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Indian wizards shock Aus on an Olympic turf after 52 years

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The sparkle of a medal was visible in the eyes of Indian players, who on Friday stunned old nemesis Australia to post a landmark victory and raise the prospects of a favourable quarterfinal fixture in the Olympic hockey competition.

Two goals from skipper Harmanpreet Singh and a sterling display in defence by veteran custodian PR Sreejesh boosted India to a 3-2 triumph.

HT@ PARIS

Eager for an encore of their podium finish at the Tokyo Olympics, India have now shrugged away the shaky start at Paris 2024 with two stellar performances — against defending champions Belgium, and former gold medallists Australia.

Inspired by their fighting performance against Belgium in the last outing, which they lost by a goal, India reversed the trend in the last group outing against Australia.

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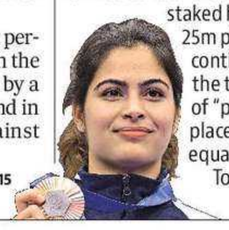
Abhishek (5) celebrates with team mates after scoring the first goal against Australia. PTI

MANU SETS SIGHTS ON THIRD MEDAL

"It's no stopping for me." This was Manu Bhaker after winning a couple of medals at the Games. Two days after grabbing a second medal, she staked her claim for a third, finishing second in women's 25m pistol qualification on Friday. The 22-year-old, who continued to dominate the event and remained among the top three almost throughout the qualification phase of "precision" and "rapid" rounds, aggregated 590 to be placed second behind Hungary's Veronika Major who equalled the Olympic record with a score of 592.

Today, she shoots for her third medal. →P26



LAKSHYA IN SEMIS

Lakshya Sen became the first Indian male shuttler to qualify for the singles semi-finals of the Olympics after he beat Chinese Taipei's Chou Tien Chen 19-21, 21-15, 21-12 in an intense quarter-final battle on Friday. →P27

Cabinet clears 8 projects in mega highways push

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NEW DELHI: The government on Friday approved the construction of eight new highways with a total investment of ₹50,655 crore as part of its bid to become a developed country by 2047.

The project, aimed at developing infrastructure across the country, received approval from the cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, information and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

THE NEW E-WAYS WILL BE IN U.P., ASSAM, J'KHAND CHHATTISGARH, GUJARAT, BENGAL MAHARASHTRA, MADHYA PRADESH

The eight new highways, totalling a distance of 935km, will be spread across various economic corridors and are expected to promote industrial growth, Vaishnaw added.

The new access-controlled expressways, designed for high-speed traffic with regulated access, will be in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.

The approved projects include a 68km ring road in Ayodhya for ₹3,935 crore, a 121km ring road in Guwahati for ₹5,729 crore, an 88km Agra-Gwalior corridor for ₹4,613 crore and a 231km Kharagpur-Moregram corridor for ₹10,247 crore. →P13

SNARLS, BRAWLS MARK FINAL DAY OF KANWAR YATRA AS COPS LOOK ON

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NEW DELHI/GURUGRAM/NOIDA: The 12-day-long Kanwar Yatra, which took hold of major sections of Delhi-NCR, ended with a mix of cacophony and tragedy on Friday, with reports of traffic jams, mayhem, brawls, and even deaths.

In the mayhem that gripped Delhi and surrounding regions on Friday, two people lost their lives while more than a dozen people were wounded in separate incidents that involved accidents and clashes between groups of pilgrims. Hundreds of kanwars emerged on nearly all critical roads across the National Capital Region (NCR) from early in the morning, blaring deafening music from giant truck and tractors laden with boomboxes, even as residents complained that some of the participants attacked vehicles, stopped cars at will, and left a trail of litter. Police were seen playing the role of mere spectators in the midst of the disruption. →P5

After 200 die, Wayanad may finally get green protection

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NEW DELHI/WAYANAD: The Union environment ministry has issued a draft notification to declare the Western Ghats an ecologically sensitive area (ESA), including villages in Wayanad, where a devastating series of landslides on July 30 killed at least 210 people, with hundreds more still missing.

The proposal for the ESA classification covers six states and 59,940 square kilometres of the Western Ghats -- or roughly 37% of the range -- was circulated as a draft notification dated July 31 and shared on Friday.

The latest draft is similar to one issued in July 2022. The move comes 13 years after the first such demarcation was recommended by a panel led by eminent ecologist Madhav Gadgil in 2011. Since then, the proposed protected area has shrunk from the original 75% recommendation to the current 37%.

"This draft notification has been reissued because the previous draft expired. The high-level committee constituted by the MoEFCC is yet to conclude its report. They are yet to give us final suggestions based on responses from states including Kerala," said a senior official at the Union environment ministry, asking not to be named.

Experts suggested that the latest draft may have been

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Toll in Himachal flash floods rises to eight; 45 still missing

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SHIMLA: Toll from the flash floods in Himachal Pradesh rose to eight on Friday with the recovery of three more bodies, while operations to search for 45 people still missing a day after cloudbursts in three districts continued.

Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu along with education minister Rohit Thakur visited Samej on the border of Shimla and Kullu district to take stock of the situation and talk to the victims. Over 30 people were missing after a cloudburst near Shrikhand Mahadev route on Wednesday night triggered flash floods in Sarpara, Ganvi and Kurban nallahs. →P9

{ EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS } PUTIN RECEIVES RETURNEES

Secret agents whose children didn't know their real heritage among motley crew back in Russia

Russian President Vladimir Putin meets the Russians released in prisoner swap with the West. PTI

BERLIN/WASHINGTON: Spies, assassins, and cyber-criminals — these were the eight people Moscow got back in the biggest East-West prisoner swap since the Cold War, an exchange that was noted for the release of two Americans, a Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and ex-US Marine Paul Whelan.

The Kremlin on Friday admitted that three of them were Russian agents, a rare public admission into the work of Moscow's top-secret security services. The three include Vadim Krasikov, who was held in Germany, and couple Artem Dultsev and Anna Dultseva, who lived in Slovenia posing as an Argentine couple. Their two children were also sent to Russia in the deal. "The children of the illegals who arrived yesterday only found out they were Russian on the plane from Ankara. They do not speak Russian," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov. →P19

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PARIS OLYMPICS

Indian shooters firing on many cylinders

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In late 2023, Indian shooters scooped up their biggest haul at the Asian Games in Hangzhou, winning 22 medals. Less than a year later, they are on a roll at the Olympics. On Thursday, Swapnil Kusale addded another bronze to the two medals of the same color secured earlier by Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh.

At one level, this is individual talent, practice and grit at play. At another level, this is a system coming together, and firing on many cylinders, reminiscent of journeys made by Indian cricket and, in recent years, Indian badminton. The pieces are adding up. Like those two sports, shooting is also seeing a healthy presence of Indians at the world stage, a pipeline of government funding, a visible behind-the-scenes backing of those who created the path in the first place — all of which is, increasingly, translating into success of the noticeable kinds.

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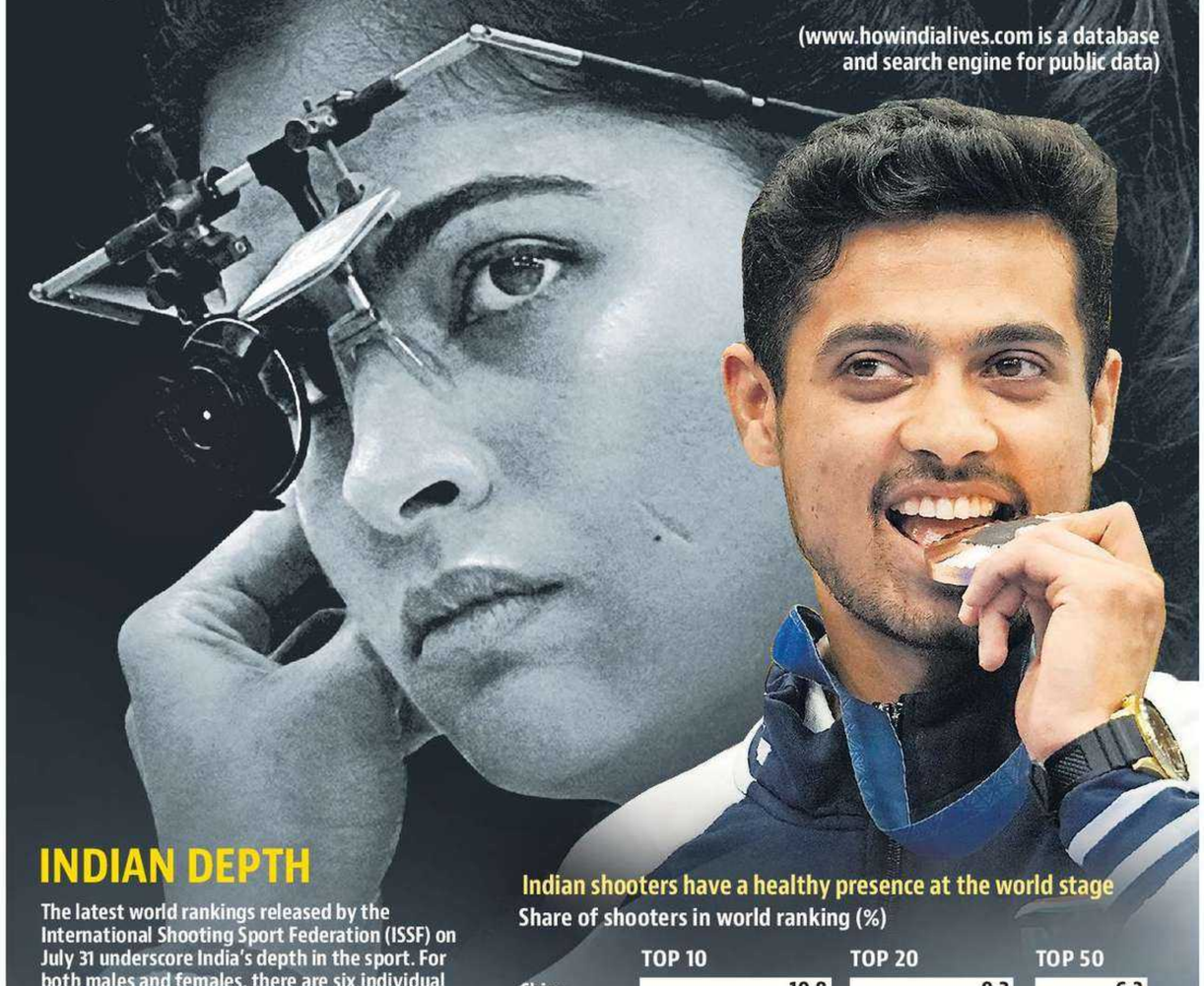

INDIAN DEPTH

The latest world rankings released by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) on July 31 underscore India's depth in the sport. For both males and females, there are six individual shooting disciplines. Across these 12 disciplines, India is ranked joint fifth in terms of share of shooters in the top 10, with 5.8%. Only China, Germany, Italy and South Korea are above it, and only China is visibly ahead, with a 10.8% share.

But extend the field further, and a simmering story of Indian shooting emerges – that points to what might yet come if the right circumstances are nurtured and nourished further. In the top 20 for these 12 disciplines, India slots in after China, with a 7.1% share. In the top 50 for these 12 disciplines, India leads all countries with a 7.1% share.

Indian shooters have a healthy presence at the world stage

Share of shooters in world ranking (%)

	TOP 10	TOP 20	TOP 50
China	10.8	9.2	6.3
Italy	7.5	5.8	6.8
Germany	7.5	6.3	5.5
South Korea	6.7	5.4	4.2
INDIA	5.8	7.1	7.1
France	5.8	5.8	3.8

Note: 1. World ranking as on July 31, 2024. 2. Data comprises individual rankings for men and women across 6 disciplines each (10m air rifle, 10m air pistol, skeet, 50m rifle 3 positions, 25m pistol and trap). 3. Countries arranged in share of shooters in the top 10.

YOUTH AND GENDER

There are 7 Indians in the top 10 for the 12 disciplines

	WR	Shooter	Event
WOMEN	5	MANU BHAKER	10M AIR PISTOL
	9	RAMITA JINDAL	10M AIR RIFLE
	9	RHYTHM SANGWAN	10M AIR PISTOL
	9	GANEMAT SEKHON	SKEET
MEN	4	ARJUN BABUTA	10M AIR RIFLE
	9	SARABJOT SINGH	10M AIR PISTOL
	10	ANANTJEET SINGH NARUKA	SKEET

The Indian presence at the world competitive level has two other things going for it. The first is age. Bhaker is 22, Sarabjot 23 and Kusale 28. The average age of the 17 Indians in the top 20 rankings across the individual disciplines is about 23 years, making it the fifth youngest out of 50 countries. Further, the average age of the 43 Indians in the top 50 is about 25 years, making it the 10th youngest out of 71 countries.

The 2nd facet is gender representation. There is an equal presence of both Indian men and women. For example, there are 21 men and 22 women in the top 50. The latest ISSF rankings show there were seven Indians — 4 women and 3 men — in the top 10 in the world rankings. They are all aged between 20 years and 26 years. Arjun Babuta, who narrowly missed a medal in Paris, has the highest ranking among Indians, of fourth, in 10m air rifle. He is followed by Manu Bhaker, who is ranked fifth in 10m air pistol.

ASIAN LAUNCHPAD

Shooting had the second-highest presence in the government medal-targeting scheme

	Number of athletes under Target Olympic Podium Scheme (Core)	Amount spent by government in Paris Olympics cycle (Rs crore)
Athletics	32	96
Shooting	28	60
Wrestling	10	38
Badminton	9	72
Boxing	9	61
Archery	7	39

Indian shooters have been delivering at multilateral events for several years now and have been heavy lifters in the country's medals tally. For example, in the five Commonwealth Games (CWG), held once in four years, between 2002 and 2018, Indian shooters averaged 23 medals per edition. In 2022, however, shooting was excluded from CWG. But CWG is, at best, a stepping-stone to the top levels, as it doesn't have several of the top shooting nations.

The Asian Games is a sterner test, with the notable presence of China and South Korea. Indian shooting had a breakout moment of sorts in the 2006 Doha Games, where it secured 14 medals, against two in 2002. In the next three Asian Games, its medals tally slipped into single digits, before the big surge to 22 at Hangzhou 2023. That surge has carried forward to the Paris Olympics. As of August 1, India stood third in the total medals tally for shooting, after China (six medals) and South Korea (four medals).

Sports arranged in descending order of athletes under TOPS. Source: Sports Authority of India; Press Information Bureau

FUNDING SUPPORT

This medals surge comes in the backdrop of targeted funding. Shooting was one of the seven sports identified by the government as a "high-priority discipline", with "medal chances in 2024 and beyond". In each of these sports, medal prospects were identified, and financial support extended for their training and competition. According to government data, it spent about ₹470 crore in the Paris cycle, which included funding under its flagship Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) and corporate funding. At ₹60.4 crore, the amount spent to train shooters was the fourth highest among all sports, after athletics, badminton and boxing.

Under TOPS, there were 25 shooters in the "core" scheme (tier-I) and 20 in the "development" scheme (tier-II). In terms of number of athletes, shooting was number two in the core scheme and number one in the development scheme. As per government data, 96 foreign exposure trips and 45 national camps were supported in the build-up. For example, its data shows a spend of ₹1.68 crore against Manu Bhaker, "towards weapon servicing, air pellets, ammunition testing and barrel selection... and training in Germany with a personal coach". Those investments are paying dividends.

Best Asiad, Olympics for Indian shooters in 12 months

Number of medals

	OLYMPICS	ASIAN GAMES	COMMONWEALTH GAMES
1996	0	2	7
2000	0	3	7
2004	1	2	24
2008	1	14	27
2012	1	8	30
2016	0	9	17
2020	0	9	16
2024	3	22	NA

Note: 1. The Olympics follows a different cycle than the Asian and CWG Games. To enable comparison, against each Olympic year, the preceding CWG and Asian Games are shown. Thus, for example, the 1994 CWG and Asian Games are shown against the 1996 Olympics. 2. Shooting was excluded in the 2022 CWG Games. 3. The 2022 Hangzhou Asiad was held in 2023.

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SC pulls up NTA, seeks steps to fix exam mess

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NEW DELHI : The Supreme Court has taken the National Testing Agency (NTA) to task for its mishandling of this year's National Eligibility cum Entrance Test-Undergraduate (NEET-UG), emphasising that while the integrity of the exam was not entirely compromised, serious lapses by the body raised concerns about the fairness and reliability of a botched process that was further marred by allegations of paper leaks and widespread malpractice.

In a detailed judgment released on Friday -- days after the court rejected multiple petitions demanding a NEET-UG retest -- the bench led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud also proposed a series of structural reforms aimed at overhauling the examination process to restore public confidence and rectifying the "serious lapses" in the NTA's administration.

This included tamper-evident packaging for question papers, use of secure logistics providers, stringent identity checks, data security protocol, regular audits and surprise checks. and installation of comprehensive CCTV surveillance systems at all examination centres, among others.

By an order on July 23, the court had turned down a plea for retest, underlining that the material on record did not show any "systemic breach" while adding that the detailed judgment would come later. The

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Fiery debate in House over private resolution on junking NEET, NTA

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NEW DELHI: A private member's resolution to repeal the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test and the National Testing Agency sparked a war of words between the government and the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Union health minister JP Nadda defended NEET, saying it ended the practice of selling medical seats even as the Opposition alleged the premier medical entrance examination was flawed, pointing to large-scale irregularities that have marred this year's test, jeopardising the future of hundreds of thousands of students.

But Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MP Mohamed Abdulla, who had moved the resolution, said injustice was inflicted on domiciled students of states and the exam violated the autonomy of state governments.

"The NEET exam is flawed in the way selection of eligible candidates," Abdulla said, citing the "present NEET question paper leaks, the irresponsible award of grace marks and the inability of NTA to successfully conduct the exam without prejudice to students".

Nadda highlighted the hassles for the students before NEET as they would go for different exams in different states, spending money and time and facing "terrible corruption."

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Grp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

INDIA'S PRIME ASTRONAUT SELECTED FOR MISSION TO ISS

NEW DELHI: Group captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as the "prime astronaut" among the four-member crew for the Axiom Mission 4 to the International Space Station (ISS), the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) announced on Friday. Group captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair will be trained as backup in case Shukla cannot make it. The mission is part of an India-US agreement for a joint mission to the ISS, which will likely take place later this year. Shukla and Nair are among four who will eventually be on India's own space craft, the Gaganyaan.

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ACT AS 'EFFECTIVE BRIDGES' BETWEEN CENTRE AND STATES: PM TO GOVERNORS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that governors should act as "effective bridges" between the Centre and the states and urged them to interact with people and social organisations to reach out to the underprivileged section of the society. Addressing a conference of governors in Delhi, the PM also emphasised that the post of a governor is "an important institution" that could play "a crucial role in the welfare of people of the state.

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'Delhi's infra outdated, system needs a rehaul'

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Friday transferred the probe into the drowning of three IAS aspirants at the basement of a coaching centre in Old Rajendra Nagar to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) as it hauled up the police, civic body and state government, saying that the entire system in Delhi needed a relook in light of the city's "outdated" infrastructure.

The court lambasted the police for the probe into the incident that has triggered a national outrage, criticised the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) for failing to act against the officials responsible for the tragedy, and pulled up the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government for not upgrading the city's administrative, physical and financial infrastructure.

"Having regard to the nature of the incident and to ensure that the public has no doubt with regards to the investigation, this court transfers the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation. Since the Central Vigilance

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CBI to probe drownings

HC lambasted the police for the probe into the incident that has triggered a national outrage as it handed over the probe to CBI.

"Having regard to the nature of the incident and to ensure that the public has no doubt with regards to the investigation, this court transfers the investigation to CBI. Since CVC exercises supervisory power, this court directs Commissioner to appoint a member to supervise the probe."

Govt scrambles after shelter home deaths

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NEW DELHI: After a series of deaths at a Delhi government run shelter home for the intellectually challenged in July came to light, authorities in the Capital scrambled and ordered an array of inquiries.

The negligent conditions at Asha Kiran shelter home, in Rohini emerged in media reports on Friday, throwing authorities into a tizzy. The Delhi government ordered a magisterial inquiry into the case, while lieutenant governor VK Saxena directed chief secretary Naresh Kumar to initiate action against the administrator of the facility and bring out a white paper on the running of all homes by the social welfare, and women and child departments and Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, within three weeks.

According to the report submitted by the social welfare secretary to LG on August 2, 28 inmates lost their lives at the shelter home since January 2024.

Delhi revenue minister Atishi said, "This is a serious issue which needs to be thoroughly investigated. Hard steps are needed to improve the conditions of all such homes."

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KAMALA SECURES THE NUMBERS FOR DEMOCRATIC NOD

WASHINGTON: US Vice President Kamala Harris effectively secured the Democratic party's presidential nomination after she secured enough votes from the party's delegates, Democratic National Committee Chair Jaime Harrison said Friday. She will be officially crowned at a Chicago convention later this month. "I am honoured to be the presumptive Democratic nominee for President of the United States," Harris said on a phone-in to a party celebration.AGENCIES

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India's schedule on Saturday

SHOOTING

Time: **12:30PM**
Skeet women's qualification
RAIZA DHILLON, MAHESHWARI CHAUHAN

Time: **12:30PM**
Skeet men's qualification
ANANT JEET SINGH NARUKA

Time: **1PM**
25m pistol women's final
MANU BHAKER

Manu Bhaker has reached a third successive final at the Paris Games after ending second in the 25m pistol women's qualification. The double Olympic bronze medallist will have a chance to add a third medal today

GOLF

Time: **12:30PM**
Men's Round 3
SHUBHANKAR SHARMA, GAGANJEET BHULLAR

ARCHERY

Time: **1:52PM**
Women's Round of 16
DEEPIKA KUMARI VS MICHELLE KROPPEN (GER)

Time: **2:05PM**
Women's Round of 16
BHAJAN KAUR VS DIANANDA CHOIRUNISA (INA)

Can Deepika Kumari and Bhajan Kaur win India's first medal in archery, especially after both the men's and women's teams exited at the quarter-final stage?

SAILING

Time: **3:45PM**
Men's dinghy Race 5 & 6
VISHNU SARAVANAN

Time: **5:55PM**
Women's dinghy Race 5 & 6
NETHRA KUMANAN

BOXING

Time: **12:18AM** (Sunday)
Men's 71kg quarter-finals
NISHANT DEV VS MARCO ALONSO VERDE ALVAREZ (MEX)

Nishant Dev has a big chance of becoming only the second Indian male boxer after Vijender Singh to win a medal at the Olympics. He will do so if he beats the Mexican

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Noah Lyles after winning the men's 200m during the US Track and Field Olympic Team Trials in June in Eugene, USA. AP

Chasing Usain Bolt on track, beyond: The Noah Lyles way

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Too many in the Olympic sports world, American sprinter Noah Lyles became an instant hero just after last year's World Athletics Championships in Budapest. It wasn't because he won three golds at the event. It was because he took a swipe at the NBA for tagging its winners as world champions.

"You know what hurts me the most is that I have to watch the NBA Finals and they have 'world champion' on their head. World champion of what? The United States? Don't get me wrong. I love the U.S. — at times — but that ain't the world. That is not the world. We are the world. We have almost every country out here fighting, thriving, putting on their flag to show that they are represented. There ain't no flags in the NBA. We gotta do more. We gotta be presented to the world."

Now, Lyles isn't one to hold back ever. He'll say what is on his mind and he'll make sure you hear him too. If you want more of that, you should watch 'Sprint: The World's Fastest Humans' on Netflix. It takes little more than 10 minutes for Lyles to rattle off lines that reveal a unique mindset. Fancy a few examples?

"I'm the third fastest human to ever live. Soon to be the first."

"You have to have the mindset of a God."

"I feel like I'm an almost artistic director."

"I'm a true believer in that the moment isn't bigger than me, the moment was made for me."

Usain Bolt AP

But the reason he needs to have that mindset is not because he wants to be the fastest man in the world. He is already that guy. Rather, he wants to be the fastest ever. And that means chasing Usain Bolt.

There is no more daunting prospect in world athletics. Bolt is a name people swear by. When Team USA put out a video of Lyles introducing himself as 'the world's fastest man' during the opening ceremony, many quietly pointed him to Bolt and all the records he still holds.

Bolt's 100m world record of 9.58 seconds (2009 Worlds at Berlin) and his Olympic record of 9.63 secs (2012 London) feel fairly secure. His 200m world record of 19.19 secs (2009 Worlds) and his Olympic record of 19.30 (2008 Beijing) will take some breaking too.

So, no matter what Lyles says, he knows he is being measured against a legend. He can of course use that as inspiration. But not getting there could also eat away at his soul. You're cocky until you realise you are not as good as you think. When Bolt was asked when he thought of Lyles' comments in an interview with Men's Health, he chose to not get carried away by the hype.

"He's good but he's not that good at the level, yet," Bolt said. "I think he will get better over the years. So, the fact that he is winning now is crazy. One thing I respect about Lyles is his confidence. That's the thing he has over most of these athletes. Last year, he wasn't supposed to win the 100m, but he has the confidence that he's going to win. The other guys are going in there fearing him."

And that is what makes Lyles special. It is his charm. Others aren't even thinking of Bolt, let alone his records but the American will make it his public goal. Fastest man? Bring it on.

Others have tried. You have to give them that. But no one got close. And there was a reason.

What made Bolt so good was that he was able to leverage his height (1.95m) and make it a proper weapon. Usually the tall sprinters have trouble getting to full speed after needing to crouch down at the start, but the Jamaican worked that out, and at full speed he was unstoppable. Research shows that an amateur runner often takes between 50 and 55 steps to complete the 100m while an elite sprinter takes in the region of 45. Bolt would take 41. This was a big advantage. Now, Lyles needs to find a different way. His own way. And that is perhaps the challenge. Usually, the quickest way to the top is to learn from the greats, you watch them and then you do as you do. Then, at a certain point, you add something on top of it. But Bolt was so different that it is difficult to follow in his footsteps.

The only thing that you can perhaps learn from Bolt is how he seemed to approach the big moments. With the world watching, he was often at his best. Much of that came down to belief. But the Jamaican also confessed that he only felt that way when he knew he had put in the requisite hard work.

Bolt, though, was never chasing records. He chased perfection. And that is what Lyles will need to do as well. The American will have a better chance of finding that in 200m, an event he calls 'his wife', as opposed to the 100m, which is 'his mistress'. When Bolt hung up his spikes in 2017, many wondered whether the void would ever be filled. Some didn't believe it was possible. But Lyles being Lyles wants to rise up to a challenge that no one else could.

At a news conference on Monday, Lyles addressed the controversy from the opening ceremony. "It's me," Lyles said when asked about the 'fastest man' tag, laughing. "It's always going to be me. Everybody knows that the title goes to the Olympic champion and the world champion, which I am one of. And soon to be another one of."

Without ambition one starts at nothing. Lyles clearly has that but whether that will be enough to catch up with Bolt, we'll soon know. The Olympic men's 100-metre preliminaries begin at the Stade de France on Saturday and we'll quickly figure out whether the hype is real or not.

{ TECH AND TRACK } WILL RUNNING SHOES CHANGE THE GAMES?

The super spike era

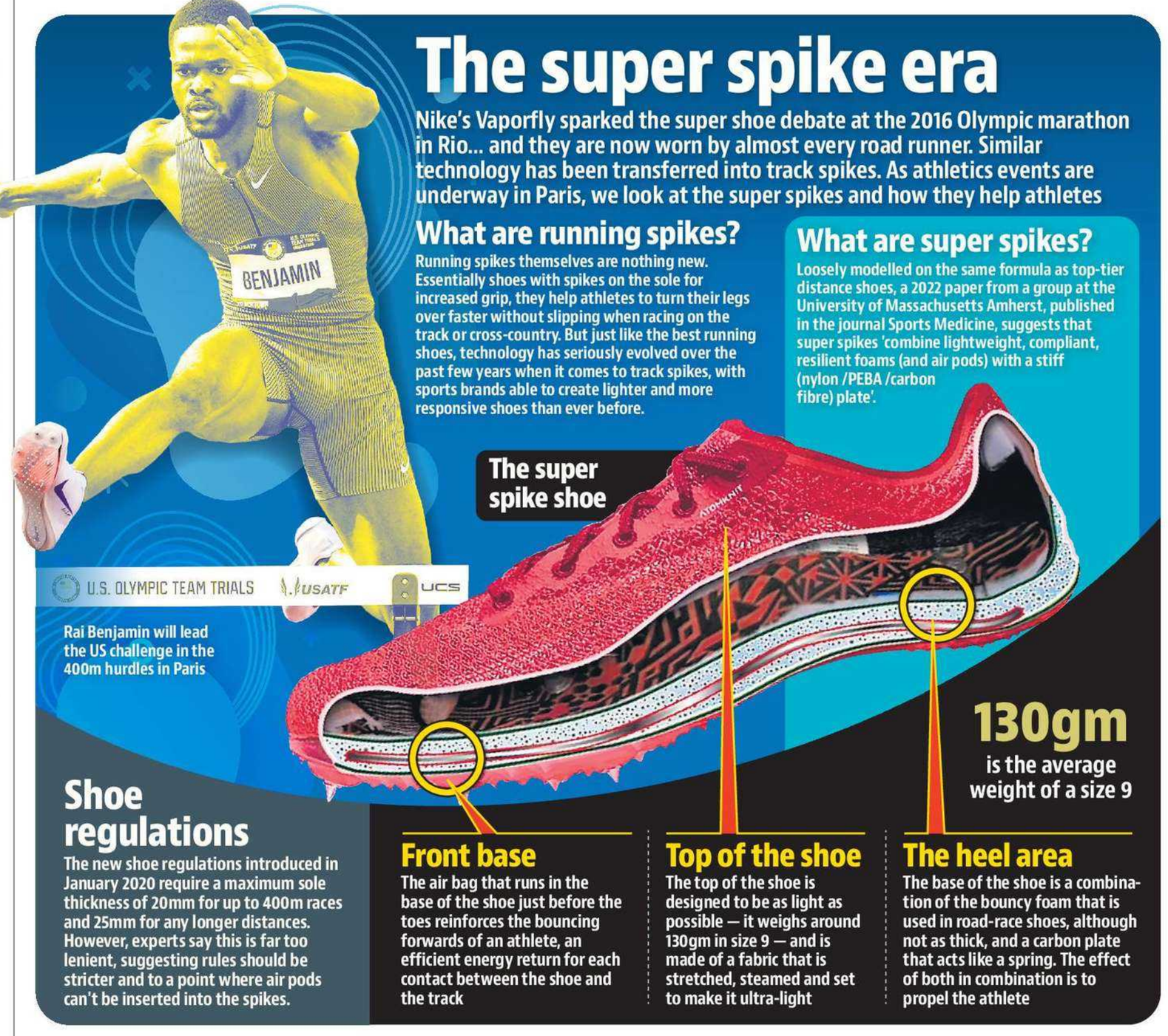
Nike's Vaporfly sparked the super shoe debate at the 2016 Olympic marathon in Rio... and they are now worn by almost every road runner. Similar technology has been transferred into track spikes. As athletics events are underway in Paris, we look at the super spikes and how they help athletes

What are running spikes?

Running spikes themselves are nothing new. Essentially shoes with spikes on the sole for increased grip, they help athletes to turn their legs over faster without slipping when racing on the track or cross-country. But just like the best running shoes, technology has seriously evolved over the past few years when it comes to track spikes, with sports brands able to create lighter and more responsive shoes than ever before.

What are super spikes?

Loosely modelled on the same formula as top-tier distance shoes, a 2022 paper from a group at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, published in the journal Sports Medicine, suggests that super spikes 'combine lightweight, compliant, resilient foams (and air pods) with a stiff (nylon /PEBA /carbon fibre) plate'.



Rai Benjamin will lead the US challenge in the 400m hurdles in Paris

130gm is the average weight of a size 9

Shoe regulations

The new shoe regulations introduced in January 2020 require a maximum sole thickness of 20mm for up to 400m races and 25mm for any longer distances. However, experts say this is far too lenient, suggesting rules should be stricter and to a point where air pods can't be inserted into the spikes.

Front base

The air bag that runs in the base of the shoe just before the toes reinforces the bouncing forwards of an athlete, an efficient energy return for each contact between the shoe and the track

Top of the shoe

The top of the shoe is designed to be as light as possible — it weighs around 130gm in size 9 — and is made of a fabric that is stretched, steamed and set to make it ultra-light

The heel area

The base of the shoe is a combination of the bouncy foam that is used in road-race shoes, although not as thick, and a carbon plate that acts like a spring. The effect of both in combination is to propel the athlete

Alexis and Felix Lebrun, and the French table tennis sibling story

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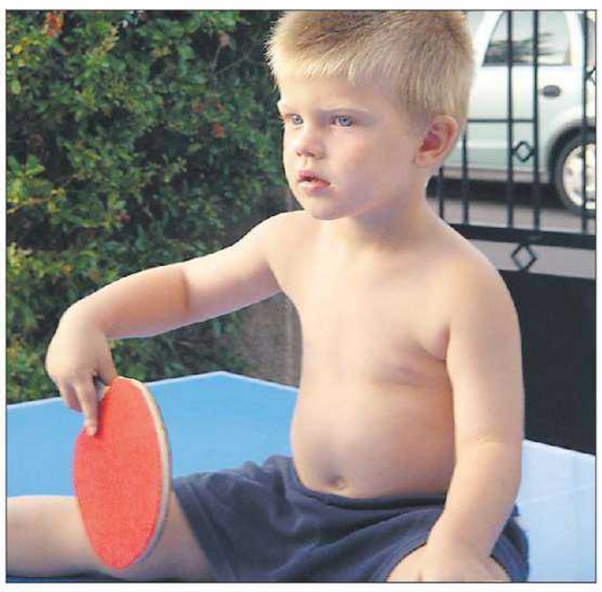
PARIS: The mother of Felix and Alexis, who make up the key ingredients of Team Lebrun and have cooked up a sibling special in French sport, knew the moment her sons were destined for a journey in table tennis.

When one day Felix just wouldn't stop crying. "He wanted to go to ping pong with his dad. He was sobbing so much," Dominique Lebrun says. "He must have been 18 months."

At 17 years, here he is — representing France alongside the older Alexis at their home Olympics; taking a shot at a first ever table tennis medal for his country at the Games in the bronze medal match on Sunday (he lost to China's Fan Zhendong in the semi-finals on Friday); teaming up with Alexis for next week's team events hoping to go deep in it too.

Backing the brothers is all of France, and indeed all of Paris seems to flock to the South Paris Arena for their matches. You know a Lebrun is in action when throbbing chants reach a crescendo. Harmeet Desai felt that in his first round against Felix. So did Lin Yun-ju in the quarters for which Alexis — he had lost in the previous round — was shouting along from the stands.

Felix, younger by three years to Alexis, 20, is the world No.5, the only non-Chinese in the top five. Alexis, ranked 16th, beat Fan, the then dominant world No.1, last year. The two marshalled the French team to silver at this year's World Team Championships in Busan, losing only to China. Individually and together, their upsurge in world TT has been entrancing.



Felix Lebrun's early love for table tennis. DOMINIQUE LEBRUN

Their rise to global stardom has its roots in Montpellier, in southern France, where they grew up in a family of paddlers. Their father, Stephane, played the sport at the top level and their uncle, Christophe Legout, was a three-time Olympic table tennis player. Both kids played multiple sports — TT, tennis and basketball — but ping pong, as they call it, would always be their calling since picking it up at age three.

"My dad and uncle probably had an influence, but I anyway liked playing video games and going to watch ping pong," Felix says.

"I didn't ask myself any questions. I loved being in a ping pong room," Alexis says.

Alexis went up the ladder first, taking the junior national title in 2020. Injuries pegged him back a bit even as Felix briskly came along, with help from various directions of his family and a Chinese with a unique grip who trained in Istres, a town near Marseille.

"All the players I used to meet when I went to watch my father and uncle's games in Istres influenced me," Felix said. "And Chen Jian inspired me to use the penholder grip. Of course, Alexis helped me a lot in terms of learning about table tennis and how I can play."

Play they did alright, notching up promising results. Their big boom came over the last couple of years. Both brothers reckon it's a consequence of training with each other during the Covid pandemic, and reuniting with their first coach Nathanael Molin.

"My father really appreciated him and knew his skills and motivation," Alexis says. "They talked a lot together and decided to create Team Lebrun."

Team Lebrun has since been on a roll. Felix captured the 2023 European Games gold, a bunch of WTT Contender titles, including in Goa this year, and broke into the top five. Alexis took bronze in that same tournament, won a third straight national title this year and is part of a rare Fan-beating club.

It may not have been for Felix against Fan on Friday, but the TT world looks at the Lebruns as future challengers to the Chinese stranglehold on the sport.

"It's a big challenge for us and an exciting one, and I think people say this because we arrived very fast on the top of the ranking," Felix says. "We know how difficult it is to beat the Chinese. But we do believe that we can do it."

Alexis has watched his younger brother zoom past him and yet, in this "pure relationship", he couldn't be prouder. "I am very happy and proud of our journey for both of us. I know it's quite rare," he says. "Felix is an incredible player, very young to be in the top 5. I don't see him as a competitor, except when I have to play him in an official match."

That's where Alexis has the bragging rights, and for which Felix often gets teased about. Alexis has always beaten Felix in an official match, including twice in the final of their national championships in 2023 and 2024. Felix stood weeping on court after last year's final while Alexis egged the crowd on in celebrations. Once done, he went up to put his arm around Felix. They're rivals. They're brothers.

"I'm a little bit front of him in the rankings, so we each have our own little victory," Felix chuckles. "Of course, I want to beat him one time in a match. I've already beaten him in training, so maybe soon in real matches!"

The two share all that banter spending time together travelling the world for tournaments. They go for walks, play Switch, watch YouTube videos, warm up together and talk plenty of TT, except if the other isn't in the mood to. "We can easily tell each other when we need some quiet time," Alexis says.

"We go out to eat with friends or in Alexis's apartment — just doing normal things in life with your brothers," Felix says.

The mother wouldn't have it any other way. "They're just brothers who get on really well. They're happy to be together," Dominique says. "They've been close ever since they were little, and it's a real blessing for them to be able to share the same passion."

And the same goals. Both want to continue climbing up the rankings, winning big tournaments and medals and breaking new ground in world table tennis. And with it, continue turning chapters of history for French table tennis and sport.

"Winning major competitions gives you great emotions, and I want to feel that for a long time to come," Felix says. "If I can experience them with my brother at the Olympic Games, I'll be even happier."

{ KANWAR YATRA } FINAL DAY

Chaos ends with brawls, deaths

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NEW DELHI/GURUGRAM/NOIDA : The 12-day-long Kanwar Yatra, which took hold of major sections of Delhi-NCR, ended with a mix of cacophony and tragedy on Friday, with reports of traffic jams, mayhem, brawls, and even deaths.

In Friday's chaos, two people lost their lives while more than a dozen people were wounded in separate incidents that involved accidents and clashes between groups of pilgrims.

Hundreds of kanwars emerged on nearly all critical roads across the National Capital Region (NCR) from early in the morning, blaring deafening music from giant truck and tractors laden with boomboxes, even as residents complained that some participants attacked vehicles, stopped cars at will, and left a trail of litter.

Police were seen playing the role of mere spectators in the midst of the disruption.

Two pilgrims were killed in the afternoon after they crashed their motorcycle into the rear of a pick-up truck on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway near Noida's Sector 58, police said.

"The deceased have been identified as Shubham Pandey, 20 and Rahul Dubey, 24, who hailed from Jaunpur in Uttar Pradesh and resided in Dilshad Colony in Delhi," said Amit Kumar, station house officer, Noida Sector 58. "On Friday around 1pm, when they were heading towards Delhi via the Delhi-Meerut Expressway, they crashed into another vehicle opposite Shipra Mall," he said.

In Gurugram, a massive brawl erupted between two groups of kanwars in which at least 14 people were injured. The source of the spat, police said, was an old incident of road rage that took place on July 27 when the groups were leaving for Haridwar.

Five cars and SUVs, including a police emergency response vehicle, were damaged as the groups resorted to pelting stones and bricks, police said. No arrest was made in the case till late evening.

"The suspects will be arrested soon. Both sides already had rivalry on different issues, including the road rage which culminated into the clash," said Gurugram's assistant commissioner of police (crime) Varun Kumar Dahiya, adding that they have CCTV footage and multiple videos of the entire clash.

Police said that on July 27, a vehicle of the group of kanwariyas from Prem Nagar damaged a vehicle of the other group, who reside in a slum in the vicinity, while overtaking them on their way to Haridwar. Police said the issue was settled, but the slum dwellers allegedly attacked the Prem Nagar group on Friday morning when both sides met at a temple in Sector 12, which snowballed into a fight.

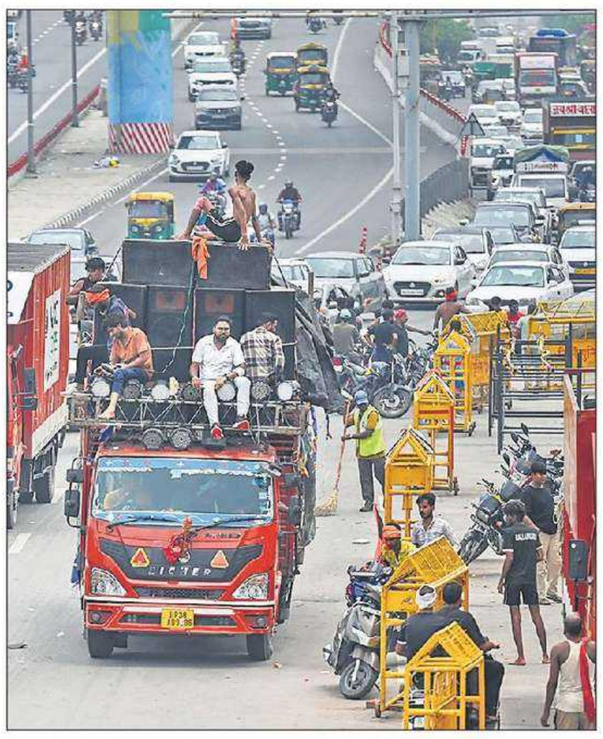
Mayhem on the streets

Meanwhile, on roads across NCR, there were complaints of kanwariyas attacking vehicles, littering, and driving on the wrong side of road leading to traffic jams.

"Along the Ring Road in the morning, there were some 10 men on three motorcycles with whistles and sticks. They stopped every 50 metres and hopped from one motorcycle to another, taking almost two full lanes for this sport. They would hit any other vehicle that came near them, damaging the vehicle," said Namita Verma, a commuter.

Residents said that the final day's celebrations by the kanwariyas also left arterial roads littered with trash. Keerat Singh, a Gurugram resident who works in Delhi, said that along the border between the two cities scores of people had occupied the streets. "The last few days have been chaotic and Friday was the worst with complete lawlessness along the roads and the expressway full of filth after the devotees feasted near the temples," Singh said.

Other residents said that though the regulations do not allow loud music at events after 10pm, it did not apply to kanwar camps across the city. There are over 200 camps set up across Delhi, most of which are in east Delhi, according to the police.



(Clockwise from top) Kanwars on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway in Ghaziabad; a CCTV grab of the clash in Gurugram shows a kanwar wielding a sword; kanwars in Ghaziabad, and on the NH24 near Akshardham, on Friday. SAKIB ALI/RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTOS

120+ vehicles gutted in fire at police academy

NEW DELHI: More than 120 four-wheelers and two-wheelers were gutted in a fire that broke out in a pit used to store seized vehicles at the Delhi Police Academy in Wazirabad, near Sonia Vihar, east Delhi, on Friday afternoon, police and fire department officials said.

There was no injury or casualty in the incident, police said.

This is the third such fire to break out at the Wazirabad police academy "malkhana (storage area)" since January this year. Nearly 500 vehicles have been gutted in these incidents, raising questions about the safety of case properties.

Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said information about the fire was received by the Sonia Vihar police at 3.11pm.

"Six fire tenders arrived and doused the blaze. But by the time, the fire was brought under control, nearly 60 four-wheelers and about 65 two-wheelers were gutted. The cause of the fire is being ascertained," the DCP said. HTC

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3-storey building collapses in Jahangirpuri; 3 people killed

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NEW DELHI: Two men and a woman were killed and three others were injured when a portion of a three-storey building collapsed in the Jahangirpuri industrial area, northwest Delhi, on Friday afternoon, police said.

A search and rescue operation by teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Delhi Fire Services (DFS) and Delhi Police continued till late evening as locals suspected two more people may be trapped under the debris, police said.

DFS chief Atul Garg said they were informed about the incident at 12.51pm, following which five fire tenders and rescue teams were deployed. Videos and images shared by the fire department showed two people, including a woman, trapped under the debris. "Both of them were rescued and rushed to Babu Jagjivan Ram Memorial (BJRM) hospital. Later, four more people were rescued from the debris. We were told that at least two more people may be trapped. The teams have been carrying out search and rescue operation that may continue till late night," Garg said.

Deputy commissioner of police (northwest) Jitendra Kumar Meena said there was a seepage problem in the building and workers were in the process of identifying and repairing it around 1pm when the collapse took place. An inspection was going on one of the floors. When labourers went towards the front portion of the building, it came crashing down, he said.

Rescue operations underway at the site on Friday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT PHOTO

Police said that the building, comprising a ground and two upper floors on a 500-square-yard plot, was rented out for commercial activities by its owner, a resident of Pitampura. A corrugated box manufacturing facility was operating from the ground floor, a clothing business on the first floor and a steel gas stove manufacturing unit on the second floor.

DCP Meena said that of the six rescued people, one man, identified as Mukesh Kumar, 45, was declared brought dead by the hospital, while the other two, including a woman, succumbed to their injuries during treatment. Police, in a release, identified the deceased by their single names as Mukesh, 45, Vinod, 50, and Phoolwati, 45. The injured persons were identified as Thakurdas, 55, Harishankar, 18, Nirmala, 45, and Jasim, 33.

Another police officer, requesting anonymity, said that at least four of the rescued people were labourers. "Apart from the NDRF, firefighters and police personnel, CATS ambulance and other civic agencies, and locals were assisting the search and rescue operation," the officer said.

Police said they registered a case in the matter and would ascertain the exact cause of the incident before fixing responsibility on officials and agencies concerned.

Meanwhile, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), when asked about the incident, said that the SMA Cooperative Industrial Estate on GT Karnal Road at Jahangirpuri was developed by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and was yet to be handed over to it for repairs or upkeep. DDA did not respond to queries seeking comment.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi said that an investigation has been ordered in the case by MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar

"An old building bearing number E-26 Rajasthani Udhyog Nagar in Jahangirpuri Industrial area under Civil Lines zone has collapsed. Rescue operation is going on by NDRF, fire service and Delhi Police. I have also come to know that there have been casualties and search operation is going on. It is desired that the matter be examined and stern action including suspension be taken against the delinquent officials," a letter written by Oberoi said.

HC dismisses Bibhav's plea challenging arrest

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Friday dismissed a plea by Bibhav Kumar, a close aide of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, challenging his arrest and remand in the case of the alleged assault of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal.

"Petition is dismissed," a bench of justice Neena Bansal Krishna said.

The dismissal comes a day after the Supreme Court questioned Kumar's conduct expressing their shock at the incident.

"We are shocked at manner in which it is done to somebody visiting the CM residence," the bench said as it agreed to consider the bail plea.

Kumar had approached the Delhi high court two days after

Bibhav Kumar, Swati Maliwal

the city court denied him bail in the case saying that the allegations made by Maliwal had to be taken on their face value and could not be swiped away.

The city court, on May 27, noted that mere delay in registering the first information report (FIR) would not have much impact on the case as the injuries were apparent in the MLC after four days.

Besides challenging his arrest, Kumar has also sought compensation for his illegal arrest and initiation of departmental action against the unknown erring officials who were involved in the decision-making process of arresting him.

Kumar was booked on May 16 under the Indian Penal Code's sections related to criminal intimidation, assault with intent to disrobe a woman, and attempted culpable homicide. Kumar insisted the allegations were false and that his custody was unnecessary since the investigation was complete. He argued that his arrest was made in a hurry violating his rights as the police did not issue him a notice before arresting him without a warrant. He was apprehended by Delhi Police on May 18, and had formally arrested amid the hearing of his anticipatory bail plea.

The following day, he was remanded to police custody for five days and later sent to judicial custody.

Hoax bomb threat at GK school

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NEW DELHI: Summer Fields School in Kailash Colony was evacuated on Friday morning, shortly after classes commenced, due to a bomb threat sent to the school's official email address. But police said the threat was found to be a hoax after a thorough check.

Police said they are tracking the case and probing the origin of the email. "The email came on the official school email address a little after 12am on Friday, saying there is a bomb on the premises. It was discovered by the school authorities early Friday morning. The police were contacted within the next 10 minutes and the school was evacuated," Shalini Agarwal, principal of Summer Fields School, said.

The school was shut for the rest of the day, she said.

Deputy commissioner of police (south) Ankit Chauhan said: "On August 2, information was received at GK police station from Summer Fields School, Kailash Colony, GK-1, regarding a bomb threat from unknown ID. The school premises were checked by the bomb disposal squads (BDS) team and local police, but nothing was found."

Mandi House: Road cave-in causes jam

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NEW DELHI: A section of the road near Mandi House caved in on Friday prompting the Delhi traffic police to issue an advisory. The damaged section was repaired later in the evening, senior NDMC officials said. However, the two sinkholes on Ashoka Road will take another 25 days to repair as it involves larger work of replacing the sewer lines, NDMC has said.

Delhi traffic police in an advisory at 10.30am said: "Traffic may be affected on the Mandi House roundabout in front of Sikandra Road due to damage of sewerage/road damage. Kindly plan your journey accordingly."

Delhi Police personnel were seen filling the damaged section with debris and sand bags to prevent accidents. A barricade was also placed on the damaged site.

An NDMC official said: "The New Delhi Municipal Council

The damaged section. HT

(NDMC) maintenance team promptly repaired a section of the road that had caved-in at the Mandi House roundabout after the traffic police posted photos on social media."

Meanwhile, a larger patch opposite Le Meridien (on the Ashoka Road intersection) has not been repaired in nearly 25 days, causing traffic jams. On July 7, a portion of the road collapsed near the intersection opposite Le Meridien, and on July 10, another section collapsed on Ashoka Road.

Govt on toes after deaths at shelter home; probe on

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NEW DELHI: After a series of deaths at a Delhi government-run shelter home for the intellectually challenged in July came to light, authorities in the Capital scrambled and ordered an array of inquiries, including a white paper, to ascertain the functioning of such facilities and fix responsibility.

The negligent conditions at Asha Kiran shelter home, in Rohini emerged in media reports on Friday.

The Delhi government ordered a magisterial inquiry into the case, while lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena directed chief secretary Naresh Kumar to initiate action against the administrator of the facility and bring out a white paper on the running of all homes by the social welfare, and women and child departments and Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board, within three weeks.

According to the report submitted by the social welfare secretary to LG on August 2, 28 inmates lost their lives at the shelter home since January 2024. Of the 14 who died in July, 13 people were adults and one was a minor.

Revenue minister Atishi ordered an investigation, directing the additional chief secretary to submit a report within 48 hours. She also directed officers to recommend measures to prevent such occurrences. "This is a serious issue which needs to be thoroughly investigated to take hard steps to revamp the whole system to improve the conditions of all such homes to provide better facilities," she said.

"The ACS Revenue is directed to immediately initiate a magisterial inquiry into the whole matter and submit a report on the same within 48 hours... Recommend action to be taken against those whose negligence has caused these deaths," the order added.

Separately, Saxena's order to CS

Asha Kiran shelter home in Rohini. HT PHOTO

Kumar said that the deaths point to a "dereliction of duty" and an "act of criminality against the most helpless and disadvantaged."

"LG VK Saxena has desired a comprehensive inquiry on the state of affairs of all shelter homes being run by the Delhi government, including the death at the Asha Kiran home is undertaken... A white paper on the running of all homes by the social welfare, women and child department and DUSIB... may be prepared and submitted within 3 weeks," it said.

Pitiful living conditions

HT spoke to workers at the facility, most of whom requested anonymity as the shelter home has been mired in controversy.

Crowding, tattered clothes for inmates, lack of clean drinking water, poor hygiene in rooms and bathrooms, and stale food — these were some of the many alleged violations at the centre.

The shelter was set up in 1989 with a capacity to accommodate 350 people. According to data, the number of deaths in July was the highest in the last six months. Between February to June, two to three deaths were reported per month. The 14 inmates, who died within 25 days, were aged between 20-47 and the minor was a 14-year-old girl. Eight of the dead are women and the rest men.

The death summary reports of some of the inmates said they were hospitalised with symptoms of gastroenteritis, drowsiness, malnutrition, dehydration, and anemia convulsions. However, the final autopsy reports are awaited.

'No filtered water'

A worker at the facility said it houses people double its capacity. "There are more than 900 people here. We don't drink water here... It is that bad," he said. The worker alleged that the deaths in July were due to "contaminated water". "There are no RO water filtration systems inside. The inmates are mostly malnourished when they come to us and need a good diet but are instead served bland and stale rotis and dal. Earlier, we used to get eggs and fruit. I don't know why that stopped. Sometimes, we don't even get rice. Many of them have skin infections because of bed sores and dirty floors," he added.

Another worker, who said he had been working at the shelter home for two years, told reporters that over two dozen inmates at the shelter have tuberculosis.

A senior Delhi Jal Board (DJB) official said the water utility's quality control wing lifted four samples from the shelter home. "There was residual chlorine indicating water is suitable for drinking. There was no visible contamination. Informally, DJB staff have informed it was food poisoning that had caused illness."

According to another report, with signatures of chief medical officer at Asha Kiran, some common health conditions of the deceased inmates this year include "brought to the hospital in an unconscious state" (6 inmates), difficulty in breathing (4 inmates), convulsions (4 inmates), loose motions (4), blood infection, anemia, and hypoalbuminemia.

Speaking of the health conditions, Dr SCL Gupta, former MD of Batra Hospital in south Delhi told HT that they point to "gross mismanagement". "These people already have a history of mental diseases. I read the reports and they show convulsions. This happens when a person is dehydrated. Inmates suffer from hypoalbuminemia means there's no protein in the body... The reports also showed there was no early diagnosis to save the patients. Many of them were brought in critical conditions," Dr Gupta said.

The incident has also become the latest flashpoint between the Delhi government and the Bharatiya Janata Party. In a press conference on Friday evening, Atishi said the matter was serious but "rumours should not be spread as the postmortem and inquiry reports were still awaited.

Meanwhile, Delhi BJP MP from North West Delhi Yogendra Chandolia said: "Asha Kiran has been suffering due to criminal negligence by the Kejriwal government for many years."

Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal visited the shelter. "I just visited Asha Kiran shelter home and the situation is horrific. People who need special care are being treated like animals... will raise it in Parliament," she posted on X.

Will name libraries after Rajendra Ngr victims, says MCD

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NEW DELHI: The Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) will establish four public libraries in student hubs and name them after the four victims of waterlogging and electrocution deaths that took place in two separate incidents over the past month, mayor Shelly Oberoi has said.

Oberoi said she has directed the libraries be set up in Rajendra Nagar, Mukherjee Nagar, Patel Nagar and Ber Sarai.

"Nothing can fulfil the loss that Delhi feels, but we are trying to improve public reading spaces for students," she said.

Three UPSC aspirants drowned in the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Old Rajendra Nagar on July 27 and another aspirant was electrocuted on coming in contact with an iron gate on a waterlogged road that had a loose live wire in Patel Nagar on July 23. The drowning victims were identified as Tania Soni, Shreya Yadav, and Nevin Dalvin, and the electrocution victim was identified as Nilesh Rai.

In a letter to the municipal commissioner, Oberoi said that following the deaths, many students preparing for competitive exams raised the issue of a lack of public libraries in the Capital, citing heavy membership fees charged by private ones.

Basements at 3 more coaching centres sealed

NEW DELHI: MCD on Friday sealed three more basement sections of coaching centres on Friday for violating building bylaws, taking the total number of sealed coaching centres over the last six days to 68 units. MCD said that two basements of coaching centres in East Delhi's Shahdara South zone and one unit in Najafagarh zone. HTC

Man who shot woman dead from flyover held

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police on Friday said it has arrested a 28-year-old man who shot dead a 30-year-old woman near Gokalpuri flyover in northeast Delhi earlier this week.

Police said at least eight rounds of fire were exchanged between them and the suspect, identified as Majid Choudhary. "Choudhary was previously involved in a murder case and two attempt to murder cases. He was hit by two bullets – one in each leg," an officer said. He was arrested on Gokalpuri Nala Road on Friday.

The victim, Simranjeet Kaur, died after Choudhary fired at her from atop the Gokalpuri flyover following an argument with her husband on Wednesday afternoon. Kaur's husband, Heera Singh, 40, was riding the bike when it accidentally brushed against Choudhary's two-wheeler.

The two had a spat, after which Singh took a left and was riding under the flyover while Choudhary rode towards the flyover. Soon, Choudhary fired a gun from a height of nearly 35 feet, aiming at Singh but hitting Kaur, killing her on the spot. The couple's two sons, aged 12 and 4, were also on the motorcycle. The family was going to a bank in Jyoti Nagar for some work.

{ GHAZIPUR DROWNINGS } WOMAN, 3-YR-OLD SON KILLED

AAP questions BJP's 'silence'; LG office says drain is MCD's

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NEW DELHI: In press conferences on Friday, the AAP questioned the "silence" of the BJP and the Centre on drowning of a woman and her child in an open drain in Ghazipur during extreme rainfall in Delhi on Wednesday night.

But the office of the lieutenant governor (LG) said the incident occurred due to the inaction of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), as the deaths took place in its part of the drain, effectively refuting allegations that the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) was responsible for the incident.

Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva said it needs to be inquired as to which agency is responsible for leaving the drain un-barricaded and the agency officials should be prosecuted. He said it was shocking to see "vulture kind behaviour of AAP leaders including minister Gopal Rai" over the two deaths.

A 22-year-old woman and her three-year-old son died after they fell into the Ghazipur drain near Khoda Colony.

MCD alleged that the part of the drain where the incident took place was under the jurisdiction of DDA. In response, DDA said that the total length of the drain is 1.35km, of which 1km was handed over to MCD a "considerable time ago".

AAP's Delhi convener Gopal Rai accused the BJP of remaining silent on issues where Delhi Police, DDA, central agencies and MPs are involved.

Rai called for punitive action against officials of the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) and said compensation should be provided to the family of the victims.

LG Saxena's office said that 1,000 metres of the total length of 1,350 metres of the drain was handed over to MCD on April 17, 2023. In response, the AAP said that the LG was taking a stand similar to that of the Delhi Police which squabbled over jurisdiction with the Uttar Pradesh Police rather than assisting with search and rescue operations.

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Palika terrace garden to open for public by Aug 15

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NEW DELHI: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) on Friday said the landscaped rooftop terrace garden over Palika Bazar, Connaught Place, is nearing completion and will likely be inaugurated by August 15.

NDMC vice chairperson Satish Upadhyay said that the civil work has been completed and the last phase of greening is being carried out by the horticulture department along with grassing of the area.

"Installation of grilles in a section is being taken up along with grassing of the rooftop. The terrace garden area is likely to be opened for public use by August 15. The open space will have a granite pathway for walking and jogging, seating decks, LED-lit footpaths and landscaped lawns in the form of terrace steps," said Upadhyay.

Palika Bazar, one of Delhi's iconic markets, was the first air-conditioned underground market nestled between the inner and outer circle of Connaught Place.

It was established in the late 1970s. NDMC is spending ₹2.75 crore to rejuvenate the terrace space for public use.

Last year in May, NDMC invited bids for the revamp of the old garden space located on top of the underground market, which was lying in shambles, under the series of beautification work in the run-up to the G20 Summit.

An NDMC official said that Palika Bazar was constructed about 50 years back with an underground shopping complex and a terrace garden.

NDMC has done fresh waterproofing on the terrace. RAJ K RAJ/HT

"Due to a continuous seepage problem in an underground shopping complex, waterproofing treatment was carried out at the terrace of Palika Bazar in 2020-21 by dismantling the terrace garden. The space is now being revived with a new look and public amenities. Hydrants for watering grass and plants and a seating deck surrounding the central dome of the terrace will also be installed," the official said.

The civic body has carried out fresh waterproofing treatment on the terrace of the market.

"A new 30cm deep soil layer has been added on top of the market roof to host sections with both artificial and natural doob grass. The garden will host sections on orange jasmine, firebush, hibiscus and calliandra. A dedicated section will feature various forms of bougainvillea, such as sobhra, thima, mary palmar and cherry blossom. The garden will feature two types of hedges made up of red iresine and duranta goldiana," the NDMC official added.

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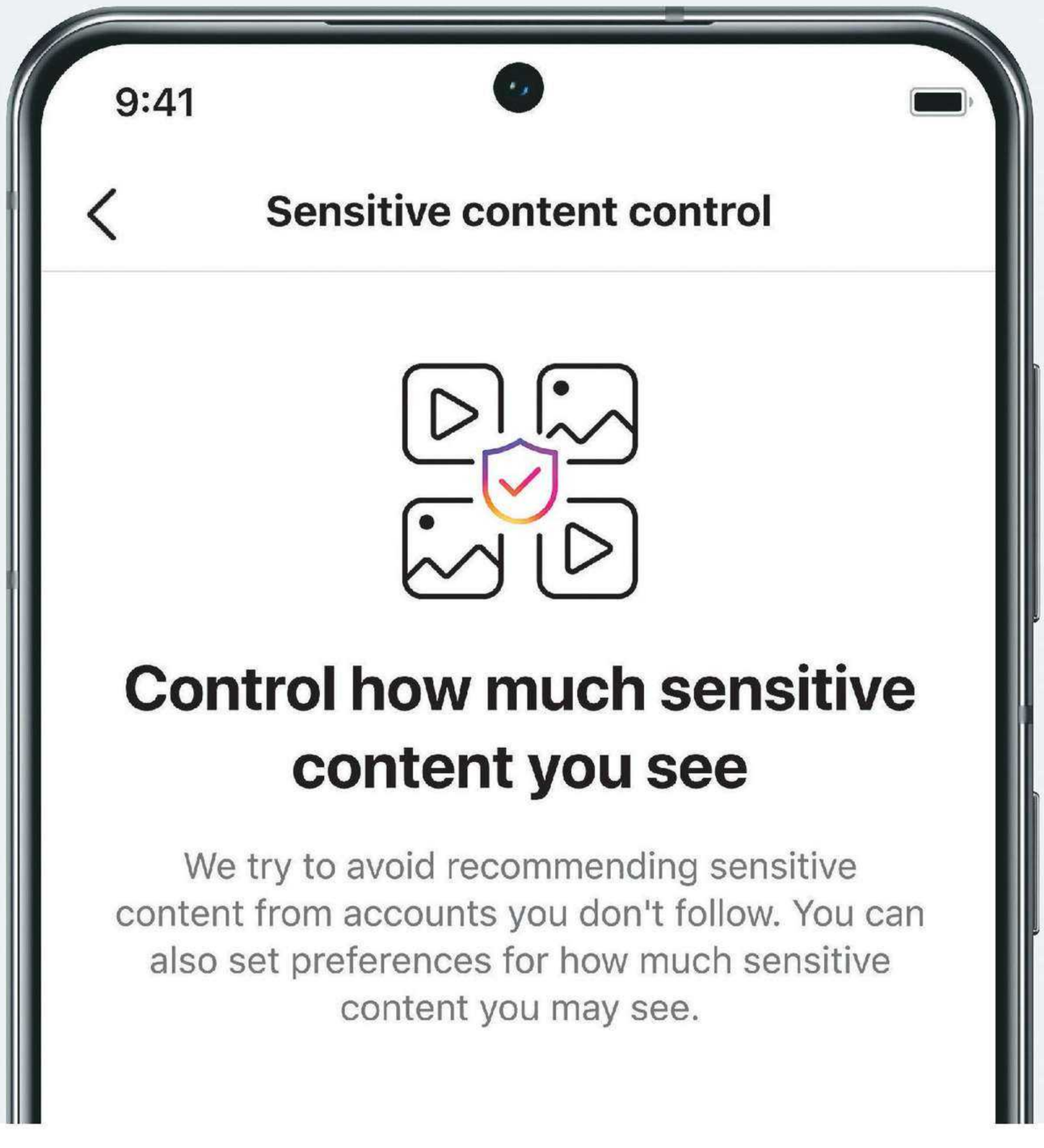

First Ph-4 Metro stn set to open Aug end

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NEW DELHI: The Krishna Park Extension Metro station, the first of Phase 4 of the Delhi Metro, is set to open by the end of this month following an inspection by the Commissioner of Metro Railway Safety (CMRS) on July 30, Metro officials aware of the matter said on Friday.

The Metro station is the only one on the 2.5km section that DMRC plans to operationalise, and is part of the Janakpuri West to RK Ashram extension of the Magenta Line, which starts from Botanical Garden. DMRC said CMRS made some suggestions during the inspection which will be incorporated in the next few weeks.

"CMRS has inspected this section. All the suggestions and recommendations made by CMRS will be incorporated and we plan to open this section and the new Metro station by the end of this month," DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar told HT.

Officials said that the infrastructure for the Metro station was complete and could be operationalised once the changes were made. The entire 2.5km section is underground, including the Krishna Park Extension Metro station. It will also have full-screen platform doors (FSD) – a feature seen currently only at the Airport Express Line. Phase-3 metro lines such as the Magenta and Pink Line corridors have half-PSDs.

"The section, which has just one Metro station, will benefit people of Krishna Park and nearby neighbourhoods, including Meera Bagh. Earlier, they would have to go to Janakpuri West," said a DMRC official.

DMRC is currently undertaking construction on 65.2km of three priority corridors spanning 45 stations under this phase.

ONE YEAR LATER, TEEN YOUTUBER HELD FOR ₹14L ARMED ROBBERY

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NEW DELHI: A 19-year-old man who was wanted in a year-old robbery case has been arrested by the crime branch of Delhi Police, officers said on Friday, adding that the suspect was a social media influencer with 18,000 followers on Instagram. He also had 150,000 followers on TikTok previously. The suspect — identified as Mohammad Saad — was on the run since the armed robbery case was registered at the Kotwali police station, police said.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Sanjay Kumar Sain said that on July 17 last year, a collection agent of a businessman was robbed of ₹14 lakh at gunpoint in Chandni Chowk. A case was registered and the local police arrested three accused and apprehended a minor boy.

One more suspect — Saad — was declared a proclaimed offender by court.

WATER SUPPLY TO BE HIT FOR 36 HOURS IN PARTS OF GURUGRAM

GURUGRAM: Water supply is likely to be affected in parts of Gurugram for 36 hours starting Monday because the supply will be turned off from the Chandu Budhera water treatment plant, a notice by the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) said. The plant will remain shut for maintenance work and for the replacement of a valve from 10am on August 5 to 10pm on August 6. In this period, GMDA will also shift a master water pipeline at Bakhtawar Chowk. A GMDA spokesperson said supply will be affected in Dayanand Colony, Old Gurugram areas, Laxman Vihar, New Colony booster station, Choti Mata booster station, Sectors 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 33, 34, 37C, 37D, 81 to 115 and booster station at Sector 51, Sectors 42-74 and Badshahpur. HTC

16-yr-old crowdfunds basic facilities for 'old, abandoned' in Sangam Vihar

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NEW DELHI: The 14 elderly residents of a small old-age home in Sangam Vihar recently received a new reason to smile as a crowdfunding campaign led by a teenager helped them acquire small things that help them in their daily struggles. Reflective tapes, chair guards, especially designed walking sticks and corner protectors for sharp furniture were among the small gifts these senior citizens received in the past few months.

Moved by his grandfather's illness, Delhi teenager Aryan Rohatgi set up a fundraiser and helped the old age home – Uddharkarta Trust, run by an NGO – acquire basic facilities to refurbish their living spaces, get essential supplies and improve basic hygiene facilities.

ARYAN ROHATGI SAYS HE WILL START THE NEXT CROWDFUNDING CAMPAIGN FOR THE CENTRE SOON

But Rohatgi says that what matters most to the elderly is company, and having someone to talk to.

"My family and I started visiting this old age home last year after my grandfather fell sick. By spending some time with them, we realised that they felt pretty lonely and just needed to have someone listen to them and their growing health concerns. We also started noticing how they needed small aids that would help deal with their age-related concerns," said 16-year-old Rohatgi.

He set up a website and started a fundraiser called "old and abandoned" to get the things that the old age home needed. With about ₹30,000 collected in 15 days, the family set up corner protectors around beds and reflective tapes on doors and near corners.

Studying in British School, Rohatgi said that he will be starting the next crowdfunding campaign soon to add more facilities to the centre.

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This way to Gali Pyaun Wali

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Maa Durga, Bhagwan Krishan with Radha ji, Devi Sita with Bhagwan Ram, and Hanuman ji... all these divinities are present, their portraits sanctifying the temple's blue walls. The eyes though are first drawn to Shiv Bhagwan. The life-like statue's right palm is bestowing a blessing, while the wrists are adorned with marigold malas.

The eyes next wander down to something less common for a sanctum sanctorum. A blue handpump. It stands where a kuan is said to have existed. For centuries, that well diligently served this part of the Walled City, a passer-by says. Inevitably the place came to be identified as a general pyaun of drinking water for the people, and that identity gave the street its name.

That said, Gali Pyaun Wali in Chawri Bazar is very small (the corridor in a standard Lajpat Nagar Flat is longer). Even so, the lane is fiercely individualistic. This late afternoon it is quietly rebelling against the Chawri Bazar chaos by being cocooned in shanti and silence.

The street begins as a straight narrow alley with the temple on the right, and ends into a square-shaped courtyard, ringed by shops selling "wire netting, perforated sheets, valves, pipes, fittings... all industrial items & hardware." The interiors of one of the shops is like a painting. The walls are green, the metal almirah is green, a great part of the wooden desk too is green.

Within the temple, a gali shopkeeper points out, the umbrella raised above Shiv Bhagwan is part of the mandir's tradition to mark the rainy "sawan ka mahina." The fifth month of the Hindu calendar, sawan also marks Shivratri, the festive night of Shiv Bhagwan, which was celebrated yesterday.

Among the mandir's many tenderly beautiful aspects is its tiny taak. This arched niche on the wall is sooty, suggesting that perhaps an earthen lamp is lit regularly inside the scooped space; the playful flames darkening the inward walls.

Some steps away from Gali Pyaun Wali, on the maddeningly busy market street, Ajay Mohan, a drinking water vendor, is silently hawking "machine ka thanda pani" from his refrigerated metal trolley, which for all practical purposes is a modern-day paid pyaun.

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SC PULLS UP NTA

premier medical entrance examination was conducted in May at 4,750 centres across 571 cities in India and 14 cities overseas, with over 2.3 million students competing for 108,000 seats. But weeks later, the exam was engulfed in chaos, with thousands of students demonstrating against allegations of question paper leaks, inflated marking, and arbitrary allowance of grace marks. The controversy rocked Parliament and forced the government to postpone a string of other exams.

In its 63-page judgment released on Friday, the bench, which also comprised justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, highlighted that the fairness and reliability of NEET are paramount, particularly given the critical role the exam plays in shaping the careers of future medical professionals.

"Any compromise in the merit-based selection process jeopardises the quality of health care as well as the careers of aspirants. The fairness and reliability of the examination system cannot be such that public confidence is lost," stated the bench, expressing deep concerns over the numerous lapses in the exam's administration and mandating a series of reforms.

To ensure that NTA adhered to these reforms, the bench expanded the remit of a committee constituted by the Union government to investigate and address the structural issues identified in the judgment. The committee, originally tasked with reviewing the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024 exam, has now been directed to include these additional reforms in its recommendations.

The seven-member committee, chaired by former Isro chairman Dr K Radhakrishnan, has been tasked with making recommendations on the stringent security protocols. Additionally, the court emphasised the need for enhanced identity verification measures to prevent impersonation and urged NTA to conduct regular audits and surprise inspections of exam centres.

"The formation of a committee is essential to thoroughly investigate and address the structural issues. A dedicated committee with suitably qualified experts can ensure a comprehensive review of the security measures, candidate verification processes, and the overall management of the examination. By identifying and rectifying vulnerabilities, such a committee will help restore trust in the examination system and implement robust safeguards to prevent future malpractice," held the bench.

The court granted an extension for the committee's report, now due on September 30, 2024, and instructed the Union education ministry to implement a plan of action based on the committee's findings within a month of receiving the report. The ministry was also directed to report its compliance with these directions to the court, ensuring that the reforms are not only proposed but also effectively implemented.

The Supreme Court's judgment is a clear signal that the administration of national-level exams such as NEET must meet the highest standards of security and fairness. The court's intervention aims to restore public confidence in the examination system, ensuring that future exams are conducted without the lapses and irregularities that plagues NEET-UG 2024.

The judgment detailed multiple instances of mismanagement and security breaches during the NEET-UG 2024 exam, holding that the "situation highlights several administrative and procedural flaws within NTA's management of the exam".

"The court is cognisant of the fact that national-level exams with participation from tens of lakhs of students require immense resources, coordination, and planning. But that is precisely the reason for the existence of a body such as NTA. It is no excuse to say that the exam is conducted in myriad centres or that a large number of aspirants appear for the exam. NTA has sufficient resources at its disposal. It has adequate funding, time, and opportunities to organise exams such as the NEET without lapses of the kind that occurred this year. Multiple occurrences in the conduct of the exam prompts the court to make these observations."

The bench noted that exam papers were leaked in Patna and Hazaribagh, and that "unauthorised persons were permitted to access the question papers" - a clear indication of the NTA's failure to implement stringent security measures. This, the court remarked, "indicates that there is a serious lapse in security and that security measures which are stringent and effective must be implemented by NTA."

Further exacerbating the situation was the revelation that question papers were transported using insecure methods, including e-rickshaws and private courier services, it noted. The court found this practice unacceptable for an exam of national importance, criticising NTA for relying on such "unsecure logistics providers". Additionally, the court pointed out that NTA failed to specify a timeline for sealing Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets after the exam, leaving room for potential tampering.

In one of the most alarming instances, the court noted that "question papers stored in Canara Bank were wrongly distributed to candidates" at multiple centres instead of the correct set stored in SBI. This mix-up, the court said, either indicated gross irresponsibility on the part of the city coordinators or a breakdown in communication between the NTA and the custodian banks. The court emphasised that this was a critical error that should never have occurred and added that "neither Canara Bank nor SBI appear to have been notified as to whether the papers in their custody were to be released."

"All of these issues indicate that the security protocols must be tightened to decrease the possibility of malpractice and fraud and to lessen access by private persons to the question papers," said the bench.

The court also expressed concern over the drastic reduction in the number of top scorers after compensatory marks were removed and a retest was conducted. Initially, 67 candidates had achieved a perfect score of 720/720, but after adjustments were made, this number dropped to just 17.

"It is a matter of serious concern that this number fell from 67 to 17 during the course of the hearing. The intervention of the court, reports by the media, and representations by candidates ensured that these changes were made in the interests of fairness and justice. However, the system adopted by NTA should be such that just outcomes are reached even when these external catalysts are not present. The system must be such as to inspire public confidence," it said.

The bench also pulled up NTA for its turnaround when two different committees of the agency concluded differently about awarding compensatory marks to 1,563 students for loss of time. The first committee decided in favour of compensatory marks while the one set up later in the wake of outrage held otherwise.

"A body such as NTA which is entrusted with immense responsibility in relation to highly important competitive exams cannot afford to misstep, take an incorrect decision, and amend it at a later stage. All decisions must be well-considered, with due regard to the importance of the decision. Flip-flops are an anathema to fairness," said the bench.

It added that all instances of the use of unfair means must be dealt with firmly, including at a few towns or cities that have become hubs for classes which train candidates for such competitive exams.

The Supreme Court mandated a comprehensive overhaul of the NEET process, outlining a series of reforms. A key directive is the tightening of security protocols throughout the examination process.

To prevent incidents like the one at Canara Bank, the court recommended that NTA enforce strict protocols for the transportation, storage and handling of question papers, suggesting the use of "tamper-evident packaging and secure logistics providers" as necessary upgrades.

The court also called for stricter procedures for verifying candidate identities to prevent impersonation. It further stressed that "enhanced identity checks at various stages of the exam" should be implemented, including technological innovations, while also ensuring compliance with privacy laws.

Another significant reform proposed by the court is the installation of comprehensive CCTV surveillance systems at all examination centres. The court underscored the importance of "real-time monitoring and recording of all activities" at these centres to deter and detect any malpractice or unauthorised activities. Regular audits and surprise inspections of examination centres were also recommended to ensure adherence to security protocols.

The judgment further addressed the need for advanced data security protocols to protect examination materials from unauthorized access and potential leaks. The court recommended that NTA adopt robust encryption methods and secure data transmission practices. It also suggested the implementation of digital watermarking and tracking technologies to trace any leaks and identify the sources of unauthorised access.

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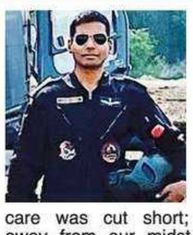

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By Order
Ms. Devanshi Janmeja
Metropolitan Magistrate
Court No. 10, Saket Court, New Delhi

DP/10165/SE/2024
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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rajni Gupta, W/o:** Ramesh Gupta, **R/o** A-399, Street No.-6, New Sanjay, Amar Colony, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 21/18, U/s 336/34 IPC, P.S. Farsh Bazar, Shahdara Distt., Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Rajni Gupta** cannot be found, and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Rajni Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant);

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Sh. Akhil Malik
Metropolitan Magistrate-02, Room No.-38, Shahdara, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/9899/SHD/2024
(Court Matter)

5 UP districts flooded, 7 killed

LUCKNOW: Seven people have been killed in rain-related incidents in 24 hours till Friday evening in Uttar Pradesh while five of its districts were affected by floods, according to the state relief commissioner's office. Relief and rescue operations are underway, it said. The five districts in the state which are still flooded are Ballia, Lakhimpur Kheri, Farrukhabad, Sitapur and Bahraich.

Assam flooding toll reaches 116

GUWAHATI: The Assam flood toll rose by two on Friday, while over 18,000 people remain affected across six districts, according to an official bulletin. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) bulletin said one death each was reported from Golaghat and Morongi revenue circles of Golaghat district.The toll in this year's floods, storms, lightning and landslide has reached 116, it said.

Red alert sounded in 9 Bihar districts

PATNA: The India Meteorological Department on Friday issued a "red alert" for extremely heavy rainfall, thunderstorms and lightning over the next 36 hours in nine districts of Bihar. Red alert means 'take action', orange 'be prepared', yellow 'watch and stay updated' and green signifies 'no action needed'. The state government has asked people to stay abreast with weather-related updates.

{ IN WAYANAD } TOLL RISES TO 210

Day 4: Search for life continues

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Damaged houses at the site of the landslide in Wayanad, on Friday. REUTERS

WAYANAD: The toll from landslides in Wayanad district of Kerala rose to 210 on Friday, while 139 other mangled body parts were retrieved from the affected areas, particularly, the Chaliyar river, as rescuers continued to search under the debris of homes for any signs of life three days after tragedy struck the area.

While 147 bodies have been identified so far, DNA tests have been conducted to identify 207 victims, officials said on Friday. Separately, over 490 people have been rescued from the affected area with 81 of them still undergoing treatment at hospitals in Wayanad, Kozhikode and Malappuram districts.

The landslides were reported between 1am and 4.30am on Tuesday, as huge mounds of mud, boulders, slush and debris flew downhill through the Iruvazhinji river, in the process flattening the densely-populated settlements of Chooralmala and Mundakkai which were nestled among pristine tea plantations.

Hope briefly flickered in Mundakkai as rescuers detected signs of life using an advanced radar system, but the search operation was called off at 9.15pm without any concrete results.

An intense search was carried out, with debris removed using machinery, after an official involved in the operation said that a "blue signal" (indicating breathing) was received on the radar while combing through a severely-affected area where a house previously stood.

However, the official clarified that it was unclear whether the breathing signal was from a human or animal.

In a late evening Facebook post, Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the search for life continues, with radars detecting even the slightest movements, offering glimmers of hope. "Amid the darkness and rubble of the collapsed building, rescuers continue their efforts, determined to find any remaining survivors," he said.

The state government has drawn up a comprehensive plan with rescue personnel divided into 40 teams scouring through six zones including the Chaliyar river. The Coast Guard and a team from the Tamil Nadu rescue forces has joined the search operations across both banks of the river up till Nilambur where most of the remains were fished out.

The construction of the bailey bridge by the army helped rescue personnel move large machinery including earthmovers onto parts of Mundakkai which was inaccessible for the last three days. The role of the earthmovers, said officials, was critical in separating the debris and helping find bodies of victims who may have been stuck in the rubble.

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who were on the second day of their visit to the district, held meetings with panchayat officials on Friday, announced that their party would commit to building 100 homes for the victims of the tragedy.

"I have been here since yesterday. This is a terrible tragedy. Today, we had a meeting with the administration and the panchayat officials and they briefed us on the casualties they expect and the houses damaged so far. We have said that we are here to help in any way possible. Congress family would like to commit to building 100 plus houses here. I think Kerala has not seen such kind of a tragedy in a single area and I am going to raise it in Delhi and with the chief minister here," Rahul Gandhi said.

The Congress MP said he is going to raise the matter in Delhi and also with Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan as "this is a different level of tragedy and should be treated differently".

Cong gives privilege notice over Shah's remarks in RS

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NEW DELHI: Congress MP Jairam Ramesh on Friday submitted a notice to move a privilege motion against Union home minister Amit Shah in Rajya Sabha, over the latter's claims that the Centre issued multiple alerts to Kerala about a possible natural calamity, ahead of the Wayanad landslides, but the southern state did not heed the advance warnings.

In his notice, Ramesh, who is also the Congress general secretary, alleged that Shah "misled" the Upper House through his remarks "which have proven to be false".

"In his response to calling attention on the Wayanad landslides in the Rajya Sabha on July 31, the Union home minister made several claims on early warning systems and how they were not utilised by Kerala government despite alerts issued by the Union Government well ahead of the tragedy. These claims have been extensively fact-checked in the media," the Congress lawmaker said. The landslides that hit Wayanad early on Tuesday morning have claimed at least 210 lives so far.

"It is clear that the Union home minister misled the Rajya Sabha with his emphatic statements on early warnings.... It is well established that misleading the house constitutes a breach of privilege and contempt of house," he added.

Shah, on Wednesday, told Parliament that the Centre issued multiple alerts about a possible natural calamity and even rushed nine teams of the NDRF to the state but the Pinarayi Vijayan-led government did not heed the advance warnings.

Vijayan has refuted Shah's remarks.

Himachal flood toll rises to eight, search on for 45

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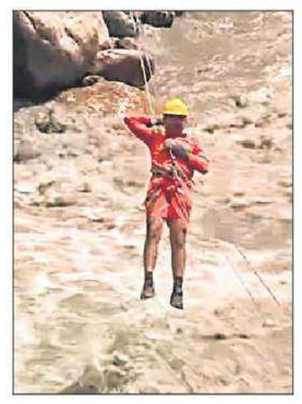

Rescue operations underway in Rampur on Friday. ANI

SHIMLA: Toll from the flash floods in Himachal Pradesh rose to eight on Friday with the recovery of three more bodies, while operations to search for 45 people still missing a day after cloudbursts in three districts continued.

Chief minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu along with education minister Rohit Thakur visited Samej on the border of Shimla and Kullu district to take stock of the situation and talk to the victims.

Over 30 people were missing after a cloudburst near Shrikhand Mahadev route on Wednesday night triggered flash floods in Sarpara, Ganvi and Kurban nallahs.

Talking to reporters, Sukhu said 17-18 women and 8-9 children are among those missing. "Our government stands with the disaster-affected people with full sensitivity. We will leave no stone unturned in relief work with the help of all organisations. Once again the state has suffered huge losses due to the disaster. We will all face this challenge together," Sukhu wrote in a post on X.

Five bodies were found in Rajban village in Mandi, one in Nirmand in Kullu, officials said on Friday while mutilated parts of two people were recovered in Rampur, SP Shimla Sanjeev Kumar Gandhi said. The two bodies recovered in Rajban on Friday were identified as that of Aman (9) and Aryan (8) while five people are still missing on this site.

The rescue operations to trace over 45 missing people entered Day 2, with the army, Central Industrial Security Force (CISF), Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP), National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) spearheading the charge.

Revenue minister Jagat Singh Negi, who has been overseeing relief efforts in Rampur since Thursday said, "As soon as the flash floods struck, the district administration, with the help of police, CISF, ITBP, NDRF launched relief and rescue operations, which are continuing."

Relatives of the missing persons are camping at the sites with hope fading with every passing hour.

IAF choppers join rescue ops along Kedarnath route

RUDRAPRAYAG: The IAF's Chinook and MI-17 helicopters on Friday joined the rescue operations in Uttarakhand to evacuate pilgrims still stranded on the rain-ravaged trek route to Kedarnath. Chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami said since the start of rescue operations on Thursday morning, after the route to Kedarnath suffered extensive damage as a result of a cloudburst in Junglechatti near Lincholi, 5,000 people have been evacuated to safety, with some being airlifted. The SDRF and National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) aided in the rescue efforts, he said. HTC

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I&B ministry may authenticate local cable operators

NEW DELHI: The ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) has authorised the I&B ministry to use Aadhaar to authenticate identities of those registered as local cable operators (LCOs) under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995. This authentication will be done on a voluntary basis, a gazette notification published on Friday said.

Consultation on broadcasting bill underway: Min

NEW DELHI: The Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill is still in drafting stage and consultation with various stakeholders is currently underway, Union minister of state, I&B, L Murugan, has informed Parliament. The bill was "placed in public domain for comments of the stakeholders including domain experts and the general public on November 10, 2023", the minister added.

Spent ₹36k-cr on procurement of Covid jabs: Centre

NEW DELHI: The Centre has incurred an expenditure of ₹36,397.65 crore till date towards the procurement of Covid vaccines for free supply to states and UTs under the National Covid Vaccination Programme, the government told the Lok Sabha on Friday.

Data analysis key in SC's verdict on NEET breach

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NEW DELHI: Resting its decision on a thorough analysis of data, legal principles and the practical implications of ordering a re-examination, the Supreme Court on Friday released its detailed judgment concluding that there was no systemic breach in the conduct of the NEET-UG 2024, despite allegations of malpractice, including the leakage of question papers.

A bench, led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, examined the allegations surrounding NEET, noting that while there were incidents of malpractice, these issues did not rise to a level that would justify the cancellation of the entire exam.

"The facts of this case and the resultant issue before this Court do not call for the development of new legal principles. It is settled law that the cancellation of an examination...is justified only in cases where the sanctity of the exam is found to be compromised at a systemic level," stated the bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra.

Emphasising that such drastic measures are warranted only when it is impossible to separate the tainted candidates from the untainted ones, the court pointed out that it is possible to separate the beneficiaries of malpractice or fraud from the honest students in the present instance. "This being the case, the court cannot direct a re-exam," it asserted.

A significant portion of the judgment was devoted to analysing data from various examination centres that had been accused of malpractice. The bench scrutinised success rates from these centres, comparing them with data from previous years to identify any abnormalities.

For instance, in Hazaribagh, a centre that was under heavy scrutiny for paper leak, the success rate for candidates within Rank 108,000 was 4.6% in 2024, compared to 7.2% in 2022 and 6.0% in 2023. The court found that the success rate for 2024 was actually lower than in previous years, indicating no abnormality or systemic breach. "From the above figures, it becomes clear that there are no abnormalities in the results for 2024 when compared with the results for the past two years," it noted.

Similarly, the data from Patna and Godhra, other centres under scrutiny for paper leak and issues with OMR sheets, also did not reveal any systemic irregularities. In Patna, the success rate for 2024 was 5.5%, lower than 8.9% in 2022 and 7.7% in 2023. In Godhra, the success rate for 2024 was 0.8%, down from 1.5% in 2022 and 2.1% in 2023. The bench concluded that these figures did not indicate any systemic issues. "There are no other deviations in the data which are cause for concern and which meet the standard of indicating a systemic malaise," the judgment held.

Protests against alleged irregularities in NEET-UG, at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, on Thursday. ARVIND YADAV/HT

The report from the director of IIT-Madras supported the court's conclusions. The report found "no abnormal indications" in the results for 2024 compared to previous years, stating that "analysis shows that there is neither any indication of mass malpractice nor a localised set of candidates being benefitted leading to abnormal scores".

Another aspect considered by the court was the reopening of the registration window, which had raised concerns about potential malpractice. The registration window was initially open from February 9 to March 9, 2024, and was later extended to March 16, 2024. However, NTA reopened the registration portal for two additional days – April 9 and 10, 2024 – citing technical issues faced by candidates.

The petitioners argued that this reopening facilitated malpractice, but the court found no evidence to back this. The data revealed that the success rates for candidates who registered during the reopened window were not abnormal. Of the 14,007 candidates who appeared after registering on April 10, 44 were within the top 108,000 ranks, and 23 were in the top 56,000 ranks, with success rates of 0.31% and 0.14%, respectively.

Addressing concerns about candidates changing their exam centres, which some argued was done to facilitate cheating, the bench relied again on data analysis that did not reveal any abnormal success rates for candidates who changed their centres. "The choice to appear for the exam from a different city may be motivated by myriad factors... Some other relevant and concrete material must be present before the Court can infer that this led to mass malpractice," it held.

The bench also cited lack of evidence to show that the question paper was disseminated widely using social media or the internet, or that the answers were being communicated to students using sophisticated electronic means which may prove difficult to trace.

"The students who were beneficiaries of the leak at Hazaribagh and Patna are capable of being identified. The CBI investigation reveals the number of students, who are the beneficiaries of the malpractice at Hazaribagh and Patna at this stage. This leads us to conclude that it is possible to separate the beneficiaries of malpractice or fraud from the honest students," it held.

The judgment emphasised the importance of a proportionate response to malpractice. Ordering a re-exam, the court noted, would have disrupted the academic schedule. "The delay in completing admission will impact the availability of resident doctors to attend to patient care in the future. Any such direction will have disproportionate consequences for candidates from marginalised backgrounds," it said.

{ ROW OVER NEET-UG CONTINUES } PRIVATE MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Ruckus in RS over demand on scrapping of NEET, NTA

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NEW DELHI: A private member's resolution to repeal the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) and the National Testing Agency (NTA) sparked a war of words between the government and the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Union health minister JP Nadda defended NEET, saying it ended the practice of selling medical seats even as the Opposition alleged the premier medical entrance exam was flawed, pointing to large-scale irregularities that have marred this year's test, jeopardising the future of hundreds of thousands of students.

Nadda said that NEET "ended the business hub" in medical education and students from diverse background could now aspire to be doctors. "Medical education had become a 'business *ka adda*' (den). When I was health minister and was bringing NEET, one seat of post graduation was sold for ₹8 crore each and if you had to opt for a discipline like radiology, then it was ₹12-13 crore," Nadda said.

But DMK lawmaker Mohamed Abdulla, who had moved the resolution, said injustice was inflicted on domiciled students of states and the exam violated the autonomy of state governments.

"The NEET exam is flawed in the way of selection of eligible candidates," Abdulla said, citing the

JP Nadda

"present NEET question paper leaks, the irresponsible award of grace marks and the inability of NTA to successfully conduct the exam without prejudice to students". Nadda highlighted the hassles for the students before NEET as they would go for different exams in different states, spending money and time and facing "terrible corruption".

"For the first time, we started exams in southern languages and today, exams are held in 13 languages. The biggest difference is: today students from government schools are becoming doctors. Medical education earlier meant that you either come from a missionary school or a product of public schools. Earlier, it only represented only one section of society," Nadda added, pointing out that now Dalit students from Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra were appearing for NEET exams because they could give exams in their own language. "The 17 perfect scorers in NEET UG are from Kerala, UP, Bihar, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Punjab, Chandigarh and Delhi," the minister added.

Even before Abdulla could push his resolution, minister of state for education Jayant Chaudhary objected to it, saying the resolution went against "several precedents and parliamentary norms and practices". He also cited the Supreme Court's directions in 2018 and only after those directions and judgments, NEET exam was being conducted by NTA.

Many opposition members, including Communist Party of India(Marxist)'s John Brittas and V Sivadasan, the Aam Aadmi Party's Raghav Chadha and the Congress's Shaktisinh Gohil argued that disallowing a member to move a resolution in the House that has been approved by the chairman would be an infringement to a member's right.

Amid shouting from both sides, minister of parliamentary affairs Kiren Rijiju asked the Chair to allow the member to proceed if he wanted to, but demanded a division on the resolution. The deputy chairman then assured the House that due process of the House would be followed and asked Abdulla to move the resolution.

Congress member Gohil said political entities should rise above party politics to discuss the matter. TMC's Jawhar Sircar said that NEET favours students from the Central Board of Secondary Education and was not fair to students of state boards.

{ OPPN HITS BACK }

Shivraj slams Cong for 'anti-farmer' policies

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NEW DELHI: An "anti-farmer" stance is in the DNA of the Congress party, Union minister of agriculture and farmers welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on Friday, as he went on to list the "misplaced" priorities of former prime ministers, beginning from PM Jawaharlal Nehru to PV Narasimha Rao.

Responding to a question on the working of the agriculture ministry in the Rajya Sabha, Chouhan highlighted the achievements of his government and attacked the Congress. "Being anti-farmers is in the DNA of the Congress. From the beginning, their priorities are misplaced. When Late Jawaharlal Nehru was the PM, he went to Russia and tried to adopt their model of farming here. Chaudhary Charan Singh said the Russian system could not be adopted here. His priorities were misplaced. When he was the PM for 17 years, citizens had to depend on poor quality wheat that was sent from the US," the former Madhya Pradesh chief minister said.

Unlike the opposition, the BJP-led NDA government does not consider farmers as a vote bank, Chouhan said.

"Farmers are not a vote bank for us. Serving farmers, who feed the whole country, is like service to God. They are God for us. That is the thought we have while moving

Shivraj Singh Chouhan

forward," he said.

"When Indira Gandhi was the PM, the government collected levies from farmers. Late PM Rajiv Gandhi spoke about agriculture price policy but did not take any concrete steps to improve farmers' income. PV Narasimha Rao's government did not de-license the industries related to the farm sector. Manmohan Singh was the finance minister in that government," he said.

Between 2004 and 2014, when the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance was in power, India was known for scams and corruption, Chouhan alleged. This, however, changed when Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power as his government's priorities were correct, he added.

Congress leader Rajeev Shukla accused Chouhan of lacking historical knowledge, particularly about the Green Revolution, which started during the Congress regime. "He has just become the Union agriculture minister...He does not know about the history of agriculture," he said.

SC JUNKS PLEA ON SORCERY, STRESSES NEED FOR EDU

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday declined to entertain a petition seeking directives for the central and state governments to take steps to eradicate the menace of superstition, sorcery and similar practices in the country.

The court, while acknowledging the seriousness of the issue, said that it was "not judicially manageable", adding that courts are not the answer to all societal evils.

"The answer is education, spread of literacy... the more educated you become, the presumption is that more rational you become. How can a court directing for developing scientific temper help?" Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud remarked.

The bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, noted that it is the responsibility of civil society and the democratic arms of the government to address such issues. "Writs can't be answer to all the evils in society. It is also for civil society and democratic arms of the government to take steps. You also don't become a social reformer by only moving the courts. There are several other ways to bring about changes. Courts have their own limitations, and we can't entertain everything that we think are serious issues," the court observed.

{ ELECTORAL BONDS SCHEME }

SC turns down plea for SIT probe

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday dismissed a clutch of petitions seeking a special investigation team (SIT) probe under judicial supervision into an alleged scam involving political financing through electoral bonds (EBs), noting that the claims were based on assumptions and had not yet undergone the normal legal process.

While the petitioners argued that the scheme, which was struck down by the top court on February 15 for anonymising political donations, facilitated quid pro quo arrangements between donors and political entities, the court held that it cannot order a "roving inquiry" into the accusations when the petitioners had not even invoked the remedies available to them under the law of land.

"At the present stage, absent any recourse to remedies available under the law for pursuing of grievances, it will be premature and inappropriate for this court to intervene...Intervention of this court under Article 32 must be preceded by invocation of normal remedies under the law. It would be inappropriate because intervention of this court at the present stage will postulate that normal remedies were not efficacious," stated a bench, led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud.

In a detailed order dictated by the CJI, the bench, also comprising justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, stated that the petitions were based on two key assumptions - first, that there was a prima facie element of quid pro quo linked to the timing of EB purchases and the subsequent awarding of contracts; and second, that certain officials within investigative agencies were involved, rendering the normal legal process ineffective.

The court said the pleas were based on two assumptions.

"The petitions are founded on assumptions," noted the bench, adding that these assumptions were insufficient grounds for the court to intervene at this stage. The court pointed out that the petitioners themselves acknowledged that an element of criminality might be involved only if a direct relationship could be established between the purchase of electoral bonds and the awarding of contracts by authorities.

The bench further underlined that the Supreme Court cannot order a "roving inquiry" based on such speculative assumptions. It pointed out that individual grievances should be pursued through the available legal remedies, such as filing complaints under the applicable criminal procedure laws or seeking redress under Article 226 of the Constitution, which allows individuals to approach high courts for enforcement of fundamental rights.

"Absent a recourse to remedies available in law, it would be premature and inappropriate for this court to intervene. The intervention of this court must be preceded by the exhaustion of legal remedies," the bench maintained.

The bench also rejected the petitioners' request to reopen financial assessments related to the EB scheme, stating that such an order would amount to a premature conclusion on the facts of the case. The court held that ordering an SIT probe or reopening assessments without first exhausting other legal avenues would be "inappropriate" and could lead to generalised and unfounded inquiries. The court was hearing three petitions, demanding a court-monitored probe into an alleged scam involving EBs apart from other actions against the political parties for receiving donations by way of quid pro quo.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan appeared for the petitioner non-profit organisations, Common Cause and Centre for Public Interest Litigation (CPIL). Senior counsel Vijay Hansaria represented petitioner Khem Singh Bhati while advocate Pranav Sachdeva appeared for RTI activist Sudip Tamankar. Introduced in 2018, EBs were available for purchase at any SBI branch and could be bought through a KYC-compliant account. There was no limit on the number of electoral bonds that a person or company could purchase. But on February 15, a five-judge Constitution bench struck down the scheme, declaring it to be "unconstitutional".

Govt itself is best positioned to fact-check false info: Vaishnaw

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NEW DELHI: IT and information and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw reiterated the government's stance that it is best positioned to fact check misleading and false information about itself when questioned about the Press Information Bureau's controversial fact check unit in the Rajya Sabha on Friday.

Trinamool Congress's Dola Sen asked the government if it was true that the Supreme Court and the Bombay high court had stayed the creation of the PIB fact check unit this year. As minister of state for I&B L. Murugan was replying, Vaishnaw interrupted and defended the 2023 amendment to the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, that empowers the central government to notify a fact check unit to identify any fake, false or misleading message or information about the business of the central government.

"... the point is fact check related to the government of India, all the ministries, all the departments of the government of India, who is the right authority to say whether a data or an information related to a particular ministry or a particular department should not be given by anybody other than the ministry or department. That is the fundamental point under contention. The amendment under

Ashwini Vaishnaw

the IT Intermediary Rules which has been stayed by the honourable Supreme Court is still under contest but the fundamental principle is, our point is that anything related to the government of India, only the government of India can say whether it is a correct fact or a wrong fact. That's our stand," Vaishnaw said.

PIB Fact Check Unit's creation was announced by PIB in a tweet on November 29, 2019. The Supreme Court order dated March 21 has not stayed its creation. The order only stayed its notification as the fact check unit for the purposes of fact-checking all online content related to the business of the central government after the government released such a gazette notification on March 20.

"[W]e are clearly of the view that the notification dated 20 March 2024 which has been issued by the Union Government after the rejection of the application for interim relief would need to be stayed. ... the challenges to the validity of Rule 3(1)(b) (v) involve serious constitutional questions. The impact of Rule 3(1)(b)(v) on the fundamental right to the freedom of speech and expression would fall for analysis by the High Court. We accordingly set aside the opinion of the third Judge dated 11 March 2024 declining interim relief and direct that pending the disposal of the proceedings before the High Court, the notification of the Union Government in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology dated 20 March 2024 shall remain stayed," the March 21 order by the top court said.

The fact check amendment was challenged by Kunal Kamra, the Editors Guild of India, Association of Indian Magazines, and the News Broadcast and Digital Association in the Bombay High Court. It led to a split verdict and was thus, referred to a third judge, justice AS Chandurkar, for final judgment. The matter is currently being heard by the third judge in the Bombay High Court.

'Mamata's claim on NITI Aayog meet fact-checked'

Meanwhile, Murugan told Rajya Sabha that last week, PIB's fact check unit fact checked West Bengal chief minister's Mamata Banerjee's claim that her microphone was switched off during the NITI Ayog meeting. He was responding to a question by BJP MP Samik Bhattacharya about whether the government planned to establish a dedicated fact check unit under PIB Kolkata as "fake news against the central government is the highest in Bengal".

Rahul claims ED raid being planned against him, BJP charges back

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NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Friday alleged the Enforcement Directorate (ED) is planning a raid against him after his "chakravyuh" speech in Parliament earlier this week, as the Congress moved an adjournment motion in the Lower House, seeking a discussion on alleged misuse of central agencies.

In a post on X, Gandhi said, "Apparently, 2 in 1 didn't like my Chakravyuh speech. ED insiders' tell me a raid is being planned. Waiting with open arms... Chai and biscuits on me," Gandhi said in a post on X. The Congress MP from Rae Bareli also tagged the ED's official account in the post.

Gandhi was referring to his speech in the Lok Sabha on Monday, when he likened the Union Budget with the "chakravyuh of the Mahabharata war where Abhimanyu was trapped and killed". Gandhi said the BJP government has created a chakravyuh (a trap), which has three elements, the concentration of financial power, the use of institutions such as CBI, ED and the Income Tax department, and the political executive, and these together "have devastated this country". The Budget this year has "strengthened" this framework, he charged.

Rahul Gandhi

Later in the day, Congress MP Manickam Tagore submitted a notice to move an adjournment motion on "the BJP government's misuse of agencies like the ED, CBI, and Income Tax for political harassment".

"Despite their reduced number from 303 to 240 seats... the government continues to deploy these agencies to intimidate opposition leaders... This misuse of state power is unacceptable and threatens the integrity of our institutions," the notice said.

Members of the INDIA bloc rallied behind the Congress. "Two CMs were in jail and it is well known (that) they try and shut up any person who speaks against them..," RLP's Nagaur MP Hanuman Ramdev Beniwal said, in a reference to pre-poll arrests of Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren in separate cases.

BJP MP Nishikant Dubey hit back, saying: "ED raids the corrupt. If they have done corruption then ED will raid, if they have not, then there will be no raid."

{ AMID TUSSLE IN U.P. UNIT } SAYS BJP STATE CHIEF

'Nazul bill can unleash social chaos, harm interests of BJP'

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LUCKNOW: A controversial land bill that stumbled in the Uttar Pradesh legislative council could have acted against the interest of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and unleash social chaos, state party chief Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary said on Friday, explaining his reasoning behind putting the draft legislation on hold.

On Thursday, Chaudhary had himself proposed in the UP Upper House that the Nazul Properties (Management and Utilisation for Public Purposes) Bill, 2024 be sent to a select committee, hinting at the rift within the party.

Chaudhary's surprising move came a day after the Lower House passed the bill. Both Chaudhary and deputy chief minister Keshav Prasad Maurya – a known detractor of the CM – are members of the Upper House while chief minister Yogi Adityanath is a member of the Lower House.

This was the first time that a bill has been sent to a select committee since the BJP first stormed to power in 2017. The bill empowers the state to reclaim Nazul (government) properties, which have been leased out to private individuals and entities, for public use and development activities.

"I opposed the bill after I received the feedback from our

Bhupendra Singh Chaudhary

MLAs, mostly those from cities, that any such unpopular law at this juncture could harm the interests of the party," Chaudhary said to HT. "Besides, the government's move to get the Nazul land, over which buildings have been standing for decades vacated now following the enactment of the law, could have led to chaos in cities. On the one hand, the government is building houses for people, on the other hand, the same government will be demolishing houses built on Nazul land," he added.

The bill was approved by the Adityanath-led cabinet in March and, introduced and passed by the assembly on Wednesday.

On Thursday, the 100-member legislative council, in which the BJP has 79 members, passed all other bills. But after Maurya tabled the Nazul land bill, Chaudhary instantly pleaded with chairman Kunwar Manvendra Singh to refer it to a select committee. Manvendra Singh referred it to the panel, giving it two months.

Chaudhary later claimed that the development was made with the consent of the chief minister and both deputy chief ministers.

But the surprising turn of events was seen as an embarrassment for the party because it came amid a tussle for control within the state's party unit. Maurya, who held a series of meetings with the BJP top leadership in Delhi last month and set off speculation of a rift with chief minister Yogi Adityanath, was seated next to Chaudhary when he proposed the bill be sent to a select committee.

In the assembly, too, the bill – which essentially seeks to prevent the conversion of Nazul land into private freehold – had faced some opposition from BJP members and allies. BJP MLAs Sidharth Nath Singh, Harshvardhan Bajpai and Kunda MLA Raghuraj Pratap Singh were among those who had opposed the bill.

"It is for you to interpret it as an embarrassment or otherwise, but what has happened is procedural. After Wednesday's developments in the assembly over the bill, it was the government that chose to send the bill to the select committee," said Sidharth Nath Singh.

The Apna Dal (Sonelal), a BJP ally both at the Centre and the state, called the bill "unnecessary". "The UP government should withdraw it immediately," said Apna Dal (S) chief and Union minister Anupriya Patel.

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आवेदन फॉर्म नि:शुल्क

आवेदन जमा करते समय जरूरी है :-

- **आधार कार्ड**
- मतदाता पहचान पत्र
- **राशन कार्ड**
- रंगीन पासपोर्ट साइज फोटो (एक)
- **आधार से जुड़ा बैंक खाता का पासबुक (बैंक खाता एकल (सिंगल) होना चाहिए)**
- जिनका बैंक खाता आधार से जुड़ा नहीं है **वे भी योजना का लाभ दिसम्बर-2024** तक उठा सकती हैं, उसके पश्चात बैंक खाता को आधार से जुड़वाना जरूरी है
- **पात्रता संबंधी घोषणापत्र**

3 अगस्त 2024
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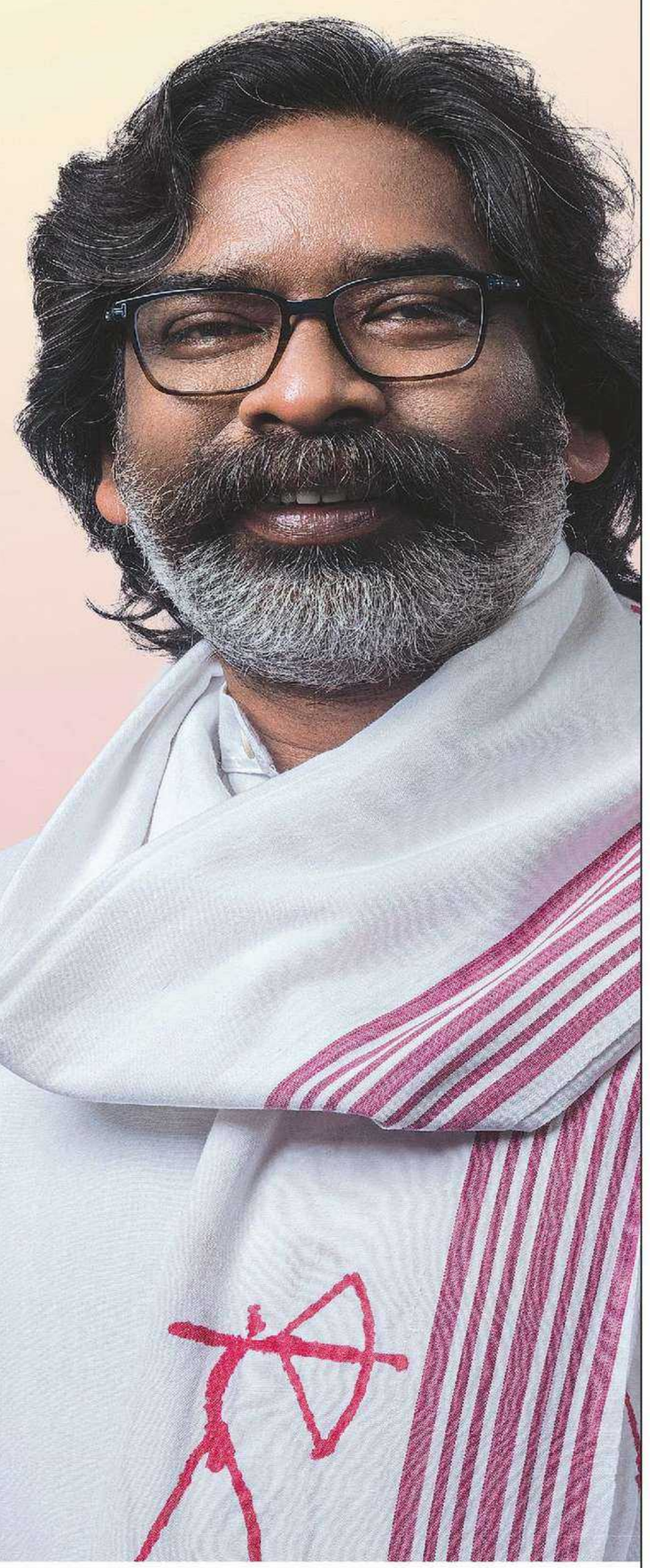
शुभारंभ



हेमन्त सोरेन
मुख्यमंत्री, झारखण्ड

3 से 10 अगस्त तक विहित प्रपत्र में आवेदन जमा करने हेतु विशेष कैम्प का आयोजन:

- ग्रामीण क्षेत्र में प्रत्येक पंचायत भवन
- शहरी क्षेत्र में संबंधित जिला उपायुक्त द्वारा चयनित केंद्र

विशेष कैंप के बाद भी आवेदन नजदीकी प्रज्ञा केंद्र में कभी भी जमा किया जा सकता है।

PR-331680 (Women, Child Development & Social Security) 24-25

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

आवश्यक सूचना
प्रखण्ड उद्यान पदाधिकारी प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा
(विज्ञापन संख्या–24/2024)

उक्त लिखित (वस्तुनिष्ठ) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा दिनांक 12.8.2024 एवं 13.08.2024 को आयोजित की जायेगी।

उक्त परीक्षा से संबंधित अभ्यर्थियों को प्रवेश-पत्र डाउनलोड करने संबंधी विस्तृत निदेश-सह-आवश्यक सूचना आयोग के वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित है। जिसे अभ्यर्थी भली-भाँति अध्ययन कर निदेशों का अक्षरशः अनुपालन करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे।

अपर सचिव-सह-परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग, पटना

Government of India
Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India
3rd Floor, Udaan Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi-110003

Invitation of applications for hiring of Sr. Consultants/Research Associates/Young Professionals (Total Thirteen (13)) in Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India

Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA) invites applications from eligible candidates as Sr. Consultant/ Research Associate/Young Professional (Total Thirteen (13)) for attending Tariff/Legal related work as per Terms of Reference (TOR). Candidate with requisite qualification and experience as prescribed would be hired in the respective category as per vacancy indicated. Vacancies are liable to be changed without any prior notice and without assigning any reason whatsoever.

2. The details including eligibility criteria, Terms of Reference (TOR) etc. are available in vacancy notice published on the AERA's website: **www.aera.gov.in**. Last date of receipt of application is **21.08.2024 upto 5.30 P.M**. Applications to be submitted as per details/ mode mentioned in the vacancy notice. Applications received after due date and time will not be entertained.

Deputy Chief
Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India,
3rd Floor, Udaan Bhawan, Safdarjung Airport,
New Delhi-110003

CBC 03112/12/0004/2425

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LIMITED
CIN– U40102RJ2000SGC016484 (A Govt. of Rajasthan Undertaking)

CHHABRA THERMAL POWER PROJECT, CHHABRA
E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited for TN-2002(RVU2425GLOB00741) Supply of Collecting Electrodes and Emitting Electrodes of ESP Fields and other ESP spares along with dismantling and ETC work of ESP Fields and other miscellaneous work & 582(RVU2425WSOB00807) Annual contract for work of Operation and Maintenance of Ash Handling System. Tender details are available on websites http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in (for e-tender), www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.

Raj.samwad/C/24/3223 RVUN/PR-4034 Addl. Chief Engineer (O&M)

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

Uday Sankar

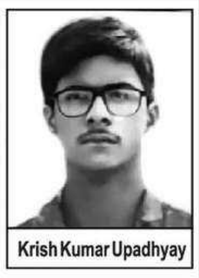
General public is hereby informed that one male Namely **Uday Sankar S/o Lt. Mudrika Singh** R/o Khasra No.183, Pandit Mohlla, Kondli, Delhi, has been missing /kidnapped from Kotak Mahindra Bank AGCR Enclave Delhi near Road Number 72. since: 17.07.2024. In this regard, a case **DD No. 107A dt.18.07.2024 has been registered at P.S. Anand Vihar, Delhi.** The description of the missing male is as under.

Age: 46 years, **Height:** 6'0", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Black color Half Nikkar, Orange Color Gamchha and Sleeper in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform **P.S. Anand Vihar, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: http://cbi.nic.in, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638,24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639
DP/9517/SHD/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.
Anand Vihar, Delhi
Tel No. 7065036022

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED BOY


Krish Kumar Upadhyay

General Public is hereby informed that one boy (depicted in the photo) namely Krish Kumar Upadhyay **S/o** Rakesh Kumar Upadhyay **R/o** 35/237, Trilokpuri, Delhi **Aged**-17 Years has been reported missing/kidnapped since 21.07.2024 at about 9 PM from his residence vide **FIR No.236/2024 Dated 25.07.2024 u/s 137(2) BNS** registered at Police Station Mayur Vihar Ph-1, Delhi. His physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Fair, **Height:** 5'9", **Body:** Thin, **ID:** Physically Challenged with right hand and wears Specs, **Hair:** Short, **Clothing:** Orange coloured T-Shirt, Blue Coloured lower and Blue Coloured Sports Shoes in feet.

Any person having any information/Clue about this missing/kidnapped boy, may inform SHO, Mayur Vihar Ph-1, Delhi at E-mail: **cic@cbi.gov.in** or website : **http://cbi.nic.in**

Tele No. : 011-24368638 or 24368641
FAX No. : 011-24368639
DP/10195/ED/2024

Sd/-
SHO, Mayur Vihar Ph-1, Delhi
Tel.: 011-22710335, 22711048
Mob.:8750870627

INDIAN RAILWAYS
PATIALA LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
PATIALA - 147003
Tel.: 2396000, 2396001, Fax No. : 91-0175-2306413

CORRIGENDUM TO E-AUCTION NOTICE NO. 59/2024-25.

Description	Existing	Read As
Regarding the change of E-Auction date for Sale of Scrap Material against E-Auction Notice 59/2024-25.	22.08.2024	29.08.2024

All other dates and conditions shall remain unaltered. 2377/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Jyosna

General Public is hereby informed that one Female **Namely: Jyosna W/o:** Rajesh Shah, **R/o:** TA-138, Gali No. 03, Tughlakabad Extension, Govindpuri, New Delhi, **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 30 Year, **Height:** 5', **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Gulabi Suit & Salwar with Sandals in feet. has been missing since 26.07.2024 from TA-138, Gali No. 03, Tughlakabad Extension, Govindpuri, New Delhi, from the Jurisdiction of Govind Puri New Delhi. In this regard **GD No. 051A Date: 27.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S.:** Govindpuri, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the Missing Female but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this Missing Female. Please inform to the following.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/9996/SE/2024

SHO
P.S.: Govindpuri, New Delhi
Phone: 8285535084, 9971458922

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age :** About 35-36 years, **Height :** 170 CM, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Fair, **Hair:** Black, wearing blue colour pant and barefooted was found dead between divider of Lodhi Road Flyover, Basti Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi brought to AIIMS Trauma Centre where doctor declared dead on 31.07.2024. In this regard DD No.50A dated 31.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours in AIIMS Trauma Centre mortuary.

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. Hazrat Nizamuddin, New Delhi.
Tel. No. 8750870929, 9388746229

DP/10161/SE/2024

भारतीय जनसंचार संस्थान
Indian Institute of Mass Communication
(A Deemed to be University)
Aruna Asaf Ali Marg, JNU New Campus, New Delhi-110067
(Advt. No. 02/2024)

The Indian Institute of Mass Communication (IIMC), Deemed to be University under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India with its main campus in New Delhi and Regional Campuses at Aizawl, Amravati, Dhenkanal, Jammu and Kottayam, invites ONLINE applications from eligible candidates for **01 Post Professor and 20 posts of Assistant Professors** in the field of Mass Communication

Details of Proforma for application, pay scale, eligibility qualifications, etc. are available in 'Vacancy' section on the website of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, i.e., **http://www.iimc.gov.in/vacancy**

The last date to submit Online applications : 23.08.2024

CBC 22103/11/0006/2425

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No: 6120242025 **Dated: 31.07.2024**

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-tendering process for the following works up to **13.30 hrs** on **04.09.2024**. The details of the tender is as under:

SN: 1- Tender No. 149, Name of Work: Laying of transition system using Geo Cell and Blanketing Material for strengthening of track structure on bridge approaches under the section of Sr. Divisional Engineer/II and Divisional Engineer/V/Prayagraj Division.

Approx. Cost of work (₹): 1,41,23,457.81	**Earnest Money (₹): 2,20,600.00**

Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": Any track work under running line

SN: 2- Tender No. 150, Name of Work: Provision of common rest room for male and female at 05 nos. way side stations for facilitation of train operations in Prayagraj-Kanpur section under Sr. Divisional Engineer/II/Prayagraj.

Approx. Cost of work (₹): 56,13,488.86	**Earnest Money (₹): 1,12,300.00**

Eligibility Criteria for "Similar work": Building works.

Completion Period: For S.N. 1 & 2- 12 (Twelve) Months, Date of Opening of tender: for S.N. 1 & 2- 04.09.2024.

Note: 1. E-Tender Forms shall be issued free of cost to all tenderers. **2.** The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in**. up to **13:30** hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. **04.09.2024**. **3.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **4.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendors shall be straightway ignored and shall not be considered. **5.** The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document as "Annexure" in standard format without which their tender may not be considered an shall be summarily rejected. **6.** The supplier/contractor of goods and / or services would be subject to GST Act and Rules as applicable from time to time. **7.** Document being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. **8.** This tender notice has also been uploaded on **www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in**. **9.** Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **10.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **11.** Tender on line can be submitted up to **13:30** hrs. of tender opening date i.e. **04.09.2024. 12.** The tenderer has to submit necessary documents in compliance of clause 10 to 18 (Part-I) of GCC-2022 mandatorily, therwise offer will be considered as Incomplete Offer and accordingly shall not be considered. **1363/24 (MG)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway @CPRONCR

Government of Maharashtra
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai
E-mail - **maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com**
MMGPA, 1st Floor, Arogya Bhavan, St. Georges Hospital Compound, MUMBAI- 400 001

TENDER NOTICE

Advt. No. Date:- 01 / 08 /2024

Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

Sr. No.	Tender	Name of Item(s)	Prebid Meeting	Period of sale, download & submission of bid	Bid Opening
1	E-140	Lab Empanelment	Dt. 05-08-2024 At.12.00 hrs.	Dt. 02-08-2024 At. 02.00 PM to Dt. 13-08-2024 upto 14.00 PM.	Dt. 14-08-2024 At. 14.01 hrs

1. For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the Website **https://www.gem.gov.in.**
2. The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the teders without giving any reason to. For e-tendering help/information, please contact.

Website https://www.gem.gov.in
Contact No. 022-22621886/022-22621973
Email- maha.mmgpa2023@gmail.com

Sd/
Chief Executive Officer,
Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1550

Z-28016/31/2024-PMSSY-IV (8281761)
Government of India
Ministry of Health & Family Welfare
(PMSSY Division)
Room No. 201-D, Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi-110011

Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (PMSSY Division) invites applications from eligible candidates for filling up the post of Deputy Director (Administration) in Level-13 (Rs. 123100-215900) (as per 7th CPC) on transfer on deputation basis in each AIIMS at Raebareli (Uttar Pradesh), Rajkot (Gujarat) and Madurai (Tamil Nadu)

2. For further details, please visit Website of the Ministry & this Division i.e. **https://www.mohfw.gov.in** and **https://pmssy-mohfw.gov.in**.

3. Detailed advertisement will be published in Employment News. The last date of receipt of applications will be the 45th day from the date of publication of advertisement in Employment News.

(Dinesh Kumar)
Joint Director
Tele: 011-23061730

CBC 17101/11/0007/2425

कार्यालय नगर निगम, प्रयागराज
ई-निविदा सूचना (चतुर्थ बार)

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज में निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु डुअल बिड ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेवसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई–प्रक्योरमेन्ट की वेबसाइट http://etender.up.nic.in से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि एफ०डी०आर०/ सी०डी०आर० की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो प्रभारी अधिकारी, कर्मशाला, नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम प्लेज्ड होगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्इण्ड बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेन्डर कॉस्ट खाता संख्या–100116210130 व IFSCode-INDB0000124 में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी रसीद तथा जमानत धनराशि के एफ०डी०आर०/ सी०डी०आर० की स्कैन कॉपी निविदा के साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। उक्त की अनुपस्थिति में निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। किसी भी समय निविदा स्वीकृत / अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार नगर आयुक्त महोदय को सुरक्षित होगा। निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि को किसी कारणवश अवकाश होने पर निविदा तिथि अगला कार्य–दिवस मानी जायेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करनेकी तिथि	07.08.2024	अपरान्ह 4.00 बजे से
निविदादाताओं द्वारा निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	20.08.2024	अपरान्ह 2.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	20.08.2024	सांयकाल 4.00 बजे तक

क्र० सं०	कार्य /वाहन का विवरण	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य	धरोहर की धनराशि
01	विभिन्न साइज के एलइडी ड्राइवरों के युनिट दरें प्राप्त किये जाने के सम्बन्ध में	₹5000/- +18% GST	₹1,00,000.00

नोट– नियम व शर्तों का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।

पत्रांक : सं0डी-3124/ज0सर्म्प0अधि0/2024
दिनांक 20.08.2024

मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/यां)
नगर निगम, प्रयागराज

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट–09
कन्स्ट्रक्शन एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
(उ0 प्र0 सरकार का उपक्रम)
2–शंकरनगर (नियर संदीप गैस एजेन्सी), दिल्ली रोड, सहारनपुर
प्रधान कार्यालय: टी. सी. 38वी, विभूतिखण्ड, गोमतीनगर, लखनऊ–226010
Mob. No.: 9999094522, **Email:** pmu9cds@gmail.com

पत्रांक: 824/E-Tender/273
दिनांक: 01.08.2024

ई–निविदा सूचना

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय) की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा **Construction & Installation of Signages at Maa Shakumbhari Devi Shaktipeeth District- Saharanpur** अनु.लागत **रू. 152.99 लाख**, हेतु **दिनांक 23.08.2024 की अपरान्ह 15:00 बजे** तक ई-निविदाएं आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र **दिनांक 03.08.2024 से दिनांक 23.08.2024** के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की **e-procurement** की वेबसाइट **https://etender.up.nic.in** से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा **दिनांक 23.08.2024 को अपरान्ह 17:30 बजे** कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, यूनिट-09, सी.एण्ड डी.एस., उ.प्र. जल निगम (नगरीय), सहारनपुर में खोली जायेंगी। ई-निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य **रु. 10,000.00+ GST (18%)** अतिरिक्त देय होगा।

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that this person **Named:** Unkonwn, **R/o:** Unkonwn, Delhi, **Age:** Approx. 55 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Place of Recovery**: This dead body was found in naked condition inside a park CW-243, behind public toilet Sanjay Gandhi Transport Nagar, Delhi on 26.07.2024.In this regard **DD No. 55A, Dated 26.07.2024**, has been registered at P.S.: **Samaipur Badli**, Delhi.

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

SHO
P.S. Samaipur Badli, Delhi
Ph. : 7065036326, 9871418537

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Northern Railway, DRM Office, Delhi Division, State Entry Road, New Delhi-110055, for and on behalf of the President of India invites open electronic-tenders for under noted works:-

1.	**Name of work : (1)** Supplying, stacking & loading of 30000 cum, 65mm gauge stone ballast (machine crushed) into Railway Wagons at ballast sub depot No. 2 at Shakurbasti. (Cost is inclusive of all taxes). **(2)** Supplying, stacking & loading of 30000 cum, 65mm gauge stone ballast (machine crushed) into Railway Wagons at ballast sub depot No. 4 at Shakurbasti. (Cost is inclusive of all taxes).
2.	**Approximate cost of work : (1)** Rs. 3,71,48,700/-, **(2)** Rs. 3,71,48,700/-,
3.	**Earnest money to be deposited : (1)** Rs. 3,35,800/-, **(2)** Rs. 3,35,800/-
4.	**Completion period : (1)** 12 Months, **(2)** 12 Months
5.	**Date of opening : (1)** 23.08.2024, **(2)** 23.08.2024

The e-tender is to be submitted through railway website **'https://www.ireps.gov.in'**. The tenders can be submitted on website up to **15:00 hrs.** on **23.08.2024** and shall be opened there after.

No.: 128-W/Sr.DEN-C/NIT-7A-7B-24-25-WC Date: 02.08.2024 2379/2024

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INDIAN PHARMACOPOEIA COMMISSION
(Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)
Sector-23, Raj Nagar, Ghaziabad - 201002

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC) has been established as an autonomous Institution under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India primarily with the objectives of regularly updating the Indian Pharmacopoeia (an official book for setting standards of drugs in the Country) by publishing new edition and its addenda, National Formulary of India (reference book for rational use of generic medicines) and carrying out other related tasks such as providing Reference Substances to the stakeholders and conducting skill development programmes. The Commission also functions as National Coordination Centres (NCC) for Pharmacovigilance Programme of India (PvPI) and Materiovigilance Programme of India (MvPI) for ensuring safety of drugs and medical devices, respectively, in the Country.

Applications are invited for filling up of the various posts through Direct Recruitment and Deputation (including short term contract) basis as per the details given below, from competent, dedicated and dynamic candidates who, from competent, dedicated and dynamic candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria and other details as per format which may be downloaded from the website of the Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (**https://www.ipc.gov.in/career**). The complete application form along with all the required documents as mentioned below may be forwarded through proper channel within **45 days** of publication of this advertisement in Employment News:-

Direct Recruitment;

The complete application as per format prescribed together with attested copies of testimonials should be submitted to the Commission.

S. No.	Nomenclature of the post	No. of posts	Scale as per 7th CPC recommendation	Age Limit
1.	Principal Scientific Officer	01	Pay Matrix Level - 12	Up to 50 years

Deputation (Including Short Term Contract);

The complete application as per format prescribed together with attested copies of testimonials and Annual Confidential Report/performance evaluation report for the last five years along with vigilance clearance should be submitted to the Commission.

S. No.	Nomenclature of the post	No. of posts	Scale as per 7th CPC recommendation	Age Limit
1.	Senior Scientific Officer	03	Pay Matrix Level 11	As per DoP&T orders/ Instructions on the subject

Note:

1. Age relaxation as per Govt. Norms.
2. The number of positions may increase or decrease without assigning any reason.
3. Please visit the website of Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission at **www.ipc.gov.in/career** from time to time for the complete details of the qualifications, application format and general information.

Senior Administrative Officer
IP Commission, Ghaziabad

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH VISUAL DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)
(Under Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India)
116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun-248001
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e-Procurement Tender Notice
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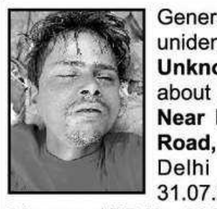
The National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan) 116, Rajpur Road, Dehradun-248001 (Uttarakhand) India has invited e-tenders to procure NBER answer booklets, Interested Original Manufacturer (OEM) or authorized distributors/ authorized service dealers & general venders are encouraged to participate in the tender process.

The tender details are available on cppp portal **cppp-nic@nic.in** and Institute's website **www.nivh.gov.in**

Director
National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (Divyangjan)

CBC 38102/11/0021/2425

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, was found on 31.07.2024** at about 01.00 pm **from near Gaushala Cut, Near Race Camp, Ghazipur Sabji Mandi Road, Delhi.** In L.B.S. Hospital Khichripur, Delhi Vide MLC No. 5295/2024, dated 31.07.2024 where Dr. declared him dead. In this regard **DD No. 62A dated 31.07.2024** has been lodged at Police Station, Patparganj Industrial Area, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:

Name : Unknown, Age: 30 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Wheatish, Built : Medium, Face : Round, Wearing : Red Colour T-shirt, & Black colour lower.

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

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi
DP/10176/ED/2024 Ph.: 011-22146490, 8750870626

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

Saleem @ Alim

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Saleem @ Alim, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age :** About 48 years, **Height :** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Hair:** Black & White, wearing grey colour checkdar shirt was admitted in AIIMS Hospital by CAT Ambulance during treatment doctor declared dead. In this regard DD No.9A dated 28.07.2024 & 16A dated 29.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Amar Colony, New 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. Amar Colony, New Delhi.
Tel. No. 8750870931, 9717803525

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Govt clears ₹50K-cr for 8 projects

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NEW DELHI: The government on Friday approved the construction of eight new highways with a total investment of ₹50,655 crore as part of its bid to become a developed country by 2047.

The project, aimed at developing infrastructure across the country, received approval from the cabinet committee on economic affairs (CCEA), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, information and broadcasting minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said.

The eight new highways, totalling a distance of 935km, will be spread across various economic corridors and are expected to promote industrial growth, he added.

These highway projects will need minimum land acquisition by using existing brownfield land, Vaishnaw said, and will generate employment of 44 million mandays. The new access-controlled expressways, designed for high-speed traffic with regulated access, will be in Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Maharashtra, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh.

With assembly elections approaching in Jharkhand and Maharashtra at the end of this year, the approval of road projects worth over ₹50,000 crore carries significant political weight.

The projects include a 68km ring road in Ayodhya for ₹3,935 crore, a 121km ring road in Guwahati for ₹5,729 crore, an 88km Agra-Gwalior corridor for ₹4,613 crore and a 231km Kharagpur-Moregram corridor for ₹10,247 crore. It also includes a 214km Tharad-Deesa-Mehsana-Ahmedabad corridor for ₹10,534 crore, a 137km section between Pathalgaon and Gumla for ₹4,473 crore, a 47km ring road around Kanpur for ₹3,298 crore and a 30km elevated corridor between Nashik Phata and Khed for ₹7,827 crore.

Vaishnaw said these projects were approved after analysing data from the PM Gatishakti Portal and that they will play a crucial role in the country's economic growth. The states will also be roped into the development of these highway projects, he said, adding, "following consultations with the states, the Centre will construct ring roads in Ayodhya and Guwahati."

The 68km ring road in Ayodhya, designed to boost religious tourism to the Rama temple, will be developed under the hybrid annuity mode, while the four-lane, 121km ring road in Guwahati will be developed in build-operate-toll mode.

The four-lane Kharagpur-Moregram high-speed corridor will run for 231km at a cost ₹10,247 crore, Vaishnaw said, and will provide connectivity between West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, and the north-eastern part of the country. The six-lane, 214km Tharad-Deesa-Mehsana-Ahmedabad high-speed corridor, costing ₹10,534 crore, will link the Amritsar-Jamnagar and Delhi-Mumbai corridors, enhancing freight efficiency to major ports in Maharashtra, including the new Vadhavan port.

The Centre will construct a 137km, four-lane highway between Pathalgaon and Gumla in the Raipur-Ranchi corridor, costing ₹4,473 crore, to improve connectivity between mining and manufacturing regions in Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

Uttar Pradesh will get one more six-lane greenfield ring road around Kanpur, Vaishnaw said. This road will be 47km long and will cost ₹3,298 crore.

The government will build a 30km-long eight-lane elevated corridor between Nashik Phata and Khed in Maharashtra worth ₹7,827 crore to facilitate freight transport between industrial areas around Pune and Nashik, Vaishnaw said.

Key boost for infra

1 6-lane Agra-Gwalior corridor
The 88-km corridor will be built at a cost of ₹4,613 crore, and will reduce the travel time between Agra and Gwalior by 50%

2 4-lane Kharagpur-Moregram corridor
The 231-km corridor will be built at a cost of ₹10,247 crore to increase the traffic capacity on the route by about five times

3 6-lane Tharad-Deesa- Mehsana-Ahmedabad corridor
The 214-km corridor will be developed at a cost of ₹10,534 crore, and reduce the travel time between Tharad and Ahmedabad by 60%

4 4-lane Ayodhya Ring Road
The 68-km access-controlled road will be developed at a cost of ₹3,935 crore. It is set to enable fast movement of pilgrims visiting the Ram temple

5 4-lane Pathalgaon, Gumla of Raipur-Ranchi corridor
The 137-km section will be developed at a cost of ₹4,473 crore. It will enhance connectivity between mining areas

6 6-lane Kanpur ring road
The 47-km road will be developed at a cost of ₹3,298 crore, and will complete the National Highway Ring around Kanpur

7 4-lane Northern Guwahati Bypass
The 121-km corridor will be developed at a capitak cost of ₹5,729 crore in three sections. A major bridge over river Brahmaputra will also be constructed as a part of the project

8 8-lane elevated Nashik Phata-Khed corridor
The 30-km corridor will come up at a cost of ₹7,827 crore, and will provide seamless high-speed connectivity for traffic between industrial centers of Chakan, Bhosari etc on NH-60 between Pune and Nashik

{ ALSO PART OF GAGANYAAN MISSION }

India picks 'Prime Astronaut' for mission to space station

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NEW DELHI: Group captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as primary "gaganyatri" (astronaut) for an upcoming India-United States mission to the International Space Station, the Indian Space Research Organisation (Isro) announced on Friday, adding group captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair will be his backup.

India and US had signed an agreement for a joint Isro-National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) effort to the International Space Station during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the US in June last year.

"Towards the goal of mounting a joint Isro-NASA effort, the Human Space Flight Centre (HSFC) of Isro has entered into a Space Flight Agreement (SFA) with NASA-identified service provider Axiom Space International for its Axiom-4 mission to the ISS," Isro said in a statement.

A National Mission Assignment Board has as recommended two gaganyatris as prime and backup Mission Pilot for this mission — Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla (prime) and Group Captain Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair (backup), it said. "The assigned crewmembers will be finally approved to fly to the International Space Station by the Multilateral Crew Operations Panel (MCOP). The recommended Gaganyatris will commence their training for the mission from 1st week of August 2024," the statement said.

Grp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

During the mission, Isro said, the gaganyatris will conduct selected scientific research and technology demonstration experiments on board the ISS, as well as participate in space outreach activities. "The experiences gained during this mission will be beneficial for the Indian Human Space Programme and it will also strengthen human space flight cooperation between Isro and NASA," it added.

While no official date has been announced for the joint mission, reports indicated the launch could be sometime later this year.

Shukla and Nair are among the four Indian Air Force (IAF) fighter pilots, whose names were announced by Modi in February for India's maiden human spaceflight mission "Gaganyaan" scheduled for next year. The other two pilots are group captains Ajit Krishnan and Angad Pratap.

Born in Lucknow on October 10, 1985, Shukla (38) is the youngest of the four IAF pilots selected for Gaganyaan, officials said, adding he is an accomplished fighter pilot who has flown a variety of aircraft.

A closely guarded secret for over four years, Modi on February 27 revealed the names of the four fighter pilots for Gaganyaan. The four astronauts are hand-picked IAF test pilots who have undergone training in Russia.

Shukla, an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla, was commissioned in the fighter stream of IAF on June 17, 2006. He is a fighter combat leader and a test pilot with around 2,000 hours of flying experience. He has flown several aircraft, including Su-30 MKI, MiG-21, MiG-29, Jaguar, and Hawk.

The four astronauts, who were awarded the Antriksh Yatri Pankh in February at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, are from the elite Air Force Test Pilot School, which comes under the Bengaluru-based Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE).

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Murmu to embark on three-nation visit from August 5-10

NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu will visit Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste next week to take forward bilateral ties in areas such as defence and security, trade, and education. She will meet the top leadership of the countries and interact with the Indian diaspora during her tour from August 5-10, secretary (East) Jaideep Mazumdar of the external affairs ministry said.

This will be first visit by an Indian president to Fiji and Timor-Leste, which is set to become the 11th member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations.

Mizoram CM seeks meet with Manipur tribal forum

NEW DELHI: Mizoram chief minister Lalduhoma met Union home minister Amit Shah in Delhi on Friday and offered to talk to the Manipur-based tribal groups to restore normalcy in the state, the chief minister's office said on Friday. "The chief minister has requested the Union home minister to arrange a meeting with the Indigenous Tribal Leaders Forum (ITLF), which represents all tribal communities in Manipur," the CMO said in a statement. The MHA did not issue any statement on the meeting. The ITLF is a Churachandpur-based umbrella group of different tribals in Manipur.

2018 TN firing: SC stays HC order for probe into assets of officials

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday stayed a July 15 order by the Madras high court that directed an investigation into the assets of police and revenue officials involved in the 2018 Thoothukudi firing, which resulted in the deaths of 13 people during protests against the Vedanta-owned Sterlite Copper plant in Tamil Nadu.

The stay was issued by a bench led by Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, which found merit in the arguments presented by the counsel for the police officials. The officials, through senior counsel Kapil Sibal, argued that the high court's order was unwarranted, especially in light of the clean chit given to them by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).

> THE OFFICIALS, ARGUED THAT HC ORDER WAS UNWARRANTED, IN LIGHT OF THE CLEAN CHIT GIVEN TO THEM BY CBI

"This cannot go on forever. There is NHRC [National Human Rights Commission] finding in our favour and then the clean chit by CBI came. But the high court has now sent it back to the local police," Sibal argued before the bench that also included justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra. Admitting the matter, the bench issued notice on the petition filed jointly by 17 police officials and stayed the high court order of a fresh inquiry against them.

On July 15, the high court ordered a probe by the Tamil Nadu Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption into the assets of 21 officials named in the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission's report, which investigated the 2018 Thoothukudi firing.

The Thoothukudi firing occurred in May 2018, when residents of the town gathered to peacefully protest the continued operation of the Sterlite Copper plant, which they alleged was causing environmental and health hazards.

EC team likely to visit J&K next week to review poll preparedness: Official

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SRINAGAR: The Election Commission of India (ECI) is set to review preparations for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir assembly polls during a visit from August 8 to 10, weeks ahead of the Supreme Court's September 30 deadline for holding polls in the Union Territory, an official familiar with the matter said on Friday.

The ECI team, to be led by chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar, will also comprise election commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and SS Sandhu, the official added.

The last assembly polls in the region were held in 2014, when the BJP and the PDP had formed a coalition government. The BJP, however, withdrew its support in June 2018, and the state came under President's rule. On August 5, 2019, Article 370 was abrogated and the state bifurcated into two Union territories of J&K and Ladakh.

The development comes a day after the poll body asked the J&K administration to transfer out those bureaucrats posted in their home district or had been at the same location for three years, in a fresh indication that assembly polls in the UT are imminent. To be sure, similar orders have been issued to the chief secretaries of Maharashtra, Haryana and Jharkhand, where polls are due later this year.

Kumar last visited J&K in March and assured political parties and the people that elections would soon be held in the UT.

ECI is likely to first meet the political parties in Srinagar, followed by a review by the CEC with the central forces coordinator, the official said, adding the commission will also review the preparations with poll officers and police superintendents of all districts, as well as the chief secretary and DGP. "On August 10, the commission will visit Jammu for a review meeting with enforcement agencies. It will also hold a press conference...," the official said.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Chief Administrative Officer Deputy Chief Engineer Const. CSB-II, Northern Railway for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-Tender for the following work. Tender closing date- 27.08.2024 at 11:30 hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

Mode of Tender	E-Tender (Two Packet) (Open Tender)
Tender Notice No	136-W-Dy. CE-C-II-CSB Dated: 01.08.2024
Full name of work	Construction of 2-lane Road over bridge in lieu of existing level crossing No. 70 spl. at Km 148/3-4 in between Deoband - Telheri Buzurg station with Bow String Girder/Bow Shaped Truss along with Construction of LHS by pushing method and other allied works on GZB-SRE section of Delhi division.
Approx. cost	Rs. 20,73,79,265/- (Twenty crore seventy three lakh seventy nine thousand two hundred sixty five Rupees only)
Bid security (Cash/BG) amount	Rs. 11,86,900.00/- (Eleven lakh eighty six thousand nine hundred Rupees only)
Completion period	18 (Eighteen) months
Availability of tender document on Rly. website	Tender documents will be available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 01.08.2024 to 27.08.2024 up to 11:30 hrs.
Tender start date	Tender documents can be uploaded by the tenderer on IREPS website w.e.f. 08.08.2024 to 27.08.2024
Tender closing date	27.08.2024 upto 11:30 hours.
Date and time of opening of tender	27.08.2024 upto 11:30 hours.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Pratyush Kumar** S/O Shailendra Kumar Goyal R/o A 69 Sainik Nagar, Nawada, Uttam Nagar, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **FIR No. 08/17 U/S 279/338 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Pratyush Kumar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Pratyush Kumar**, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the **Pratyush Kumar** in **FIR No. 08/17 U/S 279/338 IPC, P.S. Tilak Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 02.09.2024.

By order
Shri Devanshu Sajlan
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 289, 2nd Floor
Tiz Hazari court, Delhi

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Letter No.: 676 **Tender Notice** Date: 01.08.2024

Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan, Haridwar invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

1. Tender No.: 04/EE(MPH)/2024-25 – Servicing & repairing of 27.5 TR, Ductable AC, Hitachi make at Mohammadpur Power House.
2. Tender No.: 05/EE(MPH)/2024-25 – Application of Cold galvanizing/zinc rich coating on structures of 66KV switchyard of Mohammadpur Power House
3. Tender No.: 06/EE(MPH)/2024-25 Repairing, Servicing and Overhauling of 66KV Isolators & Earth Links at Mohammadpur Power House.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 4,12,000.00 (GST extra), Rs. 15,92,731.00 (GST extra) and Rs. 3,49,125.00 (GST extra) respectively.
Date of availability of bid document on website: 02.08.2024
Last date for submission of tender: 24.08.2024, up to 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".

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EAM: INDIAN OCEAN IS POISED FOR A DISRUPTIVE CHANGE

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NEW DELHI: India needs to prepare for "disruptive" changes in the Indian Ocean, external affairs minister S Jaishankar said on Friday against the backdrop of concerns about China's growing forays into the waters around the country.

The competition being witnessed in India's neighbourhood will also occur in the Indian Ocean, Jaishankar said, without naming any country, while participating in an interactive session after delivering the Jasjit Singh memorial lecture on the theme "India's grand strategy in an uncertain multipolar world".

Responding to a question, Jaishankar pointed to competition in India's neighbourhood and said there's "no point moaning and groaning about it" as the country needs to be ready to compete. India is braced for competition in the Indian Ocean just as it is prepared for competition across the neighbourhood. "I think the Indian Ocean is already seeing the beginnings of maritime presence which was not there before. So, it is poised for a disruptive change. I think we need to anticipate it (and) we need to prepare for it," he said.

China has increased its presence in the Indian Ocean, which New Delhi perceives as being within its sphere of influence, by sending its naval and surveillance vessels to ports in Sri Lanka and the Maldives. Several surveillance ships have criss-crossed regional waters around the time of Indian missile tests, and experts believe they are also involved in gathering data that would be helpful for submarine warfare.

Referring to "political ups and downs" with many of India's neighbours, he said these are realities that should be accepted. "But we also need to appreciate that we today have more resources, more capabilities, we are geographically at the centre, and our size is so much bigger," he said.

PM asks Guvs to be effective bridges between govt, states

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Friday that governors should act as "effective bridges" between the Centre and the states and urged them to interact with people and social organisations to reach out to the underprivileged section of the society.

Addressing a conference of governors in Delhi, Modi maintained that governors should "play the role of an effective bridge between the Centre and the state and interact with people and social organisations in a manner to co-opt those who are underprivileged," said a Rashtrapati Bhavan communique.

He also emphasised that the post of a governor is "an important institution" that could play "a crucial role in the welfare of people of the state within the framework of the Constitution, particularly with reference to tribal areas."

The conference comes against the backdrop of growing tensions between governors and some Opposition-ruled states such as Kerala, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. The Supreme Court is set to hear pleas by Kerala and West Bengal against their respective governors sitting on bills, sometimes for years.

President Droupadi Murmu, PM Narendra Modi and Union home minister Amit Shah at the conference of governors on Friday. HT

The conference, headed by President Droupadi Murmu, was designed to have breakaway sessions in which subgroups of governors will deliberate on agenda items such as the three new criminal laws, higher education and development of tribal areas.

In her speech, Murmu said the "carefully" crafted agenda included issues "that are crucial in achieving our national goals." She added that the deliberations of this conference would be an enriching experience for all participants and help them in their functioning.

In her inaugural remarks, Murmu said that with the implementation of three new criminal codes, "a new era of the justice system had begun in the country" as the change was evident from the colonial-era laws. "She stated that the change in our thinking was evident from the names of the laws: Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam," said a communique.

She also pointed out that "for the smooth functioning of democracy, it was crucial that the various central agencies work with better coordination across all the states." The President also asked the governors to think about how they, as the constitutional heads of the respective states, could promote this coordination. Governors and lieutenant governors are representatives of the President in states and UTs, and are appointed by her on the advice of the Centre.

Murmu also laid emphasis on "quality higher education" and described it as "an intangible asset as it promoted individual development and social change as well as innovation and economic progress." Referring to the National Education Policy that focussed on improving the accreditation and assessment system of educational institutions, she urged the governors "to contribute to this reform process in their capacity as chancellors of state universities."

Vice-president Jagdeep Dhankhar — a former governor of West Bengal — pointed out to the oath of the governors and urged them to "discharge their constitutional responsibility of making people aware of social welfare schemes and incredible development that have taken place during the last decade."

Union home minister Amit Shah urged the governors to "visit vibrant villages and aspirational districts to instil confidence among people and give fillip to developmental work," said the communique.

BSF DG, special DG's tenures cut short; repatriated to state cadres

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NEW DELHI: The Centre on Friday removed the chief of the Border Security Force (BSF) and another top officer of the paramilitary force, amid a spate of terror attacks in the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir region.

BSF director general Nitin Agrawal and his deputy special DG (west) YB Khurania were sent back to their respective state cadres with immediate effect, an order from the government said.

While the government did not provide a reason for the transfers, officials in the force said Agrawal was sent back to the Kerala cadre because of the rising terror incidents in Jammu. Khurania, as the special DG of western commands, had the Indo-Pak border in Jammu and Kashmir, Gujarat, Rajasthan and Punjab under his jurisdiction.

Separate orders issued by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) conveyed they were being "prematurely" repatriated with "immediate effect".

Agrawal is a 1989-batch Kerala cadre IPS officer, while Khurania belongs to the 1990-batch of the Odisha cadre.

While Agrawal is expected to return to the Kerala police force, a senior officer said, "It is unlikely that he will join as the Kerala police chief." The force is currently headed by Agarwal's junior in the cadre, Shaik Darvesh Saheb of the 1990 batch IPS. Saheb, who was supposed to retire in June, was given a two years extension by the state government until June 30, 2025.

Many in BSF said it is possible that Khurania may have been transferred to Odisha to enable him to head the state police after the recent change in government. Odisha police is currently headed by his batchmate Arun Kumar Sarangi. Sarangi is due for retirement in July 2025 while Khurania's retirement date is in March 2026.

Sarangi was appointed DGP by the previous government.

The government is yet to appoint the new DG of BSF.

SC asks Hry, Pb to name experts for talks with farmers on Shambhu stir

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NEW DELHI: A smooth beginning must be made to remove the prevailing blockade by farmers at the Shambhu border, the Supreme Court remarked on Friday as it asked the Haryana and Punjab governments to suggest the names of some neutral experts to reach out to farmers protesting over their demands, including a legal guarantee of minimum support price (MSP) for their produce.

Dealing with Haryana's appeal challenging the Punjab and Haryana high court order asking it to remove within a week the barricades at the Shambhu border near Ambala, the top court on July 24 directed status quo to be maintained at the border and proposed formation of a committee to talk with the farmers, noting a deep "trust deficit" between the farmers and the state government.

Farmers have been camping at Shambhu border since Feb 13.

Protesting farmers have been camping at the Shambhu border since February 13, when they were stopped by Haryana police while attempting to march towards Delhi to press for their demands.

"In a democratic set up they have a right to vent their grievances. But the state must show statesmanship and try to persuade them to let the agricultural equipment be taken to farms," a bench of justices Surya Kant and R Mahadevan said. "Nobody should precipitate the situation."

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for Haryana, told SC that modalities are being worked out to implement the July 24 order. Stating that the order required both states to lift blockade in a phased manner, Mehta said Punjab should suggest how it intended to proceed on its side of the border. "We want a smooth beginning in terms of the dialogue process. These are issues you both need to streamline," SC said.

INDIA ADVISES ITS CITIZENS IN ISRAEL TO AVOID TRAVEL

NEW DELHI: India on Friday urged its citizens in Israel to avoid unnecessary travel and to stay close to safety shelters amid rising fears that Iran would retaliate against Israel for assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran.

An advisory issued by the Indian embassy in Tel Aviv urged Indian nationals in Israel to "stay vigilant and adhere to safety protocols as advised by the local authorities". The advisory further said Indians should "exercise caution, avoid unnecessary travel within the country and stay close to safety shelters". It said it is closely monitoring the situation and is in touch with Israeli authorities to ensure the safety of all Indian nationals. There are about 26,000 Indians in Israel, most of them working as caregivers for Israeli elders. HTC

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INDIAN WIZARDS

After a series of shock results in both preliminary pools, India have taken the second spot in Group B and seem heading for a quarterfinal encounter with Britain, who will be tested by reigning World Cup champions Germany in the last league fixture. Three wins and a draw have earned India 10 points, one ahead of Australia.

This victory was the first for India in the Olympic arena against Australia in 52 years since the 1972 Munich Games, when a hat-trick from penalty corner shooter Mukhbain Singh spurred them to a 3-1 victory. India have met Australia seven times in Olympic competitions since then, ending up losers on five occasions.

The Munich triumph in 1972 was India's revenge against the team that had dashed their hopes of defending the Olympic hockey title four years earlier at Mexico. It was the loss to Australia in Mexico 1968 that marked the first time India had not featured in the Olympic hockey final since their maiden appearance in 1928.

The fortunes of these two hockey teams, however, went through dramatic changes in the past half a century. India slumped from the bronze medal in 1972 to even miss the starting line-up for the 2008 Olympics. In between, they won the gold at the boycott-marred 1980 Olympics at Moscow, but had to wait for the next Olympic medal for 41 years – until Tokyo in 2021. Australia, after the silver medal in 1968, returned to play the final when synthetic pitches were introduced in 1976 at Montreal. Australia's lone Olympic gold was clinched at Athens in 2004, but they clinched a remarkable sequence of six medals between Barcelona 1992 and London 2012.

The first chapter in this surprise result was scripted by Sreejesh effecting two valiant saves at the start of the match, following which striker Mandeep made a foray into the rival circle but without making an impression.

A goalmouth melee then earned Australia the first of their four penalty corners but India were soon to turn the tables on the fancied rivals. Young striker Abhishek's flash strike from the top of the scoring circle was not to be denied by Australian custodian Andrew Charter. The ball scraped Charter's outstretched pads to end in the left corner of the goal in the 12th minute. Within a minute, skipper Harmanpreet Singh got into the goal scoring act with a penalty corner conversion to make it 2-0. Harmanpreet's stinging low drag-flick sounded the boards, silencing some of the critics who feel his penalty corner flicks no longer had the same bite.

Stung by the reverse, Australia mounted a series of raids and forced India to fall back in large numbers to defend the lead. Tim Brand made a hash of an open chance in the 16th minute, but Australia continued to press hard and forced two penalty corners in the space of six minutes. Sreejesh warded off the first one, but the Indian goal fell in an indirect attempt in the 25th minute as a Blake Govers cross was neatly deflected into the boards by Thomas Craig stationed near the right post. Harmanpreet returned to score his second goal of the match two minutes into the second half, this one through a penalty stroke that was awarded after a video referral. Harmanpreet's penalty corner shot had struck the foot of a defender on the goal line, but it was not sighted by the umpire and the Indian captain had to seek a review. The hot afternoon was taking a heavy toll, but the Australians were able to handed the elements as well a the Indian players. Defending stoutly against two late Indian penalty corners, Australia produced a counter attack in the 45th minute that earned them a penalty stroke as the goal-bound shot struck the body of an Indian defender. Eager to get an equaliser, Australia took off the goalkeeper with less than one and a half minute left for the final hooter, but India were not willing to allow them a late leeway into the circle.

Although two most senior members of the Indian squad, Sreejesh and Manpreet, both former captains, are featuring in their fourth Olympic Games, they were unaware of the weight of history. "Seriously, Manpreet asked later, "is it really 52 years since India defeated Australia at the Olympics?"

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I, SAT Parkash Arora R/o H.No. 29/218, Bajri Company Railway Colony, Pathankot, Teh. & Distt. Pathankot have changed my name from Sat Parkash to Sat Parkash Arora for all future purposes.

I, SUDHIR Madaan S/o Shri Ramesh Chand Madaan R/o 434, Sector-64, Ballabgarh, Faridabad declare that me and my father's name wrongly written in my 10th marksheet as Sudhir Kumar S/o Ramesh Chander Madan. But correct name me and my father is Sudhir Madaan S/o Ramesh Chand Madaan for all future purposes. Vide affidavit No.EAA2024H174 dated 01.08.2024.

I, GHANSHYAM, S/o Shri Jagannath Tiwari, age 28 years, R/o Aarsh Gurukul Tatesar North West Delhi 110081 have changed my name to Ghanshyam Tiwari for all future purposes.vide affidavit no. IN-DL888592062475 69W

I, SAPNA W/o Sh. Mool Chand R/o KH No. 865/2, Flat No. C-2, Plot No. 9, Friends Apartment, Sant Nagar, Burari, Delhi - 110084, have changed my name to Sapna Khailani for all future purposes

I, ARMY No,. 18015627M Soldier Vikash Yadav S/o Laxman Yadav R/o 562, S. K. Nagar, P.O. Pravasnagar, P.S. Serampore, Distt. Hooghly-712249, WB, state that my father s name Lakshman Yadav wrongly recorded in my Army Service Record but his correct name is Laxman Yadav.

I, SUNITA Sharma W/o Shri Shyam Sharma R/o. Flat No.554, Metro View Apartments,Dwarka,Sector 13 Pocket B, PO. Nsit Dwarka, New Delhi -78 have changed my name to Madhu Sharma for all future purposes.

I, BHAVYA M D W/o No-4583176H L/Hav Dhananjaya M R R/o Village-Metimellahalli, Hobli-Bindiganavile, Talluk-Nagamangala, District- Mandya, Karnataka- 571432, declare that my name is wrongly mentioned as Bhavya M D in my husband service records and my correct name is Bhavya A R for all future purposes vide Notary Delhi affidavit dated 02-08-2027

I BRAHAM Parkash S/O. Dal Chand R/o 3244, Gali Budha Wali Arya Pura Malka Ganj Delhi-7 have changed my name to Braham Prakash for all future purposes

I, NO-15478089K Dfr Manoj Kumar Ram R/o Vill-Patar, PO-Patar, Teh-Andar, Dist-Siwan, Bihar, have changed my daughter's name Baby to Bebi vide affidavit dated 02-08-2024 before Delhi Norty Public

I, SANJEEV Kumar S/o. Shri Phool Chand R/O. RZA-142, 3rd Floor, Nihal Vihar, Nangloi, New Delhi-110041 have changed my daughter name from Noor to Noor Pal for all future purposes.

I, BHAGYASHRI Vitthal Rawool Mother of No-15702855A Rank Hav Name Rawool Mukesh Vitthal R/o Vill-Madkhol Dist. Sindhudurga, Maharashtra-416510. My name Wrongly mentioned in my son service Record as Rawool Bhagyashri Vitthal and date of birth is 02.07.1961. I Confirm that My actual & correct name is Bhagyshri Vitthal Rawool & my actual & correct date of birth is 01-05-1959. Vide affidavit notary public delhi dated 01.08.2024.

I, GULSHAN Kumar S/o Inder Dev R/o 170b Pocket-c Mayur Vihar Phase-2 Delhi-110091 have changed my minor daughter's name from Ipshita to Ipshita Arora For All Future Purposes.

I, DEEPAK Sharma R/o Ranjit Vihar-2, sector-23,dwarka,new Delhi have changed my minor son's name from Tanuj Vats to Tanuj Vatsa.

I, NEHA W/o Sh. Ravinder Kumar R/o 11/1, Bye pass road, Shiv colony, Teh. & Distt. Palwal have changed my name from Neha Chhonker to Neha for all future purposes.

I MAHESH Pandey s/o Rammurti Pandey r/o Ashok Vatika Dhoom Manikpur Dadri G.B Nagar U.P. have changed my name to Mahesh Kumar Pandey for all future purposes.

I PARMINDER Kaur W/o. Jasvinder Singh Randhawa R/o. Tower - C2, Flat No - 033, Sobha City, Sec -108, Dwarka Expressway, Daultabad (53), Gurgaon, Haryana - 122006 have changed my name to Parminder Kaur Randhawa for all future purposes.

I, VIDHI S/o Late Shri R.K. Sharma R/o B-8/42-43, Second floor, Sector-11, Rohini, Delhi-110085 have changed my name from Vidhi to Vidhi Sharma for all future purposes.

PRIYANKA KUMARI and Priyanka Jha, W/O Dinesh Jha, are the same person and the mother of Akshatam Jha, also known as Devansh Jha.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAKESH S/o Jai pal Singh R/o H.No.378/2,V&P.O Chamarian, Rohtak, Haryana have changed my name from Rakesh to Rakesh Hooda

I, BIDHAYAH Devi M/o No-15478089K Dfr Manoj Kumar Ram R/o Vill-Patar, PO-Patar, Teh-Andar, Dist-Siwan, Bihar, have changed my name Bidhayah Devi to Vidyawati Devi vide affidavit dated 02-08-2024 before Delhi Norty Public.

I SANDEEP Kumar S/o Sh. Yograaj Sharma R/o H.No.390, Village-Tilpat, Faridabad declare that mine and my wife name has been wrongly mentioned as father Sandeep and mother Niresh in my minor daughter's Lavi Bhardwaj in her school records. But actual my and my wife correct name is Sandeep Kumar and Niresh Sharma.

I, NAVEEN Kumar S/o Shri Om Parkash, resident of Khasra No. 620 near Canara Bank, Alipur Delhi 110036 have changed my name to Naveen for all future purposes.

I, DR Adarsh Verma, S/o Mr. Sriniwas Singh, R/O Y011 Agrasen Apartment Patparganj Delhi 110092 have change my minor daughter's name from Lakshmi Verma to Anaisha Verma for all future purpose

I AMIT Jain S/o Ajay Kumar Jain R/o Flat No 231, Tower- D , 5th Avenue, Gaur City 1, Greater Noida West, Uttar Pradesh 201301 have changed my minor daughter's name from Amyra to Amyra Jain vide Affidavit No. IN-UP3239593183577 8W dated 01.08.2024 before Notary by Anjana Shukla

I, JAGARANATH Tiwari S/o Ghogha Tiwari R/o Aarsh Gurukul Tatesar North West Delhi 110081 have changed my name to Jagannath Tiwari for all future purposes.

I, MEENA Devi W/o No-15478089K Dfr Manoj Kumar Ram R/o Vill-Patar,PO-Patar, Teh-Andar, Dist-Siwan, Bihar, have changed my name Meena Devi to Mina Devi vide affidavit dated 02-08-2024 before Delhi Norty Public

I CHANDAN Kumar Ray S/o Chandrika Rai R/o Sasna, Kishunpur, P.O. Hafizpur, Saran, Bihar have changed my name to Chandan Rai.

I, NIKITA Rawat D/o Bharat Singh Rawat, and W/o Sumit Negi R/o G-34 Aali Vihar, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi-110076, have changed my name from Nikita Rawat to Nikita Negi after my marriage, for all future purposes. Both names as Nikita Rawat and Nikita Negi are one and same person

I, MOHAMMAD Irfan Khan s/o Ashik Ali Khan aged 50 years, R/o B-152, Gali no. 5, Mandawali, Fazapur, Delhi - 110092 have changed my name to Irfan Khan for all future purposes.

I, VIJAY W/o Sat Parkash Arora R/o H.No. 29/218, Bajri Company Railway Colony, Pathankot, Teh. & Distt. Pathankot have changed my name from Vijay to Vijay Arora for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I,NAMIT AGRAWAL (Adhaar No. 4547 0607 1546) S/o Sh. Neeraj Agrawal an adult. An ex- student of Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay. Residing at A-501, Rail Vihar-4, Sector-47, Gurugram, Haryana - 122018, have lost original degree of Bachelor of Science in Economic and with minor in applied statistics and informatics. Degree was awarded at the annual convocation 20 August 2022.If anyone found, please contact at: 9999271471

LOST & FOUND

I, MANYA Garg D/o Sh. Rajkumar Garg, R/o Near Arya Samaj Mandir,Railway Road, Bada Bazar, Dadri (Gautam Buddh Nagar) have passed high school from St. Joseph School, Alpha 1st, Greater Noida at 2022 inform that I have lost my original Class 10th Marksheet Roll No. 7529341, If found please contact: 9811673303

I, VARUN Garg S/o Sh. Rajkumar Garg, R/o Near Arya Samaj Mandir,Railway Road, Bada Bazar, Dadri (Gautam Buddh Nagar) have passed high school from St. Joseph School, Alpha 1st, Greater Noida at 2022 inform that I have lost my original Class 10th Marksheet Roll No. 7531797, If found please contact: 9811673303

PERSONAL

I, LAJJA Rani W/o Late Sh. Suresh Bansal R/o H.No.671/5 Bania Wara, Ballabgarh, Faridabad (Haryana)-121004 declare that my date of Birth wrongly written in my passport as 23.11.1963. But my correct date of birth is 01.01.1964. Please amend accordingly.

I, MANISH Kumar S/O Babu Ram, R/O Village Baoli, Patti Deshu, Barout, Bagpat, Uttar Pradesh-250621 declare that Mrs. Manju has become my legally wedded wife by virtue of remarriage on 03/04/2024, after the death of her first husband Satpal and the daughter Ms. Jyoti, sons Krishna & Shiva born out of their marriage have become the daughter and sons of mine after my marriage solemnized with Mrs. Manju.

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RAKESH N.D. (ADVOCATE), Enrol. No.: D/3498/2010
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WAYANAD GREEN ZONE

prompted by recent devastating landslides in Wayanad district. Parts of Vythiri in Wayanad – a popular tourist destination -- also figure in the ministry's draft eco-sensitive area.

If finalised, the notification would impose a complete ban on mining, quarrying, sand mining, thermal power plants, and polluting industries in the designated areas. It would also prohibit new construction projects and township developments above certain thresholds.

The draft, now renewed for a sixth time, states: "All new and expansion projects of building and construction with built-up area of 20,000 square metres and above, and all new and expansion townships and area development projects with an area of 50 hectares and above or with built-up area of 150,000 square metres and above shall be prohibited."

Additionally, hydropower projects and less polluting industries would be regulated, and a monitoring mechanism would be established.

As the draft notification now stands, it is up to the Western Ghats state governments — Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, and Tamil Nadu — to accept or reject the proposal. The outcome of this long-standing environmental protection effort remains uncertain, with conservation needs clashing with the developmental aspirations in one of India's most ecologically significant regions.

Kerala forest and environment minister AK Saseendran said, "I am part of the cabinet sub-committee overseeing the rescue and relief operations in Wayanad so I have not got the opportunity to look at the draft notification. I will have to look at what the fresh notification says and will eventually take a decision. It's a highly complicated matter."

The notification acknowledges that Kerala had previously undertaken an exercise to demarcate Ecologically Sensitive Areas through physical verification. The ESA recommended by the Kerala government covers 9,993.7 square kilometres, including 9,107 square kilometres of forest area and 886.7 square kilometres of non-forest area. This is less than the 13,108 square kilometres recommended by a high-level working group.

The implementation of the ESA designation has faced numerous challenges, with Western Ghats state governments raising various objections to previous drafts. The central government held multiple meetings with state representatives to discuss the issue, including high-level consultations on February 15, 2019, May 21, 2020, November 23, 2021, and December 3-4, 2021.

To address states' concerns, the environment ministry constituted a high-level committee to "re-examine the suggestions of the six state governments in a holistic manner, keeping in view the conservation aspects of the disaster-prone pristine ecosystem, and the rights, privileges, needs and developmental aspirations of the region", the draft states.

Further discussions were held throughout 2022, 2023, and early 2024, with the most recent meeting taking place from March 26-28 2024.

The history of Western Ghats protection efforts dates back to the Gadgil panel's recommendation in 2011 to cover 75% of the 129,037 sq-km mountain range. This suggestion met with resistance from several states, which deemed it too restrictive. A second committee, headed by rocket scientist K Kasturirangan, scaled down the overall ecologically sensitive area to 50% in 2013, but its recommendations were also never fully implemented.

The Western Ghats, recognised as a global biodiversity hot spot, harbours many endemic species of flowering plants, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, birds, mammals, and invertebrates. It features unique habitats such as Myristica swamps, home to the lion-tailed macaque and Nilgiri tahr, as well as shola forests, flat-topped lateritic plateaus, and wetland and riverine ecosystems.

Kanchi Kohli, an independent legal and policy expert, commented on the prolonged process: "The formal process of legally notifying the ecological sensitivity of the Western Ghats is pending for 15 years, even though the demands for it go back to the late 1990s. It is clear by now that restrictions on how much the Western Ghats should be conserved is a highly political question. But the grave social and ecological consequences are visible today. The regulatory zoning of the Western Ghats is not just an environmental question; it is also about how multiple risks are managed."

"Any landscape-based zonation is important because it gives you a buffer of how much of landscape can be restored and revitalised. Further, it bars any kind of encroachment of any sorts as a result there is some cover against the harsher impacts as climate change. Western Ghats are impacted by climate change. In fact, none of India's districts are insulated. The overall change in risk landscape is bit slower over Western Ghats compared to other areas. This is mainly because the natural ecosystem footprint is higher in the Western Ghats," said Abinash Mohanty, sector head for climate change and sustainability with research firm IPE-Global.

CR Neelakandan, writer and environmental activist in Kerala, said, "I don't think the Kasturirangan report on the Western Ghats is very practical as there is little scope for public participation in it. Before the draft notification is accepted or rejected by states including Kerala, I believe it should be put up for people, especially those living in the Ghats, to share their opinions and inputs on it. It should not be implemented like an order."

COACHING CENTRE

Commissioner (CVC) exercises supervisory power, this court directs the Commissioner to appoint a member to supervise the probe," the court said in its order.

The court's order to transfer the probe to CBI is a significant indictment of entire administrative setup in Delhi, including the state government, high-ranking bureaucrats, the office of the lieutenant governor (LG), and the Delhi Police. The judicial intervention highlighted the deep-seated issues of accountability, governance and systemic neglect in the national capital at a time when the conflict between LG VK Saxena and the Delhi government over who controls the Capital's administrative machinery is at a boiling point. The coaching centre tragedy has only intensified the political blame game, with each side accusing the other of negligence.

On July 27, Tanya Soni, 21, Shreya Yadav, 25, and Nevin Dalvin, 29, drowned when the basement library of Rau's IAS Study Circle coaching centre flooded following heavy localised rainfall, highlighting the dire state of the city's civic infrastructure that buckles under bad weather and raises questions about how building safety regulations are enforced. The basement, originally designated for parking and storage, was being used as a library, contrary to the building plan.

The high court described the situation in the Capital as "terrible" and "chaotic". Given the status of the infrastructure and functioning of authorities, it said it was no wonder that Delhi ended up facing one crisis after another. "It is no wonder that Delhi is passing from one crisis to another. One day there is the problem of drought, the other day it is flood," the bench said.

Highlighting significant lapses in the investigation conducted by the Delhi Police into the drowning incident, the court said that officers took "missteps" by targeting the innocent while allowing the real culprits to escape. It called the failure of the Delhi Police to seize crucial MCD files related to the sanction plan for Rau's IAS Campus and to interrogate the officials involved a "glaring omission".

"The fact that the file (pertaining to the sanction plan of the building) has not been seized and statements of MCD officials have not been recorded, seems to be some glaring omission. At times brotherly love is fatal. There is no accountability. There needs to be some accountability. Some authorities have gone beyond the law. Administratively also, the system is very chaotic," the court said.

Addressing deputy commissioner of police (Dwarka) M Harsha Vardhan and the MCD commissioner Ashwani Kumar, who were present in court, the bench expressed its dissatisfaction with the investigation. "You have not even called a minion. You have not taken the file... This failure (to seize files regarding the grant of sanction) is also a case of neglect and this is a neglect, which is chargeable".

After the incident, Delhi Police arrested several people, including an SUV driver who was driving through the waterlogged road outside, but no MCD official. The police argued that the SUV being driven by Manuj Kathuria created waves that caused the institute's gate to break and flood the basement. A Delhi court granted bail to Kathuria on Thursday, saying that the charges against him were applied in "over-enthusiasm".

Criticising the police for arresting Kathuria and blaming him for the incident, the high court said: "Mercifully you have not challaned the water for entering the basement, the way you have caught hold of the driver. Few missteps have been taken. What I have seen is happening is not good."

The court was responding to a plea filed by advocate Rudra Vikram Singh, representing Kutumb, a social organisation, which sought a high-level committee to probe the incident. The petition highlighted the dire living conditions of students around coaching institutes, referring to them as a "living hell," and accused the MCD, Delhi Development Authority (DDA), and the Delhi government of enabling illegal commercial activities in residential areas through corruption.

During the hearing on Friday, the MCD commissioner admitted that the stormwater drains in the area where the incident occurred were dysfunctional and had been encroached upon by residents and shopkeepers. He assured the court that the civic body would remove all unauthorised constructions and take action against negligent MCD officials. However, the court expressed its dismay over the civic bodies' failure to adhere to its directions, stating that its orders were being treated like "water off a duck's back".

In response to the broader issues of infrastructure in the Capital, the bench constituted a committee headed by Delhi government's chief secretary Naresh Kumar, along with the DDA vice-chairman, MCD Commissioner, and Delhi Police Commissioner, to review the city's administrative, physical, and financial infrastructure and submit a report within four weeks. "As there is a far more fundamental problem in the city of Delhi, physical, financial and administrative infrastructure are all outdated and not in accordance with the requirements of present day with the population hovering in excess of 3 crore [30 million] Delhi needs robust infrastructure with huge financial outlay."

Earlier in the week, the court lambasted the Delhi government for failing to upgrade the city's infrastructure due to what it termed a "freebies culture". On Friday, the court said that the government's "subsidy schemes" were putting a strain on the creaking infrastructure as more people were moving to the Capital.

"Due to various subsidy schemes, the migration in Delhi is only increasing and its population is also increasing...There is something fundamentally wrong and there is clear negligence on the part of the officials. They get salaries to ensure people have a good civic life. You have to ensure that the officials work. They are not working," it lamented.

The court said the agencies in the city did not have the requisite funds to update the infrastructure.

"The financial health of civic agencies like MCD, if not precarious, is not healthy. This court would not be wrong in concluding that civic agencies in Delhi have no funds to carry out major infrastructure," the high court said.

Following the tragedy, multiple inquiries were launched by various authorities, including the LG, the Delhi water minister and MCD. Delhi mayor Shelly Oberoi also ordered a crackdown on all coaching centres operating out of basements.

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Reservation redistribution

Supreme Court's ruling on quotas within quota will help reservation reach the most backward, as new political paradigms emerge

The gains of reservation — despite its goal of driving equity — have flowed unequally. The dominance of some groups arising from various factors has been clear for some time now and, in the process, the marginalisation of other communities has become entrenched. It is this unmooring of reservation that the Supreme Court has tried to set right by upholding sub-categorisation within the quotas for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). The apex court overruled its own 2004 judgment in *EV Chinnaiah v. State of Andhra Pradesh*, in which it had held such sub-categorisation was unconstitutional.

The 6:1 majority verdict recognises the heterogeneity within the reserved categories. Relative social privilege and political clout have led to a few groups enjoying almost all the benefits of reservations while others languish in backwardness that is largely unchanged since Independence. To illustrate, the Jatavs in Uttar Pradesh (UP) and the Mahars in Maharashtra have long been the most visible beneficiaries of reservation within the states' SC population, thanks to their political heft, at the cost of smaller groups such as Pasis and Balmikis in UP, and Mangs in Maharashtra. And, among tribes, Santhals in Odisha, West Bengal and Jharkhand have a history of accessing reservation which outstrips that of other tribal communities by leagues. This is because Santhals have much higher literacy rates than other tribal groups, having taken to modern education since the 1960s, and, therefore, are more aware of the rights and benefits carved out for STs. The reserved categories' heterogeneity is mirrored in the strata-within-stratum manner in which caste discrimination operates. This reality has long been recognised by the states, and few have used sub-categorisation as redress. While Dravidian politics in Tamil Nadu made it a lodestone for social justice, Punjab, where a third of the population is SC, created a 50% quota within SC reservation for two of its most oppressed SC communities. The *EV Chinaiah* judgment, however, was used to block attempts by states to address the unremedied backwardness of certain groups. Thus, Thursday's judgment paves the way for states to focus on uplifting the more marginalised communities among those eligible for SC/ST reservations, apportioning quotas within the quotas based on empirical and rational criteria.

A string of concurrent judgments also called for setting a creamy layer limit to SC/ST reservations, seeking to expand a concept hitherto limited to Other Backward Classes (OBC). Since the Court hasn't laid out any strict criteria, it'll be up to the states to look into the advisory, though political and social opposition to such barriers will be intense.

The consequences of the verdict are likely to be sweeping and immediate. The judgment needs to be operationalised in a manner that allows for the most marginalised groups to benefit the most, but it is hard to ignore the reality that reservation has long been used as a political tool. Already, some states such as Telangana have said they'll institute sub-quotas for communities such as Madigas, fulfilling a long-pending demand. It is only to be expected that parties will use quotas to lure smaller groups — after all, the Dalit vote is no longer homogenous.

Along with the Justice G Rohini commission — created to examine sub-categorisation of OBC reservation — this verdict has the potential to create new political paradigms.

Quarrying and the rains: Chronicles of disaster foretold

Stone quarrying has been going on in Western Ghat states despite there being a close link between hard rock quarrying and slope failures in the form of landslides, such as the one that devastated Wayanad this week

Governments would like to lay the entire blame for the Wayanad landslide on the heavy rains. However, the intense rains themselves may be related to such activities as quarrying REUTERS

Governments would like to lay the entire blame for the recent Wayanad landslide and the humongous loss of lives on the very heavy rains, claiming that the whole range of human interventions, such as quarrying of the rocks in the vicinity and levelling of the land to create tourist resorts with their lakes had no role to play in triggering this tragedy.

Madhav Gadgil

However, the intense rains themselves may be related to such activities as quarrying rocks. India is characterised by the world's highest levels of aerosols, minute particles emanating from dust from construction, mining and quarrying, pulverising rocks to produce mechanical sand, automobile emissions, and burning of coal in thermal power plants. As water vapour in air laden with aerosols begins to condense, it initially forms myriads of small water droplets. These then coalesce to form larger, heavy water drops that lead to intense rain over shorter periods. So, what would otherwise have constituted a gentle drizzle lasting six hours, now beats down intensely for 30 minutes. The Konkan, the Western Ghats crestline and the adjoining Deccan Plateau regions of Maharashtra experienced such an intense lashing of rainfall last on June 22, 2021, while areas of Kerala suffered this again in mid-October that year. People in the hilly districts of Maharashtra are convinced that never have there been such severe episodes of very intense rain concentrated over a short period of time.

The floods of August 2018, preceded by unusually high rainfall, were the worst experienced by Kerala in nearly a century. Over 483 people died, and 140 went missing. The highly reputed River Research Centre (RRC) in Chalakudy, Kerala, has provided a detailed and instructive case study of the 2018 floods. The Chalakudy basin has a number of dams. In 2018, the catchments of the river received good rainfall from the second half of May, with a few high rainfall spells in June and July. The dams were quickly getting filled, and the monsoon was still very active, not even halfway through. Hence, it was evident that once the series of dams were full, heavy spells of rain would result in substantially higher floods. From July 17, 2018 onwards, RRC experts and the Chalakudy River Protection Forum made futile attempts to alert government officials of the need to take preventive measures, such as initiating the gradual release of water from the various dams to reduce the threat of severe floods. This was ignored, and it is certain that the maximum flood level could have been reduced by at least 1–2 metres, had there been enough storage space in the reservoirs.

The intense rains during the monsoon of 2021 in Konkan districts also led to several major landslides that took a heavy toll on human lives. The worst was at Taliye in Raigad district in which 124 people were killed. This is a region plagued by unregulated rock quarries that engage in extensive blasting along with deforestation triggered by road construction. A road is under construction to connect Khed to Mahabaleshwar through Hatlot Ghat. No provision is made to permit the flow of water, which consequently stagnates along the road. This resulted in a landslide at Birmani in Khed *taluka*, killing two people and five cattle.

EVEN WHEN LANDSLIDES HIT KOOTTICKAL IN KERALA ON OCTOBER 16, 2021, THE QUARRIES CONTINUED OPERATION. LOCALS SAID THAT SOUNDS OF EXPLOSIONS FROM THE QUARRIES COULD BE HEARD DURING THE DISASTER

These landslides and disasters in the Konkan region of Maharashtra in June-July 2021 were followed by a series of similar disasters in the Kottayam and Idukki districts of Kerala around October 16, 2021. As in Maharashtra, landslides were accompanied by intense rainfall. And, just as in Maharashtra, in Kerala, rock quarries and similar disturbances were associated with the tragedies. In Kerala, the worst to suffer was Plappally in Koottickal in Kottayam. A number of quarries have been operating in this region for over a decade, adversely affecting people in many ways, and people had been agitating to stop their operation. The quarry operators paid no heed, and the quarries did not stop work even during torrential rains. So, even when landslides hit Koottickal on October 16, the quarries continued operation. Locals said that sounds of explosions from the quarries could be heard during the disaster. Although only three quarries are mentioned in the official data, more than 17 were spotted in the satellite image. As many as 5,924 quarries continue functioning in Kerala despite such calamities. In fact, the state government approved 223 new quarries after the 2018 floods. This is going on, although it is well established that there is a close link between hard rock quarrying and slope failures in the form of landslides.

In Kadanad, about 25 km as the crow flies from Koottickal, an attempt was made to put together carefully compiled information to combat this menace. In 2008, Maju Puthenkandam, as the president of the Kadanad *panchayat*, set up the Biodiversity Management Committee, whose activities were coordinated by several experts and volunteers in all 13 wards of the panchayat. By pooling together information from all farmers and other members of the community, Puthenkandam and the committee prepared the People's Biodiversity Register. This document noted that the quarrying of rocks in the biodiversity-rich Perumkunnu Hills was detrimental to it and should be halted. This report was endorsed by the Kerala State Biodiversity Board. The Kerala high court examined this case in 2012 and upheld the Kadanad *gram panchayat*'s decision not to allow quarrying as it was based on solid evidence. Vested interests then swung into action and alleged that the panchayat was being declared as an ecologically sensitive area, and farmers and people would only suffer even more by coming under the tyranny of the forest department. Regretfully, the forest department is serving as a tool of moneyed interests, and by harassing people, turns them against environmental protection. Due to this pressure, the Kadanad *panchayat* withdrew the resolution. But, a beginning has been made and one can only hope that this will lead to fruitful action in the new ICT revolution age.

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West Bengal's connect to the modern Olympics

Calcutta-born Norman G Pritchard was one of the leading sprinters in the world GULU EZEKIEL

The United States (US) is the most successful country in the history of the Olympics, with over 1,000 gold medals since 1896. When women competed for the first time at the Paris Olympics in 1900, the first American woman to win gold was golfer Margaret Ives Abbott, who was born in Calcutta (now Kolkata) in 1878.

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The founder of the modern Olympics movement, Baron Pierre de Courbetin, was against women competing at the Olympics, and the first Olympics of the modern era at Athens in 1896 had no sportswomen among the 241 competitors from 14 nations. However, he relented when the Olympics were held for the second time, this time in his birthplace. Here, 22 women competed in five sports — tennis, golf, sailing, equestrian, and croquet. The exact number of participants is not conclusively known but is thought to be upwards of 1,200 from an estimated 28 nations.

Bengal has a unique connect to the Olympics, dating back to the first modern episode of the games at Athens, where the Olympics movement was revived a few millennia after the times of ancient Greece.

Charles Henry Stuart Gmellin took part in the very first athletics event in the modern Olympics, the first heat of the 100 metres (m) race where he came third and failed to qualify for the final. However, his bronze in the 400m race makes him the first-ever medalist from Great Britain. Gmellin was born in 1872 in Krishnanagar, Nadia district of Bengal, where his father was a missionary. And just three years later, Norman Gilbert Pritchard, India's first Olympic medallist, was born in Calcutta.

This remarkable trio of sportspersons, all born in Bengal in the 1870s, were followed by sprinter Purma Bannerjee (born in Calcutta, 1897), who took part in the 100m race when India first sent a contingent to the Olympics (Antwerp, Belgium, in 1920) and was the first flag bearer for India in the marchpast. Another sprinter who was part of the official Indian contingent to Paris in 1924, James Stanton Hall, was born in 1903 in the Bengal capital and competed in the 100m, 200m, and 400m races. He also competed in the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics but sadly died of typhoid just a year later in Calcutta.

Gmellin left India when young and, like his father, became a missionary, dying in Oxford in 1950. This was unlike Pritchard, whose family had deep roots in Bengal, going back to the 1780s and extending to the 1940s, before his descendants settled in England, where they are still living.

Pritchard received his education at St. Xavier's, Calcutta, and was a brilliant all-round sportsman, excelling in athletics, football (scorer of the first hat-trick in an Indian tournament), rowing, rugby (represented England against Scotland in an expatriate match at Eden Gardens, Calcutta in 1897), tennis, and golf. He was one of the leading sprinters and hurdlers in the world, and travelled to Paris in 1900 after competing in numerous athletics events in England.

At Paris, he competed in five track events, winning silver in the 200m dash and 200m hurdles (since discontinued). He also participated in the 60m, 100m (failed to qualify for finals), and 110m hurdles, where he reached the final but failed to finish the race after a bad start. After leaving India for good in 1905, Pritchard made a name for himself in the theatre in England and then in silent movies in Hollywood under the screen name of Norman Trevor. He died in California in 1929. His descendants keep his memory alive, with most male relatives named Norman, Gilbert, or Trevor.

At least Pritchard knew all his adult life he was an Olympian and a medallist at that. That's more than can be said for Margaret Abbott (later Margaret Dunne), who remained unaware of her place in sporting history till her death in Greenwich, Connecticut, in 1955. And she was not the only one. Many 1900 Olympians went to their graves unaware that the competitions they took part in were part of the second modern Olympics.

The Paris Olympics were very poorly organised, stretched to six months, without an opening and closing ceremony, and were held concurrently with the Paris World's Fair or Exposition Universelle, which added to the confusion. Further, the majority of winners were not even presented medals — Margaret herself was given a porcelain bowl for finishing first, carding a score of 47 over nine holes, with her mother, Mary, finishing seventh out of the nine golfers.

The family moved back to Chicago after Margaret's father's death in Calcutta in 1879 when she was just a year old. She was studying art in Paris when she decided to enter the golf event, a sport she had learned at the Chicago Golf Club in Wheaton, Illinois.

Margaret's own family — all accomplished writers — and the greater Olympic family worldwide were ignorant of her place in sporting history till 80 years later when research by professor Paula Welch at the University of Florida unearthed the fact and ensured she gained her rightful place as the first in a glorious line of American women Olympic champions.

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{ ANOTHER DAY }

Namita Bhandare

Anti-conversion laws exude fear of independent women

Four years after it passed a law ostensibly to prevent fraudulent religious conversions, the Uttar Pradesh government has decided to get tougher. The maximum punishment for marrying a woman by deceiving her or converting her religion is now life imprisonment, instead of the earlier 10 years. Earlier, only a family member could lodge a complaint, now anybody can. Bail conditions are at par with the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

Versions of the anti-conversion law have been passed by eight Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-ruled states where, according to Census 2011, 40.34% of our population lives. The laws require prior permission from a state official to convert. Interfaith marriages without *sarkari* approval are null and void. And while such marriages aren't actually banned, conversion for marriage is now practically impossible in these states.

Of course, there is the Special Marriage Act (SMA), 1954 under which couples can marry. However, the SMA requires a one-month notice to be posted in public with the names, phone numbers and addresses of the couple, making them vulnerable to vigilante groups and their own families. So, for an interfaith couple, according to the Law Commission in a 2018 report, conversion is often the more expedient alternative.

The anti-conversion laws are clear about their intent. The Uttarakhand version claims "several instances" where "people convert themselves to the other religion only for the purpose of marriage with the girl [sic] of that religion and after marriage, they got that girl [sic] converted to their own religion." You get the gist. More than marriage, these unconstitutional laws curtail the autonomy of women. In modern India, the idea of a sexually independent adult woman is so frightening that *khap panchayats* in Haryana recently reiterated their demand for a law mandating parental consent for love marriages. This is not the loony fringe. The idea was also debated in the Gujarat assembly.

Eighteen months after the Supreme Court transferred separate petitions challenging the anti-conversion laws from eight states to itself, it is yet to hold its first hearing. Why is this not a priority in a country where parents kill their daughters in the name of honour?

Meanwhile, in January, the Allahabad high court (HC) refused to grant protection to eight interfaith couples, saying their marriages were not compliant with the anti-conversion law. In June, the Madhya Pradesh HC refused, bizarrely, to protect a Muslim man and Hindu woman seeking to marry under the SMA.

Over seven decades after Independence, after gaining hard-won rights, women are still being infantilised and treated as gullible people incapable of making their own decisions in love and marriage. This is the very definition of a nanny State taking control over citizens in the name of "protection".

Manu, the law-giver, believed women must not be granted independence, and should remain under the control of their fathers, husbands and, finally, sons.

Manu is believed to have lived in the fourth century BC. We are now in 2024, but some ideas, it would seem, haven't changed.

Namita Bhandare writes on gender. The views expressed are personal

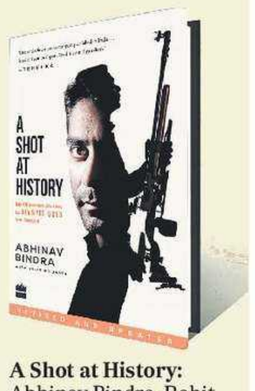
{ EDITOR'S PICK }

HT's editors offer a book recommendation every Saturday, which provides history, context, and helps understand recent news events

EYES ON THE PRIZE

With Swapnil Kusale, Sarabjot Singh and Manu Bhaker's podium finish at the ongoing Paris Olympics, the Indian shooting contingent has delivered its best-ever Olympics performance. In the ever-challenging quest for the podium at the only truly global sporting gala, Indian shooters have consistently proved their mettle since Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore clinched the silver at Athens 2004. It was followed by Abhinav Bindra's historic win in 2008, India's first-ever individual Olympic gold.

This week, we recommend *A Shot at History*, co-authored by Abhinav Bindra and Rohit Brijnath, which delves into Bindra's journey. With Brijnath's engaging prose, the book vividly portrays the intense training, psychological battles, and the intricate world of competitive shooting. Bindra's vulnerability and determination shine through, making it a compelling read for anyone seeking insights into what goes into an epic Olympic pursuit.



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Years of tough parleys led to historic prisoner swap

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NEW DELHI: A high-stakes prisoner swap between Russia and the West culminated on Thursday with the exchange of a notorious Russian assassin and an American journalist. The deal, which involved two dozen prisoners, was the result of years of secretive negotiations, finally coming to fruition on a Turkish runway.

Negotiations

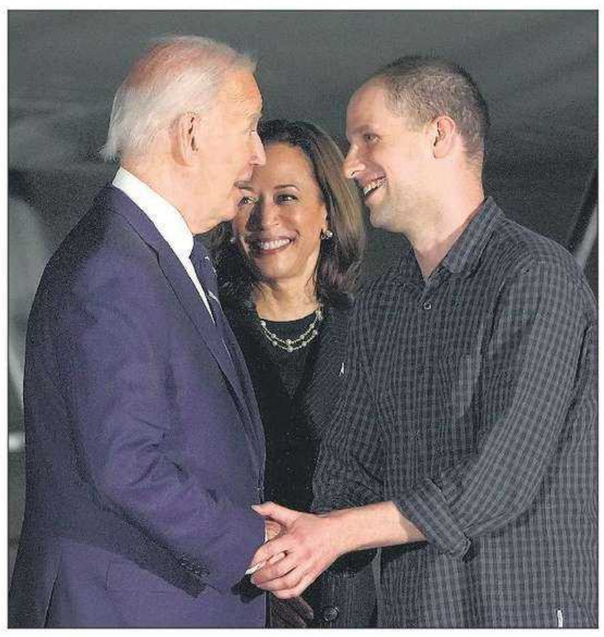
The origins of this complex agreement date back to 2022, during talks for the release of American basketball star Brittney Griner in exchange for Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout, BBC reported. During these discussions, Russia expressed interest in securing the release of Vadim Krasikov, a hitman serving a life sentence in Germany for a politically motivated murder.

Negotiations intensified earlier this year, amid heightened tensions between the US and Russia over the Ukraine war. Key to the deal was Jake Sullivan, the US national security adviser, who worked closely with Germany and other European allies. Germany was initially hesitant to release Krasikov, given his crime on its soil, but continued pressure and diplomatic efforts kept the possibility alive.

The arrest of Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich in March 2023 further complicated the situation. The US sought to include both Gershkovich and ex-Marine Paul Whelan in the exchange, but Russia remained adamant about Krasikov's inclusion. Negotiations faced a significant setback with the sudden death of opposition leader Alexei Navalny, who had been considered for the swap.

The final deal

The breakthrough came when Germany agreed to release Krasikov, a crucial concession that paved the way for the agreement. In a display of diplomatic coordination, multiple countries, including Poland, Slovenia, and Norway, released Russian prisoners identified by the US as key to the swap. The deal was finalised in July, with the actual exchange taking place in early August.



(Left) Joe Biden and Kamala Harris greet reporter Evan Gershkovich at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, on Thursday; Vladimir Putin meets Russian citizens after the prisoner swap, at Vnukovo International Airport in Moscow, on Thursday. AP/PTI

Assassins, hackers and a sleeper cell couple: The Russians who returned

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BERLIN/WASHINGTON: Spies, assassins, and cyber-criminals — these were the eight people Moscow got back in the biggest East-West prisoner swap since the Cold War, an exchange that was noted for the release of two Americans, a Wall Street Journal reporter Evan Gershkovich and ex-US Marine Paul Whelan.

The Kremlin on Friday admitted that three of them were Russian agents, a rare public admission into the work of Moscow's top-secret security services.

The three include Vadim Krasikov, who was held in Germany, and couple Artem Dultsev and Anna Dultseva, who lived in Slovenia posing as an Argentine couple. Moscow said Krasikov -- who was serving life in prison in Germany for the 2019 brazen murder of a former Chechen separatist commander in broad daylight in a Berlin park -- was an elite operative with Russia's FSB security agency.

Krasikov was one of the central figures in Thursday's historic multi-country exchange, with Putin having publicly lobbied for his release in a bid to get the deal over the line in the face of hesitation from Berlin.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov confirmed on Friday that Vadim Krasikov is an FSB employee and that Artem Dultsev and Anna Dultseva, a Russian couple released from Slovenia, were also spies. The couple, who had been posing as Argentinians in Ljubljana, ran an IT business and art gallery. Their children, sent to Russia as part of the deal, only learned they were Russian on the flight from Ankara and do not speak Russian. The Kremlin almost never reveals details about its sprawling intelligence agencies, but it confirmed on Friday that at least two others freed in the deal were also long-term undercover agents stationed in the European Union.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has portrayed them as returning heroes, personally thanking them for their service to the "Motherland" and promising to shower them with state awards.

Bellingcat's investigation previously revealed Krasikov's links to the agency, but Friday marked the first time Moscow publicly confirmed he was a state operative. Multiple reports on Friday highlighted past evidence, suggesting Krasikov was among the highest-value targets.

According to The Kyiv Independent, a prisoner exchange in February involving Vadim Krasikov was planned, potentially freeing Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. However, Navalny was reportedly killed in prison to prevent the swap. The report showed that Putin, realising the West was willing to exchange Krasikov, had Navalny killed to consider other options for Krasikov's return. This information was provided by Navalny's ally, Maria Pevchikh.

Krasikov was not in America and held instead in Germany. German Chancellor Olaf Scholz admitted on Thursday that releasing Krasikov -- who German judges said had carried out the assassination on orders from Moscow -- was "not easy."

In return, Berlin secured the release of five German nationals – including some with dual Russian citizenship.

In a February 8 interview with Tucker Carlson, Putin suggested the US could ask allies to exchange WSJ's Gershkovich for a "patriot" serving a life sentence for "liquidating a bandit."

While he didn't mention Krasikov by name, it was widely understood he was referring to him. Artem Dultsev and Anna Dultseva, who were posing as an Argentine couple in Slovenia, were revealed to be undercover spies, or "illegals," living under fake identities. Their children were sent to Russia as part of the prisoner swap. Putin greeted them with "buenas noches" upon their arrival. Roman Seleznev and Vladislav Klyushin, convicted of cyber crimes, and Vadim Konoshchenok, accused of smuggling US electronics and ammunition to the Russian military, were also returned to Moscow. At Moscow's Vnukovo airport, Putin told the released individuals, "The Motherland never forgot about you."

{ SOUTHPORT KILLINGS }

UK police brace for weekend of unrest

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LONDON: British police will put extra officers onto the streets across the country this weekend as they brace for more potential unrest following rioting and other violent incidents since Monday's killing of three children in northwest England, officials said.

A 17-year-old boy has been charged with the murder of three young girls in a knife attack at a Taylor Swift-themed dance workshop in the normally quiet seaside town of Southport, a crime that has shocked the nation.

Violent incidents erupted in Southport, the northeastern town of Hartlepool, London and elsewhere in reaction to false information that spread rapidly on social media claiming the suspect in the stabbings was a radical Islamist migrant.

In an attempt to quash the misinformation, police have said the suspect, Axel Rudakubana, was born in Britain.

But more than a dozen demonstrations by anti-immigration protesters are planned across the UK this weekend. Several counter-protests by those opposing racism have also been planned.

Authorities said on Friday British police chiefs had agreed to step up resources and deploy officers in large numbers over the weekend to deter any violence.

"We will have surge capacity in our intelligence, in our briefing, and in the resources that are out in local communities," Gavin Stephens, chair of the National Police Chiefs' Council, told BBC Radio.

"There will be additional prosecutors available to make swift decisions, so we see swift justice."

Police in Southport, where hundreds of anti-immigration protesters attacked law enforcement, set vehicles on fire, and hurled bricks at a mosque on Tuesday evening, stated they were aware of upcoming protests. They emphasised having "extensive plans and considerable police resources" prepared to manage any potential disorder. Authorities are taking proactive measures to ensure public safety amid heightened tensions.

"I want our communities to be assured that we are fully prepared to deal with anyone intent on causing disorder," said Assistant Chief Constable Jenny Sims of Merseyside Police, the force that oversees Southport.

Police in Northern Ireland also said they were planning a "proportionate policing response" after learning of plans by various groups to block roads, stage protests and march to an Islamic Centre in Belfast over the weekend.

Southport spark: Why UK faces major unrest

A tragic knife attack killing three children in Southport fuelled tensions, with far-right groups accused of exploiting the tragedy to stir up anti-immigrant sentiment. Here's a closer look at key questions.

What happened?

Incident: Teen kills 3 in stabbing spree on Jul 29 in Southport. After he is identified, rumours abound over his faith and origin.

Aftermath: Violence erupts during a vigil in Southport. Rioters attack police, vehicles, and a mosque.

Spread: Unrest expands to other cities, including London. Issue is joined with larger anti-migrant anger.

Who's been blamed?

Far-right involvement: The English Defence League (EDL) and its supporters are suspected of orchestrating the riots.

Key Figures: High-profile agitators like Tommy Robinson and Laurence Fox have been vocal on social media, inflaming tensions.

Narrative: Far-right elements have used the incident to propagate anti-immigrant and anti-Muslim sentiments.

How have political leaders responded?

PM Keir Starmer: Condemned the riots, warning of severe consequences for those involved.

Deputy PM Angela Rayner: Criticised Nigel Farage for spreading conspiracy theories.

Former counter-terror police chief Neil Basu: Accused Farage of supporting the EDL.

Southport MP also criticised the spread of lies and propaganda on social media for the violence.

B'desh protests continue despite release of leaders

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DHAKA: Demonstrations in Bangladesh after Friday prayers demanded justice for victims of nationwide unrest and police crackdown, after the release of protest leaders failed to quell public anger. Student rallies against civil service job quotas sparked days of mayhem that killed at least 206 people last month, according to an AFP count of police and hospital data.

The violence was some of the worst of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's 15-year tenure, and the actions of her government's security forces provoked widespread rancour at home and international criticism abroad.

A day after police freed six top members of the group which organised the initial protests, its leaders urged their compatriots to once again return to the streets. "We want justice for the murders of our sisters and brothers," Students Against Discrimination said in a statement.

Students Against Discrimination had demanded the release of its detained leaders, three of whom were forcibly checked out of a hospital and taken away by plainclothes police last week.

The release signalled a government attempt to "de-escalate tensions" with protesters. But other student demands remain unmet, including a public apology from Hasina, the dismissal of several ministers, and the reopening of schools and universities closed during the unrest.

Thousands bid adieu to Hamas chief

Mourners carry the coffin of assassinated Hamas chief, Ismail Haniyeh, during his funeral ceremony in Tehran, Iran, on Thursday. He was buried in Qatar's Lusail, north of Doha, following funeral prayers at the Gulf emirate's largest mosque, on Friday REUTERS

Myanmar airstrikes kill 10 at China border

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BANGKOK: Myanmar military airstrikes hit a hospital in a city controlled by an ethnic minority armed group close to the China border killing 10 people, local media reported on Friday.

Military planes carried out at least two air strikes on Laukkai city, normally home to some 25,000 people, late on Thursday night, a resident told AFP, requesting anonymity for security reasons.

Local media quoted one resident as saying 10 civilians were killed in the strike.

Myanmar's northern Shan state has been rocked by fighting since late June when an alliance of ethnic minority armed groups renewed an offensive against the military along a major trade highway to China.

The Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MNDAA) group have held Laukkai since January after more than 2,000 junta troops surrendered there in one of the military's biggest defeats in decades.

MNDAA spokesman Li Jiawen told AFP a military airstrike had hit a hospital in Laukkai, but he had no information yet on casualties.

The junta has been approached for comment.

The junta has bombed Laukkai several times in recent weeks after the MNDAA renewed its offensive in northern Shan state, shredding a Beijing-brokered ceasefire.

Pictures taken on Thursday and shared with AFP by the Laukkai resident showed deserted streets.

In recent days MNDAA fighters have entered the town of Lashio, also in northern Shan state and home to the military's northeastern command.

Fighting was ongoing in Lashio on Friday, a military source told AFP, requesting anonymity to talk to the media.

Local media reported that MNDAA fighters had entered a military hospital in Lashio and killed an unspecified number of patients and medical staff.

GONZÁLEZ, NOT MADURO, WON VENEZUELA PREZ POLLS, SAYS US

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CARACAS: The stakes grew higher for Venezuela's electoral authority to show proof backing its decision to declare President Nicolás Maduro the winner of the country's presidential election after the United States on Thursday recognised opposition candidate Edmundo González as the victor, discrediting the official results of the vote.

The US announcement followed calls from multiple governments, including close allies of Maduro, for Venezuela's National Electoral Council to release detailed vote counts, as it has done during previous elections.

The electoral body declared Maduro the winner on Monday, but the main opposition coalition revealed hours later that it had evidence to the contrary in the form of more than two-thirds of the tally sheets that each electronic voting machine printed after polls closed.

"Given the overwhelming evidence, it is clear to the US and, most importantly, to the Venezuelan people that Edmundo González Urrutia won the most votes in Venezuela's July 28 presidential election," US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. Maduro responded with a quick admonishment: "The US needs to keep its nose out of Venezuela!"

The US government made the announcement amid diplomatic efforts by Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico to persuade Maduro to release election vote tallies and allow an independent review.

Government officials from Brazil, Colombia and Mexico have been in constant communication with Maduro's administration to convince him that he must show the vote tally sheets from Sunday's election and allow impartial verification, a Brazilian government official told AP on Thursday.

The officials have told Venezuela's government that showing the data is the only way to dispel any doubt about the results.

Chinatown fire kills 11, says Philippines

MANILA: A fire ripped through a building in the Philippine capital's Chinatown early on Friday killing 11 people, authorities said. People screamed as flames leapt out of upper-floor windows of the five-storey mixed use building in Manila's Binondo district, a witness said. "I was about to open the store when I saw this very huge fire from that top part of the building," Susan Sago, 55, a salesgirl at a pastry shop on the ground floor, told AFP. More than 30 fire trucks rushed to the scene, getting the morning blaze under control about two hours later, the city's fire bureau said. AFP

Turkey arrests at least 99 IS members

ISTANBUL: Turkey's interior minister said on Friday that 99 suspected members of the Islamic State jihadist group had been detained in recent raids across the country. The arrests were made mainly in Ankara and in Izmir in the west, as well as in the centre, east and south, Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya posted on X. "We will not tolerate any terrorist," he added. Turkish authorities have made several mass arrests of alleged IS members in recent years. After those arrests, Yerlikaya added police had detained a total of 2,919 people suspected of links to the jihadist group. AFP

{ NATURAL DISASTER } ALMOST 100 LARGE FIRES ARE RAGING ACROSS THE WEST

Colorado wildfire destroys dozens of homes, nears Denver

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LITTLETON, COLORADO: A wildfire burning in Colorado's heavily populated Front Range region has burned dozens of homes and outbuildings, while a second fire crept within a quarter-mile of evacuated homes near Denver on Thursday.

Authorities said they were hopeful that hundreds of threatened homes could be saved. But firefighters working in the tree-covered foothills on the eastern edge of the Rocky Mountains faced sweltering temperatures, and some were sidelined by heat exhaustion.

The struggle to contain the blazes came after authorities said on Wednesday that a person was killed in a wildfire west of Lyons, Colorado.

The person's remains were found inside one of five houses that burned.

Almost 100 large fires are raging across the West. The largest, in Northern California, has burned more than 400 houses and other structures, officials reported.

New, large fires were reported in Idaho, southeast Montana and north Texas. About two dozen homes and outbuildings were damaged or destroyed in a wildfire near Loveland, Colorado, authorities disclosed after an initial survey of the burn area. Meanwhile, the Quarry Fire southwest of the Denver suburb of Littleton encroached on several large subdivisions after people in 600 homes were ordered to evacuate. By Thursday afternoon, firefighting aircraft zipped back and forth between the blaze and a nearby reservoir.

Planes skimmed the surface to scoop up water and hovering helicopters pumped water into their tanks before returning to the fire to dump their loads.

Jim and Meg Lutes watched from an overlook near their house northeast of the fire as smoke plumed up from the ridges. Their community west of Littleton was not under evacuation orders, but the couple had been ready to start packing a day earlier when flames could be seen blanketing the mountains. "It can come over that hill pretty quick if the wind changes," said Jim Lutes, 64, pointing to a nearby ridge.

A satellite image shows smoke rising from the Alexander Mountain wildfire in Colorado, on Tuesday. REUTERS

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RELAX. THE WEEKEND'S HERE

Eye of the beholder

We know Aditi Rao Hydari is beautiful. She knows it too. But lately, all the chatter has shifted to her fabulous work on screen. It's about time. It feels great. After all, she's only been preparing for it her whole life

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In 2024, Aditi Rao Hydari and stylist Santu Misra were at Cannes and were trying to get a table at a packed-out restaurant. "The concierge looked at me and said, 'You MUST have a table'," she recalls. "I'd rather believe that people are doing it because they are genuinely nice, and not because of how I look."

It's exactly the kind of thing you'd expect a pretty person to say. Rao Hydari has amber eyes, sharp, delicate features and perfect skin. She's been the global face for beauty brand L'Oreal; modelled for Sabyasachi, Tarun Tahiliani and Gaurav Gupta; and most recently, she was part of the advertising campaign for Indriya, the jewellery label launched by Aditya Birla Group.

But getting taken seriously in cinema has taken a while. Critics and audiences have loved her as Bibbojaan, the courtesan and freedom fighter, on the Netflix show Heeramandi, which premiered in May. Her sensual walk in one scene has a life of its own online. Plus, she was in two blockbuster series last year, playing another fiery courtesan Anarkali in Taj: Divided by Blood (Zee) and movie star Sumitra Kumari in Jubilee (Prime Video).

It seems that finally, 15 years after she made her Hindi film debut in Delhi 6 (2009), the stars are starting to align. She doesn't mind the wait. "When you do things yourself, grow and learn by yourself, you feel a certain ownership of the journey," she says.

It also means that success hasn't come on the back of her looks. It's the kind of flex that would make both Rao Hydari and her mother, classical singer Vidya Rao, proud.

On beauty

She knew her mother was a beautiful woman. "Friends would tell me that my mother looked like Audrey Hepburn," recalls Rao Hydari. She watched Roman Holiday at age 12. She agreed. "Everyone used to call me Little Vidya when I was growing up," Rao Hydari says. "They'd say I'd grow up to look exactly like her. I did."

She admits to spending too much time in front of the mirror as a child. She'd take too long to decide what to wear and how to style her hair. She'd nearly always miss the school bus in the process. So, Rao Hydari's mother got her hair chopped off. "I looked like a boy. But thanks to mom, I'm not vain today," she says.

On the flip side, when Rao Hydari finally faced the camera as a young woman, she found that she didn't know a thing about makeup. She learnt on the job, picking up tips from makeup artists, and critically examining her features, to figure out what beautiful women across the world inherently know: That less is more.

And she learnt to bring her love for beauty to the job, in a surprising way. "There's beauty in perfumes; smells transport you to a place of possibility. To date, for every character I've played, I've associated a signature scent," Rao Hydari says. For Bibbojaan, who excels at pleasing nawabs and at politics, the sweet tea-rose and lily notes, inspired by her mother, just didn't feel right. She ultimately used a French perfumed oil with notes of jasmine to better portray that mix of romance and revolution. "The right role, just like the right fragrance, finds me."

Finer things

For Rao Hydari, perhaps more than most, appreciating beauty and the arts has come easy. Both her parents were born into aristocratic families from the erstwhile state of Hyderabad. She was familiar with the sound of the tanpura even before she was born – her mother played for her when she was in the womb. For years, she woke up to the sound of her mother's riyaaz. She was taking Bharatanatyam classes at age five.

She vividly recalls a calendar that hung in front of the landline phone at home, which featured works of the Italian Renaissance painter Sandro Botticelli. At age seven, ringing up her mother after coming home from school, young Rao Hydari remembers taking in works such as Primavera and The Birth of Venus. "They were so fragile and beautiful, they got me intrigued about art," she says. Another constant: A framed picture of the legendary Carnatic vocalist MS Subbulakshmi at her maternal grandmother's house. A slow eater, Rao Hydari recalls looking at it as she finished her meals.

Art was easy, it was everywhere. It shaped her idea of what was beautiful, worth appreciating and worth looking at, she says.

Real deal

She's aware of the term pretty-person privilege, of course. And the fact that she regularly features on lists of beautiful women. "I am grateful that people view me the way they do. But I don't view myself as that anymore," she says. Sure, the odd table reservation opens up for her in France, it lands her one more audition, or a stab at an advertising campaign. "But physical beauty only goes so far. And even there, there's now a refreshing focus on authenticity, and an inclusion of different kinds of beautiful. Besides, as an actor, what matters is what you create with your skills."

It's why she's much more thrilled that her 2023 clip, featuring her and her fiancé, actor Siddharth Suryanarayan, dancing to Tum Tum x Manike Mage went viral. "We self-recorded it in about five takes," she recalls with a laugh. "Siddharth isn't active on social media. People liked us together, which was nice to hear. Especially since we were just being us."

Aditi Rao Hydari has been a dancer since she was five. Her love for the arts comes from her mother, the classical singer Vidya Rao.

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Hydari loves Audrey Hepburn (right). She recreated the British actress's classic look last year (inset).

Aditi's fantasy five

Characters she wishes she played

Tiffany in Silver Linings Playbook (2012): "It's such a layered love story and there's so much to what she is doing at any one point in time. And Jennifer Lawrence plays her with great vulnerability."

Rose in Titanic (1997): "Kate Winslet is fabulous in everything and anything; she's just that skilled. But Titanic was iconic and set the tone for generations to come."

Anna Karenina in Anna Karenina (2012): "A period drama I am partial to. I love Keira Knightley in period dramas, which she does a lot of."

Nina Sayers in Black Swan (2010): "She was believable as a top ballerina and as a young woman struggling with her confidence. I can't imagine anyone else doing justice to this part."

And of course, every role that Audrey Hepburn has played.

The prettiest things in the world

"The most beautiful thing and feeling in the world is love, of all kinds. And music. I love Western and Indian classical, and Tamil film songs," says Hydari. She's recently rediscovered the music of Ilaiyaraaja and likes the complex but catchy melodies. On her playlist: Shobha Gurtu, Kumar Gandharva, Ali Sethi, Abida Parveen and Mame Khan.

The actor grew up surrounded by paintings such as The Birth of Venus, which shaped her ideas of beauty. For the 2016 film Kaatru Veliyidai (right) her naturally beautiful look went viral.

{ PLAYBOOK }

Can't get no diss satisfaction

Writing a diss track calls for more than anger and insults. Three musicians offer ways to level up your put-downs

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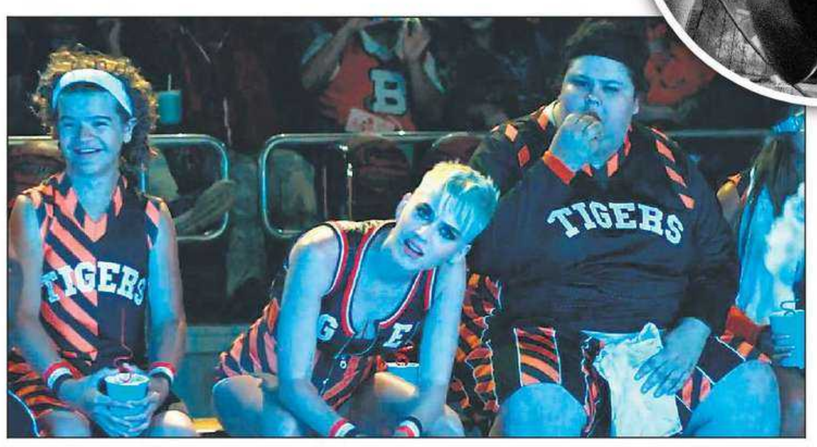
Sit this one out, Drake. Diss tracks, or songs released to intentionally dismiss, disrespect or mock another musician, have been around since at least the 1980s. The most famous exchange, which music historians call The Roxanne Wars, was started by rapper Roxanne Shanté, and directed at hip hop group U.T.F.O.'s 1984 release Roxanne, Roxanne (not to be confused with the earlier Police masterpiece Roxanne). By the end, it encompassed 50 releases by 35 different artists. Kendrick Lamar's comebacks, in comparison, seem like playground potshots.

A good diss track will elevate an insult into art. Taylor Swift's Bad Blood (2014) put out a cameo-laden video in response to Katy Perry's alleged stealing of Swift's backup dancers for her tour. Perry took three years to respond with Swish Swish in 2017, with Nicki Minaj.

Locally, KR$NA and Muhfaad have a total of 14 diss tracks between them. Straight Outta Srinagar (SOS) and Seedhe Maut's diss tracks had fans decoding their songs on Reels. Rappers love it if someone writes a good diss about them. For those looking for a fight, Indian rap artists offer creative assistance.

Katy Perry (right) took three years to respond to Taylor Swift's Bad Blood (2014; below), a video in response to Perry's alleged stealing of Swift's backup dancers.



Stay angry, stay articulate

"Treat making diss tracks like a sport," says Rakht aka Rohan Saxena. The lyrics should be sharp, there should be wordplay. Don't be afraid of getting a little personal. "Artists are supposed to have strong opinions. Clashes are inevitable. Better to exchange barbs creatively than have a physical fight."

Referencing someone's musical style or flow is good too. But don't simply attack someone for attention – that's low-hanging fruit. "Hate is the quickest way to get a crowd. Roasting has become a norm. And it's full of abuses," Saxena says.

And be careful with actual name-dropping. "If you name someone you know and have been associated with, that's seen as snitching and has no respect in the game," says Rakht, who prefers to diss the local music scene in his works.

Keep talking, keep listening

"Most of us assume that a diss track is merely a putdown," says Mumbai rapper Krantinaari, aka Ashwini Hiremath. "Think of it as a way to create a conversation which can help you understand someone else's point of view."

Hiremath, 29, has used diss tracks to point out what she thinks is wrong or unfair in the world today. Her songs have references to women freedom fighters, the caste system and the murder of a Dalit woman. In May 2006, Lil Wayne's song Georgia Bush critiqued George W Bush, the US President at the time, and the rest of White America's response to Hurricane Katrina. In the 2016 song FDT, YG and Nipsey Hussle called out Donald Trump during his presidential campaign. "It's crucial to name names because it shows that you have a reference of a backing and understanding of the subject," says Hiremath.

And remember this is for an audience. "If all you want to do is keep releasing tracks replying to each other every other day, just call and abuse each other," she says.

Point towards, point away

As with movies, Easter eggs are everywhere in diss tracks," says Delhi rapper Saar Punch, 29, aka Saransh Batra. "It could be lyrics from another song, wordplay, or visual hints placed in the video." Childish Gambino's This is America packed in American gun violence and the CakeWalk dance step, drawn from the exaggerated facial expressions and movements that Black slaves used to mock White enslavers.

Timing matters too. With the Kendrick Lamar – Drake beef, counter strikes have released almost overnight. "Quicker rebuttals make it more relevant," says Batra. Just brace for battle, and be clear about your stance, says Batra. Emiway Bantai and Divine's feud began in 2018, with Bantai's Samajh Mai Aaya Kya. It only ended two years later when they got on an Instagram live to settle it!

A good diss track is filled with Easter eggs, says rapper Saar Punch (above). They could be subtle, using wordplay, or have strong hints in videos.

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Tying up strings

Princess Leia's gold bikini recently sold for $1,75,000. It's a terribly low price, given that an R2-D2 droid sold for $2.76 million in 2017, and Han Solo's blaster fetched $5,50,000. Then again, the late Carrie Fisher, who played Leia, never wanted to feed into men's fantasies.No fortune for the bikini? She's probably laughing in heaven.

Listing our icks

The Cambridge Dictionary has added 3,200 new words: Boop, chef's kiss, IYKYK, and face journey (when one's thoughts play out on their face). Ick is also a legit term now, thanks to the show Love Island, where one of the contestants used it to describe turn-offs in a romantic partner. What's ick these days? For one X user, it was a person who cut their spaghetti to make it easier to eat.

Missing goofiness

The Mask, Jim Carrey's breakout film, is 30 years old this year. Hollywood is no longer making silly, clever comedies anymore. It's all grand animated films, superhero universes, sci-fi and fantasy. Even the bad guy commits to the silliness "There's. Always. Time. For. A. Kiss!" Did you know that was Loki's mask in the movie? Sigh, even Loki stands for something else now.

Hoping Ranbir reflects

Ranbir Kapoor's public statements about his wife, Alia Bhatt, have hit a new low. He made pointed comments on her body when she was pregnant with their child in 2022. Now, he's said that Bhatt was a loud woman who has let go of her personality and quietened down after marriage. He's also mentioned that he hopes his daughter, Raha, is quiet. Can he hear himself speak?

Having teething trouble

Young people do all kinds of stupid things. They've swallowed Tide Pods on a dare, they've tried to eat cinnamon powder by the spoonful. Now they're filing their teeth with nail buffers in order to make them look more aligned. Dentists are warning them that will make teeth permanently weak and sensitive. But will they listen? It's grating on the nerves!

Off to camp

At France's women-only Camp Chateau, participants start the day with yoga. Afternoons are for making jam, painting, silent hiking, foraging, horseback riding or kayaking. You could skip it all and do nothing. Dreamy, right? But when did wellness get so gendered? Can you imagine prescribing this to men? Boo! Give us a shooting range too.

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Serving the latest looks

Eyes that glitter. A face that's aglow. Lips that look naturally stunning. Three makeup artists decode classic looks and how they've evolved

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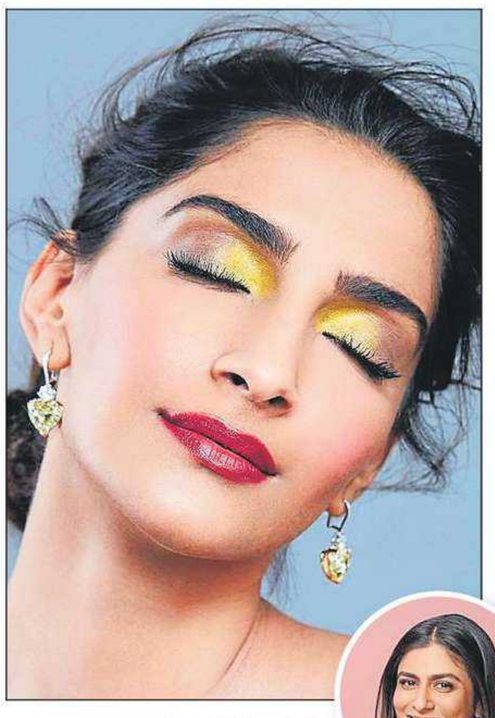

For the 1995 film Rangeela, Ojas Rajani (above) created soft nude lips for Urmila Matondkar. INSTAGRAM/ @URMILAMATONDKAROFFICIAL

The glittery eye: Namrata Soni

Women weren't allowed to work as makeup artists in the Hindi film industry in 2003, when Namrata Soni began her career. Back then, they had to pretend they were hairstylists. So, when Soni won an IIFA award for prosthetics for Om Shanti Om in 2007, there was hostility all around. Things only changed in 2014, when the Supreme Court ended the nearly 60-year-old ban.

Soni was already a well-known name on film sets by then. She's the one who introduced fresh-faced looks for young millennials with Aisha in 2010. "Before Aisha, looks were mostly geared towards smoky eyes, winged liner and dark lipstick," she recalls. "We kept the makeup minimal but fun – peach eyeshadow, pink cheeks, and soft, balmy lips. The braided hairband that we did became a cult favourite, because it was so easy to replicate."

Soni also gave Sonam Kapoor glittery eyeshadow and red lips for the Cannes Film Festival in 2013, to go with her nose pin and white lace sari. "It was one of my most iconic moments," she recalls. Glitter eyeshadow demands confidence. "Not everybody's going to love it." Luckily, Kapoor is a make-up artist's dream. She loves experimenting with her style, and isn't afraid of bold colours.

The look has been replicated over and over, with brides, women going clubbing, and at weddings. It's changed over the years too. Shimmery eyes are now softer. Gold and silver remain classics. But rose-gold, mint-blue, and holographic tones are trendy now.

Soft glam: Shradha Luthra

For 15 years, Shradha Luthra's bridal looks have veered away from the Indian-wedding norm. Her brides look like themselves on their big day. The look is glamorous, celebratory, but never over the top: Glossy, natural-toned lips, a hint of blush, barely-there sparkly lids, and a base that makes skin glow from within. "I don't wear makeup regularly. I don't want people to view me differently because of what's on my face. This filters down into my work too," she says.

Luthra recently created a glowy, barely-there look for influencer Alanna Panday, for her wedding and baby shower. Panday wore neutral lips with a hint of pink, a soft blush, and eyelids with just the suggestion of sparkle. "We usually complete her whole makeup in 15 to 20 minutes," she recalls.

For everyday looks, soft glam can come from as little as smudged liner, a neutral colour and subtle yet defined eyelashes. To take it up a notch, start with a primer (preferably with a gold base), wear sheer foundation, and a face illuminator too.

Her hacks for looking your best: Don't wear makeup unless you have to. Test your look in different lighting: By the window, on camera, and under yellow or white light. And get creative. "If you don't try out different looks, you won't know what suits your face. Remember, it's just makeup – you can always wash it off!"

Nude lips: Ojas Rajani

Ojas Rajani recalls working with Urmila Matondkar in 1995, when she was just starting out in cinema, playing Mili in Rangeela. Mili was a young city girl, a dancer. She didn't need the heavy foundation and thick liner that older stars wore. "It was a challenge to get a softer look approved for Urmila, but I stood my ground," Rajani says. It worked. The Mili look defined the lighter, more realistic face of the late 1990s. It made Rajani a master of understated perfection.

Now, 30 years later, she's lost count of how many times she's customised her classic nude lip on actors, models and brides. It's tricky to get right. Use lipstick that's slightly lighter than your skin colour and it looks washed out. "Nude doesn't mean just brown. Pink and coral tones work for lighter skin tones, and peachy and beige tones for darker ones," she says.

And don't keep it too plain. "Flush your cheeks with a little colour, and dab a little on your eyelids to complete the nude look." Avoid black and dark brown eyeliner and instead opt for greys.

Shradha Luthra (inset; above) says she's always loved using the soft glam look for celebs such as Karishma Tanna (left) and Alanna Panday (above). Namrata Soni (inset; below) often uses bold glitter eyeshadow for Sonam Kapoor.

Get glitter eyeshadow right

Dab a bit of shimmery eyeshadow on the inner corner of your eye if you don't want full-on glittery eyes.

Try liquid glitter for a glossy finish.

Give a smoky eye a sparkling edge by dabbing shimmer on just the centre of the finished eyelid.

Shimmery nude eyeshadow is among the most versatile items in a makeup kit. Brush it over collarbones, cheekbones as a highlight.

And use it when you need a boost of confidence. "I see people wear glitter and instantly feel beautiful," says Soni.

Get the soft glam look right

Give yourself time in between application of your moisturiser, primer, foundation, and highlighter for the products to get absorbed.

Blot your face between each application if needed.

Even after applying dry makeup, such as blush powder or contour, swipe delicately with a damp beauty sponge to pick up leftover product residue.

When in doubt, pick a less harsh option: Grey eyeliner, smudged edges. It adds to the seamless look.

Get nude lips right

Nude lips need a flawless face to stand out. Don't cover your face with foundation: Wet a sponge, dab it in the foundation, and spread it over your face.

Opt for a lip pencil instead of a lipstick, if you don't want to go all-out. Outline the lips with the pencil and use a thin lip brush to lightly smudge the outline outside the edge of your lips. This gives the illusion of blurry lips that blend into your face.

Another way to wear the nude lip is to focus on the pout. Apply the lip colour on the centre of the lips, and sweep a lip brush upward and outward to get a blurry effect.

{ PERSONAL AGENDA }

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Currently I am:
Playing Kavya in the Sony TV show Kavya Ek Jazbaa Ek Junoon.

High point in life:
Appearing in Imlie and Ravivaar with Star Parivaar at the same time. People started recognising me.

Low point in life:
2019. I had a small role in Article 15. But because of the pandemic, there were no roles. It was difficult financially.

On my playlist:
Saiyaara, from Ek Tha Tiger; Photograph, by Ed Sheeran. Until I Found You, by Stephen Sanchez.

One thing I would never buy:
Anything that brightens my skin tone.

Advice I would give my 18-year-old self:
Don't heed the trolls. Once you're in the public eye, you will be criticised for your, body, face, and weight. But the people who love you will always love you.

My favourite subject in school:
Maths.

I would swipe right on:
Our cat!

My secret skill is:
That I can sleep anywhere, anytime.

A superpower I wish I had:
To be able to fly. I'd fly about at night to relax.

My favourite Sunday memory:
Relaxing with my family, the cat and home-cooked food.

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Today I'm craving:
Pani puri with chilled jal jeera.

My most star-struck moment:
Meeting Salman Khan on the sets of Bigg Boss 16. I was so nervous that I forgot to take my sunglasses off!

My favourite bad habit:
Junk food.

The best thing about fame:
Recognition. It's such a rush!

The worst thing about fame:
Trolls. Sometimes it's hard to take the high road.

App I check before bed:
Netflix. I watch Friends or Brooklyn Nine-Nine.

column { *rude food* }

The scramble for perfection

How do you want your omelette? The French like it folded, the Sri Lankans add it to a curry. In Goa, it's served with xacuti. And The Bear is reinventing a classic

VIR SANGHVI

Very rarely does the cooking of a single dish become a craze or dominate popular culture and social media. But something like that has happened with the omelette from Season 2 of The Bear. It is now all over YouTube, which is full of how-to-reproduce-the-dish videos. Similar videos turn up on Instagram and Facebook.

If you are not familiar with The Bear, it's an American show about restaurateurs in Chicago. Its second season (the one with the omelette) won a record 23 Emmy nominations.

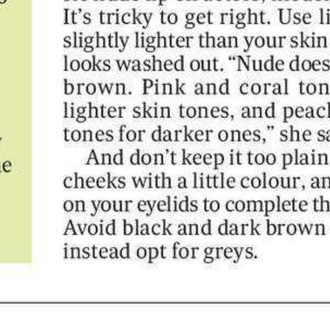
Chefs enjoy watching The Bear (many famous chefs have cameos) because they say it accurately captures the pressures of their lives, making it one of the few shows to appeal as much to insiders as it does to a larger audience.

In Episode 9 of the second season, chef Sydney (the character played by Ayo Edebiri) makes an omelette for a colleague, and judging by the surprised response the scene has evoked, nobody in America bothers to cook a classic omelette any longer; which may be fair enough because, like many simple dishes, it is difficult to get right.

In India, a masala omelette often comes with a gravy and is much more flavourful than its French counterpart. PHOTOS: ADOBE STOCK

The trick is not the recipe but the process. The chef must cook scrambled eggs until, right at the end, when he or she must encase the runny scramble in the thin egg-skin that has developed at the bottom of the pan. The eggs must still be a little liquidy in the centre and the skin must be tremblingly delicate but firm enough to hold the eggs in.

In a classic French kitchen, an omelette can be the test of how good a chef is. The chef breaks eggs on a flat surface (never on the edge of the bowl) sieves or strains them (this is optional but useful), and then uses a fork to break up the yolks before stirring the eggs to get whites and yolks to align. Egg whites contain strands of protein, so the sieving and whisking are to break up these strands and merge the different parts of the egg together.



In The Bear (2022; above), chef Sydney makes the viral omelette. The trick is to encase the runny scramble in the egg-skin at the bottom of the pan.

A non-stick pan (though not in professional kitchens, where they will use a cast-iron pan) is heated on medium to low heat. Butter (always butter, never oil) is added to the pan and before it gets too hot and begins to foam loudly, the beaten eggs are added.

Now comes the complex bit: The chef keeps moving the pan with the hand that is on the handle, while using the other hand to continually stir the eggs in the pan. The process takes a while (up to 10 minutes) but it gives you a perfect consistency. When the eggs seem ready, the chef adds a little more butter to the side of the pan and starts to fold the omelette. A classic omelette has two folds (one from each side), but you can also keep rolling until you end up with a cylindrical shape.

A classic French omelette (left) is made with just eggs and butter and usually has two folds, a test of the chef's skill. Goa's ros omelette (below) is a masala omelette served in a xacuti gravy. It was probably invented in South Goa in the 1980s. SHANNON FERNANDES

That's the whole recipe.

As you can see, the flavour comes from just two ingredients: Eggs and butter. (You can season the beaten eggs with salt and pepper, but usually the eggs are left unseasoned until they are ready.) The flavour is not difficult to create: Just use the best butter and freshest free-range eggs. The difficult bit is the texture and that's what chefs take many attempts to perfect.

There are hacks and tricks. Many chefs put cheese in the omelette while it is cooking. Not only does it add a layer of flavour but the cheese melts so that your omelette is still runny even if you have overcooked the eggs. The Los Angeles chef Ludo Lefebvre adds pepper boursin cheese and it is this recipe (according to the producers), that Sydney uses. She also crumbles potato crisps (chips/wafers) on top, an addition that is The Bear's own, though Ferran Adria did put crisps inside his omelette.

I love a classic omelette. But frankly, it's a restaurant dish, meant for chefs to make. Life is too short to learn how to move a pan perfectly while simultaneously stirring eggs.

And besides, the Indian subcontinent offers tastier alternatives to the French omelette. Our masala omelettes have much more flavour than French ones and we often do something the French don't: Give omelettes a gravy.

In Sri Lanka, omelette curry is a traditional dish. Karan Gokani, who has popularised Sri Lankan food in London at the Hoppers restaurants, makes a modern version, slipping a whole masala omelette into a thick coconut milk gravy/curry. But many times in Sri Lanka, the omelette is cut into pieces before going into the curry.

There are versions of omelette curry in parts of South India, but a curry made with boiled eggs is usually preferred. That may be true of Bengal as well, but my friends Anindya and Madhushree Basu who blog together from Kolkata as Pikturenama, make a delicious omelette curry based on Anindya's mother's recipe. They make a thick masala omelette with multiple layers and put it into a thin, home-style Bengali curry and watch the layers of omelette float around in it.

But the king of all South Asian omelette curries may be Goa's ros omelette, a dish that only became popular in the 1990s and is now ubiquitous. The great Goan chef, Rahul Gomes Pereira, who goes by the nickname Picu, traced its origins for me.

According to Picu, the dish we know as xacuti, which is at the heart of a ros omelette, has its origins in the village of Pernem near the Maharashtra-Goa border. It was a part of what the Goans regard as the food of their Hindu communities and was a curry that was originally made with vegetables (the 'shaak' in xacuti). It spread all over Goa, took on a Portuguese spelling (the X in xacuti) and was made first with wild boar and then with chicken.

Picu's guess is that the ros omelette was invented in South Goa in the 1980s, when roadside kiosk-owners began using xacuti gravy to moisten and flavour the bread or pao they used for sandwiches. Eventually, they started putting omelettes in the same gravy.

The dish spread to North Goa, by which time it got political. Picu says that Manohar Parrikar, who was a rising North Goa politician, became a fan of the kiosks that sold omelettes in xacuti gravy and as he rose in prominence, he began allotting spaces to hawkers in Panjim and the areas around it. (Parrikar eventually became Chief Minister and Union Defence Minister.)

It was only after Parrikar promoted the interests of the hawkers that the ros omelette ('Ros' for the gravy) became popular all over Goa and later spread to the rest of the country. The recipe is still simple enough: A masala omelette in a xacuti gravy, the ultimate omelette curry.

As the fame of the ros omelette has spread, chefs have adopted it and it now turns up on fancy menus at such restaurants as Mumbai's Masque, where chef Varun Totlani has created his own version. Still, I doubt if it will ever achieve the global fame of the classic French omelette or feature in a show like The Bear.

But frankly I'll take the ros omelette any time. You don't need free-range eggs, creamy butter or a mastery of technique to make it.

It is a dish that is almost idiot-proof. Anyone can make it. And unless you can get a great chef like Alain Ducasse to make your French omelette for you, a ros omelette is much tastier.

The views expressed by the columnist are personal

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The islands have an earthquake a week. Another tsunami and all that investment will be lost.

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{ INTERVIEW } NEHA J HIRANANDANI, AUTHOR, IPARENT

'Our children are born with phones in their hands'

On cyber bullying, the online lives of children, and the blurring of the difference between virtual and real

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1 What motivated you to write this book?

A few years ago, my daughter's school organised a dress-up day where the kids were asked to dress as an important character who had changed the tide of humanity. I asked my daughter, Zoya, what the popular characters were, expecting to see many kids dressing as Mahatma Gandhi or Mother Teresa. To my mind, these were people who had changed humanity. 'Not really mom,' she replied. 'A lot of people are dressing up as MrBeast.' When I heard her answer, I realised that we are witnessing a new world order. Our kids are living in a parallel universe from us. Right from what they find interesting to who they find inspirational is different. And so this book became an exploration of their online world. Incidentally, the kids in my daughter's school were on to something – (the American YouTuber) MrBeast made the cover of *Time* magazine.

2 How did your research change your perceptions about the online lives of children?

Well, it certainly made me realise how much we don't know! There is no precedent in human history for the impact of the internet, which means that all of us – parents and kids – are subjects in a massive global experiment. That was one of the frightening realisations. But the research also helped me appreciate the "good side" of tech, for example how it has democratised education and created new internet-only careers.

3 How differently do parents and children define "virtual" and "real"?

As parents of Gen-Z children, we are the last generation to remember phones that plugged into walls instead of supercomputers that slide into pockets. We are the last of humanity to remember what living, learning and loving was like before the internet. This gives us a unique vantage because we can still differentiate between "virtual" and "real", a line that is increasingly blurred for our kids. A teenager was recently telling me about an argument he had with his girlfriend. I asked him if the fight happened online or face-to-face. "What's the difference," he asked. That's when I realised that for many in Gen Z, there is no real difference between virtual and real. Those lines have blurred.

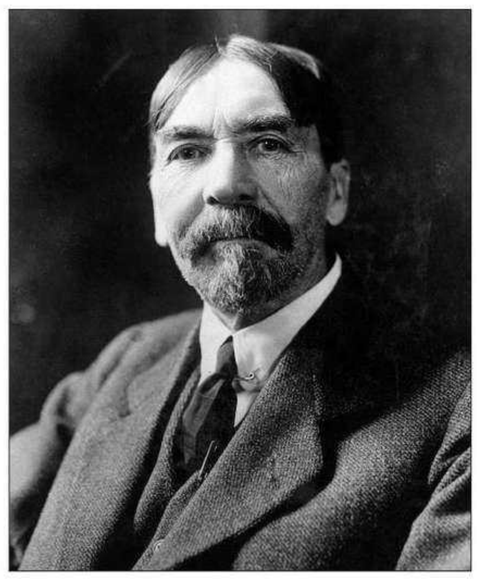
4 Your book mentions that half of Indian children online have engaged in bullying behaviours. Who, in your opinion, might intervene to reduce the spread of online bullying?

Yes, research indicates that 52% of Indian children admit to having bullied others online. That's a staggering number.

By the time schools find out about this, the situation is often already out of hand.

As parents, it is up to us to see the warning signs and intervene. India has one of the highest rates of cyberbullying in the world, and often it's not strangers but known kids who bully other kids.

The 95th death anniversary of Thorstein Veblen



The ideas of the American economist and social scientist Thorstein Veblen (above left), whose book Theory of the Leisure Class (1899) introduced the concept of conspicuous consumption as a marker of social status, seem as relevant to contemporary emerging societies as it was to America at the turn of the 20th century. The fact that this and related concepts such as conspicuous charity and pecuniary emulation now fit sections of society in 2020s India gives the work of Veblen (July 30, 1857 - August 3, 1929) a particular pertinence. (Above right) The Moneylender and his Wife, a 1514 work by Quentin Metsys, shows a couple obsessively counting their money. The canvas is now at the Louvre in Paris. HERITAGE IMAGES / GETTY IMAGES

A nation forever under siege

What Does Israel Fear from Palestine? by Raja Shehadeh is a record of the destruction caused by Israel since its formation, and the violence that Palestinians endure

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"Gaza was once a happy place with a happy people who had a great sense of humour and led lives like other seafaring people," writes Palestinian lawyer Raja Shehadeh — also the founder of the human rights organisation Al-Haq — in his new book, *What Does Israel Fear from Palestine?* Presented as a record of the destruction caused by the state of Israel since it was formed in 1948, and the violence and oppression that Palestinians have faced since then, it is divided into two parts. Part One, titled *How Did We Get Here?*, covers British colonialism, the Balfour Declaration of 1917 that mandated the establishment of a Jewish state, the creation of Israel and removal of Palestinians from their homeland (also known as the Nakba), the renaming of towns and villages to erase this history, the rise of the Palestinian Liberation Organisation (PLO), signing of the Oslo Accords, the building of the Separation Wall to divide Palestinian communities living in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank, tensions between PLO and Hamas, Operation Protective Edge in 2014, and active state support provided to Israelis to build settlements in Palestine and further the occupation. "The Palestinian refugees were not placed under the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) when it was established in 1951," he writes. "They were accorded special status and a unit was created by the UN specifically to take care of them. This was the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)." Since Palestinians were not defined as refugees within the UN Refugee Convention, this meant that their special status amounted to nothing.

To a reader who does not live in West Asia, this narration of history comes across as horrific because of what Palestinians have had to endure for decades, but it also seems incomplete because it does not include the Holocaust — the tragedy around which the entire Israeli narrative is built. Shehadeh also does not dig into how and why Hamas came into being. Still, it would be incorrect to conclude that the author does not sympathise with the horrors of the Holocaust. He calls it "one of the worst atrocities in modern history". While he does not condone the Holocaust, he does contest the framing of what happened in 1948 as Israel's war of independence. "The Israeli version of what happened in 1948 is the dominant narrative, and it is a narrative supported by that most popular of books, the Bible... It was against this background that the Palestinians had to tell the world their version of what befell them in 1948 and we are still not successful in getting this across," he writes.

The author questions Israel's strategy of positioning itself "within the group of decolonised nations" and its tactical use of the Bible as a historical document to back Jewish claims to Palestinian land.

The second part of the book, titled *The Gaza War, 2023-4*, looks at the unprecedented scale of Israel's armed rejoinder to the "Hamas attack of 7 October" wherein Hamas militants, according to Shehadeh, "killed some 1200 soldiers and civilians and took some 250 captives". He points out that this war is "by far the most devastating Israel has ever waged on Gaza" because about 70% of the Strip's civilian facilities and infrastructure have been decimated.

What Does Israel Fear from Palestine?
Raja Shehadeh
96pp, ₹209, Profile Books

Still, Shehadeh has not given up hope. He writes, "Should Israel not accept a fully sovereign Palestinian state, living at peace side by side with it, the alternative is that Israel would be transformed into an openly fascist, racist state that has to go from war to war." This would mean a perpetual state of war that is unsustainable as Israel cannot afford to "remain a nation forever under siege". He takes strength from Ireland and Spain's efforts to push the European Union to conduct a review of Israel's compliance with the human rights obligations that it is supposed to fulfil under its trade agreement with the European Union. It is surprising, however, that the book does not have much to say about South Africa's magnificent expression of solidarity in the form of the genocide case against Israel before the International Court of Justice.

Shehadeh's optimism might seem untethered to reality when he asks, "What if, after the devastating Gaza war, the USA came under immense international pressure to stop shielding Israel from the application of these laws (that prohibit the US Departments of State and of Defense from providing military assistance to foreign security force units that violate human rights with impunity)?" But his belief in the possibility of better times is not unfounded. The fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of apartheid in South Africa once seemed impossible too. The author believes the state of Israel is also weakened by polarisation along political, religious, economic and social lines.

He mentions the rift between European Ashkenazi Jews and Oriental Mizrahi Jews but does not look at the role of Israelis who have stood up against the state during the ongoing war. The distinction between the government and the people must be made in the case of Israelis as well as Palestinians for Shehadeh's dream — of working together as partners on the road to peace — to be realised. The book's title can be viewed as a rhetorical question. However, if it is treated as a question in need of an answer, one must address the fact that fear is an emotion felt by all human beings, whether they are classified as victims or perpetrators. It is not always based on fact and is fuelled by the narratives passed down by families, educational institutions, governments and religious leaders.

Unfortunately, in the realm of realpolitik, there is hardly any room to discuss these concerns because territorial security, military muscle and the sale of weapons are prioritised over everything else. One hopes that this will change.

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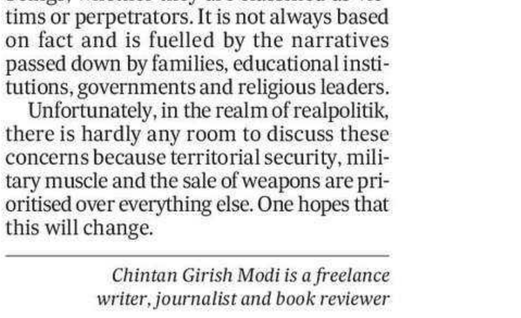


Palestinians make their way through wreckage following an Israeli raid in the southern Gaza Strip on July 30. REUTERS

{ HT PICKS } NEW READS

A SAGA OF RESILIENCE, FAITH AND POWER

In *Cauldron, Sword and Victory*, author Sarbpreet Singh takes the reader on a journey through the fiery crucible in which the character of the Sikhs was forged. Seers and mystics, conquerors and kings rub shoulders in this tale of history and politics. They embark on never-ending quests for land, power and glory. Singh's first volume on Sikh history told the story of the Sikh Gurus. Starting with the rebellion of Banda Singh Bahadur, he now turns his attention to Nawab Kapur Singh and his cohort of Sikh chiefs who became the masters of Punjab as the weakened Mughals of Delhi clashed with the powerful Ahmad Shah Abdali of Afghanistan. The reader is transported to the 18th-century Indian subcontinent as the Sikh chiefs engage with the British, Marathas, Jats and Rohillas, sometimes as allies and sometimes as adversaries.

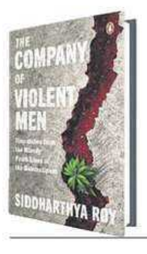
Based on a mix of eyewitness accounts, secondary sources and translations, this is an erudite and engaging book.

Cauldron, Sword and Victory: The Rise of the Sikhs
Sarbpreet Singh
462pp, ₹599, Penguin

OF MERCENARIES, MIDDLEMEN AND REFUGEES

In *The Company of Violent Men*, journalist Siddharthya Roy takes us on a journey into what it is like reporting on violent political conflicts in South Asia. From the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, where drugs and human trafficking are rampant, to the forests of Chhattisgarh, where Maoist rebels and the Indian State have waged a war for half a century, on to Kashmir, Roy explores the cycles of brutality, exploitation and injustice in which everyday people are caught. From a genocide survivor who asks for nothing more than a hot meal to an aspiring suicide bomber with dreams of global destruction, Roy paints haunting portraits of mercenaries, middlemen and refugees; each complex and morally ambiguous.

Roy often turns the lens inward with uncompromising honesty, examining his own evolution and the ethical dilemmas he faces. This book, part-memoir and part-reportage, crackles with the urgency of war dispatches. And yet, it peels back hurried headlines, making readers bear witness to what the reporter saw when he "looked beyond the olive-green of one fighter and the camo fatigue of the other, and talked to the humans who wear these facades".



The Company of Violent Men
Siddharthya Roy
288pp, ₹599, Penguin

REDEFINING CITYSCAPES AND LANDSCAPES

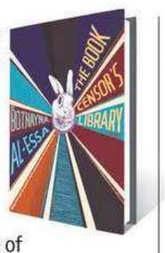
20x20 takes the reader on a tour through a select collection of homes across India. Built by architects both new and experienced and located in diverse geographies, the structures in this book include hillside holiday homes, modern apartments in large metros, and beachy villas looking out onto views of rolling surf.

Presenting a range of well-designed homes crafted by architects working in India, this volume includes work-in-progress photos, sketches, blueprints and the final architecture of the home as it all comes together. This book is essentially about 20 architects, their iconic projects and how they are redefining cityscapes and landscapes in the country.

20x20: Twenty Architects x Twenty Iconic Homes of India
Gauri Kelkar
362pp, ₹3995, Roli Books

ontheweb

READ: Set in the future, The Book Censor's Library by Kuwaiti novelist Bothayna Al-Essa features a book censor tasked with banning books on a range of forbidden subjects including philosophy and poetry. Translated from the original Arabic, the book is a commentary on fascism and repressive regimes.



Scan the QR code to read Sanjay Sipahimalani's review

{ AUTOBIOGRAPHY } ROMANCING REPTILES

The snakeman of India tells hissss story

Lamat R Hasan
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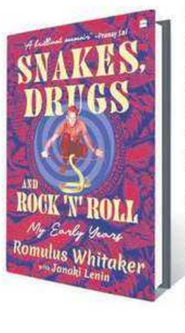
When Romulus Whitaker, aged four, came home with a dead snake, his mother made him promise that he would never kill one, even though this particular snake – "a harmless garter" – was killed by his friends. A few days later, he came home with a live milksnake and his mother photographed him with it. Thus began his fixation with snakes.

Now 80 and one of the best-known figures of wildlife conservation in India, Whitaker is known for establishing the Madras Snake Park, the Madras Crocodile Bank Trust, and for conserving India's rainforests.

In the introduction to his autobiography, he writes, "As long as I can remember, snakes have been the focus of my fascination and love. I was so lucky to grow up in the northern New York countryside, where harmless snakes were common."

His mother Doris Norden reinforced his curiosity by giving him the *Boy's Book of Snakes* by Percy Morris as a Christmas gift when he was five years old. Whitaker's parents divorced and in 1949, Norden married Rama Chattopadhyaya, the son of Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay (freedom fighter and comrade of Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi) and Harindranath Chattopadhyay (poet, actor and politician).

The family moved to Bombay two years later. There, Whitaker didn't wait for his stepfather to keep his promise of bringing home a snake charmer; he befriended one on his own. Soon enough, he was putting his mother's pillowcases to good use by catching snakes in them. Word spread in the neighbourhood that he could be called upon to catch sparrows, rats and snakes. At boarding school in Kodaikanal, "the snake boy" struggled to cope with lessons. But he was very good at smuggling animals such as a 6-ft cobra into the dormitory or fielding questions from other kids about snakes. Once, he rescued a tiny kitten from a railway platform in Trichy and carried it all the way to Bombay to gift it to his cat-loving mother. When the kitten was being introduced to the pet cobra, he mistook her for food and almost swallowed her. Later, the two became best friends. By his 14th birthday, Whitaker was 6 ft tall, a pro at fishing, and dreaming of owning a motorcycle and conquering girls' hearts. He also began to see the world through the eyes of animals, and while friends discussed plans of becoming pilots and joining the army, he was clear that he wanted to be a zoo curator or an extractor of snake venom. When he landed in the US in July 1961 to pursue college, he felt he didn't belong.

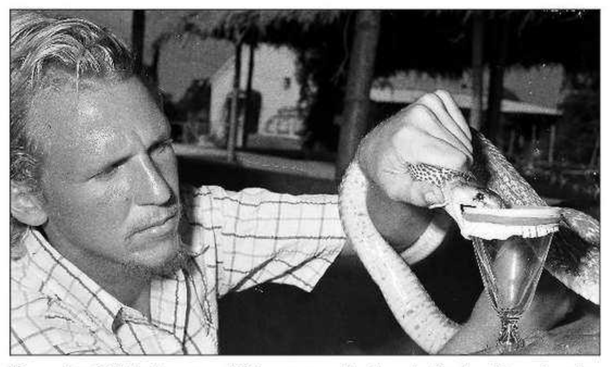


Snakes, Drugs and Rock 'n' Roll: My Early Years
Romulus Whitaker
with Janaki Lenin
382pp, ₹699, HarperCollins

"I was more an Indian at heart than a Whitey. This cognitive dissonance has lasted all my life," he confesses. He was homesick for India but had no money to buy a ticket back. He dropped out of college and took up the oddest of jobs – catching snakes, becoming a seaman, joining the army – to save up enough for his return trip.

Meanwhile, he encountered eastern diamondbacks, one of the heaviest venomous snakes in the world, and got bitten by an anaconda and a moccasin, America's only venomous water snake. He recalls, "...(moccasin) sank two white needle fangs into my right thumb... I didn't even dare moan when my arm throbbed. On the way, I began to think of my first venomous snakebite as a rite of passage. Now I was a professional snake hunter..."

Unsurprisingly, the only job he truly enjoyed was with the famous snakeman Bill Haast, at the Miami Serpentarium. Haast had survived 80 snakebites by then. When Whitaker was allowed to extract venom in the serpentarium, he decided that he wanted to replicate this in India, the land of cobras. But before all that could happen, in 1965, he was inducted into the armed forces. Not wanting to kill people or get blown up in Vietnam, he procured a fake medical certificate in an attempt to wriggle out. The committee, however, saw through his fraud and he was eventually posted in the medical pathology department of a hospital in Texas. Brutally honest, this book doesn't leave out anything – his love for rock 'n' roll, his affair with psychedelic drugs or with half-a-dozen girls.



Romulus Whitaker, aged 27, presses the head of a deadly cobra in order to extract its venom, at his farm in Tambaram, Madras, in a photograph dated November 11, 1970. GETTY IMAGES

After six long years and a sea journey that lasted 54 days, in 1967, Whitaker returned to Bombay. "Every muscle relaxed in a way it hadn't in the country of my birth...," he says.

Whitaker's autobiography was written with the help of his wife Janaki Lenin, author of *My Husband and Other Animals* and *Every Creature has a Story*. This page-turner which covers 24 years of the life of the Snakeman of India is an excellent read. Part 2 is eagerly awaited.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/53 Dated: 30.07.2024

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

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

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	40243022B	Tape Polyimide Kapton	18147 MTR	13.08.2024
2	40243255	Auto Aadhesive Tape (KAPTON)	50000 MTR	22.08.2024
3	40241510A	ELECTROLYTIC COPPER HARD DRAWN WIRE	18434 MTR	26.08.2024
4	20243549	Set of AOH/IOH/POH overhauling kit	32Set	23.08.2024
5	20243029B	BOLESTER ARRANGEMENT	13 Nos.	28.08.2024
6	20243721	CAPACITOR HORMONIC FILTER	70 Nos.	28.08.2024
7	20242835	KIT FOR AUTO DRAIN VALVE	245 Set	28.08.2024
8	20241045B	IMPREGNATING VARNISH COMPONENT	1115 Kgs.	04.09.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from **IREPS** website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** For any change/ corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. **1346/24 (A)**

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. EL-C-PRYJ-08-24-25 Dt. : 02.08.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Const/N.C.Rly/Prayagraj acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following work up to **15:30 hrs. on 27.08.2024.** The details of the tender are as under :-

Advertised value of work (In Rs.)	Bid Security (In Rs.)	Period of completion	Tender Opening Date
1,07,00,000/-	2,03,500/-	06 Months	27.08.2024

Name of work : Electrical GPS work in connection with work of "Subedarganj-Extension of platform shelter at Subedarganj Station in view of Kumbh Mela.

Note : 1. The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tenders are available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in** upto**15:30** hrs on the due date of tender opening. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate. **3.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. **1376/24 (AS)**

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

(Regd. Office PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification No. U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact 9646118773)

Short Term Tender Enquiry No.: Q-4027/24-25/PO-T/CE-MM

Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multi Storey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites **Short Term** E-tender of 4500 Nos., Three Phase, 200 kVA, ISI Marked, EEL-2/Star-2, of immersed, CRGO/Amorphous core, Aluminium wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specifications & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 03.08.2024 onwards.**

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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RAJASTHAN HOUSING BOARD

No. :- 386 Dated :- 31/07/2024

NIB : 02/2024-25

Bids for 1. Plantation work at Barli Housing Scheme, Jodhpur. 2. Remitting and carpeting of WBM Road work at khatadar plots sector-6, Kuri Bhagtasani Scheme, Jodhpur. is invited from intersted bidders from 05.08.2024 to 14.08.2024 upto 6.00 PM. Other particular of bid may be visited on the procurement portal **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in** of the state & **http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/rhb** Department Website.

UBN No. :- 1. RHB2425WSOB00126, 2. RHB2425WSOB00127

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E-TENDER NOTICE

Visit us at www.ireps.gov.in

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Elect. Services & Plant, Patiala Locomotive Works (Formerly Diesel Loco Modernization Works), Patiala (Pb.) for & on behalf of President of India invites open E-Tender on website **www.ireps.gov.in** for the following work. Tenderer may upload their original offer on website upto prescribed closing time & date. The offers will be uploaded up to 15.00 hrs of closing date and uploaded offers will be opened on same day at 15.30 hrs for the under noted work. No tender will be accepted manually.

Tender Notice No.	Name of work	Approx. cost of work (in Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rs.)	Completion period	Closing date & Time of Tender
PLW/EL/410/24	Electrical Work required for "Repair and Rewinding of Submersible Pump Motors sets of different capacities under running repair for two years in PLW/PTA".	790304/-	15,800/-	24 Months	On 23.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs

Tender documents are available on Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in and the same can be downloaded from there. All terms & conditions may be seen and downloaded from Railway website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in Payment of Earnest Money (EMD) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through Net Banking or only payment modes available on IREPS portal only.

Note:- Tenderer/s shall submit valid Electrical Contractor licence issued by any State govt./UT for any State/UT. Tender without Electrical Contractor licence will be summarily rejected. **2378/2024**

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An autonomous Society promoted by **Tribal Development Department,** Government of Gujarat
(Phone no.079-23252257)

E-Tender File No:VKY/2023/3049/D-SAG

TENDER NOTICE

Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG) invites e-tender from intending bidders for "Selection of a Design and Project Management Consultant (DPMC) for Museum, Curation and Allied Works of National Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum at Garudeshwar, Rajpipla, Narmada District." The tender document can be downloaded from the website www.dsag.gujarat.gov.in and www.nprocure.com.

Important Dates:

Online Bid Downloading Date & Time	**Dt.01/08/2024 by Time 11.00 hours onwards**
Pre Bid Meeting Date &Time	**Dt.12/08/2024 by Time 16.00 hours**
Last Date & Time for Submission of Bids (Physical)	**Dt.21/08/2024 by Time 18:00 hours**
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	**Dt.22/08/2024 by Time 11:00 hours**

Interested bidders are requested to download the tender document from the above mentioned websites.

Further details can be obtained from the office of Development Support Agency of Gujarat 3rd Floor, Birsa Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar. Gujarat- 382010. Phone : (079) 23252257, Email: ceo-dsag@gujarat.gov.in

Chief Executive Officer
Development Support Agency of Gujarat
Gandhinagar

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MATHERAN HILL STATION MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

MATHERAN-410102, TAL-KARJAT, DIST-RAIGAD
Email ID- mcomatheran@gmail.com

OUTWORD NO - MHMC/869/2023-24 DATE -02/08/2024

Public Notice E-Tender

The Chief Officer Matheran Municipal Council, has Published the declaration of E-Tender for **Conservation and Restoration of Charlotte Lake at Matheran (Re-Tender 2)** Details information is available on the **https://mahatenders.gov.in** website

Sd/-
Chief Officer
Matheran H. S. Municipal Council, Matheran

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE FOR MECHANICAL WORK YEAR 2024-25

NIT No. 17-2024-25 (C&W JU):

1. Name of work, location & Period : Hiring of MTS (Multi-Tasking Skilled) Manpower for "Upkeep & maintenance activities of DEMU coaches (i.e. TCs & DPCs) having passenger interface & other non-safety activities" at DEMU Shed MTD, 02 years **2. Approx. cost of the work :** Rs. 3,20,21,847/- **3. Earnest money to be deposited :** Rs 3,10,100.00 **4. Date and time for submission of tender and opening of tender :** On 21.08.2024 till 15.00 hrs through E-tendering online submission on IREPS, Tender will be opened soon after **5. website particular and notice board location where complete details of tender can be seen etc. : http://www.ireps.in** Sr Section Engineer (C&W) NWR, Jodhpur's notice board **NOTE :** The offer can only be accepted through E-Tendering on the website of https://www.ireps.gov.in/, Offer in any other form will not be accepted. The tenderer/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate & must be register on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate on e-Tendering. All relevant paper must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-Tendering **893-CR/24**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No.JHS-N-W-46-24 Date: 30.07.2024

E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/ Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line **(E-Tendering)** for the following works.

Description of work : Provision of S & T work in connection with CTR/TTR in Mainline section of Jhansi Division for FY- 2024-25.

Approx Cost : ₹ 13448981.90 **Earnest Money:** ₹ 217300/-

Cost of Tender Form : Nil, Opening of tender: 23.08.2024 Time 15.00, **Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance:** 12 Months, Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00 hrs. on 23.08.2024.** For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in (NORTH CENTRAL RLY/JHANSI DIVISION-S AND T)** **1361/24(DG)**

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BUREAU OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY

(A Statutory body under Ministry of Power, Government of India)
4th Floor, Sewa Bhawan, R. K. Puram, New Delhi – 110066
Website: www.beeindia.gov.in, Ph: 011-26766700

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Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) has been designated as Mission Directorate under the National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency (NMEEE) by the Government of India. For effective implementation of the Mission, BEE invites applications for One (01) post of Deputy Director General (Finance), sanctioned for the Project on Deputation or Short Term Contract basis.

Scale of Pay of the Post: Level 14 (Rs.144200-218200) in the Pay Matrix (Pre-revised PB-4 Rs.37400-67000 with grade pay of Rs. 10,000).

Eligibility: Officers of Central or State Government or Union Territories or Public Sector Undertakings or Universities or Recognized Research Institutions or Autonomous or Statutory Organizations (i) holding analogous posts on a regular basis or (ii) with three years' service in Level 13 (Rs.123100-215900) in the Pay Matrix (Pre-revised PB-4 Rs.37400-67000 with grade pay of Rs. 8700) or equivalent and possessing the requisite educational qualifications and experience.

Place of Posting: Selected candidate will be posted at Delhi.

For details of Educational Qualification, Age, Experience, Job Requirements etc., please login **www.beeindia.gov.in.** Applications in the prescribed proforma with documents should reach the Office of Secretary, BEE within 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News.

Secretary, BEE

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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	MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YAMUNANGAR-JAGADHARI	STRENTHNING OF CHOTI LINE WITH BITUMINOUS CONCRETE IN WARD NO.-06, MUNICIPAL CORPORATION YNR-JAG + 2 WORKS	31.07.2024 07.08.2024	1.01 CRORE	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9468201007 xen1mcynrjag@gmail.com

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

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, SUNABEDA
e-mail - serwsbd2003@yahoo.com

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No. 3119 / Dt. 1/8/2024

1st CORRIGENDUM

In continuation to this office Bid Identification No- CCERWCSBD Online-06/2024-25 invited vide this office Tender Call Notice No. 2857 Dtd. 12.07.2024 partial modification of TCN has been made as follows:-

Sl No	Item	Time Schedule as per original TCN	Time Schedule as per Corrigendum notice
1	Availability of Tender online for bidding	19.07.2024 at 11.00 AM to 02.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM	Extended to 20.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM
2	Date and Time of seeking tender clarification if any	01.08.2024 up to 2.00 PM	17.08.2024 up to 2.00 PM
3	Date & Time of opening of tender (Technical Bid)	03.08.2024 at 11.00 AM	21.08.2024 at 11.00 AM
4	Date & Time of opening of tender (Price Bid)	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders	Will be intimated later on to the successful bidders

All other terms and conditions will remain unaltered

Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Sunabeda
OIPR -25182/11/0011/2425

Uttarakhand Tourism Development Board (UTDB)

Pandit Deendayal Upadhayay Paryatan Bhawan, Near O.N.G.C. Helipad, Nimbuwala, Garhi Cantt, Derhadun - 248003 (UK)
Ph. 91-135-2559898

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Ref. No.: 2479/2-4-94/2024-2025 Date: 02 August, 2024

UTDB invites proposals through Uttarakhand e-Procurement for Development, Operation and Maintenance of following Assets in PPP mode:-

Si. No.	Assets Name
1	Resort with MICE & Wedding facilities at North Corbett, Kotdwar
2	Tent City along with the Convention Center at Ramnagar, Nainital
3	Himalayan Luxury Eco-Adventure Park with Heli Operations at Abbott Mount, Champawat

Detailed information regarding the above can be obtained on the websites: **uktenders.gov.in** and **uttarakhandtourism.gov.in** from **03.08.2024 at 3:00 PM.** Pre-bid meeting is scheduled on **13.08.2024 at 12:00 Noon.** Interested Bidders may seek clarification through E-mail: **pppcell.utdb@gmail.com** till **5:00 PM on 19.08.2024** with CC to **procurement.utdb@gmail.com.** Any Addendum / Corrigendum including date extension will be uploaded only on the website **uktenders.gov.in.** Proposals must be submitted online only through **uktenders.gov.in.** The last date for submission of proposals is **31.08.2024 till 3:00 PM.**

Chief Executive Officer

विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25 (284) दिनांक : 01.08.2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

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1.	HSAMB KAITHAL	SPECIAL REPAIR OF 4 NOS. LINK ROADS IN KAITHAL CONSTITUENCY (WORK PLAN 2024-25). ROAD ID 107, 114, 121 AND 136. + 1 WORKS	01.08.2024 21.08.2024	3.49 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416178720 xenkaithal3.hsamb@gmail.com

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RO No. 13/2025/40/28497/I/19/7

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1	HARYANA STATE FEDERATION OF COOPERATIVE SUGAR MILLS LIMITED	PURCHASE OF 50 KG. A-TYPE JUTE BAGS, 50 KG. PP BAGS (WITH LINER), LUBRICANTS AND UNSLAKED/ HYDRATED LIME	02.08.2024 22.08.2024	EMD 14 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9888455724 haryanasugarfed@gmail.com

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JKPDC — OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER GENERATION DIVISION BHEP-II CHANDERKOTE

Email: xenegenbhepii@gmail.com

E-NIT No.: GEN/BHEP-II/01 of 2024-25
Dated: 01.08.2024
E-NOTICE INVITING TENDER

For and on behalf of Managing Director, Jammu and Kashmir Power Development Corporation Ltd. the e-bids are invited from the original equipment Manufacturer (OEM) or its authorized dealers of Aqua pumps for the work as per the details given below:-

S. No.	Scope Of Work	Quantity	Estimated cost in INR (inclusive of all taxes)	Cost Of Tender Document In Rs.	EMD In Rs.	Date of opening of Bid
1.	Complete job of repair/overhauling of two number of 150 HP, 110 KW Submersible pumps with AQUA make/model items which includes complete rewinding of motor, replacement of mechanical seal set, replacement of upper and lower bearing, replacement of O chords, painting, removal and installation of pump sets at site, including freight charges etc. of 02 no's 150 HP, 110 KW Drainage & Dewatering pump located at the MIV floor of Power house, BHEP-II, JKPDCL, Chanderkote, Ramban, J&K	02	15 lakhs	1000/-	30,000/-	23.08.2024

Position of Funds: Available

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	01.08.2024
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	01.08.2024
3	Pre-Bid Meeting.	08.08.2024 at 12.00 Noon
4	Bid submission Start Date	08.08.2024 at 04.00 Pm
5	Bid Submission End Date	22.08.2024 at 04.00 PM
6	Date & Time of opening of tech Bids (Online)	23.08.2024 at 06.00 PM

A. Complete bidding process will be online. Price bid as well as pre-qualification documents **NOT** to be submitted in physical form. However the same shall be obtained by the Department/JKPDC management from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bid. The bidder will be out rightly rejected if any discrepancy is observed in the uploaded documents & the hard copies submitted by the bidder.

B. Tender fee should be deposited in account of Chief pay and Accounts Officer, BHEP, Chonderkote with
Account No. as 0240010200000002
IFSC code as JAKA0CHNDAR
Bonk: J&K bank Ltd Chanderkote

C. As per the guidelines of J&K Finance Department, Cost of tender document is to be paid in the shape of E-challan/treasury challan only, in favour of Chief Pay & Account officer BHEP Chanderkote. The prospective bidders will have to upload the copy of the some online, while submitting the online technical bid.

D. The E-Challan/treasury challan copy, pre-qualification/technical bid documents shall be submitted **online only** on or before due date and time of submission of bid. The e-bids not accompanied with tender document fee of requisite amount shall be out rightly rejected.

E. Earnest money deposit/security deposit in the shape of DD in favor of Chief Pay & Account officer BHEP Chanderkote Payable at Chanderkote.

Sd/-
No.:- GEN/BHEP-II/2024/224-28 **Executive Engineer**
Dated: 01.08.24 **Generation Division BHEP-II**
DIP-J-1447-P-24 **Chanderkote**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Executive Engineer Public Works Division Degloor, Dist Nanded

E-TENDER NOTICE NO.09/2024-2025 (Recall)

Online Tender (e-tender) in B-2 form for the in Nanded District total 01 (One) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Degloor, Dist Nanded (Phone No.02463-255111) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. From the registered contractor in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra State. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tender portal https://mahatenders.gov.in/ on sub portal www.mahapwd.gov.in as under.

Note: 1) Details of the tender documents are available on e-tendering **https://mahatenders.gov.in/** and **www.mahapwd.gov.in** website of the Government of Maharashtra.
2) If there are any changes in the tender notice, then the information will be display on the website.
3) Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Degloor, Dist Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

Sd/-
(Sandip A. Kotalwar)
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Degloor Dist. Nanded

Online Tender Document for M.P. Police

POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ/15/GPC/4033-2/2024 Bhopal, Dated : 01.08.2024

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited for 3 months For Rate Contract by Deputy Inspector General of Police (Provisioning) Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for FSL Items on website **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**

Plastiwares for DNA LABS of M.P.

S.No.	Name of Plasticware Item	Approx Quantity	EMD Paid Online Through mptenders.gov.in	Tender Fees (Rs.)
1	0.2 ml PCR tube	150000 nos	2,25,000/-	5000/-
2	0.5 ml Microcentrifuge tube	3000 nos		
3	1.5 ml Microcentrifuge tube	140000 nos		
4	2.0 ml Microcentrifuge tube	80000 nos		
5	96 Well plate semi skirted	1200 nos		
6	96 Well plate semi skirted, Sterile, DNase & RNase Free, Comaptible with 7500/ Quant Studio™ 5 real time PCR System	600 nos		
7	15 ml Centrifuge tube	12000 nos		
8	50 ml Centrifuge tube	2500 nos		
9	Cryo Box for 1.5 ml	250 nos		
10	Filtered Micro Tip up to 10XL/20µl, Bulk Packed	65000 nos		
11	Filtered Micro Tip up to 10XL/20µl, Racked	156520 nos		
12	Filtered Micro Tip up to 10µl, Bulk packed	65000 nos		
13	Filtered Micro Tip up to 10µl, Racked	147280 nos		
14	Filtered Micro Tip up to 20µl, Racked	110800 nos		
15	Filtered Micro Tip up to 50µl, Racked	30000 nos		
16	Filtered Micro Tip up to 100µl, Racked	60000 nos		
17	Filtered Micro Tip up to 200µl	105760 nos		
18	Filtered Micro Tip up to 1000µl	110760 nos		
19	Kimwipes, Pack Size-280 wipes	80 nos		
20	Disposable Latex Examination Gloves, pack Size-100 pcs	290 pkt		
21	Disposable Latex Examination Gloves, pack Size-100 pcs	35 pkt		
22	Nitrile Examination Gloves (Medium Size), pack Size-100 pcs	1010 pkt		
23	Nitrile Examination Gloves (Small Size), pack Size-100 pcs	215 pkt		
24	Nitrile Examination Gloves (Large Size), pack Size-100 pcs	130 pkt		
25	Optical Adhesive Film for RT-PCR 96 well plates, pack Size-100 pcs	22 pkt		
26	Parafilm dispenser with safety razor/cutter	30 bos		
27	Parafilm M 2 inch x250 ft.	50 roll		
28	0.2 ml PCR tube rack with Cover	250 nos		
29	Micro Pipettor Stand 7 places or more	35 nos		
30	Rack for Microcentrifuge tube (1.5/2 ml), 48 Places	250 nos		
31	Rack for Microcentrifuge tube (1.5 ml) 24 Places	250 nos		
32	Reversable rack with Cover	250 nos		
33	Sterile Disposable Petri dish 90-100 mm diameter	2500 nos		
34	Sterile Disposable Petri dish 150 mm diameter	3000 nos		
35	50 ml Tube Stand (12 places)	70 nos		
36	DNA Concentration device 0.5 ml	2200 nos		
37	DNA Concentration device 4 ml	976 nos		
38	Disposable Mask	17000 nos		
39	Disposable Head Cover	3500 nos		
40	Disposable PP Non-woven Shoe Covers	3500 nos		

1. Cost of tender document (Tender Fee) is non-refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & **Must submit online through website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app.**
2. Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police **(www.mppolice.gov.in).**
3. Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website : **https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app**
4. **Critical Date Sheet :**

Published Date	**02/08/2024 Time 16:00 PM**
Bid Document Download Start Date	**03/08/2024 Time 12:00 PM**
Pre Bid Meeting Date	**07/08/2024 Time 12:00 PM**
Bid Submission Start Date	**13/08/2024 Time 12:00 AM**
Bid Submission End Date	**21/08/2024 Time 14:00 PM**
Bid Opening Date	**22/08/2024 Time 16:00 PM**

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till clossing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum/ addendum/ amendment.
6. Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated latter.

(Sandeep Dixit)
A.I.G. (Provisioning)
For : Director General of Police M.P.

G-14421/24

Centre may give nod to Infy GST plea, close case

Government to stand by CBIC's circular on taxing Indian firms' overseas branches

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Centre's move to resolve the case comes at a time when India is signalling that it is serious about attracting investments. MINT

NEW DELHI/BENGALURU: In a move that could bring early closure to a potentially damaging tax litigation, the central government is likely to accept Infosys Ltd.'s plea that goods and services tax (GST) does not apply to the services the company avails from its offshore branch offices, a person with direct knowledge of the matter said.

This is after the Bengaluru office of the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) issued a pre-show cause notice to the country's second-largest IT services firm, flagging that it had not paid ₹32,403.46 crore in integrated GST (IGST) over five years between July 2017 and March 2022 for "supply of services" by its foreign branches.

On Thursday, Infosys informed stock exchanges that the Karnataka State GST authorities, a reference to the zonal office of DGGI, had withdrawn the pre-show cause notice and directed it to respond to DGGI's central authority on the matter. The company had received pre-show cause notice on the same matter from both the central and state offices of DGGI.

"No tax demand has been raised; only pre-show cause notices were sent," said the person cited above, who spoke on condition of not being named. "The (taxpayer's) plea in light of the CBIC circular on import of services by a related person will likely be accepted."

The CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) had on 26 June stated in a circular that services rendered by the overseas branches of an Indian firm would not attract GST. The circular came after the authority received representations from the IT industry in this regard.

CBIC is the apex indirect tax authority of the central government. The DGGI is part of the tax administration ecosystem.

A second official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the central government was actively discussing the Infosys tax matter for an early resolution.

The government's intention to resolve the case early comes at a time when India is signalling to the world that it is serious about attracting investments, offering policy stability and ensuring an investor-friendly environment.

Emails sent on Thursday and Friday to Infosys, CBIC, DGGI and the finance ministry seeking comments remained unanswered till press time.

Tax disputes arise in the case of intra-group supply of services because under GST, different offices or units of the same company in different states are treated as distinct entities, subject to conditions.

The latest dispute started after a note from the Karnataka DGGI office on Tuesday, 30 July sent to Infosys said that the company had set up branch offices abroad for carrying out business and included the expenses it incurred towards these overseas branches as part of its export invoice from India.

Each of these overseas branches is treated as "distinct persons" under the IGST Act, DGGI said, adding that the company is being investigated for "non-payment of IGST on import of services as the recipient of services".

Infosys countered that the tax did not apply to the services in question.

Stock markets tumble on weak global signals

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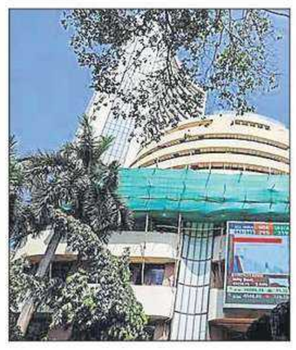

The Sensex has rallied 12.4% since June 4, while Nifty rose 12.94% over the same period. PTI

MUMBAI: Weak global cues snapped the Indian benchmark indices' five-day climbing streak on Friday, accompanied by fear gauge India Vix rising the most in almost two months, leading to Indian investors turning poorer by ₹4.78 trillion.

Displaying signs of rising investor uncertainty amid increasing recessionary fears in the US and worsening geopolitical risks in the Middle East, the Nifty plunged 1.17% to 24,717.7 and the Sensex, 1.1% to 80,981, the steepest fall since the general election results day on 4 June.

On Friday, FIIs (foreign institutional investors) sold shares worth a provisional ₹3,310 crore and DIIs (domestic institutional investors) purchased a provisional ₹2,966 crore, showed BSE data, but experts said likely selling by retail investors in the secondary market soured sentiment.

Indian investor fears were underscored by the India Vix, which rose by 11.4% to 14.41, the most since 4 June when the fear gauge had risen 27% to 26.75 after a weaker-than-expected performance by the BJP-led NDA at the hustings.

Andrew Holland, chief executive of Avendus Capital Public Markets Alternate Strategies, expects the volatility in Indian markets to increase, especially on supply disruptions to crude oil on rising tensions in the Middle East.

Gaurang Shah, senior vice-president at Geojit Financial Services, expects the Nifty to trade in a 24,600-25,400 range in the short term. But if geopolitical tensions increase, Indian stocks could be in for a "spot of bother", he added.

US equities could remain under pressure for a second straight day with non-farm payrolls indicating that 114,000 jobs were added last month against estimates of 176,000, and the unemployment rate rose to 4.3% from 4.1% in June, the highest since November 2021.

S&P 500 futures were trading down 1.67%, following an overnight fall of 1.37% in the spot S&P 500, indicating more trouble for the US markets, which could spill over to other markets next week.

Earlier on Thursday, US manufacturing contracted to 46.8 in July , the lowest in eight months and jobless claims last week rose to an 11-month high of 249,000, which affected global equity indices, including India's on Friday.

"Investors globally have shifted tack to a risk-off mode and India's investors aren't an exception," said Holland, adding that markets had not priced in a hard landing in the US.

"Even if the Fed cuts interest rates in September, it would take time for the same to be transmitted to borrowers so the risk-off could continue," Holland said. "Added to that is imminent retaliation by Iran on Israel for the killing of a Hamas leader in Tehran."

The Nifty has risen 12.94% since 4 June to Friday's close while the Sensex has rallied 12.4% over the same period, driven by FII inflows of ₹57,903 crore and DII inflows of ₹51,782 crore."

GOVT AIMS TO RAISE ₹10,000 CR IN GREEN BONDS DURING OCT-MAR

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NEW DELHI: The Union government plans to raise at least ₹10,000 crore through sovereign green bonds between October and March as it ratchets up efforts to secure funds for its various sustainability initiatives.

Overall, the government is looking to issue sovereign green bonds worth ₹20,000-25,000 crore as part of its borrowing schedule for 2024-25 to fund its climate mitigation initiatives.

The government earlier this year notified its plans to raise ₹12,000 crore through green bonds between April and September.

To reach its full-year target, it may even raise up to ₹15,000 crore in the second half of the financial year, two officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The quantum of funds raised through green bonds in 2024-25 is likely to exceed the ₹20,000 crore raised in the previous financial year, one of them said.

The government's plan to raise up to ₹25,000 crore through sovereign green bonds this financial year is a significant step towards financing the country's various clean and green energy initiatives, experts said, adding that its success will depend on investor perception and market dynamics.

"The government aims to price these green bonds at a rate lower than conventional government securities, banking on the appeal of their environmental benefits," said Venkatakrishnan Srinivasan, managing partner at Rockfort Fincap Llp, a financial advisory firm.

"This pricing strategy, known as 'greenium', reflects the premium investors might be willing to pay for green bonds due to their positive environmental impact." Green bonds offers investors an opportunity to align their portfolios with sustainable investment goals while potentially enjoying favourable returns, Srinivasan added.

A finance ministry spokesperson didn't respond to an emailed query.

After iPhones, Macs give Apple a bigger India pie

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Analysts expect FY25 to also be a year of double-digit revenue growth for Apple. REUTERS

NEW DELHI: After the iPhone, it's the Mac's turn. Even as demand for consumer gadgets remained sluggish, Apple set a new revenue record in India for the ninth straight quarter in Q1 of FY25, and iPhones continued to be its top seller in India.

What surprised was the new sales record set for the June quarter by its Mac laptops and desktops, which have played a smaller role in the company's increasing influence on India's gadget-buying preferences.

Estimates from experts indicate that Apple's India revenues from the Mac portfolio grew 67% year-on-year (y-o-y) in the April-June quarter, and the number of units sold increased 33%. Plus, share of India revenue in global Mac sales rose to 3% in Q1 of FY25, from 1.8% in Q1 of FY24.

Industry experts pegged the growth in Mac sales to increasing enterprise demand—a factor that could help Apple ramp up sales of its laptops and desktops in India over the next two years, if not more.

To be sure, iPhones still account for 85-90% of Apple's India revenue, with its net annual revenue expected to have grown around 30% in FY24. Analysts expect FY25 to also be a year of double-digit revenue growth for Apple.

Chief executive Tim Cook underlined this at Thursday's earnings call, stating that India was yet again in Apple's list of record quarterly revenue—amid a 5% annual growth in net revenue to $85.8 billion.

In the earnings call on Thursday, Luca Maestri, Apple's senior vice-president and chief financial officer, said, "Mac generated $7 billion in revenue, up 2% year-over-year, driven by the MacBook Air powered by the M3 chip. We saw particularly strong performance in our emerging markets, with June quarter records for Mac in Latin America, India and South Asia."

A poll of three sell-side analysts by Mint pegged Apple to have sold around 150,000-160,000 units of Mac devices in India in April-June this year. At average selling price (ASP) of ₹110,000 ($1,300), Apple is estimated to have earned around $210 million from Mac sales during this period.

In comparison, Mint research noted that a total of 2.3 million units of laptops and desktops were sold in India from all brands during this period at an ASP of ₹45,000 ($540)—thus generating $1.24 billion in net market revenue for the June quarter.

Thus, even with a market share of around 6.5% by volume, Apple accounted for nearly 17% of the revenue earned by brands in the laptop market. That's probably not surprising, considering Apple laptops usually are priced higher than rivals offerings.

In comparison, HP, Dell, Acer and Lenovo, the top four brands for laptops and desktops in India by volume as per a 16 May report by International Data Corporation (IDC) India, accounted for 78% of all PCs sold in the country.

Trai issues more stringent quality of service regulations

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NEW DELHI: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) on Friday released the revised regulations to set standards of quality of service (QoS) for telecom and internet service providers that have more than 10,000 subscribers.

In what will apply to landline, mobile and broadband services, the common set of regulations, called the Standards of Quality of Service of Access (Wireline and Wireless) and Broadband (Wireline and Wireless) Service Regulations, 2024, replaces and supersedes three older regulations.

The new regulations were finalised after the telecom regulatory held a consultation with stakeholders that started in August 2023.

Among the key changes, the QoS performance of mobile services will be monitored monthly instead of quarterly. To enable a smooth transition, service providers have been given six months to comply. Benchmarks for parameters such as network availability, call drop rate, packet drop rate and latency have been tightened to ensure better QoS.

THE REGULATIONS WERE FINALISED AFTER DISCUSSING WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS

Service providers will be given six to thirty months to upgrade their networks.

Under the new regulations, the service providers must publish on their website their QoS performance across parameters such as cumulative downtime, mean time to repair, how long it takes to fix a fault, latency and packet drop rate for broadband services, connections with good voice quality, and others prescribed in the regulations. Service providers must also display technology (2G, 3G, 4G or 5G) wise mobile coverage maps on their websites so that customers can make informed decisions.

Acceptable amount of latency has been revised while new parameters --- jitter (latency variation above and below the mean latency value) and packet drop rates (percentage of voice packets dropped by or lost in the network while uplinking or downlinking data) --- have been introduced.

To ensure that all service providers are evaluated across the same parameters, the regulations prescribe a detailed measurement methodology for different parameters.

Graded financial disincentives (FD) that increase with continued non-compliance have been introduced for all services; earlier, they were graded only for some services.

For instance, the minister of state for communications had informed the Lok Sabha in a written response on Wednesday that in FY24, a financial disincentive of ₹1 lakh was imposed on MTNL for higher than acceptable amount of drop call rate.

NTPC, NPCIL to start work on ₹50k cr nuclear project by Mar

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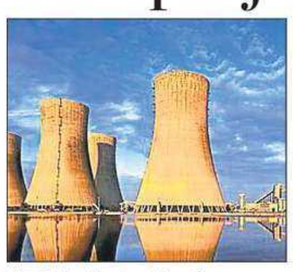

NTPC is also looking for a technology partner for developing indigenous small modular reactors. HT

NEW DELHI: India's biggest power generator, NTPC Ltd, expects to begin construction of a nuclear power plant in Rajasthan by March along with its joint venture partner Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd, spending about ₹50,400 crore.

The Union cabinet is expected to approve the transfer of the proposed nuclear power project from Nuclear Power Corp. to the joint venture shortly, said a person familiar with the development. The investment per megawatt for the 7x400 MW project will be about ₹18 crore, this person added.

The project is part of NTPC's ambitious target to set up 10GW of nuclear power capacity over 10 years, investing ₹1.5 trillion. India currently has only about 7GW of nuclear power, considered a clean and non-fossil fuel.

Nuclear power comprises 20 GW of the government's ambitious plan to install 500 GW of non-fossil power capacity by 2030.

"We expect the laying of the foundation stone (for the Rajasthan project) in the next few months," said a second person. Both the people aware of the developments declined to be identified.

In May last year, both the state-run companies signed agreements to jointly develop two pressurised heavy-water reactor projects—the Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Atomic Power Project (4x700 MW), and the Chutka Madhya Pradesh Atomic Power Project (2x700MW)—through their joint venture, Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Ltd.

However, NTPC will not be a part of the project in Madhya Pradesh, which Nuclear Power Corp. will develop on its own, the first person mentioned above said.

NTPC and Nuclear Power Corp. did not immediately reply to emailed queries.

NTPC is also looking for a technology partner for developing indigenous small modular reactors.

The government in its Union budget for 2024-24 announced that it would partner with private enterprises to develop small modular reactors, and would support research and development in the space.

These reactors can be factory-built, unlike conventional nuclear reactors that are built on site. They have a power capacity of up to 300MW(e) per unit, which is about a third of the capacity of traditional nuclear reactors, but can be set up in locations not suitable for larger plants.

India's nuclear power generation capacity is expected to reach 13.08GW in 5 years with the installation of seven new nuclear reactors, Union minister Jitendra Singh said in June. India currently has 24 nuclear reactors.

NTPC is also scheduled to list its renewable energy company, NTPC Green Ltd, on the stock exchanges, and has appointed book-running lead managers for it.

Record ITRs filed in FY24, 72% opt for new tax regime

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NEW DELHI: Income tax return filings touched a record 7.28 crore by end of July, the due date for declaring income earned in FY24 that ended in March, a 7.5% rise over the FY23.

That year had also seen a 16% jump in return filings to 6.77 crore by the due date.

Three-fourths of the filers opted for the new personal income tax regime in FY24, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) said on Friday.

Among this year's tax filers, 58.5 lakh are first-time filers, "a fair indication of widening of tax base", CBDT said.

The record tax returns filed and adoption of the new tax regime show that the government's efforts to enhance voluntary compliance and to simplify the tax regime with lower tax rates and fewer exemptions are showing results.

AROUND 58.5 LAKH ARE FIRST-TIME TAX FILERS THIS YEAR, INDICATING A WIDENING BASE

About 5.27 crore of the 7.28 crore tax returns are in the new tax regime. Only 2.01 crore return forms were filed in the old tax regime, which allows exemptions like house rent allowance, interest on housing loan and leave travel allowance.

"Thus, about 72% of taxpayers have opted for the new tax regime, while 28% continue to be in the old tax regime," CBDT said. Amit Maheshwari, a tax partner at AKM Global, a tax and consulting firm said the Indian tax landscape has gone through a transformation over the past few years driven by technology, increased transparency, and a widening of the tax base. "Rolling out the annual information statement that provides tax authorities with a comprehensive view of taxpayers' financial information has made it much harder for taxpayers to not file their taxes properly now," he added.

This, he said, combined with the use of advanced data analytics has added to the fear of receiving a tax notice due to discrepancies between AIS data and tax returns.

In FY25, the Centre expects to collect ₹22 lakh crore in taxes from individuals and corporations, which is 13.4% more than what was collected in the previous financial year, according to budget estimates.

New tax rule to close TDS loophole in property sales

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The move is expected to bolster tax collection and deter evasion in the real estate sector. ISTOCKPHOTO

MUMBAI: India's real estate market just got a bit more transparent for tax authorities, but this increased scrutiny can change the dynamics of property transactions. A new tax rule, effective from October 2024, will close a loophole that has allowed property sellers to skirt their tax obligations. Under previous income tax rules, any property sold for more than ₹50 lakh required the buyer to deduct 1% as tax deducted at source (TDS).

However, a clever workaround has been in play for years. To avoid the 1% tax deducted at source (TDS) on property sales exceeding ₹50 lakh, sellers and buyers would structure deals to keep individual payments below this threshold.

For example, a ₹60 lakh property could be sold to a couple with each paying ₹30 lakh, or a couple could sell a property showing each received ₹30 lakh, effectively splitting the total transaction value.

"Some people were of the stand that if they were paying less than ₹50 lakh individually, the 1% TDS was not required," said Nitesh Buddhadev, a chartered accountant and founder of Nimit Consultancy.

This scheme is about to end, as provisions of Budget 2024 will plug this loophole by considering the total sale consideration, not just individual payments.

As per the new rules, "where there is more than one transferor or transferee in respect of an immovable property, then such consideration shall be the aggregate of the amounts paid or payable by all the transferees to the transferor or all the transferors for the transfer of such immovable property."

This means that the combined payments of all buyers will determine the TDS liability.

The move is expected to bolster tax collection and deter evasion in the real estate sector. However, there are nuances.

NRIs and agricultural properties: The 1% TDS rule does not apply to properties bought from non-resident Indians which instead requires a TDS of 12.5% or 30%, for properties held for the long term and short term, respectively. "With the Budget changing the LTCG (long-term capital gains) rate on property to 12.5%, the TDS applicable on properties sold by an NRI will also be 12.5%," said Ajay R. Vaswani, founder of ARAS and Co.

Residents selling agricultural land are not subject to TDS. The 1% TDS is calculated on either the property sale value or the stamp duty value, whichever is higher.

PAN-Aadhar linkage: In some cases, the IT department demands a 20% TDS if the seller's PAN is not linked to their Aadhar, a rude shock for some buyers.

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- 27 Muharram, 1446
- 14 Shravana, Krishna Paksha, 14
- Samvat 2081

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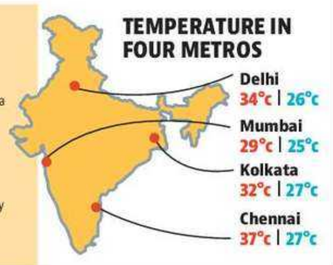

नगरीय निकाय निदेशालय, उत्तर प्रदेश
स्वच्छ भारत मिशन
नगरीय प्रशिक्षण एवं शोध केन्द्र व स्थानीय निकाय निदेशालय
सेक्टर-7, गोमतीनगर विस्तार, शहीद पथ, लखनऊ, उ0प्र0-226010

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन-नगरीय के अन्तर्गत प्रमोशनल सप्लाई हेतु विज्ञापन

स्वच्छ भारत मिशन–नगरीय के अन्तर्गत गठित **स्वच्छ सारथी क्लब के सदस्यों का सम्मान समारोह एवं 'अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय युवा दिवस' के अवसर पर दिनांक 12.08.2024 को कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया जाना है, जिस हेतु प्रमोशनल सप्लाई एवं सर्विसेज कार्यक्रम के** अल्पकालीन निविदा में प्रतिभाग किये जाने के लिए संस्था का चयन व कार्य पूर्ण कराये जाने हेतु संदर्भ की शर्तों (TOR) एवं आर०एफ०पी० में विस्तृत रूप से वर्णित सेवाओं के आधार पर चयन हेतु इच्छुक आवेदकों के प्रस्ताव स्वरूप स्वच्छ भारत मिशन–नगरीय द्वारा आमंत्रित किये जा रहे हैं।

उक्त कार्यक्रम से संबंधित आर०एफ०पी० नगरीय निकाय निदेशालय की वेबसाइट **https://urbandevelopment.up.nic.in/** एवं स्वच्छ भारत मिशन–नगरीय की वेबसाइट **https://upsbmurban.in/** पर **दिनांक 02.08.2024 से** उपलब्ध हैं तथा अन्तिम तिथि **08.08.2024 तक** मान्य है। अतः आवेदकों से निवेदन है कि उक्त कार्यक्रम हेतु प्रस्ताव आर०एफ०पी० में दी गयी पते पर कार्यालय के द्वितीय तल पर टेक्निकल एवं फाइनेंशियल अलग पर अन्तिम तिथि से पूर्व भेजने का कष्ट करें।

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING ONE RETAIL LIQUOR ZONE OF DISTRICT ROHTAK IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of one retail liquor zone of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) of district Rohtak in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The detail of zone available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code
1.	Rohtak	ZRTK18

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 5th August, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 5th August, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	5th August, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.16 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.
   The detail of reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.
4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online throughthe official website of the department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in.** The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in.** The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.
5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the district concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in.**
6. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.
7. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
Haryana

RO NO. 1037/11/240/2025/28531/19/7

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण
टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल, मध्यप्रदेश

विज्ञापन

खेलो इण्डिया स्मॉल सेंटर में प्रशिक्षकों की अनुबंध आधार पर सेवाएं प्रदाय करने हेतु आवेदन

भारतीय खेल प्राधिकरण, नई दिल्ली की जिलों में खेलो इण्डिया स्मॉल सेंटर संचालित करने हेतु एथलेटिक्स, फुटबॉल, बैडमिंटन, टेबल-टेनिस, रोइंग, हॉकी, कुश्ती, मल्लखंब, जूडो एवं आर्चरी खेलों में प्रशिक्षकों की आवश्यकता है, इस हेतु **दिनांक 03.08.2024 से 17.08.2024 तक** आवेदन पत्र संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम भोपाल में आमंत्रित किए जाते हैं। प्रशिक्षकों की रिक्तियां, योग्यता/अर्हता तथा पारिश्रमिक की दर व शर्तें आदि की जानकारी म.प्र. खेल और युवा कल्याण विभाग की वेबसाइट **www.dsywmp.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

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PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
Office of Chief Engineer/Fuel, PSEB (now PSPCL) Head Office, The Mall, Patiala - 147001
Ph. 0175-2219883, Fax: 0175-2215897
Email ID: cefuelpspcl@gmail.com, Website: www.pspcl.in
Corporate Identity No. U40109PB2010SGC033813

Memo No. 1500/CE/Fuel/C-320(X) **Dated: 02.08.2024**

Employment Notice

(Employment Notification No.: 02/2024 Dated: 02.08.2024)

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), a Power Generating and Distribution company owned by Government of Punjab, is looking for recruitment of suitable/eligible candidates for the following mentioned 57 nos. posts of the statutory manpower for operation and maintenance of Pachwara Central Block OCP (Open Cast Project), Amrapara, Dist. Pakur, Jharkhand purely on CONTRACTUAL basis initially for a period of 03 (three) years or till the age of 60 years whichever is earlier from the date of joining.

The documents checking of all eligible candidates shall be held as per following schedule at **Hotel Muskan, Near Ambedkar Chowk, Main Road, Pakur, Jharkhand:-**

Sr. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancies	Date of Document Checking
1.	**Manager**	1 No.	20.08.2024
2.	**Assistant Manager**	09 Nos.	20.08.2024
3.	**Assistant Manager/ Under Manager**	01 No.	20.08.2024
4.	**Surveyor**	1 No.	20.08.2024
5.	**Overman**	22 Nos.	21.08.2024
6.	**Mining Sirdar**	23 Nos.	22.08.2024

The Detailed advertisement is available on the PSPCL's website (**www.pspcl.in**) with eligibility criteria, pay scale and other terms & conditions. Candidates are advised to keep visiting the website of PSPCL for regular updates.

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Chief Engineer/
PSPCL, Patiala

SURVEY WITH TOTAL STATION OF THE ENTIRE NEW GUWAHATI YARD TO GUWAHATI YARD AREA

E-Tender Notice No. 20 of 2024 Dated: 31-07-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. GSU-GHY-03-2024. Name of work & Location:** (1) Survey with total station of the entire New Guwahati yard to Guwahati yard area, layout of track in yards, layout of sheds and buildings etc. checking of accuracy during execution of the work and other survey work as required time to time. (2) Architectural and structural design including steel structure design for covered shed (Pt. line, Sick line etc.), staging of overhead water tank, Parcel office, Guwahati 2nd entry buildings, other RCC buildings with Geotechnical investigation as required and instructed, report preparation for foundation design, etc. (3) Preparation of Revised estimate, preparation of NS items, rate collection etc. **Tender Value:** ₹88,66,219.38. **Earnest Money:** ₹1,77,300/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender: 13.00** hrs.of **22-08-2024** & opening at **13.00** hrs. of **22-08-2024.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Dy.Chief Engineer/Estate,Maligaon

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VARIOUS ENGINEERING WORKS
E-Tender Notice

Sr. Divisional Engineer (CO), South East Central Railway, Nagpur, invites E-Tender for execution of following works:-

Sl. No.: 1. Name of the work: Replacement of Rail/Sleeper opening type crossed drain with RCC Box type bridges on Nagpur - Durg main line under the jurisdiction of ADEN/Tumsar Road. Tender Notice No.: C/15/NGP/2024-2025. **Approx. Tender Value:** ₹ 3,17,73,925/-. **Earnest Money/Bid Security:** ₹3,08,900/-.

Sl. No.: 2. Name of the work: Supply and delivery in stacks 50mm gauge machine crushed stone ballast approx. 1,80,000 cum. confirming to Railway's specifications at Kalumna Ballast Depot and loading the same in to Railway wagons at Kalumna depot. Tender Notice No.: C/16/NGP/2024-2025. **Approx. Tender Value:** ₹ 15,66,19,800/-. **Earnest Money/Bid Security:** ₹ 9,33,100/-.

For both the above Tenders, the Bidders will be able to submit their original/ revised bids up to 15.00 Hrs. on **30.08.2024** only. Manual offers are not allowed. Details are available on our website **www.ireps.gov.in.**

Sr. Divisional Engineer (Central), S.E.C. Railway, Nagpur.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tendering Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Electrical Engineer, Gati Shakti, N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

E-Tender No.: JHS-GSU-ELG-2024-04	Approx. Cost (Rs.) : 7803057.98

Description of work : Electrical General Work in connection with Development of MAHOBA railway station in Jhansi Division under Amrit Bharat Yojna.

Earnest Money (Rs.) : 156100.00, Date of closing Tender : 23.08.2024, Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 12 months. • Tender online can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs on **23.08.2024,** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in**

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North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala)
Corporate Identification Number: U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number: 96461-18774)

RFP/Tender Enquiry No. MQP-240/2024-25/PO(M) **Dated: 02.08.2024**

Chief Engineer/Metering, C-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala, invites E-tender for Appointment of Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) for Smart System Metering (Feeder Metering and DT Metering), in Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (PSPCL) on DFOOT basis under RDSS. For detailed NIT and tender specification, please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **02.08.2024** from **04.00 PM** onwards.

Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-III, Northern Railway, Delhi Division invites E-Tender for the following work:-

Name of Work	Repair to flooring of sick line 1 & 2 at coach care centre & other allied works such as renovation of staff room staff toilets, Bathroom C&W mini control room, Repair to Approach road to Coach care center and Drainage improvement of ART Pit & Coach Care center Pit at Delhi Station in section of SSE/W/DLI/station under ADEN/DLI.		
Approx. Cost of work	₹1,81,96,691.58 (Rs. One Crore Eighty One Lakh Ninety Six Thousand Six Hundred Ninety One and Fifty Eight Paisa Only)		
Earnest Money to be deposited	₹2,41,000/- (Rs. Two Lakh Forty One Thousand Only)		
Date & Time of submission of tender bid and opening of Tender	23.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.	**Cost of tender document**	₹0.00
Website particulars where complete details of tender documents can be seen	**www.ireps.gov.in**		

- The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for participating in the e-tender system.
- For all terms and conditions please refer tender document.
- No manual offers are acceptable. • Cost of tender document and Earnest money will be acceptable through net banking or payment gateway only.

No.: 128-W/280/e-Tender Notice/NIT/25/2024-25/W-3 Dated : 30.07.2024

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MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
5th Floor, "Metro Plaza", E-5, Arera Colony, Bittan Market Bhopal-462016, Phone No. : 0755-2463585, 2430154
Fax No. : 4004137, E-mail : secretary@mperc.nic.in
Website : www.mperc.in

No. : MPERC/Secy/1867 **Bhopal, Dated : 02.08.2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FROM TO TIME EXTENSION

The Commission has issued a RFP (Request for proposal) on 15th July 2024 for seeking consultancy support from competent/eligible Consultants for monitoring and evaluation of quarterly report on subsidy demand raised by Distribution Licensees of State.

The due date for receiving bid proposal is extended as under :-

1) **Receipt of Bid Proposals - 1500 Hours of 16th August 2024**
2) **Opening of Technical Portion of Bids - 1600 Hours of 20th August 2024**

The Interested parties may submit their proposals strictly in accordance with the procedure laid down in the RFP/Bid document, so as to reach to the Commission's office as per the time schedule indicated herein.

(UMAKANTA PANDA)
SECRETARY

M.P. Madhyam/115726/2024

कोटा विकास प्राधिकरण, कोटा

क्रमांक:–एफ 3/लेखा/24–25/1440–60 दिनांक :30.07.2024

ऑनलाईन निविदा सूचना संख्या : 08/2024–25

कोटा विकास प्राधिकरण, कोटा की ओर से के0डी0ए0, कोटा में पंजीकृत उपयुक्त श्रेणी के संवेदकों एवं राजस्थान सरकार के किसी भी राजकीय/अर्द्धशासकीय/स्वायत्त शासी विभागो के अन्तर्गत "एए" तथा "ए" क्लास (विद्युत कार्यो के लिए ई–1/EWSD-1 श्रेणी) संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई–प्रोक्यूरमेन्ट प्रक्रिया से कुल 47 कार्यों **(UBN No : UIK2425WSOB00164 to UIK2425WSOB00210)** हेतु ऑन लाईन निविदाऐं आमंत्रित की जाती है।

उक्त कार्यों का विस्तृत विवरण, निविदा शर्तें, अनुमानित लागत, निविदा बेचने, प्राप्त करने एवं खोलने की दिनांक आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण वेबसाईट **https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** एवं **http://urban.rajasthan.gov.in/uitkota** पर देखा जा सकता है।

अधिशाषी अभियंता,
कोटा विकास प्राधिकरण, कोटा

राज.संवाद/सी/24/3203

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 01/2024-25 Dated 30.07.2024

Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, **Senior Materials Manager, North Central Railway,** Jhansi, invites the E-procurement tender for following items.

Description: Protection cover for Valve assly Drain of main compressor type RR20100CGM, Make-ELGI for 3-Phase Electric Locomotives as per WR Drg No- WR-BRCY-EL/4-CX-073

Tender No.	Qty.	Tender closing/opening date
54245230C	160 Nos	27.08.2024

Note: The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in.** **1366/24 FA**

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ऊर्जा भवन, 220 के.वी. विद्युत उपसंस्थान, बाई– पास रोड, सिकन्दरा, आगरा–282007 [CIN No-U31200UP2003SGC027460] [GSTIN No.09AACCD0695D1ZS] **ई–निविदा सूचना–** ई–निविदा विशिष्टीकरण सं0 डीवीवीएनएल – एमएम/3580–2024: आपूर्ति: Diesel Operated Forklift (5 Ton) with accessories- **05 Nos.,** Diesel Operated Modified Tractor Crane (5 Ton) with accessories (Tractor Power minimum 60 HP) **15 Nos.,** निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य: **रू0 5,900.00** (जी0एस0टी0 सहित), धरोहर राशि 3,55,000/–. 2. ई–निविदा विशिष्टीकरण सं0 डीवीवीएनएल – एमएम/3581–2024: आपूर्ति:- High Pressure Washer (Use in Oil)– 22 Set, 2 kW Heater Blower **- 44 Nos.,** Dot Pinning Machine (For Marking on Repair TF.) – **22 Set,** Hand Grinder Machine with Steel Brush Fitting- **44 Set,** निविदा प्रपत्र का मूल्य: **रू0 3,540.00** (जी0एस0टी0 सहित), धरोहर राशि: **रू0 24,200/–.** उक्त निविदाओं के सापेक्ष बिड दिनांक **23.08.2024** को समय **13.00** बजे तक ऑनलाईन जमा कराते हुए दिनांक **24.08.2024** को सायं **16.00** बजे खोली जायेंगी। निविदा प्रपत्र उ0प्र0 शासन के ई–प्रोक्योरमेंट पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर अपलोड की जायेंगी, वहाँ से निविदा प्रपत्र डाउनलोड एवं अपलोड किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा शुल्क केवल ऑनलाइन, DVVNL, AGRA की वेबसाईट www.dvvnl.org के माध्यम से ही स्वीकार किया जायेगा। विवरण के लिए कृपया निविदा प्रपत्र ध्यानपूर्वक पढ़ लें। **अधीक्षण अभियन्ता** (सा0प्र0–I) नरेन्द्र गुप्तऋषि अधीक्षण अभियन्ता – (सा0प्र0 – प्रथम) द0वि0नि0लि0, आगरा। **"राष्ट्रहित में बिजली बचायें"** पत्रांक–3108/अधी0अभि0(सा0प्र0–I)/आगरा/विज्ञापन दिनांक 02.08.2024

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E-TENDER NOTICE No.06 For 2024-25

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the following works is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division. Jawhar. (Phone No. 02520-222226) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the **Registered Contractors** in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.

This tender notice contains **27 (Twenty Seven)** work and their details can also be viewed on **www.mahapwd.com** and also downloaded from Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal **http://mahatenders.gov.in** and sub portal.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Work Portion (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest Money (Rs)	Class of Contractor	Tender form Fee	Time Limit in Calender	Remark
1.	S.T.B.T to Aptalegaon to Chandrapur Smashanbhumi Road. Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	39,01,839.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
2.	Construction of Pipe Deep on Debra Savarpada Road, Taluka-Jawhar District-Palghar.	16,43,476.00	17,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
3.	S.T.B.T to Sawarpada to Daskod Road, Taluka-Jawhar.District-Palghar.	24,10,910.00	26,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
4.	S.T.B.T to Palvipada to Doharepada Road, Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	23,99,194.00	26,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
5.	S.T.B.T to Bhagada to Ozar Road, Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	23,72,227.00	26,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
6.	Improvement of Road Dabheri Rojpada, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	24,10,943.00	25,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
7.	Construction of Pipe Deep on Morchapada to Bhagada Road, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	16,28.927.00	17,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
8.	Construction of Pipe Deep on Vikichamal to Pimpalpada Savarpada Road, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	16,43,138.00	17,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
9.	S.T.B.T to Jambhyachapada to Sarsungaon Road, Taluka- Jawhar, District-Palghar.	23,77,011.00	26,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
10.	Construction or Protection Wall on Nyahale to Chamilpada Road, Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	15,92,330.00	17,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
11.	S.T.B.T. to Doharepada to Rammandir Road, Taluka-Jawhar District-Palghar.	22,88,402.00	25,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge. 50545117-53
12.	S.T.B.T. to Kogada to Wadoli Road, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	22,94,798.00	25,000.00	Class V(A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53..
13.	Strengthening and Widening to S.H.77 to Khadkhad Kundachapada Aaptale Kundachapada Alivmal Aakhar Sakur Road Km. 12/440 to 13/500, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	78,87,576.00	83,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50540106-53.
14.	Construction or Protection Wall Strengthening and Widening to Vawar Vangani. Malghar. Vinval, Borale. Jamsar, Nyahale B to S.H.30 to Nyahale Khu. To Kharvand, Bhuritek, Aadoshi Road. Km.47/00 to 48/00. Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	78,84,938.00	83,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50540106-53.
15.	Construction of Protection Wall Strengthening and Widening to Vawar, Vangani. Malghar, Vinval, Borale, Jamsar. Nyahale B to S.H.30 lo Nyahale Khu. To Kharvand, Bhuritek, Aadoshi Road. Km.46/00 to 47/00. Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	95,83,763.00	1,00,000.00	Class IV & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50540106-53.
16.	Construction of Protection Wall Strengthening and Widening to Vawar Vangani. Malghar. Vinval. Borale, Jamsar. Nyahale B to S.H.30 to Nyahale Khu. To Kharvand, Bhuritek, Aadoshi Road. Km.13/800 lo 15/200 Taluka-Jawhar. District-Palghar.	95,92,884.00	1,00,000.00	Class IV & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50540106-53.
17.	Strengthening and Widening to S.H.77 to Gorthan Kogda Dchare Kortad Dunganipada Kirmira to Dablon Road Km.2/00 to 4/00, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	95,93,605.00	1,00,000.00	Class IV & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50540106-53.
18.	Improvement of Jawhar to Adkhadak Road, Km 0/00 to 2/00 Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	38,51,012.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
19.	Improvement of Protection Wall on Patilpada to Palshin Road. Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	15,96,180.00	17,000.00	Class V (A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
20.	Improvement of Protection Wall on Dehara to Palshin Road, Taluka-Jawhar, District-Palghar.	15,95,335.00	17,000.00	Class V (A) & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
21.	Improvement of Road S.H.78 to Nikamwadi Payaryachiwadi Road, Km. 0/00 to 1/00. Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	92,49,147.00	99,000.00	Class IV & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 (04) Road and Bridge 50545117-53.
22.	Construction Protection Wall and Gutter to S.H. 78 to Kiniste Road V.R.103 Km. 1/00 to 2/00, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	41,47,335.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
23.	Construction Protection Wall and Gutter to Kasti to Savarde Road V.R.106 Km. 0/00 to 1/00, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	41,47,200.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
24.	Construction Protection Wall and Gutter to Kasti to Savarde Road V.R.106 Km 2/00 to 3/00, Taluka- Mokhada,District-Palghar.	41,46,507.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
25.	Construction Protection Wall and Gutter to Kiniste to Kashti Road V.R. 107 Km. 0/00 to 1/00, Taluka-Mokhada. District-Palghar.	41,46.372.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
26.	Construction Protection Wall and Gutter to Kasti to Savarde Road V.R.106 Km. 1/00 to 2/00, Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	41,54,918.00	43,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18 % GST RS.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53
27.	Improvement to Road and Gutter S.H.34 to Khodala Police Station Shirasgaon Road. Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar.	82,46,059.00	84,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18 % GST RS.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including Monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53

Period of E-Tenders Date-02/08/2024 to Date-09/08/2024
Date or Opening Date-12/08/2024 after 11.00 hrs. (If possible)

The Executive Engineer P. W. Division Jawhar Reserves right to Accept or Reject any offer. Conditional offers will not be accepted.

Note:-

1 All eligible/ interested e-tenders are required to be enrolled on portal enrolled on ports **http://mahatenders.gov.in** before down loading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
2 The Electronic tendering system for Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra will be available on separate Sub Portal with URL **http://mahatenders.gov.in** as part of the Electronic Tendering system of Government of Maharashtra which is available on the Portal **http://maharashtra.etenders.in**

QW.No./PWD/JWR/TC/8401
Office of the Executive Engineer Public Work Division, Jawhar Dist. Palghar. Pin-401603
Date :- 25/07/2024
DGIPR/2024-2025/ROC1538

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P. W. Division, Jawhar
Dist-Palghar

buzz

Sanjay Shukla assumed the charge as MD of National Housing Bank

Sanjay Shukla officially assumed the role of Managing Director (MD) of the National Housing Bank (NHB) effective July 30.

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. Prior to his appointment at NHB, Shukla served as the founding MD & CEO of Centrum Housing Finance Limited since Oct 2016.

Acharya Innovation Challenge Finale showcases groundbreaking projects

The Acharya Innovation Challenge Finale was a success, celebrating the innovative spirit of students. The event featured a showcase of groundbreaking projects, judged by an esteemed panel of speakers, who highlighted the critical role of technology and entrepreneurship in today's world, inspiring the audience with their insights. From over 80 impressive entries, the most promising ideas were awarded prizes and certificates, celebrating the participants' ingenuity and hard work.

GAIL clocks Revenue of Rs 33,692 crore in Q1 FY-25

GAIL (India) Ltd reported Revenue from Operations of Rs 33,692 crore in Q1 FY-25 as against Rs 32,227 crore in Q1 FY-24. Profit before Tax in Q1 FY-25 stood at Rs 3,642 crore as against Rs 1,889 crore in Q1 FY-24. Profit after Tax in Q1 FY-25 stood at Rs 2,724 crore as against Rs 1,412 crore in Q1 FY-24. Quarter on Quarter basis, Revenue from Operations was higher at Rs 33,692 crore in Q1 FY-25 as against Rs 32,335 crore in Q4 FY-24. PBT registered a robust growth of 28% to Rs 3,642 crore in Q1 FY-25.

ESIC recruits 1221 doctors in last two months

ESIC has approved the recruitment of 1,221 doctors in different medical cadres in the last two months. 860 General Duty Medical Officers (GDMOs), 330 Assistant Professors and 31 Specialists have been recruited. Further, the examination for filling 1,930 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).

Viraasat Expo organised during the 10th Handloom Day celebrations

Ministry of Textiles, Govt of India is celebrating the 10th National Handloom Day on August 7. On this occasion, the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Ministry of Textiles is organising an exhibition "Viraasat - My Handloom My Pride Expo 2024' at Dilli Haat, Opp. INA Market, New Delhi from August 1-15.

The Expo aims to promote traditional handloom and handicraft products from all parts of India. Through this exhibition, 42 handloom awardee weavers and 118 handicraft artisans from different parts of the country will get direct access to customers.

The key attraction of the expo will be the availability of exclusive handloom and handicraft products from across India.

ICG deploys disaster relief team for Wayanad landslides

In response to the landslide disaster in Wayanad, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) District Headquarters (Kerala & 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.

BIS Ghaziabad organises Hallmarking Awareness event

Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) Ghaziabad Branch successfully organised a Hallmarking Awareness Programme for the Jewellers of Rampur. Organised in collaboration with the Rampur Jewellers Association, the programme was aimed at educating the Jewellers about the importance of Hallmarking and its benefits.

7th ICG Subordinate Officers' Conclave 2024 inaugurated

The 7th Indian Coast Guard Subordinate Officers' Conclave 2024 was inaugurated by DG Rakesh Pal, AVSM, PTM, TM, at ICG Headquarters, New Delhi. The two-day Conclave is scheduled on Aug 1- 2 on the theme 'Towards an Inclusive Approach' and comprises of various brainstorming and plenary sessions.

Dr Jitendra Singh shares insights about Pension Adalat

Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, MoS PMO, Department of Atomic Energy, Department of Space, and MoS Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions stated that Govt has launched the Pension Adalat as a platform for redressal of pensioners' grievances received on Centralised Pension Grievances Redress and Monitoring System portal in his written reply to an unstarred question in Rajya Sabha. Dr Jitendra Singh shared that more than 70 per cent of pension grievances were redressed by Pension Adalats from 2017 to 2024.

Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024 held

CSIR-AMPRI, Bhopal, in collaboration with Vijnana Bharati Madhya Bharat Province, the MP Council of Science and Technology, Bhopal, MP Bhoj (Open) University, Bhopal; CSIR-NIScPR, New Delhi, and ABVHV, Bhopal, organised the "Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024".

Peerless Group MD shares insights about company

Jayanta Roy, MD at Peerless General Finance & Investment Company Ltd shared the transformative journey of the company over the years. He said, "At Peerless, we understand the importance of adapting to change, hence the entire Group has embarked upon a transformation journey."

India and Vietnam team up and sign MoU

India and Vietnam, two nations with a rich and intertwined maritime history, are joining forces to develop the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) in Lothal, Gujarat. An MoU was signed between India and Vietnam at Hyderabad House in New Delhi, in the presence of PM Modi and the Prime Minister of Vietnam Pham Minh Chinh. This MoU marks a significant step forward in the collaborative efforts to bring the NMHC to life, further strengthening the strategic partnership between the two nations.

The four-day Industry Connect Conclave 2024 was inaugurated on July 31 at the University Auditorium of VIT Bhopal. Chetanya Kasyap, Minister, Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Govt of MP, graced the inauguration ceremony and delivered the Chief Guest address online.

KIIT Deemed to be University was granted the distinguished Special Consultative Status by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (UN ECOSOC), recognising the University's substantial contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

REC Power Development and Consultancy Ltd handed over a project-specific SPV viz, NERGS-I Power Transmission Limited to M/s Techno Electric & Engineering Company Limited, formed for the establishment of a new 400 kV switching station at Bokajan in Assam and LILO of both circuits of Misa.

In recognition of the impressive performance of the Indian shooting team at the Paris Olympics, Union Sports Minister for Youth Affairs & Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, along with Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, felicitated six outstanding shooters post their return to the country.

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated a three-day 'State Museum Conclave on the upcoming Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum', organised by the Ministry of Culture at Bharat Mandapam to foster collaboration among State Museums and the Central Govt.

ICG District Headquarters (Kerala & Mahe) and ICG Station Beypore are engaged in ongoing disaster relief operations in Wayanad, in coordination with State administration, Indian Army, Indian Navy, National Disaster Response Force, Fire and Rescue Services, Local Police, and volunteer groups.

Sushant University celebrated World IVF Day on July 25, marking the occasion with insightful presentations from esteemed doctors representing four renowned hospitals and fertility centres. The event aimed to raise awareness about In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF).

Maharaja Agrasen Business School hosted the Orientation Programme 'Adhwan' for its newly admitted PGDM 2024-26 batch. The event followed the completion of a 40-day onboarding program, 'Buniyaad', designed to strengthen the fundamentals of management.

भा०कृ०अनु०प०-राष्ट्रीय पादप जैव प्रौद्योगिकी संस्थान
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Lal Bahadur Shastri Building, Pusa Campus, New Delhi-110012

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW

Eligible candidates may appear in Walk-in-Interview starting at **11.00 am on 06.09.2024** for temporary position of **YP-I and YP-II** in an various projects running in the Institute. The details regarding number positions, eligibility, emoluments, application from, venue etc. can be downloaded from the website (**www.nipb.icar.gov.in**)

(Assistant Administrative Officer)

Prayagraj Smart City Limited
New Building (East), Nagar Nigam Campus,
1, Sarojini Naidu Marg, Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh 211001

Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) - Fourth Call (Very Short-Term Notice)

Notice Inviting Tender on behalf of Prayagraj Smart City Limited, Prayagraj Uttar Pradesh for the following works:

"Beautification of Building Work at Dog Park near Medical Chauraha in Prayagraj City (UP) Under Smart City Mission."

Online Bid is invited for the above-mentioned work. For more details, please visit the website at http://www.etender.up.nic.in on 03.08.2024 at 5:00pm.

पत्रांक : सं.डी.-3133/ज0सर्म्प0अधि0/2024
दिनांक 02.08.2024

Mission Manager (General)
Prayagraj Smart City Limited

Government of Maharashtra
Other Backward Bahujan Welfare Department
First Floor, Mantralaya, Mumbai 400 032

NOTICE FOR E-TENDER

Other Backward Bahujan Welfare Depatment, Government of Maharashtra (OBBW) hereby invites reputed Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM)/Authorized Distributor/Dealer for Supply of Educational Writing Kits for Class Rooms of the Ashram Schools of Other Backward Bahujan Welfare Department in Maharashtra State.

For the detailed tender document, interested bidders should visit **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

Tender Submission would be online and the deadline to submit the proposal is 19/08/2024 at 5.00 pm.

Date 02/08/2024

Sd/-
(Vinita Singal, I.A.S)
Principal Secretary
Other Backward Bahujan Welfare Department.

DGIPR/2024-2025/ROC 1574

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RE-ALLOTMENT OF ONE ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT GURUGRAM (EAST) IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for re-allotment of Zone No. ZGRE15 of retail liquor vends of country liquor and Indian Made. Foreign Liquor (L-2/L-14A) of district Gurugram (East) in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the remaining period of excise policy year 2024-25.
2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 5th August, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 5th August, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	5th August, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.17 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.
   The reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.
4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in.** The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.
5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETC (ST) of the district Gurugram (East). These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**.
6. The re-allotment of this zone shall be done at the risk and cost of original allottee. The original allottee shall be liable to make up any deficiency incurred by the state as a result of the re-allotment of this zone.
7. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/ instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.
8. The allotment of license shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
Haryana

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It is proposed to fill up the following vacancies in this office on deputation (ISTC) basis:-

S. No.	Designation	Tentative no. of vacancies	Level in the pay matrix as per 7th CPC	Tentative Place of Posting
01	Additional Director (Financial Transaction)	01	Level-13	Delhi/ Mumbai/ Kolkata/ Chennai/ Hyderabad
02	Joint Director (Capital Market)	01	Level-12	
03	Joint Director (Investigation)	02		
04	Deputy Director (Corporate Law)	10	Level-11	
05	Deputy Director (Forensic Audit)	01		
06	Deputy Director (Investigation)	02		
07	Senior Assistant Director (Forensic Audit)	02	Level-10	
08	Senior Prosecutor	01		
09	Assistant Director (Investigation)	23	Level-8	
	Total	**43**		

2. Since, these are deputation (ISTC) posts, private candidates need not to apply.
3. The number of posts advertised are tentative and may increase/decrease on administrative grounds. Interested and willing eligible candidates may forward their application/s, complete in all respects, through proper channel in prescribed proforma to - The Director, Serious Fraud Investigation Office, Pt. Deendayal Antyodaya Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003, by Speed Post within 60 days from the date of publication of this advertisement in Employment News. For details, please visit **sfio.gov.in** or **www.mca.gov.in**.
3. Separate applications may be forwarded for each post as per proforma along with photocopies of self-attested copies of educational qualifications, up to date ACRs/ APARs for the last 5 years, duly attested (on each page) by an officer of the level of Under Secretary or above, Vigilance Clearance Certificate, Integrity Certificate and the Certificate of major/minor penalty imposed on the officer during the last 10 years. The Cadre Controlling Authority may also certify that the particulars furnished by the officer have been verified and found correct.
4. The selected candidates will also be eligible for Special Security Allowance @ 20% of the basic pay. No deputation allowance shall be admissible along with SSA.
5. Applications received without ACRs/APARs, Vigilance Clearance, self-attested copies of Educational Qualification, etc. or otherwise found incomplete will not be considered.

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Online Percentage Rate Tenders are invited for the following work based on UADD SOR 2021 w.e.f. 02/08/21 and amendments till date from Contractors/Reputed firms who have successfully executed works of similar nature and magnitude.

Sr. No.	ONLINE TENDER NO.	Name of Work	Probable Amount of Contract (In Lakhs)	Earnest Money Deposit (In Rupees)	Cost of Bid Document (In Rupees)	Period of Completion (In Months)
1.	2024_UAD_211014_6	Construction of Houses and Development of Infrastructure for Affordable Housing in Bhopal under PMAY at Plot no 47 and 49 Commercial cum Residential Building Plan Bhopal.	**11066.00**	**5533000/-**	**50,000.00**	24 Months (Including Rainy Season)

1. The interested bidders may view the Detailed Notice Inviting Tender on website **https://mptenders.gov.in from 05.08.2024.**
2. The bid documents can be purchased online from **12 Noon of 05.08.2024 to 05:30 PM of 04.09.2024.**
3. Prebid meeting should be held on **13.08.2024 at 11.45 AM** at 3rd Floor HFA Cell ISBT Building, BMC Office, Bhopal.
4. Amendments to this NIT would be published on website only, and not in news papers.

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UPNEDA invites Online Bids from Prospective Bidders through e-tender Portal for **Supply, erection, testing and commissioning including operation & comprehensive warranty maintenance for 5 years of Solar Based Drinking water Kiosks at various solar cities of Uttar Pradesh as per specification given in Scope of Work of Bid Document.**

S.No	Name of Work	Tentative Quantity (Nos)	Estimated Cost including GST (Rs)	EMD Amount (Rs.)
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(e)	Financial Bid Opening date & time (Only of technically qualified bidders)	Shall be intimated later
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Carlos Alcaraz celebrates his semi-final win on Friday. REUTERS

Alcaraz extends his sublime run, marches to final

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OMEGA
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PARIS: Carlos Alcaraz moved one win away from becoming the youngest man to win an Olympics tennis singles gold medal, beating Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-1, 6-1 in the Paris Games semi-finals on Friday.

Alcaraz is a 21-year-old from Spain who already owns four Grand Slam titles — including in June at Roland Garros, the clay-court facility being used for tennis at the 2024 Games — and is about a month younger than Vincent Richards of the US was when he claimed the gold in Paris in 1924.

With dozens of spectators waving red-and-yellow Spanish flags at Court Philippe Chatrier or yelling "Vamos, Carlos!" on a cloudy afternoon — and a soundtrack provided during breaks in the action by a brass band in the stands — Alcaraz was superb.

He never faced a break point. He won the point on 10 of 11 trips to the net. He made just 13 unforced errors, 10 fewer than Auger-Aliassime, who also lost to Alcaraz at this year's French Open.

"I just couldn't find a way to be comfortable in any pattern, any position. Whether it was trying to dominate the forehand cross-court or change of direction, the forehand inside-out, the backhand side," Auger-Aliassime said. "Every aspect. The movement. The defence. I was dominated."

Auger-Aliassime is a 23-year-old Canadian whose best showing at a major tournament was a semi-final appearance at the 2021 US Open.

Auger-Aliassime made it to that round back then when Alcaraz, just 18 at the time, stopped playing in the second set of their quarter-final because of an injured leg muscle.

"He's improved a lot, every time we've played," said Auger-Aliassime, who beat Alcaraz in each of their first three head-to-heat contests but now has lost the four since, all in straight sets. "I don't have the solutions right now."

The Alcaraz on display during his Olympics debut is, indeed, much more of a finished product, someone who has won 12 consecutive matches at Roland Garros and collected a second consecutive title at Wimbledon last month too.

Alcaraz defeated 24-time Slam champion Novak Djokovic in both of those finals at the All England Club

The women's singles final is on Saturday, with Zheng Qinwen of China playing against Donna Vekic of Croatia. Iga Swiatek of Poland and Anna Karolina Schmiedlova of Slovakia met on Friday for the bronze.

Swiatek used a towel to wipe tears from her eyes after earning a bronze for Poland's first tennis medal at any Summer Games by beating Schmiedlova 6-2, 6-1 on Friday.

The match took just 59 minutes, and Swiatek played much more cleanly than she did a day earlier in a straight-set loss to Zheng Qinwen of China in the semi-finals.

That result ended Swiatek's 25-match unbeaten streak at Roland Garros, the clay-court facility used for the French Open each year and for the 2024 Olympics.

In the men's doubles semi-finals on Friday, Matt Ebden and John Peers of Australia defeated Taylor Fritz and Tommy Paul of the United States 7-5, 6-2.

They will go up against another American duo, fourth-seeded Austin Krajicek and Rajeev Ram, for the gold.

In women's doubles, Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini of Italy advanced to the gold-medal match with a 6-3, 6-2 victory against Karolina Muchova and Linda Noskova of the Czech Republic.

On target: Manu enters 25m pistol final for a shot at her third medal

The 22-year-old's brilliance in the precision and rapid sections helps her finish second in the qualification round

There's no stopping for me."

This was Manu Bhaker after winning a couple of medals at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Athletes take a pause after competing in an Olympics. They touch cloud nine after winning one medal. We wouldn't be able to fathom the startling sense of pocketing two within days of each other because no one in Indian sport knew the feeling of it, until Manu did this week.

Yet, she didn't want to stop.

Sure enough, two days after grabbing an unmapped second medal, she came back to stake her claim for a third and explore further uncharted territory.

The two-time Olympian turned two-time medallist of this week on Friday booked her place in a third final of these Games, finishing second in the women's 25m pistol qualification with a score of 590/600 that was only bettered by Hungarian Veronika Major's 592, which equalled the Olympic qualifying record.

Esha Singh, the other Indian in the fray, finished 18th with a score of 581.

Manu, the first in independent India to have two medals from the same Olympics with her bronze in the 10m air pistol individual and mixed events, is already attached to history. On Saturday, the 22-year-old will take aim to detach her Paris Olympics campaign from anything else in the annals of India's Olympic tales. First Indian woman shooter to win an Olympic medal. Check. Two Olympic medals in the same Games. Check.

Yet, she didn't want to stop.

To put into context Manu's magic, Indian shooters had advanced to three finals at the 2012 London Olympics. Four years later in Rio (where, like London, there were no team events), India had two finalists. At the Tokyo Games three years ago, there was one. And it wasn't Manu, who featured in three events at Tokyo too.

What's been remarkable about Manu's days in the ranges of Chateauroux, from the morning of Saturday until the afternoon of Friday, is the consistent quality of shooting she has brought along across her three events. Third in the 10m air pistol qualification with a score of 580. Third in the 10m air pistol final with 221.7. Third in the 10m air pistol mixed team event with a combined score of 580 alongside Sarabjot Singh. Terrific in the 10m air pistol mixed bronze medal match shooting high 10s in all but three shots. Third after the precision stage of the 25m qualification scoring 294. Second after the rapid stage shooting 296. All along, she seldom dipped from the position she needed to be in — top eight in the qualifications, top three in the finals — to get to where she wanted to be.

Her lowest sequence on Friday came in the first series of precision, in which she shot three 9s for 97. She picked up from there, and how. The second series (98) had just a couple of 9s, and the third (99) had nine straight 10s. Manu began the three-stage rapid series with a perfect 100 that bumped her up to second, where she stayed despite the lone 8 of her qualification in the second series and two consecutive 9s in the third and last.

RUTVICK MEHTA
HT IN PARIS

If athletes being in their zone had a face and an instance, Manu at the 2024 Paris Olympics would be right up there.

And she's managed to stay in it even after the several forms of distraction that tend to follow a medal. After the first, she spent all afternoon and evening attending to the media and the calls from dignitaries from back in India. She was back the next day for the mixed qualification, and the next for the medal. Rinse and repeat, talks and protocols. This time amid the heightened outdoor heat.

Unlike in the mixed, the 25m event came after a two-day gap and there, with more time to reflect and revisit her moments of history, the challenge was to remain in the zone. Never once appearing out of rhythm back afresh as a twin medallist, Manu was back to doing Manu things at these Games.

Which, learning lessons from the debacle of Tokyo three years ago, is to just stick to routines and steer clear of thinking about medals. Every day — no matter medal, qualification or medal — in Chateauroux began at 5.30am for her, a deadline set by her coach Jaspal Rana to get out of bed. Yoga, breakfast, hit the range and shoot. The routine was faultlessly followed.

"She sometimes follows routines better than me, and I used to think I'm good at that," Rana said. In Tokyo, routines had made way for a pressure-filled bubble. Every evening after her day's work, the walk between the student and the coach — something they follow even otherwise to talk anything that Manu wishes to — from the range to the Village would follow. That was the only time Manu and Rana, staying put in an accommodation in the city about 20 minutes away from the Village, would have a chance to talk at length. On the evening of her second medal, there may have been a quiet celebration through that walk, of Manu going places no one had ever been to.

Yet, she didn't want to stop.

Want to apologise to Khelif for how I reacted: Carini

Angela Carini after her fight against Imane Khelif. REUTERS

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PARIS: Italian boxer Angela Carini, who abandoned her Olympic bout against Algeria's Imane Khelif inside 46 seconds, says she "wants to apologise" to her opponent for how she handled the moments after the fight.

Khelif is one of two athletes who have been cleared to compete in the women's boxing in Paris, despite having been disqualified from last year's Women's World Championships for failing to meet eligibility criteria. The 25-year-old's participation in the Games has proved controversial, leading the International Olympic Committee (IOC) to defend her right to compete. "All this controversy makes me sad," BBC quoted Carini as saying to Italian newspaper Gazzetta dello Sport.

"I'm sorry for my opponent, too. If the IOC said she can fight, I respect that decision."

Carini, also 25, said abandoning the fight had been a mature step to take, but she expressed regret at not shaking hands with Khelif afterwards.

"It wasn't something I intended to do," Carini said. "Actually, I want to apologise to her and everyone else. I was angry because my Olympics had gone up in smoke."

She added that if she met Khelif again, she would "embrace her".

After taking a punch to the face inside 30 seconds during Thursday's fight, Carini went to the corner for her coach to fix her headgear. After briefly resuming, she returned to her corner once more and stopped the fight. Carini later told BBC Sport: "It could have been the match of a lifetime, but I had to preserve my life as well in that moment."

The Russia-led International Boxing Association (IBA), which carried out the tests last year, said Khelif "failed to meet the eligibility criteria for participating in the women's competition, as set and laid out in the IBA regulations".

Khelif has always competed in the women's division and is recognised by the IOC as a female athlete. "The Algerian boxer was born female, was registered female, lived her life as a female, boxed as a female, has a female passport," IOC spokesperson Mark Adams said on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Hungarian Boxing Association has said it is sending letters of protest to both the IOC and Hungary's Olympic committee over Anna Luca Hamori's quarter-final match-up with Khelif on Saturday. Hamori will still accept her fight on Saturday against Khelif, according to MTI, Hungary's state news agency.

Gloves are off: Explaining the Olympic boxing gender scandal

A scandal has engulfed boxing at the Olympics after an Algerian in the women's competition who earlier failed a gender eligibility test beat her opponent in 46 seconds. The row has spread far outside the ring with even Olympic officials admitting it's a "minefield"

LIN YU-TING, 28
TAIWANESE BOXER

WHO'S INVOLVED?
Algeria's Imane Khelif (66kg) and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting (57kg). The row erupted after Khelif won her bout against Italy's Angela Carini in just 46 seconds with two strong punches to her nose. Khelif and Lin were disqualified from the New Delhi worlds last year by IBA for not meeting the "eligibility criteria". Both were cleared to box in Tokyo Olympics too

WHAT WAS THE 'ELIGIBILITY' TEST?
The IBA has said the boxers "didn't undergo a testosterone examination" but a "separate and recognised test". Lin didn't appeal the decision, but Khelif took it to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) but then withdrew the appeal

IS THIS A TRANSGENDER ISSUE?
No. Neither boxer identifies as transgender and IOC has slammed "incorrect reporting".. It said: "This is not a transgender issue. These women have been competing in competitions for many years," it said, warning against a "witch-hunt"

POLITICAL COUNTERPUNCHING
The two boxers appear to have been caught in a slugfest between IBA and IOC, which stripped IBA of the right to organise the 2024 Paris Olympics boxing over financial, ethical and governance issues

WHAT IBA SAID
IOC's differing regulations on these matters, in which IBA is not involved, raise serious questions about both competitive fairness and athletes' safety

WHAT IOC SAID
As with previous Olympic boxing competitions, the gender and age of the athletes are based on their passport. Every person has the right to practise sport without discrimination

WHAT WAS THE REACTION?
Fierce and immediate. Politicians and celebrities delivered punches on social media soon after the bout. **Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni** said the fight was "not on an equal footing". US presidential candidate **Donald Trump** declared on his Truth Social network: "I WILL KEEP MEN OUT OF WOMEN'S SPORTS!"

WHAT'S NEXT?
Lin beat Uzbekistan's Sitora Turdibekova on Friday to reach the quarter-finals, which take place on Sunday. Khelif fights Hungary's Anna Luca Hamori in the quarters on Saturday. The controversy promises to rumbles on.

SOURCE: AFP

IMANE KHELIF, 25
ALGERIAN BOXER

With bronze at stake, Indian archers suffer a heartbreak

A fourth-place finish in the mixed event results in another near-miss for archers

As the dust settled on another medal day in archery that went by India, legendary archer Brady Ellison — one half of the American mixed team bronze medallists — reflected on what makes the Koreans, gold medallists on the day once again, so good. Designed to do so physically and mentally for years growing up in a sport of repetitions, they are champions by habit.

The Indians are making a bit of a habit of heartbreaks in archery. Of varied forms — first round shockers, quarter-final blips, seasoned campaigners going silent. The latest came on Friday in the form of a fourth-place finish in the mixed event that was, as so often has been the case with Indian archery, another miss.

Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhakat lost to Americans Ellison and Casey Kaufhold 6-2 in the mixed team bronze medal match at the Esplanade des Invalides. The Indians carried decent form from earlier in the day, going past Indonesia 5-1 and Spain 5-3 in the quarter-finals before running into South Korea and going down 2-6 after grabbing the first set.

RUTVICK MEHTA
HT IN PARIS

USA, with four-time Olympic medallist Ellison and 2021 World Championships silver medallist Kaufhold, were no Korea but weren't as unbeatable too. Ankita hit low 7s that immediately put the Indians on the back foot in the first two sets that they lost. A 10 each by Dhiraj and Ankita and a 7 by Kaufhold kept India in it, but a couple of 8s by Ankita in the fourth set soon put them out.

All of India's archery misses at the Olympics have worn a common thread — the pressure of the occasion breaking them come crunch time. That continued in this near-miss too.

"I allowed the pressure to get the better of me. As we kept winning, the thought of winning a medal grew," Ankita said.

Dhiraj, a first-time Olympian coming in with promise and good form, knew that pressure would play a part.

He'd even heard it from those in the squad who've been there and experienced that, the likes of Deepika Kumari, Tarundeep Rai and Pravin Jadhav. He braced for it, just not for the magnitude of it.

"Just getting a sense of the occasion was a big deal. Playing World Cups and other tournaments, no one has that kind of inclination coming into the Olympics," Dhiraj said. "Our teammates who have been to the Olympics before had told us about that pressure, and we had thought about it and come. But coming here, on the first day of the team event itself, I realised there is no limit to that pressure."

> It's disappointing when you finish one step short of a medal. But we're looking at this fourth, which is a first for Indian archery, as an improvement.
> **DHIRAJ BOMMADEVARA,** Indian archer

Dhiraj singled out "little lack of experience" and "managing some windy conditions" as the difference between the Indian and the American duo on the day. His Olympics is now over, after a faltering early exit by the men's team and the fighting shootout exit in the individual event.

"The first event didn't go as per plan, I agree. But from there, we learnt and improved immediately. Things take time to change, and big failures only show us the way forward," he said.

Call the latest fourth-place finish a failure or the finest in Indian archery at the Games — none from the country had come this close earlier — but the wait of an Olympic medal from Indian archery continues.

"It's very disappointing when you finish one step short of a medal. But the way we're looking at this fourth, which is a first in Indian archery, is an improvement.

"There were just a few minor aspects where we lacked to win a medal this time. And we will work on that moving ahead," Dhiraj said. "But yes, this defeat will hurt."

India's B Dhiraj and Ankita Bhakat during the bronze medal play-off against US's Casey Kaufhold and Brady Ellison in the mixed team archery contest. PTI

Sen first Indian male shuttler in semi-finals

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Lakshya Sen in action against Taiwan's Chou Tien Chen. AP

NEW DELHI: "Slap the shots, don't lift. DO NOT LIFT," screamed U Vimal Kumar from the coach's corner. Having lost the first game and the first couple of points in the second, it was a now or never moment for Lakshya Sen. The last Indian left in badminton competition in Paris, the 22-year-old had the burden of carrying India's flag to the medal rounds for the fourth consecutive Olympics.

And he didn't disappoint. To start with, the Almora resident reduced lifting the shuttle which were coming back at him as unpickable bullet smashes from Chou Tien Chen, raised his intensity and unveiled his tactical best to win 19-21, 21-15, 21-12 on Friday. Lakshya became the first Indian to make the men's singles semi-finals at the Olympics, bettering the record of Parupalli Kashyap (London 2012) and Kidambi Srikanth (Rio 2016), who had both reached the quarter-finals.

"This is something I have always dreamt of, and it felt really good to achieve it. There's a lot more to do because now is the real test," Lakshya said in the mixed zone after his marathon match that lasted an hour and 15 minutes.

"From here, now it is time to recover and be ready for the next match. I have to focus 100 percent on the next match. To win, I will prepare and do whatever there is needed to in the next 48 hours."

It was a real test, both mental and physical, for the unseeded Indian against the Chinese Taipei shuttler. Chou is 34 but is one of the fittest players on the circuit, taking extra care of his body, especially after recovering from colon cancer last year. When it comes to the mental aspect, Lakshya, who turns 23 in two weeks, had lost three of his previous four matches against the 12th seed.

But what went in favour of Lakshya was his form, especially post his sensational and unexpected win in the last group stage match against reigning Asian and All England champion Jonatan Christie of Indonesia.

Lakshya extended his form from that match a day earlier to the Porte de La Chapelle Arena on Friday.

Initially, Chou's jump smashes, coming from the elevation of around 12 feet, were too hot to handle despite Lakshya's traditionally brilliant defence, enough to just edge past the Indian and clinch the first game.

The start of the second game was on the same note with both shuttlers pushing each other to all four corners of the court. Both engaged in long rallies with Chou flummoxing Lakshya with disguise at the net after a series of smashes.

In an interesting contrast, while Chou largely used down the line smashes, Lakshya employed smashes taking aim at the world No.11 Chou's body. As the game became faster, Vimal kept telling Lakshya to slow the game down and play to his advantage, a point he emphasised during the mid-game breaks.

Lakshya followed the advice. Though the rallies continued to be long, Lakshya slowed down the game, frustrating Chou, who had also exited the last two Olympics at the quarter-final stage, forcing him to make errors. The consequence was that his attacks decreased as he was making more errors in exasperation.

In a brilliant contest of reflexes, Chou eventually started to slow down with Lakshya, 11 years younger, taking charge at the net. While earlier a net shot would be followed by a lift, there were far more net exchanges in the second game as Lakshya led 11-10 at the mid-game break. The Indian world No.22 started extending his lead as he won seven straight points from 13-all to reach game point. Chou saved two but Lakshya's drop was enough to level the contest and push the match into the decider.

The Indian was clearly more energetic and motivated in the third game as he took a big lead, 9-4, which he maintained at 11-7 at the interval. The 2022 Commonwealth Games champion made sure he maintained the lead throughout the rest of the game in a battle of attrition as he easily claimed the third game and the contest, yelling a 'come on' into the camera to celebrate his win.

Lakshya will play the winner between reigning champion Viktor Axelsen and former world champion Loh Kean Yew on Sunday.

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MATSUYAMA DROPS INTO TIE FOR LEAD

Hideki Matsuyama double-bogeyed the 18th hole to drop into a three-way tie for the lead at the halfway stage of the men's golf on Friday, level with Xander Schauffele and Tommy Fleetwood. The Japanese player led playing partner Fleetwood by one stroke heading down the last, but hit his third shot on the par-four into the water before holing an excellent 12-foot putt to avoid a triple. Matsuyama, the overnight leader, had to settle for a three-under 68 and an 11-under total. Fleetwood missed a par putt on the final green to move atop the leaderboard on his own.

40 ACS FOR INDIAN ATHLETES IN PARIS

Indian athletes battling the soaring temperatures and lack of cooling in their rooms in the Village have been provided with 40 portable air conditioners by the country's sports ministry to make their stay comfortable. The air-conditioners were sent to the Village after discussions with the IOA and the Indian Embassy in France, according to sources in the ministry. "Taking into consideration the issues faced by athletes at the Olympic Games village because of the temperature and humidity in Paris, the Ministry of Sports decided to provide 40 ACs in the Village," the source told PTI.

Huang Yaqiong and Zheng Siwei (R) won the mixed doubles gold in badminton. Soon after, Zheng proposed to Huang. X

SWIMMER COLLAPSES AFTER 200M MEDLEY

Slovakia swimmer Tamara Potocka collapsed poolside after a qualifying heat of the women's 200m individual medley. She was given first aid and then carried off on a stretcher.

Potocka, 21, was seen wearing an oxygen mask as she was taken away for medical attention. Medical personnel at the pool said she was conscious. Potocka collapsed as she got out of the water and almost immediately was surrounded by a half-dozen medical attendants who put her on a stretcher after about a minute and carried her off the pool deck. It was not clear if she received CPR.

Israeli swimmer Lea Polonsky, who swam two heats after Potocka, said swimmers know their sport has inherent risks. "Of course, that's something in the back of your mind, but we do every day push ourselves to the limit," she added.

"You always know something like that can happen. It's not something you think about during the race, but it's always there." This is Potocka's first Olympics. She resides in the Slovakian capital of Bratislava.

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SHOOTING
25m pistol women's qualification
- Manu Bhaker ended 2nd, qualified for final
- Esha Singh ended 18th

ARCHERY
Mixed team bronze playoff
- Ankita Bhakat/Dhiraj Bommadevara lost 2-6 to Casey Kaufhold/Brady Ellison (USA)

ROWING
Men's single sculls finals
- Balraj Panwar ended 23rd

JUDO
Women's +78kg Round of 32
- Tulika Maan lost 0-10 to Idalys Ortiz (CUB)

HOCKEY
Men's Pool B
- India beat Australia 3-2

BADMINTON
Men's singles quarter-final
- Lakshya Sen beat Chou Tien Chen (TPE) 19-21, 21-15, 21-12

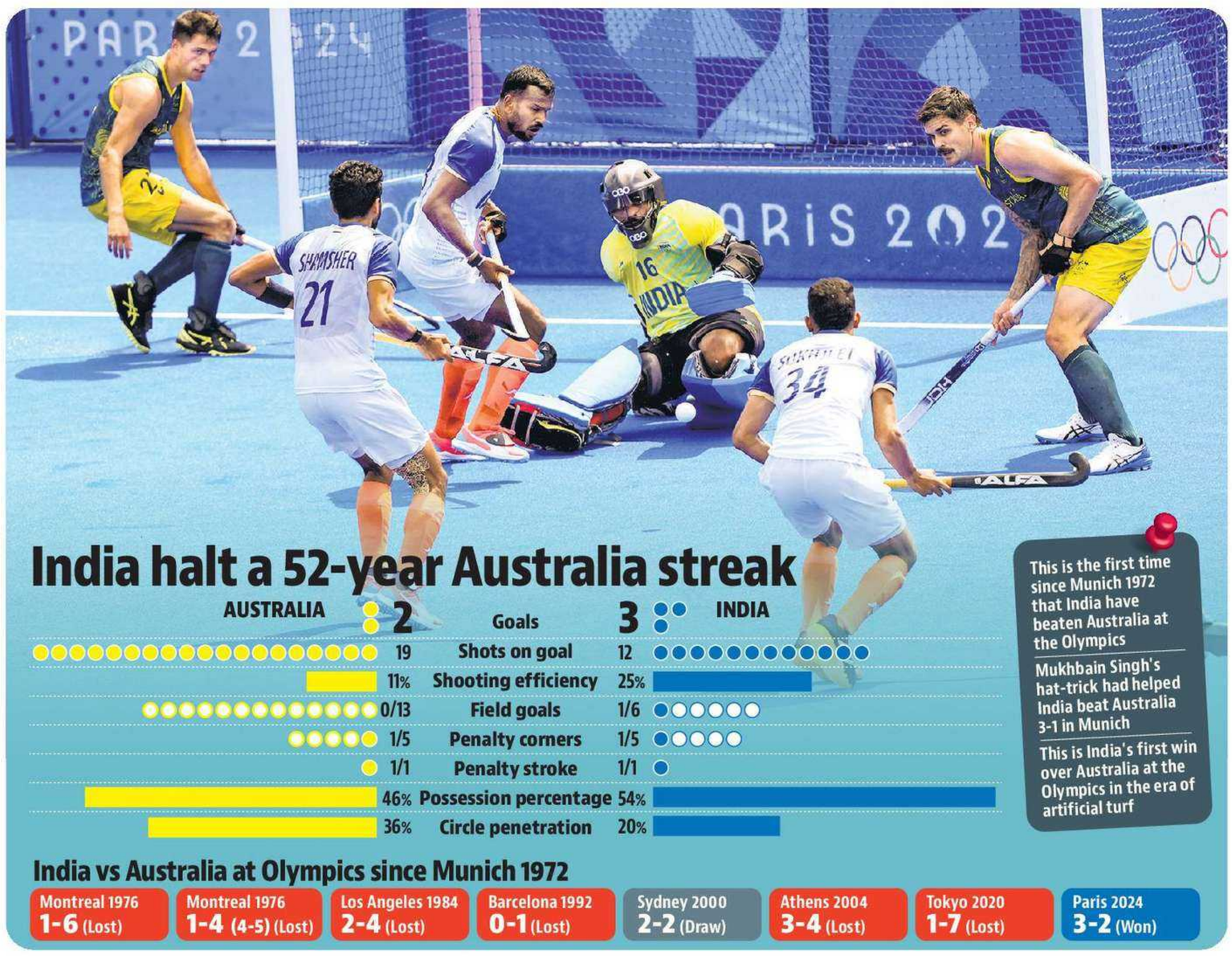
Cuba's Idalys Ortiz and India's Tulika Maan (R) compete during their women's +78 kg elimination round match in the judo competition, at Champ-de-Mars Arena, during the 2024 Summer Olympics, on Friday. AP

ATHLETICS
Women's 5,000m Round 1
- Ankita finished 20th in Heat 1
- Parul Chaudhary finished 14th in Heat 2

Both failed to qualify for the final

Demons banished versus Aussies, India get ready for the knockouts

This is the first time since the 1972 Games that the Indian men's hockey team has defeated Australia at the Olympics



India halt a 52-year Australia streak

AUSTRALIA			INDIA
2	Goals	3	
19	Shots on goal	12	
11%	Shooting efficiency	25%	
0/13	Field goals	1/6	
1/5	Penalty corners	1/5	
1/1	Penalty stroke	1/1	
46%	Possession percentage	54%	
36%	Circle penetration	20%	

This is the first time since Munich 1972 that India have beaten Australia at the Olympics

Mukhbain Singh's hat-trick had helped India beat Australia 3-1 in Munich

This is India's first win over Australia at the Olympics in the era of artificial turf

India vs Australia at Olympics since Munich 1972

Montreal 1976	Montreal 1976	Los Angeles 1984	Barcelona 1992	Sydney 2000	Athens 2004	Tokyo 2020	Paris 2024
1-6 (Lost)	1-4 (4-5) (Lost)	2-4 (Lost)	0-1 (Lost)	2-2 (Draw)	3-4 (Lost)	1-7 (Lost)	3-2 (Won)

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PARIS: The last time the Indian men's hockey team played Australia in a multi-sport event, a silver medal felt sore after a 7-0 hammering in the final of the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Birmingham. The last time it played Australia before Friday, a five-match series Down Under felt like an endless loop of misery before a 5-0 rout put an end to it while opening plenty of questions heading into the Paris Olympics.

If you were India, tasting defeat after defeat, you'd dread facing Australia. India served up a delight instead fronting up to them at a stage where it mattered most.

India's 3-2 victory against the Aussies at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium, a historic venue that hosted athletics events the last time France held the Olympics a decade ago, brought its 2024 Paris Olympics on the fast track on the turf. Playing the kind of hockey that was slick and sprint.

Just the victory by itself, a first against Australia at the Games after more than five decades in which Indian hockey has lived a lifetime of glory to gloomy days, is significant. And so is India finishing second in their Pool B by virtue of the result that pits them against the third-best placed team in the opposite Pool A.

Yet more noteworthy is the manner in which India turned up and played on, and the stage at which they chose to do so. It takes the reigning Olympics bronze medallists flying into the knockouts with belief from the final group stage match after a somewhat stuttering start.

The scoreline of India's first and last group match was the same: 3-2. The show, however, was hardly one. Craig Fulton's team was tentative against New Zealand, conceding an early goal before needing a last-gasp penalty stroke from Harmanpreet Singh to barely eke out the win.

Against Australia, they were up and running from the get-go and kept going till the final hooter. Abhishek (12th minute) and Harmanpreet Singh (13th, penalty corner) got them a two-goal lead in the first quarter and despite Australia getting one back through Craig Thomas (25th), India went into half time with a spring in their step. Out they came stepping up again, Harmanpreet raising his right arm after converting a penalty stroke two minutes on. And although Australia struck with five minutes to go, India held on with poise.

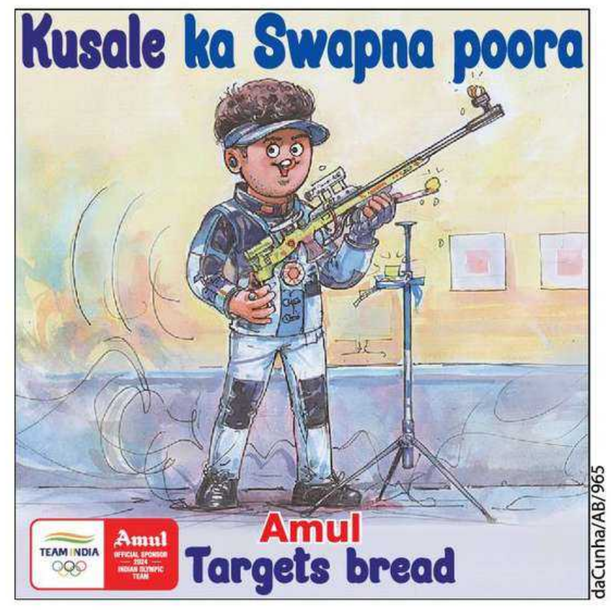
"We started (the tournament by) winning, and we decided we were going to finish with a winning match. We put them under pressure and the pressure was so good from the frontline. Our motto was to score the first goal. We did it and I think after that we managed very well," Harmanpreet said.

They managed it by playing the type of hockey that hasn't come out too often under the Fulton reign and style woven into this team. From a compact, structured and defend to win gameplan, India were fluid and fancy moving forward. The press was sustained, the counters were purposeful, the passing precise and the execution in the circle efficient. Abhishek's strike from the top of the circle, his typical hit turning around from his back to the goal while clearing his left leg, was a case in point. So was Manpreet Singh's brilliant pass from the midfield into circle that earned the penalty corner for Harmanpreet to convert. "Our positioning with the ball was really good today. Everybody knows that the Australians come full press, so our positioning and scanning had to be good day, and the way we managed the ball," Harmanpreet said.

From that nervy beginning that needed back-to-back late Harmanpreet strikes to salvage a win and a 1-1 draw against Argentina, this neat finish to the group stage comes just at the right juncture. Peaking at the right time is an underrated aspect in tournament play, and India are doing just that. The two last-gasp reliefs were backed by a 2-0 win against Ireland and a close 1-2 defeat to toppers Belgium where India weren't way off the mark. They were bang on the mark against an Australian team that doesn't look quite its intimidating self in this Olympics (they lost 2-6 to Belgium). India will take that into the knockouts, and possibly a template to remain on that mark.

"In the pool matches, you have options. Maybe you win, or you lose, you have the next match. In the quarter-finals you don't have any (further chances), so you have to put your best foot in front. You know there's no room to make mistakes," the captain said. "So, every second you have to be sharp, and whenever you get the opportunity, you have to make sure you are finishing well. It is that mentality we have to keep in our mind."

India did all of that against Australia, a team that has haunted them for decades at the Olympics. Now for them to do that with no further scrappy slips to afford, and for a target to achieve. "The main tournament is starting now," Harmanpreet said. "The quarter-finals, the semi-finals... we'll have to give our best in that."



Richardson gets going with win in heat in 10.94s

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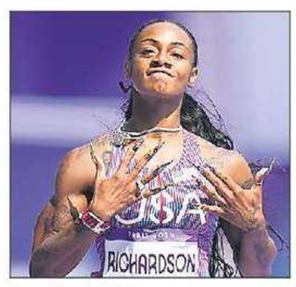
PARIS: Sha'Carri Richardson launched her bid for Olympic redemption with a comfortable victory in the opening heats of the women's 100 metres at the Stade de France on Friday.

The reigning world champion — aiming to become the first American since Gail Devers in 1996 to win Olympic 100m gold — sailed through her heat in 10.94sec. The 24-year-old Texan burst out of the blocks smoothly and was quickly into her stride before pulling away early on and then shutting it down well before the finish line in a supremely confident first ever race in an Olympic Games. "To be at the Olympics is a phenomenal feeling," Richardson told US broadcaster NBC after her impressive debut.

"To be an athlete here, competing with the energy, with a great appreciation for the track and field, it gives great support to be a track and field athlete.

"So I'm super excited to compete on the Olympic stage."

Richardson is competing in Paris three years after her dreams of Olympic gold in Tokyo were wrecked by a positive test for marijuana following her victory at US trials. However the flamboyant track star roared back to the pinnacle of her sport with a surprise victory at last year's World Championships in Budapest and is considered the hot favourite for her event in Paris. Jamaica's reigning Olympic 100m and 200m champion Elaine Thompson-Herah is unable to compete in Paris due to injury, while another Jamaican, Shericka Jackson, has withdrawn from the 100m to concentrate on 200m. That leaves Saint Lucia's Julien Alfred as Richardson's main rival. Alfred won her heat in 10.95sec on Friday but declined to speak to reporters following the race. The fastest time in Friday's morning heats belonged to the Ivory Coast's Marie-Josee Ta Lou-Smith. The 35-year-old veteran, silver medallist in the 100m at the 2017 World Championships, clocked 10.87sec to win her heat ahead of Jamaica's Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, the 2008 and 2012 Olympic 100m gold medallist.


Sha'Carri Richardson. AP

Richardson will return for Saturday's semi-finals where she will be aiming to reach the final later in the day to claim one of the first high-profile golds of the athletics competition.

US set world record

The United States set a new world record in the heats of the mixed 4x400m relay at the Paris Olympics on Friday.

The quartet of Vernon Norwood, Shamier Little, Bryce Deadmon and Kaylyn Brown timed 3min 07.41sec, smashing the previous best of 3:08.80 set when the US won world gold in Budapest last year.

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