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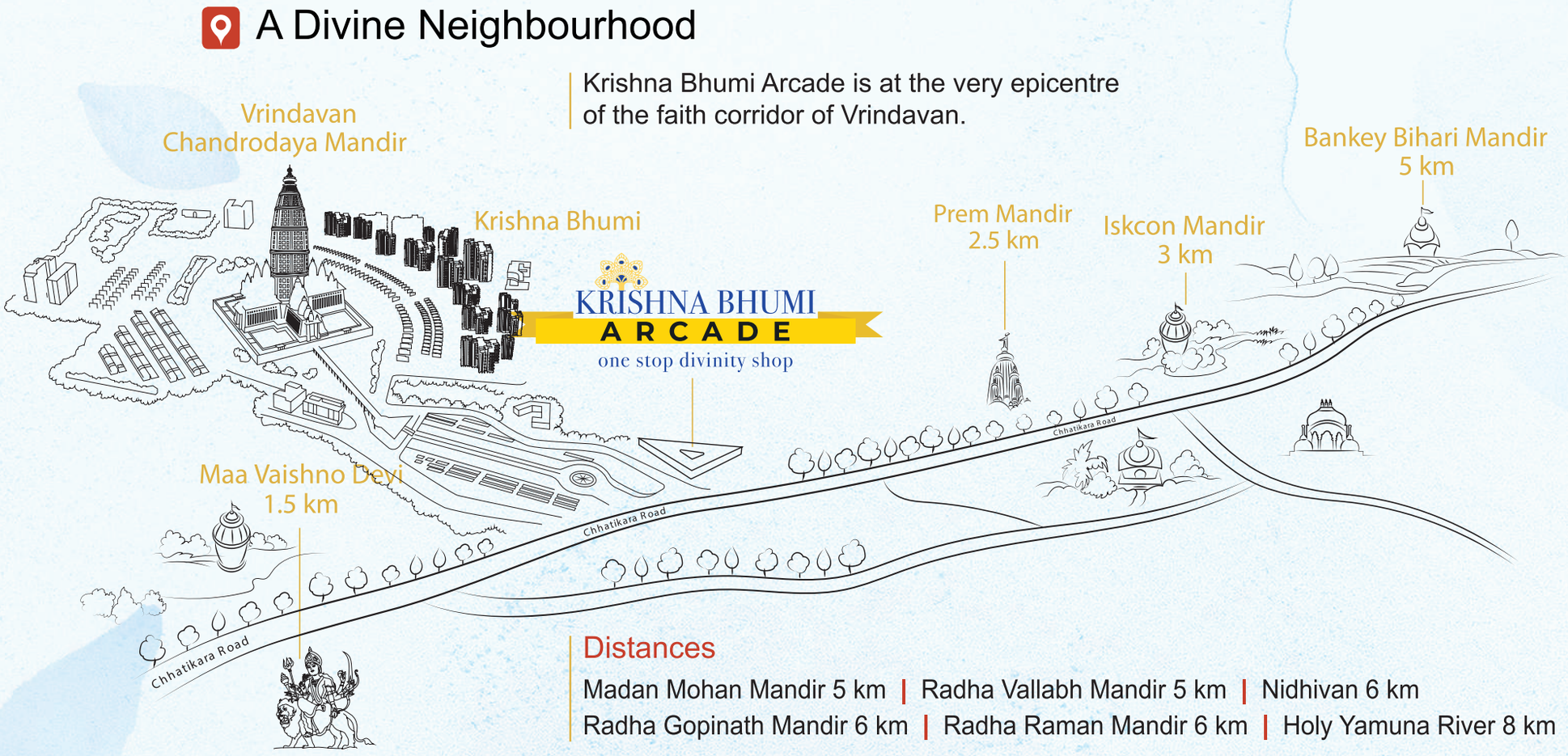
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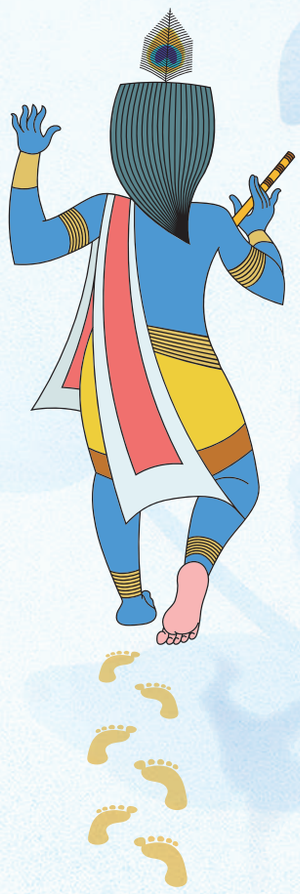
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'Fourth not a good place', says double winner Manu

Manu Bhaker, India's face of certainty and consistency over the first week of the Paris Olympics, is not quite sure about one thing. "I don't know how I'm going to go back to India as."

What do you think, India?

As the pathbreaker in India's Olympic history. As a two-time medallist stumbling on the cusp of her third. As the shooter flaunting a first-of-its-kind two medals and a fighting fourth finish at the same Games.

Within one week, from last Saturday to this, Manu has lived a lifetime of an Olympian. At just 22. In only her second Games.

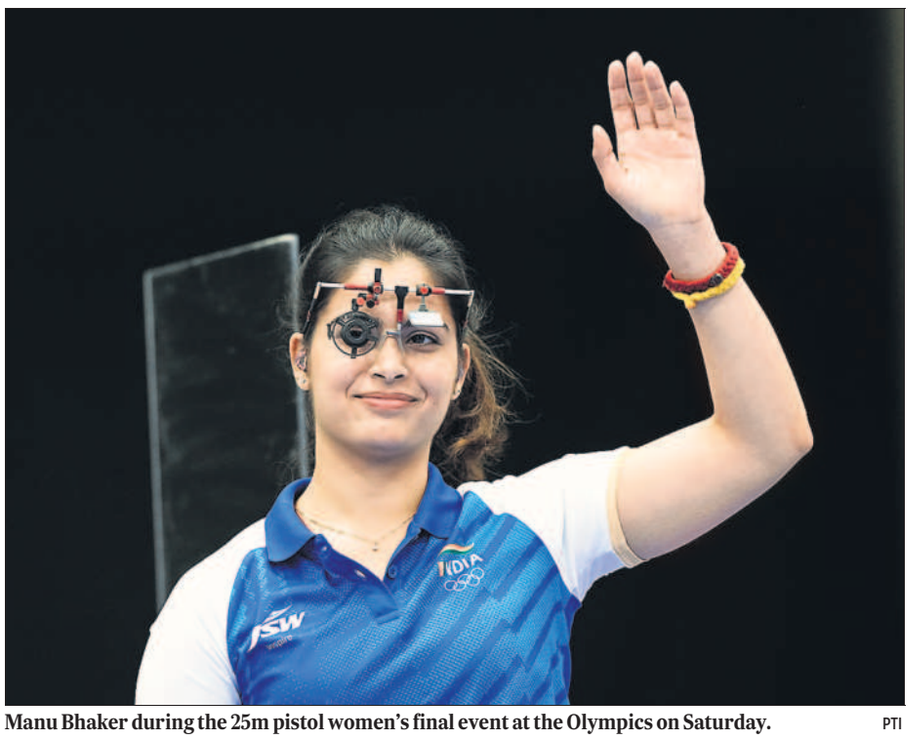


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HT IN PARIS

The most immediate memory of it doesn't sum it up. Manu had to walk off fourth from the women's 25m pistol final on Saturday with a score of 28, losing a shootoff with Hungarian Veronika Major to sneak into the top three that would've confirmed a third medal. Her campaign of major milestones ended with bare minimum margins.

"I am glad that I got two medals, but well, fourth place is not a very good place.I have no regrets, because I tried my best. This could have been better, but I'm happy I could get two medals for India," Manu

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Manu Bhaker during the 25m pistol women's final event at the Olympics on Saturday. PTI

Archery campaign ends; Lakshya's match, big hockey showdown today

PARIS: Archer Deepika Kumari suffered a 4-6 loss to Korea's Suhyeon Nam in the women's individual quarterfinals to bring down curtains on India's archery campaign at the Paris Olympics on Saturday. "It is disappointing. I don't know how and why I keep losing at the Olympic Games. Maybe the atmosphere gets to me," Deepika said.

Boxer Nishant Dev crashed out in the 71kg quarterfinals, losing to Mexico's Max Verde.

India will have an opportunity to put Saturday's letdowns behind when Lakshya Sen takes on reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen in the men's singles semi-finals and the men's hockey faces Great Britain in the quarterfinals. In their eight encounters so far, Lakshya's only win came in the 2022 German Open semi-finals. "Generally beating Viktor in the first few rounds has been more manageable," Lakshya told HT earlier.

"He usually comes into semi-finals super fresh since he would have short matches the day before. But you'd be tired after some three-game madness. *Par abhi* (now though) it's not easy for him to always physically maintain the pace at his age."

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TRUMP 'OPEN TO DEBATE ON FOX', HARRIS CAMPAIGN SAYS HE'S SCARED

WASHINGTON: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump said that he has agreed to debate his Democratic opponent, vice president Kamala Harris, on Fox News on September 4. "I have agreed with FoxNews to debate Kamala Harris on Wednesday, September 4th," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform.

Harris's campaign team, however, dismissed Trump's announcement after he declined to participate in a previously scheduled debate on ABC. "Donald Trump is running scared and trying to back out of the debate he already agreed to and running straight to Fox News to bail him out," her campaign communications director Michael Tyler said in a statement. "He needs to stop playing games and show up to the debate he already committed to on September 10."

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TOP TRIBAL OUTFIT DENOUNCES PEACE PACT WITH MEITEIS

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IMPHAL: The apex body of the Hmar community denounced the peace agreement between the representatives of the tribal group and Meteis in the violence-hit Jiribam district of Manipur, saying the pact stood "null and void". The Hmar Inpui said its affiliated units signed the agreement without the knowledge of the general headquarters and dissolved its Jiribam unit in response.

On Thursday, representatives of the Meitei and Hmar communities reached an agreement at a meeting held at a CRPF facility in Cachar, Assam.

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North, east India reel under rain fury



A portion of a road on the Ranchi-Daltonganj route caves in amid heavy rainfall in the Jharkhand capital on Saturday. PTI

RAINS LASH BENGAL
At least two people were killed in separate incidents in West Bengal districts as heavy rains lashed the state, police said.

DELHI ON ALERT
Officials sounded a 'yellow alert' for Delhi, predicting moderate rainfall through Tuesday and Wednesday.

India aiding global food security: Modi

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that India was rapidly modernising its farm economy, building on the country's ancient traditions of robust agricultural knowledge systems, as he inaugurated the triennial 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists at the Capital's Pusa complex.

India is the world's largest producer of milk, spices, many vegetables such as onions, fruits such as bananas, jute and millets, while it is the second-biggest grower of wheat, rice, sugarcane and numerous other horticulture products, the PM said, adding that small farmers were the bedrock of the farm sector.



Narendra Modi

Modi said India had a big role to play in global food security along with sustainable agricultural systems. The country was already on the path to tackling new challenges, such as climate change, but "holistic collaboration" among all nations was needed to face future risks, he said.

Over 1,000 economists and experts from across the globe will participate in the five-day triennial conference, in whose founding India had played a key role. The country is hosting the conclave after a gap of 65 years. The meet has been themed around sustainable agricultural systems and global food security.

Challenges around sustainable agriculture, water scarcity and food systems can only be

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Ex-Punjab Police officer guns down son-in-law inside court

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CHANDIGARH: A retired senior police official allegedly shot dead his estranged son-in-law, a civil servant with the central government, at the Chandigarh district court complex on Saturday afternoon.

Police identified the shooter as Malwinder Singh Sidhu, who retired as Assistant Inspector General (AIG) of Punjab police, and the victim as Harprit Singh, 34, who was posted in Delhi as an Indian Civil Account Services (ICAS) officer at the ministry of agriculture.



The accused Malwinder Singh Sidhu (right) allegedly fired four shots at the victim Harprit Singh (top).

The two were appearing at the mediation centre as opposite sides in a divorce petition filed by Singh, and officials said the case was likely the factor behind the murder, but the exact motive was yet to be deter-

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5 J&K COPS FOUND LINKED TO NARCO TERROR, SACKED

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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday sacked five police officers and a government school teacher for narco-terror links, officials aware of the matter said.

Investigations revealed that the six were part of a network run by Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) and terrorist groups operating from across the border, an official said requesting anonymity.

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PROTESTS, CLASHES AGAIN BREAK OUT IN BANGLADESH

DHAKA: Thousands of people protested in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka on Saturday demanding justice for more than 200 students and others killed during the protests last month, with reports of violence breaking out at similar demonstrations in other parts of the country.

The protesters demanded the resignation of prime minister Sheikh Hasina as the wave of protest widened beyond students to include people from many walks of life. The students' protests began with the demand for an end to a quota system under which 30% of jobs were reserved for the families of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence in 1971.

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JAWAN WHO SHOT DEAD 4 PERSONNEL GETS LIFE SENTENCE

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BATHINDA: An army jawan was sentenced to life imprisonment and dismissed from service by a General Court Martial on Saturday for gunning down four army personnel at the high-security Bathinda military station on April 12, 20023.

The convict, Desai Mohan, and the victims, Sagar Banne, Kamlesh R, Santosh Nagaral, and Yogeshkumar J, were from the 80 Medium Regiment of Artillery. Desai shot dead his four colleagues as they slept in their rooms near the officers' mess. He had initially claimed that two-masked men were behind the attack.

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Meet some of India's biggest de-influencers. These are Instagrammers who shout out the very things that companies do not want broadcast. In a world of commercial content disguised as opinion, they say, the aim is to get people to pause long enough to ask, 'Wait... is that true?'

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BOY SKIPS SCHOOL FOR JOYRIDE, RAMS CAR INTO SCOOTER, KILLING U.P. WOMAN

KANPUR: A 16-year-old boy was detained for allegedly ramming a speeding car into a two-wheeler in Kanpur, killing a woman and critically injuring her teen daughter, police said on Saturday. According to officers, the boy told the police that he skipped school on Friday, took his sister's Maruti Suzuki Ciaz from the house and was joined by his three friends. The teen's father has also been arrested, officers aware of the matter said.

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DU releases academic calendar for 1st yr students, classes from Aug 29



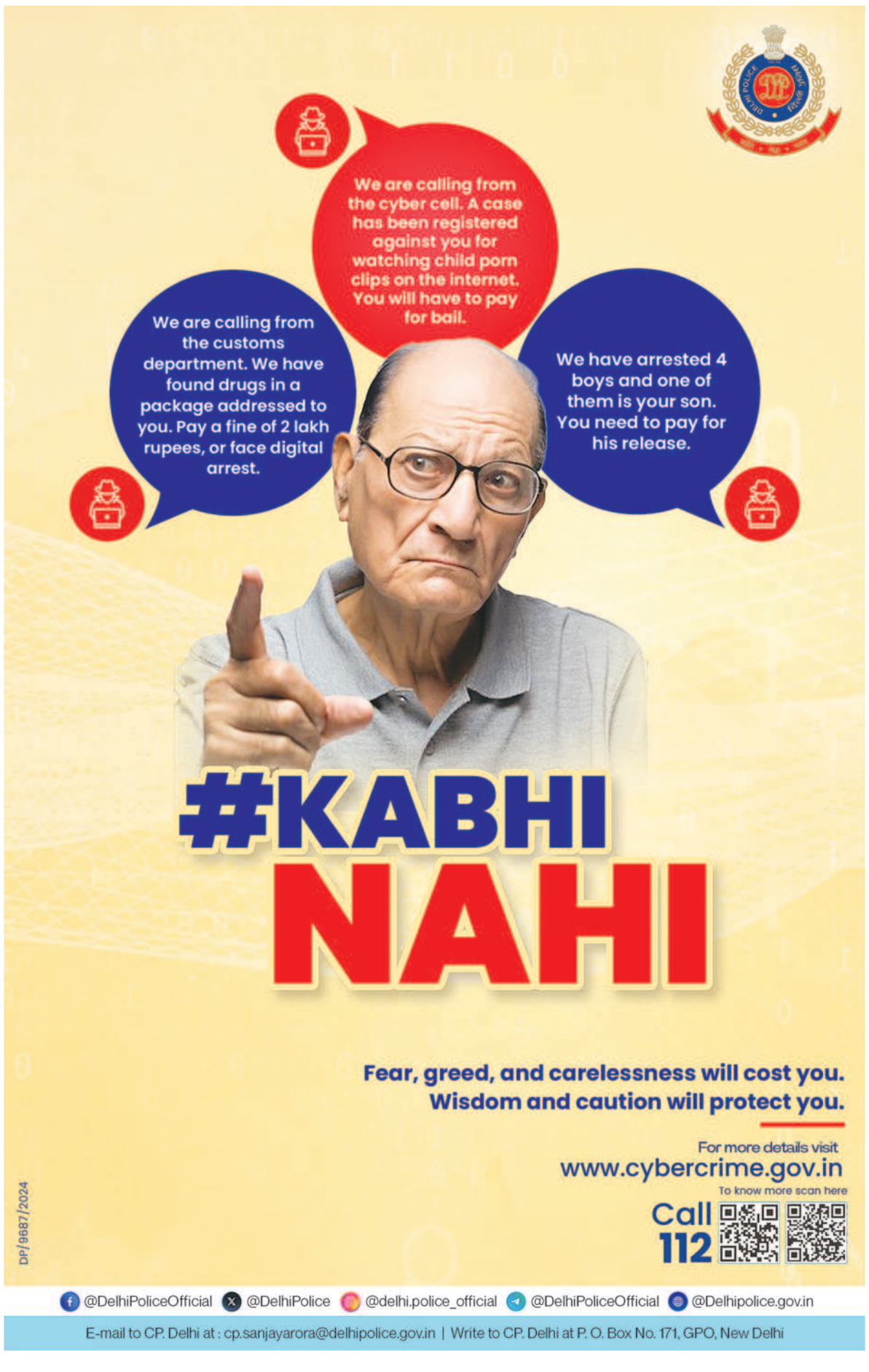
The first semester will start three weeks later than usual.

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NEW DELHI : The Delhi University on Saturday released the academic calendar for first year undergraduate students for the 2024-2025 session, announcing that classes in the first semester will begin on August 29, around three weeks later than usual, with officials attributing the delay to the late release of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) results.

The announcement comes nearly a week after CUET-UG results were declared on July 28 – nearly a month later than the originally scheduled date of June 30. CUET-UG serves as a single-window test for admissions to undergraduate courses in most central universities, including DU.

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India's schedule on Sunday



GOLF
Time: **12:30PM**
Men's Round 4
SHUBHANKAR SHARMA, GAGANJEET BHULLAR

SHOOTING
Time: **12:30PM**
25m rapid fire pistol men's qualification
VIJAYVEER SIDHU, ANISH BHANWALA

Time: **1PM**
Skeet women's qualification
MAHESHWARI CHAUHAN, RAIZA DHILLON

HOCKEY
Time: **1:30PM**
Men's quarter-final
INDIA VS GREAT BRITAIN
In a repeat of the quarter-final played in Tokyo three years ago, the Indian men's hockey team will face Great Britain again at the last eight stage. Last time around, India came out on top, winning 3-1. Can they do an encore?



ATHLETICS
Time: **1:35PM**
Women's 3,000m steeplechase Round 1
PARUL CHAUDHARY

Time: **2:35PM**
Men's long jump qualification
JESWIN ALDRIN



BOXING
Time: **3:02PM**
Women's 75kg quarter-finals
LOVLINA BORGOHAIN VS LI QIAN (CHN)
Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Lovlina Borgogain faces a stiff test against Chinese top seed Li Qian. If she wins, she will become the first Indian boxer, male or female, to secure two medals at the Olympics.

BADMINTON
Time: **3:30PM**
Men's singles semi-final
LAKSHYA SEN VS VIKTOR AXELSEN (DEN)
In stunning form, Lakshya Sen faces his toughest challenge yet as he takes on second seed and reigning Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen. The head-to-head record is heavily lopsided in favour of the Dane who has won seven out of eight times the two have faced.



SAILING
Time: **3:35PM**
Men's dinghy Race 7 & 8
VISHNU SARAVANAN

Time: **6:05PM**
Women's dinghy Race 7 & 8
NETHRA KUMANAN

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4	USA	11	20	20	51
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6	Korea	9	6	5	20
7	Japan	8	5	8	21
8	Italy	6	8	4	18
9	Netherlands	5	4	4	13
10	Germany	4	3	2	9
11	Canada	3	3	6	12
12	Romania	3	3	1	7
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Argentina and France players clash after the men's quarterfinal football match in Bordeaux, France on Friday. France won 1-0. GETTY IMAGES

Through selfie, shhh and hug, Olympic spirit rises to the fore

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The after-match brawl in Bordeaux, where Zinedine Zidane's career was once shaped but whose club is now in dire straits, was weeks in the making. Ever since Argentina won Copa and its players sang a song mocking French players of African descent, there was as much chance of this football quarter-final passing off without incident as Messi and Mbappe participating in the Olympics.

France's Wesley Fofana and his Argentine Chelsea teammate Enzo Fernández may have made up with Fofana deleting his X post that said Argentina's singing was "uninhibited racism" but not everyone has moved on. Jean-Philippe Mateta, a player with roots in the Democratic Republic of Congo whose goal made the difference on Friday, had said that the song has "touched" every French.

And so the red card to France's Enzo Millot following a second booking while on the bench. Alexandre Lacazette had to be checked from picking up another fight after a bust-up involving the teams. During the match, France defender Loic Bade did to Lucas Beltran what Kamala Harris says Donald Trump cannot: say it to her face. And, if Bade's expression was an indication, they didn't seem like endearments.

But — and this may not age well because, including Saturday, there are nine days before the flame is put out — the Games have been more about fraternity than fights. China's Pan Zhanle has spoken of swimmers not being friendly but Australia's Kyle Chalmers countered claims of pool-side toxicity stemming from charges of doping. Belarussian and Russian athletes medalling without national anthems were awkward but like with Argentina-France and Chinese swimmers, that was expected.

The Games have seen Ariarne Titmus and Katie Ledecky, archrivals in 400m freestyle, smile and pose with Canadian newbie Summer McIntosh. There have been proposals for marriage and gold medallists asked whether love actually fetched the podium finish. An embrace between boxers made more news than their fight, a Japanese gymnast asked the crowd to keep quiet before his Chinese rival's routine and there has been a coming together of North and South Korean table tennis players.

> THE GAMES HAVE SEEN ARIARNE TITMUS AND KATIE LEDECKY, ARCH-RIVALS IN 400M FREESTYLE, SMILE AND POSE WITH CANADIAN NEWBIE SUMMER MCINTOSH

All of these were reminiscent of the scene from "Chariots of Fire", a film which climaxes in the 1924 Paris Olympics, where forgetting their rivalry, USA sprinter Jackson Scholz hands a note of support to Britain's Eric Liddell. Scholz said what was shown in reel never happened for real. But it remains a hat-tip to the Olympic spirit just as much as Luz Long's advice to Jesse Owens that put the American on way to the long jump gold in 1936.

Of such bonhomie and more, the Olympics are full of. In 1988, sailor Lawrence Lemieux left the course to rescue competitors whose boat had capsized. Arms draped around the shoulders of opponents Britain's Andrew Turner and Jackson Quinonez of Spain, Liu Xiang, the world and Olympic champion from China, had exited the 2012 110m hurdles race. Japanese pole vaulters Shuhei Nishida and Sueo Oe fused medals of silver and bronze to show that even though one had finished second and the other third, they didn't see it that way. Eighty-five years later, at the Games, Qatar's Mutaz Barshim and Italy's Gianmarco Tamberi shared a gold medal.

Who knows whether that will happen in Paris but Daiki Hashimoto's gesture sure came close. Japan had just nudged ahead of China in the battle for the men's artistic gymnastics gold when Zhang Boeheng stepped up to the horizontal bar. As he did, Hashimoto gestured to the Bercy Arena crowd to pipe down by putting a finger on his lips. "To be able to do something like that when the team could still have lost is the mark of true sportsmanship," Reuters quoted one user as saying on social media. "So cool."

Cool it was too was when Huang Ya Qiong said "yes". She had just won the badminton mixed doubles gold when teammate Liu Yuchen proposed at La Chapelle Arena on bent knee with a bouquet of flowers and a ring. "Today I am an Olympic champion and I got proposed (to), so that is something I didn't expect," said Qiong. Unexpected proposals also came the way of French skiff sailors Sarah Steyaert and Charline Picon. Both said "oui".

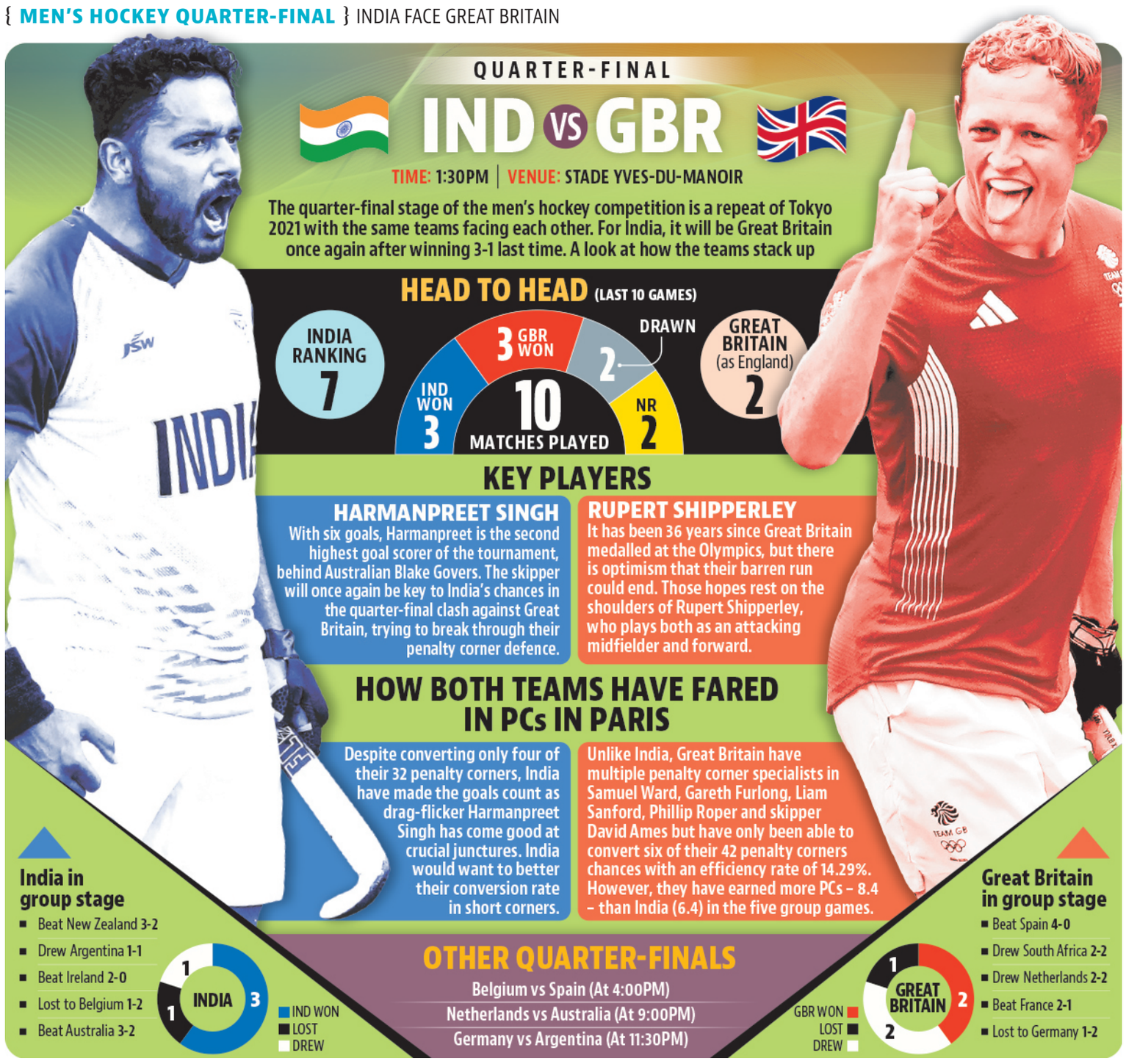
It is not known whether Katerina Siniakova and Tomas Machac expected the question but they handled it well. "We like when you are confused," Siniakova told reporters on being asked about their relationship status after winning the mixed doubles tennis gold for Czech Republic. Are they still in a relationship? "This is top secret," said Machac.

Relationship, or the lack of one, between countries on either side of the 38th parallel is well known. So, it was special when North Korea's Ri-Jong-sik and Kim Kum-yong posed for a podium selfie with South Korea's Shin Yu-bin and Lim Jong-hoon.

Victor Schelstraete didn't medal. He lost in the men's 92kg boxing quarter-final. But the Belgian hugging Samoa's Ato Plodzicki-Faoagali and then holding his arm in the air will be one of the abiding memories from this Olympics. Schelstraete was showing the world what it meant for the Samoan to come to the ring 48 hours after his coach was found dead in the Games Village.

"The Olympics are special," Martin Sinkovic, one-half of the Croatian brothers who won the men's pairs gold in rowing, said before the Games. Schelstraete showed why.

{ MEN'S HOCKEY QUARTER-FINAL } INDIA FACE GREAT BRITAIN



Cheptegei completes the dream, Uganda gets ready to follow suit

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NEW DELHI: As Joshua Cheptegei made his way back to the room at the Games Village, his face was plastered with a gentle smile. It was dark and the street lights were on but perhaps they didn't need to be. The smile could have lit up the world. He had his coach for company, there were no TV cameras or media persons around, just a phone recording him walking back.

A few Ugandan athletes cheered him on as he passed them, a few hugs were exchanged but it all felt peaceful and calm. The tension had ebbed out of his body. This was bliss, but coming into Paris he was on the edge.

"I'm a three-time world champion and I have an Olympic silver. I needed an Olympic title on the track, in the 10,000m, to be complete," said Cheptegei, 27, on Friday.

The path to finding completeness wasn't easy. The 10,000m was unfinished business for him — he was crowned world champion at the distance in 2019, 2022 and 2023 — but at the Olympics, he had lost the gold in Tokyo, beaten by Ethiopia's Selemon Barega.

"When I took silver in Tokyo (2020), I was disappointed. I wanted just to win the 10,000m."

And he planned for it. He was very selective with his competitions, avoiding the 10,000m this season entirely and taking a complete break after May 30. He wanted to be fit. He wanted to be well rested.

The Ethiopians had a plan too; a plan to deny Cheptegei, who is capable of running a blistering 53-second finishing lap. Barega was joined by two other very talented countrymen — the lanky Yomif Kejelcha and Berihu Aregawi — in the final and they come into the race knowing that they couldn't beat his finish, so they wanted to finish him off before that.



Uganda's Joshua Cheptegei wins the men's 10000m final at Stade de France in Paris. AFP

The Ethiopians went out fast, for a while at world record pace, stretching the field and making Cheptegei, who likes being a front-runner, sit in the middle of the pack. Team tactics were on full display with each Ethiopian taking turns at the head of the pack.

They wanted to ensure that the pace didn't drop but some athletes did. France's Yann Schrub couldn't match the tempo and just seemed to collapse. The Ethiopians had ensured only the very best would remain and at the same time they had hoped it would take something out of Cheptegei.

But the Ugandan stayed calm, safe in the knowledge that his superior speed would eventually carry him through. Just as it had in the 2023 World Championships too — last lap 53.46secs. 2022, last lap 53.42secs. 2019, last lap 55.39secs. For context, India's 400m record is 45.21. But Cheptegei has been running 53secs after having already run 9,600m.

Just as the bell for the last lap was rung, Cheptegei set off. A bit too early, some wondered, but he had more than enough in the tank to seal a very special triumph. He finished in 26:43.14, an Olympic record, for the gold medal. It was a quick race by any standard — the first 13 finishers all came in under the previous Olympic record which had been set in 2008.

"It's the dream of young people to achieve what they want to achieve in life," said Cheptegei. "I really want to thank God, because barely 16 years ago when I was watching the great Kenenisa Bekele (ETH) win in Beijing (2008 Olympics), it was something that grew in my heart. I said, one day, one time, I want to be Olympic champion."

This means a lot to him but perhaps it means just as much to the land-locked Uganda. They have a population of just over 5 crore and 75 percent of the population still lives under the poverty line.

Cheptegei, who hails from Uganda's Kapchorwa district, has led a running renaissance in his country. The hilly terrain around his own town means their training sessions are not as long as others but there is great variation. Jacob Kiplimo, Halimah Nakaayi and Peruth Chemutai are all names to be reckoned with on the distance running circuit, but perhaps the greatest impact of this Olympic gold will be felt down the line.

"The young boys are watching in Uganda," said Cheptegei when asked what message he has for upcoming athletes back home. "You can achieve it, believe in yourself because when you don't believe in yourself, you can't make it in life."

India has seen the impact that Neeraj Chopra has had, especially in the athletics arena. Cheptegei's is much greater. Ever since he burst onto the scene at the 2014 World U20 Athletics Championships in Oregon, he has become a household name back home; and with every medal, his popularity surges.

It means his advice and methods are taken even more seriously. He has already built his own training centre and is helping a group of young athletes to achieve the high standards needed to find success at the world stage.

The team runs mostly on dirt trails, moving up the hills to train at altitude (1800m) and then back to the plateau for fast sessions. It is the variation that made the difference for Cheptegei and he hopes it will do the same for the youngsters.

And if Cheptegei does manage to do the 10,000-5,000m double on August 10, the party in Kampala and Kapchorwa will have a special feel to it. He'll probably go all in on marathons after this but there will be no lingering feels.

If nothing else, it will, as Cheptegei hopes, feel complete.

DU's 2024-25 session to begin on August 29

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NEW DELHI: Classes in the first semester of the 2024-25 academic session of Delhi University will begin on August 29 – around three weeks later than usual – with the delay being attributed to the late release of the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-UG) results, officials said.

Saturday's announcement comes nearly a week after CUET-UG results were declared on July 28 – nearly a month later than the originally scheduled date of June 30. CUET-UG serves as a single-window test for admissions to undergraduate courses in most central universities, including DU.

This year's admission processes in universities across the country has been riddled with delays due to several controversies including the leak of question papers in tests conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), which is also tasked the responsibility of conducting the undergraduate entrance tests for all the central universities.

Initially, classes in the first semester classes were expected to start in the first week of August, but were delayed twice – first tentatively moved to August 16, and now to August 29. Delhi University vice chancellor Yogesh Singh had on July 13 said that while academic calendar of other semesters remained unaffected, first semester for the courses where admission is through CUET-UG would likely start on August 16.

In the 2023-24 session, classes for DU's first session kicked off on August 16.

The reason for the delay, officials said, was that the mapping of the delayed CUET-UG results would take more time.

On Thursday, DU announced the commencement of the second phase of admissions to UG courses through the Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS) portal.

Phase one, under which students registered in the CSAS portal, commenced on May 28 and is still going on simultaneously with the phase two of admissions. The registration portal will close at 4.59pm on August 7

"We have to map our results with those sent by the National Testing Agency (NTA) for the CUET so that students can see what preferences of subjects and colleges they are eligible for. That mapping process is very detailed and takes some time, which is why we have pushed the start of the session to August 29," said DU registrar Vikas Gupta.

According to DU's notification, the first semester exams will be held in January 2025, ending on January 25, 2025. The second semester will begin on January 27, 2025.

Gupta said that the number of registered students is higher this year compared to recent years.

He added, "Since there are a lot more students with the same score, we have to take our time to tally everything and also use Class 12 marks for students with the same scores."

DU aims to release at least two lists of seat allocations this year. "We will decrease the number of lists and increase the number of seat allocations per list to bring down the amount of time required," Gupta said.

Important dates this session

Aug 7 (4.59pm): Registration and preference filling to close

Aug 9 (5pm): Preferences will be auto-locked on CSAS portal

Aug 11 (5pm): Simulated ranks declared

Aug 11 (5pm) to Aug 12 (midnight): Preference change window

Aug 16 (5pm): First allocation list

1ST ADMISSION ROUND

Aug 16 (5pm) to Aug 18 (4.59pm): Candidates can accept allocated seats

Till Aug 20: Verification & approval by college

2ND ADMISSION ROUND

Aug 22 (5pm): Notification of vacant seats

Aug 22 (5pm) to Aug 23 (4.59pm): Window to re-order preferences

Aug 25 (5pm): 2nd allocation list

Aug 25 (5pm) to Aug 27 (4.59pm): Candidates can accept allocated seats

Till Aug 29: Verification and approval by college

Aug 29: Classes start



A blue dawn



Clear skies above Humayun's Tomb on Saturday. The maximum, minimum, wet bulb and 'real feel' temperatures respectively were 34.7°C, 27°C, 28.9°C and 46.2°C in the city. ARVIND YADAV/HT PHOTO

Delhi assembly panel visits shelter home

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi assembly's petition panel on Saturday visited the Asha Kiran shelter home for the intellectually challenged and found the inmates were not being given adequate food, clean water or proper in-house healthcare, people aware of the matter said.

The visit followed a series of developments this week, including the probes ordered by the Delhi government and the lieutenant governor, to look into the allegations of neglect and mismanagement at the facility after 14 inmates died at the facility in July this year. The matter came to light after the social welfare secretary submitted a report regarding it.

The petition committee, comprising MLAs Akhilesh Pati Tripathi, Kuldeep Kumar and others, said it interacted with the inmates and gathered details. "We talked to them, and staff, and made several videos of the mismanagement in the shelter homes. All details will be contained in the report," said Kuldeep Kumar.

The petition panel can conduct inquiries into matters of public interest on a petition submitted to the speaker or presented in the assembly. It can summon officials and people concerned and submits the final report to the speaker or presents it in the assembly. The assembly can recommend action against those it finds guilty.

Meanwhile, Delhi minister Saurabh Bharadwaj said the current administrator of Asha Kiran, Rahul Aggarwal — a 2012 batch DANICS officer arrested for alleged bribery by CBI in 2016 — has not been suspended despite the deaths at the shelter home.

"After the arrest, Aggarwal was suspended for five years. Later he was appointed as administrator. The power of transfer and posting was snatched from us (the Aam Aadmi Party government). I want to know on what basis the LG and the central government appointed him the administrator?" said Bharadwaj.

HT reached out to both Aggarwal and social secretary Vinod P Kavle but neither responded to requests for comment. LG VK Saxena's office said: "The administrator of Asha Kiran home was appointed internally by the social welfare department, which is under the control of CM/minister. He was not appointed by LG. The press statement issued by AAP is blatantly wrong and arrogantly misleading."

AAP, BJP spar over social welfare dept

NEW DELHI: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva on Saturday said Delhi minister Atishi is "running away" from the responsibility of social welfare department. "Atishi is social welfare minister... but she did not find it important to visit the shelter home," Sachdeva said.

AAP minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, meanwhile, said: "When Raaj Kumar Anand (former social welfare minister) resigned... We were told that unless his departments are not given to another minister, the secretaries will handle the departments. The departments should have been put under the supervision of a minister". HTC

72-YEAR-OLD MAN MURDERED AT HIS HOUSE IN NEW ASHOK NGR

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NEW DELHI: A 72-year-old retired government employee was found murdered, with multiple stab wounds in his abdomen, at his house in New Ashok Nagar in east Delhi on Saturday morning, police said.

The knife used in the crime was found on the house terrace, police said, adding they are probing family members of the victim and added that a property dispute angle has emerged in the initial investigation.

A murder case was registered at the New Ashok Nagar police station and investigation was being carried out to identify and nab the killer, police said.

The victim, Gautam Thakur, who retired from the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) in 2012, lived in the first-floor house with his two sons and their families. Deputy commissioner of police (east) Apoorva Gupta said that at 6.39am, the New Ashok Nagar police station received a call from a person who alleged that someone had killed his father. A police team reached the caller's location at C-block in New Ashok Nagar and found that a 72-year-old man was lying dead on a bed.

COURT DIRECTS POLICE TO FILE FIR AGAINST BOBI

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Saturday directed the Delhi Police to register an FIR against AAP transgender councillor Bobi on a complaint filed by Varuna Devi, who had contested as a Congress candidate for the same post, alleging that Bobi had filed forged caste certificates.

"The application under consideration is allowed and SHO concerned is directed to register FIR under appropriate section of law without being influenced by the sections mentioned in the complaint and take up the investigation and file appropriate report after investigation", said judicial magistrate first class Sanya Dalal.

{ ASHA KIRAN DEATHS }

NHRC issues notice to govt, police

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NEW DELHI: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) on Saturday said it has issued notices to the Delhi government and the city's police chief over reports that highlighted a series of deaths through July at a Delhi government-run shelter home for the intellectually challenged in Rohini.

The death of inmates, in such a large number within a short period, indicates "negligence on the part of the authorities", NHRC said in a statement.

NHRC has taken suo motu cognisance of the case were inmates died at a Delhi government-run shelter home — Asha Kiran — for people with mental impairment between July 15 and July 31, it said. Of the 14 who died in July, 13 people were adults and one was a minor. Their symptoms were similar – diarrhoea and vomiting. Several other inmates are reportedly undergoing treatment at a hospital, the commission said.

According to data of the medical care unit of the shelter home, in July, 54 inmates were sent outside the facility for treatment. This has "caused alarm and revived allegations of neglect and poor living conditions" at the shelter home, it added.

The commission has observed that the content of the news report, if true, raise a serious issue of violations of human rights of inmates at the reportedly overcrowded shelter home.

Accordingly, it issued notices to the chief secretary of the Delhi government and the commissioner of police, seeking a detailed report in four weeks, the statement said.

"It is expected to include the status of the FIR in the matter, action taken against officials or officers responsible, and steps taken or proposed by authorities to ensure that such incidents do not recur," it said.

The shelter home has a capacity of 500 inmates, but now over 1,000 are allegedly residing in it resulting in overcrowding, the statement added.

Student, 14, held for sending a bomb threat to S Delhi school

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NEW DELHI: A day after Summer Fields School in south Delhi's Kailash Colony received a bomb threat, prompting a mass evacuation shortly after classes commenced, the Delhi Police on Saturday said they had identified a 14-year-old student of the school as the sender of the hoax email.

The student allegedly sent the hoax email to the school in an attempt to get a day off from classes, police said.

"The minor boy, in his version, stated that he was aware of recent hoax email incidents at schools in Delhi-NCR which led to immediate school holiday. He sent the email late on Thursday night, hoping to cause a school closure. The teenager was apprehended from his home in Chittaranjan Park (CR Park) in south Delhi," said deputy commissioner of police (south) Ankit Chauhan.

He said that on Friday, the school received a bomb threat email in the morning after which school premises were evacuated, and checked by the bomb detection and disposal squad (BDS) but nothing was found, the police declared the threat as a hoax.

A case under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information Technology (IT) was registered at the cyber police station of south district, and investigation was taken up. "The investigating team collected details of the email in question and analysed it. The sender's location was confirmed in CR Park area. Accordingly, a team was sent to the house of the suspect and 14-year-old student of the school was apprehended," said Chauhan.

Man wanted for murder held after shootout near Rajghat

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police's crime branch on Saturday arrested a 38-year-old man, who is a habitual offender involved in more than 25 criminal cases including murder, police said on Saturday, adding that the accused was held after a brief exchange of fire near Rajghat, central Delhi.

The officers said that four rounds were exchanged between the accused, identified as Imran Pehalwan, and the crime branch's central range team. Of the two bullets fired at him by police, one hit Pehalwan's left leg and injured him. Pehalwan also fired two bullets at the raiding team, one of which hit the bulletproof vest of a sub-inspector, Gopal.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Rakesh Pawariya said that on Friday night, the central range team received information that Pehalwan would come to the Daryaganj area on a bike. "It was learnt that Pehalwan was looking for an opportunity to harm his nephew over some dispute, and he may execute his plan if not caught early. A raiding team laid a trap near Rajghat. A few minutes after midnight, the team spotted Pehalwan and signaled him to stop and surrender. But he whipped out a firearm and fired two rounds. One bullet hit the bulletproof vest of S-I Gopal, and he escaped unhurt. One of our bullets hit Pehalwan's left leg, after which he was caught," the DCP said, adding that one pistol and four cartridges were seized from Pehalwan.

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Sarai Kale Khan RRTS stn set to be peacock-themed

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NEW DELHI: Officials from the National Capital Regional Transport Corporation (NCRTC) said that the largest station on the Regional Rapid Transit System (RRTS) network, Sarai Kale Khan (SKK), will feature an exterior in shades of peacock blue and beige. The curved facade will be a monochromatic blue shade combined with polycarbonate sheets to amplify the light effect, the officials said.

The design and colour scheme, inspired by the hues of peacock feathers, has been finalised in line with the theme followed at the other RRTS stations. The Delhi section of RRTS is scheduled to be complete by mid-2025. Officials said that the structural work of SKK station is nearly complete after the entire viaduct for the Delhi stretch was completed earlier in June.

"The colours will indicate the dominating colour of sky and water. Blue is also considered the most intangible colour, from an architectural point of view. This chosen design element also ensures that the varying widths of the RRTS corridor stations appear linear and cohesive," said an NCRTC official.



An artist's impression of the Sarai Kale Khan RRTS station.

Another official said that the SKK station is designed to be airy, open, and well-lit with natural light, consistent with nature.

Spanning 215 metres in length, 50 metres in width, and 15 metres in height, SKK will be equipped with 14 lifts and 18 escalators to cater to passengers. The station has four tracks and six platforms at the same level.

The SKK station connects to the interstate bus stand, railway station, and metro station. Connectivity to Veer Haqiqat Rai ISBT and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station is being made through dedicated FOBs, while a link to the Delhi Metro Pink Line is established via an entrance near the RRTS station. Additionally, city bus interchange facilities and Ring Road entry points have also been made.

Officials said that a central interchange plaza is also proposed for ensuring effective interchange between RRTS, ISBT, city bus terminal, metro and auto taxi parking and provide vehicle drop off.

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With around 206 people still missing, deep search radars and cadaver dogs have been deployed in a bid to locate people or their remains believed to be trapped beneath the mounds of debris in the landslide-ravaged villages of Wayanad. ANI

Wayanad landslide toll at 219, 206 still missing

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WAYANAD: Advanced radars, drones, and heavy machinery were used by rescue teams on Saturday, the fifth day of the tragic landslides that killed hundreds in Wayanad district of Kerala, to locate survivors or deceased.

Stepping up the rescue operations, nearly 1,300 personnel from various forces, including the NDRF, K-9 Dog Squad, Army, Special Operation Group, Madras Engineering Group, Police, Fire Force, Forest Department, Navy, and Coast Guard were deployed in the disaster-struck areas.

Private companies specialising in the field of search and rescue and volunteers also joined the operations in which rescuers braved the rains and waterlogged terrain to look for survivors under massive boulders and huge logs that were deposited in residential areas of Mundakkai and Chooralmala in the landslides.

The toll from the catastrophic landslide has risen to 219, according to the state government.

With around 206 people still missing, deep search radars and cadaver dogs were also deployed in a bid to locate people or their remains believed to be trapped beneath the huge debris in the landslide-ravaged villages.

Search and rescue in final stages. 206 people are missing. Eighty-one people are injured and are under treatment
PINARAYI VIJAYAN, CM

Earlier in the day, chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan said the search and rescue operations have entered their final stages.

Addressing the media in Wayanad, he also said there was difficulty in identifying the bodies and parts recovered from the Chaliyar river.

Referring to the rehabilitation efforts, Vijayan said a secure region will be identified and a township will be constructed.

"The government plans a comprehensive rehabilitation process for the survivors, aiming for swift completion. A new, safer area will be identified for constructing a township. The Education Minister will visit Wayanad to ensure that children's education is not disrupted," Vijayan said.

The Kerala government also announced free ration to the people of Mundakkai and Chooralmala regions of Wayanad district, which were hit by the devastating landslide on July 30.

Amidst the help coming from various quarters for rehabilitating people who lost everything in the landslides, a similar effort was also made by the Animal Welfare Department of the state for the domestic animals, including livestock, who were rendered homeless and ownerless in the disaster.

The department on Saturday decided to hand over the domestic animals to dairy farmers in the vicinity of the landslide-hit areas who are willing to take them, the district administration said in a statement.

Landslide-hit areas of Wayanad find voice through ham radio

WAYANAD: Following the destruction by landslides in Wayanad, a group of ham radio enthusiasts have risen to the challenge, establishing a critical communication network that has helped save lives and facilitate rescue efforts.

The amateur radio system, set up by volunteer operators on the ground floor of the district collector's office in Kalpetta, has been providing vital information to affected communities and authorities, facilitating rescue efforts and relief operations. "The situation was dire, with mobile phone services available to a very limited extent," an official release said.

"District Collector DR Meghashree reached out to the ham radio operators, and they have been instrumental in keeping the lines of communication open," it said.

As the rescue efforts continue, the ham radio operators remain committed to keeping the communication lines open.

FIVE KILLED AFTER WALL OF BUILDING COLLAPSES IN M.P.

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REWA (MP): Four children and a woman were killed after a wall of an abandoned building collapsed on them while they were returning home from school in Rewa district of Madhya Pradesh on Saturday, officials said.

The deceased have been identified as Anshika Gupta (5), Manya Gupta (7), Siddharth Gupta (5), Anuj Prajapati (6) and Rani Prajapati (27).

The children from Sunrise Public School were on their way home when the wall of an abandoned building nearby collapsed on them, inspector general of police (Rewa), Mahendra Singh Sikarwar, said.

Additional superintendent of police Vivek Lal said, "The police have arrested Ramesh Namdev and Satish Namdev, owners of the dilapidated house, late in the evening. The wall, which belonged to two Namdev brothers, was in a dilapidated state."

Expressing grief over the incident, chief minister Mohan Yadav announced financial aid of ₹2 lakh each to the families of the deceased children.

2 KILLED IN BENGAL IN RAIN-RELATED INCIDENTS: POLICE

KOLKATA: At least two people were killed in separate incidents in Howrah and West Burdwan districts as heavy rains lashed West Bengal over the last 48 hours, police said.

On Friday evening, a man was killed in West Burdwan after his car was swept away by the overflowing Garui river near Asansol. His body, trapped inside the car, was recovered on Saturday morning. Earlier in the day, a 21-year-old woman was electrocuted to death when she accidentally touched a live wire at Salkia in Howrah, officials said.

Meanwhile, incessant rain lashed Kolkata and its neighbouring districts as a low-pressure area turned into a deep depression, an official said.

As a result of the rains, waterlogging was reported from several parts of Kolkata, including the airport. Similar was the scene in the neighbouring cities of Howrah, Salt Lake and Barrackpore.

Waterlogging was also reported from inside the Kolkata airport, but flight services were not affected, an official aware of the matter said. HTC

6 J&K staffers sacked over narco-terror links

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JAMMU: Jammu & Kashmir lieutenant governor Manoj Sinha on Saturday sacked five police officers and a government school teacher for narco-terror links, officials said.

Sinha invoked Article 311(2)(c) of the Constitution to terminate the employees from service, the officials said.

"Six government officials, including five policemen and a teacher, were found involved in terror financing through drug sales," an official said.

Investigations revealed that the employees were part of a network run by Pakistan's spy agency Inter-Service Intelligence (ISI) and terror groups operating from its soil, the official said, requesting anonymity.

Their activities had come to the notice of law enforcement and intelligence agencies, and they found them "thickly involved" in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State, they said.

The officials identified the sacked employees as head constable Farooq Ahmad Sheikh, selection grade constables Saif Din, Khalid Hussian Shah and Irshad Ahmad Chalkoo, constable Rahmat Shah and teacher Nazam Din.

Saif Din, a resident of Shigani Bhallesa in Doda district, was a "deeply motivated and committed drug peddler as well as an over ground worker for terrorists of proscribed terrorist organisations like the Hizbul Mujahideen", the official said.

Head constable Sheikh, a resident of Ibkoote Tangdar area of Kupwara, along with Khalid Shah and Rahmat Shah received a huge consignment of narcotics from Pakistan-occupied Jammu and Kashmir-based smugglers from across the LoC, the officials said.

Sheikh was in contact with Pakistan-based terrorists who have been involved in smuggling narcotics, weapons and money from across the Line of Control (LoC), they said.

WITH THIS, THE JAMMU & KASHMIR GOVERNMENT HAS DISMISSED EIGHT EMPLOYEES ON SIMILAR GROUNDS WITHIN A MONTH

Khalid Shah, a resident of Chanipora Payeen Tangdar area of Kupwara, used his knowledge of the area to establish contact with drug smugglers in PoJK. He was at the forefront of running a drug cartel in the Kupwara-Karnah region.

The officials said that all three — Sheikh, Khalid Shah and Rahmat Shah — had established contacts with Pakistan-based terrorists.

"They used to smuggle drugs from Pakistan, and the money generated through the illegal trade of these drugs was being used for fuelling unrest as well as financing terrorism activities...," the official said.

Chalkoo, a resident of Silikote area of Uri in Baramulla, had developed a close relationship with terrorist associates in the area and started working as an over ground worker for the Lashkar-e-Taiba, the officials said.

Being a resident of Uri, Chalkoo utilised his knowledge of the local terrain to establish contact with terrorists based in PoJK.

Teacher Nazam Din, a resident of Kirni Haveli of Poonch district, is a "highly motivated and committed drug peddler", and an over ground worker for terrorists of the Hizbul Mujahideen, they said.

With this, the Jammu & Kashmir government has dismissed eight employees on similar grounds within a month.



Daljit Chawdhary

SSB DIRECTOR GEN GETS ADDITIONAL CHARGE AS BSF DG

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NEW DELHI: The government on Saturday appointed Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) director general Daljit Chawdhary as the acting DG of the Border Security Force.

Chawdhary was given the additional charge a day after the appointments committee of the Cabinet approved the home ministry's proposal to repatriate BSF DG Nitin Agarwal and his deputy, special DG YB Khurania, to their parent cadres.

"Assignment of additional charge of the post of DG, BSF to Daljit Singh Chawdhary, IPS (UP: 90), DG, SSB upon repatriation of Nitin Agarwal, IPS (KL:89) till the appointment of a regular incumbent or until further orders, whichever is earlier," the ACC order on said.

Chawdhary, a 1990 batch IPS officer, took charge as the BSF chief on Saturday, officials confirmed.

Friday's transfers came amid a spate of terror attacks in the sensitive Jammu and Kashmir region.

A senior BSF officer, who asked not to be named, said, "This is a clear message from the government about the importance of stopping the terror attacks in Jammu. In the next few days, there will be transfers in the Jammu sector."

Lok Adalat aims to bring justice to every home: CJI

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NEW DELHI: Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud on Saturday said that the Supreme Court of India, despite being the highest constitutional court of the country, has to be an institution that reaches out to citizens and is deeply associated with their lives.

Speaking at the conclusion of a Special Lok Adalat week that saw more than 1,000 cases getting decided over five days in an out-of-court settlement, the CJI said that the Constitution framers envisaged a Supreme Court in a society that was poor and where access to justice was absent due to hurdles prevailing in a colonial set-up.

Justice Chandrachud said, "The idea behind creating this institution which would reach out to people was to ensure that this would not be one of those kind of courts like the American Supreme Court, which deals with 180 constitutional cases (in a year) but a court that will truly be a court reaching out to the lives of common citizens."

The Special Lok Adalat was based on this theme "Nyay sab ke dwar (Justice at every doorstep)" and the CJI said, "The purpose of the Lok Adalat has been to take justice to the homes of the people and to remind people that we are a constant presence in their lives."



CJI DY Chandrachud

The event was attended by Union law minister Arjun Ram Meghwal who complimented the Supreme Court for organising it to coincide with 75 years of India's independence. The Lok Adalats began on July 29 with about 6,000 cases. Seven benches of the Supreme Court were initially assigned the cases taken up each day at 2pm. But by Thursday, 13 benches had to be constituted to manage the large volume of cases. To arrive at a settlement, some judges used to hear matters till 6.30pm, well beyond the scheduled time when courts rise at 4pm.

The cases settled included not just cheque bounce cases, but tax disputes, motor accident compensation claims, compassionate appointment, matrimonial cases and pension matters. The CJI said, "What is lost to so many people is the small job that we do in the Supreme Court."

The CJI remarked often people ask why the Supreme Court has to deal with so many small cases. He responded by saying, "When the Constitution was framed by stalwarts like Baba Saheb BR Ambedkar, they introduced Article 136 (Supreme Court's appellate jurisdiction) with a mission. This was a court set up in an essentially poor society where there was absence of access to justice. We operated in colonial structures of patriarchy, oppression, caste discrimination...Though we are at the apex of the Indian judicial system, we are closely and deeply associated with the lives of our citizens."

The CJI said that with the success of the Lok Adalat, he plans to institutionalise it for the future. "The purpose was to give ownership to advocates over the institution because this is not an institution of the judges, for the judges and by the judges," he said.

Jawan who gunned down 4 personnel given life sentence

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BATHINDA: An army jawan who murdered four jawans at the high-security Bathinda military station April 12, 2023, was on Saturday sentenced by a General Court Martial (GCM) to life imprisonment and dismissal from service, people familiar with the proceedings said.

The convict, Desai Mohan, and the victims, Sagar Banne, Kamlesh R, Santosh Nagaral, and Yogeshkumar J, were from the 80 Medium Regiment of Artillery, and all five were colleagues at the mess.

Mohan was charged with four counts of murder — under Section 69 (which states that any person subject to this Act who at any place in or beyond India commits any civil offence shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence against this Act) of the Army Act and Section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code — and two counts of theft under Army Act Section 52(a) for theft of weapon and ammunition, the officials said.

The findings and the sentence announced by the GCM, presided over by colonel S Duseja, on Saturday are subject to vetting by the higher army authorities, the people said. Desai shot dead his four colleagues as they slept their rooms near the officers' mess. Bathinda district police found 19 empty shells from the spot.

According to the first information report (FIR) filed at the cantonment police station on April 12, Mohan alleged that he had spotted two masked men in white kurta-pyjama near the crime scene.

The case was registered on the complaint of Major Ashutosh Shukla of the 80 Medium Regiment, who quoted Mohan's information that one of the assailants was carrying an INSAS (Indian Small Arms System) rifle and the other an axe. The FIR stated that an INSAS rifle and a magazine with 28 cartridges had gone missing from an army unit on April 9. These were found by the Bathinda police on the day of the murder.

ACCUSED DESAI MOHAN HAS BEEN CHARGED WITH FOUR COUNTS OF MURDER AND TWO COUNTS OF THEFT

The case was taken over by the Army from the civil court under Army Act Section 125 for the trial of the accused by a court martial.

During the probe by civil police, the jawan, who belongs to Andhra Pradesh, initially alleged sexual abuse by the deceased. He also alleged that the four used to speak to his fiancée using his mobile, take compromising photographs of his fiancée and mock him.

During the trial, army officials said that the accused claimed implication at the behest of police and military authorities, and denied having made any confessional statement to the police or Army authorities. But the GCM rejected his claim as unsubstantiated and an afterthought, and relying on his voluntary confessional statement made at Summary of Evidence and ample circumstantial evidence on record convicted him of all the six charges.

The GCM was being held at Bathinda army base since January this year.

Army PRO Col Sudhir Chamoli did not respond to HT's request for comment.



Droupadi Murmu

GUVS ARE LINKS BETWEEN CENTRE AND STATES: PREZ

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NEW DELHI: President Droupadi Murmu on Saturday said the governors are the link between the Centre and states in the federal system while Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar said the governors should not hesitate in seeking information from the state governments.

In her closing remarks at the two-day conference of the governors, Murmu said smooth functioning of all institutions is very important for public welfare and overall development.

According to a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan, she said the discussions took place in the conference with the aim of creating better coordination among various institutions. "The governors are the link between the Centre and the states in the federal system of India," the statement said.

In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged the governors to evolve an ideal model of governance in the Raj Bhavans. He said there should be a consistent attempt to train the staff for the effective functioning of the Raj Bhavans.

Vice President Dhankhar said the two-day conference had left an indelible imprint on the minds of all participants.

He said the governors should not hesitate in seeking information and maintaining sustained communication with the respective state governments for effective functioning.

{ YAMINI KRISHNAMURTHY } 1940-2024

Tributes pour in as Bharatanatyam icon and Padma awardee dies at 84

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NEW DELHI: Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi veteran Yamini Krishnamurthy passed away at the age of 84 at the Apollo hospital in New Delhi on Saturday. "She was suffering from age-related issues and was in the ICU for the last seven months," Krishnamurthy's manager and secretary Ganesh said.

Krishnamurthy's mortal remains will be brought to her institute — Yamini School of Dance at Hauz Khas — on Sunday. The details of her last rites are yet to be finalised. Krishnamurthy is survived by two sisters.

Born on December 20, 1940 in Madanapalli in the Chittoor district, Andhra Pradesh, to Sanskrit scholar M Krishnamurti, she took to dance at the age of five at the Kalakshetra School of Dance in Chennai under the tutelage of legendary Bharatanatyam dancer Rukmini Devi Arundale.

Also proficient in Kuchipudi, Krishnamurthy expanded her horizon by learning Odissi from the likes of Pankaj Charan Das and Kelucharan Mohapatra.

Besides learning the various dance forms, Krishnamurthy was also trained in Carnatic vocals and the veena.

She received the Padma Shri at the age of 28 in 1968, Padma Bhushan in 2001 and Padma Vibhushan in 2016. She was also conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1977.

Speaking about her contribution to Bharatanatyam, veteran dancer and one of her first students, Rama Vaidyanathan, said she brought "power, beauty and glamour" to the dance form.

Former Andhra Pradesh chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy also took to X to pay tributes to Krishnamurthy. "I'm deeply saddened to hear of the demise of Yamini Krishnamurthy garu, the celebrated exponent of Kuchipudi and Bharatanatyam. My thoughts and prayers are with her family in these difficult times," he wrote.

Former Rajya Sabha MP and Bharatanatyam dancer Sonal Mansingh said Krishnamurthy "blazed like a meteor in the sky".

"Just got the sad news of the passing away of India's great dancer Yamini Krishnamurthy, Padmabhushan and Padma Vibhushan awardee. She blazed like a meteor across the sky, the firmament of the Indian dance art. She was my senior. We all looked up to her," Mansingh said.

with agency inputs

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Woman killed as minor rams speeding car into scooter



CCTV footage showed the car crashing into the scooter.

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KANPUR: A 16-year-old boy has been detained after he crashed a car into a two-wheeler in Saket Nagar area of Kanpur on Friday, causing the death of a 38-year-old woman and critically injuring her 14-year-old daughter, officials said on Saturday.

The boy, who was illegally driving his sister's car with three of his friends, two girls and a boy, has been booked under charges of culpable homicide and reckless driving, officials said.

In CCTV clips of the accident, that have since been widely shared on social media, the car, a Maruti Suzuki Ciaz, can be seen speeding out of control, drifting horizontally before crashing into the scooter.

Jamuna Singh, a witness of the accident and whose car was also damaged in the accident, said, "The car was definitely travelling over 100 km/h. It suddenly went horizontal and skidded before crashing into the scooter."

The three occupants of the car fled the scene, Singh said, adding: "The driver could not escape because his door was jammed, and he was desperately trying to open it."

The videos further showed the victims, 38-year-old Bhavna Mishra and her daughter Medhavi being flung into the air. While Bhavna died while undergoing treatment at a hospital, Medhavi is undergoing treatment at Regency hospital in Govind Nagar and is reportedly in a critical condition.

Following a complaint by Anoop Mishra, the victim's husband, an FIR under sections 281, 125, 106 (1) and 324 (1) of Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita was filed on Saturday.

"His rash driving ruined my world; I have lost my wife," Mishra said.

The minor was detained on Saturday after the FIR was lodged, officials said. The car is registered in the name of his sister and the boy did not inform the family before taking the car, the minor's father, who is currently being interrogated, said.

DCP, Kanpur south, Ravindra Kumar said the boy was produced before the juvenile justice board which sent him to a correctional home. He ruled out the boy was under influence of liquor. "The boy underwent a medical test, which ruled out he was under the influence of alcohol," Kumar said.

Delhi gets its T20 league, offers youngsters a platform to shine

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NEW DELHI: The inaugural edition of the Delhi Premier League (DPL) T20 tournament will unfold at the Arun Jaitley Stadium from August 17 and players from the Capital will slug it out to showcase the best they have to offer in the shortest format of the game.

Modelled on the lines of the Indian Premier League (IPL), it has six teams in the men's competition and will run from August 17 to September 8. A women's competition, involving four teams, is likely to begin on September 2. There will be 40 matches in total — 33 in the men's event and seven in the women's category.

At an auction last week, the six teams in the men's competition were acquired for a total of ₹49.65 crore. The teams are South Delhi Superstars, Purani Dilli 6, Central Delhi Kings, North Delhi Strikers, West Delhi Lions and East Delhi Riders. The top four bidders also secured the women's teams — South Delhi Superstars, Central Delhi Queens, North Delhi Strikers and East Delhi Riders.



A few state associations already have their own T20 leagues with the Tamil Nadu Premier League (TNPL), Maharashtra Premier League (MPL) and Karnataka Premier League (KPL) among the popular ones. Delhi and District Cricket Association (DDCA) president Rohan Jaitley said he was mulling with the idea of a T20 league for quite some time before going ahead with it this year.

"The concept has been doing the rounds for a few years, but we took a step and decided to put it in place this season after approval from BCCI only to make sure that it is a good platform for players to show their talent and come up the ranks," Jaitley told HT.

"The league was the need of the hour because there is so much talent in the city and this is just a professional way of channelising it through healthy competition for players to actually show the best that they have to show. The intent here is not commercialisation, it is to put a structure in place where the best pool of players gets an opportunity to perform."

If the city's young players can seize this opportunity to impress — the league will be broadcast on Sports18 and Jio Cinema — the Delhi team will potentially have a greater pool of players to pick from for the domestic white-ball tournaments going forward.

"We do a lot of tournaments at the state level in any case," said Jaitley. "But over here, this will just give them exposure of how an international-level event happens. It's the ambience. It's the exposure that players get. It's the repeated number of games in a team being run professionally and the pressure one has to deal with during a game. With the immense talent pool that the city has to offer across age groups, it's a good opportunity for players to showcase what they have. If they showcase it in the right way, they will obviously gain attention when it comes to calls for the state team and other opportunities within the cricketing fraternity."

During the draft featuring 270 players on Friday, star wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant and veteran pacer Ishant Sharma were picked up by Purani Dilli 6. Emerging fast bowler Harshit Rana, who featured for Kolkata Knight Riders in their triumphant IPL campaign, was signed by North Delhi Strikers. Pant and Rana are currently part of India's ODI squad in Sri Lanka. Jaitley said Pant, 26, will take part in the league provided his commitments with the national team don't clash.

"The way I look at it, the top players participating in the league will be handholding and grooming the future of Delhi," Jaitley said. "For the youngsters to share a dressing room with the stalwarts is always a dream come true for them... The idea is that if these players are available and not committed to something of higher importance. they certainly will try and participate."

24 yrs later, man on run for murder held

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Police's crime branch has arrested a 44-year-old man, who was evading the law for over 24 years in a murder case, from his village in Nalanda, Bihar, police said on Saturday.

According to officers, the accused, Sakender Yadav, changed multiple cities and jobs to avoid the police dragnet. He was declared a proclaimed offender in the murder case registered in February 2000 at the Uttam Nagar police station.

Deputy commissioner of police (crime) Satish Kumar said said that on February 4, 2000, Chando Yadav, of Devkali, Nalanda, filed a complaint regarding his missing brother, Ram Swaroop alias Yadav, 32.

Swaroop worked in a polythene factory in Matiala, west Delhi, and was last seen there along with Mantu Yadav, Sakender, and Vijay Yadav, all of Nalanda. The factory belonged to Pappu Yadav.

"It was learnt that while other workers had returned to their homes in Bihar, Swaroop did not. The team questioned the factory owner, who said Swaroop had left the factory to work elsewhere. A few days later, Swaroop's decomposed body was found in Pappu's factory," said DCP Kumar.

The team arrested Mantu Yadav but the remaining suspects – Pappu, Vijay Yadav, and Sakender – could not be traced.

Recently, police learned that Sakender would visit Devkali. A team was sent to his village, and he was caught, said police.

6 accused in case linked to 2020 Delhi riots acquitted

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NEW DELHI: A Delhi court on Friday acquitted six accused of all charges levelled against them in a case related to the 2020 north-east Delhi riots, while noting that there is not a single evidence on record against them.

"In absence of any evidence to establish the presence of the accused persons in the mob behind the incident in question, I am of the opinion that there is no incriminating evidence against the accused persons," said additional sessions judge (ASJ) Pulastya Pramachala.

The court was hearing a case registered on February 28, 2020, on a complaint of one Naresh Chand who had alleged that on February 25 at around 5pm rioters barged into his house, ransacked it, and set it ablaze. He alleged that in the incident, the mob also looted his house.

Delhi Police, after probe, arrested six accused in the case — Hashim Ali, Abu Bakar, Mohd. Ajeej, Rashid Ali, Nazmuddin, and Mohammad Danish. During the investigation, 13, other complaints were also received by police and were clubbed with the present FIR on the ground of proximity of place and date of incident, however, during the proceedings in the court in July 2022, when the court enquired from the investigating officer regarding the fate of the 13 other complaints it was informed that they were being investigated in some other FIR.

The court in August 2023, framed charges against all six accused under section 148 (rioting armed with deadly weapon), 380 (theft in dwelling house), 427 (mischief causing damage to the amount of rupees fifty), 435 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with the intent to cause damage to the amount of rupees hundred), 436 (mischief by fire or explosive substance with intent to destroy house), 149 (unlawful assembly) and 188 (disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant) to which all the accused pleaded, not guilty and claimed trial.

After trial, the court noted that there have been no witnesses to identify any of the accused person being seen in the video placed on court's record.

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

This Sunday quiz is officially open. Let the guesswork begin!

The events have started, the athletes have taken their places, medals are being won, and new and old records abound. Here's your Olympics fix in 10 questions...

Natasha Rego



What vehicles did the 10,500 athletes ride on for their parade during the opening ceremony? AFP

1 For the first time in history, the Olympics opening ceremony made a splash outside a stadium. The 10,500 athletes went on a parade in the heart of Paris, for six kilometres along the city's main artery, passing under bridges and gateways. What vehicles were they on?

2 This group of people was allowed to participate in the Olympics for the first time in 1900, where they comprised 2.2% of all participants. At the 1984 LA Olympics, they represented 23%. In Paris this year, they're reaching almost 50% for the first time in history. Which group?

3 The Phryge is the official mascot of the Paris Olympics. It's been mistaken for the Eiffel Tower, a flame and Patrick Star. It's actually a historic symbol of French liberation. What kind of object is it? Hint: Yankee Doddle stuck a feather in it and called it Macaroni.

What object is the Phryge, the 2024 Paris Olympics mascot?



4 Pistol shooter Manu Bhaker became the first Indian to win two medals in a single edition of the Olympics. Two other Indians have won two medals in separate editions. One is PV Sindhu with her silver and bronze in badminton. Who is the other, a wrestler, who was convicted of murder?

5 Turkey's Yusuf Dikeç, 51, won the silver at the 10-meter air pistol mixed team event with his partner. Manu and Sarabjot won bronze. But Dikeç became an internet sensation for his casual stance, prescription glasses, white shirt and pistol in one hand. Where was his other hand?

6 The first Indian to win an individual medal post-independence, in double trap at the 2004 Athens Olympics, was also a shooter. The now retired Army colonel then became a member of parliament, union sports minister and is currently a cabinet minister in Rajasthan. Who?

7 She has at least five skills named after her; dropped out of several events at the 2020 Olympics, after a serious case of the Tokyo Twisties; just added three golds at Paris, bringing her tally of Olympic medals up to 10. Who is the most decorated gymnast in history?

8 India's first individual Olympic gold medallist will become the first Indian to be conferred with the Olympic Order. He won his medal at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, at the 10m air rifle event. His foundation now works to integrate science and technology into high-performance sports. Who?

9 The youngest country in the world won its first Olympic basketball game against Puerto Rico. They then lost to reigning champions US and will go up against Serbia today. The country was formed in 2011, after seceding from its northern neighbour, following decades of civil war. Which?

10 At the closing ceremony, Tom Cruise will rappel down from the top of Stade de France, land on the field and carry the Olympic flag all the way to its next destination, where the 2028 edition will take place. The last time the Olympics was held here as in 1984. Where?

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Peace pact with Meiteis 'null, void': Hmar body

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IMPHAL: A day after the Hmar and Meitei communities of the violence-hit Jiribam district of Manipur signed a peace agreement, the apex body of the Hmar community condemned the initiative and said the pact stood "null and void".

The Hmar Inpui, the apex body of the community, alleged that its affiliated units signed the agreement without the knowledge of the general headquarters and dissolved its Jiribam unit in response.

"Hmar Inpui, general headquarters, is shocked to learn about the peace initiative that was taken on August 1, 2024 at a CRPF facility in Cachar, Assam. The first such initiative was held in Silchar on July 1. The Hmar Inpui condemned the engaging actors and negated the efforts that took place without our prior, informed consent," it said in a statement on Friday.

"However, disrespecting the resolution of Hmar Inpui, members of Hmar Inpui/Jiribam Region, Hmar National Union (HNU) and several individuals continue to bow to the whims and fancies of a divisive and communal state government," it added.



The body said it will not act as a 'bait' for CM Biren Singh. PTI

The body also warned "individuals who participated in the event to stop their blind and selfish efforts and not represent Hmar community in any manner and if they wish to continue the efforts, they shall do so at their own risk".

On Thursday, representatives of the Meitei and Hmar communities reached an agreement at a meeting held at a CRPF facility in Cachar, Assam.

The meeting was moderated by Jiribam district administration, Assam Rifles and CRPF personnel. Representatives of Thadou, Paite and Mizo communities of the district were also present in the meeting.

"The meeting resolved that both sides will make full efforts to bring normalcy and prevent incidents of arson and firing. Both sides shall give full cooperation to all the security forces operating in the Jiribam district. Both sides agreed to facilitate controlled and coordinated movement," a joint statement issued and signed by representatives of all the participating communities said.

In response to the joint statement, the apex body said the community will not act as "bait in the divisive politics" of chief minister Biren Singh.

"Hmar Inpui is resolute in its stand to unite and strengthen the collective interests and movement for total separation of the Zohnathlak peoples from Manipur for all time to come. We shall not bow down to the Biren-led government, and Hmar will not be a bait in the divisive politics that Mr. Biren Singh and his party are devising," the body said.

Meanwhile, fresh violence broke out in the district on Friday, as shots were fired and an abandoned house in a Meitei village was torched, officials said.

10 Kuki-Zo MLAs write to Modi against replacing Assam Rifles

IMPHAL: Ten Kuki-Zo MLAs from Manipur have written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi seeking his intervention to ensure that Assam Rifles continue to guard sensitive areas of the ethnic strife-torn state and are not replaced by CRPF.

In the letter, the MLAs said that when the Centre was working to end the conflict, removing the Assam Rifles and replacing it with a new force "with no comparable knowledge of the terrain or the people" could result in an escalation of violence.

The letter came amid reports that two battalions of Assam Rifles deployed in Kangvai and Kangpokpi would be replaced by CRPF.

The Kuki-Zo MLAs hailed the Assam Rifles as a "neutral force" and the purported move to replace it with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) as a "sinister design".

CONG MLA, SON BOOKED OVER COP'S SUICIDE

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YADGIR: A case was registered by the police against Congress MLA Channareddy Tannur and his son Pampanagouda Tannur on Saturday after a Dalit sub-inspector allegedly died by suicide, following his transfer within seven months of posting.

The MLA and his son were booked on charges of intentional insult with an intent to provoke breach of peace, abetment of suicide and joint criminal liability on a complaint by the wife of the deceased. She alleged that the two demanded ₹30 lakh from her husband if he wished to continue in the same place.

The victim's wife said he was in tears ever since he was transferred and told her that he felt suicidal.

When the victim's wife, who is pregnant, went to Raichur to her parents' house for the delivery of her child, she got to know that her husband was hospitalised after he started bleeding from the nose and mouth.

Following the incident, members of the Dalit Sangharsh Samiti (DSS) staged a demonstration blocking the road demanding justice for the deceased.

Reacting to the incident, Karnataka home minister G Parameshwara said that he has ordered a thorough investigation into the matter.

India, Sri Lanka navies work on operations



INS Shalki at the port of Colombo. The Indian submarine is on a two-day visit to the neighbouring country for an operational awareness programme. ANI

14 get 7-year jail term for stripping, parading woman naked in 2023

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JAIPUR: A district court in Pratapgarh on Saturday sentenced 14 men to seven years imprisonment and three women to five years imprisonment for stripping a 20-year-old pregnant woman and parading her naked last year, allegedly because she was in a relationship with another man.

The incident took place on August 31 last year in Nichlakota village of Pratapgarh district of Rajasthan, when the woman's husband and relatives found her at the house of a man she was in a relationship with.

The incident, a video of which went viral, triggered a massive uproar across the country. The woman was seven months pregnant then.

Hearing the matter on Saturday, Justice Ramkanya Soni called it a terrible crime.

"The case was one of the terrible crimes committed against the women. Considering a surge in such crimes against women in our society with each passing day, the court convicted all the accused with the strictest punishment," she said.

Based on an FIR filed by the woman in September last year, at least 17 people, including her husband, relatives and neighbours, were arrested under sections 509 , 354 A, and 354 B, 323, 342, 294, 36, 341, 504, 506, 120 B of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), Section 4/6 of the Indecent Representation of Women Prohibit Act along with Section 67 of the Information Technology Act (punishment for publishing obscene material in electronic form). A five-member team was also formed to probe the matter.

Talking about the case, then-Pratapgarh police superintendent Amit Budaniya said: "The accused had an influential local network in their village. Considering the influence of the aides of the woman's in-laws, the police also appealed the Dhariyawad court to shift the case to Pratapgarh which was approved in January. An investigating officer was also asked to visit the court during every hearing to ensure no influence of outsiders on the case."

SRI LANKA HANDS OVER BODY OF INDIAN FISHERMAN

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CHENNAI: The Sri Lankan Navy handed over two fishermen, recently apprehended, and also the mortal remains of a fisherman who died at sea to the Indian Navy near the International Maritime Boundary Line (IMBL) on Saturday, an official release said.

Indian Navy ship, INS Bitra, which was on deployment off Rameshwaram, coordinated with the Sri Lankan Navy ship and received the fishermen and the body at sea at about 1am.

On August 1, a fisherman from Tamil Nadu's Rameswaram reportedly died and another went missing when the boat in which they were fishing in the mid-sea capsized after colliding with the Sri Lankan Navy ship.

The mechanised fishing boat capsized when the Sri Lankan Navy attempted to arrest them on charges of illegal fishing, a senior fisheries official had said. Four fishermen from Rameswaram who were on board fell into the sea after the boat capsized.

While one fisherman reportedly died and another went missing, two men were detained by the Lankan authorities then.

Two held for 'offering' Gangajal at Taj Mahal

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AGRA: Police arrested two men from the Taj Mahal premises on Saturday after they were seen pouring water from a bottle there. A local right-wing Hindu outfit claimed that the two were its members and offered "Gangajal", considered holy by Hindus, as they believe the monument is a Hindu temple.

Suraj Kumar Rai, deputy commissioner of police (Agra City), said the two men were arrested following a written complaint by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) personnel posted inside the Taj Mahal.

"The youths entered the premises as tourists. The complaint said that the youths were seen pouring water inside the Taj Mahal premises," he said.

They have been arrested after the incident and a case has been filed at the Tajganj Police Station, Rai said.

The case has been registered under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) sections 223 (disobedience to order promulgated by public servant), 298 (injuring or defiling place of worship), and 299 (deliberate and malicious acts intended to outrage religious feelings), the police said, adding the matter is being investigated in detail.

Court hears Hindu side's plea on Gyanvapi, posts matter for Aug 17

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VARANASI: A Varanasi court on Saturday heard pleas moved by Hindu petitioners seeking an ASI survey of the closed cellars in the Gyanvapi mosque complex and seeking a direction to Muslims from walking over the roof of Vyas's basement inside the complex.

In February this year, petitioner Rakhi Singh filed the plea in the district court through counsel Saurabh Tiwari, Manbahadur Singh and advocate Anupam Dwivedi.

On Saturday, Singh's counsel Saurabh Tiwari presented his submission before the court, urging that the scientific survey of the closed cellars of Gyanvapi mosque by the ASI is necessary to determine the religious character of the Gyanvapi complex.

Tiwari said that the matter is pending since February 5, adding that the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee, which looks after Gyanvapi mosque, filed an objection in the matter.

On January 31, the Varanasi district judge had directed the local administration to arrange for Hindus to conduct worship rituals inside one of the sealed basements (Vyasji ka tehkhana) within the Gyanvapi mosque complex.

The order came six days after the court provided the litigants with a copy of the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) report, which stated that a Hindu temple existed at the site prior to the construction of the mosque.

The court specifically directed that a priest be allowed to perform puja in the southern cellar of the mosque complex.

Cases by Hindu groups and individuals in Varanasi and Mathura are currently being adjudicated in courts across Uttar Pradesh, even as a larger issue relating to the Place of Worship (Special Provisions) Act, 1991 has remained pending before the Supreme Court since 2021.

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Date and time of **opening of Technical bids (online)** by the technical committee in the office of Director, Animal Husbandry, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, Zorawar Singh Marg, Near Pul Mithai Tis Hazari Delhi - 110054	21.08.2024 4.00 P.M.
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Public Notice

Inviting Comments on Petition filed by UJVN Ltd. before the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission for review of the UERC's Tariff Order on True-up for FY 2022-23, Annual Performance Review for FY 2023-24 & Annual Fixed Charges for FY 2024-25.

1. UJVN Ltd. has filed a review Petition and sought the following reliefs:
(i) Correct the arithmetic mistakes in calculation of net cash availability.
(ii) Correct/rectify the calculation while computing 'interest from FDR's to be disallowed'.
(iii) Consider opening balance of FD's on account of head office, each year from FY2016-17 onwards and any subsequent investment in FD's by the petitioner for computation of interest earned from FD's made out of RoE and exclude such interest from non-tariff income on actual basis.
(iv) Accept the allocation of apportionment methodology submitted by the petitioner in a ratio of 95:05 (based on installed capacity) for its 11 LHPs and SHPs including the 120 MW Vyasi project and consider the same methodology for future as well.
(v) Allow the RoE @ 15.5%/16.5% towards all additional capitalization till the application of MYT Regulations 2021 i.e., 01.04.23.
2. Detailed Petition as submitted by UJVN Ltd. can be seen free of cost on any working day in the Commission's office or at the office of UJVN Ltd., "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun. Relevant extracts can also be obtained from the above-mentioned office of UJVN Ltd.
3. The Petition filed by UJVN Ltd. is available on the website of the Commission **(www.uerc.gov.in)** and also on the UJVN Ltd.'s website **(www.ujvnl.com).**
4. Objections/suggestions are invited from the consumers and other stakeholders on the above Petition. These may be sent to the Secretary, Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission, either in person, or by post at 'Vidyut Niyamak Bhawan', Near I.S.B.T., P.O. Majra, Dehradun-248171 or through e-mail to **secy.uerc@gov.in** as a statement of objections or comments with copies of the documents and evidence in support thereof so as to reach the Secretary by **16.08.2024.**

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To create a better environment for industries, the Yogi government has not only brought 481 services from 41 departments under the Single Window System but has also set a new record by disposing of more than 97 per cent of over 13 lakh license applications.

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With this, the state has now become one of India's top manufacturing states, boasting a huge cluster of over 96 lakh MSMEs, the largest in any state in India. Moreover, the Yogi government's proactive approach in developing a land bank of over 46,000 acres near economic zones, expressways, and corridors has begun attracting significant industrial opportunities to the state.

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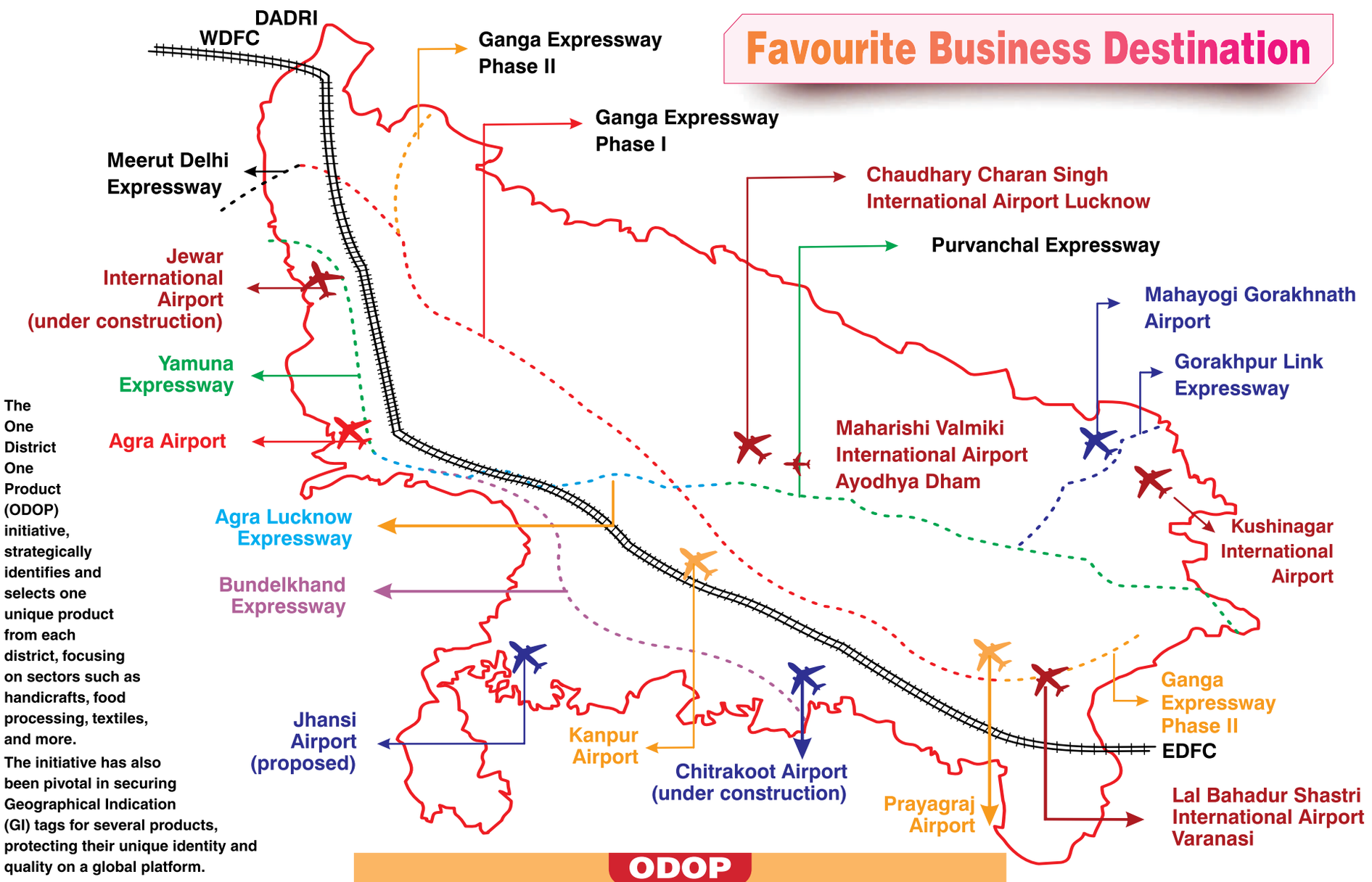
➔For ensuring sustainable industrial growth, environment protection measures are facilitated. A grant of upto Rs 10 crore is provided for setting up of CETPS Time bound and online method of incentive disbursement.

➔A big focus on developing industrial infrastructure. 10 to 50 acre industrial parks are incentivised through PLEDGE (Promoting Leadership in Developing Growth Engines) where the development cost @Rs 50 per acre is provided at a 1% annual simple interest rate. 8 parks at Aligarh, Saharanpur, Jhansi, Meerut, Hapur, Sambhal, Unnao and Kanpur Dehat have already been financed.

➔Through MSME Act 2020, acknowledgment is issued to industries within 72 hours, which exempts them from inspection of any development for 1000 days.

➔Facilitation Council System has been decentralised to division level for effectively tackling delayed payments.

Favourite Business Destination



ODOP
TRANSFORMING ECONOMIC LANDSCAPE

The One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, strategically identifies and selects one unique product from each district, focusing on sectors such as handicrafts, food processing, textiles, and more.

The initiative has also been pivotal in securing Geographical Indication (GI) tags for several products, protecting their unique identity and quality on a global platform.

To support the artisans and small businesses involved in the ODOP initiative, the Government of Uttar Pradesh has established Common Facility Centres (CFCs). These centres provide essential services such as training, quality control, and technological support, enabling producers to meet international standards and compete effectively in global markets.

The integration of various government schemes with the ODOP initiative has further amplified its impact. These schemes provide financial assistance, infrastructure development, and marketing support, creating an ecosystem that nurtures growth and innovation within the ODOP framework.

COLLABORATIONS

The ODOP Cell has partnered with various e-commerce platforms and subject matter experts to open

new avenues for ODOP products. The ODOP e-commerce portal provides direct customer access, while

collaborations with leading companies and institutions have helped standardize products, improve

designs, packaging, and enhance digital payment infrastructure. To address gaps and challenges in the ODOP products ecosystem, the following experts were onboarded:

Amazon.in: Facilitating the entry of ODOP products into national markets.

Flipkart.com: Expanding the reach of ODOP products within the national market.

Quality Council of India (QCI): Ensuring the standardization and quality assurance of ODOP products.

Indian Institute of Packaging (IIP): Enhancing the packaging of ODOP products. A packaging

center was opened in collaboration with IIP at the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development

in Lucknow.

AKTU: Upgrading technology for ODOP clusters through innovative ideas selected by a Hackathon organized by AKTU University.

National Stock Exchange (NSE) / Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE): Assisting ODOP units in accessing capital markets to raise equity capital.

Paytm: Facilitating digital payment infrastructure for the MSME sector and ODOP artisans.

LULU Mall: Branding and promoting ODOP programs and products

ODOP INITIATIVES

Common Facility Centers (CFCs):



The completion of 11 ODOP CFCs and the ongoing development of 17 more CFCs stand out as significant achievements. These centers provide crucial infrastructure, from production to packaging and marketing, supporting artisans in enhancing the quality and marketability of their products.

Training and Toolkit Distribution:

A substantial number of artisans, approximately 1,08,472 have received training and has been provided with modern toolkits. This initiative has been critical in skill development and quality improvement across various ODOP sectors.

Financial Assistance: Projects worth nearly ₹2,838 crores have been financed, providing a strong financial backbone for the initiative and facilitating the growth and sustainability of ODOP enterprises.

GI Tags: The awarding of GI tags to 32 ODOP products and the application for GI tags for 20 more products have significantly contributed to the branding and global recognition of these products.

Promotional Activities: Over 100 promotional events, including 9 ODOP summits and various fairs and exhibitions, have played a pivotal role in marketing and outreach, expanding the domestic and international footprint of ODOP products.

ODOPmart.com: The launch of odopmart.com and the successful sale of over 20,000 products on e-commerce platforms marks a significant milestone in the digital marketing and sales strategy of the ODOP initiative.

ODOP Unity Malls: Proposals for developing 3 ODOP Unity Malls in Agra, Varanasi, and Lucknow are underway, aiming to provide dedicated spaces for showcasing and selling ODOP products.

National Recognition: The state of Uttar Pradesh was awarded the first prize in the ODOP category by the Government of India, recognizing the initiative's success and impact.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of work: Virangana Lakshmibai Jhansi- Provision of Ballast less Track on Platform lines.

E-Tender No.	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENGG-HQ-2024-157	83163148.52	₹ ₹565800.00

Date of Closing tender: 26.08.2024 at **15.00** hrs., **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 12 Months. • Tender online can be submitted up to **15.00** hrs. on **26.08.2024.** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website **www.ireps.gov.in.** 1374/24 FA

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E-Tendering Tender Notice

Chief Project Manager, 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-ENGG-GSU-2024-18, Name of Work: Provision of Goods platforms, labour shelter, railway offices etc and repair of existing railway service building at Rayaru station.

Approx Cost (₹): 9,49,90,938.00 | **Earnest Money (₹): 6,25,000.00**

Date of closing Tender: 24.08.2024

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 12 month. • Tender online can be submitted up to **11:15** hrs on **24.08.2024** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1379/24 (MG)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 24/54 **Date. 02.08.2024**

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	80241002B	GEAR LUBRICANT, MULTIPURPOSE (EXTREME PRESSURE GEAR OIL)	15130 LTR	20.08.2024
2	80244109B	LUBRICATING MOBIL OIL	52997 LTR	29.08.2024
3	30241751C	NON ASBESTOS BASED 'K' TYPE HIGH FRICTION COMPOSITE BRAKE BLOCKS	101844 Nos.	26.08.2024
4	38241941	BODY SIDE ARRANGEMENT COMPLETE	113 Nos.	26.08.2024
5	38244244	ROUND HEAD LOCK BOLT-22.22 MM DIA , GRIP RANGE 31.75 MM TO 38.10 MM	267249 Pairs	29.08.2024
6	38241221	SIDE FRAME KEY	45396 Nos.	05.09.2024
7	38244263	ROUND HEAD LOCK BOLT-19.05 MM DIA GRIP RANGE 19.05 MM TO 25.40 MM	43918 Nos.	16.09.2024
8	30243187	OVERHAULING KIT FOR DUMP VALVE	120 SET	26.08.2024
9	50245146	LED Shunt, Route and Calling	1426 Nos	02.09.2024
10	30243052	SET OF SEATS AND BERTHS FOR LHB AC-2 TIER COACHES	04 SET	26.08.2024
11	38241612	NON-ASBESTOS L TYPE COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCK	93457 Nos.	30.08.2024
12	38243205A	CONE, ROLLER AND CAGE ASSEMBLY	1988 Nos.	02.09.2024
13	30242378	KIT FOR BRAKE GEAR BUSHES	891 Set	12.09.2024
14	38244219	K-TYPE COMPOSITION BRAKE BLOCK	38988 Nos.	19.09.2024
15	64245185	Tungsten Carbide Tipped Tamping Tool	20 Set	29.08.2024
16	64235076E	Rubber Seal Kit	730 Nos.	21.08.2024
17	10241864	Glass fibre bag filter	448 Nos.	22.08.2024
18	10244033E	Element filter turbo soak back	40 Nos.	30.08.2024
19	20242618A	16 TEETH PINION FOR WAG-7 LOCO	85 Nos.	21.08.2024
20	20243658	SET OF ZIRCONIUM COPPER STAMPING	1714 Nos.	06.09.2024
21	20243503	END FRAME NDE(MACHINED)	56 Nos.	13.09 2024
22	40243137	0.5 HP SELF PRIMING MONO BLOCK PUMP	186 Nos.	17.09.2024
23	20243490A	PINION SHAFT 21 TEETH FOR WAG-9	269 Nos.	07.10.2024
24	40241042B	MOULD RELEASE SHEET NOMEX	2624 MTR	22,08.2024
25	40243360	LED LIGHT FITTING FOR CORRIDOR	5130 Nos	26.08.2024
26	40243357	EMERGENCY LIGHTING UNIT FOR EOG TYPE.	760 Nos	27.08.2024
27	40243284	HIGH CAPACITY INTER VEHICLE COUPLER, ZS COUPLING 500A, 750V, 3PHASE	349 Nos	27.08.2024
28	40241046A	IMPREGNATION VARNISH COMPONENT	1857 Kgs.	05.09.2024

Note: The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS **website i.e.https://www.ireps.gov.in.** Fory any change/ corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. 1377/24(DG)

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UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking) Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGCO25867/2358
Victoria Cross Vijeyta Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun - 248001
Ph. No. 0135-2763672-75, Fax 0135-2763830, Website- www.uktenders.gov.in

E-TENDER NOTICE
TENDER SPECIFICATION NO. 1/SE(MM)/2024-25

Superintending Engineer (MM), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd., V.C.V Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Dehradun under Data Entry Operator for Electricity Store Sub Center Mothrowala/Mohanpur and the work of security of Electricity Store Centers/ Sub-Centers round the clock under EE, ESD, Dehradun from security agencies invites e-tender which are registered in labour department, income tax, EPF, ESI/WC, GST, and other related agencies/ departments as per prevailing law and preferably having experience to providing security work in Government department/Public Sector organization. Last date of online request of tender document/submission/opening date of tender and the detail of material are as given below:-

Sl. No.	Detail of Material	Cost of Tender Document including GST (in Rs.)	Average Turnover for Previous 3 years (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (FDR/CDR/DD) (in Rs.) and Bid Security declaration	Last Date & Time of Online request for purchase of the tender document & submission of tender in online & off line mode	Date of opening of Bid part 1st in online & off line mode
1.	For security work and safety of Electricity Store Centers/Sub- Centers Dehradun/ Mothrowala/ Mohanpur, Rishikesh, Tehri, Uttarkashi, Roorkee, Haridwar, Kotdwar, Srinagar and Chamoli round the clock under EE, ESD, Dehradun (20 Job 12 Month).	2360.00 Bank Draft	131.00 Lacs	87100.00 FDR/CDR	20/08/2024 upto 17:00 Hrs	21/08/2024 upto 16:00 Hrs
2.	01 no. Data Entry Operator for Electricity Store Sub Centers Mothrowala/ Mohanpur under EE, ESD, Dehradun (01 Job 12 Month).					

For Further Detail, please visit our website www.tenderwizard.com/UPCL. For any assistance on e-Tendering please contact +91-7895458286/9359172436.

No. 370/EE(cm) /UPCL/A-2 Date 02/08/2024 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (MM)

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE (G&P) DEPARTMENT KASHMIR
Tel: 0194-2474234, Fax: 2482032
Email: kashflori@rediffmail.com

Subject: - Extension Notice No. 01.

In view of no response, the Bid Submission end/opening date (Online) of technical/ financial bid in respect of **e-NIT No. 28 of 2024 dated:-10.07.2024** invited by this office under endorsement **No.DFK/GS-747/863-66 Dated:-10.07.2024** with regard to **"Outsourcing of entry ticketing system of Poshwan Park, Pahalgam"** is hereby extended as per details given below:-

1.	Bid Submission End date & time	16.08.2024	up to 02.00 PM
2.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	19.08.2024	at 02:00 PM

Other terms & conditions shall remain same as laid down in the concerned e-NIT.

No:-DFK/GS-747/1033-36 Sd/-
Dated: 01.08.2024 **Accounts Officer**
DIPK-3990-24 **(Member Secretary)**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

CSTE/Project/Co-ord/N.C. Railway/Prayagraj for and on behalf of President of India invites Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work

Mode of Tender: EPC-Mode (Single Stage-Two Packet system)

Tender Notice No.: Bid No. NCR-S&T-EPC-Kavach-BTSR-DHO, Dt. 31.07.2024

Name of Work: "STANDARD ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION(EPC) AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF KAVACH (TRAIN COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEM), ALONG WITH TOWERS AND 4X48 FIBRE OFC AS A BACKBONE ON BHUTESHWAR (INCL)-DHOLPUR(INCL) SECTION ON NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY"

Approx Cost: Rs 70.77 Crore | **Completion period:** 500 Days

Earnest Money amount: Rs. 3538900/- (Rs. Thirty Five Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred only)

Availability of Tender document on Railway website: Tender documents will be available on ireps website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 31.07.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs (Morning) as per IST.

Physical submission of all document: Dated: **24.09.2024** upto **11:00 Hrs** (Morning) as per IST.

Date & time of opening of tender: 27.09.2024 at **11:00 Hrs.** (Morning) as per IST. 1370/24(A)

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PROVISION OF 2 NOS RUB AT TINSUKIA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No. TSK/ Engg/42 of 2024 Dated: 01-08-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Name of work:** At Tinsukia Division: Provision of 2 Nos RUB at L-Xing No. ST/117 at Km. 430/5-6 and ST/118 at KM 434/3-4 in Simaluguri Jn.-Lakwa section. **Tender Value:** ₹8,46,64,853/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹5,73,300/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender: 15.00** hrs.of **23-08-2024** & opening at **16.00** hrs. of **23-08-2024**. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available upto **15.00** hrs. of **23-08-2024** in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

DRM (W), Tinsukia
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender No:– JHS/GSU//ELG-2024-04
Date : 01.08.2024

Corrigendum No. –1

It is brought out that necessary amendment has been made in schedule of tender No. JHS/GSU//ELG-2024-04 for which tender invited is invited vide tender notice no. JHS-GSU-ELG-2024-04 dtd. 01.08.2024 due for opening on 23.08.2024 for the work of "Electrical General work in connection with Development of MAHOBA railway station in Jhansi Division under Amrit Bharat Yojna". The details are as under

NIT No.: JHS/GSU/ELG-2024-04

Existing Particulars

Cost of work	Earnest money to be deposited
Rs. 7803057.98	Rs. 156100.00 (Rs. One lac fifty six thousand one hundred only)

Date of opening : 23.08.2024

Amended Particulars

Cost of work	Earnest money to be deposited
Rs. 7803083.98	Rs. 156100.00 (Rs. One lac fifty six thousand one hundred only)

Date of opening : 23.08.2024

The other terms and conditions will remain same. **Note :** The details of amendment of tender schedule are also available on **www.ireps.gov.in** websites and be down loaded. 1365/24 (D)

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For & on behalf of the President of India, Chief Workshop Manager, N. Rly. C&W workshop, Jagadhri Workshop/Yamuna Nagar invites open e-tender for the following work:

1	Name of work	Provision of SS metal Trough below RMPU in place of FRP Trough in 50 LHB AC Coaches (PB Item No. 764/24-25) in Northern Railway Jagadhri Workshop for1 year
2	Location	Northern Railway, Carriage & Wagon Repair Shop, Jagadhri Workshop, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002
3	Tender Value	Rs. 10421682.50
4	Quantity	50 LHB AC Coaches
5	Cost of Tender form	Nil
6	Earnest money amount	₹ 202100.00
7	Completion period of the work	12 months from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance
8	Date & Time for submission of tender form	28.08.2024 till 15:30 hrs.
9	Opening of tender	28.08.2024 till 15:35 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.
10	Website particulars	www.ireps.gov.in

No: 6-S/23/Tender/2024-25 Dt. 02.08.2024 2388/2024

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क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25 (280) भोपाल, दिनांक : 01.08.2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक **SB/Store/2024-25 (207), Bhopal, Dated 19-06-2024** द्वारा **Monocular & Other 3 Items** के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरणों के तकनीकी मापदण्ड में ''आंशिक संशोधन'' के संबंध में ''शुद्धि पत्र'' **(Corrigendum)** जारी किया गया है जो **website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाईट **www.mppolice.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

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विशेष शाखा, पुलिस मुख्यालय मध्यप्रदेश, भोपाल

क्रमांक- विशा/स्टोर/2024-25 (282) दिनांक : 01.08.2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय की निविदा सूचना क्रमांक **SB/Store/2024-25 (213), Bhopal, Dated 24-06-2024** द्वारा **HHMD & Portable DFMD** के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरण के तकनीकी मापदण्ड में ''आंशिक संशोधन'' के संबंध में ''शुद्धि पत्र'' **(Corrigendum)** जारी किया गया है जो **website https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app** पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाईट **www.mppolice.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

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समग्र शिक्षा Samagra Shiksha

ODISHA SCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME AUTHORITY "SHIKSHA SOUDHA", UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR-751001

RFP No: 7226 / RE&A / 2024
Dated:03/08/2024

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Selection of agency for implementation of Science & Math Club activities under the Rashtriya Aviskar Abhiyan (RAA) of Samagra Shiksha .

Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA), under administrative control of School & Mass Education Department, Government of Odisha invites sealed proposals from eligible bidders for Implementation of Science & Math Club activities under the Rashtriya Aviskar Abhiyan (RAA) of Samagra Shiksha in Financial Year 2024-25.The RFP document will be available in the OSEPA website **osepa.odisha.gov.in**. The bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the RFP can access and download the complete RFP Document and other details from the above website & apply accordingly.

The major events under the bid process are:

Sl. No.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of availability of RFP document in OSEPA website	By 04/08/2024
2	Last Date for Submission of Bid	By 27/08/2024 - 5.00 PM
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid	On 28/08/2024 — 11.00 AM
4	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	To be intimated later

The proposal complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by **Speed Post / Registered Post / Courier** only latest by **27/08/2024 before 5.00 PM** in a sealed envelope super scribed as **"REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL — SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE & MATH CLUB ACTIVITIES UNDER THE RASHTRIYA AVISKAR ABHIYAN (RAA) OF SAMAGRA SHIKSHA"** The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be rejected. The Tender Inviting Authority i.e OSEPA reserves the right to accept / reject any / all BIDs / cancel the entire selection process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Address for Submission of Proposal:

State Project Director,
Odisha School Education Programme Authority (OSEPA)
"Shiksha Soudha", Unit-V, Bhubaneswar, Odisha-751001

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State Project Director

OIPR - 27068/11/0003/2425

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण

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ई-निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश, द्वारा **'प्रदेश के विभिन्न जिलों में टेनिस सिंथेटिक कोर्ट (सरफेस) प्रदाय/स्थापना कार्य हेतु'** निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र व निविदा की विस्तृत शर्तें **www.mptenders.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है। ई-निविदा प्रकाशन उपरांत निविदा में कोई संशोधन व परिवर्तन किया जाता है तो वह मात्र उपरोक्त उल्लेखित ई-टेण्डर पोर्टल पर ही उपलब्ध रहेगा।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115732/2024 **संचालक**

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Tender Notice No. 10-Elect/G/PRYJ/24-25 **Dt.01.08.2024**

E-Tender Notice

Senior Divl. Electrical Engineer/Gen/N. C. Rly/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following e- Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 15.00 hrs. on 27.08.2024 . The details of the tenders are as under: -

S.N.: 1	Tender No.: ELG-20-2425	Cost of work (in ₹): ₹ 8445213.72

Name of work: Electrical work in connection with " Replacement of 4 nos old steel tanks at SBDR, CUK, MZP & MKP and 1 no old RCC tank at CAR by new RCC overhead tanks of capacity 25000 gallons at SBDR & CUK and 50000 gallons at MKP, MZP & CAR along with 7 nos tubewells with associated pipe lines etc in Sr DEN/1/PRYJ Section." Electrical work in connection with "RRH-TDL-Replacement of old steel O.H tank by RCC O.H tank capacity 50000 gallon at ETW, SKB & PHD, 25000 gallon at JJK and tubewell, pump house, pipe line."

S.N.: 2	Tender No.: ELG-21-2425	Cost of work (in ₹): ₹ 26153205.63

Name of work: Electrical work in connection with " Provision of 20 bed new RPF barrack at Bharwari (BRE) station and RPF Thana at Subedarganj (SFG) station.". Provision of air conditioner in VDU room/SM chamber to enhance life of S&T equipment and smooth working. Electrical work in connection with "Provision of common rest room for male and female at 14 way side Stations for facilitating train operations." Electrical work in connection with construction of new station building at Rooma Station PRYJ- CNB section.

S.N.: 3	Tender No.: ELG-22-2425	Cost of work (in ₹): ₹ 4995450.30

Name of work: Electrical work in connection with " Requirement of Yatri Ashray at SFG for Mahakumbh mela passengers.

Bid Security (in ₹) : S.N.:1 - ₹ 168900.00, **S.N.:2-** ₹ 280800.00, **S.N.:3-** ₹ 99900.00, **Duration of Completion of all tender :** 06 Months, **Tender Opening Date:** 27.08.2024, 15.00 Hrs. **Note: 1.** The complete information along with tender document of above e-Tender is available on Website **www.ireps.gov.in up to 15.00 hrs.** on the due date of tender opening. 1369/24(DG)

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Office of the Project Director
Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project, Directorate of Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh
Request for Quotation for Goods (RFQG) Date : /08/2024

Loan/Grant No. and Title : Loan No.: 3710-IND/ Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project.

THIRD CALL

The Project Director, Madhya Pradesh Skills Development Project, Directorate of Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh ("the Purchaser") invites Request for Quotation for Goods (RFQG) for the Procurement of Water Coolers with UV purifier under the packages MPSDP/GSP/Equipment/43 for GSP Bhopal and MPSDP/ITI/Equipment/50 for 10 Divisional ITIs. Only eligible bidders from source countries of ADB can participate in the bidding process.

The last date of submission of quotation for package MPSDP/GSP/Equipment/43 for GSP Bhopal is **12 August 2024 at time up to 12:30 PM**. and for package MPSDP/ITI/Equipment/50 for 10 Divisional ITIs is **12 August 2024 at time up to 11:30 AM**. The bids will be opened on the same day. Details can be downloaded from **https://mpsdp.mp.gov.in/tenders**.

G-14466/24 General Manager (Procurement) MPSDP -Sd- Project Director

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OFFICE OF THE
SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER ELECTRICAL CIRCLE (R&B)
NIRMAN SOUDHA BHUBANESWAR
E-mail seec.bbsr2010@gmail.com
Bid Identification No.S.E.E.C (R&B) 03/2024-25

No. 2291 / Date 03.08.2024 /

The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar on behalf of the Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids for E.I. works which are to be received through online bidding, double cover system as detailed in : **https://tendersorissa.gov.in**. The details of bid documents will be available in the above website from dt.12.08.2024 at 05.00 P.M. to dt.27.08.2024 up to 05.00 P.M. The bidders must possess compatible Digital Signature Certificate of Class II or III. Bids received online shall be opened dt.28.08.2024 at 11.30 A.M. in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle (R&B) Odisha, Bhubaneswar. Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal www.tendersorissa.gov.in.

Addendum / Corrigendum, if required, will be available only in the Website.

Superintending Engineer
Electrical Circle, (R & B), Odisha, BBSR

OIPR - 34006/11/0003/2425

Union territory of Jammu and Kashmir
Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Short term)

e-NIT No. 17 of 2024-25

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore,** invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Joint Ventures/ Consortiums between bidder/firm and Financier of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for **"Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of electro-mechanical equipment at various water supply schemes of Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore".** The bidding process shall be completed online on **https://jktenders.gov.in** in two covers viz. Cover 1st consisting of Pre- Qualification Criteria, General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2nd shall consist of Financial Bid on item rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

S. No.	Description of work	Estimated cost (Rs in Lacs)	Tender document Fee (In Rs.)	Earnest money deposit	Time of completion (Days)
1.	Electrical and mechanical works to be carried at WSS Gurdal Malangam Bandipore under JJM	45.227	Rs. 500.00	02% of the estimated cost of work	45 Days

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)

The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division North Sopore.

The awarding authority is District Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Critical Dates:

I	Publish Date	01.08.2024 (10.00 am)
II	Bid submission start date	01.08.2024 (10.00 am)
III	Bid submission end date	07.08.2024 (06.55 pm)
IV	Date and time of Bid Opening	08.08.2024 (02.00 pm)

1. Bid documents can be accessed and downloaded from the website **https://jktenders.gov.in**
2. The whole bidding process shall be completed online on tender portal **https://jktenders.gov.in**. The intending bidders can download the bid document from the tender portal and can submit their bids by uploading them on the tender portal.
3. The valid bids received shall be opened online in the office of the **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.**
4. Bids must be accompanied by bid security and cost of Tender Document and shall be payable at Srinagar.
   a. **Earnest Money** Deposit shall be uploaded separately against each work instead. However, to ensure due performance of the contract, Performance Security is to be obtained from the successful bidder.
   b. The cost of tender documents should be in form of Treasury Receipt in favour of **Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North) Sopore.**
5. The hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of Treasury Receipts, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents shall be obtained from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial cover.
6. The bid shall remain valid for a period of **180 days** from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder/tenderer withdraws his bid/tender before the said period or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid, the said earnest money shall stand forfeited and the bid shall be declared non-responsive.
7. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website **https://jktenders.gov.in**
8. Queries by email if any, should be made at **phe.mdns2@gmail.com**

No: PHE/MDNS/DB/JJM/2872-77
Dated: 31-07-2024 Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Mechanical Division (North)
DIPK-4044-24 **Sopore**

Uddhav says BJP indulging in 'power jihad', hits out at Shah

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PUNE/NAGPUR: Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray launched a sharp attack on Union home minister Amit Shah on Saturday, describing him as the political heir of Ahmad Shah Abdali, who set up the Durrani empire in Afghanistan in 1747, and said that those who went all the way to Pakistan to eat the birthday cake of the nation's former prime minister Nawaz Sharif should not teach Hindutva to his party.

Addressing party workers at the "Shiv Sankalp" rally in Pune, the former chief minister said: "Amit Shah is the political descendant of Ahmad Shah Abdali. Even he was a Shah. That was Ahmad Shah and he is



Uddhav Thackeray

Amit Shah. Will he give us the teachings of Hindutva? You ate the birthday cake of Nawaz Sharif and we should learn Hindutva from you?"

"If Muslims are with us after we explained to them our Hindutva, then we are (according to the BJP) the Aurangzeb Fan Club. Then what you are doing is power jihad."

The attack comes days after Shah had dubbed Thackeray "the head of the Aurangzeb fan club" sitting with people who sought pardon for 1993 Mumbai serial blasts convict Yakub Memon, apparently referring to Shiv Sena (undivided) severing ties with BJP after the 2019 Maharashtra assembly elections and joining hands with the Congress and NCP (undivided) to form the Maha Vikas Aghadi government.

Fadanavis hit back at Thackeray, saying that remarks against Shah have established the Shiv Sena (UBT) leader's credentials as a member of the "Aurangzeb fan club".

"Amit Shah had spoken about the Aurangzeb fan club. Uddhav Thackeray today proved that he is indeed from the Aurangzeb fan club," Fadnavis told reporters.

Sharad Pawar meets CM



Maharashtra chief minister Eknath Shinde and NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar during a meeting in Mumbai on Saturday. The meeting between the CM and Pawar came amid the simmering issue of Maratha reservation. PTI

Ex-cop Waze reiterates graft charge on Anil; Fadnavis vows probe

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MUMBAI: Dismissed assistant police inspector and controversial officer Sachin Waze said on Saturday that he has submitted a letter with Maharashtra deputy chief minister Devendra Fadnavis on the alleged bribes accepted by former home minister and Nationalist Congress Party (SP) leader Anil Deshmukh, when Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) was at the helm in the state. The statement prompted the opposition to question the "timing" even as Fadnavis assured an inquiry.

The development comes in the backdrop of Deshmukh's recent purported disclosure that Fadnavis had sent a close aide in 2021 to implicate Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, his son Aaditya Thackeray, Sena (UBT) leader Anil Parab and NCP chief and deputy chief minister Ajit Pawar, else face imprisonment. Deshmukh along with Opposition alliance had demanded for evidence from Fadnavis to refute the charge.

"I have submitted a letter to Devendra Fadnavis written by me and the evidence associated with whatever has happened. The money used to get routed through his [Deshmukh's] assistant. Even the CBI has the related evidence and I am ready to undergo narco test as well. I have also named Jayant Patil as well," Waze said.

Waze is the prime accused in



Anil Deshmukh

Reliance Industries Chairman and MD Mukesh Ambani's residence bomb scare and Mansukh Hiren murder cases of 2021.

Reacting to Waze's claims, Fadnavis, who heads the home department, assured to conduct a proper inquiry into Waze's latest allegations. "Media reported that Sachin Waze had sent me a letter. I have not yet seen the letter as I have been in Nagpur for the last two days. I will find out if such a letter is received and respond. We would certainly conduct a proper inquiry into emerging (disclosures)," he said.

As media reports showed Waze reiterating his allegations on Saturday, Deshmukh said: "What Sachin Waze spoke is a new move by Devendra Fadnavis rattled by my allegations about how he had given a proposal to me three years ago to implicate Uddhav Thackeray and Aditya Thackeray."

The Congress and the NCP (SP) refuted Waze's allegations and questioned how he was allowed to speak to the media while being escorted by police.

Ayodhya rape accused's bakery razed amid row

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AYODHYA: The Ayodhya district administration on Saturday demolished the bakery of Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Moin Khan, the main accused in the gang-rape case of a 12-year-old girl, saying that it was "illegally built".

Bakery owner Moid Khan and his employee Raju Khan were arrested on July 30 from Purakalandar area in Uttar Pradesh on charges of raping the teen in the same bakery two months ago and recording the act. The incident came to light on 30 July when the survivor was found to be pregnant during a medical check-up.

The case triggered a political slugfest on 31 July when chief minister Yogi Adityanath cornered the SP in the state assembly over the matter. "Moid Khan is from the Samajwadi Party and a member of the Ayodhya MP's team. He has been found involved in a case of rape of a 12-year-old. The Samajwadi Party has not taken action against him," he had said. The CM also met the survivor's family on Friday and assured them of strict



The bakery of the main accused being bulldozed, in Ayodhya on Saturday. ANI

action against the accused, following which two cops were suspended for delay in carrying out the investigation in the case.

"The bakery of Moid Khan has been demolished. It had two rooms, and was illegally built over a pond," Ayodhya's district magistrate Chandra Vijay Singh told PTI.

Slamming the ruling BJP, the SP posted on X: "The BJP government should conduct DNA tests on all those accused of serious crimes to find justice, rather than engaging in politics over the matter. The guilty should receive the full punishment according to the law, but if the DNA tests prove the accusations false, the involved government officials should also not be spared."

HOUSE OF MUSLIM MAN ACCUSED OF ABDUCTION BURNT

BAREILLY: A mob of villagers allegedly vandalised and set afire the house of a Muslim man, accusing him of kidnapping a woman, in Bareilly district of Uttar Pradesh, police said on Saturday.

Bareilly senior superintendent of police Anurag Arya said that the accused, Saddam, and a 20-year-old woman were reported missing on July 29 in Chandupura Shivnagar village of Sirauli.

They were found by the police on August 1. As the woman's father insisted on not filing a formal police complaint, she was sent back to her family. Police, however, detained Saddam for questioning, Arya said.

Meanwhile, late on Friday, angry villagers allegedly broke into Saddam's house late on Friday, vandalised it and set it on fire.

Arya said the villagers also attacked the cops who reached the spot, they added.

Police said the Sirauli station house officer and two other policemen have been suspended for alleged negligence in the incident, and a probe is underway into the matter. PTI

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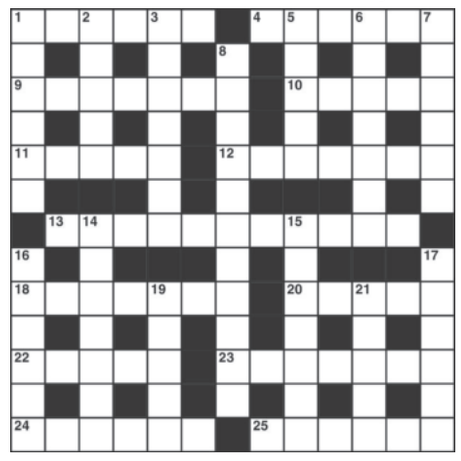
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11 Fittingly test (3,2)
12 A gentle arrangement exhibiting good taste (7)
13 He runs a bus and train to the golf club (5,6)
18 Far too much for bridge perhaps (3,4)
20 Added recommendation for a jockey (5)
22 Turn out a bad scholar? (5)
23 Like an egg it's blown (7)
24 She's made to resist relatively speaking (6)
25 Look for piano in a school (6)

DOWN

1 Powerful fighter gains height over Yugoslav capital (6)
2 A description of one found wanting (5)
3 Poison scare in new development (7)
5 A wound made with a point that's sharp (5)
6 One statue oddly placed (7)
7 They happen to upset Steven (6)
8 A challenging question (6,2,3)
14 No mortal abode could be so lumpy (7)
15 Hostile incursions into Greek island say (7)
16 Stewed hash may suit the countryman (6)
17 Progressed quickly in skill being thorough (6)
19 Sinuous slave dance (5)
21 Way to approach a sales campaign? (5)

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QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1 Assert without proof (6)
4 Price of redemption (6)
9 Acute vexation (7)
10 Flagrant (5)
11 Up to the time that (5)
12 Mediocre (2,5)
13 Decided in advance (3-3-5)
18 North African country (7)
20 Lustrous silken fabric (5)
22 Series of exciting events (5)
23 Defeat heavily (7)
24 Considerable (6)
25 To exhibit (3,3)

DOWN

1 Come as normal profit (6)
2 Smallest (5)
3 Great African ape (7)
5 Protection (5)
6 Affliction (7)
7 Maltreatment (6)
8 Sincerely (2,4,5)
14 Raise in status (7)
15 Bring back to health (7)
16 Short of money (4,2)
17 Devise (6)
19 Respond (5)
21 Latin-American ballroom dance (5)

FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS (16928)

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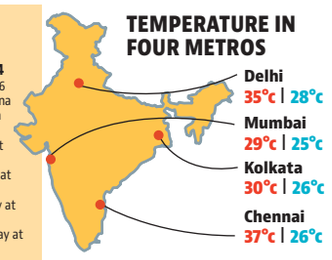
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ALMANAC
Today is
4th August 2024
- 28 Muharram, 1446
- 15 Shravana, Krishna Paksha, Amavasya
- Samvat 2081

Sunset: Sunday at 07:09 pm
Sunrise: Monday at 05:44 am
Moonset: Sunday at 07:24 pm
Moonrise: Monday at 06:16 am

TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS



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PUNJAB CRICKET ASSOCIATION
I.S. Bindra Stadium, PCA, Sector-63, SAS Nagar (Mohali)

Vacancies Date: 04.08.2024

The Punjab Cricket Association invites applications from **Performance Analyst** for Punjab Cricket Teams (Men & Women), as per following eligibility criteria: -

Post	Academic and Professional Qualification	Age	Experience
Performance Analyst	Graduate and Diploma in Computer Applications (Minimum 6 Months) or BCCI Level-I Course of Video/ Performance Analyst	25 to 45 years	Minimum 3 (three) years working experience with State Cricket Associations/ NCA / IPL Franchise as Performance Analyst

Interested candidates may submit the Curriculum Vitae with all relevant self- attested documents & testimonials by email Id: "hr@cricketpunjab.in" till 1700 Hours, 14th August, 2024.
sd/-
Honorary Secretary

South East Central Railway, Bilaspur Division
ANNEXURE-A

Work Description :- E-Action for the work of Advertisement over entire exterior surface of the side wall of coaches is allowed and interior advertisement is allowed in 23 sqm per coach contract

E-Acution has been invited for the work of Advertisement over entire exterior surface of the side wall of coaches is allowed and interior advertisement is allowed in 23 sqm per coach contract. The catalogue has already been pulished on the IREPS Website https://ireps.gov.in. The details are as follows :-

Catalogue No.	Category	Auction Date & Time	Lot No.	Lot Desctiption	Contract Period
MA-MISC1	[Advertising -Train Interior and Exterior)	07-08-24 15:00:00	ADVT. IntExt-131162-22-1 ADVT. IntExt-131166-22-1	Advertisement over entire exterior surface of the side wall of conches is allowed and interior advrtisement is allowed in 23 sqm per coach contract	1826 Days

Asst. Comml. Manager (Goods)
S.E.C.Railway, Bilaspur
CPR/10/PR/178
South East Central Railway @secrail

कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता, लोक स्वास्थ्य यांत्रिकी विभाग रायपुर परिक्षेत्र, रायपुर (छ.ग.)
ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट निविदा सूचना

एकीकृत पंजीयन प्रणाली अंतर्गत सक्षम श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार से प्रपत्र ''ए'' में प्रतिशत दर पर कार्य हेतु ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है :-

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Important Events and Time Schedule- Date of calling NIT- **31.07.2024**, Bid Start Date - **05.08.2024**, Pre Bid Meeting date- **08.08.2024**, Bid Due Date- **20.08.2024**, PHY Doc. Submission Last Date- **23.08.2024**, PQ Document Download Date- **23.08.2024**.

नोट :- उपरोक्त निर्माण कार्यों की निविदा की सामान्य शर्तों, धरोहर राशि, विस्तृत निविदा विज्ञप्ति, निविदा दस्तावेज व अन्य जानकारी ई-प्रोक्योरमेंट वेब पोर्टल **https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in** में उक्त निविदा दिनांक **02.08.2024** से देखी जा सकती हैं।

अधीक्षण अभियंता (प्रकोष्ठ प्रभारी)
राज्य स्तरीय निविदा प्रकोष्ठ
कार्यालय मुख्य अभियंता
लो.स्वा.यां. विभाग, परिक्षेत्र रायपुर (छ.ग.)
G-242501526/5

Office of the Director General, Medical Health & F.W.
Danda Lakhound, P.O. Gujrada, Sahastradhara Road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
Letter No: 27P/PPP/12/2022/19883 Dated: 02.08.2024

Government of Uttarakhand Short Re E-tender Notice

1. Name of Work- Operationalise Mobile Tuberculosis testing Van in Uttarakhand in the Five Districts Dehradun, U.S. Nagar, Haridwar and Plain regions Nainital and Pauri.
2. Date and time of e-publishing of Tender - **06.08.2024 at 14:00 PM.**
3. Closing date of online submission of Tender - **21.08.2024, till 14:00 PM.**
4. Opening date of technical bid Tender - **21.08.2024, at 15:00 PM.**
5. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the website **https://uktenders.gov.in.**
6. **Portal Registration:** The bidder intending to participate in the bid is Required to register in the portal using his/her active personal/ official email id as his/her Login id and attach his/her valid digital signature certificate (DSC) to his/her unique login.

For further queries, the bidders may contact through email- mhvuttarakhand@yahoo.com and at Room No 52, Office of the Director General, Medical Health & Family welfare, Danda Lakhound, P.O. Gujrara, Sahastradhara road, Dehradun, Uttarakhand
Additional Director (PPP)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.: T_22-23_CleanMLR/Notice Date: 01.08.2024
E-TENDER NOTICE

Chief Workshop Manager, Coach MLR Workshop, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites open e-tender from reputed contractors for following work:-

Tender No.	Description of Work	Qty.	Tender cost
T_22-23_ CleanMLR	Mechanized cleaning work as per scope of work at CMLR Workshop Jhansi	One work	Rs. 96,52,728.91/- (Rs Ninety-Six lakh Fifty-two thousand Seven hundred Twenty-eight and ninety-one paise only)

Completion period:- 24 months; **Earnest money:-** Rs 1,93,100/-; **Tender doc. cost:-** Rs. 0/-; **1.** Tender will be closed at **15:00 Hrs** on **23.08.2024** and is available on Indian Railway E- Tendering website **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** For detailed information please visit Indian Railway E-Tendering website **www.ireps.gov.in 3.** Tenderers should watch the website for the corrigendum/addendum to the NIT/e-tender document, if any as there will not be any separate communication for the same. **1373/24 (D)**
North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPRONCR

महाराष्ट्र शासन, गृह विभाग (बंदरे व परिवहन)
महाराष्ट्र सागरी मंडळ
सागरी अभियंता व चिफ सर्व्हेअर
इंडीयन मर्कटाईल चेंबर्स, तिसरा मजला. रामजीभाई कमानी मार्ग. वेलार्ड पिअर. मुंबई - ४०० ००१.
दूरध्वनी क्र.: ०२२-२६२३९९४५. फॅक्स क्र. ०२२-२६२३११२५
Website: https://mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in **Email :** mecs.mumbai@mmb.maharashtra.gov.in

E-Tender Notice - (Year 2024-2025)
Main Portal: https://mahatenders.gov.in
Departmental Portal: www.mahammb.maharashtra.gov.in

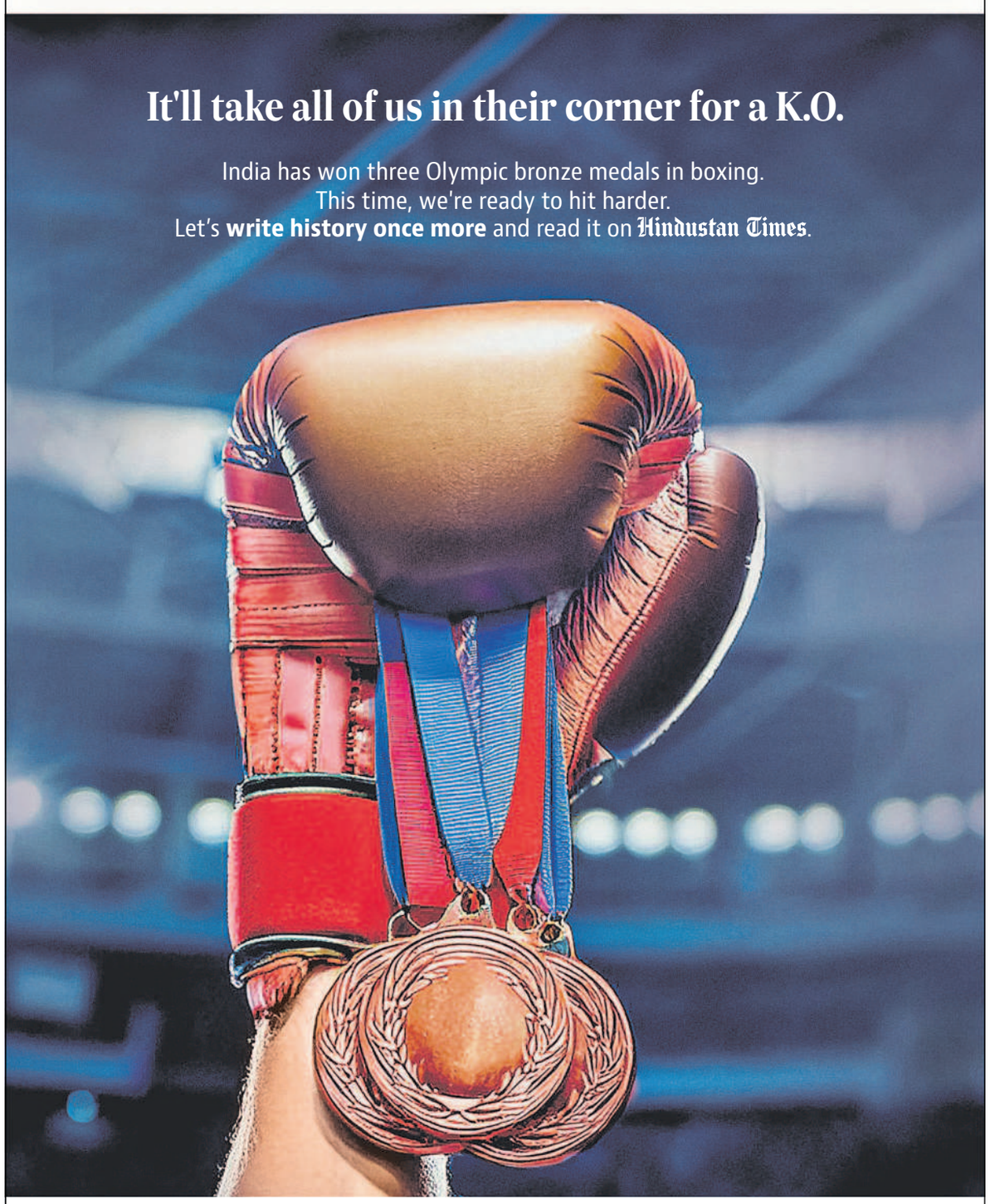
Digitally signed E-Tender for work **"Dry Docking, Chipping & Painting of Hull, Steel Renewal, Maintenance & Repairs of Machinery Of M.V. SHUNYA at Mumbai."** invited by Maharashtra Maritime Board, Mumbai.

Sr. No.	Name of Work	Earnest Money Deposit in Rs.	Blank Tender form amount in Rs.
1.	**Dry Docking, Chipping & Painting Of Hull, Steel Renewal, Maintenance & Repairs of Machinery Of M.V. SHUNYA at Mumbai.**	56,000/-	1,180/-

The details can be viewed online and downloaded directly from the Government of Maharashtra E-Tendering Portal https://mahatenders.gov.in from **02.08.2024 at 11.00 hours** (IST) onwards. The right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason is reserved with undersigned.

Sd/-
Marine Engineer & Chief Surveyor
Maharashtra Maritime Board,Mumbai.
ROC-2024-25/No.5/C1568

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Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR
ई-निविदा सूचना/2024-25

निम्नलिखित परियोजनाओं पर राजस्थान राज्य सड़क विकास एवं निर्माण लि. (RSRDC Ltd.) में पंजीकृत टोल कलेक्शन ठेकेदारों से पथकर वसूली हेतु ई-टेन्डरिंग प्रक्रिया से ऑनलाईन निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

कार्य का विवरण	आरक्षित राशि (रु.)	निविदा सूचना संख्या
Collection of Toll Tax on following Road for the Period of 02 years		
On "Nasirabad-Kekri-Deoli Raod" UBN: RRC2425SLOB00236	8894.77 Lakh	अल्पकालीन सूचना संख्या 112/24-25
On "Suket-Julmi-Pipliya-Bhawanimandni-Dug Road. (SH-19A)" UBN-RRC2425SLOB00247	2320.88 Lakh	अल्पकालीन सूचना संख्या 114/24-25

निविदा से संबंधित प्रपत्र में निविदा शुल्क, धरोहर राशि, डाउनलोड करने व खोलने की तारीख सहित सम्पूर्ण विवरण एवं संशोधन वेबसाइट: http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rajasthan.nic.in तथा http://roads.rajasthan.gov.in/rsrdc पर देखा जा सकता है। इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेबसाइट http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड करवाना आवश्यक है।

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.

(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER (OPERATION & MAINTENANCE), GARHWAL ZONE, 26-CIVIL LINES, ROORKEE

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Ltd. invites e-tender for "Construction of one number 33 kV Bay at 132kV Substation Bindal under (O&M) Division, Yamuna Colony Dehradun" against e-tender specification **No.CE/GZR-04/2024-25.** Last date of submission of online/offline e-tender is **20.08.2024** upto 15.00 hrs which shall be opened on **21.08.2024** at 15.00 hrs. Details of E-tender can be obtained from E-tender website **www.uktenders.gov.in** and information of E-tender can be seen from PTCUL website **www.ptcul.org**. For any assistance on e-tendering, please contact on Mb. No.+91-8899890000.

CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)

No.1253/CE(O&M)/GZR/Advt. **Dated: 03/08/2024**

"SAVE ELECTRICITY IN THE INTEREST OF NATION"

SEARCH FOR KIDNAPPED



RUPAM KUMARI

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely:** Rupam Kumari **D/o** Sanjay Thakur **R/o** H.No. E-239, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi **Sex:** Female, **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 4'9", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Strong, **Wearing:** Blue colour suit & sky blue colour salwar has been kidnapped from her house since 29.09.2019. In this regard **FIR No. 495/2019, Dated: 29.09.2019,** has been registered at **P.S.:** New Ashok Nagar, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this kidnapped girl, please inform to the following.

E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639 **SHO**
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **P.S: New Ashok Nagar, Delhi**
DP/10243/ED/2024 **Ph.: 9717488499**

MAHATRANSCO — E-Tender Notice

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

MSETCL invites online bids (E Tender) from registered contractors / agencies on Mahatransco E-Tendering website http://srmetender.mahatransco.in; for following works.

Tender No.: CE/EHV PC O&M Zone/Pune/T-13/2024-25
RFX No. 7000032576
Subject: E-Tender for the work of : a) Replacement of existing twin Moose conductor with High Performance Conductor (HPC) of 400 kV Lonikand-I – Jejuri Line.
b) Modification of End bays as per loading capacity of twin High Performance Conductor (HPC) at 400 kV Lonikand-I substation of 400 kV Jejuri Bay & 400 kV TBC bay and at 400 kV Jejuri substation of 400 kV Lonikand-II line bay.
Tender Amount: Rs. 81,46,56,617/-; **EMD:** Rs. 81,46,566.17/-; **Tender Fees:** Rs. 25,000/- +GST.
Download of tender Documents: From dtd. 05/08/2024 to dtd. 26/08/2024 up to 10:00 Hrs.
Bid Opening : Dtd. 26/08/2024 after 10:05Hrs (Tech.); Dtd. 28/08/2024 after 11:00Hrs (Price)
For further details visit our website http://mahatransco.in and open above RFX for downloading tender document, schedules, and annexures.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone Pune.

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES BHOPAL

Saket Nagar, Bhopal (M.P.) 462020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

NIT No. AIIMSBHOPAL-TENDER/NIT/24-25/009 **Date: 04/08/2024**

AIIMS Bhopal invites e-Tender from registered manufactures/dealers/ distributors/Contractors for below mentioned items:

E-Tender ID No.	Required Items/Services at AIIMS Bhopal	Est. Cost
AIIMS/BPL/3D/ORTHO/ 2024-25/011	3-D Intra –Operative Imaging, Navigation and Robotic System (spine) For Department of ORTHOPEDICS	20,00,00,000/-
AIIMS/BPL/CUSA/ 2024-25/010	CUSA Machine (Cavitron Ultrasonic Surgical Aspirator) for Department Neurosurgery.	60,00,000/-
AIIMS/BPL/TM/Fluorescent Microscope/2024-25/GTE/ Research Cell/002	Inverted Trinocular Epifluorescence Microscope System with Imaging System for Department of Translational Medicine.	26,00,000/-

For further details of the above e-Tenders, the prospective bidders may please visit email: **www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in** and Tenders may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal **www.aiimsbhopal.edu.in and CPP Portal www.eprocure.gov.in.** Any corrigendum/ amendments related to this NIT shall be published in the same websites only.

I/c. Senior Procurement Cum Store officer
For & On behalf of Executive Director, AIIMS Bhopal

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tenders on item rate basis are invited on behalf of the President, The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Ltd. office at H. No. 110, Telephone Exchange Colony, Zirakpur up to 5:00 PM on 20.08.2024 for the following works in the residential colony "AJITGARH" near Ajizpur toll plaza on Zirakpur-Patiala Road.

Sr. No.	Name of the work	Approx. Amount (in Lacs)	Earnest Money (in Lacs)	Cost of Tender (In Rs.)	Time Limit (in days)
1	Providing & Laying of drainage along with road gully and main holes	450.00	9.00	2000/-	180
2	Providing & fixing of pavers (80 mm) in various parking approx 12000 sq mtr	125.00	2.50	2000/-	45
3	Providing & laying of sewage crossing Mains	60.00	1.20	2000/-	60
4	Providing & laying/maintenance treated water supply Lines alongwith chambers and pump house	35.00	0.70	2000/-	45
5	Construction of rain harvesting well 02 Nos., construction of underground water tank 1 lac ltr	11.00	0.22	1000/-	45
6	Construction of main holes on water lines for sluce valves	8.00	0.16	1000/-	45
7	Construction of Brick retaining Wall	8.00	0.16	1000/-	45
8	Construction of bore well 500 ft deep	6.00	0.12	1000/-	30

NOTE:-
1. Tenders can be obtained from the society's office from 09:00 AM to 05:00 PM on any working day and must be submitted on or before 20.08.2024 till 5:00 PM.
2. Complete profile of company of tenderer/Contractor shall be required with request letter for issue of tender.
3. Prequalification bid and financial bid should be in separate sealed envelope.
4. Earnest money shall be deposited in the shape of bank draft in favour of "The Panchsheel Cooperative House Building Society Ltd." and payable at any schedule bank at Chandigarh.
5. Tender without earnest money will not be accepted.
6. Other terms & conditions will be as per DNIT.

Hony. Secretary

OFFICE OF SUB DIVISIONAL MAGISTRATE (CIVIL LINES) (DISTRICT CENTRAL) KHASRA NO. 549, 1ST FLOOR, OLD NDPL BUILDING, NEAR BARAT GHAR, BURARI, DELHI-110084

AUCTION NOTICE

In Pursuance of Hon'ble Family Court-01, District Shahdara orders the following items are to be auctioned on 07.08.2024 at 12.00 Noon at the above address:-

1. 01 LED TV, LG Brand 32' Inches
2. 01 MI TV, 32 Inches
3. 01 Whirlpool Ice Magic 195 Litre
4. 03 Piece of Sofa Set
5. 01 Cooler Local Brand Desert
6. 01 Dressing Table Local Brand
7. 01 Local Almirah

All the interested applicants/parties are requested to be present in this office for auction of the above mentioned articles on the scheduled date and time.

Sd/-
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0138/24-25 **SDM (CIVIL LINES)**

कार्यालयः प्रधानाचार्य स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय ललितपुर उ0प्र0-284403

पत्रांकः ए0एस0एम0सी0/ललितपुर/नियमित फेकल्टी/विज्ञप्ति/2024-25/989 दिनांकः 03.08.2024

संकाय सदस्यों के नियमित सेवायोजन हेतु विज्ञप्ति

स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय, ललितपुर के विभिन्न विशिष्टताओं में आचार्य-13 पद, सह-आचार्य-18 पद एवं सहायक आचार्य-25 नियमित पदों पर नियुक्ति (पदों एवं श्रेणी की संख्या घट या बढ़ सकती है) हेतु आमंत्रित किये जा रहे हैं। आवेदन जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि 20.08.2024 के सांय 05 बजे तक है। विस्तृत सूचना एवं रिक्त पदों का विवरण महाविद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.asmclalitpur.org पर उपलब्ध है।

डॉ0 (प्रो0) द्विजेन्द्र नाथ
प्रधानाचार्य
स्वशासी राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय
ललितपुर

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open E-Tender Notice Date:02.08.2024

Sr. DEN/CO/WCR, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders against following works, upto 15.30 hours on the dates mentioned against each tender. The complete tender documents and details information regarding tender, is available on the website http://www.ireps.gov.in. NIT can also be seen on the notice board of DRM (W)/WCR/Bhopal office. Manual offers are not allowed against these tenders. For any correction, in these tenders, if necessary, corrigendum will be uploaded on website prior to tender opening date and copy of corrigendum will be placed on Notice Board of this office, which may be seen upto the date of tender opening. Tenderers are requested to offer their rates and submit tenders according to the provisions of GST ACT 2017. **NIT No.:** 24-25-S-13-48, **Date:** 29.07.2024, **Name of work including Location:** A) Provision of 4 units RB-IV and 2 units RB-II quarters on replacement account at Itarsi passenger yeard including Electrical work. B) DEN/South/Bhopal section - Improvement to Road surface and gate lodges and rehabilitation of mechanical boom barriers at LC No. 195, 196, 197, 198, 202, 204, 208, 213, 216, 218, 223 in Khandwa-Itarsi section, LC No. 225 in Itarsi-Nagpur section and LC No. 226, 228, 230 in Itarsi-Bhopal section., **Published cost of tender Rs.:** 23495336, **Earnest Money:** 267500, **Completion period:** 18 months., **Last date for submitting tender:** 20.08.2024, **NIT No.:** 24-25-S-14-49, **Date:** 30.07.2024, **Name of work including Location:** Provision of Precast Boundary Wall under ADEN/M/Itarsi and ADEN/M/Harda in Itarsi-Khandwa section, **Published cost of tender Rs.:** 249540342, **Earnest Money:** 1397700, **Completion period:** 24 months., **Last date for submitting tender:** 21.08.2024, **NIT No.:** 24-25-HQ-10, **Date:** 02.08.2024, **Name of work including Location:** Maintenance of Lawn/Children Park/Lawn of Habibganj Residential colony/Type V colony/DRM office/ORH etc. for 2 years in ADEN(Works) Bhopal, **Published cost of tender Rs.:** 4998643, **Earnest Money:** 100000, **Completion period:** 24 months., **Last date for submitting tender:** 23.08.2024.

DRM (W), WCR, Bhopal

स्वच्छ भारत अभियान एक कदम स्वच्छता की ओर

Geospatial Delhi Limited

Regd. Office:- 3rd Level, 'C' wing, Vikas Bhawan-2, Civil Lines, Delhi-110054, INDIA
Ph: +91-11-23813287, Fax: +91-11-23813541
E -mail: cs.gsdl@nic.in
Website: www.gsdl.org.in
CIN No.: U85191DL2008SGC178367

File No. GSDL/Pilot Application/2024/1734 Dated: 29.07.2024

"Notice Inviting Tender"
E-Procurement Tender ID No. 2024_GSDL_260255_1

Online RFP are invited for the work of **"Drone based High Resolution Survey for the Development of Pilot Scale On-Line Geospatial Application Services for the Revenue Department"**

The interested tenderers are advised to visit the website **www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in** for details of tender and submission of their bids.

Tender will be closed at 05.00 PM on 23.08.2024.

Any corrigendum to this tender will be published on the website **www.govtprocurement.delhi.gov.in** only and not in print media.

(S.K. Taneja)
DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0147/24-25 **Company Secretary**

INDIAN RAILWAYS

Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notice is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the complete section of the under noted section of the Northern Railway that the 25000 Volt, 50 Hz, AC overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section on and from the same date the overhead traction lines shall be treated as live at all time and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead line.

Section	Date
Sub:- "Energisation of 25 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified section of new line from Palwal (excluding) location No. 1482/12AN (Engg-Ch:1759.87) (Ch: 1482/409.50) to new Prithala WDFC (excluding) location No. DFCCIL-204 (Engg-Ch.12393.95) (Ch: 1492/849.20) including enroute Palwal yard & associated Turn outs & x-overs in connection with Rail connectivity of new prithla WDFC with Palwal (NR) in the jurisdiction of Delhi Division of Northern Railway".	20.03.2024

INTRODUCTION OF AC 25 kV TRACTION "WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the public that in connection with introduction of 25 KV AC electric traction over **"Energisation of 25 KV, Single phase AC newly electrified section of new line from Palwal (excluding) location No. 1482/12AN (Engg-Ch:1759.87) (Ch: 1482/409.50) to new Prithala WDFC (excluding) location No. DFCCIL-204 (Engg-Ch.12393.95) (Ch: 1492/849.20) including enroute Palwal yard & associated Turn outs & x-overs in connection with Rail connectivity of new prithla WDFC with Palwal (NR) in the jurisdiction of Delhi Division of Northern Railway"** of the Northern Railway. Height gauges have been erected at all the level crossings with clear maximum height 4.78 m and contact wire shall be at a height of minimum 5.5 m above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire.

Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances.

The dangers of a load of excessive height are as follows:

i. Danger to the height gauge and consequent obstruction to the road as well as the Railway line.
ii. Danger to the materials or equipment carried or the vehicle itself.
iii. Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Const.
2386/2024 **Northern Railway, 4th Floor, DRM Office, New Delhi**

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Pranjali Sharma, W/o Kamal Sharma R/o H.No. 82B, Rajpur Khurd Enclave, New Delhi-110074** has committed (or is suspected to has committed) the offence in case **CT Case No. 620/2019 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Badarpur, New Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Pranjali Sharma** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Pranjali Sharma** has absconded (or is concealing herself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Pranjali Sharma** of **CT Case No. 620/2019 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Badarpur, New Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **02.09.2024.**

By Order,
Sh. Abhitesh Kumar,
Metropolitan Magistrate-01 (NI Act), Room No. 610,
DP/10153/SE/2024 **South East District, Saket Courts Complex, New Delhi**

DISTRICT POLICE HEADQUARTERS KATHUA

E- mail: sspkathua@jkpolice.gov.in
Fax/Phone No.: 01922-234010

LOOK OUT NOTICE

On 27.07.2024, one person namely Simranjeet Singh S/O Balbir Singh R/O Ward No. 08 Parliwand Kathua, Tehsil and District Kathua lodged a written report at Police Station Kathua stating that on 27.07.2024 his uncle namely Manjeet Singh Rishi S/O Sardar Kartar Singh Rishi, age 75 yrs, is missing from home. The complainant tried his best to search his uncle but all in vain. On this, missing report vide DD No. 19 dated 27.07.2024 has been entered at Police Station Kathua.

During the course of investigation, best efforts were made to locate missing individual, whereas he is still un-traced.

As such Description Roll/Photograph of said missing individual is being shared with the appeal that anybody having clue/information about his whereabouts may inform us accordingly. The informer will be rewarded suitably:-

DESCRIPTION ROLL

- Name : Manjeet Singh Rishi
- Father : Sardar Kartar Singh Rishi
- Permanent Address : W.NO. 8 Kathua
- Present Address : W.NO. 8 Kathua
- Tehsil : Kathua
- Police Station : Kathua
- Age : 75 years
- Height : 5 feet 06 Inch
- Complexion : Wheatish
- Face : Round
- Eyes : Black
- Languages known : Dogri/Hindi

PHOTOGRAPH



Any information related to the whereabouts of the subject may be communicated on following contacts:-

1. DPO Kathua- 01922-234010 (Phone/Fax)
2. **dpokathua@jkpolice.gov.in** (Mail ID)
3. PCR Kathua- 01922-234311(Phone/Fax)
4. Police Station Kathua – 01922-234310

Sr. Superintendent of Police
DIP-J-3795-24 **Kathua**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded

E-TENDER NOTICE N0. 08/2024-25

Online Tender (e-tender) in B-1 form for the in Nanded District total 35 (Thirty Five) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded (Phone No. 02467-222658) 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 Bhokar, Dist Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

Sd/-
Prashant Nilkanth Kore
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Bhokar Dist. Nanded

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1524

North Eastern Railway — Tender Notice No. 10 Date 02.08.2024

Website : www.ner.indianrailways.gov.in E-mail : cos@ner.railnet.gov.in

Invitation of tenders through e-Procurement system

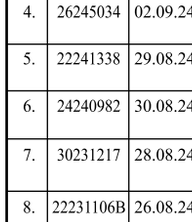
Principal Chief Material Manager, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur-273012 and on behalf of the President of India, invites tenders through e-Procurement system for the supply of the following items. Complete description of the item and other condition are available on **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Item No.	Tender Number	Due On	Brief Description of Stores	Reserved to be procured from
1.	22231190A	02.09.24	Rubber Pad for Primary Suspension for etc.	MCF, ICF, RCF
2.	26230517	02.09.24	Decorative Thermosetting Synthetic Resi etc.	ICF
3.	26245039	02.09.24	Manufacture and Supply of Metal Liner 60 etc.	--
4.	26245034	02.09.24	Manufacture and Supply of 6.2 mm thick C. etc.	RDSO
5.	22241338	29.08.24	Longitudinal Beam for under frame to ICF etc.	--
6.	24240982	30.08.24	MEMU Item - Metallised Carbon Strips etc.	--
7.	30231217	28.08.24	Portable emergency lighting equipment etc.	--
8.	22231106B	26.08.24	Yaw Damper for FIAT type bogies to RDSO etc.	RDSO
9.	29225007D	26.08.24	Semi Assembled EPM-143 mm etc.	RDSO
10.	22231448A	26.08.24	Side panel sheet for corrasion repair IC etc.	--
11.	22241073	26.08.24	Set of UIC Type Rubber Vestibule Compone etc.	MCF, RCF, ICF
12.	22241921	26.08.24	Non Asbestos Based K Type High Friction etc.	ICF
13.	30231221B	26.08.24	Sealed maintenance free valve regulated etc.	--
14.	22242227	26.08.24	Must Change Item For Brake Caliper etc.	--
15.	30241143	26.08.24	"4.5 KW, 110 Volt Brushless Alterator etc.	--
16.	22231362	26.08.24	Sealed Window Glass Unit (for wider wind etc.	--
17.	22230797	26.08.24	Injection Moulded High Performance Polym etc.	ICF
18.	22241097A	21.08.24	Non Asbestos based organic Brake Pad 400 etc.	RDSO
19.	24240338B	19.08.24	Set of Axle box complete without Roller etc.	CLW
20.	22241160	19.08.24	Axle box Pivot bush for FIAT bogies to A etc.	MCF, ICF, RCF
21.	26245064	26.08.24	Manufacture and Supply of CMS Xing 52 Kg. etc.	RDSO
22.	26245010A	26.08.24	Manufacture and supply of New PSC wider etc.	RDSO
23.	26241161	26.08.24	Door Chainless cotter short to IRS etc.	--
24.	22230372	28.08.24	Step Sheet (ICF) to N. E. Rly./ GKPS etc.	--
25.	22241511	28.08.24	Dustbin assembly (Complete) to ICF etc.	--
26.	26245062	26.08.24	Manufacture and supply of Pre-stressed etc.	RDSO
27.	26245063	26.08.24	Manufacture and supply of PSC sleeper etc.	RDSO

CPRO/S-47 **Principal Chief Material Manager, Gorakhpur**

Never travel on roof and foot boards

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 60-65 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Dark, **Wearing:** Black Colour Lower, found at PF No 11, Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi and admitted in LNJP Hospital, Delhi where the doctor declared him dead during the treatment by 10:33 a.m. on 30.07.2024 under area of **P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station** , Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 26A, dated 30.07.2024** has been lodged at **P.S. Old Delhi Railway Station**, 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.- Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
DP/10270/RLY/2024(UIDB) **Ph.: 011-23961522, 9899207231**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Unknown, S/o: Unknown, was found on 28.07.2024 from VIP Parking Near Sulabh Sochailya, Ajmeri Gate side, NDRS, Delhi.** In this regard **DD No. 39A dated 28.07.2024** has been lodged at Police Station, New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:

Name : Unknown, Age: 30-35 Years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Dark, Built : Thin, Face : Long, Wearing : Underwear Only and all body naked.

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/10204/RLY/2024 **Ph.: 011-22146490, 8750870626**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. JHS-ENGG-E-2024-156

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Works) N.C. Railways, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender' through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Description of Work : Supply, installation and commissioning of electronic type track - based rail lubricator (carry down effect of 1 Km) in Jhansi-Manikpur, Khairar-Bhimsen, Lalitpur-Khajuraho, Mahoba-Khajuraho & Bansapahar-Ohan section under sub-division of ADEN/BNDA.

• Approx. Cost : 49743939.00 • Earnest Money : 398700.00 • Date of Closing tender : 23/08/2024 at 15:00 hrs. • Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 60 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.** **1372/24 (C)**

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

U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd.

(ISO 9001:2015 Certified Company)
Gomti Barrage, Left Bank, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow

e-Tender Notice

On behalf of UPPCL e-tenders are invited on percentage rate under two bid system from eligible contractors/firms registered in U.P. Projects Corporation Ltd., Lucknow for the followings Works:-

NIT Reference No.	Name of Work
05/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Agauta District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
06/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Anoopshahaar District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
07/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC B.B.Nagar District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
08/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Danpur District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
09/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Dibai District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
10/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Gulaothi District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
11/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Jahangirabad District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
12/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Lakhaoti District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
13/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Muni District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
14/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Pahasu District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
15/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Sikarpur District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
16/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Siyana District Bulandshahar (U.P.)
17/PCL/PM/Unit-36/Noida/2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024	SITC of Fire Alarm, Wet Riser / Hydrant Work at CHC Unchagaon District Bulandshahar (U.P.)

Details can be downloaded the website "**e-tender.up.nic.in**" & UPPCL website **www.upprojects.org**.

Project Manager
Unit-36, UPPCL, Noida

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.:E.T.D./C.N.B./2024-25/19 Date: 02.08.2024

E- PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, The Senior Materials Manager, E.T.D./ Kanpur invites the following e-procurement tender.

SN.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.
1	57245186	Loop boxes sets for three phase Electric Locomotives as per attached CLW spec no CLW/ES/3CLW/ES/3/0538 Alt A(Material to be supplied as per enclosed Annexure A, Set consists of 12 items	01 Set.
2	57241144	NYLON CABLE TIES ST-2 NR SELF LOCKING TYPE, MATERIAL NYLON- 66. SELF EXTINGUISHING SIZE 4.7X110 MM AS PER CLW SPECIFICATION NO. CLW/ES/C-54/B.	9000 Nos.
3	57245206	PORTABLE DIGITAL ULTRASONIC FLAW DETECTOR with A Scan Storage as per Specification no. M&C/NDT/125/2004 Rev-II JANUARY 2017 or latest.	01 Nos.
4	57245218	Supply, Installation and Commissioning of BGA Station (Zhumao machine R7220A or similar)	01 Nos.
5	57245169	Gasket for sand box cover of WAP-7 locos as per SC Rly. Drg. C/ELS/LGD/Ex.FTG/4/27 Alt 1 or latest if any. Material: Natural Rubber & IS: 638-1965 Type C	900 Nos.
6	57245170	PIPE-G FOR 3 PHASE LOCO TRANSFORMER OIL COOLING SYSTEM AS PER CLW SPECN. CLW/ ES/ 0253 ALT-Q,OR LATEST.	08 Nos.
7	57245217	Supply installation of CRCA steel personal locker cabinet with 04 locker for section of ELS/CNB size 380 x 450 x 1800 mm in perfectly upright and straight position. The overall size of the Cabinetry 1800X450X380 mm including all. It should be supplied with 4 nos. of locker. Door shall be made of 0.8mm thick and all other components shall be made of 0.8mm thick high yield strength CRCA sheet of grade D conforming to IS: 513. Stiffeners. The steel hinged door shall be provided with locking mechanism which is assembled with bolt arrangement. The shelves shall have folded constructions which have intrinsic rigidity and high load carrying capacity. Uniformly distributed load capacity per each drawer shall be 20kg maximum. The complete steel structure shall be constructed by welding and provide finishing with epoxy polyester powder coated to be thickness 40-60. Make- Geeken / Godrej / Methadex/Neel kamal or equivalent	10 Nos.
8	58245062	Multimedia Projector (MMP). Specification:-as per Attached in document at S.N.-01	12 Nos.

Tender Opening Date: 22.08.2024, EMD: NIL, **Note: 1**. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on **IREPS** website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in 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 class III digital signature certificate issued by CCA and IT act 2000. **3.** Rules entered into financial rate page is duly signed digitally signature shall only be considered rates and any other financial entry in any other form / letter head if attached by vendor shall be original straight way ignore and shall not be considered. **1375/24 (ADM)**

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

4-year-old raped in UP's Chitrakoot

BANDA: A four-year-old girl was allegedly raped in a village in Chitrakoot district, police said on Saturday, adding a man has been arrested for it. The incident took place on Friday evening when the girl was playing alone outside her house, they said. The man allegedly took her to the backyard of the house and raped the girl, they added. Chitrakoot additional superintendent of police Chakrapani Tripathi said on Saturday that police has registered a case and arrested Shyamu (20) for the alleged rape.

9K people rescued from Kedarnath

DEHRADUN: Disaster Management and Rehabilitation Secretary Vinod Kumar Suman said that a total of 9,099 people stranded in different areas along the Kedarnath Yatra route have been rescued so far. According to the secretary, the rescue operation of the passengers stranded in the Kedarnath route due to heavy rains on July 31 is going on a war footing. Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami is also monitoring the rescue operation, he said.

Woman killed in Himachal floods

LAHAUL AND SPITI: A woman was swept away in a flash flood near Sangam Nalluh in Lahaul and Spiti in Himachal Pradesh amid heavy rainfall. The District Emergency Operation Centre in Lahaul and Spiti, also said that a vehicle had been buried under the debris after the flash flood. Meanwhile, a total of 55 people has been evacuated to relief camps so far.

Inching towards completion



Construction work of the first and second floors of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple in Ayodhya is underway. The construction of the three-storeyed temple is likely to be completed by December. PTI

{ CHOUHAN'S REMARKS IN HOUSE }

Cong hits back at agri min's 'anti-farmer' jibe

Press Trust of India
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Shivraj Singh Chouhan

NEW DELHI: The Congress on Saturday hit back at agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan for his "anti-farmer DNA" remarks against the opposition party and said that blaming India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru for "all the failures" has become a little boring now.

Chouhan on Friday accused the Congress of having "anti-farmer" DNA, saying that the party never gave priority to the farm sector throughout its rule post Independence.

Hitting back at Chouhan, Congress's media and publicity department head Pawan Khera said, "Dear @ChouhanShivraj, part-time Agriculture Minister and full-time Sangh Pracharak, I must remind you of the historic developments witnessed in the agricultural sector under former PM Jawaharlal Nehru ji and other PMs during the Congress/UPA Governments."

Listing the achievements under various Congress governments, Khera said the Green Revolution boosted wheat production from 12 million tons in 1965 to 20 million tons by 1970.

The Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) and other institutions were established, developing new agricultural technologies, he pointed out. "Major irrigation projects like the Bhakra Nangal and Hirakud Dams increased irrigated land from 22 million hectares in 1951 to 38 million hectares by 1965. Under Narasimha Rao, agricultural exports rose, with their share in total exports increasing from 10% in 1990 to 20% by 1996," he said.

"Under Mr Modi: Over 750 farmers died fighting for their rights while the government paid no heed," Khera said, adding, "Frankly, blaming Nehru for all your failures has become a little boring now. Do better."

M.P. TEACHER WHO STRIP-SEARCHED GIRLS SHUNTED OUT

INDORE: The authorities in Indore on Saturday transferred a teacher of a government-run school in Madhya Pradesh in connection with the alleged strip searching of girls to look for a mobile phone, an official aware of the matter said.

Following the incident on Friday, the administration initiated a probe, and the accused teacher was transferred from the school, the official said.

According to officials, a teacher of Government Sharda Girls Higher Secondary School in the Bada Ganpati area took five students to a toilet and asked them to strip after a mobile phone rang in class.

Parents of the students have lodged a complaint against the teacher at Malharganj police station, alleging the girls were also beaten during the search, they said.

Collector Ashish Singh said the teacher facing allegations of indecent behaviour with students on pretext of the search has been removed from the school and attached to the district education office.

Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police Alok Kumar Sharma said the police complaint against the teacher is also being probed. PTI

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PM ON FOOD SECURITY

tackled under the holistic approach of "One Earth, One Family and One Future", which was India's G20 Summit theme, the PM said.

"I am happy to see so many young, especially women, economists here. I hope this will be a great opportunity for us to learn from you and you to learn from us," Modi said in his speech.

"In the Indian agricultural tradition, priority has been given to science and logic. Two thousand years ago, the treatise, Krishi Parashar, studied various crops, the effect of planetary systems on plants and types of rain clouds," Modi said.

At the time the conference of agricultural economists was founded, India's food security was in peril, but today the country is food surplus and also "providing solutions for global food and nutrition security", the Prime Minister said.

Agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, India currently has the highest rate of farm growth. "Along with raising production, India has also focused on protecting human and soil health through safe food. That is why we have launched natural farming projects," he said.

Pointing to India's uniquely diverse agricultural systems, Modi said the country was endowed with multiple cropping seasons and 15 agro-climatic zones, or regions that have diverse weather-based cropping patterns.

Stressing safe and sustainable agriculture, Modi said: "We can't see the health of humans, animals and plants differently. It must be seen holistically."

The country is now taking a leap with digital farm technologies so that farmers can take "data-driven decisions", the Prime Minister said, pointing to digitally enabled farm insurance initiatives and income transfers to cultivators.

CHANDIGARH SHOOTING

mined.

"Divorce proceedings have been going on between the two parties since 2023. Both sides have previous litigation against each other in Mohali district. The matter was referred to the mediation centre, where the proceedings were being carried out by the court-appointed mediator. Harprit Singh along with his parents was present, while Dr Amitoj Kaur, who is in Canada, was represented by her father Malwinder Singh Sidhu," the police said.

The incident occurred between 1.30pm and 2pm. According to police, both families had arrived at the district court complex and the session was in process when Sidhu requested to use the washroom and asked Singh to show the way. Moments later, Sidhu allegedly took out a pistol and fired four shots at Singh from point-blank range. One of the bullets pierced Singh's chest, killing him on the spot. An eyewitness, who asked not to be named, said the two were arguing in the moments before Singh was shot and that Sidhu then locked himself in a room.

According to Singh's father Karnail Singh, the couple married in 2020. Karnail Singh said Sidhu "hugged my son and told him he would settle the matter", before asking to be led to the washroom. "Harprit went along to show him the way. After a while, we heard gunshots," he said.

Singh's parents, accompanied by some advocates, rushed him to the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) in a private vehicle where he was declared brought dead. The police detained and arrested Sidhu on the spot, recovering the weapon used in the crime.

The victim's parents alleged Sidhu's son too was involved in the crime. "We saw his son holding Harprit while Malwinder aimed the gun at Harprit. They cheated us. Harprit had been hoping to settle the matter for two weeks. He was assured that the dispute was coming to an end," added the victim's father.

The family also accused Sidhu of demanding crores of rupees to settle the dispute and claimed that he had in the past threatened Harprit's life.

On the family's allegations, Senior Superintendent of Police Kanwardeep Kaur said, "We have arrested Malwinder Singh Sidhu and recovered the .32 bore pistol used in the crime. Upon initial verification, his son's involvement could not be confirmed. His son had come to drop him off but was not present on the court premises. Four shots were fired, two of which hit the victim and two missed. Further investigation into the motive of the murder is underway. We are also probing how the accused was able to get the pistol inside the premises."

An FIR has been registered under Section 103(1) (murder) of BNS and Sections 25, 27, 54, and 59 of the Arms Act. The police have stated that further investigation is underway.

MANU BAKHER

said.

Across those two shiny medals and three solid qualification rounds, the 22-year-old produced a wonder week unseen in Indian sport. In it, not once did she bring the highs of yesterday into the fresh today. With new targets to be hit, finals to be booked and medals to be won.

After it all finally paused, it didn't surprise her. Because she had visualised this week in all her training days leading up to the Games, and prepared for every single detail in the company of personal coach Jaspal Rana. With Manu in fray in three events here -- 10m air pistol individual, mixed team and 25m pistol -- she was built to maintain her shape physically and mentally competing in six days out of eight.

In Luxembourg where the coach-trainee based themselves before checking in to the Games, the routine was synced with this time zone, six-hour training days clocked in, and finer variables like warmer temperatures adjusted to.

"The way we started training two months back, getting into the routine of these Olympic matches, that was the standout thing for me about her show here," Rana said.

What stood out for the protagonist was the high-scoring qualification rounds, and a medal where she alone wasn't at the front and centre.

"The mixed medal (she and Sarabjot Singh won the bronze medal match)," Manu said. "It was like a one-on-one competition. It felt like you versus me."

It felt like Manu versus the world for her during and soon after the Tokyo Olympics, in which she failed to make any of the finals. Fingers were pointed, questions were raised, trolls were out. Already "scared" of everything around her first Olympics experience, it continued to scar her, show in her results and make her want to take a step back from the sport.

Until she chose to go back to Rana, and to being Manu. The talkative, multi-hobbied and outgoing person. And the routine-loving, training-happy shooter.

"One thing different from Tokyo that was very prominent with my performances and behaviour here was the confidence," Manu said. "In Tokyo, I was kind of scared of everything. This time I feel much more confident and mature.

"And, definitely, experience. It teaches you a lot in life. I learnt so many lessons from Tokyo, things that I knew that if I sit and cry over it, there was no point. It was about channelising it in my present and future. I've now become this more practical person when it comes to my profession."

It is what makes Manu's route to redemption, and the eventual destination, all the more remarkable. She went from a no-medal flop to a two-medal fillip. From a setback of distressing proportions to a launchpad for greater possibilities moving forward. From a figure of Indian shooting's Tokyo Olympics criticism to the face of its Paris Games celebrations.

She still isn't sure about how the people of the country would look at her now, and what to expect once she returns to India. For now, Manu has a message.

"I can feel this burst of love," she said. "Please keep it going through my career. I will win many matches. I will lose too. But I hope you're always there for me."

What do you think, India?

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THE WEEK THAT WAS

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Sale of attached properties of Erstwhile Amrapali Group through NBCC. Interested parties may register themselves on RAILTEL (The agency engaged by NBCC (INDIA) LTD for holding e-auction) or on website **https://nbccauction.enivida.com.**
Last date for submission of application is **19.08.2024**.
E-Auction will be held on **27.08.2024**.
For Details, Please call:- 9910775803 **Sd/- NBCC**

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION, NASHIK
E-Tender Notice No.7 for 2024-25 (Online)

Online E-Tenders in **"B-1" Form** for the following works invited by Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik Phone No. (0253/2583761-64, 2575324) for and on behalf of Governor of Maharashtra State From Capable of P.W.Deptt. Registered/ Unregistered Contractor or International Contractor whose Sub company / branch in India and also complete terms and conditions mentioned in tender document.

Tender document download on our website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Right of rejection of E-tender / cancellation of E-tender reserved by The Executive Engineer, P.W.Division, Nashik. * Conditional Tender will not be accepted.

Note:- Above mentioned E-Tender Notice including Total 2 (Two) (Costing below from Rs.1500.00 Lacks) Works And details of mentioned E-Tender Notice available on below website.

1. www.mahapwd.gov.in 2. https://mahatenders.gov.in

Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	05.08.2024		TO	12.08.2024	
	From	11:05		Upto	17:00

* Blank E-Tender form Fees (Non refundable) and EMD amount will be accepted Online only.
* Post Qualification criteria condition included in tender document.
* All eligible/interested Contractors are required to be enrolled on portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in** before downloading tender documents and participate in e-tendering.
* The information of E-Payment Gateway available on E-Tendering website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

Please Note this to all Registered / Unregistered Contractors.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division, Nashik

DGIPR/2024-25/ROC 1534

Ministry of Culture Government of India
Centre for Cultural Resources and Training
(Under the aegis of Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India)
15-A, Sector-07, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075

Advt. No. : CCRT/11011/02/2024/03

Recruitment of Group- 'A' posts in CCRT

Applications are invited for the following posts on Deputation basis in CCRT. The vacancy details are as under

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Post	Pay Level	Mode of Recruitment
1.	Director	01	Pay Level-12 (Rs. 78,800-2,09,200) as per 7th CPC	On Deputation Basis
2.	Dy. Director (Finance)	01	Pay Level-11 (Rs. 67,700-2,08,700) as per 7th CPC	

The detailed advertisement, prescribed Application Format and General instructions are available in the CCRT website **https://ccrtindia.gov.in/**. The last date for receipt of the application is **28.08.2024** through proper channel.

Dy. Director (Administration)
CCRT, New Delhi

CBC 09127/12/0005/2425

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(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
डा. के.एस. कृष्णन् मार्ग, नई दिल्ली – 110012
Dr. K.S. Krishnan Marg, New Delhi - 110012

Advertisement No. Rectt./02/202

"Walk-in Interview on 13th and 14th August, 2024 for project staff in various projects"

Thirty Two (32) purely temporary and contractual positions of **"Project Assistant/ Project Associate-I and II/ Junior Research Fellow/ Research Associate- I/ Senior Research Fellow"** under the various ongoing externally funded & time bound sponsored projects are proposed to be filled up at CSIR-NPL. The detailed advertisement along with educational qualifications etc, may be seen at NPL website: **www.nplindia.org.**

Eligible candidates may appear alongwith downloaded application form duly filled-up for "Walk-in Interview" **on 13/08/2024 for Post Code(s) 1.0 to 14.0 and 14/08/2024 for Post Code(s) 15.0 to 23.0 between 8.00 AM to 10.00 AM** in the Auditorium of the laboratory.

(candidates will not be entertained after 10.00 AM under any circumstances)

Senior Controller of Administration

कार्यालय नगर निगम, बरेली ।

पत्रांक: 211/प्र०अधि०/लि०वे०मै०/2024–25 दिनांक 03.08.2024

TENDER NOTICE

Online bids are invited for following Work. Tender forms may be purchased online by the bidders, having relevant experience.

Name of Service	Earnest money deposit (Rs.)
"Procurement of scientific & technical services for complete Supply, Fabrication Erection, Installation & successful Commissioning of In Situ Nallah treatment by Bio-Remediation & Phytoremediation technology in 15 Drains of Bareilly Nagar Nigam having total discharge of 130 MLD"	EMD & Tender Fee shall be submitted online in the Account No.: 3647000100980707, Name of Bank: Punjab National Bank, Branch: Patel Chowk Bareilly, IFSC Code: PUNB0364700

Event of Calendar:

Sl. No.	Events	Date & Time
1.	Date & time of Release of E-Tender for download from E-Tender portal (website)/ Bid submission start date & time	05/08/2024 from 12.00 PM
2.	Start date for uploading of proposal on e-Procurements platform	05/08/2024 upto 02:00 PM
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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.	
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Gopalkrishna Gandhi

The dangers of breaching parliamentary propriety

Spending public-financed hours in name-calling and finger-pointing carries a big risk: It may well make the people of India indifferent to Parliament

I am not politically neutral. Far from it. I have my unequivocal political preference, and it is for the principles that define democracy, secularism, and respect constitutional morality. And, by extension, I am intuitively opposed to everything that threatens these three principles. But, in recent weeks, I have, I must admit, been appalled by the precious — and hugely expensive — time of India's Parliament being taken up by the receiving and returning of invectives across all party lines.

When a member of Parliament (MP) or a minister rises to speak, it is as if for a duel, a combat, not a discussion. Vocal cords do not tire, nor do eardrums seek respite from the resultant explosion of sound. And the nation is treated to a relentless exchange which media then records and reports as:

'X slams Y'
'Y challenges Z'
'X says he has been insulted by Y'
'Y says X insulted him first'
'Apologise, demands B of C'
'Apologise? For what? For speaking the truth?, retorts C '
'You have no shame, says B'
'You have no guts, says C'.
'Yours is an autocratic mindset, says P'
'No one could be more autocratic than Indira Gandhi, says Q'

The words 'I am sorry', or 'I apologise' do not belong in the vocabulary of parliamentary proceedings today. The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha and the state legislatures, like our Supreme Court and high courts, are assumed to be governed by what in English may be called etiquette and in old-style Hindi and Hindustani, *maryada* or *tehzeeb*. An MP or a minister may hold strong views, believe in hard principles expressed in unqualified terms, and yet be wholly governed by *maryada* and *tehzeeb*. Employing non-malicious sarcasm, and non-personalised criticism, an MP or minister can speak trenchantly, in fact, witheringly.

Has that simple faculty slackened, or worse, has it actually been lost? What is most disturbing is the increasing personalisation in speeches. It is not possible and is certainly not required that personal references be never made, but the increasing trend of finger-pointing an individual and attacking him or her relentlessly in what seems to come from personal animosity, going into the religion, caste, parentage, educational qualifications and such intensely intimate attributes of the person, is, to put it mildly, painful to watch.

The fireworks at work in the Houses of Parliament and state legislatures are such now that when a new MP like Sudha Murthy speaks on 'pure issues' without wasting a syllable on a personal comment, her speech shines for the plain contrast offered by its non-toxic simplicity.

Can a situation be right when children watching live telecasts of parliamentary debates ask their parents, "Why is this uncle shouting ?" Or, "Why is that aunty screaming?" Is it wholesome and good? Surely those questions are not what MPs and MLAs are elected for, or ministers appointed to their distinguished positions.

I say this in sadness and with total respect for legislators and ministers in their individual capacities and for the Houses in their collective personalities. And, I should add, in complete political objectivity.

When MPs like Acharya Kripalani, Ram Manohar Lohia, CN Annadurai, Gayatri Devi, Renu Chakravartty, Hirendranath Mukherjee, Era Sezhiyan, Madhu Limaye, and Atal Bihari Vajpayee spoke in Parliament from the Opposition benches, they used no words that could leave a wound, a scar. When luminaries on the Treasury benches like Jawaharlal Nehru, Sardar Patel, Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, Jagjivan Ram, Morarji Desai, Indira Gandhi, Asoka Mehta, Violet Alva, C Subramaniam spoke, they could be hard-hitting, often pulverising the Opposition, but never at the cost of the dignity of the House or in disregard of its traditions.

MPs targeted ministers, for sure, and ministers did likewise with Opposition stalwarts, but there was *maryada* (to use a word associated indelibly with Vajpayee) in the way they went about it, quite like when, for instance, Feroze Gandhi, a Congress MP, went with the sharp focus of a projectile for finance minister TT Krishnamachari in the Mundhra case. And when ministers like VK Krishna Menon 'gave it back' to Opposition MPs of the fibre of Acharya Kripalani, they did so with maximum political but zero personal punch.

It is not that earlier Houses did not have their 'problem' MPs. They did, but their examples, like exceptions, only proved the rule, which was that legislative opportunities are meant for enacting laws, keeping a weather eye on national affairs and, seeing that the country's interests are never at variance from that of its states, the latter are protected against adversities and adversaries.

The politicisation and personalisation of calamities, like what has befallen Wayanad this week, is to be lamented. When calamity struck the Himalayan town of Joshimath on the night of January 2, 2023, as torrents of water gushed out of its lower slope, did the Opposition seek to make political capital out of it? If it did, that would have been as wrong.

There are urgent and important issues facing the country, such as the impact of the climate crisis on livelihood and the security of life, the ogre of zoonoses like Nipah and Chandipura hissing over us about which K Srinath Reddy wrote in these pages on August 1, an almost certain water drought looming over us, the danger of an imminent Himalayan-scale earthquake in the Himalayas of which seismologists have been warning us, and connected with this the existential issue of how the development and progress models of the last several decades need modifying in the light of experience. And urgent thought needs to be bestowed on the perils of cyber crime allied to the new phenomenon of Artificial Intelligence. Not many days ago, a Microsoft outage led to operations in several airports in India collapsing. That traumatic occurrence has been forgotten by our short-term memory storage. The phenomenon was chilling. Can such occurrences paralyse aircraft in the air, or trains on tracks on the ground? Or banking operations, leading to a national standstill? Can such an outage bring all digital-based work to a halt — either by the work of international crime or by accident?

Then, there are policy issues such as the limbo that our national Census, carried out last in 2011, is in. Another major issue is that two years from now, India's electoral democracy will be at an existential crossroads when a delimitation of the constituencies to elect members of the Lok Sabha, following the population figures returned by the next decennial census, is to take place. The population-stabilising states of India that is Bharat, which include all the southern states, must continue to enrich our legislative and parliamentary processes as they have been doing over the decades. No democratic penalties should have to be paid by them for their high sense of demographic responsibility.

When such issues face us menacingly, spending public-financed hours in name-calling and finger-pointing carries a big risk: It may well make the people of India indifferent to Parliament. And that would be more than a thousand pities. It would be a billion-and-more disaster. Our Parliament is the altar of our democratic federal Republic, not an *akhaara*.

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Parliament's time is being increasingly taken up by the receiving and returning of invectives across all party lines BLOOMBERG

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Karan Thapar

The Gymkhana Club's ungentlemanly move

If you're a member of a club, you'll know it's special. Introduced by the Raj, they're associations where people of equal standing can meet and relax, without fear that what they say or do will be made public. By definition, clubs are private and intimate. That's probably why members become fond of them and are, often, inordinately loyal to them.

It follows that members of a club are deemed to be 'gentlemen'. That's true of the ladies as well! An unwritten but well known code of conduct prevails. At its core is the assumption that members will always behave honourably. They can be relied upon to do the decent thing.

Traditionally, members of a club sign for the services they avail of and pay when they are billed. Whether it's drinks at the bar, food in the dining hall or charges for the sports facilities, there's never any doubt that once partaken of or used they will be promptly and fully paid for. After all, gentlemen honour their debts.

Alas, it seems the Delhi Gymkhana Club, by far the most prestigious and sought after in the Capital, no longer believes that to be the case. In a move that is both bizarre and insulting to its membership, it has decided that members must deposit money in advance. As the management puts it, members must maintain "a positive credit balance" to be able to drink at the bar or dine in the club. The fact you pay an annual subscription is no longer enough.

For a start, this undermines the central purpose of a club as a place you can visit whenever you want. Now, if you haven't maintained a deposit, you can't eat and drink. The best you can hope to do is scrounge off someone else!

But it's worse. Clubs are a place where the convivial atmosphere encourages you to buy others drinks or dine in their company. You may have come on your own, but you often end up as part of a happy group. But if the advance you've deposited is not sufficient, you can't offer drinks or pick up the tab for a friend's dinner.

Even commercial restaurants treat their guests with greater regard and consideration. They pay once they've finished eating and are ready to leave. They don't need to deposit money in advance. And unless you look particularly disreputable and untrustworthy, no restaurant would ask, as you enter, if you have the money to pay for what you propose to eat! Yet, in effect, this is what the Gym —as its members fondly call it — proposes hereafter to do.

The Club's excuse for this discourteous treatment of its membership is that some people do not pay their bills. Sadly, that's true. Even the prominently displayed list of defaulters is not enough to shame them. But this is a wee minority — if not a fraction — of the membership. Out of the list of people with signing rights, which probably is well over 10,000, habitual and incorrigible defaulters are unlikely to be more than 100. I'm deliberately not including those who are only late in paying, often for legitimate and acceptable reasons. Now, should everyone else — the honourable and preponderant majority — be distrusted and penalised because the Club can't find a better and more effective way of responding to them?

IN A MOVE THAT IS BIZARRE AND INSULTING TO ITS MEMBERS, THE CLUB HAS DECIDED MEMBERS MUST DEPOSIT MONEY FOR DINING, ETC IN ADVANCE. THEY MUST HAVE A 'POSITIVE CREDIT BALANCE' TO DINE AT THE CLUB OR USE THE SERVICES OF THE BAR

It seems the Club's answer is yes. That, itself, is cause to be concerned about the management. It doesn't understand what a club is and should always seek to be.

However, there's another solution which has been inexplicably overlooked. If the management is really worried that a growing number are refusing to honour their bills, it could have asked members to pay for their drinks and food as soon as they've finished and before they leave. Like guests in a restaurant. In fact, this is what several London clubs do. It would be both more trusting and more polite. Now, why on earth did the management not think of that?

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Wins, losses and longing in the Olympics season



Abhishek Asthana

"*Pehla set haar gaya, ab kya jeetega*" (He lost the first set, he won't win now); 28 years ago, my father, sitting in front of our Weston black-and-white TV, gave up hope. A tennis player from Kolkata, playing with a broken wrist at the Stone Mountain Center, was struggling. He had lost the first set. Watching a high-emotion sporting encounter with a strict dad was akin to walking the tightrope for a 90s kid. The outcome of the match dictated the subsequent harmony in the house. Giving up hope was the national hobby then. We had given it up a few months earlier, at Eden Gardens, when a teary-eyed Vinod Kambli walked back to the pavilion — and just a few weeks before the tennis match, when a newly-elected government fell within 13 days, calling for another costly election. Clearly, the hope supply chain was a bit broken.

Then, miraculously, our player broke his much higher ranked opponent's serve and won the second set. We were now a step closer to winning the 1996 Atlanta Olympics Tennis bronze match. Leander Paes, the son of an Olympics bronze medalist (hockey), soldiered on. "It was a blur," he says today. But it must have been a blur that helped, as overthinking and choking in the finals is another national hobby. No wonder, our social science books have chapters on athletes who ended up 4th at the Olympics. I mean no disrespect; they were the product of their impoverished times. But this time, we won. A 100th-year special Olympic medallion. An individual medal. My father had never seen an individual Olympic medal in his lifetime. It took 44 years for the nation to see an Olympic medal gleaming around the neck of a sportsperson who wasn't holding a hockey stick. The nation was delirious. Our bronze age had begun. Paes's win taught us how it felt to win an Olympic medal. An entire generation busy with inter-colony sports such as cricket, unaware of the joy of winning at a global event with more than ten nations participating, suddenly wanted more. They had tasted blood.

The drought of the medals was such that even today when a player reaches an Olympic final, out of sheer post-traumatic stress syndrome, the headlines whisper a defeatist "PV Sindhu has assured a silver" headline, instead of deeming it a battle for the gold. That said, the times are changing. Our national pride has outrun our per capita numbers. Now, presidents of richer nations take selfies with our leader. We are called to their exclusive clubs. India's Gross Domestic Product is growing fast. Even beggars have QR codes. The only inconvenience is our denominator. Black-pillers tell you how some countries with the population of Dadar station at rush-hour have more gold medals than us. A single-digit tally isn't good enough. Not befitting a Quad member. Deepika Kumari, an archery world champion, is openly criticised for not winning a medal. In a nation of mythological archers such as Arjuna and Eklavya, how could we not win at archery, the internet jokes.



Leander Paes's win taught us how it felt to win an Olympic medal GARY M. PRIOR/GETTY IMAGES

For many decades, such stuff was blasphemous. Now, such jokes are fine. Winning hearts is not enough. Now, these athletes aren't objects of our sympathy or a guilt trip of a cricket-obsessed nation. No longer do stories of a resource-starved athlete sleeping in railway wagons during sporting trials and swimming in a crocodile-infested river just to reach school move us. That time is over. Now, we want medals. "Our medal tally should look like a six-digit OTP and not an ATM pin," internet users post. But with higher expectations come greater disappointments. As we grow old, we guard our emotions in a savings account rather than investing it around. We can't afford mental downtime with all the commitments and responsibilities. Hence, a mundane sports defeat might not rankle much for a middle-aged person.

After all, the kids who saw the unravelling of the 120-chase in Barbados or the Kolkata 1996 semis or Sachin Tendulkar in that Chennai test — who barely ate their dinner on those days — are adults now with dependents. More immune to such non-material damages. I still remember when MS Dhoni hit that winning six in the 2011 World Cup, I ran out to the 16th Main of BTM layout in Bengaluru, hugging absolute strangers and waving the flag. Did I do the same when India won the T20 WC this year? Not really. Maybe when I've kids old enough, I'll partake. For now, there's a brief lull. Such philosophical musings are usually reserved for cricket.

The day an Olympic defeat has a similar shelf life of public despair, the day when we can actually criticise an erring athlete freely — that's the day we show we actually care. Nothing shows we care more than actually being genuinely disappointed. And that's the day when we should bid for hosting the Olympics. Maybe, that year our medals tally will look like an OTP.

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Urban waste management needs a cohesive strategy

Recently, the Supreme Court (SC) yet again drew attention to Delhi's waste management crisis, highlighting the daily accumulation of 3,800 tonnes of untreated solid waste. The Court stressed that this violates citizens' fundamental right to a pollution-free environment, underscoring broader waste management challenges in urban India.

Delhi, like most cities, struggles with waste management. Despite significant discussions and efforts, over 45% of the city's municipal solid waste continues to be dumped in landfills, leading to environmental degradation and health hazards for residents. The situation is further exacerbated by the existence of legacy waste, accumulated over decades, which poses a monumental challenge for remediation efforts.



Bhavreen Kandhari

Instead of enforcing waste segregation at the source to redirect waste towards recovery, reuse, and recycling, promoting a sustainable approach, and integrating waste-pickers and waste-dealers into the formal waste management system through collaboration between state governments, self-help groups (SHGs), and other relevant players, 2,000 tonnes per day of mixed waste is being incinerated at the waste-to-energy (WTE) plant in Delhi's Sukhdev Vihar area. This plant faces scrutiny due to its environmental impact and alleged violations of rules, now under SC's review. Concerns include its location in a densely populated residential zone, disregard for the Delhi Master Plan, 2021, and the absence of a nearby landfill. The plant emits PM2.5 and dioxins, prompting nearby residents to demand its relocation.

Political promises have failed to translate into tangible solutions. While waste management falls under State jurisdiction, the absence of a consolidated approach at the national level exacerbates the problem. The fragmentation of responsibilities across multiple ministries further complicates efforts to tackle the crisis comprehensively.

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (Urban), managed by the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), aims to create cleaner cities but faces significant challenges due to the fragmented nature of waste management oversight. While MoHUA handles urban sanitation and cleanliness, the guidelines on plastic waste, construction and demolition (C&D) waste, and electronic waste (e-waste), among others, are set by the ministry of environment, forests and climate change. This division of responsibilities results in a lack of cohesive strategy and hampers the efficiency of coordinating waste management practices.

To effectively tackle these challenges, a holistic and integrated approach is crucial. This requires consolidating efforts across various ministries to create a unified framework for waste management. Collaboration with industry stakeholders and local communities is essential to develop innovative solutions and implement best practices. Fostering partnerships for advanced technological solutions is another key aspect. Technologies and standard operating procedures that facilitate efficient waste segregation, recycling, and disposal need to be scaled up and supported by robust policy frameworks. Additionally, state governments should be empowered with the necessary resources and training to manage waste effectively on the ground.

The issue of e-waste, in particular, highlights the urgency of a coordinated approach. Mountains of e-waste, often not covered under the Swachh Bharat Mission, pose significant environmental and health risks. Addressing this requires strategies and regulatory measures currently lacking due to the fragmented governance system.

India's waste crisis demands concerted effort from all levels of government, private sector players, and civil society. By integrating efforts across ministries, fostering collaborations, and embracing technological advancements, India can move towards a sustainable and circular waste economy.

Can our fractured governance systems effectively address the multifaceted waste management issues we face today? The answer lies in our ability to unify efforts, create a cohesive strategy, and enforce regulations that prioritise both environmental sustainability and public health.

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{ SUNDAY LETTERS }

A fight between two Americas

This is with reference to "*How Kamala Harris has reshaped the US election*" by Prashant Jha (July 28). Even with her Indian connections, Harris is unlikely to reshape India-US relations. On Nov 5, the likely Kamala vs Trump fight will be between two different visions of America.

Sanjay Chopra

A sunny day in London

This is with reference to "*Glimpses of British summertime cheer*" by Karan Thapar (July 28). This was an enjoyable peek into a fun outing on a bright, sunny day in London.

Anuradha Bisaria

A rare quality in a politician

This is with reference to Pavan K Varma's "*Away from the spotlight, a remarkable President*" (July 28). R Venkataraman believed in serving the nation quietly, shunning publicity. This was his sterling quality, which is rarely found among politicians.

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Varun Viswanath

Cut to fit

The electronics engineer from Bengaluru has just been nominated for an Emmy, for his role in editing the Taika Waititi-Sterlin Harjo series Reservation Dogs. How did he end up in LA, working with Waititi on What We Do in the Shadows, and on shows like Arrested Development? 'I always enjoyed being the stage manager. I was the kid in the control room of the school auditorium yelling out instructions,' he says, laughing

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"Something just clicked" the first time he edited a film, says Varun Viswanath.

He was in his early 20s at the time, living in Singapore, working as a headhunter and making short films on the weekends, with a group of former college mates.

"I ended up editing all night one Sunday. The next thing I knew it was Monday morning and I had to put on my tie to go to work," he says, laughing.

Now 41, Viswanath has just been nominated for an Emmy for his work on the Taika Waititi-Sterlin Harjo show Reservation Dogs (its three seasons are currently streaming on Disney+ Hotstar). He and Patrick Tuck are in the running in a category titled Outstanding Picture Editing for a Single-Camera Comedy Series.

"On the day the nominations were announced, my wife (Nina Sen, 41, a CFO) and I had had a particularly rough morning getting our three-year-old son to school. I was driving back home when Patrick called and said we'd been nominated," Viswanath says. "I thought he was referring to the show as a whole, which we had expected because the critics loved us and it was our final season. Then he clarified that the two of us had been nominated... and that was a huge surprise."

Born and raised in Bengaluru, Viswanath's journey to this point has had quite a few detours.

At 18, he moved to Singapore on a scholarship, to study electronic engineering. By the time he graduated, prime jobs in this field were moving from the island nation to China and he didn't want to move again. So he joined an investment bank, then a corporate talent-scouting company.

Alongside, he and his friends from college formed the theatre group Precocious Puppets. "Theatre was something I had been interested in since school," he says. "I'd be the 12-year-old in the control room of the school auditorium yelling out instructions."

When Precocious Puppets decided to pivot to film (their production company is called Bad Alliteration), Viswanath's role changed. "Being an engineer meant that I was less afraid of new technology," he says. And so he ended up with the responsibility of editing the group's films.

"The control and precision that you can use to change the trajectory of a story... to hone it a little bit more... to speed it up and make it more frantic or hold on longer and make it more ominous, I was so enamoured by that control," he says. "Outside of making enough money to pay my rent, this became all I wanted to do."

In 2009, Bad Alliteration made a feature film — Insomniac, about a writer who may be losing his mind, as he races to finish his book — that had a small theatrical release in Singapore. And Viswanath began to consider a shift to filmmaking as a career.

He applied to Master's programmes in film production in the US, looking to build on his sales and corporate experience. He also applied to the American Film Institute's (AFI) editing programme in Los Angeles, because a friend who was helping him with his applications told him he should never stop editing; he had a special skill.

He gained admission to the Master's at AFI, and it turned out the friend had been right. His thesis short film, Samnang (2012; about a Cambodian immigrant working at a doughnut shop in California), was nominated for a Student Academy Award.

Viswanath settled in LA, working across formats: TV shows, indie features, web shows, music videos. He edited episodes of mainstream hits such as Arrested Development and I Am Not Okay With This.

But it was Taika Waititi's vampire mockumentary What We Do in the Shadows that would be his big break. It earned him a nomination for Best Edited Comedy Series at the ACE (American Cinema Editors) Eddie Awards in 2021. And, when Waititi began work on his next series, Reservation Dogs, Viswanath joined the crew.

Set in rural Oklahoma, the show is a coming-of-age tale about a group of Native-American teenagers living on a reservation, trying to get out, and dreaming of magical new lives in California.

Waititi, who won an Oscar, BAFTA and Grammy for his 2019 film Jojo Rabbit (about a boy whose imaginary friend is Hitler), is of Aboriginal New Zealand and Jewish descent. His co-creator on Reservation Dogs, Harjo, is a member of the Muscogee and Seminole Nations.

There was a time when Viswanath worried they may not see him as the best person for the job. "I'm a big-city kid and here I was trying to help them tell a story set in a different world, about a group of people who aren't often seen in the popular media," he says.

As it turned out, he was in his element as he juggled the elements of drama, suspense, comedy and the supernatural that permeate the show. He could identify instantly, he says, with the idea at the heart of it: "that all of this — funny, serious, magical — lives together. This is what everybody's lives look like."

It was a joy to work on because it was masterfully written, he adds. The addition of wild-card characters such as Uncle Brownie in Season I and Deer Lady in Season 3 made tonal shifts easier. "Uncle Brownie, a stoner who is stuck in the past, helped us bring in intergenerational comedy, while with Deer Lady we go into this punk-rock psychological action space. That whole episode has a '70s-style acid-trip-with-aliens vibe to it. As editors, it's so much fun to figure out how to fit in an episode like that, while telling the same story."

Viswanath is now working on a Hulu comedic crime caper titled Deli Boys. Starring Asif Ali, Saagar Shaikh and Poorna Jagannathan, it is about two brattish Pakistani-American young men who must figure out how to run the criminal undertaking they didn't know their father headed, until his sudden death.

An untitled Amazon Prime documentary on Asian immigrant groups in Texas fighting anti-Asian hate is in the works too. And Viswanath is teaching a course in editing at AFI. The job of the editor is to be the first critical audience of the film, he likes to say.

"With every frame, we're asking: is it clear what's happening and, just as importantly, are we happy with how it's making us feel." That acts as a vital bridge between the director and the audience.

"The components you're working with are technically just audio and video, but the dimensions are so much wider: it's the actor's performance, the camera's performance, the camera science, the lights, and what the background characters are doing." It's everything, really.

Arrested Development

What We Do in the Shadows

Reservation Dogs

1 Varun Viswanath moved to Singapore as a student and began staging plays there, with a group of former college mates, while in his early 20s. When the group pivoted to film, setting up the banner Bad Alliteration, he served as film editor, because he took to new technology easily. He later studied film editing at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles, the city where he now lives.

2 While at AFI, Viswanath's thesis short film, Samnang (2012) — about a Cambodian immigrant working at a doughnut shop in California — was nominated for a Student Academy Award. With Reservation Dogs now concluded, Viswanath, 41, is on to his next project, a comedic crime caper titled Deli Boys.

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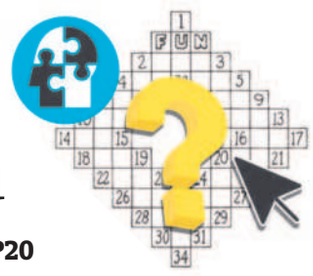
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What bras, lotions and steam can and cannot do

As an embryologist who routinely consults with couples struggling to have a child, Dr Tanaya Narendra, 30, answers strange questions for a living.

"Could eating a banana daily help me guarantee a son?" "Could the delay be because I am not manly enough?" (The answers, of course, are why; and of course not.)

As @dr_cuterus on Instagram, she has gathered a following of 1.8 million with her simple truth-telling and myth-busting. She receives messages that range from the heartbreaking ("My husband thinks my body is abnormal") to the absurd ("Can I make my face brighter by massaging it with semen?").

Her mission, lately — amid a new wave of products aimed at women's "hygiene" — is keeping the uninformed safe. "It's horrifying when a 14-year-old writes to me saying they have chemical burns after bleaching their genitals," says the doctor from Allahabad.

And so she breaks down how bras cannot change the shape of a woman's breasts; why creams cannot alter their size; and why chemical-laden "vaginal cleansers" are not doctor-recommended. She does it all with tact, empathy and humour. ("Your vagina is not a momo; it does not need steaming.")

She has received one legal notice so far; the case has since been dropped. She often gets DMs from company representatives threatening to sue, but no one else has.

Meanwhile, she expanded her Instagram operation in 2022 and now has a team of three. "These are people with different backgrounds and sexual orientations, so they can help me create content that's inclusive and can change the kind of healthcare I provide," she says.

She has worked on projects with India's union ministry of health and family welfare, and the World Health Organization (WHO), and is determined to use these and other non-commercial means to keep her work on Instagram going.

"It makes me very angry that the misinformation crisis is getting harder to fight," she says. "But that only means it's more important to keep fighting."



Dr Narendra delivers her advice with tact, empathy and humour. 'Your vagina is not a momo; it does not need steaming,' she says.

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It can be hard being a naysayer on Instagram, where one must be happy, positive and peddling in order to make it.

But the harder it becomes to say "Stop... is that even true", the more essential it is to do it.

That is what drives embryologist Dr Tanaya Narendra aka @dr_cuterus, 30. Her mission is to keep people from using products that cannot help them, and could actually harm. "It's horrifying when a 14-year-old writes to me saying they have chemical burns after bleaching their genitals," says the doctor from Allahabad with 1.8 million followers.

Revant Himatsingka's mission is simpler, but somehow more controversial. On his popular account, @Foodpharmer, which has a following of 2.7 million, the 32-year-old simply reads out food labels and explains what they mean.

Somehow this has turned him into a hero to some ("I get stopped in the street and asked for selfies") and a villain to others (a common question from fans is "How many cases currently?" The answer right now is six).

The first case scared him. Then lawyers showed up to tell him what he already knew: he had done nothing wrong. And fear turned to anger. "Why shouldn't I be able to talk about what's on food labels?" he says. So this is now the purpose of his account.

In a world of influencers peddling commercial content disguised as personal experience and opinion, it is a financial non-starter to do the opposite and shout out the very things that companies do not want broadcast. And so "de-influencers" such as Himatsingka and Dr Narendra don't expect to earn any real money from their accounts. He speaks at corporate events to keep going. She has her clinic and her patients, and occasional projects with the union government and World Health Organization (WHO).



Your best bet, if you want a healthy meal full of nutrients and fibre, is fresh produce. It's that simple, says Himatsingka. Does that mean one should never eat a delicious fried snack again? Of course not. Just know roughly what's in it; learn to check the label, not just the front of the pack; and then decide, he says. YASHVARDHAN SINGH

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Beyond buzzwords: Reading food labels

Revant Himatsingka, 32, doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

He analyses food labels online, and is hailed as something of a hero for it. People stop him in the street and ask for selfies. A common question, gleefully asked, is how many cases he currently faces (the answer is six).

"I like to think of my work as a review," he says. "If I don't like a movie I've watched, I can easily talk about why I disliked it, and no one would file lawsuits. So why can't I just read the label of a food product and tell people what I see?"

Himatsingka, who has an MBA from Wharton School, has built up a following of 2.7 million on Instagram (@Foodpharmer), in just over a year, doing this.

His explainer Reels focus on nutrition literacy, pointing out, for instance, that if one reads a certain label carefully one can see that there is more sugar than tomato paste in that brand of ketchup, and no hazelnuts at all in a certain "chocolate-hazelnut" spread.

He lays out guidelines for how to distinguish between healthy and healthy-sounding tags ("multigrain bread may still have maida or refined wheat flour as its main ingredient," he says).

Himatsingka first became wary of packaged foods while living in the land of bad food choices, the US, where he spent 13 years studying and then working as a management consultant. While there, he also wrote a self-help book titled Selfienomics (2016). Then, in the pandemic, he quit his job and returned home to Kolkata (he now lives in Mumbai).

He had about 1,000 followers when he began posting regularly, in 2023, to promote his book.

It contained a chapter about food labels, so he created a video about the sugar content in Bournvita (which was then 50 gm per 100 gm; it has since been reduced by 15%).

The post went viral, and he was served his first legal notice, by the brand's owner Mondelez.

"The next few days were pure panic," he recalls. "I was confused. My family was scared. We were talking to lawyers all the time. Far-flung relatives would call to tell me that life as an 'activist' would only lead to jail time."

His follower count shot up to 100,000 in nine days. Then lawyers turned up in his feed, offering pro-bono representation. The think tank Nutrition Advocacy in Public Interest India (NAPi) spoke up in his support. He went from being afraid to being angry.

Why shouldn't he be able to talk about what was on food labels? He decided this would be the purpose of his account.

"I intentionally read only what's on the packaging, to show how several top brands routinely contradict themselves," he says. "I don't ever say things like 'Sugar is poison' or 'Do not eat this'. I just think people should know what they are choosing."

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> **REVANT HIMATSINGKA**

Since no one is ever likely to pay him for his posts, he has found other ways to earn from his work. His primary revenue stream at the moment is speaking at corporate events.

There's still a long way to go, he says. When people run into him in public, for instance, they often ask: Is xyz brand safe? And he has to explain the difference between "safe" and "healthy".

"Sometimes I also wish people would ask me about my life outside food labels," he adds, laughing. "I do have more on my mind than the amount of sugar in a glass of cola."



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Even travel content creator Aakanksha Monga can see the difference in the number of views she gets — for posts that discuss what a place is really like — and the far higher numbers of views for cookie-cutter, faux-picturesque Reels about "top 10 things to do".

She has 1.1 million followers, though, and she believes these are travellers who want to make informed choices.

Promoting mindful choices is what drives Soumya Manthena of @greenfeetcleanfeet. Her account explores "make-don't-buy" recipes for things ranging from cleaning liquids to protein supplements. She also explores why popular hashtags (#GoGreen; #ClosetCleanse) can do more harm than good.

"There is something for everyone to do. But the right kind of change involves understanding the trade-offs at play," Manthena says. "There is no need to blindly shift from a plastic comb to a wooden one that may break faster, or throw out a perfectly good polyester outfit just to hoard new handloom saris."

Instead, she says, look within before ordering online: What do you have in your closet, kitchen cabinet or storeroom that could be modified, repurposed or reused?

This kind of thing could open up new battlefronts for brands, says Michael Serazio, journalist, communications professor at Boston College and author of The Authenticity Industries: Keeping It "Real" in Media, Culture, and Politics (2023). "Authenticity is a kind of quasi-religion now, across many domains of media and culture. When social media is saturated with promotional content, de-influencing becomes a way of standing out 'authentically'."

If de-influencers — currently a small but growing group around the world — can stay the course and multiply, "it could be a public-relations crisis for certain brands," adds Kristen Ruby, a New-York based social-media analyst, TV commentator and head of an eponymous PR agency.

Watch out for the mission itself being hijacked, Serazio says, with fake de-influencers being paid by one corporation to criticise another.

What does it take to stay authentic, in an increasingly inauthentic realm? Meet our pick of India's top de-influencers today.

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Waste not: Home is where the mart is







Manthena explores 'make-don't-buy' recipes for things ranging from cleaning liquids to protein supplements.

It was a sense of loneliness that prompted computer engineer-turned-homemaker Soumya Manthena, 39, to set up an Instagram account about sustainable living, in 2019.

"I felt like I was the only one carrying my steel bottle around. It was becoming hard to stay motivated," she says. "I started out just looking for community."

She found it, and a lot more. As she posted about her experiments with things like homemade bio-enzyme cleaners, she was surprised to see engagement climb. People wrote in with questions, shared hacks and stories of their own hits and misses.

She was soon segueing into other subjects she felt passionately about: waste audits, greenwashing, the ills of fast fashion.

Today, her handle @greenfeetcleanfeet has over 27,000 followers. Her posts and videos promote small, slow, mindful lifestyle changes that could include shopping at the local kirana store to reduce the use of packaging, learning about which fabrics last longest, or making one's own protein supplements.

She explains why a "sudden closet cleanse" can do more harm than good. "There's no need to blindly shift from a plastic comb to a wooden one that may break faster, or throw out a perfectly good polyester outfit just to hoard new handloom saris. The right kind of switch involves understanding the trade-offs at play."

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> **SOUMYA MANTHENA**

With a view to helping people understand the trade-offs, Manthena walks her followers through No Buy Challenges, Book Swaps and Waste Audits, using examples from her own life in Hyderabad.

She turns down all offers from brands because the idea is to discourage consumption and remind people to look within, in the closet, kitchen cabinet, storeroom, for things that can be reused or repurposed instead.

One of the things to consume less of, she points out, is social media itself. She recently took a break that ends next week, to get away from the "dread of eco-anxiety that creeps in when one is so involved", and recalibrate.

It can get stressful online, she says. "There will always be people who find fault with what you do. Don't let them keep you from living a better life."

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Wander woman: The truth about travel







Monga uses her account to show what travelling solo, or summers in Europe, are really like. And to point the way to quieter haunts and slower ways of seeing the world.

When Aakanksha Monga was planning her trip to the Nubra Valley in Ladakh three years ago, she couldn't wait to see the picturesque dunes and double-humped Bactrian camel described by so many travel vloggers on Instagram.

What she saw instead shook her. "The desert I saw was filthy, with trash strewn everywhere," she says. "The camels looked scrawny and tired."

It made her think about how travel-related content often misrepresents the experience, deliberately leaving out the uncomfortable details. Fresh out of college and working remotely with a management consultancy, she began to travel more herself, to Himachal Pradesh, Goa, the Andaman Islands.

She began posting tips and impressions on Instagram in response to questions from friends and colleagues.

As she talked about which places were over-hyped, what she really appreciated about a destination, and secret haunts and quieter getaways, she saw her follower count climb, from about 20,000 in 2021 to 1.1 million today.

Monga, 25, has since quit her job and is now a full-time content creator. In some of her videos, she busts myths about travel in general, discussing aspects such as travel burnout and the legitimate fear of falling ill while far from home.

It's the opposite of what most brands who approach her want her to do. Her videos don't get the reach of Reels that list "top ten" things to do. "I feel a sense of responsibility, knowing that my job has both positive and negative impacts on a place," she says. "But I think people should make informed choices."

In a world of AI-generated content and filters on everything, she adds, she can also sleep at night — wherever in the world she is — knowing that she didn't lie to her audience.

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Falling far from the tree

The Mac computer is 40 years old. It changed computing, the world of apps and how art was made – which earned it its ardent fans. From those seeds, a very different Apple grows today





Apple was the underdog in 1984, when its Mac ad, directed by Ridley Scott, positioned it as a symbol of creativity and revolt. IBM was computing's Big Brother then. (Above right) A new ad, released in May, smashes creative tools to make room for the new iPad Pro.

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Jef Raskin's favourite fruit was a tart red-and-green apple originally bred by a Canadian farmer named John McIntosh, in 1811.

In 1979, Raskin became Apple Computers' new director of publications and new product review, which meant he was hugely influential when it came to product design.

In many ways, he was the archetypal '70s programmer. He had a Master's in computer science (which he concealed because the hobbyist nerd culture at Apple then was quite hostile to academics); he created a music application as a student; he taught art, photography and computer science at University of California, San Diego; and announced his resignation from UCSD from a hot air balloon flown over the campus.

Apple was a good fit. A strong advocate of the personal computer as a consumer good, Raskin began working with a small team to develop a computer based on his vision. He named it after the McIntosh apple.

The initial members of the team were hardware engineer Burrell Smith and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak. Raskin repeatedly bypassed Steve Jobs to get approvals and funding directly from the board.

At this time, Apple was riding high on the success of its Apple II computer, and Jobs was overseeing the next big release, the Lisa.

Jobs had visited Xerox and become fascinated by the user interface (UI) they were researching. The Lisa, named after his daughter, was Apple's attempt to build a new kind of computer using Xerox's advancements with a graphical, mouse-driven UI.

While the Apple II had a major impact as the first computer that was affordable to both schools and middle-class families, it was clear that the real money lay in the business market, and IBM was already in the process of building a personal computer that could target both homes and offices. Lisa was to be Apple's response: a computer that did not need complicated manuals or dedicated engineers to set up and use.

But development of the Lisa was troubled. Jobs's famously abrasive nature put him at odds with the team. Developers said he made unreasonable demands and threw tantrums when things didn't go as he wanted.

By January 1981, the board had had enough, and Jobs was removed from the Lisa project. A month later, Wozniak crashed a plane he was flying and suffered severe injuries. He decided not to return to Apple.

Jobs used Wozniak's absence to take control of the McIntosh project, and deliver the vision he originally had for the Lisa.

Biting into the hype

On January 22, 1984, during a commercial break in the third quarter of the Super Bowl, Apple aired its seminal ad for this new computer. Directed by Ridley Scott and hailed as a masterpiece, it drew on themes of rebellion and George Orwell's 1984, to position itself as colourful, creative, and revolutionary.

When **the Mac (top)** was released two days later, reception was ecstatic. Early evangelists included Andy Warhol, Mick Jagger. The second person to buy a Mac in Europe was Stephen Fry. The first? Douglas Adams.

The computer's support for fonts and graphics made it a favourite with creative people, including makers of art and music.

The Mac wasn't perfect, of course. Even by the standards of the time, it was underpowered. It soon acquired a reputation for being good for individual use, but unfit to compete with IBM-compatible PCs in other areas. Disputes over marketing budgets famously led to Jobs's departure from Apple in 1985.

His exit and triumphant return in 1996 are part of Silicon Valley lore, as are the successes of the iPod, iPhone and iPad, which made Apple a darling of consumers and investors, leading to it becoming the most valuable company of all time, in 2011. This is all quite a change from 1997, when Microsoft invested $150 million in Apple to save it from bankruptcy. Other things have changed.

In May this year, Apple released another ad that had everyone talking. It showed books, paints, musical instruments and other creative tools being smashed, leaving, eventually, only a super-slim new iPad Pro (to represent all the things that device can now do). It faced a backlash, and was described as the antithesis of the 1984 advertisement.

It does represent Apple, though. The behemoth has dominated markets and reframed the rules, even as its product development has shifted from revolutionary to iterative. It has faced action over monopolistic behaviour, and been accused of slowing down older products to force users to upgrade.

"You either die a hero or live long enough to see yourself become the villain" applies to companies as well. Perhaps more often than it does to individuals.

WATCH the 1984 ad for Apple's first Mac computer

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Deepanjana Pal



Legends that live

For the ageing star, violence serves as a pathway to desire. Fighting is very much a love language in Deadpool & Wolverine, and desire is everything in the series Barzakh

At a mid-week morning show of Deadpool & Wolverine, the theatre is almost full.

In the queue for 3D glasses is a young man on the phone. "I'm at an important family event, but I'll be available after lunch," he says. His companion teases, "Family event?" He replies, "I'm here to pay my respect to Deadpool-da and Wolverine kaku."

This distant relative of Deadpool and Wolverine must have contributed to the cheer that filled the room when Hugh Jackman finally lost his shirt in the film's predictable climax. Deadpool & Wolverine is more of a mediocre comedy special by Ryan Reynolds than a film, but the bar is low for superhero movies these days, and it doesn't feel surprising that a trash-talking motormouth who presents himself as a truthteller is popular.

Wait for it to arrive on streaming, however, and you'll miss what makes it fun: the experience of watching with fans. Even if one hasn't followed the saga of the Fox and Disney deal, the jokes Reynolds cracks at its expense land because of the surrounding laughter. And when Wolverine stands shirtless, one will add to whatever noise the audience is making.

A still from Deadpool & Wolverine.



Culturally speaking, there's a skittishness we feel about depicting older men as desirable. This is possibly why we're now seeing so many films in which heroes establish their desirability through feats of physical strength, as opposed to romantic dedication (which usually works best for a younger man). Both flash their bodies, and for the same reason — to entice the viewer — but the mood is starkly different. These days, desire is often sublimated so that it can appear disguised in violence.

Just think of how audiences erupted at the sight of a wrinkled Shah Rukh Khan in Jawan (2023), his action sequences choreographed to showcase him at his enticing best.

When the silver foxes aren't ready to retire, and can command a larger fanbase than younger heroes, action movies seem the safest option. (Deadpool teases Wolverine that he'll be doing these movies until he's 90, but chances are Reynolds will be too, especially given that Deadpool is a masked hero.)

Fighting is very much a love language in Deadpool & Wolverine. Expect the wisecracking hero to fall back on comedy to protect tender sensibilities from erotic and homoerotic possibilities. No, that moment of tingliness was just a build-up to a punchline, not a tricky attempt to hold a mirror up to your longings. Phew!

A rare recent work that leans comfortably into desire for the male body is Asim Abbasi's Barzakh, starring Fawad Khan and Sanam Saeed. The six-episode series quickly unravels, but it begins with a gorgeous sequence in which cinematographer Mo Azmi and actor Khushhal Khan perform the extraordinary feat of making the thin moustache seem impossibly sensual.

Desire is a dangerous, forbidden thing in Barzakh, but Abbasi and Azmi celebrate it through beautiful, fragmentary moments, such as the shot that shows Fawad applying kohl around his eyes.

Maybe it's the vulnerability inherent in desire that makes audiences feel more comfortable with heroes who lash out than with those who sit with their longings. Still, in the midst of so much that is bland and messy, Wolverine and Deadpool do offer a rare thing: pleasure.

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1 Across: Where puzzles have found a new home

We've been piecing them together for centuries; we have preserved and passed them on via birch bark, manuscripts, newspapers and now social media. As they flourish online, HT puzzles editor Kabir Firaque traces the latest boom

(Above) Spot an iron magic square from Ancient China and a stamp from Macau bearing the same game; the Bakhshali manuscript; Sam Loyd's Trick Donkeys; a visual puzzle from Henry Dudeney's Amusements in Mathematics; the 1913 crossword (it was diamond-shaped); a 15 Puzzle; a Wordle; tangrams; and Mukul Sharma's Mindsport. IMAGES: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS; BRITISH MUSEUM; SHUTTERSTOCK; SCIENCE MUSEUM GROUP; MUKULSHARMA.ORG.IN

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For several decades, they have come folded into newspapers. A crossword or sometimes two, perhaps one cryptic and the other quick. A bunch of anagrams with circled letters in each word leading to a bonus anagram. And the relatively recent sudoku, which started appearing in newspapers about 20 years ago.

New generations, and many among the old, are now going online to fill in a crossword, solve an anagram or crack a sudoku grid. And it's quite the rage: The New York Times, which famously bought the game-changing pandemic-era puzzle Wordle for a seven-figure sum, has reported that in the first quarter of 2024, new subscriptions for non-news products (which include Games) outnumbered new subscriptions for core news.

It was inevitable, of course, that puzzling would go online, and flourish. If there is anything a user likes spending their time and attention on, the internet will find a way to take it to them. And puzzling is something people have enjoyed for centuries.

Ancient mathematical amusements date as far back as 5th-century-BCE China. These included versions of magic squares (where each row, column and diagonal in a nine-square grid must add up to the same number) and tangrams (a set of seven tiles, each a different shape, which must be rearranged into various other two-dimensional shapes).

On the Indian subcontinent, the earliest puzzles that left behind clues date to the 3rd or 4th century CE. The Bakhshali, a birch bark manuscript discovered in Peshawar in 1881, is full of mathematical diversions.

If we wanted to put a date to the beginning of modern puzzling, the 19th century would be an ideal candidate. Some of the diversions of those days remain on offer. Jigsaw puzzles originated in England in the 18th century as a teaching aid for school students, before being marketed to a wider audience about a century later. The 15 Puzzle, in which one slides 15 tiles bearing the numbers 1 to 15 around a 4×4 frame until one gets all 15 numbers in order, has been around since 1880.

Bit by bit

If the internet has brought us newer options, it has also imposed restrictions. The realm of mathematical, word and logic puzzles, where one racks the brain to derive (not guess) the solution, has many classics that bear repetition. Their solutions, however, are all over the internet, so presenting them to a wide audience can be futile unless the setter can find ways to make them unrecognisable.

There were no such restrictions in the 19th century, when the print media first presented puzzles to readers. Two of the pioneers were the Englishman Henry Ernest Dudeney and his American counterpart Sam Loyd. They collaborated occasionally, but largely contributed to separate magazines and each came to be recognised as his country's foremost puzzler.

Before them, there was Lewis Carroll who, when not writing about Alice, was teaching mathematics at Oxford using his real name, Charles Lutwidge Dodgson. As Carroll, he invented the game we know as Word Ladders, in which one changes one letter per step, in a given word, until one reaches another word that has been set as the goal.

Between 1880 and 1885, Carroll also contributed a series of mathematical puzzles to The Monthly Packet magazine, with readers writing back with solutions that were then published in subsequent editions. This is a form that the late journalist Mukul Sharma emulated in his column Mindsport in The Illustrated Weekly of India in the 1980s and '90s. It is also the form used by my column, Problematics, in the Hindustan Times.

Between Carroll and the present came the crossword. The first one in a newspaper was published in New York World in 1913. Several American newspapers soon started a daily crossword, followed by the first one in England, in the Sunday Express, in 1924.

A century on, the crossword is a feature of most English-language newspapers. Many still solve it in the morning paper, but the online version (the NYT crossword was the first, in 1996) does make a difference. One can solve it on the go, and need not wait for the next morning to know how one scored.

New clues

It was not the crossword, however, that would be the turning point in online puzzling. This came when Wordle solvers started sharing their scores on social media, in those strange empty days of the pandemic.

This inevitably set off explorations that opened the door to other online puzzles, including Wordle spinoffs.

So, what's next?

Most online puzzles require the player to fill keyboard characters into designated slots. We have not yet reached the stage where we could engage online in all the diversions that amused pen-and-paper users two centuries ago. Yes, one can solve crosswords and jigsaws online, but can one do the same with an old-style mathematical poser? Or an Einstein puzzle, in which some people live in houses of a certain colour and own certain pets?

Wait and watch. Online puzzling is evolving, including in this newsroom. If there's anything you like doing, the internet will find a way to bring it to you.

SCAN the QR code to check out Kabir Firaque's Problematics

THE EARLIEST KNOWN PUZZLES ON THE INDIAN SUBCONTINENT WERE MATHEMATICAL DIVERSIONS FROM THE 3RD OR 4TH CENTURY CE, SAVED IN THE BAKHSHALI MANUSCRIPT

{ LIFE HACKS }



Charles Assisi

Quite a lot to chew on

I wouldn't have thought it, but apps and charts are helping me eat better. A one-month food audit has yielded surprising insights. Do you know what's missing from your pie chart?

A friend suggested some time ago that I photograph everything I eat, for a month. It would give me a new level of awareness, he said. I heard him out and decided to try it, with the help of some apps that scan calories and offer the nutritional values of foods.

Over time, the value of this exercise made itself apparent. It turned out to be more than a dietary audit, in that it revealed not just what I ate but what I wasn't eating too. Patterns emerged. Gaps that had been invisible started to make their presence felt.

One of the first revelations was the inconsistency in how much I ate. Conventional wisdom has it that an adult male my age needs about 2,200 calories a day. Yet I could see days on which, despite engaging in strenuous exercise and not consuming as much, I felt satiated and stayed energised. And then there were days when my hunger seemed insatiable, leading me to consume far more than that standard.

These observations led me to question the idea of rigid adherence to standardised dietary recommendations.

The prescribed calorific guideline, while a useful benchmark, does not account for the dynamic and individualised nature of our bodies' needs.

Requirements can fluctuate based on factors such as physical activity, metabolic rate and even psychological state. Listening to our bodies and adapting intake accordingly may be more beneficial than rigidly adhering to set norms.

On the other hand, the experiment did uncover bits of proven wisdom that I was ignoring at my peril. Despite all that was available to me, the colour palette of my meals was dominated by hues of yellow, orange, and a little red. There was almost no green. And the yellow came as much from scrambled eggs and curries as from bananas. The slim presence of raw produce, and the lack of greens, hinted at potential nutritional imbalances.

Eat the rainbow, they say. And I only had a few stripes.

Looking at the charts, I began to re-learn what many of us were taught as children: it is not the number of calories alone, it's the nutrient quality and diversity of the meal that counts.

A diet rich in colourful fruits and vegetables ensures a broader spectrum of nutrients and enhances the sensory experience of eating, making meals more enjoyable and satisfying. This approach aligns with holistic health principles that prioritise well-being over mere numerical targets.

Reflecting on this experiment, I also realised that my eating habits were influenced by convenience and routine as much as by actual hunger or nutritional needs.

The app revealed a tendency to reach for the same foods out of habit rather than necessity.

Breaking these patterns and introducing more variety into meals should be the goal, said my friend Dr Rajat Chauhan, who practices sports medicine (and writes a column for the Hindustan Times).

Inspired by the insight gained from this experiment, I am now considering a broader project: Could I capture significant moments in my life and uncover patterns there too, to gain a deeper understanding of my time use and cultivate a deeper appreciation for the experiences that truly matter?

That's what Instagram is for, I suppose? Thank you, but I'll pass. There are some things I simply will not add to my diet.



A still from the Studio Ghibli film Spirited Away (2001). Food can be greed and gluttony, comfort and community. Primarily, it should be viewed as fuel - and this is something we often lose sight of. Choices should be driven by science and data, not emotion or ennui.

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{ TRADE-OFFS } HOW MUCH IS A CLEAN CITY WORTH?

When it comes to trash, one way or another, we will pay





Madhya Pradesh is home to two of India's 10 cleanest cities: Indore, at #1, and Bhopal (above) at #5, as of 2023. New Delhi came in at #7. But outside the prime, well-managed heart of the city, clearly all is not well. Drains choked with garbage and sediment burst and drowned three students last week. The Capital (above right) now floods dramatically each monsoon. HT ARCHIVES

Mridula Ramesh



"Why should waste bother me," says a young woman from Madurai, answering our opening question with a rhetorical one. "My wife keeps my house clean," says a middle-aged autorickshaw driver. "We have no problem," adds a grandmother, smiling. "We gather all our waste and burn it."

These were some of the responses to the first question, "Does waste bother you?", in our six-year investigation into the waste and water reality of 2,300 Madurai residents.

Overall, a third of our respondents told us that waste did not bother them. The problem is, if something doesn't bother someone, they won't take the effort to manage it. Then, when a city ward tries to segregate its waste, if a third of the families toss their diapers, chips packets, rags and broken glass into the biodegradable bin, the ward's waste management is doomed.

What gets recycled will then depend solely on the discretion of the waste picker. And she will pick out only those things that have a ready market: PET bottles, high-quality plastic and metal. The rest will go to a landfill, or more likely into a stream or nullah, or will be burnt furtively at night.

And this way of handling waste will return to haunt us.

Most of India's annual rainfall falls in just 100 hours. This year, Delhi received over a quarter of its annual rainfall in three days. This isn't an anomaly any more. In this decade, Delhi has received nearly 30% of its yearly rainfall over just a few days each year. A warming climate intensifies rainfall while reducing rainy days, essentially guaranteeing flooding. Especially when rubbish clogs what little drainage exists.

It is algebra at its most elegant: Intense rainfall + Clogged drain = Flooding. Delhi's latest tragedy reveals the truth of this equation. Which is why my Sundaram Climate Institute, which works in the field of urban climate adaptation, studies waste and water solutions. They are joined at the hip when it comes to building climate-resilient cities.

So, what to do?

A Chinese proverb goes: "If you want to know the path to success, ask those walking back." The top 10 Swachh Survekshan 2023 cities show that, while there is no one-size-fits-all strategy for waste management, some pillars are vital. A city must have sufficient and well-managed infrastructure, citizen buy-in (especially for segregation), robust destinations for collected waste (think, biogas plants), and citizens must pay for these services.

Let me begin with citizen buy-in. This means that most people (if not everyone) must agree that waste management is worthwhile. But half our survey respondents responded to "What is your role in managing waste?" with "No comment", "I don't know" or an enigmatic smile.

When we asked the same group if they knew what segregation meant, three-quarters said yes. But, less than a fifth of these individuals had received any waste-segregation training. So we weren't surprised that only 20 of 2,389 said their waste management role was to segregate their waste.

When I shared these results with experts, they said it sounded depressingly accurate.

Srikanth Viswanathan, CEO of Janaagraha, an NGO that works in urban governance, said, "Governments often use high-level campaigns to try and change behaviour. Those simply don't work. We need formal platforms like ward committees on which citizens can engage with each other and their local representatives and assume community ownership."

To really change thinking needs continuous show-and-tell until the change becomes ingrained. Indore did this through schools, melas, radio stations; everywhere and constantly; until it had the buy-in it needed.

That takes intent. And money.

Now to the third pillar, where good news exists. There are NGOs and start-ups working in every area of managing waste at scale. Making compost from garden waste? Check. Biogas from leftovers? Check. Incense sticks from temple flowers? Sure. Using chips packet in sturdy road surfaces? Check. High-protein chicken feed from leftover food? Yes. The list goes on, and is expanding daily.

Many of these segments are growing, and with new plastic-management rules, brands are on the prowl for recycled plastic. Sadly, the way we pay for our waste management today means that landfills and open drains remain the destinations of choice.

This must change.

It is hard to unlock the wealth within waste without segregating at source (waste to energy is problematic given the high biodegradable content of Indian waste; AI sorting is evolving and currently works best with dry waste). So, to truly create this wealth, we need good service (so many have told me that they separate diligently, only to see the garbage collector toss it all into the same recess in the vehicle). Good service requires adequate infrastructure and monitoring (so that, for example, the collector doesn't just dump the waste midway) and incentives (punishment for cheating). And it takes time, which means money.

This brings us to the last pillar: Funding. Indore charges households a monthly fee (offices and apartment complexes pay slightly more) for managing their waste. Pune, which partners with a cooperative to collect waste, charges all households (even in informal neighbourhoods, though those pay a lower rate). This payment ensures that everyone has skin in the game.

But getting people to pay is not easy. When we asked "Do you pay for garbage collection, and if so, how much" we found that only 40% of households paid, and even theirs was an informal sum (Rs 10 to Rs 20 per month, on average) given to the waste collector in the neighbourhood.

Pay peanuts, get monkeys.

The Rs 20 may ensure collection and dumping into the nearest drain (our respondents said many collectors did this), but not much more. There is a world of difference between collection and management. But to make this switch, cities need money.

A 2019 paper by economist Isher Ahluwalia found that municipal revenues in India between 2007 and 2013 hovered at about 1% of GDP, in contrast to 6% in South Africa and 7.4% in Brazil. A 2022 Reserve Bank of India report showed that municipal revenues as a percentage of GDP had shrunk further by 2018-19, to 0.6%.

The irony is stark: As India urbanises, municipal revenue as a share of GDP is falling. Worse still, the share of municipal revenue that comes from their own earnings (essentially, levies that are paid to them directly) is also falling. This is like a person becoming poorer and more dependent over time. It's a double blow. As municipalities increasingly rely on the largesse of the state and centre, they have less autonomy.

Indore, Pune and others understood this, and began to collect fees for garbage collection. But money, though important, is not everything.

Another study, this one a working paper by the think tank Centre for Social and Economic Progress (CSEP), found that leadership stability was vital too. Sadly, per the NGO Janaagraha, the average tenure of a municipal commissioner in most Indian cities is less than a year. (Janaagraha CEO Viswanathan tells me the situation in smaller cities is worse.) Now, that's not enough time to get to know a city, its quirks, its power centres, its weaknesses and then begin fixing problems.

Imagine a newbie with limited funds confronting a mountain of waste, knowing his transfer will come in months. Why would he resist the lure of burning? The CSEP study also found that citizen involvement and partnerships with private players were important to achieve and maintain cleanliness. And we saw how those depend on adequate financial incentives.

It's a chicken-and-egg problem. We won't pay unless we are sure the service is effective, but the service can never be effective if we don't pay. "Intent, both political and administrative, matters," Viswanathan says.

Intent ensured that Indore broke the impasse with a pilot programme in a couple of wards, and stable leadership. But intent can translate to sustained action only when that mental switch of paying for waste collection is flipped.

While we obsess over the iPhone (Indians bought about 9.2 million of these in 2023), we don't want to pay our property taxes (less than half of what is due is paid, per Janaagraha's estimates) and we resist a monthly fee of Rs 150 or so to manage our waste. We quibble over that fee (private players who collectively deal with thousands of households tell me we do), but are happy to fork out 58 times that sum for a gadget. No, no; these are not comparable, you say. One is a necessity, it's about status.

Status? Drains choked with litter and sediment bursting to drown three youngsters. That's status? Really?

India aspires to be Viksit Bharat by 2047, and here, as the government has said, environmental sustainability and urban development are key goals. But these are external targets. If there is one thing I have learned, it is: As within, so without. The change will need to come from within. They're our cities, after all.

READ: Your burning trash has much in common with the Vietnam War, writes Mridula Ramesh

INDORE CHARGES A MONTHLY FEE FOR MANAGING CITIZENS' WASTE. PUNE, WHICH PARTNERS WITH A COOPERATIVE, CHARGES ALL HOUSEHOLDS TOO (EVEN IN INFORMAL NEIGHBOURHOODS). THIS ENSURES EVERYONE HAS SKIN IN THE GAME

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WORLD



Students shout slogans during a protest march as they demand justice for victims killed in the recent nationwide violence over job quotas, in Dhaka, on Saturday. AFP

Bangladesh students intensify protests, demand PM's ouster

Rallies against civil service job quotas sparked days of mayhem in July that killed over 200 people

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DHAKA: Bangladeshi student leaders on Saturday said they would carry on a planned nationwide civil disobedience campaign until Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned following last month's deadly police crackdown on protesters.

Rallies against civil service job quotas sparked days of mayhem in July that killed more than 200 people in some of the worst unrest of Hasina's 15-year tenure.

Troop deployments briefly restored order but crowds returned to the streets in huge numbers this week ahead of an all-out non-cooperation movement aimed at paralysing the government planned to begin on Sunday.

Students Against Discrimination, the group responsible for organising the initial protests, rebuffed an offer of talks with Hasina earlier in the day before announcing their campaign would continue until the premier and her government step down.

"She must resign and she must face trial," Nahid Islam, the group's leader, told a crowd of thousands at a monument to national heroes in the capital Dhaka to roars of approval.

Students Against Discrimination have asked their compatriots to cease paying taxes and utility bills from Sunday to pile pressure on the government.

They have also asked government workers and labourers in the country's economically vital garment factories to strike.

"She must go because we don't need this authoritarian government," Nijhum Yasmin, 20, told AFP from one of many protests staged around Dhaka on Saturday.

"Did we liberate the country to see our brothers and sisters shot dead by this regime?"

The looming non-cooperation campaign deliberately evokes a historical civil disobedience campaign during Bangladesh's 1971 liberation war against Pakistan.

That earlier movement was spearheaded by Hasina's father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the country's independence leader, and is remembered by Bangladeshis as a part of a proud battle against tyranny.

"Now the tables have turned," Illinois State University politics professor Ali Riaz told AFP.

"The regime's foundation has been shaken, the aura of invincibility has disappeared," he added.

"The question is whether Hasina is ready to look for an exit or fight to the last."

32 children killed

Hasina, 76, has ruled Bangladesh since 2009 and won her fourth consecutive election in January after a vote without genuine opposition.

Her government is accused by rights groups of misusing state institutions to entrench its hold on power and stamp out dissent, including the extrajudicial killing of opposition activists.

Demonstrations began in early July over the reintroduction of a quota scheme -- since scaled back by Bangladesh's top court -- that reserved more than half of all government jobs for certain groups.

With around 18 million young Bangladeshis out of work, according to government figures, the move upset graduates facing an acute employment crisis.

The protests had remained largely peaceful until attacks on demonstrators by police and pro-government student groups.

Hasina's government eventually imposed a nationwide curfew, deployed troops and shut down the nation's mobile internet network for 11 days to restore order.

But the clampdown provoked a torrent of criticism from abroad and failed to quell widespread rancour at home.

Crowds returned to the streets in huge numbers after Friday prayers in the Muslim-majority nation, heeding a call by student leaders to press the government for more concessions.

Israeli airstrike kills 10 at Gaza school compound

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People sit near the rubble of buildings destroyed during Israeli bombardment at the al-Maghazi Palestinian refugee camp, in the central Gaza Strip, on Friday. AFP

GAZA STRIP: Gaza's civil defence agency said an Israeli strike struck a school compound in Gaza City on Saturday, killing at least 10 people. "There are 10 martyrs and several wounded due to Israeli bombardment on Hamama school," agency spokesman Mahmud Bassal told AFP. The Israeli military confirmed the strike, saying it had hit a Hamas command and control centre located inside the compound.

Bassal said the compound was housing Palestinians displaced from their homes in the ongoing war between Israel and Hamas militants. The military said the compound was being used by Hamas militants to manufacture weapons, adding it was a "hiding place for Hamas terrorists". The Israeli military has repeatedly accused Hamas of using civilian facilities as command and control centres or to hide their commanders and militants. The Palestinian group denies the accusation.

Hezbollah to hit Israel

Iran, meanwhile, said on Saturday it expects Lebanon's Tehran-backed Hezbollah group to hit deeper inside Israel and no longer be confined to military targets after Israel killed the Hezbollah military commander.

Hezbollah has been exchanging near-daily fire with Israeli forces, targeting military positions since its ally Hamas attacked Israel on October 7, sparking the Gaza war. However, an Israeli strike in a crowded residential area of South Beirut has shifted the situation, according to Iran's mission to the United Nations.

"We expect... Hezbollah to choose more targets and (strike) deeper in its response," said the mission quoted by the official IRNA news agency. "Secondly, that it will not limit its response to military targets."

The strike on Tuesday killed Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr and five civilians, including three women and two children, according to Lebanon's health ministry. Israel stated that Shukr was responsible for rocket fire that killed 12 kids in Golan Heights and had directed Hezbollah's attacks on Israel since the Gaza war began.

{ US }

Plea deal for 9/11 architect revoked

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WASHINGTON: US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin on Friday scrapped a plea agreement with 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, just two days after the announcement of a deal that reportedly would have taken the death penalty off the table.

Deals with Mohammed and two alleged accomplices announced on Wednesday had appeared to have moved their long-running cases toward resolution -- but sparked anger among some relatives of those killed on September 11, 2001, as well as criticism from leading Republican politicians.

"I have determined that, in light of the significance of the decision to enter into pre-trial agreements with the accused... responsibility for such a decision should rest with me," Austin said in a memorandum addressed to Susan Escallier, who oversaw the case.

"I hereby withdraw from the three pre-trial agreements that you signed on July 31, 2024 in the above-referenced case," the memo said.

The cases against the 9/11 defendants have been bogged down in pre-trial manoeuvring for years, while the accused remained held at the Guantanamo Bay military base in Cuba.

Mohammed, Walid bin Attash and Mustafa al-Hawsawi had agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy in exchange for a life sentence, instead of facing a trial that could lead to their executions. Much of the legal jousting surrounding the men's cases has focused on whether they could be tried fairly after having undergone methodical torture at the hands of the CIA in the years after 9/11.

The plea agreements would have avoided that thorny issue, but they also sparked sharp criticism from political opponents of President Joe Biden's administration.



Police officers guard between protesters defending the Abdullah Quilliam Mosque in Liverpool on Friday, against a demonstration called in reaction to the July 29 stabbings, in Southport. AFP

UK on edge as far-right protests hit more cities

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LONDON: Protests, fuelled by misinformation about the background and religion of a 17-year-old suspect charged with the murder of three girls in a knife attack at a Taylor Swift-themed dance workshop in Southport, took place across the UK this weekend. Anti-racism group Hope Not Hate listed up to 35 demonstrations under a broad anti-multiculturalism, anti-Muslim, and anti-government agenda, The Guardian reported.

Belfast

Hundreds gathered outside Belfast City Hall for an anti-racism rally in response to calls for anti-Islamic protests. Police separated the rally from a small anti-Islamic group, with insults exchanged and fireworks thrown. One man was arrested as police formed a barrier between the groups. Several roads leading into Belfast have been closed "due to ongoing protest activity," the police said

Leeds

In Leeds, around 150 people carrying St George's flags clashed with hundreds of counter-protesters. The far-right group chanted anti-Muslim slogans, while the counter-protesters shouted, "Nazi scum off our streets." Minor skirmishes occurred as the groups confronted each other.

Manchester

A dispersal notice was issued in Manchester city centre as anti-racism protesters outnumbered those at an "Enough is Enough" demonstration. Approximately 350 people participated in the "Stop the Far Right" counter-protest, compared to around 150 far-right demonstrators, The Guardian reported.

Nottingham

In Nottingham's Market Square, far-right protesters were met with chants of "Nazis not welcome" from counter-protesters. Scuffles broke out, with bottles and other items thrown.

Liverpool

In Liverpool, police separated demonstrators outside the Cunard Building. Anti-fascist protesters sang, "Where's your Tommy gone?" while far-right protesters clashed with police.

Bricks, bottles, and coins were thrown, injuring an officer. A police van's windscreen was smashed amid the violence.

Hull

Windows were smashed at a hotel in Hull used to house asylum seekers. Protesters threw concrete bricks and glass bottles, chanting, "Get them out."

Stoke-on-Trent

In Stoke-on-Trent, bricks and fireworks were reportedly thrown at police and counter-protesters. A small crowd of far-right agitators faced off with counter-protesters, separated by police. The protests reflect growing tensions in the UK as misinformation and far-right sentiments continue to fuel public unrest.

Suicide bombing in Somalia kills 32

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MOGADISHU: Police in Somalia said on Saturday that 32 people died and 63 others were wounded in an attack on a beach hotel in the capital, Mogadishu, the previous evening. Al-Qaida's East Africa affiliate, al-Shabab, said through its radio station that its fighters carried out the attack.

Police spokesperson Maj. Abdifatah Adan Hassan told journalists that one soldier was killed and another wounded, while the rest of the dead were civilians.

Witnesses reported an explosion followed by gunfire.

Lido Beach, a popular area in Mogadishu, was bustling on Friday nights as Somalis enjoy their weekend. A witness, Mohamud Moalim, told The Associated Press that he saw an attacker wearing an explosive vest moments before the man "blew himself up next to the beach-view hotel."

Moalim said some of his friends who were with him at the hotel were killed and others were wounded.

Another witness, Abdisalam Adam, told the AP that he "saw many people lying on the ground" and had helped take some wounded people to the hospital. The Lido Beach area has in the past been targeted by militants allied to al-Shabab. The most recent attack last year killed nine people.

Somali Prime Minister Hamza Abdi Barre and President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud met on Saturday with security agencies, according to local media. Such attacks are "a direct threat to the very fabric of our nation," the premier said in a statement.

Police said there were six attackers in all, including the bomber and gunmen, who were successfully "neutralised" after engaging in skirmishes. The area remains cordoned off.

Harris dismisses Trump's Fox debate pitch, says ABC still on

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WASHINGTON: Vice President Kamala Harris rejected a proposal by Republican opponent Donald Trump to debate her before a live audience on Fox News, saying she's sticking to a previously scheduled date on ABC News.

The former president and 2024 Republican nominee began the latest round of verbal volleying late on Friday with a social media post saying he'd "agreed with Fox News" to debate Harris on September 4 in Pennsylvania.

Harris' campaign responded that Trump "is trying to back out of the debate he already agreed to" and she'll "be there one way or the other" on ABC on September 10 — a face-off agreed to by Trump and Joe Biden before the president ended his reelection bid.

The jockeying raises the possibility that US voters won't see a debate between the two main candidates before the general election on November 5.



(Left) Donald Trump; Kamala Harris AFP/REUTERS

Instead, Trump and Harris might end up holding duelling televised town-hall-style events.

Trump said on his Truth Social platform that the previous agreement lapsed with Biden's exit from the presidential race.

He also cited a conflict of interest, saying he's in litigation with ABC and anchor George Stephanopoulos.

Harris will "be there one way or the other" with ABC on September 10, Harris campaign spokesman Michael Tyler said in a statement Saturday.

"We're happy to discuss further debates after the one both campaigns have already agreed to," he said.

Trump agreed to the debate two months after filing a lawsuit against ABC News, according to a person familiar with the matter. David Muir and Linsey Davis, not Stephanopoulos, are the proposed debate hosts.

Trump said the September 4 timing "is convenient and appropriate in that it is just prior" to the start of early voting in some states on September 6.

The first Biden-Trump debate in June produced a disastrous performance by the president that eventually led him to end his reelection bid and endorse Harris in July.

Trump and his campaign previously declined to commit to any further debate, saying those plans could not be formalised until Democrats officially tapped their replacement for Biden.

The Democratic National Committee announced on Friday that Harris had secured enough delegates through the party's virtual roll-call vote to clinch the nomination.

The ballot period remains open until Monday.

{ SURPRISE MOVE } DECISION LIKELY TO RIPPLE ACROSS TECH STOCKS

Warren Buffett cuts Berkshire Hathaway's Apple stake in Q2

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OMAHA: Billionaire Warren Buffett slashed Berkshire Hathaway's massive Apple stake in a move that could prove unsettling for the broader stock market — both because the investor is so revered and because there had been little positive financial news lately.

Just two years ago Buffett called the stock one of the four giants of his conglomerate's business alongside Berkshire insurance, utility and BNSF railroad businesses that it owns outright.

That gave investors the impression that Buffett might hold onto Apple indefinitely like he has with the Coca-Cola and American Express shares he bought decades ago.

However, he has trimmed the Apple stake over the past year and has recently also sold off some of his stock in Bank of America and Chinese EV maker BYD while doing very little buying.

As a result, Buffett is now sitting on nearly $277 billion in cash, up from what was already a record $189 billion just three months earlier.

"This could alarm the markets especially given the news from last week" with weak tech earnings, a disappointing jobs report and uncertainty about the future of interest rates, Edward Jones analyst Jim Shanahan said.

Buffett has consistently lavished praise on Apple CEO Tim Cook, who attended Berkshire's annual meeting in Omaha in May, and talked about the way consumers are feverishly devoted to their iPhones and don't like to switch. He did trim more than 10% of Berkshire's Apple stake in the first three months of this year when he sold off more than 116 million shares, but the sale disclosed on Saturday was a much bigger move.



Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway AP

Berkshire didn't give an exact count of its Apple shares in Saturday's report, but it estimated the investment was worth $84.2 billion at the end of the second quarter even though shares soared over the summer as high as $237.23.

At the end of the first quarter, Berkshire's Apple stake was worth $135.4 billion.

Shanahan estimates that Berkshire still holds about 400 million Apple shares.

Still, while CFRA Research analyst Cathy Seifert said she looks at the Apple sale more as responsible portfolio management because the tech giant had become such a large portion of Berkshire's holdings, it does look like Buffett may be preparing for a downturn.

"This is a company girding itself for a weaker economic climate," Seifert said.

Berkshire reported a small drop in its bottom-line earnings because a drop in the paper value of its investments.

The company said it earned $30.348 billion, or $21,122 per Class A share, during the second quarter.

That's down from $35.912 billion, or $24,775 per A share, a year ago. Buffett has long cautioned investors that it's better to look at Berkshire's operating earnings when judging its performance because those figures exclude investment gains and losses which can vary widely from quarter to quarter.

By that measure, Berkshire's operating earnings grew more than 15% to $11.598 billion, or $8,072.16 per Class A share, from $10.043 billion, or $6,928.40 per Class A share, a year ago.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING GIRL



General public is here by informed that one girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely:** Durga, **D/o:** Sh. Sundar, **R/o:** H .No. B-46, Rani Garden, Shashtri Nagar, Delhi, **Age:** 26 Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** White color Shirt & Printed Pajama and Lady Chappal in Feet, Missing Since 05.07.2024 from her home under area of P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 03A, Dated 05.07.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Geeta Colony, Delhi.

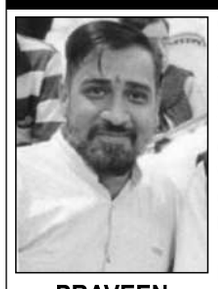
Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this girl but no clue has come to the light so far.

Any person having any information or clue about this girl kindly inform to the following.

E-Mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S.- Geeta Colony, Delhi
Ph. 011-22321787, 7065036027
DP/9303/SHD/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING



PRAVEEN

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Praveen, **S/o:** Sh. Rajender Kumar, **R/o:** A-3/106, Nand Nagri, Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 36 Years, **Height:** 5'10", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Yellow Colour Shirt and Blue Colour Pant with Shoes in Feet, has been missing from his residence since 14.04.2024. In this regard **DD No. 70A Dated: 08.06.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Nand Nagri, Delhi.**

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

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : http://cbi.nic.in
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/7492/NE/2024

SHO
P.S.: Nand Nagri, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22583307, 8750870733

मध्यप्रदेश पुलिस आवास एवं अधोसंरचना विकास निगम

कार्यालय परियोजना यंत्री संभाग क्रमांक - 01, कार्यालय भवन 1558, गोरखपुर थाने के पीछे, ऋषि काटेज, रतन कॉलोनी, कटंगा, जबलपुर (म.प्र.), पिनकोड- 482002, फोन न. : 0761-4927201
E-mail : mpphcjabalpur@gmail.com

निविदा प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

मध्यप्रदेश पुलिस आवास एवं अधोसंरचना विकास निगम, जबलपुर संभाग क्रमांक-01 के अंतर्गत जिला-जबलपुर में मुख्यमंत्री पुलिस आवास योजना के अंतर्गत 30 आरक्षक (जी+2) आवास गृह थाना परिसर हनुमानताल, जबलपुर में निर्माण कार्य हेतु निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक-04 वर्ष 2024-25 (ऑनलाइन निविदा क्रमांक-2024_MPPHC _361669_1) एवं 96 आरक्षक बहुमंजिला (पी+6) आवास गृहों का निर्माण कार्य थाना परिसर धमापुर, जबलपुर हेतु निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना क्रमांक- 05 वर्ष 2024-25 (ऑनलाइन निविदा क्रमांक- 2024_MPPHC_361670_1) पृथक-पृथक आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र **दिनांक 30.08.2024** तक खरीद कर सायं 05:00 बजे तक सबमिट किये जा सकते हैं जिसकी विस्तृत निविदा सूचना एवं अन्य विवरण **Portal : https://www.mptenders.gov.in** पर देखे जा सकते हैं एवं निविदा से संबंधित समस्त आवश्यक संशोधन उक्त बेबसाइट पर ही किए जावेंगे पृथक से समाचार पत्रों में प्रकाशन नहीं किया जावेगा।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115710/2024 **परियोजना यंत्री**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of New born baby boy Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: New born baby, Wearing: Naked. ID: Head Injury, who was found in front of CGS Hospital, Raghubir Nagar, Delhi. In this regard a case FIR No. 431 dt. **01.08.2024** has been registered at **PS: Rajouri Garden, Delhi.**

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

Sd/- SHO
P.S: Rajouri Garden, Delhi
Ph. 8569825600

DP/10267/WD/2024

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 40-45 years, **Height :** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, wearing Checkdar pink colour shirt and blue colour lungi was dead found on Yamuna Pustha Road, Kashmere Gate, Delhi. In this regard D.D. No. 57A dated 25.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Kashmere Gate, 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. Kashmere Gate, Delhi,
Tel. No. 011-23967889,
23968730, 8750870123

DP/10287/N/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that this person (depicted in the photo) **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:**35 years, **Sex**: Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Swallow, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Fatty, **Wearing:** Orange color Tshirt and Blue color nikkar, found dead in GTB Hospital Shahdara, Delhi by 10:29 p.m. on 30.07.2024 under area of **P.S. Shahdra**, Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 149A, dated 30.07.2024** has been lodged at **P.S. Shahdra**, 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.- Shahdra, Delhi
Ph.: 011-22321787, 7065036027

DP/10256/SHD/2024(UIDB)

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 60 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Complection:** Shallow, **Hair:** Black & white wearing black colour T-shirt and yellow colour lower was found dead in front of 2369, Rajguru Road, Chuna Mandi, Paharganj, New Delhi. In this regard **D.D. No. 38A dated 01.08.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Paharganj, New Delhi.** Dead body has been preserved in the mortuary of Lady Hardinge Hospital, Delhi for 72 hours.

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. Paharganj, New Delhi.
Tel. No. 8750870427,
8700085522

DP/10273/CD/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. JHS-N-GSU-05-24 **Date: 02.08.2024**

TENDE NOTICE

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/GSU/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invites open Tender through on line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Description of work: Provision of OFC for standby block working in long block sections in LAR-KURJ section and MBA-KURJ section of Jhansi Division.

Approx Cost	Earnest Money	Cost of Tender Form
₹ 62701135.13	₹ 463500.00	Nil

Opening of tender: 27.08.2024 Time **15.00, Completion period from issue of letter of acceptance:** 12 Months. • Tender on line can be submitted upto **15.00** hrs. on **27.08.2024** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in (JHANSI DIVISION-GATI SHAKTI, NORTH CENTRAL RLY)** 1382/24 FA

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC1324 **Date: 03.08.2024**

E- Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites in **Two packet (E-RA)** open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted online up to 15.00 hours of **29.08.2024,** on website http://ireps.gov.in. The details of the tenders are as under:-

Description of work: P.Way Track linking, transportation of P.way material, supply & stacking of ballast, leading out of ballast, AT welding and other ancillary works between AF - Paprera station in connection with doubling of AF-BKI section (KM 00.00 to KM 72.00)

Approx Cost ₹ : ₹ 57.79 Crore (App.) | **Earnest Money in** ₹ : ₹ 30,39,900.00/-

Completion Period: 08 Months including harvest & monsoon period, **Date of opening**: 29.08.2024, **Validity** :90 days, **Note:** For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** 1385/24(DG)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Open Tender No.- JHS-RCNK-EL-MAN-24-25-01R

E-tender Notice

E-tenders are invited by Chief Workshop Manager Rail Coach Naveenikaran Karkhana, Jhansi from experienced or interested contractors on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work-

Name of Work: Manning, Schedule Maintenance, Breakdown attend/Rectification work of 33/11 kV Substation with Switch Room Equipments and Shed Supply in RCNK, Jhansi as per Scope of Work.

Cost of work: ₹ 97,12,812.48/-	Bid Security: ₹ 1,94,300/-
Time of completion : Twenty-four Months	
Online tender closing date and time: 24.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.	

Detailed information about tender and tender format is available at website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1371/24 (MG)

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The pre-bid clarifications of the E-Tender for "Supply, Erection and Testing & commissioning of 40 MVA 132/33 KV Transformers with NIFPES system and dismantling work at 132 KV Substation Simli (Karanprayag)" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/SS-04/2024-25 has been uploaded on e-tender website and the last date of submission of the e-tender is extended upto **16.08.2024 15:30** Hrs. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_72754_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

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Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

RO No. 1400/HQPU/PTCUL Dated 03.08.2024

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ARORA

WANTED PROFESSIONAL qualified well settled match for beautiful PQ NM convent educated Punjabi Arora girl 1972/5'3" Email: matindia1972@gmail.com

WANTED PROFESSIONAL qualified well settled match for beautiful PQ NM convent educated Punjabi Arora girl 1969/5'1" Email: pcmat43@gmail.com

MANGLIK GIRL 6.3.91/ 12:55pm Delhi/ 5'2"/28LPA B'ful Punjabi lead in Rep. MNC seeks PQ/Service Boy of Reputed family from Delhi/NCR # 8368768057, 9868982322

BRAHMIN

TALL, BEAUTIFUL, Professional Girl 5.6 /86, Defence Affluent Punjabi Family, Seeks Professionally Accomplished Tall Groom. Whatsapp Biodata Photos to 9810169871, 9810675640

WANTED MATCH for Brahmin girl MD Pediatrics, 1988, 5' 4". Doctor, IT, IAS, PCS & Gazetted officer. Preferred location Bangalore, Pune, Gurugram, Chandigarh Delhi NCR. Contact no. 7752951777

SM FOR Delhi based Himachali Brahmin Bhardwaj born 1996 in Delhi ,fair girl, height 5'2", B.Tech, MBA job executive in prominent Co. Contact: 8882579198

N/M, PQM, Brhmn Unmrd 18.08.81/ 159 cm, MBA, CFM, CFA L2 (ICFAI). Wkg Invst Mngr, 14.5 LPA. Phone: 9650833611, 9650939012, Div. Excse BHP: indreshsharma1957@gmail.com

BEAUTIFUL BRAHMIN girl Feb 1991, 5'4" , IT Manager in MNC NCR, South Delhi based family. Seeks well Qlfd. Wkg boy from Educated family. Call : 9315496768, 9899779789

SM FOR 32/B'ful,Fair / M.Com , B.Ed, CTET Qlfd Girl. Father Govt. Retd. Lucknow based well settled Fmly. All Brahmins,Decent Marriage. Employed candidates Call : 9451408912 (Wapp)

KAYASHTHA

SUITABLE MATCH For Kayastha Beautiful Girl 1993 Born. MBA, P.HD. (Pschology) From Reputed Family, Cast No Bar. Contact : 9415108105

SUITABLE MATCH for Beautiful Mathur girl, 28/5'7" B.E. DTU, Own Business, Settled in Delhi, Reputed Family, Cast No Bar, Whatsapp-9810132211

KHATRI

ALLIANCE INVITED from a service class boy earning more than 15 L annually residing in owned accommodation In NCR for My daughter 5.6", MBA, born in Delhi at 13.27 on 15.02.91 working in MNC, Gurgaon # 8527284648

LIC DIVISIONAL Manager Unmarried November 1967 Born Good looking 5'4" M.A. (English) Prefer Unmarried Match. Call 9810315375

SC/ST

SQM4 5'5" tall, fair Ad-Dharmi (Hindu) girl, Nov 1993 born, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in Computer Science. Reach out on 7814957949 / 6239524994.

HINDU

31 YRS, 5'6"/56kgs, well-educated & spiritually grounded girl from a business family- currently working with Google. Seeking a suitable groom from a Hindu family-established business, entrepreneur, or top MNC professional. Caste no bar. Preferably vegetarian. WhatsApp only: 9154314797

WANTED HANDSOME Chairman Vidhur /Bachelor Delhi Base Own HIG 3/4/5 BHK House, Age Below 60,For Class-1 Officer Very beautiful Age 45, Girl M.A.Pass, Height 5-5,Pl send Photo & Bio-Data, WhatsApp M. 7428441654

SIKH

REQUIRED WELL settled boy from business family or professional for Sikh girl 1993 born 5'1" post graduate running consultancy business. Contact 9899092242

INVITING STATUS family/officer match for Sikh Khatri Girl working in MNC, 5'-5", 1995 belonging to educated officer family. WA: 9876510915

HANDSOME SIKH / Cleanshaven, well qualified and well settled match for beautiful Sikh girl (Khatri) 27/5'1", settled in Canada (Toronto). Well connected business family in Delhi. Boy preferably from Canada/US/UK. Call : 9811996222 (between 10 am and 7 pm IST)

SM 4 Delhi based Sikh Ramgarhia Girl Sep1992/5'7", B.Com(H) Delhi Univ., MBA(Fin), Wkg in MNC Gurgaon as Team Lead. Upper middle class family. Contact- 8802175634

HANDSOME SIKH / Cleanshaven, well qualified and well settled match for beautiful Sikh girl (Khatri) 27/5'1", settled in Canada (Toronto). Well connected business family in Delhi. Boy preferably from Canada/US/UK. Call : 9811996222 (between 10 am and 7 pm IST)

SIKH

GURSIKH ARORA family seeking a well qualified, Gursikh match for their daughter, a 30year old MD, DM doctor, height 5'4.5". We are looking for a well-educated groom, preferably a MD/MS/ DM/MCh doctor or a graduate from IIT/IIM, based in Delhi, Mumbai or Chandigarh. Serious inquiries only. Please contact 9820408609 mpssavneet@gmail.com

PUNJABI

WANTED SUITABLE match for Punjabi, Khatri, Beautiful Girl 33 / 5' / B.Tech (IT) / MBA / Digital Marketing. Prfd. Delhi/NCR Family. Send Bio Data, Photo on Whatsapp No. 9868162727. email: ghsr1952@gmail.com

SM4 VERY pretty fair sharp featured edu(masters frm NIFT)1997 born,5'5" wkg with rptd Co. Looking for Hindu /Pb boy good lkng, well-edu, intelligent from an affluent fmly stld prfbly in Delhi/Ggn #9810299978(W'app)

SM4 SMART, beautiful, slim and talented Punjabi Khatri Girl 24/ 5'8' Delhi, MBA. Seeks alliance for a well established business family in Delhi based. Contact: 9540358000

Proposals invited from a well established educated Sikh / Punjabi boy from Delhi/NCR, for Smart Arora Sikh Girl, Post Graduate (UK), 30 yrs./5'7", Running her Own startup. Well established & Affluent family.
9810001260
satvinder1303@gmail.com

PQM FOR Never married Well Cultured Gurgaon based Punjabi Girl, 5'6"/ 05.10.1985/ 02:45 AM / Delhi, M.Sc, Biotec Senior Manager in Reputed Pharma Comp., Looking for PQ boy. Cont : 9871519911, 9958883232, Email : sawhney.shammi@gmail.com

SUITABLE MATCH for Delhi Born Arora Girl, November 82, Very Fair, 5'3", Beautiful, Slim, Professionaly Qualified, double Post Graduation working as HR Head 50 LPA. Well settled boy from respectable family, Prefer Delhi/Ncr. 9810781264 Email: rahuja1508@gmail.com

PUNJABI B'FUL Girl, B.Tech (DTU) + MBA (IIM-C), Sept, 1994/ H-5'5", working in MNC, 40 LPA Family settled Delhi NCR. # M:- 9870518197, Email:- d2812.Kumar@gmail.com

MEDICO MATCH For Hindu Punjabi Khatri girl 28yr/5'7", Doing Sr. ship PGI Chandigarh Obs & Gyanae, Upper Caste no bar. W app/ Call: 9872660939

DOCTOR

MEDICO MATCH for MS Obstetrics Gyanae Punjabi Girl fair, smart, 28/ 5'4" prefer Doctor (Obsgyanae mother) avoid SCST/OBC/ Brokers. Contact: 9927111221

MEDICO BRAHMIN M4 Smart Garhwali girl from reputed Doctors Family, 5'3"/1995, doing PG Ophthalmology, Mob: 9411536600, 7983038968

DOCTOR

SUITABLE MATCH for Sikh Saini B'ful Slim, Fair Sep'92/5'3" MD Anesthesia pursuing DM Critical Care from Delhi. Prefd Delhi/NCR. Marriage Bureau Excused. Cont: 8595516703

WANTED USA Resident Doctor (Medical) Groom, for GreenCard, beautiful, MBBS, Punjabi Khatri (Uppal) Girl, Feb 94, 5 -2 , Ph 9910693255

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GROOM PREFERENCE
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COSMOPOLITAN

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Call/Whatsapp 9311671789

NRI

PQ SUITABLE Tall Handsome Match from USA/CANADA for Toronto based beautiful PQ Punjabi Girl 27/5'9" from well Established family WA + 919717196944

BEAUTIFUL, FAIR Punjabi Khatri Vatsa Gotra girl, Dec 91/5'4", MS (IT) working in MNC Singapore, seeks amiable match suitable qualified boy. Contact:- 8178016366

SLIM BEAUTIFUL Arora 30/5.4 PHD and Working in USA. 9811081571, 9811069571

NRI

DELHI BSD fmly PQM for Canadian NRI hindu rajput girl 90/5'7" fair complexion partially mglk wkg MNC cyber security engineer cast no bar pref. Delhi/NCR 9212540190, 9818612188

REMARRIAGE

SUITABLE MATCH for 36, 5'8" beautiful Jatt Sikh girl; MD dermatology; running her own skin clinic in Ludhiana. Contact: 9417019155.

RAJPUT,MD DOCTOR,ASSISTANT Professor Medical college, I'less Div,38/5'3"/ B'full, NCR based.Prefer uppercast NCR settled match M- 9312628652



BRIDES WANTED

AGARWAL

HSOME JAIN/GOEL 5'7/68kg, BE(E&C) Sr. Engg Mgr/+90 Lpa US MNC, Live/work in Noida, 21.5.74/ 4pm/Pnp W: 9958606647, Email: jain1974s@gmail.com

Alliance invited for Aggarwal Boy 1988/5'11" M.Tech never married Veg. running own Pvt. Ltd. Co. in Delhi. Income 60 LPA own House & Office. Nuclear Family Pref. working girl.
8010410710
9810513546
Em:rgforall@gmail.com

PQSM 4 Handsome, Gupta (Garg) boy Oct'92/ 5'11"/ 102 Kg, MCA, Software Developer, Wrkg in Mohali, 14.7 LPA, Family in Karnal. Cont: 9255144774 Email: lokeshgupta0574@gmail.com

ARORA

WANTED B'FUL smart NM convent educated professional qualified bride for handsome NM Punjabi Arora Army Colonel. 1974/5'7" Email: matnoida1974@gmail.com

BRAHMIN

WELL- EDUCATED, Professionally settled match for 26 yr/5'6" Punjabi Brahmin boy BE MBA; HR at Infosys B'lore. Father businessman, mother homemaker (Gujarat based). 97233 22333

SM4 HANDSOME Saraswat Brahmin Boy, 27 Dec 93, 5'8" B.Tech(CS), Delhi, Own House, Wrkg in IT MnC, Pure Veg,18 LPA, rent income:12 LPA # 9811162632

BRAHMIN

SM4 FARIDABAD based Industrialist pure Veg. Gaur Brahmin B.Tech. MBA Boy DOB 24.02.1997 /5' 8"Pref Delhi NCR based CA or equivalent girl from Business family.9818460542.

JAT

JAT BOY age 32 yrs Height 5'10" well settled in Business having own house wanted Educ. smart Girl, avoid Gotra Phogat & Tomar. WhatsApp 8448012376, 9318322421

KAYASHTHA

WANTED BRIDE for a 26 y/o boy based in Bangalore, belonging to an old Delhi Mathur family (only Mathur alliances solicited). Looking for a kind-hearted girl who values mutual respect. Contact: 7838743869

WANTED B'FUL Bride for Kayastha Indian Forest Service Officer 32/ 170cm, B.Tech, M. Tech from IIT Kanpur.Father renowned Neurologist Owning a Hospital. # 7985670572, drspradhan@rediffmail.com

KHATRI

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PQM FOR 5' 8"/6-Dec-82/ 6 AM, Faridabad, CA, CS, MBA Punjabi Khatri Del/ NCR based Non Mglk boy, Own Business/Office, 9911004067, Email: camatri06@gmail.com

RAJPUT

PQM FOR 5'11", May '91 born, south Delhi based well educated Rajput boy with well settled business. Preferred-working girl from Delhi NCR. Send bio data. E-Mail: ritu_0711@yahoo.co.in

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ARORA, 31, 5ft 8", Masters in Management, Businessman. Lives in Delhi. Parents are Doctors and Own Hospital in Delhi. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from India. Contact: 6366448378

CASTE NO BAR, RAJPUT, 29, 5ft 9", Bachelor of Finance & Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engg. Lives in USA. Parents are Working Professional and lives in USA. Looking for an amiable match from USA. Contact: 6366448378

CASTE NO BAR, KHATRI, 31, 5ft 7", Masters in Management, IIM. Lives in Mumbai. Lives in Delhi. Father is a working MNC. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from India. Contact: 6366448378

CASTE NO BAR, AGARWAL, 32, 5ft 9", B.Tech. Lives in Bangalore. Father is a retired person. Family is financially well off. Looking for an amiable match from India. Contact: 6366448378

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Two medals and a lot of motivation

Double Olympic medallist Bhaker misses podium in the 25m air pistol, but the fourth place has motivated her to improve and reset

For a brief stretch towards the fag end of her Paris Games campaign, Manu Bhaker's level, eye-poppingly high all through the week, dipped a wee bit in the women's 25m pistol final on Saturday.

Tied-second with French shooter Camille Jedrzejewski at the end of 35 shots across seven series, Manu missed five out of the next 10 shots to slip. First into the fickle world of a shootoff, and then out of the familiar space of a medal.

After her final shot in the five-shot shootout sequence, which she lost to Hungary's Veronika Major to finish with a total of 28 hits out of 40, Manu shook her head. She walked back slowly towards those neatly arranged chairs awaiting the nearly-there finalists.

Munkhbayar Dorjsuren, India's foreign pistol coach, stood up to give her fellow two-time Olympic medallist a hug.

Through every second of that immediate disappointment, keeping his gaze fixed on Manu, Jaspal Rana was seated behind in the stands. Manu sat still with her head down as Korea's gold medallist Jiin Yang and silver medallist Jedrzejewski took the tense final to another shootoff for gold. The Indian smiled and got up as the medallists, finally placed in order, posed together.

Manu knew she could've been there, signing off from her second Olympics, stretching history to loftier heights.

Two medals were won, and a third had been whisked away from her grasp. It pinched a touch at that particular moment, and perhaps provides a direction to build towards in the next Olympic cycle.



RUTVICK MEHTA
HT IN PARIS

"This fourth-place finish will keep her alive," Rana, assessing Paris 2024 while looking at Los Angeles 2028, said.

Standing hours after the final under the blazing sun, Manu echoed her coach's sentiment. "I guess I'm taking home two bronze medals and lots of motivation to work even harder from this Olympics," she said in a chat.

She reckons the bruises on her knuckles and wrist on the right shooting arm from all those hours of holding the pistol and firing away in training, will stay with her for life. A bit like how she stayed in the zone for almost every second of her competitive shooting this week. The qualification scores were strong and her body language was composed in a high-stakes final.

At one point in the middle of the week, you almost knew Manu would turn up, pull the trigger to near perfection, push the button of consistency in her shooting and plant herself just where she wanted to be, no matter the external circumstances.

"You know, earlier, I was this very impulsive kind of person," Manu said about finding that zone. "I would punch the wall, do all kinds of things in anger. My sport has taught me so much patience. And that, after so many years of hard work and patience, has made me who I am today. This zone that is talked about, it just comes naturally when you've been doing something for this long. You know what's the best zone to be in for you to deliver on that day."

On the day of the 25m final, she was a bit off from that "best zone". The start, which comprised three misses in five shots that placed her sixth after the first series, was an indication. She gradually got going and began picking up to fourth, tied second and tied third after a perfect series of 50 in the fifth series. But the end, through those costly bunch of misses in the last couple of series, was a confirmation of the exception.

"This match was a roller-coaster," she said. "The beginning was not so great, but eventually I caught up with the others. And I was like, 'OK, just do your best. Try'. I was trying, but things were not going my way."

She wasn't sure if it was nerves of that present moment that got the better of her towards the end when things got tight. But what she was sure of was that it wasn't the pressure of winning a third medal.

"As soon as the last matches were over, my coach told me, 'History is history. Live in the present and then later, you can sit down and think about everything you have done'. Jaspal sir does a great job of keeping me in the present," she said.

Now for the future. A medal high of such history can take time to soak in and move on from. Manu will indeed pause for a brief bit, but not stop. Work towards chipping away at the room for improvement will restart again, with a goal that, despite an unprecedented two-medal Olympics by an Indian athlete, is yet to be fulfilled. An Olympic gold.

"Fourth position does not feel amazing, but there's always a next time. And there certainly is going to be a next time for me," Manu said. "There's lots of motivation to work harder for that next time so that I can try and give a better finish to India, as long as possible and as many Olympics as possible."

Magnificent Manu

The 22-year-old shooter missed a historic hat-trick of medals after finishing fourth in the women's 25m pistol final on Saturday. But as the first Indian to win two medals at an Olympics, she has ensured that her feats in Paris will never be forgotten

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The routines that led to a wonder week for Bhaker

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CHATEAUROUX: Among the most common initial thoughts of India's Paris Olympians who are done with the Games is to take a break. PV Sindhu is craving a much-needed breather; Nikhat Zareen is planning a solo trip.

Manu Bhaker throws a bewildered look, and admits to a blank mind, when posed the what-next query. "I don't know what to do," she said. "Because I've been so happy in my routines. And I've been following them for a long time."

On Saturday, after completing a line of media interviews, she hopped on to one herself to catch a designated bus heading to the city, about 20 minutes away from the shooting ranges of Chateauroux. She finally excused herself from her routines when her Olympics ended as a two-time medallist.

Routines — a word you've probably heard too often across the Manu tales through this week.

It's a word she swears by; a practice she believes has been the fulcrum to the medal-spinning wheel at these Games. A habit her coach Jaspal Rana believes she is better at following than even he was in his prime shooting days.

And in this quiet town of Chateauroux that is as detached from the feel of the Olympics as its distance from Paris, the 22-year-old followed it to the T. Mirroring those training days in Luxembourg leading up to it.

From her first event (10m air pistol qualification) last Saturday to her second final (10m mixed event) on Tuesday, Manu competed on each day. And did the same things.

Woke up at 5:30am — Rana's set deadline time — yoga, breakfast, hit the range, return to the athletes' village, workout, eat, meditate, sleep. Every timing, of meals to meditation, was preset and practiced strictly.

"I had a very rigid routine. Every single day I followed the same patterns. I like to work out even before and after my matches. I'm a regular in the gym, so my subscription would be a solid one!" Manu said. "Otherwise, I eat on time, go back to meditate and sleep on time. During the day, I'm mostly here (range) only."

There would be that odd deviation or add-on, though. The Bhagavad Gita, for instance, that she said she read the night before her first final, the 10m air pistol individual. "She reads it only when she feels the need to," Rana said.

Or during the rare couple of days in which she had competitive time off between Tuesday (10m mixed final) and Friday (25m individual qualification). In that, Manu had some penalty paying to do. A training practice set by Rana that has Manu pay up fines for falling below targets during training sessions, the latest was billed at 350 euros. Manu chose to buy food from that and feed the animals near the Village.

On Thursday evening on her day off as she went for a walk around her Village, she spotted a goat who wouldn't eat her fruit.

Manu took the rejection rather personally, and came back again the next day. The fruit, and the fine, was accepted this time, Manu narrated with a laugh.

Her routines were also tampered with on Saturday, when, heading out of the range after her final, she was stopped to congratulate every few steps by coaches and well-wishers from other contingents of the world. "You have been one of the most consistent shooters here, especially your scores," said one of them.

Manu thanked them, and happily engaged in conversations. She is, however, happier about something else. On Sunday, she can wake up and have a longer yoga session, without any hurry of getting to the range. Routines have finally been put to rest.

READ: How Manu and Jaspal combined in Olympics build-up

Jamaica's Fraser-Pryce a non-starter in 100m semis

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PARIS: Two-time Olympic champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce's quest for another title ended abruptly Saturday when she pulled out of the 100-metre semi-final at the Paris Games.

No immediate reason was given for Fraser-Pryce's scratch, which came up on the scoreboard only moments before she was supposed to race Sha'Carri Richardson and Julien Alfred in the evening's second semi-final.

The 37-year-old, who won gold medals in 2008 and 2012, has said this will be her fifth and final Olympics.

She advanced easily through the first round the day before, finishing second in her first-round heat in 10.92 seconds.

Fraser-Pryce has a total of eight Olympic medals, including gold in the 4x100 at the Tokyo Games in 2021.

She also has 16 medals at world championships, including five titles in the 100, the most recent of which came in 2022.

Fraser-Pryce's departure means the three Jamaicans who swept the podium in Tokyo are all out of this year's 100. Reigning champion Elaine Thompson-Herah shut down her season earlier this year with an Achilles tendon injury, and bronze medalist Shericka Jackson announced this week that she was focusing on the 200.

Earlier, US sprint star Noah Lyles admitted underestimating the power of a one-shot Olympics as he was made to work harder than expected to advance from his 100m heat at the Paris Games on Saturday.



Louie Hinchliffe (R) wins the heat ahead of Noah Lyles (L). REUTERS

Lyles — who won treble sprint gold at last year's world championships in Budapest — made a laboured start in the third heat won by British champion Louie Hinchliffe in 9.98 seconds.

Lyles, at one point fourth in the running after a slow exit from the blocks, finally came through in second in 10.04sec.

"I was kind of playing my cards close to the chest, I was trying not to blow my load in the first round," said Lyles.

"These boys said they're coming to play. I guess that's my first lesson in underestimating the power of an Olympics, when someone's on the line they say they're going to give their all or nothing. Now I'll give the whole deck, now you know everyone's ready to go, they're ready to blow their loads, I'm ready to go."

Lyles, who won 200m bronze at the Tokyo Olympics, added that he had expected his heat competitors to "fall in line" and "they didn't!"

"To be honest, I should have expected that knowing that this is the Olympics, but this is my first time in an Olympic 100m, so I didn't, but that's on me, I'm not going to let that happen," he said. Lyles hailed the near-capacity 69,000-strong crowd at the France's national stadium, a far cry from the spectator-less, Covid-hit Tokyo Olympics.

"It's a lot different: no fans means no energy," he said, adding it was also "more fun than the worlds".

"I feel like I had to prove I was the fastest, this time a lot of people know it and I'm a target."

Heat winner Hinchliffe — coached by US track and field legend Carl Lewis — warned that the "job's not done".

"I'm not going to get too far ahead of myself. Drive out hard, push, stay relaxed and just trust my race," the Briton said. "I don't really think too much about the time, I'm just trying to execute my race."

Electric Biles soars to victory in vault for seventh Olympic gold

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PARIS: Simone Biles earned her seventh Olympic gold medal by soaring to victory in the women's vault final at the Paris Games on Saturday.

The 27-year-old Biles averaged 15.300 for her signature Yurchenko double pike and Cheng vaults to claim a second gold on the event eight years after she triumphed in Rio de Janeiro.

Rebeca Andrade of Brazil, who finished runner-up to Biles in the all-around final on Thursday, took silver, just ahead of American Jade Carey, who captured the bronze.

Biles is the second woman to win vault twice, joining Vera Casalavska of Czechoslovakia as a two-time gold medallist on the vault. Casalavska went back to back in 1964 and 1968. Biles now has 10 Olympic medals in her career, tied for the third most by a female gymnast. She also boosted her medal count at major international competitions to 40, the most by any gymnast.

The crowd inside a packed Bercy Arena roared when Biles was introduced. Wearing a sequined red leotard, she delivered another show-stopping performance in what could be the last vault competition of her life.

She drilled her Yurchenko double pike, exploding off the block and then flipping backward twice with her hands clasped behind her knees. She landed with a big bounce — a nod to the energy she generates — with her right foot on the out-of-bounds line.



Simone Biles in action during the women's vault final at Bercy Arena on Saturday. GETTY

The judges dinged her a tenth of a point for that. It hardly mattered. Her score of 15.700 meant she merely needed to avoid disaster on her second vault to win. Instead, she almost stuck her Cheng, which requires a roundoff onto the springboard, then a half twist onto the block followed by 1 1/2 twists while doing a forward somersault.

The ensuing 14.900 meant the rest of the eight-woman field was going for second.

Andrade, the vault champion in Tokyo, put together two excellent vaults to claim silver and her third medal of the Games after a silver in the all-around and a bronze in the team final. Andrade's average of 14.966 was well clear of everyone else.

Carey, who slipped during the women's vault final in Tokyo and finished eighth, earned her third Olympic medal to go with the floor exercise gold she won in Tokyo and the team gold she captured with Biles on Tuesday.

Biles will have two more chances to boost her medal haul in Paris. She will compete in the balance beam and floor exercise finals on Monday.

Two-time world champion Rhys McClenaghan claimed Ireland's first medal in Olympic gymnastics.

Even before his name was announced, McClenaghan had to choke back tears. He then yelled in delight and cried for good when his massive score of 15.533 points on pommel horse was announced.



A humdinger on the cards

After tough games against Belgium and Australia, India are looking ready for the quarter-final clash against Great Britain

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PARIS: An age-old hockey rival stands in India's pathway to the men's Olympic hockey semi-final. Eager to claim a podium finish in successive Olympics and revive India's glory, Harmanpreet Singh's men will Sunday run into Great Britain in a contest that promises to be humdinger.

India's fortunes will vest on the play-making duo of former captain Manpreet Singh and Hardik Singh, who have anchored command of the midfield in the preliminary league outings, while Britain have been galvanised by their strike-power that even threatened to undermine reigning world champions Germany in the other group.

The fast-moving Europeans leave little room for mistakes to go unpunished and this has compelled the Indians to bolster the defence, to the extent of falling back in huge numbers and packing their territory.

With skipper Harmanpreet Singh often showing an inclination to overlap and move upfront, ace midfielder Hardik has been assigned the crucial role of plugging gaps in the defence for counter-attacks on the Indian goal.

Giving Manpreet company in mounting raids is Jarmanpreet Singh, who has shaped well in the role of an attacking medio.

Starting with a tentative start, India are now looking primed for the knockout rounds after two tough games against defending champions Belgium and Tokyo runners-up Australia. The Indians have gained as much from the one-goal loss to Belgium as the stirring victory over Australia, who played badly in the circle and were caught off-colour by the inspired rivals. The Indian team's think-tank is not expecting any gifts from Britain, who have given a tough run to crack outfits like Germany and The Netherlands.

The confidence gained from the bronze medal at the Tokyo Games has rubbed off on this squad that has a handful featuring in their maiden Olympics, raising the level of their performance against elite opponents. Strikers Abhishek and Sukhjeet Singh have shown the sparkle India need to breach the dodged British defence, but the other forwards must also cause some stir to threaten the seasoned rivals led by David Ames.


Harmanpreet Singh will have a key role to play for India on Sunday. AFP

Qualitatively, Britain's best performance in Paris has been the 2-2 draw against The Netherlands. Apart from the gritty game against Germany, their strike force was evident in the league fixture against Spain, when they slammed four goals without reply. The results will now come in fine margins, but India will do well to remember that this British team has displayed outright aggression. One question utmost on the minds of Indian hockey followers remains: When will India unveil the hidden penalty corner execution strategy!

Statistically, compared to India, Britain have had more circle penetrations in their respective league outings, forced a lot more penalty corners and have an edge even in the number of goals scored. Led by Sam Ward, Phillip Roper and Gareth Furlong, the thrust of this British team is their aggressive outlook.

India are still rankled by their ouster from the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games owing to a defeat at the hands of Britain in the last qualifier. But their Olympic history goes way back.

British outfits dominated the international scenario before the world became aware of the oriental wielders of the mulberry sticks. The first Olympic gold in 1908 was won by England in a four-nation event that included Ireland (silver), Scotland and Wales (bronze). Britain retained the title in 1920 before India arrived on the scene.

Between 1928 and 1936, India won three successive gold medals when Britain were not present in the hockey arena — the cause for which has never been conclusively answered.

Many hockey followers claim it was due to India's supremacy on the hockey pitch creating doubts among British officials about the impact of losing to a dominion in a global event. British historians, however, insist the dispute between Great Britain and the International Hockey Federation was the reason for their absence.

Whatever may be the cause, these two nations first came face to face in the Olympic final at Wembley in 1948, where the team led by Kishan Lal won the independent India's maiden medal at the international stage.

We will be on podium, with a different medal

Ashok Kumar



Back in the 1972 Olympics, we had defeated Australia 3-1 with our fullback Mukhbain Singh scoring all three goals from penalty corners (PC). Our forwards — me, our skipper Harbinder Singh, BP Govinda and MP Ganesh had done brilliantly to earn those PCs.

Like Australia ruled us for 52 years (at the Olympics), it was us who ruled supreme over not just Australia but others too when the game was played on natural turf. From the times of my father Dhyan Chand, from 1928 to 1972, India were dominating over them.

But back then, the game was primarily technical. Today too it is technical, but it is a lot more physical now. Technicalities come second. Today, the game is a lot about power where you require a lot more strength and fitness.

When we played on grass, we didn't count them as one of our competitors that we would lose to them. We had the confidence that we would beat them. *Unka koi hauwa nahi tha* (there was no hype around them) despite having a great forward like Ric Charlesworth in their team.

The dawn of what took place in those 52 years started in Montreal 1976 when the game switched to artificial turf and we were hammered 1-6 by Australia. We had wooden sticks and leather balls which became difficult to carry on the turf as the ball used to get heavy with water. From 5.5 ounces, the ball would weigh 9-10 ounces.

But Australia had practised on synthetic turf before 1976. We didn't, hence the 1-6 loss. But when we played them again in 1976 the game ended in a 1-1 draw and it took a tiebreaker for them to win, meaning we had learnt a bit to play on turf in a short span of time. This despite not having equipment like graphite sticks and shoes for turf. From 1976, we started finishing 7th, 9th and even 12th at Olympics. We had no artificial turfs, only one each in New Delhi and Patiala. The switch to artificial turf was done to reduce the dominance of India and Pakistan which resulted in the 52 years we are talking about. We have seen India lose to Australia over the years, be it the Commonwealth Games or World Cup. They have always dominated us.

But in Paris we have a strong team including 3-4 players who are playing their last Olympics. They are using their experience and all their energies to doing well one last time. Not just against Australia but in other matches too we have been playing well. If someone is making errors, there is always somebody to rectify them.

They are playing like a team. I saw Australia get a PC and within 30 seconds India scored. Counter-attacks were fantastic. Harmanpreet Singh with his timely PC goals, PR Sreejesh's saves, Manpreet Singh, Vivek Sagar Prasad, Abhishek and Raj Kumar Pal in the midfield, they are playing like a solid unit made of iron and steel.

The team won the hearts of all Indians who watched the match. People still remember our 1975 World Cup win. If these players win a medal, the coming generation will chant their names. The inspiration will raise another generation of players. I am confident this team will stand on the podium with a change in the colour of the medal. At this stage all teams are strong but the mental level of the Indian players is strong.

I remember in 2021 when we won bronze, our PM said no matter how many medals we win, if we don't win a medal in hockey it feels incomplete. I will never forget that. That is the importance of hockey in India. We won six Olympic gold medals in a row. I don't think that will ever be repeated.

(Ashok Kumar was part of the Indian team that beat Australia 3-1 in 1972 Munich Olympics, later claiming bronze. As told to Sandip Sikdar)


Novak Djokovic celebrates after beating Lorenzo Musetti. REUTERS

Olympic gold: The only piece missing in Novak's cabinet

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PARIS: Novak Djokovic and Carlos Alcaraz will meet for the men's tennis singles gold medal at the Paris Olympics on Sunday in the latest instalment of a fascinating old-vs-young rivalry that included a match-up in the Wimbledon final three weeks ago.

Alcaraz won that one — "Quite comfortably," Djokovic acknowledged — just like he did when they played each other for last year's trophy at the All England Club.

When Alcaraz's semi-final in Paris ended Friday afternoon — before Djokovic played in his later semi-final that night — the 21-year-old Spaniard was asked what it might be like to possibly take on the 37-year-old Serbian again. "Hopefully," Alcaraz said with a chuckle, "the same as Wimbledon."

Here is what else to know about the men's tennis singles final: Why does Djokovic versus Alcaraz for the men's tennis singles gold matter? Djokovic is the oldest man in an Olympic tennis singles final; Alcaraz is the youngest. Djokovic is considered by many to be the greatest men's tennis player in history, a stance bolstered by statistics such as his 24 Grand Slam titles (more than any other man) and his 400-plus weeks spent at No.1 in the rankings (more than any man or woman). There is basically just one thing missing from his resume: an Olympic gold.

Before beating Lorenzo Musetti on Friday, Djokovic had been 0-3 in Summer Games semi-finals, losing to the eventual champion each time — Rafael Nadal in Beijing, Andy Murray in London, Alexander Zverev in Tokyo. Djokovic left the 2008 Olympics with a bronze, but he really wanted to improve on that now.

Alcaraz is the best thing going right now in tennis, having added his recent Wimbledon triumph to the one that came in June at the French Open. In 2022, he became the first teen to reach No.1 in the ATP rankings and now has four Grand Slam titles — the first man to win at least one on clay, grass and hard courts before age 22.

"Alcaraz has proven the best player in the world at the moment," said Djokovic, who was seeded No.1 at the Olympics after top-ranked Jannik Sinner withdrew because of tonsillitis.

Alcaraz was seeded No.2, but other players tend to agree with Djokovic's assessment.

"It's not a secret that, right now," said American Tommy Paul, who lost to the Spanish star in the quarterfinals at Wimbledon and the Olympics, "Alcaraz is kind of like the golden standard."

At the Summer Games, there was only one match where Djokovic's knee was an issue — when he felt pain in the second set of a victory over Stefanos Tsitsipas in the quarterfinals. But he put in plenty of work with his physio between then and his match against Musetti, when all was OK.

"I feel like I'm a different player than I was in Wimbledon. The way I move. The way I'm striking the ball," said Djokovic, who eliminated Nadal in the second round in Paris. "I feel more confident about myself and chances in the final" on Sunday, he said.

"The way he's (Alcaraz) playing," Djokovic said, "he's definitely a favourite."

Lakshya bids to wear out Axelsen in semis

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BENGALURU: Lakshya Sen has flipped a few scripts in Paris so far. He has gone up against players he usually struggles against and managed to frustrate them with his aggression, tireless retrieves, and limbs that won't quit.

The 22-year-old finds himself in an Olympic semi-final. A historic first for an Indian male shuttler. When he was still learning to grip a racquet, the Almora boy was intrigued by both Encarta's ability to answer questions in a jiff and Rudy Hartano's feat of eight All England titles. He declared he'd do one better than the Indonesian great. At 20, he made an All England final, the first Indian man to do so in 21 years. At the other end was Viktor Axelsen. It was a challenge too mighty.

It's been two years since. Lakshya is wiser, sharper, fitter and finds himself in a defining match of his career in Paris. Yet again, it's going to be the defending Olympic champion on the other side.

Lakshya has shown spades of gumption to get here. He topped a group that had Jonatan Christie, who he hadn't beaten in their four past encounters. And then took apart a wily Chou Tien Chen (who he trailed 1-3 in the head-to-head) in three games in what was some of the best badminton we've seen by an Indian player in recent times.

Supreme fitness aside, Lakshya has shown great temperament — not being bogged by past match-ups or a trailing scoreline. He hung in, stayed calm through sapping rallies, 'bad' sides of the court, and made 2-8 deficits disappear with his accelerated pace, swivelling torso, picking up every shuttle that came his way.


India's Lakshya Sen in action against Taiwan's Chou Tien-chen. AFP

When Chen slapped a return into the net to bring up a historic win for Lakshya, the Indian politely shook his opponent's hand at the tape and walked off the court with little celebration. A lot of work still left, he would offer in the post-match interview, a Phil Foden-esque 'Sky is the limit' tattoo running behind his left ear.

The mentors in his corner — Prakash Padukone and U Vimal Kumar — are perhaps living the Olympic dream through the player they've nurtured for over a decade. Padukone, a former All England champion, had never been to the Olympics before this. Badminton was only introduced in 1992, after he called time on his career. Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, training under Padukone for less than a year, couldn't go past the last 16 this time. Vimal Kumar played in the 1992 Olympics but his Rio 2016 outing with former pupil Saina Nehwal turned out to be brief and anti-climactic. The 2012 bronze medallist had a group stage exit due to a major injury sustained before the Games.

Courtside during Lakshya's matches, Padukone is usually the less animated guy. It's Vimal who's often visibly wrought with emotions, slapping his thighs, yelling instructions.

Lakhya will need it all and then some in the semi-finals against Axelsen, 30, at Port de la Chapelle on Sunday. The Dane is yet to drop a game in this Olympics. He dismantled former world champion Loh Kean Yew in straight games in the quarters. He might relish the prospect of pinning Lakshya to the backline and deny him crafty play at the net. But he can be hassled by endless retrieval and Lakshya will have to shut out the world No.2's attack right at the outset.

In their eight encounters so far, Lakshya's only win came in the 2022 German Open semi-finals. "Generally beating Viktor in the first few rounds has been more manageable," Lakshya told HT earlier. "He usually comes into semi-finals super fresh since he would have short matches the day before. But you'd be tired after some three-game madness. *Par abhi* (now though) it's not easy for him to always physically maintain the pace at his age. Now I think things have changed."

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Sonakshi Sinha and Huma Qureshi's friendship isn't your typical story of instant bonding. Their first meeting was at an after-party in Singapore in 2017, and it wasn't exactly friendship at first sight for them. On Friendship Day today, Sinha recalls her first interaction with Qureshi: "Huma is very chatty and I am a very reserved person. So, the first time we interacted, I was like, 'Yeh itni kyun chep ho rahi hai'. She kept talking so much."

Qureshi adds: "At that after-party, what I loved about Sona was that she was dancing as crazily as I was. And then, I kept wondering why we were getting overfriendly. I think once she makes you her person, there is no going back." Years later, their friendship solidified when Sinha visited Qureshi's home, thanks to her then-boyfriend and now-husband, actor Zaheer Iqbal, who was friends with Qureshi. "After that, we never stopped chilling together. Our friendship was cemented that day," Sinha says.

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Their travels offer a glimpse into their contrasting preferences. Qureshi says, "Sona likes any place with water, while I like to explore new places." Recalling a trip to Amsterdam, she adds, "We had gone for a vacation and I had to book our stay and I made a mistake. We were on the road in Amsterdam, with our bags." Sinha adds, "But we were laughing through it all, saying, 'Chal coffee peete hain, breakfast karte hain and then dekhte hain ki kya karna hai'."

ALL ABOUT LOVING EACH OTHER

Qureshi says: "Sona is a keeper. If she says she will be there for you, she'll always fulfil that promise. She's not flaky. What you see is what you get and I admire her for that." Sinha loves Qureshi for her "people management skills". She says, "It's a skill I would love to have. Huma gets along with everyone and can handle people so well. I don't have to think twice before calling her or asking her for advice."

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The actor looks regal in a brocade jacket featuring marori embroidery work paired with flared trousers and an embroidered bustier from Tarun Tahiliani. Her look has been further elevated with a statement tourmaline and polki gajra paired with polki bangles from Shreejee Jewels. They both are also partaking in FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend that ends today.

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Friendship DAY

'Ours is not like those temporary friendships jo industry mein hoti hain'



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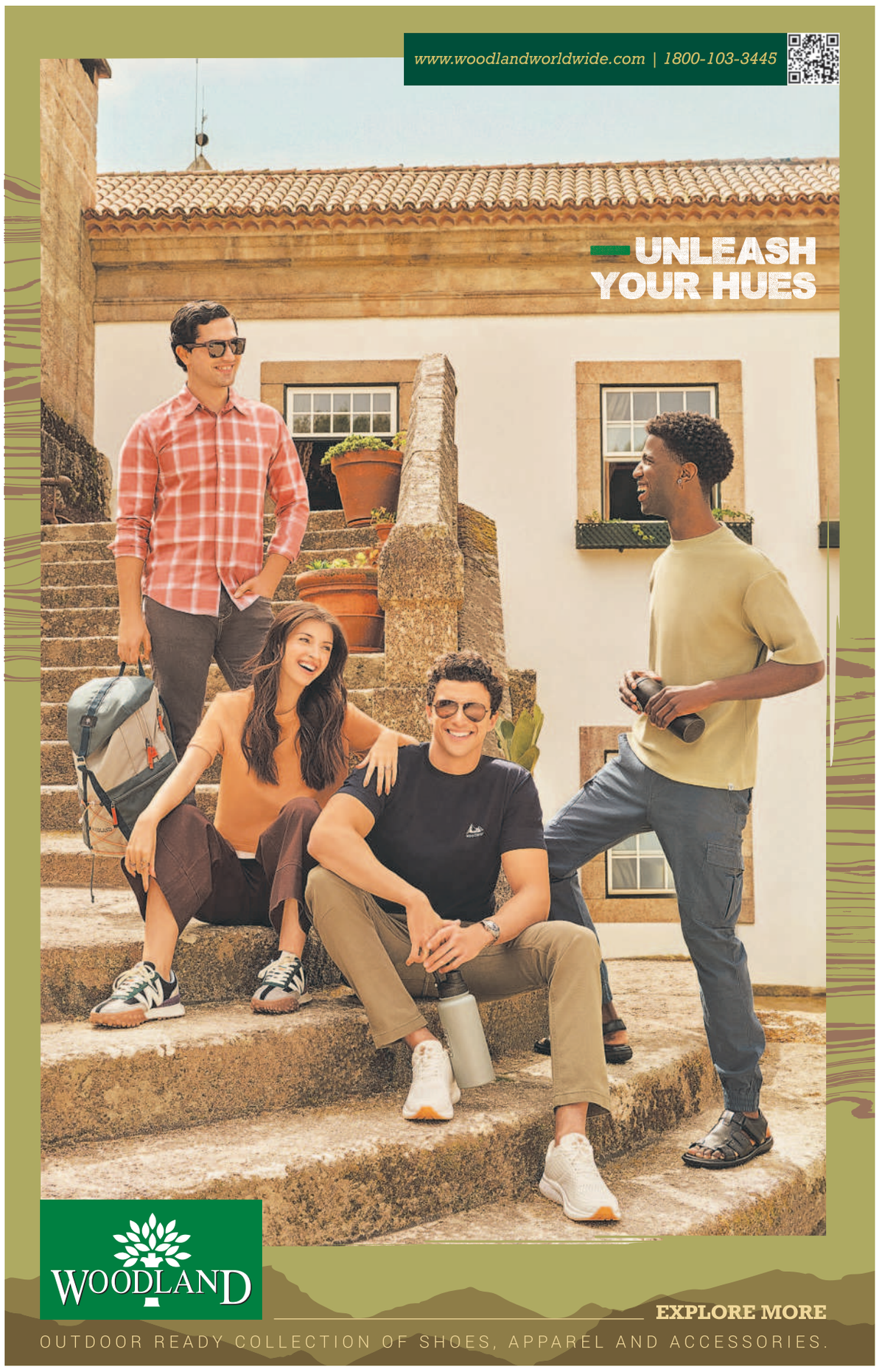
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Asha Negi and Karan Wahi have been friends for almost a decade. While it's Friendship Day today, the actors feel "jab milein, tab Friendship Day hota hai". "We seldom talk to each other and when one of us feels it has been too long, we call and catch up. We understand and respect each other's space," says Wahi. Negi adds, "Hamare gap kabhi-kabhi bahut lambe hote hain. We disappear, but when we meet, it feels like we met just yesterday. That's the essence of our bond. I feel that's why our friendship has lasted so long."

While they have both evolved as individuals, they are proud that their friendship remains unchanged. "Earlier, we were like kids. Now, we are both mature. I am happy that ours is not like those temporary friendships jo industry mein hoti hain," says Negi.

Wahi adds, "Asha has evolved. Compared to five years ago, she's a different person now. Our friendship has lasted so long as we are not judgmental. There would be things she does that I might not agree with, but I never force my point of view on her. She's always been gullible, but the good thing now is that she can share her point of view."

Negi says they have always been there for each other in good and bad times: "Our friendship is not superficial or just about sharing good moments or having fun. We are not industry friends, who just party together. We are always there for each other."



Rooting for them: Yashraj makes anthem to cheer for India men's hockey team



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Olympic pulse

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The India men's hockey team has been making the country proud at the 2024 Paris Olympics. Their recent victory over Australia, the silver medallists from 2020 Tokyo Olympics, will see them lock horns with Great Britain in the quarterfinals today. To boost the team's morale, musician Yashraj Mukhate has come up with an anthem. Titled *Hockey India Anthem*, the track has been penned by lyricist Alok Ranjan Srivastava. "I feel proud to have created an anthem for our Indian hockey team. The goal was to compose a track that would resonate powerfully in a stadium setting and is something everyone could sing," says the 28-year-old.

While he has "never been a sports enthusiast", Mukhate says he is following the games this year: "I have been watching almost every event where India is competing. I'm rooting for our hockey team."

The musician says he has a special connection with the sport: "My grandfather was an excellent hockey player. But, both my dad and I were passionate about music."

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As per sources, singer Taylor Swift and footballer Travis Kelce might be engaged soon. An insider told Page Six: "The engagement is happening soon." However, Kelce's representative denied the news.

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ANKUSH BAHUGUNA
YouTuber Ankush Bahuguna credits friend, actor Shibani Bedi, for keeping him grounded. Having met Bedi early in his career, Bahuguna tells us he was initially intimidated by her talent. But, having worked on several projects, the two became as thick as thieves. "When we're working, we laugh at the same memes. We share the same humour," says Bahuguna, who finds both emotional and professional support in the actor. The secret to their bond? "Maintaining mutual respect and valuing each other's presence are unspoken rules that we have," he ends.

On BFFs and big breaks

On Friday today, we speak to some of the internet's most popular content creators to learn about their friendships and how their besties have helped them thrive professionally

Kriti Shukla

ANUSHKA RATHOD
For finance content creator Anushka Rathod, entrepreneur Ayush Shukla is her biggest supporter and rock. "We first met in 2020, when we were both new to content creation and social media. We would talk every day, discussing life and careers. It gave us both the support we needed to grow," she says. Rathod tells us that Shukla helped her land a plush brand deal after she had a negative experience early on in her career. "He didn't tell me at the time," she recalls, adding. "Some people's wins are your wins and Ayush is the same for me! There is no competition. He is my brother."

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SAKSHI SINDWANI
"She's my undeniable 3am best friend," says creator Sakshi Sindwani about her bestie Aanchal Hans. The duo first met at a Zumba class, where Hans was Sindwani's instructor and their bond has only flourished since. "Aanchal has kept me very grounded. She is the first to call me out and does not let me get carried away. She is my loudest cheerleader and is like family," says the influencer who goes to Hans both for emotional support and fitness advice.







MANAN VOHRA
Manan Vohra and BFF Siddhant Bhargava go way back, having met in school. "Siddhant and I spoke before I started content creation because he was already a well-known creator in the health space. He was the first one to see my videos," Vohra shares, adding that creating content only strengthened their bond. "I rely on Siddhant for reality checks; he doesn't beat around the bush and says it as it is. We speak to each other without any filter," he says.

Shahnaz Husain dazzles at FDCI Couture Week 2024

Beauty expert and entrepreneur, **Shahnaz Husain** recently made an appearance at this year's India Couture Week, an illustrious event that showcases the pinnacle of haute couture in the Capital. Known for her contributions to the beauty industry and her distinctive sense of style, Husain graced the event with her elegance and poise. Her outfit, carefully selected to reflect both contemporary trends and traditional craftsmanship, highlighted the intricate work of Indian couture designers. HTC

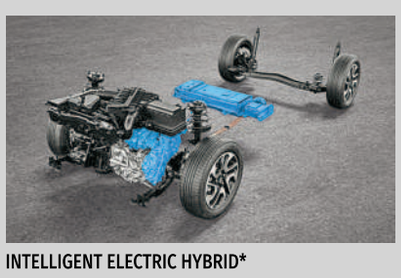


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ARIES MAR 21-APR 20



Ajay Devgn

Love: Temperance **Mood:** The Hermit **Career:** Six of Swords
Get ready for an awesome week ahead! This week, you may encounter some exceptional career opportunities. Investing in precious metals could yield significant profits. Maintaining harmony among children at home might require extra attention. Prioritize self-care to ensure optimal health.
Lucky Number: 9 **Lucky Colour**: Dark Red

CANCER JUN 22-JUL 22



Ranveer Singh

Love: The Star **Mood:** Four of Wands **Career:** The Hanged Man
Exciting times are coming your way. You may experience a productive phase in your professional life. Your appraisal may lead to a salary increment or promotion. Financial stability is indicated due to smart investments and effective budgeting. Students could receive promising academic opportunities.
Lucky Number: 22 **Lucky Colour:** Orange

LIBRA SEP 24-OCT 23



Ranbir Kapoor

Love: Eight of Cups **Mood:** The Tower **Career:** Two of Swords
Look out for surprises and joy all week long. You can look forward to promising financial deals on the business front this week. Prioritize self-care to maintain well-being and boost your energy levels. Embrace the excitement in your romantic life as parents may bless the bond with approval.
Lucky Number: 4 **Lucky Colour:** Blue

CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 21



Sidharth Malhotra

Love: The Chariot **Mood:** The Moon **Career:** Six of Wands
Good things are heading your way. Family life may bring surprises as a distant relative might renew contact. Your loan repayment schedule is likely to be manageable, allowing you to pay off your debts easily. Love life may thrive as you succeed in conveying your true feelings to your romantic partner.
Lucky Number: 5 **Lucky Colour:** Green

TAURUS APR 21-MAY 20



Vicky Kaushal

Love: Justice **Mood:** Seven of Coins **Career:** Ace of Wands
Stay determined and optimistic this week. The week might present some professional challenges, but don't let that discourage you. Your strong family connections will be a reliable source of support. Even if your academics aren't currently excelling, there's ample room for improvement and development.
Lucky Number: 11 **Lucky Colour:** Cream

LEO JUL 23-AUG 23



Saif Ali Khan

Love: Two of Swords **Mood:** The Tower **Career:** Devil
Stay positive and aim high this week. Romance may sparkle with passion and excitement, adding a joyful touch to your life. Financially, you are likely to find an increase in savings, enhancing financial security. Family is likely to bring love and support, with a lively family function on the horizon.
Lucky Number: 8 **Lucky Colour:** Magenta

SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22



Shah Rukh Khan

Love: The Hanged Man **Mood:** The Fool **Career:** The Emperor
Buckle up for a fantastic week! This week, you can look forward to a favourable professional life. You are likely to gain recognition for your networking skills and quick thinking. Family life may remain harmonious as elders step in to resolve a dispute. It's an auspicious time for new family activities, such as get-togethers.
Lucky Number: 18 **Lucky Colour:** Golden

AQUARIUS JAN 22-FEB 19



Abhishek Bachchan

Love: The World **Mood:** Three of Coins **Career:** Three of Wands
Get set for a super productive week. The professional arena is brimming with opportunities for success, and dedication is poised to yield fruitful results. Love is in the air, enriching romantic bonds with happiness and fulfilment. Students are likely to excel academically and be acknowledged for their hard work.
Lucky Number: 7 **Lucky Colour:** Saffron

GEMINI MAY 21-JUN 21



Vedang Raina

Love: Five of Coins **Mood**: The Sun **Career:** Judgment
Luck's on your side this week! Professionally, you may experience a stable period with promising opportunities on the horizon. Strengthening family ties becomes essential, especially in light of any unfortunate news that may arise. Financial management may become challenging.
Lucky Number: 2 **Lucky Colour:** White

VIRGO AUG 24-SEP 23



Ayushmann Khurrana

Love: Six of Cups **Mood:** The Magician **Career:** The Strength
Your week might take a delightful twist! Professionally, you may experience growth through the successful completion of a significant project. Your vibrant energy and adaptable nature will help you navigate any family challenges with ease. Your academic prospects look promising.
Lucky Number:5 **Lucky Colour:** Dark Green

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21



Agastya Nanda

Love: The Hierophant **Mood:** Ten of Wands **Career:** Two of Cups
Steady Progress is on the cards this week. Hard work and dedication are likely to lead to career advancement for young professionals. Positive developments are also expected within the family, with younger members achieving milestones. Financially, prudent decisions may bring future stability.
Lucky Number: 1 **Lucky Colour:** Brown

PISCES FEB 20-MAR 20



Tiger Shroff

Love: The Magician **Mood:** Three of Cups **Career:** King of Wands |
Look forward to a rewarding week. Embracing a well-rounded approach to weight loss can lead to sustainable results. Broadening your financial investments can help establish a resilient financial portfolio. A promotion at work has the potential to bring fulfilment. Investing in property can bolster your assets.
Lucky Number: 3 **Lucky Colour:** Silver

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Friendship DAY

Friendship is a space without judgment: Dot

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On Friendship Day today, actor-musician Aditi Saigal aka Dot, shares her thoughts on the special relationship she shares with her friends. Reflecting on what it means to her, Saigal says, "It's hard to define friendship because it can mean so many things. A friend could be someone you can be silly with, but also someone you can be sad with. Someone who is there through the easy and difficult stuff. Above all, I think it is a space without judgement."

Today, the 25-year-old plans to video call two of her closest friends, Shibangi and Aksha, as they are all in different cities. "Shibangi and I grew up in Delhi together; even our mums are best friends. She's Bengali, so every year during Pujo, she would take me to her society to eat puchkas. Later, when we became friends with Aksha in Mumbai, we extended this ritual to her and it has become a kind of tradition."

Do her friends ever complain about not spending enough time together? Saigal replies, "My friends are like cats. They like it when I am around, but don't complain if I am gone." She has also written a song about their bond. "It's called *Girls Night* and it is about us and our little dates. It's a fun pop track, and we shot a music video for it with our friend Hawwa who directed it," she concludes.



Dot (centre) with her friends Shibangi and Aksha

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ARIES
MAR 21-APR 20

There will be nothing to complain about on the health front. Travelling to meet someone important is on the cards for some. It is best to resolve any misunderstanding.
LOVE FOCUS: Closeness to someone is likely to put ideas of the romantic kind in your head!
LUCKY NUMBER: 2 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Orange

TAURUS
APR 21-MAY 20

Getting a prestigious membership or invitation is possible for some. A helping hand to someone in need is likely to raise your image on the social front.
LOVE FOCUS: Lovers can expect a time of their lives, as love overwhelms them.
LUCKY NUMBER: 3 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Brown

GEMINI
MAY 21-JUN 21

The condition of those recuperating from surgery will improve quickly. Money will come in as word about your skills gets around.
LOVE FOCUS: Your romantic moves will be fully reciprocated from the partner.
LUCKY NUMBER: 17 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Dark Grey

CANCER
JUN 22-JUL 22

Peak physical fitness is assured for those working out. Strict self-discipline will keep your financial planning on track. A lot is happening on the home front, so expect some exciting time today!
LOVE FOCUS: Those seeking love may feel blessed!
LUCKY NUMBER: 22 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Magenta

LEO
JUL 23-AUG 23

You will benefit by taking a break from your regular exercise routine. A loan will be granted to fulfil a fond desire.The chance of moving to a new location on transfer is likely for some.
LOVE FOCUS: Sharing and caring will make the romantic front fulfilling.
LUCKY NUMBER: 5 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Maroon

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEP 23

Those ailing can expect a miraculous recovery. An understanding with someone will make your work easy. Those planning for a party or a function may get into two minds about it. Your popularity is set to rise within your social circle.
LOVE FOCUS: Lover will leave no stone unturned in revving up their love life.
LUCKY NUMBER: 11 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Red

LIBRA
SEP 24-OCT 23

Your foresight is likely to see your assets and wealth multiply. Bouncing back with a vengeance on the professional front is indicated. The family will be extremely supportive.
LOVE FOCUS: Mutual love is likely to strengthen your loving bonds.
LUCKY NUMBER: 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Peach

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22

Your current exercise regime promises to keep you in shape. The day seems profitable when you can make some money. A family get-together will provide a welcome break from a monotonous routine.
LOVE FOCUS: A romantic relationship is likely to flower!
LUCKY NUMBER: 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Sky Blue

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21

Making workouts a part of your routine is indicated. Good monetary decisions are likely to keep you financially secure. Trekking or going to a far-off place will prove both exciting and refreshing.
LOVE FOCUS: Love is in the air, so those looking for it.
LUCKY NUMBER: 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Saffron

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 21

Regular workouts may be taken up by those leading a sedentary life for fitness. You remain financially stable and moneywise mentally contented. Out-of-town visitors will make your home lively.
LOVE FOCUS: Looks and charm may draw you towards someone.
LUCKY NUMBER: 7 **LUCKY COLOUR:** White

AQUARIUS
JAN 22-FEB 19

You can be instrumental in resolving a family dispute. An outing with friends is foreseen for some and will be great fun.
LOVE FOCUS: Much romancing is foreseen, as you catch your lover in just the right mood!
LUCKY NUMBER: 4 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Yellow

PISCES
FEB 20-MAR 20

Choosing the best from several health options will benefit you. Chances of wealth coming your way cannot be ruled out. You will be able to make good decisions by simply being cool and composed.
LOVE FOCUS: You may find a partner in a romantic mood today!
LUCKY NUMBER: 9 **LUCKY COLOUR:** Cream

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Nia Sharma and Shalin Bhanot

Nia's bond with BFF Shalin: Don't have to be in touch all the time

Mugdha Kapoor

Nia Sharma and Shalin Bhanot might have had reservations about each other when they first met, but today they are BFFs. On Friendship Day today, the actors tell us about what makes their bond truly special.

Ask how the duo keeps their friendship going despite their schedules and Sharma replies, "It is possible because of the kind of quality time we've spent with each other. There are times when we don't talk for months. [Like when] he was away for *Khatron Ke Khiladi* and I was busy with two shows. But it's just that one call in two months and then we meet up. We don't have to be in touch all the time to be best friends."

The *Naagin*-fame actor says she learnt the true meaning of fitness and a good lifestyle from Bhanot. "He was the one who got me into fitness. And when I got into it, I went so hard that he can't match my level when we go jogging now," the 33-year-old adds. One thing Bhanot has learnt from his friend is her social media fluency. "I'm still learning from the fluency she has with her mobile, social media and phone camera," says the 40-year-old.

Talking about the most random thing they have done together, Bhanot, who was last seen in *Bekaboo*, recalls, "We went to a car showroom and test-drove a really expensive supercar. It was very random because, at that point, neither one of us wanted the car."

Avoid wrong-side driving and overtaking: Hero MotoCorp's call for road safety discipline



PHOTO: HTCS

Hero MotoCorp's flagship platform — Hero We Care! — created for its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), is inviting youngsters to become a part of its #BeARoadHero initiative. Going a step further, it is calling out drivers who break traffic rules by not only overtaking and overspeeding but also driving on the wrong side of the road.

"We need a strict law that holds all wrongdoers accountable not just for serious but also for any minor accidents they cause," asserts Vishrut Mohan, whose car was badly damaged by an oncoming motorcyclist driving in the wrong lane.

Bystanders who had gathered around requested that Mohan let the biker off "because he said that he was getting late for work and each second mattered". "In all this, the damage caused to my car and the hefty amount I had to shell out for its repairs were conveniently ignored," he adds.

What nobody seemed to also care about was the fact that most of such accidents are preventable. Just leaving home a few minutes earlier would have helped this youngster stick to the permissible speed limit and drive in the correct lane. "He must understand that exercising caution, having patience and having a sense of responsibility while driving are the pre-requisites for safe roads," says Mohan, a Road Hero.

Unfortunately, it is the casual approach to matters of road safety that is leading to a spike in the number of accidents every year. The annual report by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH) on road accidents in 2022 reveals that overspeeding, dangerous driving or overtaking are among the major causes of accidents, injuries and fatalities. It stated that out of a total of 3,33,323 accidents caused by overspeeding, 1,19,904 cases were fatal.

Driving on the wrong side was the second-highest cause of the total number of road mishaps. Of the 22,586 accidents, 9,094 people lost their lives, the report added. Impatience among drivers and a callous attitude towards traffic laws, as stated earlier, are both major factors that compromise road safety. Derek Mathew, a travel executive, was hit by a speeding car trying to overtake another as he was crossing the road. "Its sudden appearance caught me unawares, and in trying to stop myself from falling and hurting my head, I broke my shoulder," he shares. Though he was immediately rushed to the hospital, Mathew says, "This wasn't enough, as I was also forced to go on leave without pay for several weeks." Being stuck in the house left him "extremely frustrated and angry with that reckless driver whose so-called race against time" cost him both time and money. What worries him now is the effect of his condition on his 11-year-old daughter. "She is always petrified of crossing any road on her own, even if it's a service lane while going to school. And we know why," laments Mathew.

Similarly, when Tripti Singh returned to India after a gap of nearly four years, she felt the chaos on Delhi roads seemed to have worsened. "Why is everyone in such a rush?" she says, adding that all drivers must be educated about the fact that accidents caused by them can result in severe (even fatal) injuries, not just to others but even to themselves. Having seen her 20-year-old cousin, who was out for his morning jog, become a victim of an overspeeding car, Singh says, "My cousin's spine was injured, and he has since been unable to walk." While some financial support was given by "the rich brat's folks", she adds, "There's no denying the lifelong psychological trauma my cousin and his family are going through."

But what happens when an accident results in death? "It's only right that the person responsible for it must suffer from endless guilt and trauma," says Seema Kapoor, whose brother died after being hit by a motorcyclist outside his college. "Isn't this akin to murder? This driver too must suffer for causing someone to lose their life."

This is where collective efforts from both the authorities and Road Heroes to prioritise road safety come in. "The 'chalta hai' attitude of road users needs to change", says Maxwell Pereira, former Delhi Police Traffic Chief, adding, "Let a start be made not just with traffic training institutes but also by introducing the subject of road safety at the school level, as is done in many countries abroad." Besides educating drivers about the legalities of irresponsible driving, including fines, penalties, license suspension and imprisonment in cases of severe accidents, they must also be made to understand that negligent driving can also lead to their own vehicles being badly damaged. Who would want increased insurance premiums and even potential lawsuits that many victims' families could slap on them? Any answers, anyone?

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An ode to Mohammed Rafi





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Music is the shorthand of emotion. It washes away the dust from the soul," said **Dr Er Rajainderr Jaina** as he inaugurated a musical program organised by the AAFT School of Music. The event commemorated the 45th death anniversary of the legendary Indian singer Mohammed Rafi.

Dr Jaina, a businessman, social worker, writer and art promoter, graced the occasion as the chief guest. He spoke eloquently about Mohammed Rafi's monumental contributions to the music industry. In a heartfelt tribute, Dr Jaina performed several of Rafi's songs and his surprise performance earned him a standing ovation at Marwah Studios.

The AAFT School of Music and JR Entertainment also awarded all participating singers and musicians. Additionally, **Sandeep Marwah** presented Dr Jaina with the Life Membership of the International Film and Television Club of AAFT.

Honouring Rafi on his death anniversary, Dr Jaina performed several of the singer's original songs, along with medleys that had featured veteran actors such as Shammi Kapoor, Rajendra Kumar and Dev Anand.

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In a special shoot with HT City Showstoppers, Bhumi Pednekar bats for ‘authenticity’ in fashion and the things that dictate her style aesthetics

Mugdha Kapoor

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Known as a fiercely individualistic fashion icon, actor Bhumi Pednekar doesn’t believe in chasing trends. “I prefer a more classic approach. Trends constantly change, but the one thing I follow is that there are no hard and fast rules,” she says.

Pednekar, who has headlined films such as *Thank You for Coming* (2023), *Govinda Naam Mera* (2022) and *Shubh Mangal Zyada Saavdhan* (2020), sees fashion as an instrument to reflect one’s “authentic self and voice”. “There’s no such thing as a bad choice if you own it with confidence. The beauty of fashion lies in its ability to spark conversations and evoke varied reactions,” says the actor, as she shoots with HT City Showstoppers, directing, innovating and making the showcase her own.

While traditionally, her fashion choices “would reflect the mindset she would adopt for a role”, the lockdown helped the actor’s sensibilities come into their own. What’s one piece of advice that has stuck with her? “Don’t try to be someone else. I’ve learned this the hard way, by experimenting with looks that didn’t fit my personal vibe. I would look at some of my contemporaries and say, ‘Maybe we should try that’, but it never worked for me,” shares Pednekar, adding, “The right outfit, on the other hand, makes me feel beautiful, sexy, empowered.”

The actor counts a well-fitted white shirt, well-fitted jeans and a versatile black dress among her wardrobe essentials. “A nice bag, black heels, a statement necklace and some dainty earrings are key pieces that I frequently use to complete my outfits. I also find a long black skirt to be crucial because it can be styled in various ways for both formal and informal occasions,” she ends.



OUTFIT: AMAARE

This cape tunic set in georgette, featuring hand-embroidered glass bead and sequin embroidery from Amaare, has the actor looking pretty as picture.





OUTFIT: VVANI BY VANI VATS JEWELLERY: THE HOUSE OF MBJ

The actor dazzles in a lehenga Vvani by Vani Vats, an opulent creation that exudes both regal splendour and contemporary allure. This stunning piece, adorned with exquisite hand-cut mirror embroidery, is meticulously crafted over 100 days by a team of over 25 artisans (karigars). The lehenga’s seamless blend of timeless tradition and modern glamour make it the perfect choice for the new-age woman who wishes to celebrate heritage with a contemporary twist. Her look has been rounded off with bangles featuring polki kadas with green enamelling, from The House of MBJ.



OUTFIT: AFEW BY RAHUL MISHRA JEWELLERY: ISVARI

Bhumi cements her fashion credentials in a shimmery silver bralette paired with sequinned pants and white shirt from AFEW by Rahul Mishra. Featuring floral embellishments and silver sequins, the shirt is ideal for a cocktail function. The look has been amped up with a statement necklace from Ishvari consisting of 350-carat tanzanites and 40-carat diamonds studded with white gold. Rahul Mishra is participating in FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend that concludes today.

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OUTFIT: TARUN TAHILIANI JEWELLERY: SHREEJEE JEWELS

Bhumi looks majestic in a brocade jacket featuring marori embroidery work, paired with flared trousers and an embroidered bustier from Tarun Tahiliani. A statement tourmaline and polki gajra, teamed with polki bangles from Shreejee Jewels, elevates the look. The brands are participating in FDCI Manifest Wedding Weekend that concludes today.

BOMBAY BFFS: STARS REVEAL THEIR FIRST INDUSTRY ALLIES





Starting out as an actor in the bustling city of Mumbai can be a daunting experience, but not when there's a friend by your side. On Friendship Day, today, celebs tell **Navya Kharbanda** about their first friend in the industry — the ones who acted as their pillar of support

RIDHI DOGRA AND VINNY ARORA

Actor Ridhi Dogra, a Delhiite, who is known for her role in Jawan (2023), shares, "My first and closest friend was Vinny Arora (actor). We met in 2009 on the sets of a television show. I'll always remember that day because I saw her walking in with a mithai box as her niece was born that morning. Our friendship stayed solid through the years and we've grown together even though we both don't have a lot of free time to hang out like we used to."











ABHISHEK BANNERJEE AND AMAR KAUSHIK

For actor Abhishek Bannerjee, the friend who has been a constant in the industry is director Amar Kaushik. After moving to Mumbai from Kharagpur (West Bengal), Kaushik was there for him through thick and thin. "I was a college student when I worked on No One Killed Jessica (2011), where he directed me for the first time as the second unit director, and I played a small role as a pickpocket," he recalls and adds, "Over the years, we've collaborated on several projects, and our friendship grew stronger. He is the only person who consistently saw the actor in me."

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SONU NIGAM AND RAJU SINGH

Singer Sonu Nigam, originally from Faridabad (NCR), takes us on a nostalgic journey back to the '90s and reveals how composer Raju Singh became his friend. "When I came to Mumbai in 1991, I met a handsome guitarist at a recording, where I sang a few lines and got my first ₹500. Little did I know that the wonderful and talented gentleman, Raju Singh, would become a constant in my life. We have literally grown up together. I feel fortunate to have a good soul like him as my brother and friend in this industry."



KUBBRA SAIT AND ALI FAZAL

Actor Kubbra Sait, born in Bengaluru, shares that her most special friend is actor Ali Fazal. "I remember distinctly when I met him. I was pretty much blown away. This was 15 years ago, just after 3 Idiots (2009). The whole world knew him and I had just moved to Mumbai. I remember he was sitting quietly at Prithvi Theatre when I walked up to him and started singing Give Me Some Sunshine and he was like, 'Who is this person?'" she says, adding, "Over the years, I have seen him evolve. Ali has been one of my favourite people."





ANUPRIYA GOENKA AND PRADEEP SARKAR

Actor Anupriya Goenka, who hails from Kanpur (Uttar Pradesh), began her acting career after moving to Mumbai in 2009. She says late director and screenwriter Pradeep Sarkar was truly there for her. She shares, "Pradeep dada played a very important role in my initiation into the industry. I did my first ad with him, and he then flew me to the Bharat Nirman ad campaign, which was a really huge opportunity."

'Fortunate I can make kids happy through my work'



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It is said that if you win a child's heart, you have won God's heart. This was my way to make God smile through those (underprivileged) kids.

ABHAY VERMA, Actor



Abhay Verma, (inset) with the kids at the shelter home

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The horror-comedy *Munjya* quickly became a box-office hit since its release in June. Basking in its appreciation is actor Abhay Verma, who recently celebrated the film's success with underprivileged kids at a shelter home. "It is said that if you win a child's heart, you have won God's heart. I feel fortunate to be able to spread happiness and make a kid feel something through my work. This was my way to make God smile through those kids," he tells us.

This wasn't the first time he visited these children. "I visit them often, but this time was special, it felt like a soulful experience. The fact that the kids were calling me Bittu (his character's name) and were singing my song felt like a personal win. We ate together, danced together and I gave them gifts. I felt like a kid with them," he says.

The 26-year-old adds that this wasn't just another celebration for him: "I was inspired to work more for such special people in my life. I wanted to listen to them and they have given me so much love."

As he reflects on *Munjya*'s reception, Verma reveals that several outsiders in the industry have congratulated him for the feat. "Not just actors, but also producers, directors and technicians tell me, 'Abhay, you have opened the gates for all of us.' The gates — for newcomers from outside the industry to deliver a successful film in theatres — were shut for the longest time Opening those gates is the biggest opportunity one can get," the actor ends.

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It's really funny: Adil on being 'mistaken' for Turkish shooter





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Actor Adil Hussain recently got a case of mistaken identity that has left him amused. It all started when he was congratulated on clinching a medal at the ongoing Olympic Games in Paris instead of Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikec by a social media user on X.

The post read, "Congratulations sir @_AdilHussain on winning silver at Olympics 2024 for Turkey. Respect." It was shared alongside a side-by-side picture of Hussain and Dikec.

The actor knows how to take a joke and took this one sportingly as well. He replied to the post on X, writing, "Wish this was true... Maybe it's not too late to start practising... Since I have the attitude, I need to work on the skill set now."

Talking about how he thought it was funny and entertaining to be memed like this, Hussain shares, "I don't think the tweet was done because of a misunderstanding. It was a deliberate thing that they have done. It was made in jest, so I was not shocked after stumbling upon it. Instead, I found it really funny and amusing."

Asked if he sees the resemblance between himself and the athlete as pointed out by social media users, and the actor is quick to say, "Absolutely not. I don't think there is any similarity apart from the grey hair and the frame of the glasses... The tweet was made in a light-hearted way and I took it sportingly."

Adil Hussain; and (inset) Yusuf Dikec

Tabu wants pay parity questions to be aimed at male, not female actors

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Either I can say I hate it, or I can say I'm okay with what I'm paid.

TABU, Actor

Actor Tabu said that she is fed up of being asked about pay parity between male and female actors.

"Every mediaperson will ask a female about pay parity. Every journalist will ask only the woman, 'You know a man is paid more, you are paid less.' So why are you asking me? Why don't you ask the person who is paying them more? How am I supposed to answer this question?" the actor told We Are Yuvaa in a recent interview, adding, "Unless you just want to sensationalise the quote by saying, 'I hate it that I'm being paid less,' that's all. I can either say that or I can say that, 'I'm okay with what I'm being paid.' Why don't you ask the male actor why you are getting paid more?"

The 52-year-old feels that such debates are always carried in context of beauty and physicality. "This whole beauty perspective, I feel is more interesting when there is an outside lens to it. Beauty or physicality is always in the context on the lens that is on it," she said.

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Isha, Tugging simultaneously at the strings of my heart and patience, you can easily slip in and out of your main character energy. You wildly oscillate between chaotic good and lawful evil, depending on where one ranks in your current chart of important people. Given your record breaking attention span, it won't be a surprise if people slip off into the annals of "Oh haan, wo bhi toh hai!" But the powers that be were kind to me, and I got to experience the absolute power ball that you are! You are feisty, fiery, passionate, scrappy, cool, and simply hilarious! When you're not being all of these things, you're a kickass friend and the best person to have my back. Oh, and you're also the most chill prima donna to ever diva.

From Kiri Piri

To Kaustubh, You're great, amazing ése... blessed for real to have you.

From Ashwin

To Aapu, Happiest Birthday, and welcome to your 'late' 20s! Hope it's the best ever birthday, as it's your last in India. Don't forget me because despite all the best friends out there, I am your one true bestie... Here's to all the delicious food we have had, all the 1 hour Mall of India bunking seshs and all the chhat escapades. I love youu my Frrrrand!

Alia Ka Older Version

Hey N, Happy Friendship Day! Let's catch up it's been a long while now...

From Mish

Dear Negi, Through the highs and lows, the easier times and tougher ones, only one aspect has remained constant — you being an absolute pain to deal with. And yet, here we are. Love you, Negi! Some sentiments, a big hug, and the hope of you buying yourself a nice friendship band from my side. Maybe next year I'll have a nicer message for you.

From BB

Shilpa, It's just one day of the year but I knw u knw dat every day we hv nly grown stronger! Will be there jab bhi tum pukaro... koshish poori rahegi dost. Mai bulaun toh tum chaali aana. Miss u yaar!!!!

Ur Bestie, H

To Akka, Red is the colour of love. It's the colour of passion and anger. It's the colour of bravery and sacrifice. It's the colour of her Devi. And for me, it's the colour of her smile... As indulgent as it was quick, her smile conveyed more than what novels could! A single shift of her lips, a slight pursing of them, or just that quick sound of mirth that would escape every time a PJ was cracked! Red was the colour of the joy she brought into a room, every time she'd walk in! Red is the colour of the lipstick I'd wear to show her I persevere. On her birthday, I wore my biggest smile, my brightest red, and fulfilled all the silent promises I'd made her, barring one. Red will be the colour of the sky, the day we meet again.

From KKD

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Chekhwaab

This theatrical production, named after writer Anton Chekhov's name and Khwaab (dream), draws its inspiration from the writer's selected short stories. The play transports the audience to late 19th century Russia. It invites spectators to engage with their imagination and allows them to traverse the intricate pasts and potential futures of the characters without any artistic constraints. The infusion of comedy and satire aims to elevate the viewing experience.
Where: Lok Kala Manch, 20 Lodhi Institutional Area, Lodhi Road
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All Together Now

This exhibition by a group of 20 artist friends showcases works in different media created through diverse practices. This includes journalistic reportage, analogue experiments in the darkroom, investigative archival material, pedagogic presentations of form and image practices within the lens of contemporary art. The showcase also calls for speculation in context of the conversations and relationships that connect these artists.
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SET YOUR GARDEN IN BLOOM THIS MONSOON

As the rain pours, it brings with it a divine earthy fragrance and joy to those who find their soul connection in verdant gardens of nature. ***Priya Chakraborty*** *writes*



The monsoon season brings life-giving rains that transform gardens into lush, verdant havens. However, this period also presents unique challenges that one must navigate to ensure their plants thrive. With the right knowledge and techniques, you can make the most of the monsoon season and keep your garden healthy and vibrant. Here are some essential tips for gardening during the rainy season.

MAKE THE BED FOR THE RAINS

Proper soil preparation is crucial during the monsoon season. The heavy rains can lead to waterlogging, which can suffocate plant roots and cause root rot. To prevent this, ensure your soil is well-draining. You can improve soil drainage by mixing in organic matter such as compost, which also enriches the soil with essential nutrients. Creating raised beds is another effective method to improve drainage. Raised beds elevate the soil level, allowing excess water to drain away more efficiently. Ensure that your garden beds have a gentle slope to facilitate water runoff.



KEEP PESTS IN CONTROL

The humid and damp conditions of the monsoon season create a perfect environment for pests and diseases. Keep a close eye on your garden for signs of infestation or disease. Common monsoon pests include snails, slugs, and aphids. To control pests, use organic methods such as neem oil, and garlic spray, or introduce beneficial insects like ladybirds. Regularly inspect your plants and remove any affected leaves or branches to prevent the spread of diseases.

LOCK IN THE MOISTURE

Mulching is a valuable practice during the monsoon season. It helps retain soil moisture, suppress weeds, and prevent soil erosion. Organic mulches, such as straw, grass clippings, and wood chips, decompose over time, enriching the soil with nutrients. Apply a layer of mulch around your plants, ensuring it is thick enough to cover the soil but not so deep that it smothers the plants. Leave a small gap around the base of each plant to prevent the mulch from directly contacting the stems, which can cause rot.



WATER THEM WISELY

While the monsoon provides ample rainfall, it is still important to monitor the moisture levels in your garden. Overwatering can be just as detrimental as underwatering. Check the soil moisture before watering and adjust your schedule accordingly. For container plants, ensure that pots have adequate drainage holes to prevent waterlogging. Raise pots slightly off the ground to allow excess water to drain away.

SHIELD THE GREENS

The season can bring strong winds and heavy rains, which may damage delicate plants. Pruning helps reduce the risk of breakage by removing weak or overgrown branches. Focus on removing any dead or diseased foliage to promote healthy growth. Staking is essential for supporting tall or top-heavy plants that might be vulnerable to being toppled by the wind. Use sturdy stakes and tie the plants loosely to allow some movement, which can help them develop stronger stems.

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