management system that relies on the 311 app and DDA's portal to handle all types of complaints.

"The new app aims to streamline the complaint management process and ensure prompt action against illegal construction. We have invited the quotations for development of the app on both Android and IOS and it will be developed in two months' time after the finalisation of an agency," stated a DDA official. DDA's STF is a specialised unit focused on monitoring grievances related to land encroachment by individuals or entities. Supreme Court is currently overseeing its activities. DDA has developed a web-enabled software to monitor grievances submitted by the public online or physically by the officials concerned of the STF cell. "These grievances are then forwarded to the nodal officer of the organisation concerned and then to the grid officer to take necessary action on it," stated the authority in the proposal. Now, the app will allow complainants to register, create a user ID, submit grievances with area and description, and track the status of their complaints. Then the nodal officer will be provided access to a dashboard displaying the total number of grievances, along with counts of pending, under process, final action, and closed grievances. The nodal officer will also have the option to forward complaints to the grid officer and other organisations or choose a "no action required" option with remarks for irrelevant grievances. The grid officer will have options to search and get updates if a grievance is transferred more than three times to other organisations and further action is needed. TNN

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1st Corrigendum Notice

NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/e-NIT-04/2024-25 of Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Construction Division. Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_715646_1, 2024_WBPWD_715646_2. Bid Submission end date extended upto: 12.08.2024 at 3.00 P.M. Details will be available from the website http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Construction Division. ICA-T13044(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting e-Tender

NIeT No. WBPWD/EE/HCD/e-NIT-04/2024-25 of Executive Engineer, P.W.D, Howrah Construction Division. **1) Name of Work:-** Repair & renovation work including replacement of old damaged roof at 1st floor of Dy. CMOH-II and ACMOH Sadar Office at Howrah District Hospital. **Estimated Amount:-** Rs. 42,20,795.00, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_715646_1. **2) Name of Work:-** Repair, renovation and other infrastructural strengthening work of Nabogram PHC Under Shyampur-I Block in the District of Howrah. (Civil works). **Estimated Amount:-** Rs. 21,49,076.00, Tender ID:- 2024_WBPWD_715646_2. **Bid Submission end date** 05.08.2024 at 3.00 P.M. Details will be available from the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in and notice board of this office on all working days within office hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Construction Division. ICA-T13030(3)/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

No. Dy. CE/C/AGC/TN/2024/12
Dated: 31/07/2024

1st Corrigendum

Following modification in above tender notice is made in tender No. Dy. CE/C/AGC/TN/2024/12 Dated: 11/07/2024

Field Name	Existing Value	Modified Value
Advertised Value (₹)	₹1174012582.43	₹1151735461.99
Earnest Money (₹)	₹6020100.00	₹5908700.00
Tender Document	Tender document	Updated tender document

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PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Howrah Electrical Division, Onkarmal Jetia Road, Howrah-711103. NIT No. WBPWD/EE/HED/NIT-151 of 2024-2025. Memo. 2214, Dt. 26.07.2024. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_722857_1. Name of Work: Repair and Renovation of Electrical Installation works at Emergency ward, Cold chain room, Doctors & Staff Quarters and Hospital campus light in the premises of Bagnan RH, Howrah. RN 23002384, Project ID:-HF2425172805000. Intending bidder may download the Tender/Quotation documents from the website: www.pwd.wb.in Sd/- A. Das, Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Howrah Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA- T13048(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Tender Notice

Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division-I, Housing Directorate, Inviting e-Tender for & on behalf of Governor of West Bengal, Ref: e-NIT-04 of 2024-25 of A.E./KSSD-I, H. Dte. Tender I.D. 2024_HSD_725401_1_3. Last Date of submission 12.08.2024 Up to 1.00 P.M. For Details please visit wbtender.gov.in or contact in the Office of The Assistant Engineer in any working day. Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division-I, Housing Directorate. ICA- T12998(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-Tender Notice (online)
Ref.:-NIET No. 03/e-Tender of 2024-2025 of EE/BNHD.

i) Maintenance of STKK Road (SH-6) including Traffic Safety Measure from 98.00 kmp to 102.00 kmp. **Estimated Amount Rs. 1637396.00.** T. Id.-2024_WBPWD_724562_1. **ii)** Repairing work in Patches from 24.50 Km to 26.20 Km (in stretches) of Monteswar Dainhat Road (SH-15). **Estimated Amount Rs. 998905.00.** T.Id.-2024_WBPWD_724562_2. **iii)** Patch repair work with potholes of Katwa-Karui Road from 0.90 km to 6.50 km. **Estimated Amount Rs. 862926.00.** T.Id.-2024_WBPWD_724562_3. **iv)** Maintenance of shoulder of Old Katwa Kalna Road from 1.00 Kmp to 13.00 Kmp in stretches. **Estimated Amount Rs. 538254.00.** T.Id.-2024_WBPWD_724562_4. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Detailed information/download/ upload will be available from the Website http://etender.wb.nic.in Brief NIT will be available from the website www.pwdwb.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Burdwan North Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate. ICA-T13038(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE
WBAGR/SC-JAL/NIT(e)-2/24-25
(Sl. No. 01), Dt. 22.07.2024
(https://wbtenders.gov.in & https://jalpaiguri.gov.in)

E-tender is hereby invited in percentage of rate basis for execution of soil conservation works under the scheme NMEO-OS 2024-25 in Jalpaiguri District. Last date of application for tender paper is **07.08.2024 upto 15:00 hours.** For details visit the site or Office of the Asstt. D A (Admn), Soil Conservation, Jalpaiguri-735101. ICA-T12976(4)/2024

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
NIeT No. WBPWD/EE-II/KCHD/NIeT-08/2024-2025

Name of Work: **1)** Urgent Repair to distressed concrete in ceiling of different ward, corridor and attached rooms inside five storied, masonry built Gynae & Obstetrics building within CNMC & Hospital campus, Kolkata during the year 2024-25. **2)** Urgent Repair to distressed concrete in ceiling of different ward, corridor and attached rooms inside seven storied, RCC structural built RRM building within CNMC & Hospital campus, Kolkata during the year 2024-25. TENDER ID: 2024_WBPWD_724743_1/2. Estimated Amount: **1)** Rs. 45,19,339/- **2)** Rs. 81,96,474/- Bid submission start date : 07/08/2024 at 12.00 Hrs. Bid submission end date : 21/08/2024 upto 14:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer-II, PWDte., Kolkata Central Health Division. ICA-T13028(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Company wholly owned by the Government of West Bengal)
Swasthya Sathi, GN-29, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091
Memo No: WBMSC/PROC/ **Date: 29.07.2024**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for supply and commissioning of Pulmonary artery catheter based continuous cardiac monitor for Dept. of CTVS, Medical College, Kolkata as per details indicated in the table below:

Sl. No.	Equipment Name	Bid Ref. No.	Last date of submission of online bid	Remarks
1	Pulmonary artery catheter based continuous cardiac monitor (01)	WBMSCL/NIT-429/2024; Dated – 29.07.2024	20.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM	2nd call of Bid Ref. no.WBMSCL/NIT-378/2024; Dated – 24.06.2024

Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in.** The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites **www.wbhealth.gov.in** and **www.wbmsc.gov.in**

Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H&FW Dept.
ICA-T12970(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WEST BENGAL MINERAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADING CORPORATION LIMITED

PUBLIC NOTICE

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA)-West Bengal has accorded the Environmental Clearance (EC) to the following sand blocks bearing ID no: MIN_PUR_37, MIN_EBUR_42, MIN_EBUR_24, MIN_DJ_01 and MIN_PUR_15 vide approval no: EC24C0107WB5541903N,EC24C0107WB5411230N, EC24B0107WB5567724N,EC24B0107WB5278217N and EC24B0107WB5253317N respectively, dated 12.07.2024.

ICA-N366(2)/2024 **Sd/- Managing Director**

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2107 Date : 24.07.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3046/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for **"Procurement of 04 (Four) nos. Drainage Pump-Motor set at KTPS under CAPEX 2022-2023". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 02.08.2024 at 14:00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 30.08.2024 at 14:30 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. S. Das, Dy. General Manager & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. **Mobile:** 8336904051. **E-mail:**sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** ICA-T12988(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2138 Date : 29.07.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3044/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Placement of Service Order for Renovation & Life Enhancement of Structure & Hoisting Rope replacement of S/R-1 at CHP, KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 28.08.2024 at 14.30 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Subhasis Das. **Telephone No.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** ICA-T13006(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137

Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2130 Date : 25.07.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/E3050/24-25

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"Repairing & Painting of Hydroveyor Structure during Overhauling of Unit-5 at KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 05.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 24.08.2024 at 15.30 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Subhasis Das. **Telephone No.:** 8336904051. **E-mail:** cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in** ICA-T13010(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

W.B. MINORITIES DEVELOPMENT & FINANCE CORPORATION
CORRIGENDUM NOTICE
Notice Inviting e-Quotation
No: Display cum Sales Centre-I of 2024-25 dated: 05.07.3024
Tender ID No: 2024_MDFC_709198_1

It is notified for general information that some changes have been made in the above tender due to some unavoidable circumstances and details are appended: **i)** Last date of submission of Bid is 06.08.2024 up to 4.00 P.M. in place of 22.07.2024 upto 4:00 P.M. and **ii)** Opening date of Technical Bid is 08.08.2024 at 4:00 P.M. in place of 24.07.2024 at 4:00 P.M. All other terms and conditions will remain unchanged. Details at www.wbmdfc.org and http://wbtenders.gov.in Toll Free No. 1800-120-2130. Sd/- Managing Director. ICA-T12990(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture(Admin), Nadia.
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
N.I.E.T. No- 03/2024-25

An e-tender is invited by the undersigned from bonafide and experienced authorized agencies for supply of Pesticide / Fertilizer at different blocks of Nadia district under RKVY during 2024-25. Tender No.: WB/NADIA/DDA(ADMIN)/NIET-03/2024-25. Tender ID: 2024_DOA_721515_1, 2024_DOA_721515_2.....serially up to 2024 DOA 721515_11. (Total 11 nos. of supply works). The last date of Bid submission for the above e-tender is 14.08.2024 upto 11:00 A.M. The details may be obtained from www.wbtenders.gov.in For further details and any clarifications please contact office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin.), Nadia. Krishnagar. Sd/- J. Mukhopadhyay, DDA(Admin), Nadia, Krishnanagar. ICA-T12980(3)/2024

संजय गांधी स्मारक अस्पताल

मंगोलपुरी: दिल्ली 110083
फोन: 011-272921117, 27922843
ईमेल: mssgmh@rediffmail.com, admsgmh@gmail.com

No. F.1(357)/Regular Interview/Pt IV/2022/9373 Dated: 27/07/24

VACANCY NOTICE FOR THE POST OF JUNIOR RESIDENTS

Application is invited for 50 posts of Junior Residents at Sanjay Gandhi Memorial Hospital on Regular-basis initially for a period of 06 Months and further extendable upto 1 year based on satisfactory performance.

The vacant posts of 13 GDMOs of concerned departments will be filled by eligible (JRs) on ad-hoc basis.

The applications are invited for the post of Junior Residents in the format available at the website. Candidates for walk-in- interview will bring the duly filled application form with photograph and checklist with original documents on 12.08.2024 at 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM at conference Hall, 4th Floor, Administrative Building, SGMH. If required, interview may continue on next working day i.e, 13.08.2024.

For complete details related to the posts including the Age, Essential Qualification, Pay and Vacancies, etc. required for the posts are available in the vacancy/results section of the website **https://health.delhi.gov.in/** of Deptt. of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi & Notice/Circular section of the website **https://sgmh.delhi.gov.in/** of SGM Hospital.

Sd/- **Dr. Sumitā Saha Kanwar**
Deputy Medical Superintendent (A)
Head of Office

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0143/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited by the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata for - **1)** "Annual e-tender for Frequently Required Items like Acrylic Fiber Name Plate, Brass Name Plate, Wooden KP Flag Board with Brass KP Logo, Door Stopper, Multi Lock, Notice Board, Door Ring & Many other things for use of Kolkata Police." **2)** "Annual e-tender for 'Octonorm system & meroform structure canopy' on hire basis for the arrangement of Gate, Barricading, Furniture, Flower Decoration, Gezabo and Pagoda etc for various program of Kolkata Police." The last date for submission of the e-tenders are 20/08/2024 upto 15.00 hours. The NIT Document and other details will be available in the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- for Commissioner of Police, Kolkata. ICA-T12984(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Directorate of Agriculture, Govt. of West Bengal
Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture(Admin), Nadia.
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
N.I.E.T. No - 02/2024-25

An e-tender is invited by the undersigned from bonafide and experienced authorized agencies for Construction of Training Hall of the Office Building of DDA(Admn.), Nadia, Krishnagar, Nadia. Tender No.: WB/NADIA/DDA(ADMIN)/NIET-02/2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_DOA_721468_1. (Total 1 no. of construction works). The last date of Bid submission for the above e-tender is 14.08.2024 upto 12:00 P.M. The details may be obtained from www.wbtenders.gov.in For further details and any clarifications please contact office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admin.), Nadia, Krishnagar. Sd/- J. Mukhopadhyay, DDA(Admin), Nadia, Krishnanagar. ICA-T12978(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTIFICATION REGARDING E-TENDER

Quotations along with necessary testimonials are invited in prescribed format for participation in E-TENDER process published on 26/07/2024 in the website http://wbtenders.gov.in for purchasing laboratory instrument and equipments for Soil Testing Laboratory, WMRS, Ranaghat, Nadia under Soil Health and Fertility Scheme, 2023-24 and 2024-25. The last date for participation in the E-TENDER process, 05/08/2024. Sd/- Project Officer & Ex Officio Joint Director of Agriculture, Water Management Research Station, Ranaghat, Nadia. ICA-T12982(1)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender is invited by the Member Secretary & Chief Medical Officer of Health, DH&FWS, Jhargram, Pin-721507 for the work Construction of New Health Sub Centre at Fulberia (J.L. No-909, Plot No.-144, Mouza-Fulberia) under Binpur-I block, Jhargram District, for eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: For e-NIT No.- eNIT- 17/2024-2025 (1st call), 20/08/2024 at 05:30 PM. Tender ID – 2024_HFW_724143_1. For Detail, Please visit the website https://www.wbhealth.gov.in & https://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Medical Officer of Health, Jhargram. ICA-T12972(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

The West Bengal State Seed Corporation Ltd. (A Govt. of West Bengal Company), 6, Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Kolkata-700013 invites e-Tender from resourceful and bonafide, financially capable and experienced agencies for "Planning, Preparation and Organization/Presentation of 'Walk Past' in the Independence Day Parade-2024 at Red Road, Kolkata." Tender Ref. No. WBSSCL/MD/KOL/NIT-15/2024-25, dated 31.07.2024. **Bid Submission Closing date 03/08/2024 upto 3:00 P.M. The details are available in website: wbtenders.gov.in & wbscl.com Tender related information including addendum/corrigendum, if any, shall also be available in said website and Notice Board of WBSSCL, Kolkata. Sd/- Managing Director, WBSSCL.** ICA-T12987(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, PWD Diamond Harbour Divn. invites WBPWDEEDHDe_NIT_02_2024_25 for the works:- **1)** Patch Repairing by Jhama consolidation and Brick stitching on the Purbabishnupur-Raidighi Road from Ch 0.00 Km to Ch 11.00 Km, under Diamond Harbour Division, P.W.D., during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount:- Rs. 9,33,039.00. Tender Id- 2024_WBPWD_724920_1. **2)** Reconstruction of damaged boundary wall and repairing of existing boundary wall at Sub-Division Office and stackyard compound under Joynagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. in the District of South 24 parganas during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount:- Rs. 16,05,774,00, Tender Id- 2024_WBPWD_724920_2. Bid submission Starting date 31.07.2024 & Bid Submission closing date 17.08.2024 at 12.00 P.M. may be seen & downloaded from the official website of P.W.D. http://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Diamond Harbour Divn. ICA-T13046(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

O/o MSVP, Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Purba Burdwan
e-Tender Notice Vide Memo No. NIT/BMCH/1262 Date 29.07.2024

The MSVP, Burdwan Medical College and Hospital, Purba Bardhaman, invites e-Tender vide memo no. NIT/BMCH/1262 Date.29.07.2024 for Operation & maintenance of pay & use toilet **(24x7 opened service)** at the **Anamoy/SSWH/Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Purba Bardhaman,** Within the premises of the Anamoy/SSWH, Burdwan Medical College and Hospital, Purba Bardhman. **Last date of submission of e-Tender is 29.08.2024 up to 05:00 P.M.** Details about the tender will be available from the website http:purbabardhaman.gov.in or w.w.w.wbhealth.gov.in. **on and from 05.08.2024 onwards.** Bonafide agencies are requested to participate in the tender process observing existing guideline.

Sd/- Medical Superintendent Cum Vice-Principal, Burdwan Medical College & Hospital, Purba Bardhaman
ICA-T12969(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting Quotation

Dy. Director of Agriculture (Admn.), Dakshin Dinajpur, Balurghat invites online E-Quotation for the procurement of Micronutrients, Seed Treating Chemicals, Bio-Fertilizer, Insecticide, Fungicide, and Bio-pesticide etc. vide e-NIQ no. AGRI/DD/e-NIQ-01/2024-25, Submission of bid will start (online) on 26/07/2024 from 12:00 p.m. Closing date of bid submission (online) is 17/08/2024 upto 5:00 P.M. Bid opening date for Technical and Financial proposals is 20/08/2024 (online) at 11:00 A.M. onwards and by weeks. Details will be available from the office of the undersigned on any working day between 11.00 A.M. to 4.00 P.M. or visit the e-tender portal of Govt. of west Bengal. Sd/- Pranab Kr. Mukhopadhyay, Dy. Director of Agriculture (Admn.), Dakshin Dinajpur Balurghat. ICA-T12979(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I), Howrah (A-I) Division, W.R.D.D. invites e-tender for 4 nos. of S.F.M.I. Schemes within Bagnan-II, Jagatballavpur, Uluberia-II & Shyampur-II Dev. Blocks of Howrah district under Core Sector Programme vide e-NIT No.-03/Core of 2024-25, Tender ID-2024_WRDD_726008_1 to 4, estimated value ranging from Rs. 30,46,587.00 to Rs. 82,08,364.00 and last dropping date & time is 20.08.2024 up to 11:00 A.M. respectively. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-I), Howrah (A-I)) Division
ICA-T12996(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Deputy Director of Agriculture (S&WM), Burdwan
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
eNIT No. 01-DDA-SWM-BWN-2024-25 Dated 22-07-2024

Supply Indian Major Carp (IMC) Fishfingerling at Bononobogram and Sarpi cluster under Purba and Paschim Bardhaman District. Last date for online submission of tender papers:- 07/08/2024 (Upto 01:00 P.M.). Tender Opening:- 09/08/2024 (02:00 P.M.). Details of advertisement will be available at Deputy Director of Agriculture (Soil & Water Management), 4th Floor, Krishi Bhavan, District Seed Farm Campus, Kalna Road, Purba Bardhaman & Website: www.paschimbardhaman.gov.in, www.purbabardhaman.gov.in Sd/- Deputy Director of Agriculture (Soil & Water Management), Burdwan. ICA-T12973(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE/-II KNHED/PWDte. invite online e-tender for the work "Operation of HVAC System installed in Public Cord Blood Bank of 4th floor of COE Building within the campus of School of Tropical Medicine, Kolkata." (for the year 2024-25) e-NIQ No.:- WBPWD/EE-II/KNHED/NIQ-37/2024-25, Tender Id : 2024_WBPWD_725023_1. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 07/08/2024, 1.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 20/08/2024 upto 1.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- D. Pal/EE-II/KNHED/PWDte./Govt. of WB. ICA-T13045(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the PURBA BARDHAMAN ZILLA R.M.C. Poddar Commercial Complex (1st floor), Purbasha Bus Stand, Alisha, Burdwan-713103
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

Name of the Work - INSTALLATION OF TWO NOS. HIGH MAST STREET LIGHT AT (I) AMARUL MIDDLE POINT & (II) AMARUL DIGHI NORTH-EAST POINT BOTH AT BERUGRAM VILLAGE IN BERUGRAM G.P. UNDER KHANDAGHOSH BLOCK UNDER TAKEN BY PURBA BARDHAMAN ZILLA RMC, DIST: PURBA BARDHAMAN. Vide NIT NO. WB/Pur.BZRMC/e-NIT-07/2024-25, Dated 24/07/2024 bearing Tender ID: 2024_WBSMB_720895_1. The last date for submission of above mentioned tender is on 13/08/2024 upto 06.00 P.M. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S. Saha, Secretary, Purba Bardhaman Zilla RMC. ICA-T12989(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

E-TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Uttar Dinajpur Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites Electronic NIQ No.-01 of 2024-25 of Executive Engineer, Uttar Dinajpur Highway Division. Name of Work: Outsourcing of security personnel for Guarding of the Office premises, Stackyard, Scheme sites, Rest Shed, Residential complex etc. Round the clock for protection of Government materials & other properties under Uttar Dinajpur Highway Division in the district of Uttar Dinajpur. **i)** Uttar Dinajpur Highway Divn. Office campus & Residential complex at Raiganj:- 09 Nos. **ii)** Raiganj Hwy. Sub-Divn/Stackyard :- 04 Nos. **iii)** Islampur Hwy. Sub-Divn/Stackyard 04 Nos. **iv)** Kaliyaganj Q.C. Sub-Divn./Stackyard:- 04 Nos. Tender ID: 2024_SH_724907_1. Estimated Amount: Rs. 36,87,097.00. Bid Submission start date (online) 05.08.2024 from 10.00 A.M. Closing date of Bid Submission on 21.08.2024 upto 05.00 P.M. Corrigendum, if any, will be published in website only. Details may be seen from the following website-http://etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Uttar Dinajpur Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate. ICA-T13047(4)/2024

Government of West Bengal

Directorate of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Office of the General Manager, District Industries Centre, Birbhum.

Abridged Notice Inviting e-Tender
Notice No. 22/E-Tender/Cluster/DIC/BIR/2024-25, Dated - 01/08/2024

Memo No. 254/Estt./DIC/BIR Dated: 01/08/2024

General Manager, District Industries Centre, Birbhum invites e-Tender for a project under Cluster Development Programme of MSME & T, for Manufacturing of **Brass & Bell Metal** Products at CFC of **Birbhum Brass & Bell Metal Cluster Industrial Co-operative Society Ltd** at: Tikarbeta, PO: Joydev-Kenduli, P.S: Illambazar, Dist-Birbhum, WB. Detailed information including downloading and uploading date and time are available from the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
General Manager,
District Industries Centre, Birbhum
Memo No. 100(3)/Inf(advt)/Bir, Dt. 01.08.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

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MADHYA PRADESH ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
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Ph. : 0755-2527290, 2765205 (EPBX), Fax : 0755-2572643, Website : www.mprdc.gov.in
CIN : U45203MP2004SGC016758

NIT No. : 5183/650/MPRDC/Procu./2024 **Bhopal, Date : 31.07.2024**

निविदा आमंत्रण

मध्यप्रदेश सड़क विकास निगम लिमिटेड, भोपाल द्वारा निम्न कार्यों पर ऑनलाइन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

क्र.	कार्य का नाम	अनुमानित लागत/ वार्षिक संभावित संग्रह (रुपये करोड़ में)	धरोहर राशि (रुपये लाख में)	निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य (रुपये में)	सेवा की अवधि/ कार्यावधि
1.	मध्यप्रदेश राज्य में भोपाल-बैरसिया-सिरोंज मार्ग पर उपयोक्ता शुल्क संग्रहण।	11.00	55.00	30,000	24 माह
2.	मध्यप्रदेश राज्य में मौरार

SC To Hear Bail Plea Of CM's Aide, Issues Notice To Police

MALIWAL CASE: Allegations Not Gospel Truth, Says Lawyer

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Expressing shock over the physical assault of Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal at Delhi chief minister's residence in which Arvind Kejriwal's trusted aide Bibhav Kumar is the main accused, Supreme Court on Thursday said he "acted like a goon" who was "not ashamed of his conduct".

"He acted as if some goon had entered the official residence of the chief minister," said a bench of Justices Surya Kant, Dipankar Datta and Ujjal Bhuyan.

Though the bench agreed to hear Kumar's bail plea and issued notice on his petition, it said details of the incident as recorded by Delhi High Court were very serious.

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Kumar, said the allegations levelled in the FIR should not be taken as gospel truth and the-

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se would be decided in the trial. Underscoring that accused involved in serious offences were also given bail, he said it was a fit case to grant Kumar relief as he had already spent 75 days in custody.

"You are right, we grant bail to murderers and killers. But here, look at the FIR. She is crying at the physical condition. Did you have authority? If this kind of person cannot influence witnesses, then who can? Was anyone there in the drawing room to speak against him? He doesn't seem ashamed, we think," the bench said.

The incident took place on May 13 when Maliwal had gone to the CM's residence to meet Kejriwal after he came out of jail on interim bail. As per the complaint filed by Maliwal, Kumar hit her in the chest, stomach and pelvic area.

Pressing for bail, Singhvi told the bench that there were contradictions in Maliwal's statements and there was also delay in lodging an FIR which was done three days after the alleged incident. He said Kumar too had tried to lodge a complaint but it was not registered by "her friendly police" and the Delhi lieutenant governor.

"Incident was on May 13. FIR was lodged on May 16. The story in FIR is strange, she went on the first day to the police station but came back and did not lodge an FIR. Three days later, the FIR was lodged with injuries," Singhvi said.

The court, however, pointed out that Maliwal had called the police helpline (112) immediately after the incident. "If she is calling 112 immediately after the incident, what does it show?" the bench asked.

After a brief hearing, the court said it needed time to go through the chargesheet to arrive at a decision. It issued notice to Delhi Police on the bail plea and posted the case to Aug 7.

Kumar has challenged the July 12 order of Delhi HC denying him bail. While rejecting his plea, the HC had said the accused enjoyed "considerable influence" and no ground was made out to grant him relief.

Riots: Saifi opposes attempt to murder charge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: "United Against Hate" founder Khalid Saifi on Thursday approached Delhi High Court against the charge of attempt to murder in a case related to the 2020 communal riots. His lawyer argued that since the offences under Arms Act were dropped against him, and neither any weapon was recovered nor the alleged gunshot was attributed to him, the charge under Section 307 of IPC can't be framed.

Justice Manoj Kumar Ohri, however, said that in view of the statements of witnesses about Saifi's presence at the place of the incident and "provocation," he was not inclined to entertain the plea. "Act of one, act of all. It will be open to you to cross-examine whether you were present or not," the court observed.

According to an FIR registered in Jagatpuri, a mob had assembled in Khureji Khas of northeast Delhi on Feb 26, 2020. The crowd threw stones and assaulted police personnel, the FIR stated. The prosecution alleged that Saifi and former Congress councillor Ishrat Jahan instigated the "unlawful assembly."

In Jan, the trial court ordered the framing of charges, including those related to attempt to murder, rioting and unlawful assembly, against Saifi, Ishrat Jahan and 11 others. The charges were formally framed in April. All 13 were, however, discharged of offences of criminal conspiracy, abetment and common intention and charges under the Arms Act.

Saifi's lawyer argued that she was confining the revision petition against the trial court order to the invocation of Section 307. She said Saifi was himself a victim of custodial torture and there was no evidence to show that he was part of the unlawful assembly or instigated violence.

"Firing took place separately. I am not connected to the firing. For invocation of Section 307, the only evidence is that somebody fired. And there is no injury consequent to the firing," the counsel said.

Kanwariyas didn't attack vehicle: Cops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Police on Thursday refuted reportes that a group of Kanwar Yatris had vandalised a vehicle in west Delhi.

A video had circulated widely on social media platforms, making these assertions.

According to law enforcement officials, they received a report at Rajouri Garden police station in the early hours of Thursday, indicating that videos were being disseminated, claiming that a vehicle had been damaged and that Kanwariyas were obstructing the road.

The local police responded promptly and arrived at the location. Upon conducting an investigation, it was ascertained that the wheel of the vehicle transporting the pilgrims had incurred some damage, which was swiftly rectified. The pilgrims remained unscathed and intact.

"A video is currently being circulated, portraying a damaged car and linking it to this incident. However, no such vandalised vehicle was discovered at the site, and no individual has reported a similar occurrence during the local inquiry," a senior law enforcement official stated.

Fire erupts in factory

New Delhi: A fire broke out in a plastic factory in Delhi's Mayapuri on Thursday morning, officials said. According to Delhi Fire Services department, plastic material kept inside the factory was destroyed in the fire which broke out around 9.30 am. ANI

Central Board of Irrigation and Power
Malcha Marg, Chankyapuri, New Delhi-110021

Date 02.08.2024

Central Board of Irrigation and Power (CBIP) , a premier institution and an autonomous body, was constituted in 1927 by the Govt. of India. It is serving the Nation in the discipline of Power, Water Resources, Renewable energy and allied sectors for more than 96 years, invites applications for the following post **by 10.08.2024**:

Consultant (Public Relation cum Web Designer) - Contractual (One post)

Detailed Advertisement including eligibility etc. for the above post is available on CBIP website (www.cbip.org)

FOREST SURVEY OF INDIA
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Government of India
P.O.- IPE, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248195

F. No. 22-351/2023-(pt-1)-FGD-1433 Date: 01.08.2024

REQUIREMENT OF ONE PROJECT SCIENTIST (Programmer) ON CONTRACTUAL BASIS

Forest Survey of India, Dehradun invites on-line applications from eligible candidates for one post of Project Scientist (Programmer) on contract basis for a period of one year, which may be extended, based on the requirement & performance.

A selection process, which will consist of written test, hands-on test and interview, will be held in August, 2024 at Forest Survey of India, Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun. For details, please visit FSI's website www.fsi.nic.in.

Joint Director (FGD)
Ph.: 0135-2755037, 2753893

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We are Hiring!!!!

CSC e-Governance Services India Limited, SPV of Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology invites applications from interested Professionals for filling up the following positions:

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Extract of unaudited consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024

S. No.	Particulars	Quarter ended (30/06/2024)	Corresponding quarter ended (30/06/2023)	Previous year ended (31/03/2024)
1	Revenue from operations	3,349.11	3,130.47	12,404.01
2	Net Profit for the period / year (before tax, exceptional items and share of (loss) / profit of joint venture)	642.65	593.56	2,359.25
3	Net Profit for the period / year before tax (after exceptional items and share of (loss) / profit of joint venture)	642.45	593.36	2,358.74
4	Net Profit for the period / year after tax and share of (loss) / profit of joint venture	494.35	456.61	1,811.31
5	Net Profit for the period / year after tax (after non controlling interest and share of (loss) / profit of joint venture)	500.12	463.88	1,842.68
6	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising profit for the period / year (after tax) and other comprehensive income (after tax)]	487.06	443.15	1,750.82
7	Paid-up equity share capital (Face Value of ₹ 1 each)	177.23	177.20	177.20
8	Reserves (excluding Revaluation/capital Reserve)	10,084.84	9,227.08	9,586.58
9	Securities Premium Account	547.68	534.15	534.39
10	Net worth	10,262.07	9,404.28	9,763.78
11	Outstanding Debt	1,304.09	1,394.78	1,365.09
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.13	0.15	0.14
13	Earnings per share (Face value of ₹ 1 each) (not annualised)			
	(a) Basic	2.82	2.62	10.40
	(b) Diluted	2.82	2.61	10.38
14	Debt Service Coverage Ratio	17.65	21.07	17.39
15	Interest Service Coverage Ratio	24.02	29.39	23.21
16	Other Equity	10,187.36	9,254.00	9,689.10

Notes:

1. Additional information on standalone financial results is as follows:

Particulars	Quarter ended (30/06/2024)	Corresponding quarter ended (30/06/2023)	Previous year ended (31/03/2024)
Revenue from operations	2,514.16	2,347.38	9,135.60
Profit before tax	526.96	494.75	1,966.70
Profit after tax	405.39	377.67	1,509.21

2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of unaudited consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 filed with the stock exchanges under Regulation 33 and 52 of SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com) and Company's website (www.dabur.com).

For and on behalf of Board of Directors
Mohit Burman
Chairman
DIN : 00021963

Place: New Delhi
Date: 01 August 2024

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Engagement of technical staff on contractual basis through Walk-in-Interview

Walk-in-interview for engagement of Senior Research Fellow (SRF) on contractual basis in the World Bank assisted project "REWARD-Hydrology, OUAT" funded by DSC&WD, Dept. of Ag &FE, Govt. of Odisha will be held in the **Committee room of the Dean of Research, Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology, Bhubaneswar on 20th Aug, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. For details of the advertisement, qualification and experience, nature of job and schedule of Walk-in-Interview, please visit OUAT website (**ouat.ac.in**).

Sd/-
Dean, CAET-cum-Chief Nodal officer
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BIHAR EDUCATION PROJECT COUNCIL
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Contact No: 7258888166
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SHORT NOTICE INVITING EOI
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I. Bihar Education Project Council (BEPC), Patna, invites "Expression of Interest (EoI) from experienced & qualified manufacturer/OEMs for Empanelment as supplier for Supply, Installation & Training for operationalization of Integrated Science & Math Lab at 4621 Government Secondary/Senior Secondary Schools in Bihar
II. The complete EoI documents can be seen on and downloaded from the website https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
III. This EoI does not constitute an offer by the Department and is not a financial bid.
IV. Schedule of EoI Process (Events):

Sl	Information	Details
1.	EoINo.andDateof availability	BEPC/LAB/2024/3201, Dated: 30.07.2024 available for download from 30.07.2024, 08:00 PM onwards on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2.	Last date for submission of EoI	14.08.2024, 4:00 PM Submission of Response through website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3.	Review ofReceived EoI proposals (Tentative)	14.08.2024, 4:30 PM onwards
4.	Presentation -cum-Demonstration (if required)	Intimated through formal letter.
5.	Contact person	Shri Shahjahan, Administrative Officer, BEPC, ShikshaBhawan, Bihar RastrabhashaParishadParishar, Saidpur, Rajendra Nagar, Patna 800004. Contact No: 7258888166

(Shahjahan)
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Sealed quotations are invited from ISO Certified Companies/Proprietary Firms / Partnership Firms having minimum three years of experience of providing housekeeping and facility management services in Govt. Organisation or Reputed Private Sector Companies / Organisation/Autonomous Bodies, for providing housekeeping and Facility Management Services in the Bihar Legislative Assembly (BLA) Premises on contractual basis for a period of Two Years which may be extended further period on satisfactory performance. The Tender document i.e; terms and conditions of the tender along with the prescribed forms can be downloaded from BLA website **www.vidhansabha.bih.nic.in**. Complete tender documents with all enclosures and earnest money of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One lakh only) in the form of A/c payee Demand Draft/FDR / Bankers Cheque of any nationalised bank drawn in favour of **"DDO Bihar Vidhan Sabha Patna."** Payable at Patna (Refundable till the finalization and award of tender to one of the tenderer) pledged in the name of **Secretary-in-Charge Bihar Legislative Assembly, Patna**. One envelope containing technical bid and EMD & the other for financial bid & both the envelope should be sealed in third envelope marked as tender for House Keeping Services can be submitted on or before **28 August 2024 upto 03:00 P.M**. Tenders received after the date given above will not be considered. Tenders will be opened on the same day i.e **28 August 2024 at 04:00 P.M.** in the presence of tenderers, who wish to be present in that. If the date of opening of tender is declared a Gazetted Holiday, the same will be accepted and opened on the next working day at the same time.

The Bihar Legislative Assembly reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason.

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Online Tender is invited by the Tender Inviting Authority, Tamilnadu Medical Services Corporation Ltd., Chennai – 600008, from Licensed **Iron and Folic Acid Syrup IP** Manufacturers having three years Market Standing and holding Good Manufacturing Practice Certificate (as per revised Schedule-"M") issued by the Drug Control Authority. Direct Importers holding a valid Import License and experienced in the field for a minimum period of three years and Loan Licensees having valid Loan License are also eligible to participate in this tender.

Sl. No	Description	e-Tender Reference	Tender Floating Period	e-Tender Submission Duration	Date and time of online opening of Technical Bids
1	Online Tender for the supply of **Iron and Folic Acid Syrup IP** to TNMSC Limited under rate contract system for one year from the date of acceptance	e-016/M(P)/IFA-SYRUP/ TNMSC/2024, Dated. 02.08.2024	02.08.2024 at 4.00 PM to 16.08.2024 upto 10.00 AM	06.08.2024 at 10.00 AM to 16.08.2024 upto 10.00 AM	16.08.2024 at 4.00 PM

The tender document can be downloaded and the tender shall be submitted at **https://tntenders.gov.in/**. The tender document can also be downloaded at **www.tnmsc.tn.gov.in** for reference purpose.

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Letter No: 1156/ASMC/Advertisement-2/2024-25, Date: 01, August, 2024

-: Advertisement:-

Applications are invited in prescribed format for the regular posts of Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor at Autonomous State Medical College, Gonda U.P., Details of the posts are mentioned below. For Details visit college website: www.asmcgonda.org. Last date to apply 21 August, 2024.

S.No.	Department	Professor		Associate Professor		Assistant Professor	
		No. of Posts	Category	No. of Posts	Category	No. of Posts	Category
1	Orthopedics	01	OBC	01	SC	--	--
2	Ophthalmology	--	--	01	SC	01	SC
3	Obstetrics and Gynecology	01	SC	01	UR	01	OBC
4	Anatomy	01	OBC	01	UR	01	OBC
5	Anesthesiology	01	UR	01	UR	01	OBC
				01	SC	01	OBC
6	Oto rhino laryngology	--	--	01	OBC	--	--
7	Community Medicine	--	--	01	SC	01	EWS
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	UHTC	--	--	--	--	01	OBC
8	General Medicine	01	SC	01	UR	01	SC
				01	OBC	01	UR
				01	UR	--	--
9	General Surgery	01	UR	01	OBC	01	SC
				01	UR		
				01	OBC		
10	Dermatology, Venerology and Leprosy	--	--	01	SC	01	OBC
11	Pediatrics	01	OBC	01	OBC	01	OBC
12	Pathology	--	--	01	UR	01	EWS
						01	SC
13	Pharmacology	01	SC	01	SC	01	UR
						01	OBC
14	Physiology	01	OBC	--	--	01	SC
15	Forensic Medicine and Toxicology	01	UR	01	OBC	--	--
16	Microbiology	01	OBC	--	--	01	SC
17	Biochemistry	--	--	01	OBC	01	OBC
18	Radiodiagnosis	01	UR	01	OBC	01	SC
	Total	**12**		**21**		**21**	

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DU Starts Phase-II Of UG Admissions

Students Can Fill College, Course Combinations Through Portal Till Aug 7

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Days after the announcement of CUET results by National Testing Agency, Delhi University on Thursday started the second phase of its undergraduate admissions.

According to a DU notification, students can fill the college and course combinations through its common seat allocation system (CSAS-UG) portal till Aug 7 and the first list of admission will be released on Aug 16.

The aspirants who have successfully completed the first phase will now have to log into the university's dashboard to check the admission eligibility and choose the preferred course and college combination. The aspirants who are yet to register themselves on the CSAS-UG portal can still do so as DU hasn't ended the first phase yet. The university has decided to keep both phases open till 4.59pm on Aug 7.

No registration will be allowed after Aug 7 and aspirants will also not be permitted to fill the college-course combination till the first list is released. The preferences filled and submitted by an aspirant will be auto-locked at 5pm on Aug 9. The declaration of simulated ranks will be out at 5pm on Aug 11 and the candidates will have the time till Monday, Aug 12, to change their preference accordingly. The first CSAS seat allocation list will be out on Aug 16.

The university also said the correction window would stay open till the midnight on Aug 4 for the aspirants who had already completed the first phase process. They can now correct the mistakes, if any.

DU said that in the second phase, students would have to link the subjects studied by them in Class XII with the subjects in which they had given CUET 2024. In the combinations of college and course, only those CUET papers will be valid for admission to DU in which the candidates have passed the Class XII Board examination. They have been advised to see the information bulletin of DU for details related to the equivalence of subjects. It will be the responsibility of an aspirant to fill the correct combination of college and course, the notification emphasised.

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MISSION ADMISSION

Meanwhile, DU's admission branch will also organise a series of webinars to help students in the admission process. The webinars will help in explaining the process of admission preferences, aspects related to mapping of Class XII subjects with CUET papers and other important points. They will be broadcast live on the university's official YouTube channel 'Univofdelhi' from 12pm on Friday.

DU also announced that the admission branch had set up a helpdesk chat-bot and email facility to help prospective students solve their queries.

Water samples being tested after deaths at shelter home

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Speaking to **TOI**, the director of Delhi govt's social welfare department, Anjali Sehrawat, acknowledged that there had been a surge in the number of deaths at Asha Kiran but denied that it was as high as 12 in the second fortnight of the past month. She, however, did not provide any figure. "There has been a surge in the deaths of inmates but that can be attributed to multiple things," said Sehrawat.

Confirming the symptoms of the inmates who were affected, Sehrawat said: "After July 15, we did receive a higher number of complaints of the said symptoms among the inmates following which we have launched an investigation. However, it has to be kept in mind that it was quite humid and hot in the last week and the inmates are also suffering from severe illnesses."

"Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme has taken water samples and will be giving us a report after confirming if there was any water contamination. Further, we will also investigate the allegations of outside food being provided to children. We will also check the postmortem reports once they are out and see if there are any signs of food poisoning which could have led to the death of the inmates. The reports will be released in the following week," she said.

The data from Asha Kiran's medical care centre shows that since Jan 2024, every month, only two to three deaths had been reported. It was only in the month of July that the number of deaths saw a sharp increase. **TOI** has the month-wise break-up.

"We are denying that a higher number of patients were sent outside in the month of July. However, consider it a good thing that more inmates are being sent for expert examination as our centre at Asha Kiran has only preliminary check-up facilities," said Sehrawat.

The shelter home, run by the social welfare department, was established in 1989 and has a capacity of housing around 500 inmates — it has 1,000 as of now. The overcrowded facility has 10 dormitories for men and 10 for women. It has around six doctors and about 17 nurses to take care of the patients.

Asha Kiran is not new to controversy. The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) had red-flagged its functioning in a 2015 report. It had observed that the facility was "over-burdened", ill-equipped for medical emergencies and short on staff. In fact, its capacity during the CAG review was 350 and increased later.

The report had highlighted that a total of 148 deaths had occurred during 2009-14. It also found "slackness on the part of the department towards decongestion of the Asha Kiran complex". In 2017, Delhi Commission for Women had also come out with a report which stated that the facility was in a poor state.

Delhi govt didn't reply to queries sent on Asha Kiran.

Incidentally, the social welfare portfolio has not been reassigned after Raaj Kumar Anand quit from both govt and party in April and later joined BJP.

Obscene messages to woman: HC asks man to do community service

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has directed a man to do community service in hospital, orphanage and old-age home for three months while quashing an FIR against him for allegedly sending obscene messages to a woman, saying he has to "atone for his sins".

The high court, which also imposed a costs of Rs 25,000 on the man, said he must realise that he cannot take the courts for granted and he cannot get a feeling that he could get away with the crime by entering into a settlement with the victim.

Besides, the court also directed the man to plant 50 trees on his expense in his locality and nurture them and asked the investigating officer of the case to ensure that the trees are planted and a compliance report be submitted before it.

"The petitioner (man) cannot be left scot free only because the complainant (woman) has decided to enter into a settlement with him. The petitioner has to atone for his sins...," Justice Subramonium Prasad said.

The court imposed the costs on him so that he does not repeat such kind of offences in future and said that the amount be deposited in the 'Armed Forces Battle Casualties Welfare Fund' within four weeks.

While directing the man to do community service, the court said he shall perform duties at Jyotiba Phule Old Age Home for Senior Citizens, LNJP Hospital and Udayan Care-Orphanage at Mayur Vihar for one month each.

In case of any absenteeism or default or misbehaviour on the part of the man during this period, it shall be conveyed to the police official concerned who shall inform the prosecutor for recalling the order, the court said. PTI

Tree-cutting: CS says LG order wasn't meant to violate law

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New Delhi: As the officials records and communications by DDA officials to contractors bring to light the fact that illegal felling of trees in the Ridge in south Delhi was expedited on the direction of the lieutenant governor when he visited the site, Delhi chief secretary has now come in support of LG and told the Supreme Court that his direction could not have meant to bypass the statutory provision.

In compliance with the apex court's observation, chief secretary Naresh Kumar has filed an affidavit in court to make his stand clear on the controversy of role of LG in felling of hundreds of trees which was done in violation of apex court's order and statutory provisions. The LG had visited the site after which the cutting was expedited.

"It is humbly submitted that LG, at the time of visit held on Feb 3 to the project site, issued directions to all the concerned officers/officials to expedite completion of the project, being a project related to medical facilities for the Paramilitary Forces serving the nation, at a cost of approximately Rs 2,200 crore. To the best of the knowledge of the undersigned, none of the officer's/officials present at site brought to notice of LG the orders passed by the court and the requirement of obtaining permission of the Tree officer. It is submitted that directions by the higher authorities during such visits, to expedite completion of the projects, cannot be considered as directions to overlook/bypass the statutory provisions for expecting such works," the affidavit said.

The private company which was given the task to chop the trees also filed an affidavit and disclosed various communications by DDA officials which revealed that the process was expedited on LG's directions. In an affidavit filed on behalf of Satya Prakash & Bros. Pvt Ltd, the company attached various e-mails received by it from DDA which revealed about LG's visit to the site on Feb 3 and directions passed by him.

AFFIDAVIT SAYS

To the best of the knowledge of the undersigned, none of the officers/officials present at site brought to notice of LG the orders passed by the court and the requirement of obtaining permission of the tree officer

"It is stated that engineer-in-charge, executive engineer sent an email on Feb 7 to the contractor on its official email ID referring to visit of LG on Feb 3 and directions issued to the engineering wing of DDA. It is stated that in the said email inter alia it was clearly mentioned that upcoming bushes/shrubs/dry trees/fallen trees/veterinary building structure coming in the ROW of roads, be cleared/removed. The said executive engineer also stated in the said email that he shall be available at site and if any official of any department tried to stop the work, the same shall be brought to his notice immediately," the affidavit said.

"It is stated in the evening of Feb 14, the contractor received two back-to-back emails from the engineer-in-charge of DDA Manoj Kumar Yadav, referring to the visit of LG on Feb 3 and direction to clear the trees coming in the ROW. It is stated that in the second email the engineer-in-charge very categorically directed the contractor to go ahead regading removal of trees," it said.

PWD to strengthen key SE Delhi stretch

New Delhi: Public Works Department will undertake the upgradation and strengthening work of Okhla Estate Road between Sarita Vihar Underpass and Guru Ravidas Marg T-Point in southeast Delhi, said minister Atishi on Thursday.

"The road, which is about 3 km long, is very important for Tughlaqabad, Okhla and Kalkaji assembly constituencies. This initiative is part of the vision of CM Arvind Kejriwal to give a better road experience to Delhiites by increasing the overall connectivity of various areas," said Atishi.

While approving the project, Atishi also instructed the officials that all the standards of security and quality should be followed with commitment during the strengthening and that the commuters should not face any problems.

Due to heavy traffic, cracks have been seen at many places on the road. PWD officials, along with some experts, had earlier inspected the road, Delhi govt stated.

Amrapali: SC summons Noida, Gr Noida CEOs over non-compliance

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New Delhi: Noting that Noida and Greater Noida Authorities were not cooperating in completing the construction of Amrapali Group's housing projects, which are being carried out under its supervision, the Supreme Court on Thursday directed their CEOs to appear before it.

A bench of Justices Bela M Trivedi and Satish Chandra Sharma also directed the authorities to file as response on unused and purchasable FAR (floor area ratio) in the projects. The court passed the order after attorney general R Venkataramani, who was appointed by the apex court as a receiver, told the court that he had been communicating with the authorities for the past one year without any progress.

The AG, who has been given the task of reviving the company and rescue thousands of homebuyers who invested their hard-earned money but was left in lurch due to siphoning of funds, expressed his desperation that there had been no progress due to non-cooperation of authorities. He said, they were "killing the goose before it lays eggs" and not co-operating. "They have been adding to the problem instead of solving it. I have been corresponding with them for the last one year but there is no solution," Venkataramani told the bench.

ATTORNEY GENERAL

They (authorities) have been adding to the problem instead of solving it. I have been corresponding with them for the last one year but there is no solution

An application was filed seeking directions to the Noida and Greater Noida Authorities to sanction the building plans/layout plans in relation to unused FAR of the projects. These projects were originally sanctioned with an FAR of 2.75 when the lease deed was executed, but was later revised to 3.5.

Taking note of AG's submission, the bench said, "We are getting the impression that you are not co-operating and you are not putting the correct picture before the court." It then directed the authorities to file a fresh response.

Sending the Amrapali chairman and other officials to jail for cheating thousands of homebuyers, the apex court had taken over the company in order to protect interest of homebuyers and appointed Venkataramani as receiver to manage its affairs. It has passed a slew of directions to generate funds to revive the company and complete pending construction works. The apex court gave the task to NBCC to construct 16 projects consisting of 46,575 units, of which nine projects are in Noida and the remaining in Greater Noida. As per NBCC, Rs 8,017 crore is required for completion of all the projects.

The court, in its 2019 verdict, held Amrapali group and its CMD Anil Kumar and other directors responsible for siphoning off homebuyers' money for personal gains and to expand their business empire. The court had said the group set up several dummy companies using names of office boys and peons to divert money.

The court said the amount received by the group from homebuyers was more than that spent on construction and payment of the land and directed Enforcement Directorate to do a thorough probe against the group and its officials to track diversion of funds and to catch the beneficiaries.

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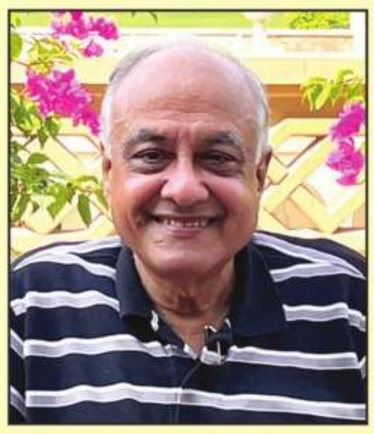


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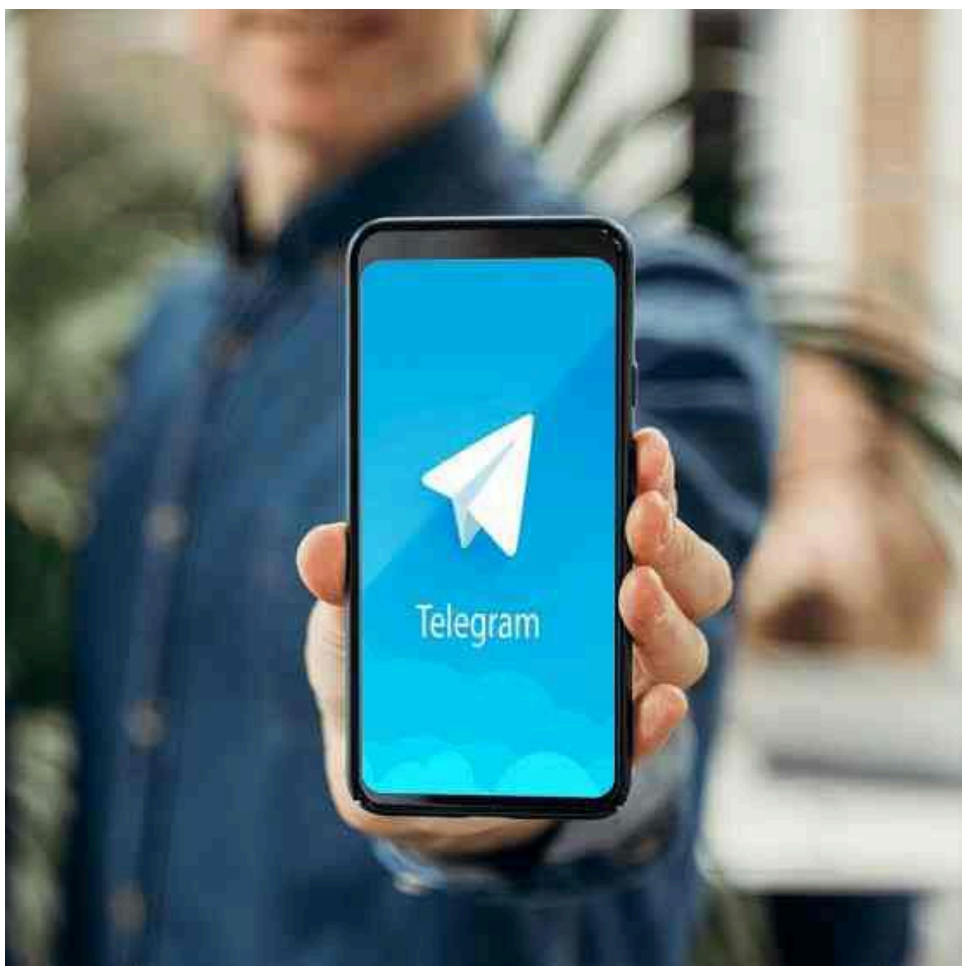
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Govt To Upgrade Geospatial Database On Land Records

Pilot To Be Conducted In Mehrauli, Masoodpur, Rangpuri Villages

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BIRD'S EYE VIEW

New Delhi: About 12 years ago, Delhi govt extensively mapped the city and all its utilities, creating a comprehensive centralised geospatial database. This database was made operational over the web for use by various departments and stakeholders. The spatial datasets, which included both two-and three-dimensional information, covered underground assets as well as overground entities. Underground assets include drains, sewers, water pipes and power lines, whereas overground entities include buildings, boundaries, power cables, bus and metro networks, schools, hospitals, markets, community centres and religious institutions. These datasets were compiled with input from various participating departments.

Govt has now decided to modernise the existing geospatial infrastructure by upgrading the database with high-resolution and geometrically more accurate fundamental datasets, platforms and standards. This upgrade aims to provide up-to-date data and deliver integrated application services. To start with, Geospatial Delhi Ltd (GSDL), formed in 2008 as a special purpose vehicle for Delhi State Spatial Data Infrastructure project and later registered as a company, will establish an in-house mechanism for data updates and hosting geospatial application services in the land records sector. This will be achieved through an integrated geospatial information system built using latest technologies and standards.

Officials stated that a pilot project would be conducted in a nearly 26 square kilometre area comprising Mehrauli, Masoodpur and Rangpuri villages. Data will be captured in both 2D and 3D formats through high-resolution, geometrically accurate (conforming to 5 cm horizontal and 15 cm vertical accuracies) drone surveys using LiDAR sensors. This will be used for the development and demonstration of an integrated operational scale geospatial information system.

The initial database and application modules were widely used by various departments, agencies and authorities. Geologists, IT professionals and others combine spatial data with metadata to help departments prepare solutions for planning purposes, ranging from bus routes to drainage, sewerage, and preventive health campaigns. Officials emphasised the need to update the datasets regularly and enrich the application services.

GSDL will utilise a cloud-based geospatial information system for its users and stakeholders to support their daily activities and ensure efficient workflow operations. The proposed infrastructure will provide an integrated solution where cross-sectoral layers can be searched, discovered and accessed by user departments and stakeholders according to their application requirements.

"A process-driven, robust technological solution will be developed for continuous and seamless data updates and utilisation by exploring and using state-of-the-art technologies, standards and processes," according to the request for proposal document issued by GSDL to engage a company for this exercise. The system will support users and stakeholders of GSDL with web-based application services for governance, businesses, academia and civil society organisations in managing land resources.

Officials mentioned that the bidder would also need to identify limitations and gaps in GSDL's existing geospatial information setup from the perspective of its usefulness to stakeholders. The project aims to develop a well-organised, up-to-date, reliable, validated, accurate, and standards-based pilot-scale geospatial database on land records and demonstrate web-based application services to potential stakeholders using this integrated platform.

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Mothers' Instinct (Drama, Thriller)
★★★

Cast: Jessica Chastain, Anne Hathaway, Anders Danielsen Lie
Direction: Benoît Delhomme
Duration: 1 hour 36 minutes
Language: English (UA)



Set against the backdrop of 1960s Americana, this is a remake of the 2018 Belgian film 'Duelle' and an adaptation of Barbara Abel's novel.

The story revolves around Alice (Jessica Chastain) and Céline (Anne Hathaway), neighbours and best friends whose idyllic lives unravel after a tragic death. This event sets off a series of suspicions and psychological battles between the two women, leading to a tense and dramatic exploration of grief, guilt, and paranoia.

Chastain and Hathaway shine in their roles, delivering captivating performances. Their portrayal of Alice and Céline's crumbling friendship is a highlight, capturing moments of support, betrayal, and suspicion with a nuanced touch. The film's meticulously crafted visual style extends to its settings as well. The suburban neighbourhood where Alice and Céline live is depicted as an almost dreamlike space, with perfectly manicured lawns and spotless interiors. While beautiful to look at, this artificiality often feels disconnected from the story's emotional core. The film's cinematography, overseen by director Benoit Delhomme, who has a rich background as a director of photography, is undeniably striking but lacks the dynamism needed to elevate the film's tension and suspense. However, the film's intense focus on visual aesthetics sometimes detracts from developing a convincing emotional narrative.

Additionally, the plot's potential for deep psychological insight is often overshadowed by its tendency to rely on dramatic clichés and unexamined stereotypes about women's mental health. The film's tone swings between intense melodrama and near-parody, which can be both a strength and a weakness. While some viewers might appreciate the high drama and stylish presentation, others might struggle to take the story seriously. The pacing feels rushed, leaving little room for the characters' internal breathing struggles. Although visually meticulous, the direction lacks the dynamic flair one might expect from Delhomme's cinematographic background. The husbands' roles are minimal and underdeveloped, serving as plot devices rather than meaningfully contributing to the story.

Mothers' Instinct offers an intriguing yet flawed take on a suburban thriller. It struggles with pacing issues, cramming its runtime with constant incidents that leave little room for character development. The story unfolds rapidly, with twists and turns that are more predictable than surprising. The script, while ambitious, fails to delve deeply into the psychological complexities of its characters, relying instead on clichéd portrayals of female hysteria and mental illness. Nevertheless, the performances of Chastain and Hathaway and the film's striking visual style provide some redeeming qualities despite the film's uneven tone and underwhelming narrative depth.

— Neil Soans

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TRASH ★ | BELOW AVERAGE ★★ | AVERAGE ★★½ |
ABOVE AVERAGE ★★★ | GOOD ★★★½ | VERY GOOD ★★★★ |
OUTSTANDING ★★★★½ | MASTERPIECE ★★★★★

LG transfers seven senior IPS officers

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday transferred seven senior IPS officers of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre to the national capital.

According to the official order, Nuzhat Hassan, a 1991-batch IPS officer, who is serving as a special commissioner of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has been transferred as Special CP in Human Resource Division.

Neeraj Thakur, a 1994 batch IPS officer, who was Special CP, MD, Delhi Police Corporation Ltd is now Special CP MD, Delhi Police Housing Corporation Limited, the order said.

It said Ajay Chaudhry, a 1996 batch IPS officer, Special CP Armed Force Division, is now Special CP Traffic Management, while Special CP Training Division Chhaya Sharma, a 1999 batch IPS officer, has been given additional charge of SPUWAC and SPUNER.

Devesh Chandra Srivastava, a 1995 batch IPS officer, and Jaspal Singh, a 1996 batch IPS officer, who have recently come from Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Goa, from the posts of state's force chief, have been given charge as Special CP Crime and Special CP Protective Security Division, respectively.

Sharad Agarwal, a 1997 batch IPS officer, who has also returned to Delhi after serving as Joint Director of CBI, has been given charges as Special CP EOW, the order added. PTI

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PROCLAMATION REQURING ATTENDANCE OF DEPFENDANT (Order 5, Rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
HMA/1497/2022
INDERJEET SINGH
V/S
RAVINDER KAUR

TO
MS. RAVINDER KAUR, W/O SH. INDERJEET SINGH, D/O SH. SWARAN SINGH, R/O H.NO. Q-64, BLOCK-Q, NIHAL VIHAR, NANGLOI, DELHI-110041.

Whereas you are intentionally evading services of summons. It is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the 28th day of OCTOBER 2024 the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex- party.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, this 25th day of July 2024.

Seal

Judge
Family Court
K.K.D/Delhi

IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI
(Testament Intestate, Jurisdiction)
CITATION U/s 283, INDIAN SUCCESSION ACT, 1925
In the matter of TEST. CAS. No. 59/2024
SANJEEV MITLA .....Petitioner
Versus
THE STATE & ORS. .....Respondents

To
All Concerned,
In the matter of estate of Late Smt. Lakshmi Gupta, W/o Late Sh. Ranbir Sagar Gupta, permanent R/o 29/B, Friends Colony (West), Mathura Road, New Delhi-110065.
Whereas Mr. Sanjeev Mitla (Executor of the Will) S/o Late Sh. T.C Mitla R/ o Y-59, Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016, has filed a petition u/s 276 of the Indian Succession Act, 1925 as amended up to date for grant of Probate in respect of the registered Will dated 30.05.2023 executed by Smt. Lakshmi Gupta, deceased.
And whereas the aforesaid case is fixed for hearing before Joint Registrar (Judicial) of this Court on **16.08.2024 at 11:00 a.m** and on **22.10.2024 at 10:30 a.m.** before the Hon'ble Court. This citation is issued in terms of Section 283 of the said Act to all persons claiming to have any interest in the property / properties of the said deceased to come to this Court, file objections, if any, and take part in the proceedings on the date specified above for the grant of Probate.
Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, in terms of the order dated **19.07.2024.**

Assistant Registrar (O)
For Registrar General

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA
EXTRA-ORDINARY APPELLATE JURISDICTION
SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) No. 15260 OF 2019 WITH PRAYER FOR INTERIM RELIEF
WITH
53030/2021- APPLICATION FOR APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION
AND
53032/2021-APPLICATION FOR CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING SUBSTITUTION APPLN.
AND
53036/2021- APPLICATION FOR SETTING ASIDE AN ABATEMENT
PAWAN AND OTHERS
.....Petitioner(s)/Appellant(s)
VERSUS
MAMTA GUPTA AND OTHERS
.....Respondent(s)

To,
1 KAMLESH SHARMA WD/O LATE SATISH KUMAR, R/O 135, WZ-62-A, MEENAKSHI GARDEN, DISTRICT - NEW DELHI, DELHI
PID: 105476/2024 R-6.I IN SLP(C) NO. 15260/2019 (SEC IV-B)
2 SANDEEP SHARMA, S/O LATE SATISH SHARMA R/O 135, WZ-62-A, MEENAKSHI GARDEN, DISTRICT - NEW DELHI, DELHI
PID: 105477/2024 R-6.II IN SLP(C) NO. 15260/2019 (SEC IV-B)

WHEREAS the Petition for Special Leave to Appeal with prayer for interim relief along with application for **CONDONATION OF DELAY IN REFILING** above mentioned (copy enclosed) filed in the Registry by Mr. **ANKIT SWARUP,** Advocate on behalf of the Petitioner(s) above named was listed for hearing before this Court on **15th July 2019,** when the Court was pleased to pass the following order:

"Mr. Manoj Swarup learned Senior Counsel learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners has adverted to the decision of this Court in Ram Prakash Agarwal & Anr vs. Gopi Krishan (Dead through LRs) and Ors1 which takes the view that a person who is not a party to the suit cannot move an application under Order 9 Rule 13 of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908. Moreover, it has been submitted that the respondents are purchasers pendente lite. He has also adverted to the earlier decision of this Court in Raj 1 (2013) 11 SCC 296 Kumar vs. Sardari Lal & Ors.2 from which it has been submitted, a contrary position emerges.

Issue notice returnable in eight weeks. In the meantime, status quo shall be maintained."

AND WHEREAS, the matter above-mentioned was lastly listed before **Hon'ble Court (In Chambers) on 25th** April, 2024, When the following order was passed:

"I.A. No. 61580/2024

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that vide order dated 18.10.2022, notice to the proposed legal representatives of deceased respondent no. 6. The notice could not be served on these proposed respondents, i.e., the legal representatives of the deceased respondent no. 6. As such, the applicant pray for substituted service by paper publication in the newspapers, namely, Dainik Jagran ¾u2019 in Hindi and Times of India ¾u2019 in English.

The application is allowed. Learned counsel for the petitioners to take further necessary steps."

NOW, THEREFORE, TAKE NOTICE that the above petition with prayer for interim relief along with APPLICATION FOR SUBSTITUTION CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING SUBSTITUTION APPLN., SETTING ASIDE AN ABATEMENT will be posted for hearing before this Court in due course and you may enter appearance before this Court either in person or through an advocate on record of this court duly appointed by you in that behalf within 30 days from the date of publication of notice. You may thereafter show cause to the Court on the day that may subsequently be specified as to why delay in filing application for substitution be not condoned, application for setting aside abatement be allowed and application for substitution be not allowed and Special Leave Petition and interim relief as prayed be not granted and the resultant appeal be not allowed.

Take Further Notice that this Court has passed an interim order pending for disposal of SLP after notice as quoted above.

Take Further Notice that the prayer for interim relief after notice will also be listed before the Court in due course.

You may file your affidavit in opposition to the petition as provided under Rule 14(1) of Order XXI, S.C.R.2013 within 30 days from the date of publication of notice or not later than 2 weeks before the date appointed for hearing, whichever be earlier, but shall do so only by setting out the grounds in opposition to the questions of law or grounds set out in the SLPs and may produce such pleadings and documents filed before the Court/Tribunal against whose order the SLP is filed and shall also set out the grounds for not granting interim order or for vacating interim order if already granted.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that if you fail to enter appearance as aforesaid, no further notice shall be given to you even after the grant of special leave for hearing of the resultant appeal and the matter above mentioned shall be disposed of in your absence.

Dated: **07th MAY 2024.**

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PMLA COURT SETS ASIDE ED CHARGE THAT SARADHA BOSS SOUGHT PRANAB HELP TO STALL SEBI PROBE





12 die in Bihar lightning strikes

Lightning strikes claimed the lives of 12 people, including a couple, and injured three others across four districts in Bihar over the past 24 hours as monsoon clouds and rain bore down on the state, report **Abhay Singh & Alok Kumar**. Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar expressed his condolences and announced an ex gratia payment of Rs 4 lakh to the next of kin of each deceased.

According to a state public relations department note, five people died and three were injured in Gaya district Thursday; three fatalities were reported in Jehanabad, and two each in Rohtas and Nalanda districts. The three injured have been admitted to Belaganj primary health centre.

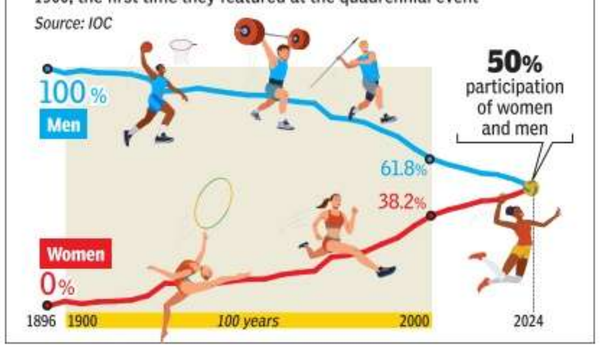
CM Nitish urged people to follow the state disaster management department's advisory and avoid going outside during bad weather unless absolutely necessary.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers — Mudita Girotra

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The share of women participants at this year's Olympics has reached the halfway mark for the first time since the inaugural Summer Games in 1896, when all participating athletes were men. There were **24 women out of a total of 1,226** competitors at the Paris Games in 1900, the first time they featured at the quadrennial event

Source: IOC



Raj Agniveer arrested as main accused in minor's gang-rape

Alwar: A 23-year-old Agniveer from Rajasthan's Alwar has been arrested from his army base in Uttarakhand for alleged involvement in the gang rape of a minor in his home state, police said. The survivor's father had sought Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma's intervention.

Bhavesh, also known as Saurabh, was taken into custody with the assistance of the army authorities, Alwar SP Anand Sharma said.

Bhavesh was a trusted acquaintance from the survivor's family in Alwar's Kathumar area, said circle police officer Jogender Singh Rajawat. Rajawat was among the two cops who travelled to Uttarakhand to nab the Agniveer.

Another accused, Ramveer Singh Gurjar, was arrested two days ago. A hunt is on for the other suspects. TNN

Collision with SL navy vessel kills fisherman

Another Goes Missing; India Summons SL Envoy, Protests

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The collision was reported five nautical miles north of Katchatheevu Island

New Delhi: India Thursday summoned the Sri Lankan acting high commissioner and registered a protest over the collision earlier in the day between a Lankan navy vessel and an Indian fishing boat that left an Indian fisherman dead. Another Indian fisherman was reported missing after the collision.

Indian govt expressed shock and anguish at the loss of life and the Indian high commissioner in Colombo, Santosh Jha, also raised the matter with the Lankan govt later on Thursday.

Recalling that India has always emphasised the need to deal with issues pertaining to fishermen in a humane and humanitarian manner, Indian authorities told the Lankan govt that existing understandings between the two govts in that regard must be strictly observed. "Utmost efforts should be made to ensure that there is no recurrence or resort to the use of force," said the Indian govt.

The collision was reported five nautical miles north of Katchatheevu Island. Out of the four Indian fishermen who were on board the vessel, one unfortunately lost his life and another is missing, according to the Indian govt.

"Two of the fishermen have been rescued and brought ashore to Kankesanthurai. A search is ongoing for the missing Indian fisherman. Indian consulate officials in Jaffna have been instructed to immediately rush to Kankesanthurai and extend all possible assistance to the fishermen and their families," it said, adding that India attaches the highest priority to the safety and security of Indian fishermen. Issues relating to Indian fishermen have been raised regularly at the highest levels with the Sri Lankan leadership, it said.

In June, Lanka had registered a protest with India for the death of a sailor who was killed while attempting to seize an Indian vessel.

Sri Lanka had detained 10 Indian fishermen for causing the death of the sailor. The MEA had later raised the issue with Lankan authorities and sought their release. Sri Lanka has in the past diplomatically conveyed to India its opposition to alleged IUU fishing, especially bottom trawling and indiscriminate poaching, by Indian fishermen in Sri Lankan waters.

BSF guns down 'Pak terrorist' trying to cross border in Samba

Jammu: BSF guards shot dead a suspected Pakistani terrorist attempting to cross international border in Samba sector of Jammu on Thursday, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**.

The intruder was spotted moving towards border fence at first light. Guards fired warning shots initially, but aimed directly at him when he ignored calls to halt, a BSF spokesman said. Security has been heightened along border, as terrorists and drug smugglers frequently attempt to breach the fence. The latest incursion attempt followed discovery of a terrorist hideout in a forest in Rajouri Wednesday. The hideout, found during a manhunt for terrorists linked to a recent killings in Jammu, contained arms and ammunition.

"An AK-series assault rifle, two grenades, bullets, food rations and cigarette packets found there," an official said.

With eye on China, India offers Vietnam $300m line of credit

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HUGPLOMACY: Modi with Vietnam PM Pham Minh Chinh

New Delhi: India and Vietnam announced a new plan of action to boost their comprehensive strategic partnership, while concluding an agreement for Indian credit lines worth $300 million to strengthen the southeast Asian nation's maritime security, as PM Narendra Modi hosted his counterpart Pham Minh Chinh amid renewed tensions in South China Sea (SCS).

While announcing the initiatives, and in a dig at Beijing, Modi said India stands for evolution, not expansionism. He said new steps were being taken to boost defence and security ties, including inauguration of an army software park in the coastal city of Nha Trang.

A powerful pillar of India's Act East policy, Vietnam has seen ties with its Communist neighbour improve lately, and President Xi Jinping visited Hanoi last year, but it remains, like some of its other Asean neighbours, at the receiving end of China's expansive and contested nine-dash line claim over SCS waters.

"We share unison in our views regarding the Indo-Pacific region. We will continue our cooperation for a free, open, rules-based and prosperous Indo-Pacific," said Modi, adding they also emphasised cooperation on the issues of terrorism and cyber security.

Apart from the credit lines that will be used by Vietnam for defence procurement, and the plan of action for the implementation of the comprehensive strategic partnership during 2024-2028, the two sides signed seven other agreements. Pham said both sides agreed to share information and work together to ensure peace and stability in SCS.

Defence and security remains the most important of the five pillars that the strategic partnership is based on. Despite China's objection against exploration in the contested SCS waters, India and Vietnam have continued with their partnership in the oil and gas sector, including exploration and production in Vietnam's continental shelf. The leaders underlined the significance of this "mutually beneficial" cooperation.

Eggs, spices now on govt price watch list

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New Delhi: From Thursday, govt started tracking daily wholesale and retail prices of 16 additional essential items taking the total number of essential commodities whose rates are being monitored from 550 centres across 34 states and UTs in an effort to tackle food inflation to 38.

The new commodities that have been added to the earlier 22, include eggs, spices (jeera, turmeric and cumin powder), suji, banana, brinjal, ghee, butter, maida and besan.

Sources said RBI had suggested that the consumer affairs department expand the list of items under price monitoring mechanism so that govt gets more real time inputs for necessary intervention. Union food and consumer affairs minister Pralhad Joshi said, " This monitoring will help in policy-making and stabilising volatility in prices."

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राजस्थान राज्य में स्थित राज्य विश्वविद्यालय के संघटक/सम्बद्धता प्राप्त महाविद्यालयों के MBA, MCA, BHMCT के प्रथम वर्ष तथा LEEP के अन्तर्गत अभियांत्रिकी पाठ्यक्रम (बी.ई./बी.टेक) के द्वितीय वर्ष में सत्र 2024–25 के लिए राजस्थान राज्य एवं राजस्थान राज्य के बाहर के अभ्यर्थियों के प्रवेश हेतु सूचनाः–

COURSES	ELIGIBILITY	PRIORITY IN ADMISSION / ALLOTMENT
MBA	Passed Bachelor Degree of minimum 3 years duration. Obtained at least 50% marks (45% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in the qualifying examination.	1. Eligible candidates appeared in CAT/ XAT/ CMAT/ ATMA/ MAT/ GMAT latest held exam and having Rajasthan state domicile 2. Eligible candidates appeared in CAT/ XAT/ CMAT/ ATMA/ MAT/ GMAT latest held exam score and not having Rajasthan state domicile 3. Eligible candidates having Rajasthan state domicile 4. Eligible candidates not having Rajasthan state domicile
MCA	Passed any graduation degree (e.g.: B.E./ B.Tech./ B.Sc / B.Com. / B.A./ B. Voc./ BCA etc.,) preferably with Mathematics at 10+2 level or at Graduation level. Obtained at least 50% marks (45% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in the qualifying examination. (For students having no Mathematics background compulsory bridge course will be framed by the respective University/ Institution and additional bridge courses related to computer subjects as per the norms of the concerned University).	1. Eligible candidates having valid latest NIMCET score and having Rajasthan state domicile 2.Eligible candidates having valid latest NIMCET score and not having Rajasthan state domicile 3. Eligible candidates that have passed in graduation and having Rajasthan state domicile 4. Eligible candidates that have passed in graduation and do not having Rajasthan state domicile
BHMCT	Passed 10+2 examination. Obtained at least 45% marks (40% in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in the qualifying Examination. or Passed D.Voc. Stream in the same or allied sector.	1. Eligible candidates having Rajasthan state domicile 2. Eligible candidates not having Rajasthan state domicile
LEEP	Passed Minimum Three years / Two years (Lateral Entry) Diploma examination with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) in any branch of Engineering and Technology. or Passed B.Sc. Degree from a recognized University as defined by UGC, with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category) and passed 10+2 examination with Mathematics as a subject. or Passed B.Voc/3-year D.Voc. Stream in the same or allied sector. or B.E. / B. Tech. Degree from a recognized University as defined by AICTE, with at least 45% marks (40% marks in case of candidates belonging to reserved category)	1.Candidates having passed Diploma from Board of Technical Education, Rajasthan, Jodhpur 2.Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan (on submission of Certificate from competent authority) having passed diploma from AICTE approved institutions (not covered in priority 1st) 3.Non Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan having passed diploma from AICTE approved institutions(not covered in priority 1st) 4. Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan (on submission of Certificate from competent authority) having passed B.Sc. from UGC approved Universities with mathematics as a subject in 10+2. 5. Non Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan having passed B.Sc. from UGC approved Universities with mathematics as a subject in 10+2. 6. Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan (on submission of Certificate from competent authority) having UG Certificate / equivalent Vocational or Technical program level 4.5. 7. Non Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan having UG Certificate / equivalent Vocational or Technical program level 4.5. 8. Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan (on submission of Certificate from competent authority) having passed B.E. / B. Tech. in any branch of Engineering and Technology from AICTE/UGC approved Universities. 9. Non Bona-fide residents of Rajasthan having passed B.E. / B. Tech. in any branch of Engineering and Technology from AICTE/UGC approved Universities.

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	Registration Fee	1500+270(GST) =1770/-	1500+270(GST) =1770/-	1500+270(GST) =1770/-	1000+180(GST) =1180/-
	Commencement of filling online application cum registration form	09/08/2024	09/08/2024	09/08/2024	10/08/2024
	Last date for deposition of application cum Registration fee	24/08/2024	24/08/2024	24/08/2024	20/08/2024
	Last date for submitting online application cum Registration form	26/08/2024	26/08/2024	26/08/2024	22/08/2024
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Contact	0141-2702344, 9462015808 , 9462015080 (Working Hours 9 AM to 6 PM, Daily)				
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EXTENTION OF LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF RECRUITMENT APPLICATION FROM 31.07.2024 TO 16.08.2024

वीरांगना अवन्तीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा के दिनांक–20.07.2024 को प्रकाशित विज्ञापन संख्या–मे0का0एटा/2024/1361 जिसके द्वारा आचार्य, सह–आचार्य एवं सहायक आचार्य के रिक्त पदों हेतु निर्धारित प्रपत्र में आवेदन पत्र आमंत्रित किये गये थे जिसमें आवेदन प्राप्त करने की अन्तिम तिथि 31.07.2024 थी, में आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने की अन्तिम तिथि को दिनांक– 16.08.2024 सांय 05 बजे तक विस्तारित किया जाता है।

विस्तृत विज्ञापन वीरांगना अवन्तीबाई लोधी स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, एटा एवं महानिदेशालय की वेबसाइट **www.asmcetah.org** व **www.updgme.com** क्रमशः पर उपलब्ध है।

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the 26th July, 2024

S.O. 3007(E).-In exercise of powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highways Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government, after being satisfied that for the public purpose, the land, the brief description of which is given in the Schedule below, is required for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,), maintenance, management and operation of NH709AD in the stretch of land from Km. 111.680 to Km. 133.300 (Bijnor to Kotwali Section of NH 709AD) in the district of **BIJNOR** in the state of **UTTAR PRADESH**, hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may, within twenty-one days from the date of publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, object to the use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of section 3C of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Joint Organisation in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard, either in person or by a legal practitioner, and may, after hearing all such objections and after making such further enquiry, if any, as the Competent Authority thinks necessary, by order, either allow or disallow the objections

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of section 3C of the said Act shall be final.

The land plans and other details of the land to be acquired under their notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the Competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling NH709AD in the stretch of land from Km. 111.680 to Km 133.300 of NH709AD (Bijnor to Kotawali Section of NH-709AD) in the district of BIJNOR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.

[F. No. NHAI/PIU-BPT/1011(P-S-M)/2018/3A]

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Note: The Physical copy of this notification is also available at the Competent Authority, namely, Special Land Acquisition Officer, Joint Organisation Bijnor/PIU Meerut/RO Delhi and Land owners may also see the notification there.

National Highways Authority of India
(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

भर्ती सूचना/RECRUITMENT NOTICE

भा.रा.रा.प्रा. मुख्यालय, नई दिल्ली में डिजाइन प्रभाग में कार्य करने हेतु **अनुबंध के आधार पर** निम्नलिखित पदों के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित करता है:–

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5	टनल इंजीनियर / Tunnel Engineer	01
6	जियोलॉजिस्ट / Geologist	01
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ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि : 30.08.2024 (सायं 6:00 बजे तक)
Last date for submission of online application : 30.08.2024 (upto 6:00 PM)

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- For more details on the Academic Programmes, Eligibility criteria, Seat Details in each course and their corresponding Reservation details are available in JAC information brochure published at the admission website : **https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/**

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https://jacchd.admissions.nic.in/	https://www.ccet.ac.in	9872823250, 9888623825. Email-Id : helpdesk@ccet.ac.in

- **Important Dates :-**

Display of vacant seats for Special Round	01st August, 2024 (Thursday)
Registration process for Special Round commences (for candidates not registered earlier)	01st August, 2024 (Thursday)
Last date for online registration and registration fee submission (Fresh candidates)	04th August, 2024 (Sunday)

- **Online payment of a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 2800/- for General and Rs. 1400/- for SC/ST/PWD category.**

NOTE :- (i) **All further notices and updates regarding the admission process will be made available on the JAC website. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly.**
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Principal

Man vs Wild: Family spends night in company of jumbos

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Rescue crews scour mud-caked villages in Mundakkai for survivors

Meppadi: Sujatha Aninanchira and her family's escape from the deathly embrace of the landslide that flattened their home early Tuesday would in itself rank as a story of survival against all odds. Throw in a trio of jumbos in the wild — a tusker and two female elephants — and you have an almost implausible tale of life and death.

But that is exactly what Sujatha, her husband, daughter and two grandchildren encountered moments after extricating themselves from the rubble of what was their home at Chooralmala.

The family climbed up a nearby hillock to find a safe spot, only to find themselves facing the elephant trio half a metre away. "It was pitch dark, but the tusker standing nearby was hard to miss. The animal seemed terrified, too. I mumbled a prayer to the jumbo, saying we'd survived a disaster and asked it to spare us as we lay down for the night and awaited rescue," said Sujatha at a relief camp in Meppadi.

"We were so close to the tusker's legs, but it seemed to understand our predicament. We stayed there till 6am, and the elephants stood alongside till we were rescued. I saw the tusker's eyes welling up as the dawn broke," she said.

Monday night, it was raining heavily. I heard a huge noise around 1.30 am, followed by a gush of water entering our house," she said. The family feared the worst as logs dragged down by the landslide rammed into walls of their house, along with debris from destroyed dwellings nearby.

"The house roof collapsed, leaving my daughter injured. I remove bricks from a wall and stepped out," she recounted.

"We managed to get out and waded through the gushing waters, crawled up the hillock behind our house, and took shelter in a coffee plantation," Sujatha added.

Little did they know that a night of terror would end with a glimmer of hope in the company of wild elephants.

Schoolgirl's magazine story turns prophetic

A 14-year-old student's story predicting an impending tragedy turned prophetic when the landslide hit Wayanad, sweeping away Vellarmala govt school and claiming several lives. The story, written by Laya AS for the school's digital magazine, eerily mirrored the real-life disaster that unfolded early Monday, reports **Nijeesh Narayanan.** In the story, titled 'Agrahathinte Duranubhavam' (The Tragedy of Desire), Laya narrates the tale of two girls — Alamkrutha and Anaswra — who are warned by a talking bird to flee from their village as a great danger approaches. This fictional warning became a tragic reality. Laya's father, Lenin, lost his life in the disaster while trying to save his family, including Laya, who is a Class 8 student. The magazine named Vellaram Kallukal was recently released and contains 16 pieces of student writing highlighting the scenic beauty of Mundakkai and Chooralmala.

'Orange alert' issued day before disaster, says IMD

'It Meant Be Prepared, Don't Wait For Red Alert'

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A makeshift bridge installed for the rescue operations in Wayanad district

New Delhi: A day after home minister Amit Shah told the Parliament that Kerala govt did not act on prior warning of a possible natural calamity, IMD chief Mrutyunjay Mohapatra Thursday said the Met department had issued an 'orange alert' a day before disaster in Wayanad on July 29.

Though an 'orange alert' — which means "be prepared for action and do not wait for a red alert" — is adequate to galvanise actions on the ground to minimise the impact of extreme weather events, especially as the district received significantly more rainfall than predicted by the Met department, experts have flagged the real problem as the multiplicity of agencies that continue to work in silos.

Records show that though 'red alert' was issued on the day of landslides on July 30 morning, other multiple prior warnings of heavy rainfall days before the incident could have sensitised the district administration. "The long-range forecast issued on July 25 indicated good rainfall activity along the west coast and central parts of the country from July 25 to Aug 1. We issued a 'yellow' warning on July 25, which continued until July 29, when we issued an 'orange' warning," added Mohapatra.

He said 'red' warning was issued by IMD on July 30 morning as very heavy rainfall (up to 20 cm) was expected, noting that Kerala had been witnessing continuous rainfall activity and "accumulation of rainfall" was an important factor behind landslides.

Acting on prior warnings has, invariably, been a problem with experts pointing out that agencies continue to work in isolation and it becomes an obstacle in taking preventive measures.

Asked about the problem, Madhavan Rajeevan, former secretary of ministry of earth sciences, said, "As far as natural disasters are concerned, different agencies have different mandates. For example, IMD provides rainfall warning but Geological Survey of India gives landslides' warning and Central Water Commission gives alerts on floods. My point is all these institutions should work together on an operational basis."

Rajeevan, vice-chancellor of Bengaluru's Atria University, told **TOI** that India needs "multi-institutional framework for developing robust landslide prediction systems". He said, "We know the science of landslides well. We need to convert it into good services."

In the backdrop of incidents in Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, where over a dozen were killed after separate incidents of extremely heavy rainfall, Mohapatra said warnings like Kerala were in place for both states, but it is difficult to ascertain at this juncture whether Himachal experienced cloudbursts.

86,000 sq m of land slipped away, show satellite images

TIMES NEWS NETWORK


MUDSLIDE HAVOC

Bengaluru: Satellite images from National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC), a key centre under Isro, have unveiled the extensive damage and destruction caused by the landslides in Kerala's Wayanad district.

High-resolution before-and-after images captured by Risat (whose radar can penetrate clouds) and Cartosat-3 (advanced optical satellite) show around 86,000 square metres of land slipped away, and the resulting debris flow travelled about 8km along the Iruvanjippuzha river, devastating towns and settlements in its path.

NRSC, located in Hyderabad, reports that the landslide originated at an altitude of 1,550 metres above sea level near the town of Chooralmala. Notably, the Isro report indicates evidence of a previous landslide at the same location, suggesting the area's known vulnerability.

The report reads: "A major debris flow was triggered by heavy rainfall in and around the Chooralmala town of Wayanad. Very high resolution Risat SAR (synthetic aperture radar) images of July 31 shows the entire extent of the debris flow from crown to end of runout zone. The approximate length of the flow is around 8km. The crown zone is a reactivation of an older landslide."

"... Size of main scarp of the landslide is 86,000 sq m. The debris flow has widened the course of Iruvanjippuzha river, causing breach of its banks. Houses and other infrastructure along the banks have been damaged by the debris flow," it added.

In Feb 2023, Isro had released the Landslide Atlas of India, which documented around 80,000 landslides across 17 states and two UTs in the Himalayas and Western Ghats from 1998 to 2022. It includes seasonal, event-based, and route-wise inventories, using high-resolution satellite and aerial imagery.

The atlas, which covered major events from the past, such as Kedarnath disaster and Sikkim earthquake, had ranked 147 districts based on landslide exposure and socio-economic factors. Wayanad was placed among the vulnerable districts. The database was partially field-validated and includes advanced techniques for landslide detection, modelling and prediction.

'Can't identify my daughter': Relatives endure painful search among victims

RK Sreejith


GRIEF BEYOND WORDS

Kozhikode: Aranikkal Azeez walked into what was once a classroom at govt vocational higher secondary school in Meppadi — 16km from Mundakkai, a town uphill where a gushing wall of water, mud and stones buried all in its path early Monday, reports **Rajeev KR**. The room, typically filled with the chatter of students, had transformed into a temporary morgue. A line of freezers held the bodies of those claimed by the catastrophic landslide. Azeez's gaze fixed on the body of a woman inside one of these freezers.

Overwhelmed with sorrow, he cried out: "What misfortune. I can't identify my daughter. We cannot confirm we got her." Relatives gently then led him out of the room, his steps unsteady.

Outside, Azeez's head swooned, and he was helped to a bench in another building where he lay down, exhausted by the anguish. His brothers stood nearby and said they were 80% sure the body marked as number 75, found 25km away in Chaliyar river, was that of Azeez's daughter Shabna.

Azeez doubted that Shabna and his other missing family members would have been washed all the way to Chaliyar. By Wednesday night, search teams had found 52 bodies from Chaliyar and as many as 84 body parts, making identification even more challenging. A body identified by one family was claimed by another, leading to its return to the freezer Wednesday. Azeez's distress was palpable, echoing the collective grief of a community in mourning in Kerala's Wayanad district.

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NOTICE Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy 2024

Uttar Pradesh's Green Hydrogen Policy 2024, effective March 2024, supports the Green Hydrogen Mission with fiscal and non-fiscal incentives to boost market growth for Green Hydrogen and Ammonia. It aims to enhance the market by ease of doing business and encouraging investment in production and manufacturing facilities. The policy also prioritizes research and innovation to significantly reduce production costs over time.

Sl. No	Particulars	Salient features - 'UP Green Hydrogen Policy 2024'
1	Nodal Agency	Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)
2	Incentives- Land	• For Public Sectors - 30 years Lease @ Rs. 1/Acre/year • For Private Developers -30 years lease @ Rs. 15000/Acre/year.
3	Fiscal Incentives- Capital subsidy	• Capital subsidy: 10% to 30%. • Special Financial incentives: 35-40% of Eligible Capital Investment (ECI) for first 05 Green Hydrogen/Ammonia projects
4	State Goods and Services Tax	Reimbursement of Net State Goods and Services Tax (SGST)
5	Top-up under PLI Scheme of Govt. of India	30% of the sanctioned Production Linked Incentive (PLI) incentives

All interested investors are invited to submit their comprehensive application & proposals to engage in the State's Green Hydrogen initiatives, in alignment with the 'Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy-2024'. Key information for the application & proposal submission is as follows:

(a)	Link for Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy 2024	https://upneda.org.in/MediaGallery/GreenHPolicyEng.pdf
(b)	Submission for online application & proposal	Green Hydrogen Portal (which will be live from August 5, 2024, at 7 AM IST)
(c)	Link for online application & proposal	https://upnedagh.in/

Detailed application & proposals will be entertained on 'First Come First Serve' basis and will be evaluated according to the Govt. order No. 788/87-Dept. Add. Sour. Energy/2024 dated 31st July'2024. Also, first five projects will be provided special financial incentives.

DIRECTOR, UPNEDA

Rural Development Department
BIHAR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY(BRDS)
5th Floor, BISCOMAUN BHAWAN, West of Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800001
Govt. of Bihar

Cancellation of Recruitment Notification

The Advertisement number PR-004734 (RDD) 2024-25 inviting applications for the vacancy of Head of Capacity Building 'HR & Facility Management under Bihar Rural Development Society, which was published in Dainik Jagran, Hindustan & The Times of India in 26 July 2024 issues, stands cancelled due to unavoidable reasons.

CEO
BRDS

PR- 05142 (R D D) 2024-25
नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **1. Taiyab, S/o Esab Khan, 2. Ajarudin, S/o Khuesid Haji, R/o Village Sahsan, PS Jurhera, Tehsil Pahari, Bharatpur, Rajasthan, 3. Anshu Singh, S/o Malkit Singh, R/o Village Chakkar wala Jhugga, District Fazilka, Punjab** has committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 30/2023 dated 22.12.2023 U/s 419/420/120B IPC, P.S. Cyber, Mandir Marg, New Delhi District, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **1. Taiyab, 2. Ajarudin, 3. Anshu Singh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **1. Taiyab, 2. Ajarudin, 3. Anshu Singh** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **1. Taiyab, 2. Ajarudin, 3. Anshu Singh** accused of **FIR No. 30/2023 dated 22.12.2023 U/s 419/420/120B IPC, P.S. Cyber, Mandir Marg, New Delhi District, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **08.10.2024.**

By Order
Ms. Nabeela Wali
Chief Judicial Magistrate
26, Ground Floor, Annexe Building
Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

DP/10114/NDD/2024

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.
E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDER For Centrally Aided RDSS
Total Turnkey Project – Loss Reduction Distribution Works

Name of work:- Design, Survey, Supply of Plants & Material, Installation of Plants & Material, Testing and successful commissioning of works under Total Turn Key basis in RDSS.

The Amended dates for the following tenders are
1. Last date of Bid Submission : 31.08.2024.
2. Technical Bid Opening date : 04.09.2024.
(For further details, please visit the e-tender site).

Package No	Tender Particulars	Tender Inviting Authority
1	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680838	The Chief Engineer(Distribution South)
2	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680793_1	The Chief Engineer(Distribution Central)
3	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680774_1	The Chief Engineer(Distribution North)
4	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680827_1	The Chief Engineer(Distribution North)
5	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680680	The Chief Engineer(Distribution North Malabar)

Sd/- Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
No. TCO/D-8(8)/Admin/Online Transfer/2024/ON-8787
Date 01.08.2024
Transport Commissioner, Motor Vehicles Department, Maharashtra

This RFP Document is being published by the Transport Commissioner, Maharashtra State, for the Project "Selection of agency for design, development, integration, testing, implementation, operation, and maintenance of web based online employee transfer application for Motor Vehicles Department Maharashtra". Bidder agencies are advised to study this RFP document carefully before submitting their Bids in response to the RFP Notice. Submission of a Bid in response to this notice shall be deemed to have been done after careful study and examination of this document with full understanding of its terms, conditions, and implications.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIREMENT

Name of the Project
Selection of agency for design, development, integration, testing, implementation, operation, and maintenance of web based online employee transfer application for Motor Vehicles Department Maharashtra.

SUMMARY OF TENDER

Tender Reference	Value
Tender Fee	INR 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only)
Bid Security/Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	INR 1,20,000 (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand Only)
Performance Bank Guarantee (PBG)	INR 3,60,000 (Rupees Three Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only) as performance security in Indian Rupees and shall be in the form of a Bank Guarantee by a nationalized / scheduled bank located in India.
Validity Period for Performance Bank Guarantee	PBG shall be valid up to 180 days post end of contract as per this tender document
Online Release of RFP document	01-08-2024 05:00 PM
Last date for receipt of pre-bid queries	07-08-2024 05:00 PM
Pre-Bid Meeting	09-08-2024 04:00 PM
Bid submission End Date	16-08-2024 05:00 PM
Opening and Evaluation of Technical Bid	20-08-2024 11:00 AM
Date for Presentation	To be intimated later
Opening of Commercial Bid	To be intimated at a later date
Address for Communication	Joint Transport Commissioner - Administration Transport Commissioner's Office, 5th Floor, MTNL Building No. 2, M.G. Road, Fort, Mumbai - 400 001 Email: dycommr.admin@gmail.in
Contact Number	(022) 22614726
Bid Validity Period	120 days from the date of opening of the Commercial Bid

- The Bidder must fulfill the Pre-qualification Criteria stipulated in the tender document.
- All tender offers must be submitted on or before the due date and time as mentioned on the site.
- The Transport Commissioner reserves the right to accept or reject any tender offer as per the provisions of this tender.

Sd/-
Transport Commissioner, Maharashtra State

Date: 01/08/2024
DGIPR/2024-2025/1507

CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS
CRIS
Chanakyapuri, New Delhi-110021

Tender No.: 01245238

Subject: - Hiring of Pay Per Use Common Storage. **Date of Closing:** 22.08.2024 at 15:30 hrs. Documents can be downloaded from Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. For future modification/extensions pl. see **www.ireps.gov.in**.

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	HARYANA MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED	NOTICE INVITING TENDER RFP FOR THE SUPPLY, INSTALLATION AND COMMISSIONING OF INTEGRATED TELEHEALTH SYSTEM FOR RATE CONTRACT OF 2 YEARS	01.08.2024 14.08.2024	5 CRORES	www.hmscl.org.in	8929299829 equipmentdgm2020@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 28459

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Jagat Pal Ram, S/o Budhram Ram, R/o A-1302, Sunshine Helios, Sector 78, Noida, Gautam Buddha Nagar, Uttar Pradesh, 201301 have changed my name to Jagat Pal for all purposes.

I, Parveen Kumar R/o B-608, Rohini Heights, DDA HIG Flats, Sector 29, Rohini, Delhi, have changed my minor daughter's name from Chaitanya to Chaitanya Shankhwar for all future purposes.

I, Monika D/o Sh. Rajender Prasad and W/o Sh. Nishesh Shukla R/o WZ -36, UGF, Choukhandi Extension, Tilak Nagar, New Delhi -110018, Have Changed My Name After Marriage From Monika To Monika Shukla For all Future Purposes.

I, Fahad Khan S/o Khalid Mohammad R/o Block-B, 5th Floor, 501, Pearls Gateway Tower, Sector-44, Noida, Distt. Gautam Budh Nagar, UP state that Fahad Khan & Ammar both names are the same and one person but I will be known as Fahad Khan for all future purposes.

I, Bijender Kumar Balahra R/o Fl No 261, Sant Sunder Dass Ji, CGHS Ltd, Plot No 21, Dwarka Sector 12, New Delhi - 78 have changed my minor son's (DOB: 04.04.2017) name from Aayan Balahra to Aayan Balhara vide affidavit dated 1 August 2024.

I Akshat Shokeen s/o Sunil Shokeen r/o Hno.571 Dichaon Kalan, New Delhi-110043 has changed my name from Akshat to Akshat Shokeen for all future purposes.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of female **Name:** Unknown, **W/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age :** About 60 years, **Height :** 5'2", **Face:** Wrinkled, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Eyes:** Black, **Hair:** White small, wearing Violet colour suit-salwar was found near Khajoori Gol Chakkar Towards Signature Bridge brought to JPC Hospital, Delhi doctor declared dead on 30.07.2024. In this regard FIR No.409/24 dated 30.07.2024 has been registered at P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers.

SHO - P.S. New Usmanpur, Delhi.
Tel. No. 9971730867, 8750870722

DP/10189/NE/2024

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Government of Uttar Pradesh
Paryatan Bhawan, C-13, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010 | Email Id: pmu.uptourism@gmail.com

Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Engagement of Curator for the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaja Museum, Agra (second call)

Online e-bids are invited from the interested bidders, starting from **5th August 2024;** for ENGAGEMENT OF CURATOR FOR THE CHHATRAPATI SHIVAJI MAHARAJA MUSEUM, AGRA' Pre-bid meeting will be organized jointly on **7th August 2024;** 12:00 PM at Paryatan Bhawan, Lucknow. **Last date of submission of e-bids is 19th August 2024; 18:00 PM.** RFP documents are available on the e-tender website https://etender.up.nic.in. The Department of Tourism, Government of Uttar Pradesh reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

Director General Tourism

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TENDER NOTICE

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

SN	Tender Notice No. & Date	Name of work with its location	Approx. Cost of work	Amount of Earnest Money	Completion period of the work	Date & time for submission of tender & opening of tender
1	32-W-PSC-SLABS-DLI Date 31.07.2024	Casting of PSC slab Replacement of steel girders upto 12.2m with PSC slabs of DLI division.	₹ 5,02,44,475.21	₹ 401200/-	(12) Twelve Months	Upto 14:00 hrs on 24.08.2024 Opening of tender after 14:00 hrs on same day

Note : Above tenders are available on website, IREPS site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in,** where complete details of Tender can be seen & downloaded. **2346/2024**

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DIRECTOR GENERAL

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
No.8, "Samparka Soudha", Dr. Rajkumar Road, Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bengaluru-560 010.
Telefax : 080-22024000, e-mail : mdkrdcl@gmail.com, cekrdcl@gmail.com, Website: http://www.krdcl.in

No. KRDCL/IFB/2024-25/01 Dated: 31-07-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION (through KPP Portal)

Karnataka Road Development Corporation Limited (KRDCL) invites tender from agencies having experience in respect of following works as per the requirement of Bengaluru City Traffic Police on item rate tender basis in two cover system as detailed below :

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Approximate Estimated Cost (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	Period of Completion of work (or) Services
1	Providing Intelligent Traffic Management System for Bengaluru City including 5 (five) years maintenance comprising of; (a) RLVD + ANPR Camera for Automated Contactless Traffic Enforcement at 25 locations. (b) 250 AI based Automatic Violation detection licenses to Bengaluru Traffic Police under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project.	11,99,00,000.00	11,99,000.00	6 (Six) months for supply, installation, testing, commissioning & training
2	Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Automated Traffic Signals at 50 new Junction in Bengaluru city under Bengaluru City Road Safety and Traffic Management Project to Bengaluru City Traffic Police.	8,49,00,000.00	12,73,500.00	6 (Six) months for supply, installation, testing, commissioning & training

Interested applicants may download bidding documents from the e-procurement portal **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** and submit the bids and EMD (electronically) through KPP portal only.

The Calendar of events for various activities is as follows: (a) The last date and time for submission of queries is : **14.08.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs.** The applicants may submit their queries through electronic mail: **cekrdcl@gmail.com (b)** Pre-bid meeting will be held on **16.08.2024 at 11.30 Hrs.** in the **office of the Joint Commissioner of Police, Bengaluru City Police, No. 5, Traffic Management Centre, 2nd Floor, Infantry Road, Bengaluru - 560 001. (c)** The last date and time for submission of bids is **29.08.2024 upto 17.30 Hrs. (d)** Date and time of opening of Technical bids is : **31.08.2024 at 11.00 Hrs.**

*Please note henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through Newspapers and further changes will be updated only on Karnataka Public Procurement portal website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer
KRDCL, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/1214/2024-25

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e-TENDER NOTICE No. 09/2024-25

Sealed Item Rate e-tenders are invited from Non-Registered / Registered Contractors with N.I.T. / N.M.R.D.A. / P.W.D. / N.M.C. or other Govt. Dept. as per eligibility criteria for **One** Development Work. The details of work will be uploaded on tender website i.e. **www.mahatenders.gov.in**

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Amount of work / E.M.D. in Rs.	Time Limit in Months	Eligibility/Tender Cost in Rs.	Division
1	Construction of Administrative Building and Training Centre Building for (MAHAJYOTI) Mahatma Jyotiba Fule Research & Training Institute, Nagpur.	92,72,52,334.00 / 46,36,300/-	24	As per Tender Document 50,000/-	Project

Plans & Estimates :- Available in the Technical Section, Head Office, Sadar, Nagpur. **Tender Forms :-** Available online from 02.00 P.M. on Dated **05.08.2024** up to 2.00 P.M. on Dated **26.08.2024** www.mahatenders.gov.in **Receipt / Submission :-** On line from 02.00 P.M. on Dated **05.08.2024** up to 2.00 P.M. on Dated **26.08.2024** www.mahatenders.gov.in **Prebid Meeting :-** On 4.00 P.M, on Date **14.08.2024** in the office of Superintending Engineer (HQ), Station Road, NIT Head Office, Sadar, Nagpur. **Opening :-** At N.I.T. office **on Dated 27.08.2024** at 2.00 P.M. or as decided by N.I.T.

-sd-
Superintending Engineer (HQ),
Nagpur Improvement Trust

Advt.No.: S.E.(HQ)/28/2024-25
Dated : 01.08.2024

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Sd/
Head (Administration)

विज्ञापन सं:NCPOR/11/2024

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National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language
Ministry of Education, Govt. of India
Farogh-e-Urdu Bhawan, FC-33/9, Institutional Area, Jasola, New Delhi-110025
Phone No .: 49539000, Fax: 49539099

Tender Notice

Online Technical & Financial bids are invited on prescribed tender through CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) from the reputed registered experienced contractor for Repair, Renovation and Maintenance in Office Building of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language at Institutional Area Jasola New Delhi.-110025 as per details given below:-

Sl No	Nature of work	Venue/site	Estimated cost of work	Cost of Tender form
1	Repair, Renovation and Maintenance in office Building	Plot No. FC-33/9, Farogh E Urdu Bhawan, Institutional Area Jasola, New Delhi-110025	Rs.30.81 lakh	Rs. 500/- in form of DD drawn in favour of Director, NCPUL

The tender form for the above work can be downloaded from CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) or from NCPUL website (www.urducouncil.nic.in) from 31.07.2024 to 20.08.2024 upto 03:30 p.m.

Last date for submission of duly completed online form at CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in) is 20.08.2024 upto 03:30 p.m.

The Technical bids of received tenders will be downloaded at 10:30 a.m. on 22.08.2024 and evaluated in office of National Council for Promotion of Urdu Language, Farogh-e-Urdu Bhawan, FC-33/9, Institutional Area, Jasola, New Delhi -110025. Date of opening of Financial Bids will be intimated to Technically qualified bidders. Technically qualified bidders, who wish to be present, may do so.

Director, NCPUL reserves the right to accept/reject any or all the quotations without assigning any reason. For more details website www.urducouncil.nic.in may be visited,

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Tender No.	Material Description	Due date
242513 002463	Procurement of Shaft & Sleeve Annual Rate Contract	16.08.2024

TNPL will follow Two Bid system and E-Tender cum Auction. Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL website & NIC Portal only. Detailed Terms & conditions are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from website : **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

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OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. COS/CRJ/PUB/e-Tender/19/0162 Date: 29/07/2024. The following **e-Tenders** can be accessed under the link **www.ireps.gov.in** Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link **www.ireps.gov.in → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply** Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any, Dy.CMM/HQ/CLW/ Chittaranjan, **0341-2525594** or SMM/CON/HQ, **0341-2535631. Office Address:** Office of the PCMM /CLW/ Chittaranjan. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Brief Description of Item; Quantity; Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees); Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follow: [1]; 91240875;** Welding Plate, CLW Drg. No. 4TWD.096.068 ALT-4, Str. No. CLW/TM/17050 REV-1 **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **1674.00 Numbers;** ₹0.00; **20/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [2]; 91240877;** Connection Complete With Clamping Plate [Without Insulation], Drg. No:1 TWD.096.014 ALT-5, Spec. No: 4TMS.096.062 ALT-5, Str No: CLW/TM/10060 REV-1. **[Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **2217.00 Set;** ₹129230.00; **23/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [3]; 75243851:** (i) CAP Screws Socket Head For WAG-9HC As Per CLW'S Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/081 A LT-5 (As Per Set Details Attached) **[Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) Screw Counter Sunk Slotted For WAG-9HC As Per CLW'S Specn.No. CLW/MS/3/ 082 Alt-4. (As Per Set Details Attached) **[Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) Hex.Socket CSK. Hd. Screw M12x1.75 Pitch X25 Long Property Class 10.9 Steel for WAG-9HC As Per DIN 7991 or equivalent. [**Warranty Period:** 30 Months after the date of delivery]; **(i) 874.00 Set, (ii) 886.00 Set;** ₹0.00; **30/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [5] 75243871:** (i) Copper Pipe Fittings WAG-9HC for E70 Brake System As Per Specn. No.CLW/M S/3/067 ALT.4. [One Set Consists Of 04 Items As Per Set Details Attached] **[Warranty Period:**24 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) Copper Pipe Fittings WAG-9HC for CCB Brake System As Per Specn. No.CLW/M S/3/067 ALT.4. [One Set Consists of 04 Items As Per Set Details Attached] [Warranty Period:24 Months after the date of delivery]; **(i) 50.00 Set, (ii) 617.00 Set;** ₹153480.00; **26/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. [6]; 70245009;** (i) On Board Remote Monitoring System (ORMS) as per Part 0 and Part-1 of CLW specification no. C LW/C-D&D/ES /3/ 0554 issued in April 2024 **[Warranty Period:** 72 Months after the date of delivery], (ii) AMC for On Board Remote Monitoring System (ORMS) as per spec no. CLW/AMC/C-D&D/06 issued in April 2024 for 5 years [Warranty Period: 6 years, AMC Period: 5 years, Rate of Discounting: 10 %]; **(i) 1229.00 Sets, (ii) 1229.00 Sets;** ₹2000000.00; **27/08/2024 at 11:00 AM.**

PR5/557 **PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan.**

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No.: JDA/EE-11/2024-25/06 Date : 31.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID
JDA/EE-11/06/2024-25

Online Bids are invited upto 6.00 PM of 07.08.2024 for "Supply & Maintenance of 57000 tree plant in Zone 11, 12, 12A, 13 JDA, Jaipur (2 years maintenance)" Estimated cost Rs. 439.70 Lacs. Details may be seen in the Bidding Document at our office or the website of State Public Procurement Portal : www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in

UBN No. JDA2425WSOB00206

To participate in the bid, bidder has to be:

1. Registered on JDA website www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in For participated in the Bid, the Bidder has to apply for the Bid and pay the Bidding Document Fee & RISL Processing Fee online only and Bid Security declaration stamp.
2. Registered on e-Procurement Portal of Government of Rajasthan www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in for online e-Bid submission.

Raj.Samwad/C/24/3120 **Executive Engineer-11**

Public Notice Under Section 3G (3)

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 26th July, 2024

S.O. 2991(E).— In— Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, S.O. 3521 (E) Dated : 07/08/2023, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of NH709AD in the stretch of land from Km. 53.600 to Km. 111.650 (Muzaffarnagar to Mirapur Section) in the district of MUZAFFARNAGAR In the State of UTTAR PRADESH.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in *"The Times of India"* and *"Loksatya"* both dated *23.11.2023*; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Competent Authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the Competent Authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority i.e. office of the Additional District Magistrate (Finance & Revenue) Collectorate, Distt. Muzaffarnagar, Uttar Pradesh.

All the persons interested (owner of the lands and other interested person(s)) in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures, trees etc. and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of Village/ Town	Name of the Landowner/ interested person	Field Survey No.	Area of Land in his share	Any structures/ trees/tubewell attached to the land	Name of Bank & Branch in which he/she holds the Account	Particulars of the Bank Account No. IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

Competent Authority / Additional District Magistrate (Finance & Revenue), Collectorate, Distt. Muzaffarnagar (U.P.)

SCHEDULE

Brief Description of the land to be acquired, with or without structure, falling within the NH-709AD in the stretch of land from Km. 53.600 to Km. 111.650 (Muzaffarnagar to Mirapur) in the district of MUZAFFARNAGAR in the State of UTTAR PRADESH

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Note : The physical copy of this notification is also available at the office of Additional District Magistrate (Finance & Revenue) Muzaffarnagar/PIU Meerut/RO Delhi and land owners may also see the notification there.

Office of the Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle,HPPWD, Solan.
Himachal Pradesh Public Works Department.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

On the basis of e-procurement notice issued by Chief Engineer , Shimla Zone HPPWD Nigam Vihar Shimla on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites the **percentage rate bids**, in electronic tendering system, for construction of bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III for each of the works including their maintenance for five years from the **eligible and approved Contractors registered with HP PWD, in the appropriate class (A) or equivalent category in CPWD/ MES/ Railways and other State Govt. and Central Govt. Departments**. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No. :- 1 **Division :-** Arki **Package No. :-** HP-11-176A **Name of Road :-** Construction of 18.0m Span RCC T-Beam Bridge over Arki Khad at Sayarda pul at RD-2/430 **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Construction Cost :-** 260.58 **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Maintenance Cost :-** 0.62 **Total Cost excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :-** 261.20 **Bid Security (Rs in Lakh) :-** 5.22 **Completion Period :-** 18 Months

Sr. No. :- 2 **Division :-** Nalagarh **Package No. :-** HP-11-168A **Name of Road :-** C/O 2 Span (16 M each RCC T- beam bridge over Bhatoli khad at RD 3/355 on link road Reru Jhiriwala Aduwal Janduri (T-05) from Km 0/0 to 8/205 Under PMGSY-III (Batch –II) **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Construction Cost :-** 299.16 **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Maintenance Cost :-** 1.92 **Total Cost excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :-** 301.08 **Bid Security (Rs in Lakh) :-** 6.02 **Completion Period :-** 18 Months

Sr. No. :- 3 **Division :-** Nalagarh **Package No. :-** HP-11-166A **Name of Road :-** C/O RCC T- beam bridge three Span (19.75 M each) over Kotla kalan Khad at RD 4.935 on link road from Baroona to Phalahi (T-08) from Km 0/00 to 5/500. Under PMGSY-III (Batch –II) **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Construction Cost :-** 490.52 **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Maintenance Cost :-** 1.13 **Total Cost excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :-** 491.65 **Bid Security (Rs in Lakh) :-** 9.83 **Completion Period :-** 18 Months

Sr. No. :- 4 **Division :-** Nalagarh **Package No. :-** HP-11-167A **Name of Road :-** C/O 2 Span (22 M each RCC T-beam bridge over Retar khad at RD 5/160 on link road from Palli Ratar Thala Rajwean Chanobary (T-15) road from Km 0/0 to 6/220 Under PMGSY-III (Batch –II) **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Construction Cost :-** 377.92 **Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :- Maintenance Cost :-** 1.58 **Total Cost excluding GST (Rs in Lakh) :-** 379.50 **Bid Security (Rs in Lakh) :-** 7.59 **Completion Period :-** 18 Months

2. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement : **02.08.2024.**

3. **Cost of Bid Form:** Cost of Bid form is Rs. 5000/-in the shape of Demand Draft in favour of Executive Engineer, HPPWD, Division Arki & Nalagarh.

4. **Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission :** The bid document is available online and bid should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www. pmgsytenders.gov.in.

Digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

* Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

5. **Submission of Original Documents** : The bidders are required to submit (a) original Demand Draft towards the cost of bid document and (b) original bid security in approved form and (c) original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B(a) (ii) of ITB with Superintending Engineer ,3rd Circle HPPWD, Solan , on a date not later than three working days from the date of opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand.

6. **Last Date/ Time for receipt of bids through e-tendering** :- Last date /time for receipt of bids through e-tendering of above mentioned works are as follows:-

Sr. No.	Package No.	Last date /time for receipt of bids through e-tendering.
1	HP-11-176A, HP-11-168A, HP-11-166A & HP-11-167A	30.08.2024 at 11:00 AM

7. The site for the work is available.

8. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsytenders.gov.in. The technical qualification part of the bids will be opened online at 11:30 A.M Hours on above mentioned date in the office of Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle HPPWD Solan by the authorized officers. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened online on the next working day at the same time.

9. The bidder is not required to quote his rate for routine maintenance. The rates to be paid for routine maintenance are indicated in the Bill of Quantities. Further, the payment for routine maintenance to the contractor shall be regulated based on his performance of maintenance activities.

All the required materials like Cement/Steel/Bitumen/Explosive etc shall be arranged by Contractor at his own level.

10. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than ninety days after the deadline date for bid submission.

11. To qualify for a package of contract made up of this for which bids are invited in the same NIT, the bidder must demonstrate having experience and resources sufficient to meet the aggregate of the qualifying criteria for the individual contracts.

12. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents. The Employer shall not be held liable for any delays due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the Employer shall not be liable for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidders' responsibility to verify the website for the latest information related to the tender.

(Er. Ajay Sharma)
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Advt. No. 1178/31.07.2024 **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

Appeal for Identification



General public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 30 Yrs., **Height:** 5'6", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Upper Body Naked and Black Pant, **Place of Recovery:** Hanuman Mandir Flyover, Kashmeiri Gate. The dead body has been preserved in Saubzi Mandi Delhi, Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 40A Dated: 26/07/2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Kashmeri Gate Delhi.** Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Kashmeri Gate Delhi
DP/10044/N/2024 **Mobile: 9599879034, 011-23962210**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Notice

It is informed that Shri Suresh Kumar Meena, S/o Shri Ram Chandra Meena Technician-III/Sig./ Tundla, has been unauthorised absent since 01.10.2023. Therefore, it is informed that Shri Suresh Kumar Meena S/o Shri Ram Chandra Meena Technician-III/ Sig./Tundla should report to the office of SSE/Sig./East/Tundla within 10 days of publication of this notice. Otherwise it will be considered that you are not interested to continue the Railway service and the Railway administration is free to take ex parte decision against you.

Name- Mr. Suresh Kumar Meena, Post- Technician-III/Sig./NCR/Tundla, Father- Shri Ram Chandra Meena, Village- Shriramchandra Pura, Post-Kallawas, District-Dausa (Rajasthan) Pin- 303505

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(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम)
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता कार्यालय परिचालन एवं अनुरक्षण मण्डल, यमुना कालोनी, देहरादून
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ई–निविदा सूचना

परि0एवंअनु0, मण्डल कार्यालय, यमुना कालोनी, देहरादून द्वारा अनुभवी फर्मो / ठेकेदारों से निम्नानुसार ई–निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं।

1. निविदा संख्या– 06 / अधी0अभि0 (परि0एवंअनु0) / मण्डल / दे0दून 2024–25: Work of replacement of Switchgears at 132KV Substation, Bindal.
2. निविदा संख्या– 07 / अधी0अभि0 (परि0एवंअनु0) / मण्डल / दे0दून 2024–25: Procurement of Bushings for Power Transformers.
3. निविदा संख्या– 08 / अधी0अभि0 (परि0एवंअनु0) / मण्डल / दे0दून 2024–25: Procurement of 36KV Vaccum Circuit Breaker at 132KV Substation, Majra.
4. निविदा संख्या– 09 / अधी0अभि0 (परि0एवंअनु0) / मण्डल / दे0दून 2024–25: Work of General upkeep & Grass cutting at 132KV Substation, Majra.

उक्त ई–निविदाओं से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत सूचना वैबसाईट **www.uktenders.gov.in** से दिनांक **01.08.2024** से दिनांक **21.08.2024** तक डाउनलोड व अपलोड की जा सकती हैं।

अधोहस्ताक्षरी को किसी भी निविदा को बिना कारण बतायें निरस्त करने एवं कार्य की मात्रा घटाने / बढ़ाने का अधिकार सुरक्षित है।

पत्रांक: 871 / परि0एवंअनु0ख0 / दे0दून / निविदा दिनांक: 31 / 07 / 2024 **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता**

"राष्ट्र हित में ऊर्जा बचायें"

These centres are bridging skills gap for jobs at home and abroad

On Offer: 2-Month Lessons In German And Japanese Languages To Free Courses On Beauty And Wellness

Manash Pratap Gohain & Surojit Gupta | TNN

Photos: Anindya Chattopadhyay









LEARN NEW SKILLS, EARN A LIVING: Trainees at National Skill Training Institute centres learn (clockwise) sewing, robotics, beauty treatment, and white goods repairs

It's early morning and a group of women are gathered inside a classroom in Greater Noida, furiously taking down notes as their instructor explains nuances of the German language.

These women, who have trained and worked as nurses, are learning the language to get jobs in Germany, which has a shortage of caregivers and has turned to India to fill the gap.

One of those learning the right way to communicate in German is Akhila Sathessan, a 2018 nursing graduate. "I was looking for better opportunities and heard about this institute. We are now undergoing a two-month residential programme to learn the language and I'm looking forward to working in Germany," she says.

Rising Demand

The international arm of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) is training young men and women for jobs available not just in Germany but countries such as Romania, Finland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, UAE and others as well. In the past year, NSDC has placed nearly 60,000 young men and women in Japan, Germany, Israel, UK, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia.

Demand from overseas is rising rapidly. The attraction of better wages and working conditions and the promise of a new life is prompting many to opt for foreign language and skill development courses.

The centre in Greater Noida offers residential training in Japanese and German languages. While the Japanese batch has 11 boys and 8 girls, the two German batches consist of 22 and 26 girls. NSDC provides free accommodation and food. Students need to pay a fee of around Rs 75,000, but that is deducted from their pay in the second month of their job. Not just training, the institute handholds students through the process of landing a job and completing their visa and other paperwork.

Skills Gap

THE JOBS REPORT

India itself faces a huge shortage of trained and skilled workers. Govt estimates show that only 2.3% of the workforce has undergone any formal training. This is way below global standards — the share stands at 68% in UK, 75% in Germany, 52% in US, 80% in Japan and 96% in South Korea.

Skilling and upskilling are key components of the strategy to tackle the huge problem of unemployment and underemployment in India. Studies have shown that a vast majority of youths joining the workforce are unemployable as they lack skills required by industry. Experts say India needs to urgently fill the skills gap to reap its demographic dividend and boost economic growth.

International Monetary Fund (IMF) says India needs to create between 143 and 324 million jobs by 2050. A small shift in jobs away from agriculture and into either construction and services or manufacturing can boost GDP growth by 0.2-0.5 percentage points, it adds. While several public and private entities are looking to address the challenge of job creation, they remain a drop in the ocean given the enormity of the task.

"Our current focus is to reach candidates wherever they are located, instead of making them come to us. Last year, we started 10,000 skill centres in schools across the country. One reason for unemployment is that we're educated with unemployable skills," says Ved Mani Tiwari, CEO of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and MD-CEO of NSDC International (NSDCI).

"Next, our focus will be on apprenticeship and on-the-job learning, which have yielded good outcomes with an over-70% conversion rate for us," said Tiwari.

Empowering Women

A short distance away from Greater Noida, National Skill Training Institute (W) for women is trying to bridge the skills gap. With a yearly intake of 750 students, this institute offers free courses for jobs in apparel, beauty and wellness, electronics, construction and architecture sectors. The institute also has an AI training centre. Soon, courses will be offered on handling drones.

Students come from underprivileged backgrounds and are a mix of school dropouts and those who have completed Class XII. They are provided accommodation and food on campus.

"I want to be an ITI instructor. I have undergone training in computers, and office work," says Ranju Jaiswal, who is training as a computer operator and processing assistant.

Apprenticeship The Answer

Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) are playing their part in filling the skills gap. One such centre is the ITI at Pusa in Delhi. It has well-equipped labs with several of them set up by reputed firms in areas such as refrigeration, servicing of electrical appliances and automobiles, etc. Authorities at the institute say the demand for trained students remains robust. Most students find placement in jobs that pay about Rs 16,000-Rs 20,000 per month, they say.

"I've already got a job in the electric meter testing department of a company," says Abhishek Shukla, who wants to become an engineer and enrol in a polytechnic. His story highlights the struggle of millions of youths entering the workforce. Shukla, who speaks fluent English, lost his father in 2008 and his education was funded by the principal of the school where his mother works as office staff.

Professors and trainers at the institute said apprenticeship is the way forward to raise employability among youths enrolled at such centres. They also called for industry to play a larger role in absorbing skilled workers. Rising job prospects overseas for trained professionals is also encouraging more youths to opt for such courses.

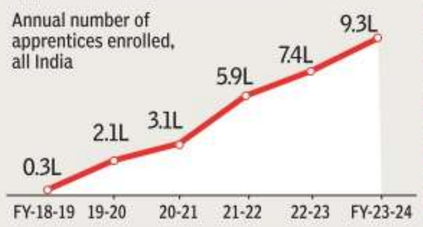
"We need to focus on the contractual workforce, which is basically in the unorganised sector. It's a myth that big corporations will create employment. It's the MSMEs, for which we have 700-plus upskilling and reskilling courses," says NSDC's Tiwari.

"We've onboarded around 25,000 firms that are offering apprenticeships to around 1.75 lakh students from NSDC. The job conversion rate is around 70%-80%. Last year, we had 10 lakh apprenticeships with job conversion of around 8 lakh," says Tiwari.

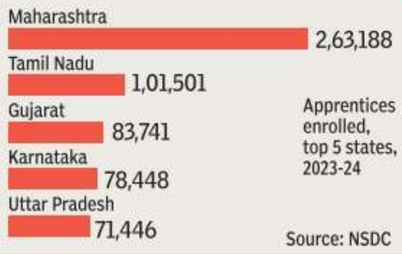
1 Over 1cr job-seekers trained every year...



2 ...Of which, close to 10 lakh found apprenticeships in 2023-24...



3 ...With Maha the top state...



Apprentices enrolled, top 5 states, 2023-24

Source: NSDC

4 ... And a small number landing jobs abroad

Country	Placements	Country	Placements
Saudi Arabia	37,124	Bahrain	935
Israel	9,926	Kuwait	399
Qatar	3,649	**Germany**	67
UAE	2,959	Croatia	4
Japan	1,553	Australia	2
UK	1,474	Uzbekistan	1
Oman	1,094	**Total**	59,187

According to the NSDC database, over **6.5 lakh jobs** in different fields were available

'Very heavy rainfall' wreaks havoc in U'khand, 16 killed

ANI



A building washed away by floods in Kullu's Malana drain on Thursday

Gaurav.Talwar @timesofindia.com

Dehradun: As many as 16 people were killed and six seriously injured after flash-floods and landslides triggered by "heavy to very heavy rainfall" wreaked havoc in parts of Uttarakhand in the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday.

Kedarnath valley remained completely cut off following a landslide near Bhimbhali on the trek route, leaving nearly 450 people stranded, while the Kedarnath highway was washed away between Sonprayag and Gaurikund. As a result, the Char Dham yatra to the shrine was halted.

A statement from the chief minister's office said, "Due to landslides at many places on the Kedarnath trekking route, the yatra has been stopped for the time being in view of the pilgrims' safety." According to sources, Indian Air Force will join ongoing rescue operations at Kedarnath starting Friday.

SDRF commandant Manikant Mishra said, "About 425 people stranded in Bhimbali, Rambara, Lincholi along Kedarnath yatra route were airlifted. Almost 1,100 people stranded between Sonprayag and Bhimbali were shifted to a safer place via an alternative route."

(With inputs from Kalyan Das, Tapan Susheel & Yogesh Nagarkoti)

Cloudbursts, flash floods hit HP; 4 killed, no trace of 49

Kullu: In almost a repeat of last year's monsoon, cloudbursts, floods, flash floods and landslides rained devastation Thursday on Himachal Pradesh, leaving at least four people dead and 49 missing, reports **Rohit Mullick**.

Apart from this, scores of houses and hydro projects were damaged and several vital roads, including the Chandigarh-Manali and Manali-Leh highway, were blocked. Three of the deaths occurred in Mandi and one in Kullu.

The cloudbursts in Kullu, Mandi and Shimla districts triggered flash floods, causing huge damage. Officials said the toll could rise.

Kullu and Mandi district authorities shut schools till Aug 2. CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu held an emergency meeting on Thursday to review the situation. In Kullu, a cloudburst in the upper Malana glen of Parvati valley triggered a flash flood in the Malana rivulet, damaging hydroelectric project sites. As many as 35 people, mostly employees, trapped in the Malana hydro project (Stage 1) were rescued by NDRF teams and police.

Cong candidate rigged H-1B lottery: Report

Hyderabad: Kandi Srinivasa Reddy, who contested the 2023 Telangana assembly elections from Adilabad on a Congress ticket, is facing allegations of rigging the US H-1B visa lottery system, reports **U Sudhakarreddy**.

Reddy denied rigging the system to favour clients of his staffing firm. A Bloomberg investigative report, though, alleges that Reddy submits multiple applications for each of his clients against the names of different firms, thereby increasing their chances of selection.

Reddy countered this saying that submitting multiple entries is legal and sought to know why he is being singled out when 5,000 other firms use the same strategy. He said his firms only secured 302 visas out of 4.25 lakh given out in the last five years.

Reddy, an NRI, founded Cloud Big Data Technologies LLC in 2013. Bloomberg's report says Reddy's firm, along with other entities he controls, submitted over 3,000 entries, securing a significant number of H-1B visas since 2020. The lottery, a crucial component of US foreign worker employment policy, is designed to allocate a limited number of visas to skilled workers. In 2023, 4.46 lakh people applied for just 85,000 available H-1B visas.

The report says over 11,600 visas went to multinational outsourcing firms and 22,600 to IT staffing firms, indicating widespread exploitation of America's H-1B visa policy.

Reddy: Allegations politically motivated

Speaking to **TOI**, Kandi Srinivasa Reddy said: "In the lottery system, you can enter any eligible candidate. The USCIS software allows multiple entries for the same candidate."

"The allegations are politically motivated and fuelled by my political opponents in Adilabad, and those one or two disgruntled elements who failed to get the lottery to the US joined hands with them," he said. TNN

HC relief for parents as kids file case on TV, mobile curbs

Indore: Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh high court has stayed proceedings in a case filed by siblings, aged 20 and 8, against their parents for not allowing them to watch TV and mobile, and for allegedly thrashing them.

On the basis of their complaint, police registered an FIR under such provisions of Juvenile Justice Act and IPC that the parents could land in jail for three years or more.

The father moved HC. His plea was being heard before the bench of Justice Vivek Rusia on July 25 when the respondent's counsel said, 15 minutes into the hearing, that he had not filed the 'vakalatnama' on behalf of respondent no. 2 (paternal aunt of the children).

"Had he disclosed it in the beginning, this court would not have heard the matter for more than 15 minutes," Justice Rusia said, and imposed a cost of Rs 1,000. "Proceedings of the trial court shall remain stayed," he added.

The siblings had filed the complaint at Chandan Nagar police station on Oct 25, 2021, accusing their parents of physical assault, abuse and wrongful confinement, the couple's counsel, advocate Dharmendra Choudhary said.

The children have been residing with their paternal aunt. TNN

NHAI officials denied HC shield for poor state of roads

Bhopal/Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh high court has refused to exempt two NHAI officials from prosecution for poor road maintenance, saying they are not entitled to protection of 'good faith' as they didn't do anything to repair damaged roads or regulate traffic on damaged roads so that motorists are not hurt.

The officials — NHAI project director for NH-7, I M Siddiqui, and manager (technical) M K Jain — had moved HC for quashing of an FIR registered against them on the basis of a complaint by a motorcyclist, who fell into a ditch on the pothole-riddled NH-7 and was injured. They face charges under IPC sections 431, 283, 290, 336 and 427.

The case dates to 2013 when a biker, Ashok Tiwari, lodged a complaint at Dhuma police station in MP's Seoni district that he fell into a ditch on NH-7 while returning from Banjari village.

The NHAI officials, however, contended that they are exempt from prosecution in such cases as they are under protection of 'good faith' clause under section 28 of NHAI Act, 1988. High court, however, said that the officials don't deserve this protection and asked the trial court to proceed with prosecution. Justice G S Ahluwalia's order points out that the case is already 11 years old, and asked the trial court to dispose of it in a year. TNN

Leave Lebanon, mission tells Indians amid growing unrest

New Delhi: The Indian embassy in Beirut strongly advised Indian nationals to leave Lebanon amid growing Israel-Hezbollah tensions. In an advisory, it also asked Indians to not travel to the country till further notice.

According to the MEA country brief on Lebanon that was last updated in Oct, 2023, there are nearly 4,000 Indian nationals in Lebanon, with a majority of them employed as workers in companies, construction sector and agricultural farms.

Since the Hamas terror attack on Israel last year in Oct, violence has flared across the border between Israeli troops and Hezbollah. Media reports in Lebanon said Thursday that several civilians were killed in an Israeli strike on a southern Lebanon village.

On Tuesday, Israel targeted Hezbollah's top military commander Fouad Shukur in a strike in southern Beirut. Israel later confirmed that it had killed Shukur, who it said was behind the weekend rocket attack in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights that killed 12 youths.

"In view of the recent developments and potential threats in the region, Indian nationals are strongly advised against travelling to Lebanon till further notice," the Indian embassy in Beirut said in an advisory, adding all Indian nationals are also advised to leave Lebanon. TNN

CORPORATE BUZZ

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SCOPE organises workshop

Standing Conference of Public Enterprises (SCOPE), in association with GIZ, recently organised a workshop on "The Role of Climate Co-Benefit Methodologies for Strengthening Climate Action by Indian Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs)". The workshop was inaugurated by Sandeep Kumar Gupta, Chairman, SCOPE and CMD, GAIL (India), in the presence of Taina Dyckhoff, Head of Division Climate and Environment, German Embassy; Atul Sobti, Director General, SCOPE; and Sujoy Choudhury, Chairman, SCOPE Sustainability Committee and Climate



Change and Director, IOCL. The workshop was attended by several executives from 22 PSEs across the country. SCOPE has over the past few years worked incessantly towards creating awareness and capacitating PSEs in green skills. Nation-wide workshops constitute a pertinent part of SCOPE's endeavour in sharpening green skills of PSEs, to create a workforce with technical knowledge and commitment to a sustainable tomorrow.

BIS Ghaziabad creates awareness on hallmarking

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Ghaziabad branch successfully organised a hallmarking awareness programme for the jewellers of Rampur. Organised in collaboration with Rampur Jewellers Association, the programme was aimed at educating the consumers and industry players about the importance of hallmarking and its benefits. About 75 jewellers



from Rampur attended the programme. The jewellers were also informed about the government's initiative to promote hallmarking. Interactive sessions were also held to address queries and concerns of the jewellers, thereby promoting a healthy dialogue between the regulatory body and industry stakeholders.

ESIC recruits 1221 doctors in last two months

With an aim to provide better medical facilities, Employees' State Insurance Scheme (ESIC) has approved the recruitment of 1221 doctors in different medical cadres in the last two months. About 860 general duty medical officers (GDMOs), 330 assistant professors and 31 specialists have been recruited. Further, the examination for filling 1930 vacancies in the nursing cadre has been conducted by UPSC and the recruitment process will be completed soon. ESIC has also completed the recruitment process of 20 junior engineers (electrical) and 57 junior engineers (civil) and appointment letters on recommendation of UPSC have been issued in this month.

MDNIY holds a special lecture on yoga and diet

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) recently organised a special lecture on the significance of yoga and ahaar (diet). Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, Director, MDNIY,



extended a warm welcome to Prof. Kamlesh Kumar Sharma, former professor at National Institute of Ayurveda (NIA), Jaipur, who was invited to deliver the lecture. Prof Sharma elaborated on important aspects regarding diet such as when to have meals, what to have in meals, how much to eat, and in what manner. He also emphasised the importance of a balanced diet in enhancing the benefits of yoga practices. Participants, including yoga practitioners and students were engaged in a meaningful session where attendees expressed their appreciation for the valuable insights and practical tips shared by the expert.

ICG deploys DRT to Wayanad

In response to the landslide disaster in Wayanad, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) district headquarters (Kerala and Mahe) and ICG Station Beypore have dispatched disaster relief teams (DRT) to the affected area. The teams are mobilised to provide immediate relief and support to the communities impacted by the disaster. The relief team comprises highly trained ICG personnel and a dedicated medical team. The team is equipped with essential disaster relief materials such as rubber inflatable boats for rescue operations, diesel-driven pumps to manage water and drainage issues, life jackets for safety, raincoats and gumboots for personnel protection in adverse weather conditions and other earth-clearing implements for clearing debris and accessing affected areas. In addition to this, ICG has dispatched food materials, drinking water, and other essential supplies to support the affected population.



APPOINTMENT



Sanjay Shukla takes charge as MD of National Housing Bank: Sanjay Shukla has officially assumed the role of Managing Director (MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB). A Chartered Accountant with over 30 years of extensive experience in housing and retail asset finance, Shukla has a proven track record of leading and transforming financial institutions. He began his career in 1991 as an officer at LIC Housing Finance Limited. Prior to his appointment at NHB, Shukla served as the founding MD and CEO of Centrum Housing Finance Limited (CHFL) since October 2016. Before CHFL, he was the Managing Director & CEO of Cent Bank Home Finance Ltd. (CBHFL), where he successfully turned around the company and tripled the company's assets under management and improved asset quality within just three years.

BJP reaches out to HDK, JDS to join anti-Sidda march

Shift In Stance After BJP Brass Meets Ex-CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



JDS Kumaraswamy and BJP's Yediyurappa will launch the padayatra on Aug 3

Bengaluru/New Delhi: In a dramatic U-turn, JDS on Thursday announced it will join BJP padayatra from Bengaluru to Mysuru, after the saffron party's top brass moved quickly to pacify the regional outfit's Karnataka chief, HD Kumaraswamy.

The 7-day padayatra, to begin from Aug 3, was called to press for a CBI probe into the alleged MUDA scam involving Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah's wife, BM Parvathi, and to mount pressure on the CM to quit.

JDS's shift in stance followed a meeting in Delhi of BJP top brass, including Amit Shah, national general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Radha Mohan Das Agarwal, and Union food & civil supplies minister Pralhad Joshi with Kumaraswamy, also Union minister for steel. Later, BJP state chief BY Vijayendra said, Kumaraswamy and ex-CM BS Yediyurappa, Vijayendra's father, will launch the padayatra.

"Whatever differences we had were ironed out," said Vijayendra. Sources said Kumaraswamy agreed to extend support to the march after BJP agreed to keep Preetham J Gowda, BJP state general secretary & ex-Hassan MLA, out of padayatra. Asked if Preetham would participate, Vijayendra said: "You will see on Aug 3." "BJP does not give importance to individuals. It's always about organisation," Agarwal said.

Barely 24 hours earlier, Kumaraswamy had lashed out at its ally, declaring that his party will not participate in the padayatra nor extend moral support. He said it was impossible for him to share dais with Preetham, whom he accused of distributing pendrives of sex videos involving his nephew Prajwal Revanna.

Thakur takes 'privileged' dig at Congress over caste row

New Delhi: Former Union minister Anurag Thakur whose "those whose caste is not known" jibe in LS has angered Rahul Gandhi and Congress, dismissed opposition's protests and accused them of being "entitled" with a chip on their shoulder.

"They feel only they can ask questions as they are privileged. They are those whose ancestors used to call backward class people, 'buddhu'... & make excuses for not giving equality to Dalits and tribals," he said. Thakur's statement has sparked sharp reactions from Congress which dubbed his remarks as "questioning caste of Rahul" even as the BJP MP had not taken any name.

"They are angry because of the entitlement chip on their shoulder, their conviction that while they have right to abuse everybody else, others cannot put a legitimate question to the 'family'," said Thakur.

"Rahul ji and Congress should read late Rajiv Gandhi's interview in Navbharat Times published on March 3, 1985 published under "No promotion of intellectuals in the name of reservation" caption where the former PM had said he will not promote fools in the name of reservation," Thakur said.

He said the "very intelligent son" of the ex-PM should tell this country why backward class was considered "buddhu" in the eyes of his father? TNN

Centre rolls back duty on lab chems to 10% from 150%

Hemali Chhapia | TNN

Mumbai: In a win for the scientific community, finance ministry has rolled back a customs duty hike levied on lab chemicals. In the recent Union Budget, govt had hiked customs duty on lab chemicals from 10% to 150%, throwing research budgets astray.

TOI, on July 31, had reported that customs duty on close to 40,000 items had swelled from 10% to 150%. Late on Wednesday, the ministry said all chemicals, barring undenatured ethyl alcohol, meant for research and development will continue to only attract 10% customs duty.

"Centre, on being satisfied that it is necessary in public interest to do so, hereby makes the following amendment," said the notification,which came into force on Thursday. "All goods (excluding undenatured ethyl alcohol of any alcoholic strength) for use in laboratory or research and development purposes" shall attract 10% customs duty."



Additionally, a penalty clause has been drawn up for those trying to import these chemicals fraudulently as meant for research.

The importer has to submit an undertaking before deputy commissioner of customs or assistant commissioner of customs that the goods imported shall be for use in labs or for research and development purposes "and shall not be sold or traded after import".

If the chemicals are found in use for other purposes, higher rate of customs duty will be levied. The amendment slashing customs duty was welcomed by the scientific community.

Denied mobile, boy kills self: A 13-year-old boy died by suicide after his father refused to give him mobile phone in Chhattisgarh's Bilaspur district on Wednesday. TNN

Lt-Gen Sadhna Saxena Nair is first woman to take over as DGMS, Army



New Delhi: Lt-Gen **Sadhna Saxena Nair** on Thursday took over as director general medical services (DGMS, Army), becoming the first woman doctor to be appointed to the position. A woman, surgeon Vice-Admiral Arti Sarin, is already DGMS (Navy).

Lt-Gen Nair, who also has distinction of three generations of her family having served in IAF over the last seven decades, was promoted to three-star rank of an Air Marshal (military doctors can be posted to another service) and took over as the director-general of hospital services (armed forces) in Oct last year.

She and her husband Air Marshal K P Nair, a fighter pilot who retired as IAF director-general of inspection and flight safety in 2015, had then attained the distinction of being a three-star general couple, as was then reported by **TOI**. TNN

Complainant in land case tied to Vadra hasn't joined probe: IG

Chandigarh: Complainant in the FIR pertaining to suspected irregularities in a Gurgaon land deal in which Congress' Sonia Gandhi's son-in-law Robert Vadra, ex-Haryana CM Bhupinder Singh Hooda and others are accused has not joined the investigation, Haryana police IGP (crime) Ashok Kumar, while submitting a progress report, told Punjab & Haryana HC, reports **Ajay Sura**.

Surender Sharma, the complainant, did not respond to notices served on May 12 and July 17. Similarly, Gobind Kumar Goyal, ex-director, S Onkareshwar Private Properties, evaded notices served to him asking him to join the probe on April 25 and May 15. SIT has now issued fresh notices.

On April 25, Dhare Singh, ex-CTP, Haryana, joined the investigation. On May 9, based on the reply submitted by him, some queries were put to Haryana CTP on email. The response is awaited. The IGP has informed HC that a letter was sent to Gurgaon district collector to seek the legality of sale deed No. 4928 dated Feb 12, 2008, but no answer has been received.

On Sept 1, 2018 an FIR was registered at Kherki Daula police station in Gurgaon on complaint of Sharma, a resident of Tauru, that a company belonging to Vadra's Skylight Hospitality allegedly cheated him and others. Hooda was also named in the FIR.

Police have to submit a status report of the case before HC which is hearing a PIL for expeditious disposal of matters in which former or sitting MLAs/MPs were involved. Since Hooda was also facing an FIR in the case, the probe agency has to apprise the HC on every hearing date regarding progress in the case.

Former RS MP Mohanta joins BJP day after exit from BJD

New Delhi: A day after quitting BJD "for being neglected" and resigning as Rajya Sabha MP, Mamata Mohanta, a prominent member of the Kudumi community of Odisha's Mayurbhanj, joined BJP on Thursday.

With Mohanta's exit, BJD's strength in RS has dropped to eight. There are 10 RS seats in Odisha. BJD does not have any MP in LS. She joined BJP in the presence of party national general secretary Arun Singh and Odisha in-charge Vijaypal Singh Tomar. "Service to people is my first aim, I was being neglected in BJD for quite some time. I joined BJP because I felt that I can achieve my goals here," she said. TNN

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Manju

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Name of work with its location	(A)	Estimates for Repair & Maintenance of Parks under ADEN/Hort./NDLS		
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	(C)	Annual maintenance of Lawn/Parks and hedges in the S/o SSE/Hort./DKZ under ADEN/Hort./NDLS.		
	(D)	Covering of open nallha with RCC slab and provision of RCC culvert box at Tilak Bridge Railway Colony in the s/o SSE/W/BH under ADEN/E-III.		
	(E)	Repair and maintenance of parking areas, walking pathway. jogging track, Highrise fencing and extension of terrace area and other allied works in Rail Eco Park in the S/O SSE/W/SMM under ADEN/E-III.		
	(F)	Improvement to road surface and drainage system boundary wall between PK road railway colony & NRCH up to block 141 and in the campus of P.K road colony in the section of SSE/W/PG under ADENE-I.		
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	(C)	Rs. 6999975.29	(D)	Rs. 19999966.55
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	(G)	Rs. 19999993.16		
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	(C)	Rs. 140000.00	(D)	Rs. 250000.00
	(E)	Rs. 227500.00	(F)	Rs. 200000.00
	(G)	Rs. 250000.00		
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	(C)	20 Months	(D)	08 Months
	(E)	06 Months	(F)	08 Months
	(G)	08 Months		
Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender		Closing date of tender on 23.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs		
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Payment of Application Fees/Intimation Charges (Online)	01.08.2024 to 21.08.2024	01.08.2024 to 21.08.2024
Conduct of Pre-Exam Training •	September 2024	___
Online Examination – Preliminary	October 2024	November 2024
Result of Online exam – Preliminary	November 2024	November/ December 2024
Online Examination – Main	November 2024	December 2024
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DIRECTOR

Acute Encephalitis Syndrome killed 59 kids in last 2 months, Guj reported 140 of 148 cases

New Delhi: As many as 59 children under 15 years of age have died across India due to Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (AES) which causes inflammation of the brain in the last two months, govt confirmed.

As per health ministry, India has reported 148 AES cases from early June onwards, 140 cases from 24 districts of Gujarat, four from MP, three from Rajasthan and one from Maharashtra. Of total cases reported, 59 have died, the ministry said on Thursday. It added: "Chandipura virus (CHPV) is confirmed in 51 cases."

She added that director general of health services (DGHS) and director, NCDC and DG ICMR held a joint meeting to review AES and CHPV cases on Thursday.

An official said a national joint outbreak response team has been deployed to assist the Gujarat govt in undertaking public health measures and for conducting a detailed epidemiological investigation into the outbreak. TNN

CBI files chargesheet in NEET-UG paper leak case, names 13

New Delhi: Using artificial intelligence and advanced forensics, CBI has filed its first chargesheet in NEET-UG paper leak case against 13 accused, reports **Rajshekhar Jha**.

The leak was 'localised' and happened at Oasis school in Hazaribagh, CBI said in its report, sources said. Probe against key accused and masterminds is still on and they don't figure in this chargesheet. The chargesheet comes within one-and-a-half months of the agency taking over the investigation. The case, initially registered in Patna on May 5 was transferred to CBI on June 23. CBI said it had arrested 40 individuals, including the 15 people apprehended by Bihar Police initially, in connection with the case till now and conducted searches at 58 locations.

The charges invoked in the police's report include criminal conspiracy, destruction of evidence, and various other offenses under IPC.

The accused named in the chargesheet have different roles which has been elaborated in it.

"The examinees were then made to memorise the answers before they appeared for the exam on May 5," says the chargesheet.

CBI has listed CCTV footage and corroborates them with the tower location analysis to establish their case. These techniques along with AI driven programmes were used to gather evidence against the accused.

Univs can hold own tests if seats vacant after CUET: UGC

New Delhi: University Grants Commission (UGC) announced on Thursday that central universities have the option to conduct their own entrance exams or admit students based on marks in the qualifying exam if seats remain vacant in undergraduate and postgraduate courses after admissions through Common University Entrance Test (CUET). It emphasised that CUET scores will remain the primary criteria for student admission.

According to SOP issued by UGC for central universities to fill their vacant seats, even aspirants who had appeared for CUET but had not applied to the respective universities earlier "may also be considered".

UGC chairperson M Jagadesh Kumar said: "Seats remain vacant in some central universities even after three or four rounds of counselling. To keep the seats vacant for an entire academic year is not only a waste of resources but also results in denial of quality higher education to many students who aspire to pursue higher studies in central universities."

He added, "Hence, in order to facilitate the universities to fill up their vacant seats, SOPs have been formulated. Students who appeared in CUET, but may or may not have applied to the respective university for the courses or programmes earlier may also be considered." TNN

UIDAI can disclose missing person's info in sealed cover: HC

New Delhi: UIDAI can be directed to disclose to court data of a missing person in a sealed cover in exceptional circumstances, the Delhi HC said.

While dealing with a habeas corpus case where aadhaar details of an untraceable person had been changed, HC pointed out that a sense of urgency is needed for courts to act in such cases. UIDAI can be directed to provide data in such cases, HC said.

A bench of Justice Prathiba M Singh and Amit Sharma said considering urgency of the matter & to safeguard the individual, HC can direct UIDAI "to disclose the data to court in a sealed cover, even without being afforded a prior hearing." Citing an SC judgement, the bench said it was a settled proposition that data provided to UIDAI while making aadhaar card was the personal information of an individual. HC said: "The same (data) needs to be maintained with confidentiality. Under normal circumstances, data given by any individual for preparing aadhaar card would be the personal data of an individual and would be governed by the law of privacy. However, sometimes there are exceptions."

The plea was filed by a woman seeking direction to police to produce her mother, missing since May 2019. The petitioner said though the mother had been missing for over five years, her aadhaar data had been updated. TNN

Cabinet may consider today ₹50k cr plan to build 8 key highways

New Delhi: Cabinet is likely to take up eight major highway development proposals worth around Rs 50,000 crore for approval on Friday. These projects are spread across Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and West Bengal, reports **Dipak Dash**.

TOI has learnt that the projects include 68-km Ayodhya Bypass, 121-km Guwahati Ring Road, 516-km Kharagpur-Siliguri expressway, 6-lane Agra Gwalior greenfield highway (88 km) and an 30-km long elevated highway having eight lanes between Nasik and Khed (Pune). All the projects will be built on public private partnership (PPP) mode, sources said. NHAI has invited bids for most of these projects and has held rounds of meetings with highway developers to elicit more interest among them.

Since all these big projects cost more than Rs 1,000 crore under PPP needs to be appraised by inter-ministerial panel of PPPAC and must get the cabinet's approval for bidding. "There are some players who are keen to take up only PPP projects. We have got good feedback. Once the cabinet gives its nod, we will go ahead with awarding them," an official said.

Meanwhile, sources said govt may not give umbrella approval for any highway development scheme in the near future like "Bharatmala", meaning the road transport and highways ministry will need to send each project costing more than Rs 1,000 crore to cabinet for approval.

SEBI भारतीय प्रतिभूति और विनिमय बोर्ड
Securities and Exchange Board of India

HEARING NOTICE

It is hereby informed that Show Cause Notice (SCN) was issued to the Noticee mentioned in the table below. The said SCN could not be served at the last known addresses available on records and was served vide public notice on July 05, 2024. The details of the SCN are provided in the table below:

S. No.	Name of Noticee	Addresses of Noticee	Case Name	Show Cause Notice No. & Date
1.	Ms. Amber Zaidi	D-9, Okhla Vihar, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi- 110025	M/s. Parsoli Corporation Limited	SEBI/HO/CFD/SEC-1/OW/P/05300/5 dated February 08, 2023

Subsequently, the competent authority has granted the opportunity of Personal Hearing to the Noticee on **August 07, 2024** at **02:30 P.M.** through video conference on **Zoom Platform.**

The Noticee is hereby advised to collect the SCN and details of hearing from Corporation Finance Department (CFD), Securities and Exchange Board of India, SEBI Bhavan, Plot C4-A, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai-400051. Noticee may also download copies of SCN from website of SEBI (www.sebi.gov.in) under the head "Unserved Summons/ Notices" and obtain detalis of hearing through video conference on Zoom platform by sending a request to e-mail- chetanchoraria@sebi.gov.in or nirmalm@sebi.gov.in. Reply by the Noticee, if any, may be filed at least four days prior to the date of personal hearing.

In case reply is not received or the Noticee or authorized representative fails to appear for hearing, SEBI shall proceed further in the matter on the basis of material available on record.

Date: 23.07.2024
Place: Mumbai

Chetan Choraria
Assistant Manager

CBC 15204/11/0075/2425

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)

NO: OIRDS/2024-25/EOI/EDUCATION/001

EMPANELMENT OF A REPUTED ORGANIZATION/AGENCY WORKING IN STEM EDUCATION OR ANY OTHER INTERVENTION FOR PROMOTING ICT IN RURAL SCHOOLS OF ASSAM, ARUNACHAL PRADESH AND TRIPURA IN NORTHEAST INDIA OR ANY OTHER AREAS

Oil India Rural Development Society (OIRDS) invites sealed Expression of Interest (EoI) from reputed Trust/ NGOs/ Societies/ Foundations/ Section 8 Companies, etc. having CSR Form-1 registration for selecting as a partner for implementing need based educational interventions by setting up of STEM Tinkering & Robotics Labs in rural government schools.

1. OIRDS is intending to partner with a reputed organization/agency working in STEM Education for setting up of STEM Tinkering Labs, Robotics Labs including infrastructure for such labs along with Teacher Training or any other intervention for promoting ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in rural schools of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura in Northeast India or any other areas as per need for classes VI to X as per New National Education Policy 2020.
2. **The EoI document may be requested by interested organizations/agencies by writing an e-mail to oirds.djn@gmail.com with the subject mentioning the EoI no.**
3. The organizations/agencies who fulfils the eligibility criteria may submit their EoI in a sealed envelope along with copies of supporting documents in the address given below **mentioning the EoI no. and subject as "EoI for setting up of STEM Tinkering Labs, Robotics Labs including furniture for such labs along with Teacher Training and other services in rural schools"** on the top cover.

President
Oil India Rural Development Society
Centre of Excellence Building, Tipling Tinali
Duliajan, Assam 786602

4. **The last date of submission of EoI is by 19th August 2024 (Monday) by 15:30 hrs. For any queries contact: 0374-2807279/ 2808504/ 2807284 or e-mail to oirds.djn@gmail.com**

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in two stage tender system from eligible contractors for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount
Office of the Chief Engineer (Project), 3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr&DCW)/864/2024-25		**Date:30.07.2024**
1	Transaction Advisory Services for selection of an Agency for Rejuvenation of Arkavathy River upto TG Halli based on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.	Rs. 310.94 Lakhs / Rs. 4.67 Lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr&DCW)/865/2024-25		**Date:30.07.2024**
2	Transaction Advisory services for selection of an agency for installation, commissioning and performance evaluation of AI enabled smart water meters on pilot project within an existing DMA in Bengaluru, on Public Private Partnership (PPP) model.	Rs. 297.61 lakhs / Rs. 4.45 lakhs

Last date for receipt of tenders : **16.08.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.** Technical Tenders will be opened on: **17.08.2024 after 16.30 Hrs.**

IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(P)-1/867/2024-25		**Date:30.07.2024**
3	Providing underground drainage to Holiday village main road starting from Kanakapura main road to Mallasandra village, where BBMP has proposed white topping.	Rs. 457.05 lakhs / Rs. 6.86 lakhs
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(P)-1/868/2024-25		**Date:30.07.2024**
4	Providing 250 mm dia DWC pipeline along Hennur Bagalur main road coming under EE(P)-2 Division (White Topping).	Rs. 458.27 lakhs / Rs. 6.88 lakhs

Last date for receipt of tenders : **16.08.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.** Bids will be opened on: **17.08.2024 after 16.00 Hrs.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Project)

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bangalore - 560 009.		
IFT No.:BWSSB/EIC/(CE(E)/ACE(E)-2/DCE(M)-I/TA(E)/1896/2024-25		**Date: 29.07.2024**
5	Providing and Laying of RCC 300mm dia sanitary line of 10C flyover area pertaining to Lingarajapura S/s of AEE(E)-2-2 sub division.	Rs. 133.17 Lakhs / Rs. 2.35 Lakhs
6	Providing and laying 300mm dia RCC NP3 class sewer pipeline at Nehru road Hennur road to Kullappa circle pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division	Rs. 117.84 Lakhs / Rs. 2.08 Lakhs
7	Providing and laying 300mm dia RCC NP3 class sewer pipeline at Hennur 80ft main road from Hennur junction ORR to Lingarajapuram flyover pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs. 161.02 Lakhs / Rs. 2.85 Lakhs
8	Providing and laying 300mm dia RCC NP3 class sewer pipeline at Nagawara main road from ORR to Shampur road junction pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs. 161.03 Lakhs / Rs. 2.85 Lakhs
9	Providing and laying 300mm dia RCC NP3 class sewer pipeline at Kammanahalli road: 10C flyover to ORR pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs. 150.83 Lakhs / Rs. 2.66 Lakhs
10	Providing and laying 300mm dia RCC NP3 class sewer pipeline at Govindapura road Veerannapalya service road junction to HBR 1st main service road (ORR) pertaining to AEE(E)-2-1 sub division.	Rs. 227.25 Lakhs / Rs. 4.02 Lakhs

Last date for receipt of tenders : **17.08.2024 upto 16:00 Hrs.** Technical Tenders will be opened on: **19.08.2024 after 11.00 Hrs.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (East)

The details regarding the tender and participatin in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/JA/1178/2024-25

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-mail: ceworldbankprojects@gmail.com
Bid Identification No. CE-(Bridges) - 03 / 2024-25

1. The Chief Engineer (Bridges), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for construction of Road & Bridge work as detailed below:
2. Nature of work : Bridge work
3. No. of work : 01 no.
4. Tender cost : Rs.10,000.00 (on-line)
5. Class of Contractor : A / Special Class Contractor
6. Available of bid document in the website : From 10.00 AM of 09.08.2024 to 5.00 PM of 30.08.2024
7. Date of opening of Bid : Dt.31.08.2024 at 11.30 AM
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: **https://tenderodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, Bridges,
Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34174/11/0011/24-25

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANS. LINE MAINTT. DIV-III JKPTCL UDHAMPUR

Email: tlmdudh@gmail.com **Fax: 01992-270287**
No:-TLMD-III/Udh/1832-34
Dated : - 29/07/2024

Corrigendum Notice no:-1

Ref:- 1. e- NIT No: - TLMD-III/UDH/04 of 2024-25 dated: -11-07-2024

On the request of prospective bidders and keeping in view the nature of work,

1. The Corrigendum to the Terms and conditions of Standard Bidding Document is appended herewith as **Annexure-A which can be downloaded from jktenders website.**
2. The last date of bid submission and opening of tender is extended as under

Extension Period: -

1.	e-bid submission end date and time	**08-08-2024 up to 3:00 PM**
2.	Date and time of opening of techno commercial bid	**09-08-2024 up to 3:00 PM**
3.	Online Financial e-bid opening date and time	Will be communicated to techno-Commercially qualified bidders

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Executive Engineer
TLMD-III Udhampur

DIP No:DIP/J-1393-P/24/31/07/2024.

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER TRANS. LINE MAINTT. DIV-III JKPTCL UDHAMPUR

Email: tlmdudh@gmail.com **Fax: 01992-270287**
No:-TLMD-III/Udh/1835-37
Dated : - 29/07/2024

Corrigendum Notice no:-1

Ref:- 1. e- NIT No: - TLMD-III/UDH/05 of 2024-25 dated: -11-07-2024

On the request of prospective bidders and keeping in view the nature of work,

1. The Corrigendum to the Terms and conditions of Standard Bidding Document is appended herewith as **Annexure-A which can be downloaded from jktenders website.**
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Executive Engineer
TLMD-III Udhampur

DIP No:DIP/J-1391-P/24/31/07/2024.

Govt. of Bihar

Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC),
2nd Flood, Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Anisabad, Patna-800002,
Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar

Expression of Interest (EOI)
For
Engagement of Individual Consultant (Project Management Advisor)
under
Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Modernization Project (BWSIMP)

Ref No.: PMA/BWSIMP/EOI/06/2024-25

1. The proposed Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Modernization Project (BWSIMP) will cover the state of Bihar, focusing more on districts impacted by flood, water-logging and drought. As the project title suggests, the GoB has embarked upon a new path of water resources management. This is a comprehensive initiative covers efficient irrigation and flood risk management and drought proofing through multi-stakeholder participation in planning and management, after needed institutional strengthening and capacity building exercise. The project will ensure positive economic and environmental outcomes for the state. It would enable completion of the Kosi Canal Project, restore age-old dams and protect river embankments. Additionally, it includes crucial projects of intra-linking of rivers, not only to control of excess water flow from major rivers to mitigate floods but also to provide irrigation source for drought districts. The project would employ new techniques for long-term protection of river embankments. Furthermore, advanced measures will be implemented in vulnerable areas along rivers to safeguard them for long-term erosion.
2. Joint Director, Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC), Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar now invites eligible 'Individual Consultant' to provide advice, support and assistance to Project Management Unit (PMU) and Project Implementation Units (PIU) in carrying out their duties and responsibilities to ensure that BWSIMP activities are planned and properly implemented to achieve BWSIMP project objectives, overseeing project timelines, budget management, resource allocation, risk assessment, stakeholder communication, supervise project teams, facilitate collaboration and resolve any issues that arise during the project lifecycle.
3. The Terms of Reference (ToR) consisting of eligibility criteria, functions and responsibilities for **Project Management Advisor** can be viewed on websites https://wrd.bihar.gov.in/ and https://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/
4. FMISC, Patna invites interested candidates to submit Curriculum Vitae (CV) from individuals to indicate their interest for the above specialist position. Interested Individuals must submit their CV in **Format-1** that contains information indicating qualification to perform the services as **Project management Advisor**. The CV format can be downloaded from the websites https://wrd.bihar.gov.in/ **or** https://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/
5. The individual will be selected in accordance with procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Fifth Edition, September 2023.
6. Interested individual may obtain further information at the address given below from 10:00-17:00 hours (IST) on all working days. This notice has also been posted on websites https://wrd.bihar.gov.in/andhttps://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/
7. The CV along with all relevant documents must be submitted in a closed envelope superscribed ***"Expression of Project Management Advisor under BWSIMP"*** and be delivered to the address below by **not later than 15:00 hours (IST) on 19-08-2024**. In case this last date being declared as holiday by the State Government, due last date for submission of above CV will be the next working day up till the same appointment time. The Expression of Interests received till the appointed time and date shall be opened same day at 15:30 hours Server time.

Joint Director,
Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC),
2nd Flood, Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Anisabad, Patna-800002,
Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar,
Tele fax: +(91)612-225699, Telephone: +(91)612-2254802
E-mail: fmiscbihar@gmail.com

PR- 05129 (W R D) 2024-25

Joint Director
FMISC, WRD, Patna

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala-147001.
Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact No. 96461-18774)

Tender Enquiry No. MQP-239/2024-25/PR | Dated: 01.08.2024

CE/Metering, PSPCL, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala invites E-tender for procurement of 1,44,000 no. 1-in-1 Polycarbonate Meter Boxes (Cabinets) for incorporating Single Phase Energy Meters. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 01.08.2024 (03:00 PM onwards).

Note: Corrigendum and amendments, if any, will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in

C-521/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3212/2023/36277

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
(Phone No. 01881-275289**) E-mail :** se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in

E-Tender (Short Term) Enq. No. 539/P-2/EMPW-12715 Dated 05.07.2024

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Rupnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_124154_1 for Repair/Overhauling including replacement of spares 02 no. Transmission Assemblies of Sr. No. 384A94 and Sr. no. 2523B13 of BEML make Bulldozer Model BD-155 as per tender specifications.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 29.07.2024 onwards.

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

RTP-70/24, DPR/Pb.:76155/12/3213/2023/36278

SEARCH FOR MISSING



Sat Narayan@Ajay

General Public is hereby informed that one male person **Namely: Sat Narayan@Ajay, S/o:** Bindeshwar **R/o:** H. No. A-41 B, Block-A, Rajeev Nagar, Phase-2, Begum Pur, North West Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 41 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Face:** Gole **Complexion:** Shallow,, **Built:** Long **Wearing:** Green Colour Shirt, Black Colour Pant. has been missing since 16.07.2024 from A-41 B, Block-A, Rajeev nagar, Phase-2, Begum Pur, North West Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Police Station Begum Pur Delhi, In this regard **DD No. 106A Date: 16.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Begum Pur Delhi,**

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing male but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing male. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **SHO**
Fax: 011-24368639 **P.S.: Begum Pur Delhi,**
DP/10028/RD/2024 **Mobile: 9311439793**

NATIONAL EDUCATION SOCIETY FOR TRIBAL STUDENTS (NESTS)

An Autonomous Organisation under Ministry of Tribal Affairs

NESTS invites **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from core academic firms or bodies to assist in planning and execution at the ground/school level, aiming to enhance academic performance and foster the holistic development of tribal students in EMRSs. Interested Agencies may submit their detailed proposal at **nests.learning@gmail.com**, on or before **31.08.2024.** Details of EOI can be viewed at NESTS website **https://emrs.tribal.gov.in**.

Joint Commissioner
NESTS, New Delhi

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि.

(उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार का उपक्रम) CIN : U15209UP1976SGC004285
कार्यालय महाप्रबन्धक, जोन-2, 14-चन्द्रशेखरनगर कालोनी, तुला शेरपुर, संजयनगर बाईपास, बरेली-243122. ई-मेल : gm2.uppclbly@gmail.com

ISO 9001 : 2015

पत्रांक : 146/पीसीएल/जी.एम./जोन-2/प्रकाशन दिनांक : 31.07.2024

अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना

जनपद सम्भल में स्पोर्ट्स स्टेडियम के निर्माण कार्य हेतु अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं0 **06/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BLY/2024-25** दिनांक **31.07.2024** आमंत्रित की जाती है। उक्त निविदा **http://etender.up.nic.in** की वेबसाइट पर दिनांक **02.08.2024** से दिनांक **22.08.2024** के अपराह्न **01:00** बजे तक डाउनलोड/अपलोड की जा सकती है। ई-निविदा से सम्बन्धित अन्य विवरण, नियम एवं शर्तें कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट **www.upprojects.org** पर दिनांक **02.08.2024** से देखी जा सकती है।

महाप्रबन्धक, जोन-2, बरेली

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
(Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813)
Website : www.pspcl.in, Contact No. 0164-2756446

Dy. Chief Engineer/ C&I Circle, O&M, GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-Tender for the work of:

1	**Tender Enquiry No. 370/GHTP/Dy.CE/C&I/FSSS/AMC/15 Dated 31/07/2024** Routine, Breakdown, Periodical / Preventive Maintenance and shutdown overhauling of C&I Equipments / instruments installed in FSSS, ASLD, Local PLC systems, Local Gauges, H2 Plant, Ash Water Recovery System etc. at Stage-1 (2x210 MW) & Stage-2 (2x250 MW) Guru Hargobind Thermal Plant Lehra Mohabbat, Distt. Bathinda (Punjab), as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year.

For detailed NIT & tender specifications, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 31/07/2024 from 17:00 Hrs onwards.

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

GHTP 63/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/3211/2023/36276

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Devesh Kumar Govil, S/o:** Kishan Chand **M/s:** VHH Beverages Pvt Ltd. R2- A-167 Kh No- 27/6/2 Prem Nagar Najafgarh, **R/o: 2** JR - MIG Shankar Nagar Tehasil Huzur Distt Bhopal, **MP**. has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 2971/17, 2967/17, 2972/17, U/s 07/16 & 26/59 Pss Act, P.S.: Najafgarh, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Devesh Kumar Govil** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Devesh Kumar Govil** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Devesh Kumar Govil** of **CC No. 2971/17, 2967/17, 2972/17, U/s 07/16 & 26/59 Pss Act, P.S.: Najafgarh, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **03.09.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Abhishek Kumar
ACMM-01 Court No. 2 Main Building
Patiala House Court, New Delhi.

DP/10077/DW/2024
(Court Matter)

U.P. RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.

HARDUAGANJ THERMAL POWER STATION
KASIMPUR (ALIGARH)

E- TENDER NOTICE

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SE-OMCV,CHC, HTPS, KASIMPUR

1- Tender Notice No.: ET-06/OMCV/CHC/CHD-II/HTPS/2024-25; "Round the clock operation and maintenance of complete coal handling plant including, housekeeping, stonepicking, locomotives bulldozers, etc of 2x250MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Estimated Cost: Rs. 15,49,41,320.00 Period of Work: Two Year. Earnest Money: Rs. 30,98,900.00 (Refundable). Date of submission of E-tender 30.08.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs., Date of Hard copy submission 30.08.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, SE-O&MC-V, 'E'TPS, HTPS, KASIMPUR

2- Tender Notice No.: ET-01/ O&MC-V/ CHD-II/ 'E'HTPS/2024-25; "Round the Clock Operation and maintenance Works of Complete Coal Handling Plant including Locomotive, Bulldozer and etc. of 1x660 MW Harduaganj thermal Power Station, Extn-II, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Estimated Cost: Rs. 14,28,00,000.00 Period of Work: Two Year. Earnest Money: Rs. 28,60,000.00 (Refundable). Date of submission of E-tender 30.08.2024 up to 14:00 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, HQ, Hdj., Kasimpur, Aligarh, U.P:

3- E-Tender No.- ET- 01 /EMD-III/SE(HQ)/HTPS/2024-25- Online e-bids are invited for the work of "Round The Clock breakdown Maintenance of 11/ 0.4kv System of colony area and preventive maintenance of 11/0.4KV line and system". E-Tender will be uploaded up to 31.07.2024 on http://etenderup.nic.in, Estimated cost of work Rs. 32,09,865.00 only, Time Period: 12 Month. Earnest Money: Rs. 33000.00 Last date of tender 31.08.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.

4- E-Tender No.- ET- 02 /EMD-III/SE(HQ)/HTPS/2024-25- Online e-bids are invited for the work of "Round the clock operation and rescue work of passengers in any of the Elevators and up keeping and routine cleaning of elevators installed in Type 4th Tower A, B&C, Type 3rd Tower A,B&C Type 2 Tower A&B and Type 5th of EMD-III HTPS Kasimpur , Aligarh". E-Tender will be uploaded up to 31.07.2024 on htpp://etenderup.nic.in, Estimated cost of work Rs. 20,62,215.00 only, Time Period: 12 Month. Earnest Money: Rs. 20000.00. Last date of tender 31.08.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CIRCLE-I, 'D'TPS, KASIMPUR

5-E-Tender Notice No. ET-04/O&MC-I/CAMD/DTPS/HTPS/2024-25, Online e-bids are invited for The **"Maintenance of CW pumps & its associated duct, valves, EOT etc. except TWS of Unit no 07 CTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh."** for the period of two year. E-tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on http//etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost of work: Rs. 2737124.00 Only. Time period: 24 months E.M.D. cost: Rs.54743.00, Tender cost: - Rs.3304.00. Last date of tender 04.09.2024 at 14:00 hrs.

6- E-Tender Notice No. ET-05/O&MC-I/CAMD/DTPS/HTPS/2024-25, Online e-bids are invited for The "Maintenance of CW pumps & its associated duct , valves, EOT etc. Unit no 08, 09 DTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh" for the period of two year. E-tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on http//etender.up.nic.in Estimated cost of work: Rs. 34,72,071.00 Only. Time period: 24 months E.M.D. cost: Rs.69441.00, Tender cost: - Rs.4130.00. Last date of tender 04.09.2024 at 14:00 hrs.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, O&MC-IV, DTPS, HTPS, KASIMPUR

7- Tender No. ET-29/O&MC-IV/EMD-I/DTPS/HTPP/2024-26, "OVERHAULING/MAINTENANCE OF HT MOTORS OF 2X250 MW, DTPS, HTPP, KASIMPUR, ALIGARH," E-Tender has been uploaded on 30.07.2024 on http://etender.up.nic.in, Estimated Cost Rs. 33,76,890.00 + GST , Time period: 24 Months, E.M.D. Cost: Rs. 34,000.00, Last date of Tender 02.09.2024 at 14:00Hrs.

Superintending Engineer, MMC, HTPS, Kasimpur (Aligarh)

8- E-Tender No: ET-74/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Fasteners of unit no. 7 & 10 for ETPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 2,37,300.00 . Earnest money is Rs. 4750.00. The bid online submission End date is: 22.08.2024(14:00)

9- E-Tender No: ET-75/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Fasteners for ID/FD/PA Fans, APH & Milling System of 1X660 MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 5,29,512.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 8000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 02.09.2024(14:00)

10- E-Tender No: ET-76/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Polyelectrolyte for Pre-Treatment Plant of 1X660 MW, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 2,18,415.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 4300.00 . The bid online submission End date is: 02.09.2024(14:00)

11- E-Tender No: ET-77/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Gun Metal valves of various sizes for O&M of AHD, DTPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 16:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 4,74,085.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 9000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 27.08.2024 (16:00)

12- E-Tender No: ET-78/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Payloader Tyre for Coal Handling Plant, ETPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 16:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 1,95,200.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 3800.00. The bid online submission End date is: 27.08.2024(16:00)

13- E-Tender No: ET-79/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Chairs for committee room, control room & for Cabins of AE/JE of 1X660, ETPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 1,92,246.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 3500.00. The bid online submission End date is: 02.09.2024(14:00)

14- E-Tender No: ET-80/MMC/PD/ETPS/HTPS/2024, online bids are invited for "Procurement of Hydrazine Hydrate used in, DTPS, HTPS, Kasimpur, Aligarh. Tender will be uploaded on 01.08.2024 on 18:00 on portal www.uprvunl.org./etender.up.nic.in. Estimated cost is Rs. 6,24,456.00 only. Earnest money is Rs. 10000.00. The bid online submission End date is: 02.09.2024(14:00)

Note- E-Tender No. ET-74/ET-75/ET-76/ET-77/ET-78/ET-79/ET-80 Eligibility Conditions: Only reputed Manufacturers/ their Authorized Dealer can participate in this tender.

Note- Total quantity of work, tender specification and other terms & condition is as per tender documents available on the e-portal. Corrigendum, Addendum, Extension if any shall be uploaded only on the above website. Bidders are advised to visit the website regularly for updated information from time to time. Part- I shall contain Tender Cost/Earnest money and other necessary documents as per pre-qualifying conditions and Part -II will contain price bid as per bill of quantity. Tender specification may be downloaded from the website (http://etender.up.nic.in) and other specification details can be seen on Nigam website HYPERLINK "http://www.uprvunl.org" www.uprvunl.org. The contactors have to submit the hard copy before the schedule date/time in the concern office in sealed envelope containing details of the tender mentioned on the envelope. Tenders are advised to send their hard copy directly to the concerned tendering authority of the Circles/Division. Who reserve the right to unaccept/cancel any or all the tenders without assigning any reason there of.

Superintending Engineer (H.Q.)

पत्रांक 38/अधी0अभि0(मु0)/विज्ञापन/कैम्प–1(32)/24 दिनांक: 31/07/2024

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER

FOR 'REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL' (RFP) FOR Selection of Consultancy Firm for Analyzing Potential Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) sites in Uttar Pradesh

Invest UP invites e-Bids from Consultant Companies, for the "Selection of Consultancy Firm for Analyzing Potential Pumped Storage Projects (PSP) sites in Uttar Pradesh."

The details of submission of e-Bids are available in the RFP document available at the e-Tender Portal https://etender.up.nic.in and Invest UP website: www.investup.org.in.

The schedule of e-Bid is as follows:-

S.No.	Description	Date & Details
1	Pre-bid Meeting (at Invest UP office)	7th August 2024 at 3:00 PM
2	Bid Submission Closing Date	28th August 2024 at 4:00 PM

Invest UP reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-Bids or annul the bidding process without assigning any reason thereof.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Office of the Additional Director General of Police

Crime and Technical Services
Police Head Office, No.2, Nrupatunga Road, Bengalore-560001

No. 09/PROC/ADGP/C&TS/2024-25 Dated: 31.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Request for proposal of 32 Fabricated Mobile Forensic Vans including SOC Kits. Tender is invited in e-procurement portal on date: 26.07.2024. The suppliers who are interested to participate in the e-tender should register in the e-portal of the e-procurement of Karnataka State, Bangalore. A training program is also organized by the e-procurement cell. The EMD shall be paid at the e-procurement portal. The last date for submission of e-tender is: 26.08.2024 at 17.30 hrs.

Remarks: Department has the right to accept / reject any or all tenders without assigning any reasons.

Sd/-
DIPR/CP/1208/AKAR/2024-25 **Addl. Director General of Police**

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Conducting geospatial services for developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 villages of Thane & Raigad District

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of e-tendering invites **"ON LINE" Lumpsum Quote Bids** from the experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria, registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature like **Conducting geospatial services for developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 villages of Thane & Raigad District** for the work mentioned below:

1. Name of Work : Conducting geospatial services for developing Garjepoti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 villages of Thane & Raigad District 2. C. A. No. : 01/CIDCO/CLSO (Garjepoti)/2024-25 **3. E.M.D. :** Rs. 50,00,000/- To be paid via online payment Gateway mode or in the form of Bank Guarantee from of Nationalize Bank **4. Completion Period :** 180 (One Hundred Eighty) Days **5. Tender Processing Fee :** Rs.59,000.00 (including 18% GST (Non- Refundable)) (Rs. 50,000/- Bid Cost + Rs. 9,000/- 18% GST)

BIDDING PROGRAMME:

Bid Document along with Bidding programme will be available on the website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** from 06/08/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Description	Due date
242593 000008	Construction of RCC seepage drain in Ammapatti Village near TNPL Unit - I (Phase - I) under CSR.	10.08.2024
242523 001556	Poly Coating of Board on Job Work basis for various GSM's for TNPL Unit - II at Mondipatti for a period of One Year on per MT basis	16.08.2024
Email	242593000008 - pmd.civil@tnpl.co.in 242523001556 - purchaseimp.u2@tnpl.co.in	

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC portal only. Detailed requirements, Period, Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in tender document which can be downloaded from website: **https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

DIPR/2706/Tender/2024 *TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper*

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NOTICE INVITING e-BIDs

PROCUREMENT-2/NIB-02/2024-25/BN-9016002403 & BN-9016002405

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders as detailed below:-

1. PURCHASE OF 33 kV, 5.43 MVAR CAPACITOR BANKS ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENTS COMPLETE IN ALL RESPECT (BN-9016002403, UBN-VPN2425GLOB01015)
2. PURCHASE OF 50 MVA, 132/33kV POWER TRANSFORMER ALONG WITH NIFPES ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS. (Short Term NIB) (BN-9016002405, UBN-VPN2425GLRC01017)

The detailed NIB and Bid document/specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.** Details of NIB are available on website **energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn.** Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in; energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rrvpn & http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** only.

Raj.Samwad/C/24/3127 RRVPN/TR-6282/2024 **Superintending Engineer (Proc-II)**

RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

On-line bids are invited by PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (NOS./ Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	12241301 22/08/2024	i) Honeycomb Partition Frame set for AC 3 tier coach for USBRL	13 Set.	74,320/-
		ii) Set of Honeycomb partition frame for LHB AC 2-Tier coaches for USBRL	05 Set.	
2.	14241124 20/08/2024	i) Thermal insulation for underframe of Railway coaches 25x935x1000 MM	52083 SQM	8,80,750/-
		ii) Thermal insulation for sidewall of Railway coaches size 50x935x1000 MM	13746 SQM	
3.	17241378 30/08/2024	One Rake set of Luggage Rack with Spare items for Vande Bharat Coache	14 Sets	20,00,000/-
4.	17241396 23/08/2024	i) Set of Body Side Doors of LHB Amrit Bharat coaches	1174 Sets	15,14,450/-
		ii) Door Arrangement for LHB Amrit Bharat coaches	604 Nos	
		iii) Set of Body Side Door for LHB Amrit Bharat Coaches	65 Nos	
5.	17241347 27/08/2024	One rake set of interior panelling (including toilet panel), FRP Modular toilet and partition frame for Vande Bharat Rake of 20 Coaches included spare Quantity.	14 Set	50,00,000/-
6.	02241383A 23/08/2024	Harness of LHB EOG non AC chair car (LWSCZ) coache.	86 Set	8,61,850/-
7.	12241318 27/08/2024	Aluminum extrusion for curtain aggrt. L=3750 MM.	14731.00 kg	86,740/-
8.	17241286 20/08/2024	Cable Tray 1X70X125 L =3M for LHB coaches	6299 Nos.	2,67,280/-
9.	17241368 02/09/2024	Floor skirting Profile, L= 3M for Vande Bharat coaches	1136 Nos	20,00,000/-
10.	14231275C 23/08/2024	Graphic film for LHB chair car coaches.	124 Nos	5,88,790/-
11.	17241135A 26/08/2024	i) Roof ceiling arrgt. for LHB SCN EOG coaches 80 berther with wider window.	449 Set	20,00,000/-
		ii) Set of FRP Ceiling Panels for LHB GS Coache.	423 Set	
		iii) Set of FRP Sidewall panels for LHB GS coache.	417 Set	
		iv) Set of side wall panels for LHB SCN Coach with honey comb partition frames.	450 Set	
12.	05241665 23/08/2024	Set of Roof Arch	45 Set	59,400/-
13.	05241663 28/08/2024	Bearing Bracket	512 Nos	1,84,240/-
14.	05241664 23/08/2023	Partition Frame Set	50 Sets	60,180/-
15.	05241669 30/08/2024	Set of Pillar Assemble	151 Sets	1,46,560/-
16.	01241240 30/08/2024	Anti roll bar bracket	9195 Nos	2,37,620/-
17.	07241201A 28/08/2024	Mushroom head fastening device (dual lock)	637000 Nos	17,04,480/-
18.	04241066 29/08/2024	Tube and conduits	6316 + 45956 + 3824 Mtrs	3,19,750/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website **http://ireps.gov.in.** Drawings / specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website **http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in**. Class IIIb digital signature certificate required for on-line biddings, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at **http://www.cce.gov.in**. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 & 11 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 12 to 18 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against **1) Tender No.13245020A** for XRF analyzers for non destructive chemical analysis of metallic components in coaches for Quality and Design Dept. **Due Date** 31.07.2024 to be read as 16.08.2024. **2) Tender No.17231585A** for Procurement of Supply and apply of set of roller blind arrgnt. for LHB first AC Coaches. **Due Date** 29.07.2024 to be read as 09.08.2024. **3) Tender No. 12241192** for Procurement of inter - coach gangway without flexible interior system furnishing (Including vestibule foot plate) for LHB Coaches. **Due Date** 26.07.2024 to be read as 09.08.2024. **4) Tender No. 17241319 Due Date** 09.08.2024 to be read as 23.08.2024 and **Pre -Bid Conference Date & Time** 30.07.2024 at 15:00 P.M to be read as 13.08.2024 at 15:00 P.M. **5) Tender No. 17241332** for Procurement supply, Installation & Commissioning of One Rake Set of Single Leaf Automatic Sliding main entrance plug Door **Due Date** 29.07.2024 to be read as 08.08.2024. **6) Tender No. 12241248** for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of One Rake Set of Vacuum Evacuation system for train set one rake consists of 2 DTC Coaches **Due Date** 29.07.2024 to be read as 14.08.2024.

7) Tender No. 05241551 for Supply, Apply of EP Brake System (2 Types) **Due Date** 26.07.2024 to be read as 02.08.2024.

T. No.: 53-S/2024-25 **Dated: 01.08.2024**

GHAZIABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

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निविदा नोटिस संख्या:–512/स्वा0/2024–25 दिनांक: 01.08.2024

E-Tender

Ref No.	512/Health/2024-25
Name of the Project	Supply of Malathion Technical 95%
Date of Publication of e-Bid notice	02.08.2024 on e-Tender Portal https://etender.up.nic.in
Last date for submission of eBids on eTender portal	09.08.2024 2:00 P.M.
Pre Bid meeting Date & venue	NA
Site for Submission of e-Bids	eTender Portal https://etender.up.nic.in
eBid Inviting Officer	Municipal Commissioner, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation
Date of Opening of Technical eBids	09.08.2024 4:00 P.M.
Date of Opening of Financial e-Bids	To be informed at a later stage
Venue of Opening of eBids	Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation Navyug Market, Opp-Old Bus Stand Ghaziabad, – 201001 (UP)
Contact addresses	Dr. M. Kumar Municipal Health Officer (Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam) Phone: 8178016808 Email: gzb.nagar.nigam@gmail.com
Consortium:	Not allowed
Tender Fee:	Rs. 5000/- to be paid on E-tender website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in
EMD:	Rs. 1,00,000/- to be paid on E-tender website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in

Tender Inviting Authority
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation Ghaziabad

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Maninder @ Hemant @ Rahul @ Monu S/o Dharam Singh Yadav** R/o VPO Koharar, Tehsil Kosli, Distt. Rewari, Haryana, have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR No. 360/2023 U/s 364/394/34 IPC.,** has been registered at **P.S. IGI Airport, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said **Maninder @ Hemant @ Rahul @ Monu** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the **Maninder @ Hemant @ Rahul @ Monu** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused of **Maninder @ Hemant @ Rahul @ Monu FIR No. 360/2023 U/s 364/394/34 IPC., registered at PS. IGI Airport, New Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **09.09.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Abhishek Kumar, ACMM-01, Court No.2, Main Building, Patiala House Courts, New Delhi

DP/10083/IGIA/2024

Government of Jammu and Kashmir
Finance Department
Civil Secretariat, UT of J&K.

VACANCY CIRCULAR

Subject: Selection for the post of Technical Member (State/UT) in Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal for UT of J&K.

1. The Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT) is the Appellate Authority Established under the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 ("hereinafter referred to as CGST Act") to hear appeals arising out of orders passed by/ decisions of the Appellate and Revisional authorities under the said Act and the Jammu and Kashmir Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017. One bench of GSTAT has been constituted Vide S.O No 4073(E) dated 14.09.2023 in the UT of J&K for which one Technical Member (State/UT) is to be selected by the UT Government through a Search-cum-Selection Committee constituted in terms of clause (a) of sub-section (4) of section 110 of the CGST Act.

2. Accordingly, applications are invited for the following vacancy:

Post	Bench	No of Posts	Date of vacancy
Technical Member (State/UT)	1	1	01/04/2024

3. Qualifications and Eligibility conditions:

The qualifications, eligibility, salary and other terms and conditions of the appointment of a candidate will be governed by the provisions of the CGST Act and Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (Appointment and Conditions of Service of President and Members) Rules, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as "GSTAT Rules"). The same are summarized in **Annexure III**

4. Procedure for selection:

The Central Government shall appoint the Technical Member (State) on the recommendations of a Search-Cum-Selection Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Committee"). The Applications received would be scrutinized with respect to suitability of application for the post having regard to the qualifications and relevant experience of candidates. Shortlisted candidates may be called for personal interaction by the Committee, if deemed necessary and proper. The Committee shall recommend a panel of two names, on the basis of overall evaluation, to the Central Government to make the appointment to the post of Technical Member (State/UT).

5. Application Procedure :

i. Interested candidates shall apply **online (https://gstn.org.in/gstat-state-application/#/home)** in the form prescribed in **Annexure-I** along with necessary documents. Application submission will begin on **05.08.2024** and the last date for submitting applications is on **05.09.2024.** Applications submitted through any other mode shall be liable for rejection. However, in case of difficulty in uploading any document while making the online application, the document(s) may be forwarded by email by the last date **to email id psfinance-jk@nic.in**, clearly mentioning the online application number in the email.

ii. Applications by eligible and willing officers (serving only) should be accompanied with a certificate to be furnished by the employer/head of department as in **Annexure-II;**

iii. A helpdesk facility (0194-**2473690**/0191-**2546715**) is also available during office hours (Monday-Friday 9 am to 5 pm).

iv. No TA/DA will be admissible to the candidates to be called for interview/interaction. The candidates are required to make their own arrangements.

v. Advertisement and prescribed application form can be downloaded from website of this department **(https://www.jakfinance.nic.in/).**

vi. Any application received after due date or without necessary statements, documents and relevant attachments as mentioned above will be liable for rejection at the discretion of the Committee.

Sd/-
(Santosh D. Vaidya), IAS
Principal Secretary to Government,
Finance Department
(Member-Secretary, Search-Cum-Selection Committee)

No. FD-ET/64/2021-03
Dated :- 01-08-2024
DIP No:DIP/J-3689/24/01.08.2024

CORRIGENDUM

T. No.: 53-S/2024-25 **Dated: 01.08.2024**

SC Bats For The Deprived Among Unequals

'Must Identify SC-ST Creamy Layer, Bar It From Quotas'

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Can children of IAS/IPS officers be equated with a child of a disadvantaged member belonging to Scheduled Castes studying in a gram panchayat/zilla parishad school in a village, asked Justice Gavai

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Thursday said a Scheduled Caste parent's children studying in St Stephen's College cannot be equated with another SC parent's children who study in rural schools and, hence, cannot claim identical right to avail 15% reservation in jobs and admissions to educational institutions earmarked for SCs.

Justice **Bhushan R Gavai**, the lone Dalit judge in the seven-judge bench that permitted sub-categorisation of castes within the SC community, showed courage in tackling what has been a political



hot potato and asked states to devise a framework to identify and eliminate creamy layer among SCs and STs from availing reservation benefits. He said the OBC creamy layer principle can't be applied to SCs and STs.

"I am therefore of the view that the state must evolve a policy for identifying the creamy layer even from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes so as exclude them from the benefit of affirmative action. In my view, only this and this alone can achieve the real equality as enshrined under the Constitution," he said. CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices Vikram Nath, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra and S C Sharma concurred with Justice Gavai.

He said unequals among SCs and STs can't be treated equally and asked, "Can a child of IAS/IPS or civil service officers be equated with a child of a disadvantaged member belonging to Scheduled Castes studying in a gram panchayat/zilla parishad school in a village?"

He said equating children of SC/ST parents, who after availing reservation have reached high positions and ceased to be socially, economically and educationally backward, with children of parents engaged in manual work would defeat the constitutional mandate.

In a 281-page opinion replete with quotes of Dalit icon B R Ambedkar, Justice Gavai said children of SC civil servants have access to advanced education and better social environment compared to those of SC parents studying in the hinterland. "I have no hesitation to hold that putting a child studying in St Paul's High School and St Stephen's College and a child studying in a small village in a backward and remote area in the same bracket would obliviate the equality principle enshrined in the Constitution," he said.

If a beneficiary of such quotas reaches the position of a peon or sweeper, he would continue to belong to a backward class, SC said. But beneficiaries who reach high echelons in life can't be considered to be socially, economically and educationally backward so as to continue availing the benefit of affirmative action, it added

Advocating framing of a suitable creamy layer exclusion criteria for SCs and STs, different from that applied to OBCs, he said as the Constitution recognises SCs and STs to be the most backward among backward classes, the criteria has to be different from the existing one.

"If a person from such a category, by bagging the benefit of reservation, achieved a position of a peon or maybe a sweeper, he would continue to belong to a socially, economically and educationally backward class. At the same time, people from this category, who after having availed the benefits of reservation have reached high echelons in life cannot be considered to be socially, economically and educationally backward so as to continue availing the benefit of affirmative action. They have already reached a stage where on their own accord they should walk out of the special provisions and give way to the deserving and needy," Justice Gavai said.

Justice Mithal agreed with Justice Gavai but took the creamy layer exclusion policy to a different level. He said, "The reservation, if any, has to be limited only for the first generation or one generation and if any generation in a family has taken advantage of reservation and have achieved higher status, benefit of reservation would not be logically available to the second generation." Unlike Justice Gavai's opinion, Justice Mithal's singular opinion would not have binding effect.

One judge differs with other six, says SCs are a homogeneous group

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Justice Trivedi's opinion was in sync with SC's 2004 ruling by a five-judge bench that was overruled on Thursday by a seven-judge bench

New Delhi: Justice Bela M Trivedi opined that castes classified as Scheduled Castes are a homogeneous group and cannot be sub-categorised based on degree of backwardness, an opinion which was in sync with the Supreme Court's 2004 ruling by a five-judge bench that was overruled on Thursday by a seven-judge bench by six to one majority.

Justice Trivedi disbanded the dynamic interpretation given to constitutional provisions on affirmative action by states for SCs and STs by six other judges—CJI D Y Chandrachud and Justices B R Gavai, Vikram Nath, Pankaj Mithal, Manoj Misra and S C Sharma—and took the strict and literal interpretation to object to the majority opinion favouring sub-categorisation of SCs and devising appropriate creamy layer exclusion criteria for SCs and STs.

"While giving a broad and generous construction to constitutional provisions, the rule of 'plain meaning', or 'literal' interpretation, which is the 'primary rule', has to be kept in mind," she said.

Terming the 2004 judgment in EV Chinnaiah case to be correct law, Justice Trivedi said, "It is only Parliament by law which can include or exclude from the list of 'Scheduled Castes' specified in the notification notified under Clause (1), any caste, race or tribe or part of or group within any caste, race or tribe. Such notification notified under Clause (1) cannot be varied even by the President by issuing any subsequent notification.

"Etymological and evolutionary history and the background of the nomenclature SCs, coupled with the presidential orders published under Article 341 of the Constitution, make the SCs a homogenous class, which cannot be tinkered with by states."

She further said, "States have no legislative competence to enact the law for providing reservation or giving preferential treatment to a particular caste/castes by dividing/sub-dividing/sub-classifying or regrouping the castes, races or tribes enumerated as the SCs in the notification under Article 341." She added that this cannot even be done under the guise of taking affirmative action for the weaker of the weakest sections of society.

Take for example the practical aspect considered by Justice Gavai to highlight how some castes, because of their socio-economic uplift through high-ranking jobs, have cornered the lion's share of the quota meant for SCs and opposing equitable distribution of reservation benefits.

Justice Gavai said, "I find that the attitude of the categories in the Presidential List opposing such a sub-classification is that of a person in the general compartment of the train. Firstly, persons outside the compartment struggled to get into the general compartment. However, once they get inside it, they make every attempt possible to prevent persons outside such a compartment from entering it."

Ruling a challenge for govt, may intensify Dalit tensions

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BLAST FROM THE PAST: A Madiga protest in the mid-90s

New Delhi: Passage of time has blunted the strident opposition that existed to the controversial proposal of sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes, because its implementation in states for years made the hostile strong sub-castes reconcile to its possibility, which in turn made political parties shed fears of a backlash from the stronger sub-groups.

But that is true only about the states, whom the Supreme Court has empowered to carry out sub-categorisation of SCs.

In contrast, the apex court verdict has lobbed a nettlesome issue into the court of the Centre. BJP will be expected to spell out its stance on sub-categorising the SCs at the central level, since PM Narendra Modi is seen to have played the catalyst on the long dormant issue with his sharing of stage with Madiga activists in Telangana during the assembly election campaign, and his govt's decision to send out a signal in favour of sub-classification with the constitution of a high-powered committee headed by the cabinet secretary ahead of the Lok Sabha polls.

Dividing the SCs at the grand national level, away from localised state audiences, risks attracting the cumulative ire of stronger Dalit groups from across the states, who would view it as a hostile act cutting into their share of affirmative action benefits.

How soon the Centre and the states act on the court judgement would be keenly watched.

What is likely to add an edge to the reaction of certain stronger groups, besides individual reactions across the board, is not sub-categorisation but the introduction of "creamy layer" among the Dalits, as ruled by the supreme court. Already a matter of serious heartburn among the OBCs since the concept was introduced in the wake of Mandal commission, the extension of the weeding out criteria to Dalits would be watched for the response of the community.

After all, as is argued, "creamy layer" has the potential to choke the supply line of Dalits into the representation chain, which is based on the competitive ability of groups which cannot be achieved overnight. It is a tricky issue, which can test the states as well as the Centre.

Sub-categorisation entails division of the SC list into groups of communities based on their status of backwardness and apportioning of total reservation quantum among them in proportion to their population.

But the method of accomplishing it, with the SC seeking a survey for empirical data on representation of different castes in public services, puts the spotlight on the controversial issue of caste census.

Observers say the green light to sub-classification of SCs can give a fresh impetus to demands for sub-categorisation of OBCs, an issue for which the Centre formed the Rohini commission but has been sitting on its report. The report was submitted on July 31, 2023, six years after it was constituted.

There are already calls that caste census would be required for sub-classification of not just the Scheduled Castes but also the OBCs.

Parties mum on SC sub-categorisation ruling

Political parties remained silent on the Supreme Court judgment allowing sub-categorisation of SCs, but some individual leaders welcomed the move. Congress MP Mallu Ravi and DMK's A Raja said the apex court had fulfilled a long-standing demand which was crucial to the cause of social justice. Lok Sabha members hailed Telangana (then Andhra Pradesh), which had introduced sub-classification of Dalits that was struck down by the SC in the EV Chinnaiah judgment in 2004, and Tamil Nadu, which had introduced a policy to favour a Dalit sub-group Arunthathiyars.

Ravi said the judgment will stop the unrest among sections of SCs/STs, adding that "provision of SCs was based on their status as underprivileged and after 75 years, sub-categorisation is for the underprivileged among the Dalits".

While the push for sub-classification is from Madigas, the dominant Mala community has been against it in Telangana.

Raja said the judgment was good and would help sub-groups like Arunthathiyars in Tamil Nadu, who are extremely backward.

However, Congress MP Sukhdeo Bhagat of Jharkhand said the judgment has to be studied, but "reservation cannot be treated as a poverty alleviation measure". Mallu Ravi said the judgment should pave the way for unity among Dalit sub-groups. TNN

Quota within SC quota: Quite a legal roller coaster for decades-old demand

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New Delhi: Grievances of the most backward among Scheduled Castes of being deprived of reservation benefits by those socio-economically advanced among them dates back to the 1960s but it took the shape of a legislation for the first time in Andhra Pradesh with the enactment of AP Scheduled Castes (Rationalisation of Reservations) Act, 2000.

The law divided SCs into four categories and provided for apportionment of reservation among them—1% for Group A, 7% for Group B, 6% for Group C and 1% again for Group D. This law was upheld by the HC, but a five-judge Supreme Court bench in EV Chinnaiah case struck it down by ruling that SCs are a homogeneous group and cannot be sub-categorised.

In 2006, Punjab Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act was enacted providing for reservation of 25% for SCs and within that, 50% was be given to particular SC castes such as Balmikis and Mazhabi Sikhs in direct recruitment. This was struck down by the HC in 2010 adhering to the Chinnaiah judgment. When Punjab appealed against it, the SC had referred it to a seven-judge bench in 2011. History of deprivation of benefits of reservation to castes within the SC group is decades old. In 1997, the AP govt had set up Justice P Ramachandra Raju Commission, which opined that benefits of reservation had largely gone to a particular caste among the SCs and, therefore, recommended categorising SCs into four groups.

In 2001, UP had constituted the Hukam Singh Committee, which found that benefits of reservation had not percolated down to people belonging to the most depressed classes. It said Yadavs alone garnered the maximum share of jobs. It had recommended sub-categorisation of the list of SCs/OBCs.

In 2003, Maharashtra had set up the Lahuji Salve Commission to study socio-economic conditions of Mang caste in the list of SCs. The commission recommended sub-classification of SCs as Mangs, the lowest in the caste hierarchy, had not adequately benefited from quota.

In 2005, Karnataka set up Justice AJ Sadashiva panel to identify castes among SCs who had not benefited from quota. The panel recommended division of 101 castes into four categories with 15% of the total reservation of SCs to each of the categories.

In 2007, Bihar's Mahadalit panel recommended inclusion of 18 castes as extremely weaker castes from among the list of SCs. In the same year, Justice Jasraj Chopra Committee of Rajasthan recommended that Gurjars, being extremely backward, be provided with better facilities than those available to OBCs. In 2008, Tamil Nadu's Justice MS Janarthanam panel recommended that Arunthathiyars deserved differential treatment in quota.

Based on K Ratna Prabha Committee recommendations in 2017, Karnataka enacted a law in 2018 providing consequential seniority to govt servants promoted on the basis of reservation. This law was upheld by the SC.

AGITATIONS IN TELUGU STATES

1994 | July 27 | Movement demanding sub-categorisation of SCs begins with 20 people gathering at Prakasam district and launching Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS)

1996 | Sept 2 | Then CM of undivided AP Chandrababu Naidu constitutes Ramchandra Raju commission to identify backward castes and sub-castes in SCs

1997 | April 14 | MRPS chief Manda Krishna Madiga takes up padayatra from Naidu's native village Naravaripalli in Tirupati

June 6 | Krishna Madiga ends padayatra in Hyderabad of more than 560 km. State govt issues ordinance on sub-categorisation

Sept 18 | Case in HC challenges sub-categorisation, HC strikes down the GO

Oct 13 | State govt files an appeal in Supreme Court

1998 | Assembly of undivided AP passes a resolution in favour of sub-categorisation

1999 | Dec 1 | President K R Narayanan approves the sub-categorisation

2000 | June 6 | SC sub-categorisation implementation begins

2004 | Nov 5 | Supreme Court strikes down sub-categorisation, stating that the states have no power to do so

2006 | March 9 | Centre decides to appoint a panel on sub-categorisation

2007 | May 19 | Usha Mehra is appointed to head the committee

2008 | May 1 | Mehra submits the report on sub-categorisation

2009 | Then CM of united AP YS Rajasekhara Reddy writes to Centre asking for constitutional guarantee to sub-categorisation

2014 | After Telangana's formation, KCR govt passes resolution in state assembly asking the Centre to take up sub-categorisation

2017 | MRPS delegation meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi

2023 | Nov 11 | PM Modi says Centre will support sub-categorisation at public meeting in Secunderabad

2024 | Aug 1 | Supreme Court says states can sub-categorise SCs

Will implement it soon, says Revanth; Naidu hails SC verdict

Srikanth Aluri & Sushil Rao | TNN

Vijayawada/Hyderabad: Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Telangana CM A Revanth Reddy welcomed on Thursday the Supreme Court judgment on sub-classification under SC/ST quotas.

Reddy said in the assembly budget session that sub-classification would be implemented and the Madiga community provided a quota in the newly announced govt recruitment. Urging the assembly to back govt on the matter, he said if necessary an ordinance would be brought to immediately implement the quota.

Naidu said it was TDP that had recognised the need for categorisation for the benefit of marginalised sections. TDP had implemented the categorisation but it was stayed by courts for various reasons. Naidu observed that recognising the needs of various subgroups within SCs the TDP govt had appointed the Justice P Ramachandra Raju Commission, which recommended dividing Scheduled Castes into four subgroups (A, B, C, D) and reservations according to their proportionate population. "We have always worked for equal justice and opportunities for everyone," Naidu said.

Reddy said the Madiga community had been fighting for sub-classification for the last 27 years.

Quota crusader who states his cause in black & white

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Hyderabad: Apart from world leaders like Donald Trump, Barack Obama, Pope Francis, Vladimir Putin, former ISRO chief K Sivan and Hollywood star Hugh Jackman, there are very few people that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has publicly hugged. It is for this reason that many were surprised when he hugged and consoled a Dalit activist little known outside Telangana and Andhra Pradesh at a public meeting in Secunderabad on Nov 11 last year during the peak of the assembly election campaign in Telangana.



Modi with Madiga

Meet Manda Krishna Madiga, who has been fighting for sub-categorisation of Scheduled Castes (SCs) for three decades. At last year's public meeting with Madiga on stage, Modi announced that he supported the demand. An emotional Madiga couldn't hold back his tears and received a consoling hug from the PM.

Those who saw TV footage of the meeting may not have given a second thought to the activist's attire, dressed in white shirt and black pants with a black scarf hanging loosely around his shoulders.

What may seem like a dull detail is in fact a sign of Madiga's commitment to his cause. He has decided that he will keep wearing black as a mark of protest until discrimination against Dalits ends. Any picture from the past 30 years—there are many of him protesting—shows him in only black and white.

"I will not change these two colours even if we succeed in our fight for sub-categorisation," Madiga had told **TOI** earlier during an exclusive interview. "These are the only two colours I have and these are the only two colours I will wear until the day discrimination against Dalits ends."

The 59-year-old founded Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS) on his birthday, July 7, 1994, and has been raising the demand ever since. He decided not to give up the fight despite facing hurdles because he was confident the cause was genuine. "Remember that when Ambedkar proposed reservation for SCs and STs, many people opposed but finally, it had become a reality," Madiga said.

Explaining his conviction, Madiga pointed out that "I kept the faith even when I felt bad over my fellow Madigas dying while fighting for justice".

"Many MRPS workers committed suicide and were murdered in the past years. In East and West Godavari districts in united Andhra Pradesh, MRPS workers died after they were attacked by other community members. But we decided not to take revenge as our primary aim of (SC) sub-categorisation would have been side-tracked," Madiga said.

He added: "MRPS workers also died at Gandhi Bhavan (Congress HQ at Hyderabad), when they tried to set ablaze furniture in 2009. AICC leader Sonia Gandhi, who was in the city to address a rally, had to cancel it. One MRPS Mahila Samakya worker died while staging a dharna at the Hyderabad collectorate in 2018."

The quota crusader, who doesn't even own a house in the city and lives on rent, said the highest point in his life was sharing the dais with Modi and getting an assurance of a favourable decision by the Centre on sub-categorisation.

But he won't contest elections for any party. "I got an offer from TDP in 1999 from Peddapalli, later some parties offered a ticket from Warangal. Ex-CM YS Rajasekhar Reddy offered legislative council membership and a cabinet berth in 2007. A few years ago, YSRCP offered Rajya Sabha membership. I rejected all offers after thanking the parties. I contested a couple of times, but as an independent," he said.

Limit reservation to first generation that avails it & benefits from it: Justice Mithal

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The logic behind the court's suggestion for keeping the 'creamy layer' out is that children of civil servants and others from among the SCs who have moved up the socio-economic ladder and received good education are not deserving of quotas. At present, creamy layer exclusion policy is applicable only to other backward classes (OBCs).

The CJI authored a 140-page judgment for himself and Justice Misra. Justices Nath, Mithal and Sharma, through separate opinions, agreed with the opinions of the CJI and Justice Gavai. Both the CJI and Justice Gavai agreed with each other, thus making six of the seven judges concur on the constitutional permissibility of sub-classification of SCs.

It was Justice Gavai, the lone Dalit judge on the bench, who held that those among SC/ST communities who have got top positions in civil services and risen high in socio-economic strata must get excluded from the reservation scheme for scheduled castes, who were socially discriminated for centuries.

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Cautioning states that sub-categorisation of SCs ought to be based on empirical data, CJI Chandrachud said, "Where the action is challenged (before the HC or the SC), the state will have to justify the basis of its action. The basis of the sub-classification and the model which has been followed will have to be justified on the basis of empirical data gathered by the state."

He further said, "It cannot merely act on its whims or as a matter of political expediency. The decision of the state is amenable to judicial review... the state must provide justification and rationale for its determination. No state action can be manifestly arbitrary. It must be based on intelligible differentia which underlie the sub-classification. Basis of the sub-classification must bear a reasonable nexus to the object sought to be achieved."

Giving an example, the CJI said if a state decides to provide a different percentage of reservation to 'dhobi' and 'barber' castes, "it must prove that these two castes suffer from differing levels of social backwardness. It is not merely sufficient for the state to base the classification on the difference in the traditional occupation of the two castes".

Justice Nath, who agreed with the CJI, said, "I am also in agreement with the opinion of Justice Gavai that 'creamy layer' principle is also applicable to SCs and STs and that the criteria for exclusion of creamy layer for the purpose of affirmative action could be different from the criteria as applicable to OBCs."

Justice Sharma also agreed with the CJI and Justice Gavai.

Oppn stirs LS storm over paper leaks, textbook revisions; govt hails NEP

New Delhi: Lok Sabha witnessed a heated debate on the demands for grants for the education ministry, with the opposition cornering govt on issues such as paper leaks and revision of NCERT textbooks, while BJP hailed the National Education Policy 2020.

The opposition accused govt of endangering children's intellectual integrity by revising textbooks. Congress MP Mohammad Jawed argued that the Mughals, who ruled for around 330 years, cannot be erased from history simply by deleting their names.

Tensions flared between the treasury and opposition benches during the Lok Sabha debate. Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, "Since 2013-14, expenditure on higher education has surged by 63%, while primary education spending has risen by 40%. NEP is founded on principles of accountability, affordability, accessibility, equitability, and quality." "The Indian education system must be purged of Western influence." he added.

Slamming govt on the issue of paper leak, Jawed said, "Outside Parliament, test papers are getting leaked and inside Parliament, the roof is leaking... This is the Modi sarkar."

RLP MP Hanuman Beniwal demanded a CBI investigation into recent paper leaks. TNN

SP neta, aide held for raping minor in Ayodhya: Police Thursday arrested a SP functionary and his employee for allegedly raping a 12-year-old daily wager for over two and a half months in Ayodhya, reports **Pathikrit Chakraborty**.

Photograph of Unidentified Terrorist Neutralized at Gunda Doori Galla, Khawas, Rajouri J&K



Descriptive Roll of Unidentified terrorist is as:-

1) **Name:-** Unknown
2) **Address:-** Unknown
3) **Age:-**23/25 years
4) **Height :-** 180cm(approx)
5) **Hair:-** Black
6) **Religion:-** Muslim(As per PM Report)
7) **Face**:- Round
8) **Complexion:-**Wheatish.
9) **Chin:-** Round
10) **Beard &Moustache:-** Black
11) **Appearance :-** Well Built.
12) **Wearing Apparels :-** Trousers/ Shirt(Army Color)

DIP No:DIP/J-3642/24/31.07.2024

Court denies pre-arrest bail to Puja, says charges grave

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday dismissed the anticipatory bail application of Puja Khedkar — a trainee IAS officer who has been accused of cheating and forgery, and whose candidature was cancelled by UPSC — saying that allegations against her are grave and serious, which require thorough investigation, reports **Vineet Upadhyay**.

"Custodial interrogation of the applicant/accused is required to unearth the whole conspiracy and to establish the involvement of other persons involved in the conspiracy," additional sessions judge Devender Kumar Jangala said.

The court, noting the material on record which clearly reflected "mens rea" or "guilty mind" on part of Khedkar, rejected the contention raised by Khedkar's counsel that she is being subjected to "media trial" and "witch hunt."

The court said Khedkar has not only cheated and defrauded the UPSC, she has snatched the lawful rights of eligible aspirants with benchmark disability.

DELHI CANTONMENT BOARD
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Delhi Cantonment Board invites tenders from the Govt. approved contractors in appropriate category through e-tendering for the following works as detailed below;

Date of release of tender through e- procurement	:	05.08.2024 at 1700 hrs
Last date & time for downloading of tender documents	:	29.08.2024 upto 1300 hrs
Last date and time submission of e-tenders	:	29.08 upto 1300 hrs
Date and time for opening of e-tenders	:	30.08.2024 at 1330 hrs

Details of work

Sl. No.	Name of work	Amount of Contract	Earnest Money Deposit Amount
1.	Term Contract for repairs to DG DE Raksha Sampada Bhawan building and boundary wall excluding wall excluding External water supply and External electrification at RSB, Delhi Cantonment	Rs.1,50,00,000/-	Rs.2,25,000/-

The bidder may download the "Tender Document" and other terms and conditions as applicable including detailed NIT, terms & conditions, particular specifications, special conditions, signing of Integrity Pact, adherence to GFR 2017 provisions, applicability of Public Procurement (Preference to Make in India), Order 2017 etc as provided in the technical bid from web site of http://defproc.gov.in & www.delhi.cantt.gov.in.

Please note that any amendment, clarification, errata to tender documents shall be uploaded on website http://defproc.gov.in & Cantt Board website www.delhi.cantt.gov.in. All intending bidders are required to visit aforementioned websites to check for amendments, clarifications, errata etc prior to quoting their rates & no compensation whatsoever shall be admissible to the bidders for failure to register the same.

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e-Tender Notice No. 19/2024-25

The Superintending Engineer, PMGSY, MRRDA, Chh. Sambhaji Nagar Region, Chh. Sambhaji Nagar invites the bids in electronic tendering system published on https://mahatenders.gov.in for Construction & Ten-Year maintenance of Roads Sanctioned Under Research and Development (R&D) Total Packages-03 (Total Road works-21) in Dharashiv District.

Date of Sale & Submission starts from **02/08/2024 at 11.00 am** respectively. Ends on **16/08/2024 at 17.00 pm.** Further notification & Clarification will be published on website.

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OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer (Chg.), Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites sealed e-tender on 'Single Packet System' for following work from experience and capable tenderers.

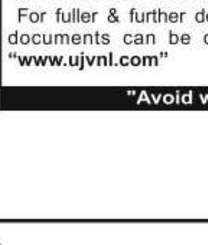
Name of work	Work of Surface Defect Detection on Wheel of LHB Coaches by Eddy Current Array (ECA) technique during D-3 schedule at coaching depots of Delhi Division for period of two years.		
Work place	Delhi	**Period of work**	Two (02) Years
Advertised Value	₹2,38,66,425.84 (including provision of GST)		
Earnest Money to be deposited	₹2,69,300/- through net banking or gateway only		
Tender Document Cost	Nil		
Date and Time availability of E-tender Document	From 31.07.2024 to 22.08.2024 at 14:00 hrs.		
Date & Time of E-tender Closing	22.08.2024 at 14:00 hrs.		
Date & Time of E-tender Opening	On 22.08.2024 after 14:00 hrs., if the date of opening happens to be holiday then E-tender shall be opened on the next working day		
Place for opening E-Tender	Mechanical Department, Divisional Railway Manager's Office Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi-55		

Note: The complete particulars of the tender may be found in website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

No.: 197-S-258-ECA Testing-24 Dated : 31.07.2024 **2347/2024**

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Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 55 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion :** Wheaish, **Wearing :** Red Color T-Shirt & Black Lower and Red Shawl was found dead at Behind Dada Dev Hospital Police Booth Service line Dwarika Puri Vijay Enclave Dabdi Palam Road, Delhi on 19.07.2024 at 10.00 AM. In this regard **DD No. 59-A, Dt. 19.07.2024** has been lodged in PS Dabari, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about the relatives of this person but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about the relatives of this person may kindly inform to the following. **SHO**

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Tender No.673 Date : 31.07.2024

Tender Notice

Office of the EE (Solar), "Ujjwal" Maharani Bagh, G.M.S Road, UJVN Ltd, Dehradun, invites sealed tenders for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning & Net metering work of roof top Solar Power Plant at following offices.

Brief summary of Brief summary of tenders as are given below:

1. Tender No.03/EE(Solar)/2024-25, 8 KW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at Adhikari Avagaman Shivir, Dhakrani, amounting to Rs. 521921/- + GST Extra.
2. Tender No.04/EE(Solar)/2024-25, 8 KW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at Training Centre, Dhakrani amounting to Rs. 521921/- + GST Extra.
3. Tender No.05/EE(Solar)/2024-25, 4 KW Roof Top Solar Power Plant at Office of DGM, Dhakrani amounting to Rs. 293990/- + GST Extra.

Date for availability of tender on web site : 31-07-2024.
Last date for submission of Tender : 21-08-2024 till 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website **"www.ujvnl.com"**

Executive Engineer (Solar)

"Avoid wasteful use of Electricity"

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that a male person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown was admitted by unknown person at GTB Hospital, Delhi** and died during treatment on **01.08.2024.** In this regard vide **DD No: 22A dated 01.08.2024** has been lodged at **P.S GTB Enclave, Delhi.** The dead body is kept at Mortuary of GTB Hospital.

The description of the deceased is given as below:

Name: Unknown, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 26 years, **Complexion:** Dusky, **Height:** 5'8", **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Almond color shirt and Black color Half Pant, bare footed.

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

SHO
P.S GTB Enclave, Delhi
Ph. : 9873322997, 9650700046

DP/10166/SHD/2024

कार्यालय आयुक्त तकनीकी शिक्षा संचालनालय

चतुर्थ तल, सतपुड़ा भवन, भोपाल-462004 (मध्यप्रदेश)
Ph. No. : 0755-2576751, Fax : 0755-2552219
Website: www.mptechedu.org

इंजीनियरिंग/नॉन इंजीनियरिंग/साइंस/मानविकी पाठ्यक्रमों में अतिथि व्याख्याताओं हेतु विज्ञापन

म.प्र. शासन के अधीनस्थ प्रदेश के स्वशासी इंजीनियरिंग महाविद्यालय, रीवा, उज्जैन, नौगांव, जबलपुर तथा सागर एवं विभिन्न शासकीय/स्वशासी/महिला पॉलीटेक्निक महाविद्यालयों में संचालित इंजीनियरिंग/नॉन इंजीनियरिंग/साइंस/मानविकी पाठ्यक्रमों में अतिथि व्याख्याताओं के **आवेदन दिनांक 06 अगस्त, 2024 से 12 अगस्त, 2024 तक** आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं।

अन्य आवश्यक जानकारी/परिपत्र/आदेश/निर्देश तकनीकी शिक्षा संचालनालय की वेबसाइट **www.mptechedu.org** पर उपलब्ध है।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115687/2024 **संयुक्त संचालक**

GHAZIABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

Navyug Market, Opp. Old Bus Stand Ghaziabad 201001, UP
E-mail:gzb.nagar.nigam@gmail.com
Website: www.ghaziabadnagarnigam.in

निविदा नोटिस संख्याः–511/स्वा0/2024–25 दिनांकः 01.08.2024

E-Tender

Ref No.	511/Health/2024-25
Name of the Project	Selection of Monitoring, Performance Improvement & Technical Support Unit at Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC)
Date of Publication of e-Bid notice	02.08.2024 on e-Tender Portal https://etender.up.nic.in
Last date for submission of eBids on eTender portal	09.08.2024 2:00 P.M.
Pre Bid meeting Date & venue	NA
Site for Submission of e-Bids	eTender Portal https://etender.up.nic.in
eBid Inviting Officer	Municipal Commissioner, Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation
Date of Opening of Technical eBids	09.08.2024 4:00 P.M.
Date of Opening of Financial e-Bids	To be informed at a later stage
Venue of Opening of eBids	Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation Navyug Market, Opp-Old Bus Stand Ghaziabad, – 201001 (UP)
Contact addresses	Dr. M. Kumar Municipal Health Officer (Ghaziabad Nagar Nigam) Phone: 8178016808 Email: gzb.nagar.nigam@gmail.com
Consortium:	Not allowed
Tender Fee:	Rs. 10,000 + 18% GST Total 11,800/- to be paid on E-tender website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in
EMD:	Rs. 3,00,000/- to be paid on E-tender website i.e. https://etender.up.nic.in

Tender Inviting Authority
Municipal Commissioner
Municipal Corporation Ghaziabad

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
DIRECTORATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
5, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

Roc.No.3026 /A&A/RIGHTS/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** **Dated: 31.07.2024**

Proposals are invited from potential agencies to Support the department in improving accessibility and enabling socio-economic development and inclusivity of the Differently abled, through e-procurement portal. The complete details are available on the department website-**www.scd.tn.gov.in** as well as on the tender website-**tntenders.gov.in.**

Proposals are to be uploaded through e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Project Director – TN RIGHTS / Director for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

DIPR/ 2743 /TENDER/2024

Project Director – RIGHTS / Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled

Govt. of Bihar

Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC), 2nd Flood, Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Anisabad, Patna-800002, Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar

Expression of Interest (EOI)
For
Engagement of Individual Consultant (Social Development and Management Expert) under
Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Modernization Project (BWSIMP)

Ref No.: SDME/BWSIMP/EOI/08/2024-25

1. The proposed Bihar Water Security and Irrigation Modernization Project (BWSIMP) will cover the state of Bihar, focusing more on districts impacted by flood, water-logging and drought. As the project title suggests, the GoB has embarked upon a new path of water resources management. This is a comprehensive initiative covers efficient irrigation and flood risk management and drought proofing through multi-stakeholder participation in planning and management, after needed institutional strengthening and capacity building exercise. The project will ensure positive economic and environmental outcomes for the state. It would enable completion of the Kosi Canal Project, restore age-old dams and protect river embankments. Additionally, it includes crucial projects of intra-linking of rivers, not only to control of excess water flow from major rivers to mitigate floods but also to provide irrigation source for drought districts. The project would employ new techniques for long-term protection of river embankments. Furthermore, advanced measures will be implemented in vulnerable areas along rivers to safeguard them for long-term erosion.
2. Joint Director, Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC), Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar now invites eligible **'Individual Consultant'** to advice, support and assistance to Project Management Unit (PMU) and Project Implementation Units (PIU) in carrying out their duties and responsibilities to ensure that BWSIMP activities are planned and properly implemented to achieve BWSIMP project objectives with respect to social risk management and monitoring including measures for addressing inclusive stakeholder engagement and the grievance mechanism (GM), social accountability, social inclusion, conflict reduction, addressing disadvantage and vulnerability and strengthening social inclusion.
3. The Terms of Reference (ToR) consisting of eligibility criteria, functions and responsibilities etc. for Social Safeguard Expert can be viewed on websites https://wrd.bihar.gov.in/ and https://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/
4. FMISC, Patna invites interested candidates to submit Curriculum Vitae (CV) from individuals to indicate their interest for the above specialist position. Interested Individuals must submit their CV in **Format-1** that contains information indicating qualification to perform the services as ***Social Development and Management Expert***.
5. The individual will be selected in accordance with the procedures set out in the World Bank's Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers, Fifth Edition, September 2023.
6. Interested individual may obtain further information at the address given below from 10:00-17:00 hours (IST) on all working days. This notice for engagement of Individual Consultant has also been posted on websites https://wrd.bihar.gov.in/ and https://fmiscwrdbihar.gov.in/
7. The CV along with all relevant documents must be submitted in a closed envelope superscribed ***"Expression of Interest for Social Development and Management Expert under BWSIMP"*** and be delivered to the address below by **not later than 15:00 hours (IST) on 19-08-2024**. In case, this last date being declared as holiday by the State Government, due last date for submission of above CV will be the next working day up till the same appointment time. The Expression of Interests received till the appointed time and date shall be opened same day at 15:30 hours Server time.

Joint Director,
Flood Management Improvement Support Centre (FMISC),
2nd Flood, Jal Sansadhan Bhawan, Anisabad, Patna-800002,
Water Resources Department, Govt. of Bihar,
Tele fax: +(91)612-225699, Telephone: +(91)612-2254802
E-mail: fmiscbihar@gmail.com

PR- 05134 (W R D) 2024-25

Joint Director
FMISC, WRD, Patna

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची–834001

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

झारखण्ड संयुक्त असैनिक सेवा मुख्य (लिखित) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा–2023 (विज्ञापन संख्या–01/2024) के संबंध में आवश्यक सूचना।

दिनांक–22.06.2024, 23.06.2024 एवं 24.06.2024 को आयोजित झारखण्ड संयुक्त असैनिक सेवा मुख्य (लिखित) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा–2023 (विज्ञापन संख्या–01/2024) का परीक्षाफल शीघ्र ही प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।

2. परीक्षा में सफल अभ्यर्थियों के अभिलेखो का सत्यापन एवं साक्षात्कार का आयोजन माह अगस्त 2024 के द्वितीय सप्ताह में संभावित है।
3. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर भी उपलब्ध है।

ह0/–
सचिव,
झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची

PR 331422 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(24-25)#D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, प0 नि0 विभाग
पथ प्रमंडल, बिहारशरीफ

एस0बी0डी0 आधारित निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

(ई –टेन्डरिंग द्वारा वेबसाइट www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in पर)
निविदा सं0 – Road / Biharsharif - 05 / 2024-25

1	विज्ञापन दाता का पदनाम एवं पता	:	कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ प्रमण्डल, बिहारशरीफ, पथ निर्माण विभाग।
2	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि	:	दिनांक 30.07.2024
3	टेंडर कागजात डाउनलोड करने की अवधि	:	दिनांक 21.08.2024 से दिनांक 02.09.2024 के 17:00 बजे तक। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4	प्री–बीड मिटिंग का स्थान, तिथि एवं समय	:	मुख्य अभियंता, दक्षिण बिहार (या0) उपभाग, प0 नि0 वि0, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय दिनांक 28.08.2024 के 11:00 बजे।
5	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	:	दिनांक 03.09.2024 के 17:00 बजे तक। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
6	अग्रधन एवं परिमाण विपत्र के मूल्य एवं बीड प्रोसेसिंग शुल्क जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	:	दिनांक 04.09.2024 15:00 बजे तक। (निविदा प्राप्ति के बाद अगला कार्यदिवस) स्थान 1. कार्यपालक अभियंता, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पथ प्रमंण्डल, बिहारशरीफ का कार्यालय । 2. अधीक्षण अभियंता, केन्द्रीय अंचल, पथ निर्माण विभाग, पटना का कार्यालय। 3. मुख्य अभियंता, दक्षिण बिहार (या0) उपभाग, प0 नि0 वि0, बिहार, पटना का कार्यालय।
7	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	:	दिनांक 05.09.2024 15:30 बजे। (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

8. कार्य का विवरण

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि (रू० लाख में)	अग्रधन की राशि (रू० लाख में)	परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य (to be paid through only online) (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (रू० में)	बीड प्रोसिसिंग फी (to be paid through online) (अप्रत्यर्पणीय) (रू० में)	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि (मानसून अवधि सहित) (माह में)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	नूरसराय से सिलाव पथ के कि0मी0 13.12 से 22.17 (बेगमपुर से सिलाव तक) में चौड़ीकरण, मजबूतीकरण एवं निर्माण कार्य वर्ष 2023–24	5374.96586	63.75	10000.00	As per Web page	18 माह

9. वित्तीय बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समयःटेक्नीकल बीड अनुमोदन के पश्चात तिथि की घोषणा बाद में की जाएगी। **(on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)**
10. निविदा की वैधता तिथि :120 दिन
11. कोई भी संवेदक, जो केन्द्रीय/राज्य सरकार/लोक उपक्रम में निबंधित हो अथवा अन्तराष्ट्रीय /राष्ट्रीय स्तर के हो निविदा में भाग ले सकते है परन्तु उक्त कार्य का लेटर ऑफ एक्सेपटेंस प्राप्त होने बाद एवं एकरारनामा के पूर्व पथ निर्माण विभाग में निबंधन कराना अनिवार्य होगा।
12. विस्तृत निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना विभागीय वेबसाईट **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in** अथवा **www.prd.bihar.gov.in** पर देखा जा सकता है।
13. ई–टेन्डरिंग की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने हेतु संवेदकों को ई–टेन्डरिंग के Service Provider के पास पंजीकृत होना होगा, जिससे कि उन्हें उपयोगकर्त्ता का नाम (user ID), पासवर्ड (Password), अंकीय हस्ताक्षर (Digital Signature) निर्गत की जायगी। यह उन्हें वेबसाइट (www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in) से डाऊनलोड करने/ ई–टेन्डर की प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने की योग्यता प्रदान करेगा। इसके लिए हेल्प डेस्क प्रथम तल, एम/22, बैंक ऑफ इंडिया बिल्डिंग, रोड न0 25, श्रीकृष्णानगर पटना–800020 दूरभाष संख्या 0612–2523006 मो0 सं0 9939035696 से संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

For query please contact No. 9470001280

विस्तृत जानकारी **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar** से प्राप्त की जा सकती है। **कार्यपालक अभियंता**
PR- 005157 (RCD) 2024-25 **पथ प्रमंडल, बिहारशरीफ**

नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना – 800001

आवश्यक सूचना

विज्ञापन संख्या – 29 / 2024 एवं 30 / 2024 के अंतर्गत शिक्षा विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अधीन सिमुलतला आवासीय विद्यालय, जमुई में माध्यमिक शिक्षक, उच्च माध्यमिक शिक्षक एवं उप–प्राचार्य, प्राचार्य के पदों हेतु प्रारंभिक (वस्तुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा का कार्यक्रम

विज्ञापन संख्या 29/2024 एवं 30/2024 के अंतर्गत शिक्षा विभाग, बिहार, पटना के अधीन सिमुलतला आवासीय विद्यालय, जमुई में माध्यमिक शिक्षक, उच्च माध्यमिक शिक्षक एवं उप–प्राचार्य, प्राचार्य के पदों पर नियमित नियुक्ति हेतु ऑनलाईन आवेदन करने वाले उम्मीदवारों को सूचित किया जाता है कि प्रारंभिक (वस्तुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा पटना अवस्थित परीक्षा केन्द्र पर निम्नांकित कार्यक्रमानुसार आयोजित की जाएगी :-

विज्ञापन संख्या एवं पदनाम	परीक्षा की तिथि	समय
29/2024 (माध्यमिक शिक्षक एवं उच्च माध्यमिक शिक्षक)	**16.08.2024**	**10:00 बजे पूर्वाह्न से 12:00 बजे मध्याह्न तक**
30/2024 (उप–प्राचार्य एवं प्राचार्य)	**16.08.2024**	**02:00 बजे अपराह्न से 04:00 बजे अपराह्न तक**

उक्त विज्ञापनों के अंतर्गत आवेदन करने वाले सभी उम्मीदवारों को औपबंधिक रूप से अर्हित मानते हुए प्रारंभिक परीक्षा में शामिल कराया जा रहा है। प्रवेश पत्र निर्गत होने एवं लिखित परीक्षा / दस्तावेज सत्यापन / साक्षात्कार में शामिल होने मात्र से किसी भी उम्मीदवार की अर्हता / पात्रता सम्पुष्ट नहीं होती है। विज्ञापन की कंडिका– 10 के आलोक में उम्मीदवारों की अर्हता / पात्रता के संबंध में उनके द्वारा साक्षात्कार / दस्तावेज सत्यापन के समय प्रस्तुत प्रमाण पत्रों / कागजातों के आधार पर आयोग विज्ञापन में अंकित शर्तों के आलोक में अंतिम निर्णय लेगा।

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A thought for today

Equality may be a fiction but nonetheless one must accept it as the governing principle

B R AMBEDKAR

Quota Quicksand

Top court right to okay subquotas within SC/STs. But the entire exercise will set off political gamesmanship

With an SC constitution bench allowing sub-categorisation within the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes reservation, a new political hot potato is now on boil. Govts also need to identify the creamy layer (children of individuals who've benefited from reservations) among SCs and STs. This exercise risks being as much political strategy, as authentic identification of those in dire need of affirmative action.

What's good | Overall, sub-categorisation is a positive step. Quotas, unfortunately, have become the political class's go-to arrow in its election quiver. This has had two outcomes. One, better-offs have tended to corner reservation benefits, crowding out the more marginalised. Two, SC/ST categories have expanded or become more porous. Ever-new groups get added. A community marginalised on the crowded OBC list stands a better chance at access to education, scholarship and jobs, if it is on the SC list.



Such fluidity has seen communities jostling, SC/ST lists growing. Sub-categorisation, carried out efficiently and honestly, will help make the SC/ST quota more inclusive by identifying and including those worse-off in terms of social capital also. Punjab, with 32% of its population SC, realised the need for subquotas back in 1975 and reserved 50% SC quota for Valmikis and Mazhabi Sikhs. Haryana, Andhra, TN tried subquotas. An SC order in 2004 cancelled such a subquota – a decision the top court yesterday overturned.

What's bad | Thinly sliced quotas are hardly sum and substance of affirmative action. Subquotas alone can never correct endemic discrimination or counter the shrinking jobs pie. Rehabilitation of manual scavengers for instance – those who managed to leave their punishing work behind – has been a challenge. Addressing discrimination in school and the workplace, as policy, remains a blind spot. Special contempt is reserved for the 'quota-wala'. Assimilation remains a huge challenge. Govt sector jobs are down and private sector jobs are elusive. So, there are caste certificate scams. The desperation for a somewhat steady livelihood finds expression in repeated returns to demands for quota as the *only* solution. All this speaks to policy failure.

What's tough | Headcounts can't suffice for subquotas to be meaningful. There are about 1,200 SC communities and over 715 ST ones. Each of these must be parsed for their socio-economic data. That's a mammoth task, and politics will be a determinant. SC decided on the constitutionality of subquotas. How it contributes as affirmative action is now all political number games.

Premium, But Cheaper

Health insurance GST rate is too high. GOI should slash it to 5% & get insurance cos to treat customers fairly

Nitin Gadkari's call for withdrawal of GST on life and health insurance premiums has raised an issue that's received inadequate attention. On health insurance, the minister highlighted that high GST was hindering the growth of a service that's essential. Post-GST, the tax rate on health policies went up from 15% to 18%. But that rate of tax is an unsound policy. Earlier this year, a parliamentary committee sought rationalisation of GST on health insurance products, saying a high tax rate deters people from buying policies. And we clearly need more people to buy policies, considering 400mn of them do not enjoy any health coverage in this country.



Premiums go through roof | This has not been helped by the steep rise in premiums in recent years, a trend that began in the pandemic era. A survey earlier this year found 52% of respondents saying their premiums had increased by more than 25% in the last 12 months. This is why the percentage of renewal of retail health policies is just 65-75%. If health policies, being a saleable service, must be taxed, why not bring them under GST's lowest slab of 5%?

Insurers must up their game | But higher insurance penetration needs better service from insurers, too. The same survey found 43% of respondents who filed a claim in the last three years struggling with the settlement process. From delay in settlement to rejection of claims on insufficient grounds to lack of transparency about policy conditions, there's a lot that needs to be fixed. In May, IRDAI came out with a master circular for insurers to improve service quality. It must now ensure that companies fall in line, providing customers a seamless and hassle-free experience.

3/5th democracy

The American presidential election is based on a system that raises three-fifths of a question

Jug Suraiya



It's a more thrilling spectator sport than the Paris Olympics. It's the race to see who crosses the finishing line first and becomes the most powerful human being on Planet Earth: the president of USA.

The media is abuzz like a swarm of bees on steroids about the facts and foibles of the two contestants, and what are known as their 'running mates', selected or potential.

There's already information overload about the candidates, on everything, be it manmade climate change, Gaza, Ukraine, healthcare, abortion, their preferred brand of breakfast cereal, and whether they favour brushing their teeth in a clockwise or anti-clockwise direction.

The intricacies of the actual election process are also being put under the scanner. When Americans go to the polls in Nov the votes they cast for the candidate of their choice will actually go to electors who represent each state, each elector having a single vote.

The electors form an electoral college of 538, of which a minimum of 270 will determine the winning candidate. Each elector is meant to vote for the party candidate who got the most public votes in a particular state. But it doesn't always work that way, and five US presidents have been elected by split electoral college votes despite having lost the popular vote. So how democratic is democracy in US, the supposed bastion of freedom and liberty? The origin of the electoral college has a murky history.

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In 1787, having won independence from Britain, America's Founding Fathers drew up the blueprint for the nation's governance. Each state was to have proportional representation in the Congress, but the southern slave-owning states forced through what is called 'the three-fifths compromise', by which three-fifths of their slave population would be added to the free, white population.

So though African-Americans wouldn't get the vote for the next hundred years, each slave, or three-fifths of each slave, helped lay the foundation stone of America's democracy.

Three cheers for Statue of Liberty. Or should that be three-fifths of three cheers?

What Does Rahul Want?

How much reservation is the end-goal of caste census? 80%? Since upper castes do not exceed 20% of the population. And how much will it amp up Hindutva, its logical political counter?

R Jagannathan



In Rahul Gandhi, Parliament has an opposition leader full of aggro after the June 4 election results. This week, he once again batted heavily for a nationwide caste census, BJP fired back hard, and Rahul responded that he is ready to swallow personal insults in order to achieve his larger goal.

BJP's Anurag Thakur made a speech about how the caste census is being advocated by those who may not know their own caste. While a part of Thakur's statement was expunged, Modi tweeted it. Later, another BJP member, Sambit Patra, vehemently took on Gandhi's parliamentary intervention at a press conference.

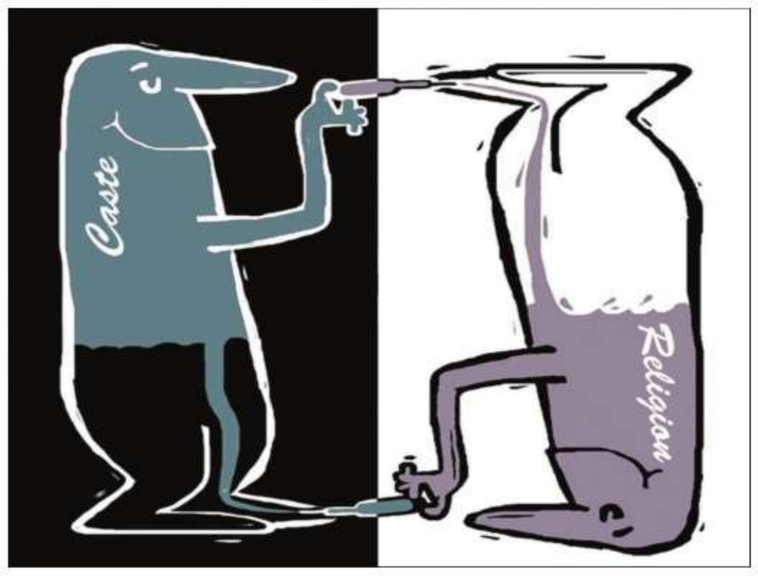
BJP-leaning social media influencers started saying that a man who wants a caste census, which means intrusively seeking the caste details of every Indian, and who has been aggressively asking for the caste details of journalists or judges or govt officials in public fora, cannot take umbrage at what Thakur said, that too when Rahul wasn't named.

The purpose here is not to get into the political slugfest between Rahul and BJP, but to point out the larger implications of his position. *Jitni aabadi utna haq*, which means rights should be related to population share, could end up stoking caste-based tensions without actually delivering better justice through affirmative action.

Rahul needs to ask himself, and his fellow JAUH enthusiasts, this key question: What is the endgame? Is it to increase caste-based reservations further? Many states have already breached or are close to breaching the 49% limit set in the Indra Sawhney judgment. The judicial nod for 10% quotas for the economically-weaker sections, legislated in the dying days of the first Modi govt, anyway raises the current potential quota limit to 59%, while Tamil Nadu is anyway at 69%. So, is the intention to take this to 75% after a caste census? Or even higher, since the upper castes do not exceed 20% of the population?

Also, is it sensible to extend and expand the reservation policy without any kind of study about how the 49% limit has worked? There is evidence that it is the creamy layers among the scheduled castes and other backward castes who have disproportionately benefited from reservations. This implies that the real challenge is to redistribute quotas within those already eligible. If seven decades of quota-mongering have not adequately helped overturn the disabilities of caste, how will raising quotas by another 10-15% help?

Or is the intention to extend the quota regime even to the private sector, restricting the space for merit-based recruitments even further? China already has a huge lead over India in competitiveness, but Rahul's extreme focus on caste-based affirmative action can only worsen things.



It is worth noting that Karnataka, where the previous Siddaramaiah govt had actually conducted a caste survey, is hesitant to carry it through for fear of losing Lingayat and Vokkaliga votes. The Bihar decision to raise quotas to 65% has been quashed by Patna high court, and the Supreme Court will hear the state govt's appeal in Sep.

While the quota battles will ultimately be won or lost in the courts (assuming they are won or lost in legislatures first), one cannot but call out the dangerous nature of Rahul's politics: It is patently intended to divide Hindus along caste lines while stoking a consolidation of minority votes.

This has always been Congress's election strategy, till Mandalisation enabled OBC-based parties to use the same trick and eject Congress from govt. BJP's counter was to seek a multi-caste coalition under the general umbrella of Hindutva politics. Put another way, by seeking to go back to the old Congress formula of dividing Hindus, Gandhi is forcing BJP to press its Hindutva agenda even more strongly, as this is its only way to overcome caste-based divisiveness. More so when state resources to use subsidies and freebies to entice the voter are limited.

Rahul's caste politics will set off another spiral of religion-based polarisation. It will not end merely by giving a better deal to the deprived castes. Once BJP embraces quota politics, as it did after Mandal, it will be logical to move towards more Hindu-based politics to win elections.

Here is a counter-intuitive thought: You cannot prevent communal polarisation only by dividing Hindus. In fact, there is a better chance of communal amity if a consolidated Hindu vote enables Hindus to shed their sense of disempowerment and negotiate a fair deal with the minorities. The Constitution's secularism is loaded against Hindus, since one can apparently make laws for Hindus but not for minorities, and only Hindu temples and institutions can be taken over and run to the ground like some public sector units. Articles 25-30, which allow the state to intervene in Hindu matters but not in minority ones, cannot endure this contradiction in the long run.

Rahul's caste run is sowing the wind of divisiveness, and he will reap the whirlwind of communal polarisation. If he can demand a caste census, surely BJP can demand a special religion census (outside the regular census) to prevent adverse demographic change in some states (Assam, Kerala and Bengal being three such states). Yogi Adityanath in UP and Himanta Biswa Sarma in Assam have already read the tea leaves in this regard.

If the logic of a caste census is to divide the Hindu vote, the logic of Hindutva will be its logical counter.

How Haniyeh's Death Scrambles West Asian Jigsaw, Again

A string of assassinations may be Israel's pre-condition for peace. But it's not just Tel Aviv that's glad Hamas political chief is out of the way. Iran, however you see it, cuts a sorry figure

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Until two days ago, we were discussing Israel's imminent attack on Lebanon. Many embassies and international organisations in Beirut had evacuated their missions. While all eyes were focused on the Lebanese capital, Ismail Haniyeh's assassination came to the fore. The assassination of Haniyeh, who was in Tehran for the inauguration of Iran's new President, is a development that will undoubtedly have an even more negative impact on the Israeli-Palestinian war.

Who pulled the trigger? | That the assassination took place in Iran is of great significance. Turkish foreign minister Hakan Fidan was also in Tehran at the same time and he was one of the last people to meet Haniyeh. There's still no official explanation as to how and by whom the assassination was carried out.

But there is a usual suspect: Israel. All analyses and comments point to Tel Aviv, and some Israeli quarters have openly expressed satisfaction with the development.

Iran is the loser | There is also speculation about how exactly the attack was carried out. Was it carried out from inside or outside Iran? If this attack was aided by some cliques inside Iran or the covert Israeli infra in that country, then the Iranian security system comes across as completely bankrupt. If Iran was not involved, then too it loses credibility for this huge security failure. In both cases, this means that Iran is the real loser.

Israel & Arab monarchies happy | So who benefited from this attack? The first thing that comes to mind is Israel and the countries that put Hamas on the list of terrorist organisations. In fact, Israel has said the world is a better place without Haniyeh. But the other countries



FELLOW FEELING: Funeral ceremony in Tehran

happy about the assassination are the Arab monarchies. The latter see the existence of Hamas as a threat to their own power. Although we recently saw the unification of all Palestinian factions under an initiative of China, it's doubtful there has been any change in the Arab world's view of Hamas.

Good result for Abbas | It will be recalled that after Hamas's attack on Oct 7, 2023, there was not a single reference to Hamas in the meetings of both Arab League and Organisation of Islamic Cooperation, or even in the statements issued after the joint meetings of these two organisations. Moreover, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas too wouldn't mind how things have turned out. As is well known, the Palestinian Authority and Fatah have had a long-standing rivalry with Hamas, which has even descended to conflict in the past. So Abbas would be glad that Haniyeh is out of the way.

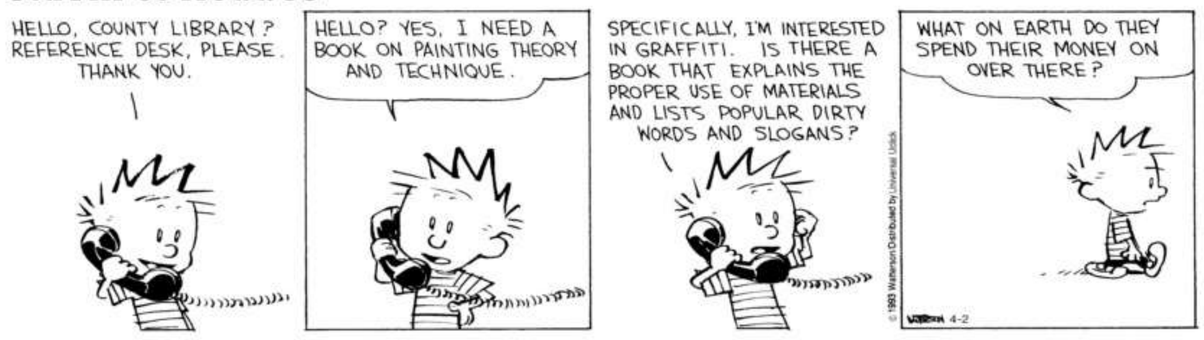
What happens next? | That's the million-dollar question. Although the Israeli-Palestinian war has the potential to turn into an all-out regional conflict in West Asia, particularly in Lebanon, Yemen and Iran, it could also be an opportunity for the peace process, which has been going on in the background. Israeli assassinations of Hamas, Hezbollah and some Iranian military figures in recent days – Tel Aviv yesterday also announced that Hamas's military chief Mohammed Deif was killed in an Israeli airstrike in July – may be the kind of clean-up Israel desires as a pre-condition for peace. Thus, it's also possible that the period of most intense war is actually a transformation for peace. Therefore, the general expectation is that things will get worse – particularly in the context of Lebanon – before they get better.

Turmoil to continue | Hamas is gradually losing its military power. The same is true for Israel bogged down by more than nine months of conflict. But US and UK's financial and political support for Israel will continue for a long time. Meanwhile, the future direction of the conflict will now depend much on Hezbollah's moves.

So all eyes will be on how the Lebanese are responding to the efforts of Hezbollah and Israel to turn their country into a battlefield. Likewise, Syria. The unbearable economic crises will mean a continuation of what the people of this region have been condemned to for years.

Without getting into conspiracy theories, it's safe to say that until the US presidential elections, good times do not await us in West Asia. Expect the chain of assassinations to continue.

Calvin & Hobbes



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The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations.

Pope John Paul II

Choosing To Forgive Is An Act Of Self-Liberation

Dada JP Vaswani

Facing negative emotions such as betrayal, hurt, anger, and disappointment is a universal experience that tests our emotional resilience and inner strength. These emotions often arise from situations where we feel let down or wronged by others, and it's natural to find ourselves consumed by bitterness and negativity as we dwell on the insensitivity of those who have hurt us. However, dwelling on these negative emotions can lead us into a cycle of rumination and resentment, trapping us in emotional turmoil. One of the most empowering realisations in such moments is recognising that we can choose how we respond to these emotions. While we cannot control the actions of others, we can take responsibility for our own emotions and reactions.

It's a crucial step towards reclaiming our inner peace and happiness. Central to this is the practice of forgiveness. Forgiveness does not mean allowing the hurtful actions of others to control you or pretending that the pain doesn't exist. Instead, it is a conscious decision to release ourselves from the grip of bitterness and resentment. It is about freeing our own hearts and minds from the burden of carrying grudges and negative emotions that weigh us down.

Forgiveness can be particularly challenging when the other person does not seek it or when their actions clearly cause harm. Yet, choosing to forgive is a powerful act of self-liberation. It allows us to break free from the cycle of blame and victimhood, which otherwise perpetuates our suffering. By letting go of the need for vindication, we create space for healing and growth within ourselves. It's important to recognise that people are imperfect beings who are capable of causing hurt or disappointment, whether intentionally or unintentionally. By acknowledging reality and maintaining control over our own feelings and reactions, we empower ourselves to navigate through challenging situations without losing our sense of inner peace and integrity.

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Reflecting on the impact of holding onto bitterness can be enlightening. Does harbouring these negative emotions bring happiness or improve the quality of our lives? Often, the answer is no. Instead, bitterness can poison our thoughts, affect our relationships, and even impact our physical health. It becomes clear that holding onto resentment is a heavy burden that weighs us down and prevents us from moving forward.

Therefore, the courageous choice lies in letting go of disappointment, bitterness, and the desire for revenge. This does not mean forgetting or excusing the past but choosing not to let it define our present and future. It involves accepting what has happened, learning from it, and consciously deciding to focus on positive growth and healing. It is a process that may take time and effort, but it is a journey worth undertaking for our well-being. As we release the negative emotions that bind us, we create space for gratitude, compassion, and resilience to flourish within us. It is a challenging yet transformative experience. By choosing forgiveness and letting go of bitterness, we reclaim our power. We move forward with a lighter heart and a clearer mind, ready to embrace a brighter and more positive future. Letting go is not a sign of weakness but a testament to our strength and resilience in adversity. It is a courageous step towards personal liberation and emotional freedom. So, move forward with a lighter heart and a freer spirit.

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Eyeing Rise In Number Of DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of diplomatic missions

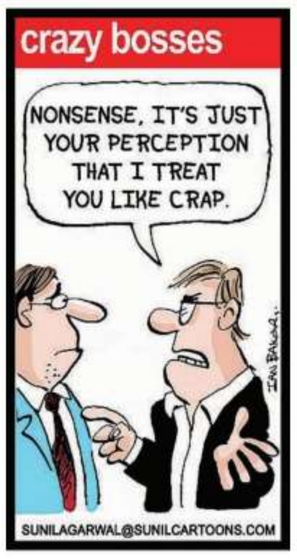
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GLOBAL BENCHMARK 171 CHINA

Petrol, diesel sales rise in July, power demand subdued

Monsoon showers failed to cool India's appetite for petrol and diesel but subdued power consumption in July, govt data showed on Thursday. Diesel sales growth turned positive, registering a growth of 3.4% from the year-ago period, reversing the trend for last several months, while petrol demand saw a spike of 9.5% annually. Power consumption rose by a meagre 3.5% to 145.4 BUs (billion units) during the month from 140.4 BUs a year ago as widespread rains brought down temperatures. This is in contrast to 8-9% growth seen in last few months. TNN



UPI payments cross ₹20L cr-mark in July

Mumbai: UPI transactions recorded a monthly value of over Rs 20 lakh crore for the third consecutive month in July. The volume of UPI transactions in the month reached 1,444 crore — an increase of nearly 4% from 1,389 crore in June and 45% compared to the year-ago period. TNN

TaMo Q1 net jumps 74% to ₹5,566cr

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Thursday said its consolidated net profit increased 74 per cent to Rs 5,566 crore in the June 2024 quarter, aided by robust performance by Jaguar Land Rover as well as domestic business. AGENCIES

Cognizant's June qtr revenue drops 0.5%

Bengaluru: After a lull, Cognizant has revised its guidance for 2024 to be in the range of $19.3-19.5 billion, which translates to a year-on-year change representing a decline of 0.5% to a growth of 1% in constant currency. TNN

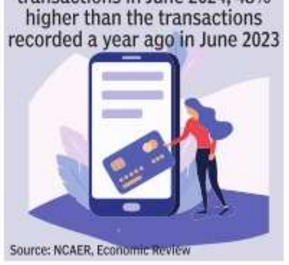
FirstCry's ₹4.2k cr IPO to open on Aug 6

Mumbai: Brainbees Solutions, which owns FirstCry, is set to make its D-street debut, joining other new-age companies which are gearing up to go public. At the upper end of the price band — at Rs 440-465 per share — the size of the IPO is Rs 4,193 crore. TNN

figure it out

44.8cr

a day were the number of UPI transactions in June 2024, 48% higher than the transactions recorded a year ago in June 2023



Source: NCAER, Economic Review

Sensex hits 82k, Nifty 25k for 1st time as US rate cut nears

Sensex Ends Lower Amid Flare-Up In West Asia Tensions

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: A strong US market close the previous night backed by dovish comments by the Fed chief lifted sentiment on Dalal Street on Thursday which saw the sensex break above the 82,000 mark for the first time and the Nifty above the 25,000 milestone. The indices, however, closed lower than their respective all-time highs as profit taking at higher levels had set in due to the rising geopolitical tensions in West Asia, market players said.

The day's session started on a high note with the sensex rallying to an intraday high at 82,129 points while Nifty recorded its all-time high at 25,078 points. At close, the sensex was at 81,868 points, up 126 points (0.2%) while Nifty was at 25,011 points, up 60 points (0.2%).

Outside of the leading indices, there was strong selling due to the brewing tensions between Israel, Lebanon, Iran and some other countries in West Asia. As a result, BSE's midcap index closed 0.8% lower while the smallcap index was down 0.7%.

According to Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services, the domestic market started on a positive note, taking cues from the global market following the US Federal Reserve chairman's indication that a rate cut in the world's largest economy could come as soon as Sept, mainly because of easing inflationary pressures. "However, the broader market closed (with) a negative bias due to escalating geopolitical tensions in (West Asia) leading to rising crude oil prices."

On a sectoral basis, capital goods and realty were impacted by profit-booking coupled with auto sectors owing to below-expected monthly auto sales figures, Nair wrote in a note. The session's negative undercurrent pulled down investors' wealth by about Rs 70,000 crore with BSE's market capitalisation now at nearly Rs 475 lakh crore. While midcap and smallcap stocks have made significant gains in the past few months, it is believed that large-cap stocks may see increased investor interest in the near future, said Neeraj Chadawar of Axis Securities

In Thursday's market, HDFC Bank, Reliance Industries and PowerGrid contributed the most to the sensex's gain but selling in Mahindra, Infosys and L&T moderated its rise. Foreign funds were net buyers in Thursday's market with a net inflow figure of Rs 2,089 crore while domestic institutions were net sellers at Rs 337 crore, BSE data showed.

With 15% Rise, Nifty Outpaces Sensex This Year, Catches Up With S&P 500

Nifty was launched in 1995 with value of 1,000 pts

It took nearly 12 years to hit 5,000 pts (400% growth), while the latest 5,000-pt jump (25% rise) took about 13 months



The 50-stock Nifty is more widely tracked by investors than the 30-scrip sensex

This year, Nifty has beaten the sensex & nearly caught up with US benchmark S&P 500



Sensex Run Rate: 1,000 Pts In 10 Sessions

The following 1k-pt jumps in recent months took 10 sessions

76k to 77k
77k to 78k
80k to 81k
81k to 82k

At over ₹1.8L cr, GST mop-up 3rd highest

Collections From Imports Surge Fastest Since Nov 2022 | Ladakh, Manipur Log Over 60% Rise

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: After a muted growth in June, goods and services tax (GST) collections made a comeback to rise 10.3% to Rs 1,82,075 crore in July — the third highest monthly collection since the new regime kicked in seven years ago.

Barring the top two grossers (April 2023 and April 2024), when collections soar due to year-end sales in March, the collections in July 2024 (for transactions in the previous month) are the highest. The numbers also indicate that the slowdown in June was on account of the country-wide heatwave that impacted economic activity.

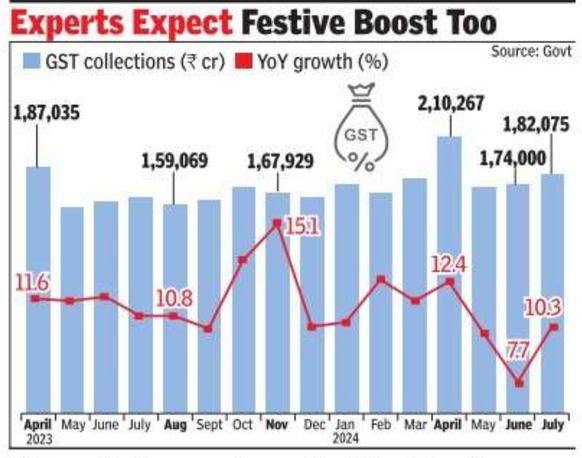
The other good news from the latest numbers is an indication of a turnaround in imports as GST from imports — integrated GST and cess — is estimated to have increased 14% to Rs 47,000 crore, the fastest since Nov 2022. What's more, growth in collections from this source was more than domestic sources, which rose 8.9% to Rs 1,34,000 crore.

While the govt did not comment on the numbers, tax experts appeared positive. "Growth in year-to-date collection in FY25 of around 11% is broadly in line with the Budget estimates, while the growth in monthly collection over last year (net revenue) is encouraging at over 14%. This should enable govt and GST Council to start working towards rate rationalisation," said Pratik Jain, partner at PwC India.

Abhishek Jain, who leads indirect tax practice at rival firm KPMG, said the ensuing festival season will further help swell the kitty.

Like most months, several north eastern states were top performers and what will buoy political sentiments is a 61% jump in Manipur. After Ladakh's 67% rise, Manipur logged the second-highest increase.

Experts Expect Festive Boost Too



Mfg activity remains robust in July: Survey

New Delhi: Activity in the manufacturing sector remained robust in July, led by fastest expansion in global sales in 13 years, although new orders grew at a softer rate, a survey showed on Thursday. At 58.1 in July, the HSBC India Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) was little changed from 58.3 in June. TNN

Godrej Agrovet to buy Tyson's poultry JV stake

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Mumbai: Godrej Agrovet, controlled by brothers Adi Godrej and Nadir Godrej, is buying out US-based Tyson Foods' interest in the processed poultry business, it said on Thursday. It is acquiring the US company's 49% stake in Godrej Tyson Foods for Rs 323 crore. The change in shareholding comes after 16 years and results in Tyson scaling down its play in one of the largest economies in the world.

On Thursday, the board of Godrej Agrovet approved the share purchase agreement with Tyson India Holdings, an affiliate of Tyson Foods, for the acquisition of 97,461 equity shares of Godrej Tyson Foods, which will make it a wholly-owned subsidiary of the company. The transaction is expected to be concluded before Aug-end.

Tyson entered the meat production business in India in partnership with Godrej Agrovet in 2008. The joint venture markets the products under Real Good Chicken and Yummiez brands and has a presence in more than 35 Indian cities. Godrej Tyson Foods had a turnover of Rs 986 crore in FY24.

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According to Godrej Agrovet, it is consolidating its interest in the meat production venture as the household penetration of frozen snacks in India is below 6% and there is ample room for expansion. Apart from Godrej Tyson Foods, the American packaged food retailer has a technology unit in India — Tyson IT Solution — which is based in Bengaluru.

Godrej Agrovet's board has also approved an investment of upto Rs 110 crore to set up an animal feed plant in Maharashtra. The project will be financed through internal accruals and debt, the company said. On Thursday, Godrej Agrovet reported a profit of Rs 132 crore in Q1 FY25, up 23%, and a revenue of Rs 2,351 crore during the same period, down 6%.

Sebi fines ex-JM MF CEO, others

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi has fined seven entities including the former CEO of JM Mutual Fund, its head of sales and some related entities for accruing illegal gains using insider information about sale of defaulted DHFL bonds by certain schemes of the fund house. The total penalty aggregated Rs 2.1 crore.

In mid-2020, some schemes of JM MF were holding bonds of DHFL which had then defaulted and hence were valued at zero in the books of those schemes. In July 2020, JM MF sold the bonds to A K Capital — a leading bond house in India — for about Rs 11.2 crore. Since the bonds were valued at zero till the sale, the net asset values of these schemes after this transaction jumped substantially.

Dispatches to dealers dip for top 3 car cos

New Delhi: Car industry may he heading for a slowdown, with top three companies (Maruti Suzuki, Hyundai and Tata Motors) reducing wholesale deliveries to dealerships in July (year-on-year), around two months before start of festive season. Maruti's dispatch numbers were down 10%, while for Hyundai the dealer sales were lower by 3%. Tata Motors was also in the red, with July sales down 6%. Honda Cars was also down by 5%.

While Mahindra & Mahindra and Toyota reported positive numbers in July, growing by 15% and 44% respectively, most of their dispatches are for completing backlog deliveries that have been pending. In two-wheelers, Hero Moto was down 6%, while HMSI was up 41%. TNN

K'taka GST asks Infy to deal with central body

Nasscom Backs Co, Says 'Lack Of Understanding Of Biz Model'

Bengaluru: A day after Infosys received a Rs 32,400 crore "pre-show cause" GST notice, the company on Thursday said the Karnataka authorities have informed about the withdrawal of a similar notice issued by them and have directed the company to submit further response to DGGI, the central authority on this matter.

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Amid one of the largest tax claims, lobby group Nasscom came out in support of the poster boy of the Indian IT sector, arguing that the latest tax action reflected a lack of understanding of the operating business model.

"This is an industry-wide issue, and multiple companies are facing avoidable litigation, uncertainty, and concerns from investors and customers. The issue at hand involves the applicability of GST through the reverse charge mechanism (RCM). GST enforcement authorities have been issuing notices for remittance by the Indian head office to its foreign branches for cases where there is no service between the head office and the foreign branch for this RCM, ignoring that this is not a case of 'import of service' by the head office from the branch. This is not a new problem, and courts have been ruling in favour of the industry in these cases," Nasscom said in a statement.

Last year, the Karnataka high court had stayed proceedings against LTIMindtree after GST authorities raised a claim of Rs 4,831 crore. The company had filed a writ petition challenging the 'Intimation of liability' under the state GST law for tax on services rendered outside India and Karnataka during 2017-18 to 2020-21. Nasscom said it had approached the finance ministry to issue a circular clarifying the position so that industry can avoid litigation risk.

NPCI restores network after cyberattack on rural bks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The National Payments Corporation of India has restored connectivity with its electronic payments systems for C-Edge Technologies. The company — a technology service provider for over 200 cooperative and regional rural banks — was quarantined from the payment systems after it reported a ransomware attack. The isolation cut off banking services for customers of the over 200 entities whose core systems were being handled by C-Edge.

NPCI said that the restoration of services followed a security review by an independent forensic auditing firm. "Investigation confirms that the impacted systems have been isolated by C-Edge to contain potential spread of the ransomware. Further, necessary security reviews and scans have been conducted by the auditor to ensure that the rest of the infrastructure is clean," NPCI said.

The apex payment body said that the ransomware impact was limited to C-Edge systems hosted in their data centre and did not affect any co-operative banks or regional rural banks' own infrastructure.

Adani to shift flagship's food biz to Wilmar JV

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Mumbai: Adani Enterprises, the flagship of the Gautam Adani-run conglomerate, will separate the food business and combine it with the publicly-listed Adani Wilmar. The foods unit includes the trading and supply of edible oil & allied commodities, investments in Adani Commodities, and other assets and liabilities associated with the business.

Shareholders of Adani Enterprises will be issued shares of Adani Wilmar as consideration for the transfer of the foods business. Adani Enterprises owns about 44% of Adani Wilmar, in which Singapore's Wilmar holds a stake. However, once the scheme is implemented, shareholders of Adani Enterprises will directly own Adani Wilmar shares.

The move will help promoters —Adani Commodities and Lence (belonging to Wilmar) — of Adani Wilmar to bring down their stake in the company to 77% from

The move will help Adani Wilmar to comply with Sebi's public float norms

88%. According to Sebi rules, a listed company has to have a minimum public shareholding of 25%. Adani Wilmar was listed in Feb 2022 and has time till Feb 2025 to meet the public float norms.

Adani Enterprises shareholders will receive 251 shares of Adani Wilmar for every 500 shares they hold of Adani Enterprises. After completion of the scheme, the stake of public shareholders in Adani Wilmar will go up to 23% from the current 12%. The share entitlement ratio was recommended by RBSA Valuation Advisors and fairness opinion was issued by Vivro Financial Services.

The demerger is in line with Adani Enterprises' incubation strategy which includes demerging of the businesses once they are self-sustained and properly established. In the past, Adani Enterprises had demerged Adani Green Energy and Adani Energy Solutions.

Separately, Adani Enterprises will be merging Adani Green Technology and Adani Emerging Business with itself. It will also transfer the solar cells manufacturing subsidiary Adani Tradecom to Adani New Industries.

Street play: Social bourse helps NGOs raise funds

Namita Devidayal

Mumbai: Matchmaking between retail donors wishing to 'give back' and credible non-profit organisations, the finance ministry recently launched a Social Stock Exchange, an electronic fund-raising platform that enables public money to reach these organisations that have been through compliance guidelines like any other listed company.

The Mumbai-based Swades Foundation, which works in rural Maharashtra, opens its issue on the exchange on Friday. In Oct 2023, the exchange listed its first 'company', Unnati, a Bangalore-based voluntary organisation (NGO) which equips underprivileged youth to find employment. Other organisations listed include Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, also in Bangalore, and the Delhi-based Transform Rural India.

The unusual exchange, operated by the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and monitored by markets regulator Sebi, enables social enterprises and NGOs to raise capital through equity, debt as well as units that operate like mutual funds. Given that donors are often perplexed over how to select a deserving organisation, and whether their money is being used effectively, the listed organisation must comply with various governance and financial transparency requirements both to get listed and also continue to stay listed on the exchange.

The organisation must maintain a social impact scorecard. Donors will receive a quarterly report, just like in the case of other listed companies. All entities who are allowed to invest in the capital markets — retail investors, institutional investors, high networth individuals — are allowed to invest in these.

"There is a large population of people who want to go out there and donate but they have had credibility issues," said Swades co-founder Ronnie Screwvala. "Impact measurement are some of the issues that have not allowed this sector to scale. This will hopefully attract retail people beyond the normal donors." Swades Foundation is aiming to raise Rs 10 crore for its projects in Raigad and Nashik districts through zero coupon zero principal bonds, which will be the highest issue size by an NGO listed on the Social Stock Exchange.

The idea of a Social Stock Exchange to scale philanthropy was first raised in the 2019-20 Budget.

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'Used personal funds to clear BCCI's dues'

Byju's Founder's Brother Riju Tells Court He Used Money From Startup's Share-Sales

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Mumbai/Chennai: Riju Ravindran, member of Byju's board and the brother of founder **Byju Raveendran**, has used funds raised by him in personal capacity to repay the Rs 159 crore dues that the startup owes to the BCCI. He raised the funds by selling his shares in Byju's parent Think & Learn through May 2015-Jan 2022, he said in an undertaking filed in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on Thursday.



Ravindran refuted the company's US-based lenders' claim that he was using a portion of the missing $533 million in loan proceeds extended by them to Byju's to clear BCCI's payments.

He added that he had raised about Rs 3,600 crore "from the sale and the gains/income on such sale of shares" to various investors. About Rs 1,050 crore of the amount was paid as income tax while over Rs 2,500 crore was infused into the troubled startup to keep the business running. "The amounts that remained with me were used to pay the first tranche of the settlement amount (Rs 50 crore) to BCCI," Ravindran said in the undertaking, a copy of which has been reviewed by **TOI**.

The numbers are approximate figures due to the appreciation/depreciation of investments, sources said. The remainder of the settlement amount will be paid from liquidation of his personal assets in India, Ravindran said.

"I have not received any portion of the $533 million that are the subject matter of the proceedings before the Delaware Bankruptcy Court and, accordingly, no part of those funds have been, or will be, used to pay the BCCI... I state and confirm that no part of the settlement amount is being paid in violation of any order passed by any court or tribunal, including orders passed by the Delaware Bankruptcy Court," Ravindran said in his 84-page undertaking.

NCLAT Order On Deal Today

Byju's overseas lenders have mounted a legal challenge against Ravindran and Byju's Alpha (Byju's US subsidiary set up to receive the $1.2 billion term loan which now is under the control of lenders) in the US to establish the location of the funds which they have accused the startup of hiding.

The NCLAT will pronounce an order on Friday on the settlement issue and has stayed the formation of the committee of creditors till then.

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FACTS ARE STUBBORN THINGS — RONALD REAGAN



IT'S GOING TO BE A 'BRAT SUMMER' ON 'SNL': MAYA RUDOLPH TO REPRISE ROLE OF KAMALA HARRIS THROUGH 2024 US POLL

CARRIE UNDERWOOD LIKELY TO REPLACE KATY PERRY AS 'AMERICAN IDOL' JUDGE, 20 YRS AFTER WINNING CONTEST



US & Russia complete biggest prisoner swap since Cold War

Involves 24 Detainees And 7 Countries; Move Follows Years Of Secretive Talks

A prisoner swap on Thursday involving seven countries freed the Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and two other Americans held in Russia, along with several jailed Russian opposition figures, the White House said, in the most far-reaching exchange between Russia and the West in decades.

The scope of the deal has little precedent in the post-Soviet era. For the first time since the fall of the Soviet Union, Moscow freed prominent dissidents as part of a swap; 16 people in total were released from Russian custody. In exchange, eight people were freed by the West, after a complex web of negotiations that took place behind the scenes for months among nations that are otherwise bitterly at odds over Russian aggression in Ukraine.

The exchange took place at the international airport in Ankara, Turkiye's capital, and involved seven different planes ferrying 24 prisoners from the US, Germany, Poland, Slovenia, Norway, Russia and Belarus, a Turkish intelligence official said. The deal seemed sure to prompt jubilation among Western nations that had condemned the charges against the imprisoned Americans and opposition figures as baseless and politically motivated. It also delivered a diplomatic victory for Prez Biden, who has long pledged to bring home imprisoned Americans and to support Russia's embattled pro-democracy movement. Biden said at a news conference that the prisoners had left Russia and were on their way home. "Their brutal ordeal is over, and they're free," he said, surrounded by family members of the released prisoners.



AFP

(Clockwise L-R) Evan Gershkovich, Paul Whelan, Vladimir Kara-Murza and Alsu Kurmasheva

It was also a triumph of a different sort for Prez Putin of Russia, who can use the deal to highlight his loyalty to Russian agents who get arrested abroad. But the deal also carried risks at home for him, by releasing imprisoned politicians who could energize Russia's moribund, exiled opposition.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov did not specifically confirm a swap but was quoted by the state news agency TASS as saying that, in principle, "all our enemies should stay there (abroad), and all those who are not our enemies should return".

In the last major exchange in 2010, 14 prisoners were exchanged. In Dec 2022, Russia traded US basketball star Brittney Griner, sentenced to nine years for having vape cartridges containing cannabis oil in her luggage, for arms dealer Viktor Bout, serving a 25-year sentence in the US. AGENCIES

Who Have Been Freed

Three US citizens and one legal permanent resident return home from Russia:

Evan Gershkovich, 32 | WSJ reporter, detained in Russia in 2023, accused of "gathering secret information" at CIA's behest about a military factory

Paul Whelan, 54 | A corporate security executive, arrested in 2018 in Moscow, accused of espionage, convicted in 2020, sentenced to 16 years in prison

Alsu Kurmasheva, 47 | A Russian-American journo, convicted of spreading false information about Russian military

Vladimir Kara-Murza, 42 | A Russian-British political activist, a Kremlin critic, a Pulitzer-winning writer serving 25 years on charges of treason

12 Germans & Russian prisoners back in Germany:

Dieter Voronin, 30 or 31 | German citizen sentenced to death in Belarus for terror acts

Kevin Lick, 18 | A dual citizen of Russia & Germany, convicted of high treason in Dec 2023

Rico Krieger | German medical worker, convicted in Belarus of terrorism

Patrick Schoebel | Detained for carrying a bag containing cannabis gummy bears

Herman Moyzhes | Lawyer & cycling activist, charged with treason for helping Russians get residence permits in Europe

Ilya Yashin, 41 | A Kremlin critic jailed for criticising Russia's war in Ukraine

Liliya Chanysheva, 42 | An ex-staffer in Alexei Navalny's organisation, jailed for 'organising extremist community'

Ksenia Fadeyeva, 32 | Another ex-associate of Navalny

Vadim Ostanin | Former staffer in Navalny's foundation

Andrey Pivovarov, 42 | Opposition activist and rights defender, served as head of the banned Open Russia movement

Oleg Orlov, 71 | Human rights defender and the former head of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning organisation "Memorial", jailed for speaking up against Russia's war in Ukraine

Sasha Skochilenko, 33 | Russian artist jailed after replacing price tags with anti-war messages in a St Petersburg grocery store as an act of protest

8 people return to Russia:

Vadim Krasikov, 58 (from Germany) | Convicted in 2021 of killing a Georgian citizen of Chechen ethnicity in Berlin, an 'assassination ordered by the Russian security services'

Artem Dultsev (from Slovenia) | Russian spy in Slovenia, guilty of espionage

Anna Dultseva (from Slovenia) | Russian spy, pleaded guilty to espionage

Mikhail Valeryevich Mikushin (from Norway) | Russian spy arrested in Norway in 2022

Pavel Alekseyevich Rubtsov (from Poland) | Russian spy living in Poland as a Spanish journalist, arrested in Feb 2022

Roman Seleznev, 40 (from US) | A convicted hacker & credit card fraudster serving a 27-year sentence in the US

Vladislav Klyushin, 43 (from US) | Russian businessman, jailed in Boston for securities trades based on information stolen from US networks

Vadim Konoshchenock, 48 (from US) | Russian with alleged ties to the FSB. AGENCIES

Trump says Kamala was 'Indian all the way' before 'she turned black'

Harris Dismisses Comment As 'Same Old Show Of Divisiveness & Disrespect'

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Kamala Harris "was Indian all the way" before pivoting to embrace a black identity for political purposes, former president Donald Trump alleged on Wednesday in crude racially-loaded attacks on Wednesday, topping off a day of incendiary remarks at a public rally where he asked her to "get the hell out of here" because "she will destroy our country".

Addressing the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) in Chicago at an event that became a trainwreck, Trump sought to sow doubts and discord on the Democratic side with blatantly false claims when a host journalist asked him if he thought Harris in on the prez ticket only because she is a black woman.

Trump surprised the audience by suggesting she was not black. "I've known her for a long time. Indirectly. Not directly, very much. And she was always of Indian heritage, and she was only promoting Indian heritage. I didn't know she was black until a number of years ago when she happened to turn black. And now she wants to be known as black. So, I don't know, is she Indian or is she black?" Trump said. "I respect either one, but she obviously doesn't because she was Indian all the way. And then all of a sudden she made a turn and she became a black person.

Kamala, biracial daughter of a Jamaican father and South Indian mother, has always embraced her dual heritage, while identifying herself primarily as black from a young age. She went to Howard University, a historically black college in Washington DC while acknowledging her Indian roots from her maternal side and black roots from her father's side, going to both India and Jamaica for vacations after her parents divorced when she was six.

Trump's followers bombarded social media with visuals of Kamala dressed in a sari, making dosas at a cooking show, and interviews in which she acknowledged Indian heritage, to prove that she was "phony" and "opportunistic" in claiming her primary identity was black.

With several polls showing him unexpectedly trailing Kamala in the presidential elections despite surviving an assassination attempt, Trump followed his remarks in Chicago with an even more inflammatory tirade at a public rally in Pennsylvania. "She's the worst ever. And she's going to be your president? She will destroy our country. This Nov, the American people are going to compare these records and they're going to tell Border Czar Harris, you have done a horrible job. You're a disgrace to our country. You're fired. Get out of here. You're fired. Get the hell out of here," Trump said.

While Trump was unloading on her in the battleground state where he came within inches of death, Harris was attending a black sorority meeting of Sigma Gamma Rho members in Houston, where she stayed above the fray by dismissing his comments as "the same old show" of divisiveness and disrespect and saying "the American people deserve better."

Kamala herself is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, which, like Sigma Gamma Rho, is part of the "Divine Nine" council of historical black fraternities and sororities which form the base of black political support for her.

Trump's Chicago event with black journalists, which in itself divided the fraternity, started on an explosive note with the former prez complaining from the get-go about "horrible", "rude", "nasty" and "hostile" questions when he was asked about his frequent putdown of black people. He claimed he was the best president for the black community and warned that Democrats allowing millions of illegal immigrants into America would result in them taking away "black jobs". Trump attending the black journalists' event — and walking into a lion's den, so to say — is part of an outreach that stems from his improving poll numbers among black voters when he was pitted against Joe Biden. But Harris, having replaced Biden on top of the Democratic ticket, appears to have galvanised her black base to reverse the trend, leading Trump to question her owning her black heritage.

WHY TRUMP'S ATTACK ON KAMALA ETHNICITY IS ABSURD

Donald Trump's questioning, if not denying, of Kamala Harris's identity as a black woman has sparked renewed discussion about what it means to be black in America, particularly for those of mixed ethnicity. It has historical precedents and involves various shades of identity among black people in the US. Historically, the 'one-drop rule' was a social and legal principle in the US that stated that any person with even one ancestor of African descent is considered black. The rule was used to enforce racial segregation in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, profoundly impacting the identities of mixed-race individual. Some mixed ethnicity celebrities in the US:



FREDERICK DOUGLASS — An American social reformer, abolitionist, orator and writer was born of a white father and an enslaved Black mother

W.E.B. DU BOIS — Prominent sociologist, historian, and civil rights activist. He identified as a black and was a co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). His father was a Haitian of French and African descent and his mother was of Dutch and African descent

Kamala Harris, the daughter of an Indian mother and a Jamaican father, identifies as both a black and an Indian. Her identification as black aligns with her lived experiences and the broader social understanding of race in America. Harris's dual heritage highlights the fluidity and personal nature of racial identity today

LENA HORNE — A celebrated actress and singer and a civil rights activist. Both sides of her family were biracial African-Americans. Horne identified as black and faced significant racial bias

BARACK OBAMA — First black president of the US. Born to a Kenyan father and a white American mother, Obama identifies as a black

TIGER WOODS — One of the greatest golfers in the history of the sport, Woods is of Thai, African-American, Chinese, and Native American descent. He describes his ethnic make-up as 'Cablinasian' (abbreviation he coined from Caucasian, Black, American Indian, and Asian)

VP nominee Vance calls Harris a 'phony' who 'grew up in Canada'

During a rally, veep candidate JD Vance called Kamala Harris a "phony" who "grew up in Canada," hours after Donald Trump questioned her identity as a black woman. He did not directly refer to her race, but echoed the underlying attacks from Trump that Harris has changed her identity for personal gain. Vance mocked her for living in Canada during her teen years, and he accused her of faking Southern accent while campaigning in Georgia last week. NYT

Trump loses appeal of gag order in hush money case

A New York state appeals court on Thursday rejected Donald Trump's challenge to a gag order in his hush money criminal case, where the former US prez was convicted in May on charges stemming from hush money paid to a porn star. The decision means Trump cannot comment publicly about individual prosecutors and others in the case until Justice Juan Merchan sentences him on Sept. 18. REUTERS

Precise killing: Top Palestinian militants were next door

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Haniyeh, who had led Hamas's political office in Qatar, had stayed at the guesthouse several times when visiting Tehran, the officials said. Israel has not publicly acknowledged responsibility for the killing, but Israeli intelligence officials briefed US and other Western govts on the details of the operation in the immediate aftermath, according to the five West Asian officials.

In the hours after the killing, speculation immediately focused on the possibility that Israel had killed Haniyeh with a missile strike, possibly fired from a drone or a plane, similar to how Israel had launched a missile on a military base in Isfahan, Iran, in April. That missile theory raised questions about how Israel might have been able to evade Iranian air defence systems again to execute such a brazen airstrike in the capital. As it turns out, the assassins were able to exploit a different kind of gap in Iran's defences: a lapse in the security of a supposedly tightly guarded compound. Such a breach, three Iranian officials said, was a catastrophic failure of intelligence and security for Iran and a tremendous embarrassment for the Revolutionary Guard, which uses the compound for retreats, secret meetings and housing prominent guests.



Getty Images

HANIYEH'S KILLING

How the bomb was stashed in the guesthouse remained unclear. The officials said the planning for the assassination took months and required extensive surveillance of the compound. At around 2 am local time, the device exploded, according to the West Asian officials, including the Iranians.

Startled building staff members, the officials said, ran to find the source of the tremendous noise, leading them to the room where Haniyeh was staying with a bodyguard.

The leader of the Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Ziyad al-Nakhalah, was staying next door, two officials said. His room was not badly damaged, suggesting precise planning in the targeting of Haniyeh. Khalil al-Hayya, the deputy commander of Hamas in Gaza who was also in Tehran, arrived at the scene and saw his colleague's body, according to the officials.

Among the people immediately notified, said the three Iranian officials, was Gen. Ismail Ghaani, the commander in chief of the Quds Force, the overseas arm of the Revolutionary Guard, which works closely with Hamas and Hezbollah. He notified Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, in the middle of the night, waking him up, the officials said. NYT

9/11 'plotters' agree to plead guilty, will avoid death penalty

Guantanamo Bay (Cuba): The man accused of plotting the attacks of Sept 11 and two of his accomplices have agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy and murder charges in exchange for a life sentence rather than a death-penalty trial at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prosecutors said Wednesday.

Prosecutors said the deal was meant to bring some "finality and justice" to the case, particularly for the families of nearly 3,000 people who were killed in the attacks in New York City, at Pentagon and in a Pennsylvania field.

The defendants — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Walid bin Attash and Mustafa al-Hawsawi — have been in US custody since 2003. But the case had become mired in more than a decade of pretrial proceedings that focused on the question of whether their torture in secret CIA prisons had contaminated the evidence against them.

Mohammed, 59, a US-educated engineer and avowed jihadi, was accused of coming up with the idea of hijacking airplanes and flying them into buildings. Prosecutors said he presented Osama bin Laden with the plan in 1996, and then helped train and direct some of the hijackers. He and Hawsawi, 55, were captured in Pakistan in 2003, and held in secret CIA prisons until their transfer to US naval base at Guantanamo in 2006. Hawsawi and Bin Attash helped with hijackers' training. NYT

Israel: Deif, elusive commander of Hamas' military wing, is dead

Was One Of Chief Architects Of Oct 7 Attack & No. 2 After Yahya Sinwar In Gaza; Military Says Killed In July 13 Hit

Jerusalem: The Israeli military said Thursday that it had killed **Mohammad Deif**, the elusive commander of Hamas' military wing who has long been one of the country's most wanted militants. He was widely seen as one of the chief architects of Hamas' Oct. 7 attack on Israel.



The announcement culminated weeks of speculation about the fate of Deif after an airstrike on July 13 on the outskirts of Khan Younis that targeted him. At the time, the Israeli military did not say for certain whether he had been killed. Hamas has not explicitly confirmed or denied Israel's claim Thursday. "Following an intelligence assessment, it can be confirmed that Muhammad Deif was eliminated in the strike," the Israeli military statement said, without offering any more specific evidence.

At least 90 people on the ground in the vicinity of the strike were killed that day, as per Gaza health ministry. Its tally does not distinguish between civilians and combatants.

The announcement came a day after the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, the Qatar-based leader of Hamas' political bureau. He is the highest-ranking Hamas figure inside Gaza that Israel says it has killed since Oct. 7. Deif has been de facto second in command to the group's leader inside Gaza, Yahya Sinwar. Analysts credit him with transforming Hamas' military wing, the Qassam Brigades, into a powerful and well-organised fighting force. Deif's success at escaping previous Israeli efforts to kill him — he was believed to have lost an eye and been seriously wounded — enhanced his status in the eyes of some Palestinian admirers. He survived over eight attempts on his life. NYT



Reuters

A woman visits Nova festival site to mark 300 days since Oct 7 attack

AI and other airlines pause Tel Aviv flights

Following increased tensions in West Asia, airlines have again started to suspend flights to Tel Aviv and others in the region, reports **Saurabh Sinha.** Air India cancelled its Delhi-Tel Aviv nonstop on Thursday, and hence the return flight will also not be operating. AI's next flight to Israel is on Sunday and the airline is "watching the situation closely", say officials. Foreign carrier SWISS has suspended flights between Zurich and Tel Aviv until Aug 8 and Zurich-Beirut flights till Aug 12. TNN

Hezbollah to 'avenge' commander's killing

Lebanon's Hezbollah vowed Thursday a "definite" response to Israel's killing of its top military commander, saying the strike had crossed red lines. "The resistance cannot but respond. This is definite," said chief Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah. "We are looking for a real response, not a performative response, and for real opportunities. A studied response." An Israeli strike on Beirut Tuesday killed Fuad Shukr, head of the group's military operations, along with an Iranian adviser. REUTERS

Trump denigrates S America, Asia, and Africa, saying they are sending criminals, rapists and lunatics to US

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Washington: Former US President Donald Trump denigrated countries across the world on Wednesday, claiming without any evidence that "criminals, rapists, vicious gang members" and people from "mental institutions and insane asylums" are pouring into the United States from South America, Asia, Africa and West Asia

Expanding his racist rhetoric to include regions beyond Latin America in his dystopian vision of illegal immigrants wreaking havoc on the US, Trump blamed his opponent, "border czar" Kamala Harris, for the "gigantic invasion", saying "she will destroy our country" and she should "get the hell out of here". The former prez, seemingly driven to desperation after polls show him falling behind Harris in the election race despite an assassination bid, doubled down on his rant in illegal immigration, which previously centered largely on Central and South America. In his iteration, countries such as Venezuela and El Salvador are emptying out their prisons and mental facilities to deliberately send criminals and lunatics to the US, bringing down crime rates in their countries while increasing it in the US.



So ludicrous is Trump's allegation that leaders from countries and regions he has named have simply ignored the rant, which is lapped up by his MAGA crowd. Fact checkers, who have found no evidence or data to back Trump's claim, have simply thrown up their hands, although one journal warned that he will continue to lie about immigration because it has worked for him in the past, "but we can't just ignore the vitriol he spews as if it's normal".

"It's worth looking at Trump's outrageous invasion fantasies in depth—and the media, in general, does little to counter the craziest of them. He repeats them so often they become a mantra," the journal Bulwark said in a commentary, highlighting Trump's thesis that the US is "being invaded by would-be Hannibal Lecters".

Trump's rhetoric has taken on a particularly vicious tone since Harris became the Democratic nominee, with a naked attempt to otherize her as a foreigner (an Indian) despite her well-chronicled record of embracing a primarily black identity. Trump has even asked some non-white Democratic lawmakers to "go back to your country". On Thursday, some Democrats struck back, reminding Trump campaign that his running mate's wife is also Indian.

B'desh bans Jamaat-e-Islami, an ally of Zia, under terror law

Dhaka: Bangladesh on Thursday banned the Jamaat-e-Islami and its student wing Islami Chhatra Shibir under anti-terrorism law following the recent nationwide unrest over the quota system for govt jobs, accusing the fundamentalist party of instigating protests that left at least 150 people dead.

A gazette notification issued by the home ministry said the govt possesses "enough evidence" that the outfits were involved in recent killings, destructive and terrorist activities directly and through incitement". Security has been beefed up in the wake of the ban on the Islamist party, a key ally of ex-PM Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party.

PM Sheikh Hasina said she believes the Jamaat-e-Islami and Islami Chhatra Shibir may "go underground and engage in destructive activities after their ban and will have to be dealt with as a 'militant group'". Jamaat-e-Islami official Shafiqur Rahman condemned the executive order banning what he called Bangladesh's "oldest traditional democratic party".

Meanwhile, police freed six leaders of the Students Against Discrimination. Small protests had resumed this week after other members of group ended a moratorium on protests. They had vowed to restart their campaign after govt ignored a Monday deadline for their leaders to be freed. PTI & AFP

AROUND THE WORLD

Korean Air bars hot cup noodles, citing turbulence

Korean Air will stop serving instant cup noodles — a popular snack in Korea that requires boiling water — on its long-haul flights. It is part of changes in response to increased turbulence incidents. Concerns about turbulence on planes have heightened since a Singapore Airlines flight from London in May encountered a severe incident leading to one death and dozens of injuries. Serving the hot noodle cups to tightly seated economy class flyers will stop from Aug. 15. Snacks will instead include sandwiches, corn dogs, and hot pockets, the airline said.

Reuters



CAP ON TOURISTS IN VENICE

In new crowd-control measure, Venice on Thursday capped tourist parties at 25 and barred guides from using loudspeakers for managing the flow of pedestrians

China records hottest mth

China had its hottest month in observed modern history in July. Temperatures averaged 23.2°C last month, eclipsing the 23.1°C in July 2017. The world registered its hottest day on record on July 22, with global average surface air temp reaching 17.15°C.

IS AI RESHAPING THE WORLD?



AI, a tool for human innovation

Across industries, firms are using AI as a tool to improve the customer service experience, by making systems and processes more intelligent, efficient, and scalable. For instance, in financial services, AI can help advisors predict customer needs and offer solutions that will help them make smarter investing decisions. AI also aids in innovation by augmenting human capabilities, freeing up more time for people to work on strategic tasks. As an example, Saifr, incubated by Fidelity Labs in 2022, is a RegTech solution which uses AI and natural language processing (NLP) to help ensure a company's public communications are compliant with various regulatory rules. By streamlining the compliance process, the software frees up time for content creators, marketers, copy editors, and compliance and legal specialists to focus on more complex work.

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INDIA AI DEVELOPER BASE HUGE

Google's teams in India are also contributing significantly to building Gemini's capabilities

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It was a sea of people the other day in Bengaluru at the Google I/O Connect, Google's annual developer conference. Later during the day when we sat down for a conversation with Seshu Ajjarapu, senior director at Google DeepMind, and Manish Gupta, director of research at Google India, it was easy to understand the excitement.

Seshu said that over 2 million developers globally use Gemini, Google's large language model, and they use it through what's called Google AI Studio. And India, he said, is one of the largest user bases on Google AI Studio. They are using it to develop hundreds of applications. And we have two of those stories – on Miko and Cropin – alongside this one. We also met Manu Chopra, co-founder of Karya, who is using Gemini to design a no-code solution that allows members in marginalised communities to provide very rich datasets for AI development.

> In India, three aspects are very important. We are multimodal – we are very visual people, a lot more of Google Lens usage, and voice search happens than in countries like the US. We are a mobile-first country. And we have very rich linguistic diversity. Gemini is addressing all three. And in all of this, our teams in India are contributing in a very significant way.
> **Manish Gupta** | DIRECTOR, GOOGLE RESEARCH INDIA

Another part of the Gemini excitement in India comes from Google's engineers here, who are contributing substantially to key features of the LLM. Manish said his teams are working particularly on three themes that are important in India – enriching the LLM with visualisation and voice capabilities, enabling it on mobiles, and enabling it to understand diverse languages.

He noted that Gemini has become really good at understanding contexts in images, figuring out mistakes in, say, a Physics problem shown as an image. He noted that Gemini now has a long context window of upto 2 million tokens, which is the amount of data the model is looking at while making its prediction. So you can upload an hour long video, and it will be able to answer questions about things in the video – like `at what point does this scene appear?'.

"One of the capabilities I'm personally very proud of is Matformer, which my team in India has developed. It's a way to build these models in a nested manner. Gemini Nano 2 will be a 4 billion parameter model on the mobile device, but nested inside this model will be another 2 billion model, 1 billion, 0.5 billion…all kinds of sizes. So, if you want the full power, you can use that, but if you want to save on battery and your task is relatively simple – like summarising an email – maybe it could be done with a smaller model. So you don't need separate models deployed on the device," Manish said.

The teams in India have also worked on several Indic language related features, and we'll bring you those stories another day. "The whole effort is to democratise AI," Manish said.

WE NEED TO REIMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE WITH AI



> We don't think AI is just an enabler of some use cases. We think it's a platform shift, it will be a long journey that will require all of us to reimagine what's possible. Initially, I see every company trying to solve yesterday's problems with it – can I get a 10% CSAT (customer satisfaction) improvement, can I cut costs by 5%. But the power AI offers requires us to reimagine what's possible. And we believe India is at the cornerstone of this AI revolution – for the number of developers we have, the richness of data we have, its linguistic diversity, being mobile-first.
> **Seshu Ajjarapu** | SENIOR DIRECTOR, GOOGLE DEEPMIND

This robot's a global success

In 2014, Sneh Vaswani, Prashant Iyengar and Chintan Raikar happened to see a child being beaten by her mother, because the child was glued to her mobile phone for hours. They realised the hypnotic hold electronic gadgets have over children. They were in the robotics industry and thought they could build a robot that would be a genuine teaching assistant to children, and a playmate.



Their robot, Miko, was initially targeted at India. But in more recent years, the big success has come from the US, where chains like Walmart, Amazon and Costco stock it.

Miko has laser lights that come from the belly that detects edges and obstacles, preventing it from hitting anything or falling off a table. It's a very affable robot that answers all kinds of questions that children ask. Given that children are the users, it's crucial to ensure the AI system is foolproof, and gives only age appropriate responses. Miko has built an AI stack that does that. But quality control is essential, and for this, Miko uses Gemini. "Gemini asks questions to Miko at the backend, like a million questions, of different kinds. Miko will give a response. Gemini will gauge if it's age appropriate, region appropriate, culturally relevant. In India if it talks about Virat Kohli, in the US it has to talk about, say, Steph Curry (basketball player)," Sneh says.



> Ours is an India to global story. Tech is built in India, manufactured in India, and sold across the world. 95% of our revenue comes from the US. We sell in 140 countries. We've sold half a million robots to date. There are competitors, but across the world, robots like ours are very expensive – $2000, compared to our $200. And ours is a moving robot, with content, with interactivity.
> **Sneh Vaswani** | CO-FOUNDER & CEO, MIKO

Mapping planet's agriculture

Krishna Kumar's founded Cropin 14 years ago with the idea of building a solution for agriculture that agribusinesses and government could use to manage the agri workflows. Like helping Pepsico determine where to grow its potatoes, or helping govt determine what agri support to offer to which growers. Today, they have a massive platform that brings together satellite data, soil data, farming data, weather data and lots more. And the venture is in a position today to run deep learning models on top of this to provide future forecasts.

"We created a proprietary grid of the planet, of 5x5km, which we can narrow down even to pixel levels. Then we brought all the models together, the crop models, the climate data, earth observation data, and stitched them together on every grid. These grids are also interconnected. Now you can ask questions, like `I'm planning to grow potato next season, which grid can support more than 30 tonnes per hectare?' or `Which grids have seen a drop of 20% in yield?'" says Kumar.

Gemini is today making the job easier for Cropin, given the massive amounts of data that it contains. If there are followup questions on a grid, about things like the precipitation levels or soil moisture, Gemini often has answers. "If I don't have Gemini, I'll have to build all these insights with the 5-6 people sitting, say, in Kenya," Kumar says. All of this is enabling questions to be answered in seconds, and decisions to be taken instantly.

> We have collected trillions of data sets across 30 million acres in 103 countries, on more than 500 crops, 10,000 varieties. We are now building a knowledge graph around that, and are able to make predictions like what will happen to a crop, what disease could hit. We are mapping the whole of China for the potato supply chain for a customer. In Kenya, we are doing work on corn, coffee and potato, in Nigeria and Sri Lanka on paddy.
> **Krishna Kumar** | FOUNDER & CEO, CROPIN

Using data & AI to build an intelligent EV



Ultraviolette's employees with the F77 bike

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On a warm July afternoon, Narayan Subramaniam and Niraj Rajmohan are sitting in their sleek office, surrounded by prototypes and whiteboards filled with complex algorithms. They're discussing their latest creation, an electric motorcycle that's as much a computer on wheels as it is a high-octane ride.

"Every second, our bikes collect about 3,000 data points," Rajmohan says. "From voltage and current to tyre pressure and rider behaviour."

Their venture, Ultraviolette, is using this information to revolutionise the riding experience.

While smartphones can easily estimate how long its battery will last, the same task is far more complex for an electric motorcycle. "The usage is very dynamic," Rajmohan notes. "You could be cruising on a highway or gunning it through city traffic."

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Their solution – a sophisticated algorithm that learns from the entire fleet of their bike, called F77, on the road. By analysing data from thousands of riders across diverse terrains and driving styles, the company can offer increasingly accurate range predictions tailored to each rider's unique habits.

The bike is constantly learning about its rider, creating what Rajmohan calls a "fingerprint" of their driving style. This allows the bike to offer personalised suggestions, such as adjusting regenerative braking levels based on whether you're a city commuter or a highway cruiser.

The data is also being used to flip the script on vehicle maintenance. Traditional motorcycles rely on riders to identify issues and bring them in for service. Subramaniam says that for F77, they can predict problems before the rider even notices them. By continuously monitoring everything from energy efficiency to subtle changes in the bike's behaviour, Ultraviolette can alert riders to potential issues.

Data also informs everything from manufacturing decisions to expansion of the charging network. "If we see a particular variant or colour becoming popular in pre-orders, that information flows directly back to our production line," Rajmohan says.

Diverse talent

The use of AI/ML has required a diverse talent team. "We needed people with backgrounds in maths, statistics, programming, and data engineering," Rajmohan says. "It's a cross-disciplinary challenge."

> We're using machine learning to create a symbiotic relationship between rider, vehicle, and infrastructure. Our AI doesn't just react; it anticipates. It's learning from every kilometre ridden, every charge cycle, every rider interaction. Soon, your motorcycle won't just know how you ride; it'll understand why you ride. That's the future, where AI transforms mobility into an intuitive, personalised experience.
> **Niraj Rajmohan** | CTO & CO-FOUNDER



> Our approach is holistic – from the ground up, we've designed our vehicles to be data-driven and AI-enabled. This allows us to transition from reactive to proactive in every aspect, from maintenance to rider experience. Our motorcycle isn't just a product, it's a platform that evolves with each ride, learning and adapting to create a symphony between man, machine, and road.
> **Narayan Subramaniam** | CEO & CO-FOUNDER



Gen AI too is being used, like in designing the charging network. By feeding historical rider data, geographical information, and traffic patterns into their AI models, the system can generate optimised proposals for charging station locations.

In customer service, advanced chatbots provide personalised support by drawing on the vast pool of rider data and vehicle diagnostics. As Rajmohan puts it, "AI isn't just a tool for us; it's becoming the central nervous system of our entire operation, connecting riders, vehicles, and infrastructure in ways we're only beginning to explore."

As our conversation winds down, Subramaniam and Rajmohan's excitement about the future is palpable. They see this as just the beginning. "We're not just building electric motorcycles," Subramaniam says. "We're creating an entire ecosystem that learns and evolves with every kilometre ridden."

Stock traders need to upskill to stay relevant in the age of AI

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In the fast-paced world of finance, AI is transforming how traders analyse markets, manage risks, and execute strategies.

"AI has fundamentally changed the approach to stock trading, enabling traders to process and analyse vast amounts of data at lightning-fast speeds," says Kunal Nandwani, co-founder and CEO of uTrade Solutions. This capability allows traders to identify market trends and insights with unprecedented accuracy. The impact of AI extends far beyond basic data analysis. Kunal says AI-driven tools are now capable of executing complex trading algorithms autonomously, adjusting to market changes in real time, and are able to learn from their trading experiences to improve future performance.

Recent advancements in generative AI have further enhanced these capabilities. "Generative models can create synthetic data to improve training processes, generate realistic market scenarios for stress testing, and even develop novel trading strategies by simulating various market conditions," Sujit Modi, CIO of Share.Market, explains.

Kunal says a generative AI system can even simulate the impact of a significant geopolitical event on stock prices, allowing traders to strategise how best to mitigate risks or capitalise on potential opportunities before similar events occur in the real world.

> To stay relevant, stock trading professionals must adapt and upskill. Mastery of AI tools and understanding their trading applications is crucial. Develop skills like prompt engineering to craft effective AI inputs. Most importantly, learn to synergise human intuition with AI's analytical prowess. This combination will enhance decision-making and boost operational efficiency in our highly competitive field.
> **Kunal Nandwani** | CEO & CO-FOUNDER, UTRADE SOLUTIONS



> While upskilling in AI and related technologies provides a significant competitive edge in the stock trading space, it's not the end-all. Traditional and AI-driven methods will coexist, each offering unique value. Focus on understanding how AI can enhance your ability to predict earnings and identify market patterns. Remember, long-term investing will still be primarily driven by earnings growth. Blend AI insights with human judgment.
> **Sujit Modi** | CIO, SHARE.MARKET



Learn to prompt

As AI's influence grows, industry professionals must adapt to stay relevant. "With AI transforming the stock trading landscape, it is imperative for industry professionals to adapt and upskill," Kunal advises. He stresses the importance of mastering AI tools and understanding their applications in trading. "Skills like prompt engineering—crafting effective inputs to generate useful AI responses—become particularly valuable," he notes.

Those looking to advance quickly in their careers, Sujit says, should upskill in AI and related technologies. However, he also says traditional methods won't become obsolete, predicting a coexistence of AI-driven and human-led approaches.

Both experts agree that while AI will become an indispensable tool for market analysis and decision-making, it's unlikely to ever predict market trajectories with complete accuracy due to the inherent unpredictability of markets. As Kunal puts it, "The future of stock trading will likely see AI systems becoming indispensable tools for market analysis and decision-making. These systems will aid traders by providing comprehensive analytics, allowing for more strategic trading decisions based on data-driven insights."

AUTO-TRANSLATION TO HELP BIZ EXPAND REACH


Nakul Kundra and Himanshu Sharma's Devnagri team is based in Delhi

➤ College friends Nakul Kundra and Himanshu Sharma started Devnagri in 2021 with the idea of personalising business communication for non-English speakers, and make it easy for non-English users to access the internet in their native languages. The venture has developed an AI-powered translation platform that can accept multiple files from different domains. **By leveraging advanced NLP (natural language processing) and SLMs (small language models), the platform then translates, contextualises, and personalises the content.**

➤ Nakul says **the BLEU (BiLingual Evaluation Understudy) scores for translations of Indian languages on their platform are very impressive.** BLEU is a widely used metric for assessing the quality of machine-translated text automatically. This metric calculates a score ranging from zero to one, which indicates the degree of similarity between the machine-generated translation and a set of human-translated reference texts considered to be of high quality. The higher the BLEU score, the closer the machine translation is to the reference translations, suggesting a better translation quality.

➤ The company's focus is on helping businesses meet the **growing demand for localised communication,** and scale their operations to smaller towns cost-effectively. Among its over 100 customers are Meesho, Apollo, Embibe and UNDP.

➤ "We are now moving towards offering enterprises and govt departments a **private cloud infrastructure to maintain ownership of their content** and keep the LLMs/SLMs trained with every usage by the customer," Nakul says.

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AROUND THE WORLD THIS WEEK

Now, talk to ChatGPT

Sam Altman-led OpenAI has launched an advanced voice mode for ChatGPT Plus subscribers, enabling natural voice conversations with the AI model. This feature enables real-time voice conversations with natural responses, emotional cues, and sound effects during storytelling. Previously, Voice Mode had significant latencies, but with GPT-4o, response times are as low as 232 milliseconds. The company says that it has tested GPT-4o's voice capabilities with 100+ external red teamers across 45 languages. The AI model will only speak in four preset voices – Juniper, Breeze, Cove and Ember – made in collaboration with paid voice actors.



Segment videos with new model

Meta has just introduced SAM 2, an advanced foundation model supporting promptable visual segmentation in images and videos. SAM 2 achieves higher accuracy with fewer user interactions, is six times faster and more accurate than its predecessor and can track objects across video frames in real-time. It has potential applications in video editing, mixed reality, and computer vision training.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED



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AI STACK

The AI stack is a layered framework that enables the development and deployment of artificial intelligence solutions. It consists of an Infrastructure Layer, which provides hardware and software resources such as computing power and storage. The Data Layer handles data sources, storage, and processing through databases and data warehouses. The Algorithm Layer comprises machine learning and deep learning algorithms like TensorFlow and PyTorch. The Application Layer is where AI-powered applications and services like chatbots and image recognition are built. Finally, the Orchestration Layer integrates and manages AI workflows using tools like Kubernetes and Apache Airflow.

SYNTHETIC DATA

Synthetic data is artificially generated information that mimics real-world data, but isn't sourced from actual events or individuals. It's created through algorithms and statistical models to replicate genuine data's characteristics and patterns. Synthetic data augments existing datasets, enhances privacy, and improves AI model training, reducing reliance on sensitive or scarce real-world data. It's a valuable tool for data scientists and researchers, offering a controlled and flexible alternative for testing, training, and validating AI models.

GALLERY

My favourite bowler is Bumrah: Dhoni

Hyderabad: Mahendra Singh Dhoni picked Jasprit Bumrah as his favourite bowler, but the multiple World Cup-winning former Indian skipper refrained from selecting between Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma as batsman of his choice. "It's easy to pick my favourite bowler because Bumrah is there. It's difficult to pick a batsman because we have many good batsmen. But that doesn't mean bowlers aren't good," said Dhoni during a promotional event

Salah scores as Reds beat Arsenal 2-1: Mo Salah and Fabio Carvalho scored first-half goals to give Liverpool a 2-1 victory over Arsenal on Wednesday while Chelsea cruised and Manchester United edged Real Betis 3-2 in pre-season matches. Kai Havertz scored Arsenal's goal in front of a crowd of 69,879 at the home stadium of the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles. In other friendly action in the United States, Chelsea swept past Mexico's Club America 3-0, AC Milan beat Real Madrid 1-0 and Manchester United edged Real Betis 3-2.

Dortmund sign Pascal Gross: Champions League runner-up Borussia Dortmund signed German midfielder Pascal Gross from Brighton on Thursday, adding depth and experience to its midfield. Gross leaves the English Premier League after seven years and 228 games, the third-most ever in the league for a German player, to join a club he's supported since childhood. He arrives on a two-year contract.

Forest sign Portugal's Silva on four-year deal: Portugal's Jota Silva has joined Nottingham Forest on a four-year deal from Vitoria de Guimaraes, the Premier League club said on Thursday. Silva, a versatile forward who can play across the front line, scored 15 goals and provided seven assists for Vitoria in all competitions in 2023-24.

AGENCIES

'Time to move on from T20 WC win'

Ahead Of 1st ODI Vs Lanka, Skipper Rohit Says It's Time To Focus On What's Ahead

Colombo: India skipper Rohit Sharma said it's time to move on from the euphoria of the T20 World Cup victory as he looked forward to continuing the success under new head coach Gautam Gambhir in a season full of challenging assignments.

Rohit's side has started a new journey under Gambhir with the ongoing white ball series against Sri Lanka and the season ahead has some top-of-the-shelf tournaments, including the Champions Trophy early next year.

"I had a good time off from cricket. It was a great feeling to come back home after winning the World Cup...what we experienced in Delhi and Mumbai. But yeah, now we have to move on, cricket moves on," said Rohit on the eve of the first ODI against Sri Lanka here.

Rohit had retired from T20Is following the triumph.

"Whatever we have done in the past, that was good for that particular period of time, but time keeps moving forward and we also need to keep moving forward," he added.

Rohit said the team adopted a similar approach after the defeat to Australia in last year's 50-over World Cup at home. "That's what happened after the 2023 World Cup. There was a lot of disappointment, but we had to move on and look forward to this World Cup. Now, that the T20 World Cup is over, we have to think about what lies ahead of us as a team. Yeah, there is plenty to look forward to, a big tournament coming up," he added.

Rohit admitted that the ways of Gambhir will be different from his predecessors.

"Gautam Gambhir has played a lot of cricket and he has been involved with franchise cricket also before. Obviously, it is going to be different from the previous support staff. Ravi Shastri was there before Rahul Dravid joined the team, every individual works differently.

"I know Gambhir for a very long time and we have played a little bit of cricket together. He has a very clear mind and knows what he wants from the team."

The Mumbaikar said he has held chats with Gambhir about the team's blueprint for the future. "Basically, our chats have centred around what the team needs, what are our shortcomings, where have we done well etc. It was a discussion on how to take the team forward. But we don't want to plan too far ahead. We are here for three games, and the idea is to take something back from these three games, and learn how we want to play and what we want to achieve in ODI cricket." PTI

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WHAT'S THE PLAN? India's head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Rohit Sharma during practice in Colombo on Thursday

Pathirana, Madushanka ruled out

Colombo: Sri Lanka suffered a massive blow ahead of the three-match ODI series against India as pacers Matheesha Pathirana and Dilshan Madushanka were ruled out with respective injuries.

"Madushanka suffered a Grade 2 hamstring injury on his left leg during the team's fielding practice" the Sri Lanka Cricket announced in a statement on Thursday.

"Pathirana has suffered a mild sprain on his right shoulder while diving to take a catch during the Third T20 match vs. India," the statement added. PTI

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'Gaekwad was courageous and had a big heart'

Kiran More Remembers His First Captain As Colleagues Pay Last Respects To Anshuman

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Vadodara: The mortal remains of former India cricketer Anshuman Gaekwad were consigned to the flames on the Kirti Mandir premises here on Thursday afternoon. Former India players Kiran More, Roger Binny, Atul Bedade and Nayan Mongia along with Baroda Cricket Association (BCA) office-bearers and members were among those who paid their last respects.

Gaekwad's sons, Shatrunjay and Aniruddha, carried out the last rites. The 71-year-old had battled cancer for the last year. He had been admitted to a private hospital three weeks ago. He passed away at 9.30pm on Wednesday.

"I made my debut in the Baroda Ranji squad when Gaekwad was the skipper. He was a courageous player with a big heart," More told TOI.

Reminiscing their 1976 West Indies tour, More said, "He got hit on the head by the ball in Jamaica in 1976. I have seen cricketers, after being hit on the head, getting nervous to the point that their careers begin to flag. Gaekwad was made of something else. He again faced the same bowlers in 1983 without any fear. He was the Iron Man of Indian cricket."

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his condolences to the Gaekwad family. "Shri Anshuman Gaekwad Ji will be remembered for his contribution to cricket. He was a gifted player and an outstanding coach. Pained by his demise. Condolences to his family and admirers. Om Shanti," the PM tweeted on Wednesday night.

When Gaekwad was in hospital, former players such as Kapil Dev and Farokh Engineer had sent him videos wishing him a speedy recovery, as did Greg Chappell and actor Nana Patekar. Kapil and Engineer both called him a fighter. "Come on, cheer up. I hope we meet at the earliest, celebrate together and have a good time," Kapil had said in the video.

"Anshuman Gaekwad was known to be one of the most fearless players in India. He was a respected captain, coach and an able administrator of the Baroda Cricket Association (BCA). He gave a lot to Baroda and Indian cricket. We shall cherish this son of Vadodara. The vacuum created by his demise shall not be filled ever," said Pranav Amin, BCA president.

BCA treasurer Sheetal Mehta, secretary Ajit Lele and CEO Snehal Parikh also paid tribute to Gaekwad.

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BIG LOSS: Anshuman Gaekwad

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>
> **PM Narendra Modi** | ON X

Coe lauds Neeraj for putting India on Olympics map

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Paris: World Athletics (WA) president Sebastian Coe on Thursday lauded World and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra for putting India in the elite company of 100 nations who have won a gold in athletics at the Olympic Games.

"At Tokyo we had 22 member federations winning gold medals. And we now have 100 countries winning a gold medal in athletics. And that 100th was India, courtesy Neeraj Chopra with his outstanding effort in the men's javelin throw," Coe told reporters at a press conference as the blue-riband sport kicked off with the race walk competitions. There are 144 athletics medals up for grabs in 11 days.

Asked about the prize money for the gold-medal winners, WA CEO Jon Ridgeon said: "Our athletes deserve more as our income grows. I hope to extend that to all three medals at Los Angeles. It's the right thing to do. We are not the only one funding athletes; over 60% of NOCs have done that. I had conversations with many athletes from other sports. I think we made the right decision."

On the shoe technology taking the human element away more, Coe said: "I think it's the evolution of technology. We talked to the athletes and coaches and we are not perfect with the regulations. We will continue to monitor that but if we get faster times at stadia we welcome that."

Coe, who won the 1500m gold in the Moscow Games in 1980 and Los Angeles four years later, said he was happy to see 1500m back in the spotlight.

Unanimous decision on Russia

The WA president also said that it was a unanimous decision of the WA council to not allow athletes from Russia and Belarus. "WA is not a political body and we made a tough decision on Russia and Belarus and that was done on the integrity of sport. There is a track and field team coming here and they have some very serious medal chances. It' a very constrained world that the athletes have to operate in. And was it fair for them to compete against athletes from a country who demonstrated such aggression."

Poor start for India

Meanwhile, India's athletics campaign was off to a disappointing start in the men's and women's 20km race walk finals. Vikash Singh was the best placed Indian in the men's event as he finished 30tn in a time of 1:22:36s. Pramjeet Singh Bisht finished 34th in 1:24:48 while Akshdeep Singh had a DNF mark against his name. Ecuador's Brian Daniel Pintado won the gold in 1:18:55.

In the corresponding women's final, Priyanka Goswami finished 41st among the 43 who finished the race.

ANI



HAPPY SCENES: Paris Olympics Bronze medalist shooter Sarabjot Singh being welcomed on his arrival in New Delhi on Thursday

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Will ask SC to vacate stay on survey order: Hindu side

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Justice Jain had reserved his verdict on June 6 after hearing the arguments of the Shahi Eidgah committee and UP Sunni Central Waqf Board.

A total of 18 petitions pertaining to the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah dispute were filed by Hindu plaintiffs in the Mathura civil court. In May last year, all of these were clubbed for a joint hearing in high court.

Justice Jain scheduled a hearing on Aug 12 in preparation for arguments on the batch of pending lawsuits.

Vishnu Shankar Jain, counsel for the Hindu side, told reporters that the plaintiffs would next move Supreme Court to vacate its stay on an earlier HC order allowing a survey of the Shahi Eidgah.

In 1968, a purported "compromise" was reached between the Shri Krishna Janmasthan Seva Sansthan and the Shahi Eidgah trust, allowing both places of worship to operate simultaneously. The plaintiffs contend that the pact is legally invalid.

Protests after teen found dead at Assam hostel

Guwahati: A 17-year-old Class X student of a private school was found dead with his hands and legs trussed up on his hostel premises in Assam's Tinsukia district Thursday morning. Police suspect murder, reports **Dhrubajyoti Malakar**.

Angered by the incident, locals and students vandalised the hostel, prompting police to use tear gas shells to bring the situation under control. "Locals and guardians said the warden does not stay on the hostel premises...They want the hostel authorities to be questioned and held accountable for the death," Lekhapani SHO Nitu Changmai told **TOI**

Sidda's resolve to take BJP head-on follows Rahul meet

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A meeting of the council of ministers was led by dy CM DK Shivakumar. CM Siddaramaiah, though, did not attend. Showing its intent to play hardball with the governor, the council of ministers decided to advise Gehlot to withdraw the show-cause notice and reject the petition that sought his sanction to prosecute Siddaramaiah.

The two meetings aimed to ensure all ministers were on the same page before engaging in a legal and political battle against the BJP-JD(S) opposition combine. The opposition parties have already announced a seven-day padayatra to press for the CM's resignation.

"The show-cause notice to the CM is gross misuse of the constitutional office of governor and politically motivated," Shivakumar said after the meeting. "It is a concerted effort to destabilise our govt, elected with a majority of 136 seats. The governor has not followed due procedure. He should have acted only on the advice of the council of ministers and not at his discretion," he added.

"The speed with which Raj Bhavan sent the show-cause notice to the CM — a few hours after the petition was filed — shows the governor did not even read the petition in detail since it contains about 60 pages. He did not apply his mind to the facts of the case or consider the material available on record," said Shivakumar. He contrasted Gehlot's alacrity with lethargy in cases involving BJP functionaries, including former ministers Shashikala Jolle and Murugesh Nirani, and the decade-long unresolved petition against former minister G Janardhana Reddy.

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On July 26, the governor had issued a show-cause notice to Siddaramaiah over the Muda scam. He is still awaiting his reply.

Advocate and anti-graft activist TJ Abraham said if the governor green-lights prosecution under Prevention of Corruption Act, he "will immediately have to approach the magistrate's court and seek directions for the police or Lokayukta to register an FIR and investigate the scam". Abraham had petitioned the governor on July 26 seeking his sanction to prosecute Siddaramaiah.

Alternatively, the court may directly start trial by issuing summons to the CM and his wife, potentially forcing Siddaramaiah to resign on moral grounds, Abraham added. Some legal experts, though, emphasised that resignation was not mandatory. "To resign or not to resign is more of a moral consideration. There is no law that specifies the requirement of resignation of the CM," said a constitutional expert.

Siddaramaiah's stance mirrors Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal's, who remained in office despite facing arrest in the alleged excise scam. Former CM BS Yediyurappa also continued to be in office despite facing prosecution under Corruption Act in 2011.

Following discussions with the Congress high command, including AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday, a consensus was reportedly reached on taking BJP head-on. Launching a scathing attack on BJP, senior Congress ministers accused the party of "misusing" Raj Bhavan.

Wayanad ops hit by rain, could take few more days: CM

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Wayanad: Kerala CM Vijayan said the mission to trace all people missing in the aftermath of the Wayanad landslides could take a few more days as operations were being hampered by intermittent rain. A cabinet sub-committee comprising four ministers is coordinating the effort.

Over 1,600 rescue workers, including from Army, Navy, NDRF and police, are engaged in the operation. Volunteers said they required heavy machinery to remove large uprooted trees as the available excavators had proved inadequate for the task. With Army building a Bailey bridge between Chooralmala and Mundakkai, required equipment could now reach the worst-affected zone, Vijayan said.

> **Volunteers said they required heavy machinery to remove large uprooted trees. With Army building a Bailey bridge, required equipment can now reach the site**

Besides the CM, Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi and his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra were among those who visited people displaced by the calamity. "It's a painful experience... difficult to speak to people in these circumstances because you really don't know what to say to them... We are going to try and make sure that the survivors get what they should," Rahul told reporters.

At the all-party meeting, leader of opposition VD Satheesan said the state was united in the face of calamity. "The opposition will completely support state govt in rescue efforts. Those missing should be traced," he was quoted as saying. The meeting decided to collect details of migrant workers who lost their lives and ensure their families were compensated. These workers are said to be from TN, Karnataka and Assam, among other states.

Measures taken, no further leakage: Govt on Parl roof seepage

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The Lok Sabha secretariat said keeping in view the concept of "Green Parliament", glass domes have been provided in several parts of the building, including the lobby, so that "abundant natural light" could be utilised in day to day work of the Parliament. "During the heavy rain on Wednesday, the adhesive material used to fix the glass domes over the lobby of the building was slightly displaced, causing minor leakage of water in the lobby," it said.

Govt said corrective measures were taken immediately and thereafter, no further leakage of water has been noticed.

Earlier posting the roof leak video, Tagore said, "Paper leakage outside, water leakage inside. The recent water leakage in the Parliament lobby used by the President highlights urgent weather resilience issues in the new building, just a year after completion. Moving adjournment motion on this issue in LS."

In the adjournment motion, the Congress MP proposed forming a "specialised committee, including MPs from all parties to inspect the building thoroughly" to find the cause of leaks, evaluate the design and materials, and recommend repairs.

Sources said if silicon used between glass joints even has a thin crack, it gets either eroded or damaged by extreme weather, enough for water to pass through. Referring to videos of waterlogging particularly near new Building's Makar Dwar, the Lok Sabha secretariat said the accumulated water "also got drained out quickly".

Shiv Sena (UBT) MP Priyanka Chaturvedi, during a discussion in Rajya Sabha said the Wednesday rain ,shows how well the ministry of housing and urban affairs is doing."

Later in the day, another video of waterlogging in the new building also surfaced. Sources said it was an old incident caused by a pipe burst.

Protesting Meiteis face police action in Imphal

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Guwahati: Several displaced Meitei people living in a relief camp in the valley region of Manipur were wounded in a clash with police during a rally, organised in Imphal Thursday to demand their right to return home in the India-Myanmar border town of Moreh in Tengnoupal district.

These people were displaced 15 months ago due to the state's ethnic conflict.

This was the first time Manipur's "internally displaced people" have been wounded in police action .

More than 100 people from a relief camp at Akampat in Imphal East district participated in the rally, with the intention to march to the CM's secretariat to submit a memorandum.

Many locals joined in, shouting slogans such as "Send us back to our homes". Police stopped them in Singjamei area and a confrontation ensued. This escalated into clashes, with police using tear gas and the protesters responding by throwing stones.

A journalist from a local TV channel was allegedly assaulted by police while covering the rally, despite identifying himself.

The clash happened when the assembly was sitting for monsoon session. The CM expressed displeasure at the use of tear gas against displaced people and assault on a journalist.

Meitei, Kuki groups to meet again after Aug 15

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The agreement said both sides would cooperate with all the security forces operating in Jiribam and agreed to facilitate controlled and coordinated movement. The two sides will meet again after Aug 15, the meeting decided.

Hours earlier, Manipur CM Biren Singh informed the state assembly that govt is working hard towards peace talks and several discussions have taken place in Assam's Silchar, bordering Jiribam district.

The reconciliation meeting was held at a CRPF group centre at Dayapur near Silchar in Assam's Cachar district on Thursday morning, which was moderated by Jiribam district administration.

The meeting was held between representatives of the Meitei and Hmar communities of Jiribam district. Representatives of other tribal communities — Paite, Thadou and Mizo of Jiribam district — also attended.

Jiribam district remained largely unaffected by the large-scale violence since May 3 last year until June 6 this year, when a 59-year-old Meitei farmer, Soibam Saratkumar Singh, went missing.

Last month, a CRPF jawan was killed and three other security personnel injured when suspected militants ambushed a joint patrol party with the state police in Jiribam district

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"Today, I finally beat them all. In such a challenging pool, I broke the world record. It was a perfect performance. Last year I received 29 tests and never had a positive. From May to July, I had 21 tests, no positive."

PAN ZHANLE, CHINESE SWIMMER AFTER BREAKING THE 100M FREESTYLE WR (46.40S) TO WIN GOLD

THIS ONE STINGS!

Satwik-Chirag Duo Falters At Crunch; Sen Surges Past Prannoy

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DOWN AND OUT: Chirag Shetty (L) and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy saw their medal dream evaporate in the quarters

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Four Indian men came to the Porte de la Chapelle arena in the afternoon here on Thursday. The fates of two were linked to each other. The two others, countrymates and friends on the circuit, were forced to battle one another. Two men walked away from the court with a heartbreak which will linger for a while, one broke down in tears later, and one was left standing alone – happy, relieved and maybe a little sad somewhere.

Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were first up in the men's doubles quarterfinals of the badminton competitions. Ranked No. 5 now, they were up against Malaysia's Aaron Chia and Soh Wool Yik, ranked No. 3. There was not much to separate the two pairs as far as skills and pedigree go.

Both are at the elite level. It started as a keenly-contested duel and tilted towards the Indians at the halfway stage of the first game. The pairs went toe-and-toe for a while more and the Indians then surged ahead. The drops were kissing the net and falling in rival territory, the smashes had enough power and the frantic half smashes were just eluding the Malaysians. The game got over at 21-13. They were again 10-10 at the halfway mark in the second game, the Indians having led 4-0 at the start. The game suddenly changed as the Malaysians forced the Indians into making a string of errors. Within no time it was over. 21-14 in favour of the Malaysians.

The decider was well fought. The Indians kept trailing till they equalized at 9-9 and went ahead as a Satwik smash crashed into his opponent's body. Then they took a crucial lead – 14-11 –and should have gone ahead and killed the contest. It was not that simple. The Malaysians raised their level and the Indians started to make errors again. The drop shots that were landing perfectly, started finding the net. There was no room to smash their way out of trouble. It slipped away dramatically, cruelly from them. At 15-15 they were still in there, and also at 16-16. Then the Malaysians raced through the game. 21-16, game over! "It was a close contest. They had the momentum in the third, but we led at 11-9 and then 14-11. We were in control," Chirag said after the loss.

"Then we gave away some easy points and they got a couple of lucky points." Were they too eager to win when they were leading 14-11 in the decider? "We should have probably been calmer," Chirag said. "We didn't miss those shots when we won the first game but missed it in the decider. We have the experience of having played the top players. So, it was not a mind thing. They played the 1-2-3-4 shots better and put us under a lot of pressure towards the end," said Satwik.

Sen prevails in all-India duel

Lakshya Sen took on compatriot HS Prannoy in the men's singles pre-quarterfinals soon after the doubles got over.

It was completely one-sided as Prannoy, older and more experienced, failed to get into any rhythm. Lakshya won the first game 21-12 and finished the second one with a smash – 21-5.

The scores don't give a clear picture, though. There is hardly any difference in the playing level of these two. However, on Thursday, it was clear that Prannoy was not hundred per cent. He had suffered from chikungunya last month and was hospitalized for 5 days.

He recovered somehow to come to Paris, but his body had been ravaged. He played through pain to make the pre-quarterfinals, but had run out of reserves when he met Sen. In the mixed zone, trying to explain his weak play against Sen, he spoke for a while and then broke into tears. There was nothing to say, nothing to ask. Sen, standing next to him, could feel his pain. He will play Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien-Chen today in the quarterfinal.

Reigning champions Belgium hand India their first defeat

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DECISIVE: Belgium players celebrate their second goal against India

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Old foibles with composure at the death surfaced as India's hockey team, with less than two minutes on the clock, failed to score a goal against Belgium, and lost for the first time in this Olympics. India, who had already sealed a quarterfinal berth, appeared set to salvage a draw, but postman Florent van Aubel nudged away a goal-bound penalty corner and they slipped to a 2-1 defeat which saw them drop to third spot in pool B.

Could India have beaten the defending champions? Yes. Did they do enough to earn a win? Short answer, no. In the first three matches of their campaign, the eight-time champions were far from their best. Against Belgium they turned in a much-improved performance, but it wasn't enough to get past the Red Lions.

Against a group of warrior class players, timing was everything. Initially, India did enjoy more of the ball, but they appeared content holding it and looking for space, rather than moving up. In contrast, attack was the underlying theme of the Belgian game plan.

If Belgium weren't the first to go ahead, it was thanks to PR Sreejesh, who padded away a goal-bound shot off the second penalty corner. Then, after a barren first quarter, young striker Abhishek — a fine blend of speed and skill — put India in the front with his debut Olympic goal in the 18th minute. Arthur de Sloover slipped inside the circle and Abhishek was onto the ball in a flash, making room to twirl and slap it into the left corner of the goal.

India's trouble with penalty corners continued with Amit Rohidas squandering one in the second quarter. And with two veteran goalkeepers at both ends — the indomitable Vincent Vanasch guarded Belgium's citadel — creating opportunities inside the circle was crucial. India — who earned only three penalty corners on the day — failed on that count.

In the 27th minute, India had a fine opportunity to double the lead, but Vivek Sagar Prasad, who collected an accurate aerial ball, failed to find a goal. It could have been a different narrative had Vivek relayed a pass to Sukhjeet Singh, who was nicely positioned.

On the other side of the break, Belgium were far more resolute and committed. In the 33rd minute, De Sloover showcased deft stickwork as he charged into the circle and found Van Aubel, who took a shy at goal and Thibeau Stockbroekx tapped in.

India conceded three penalty corners and off the last one in the 44th minute, the iconic John-John Dohmen found the gap amid a goalmouth melee after Sreejesh had done well to block the ball. India did have a few opportunities to go even, while some went astray, the others ran into the unshakable Vanasch.

Sindhu hits a Chinese wall, medal hat-trick dream over

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Paris: It was a story of smash hits and mishits at the Porte de la Chapell here on Thursday evening. China's He Bing Jiao, 27, got it right and destroyed her opponent. India's PV Sindhu, 29, could not and succumbed. Sindhu had beaten the doughty Chinese at the Tokyo Olympics to win the bronze medal.

This time, she lost to her in the pre-quarterfinals, failing in her bid to get her third Olympic medal after her silver in Rio and bronze in Tokyo. It was close in the first game. Sindhu stayed close to the left-hander, engaging in long rallies. She was down 2-7 and 6-10 but caught up at 12-12. It was 19-19 at the end. Sindhu's smash then went just wide, and He's smash on the next point beat Sindhu hollow. 21-19 to the Chinese.



SINDHU

Sindhu changed the strategy. He hadn't smashed too many times in the first game and tried doing it more in the second. But the Chinese was up to it. She kept returning every time Sindhu went for the kill. And then smashed hard to ensure that the points kept coming.

The Chinese went ahead 13-5 and then 16-8. It was very difficult to come back from there. Sindhu pulled back some points, but it ended at 21-14, a rather easy win for the Chinese.

So, did the Chinese's smash hurt her? "Smash… yes, I knew she has a good smash. Her jump smash is really good. I made too many errors. I should have scored more with my smash. But her defence was very good. I should have engaged her in more rallies, but I kept making mistakes, hitting out.

"In the first game, I was at 19-19 but a close call on the penultimate point hurt me. If I had won that game, it would have been different," the seasoned pro said later. "In the second game, I gave her a big lead. No match is over until it is over. I kept fighting."

How difficult has it been coming back from injury and getting ready for this? "Coming back from injury is not easy but we had worked very hard. We prepared very well. Sometimes it is not your day. But I have no complaints. And I would like to thank everyone who backed me, supported me through my dark days, when things were really down."

What lies ahead? "There is time to think about it."



MARCHAND OF PARIS

'French Phelps' Pulls Off One Of The Most Audacious Doubles In Swimming History

Nanterre: Turns out, those comparisons to Michael Phelps weren't farfetched at all when it comes to Leon Marchand.

They certainly weren't a burden for the 22-year-old Frenchman.

Marchand completed one of the most audacious doubles in swimming history Wednesday night, winning the 200-meter butterfly and the 200 breaststroke about two hours apart in front of a home crowd cheering his every stroke.

Two gruelling races. Two very different strokes. Two Olympic records. Two gold medals. Take that, Phelps, who did several doubles of his own while claiming a record eight golds at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

"I'm a really shy person," Marchand said. "I was kind of the center of attention during those two races. I was trying to get the energy from the whole crowd. They're amazing to me, pushing me in every final."

Marchand notched his second and third victories at La Defense Arena and stamped himself — with the Olympics not even a week old — as one of the faces of the Games.

After rallying to beat world-record holder and defending Olympic champion Kristóf Milák in the 200 fly with a finishing kick for the ages, Marchand made it look easy in the 200 breast.

He led all the way, touching in 2 minutes, 5.85 seconds as more than 15,000 fans — many of them holding up cardboard cutouts of his smiling face — nearly blew the roof off La Defense Arena. "Léon! Léon! Léon!" they screamed, a chant that was sure to carry on through the night in Paris.

Following up his dominating victory in the 400 individual medley on Sunday, Marchand hustled off the deck to another rousing cheer to begin his warm down, though those preparations were interrupted by a mandatory return for the victory ceremony.

After a boisterous rendition of "La Marseillaise," the other two medalists walked slowly around the pool, getting their pictures made. Not Marchand. He hustled back to the practice pool. There was another race to go, and another gold.

He had little time for celebration, however, as he was back in the water Thursday just before midday for his heat in the 200m medley. "I didn't get much sleep, I fell asleep at 4:00 am so waking up at 8:00 am wasn't easy," he said.

It's too soon to call Marchand another Phelps — after all, the Frenchman still trails the most decorated Olympian ever in the gold table 23-3. "I'm so very proud of him," Phelps' longtime coach Bowman said of his new star pupil. AP

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CENTRE OF ATTENTION: China's Pan Zhanle exults after breaking the 100m freestyle world record for gold

PAN UNAFFECTED BY DOPE STORM, HAILS 'PERFECT' 100M FREE WR

Paris: China's Pan Zhanle hailed a perfect world record swim that delivered the 100 metres freestyle gold and said he was unaffected by a doping storm that had engulfed his swim team in Paris. The 19-year-old's incredible swim of 46.40 seconds sliced 0.40 seconds off his previous WR, delivering China their first swim gold.

> **That's not real, you don't beat that field - Kyle Chalmers, David Popovici, Jack Alexy - you don't beat those guys by one full body length in 100 freestyle. That's not humanly possible, okay." —Brett Hawke** | AUSTRALIA SWIM COACH

> **It was very fast from a technical point of view, absolutely textbook. When I first saw him last year, I saw the technique he had in the 100 with the breathing, and it really intrigued me." — Cameron McEvoy** | AUSTRALIA SWIMMER

> **I think 46.4 changes swimming. It's a huge drop and it shouldn't be questioned. All the other stuff should be taken care of behind the scenes by the people who in charge. We watched and just thought wow." —Ben Proud** | BRITISH SWIMMER

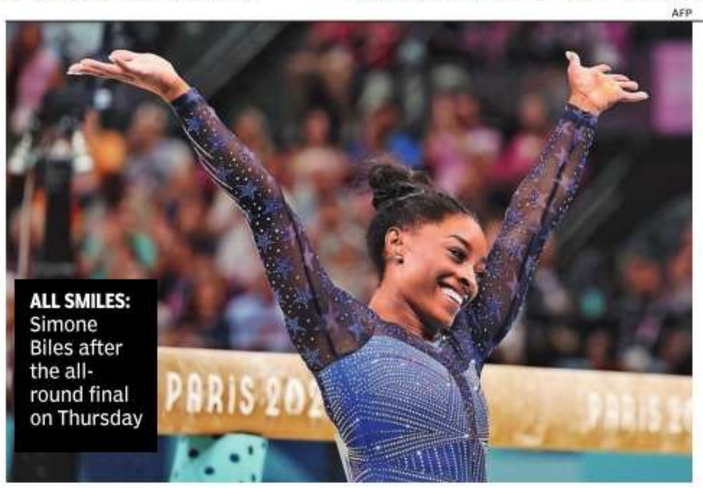
NO SURPRISE AS LEDECKY SWIMS TO 1500M FREE PRIZE



Paris: If there was one safe bet to be made at the Paris Olympics pool it was Katie Ledecky winning the women's 1,500 metres freestyle, and the American once again on Wednesday proved she is swimming's sure thing, powering her way to another gold. As it has been for more than a decade, the question wasn't if Ledecky, the reigning Olympic champion, would win the 1,500 but by how much, leaving the field in her powerful wake storming to the wall first in 15 minutes 30.02 seconds. She is expected to compete in the final of the 4x200 freestyle relay on Thursday. Ledecky will be going for her fourth straight gold medal in the 800 freestyle, with the preliminaries set for Friday and the final Saturday.

8 It was a history-making swim by the 27-year-old American who pocketed her eighth Olympic gold medal to join compatriot Jenny Thompson for most by a female swimmer.

4 Ledecky also becomes the first female swimmer to stand at the top of the podium at four Olympics, joining compatriots Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte - the only men to have accomplished that feat.



ALL SMILES: Simone Biles after the all-round final on Thursday

Peerless Biles wins all-around gold medal

Paris: Simone Biles remains peerless. Even when she's not quite perfect. The American gymnastics star edged Brazil's Rebeca Andrade during a tense Olympic all-around final on Thursday. Biles' total of 59.131 was just over a point ahead of Andrade at 57.932, one of the closest calls Biles has ever endured at a major international event.

Sunisa Lee, the Tokyo Olympics champion, earned bronze despite spending much of the last 15 months dealing with multiple kidney diseases that left her return to the Games very much in doubt.

Still, the meet ended the way all the ones Biles has started and finished over the last 11 years have ended: with hugs and gold on the way. The margin was the smallest in a major international event since Biles captured the third of her record six world championships in 2015. She was a teenager then. She's an icon now.

The 27-year-old who is redefining what a gymnast can do became the third woman to become a two-time Olympic champion, joining Larisa Latynina of the Soviet Union in 1956 and 1960 and Vera Caslavska of Czechoslovakia in 1964 and 1968. Biles also is the oldest woman to claim the biggest title in her sport since then 30-year-old Maria Gorokhovskaya of the Soviet Union won the first-ever Olympic all-around in Melbourne in 1952.

Yet the sixth gold and ninth overall medal — the same as Romanian great Nadia Comaneci, who was among the star-studded crowd that included the US men's basketball team — of Biles' unparalleled career did not come as easy as so many that came before. She misjudged a transition on uneven bars, the weakest of her four events, letting go of the upper bar too soon and forcing her to reach for a larger-than-expect gap. While she didn't fall — Biles muscled her way back into the routine — it blunted her momentum and led to major deductions that left her trailing Andrade through two rotations. The deficit didn't last.

Biles responded with a largely wobble-free 14.566 on the balance beam, the highest of the night among the 24 finalists.

Algerian boxer in gender row wins in 46s!

Paris: Algerian boxer Imane Khelif, who failed a gender eligibility test last year, won her opening bout at the Paris Olympics in just 46 seconds on Thursday against her distraught opponent. Khelif advanced to the quarterfinals of the women's 66kg category after unloading two strong punches on Angela Carini, who shrugged off attempts by the Algerian to shake her hand and collapsed to her knees in floods of tears. Carini suffered a badly hurt nose and the official decision was listed as an abandonment.

Khelif and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting, who fights on Friday at 57kg, were disqualified from the world championships last year but deemed eligible to box in the women's competition in Paris. The IOC website for accredited media in Paris said that the 25-year-old Khelif was disqualified after "elevated levels of testosterone". Both boxed in the women's event at the Tokyo Olympics. The IOC is running the boxing in the French capital because of governance, financial and ethical issues at the IBA. "They are women in their passports and it's stated in there that they are female," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said.

"I don't agree with that being allowed, especially in combat sports as it can be incredibly dangerous," Australia's Caitlin Parker, who is in the 75kg class, said.

The gender eligibility furore surrounding Khelif's participation is of little concern to the Algerian boxer's next opponent, Hungarian Luca Anna Hamori, who said she was focusing purely on the bout. "We didn't spar or fight before. I don't care about the stories or what is going on on social media right now. I came here to get a medal from the Olympic Games. I will go to the ring and I will get my win. I trust my coaches and I trust myself. I'm not scared," Hamori said of Khelif. AGENCIES



HARD TO TAKE: Khelif consoles Carini after the bout

DUELS TO SAVOUR

Track and field takes centre-stage at the Olympics with a swathe of stars on show, some of whose dreams will come true and others whose will beshattered. The top picks in the Stade de France...



MEN'S 100 METRES
MARCELL JACOBS (ITA) **V NOAH LYLES** (USA)

This is a fascinating clash between the mercurial Italian and the livewire American — the former defending his surprising title from Tokyo and the latter trying to rubber-stamp the image of himself as the rightful successor to Usain Bolt. The two could not be more of a contrast physically — Jacobs is all muscles while Lyles has remained lithe, but on form since the Olympics the American is odds-on favourite. However, Jacobs has shrugged off a series of injuries and illnesses that have bedevilled him since Tokyo. Lyles took advantage by winning 100m-200m gold at the world championships last year. Jacobs, 29, threw down the gauntlet in winning the European title in June and if in top form Lyles' claim to Bolt's mantle may receive a jolt of reality.

WOMEN'S 200 METRES
SHERICKA JACKSON (JAM) **V GABBY THOMAS** (USA)

Jackson has shed the 100m and bet the house on the 200m to at last win an Olympic individual gold after two bronzes at 400m and 100m in Rio and Tokyo. A worrying injury close to the Games may have forced her hand but the 30-year-old probably needs all her reserves to handle Thomas. The Jamaican has two 200m world titles whereas Thomas, 27, has something to prove after taking bronze in Tokyo and then Worlds silver behind Jackson last year.

MEN'S 400M HURDLES
KARSTEN WARHOLM (SWE) **V RAI BENJAMIN** (USA)

Warholm has been the leading man and Benjamin never quite a scene-stealing supporting actor in one of athletics' most enthralling rivalries. From the 2019 Worlds in Doha to the Tokyo Games where he broke the world record, the 28-year-old Warholm has shown Benjamin a clean set of heels. Benjamin, though, perhaps landed a psychological blow when he beat Warholm in the Monaco Diamond League meeting in July. "Paris is going to be madness," said Benjamin.

NADAL SAYS HE MAY NOT RETURN TO PARIS CLAY

Paris: Rafael Nadal admitted he may have played at Roland Garros for the final time after he and Carlos Alcaraz were dumped out of the Olympics men's doubles on Wednesday.

The 38-year-old has slumped to 161 in the world after a succession of injuries and faces relentless questions over his future. He was asked whether he had played at Roland Garros for the final time.

"Maybe, I don't know," he said. "If that's the last time, for me it's an unforgettable feeling and emotions. They give me the love and the support every single second that I have been on court.

"For me, it's super, super special to feel that, particularly in this place. I can't really thank enough all of them for giving me the feelings that I have inside myself and the emotions that they make me feel." He also suggested he would probably not play at this year's US Open which he has won four times. "I need some time but for me it looks difficult," he added.

Nadal, who won Olympic singles gold in Beijing in 2008 and doubles gold eight years later in Rio, said it had been a "great experience" to be part of the Spanish team at the Paris Games. AFP



Zheng stuns Roland Garros queen Swiatek

Paris: Iga Swiatek will have to wait four more years to try and win an Olympic gold medal after the Polish top seed was shocked by China's Zheng Qinwen in the semi-finals at Roland Garros on Thursday -- her first loss there since 2021.

Swiatek, the overwhelming favourite for gold after a third successive French Open title this year confirmed her as the Queen of Clay, was outplayed 6-2 7-5 on Court Philippe Chatrier.

In snapping Swiatek's 25-match winning streak at Roland Garros, Australian Open runner-up Zheng became the first Chinese to reach the singles final at Olympics.

Zheng, who did not even have to bring her A-game against a badly off-key Swiatek, will face either Slovakia's Anna Karolina Schmiedlova or Croatia's Donna Vekic for the gold medal. Swiatek will have to console herself with a match for a bronze medal. "I'm so happy that I could make history for Chinese tennis because I always wanted to be one of the athletes who can get a medal for China, for our country," 21-year-old Zheng said.

Alcaraz in quarters; Musetti upsets Zverev

There will be a first-time Olympic men's singles champion too after Tokyo gold-medallist Alexander Zverev of Germany was beaten 7-5 7-5 in the quarter-finals by Italy's Lorenzo Musetti. Spain's Olympic debutant Carlos Alcaraz remained on course for gold though as battled past American Tommy Paul, winning 6-3 7-6(7) after saving a set point in the tiebreak. Swiatek was in tears. REUTERS

INDIA WRAP (DAY 6)

ATHLETICS: Men's 20km race walk: Paramjeet Bisht (finished 37th), Akshdeep Singh (did not finish), Vikash Singh (finished 30th). **Women's 20km race walk:** Priyanka Goswami (finished 41st)

ARCHERY: Men's individual: Pravin Jadhav eliminated in Rd of 64

BADMINTON: Men's Rd of 16: Lakshya Sen bt HS Prannoy 21-12 21-6; **Men's doubles QFs:** Rankireddy/Shetty lost to Aaron Chia/Soh Wooi Yik (MAS) - 21-13 14-21 16-21; **Women's Rd 16:** PV Sindhu lost to He Bingjiao 21-19, 21-14

BOXING: Women's 50kg (Rd of 16) : Nikhat Zareen eliminated

GOLF: Men's individual Rd 1: Gaganjeet Bhullar (T-56, 4-over 75), Shubhankar Sharma (T-29, 1-under 70)

SAILING: Men's Dinghy: Vishnu Saravanan (25th after Race 2); **Women's Dinghy:** Nethra Kumanan (6th after R1)

SHOOTING: Men's 50m rifle 3 positions finals: Swapnil Kusale won the bronze; **Women's 50m rifle 3 positions qualification:** Sift Kaur and Anjum Moudgil both failed to qualify for the final

HOCKEY: Men's pool match: India lost 2-1 to Belgium, first defeat

TABLE TENNIS: Wom singles QFs: Sreeja Akula eliminated

China accuses NYT of sabotage over doping

Paris: China's anti-doping agency (CHINADA) has accused the New York Times of politicizing doping issues and said the publication was trying to "affect the psychology" of Chinese athletes at the Paris Olympics.

CHINADA said it strictly follows anti-doping guidelines and condemned the Times as "unfair and immoral" a day after the newspaper reported two of the country's swimmers in 2022 tested positive for a banned steroid but had their provisional suspensions lifted. The suspensions were lifted after the positive tests were blamed on contaminated food, and the Times said one of the two swimmers was competing at the Paris Games. "(The New York Times') main purpose is to disrupt the order of the Paris Olympic swimming competition, affect the psychology of Chinese athletes and weaken their competitive ability," CHINADA said in a statement on Wednesday. "This is extremely unfair and immoral."

Asked for comment, a spokesperson for the New York Times responded: "We are confident in the accuracy of our reporting." US Anti-Doping Agency chief Travis Tygart said on Tuesday that China had "swept this positive test for a hard-core steroid under the rug."

CHINADA said "doping contamination in meat products is a common problem worldwide" and mentioned the case of American sprinter Erriyon Knighton in its statement.

World silver medalist Knighton was not suspended for testing positive for a banned substance, trenbolone, earlier this year after an arbitrator found the result was likely caused by contaminated meat, and he will compete in Paris. REUTERS



WOMEN'S 400 METRES HURDLES
FEMKE BOL (NED) **V SYDNEY MCLAUGHLIN-LEVRONE** (USA)

Probably the most keenly-anticipated match-up of the Games pits world champion Bol against the 24-year-old American who has dominated the event. The Dutchwoman has twice taken minor medals behind the world record holder — a bronze in Tokyo and silver at the 2022 worlds — but she comes to Paris race-fit whereas the American has been sparing in her appearances.

Bol can take heart that no-one has successfully defended the title -- Deon Hemmings and Dalilah Muhammad going closest in winning silver at the Games after their moment of glory. But McLaughlin-Levrone has shown she is all about making history. AFP

ELSEWHERE AT THE GAMES

French cabbies seek payout for lost revenue

French taxi drivers on Thursday demanded government compensation for lost revenue during the Olympic Games as traffic disruptions and fewer regular clients weigh on demand.

In a letter to the transport ministry, taxi unions said that the Games had been "hugely disappointing" for the drivers of licensed taxis of which there are 20,000 in Paris alone. "Demand is slowing and the entire profession is being prevented from simply doing their job because of these Games," said the letter.

Some drivers had seen their income fall by 40 or 50 percent, they said.

CASUAL DIKEC, THE HITMAN FROM TURKEY, GOES VIRAL

A Turkish pistol shooter Yusuf Dikec has gone viral on social media for his seemingly casual attitude while shooting his way to a silver medal at the 2024 Olympics. The most-shared images show Dikec shooting in a T-shirt with one hand in his pocket, a seemingly standard pair of glasses and an impassive look on his face. He's been likened to a regular guy competing at the Olympics, or even a hitman. The 51-year-old is no newcomer, though. He's competed at every Summer Olympics since 2008.

Dikec and Sevval Ilayda Tarhan won the silver medal in mixed team 10-m air pistol shooting Tuesday. It was Turkey's first-ever medal in Olympic shooting. Unlike Dikec, his teammate Tarhan was competing with large ear defenders and a visor, as well as braids in the red and white colors of the Turkish flag. She was shooting with one hand in her pocket, too.

Dikec was 13th in his individual event and is now done at the Paris Olympics. He's looking ahead to the next Games in 2028, though. "I hope next in Los Angeles (for) a gold medal," he said Tuesday. Dikec seems to be embracing the trend, reposting a video compilation of Turkish-language memes about him to his Instagram page. The shooting events were held around three hours' drive south of Paris. Dikec and Tarhan made the journey to the French capital Wednesday, where they were greeted with cheers at the Champions Park, an open-air venue where medalists celebrate with fans. Shooters have some freedom about how they dress for competition. Many shooters at the Olympic range in Chateauroux, central France, choose to wear visors to reduce the glare of the lights or so-called blinders over one eye to get a better focus for the eye which is looking down the sights.

It's not quite true that Dikec wasn't wearing any shooting gear. He had earplugs to block out distractions.

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American 'Pommel horse guy' Nedoroscik is an internet sensation

Stephen Nedoroscik waited all day for his moment to arrive in the men's team final at the Paris Olympics and when it did he removed his thick glasses, took deep breaths and produced a flawless performance to lift the United States onto the podium. Now Nedoroscik, affectionately known as "pommel horse guy" after his specialty apparatus, is having his moment on the internet with memes, jokes and tribute songs becoming unavoidable to see across social media.

"Obsessed with this guy on the US men's gymnastics team who's only job is pommel horse," wrote X user @MegWritesBooks.

"So he just sits there until he's activated like a sleeper agent, whips off his glasses like Clark Kent and does a pommel horse routine that helps deliver the team its first medal in 16 years." The 25-year-old Penn State student is a world and twice NCAA national champion in the event but pommel horse is not his only talent. Nedoroscik can also solve a Rubik's cube in less than 10 seconds. Whenever he is on camera in a competition, he tugs on his ear as a coded way of saying hello to friends and family. His signature glasses, which he wears because he has strabismus, or crossed eyes, are not required while he swirls atop the apparatus, and their removal has been likened to nerdy journalist Kent's transformation into Superman. AGENCIES

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DREAMCATCHER

Swapnil Kusale Keeps His Calm Under Pressure To Hand India A Record Third Bronze In Shooting



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"I FEEL GREAT. I WAS A LITTLE NERVOUS AND MY HEART IS STILL RACING. **I'M PROUD TO HAVE BROUGHT HOME A BRONZE FOR INDIA"**
—Swapnil Kusale

Paris: Swapnil Kusale was a picture of calm as he battled on to clinch the Olympic bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions final on Thursday.

Much like his hero MS Dhoni, the Indian shooter seemed completely unfazed by all the drama that was unfolding. The consistency under extreme pressure had taken him this far and didn't leave him just when it mattered. As the announcement finally happened that Czech Republic's World No. 2 Jiri Privratsky would be eliminated from a fray of four, was there a hint of a smile on Swapnil's face?

Probably it was. All those years of struggle were behind him, the Kolhapur boy was now an Olympic medal winner. A sense of satisfaction could just have crept in and it did come into play when the battle came down to settling the 1-2. Swapnil didn't make the final cut, but the bronze had already been assured.

"I feel great. I was a little nervous and my heart is still racing. I'm proud to have brought home a bronze for India," Kusale said, soaking in the moment.

At one point, Kusale, who qualified in seventh place, was even in contention for the silver but in the end, Serhiy Kulish of Ukraine had a narrow escape after 44 shots and that won him the medal.

China's Yukun Liu, who equalled the Olympic record in the qualifying round on Wednesday, looked in a different orbit, shooting a perfect 10.9 on his 44th shot to secure the gold. The Chinese World No. 1 also holds the world record.

The 28-year-old, who admitted to faster heartbeats and butterflies in the stomach before the 9.30 am final, had a modest start in the kneeling position as he opened with a 9.6 but bounced back quickly with four 10s. His worst shot in the second series was a 9.9 as he kept pace with the rest of the field. The Railways officer, trained by former India international Deepali Deshpande, improved further in the third series as he ended the kneeling position in the fifth spot.

Kusale's morning devotional chants, a ritual before he starts any big match, and his mother's prayers all seemed to have worked wonders as the Indian zoomed in on the target 50m away with amazing focus in the prone position. He had an exceptional start and fired a near perfect 10.8 with his second shot. Despite his high scores with all the 15 shots, he was still lying fifth with all the finalists firing high scores. The indoor arena took the weather factor out of the equation and it helped the underdogs to get a level-playing field.

The standing position — a series of 10 shots that's considered hardest by former international shooters — saw Kusale falter twice with a 9.1 and 9.5 but three high scores of 10.6 and 10.7 in the rest helped him to stay in medal contention. The top shooters were still neck-and-neck and there was hardly anything to separate them. Norway's Jon-Hermann Hegg, who was leading after the kneeling and prone series, stumbled in the standing position and soon dropped to fifth place.

Next was the high-pressure single shots and with that started the elimination process with Kusale lying third. The India No. 2 in the event opened with a 10.5 but then added 9.4, 9.9 and 10.0. It was time to decide the third place winner and Kusale had to exit with the bronze. His tally of 451.4 points just short of the 451.9 totalled by Kullish.

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HITTING THE BIG TIME: Swapnil Kusale acknowledges fans after hitting a shot en route to winning bronze in the 50m rifle 3 positions at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre on Thursday

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WHY IS THE 50M RIFLE 3 POSITIONS A TOUGH EVENT?



- **50m rifle 3 Positions is considered the most gruelling and challenging event in shooting.** In this category, one must shoot in three different positions: standing, kneeling and prone, and fire a total 60 shots (20 shots in each position) in 1 hour 30 minutes.
- In the standing position, shooters stand and take aim at the target, which is placed at 50m distance. Once the shooter is done firing 20 shots in the standing position, he switches to shooting with one kneel down. This is considered the most difficult as it is hard to stay balanced on one knee.
- In the prone position, shooters fire while lying down on the mat. This may sound like an easy position, but shooters find it difficult to breathe while lying down and that makes it very challenging. Wind, weather and distance add degrees of difficulty to the event.

'Scoreboard pressure never affected me'

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Paris: The quiet confidence of Swapnil Kusale stood out in every step that he took on Thursday. There were times when he was down on the leaderboard, but you could feel there was something special brewing. No panic, just keeping an eye on the target and getting the job done, that's been the motto of the 29-year and it wasn't any different at the crunch on Thursday.

"During a final everyone's heartbeat will rise. But I didn't feel different from any of the other finalists. We all started on the same level," said Swapnil, an Olympics debutant who qualified for the final in the seventh spot. "I focused on controlling my breath and kept myself calm to shoot. I didn't have any targets in my mind. The idea was to just stay focussed on my shooting. I'm glad that I didn't look at the scoreboard," the Kolhapur boy added.

There was a group of Indian fans trying to push Swapnil on even when things were getting tough. From fifth to third was a steep climb towards the back-end of the match and the shooter said he drew energy from the support of the fans. "To be honest, I didn't know about others' points and ranks. I continued to shoot with all my experience gained over the years. I was not looking at my performance, I just followed my process, I didn't try to look at the scoreboard and change anything," he said.

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P	TEAM	G	S	B	Total
1	CHN	11	7	4	22
2	FRA	8	11	8	27
3	JPN	8	3	4	15
4	AUS	7	6	4	17
5	USA	6	13	12	31
6	GBR	6	7	7	20
7	KOR	6	3	3	12
8	ITA	5	6	4	15
9	CAN	2	2	3	7
10	GER	2	2	2	6
43	IND	0	0	3	3

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Redemption song for coach Deepali

Having Lost National Rifle Coach's Job After The Tokyo Games, Mumbai Veteran Fought Mental-Health Issues To Produce Medal Winner

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Pune: Tokyo had left Deepali Deshpande destroyed. She was the high-performance rifle-shooting coach of the Indian team and a disastrous show of the team had cost her the job, and it severely affected her peace of mind. The Mumbai veteran had to work on her mental health, trying to get the pieces together and on Thursday, it was a moment of redemption for the 54-year-old when Swapnil Kusale clinched bronze in the men's 50m rifle 3 position.

Deshpande, after losing her position with the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), became the personal coach of of her India wards Swapnil, Arjun Babuta (who finished 4th in 10m air rifle), Sift Kaur Samra and Anjum Moudgil (women's 3P), along with Akhil Sheoran and Shreyanka Sadangi (both 3P).

"After Tokyo, I went through a terrible phase. I still feel the pain of being the only one (of six coaches) getting fired, but I have now overcome it," Deepali told **TOI** on Thursday.



THROUGH THICK & THIN: Deepali Deshpande (right) with Swapnil Kusale

The humiliation of job loss was painful but the coach, then 51, was not ready to give up. "After Tokyo, I did a lot of soul searching and tried to identify things that I could have done to improve the performance of the shooters but couldn't.

"That was a terrible phase. I had bouts when I was getting disoriented. And I realized it when I went completely blank twice driving my car and losing my way while going to the shooting range from my home," she said. "It was then that I decided to work on my mental health and get things sorted in my head. I started doing yoga and did some mind exercises to get myself back on track," Deepali added. In the lead-up to the Tokyo Games, Deepali had spent quite a bit of time in Croatia with the Indian team, which was a moment to cherish for her at that stage. But post Tokyo, all those memories got bitter.

"The time I had spent in Croatia before Tokyo was nice, but the whole experience took a bitter twist. Till yesterday, I couldn't even see photographs clicked during that time. It used to trigger me, I will maybe see them now," Deepali said. "I also realized that the shooters have some protection even if they don't win. But there is no one to protect the coaches. They have to live with the blame of failure," she added.

Deepali, who herself competed in the 2004 Athens Olympics, found solace in her shooters, who didn't leave her even in bad times. "I am so fortunate to have these kids on my side. I have seen them since they were in their pre-teens and they are like my own kids. They trusted me and I feel that is a big thing for me," she added.

She felt that Swapnil's medal was the reward of the hard work that the 28-year-old had put in. "He has endured bad times too. He missed a medal after finishing fourth at the World Championships. The Asian Games too saw the similar result and both the times, he lost the medal after shooting bad scores on the 41st shots. Today, I had kept my fingers crossed when he was approaching the 41st shot, but he did it well today and saved his third position," the proud coach said.

MEDAL BRINGS INSTANT REWARD AS LONG-DUE PROMOTION FOLLOWS

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Pune: Swapnil Kusale's bronze medal at the Paris Games has brought him a promotion that has been stuck for years. Central Railway, Pune division where Kusale has worked as a TTE since 2015, made him an officer on special duty on Thursday.

A senior official with the Pune division late on Thursday said, "Swapnil has been promoted today after he won a medal. He now has the rank of officer on special duty (sports) with the Central Railway and has been transferred to CSMT in Mumbai."

Earlier in the day, his coach Deepali Deshpande said that Swapnil was disappointed by the attitude in his office. "He has been working for the Railways for nine years but was never considered for a single promotion. He was so upset that he contemplated quitting, but decided against it since the Olympics were around," Deepali told **TOI**.

Deshpande said Swapnil was told to report to the office before going to Paris to push his promotion file.

'We struggled a lot to make Swapnil's dream come true'

Swati Shinde Gole & Rahul Gayakwad | TNN

Pune/Kolhapur: Swapnil Kusale's birthday gift came early this year. He turns 29 on Aug 6 but on Thursday the Pune-born shooter gave himself, his parents, and the country the Olympic bronze medal as a big present.

It came wrapped in emotions, carrying the family's struggles and hardships for close to 15 years. Kusale also ended a 72-year drought for Maharashtra by clinching an individual bronze medal. Before Kusale, wrestler Khashaba Jadhav had won an individual medal at the Helsinki Olympics in 1952. Jadhav, who was from Karad, shares the same western Maharashtra region as Kusale, who was brought up in Kolhapur's Kambalwadi.

Nestled in the heavy rainfall region of Radhanagari tehsil in Kolhapur district, Kambalwadi has 250 houses with a voter count of 1,100. The locals, gathered at Swapnil's home since morning to witness the final, erupted in euphoric celebrations when he won the medal.



The Kusale family (from left), brother Suraj, mother Anita, father Suresh and grandmother Dosabai celebrate Swapnil's feat at their home in Kambalwadi village, Kolhapur district

His mother Anita, who is sarpanch of Kambalwadi, wept with joy, recalling Swapnil's journey from humble beginnings. She said, "Swapnil has struggled to come this far. We sold our plot, mortgaged gold and silver ornaments, and took loans to support him." Swapnil's father Suresh, a primary zilla parishad school teacher, said with each medal that he won, the expectations and financial burdens escalated until he got a job as a TTE with the Central Railway, Pune division.

Suresh told **TOI**, "Swapnil would require 150 shots each day to practice. So, the daily expenses were nearly Rs 7,000 which came to more than Rs 1.5 lakh when he began to shoot better. My salary barely sufficed so we would take loans to support his sport. All this effort seems worth it now."

Many discouraged Swapnil from taking up the Railways job saying that it would distract him. But the job meant a salary that would help Swapnil share their father's financial burden.

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INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ARCHERY: Mixed team elimination (Ankita Bhakat & Dhiraj Bommadevara) vs Indonesia (1.20pm). Next rd (if qualifies) (5.45pm); Medal matches (8pm)

ATHLETICS: Women's 5000m heat: Ankita, Parul Chaudhary (9.40pm), **Men's shot put:** Tajinderpal Toor (11.40pm)



BADMINTON: Men's singles QF: Lakshya Sen vs Tien Chen (Tpe) (6.30pm)

GOLF: Men's individual Rd 2: Gaganjeet Bhullar, Shubhankar Sharma (12.30pm)

HOCKEY: Men's pool match: India vs Australia (4.45pm)

JUDO: Women's 78 kg Rd 32: Tulika Maan vs I Ortiz (Cub) (1.30pm onwards)

ROWING: Men's singles sculls: Balraj Panwar (1.50pm)

SHOOTING: Women's 25m pistol qualification: Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh (12.30pm) Rapid qualification (3.30pm); **Men's skeet qualification:** Anant Jeet Singh (1pm)

SAILING: Women's Dinghy: Nethra Kumanan (3.45pm), **Men's Dinghy:** Vishnu Saravanan (7.05pm)

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Luck Of The Draw: Boxer's Campaign Ends With Loss To Top-Seeded Chinese Wu Yu

NIKHAT'S OLYMPIC DREAM COMES TO SWIFT END



TOO HOT TO HANDLE: Nikhat Zareen (left) in action against Wu Yu

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Nikhat Zareen will never have Paris. Because of all the boxing rings in all the competitions in the world, at the Olympics here, she walked into Wu Yu.

Apologies, at the start, if it appears one is making light of a sportsperson's soul-crushing defeat, years of wait and hours and hours of training, but Nikhat's short-lived Olympic journey will always have an epic 'what if…' attached to it.

Maybe it was never meant to be. Maybe you have to resign yourself to forever having to live with that feeling, like a new skin that you never asked for. How do you accustom yourself to this new reality that's suddenly thrust upon you? After you have emotionally and physically drained yourself, where does the strength to pick yourself up and continue come from? Because tomorrow will still come but it will be woefully mundane.

"Take a holiday, perhaps," said Nikhat, "A solo one maybe. I haven't done a solo one ever. This looks like a good time." The holiday sounded like the best idea all morning, nothing like a journey to find yourself. But what of the journey you've been taken off from?

Nikhat, typically, had been putting on a brave face, grinning-gritting in between the heaving breaths of a chest waiting to explode. When a usually high-spirited and confident sportsman breaks into tears, in the full, cold glare of a questioning world, it perhaps humanizes her even further.

There is a growing up, one that you'd have wished happened to you in private, but this catharsis in public – under accompanying bars of Eurythmics' 'Sweet Dreams are Made of These' in the stadium playlist — is cold, extreme and open. It leaves you with no place to hide.

Did Nikhat feel the same on Thursday? She would have. All her life she had been waiting for this moment. It was here, but not like this – answering why she was spent by the time the third round came ringing against the sure and composed top seed Wu of China. How she had had to subsist on water for the past two days to hold on to her weight. How the hunger-led lack of sleep may have been a factor when it was required to go all out.

Her utterances, after her bitter exit, were a mixture of heartfelt admissions, feeble defiance — somewhere a denial too — and swiftly dawning acceptance and resignation. In such times, rehearsed platitudes provided easy refuge, fine escape routes. But for how long?

"We still wait on the future of boxing in four years' time in 2028," the 28-year-old would say. "We still don't know." After Thursday's undisputable 5-0 reverse at the hands of the Chinese top seed, Nikhat was realizing that time had probably slipped by. Yet proud and pioneering that she is, she would not let it show and would continue to hold out on hope. After all, hope is what she is famous for. One was tempted to ask, if she was in better shape perhaps for the postponed Tokyo Olympics three years ago, a Games for which she had chosen to shake the establishment and challenge an 'unshakeable' champion?

Or had the readiness from constant training and preparation for Paris come undone with the most lop-sided of draws in the women's 50-kg? "She fought one bout less than me," said Nikhat of the top seed, who now meets another familiar foe in Chuthamat Raksat, the eight seeded Thai. in the quarterfinals.

Asked where she ranked the setback among the many that she has weathered. Nikhat seemed a little indignant. "This is not a setback. This was a good fight lost. She is a terrific boxer. I have learnt much from this fight, will help me prepare better for the future," she said. Maybe, next time. But the question still begs, when?

NISHANT DEV ENTERS 71KG QUARTERFINALS

Paris: India's **Nishant Dev** entered the quarterfinals of the 71kg men's boxing competition, defeating Jose Gabriel Rodriguez Tenorio of Ecuador. Dev won the contest 3-2 via a split decision. Dev started the bout on an aggressive note, landing straight and precise punches on his opponent to win the first round comfortably. But the Ecuadorian saved his best for last to take the contest to the wire. Dev looked a bit tired but in the end, he did enough to defend his score and secure a place in the last-eight. PTI



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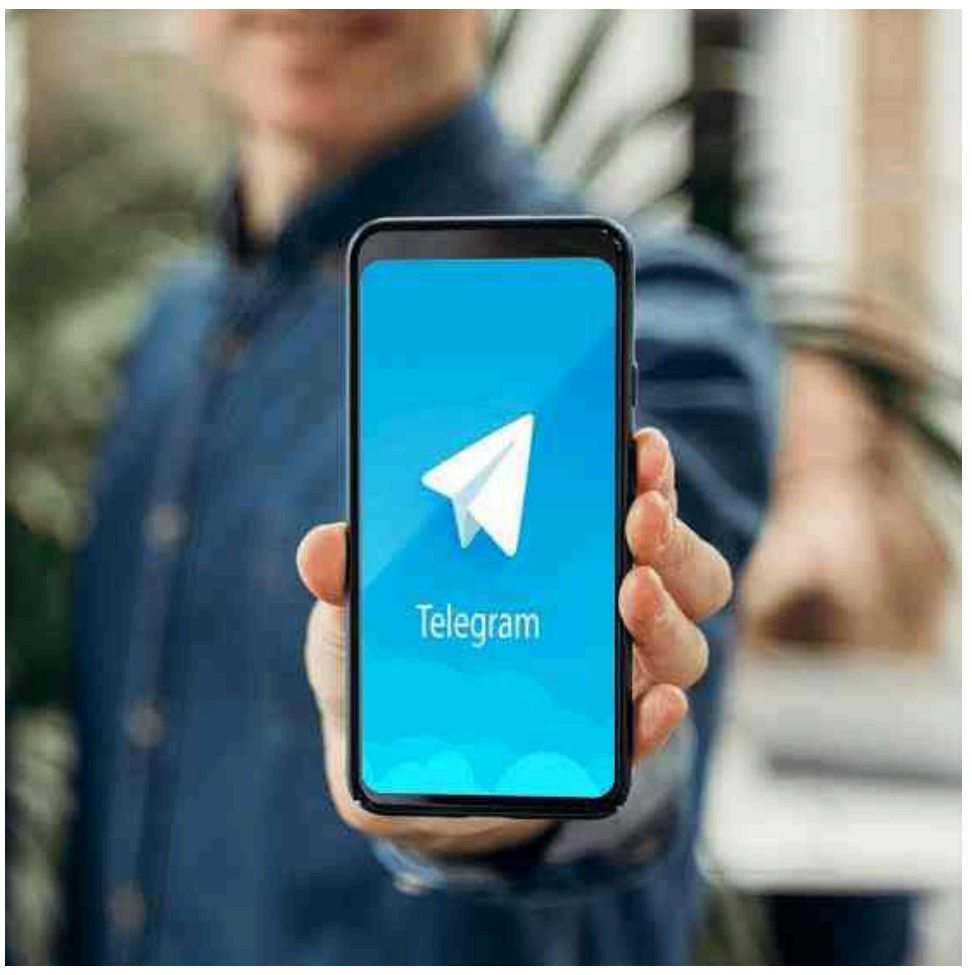
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