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Israel is already in a 'multi-front war' with Iran and its proxies, PM Benjamin Netanyahu tells a Cabinet meet, as US & allies prepare to defend country from an expected counterstrike and prevent a more destructive regional conflict, P 17

The body of a 26-year-old Indian IT professional who drowned in Glacier National Park in the American state of Montana last month has been recovered by park rangers, P 17

Police across towns and cities in the UK brace themselves for further rioting from far-right activists as violence that erupted in the wake of a stabbing rampage at a dance class shows few signs of abating, P 17

Hundreds of Silicon Valley venture capitalists, investors and tech leaders have rallied to support Kamala Harris for the White House, pushing back at unexpected inroads her rival Trump has made in the tech world through Tesla's Elon Musk and early PayPal investor & CEO Peter Thiel, P 17



9 kids killed as shaky wall near MP temple falls due to showers

Bhopal: Nine kids, between 10 to 14 years, were crushed to death and four others critically injured at a temple when the crumbling wall of an adjacent house weakened by incessant rain collapsed on them in Shahpur town of MP's Sagar district on Sunday. The kids were making earthen Shivlings when the 50-year-old wall gave way. This is the second such incident in the state in two days. Four children, aged 5 to 7 years, had died in a wall collapse while returning from school in Rewa district Saturday. The common link in both instances was that the dilapidated walls had been left unattended like a ticking time bomb. Late Sunday, CM Mohan Yadav ordered the removal of the Sagar collector, SP & the local SDM over collapse. He also suspended the chief municipal officer and a sub-engineer of Shahpur. **TMN**

▶ **Mostly single child, P 14**

Realty firm CEO held at IGI after 60-km pursuit

Delhi Police has apprehended Sanjeev Jain, MD and CEO of Parsvnath Developers Pvt Ltd, while pursuing a non-bailable warrant issued against him. Jain, a resident of DLF Phase-II in Gurgaon, was tracked down by STF of Shahdara from IGI airport, following a 60-km pursuit on Aug 3, police said. The NBW was issued against Jain by joint registrar of National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. **P 6**

Court lens on Waqf properties likely

Proposed amendments to Waqf Act are likely to include judicial scrutiny to determine whether a property is a Waqf asset and provision of registration of properties with collectors for their actual valuation. Plan is to broaden composition of Waqf Council and state boards. **P 9**

Home burnt, man jailed for eloping

A 21-year-old man, Mohd Saddam, whose house was set on fire by a mob on Friday night, was sent to jail by police in UP's Bareilly district on Sunday for allegedly eloping with a 20-year-old woman from another community. **P 14**

7 killed in bus-car collision in Etawah

Seven people died and 25 were hurt in a collision between a Delhi-bound bus & a car on Lucknow-Agra eway in Etawah on Saturday night. Four members of a family returning from Rishikesh died on the Delhi-Mumbai eway in Sawai Madhopur. **P 14**

Man duped of ₹35L in cyber fraud

Posing as law enforcement officers, cyber criminals allegedly duped a man of Rs 35 lakh. They threatened to arrest him in money laundering and trafficking cases and claimed 17 cases were filed against a SIM registered in his name. **P 6**

Delete defamatory posts on Amul: HC

Delhi HC has directed a No-ida resident and some social media platforms to remove defamatory videos on Amul products. This followed a post by Deepa Devi in June claiming she had found a centipede in an Amul vanilla tub, sparking a furore. **P 10**

Do not miss Education Times, a 4-page pullout with today's issue

Tainted babus contacted C'garh HC judge: ED to SC

'WA Chats Reveal AG Acted As Bail Intermediary'

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New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate (ED) has told Supreme Court that Anil Kumar Tuteja and Alok Shukla, two senior bureaucrats who are accused in Chhattisgarh's Nagrik Apurti Nigam (PDS) scam, "were in touch with the high court judge who granted bail to Shukla" in Oct 2019. The then advocate general, Satish Chandra Verma, had been liaising between the two and the judge, ED has claimed.

Though ED's Aug 1 affidavit does not name the judge in question, annexures containing WhatsApp chat details show he was Justice Arvind Kumar Chandel, with ED stating he was approached through his brother and former

'QUID PRO QUO'

▶ ED claims in court that 2 senior Chhattisgarh bureaucrats Anil Kumar Tuteja and Alok Shukla were in touch with HC judge, Justice Arvind Kumar Chandel, with help of AG Satish Chandra Verma

▶ Judge, who has since been transferred to Patna HC, had granted anticipatory bail to Shukla in Oct 2019. Shukla and Tuteja are accused in state's PDS scam

▶ WhatsApp posts reveal bio-data of judge's daughter, son-in-law were sent to Tuteja for 'favourable action', ED says

state chief secretary Ajay Singh. Chandel was transferred to Patna HC this year. ED has claimed the two bureaucrats in the then Baghel-led Congress govt were tampering with evidence to dilute the case against them.

▶ **'Enough proof', P 11**

ED to give ₹12cr attached scam money to victims

Enforcement Directorate is set to start restituting money to individual victims of scams, starting with disbursement of nearly Rs 12 crore in attached FDs of Rose Valley group of companies in Kolkata to around 22 lakh small depositors who had been lured into investing money in the group against exorbitant returns that never materialised, reports Pradeep Thakur.

In a first, a PMLA court in the city ordered ED on July 24 to transfer the money kept in 14 attached FDs to a court-monitored asset disposal committee so that the sum could be disbursed among the duped depositors. PM Modi had pledged during this year's LS poll campaign he would explore legal options to compensate victims of financial crimes. **P 11**

Himanta: Will bring law to give life term for 'love jihad' & another to halt 'land jihad'

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Guwahati: BJP-governed Assam is ready with a proposed law mandating life imprisonment for anyone convicted of "love jihad", CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said Sunday, less than a week after the UP assembly passed a Bill amending the state's 2021 anti-conversion legislation to increase the punishment for offences linked to marriage or elopement from the current maximum 10-year jail term to life.

A law requiring prior chief ministerial consent for land-related transactions between Hindus and Muslims is also in the works to halt what Sarma labelled "land jihad". "We spoke about love ji-

'Only Assam-born will get govt jobs'

Assam will introduce "within the next two months" a domicile policy aimed at making only those born in the state eligible for state govt jobs, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said. "The state govt has recruited over 97,000 people in a transparent manner since May 2021, creating an ecosystem that builds trust," Sarma said. **P 14**

had during the elections. It is a real and serious issue, involving forced conversions and deceitful romantic relationships. In the next few days, we aim to take steps to make this punishable with a life sentence," the CM said.

▶ **'Land jihad big threat', P 14**

City hit-and-run ends in an inferno, probe leads cops to senior Delhi govt official

New Delhi: A PCR call about a car up in flames in central Delhi's Jhandewalan prompted the cops and fire officials to rush to the spot early Sunday. But when they reached, they found a bike under the burning car as well, prompting a hunt for possible victims of this conflagration.

An hour later, after scanning CCTVs, the cops found themselves probing a hit-and-run in which a bike had been dragged for 2km before the vehicles turned into fireballs.

Soon, the cops were looking at a senior Delhi govt official who was allegedly driving the Creta that was gutted. His questioning led them to the bike owner, Gurvinder, who works with Rapido. He had escaped with minor injuries. **TMN**

▶ **Drags bike for 2km, P 5**



The rider of the bike gutted in the crash escaped with minor injuries

Burglar attacks retd IRS official, wife

A retired IRS official and his wife suffered injuries after being assaulted by a knife-wielding burglar in their home in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj early on Saturday. Police have arrested a suspect. Alleging it was an attempt to murder case, the official claimed the thief said he wanted to kill him. **P 5**

Will notify just 1.4% of Najafgarh jheel's 5k acres as wetland: Hry

In response to NGT's direction seeking a status report on Najafgarh jheel, Haryana has submitted a plan to the green body, saying it will declare only 75 acres of the 5,288-acre jheel, which is on Haryana-Delhi border, as a wetland. The state govt has also given a timeline for various projects aimed at channeling water away from the

▶ **Govt may reinstate NCZ to shield Aravalis, P 6**

jheel, reports Ipsita Pati. In 2014, Intach, an NGO, filed an application in NGT that the jheel should be declared a wetland and steps taken to conserve it. In a Dec 2022 hearing, NGT called for remedial measures to stop discharge of sewage into Najafgarh drain, which feeds the eponymous lake. **P 6**

Wayanad woman who sent 1st SOS, then went to help others is also dead

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Kochi: At 1.30am on Tuesday, Neethu Jojo made the first phone call that let the world know of the tragedy that was about to unfold in Wayanad.

As a resident of Chooramala and recognising the tell-tale signs of a devastation unfolding — the roar of the wind, the thunder of rocks tumbling down and the gushing water that entered her home — Neethu lost no time in calling up Wayanad Institute of Medical Sciences (WIMS) where she worked as an executive. "She called me up around 1.30am. She told me that there was a massive landslide in

Teenager deletes cherished memories on phone as tragedy wipes out his entire family

Punchirimmattom, the once safe and beautiful village that Abhijith Kallingal (18) often clicked and shared with friends, has turned into a site of an unimaginable tragedy. Tuesday's landslide flattened the village and shattered Abhijith's life, claiming the lives of his entire family, eight in all — including his parents, siblings, grandmother, uncle, aunt, cousin, and four close neighbours. At a relief camp this weekend, Abhijith sat deleting the cherished photos, unable to bear the memories they evoked. **P 13**

▶ **Kedarnath rescue ops on, 400 still stranded, P 13**

her area, and the area was being inundated. She asked me to send a vehicle to rescue them," Shanavas Palliyal, deputy general manager at WIMS, told TOI.

▶ **Days after HP cloudburst, no trace of 44 people, P 13**

Palliyal pacified Neethu, telling her that help was on the way and then got around to arranging it.

▶ **Bangle helped, P 13**

10-man India stun Britain, enter hockey semis after Sreejesh's shootout sparkler

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Yves-du-Manoir, the venue of India's hockey quarter-final match against Great Britain, was the setting of one of the greatest underdog sports films of all time — Escape to Victory. On Sunday, Indian goalkeeper P R Sreejesh rose to the cinematic heights of Captain Robert Hatch, the Allied POW team goalkeeper played by Sylvester Stallone in the film, as the defending bronze medallists fashioned an incredible escape to the semifinals.

Reduced to 10 men in the second quarter after defender Amit Rohidas got a red card, it was seemingly a losing battle for India. But Sreejesh deci-

LAKSHYA TO RALLY FOR BRONZE TODAY



Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh, 37, is mobbed by teammates following the team's 5-3 win in the shootout against Britain

BADMINTON
Spunky Sen Falls To Great Dane: Lakshya Sen loses to defending champion Viktor Axelsen of Denmark in straight games in men's singles semis despite initially leading in both games. He will now play Lee Ji Jia of Malaysia in the bronze medal match today

BOXING
Women's 75kg QF: Lovlina Borgohain loses 1-4 to China's Li Qian to end India's campaign in boxing

INTERNATIONAL
US swimmer Katie Ledecky collects a 4th straight 800m freestyle title and 9th career Oly gold, equalling the most ever won by a woman athlete in any sport

Novak Djokovic becomes 5th player to complete career Golden Slam (4 Grand Slam titles & Oly gold) in singles after beating Carlos Alcaraz 7-6, 7-6 in the final. Others are Serena Williams, Steffi Graf, Agassi & Nadal

FULL COVERAGE | P 18-20

ded that nothing was going to go past him on the day. After Britain's equaliser, he made save after save for the next two quarters as the match ended 1-1 after 60 minutes.

Indians celebrated, confident that Sreejesh, who'll retire from international hockey after the Games, would be hard to beat. The 37-year-old brought all his experience in-

to play, forcing Connor Williamson to shoot out and then saving the 4th penalty by Roper to set up a famous 5-3 win.

▶ **Of Guts & Glory, P 19**

Cong, govt spar over NTA 'profit' of ₹448 crore

Claiming National Testing Agency to be "at the very heart of NEET scandal", Congress Sunday accused it of making a Rs 448-crore profit in last six years by conducting exams and not using the corpus "to build its capabilities to conduct tests itself or to strengthen regulatory and monitoring capabilities for its vendors". Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan junked the claim. "Unlike typical govt entities, self-sustaining bodies like NTA have operational costs. It has been in the negative since its inception," he said. **P 14**

97 dead as violence flares up again in Bangladesh

At least 97 people, including 14 policemen, were killed and hundreds injured on Sunday in fierce clashes between protesters demanding PM Sheikh Hasina's resignation and ruling party supporters, forcing authorities to cut off mobile internet and enforce a nationwide curfew indefinitely.

The clashes broke out Sunday morning when protesters attending the non-cooperation programme under the banner of the Students Against Discrimination with a demand of the govt's resignation over a job quota system faced opposi-



Men run past a shopping centre that was set on fire in Dhaka

tion from ruling party supporters. The fresh round of clashes erupted days after over 200 people were killed in violent clashes between the police and mostly student protesters. **P 17**

LG says key drains not desilted for yrs, AAP hits back

Raj Niwas on Sunday claimed three crucial drains of the city — Barapullah, Sunehri and Kushak Nalla — had not been desilted and clogged for years, and situation was "appalling and shameful". "It requires urgent corrective measures to ensure the smooth flow of water to mitigate flooding," LG VK

▶ **Roads can't function as makeshift drains: HC, P 3**

Saxena said. Hitting back, AAP said the phrase that best fitted the situation of LG was "Huzoor Aate Aate Bahut Der Kar Di". **P 3**

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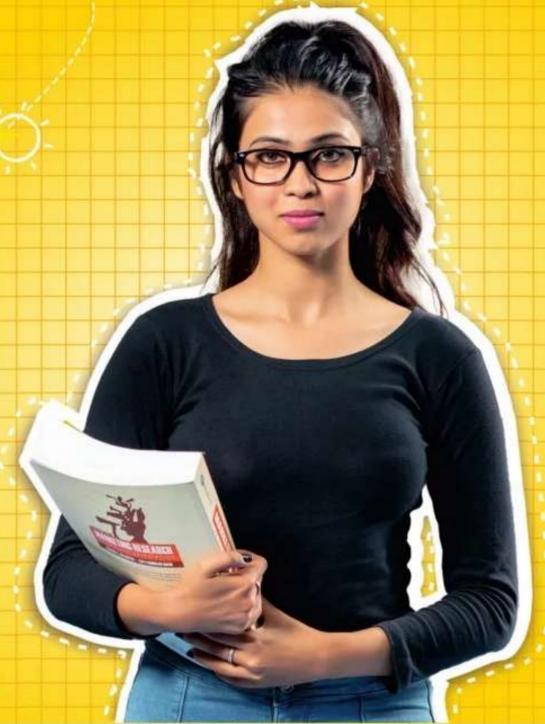
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Roadblock Ahead: Breaking Down Reasons For Your Road Travel Pains

Ageing Bus Fleet A Worry; It Takes Avg Of 50 Mins To Rectify Situation, Resulting In Traffic Jams Too

Abhinav Rajput & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: In Delhi, it's a common occurrence to come across social media posts by the traffic police, urging people to steer clear of certain roads because of a jam created by the breakdown of a bus. These reported incidents are a mere fraction of the actual number of daily breakdowns. According to Delhi Traffic Police, on average, 70 Delhi Transport Corporation and Cluster Scheme buses stall on the roads every day.

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The consequences of a bus breakdown are complex. It not only causes inconvenience to passengers who are stranded on the road, but it also results in traffic congestion, with the slowed and idling vehicles adding to the air pollution burden.

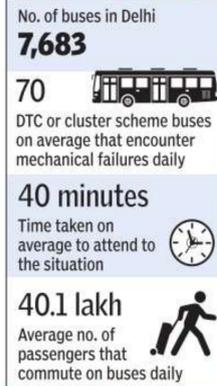
A traffic officer said that it typically took around 50 minutes to rectify the situation arising from a bus breakdown. In some instances, the resolution time exceeds an hour. Removing the buses

is a tedious task since they have hydraulic brake setups that can only be opened by expert mechanics. Since buses ply on long routes, the depots are generally at some distance from the breakdown spot and the arrival of the required mechanical personnel also takes time.

Officials in the transport department said that one of the top reasons for the frequent breakdowns is age of the CNG buses. There are 7,683 buses in the DTC and Cluster fleets, around half of them run on CNG. The latter are all over 10 years old. A DTC official said, "These buses are at the end of their life. In fact, they are on an extended life and this often means more breakdowns." Another official added, "The problem is that we cannot phase out buses as soon as they reach the age of 10 because of passenger demand and the time required to get their replacements, especially electric buses. So, we have no other option but to carry on with the aged buses."

In 2018, Delhi gov't told the Supreme Court that the city required 11,000 buses. Anil Chhikara, former deputy commissioner in the trans-

70 BUSES ON AVG ENCOUNTER MECHANICAL FAILURES DAILY



FACTORS

- Buses being overaged is a major reason
- The whole CNG fleet of 3,191 buses is more than 10 years old
- Breakdowns reported even in new electric buses

PROBLEMS FACED BY PASSENGERS

- Bus breakdowns lead to traffic jams
- Breakdown adds to the pollution load
- The situation is worse when a bus breaks down in the morning or evening rush hours
- Passengers riding in it left stranded
- Situation even worse when roads are flooded during monsoon

port department and faculty at Asian Institute of Transport Development, said there were numerous reasons why bus procurement is delayed.

One, of course, is the time it takes to manufacture an e-bus and the time it takes for it to undergo various tests.

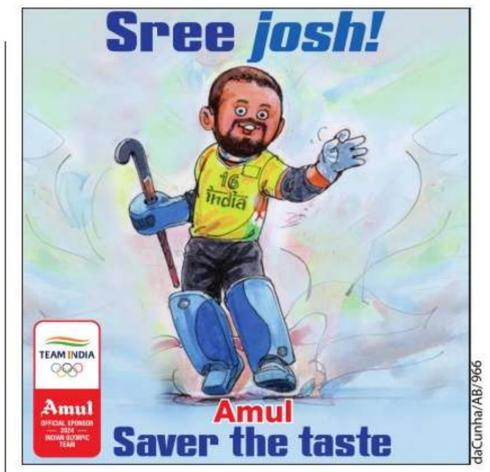
Another major reason, ac-

ording to Chhikara, is that while auto companies want to sell buses, they are hesitant when it comes to annual maintenance contracts because

they know that govt buses have a higher wear and tear rate. There were cases in the past where tenders were scrapped due to "unrealistic, exorbitantly high, unreasonable and unjustifiable" rates quoted for maintenance. While the breakdown rate for electric buses is low, they aren't immune from problems.

According to govt data, 79 DTC or Cluster buses broke down every day in Delhi between July 22 and June 2023, with around 40 minutes taken to attend to the situation. Seeing this, transport minister Kailash Gahlot had formed a committee to consider how to deal with the frequent breakdowns.

Gahlot told TOI, "The breakdowns have reduced in the past few months after the transport department was told to ensure proper maintenance of the buses. In the rainy season, vehicles are in any way prone to snags." He added that the govt inducted 320 new electric buses only last week and claimed that the public bus fleet would be boosted by bringing in 2,000 electric buses by December 2025. The mohalla bus service would also be launched soon, adding more buses on the roads.



Ghazipur deaths: DDA refutes allegation drain comes under its purview

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority has refuted allegations made by AAP councillors regarding the portion of the Ghazipur drain where a mother and her child tragically drowned on July 31. The authority called the accusation entirely 'wrong' and a 'blatant attempt to shift responsibility'.

According to DDA, the document being circulated by the civic body, which contains these allegations, is an internal MCD paper that has "neither been seen nor signed by any official of DDA". The authority referred to a statement issued by MCD executive engineer III office, Shahdara south zone, and signed by its officials on Aug 1.

Following the incident, a meeting was held by SDM, Mayapuri Vihar, at Ghazipur police station to discuss waterlogging prevention. Officials from various departments, including Delhi Police, DDA, DDMA, PWD, DJB and MCD, were present. The team also visited the location identified by MCD as the accident spot.

DDA emphasised that at no point did their officials, either in writing or verbally, acknowledge or accept that the accident spot pertained to DDA. "Therefore, the facts presented in the report of the executive engineer, MCD of Aug 1, claiming that DDA accepted that the site of the inci-

According to DDA, the document being circulated by the civic body, which contains these allegations, is an internal MCD paper that has 'neither been seen nor signed by any official of DDA'

dent pertains to it, are entirely incorrect and a blatant attempt to shift responsibility," it said.

The LG's office, in a statement, clarified that of the total length of 1,350 metres of the drain, 1,000 metres were handed over to MCD on April 17, 2023. DDA covered its 350-metre section with RCC slabs after desilting. DDA further stated that the open drain, along with 9.9 km of roads, was transferred to MCD in March 2023, with DDA paying deficiency charges of Rs 26 crore in April 2023, and it remained uncovered.

This response comes after AAP questioned the 'silence' of BJP and the Centre on the deaths and held a series of press conferences. Gopal Rai, AAP's Delhi convener, accused BJP of remaining silent on issues involving Delhi Police, DDA, central agencies and MPs. The party demanded punitive action against DDA officials and compensation for the victims' family. AAP also staged a protest outside LG VK Saxena's house on Saturday, demanding the same.

LG says three crucial drains not desilted for years, AAP hits back

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New Delhi: Raj Niwas on Sunday claimed that three crucial drains of the city — Barapullah, Sunehri and Kushak Nalla — had not been desilted and declogged for years, and the situation on the ground was "appalling and shameful."

"It requires urgent corrective measures to ensure the smooth flow of water to mitigate flooding," LG VK Saxena said. Raj Niwas said LG was appalled to see the "pathetic condition" of the drains, which were heavily choked with debris, silt deposits and heaps of construction and demolition waste.

Saxena on Sunday inspected the drains and directed their cleaning in 15 days. "The drains that carry the stormwater to Yamuna have not been desilted and declogged for several years, which, in turn, results in the backflow of water into the city and the flooding of their catchment colonies, which includes a large part of South East and New Delhi areas," LG house said.

Saxena was accompanied by officials of the drain-owning agencies, such as MCD and irrigation and flood control department. LG directed district magistrates to submit daily reports on the cleaning process with photographs, an LG house official said.

At Barapullah drain, which is managed by irrigation and flood control department, only five out of the 12 bays under the culverts were found operational. The remaining were heavily choked with silt, debris and garbage from the nearby slums. One of these bays was also closed due to jugglers' encroachment.

The clogging of the drain led to backflow of water and flooding of areas, such as Nizamuddin, Lodhi Road, Jungpura, CGO Complex and other adjoining parts, Raj Niwas said. The department was directed



to clean all the bays immediately. LG also visited the historic ASI-protected Old Barapullah Bridge and found it to be heavily encroached upon. He directed DM (South East) to get all the encroachments cleared by joint action within a week.

At Sunehri Nalla, three out of its six bays were clog-

ged, obstructing the free flow of stormwater, while at Kushak Nalla, only four out of the seven bays were found to be open, with the remaining three bays lying completely choked, drastically reducing their water-carrying capacity. This, in turn, leads to avoidable backflow and flooding

in their catchment colonies.

Delhi has, since the arrival of the monsoon, seen several areas being waterlogged every time there is moderate to heavy rainfall. Last week, three UPSC aspirants died after water entered the basement of a coaching institute.

Hitting back, AAP said the phrase that best fitted the situation of LG was 'Huzoor Aate Aate Bahut Der Kar Di' (Sir, you arrived too late, after the incident had lost its significance). The party said: "The urban development minister has been shouting from the top of the wall that the chief secretary has been given the responsibility by HC to ensure that there is no waterlogging in Delhi, to ensure that there is proper desilting of drains by all the agencies."

The court had appointed him the chairperson of IDMC (Integrated Drain Management Cell) with the thought that he would supervise the efforts of various agencies of desilting and verify the same, it said. However, the chief secretary ignored these directions, AAP alleged. When asked about the list of desilted drains by urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj, CS also ignored his orders, the party claimed.

The official was repeatedly reminded by Bharadwaj to send the list of desilted drains. However, he made several excuses, it added.

"The elected govt has provided ample video proof showing that despite knowing about serious corruption in the desilting of drains, the chief secretary did not take action against PWD secretary or other officials," AAP said. "Now that the monsoon is almost over, LG has come forward, just to pay lip service and engage in dirty politics. It would have been better if LG had taken action against chief secretary and PWD Secretary, as well as any other officers involved in the wrongdoings," it added.

HC slams authorities: Roads in city can't function as 'makeshift drains'

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New Delhi: Roads in Delhi can't function as "makeshift drains," Delhi High Court has underlined, in a clear disapproval of the failure of civic agencies during the monsoon.

In its order handing over the investigation into the deaths of three UPSC aspirants to CBI, HC flagged several instances of 2024 itself where it had to step in due to govt authorities acting in such a "farfetched way".

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, in its order released on Sunday, said, "This court is further of the view that roads cannot function as makeshift drains" during the rains. Consequently, commissioner, MCD is directed to ensure that the drains in the area are functional and their actual capacity is commensurate with the requirement of the area. The same should be done in a phased manner at the earliest. Encroachments, illegal and unauthorised constructions in the area, including such construction on the stormwater

drain/sewage drain/barrel drain, shall be removed forthwith."

Asking the CBI to carry out a "full-fledged investigation" on Rajender Nagar basement deaths, HC said the probe must include "the criminal negligence, dereliction of duties, corrupt practices indulged in by any person, including the officials of the local authorities". It also directed all local authorities to cooperate with the investigations "as three young lives were snuffed out apparently due to greed and/or negligence and/or failure to discharge duty".

HC listed out a few recent instances of lapses by agencies warranting an intervention by court. It cited an ongoing CBI probe ordered by it in the case of encroachment and illegal unauthorised construction in Nizamuddin area. It highlighted that despite sealing orders being in force, a property had been sold to a new purchaser and three more floors had been added without obtaining any permission/sanction from MCD, and that too, within 100m of centrally protected monuments like "Nizamuddin Ki Baoli" and "Barakhamba Tomb".

It pointed out that administratively, "Delhi has a multiplicity of authorities, who are only passing the buck and blaming each other. Instead of dealing with challenges unitedly, they seem to be inimical to each other. There is a public perception that civic authorities are inefficient and incapable of giving any relief to the citizens".

The court recalled how in April it had to step in to get Delhi govt and MCD to release funds to buy textbooks for students enrolled in corporation schools since in MCD, "no contract worth Rs 5 crore has been awarded for more than a year, as there is no standing committee in place and the commissioner's power to award contracts is limited to Rs 5 crore. If the capacity of drains in the area in question has to be brought at par with the present-day requirement, then an amount much in excess of rupees five crores would have to be spent."

In its order, HC highlighted that in a "freebie culture, the state neither collects taxes nor spends adequate money on infrastructure", noting that it has set up a panel for a "relook" into it.



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SC may rule today on govt plea on MCD aldermen

New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to pronounce its verdict on Aug 5 on a Delhi govt's plea challenging the lieutenant governor's decision to nominate aldermen in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi without the aid and advice of the council of ministers.

A bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices PS Narasimha, JB Pardiwala had reserved its verdict in the matter on May 17, last year. As per the apex court's website, a bench headed by Justice PS Narasimha will be pronouncing the verdict.

Last year, the top court said giving the LG the power to nominate aldermen to the MCD will mean he can destabilise an elected civic body. The MCD has 250 elected and 10 nominated members.

In Dec 2022, AAP defeated BJP in the civic elections, winning 134 wards and ending the saffron party's 15-year run at the helm of the MCD. BJP won 104 seats and Congress finished a distant third with nine.

"Is the nomination of specialised people in MCD of that much concern to the Centre? Actually, giving this power to the LG would effectively mean that he can destabilise the democratically elected municipal committees because they (aldermen) will have voting powers also," the top court had said.

Senior advocate Abhishek Singhvi, appearing for Delhi govt, had contended that no separate powers have been accorded to the state govt to nominate people to the MCD, and for the past 30 years, the practice of the LG nominating aldermen on the aid and advice of the city govt has been followed.

The additional solicitor general Sanjay Jain, appearing for the LG's office, had submitted that just because a practice has been followed for 30 years does not mean it is correct.

Earlier, SC had asked about the "source of power" of the LG under the Constitution and the law to nominate aldermen to the MCD without the aid and advice of the elected govt.

The ASG had argued that the file pertaining to nominations to the MCD comes directly to the office of LG, and the concept of aid and advice is not applicable in this case. **PTI**

Rain Likely To Gain Intensity From Tuesday

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SUNDAY SHOWERS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The city got very light to light showers on Sunday evening. There is a possibility of more intense rain from Tuesday to Thursday.

Although no rain was seen at any station in the city from 11.30am to 5.30pm, some parts of the capital reported rain between 5.30pm and 8.30pm.

Safdarjung, the city's base station, logged 4.5mm of rainfall during this period. The rain was uneven as SPS Mayur Vihar recorded 4.5mm and Narela recorded 3.5mm, while Palam and Delhi University reported very light rainfall of 1.5mm each.

A Met official said very light to light rain may lash the city on Monday. Strong surface winds at the speed of 25-35 kmph may blow during the daytime on Monday.

The maximum temperature on Sunday reached 36 degrees Celsius, two degrees above normal and 1.3 degrees higher than Saturday's maximum.

The relative humidity ranged between 61% and 85%. The minimum temperature was 27.4 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal, according to India Meteorological Department.

According to a Met official, "There is a possibility of

very light to light showers on Monday. However, intense spells of rain may happen from Tuesday to Thursday."

IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert (be aware) for rain from August 6-8, with no colour-coded warning for Monday.

The maximum temperature is expected to remain around 34-35 degrees Celsius over the next three days, and the minimum temperature is likely to stay around 26-27 for the next few days.

IMD's data reveals that Safdarjung has received 114.1mm of rainfall so far in Aug, with 107.6mm recorded in a single day, Aug 1, during a spell of heavy rain. The long-period average rainfall for the entire August is 233.1mm.

July, however, ended on a rain deficit of 3%. The last month had logged 203.7mm of rainfall as opposed to the month's normal of 209.7mm.

Delhi's air quality remained within the 'satisfactory' category on Sunday, with an AQI of 62. It is expected to remain in the same category till Wednesday. The Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi expects the AQI to remain in the 'satisfactory' to 'moderate' category for the subsequent six days from Wednesday onwards.

Knife-armed burglar breaks into ret'd IRS official's home

Akshat Rajan | TNN

New Delhi: A retired IRS official and his wife suffered injuries after being assaulted by a knife-wielding burglar in their home in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj early on Saturday. Police have arrested a suspect.

Police said retired bureaucrat Abhay Kumar Singh resides in Pocket D-2 of Vasant Kunj. "Singh was sleeping at home around 1am when he was roused by noise in the balcony contiguous to the bedroom. He saw a man entering the bedroom through a sliding door. Singh started yelling, which woke up his family and his domestic help," a senior police officer said.

The family tried to restrain the burglar to the room, but he escaped from the balcony. The retired official suffered a knife injury and his wife too was injured. They were taken to AIIMS' Trauma Centre and discharged after treatment.

"It was an extremely harrowing ordeal for me. I hope Delhi police acts on the case. This is not a mere case of burglary. This is a case of attempted murder. This is a case of inflicting grievous injury with a sharp weapon. He wielded a knife. The police should investigate all conceivable angles since the man did not appear to be just a thief because he was asserting that he will kill me," Singh said.

The family made a PCR call and police arrived. The forensic team has gathered prints and clues, and a case of burglary and injury was registered at Vasant Kunj south police station. Six police teams were formed to catch the man, and by working on the clues, a suspect was arrested.

"The suspect has been identified as Jitender (38), a resident of Meerut," Rohit Meena, DCP (southwest), said. A man called Arun, who lives in Raj Nagar, Palam village, was also caught for harbouring Jitender. Three laptops and a laptop bag were recovered from his possession.

Police teams are investigating the matter to ensure that all facets of the case were explored. The incident raises a question on the safety and security of the elderly and retired persons, who reside in the Vasant Kunj area in substantial numbers.

LG ignored several requests by me on vacant health posts: Bharadwaj

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New Delhi: Delhi health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Sunday accused LG VK Saxena of inaction in the recruitment of medical staff in govt hospitals, despite "multiple requests" by him to speed up the process.

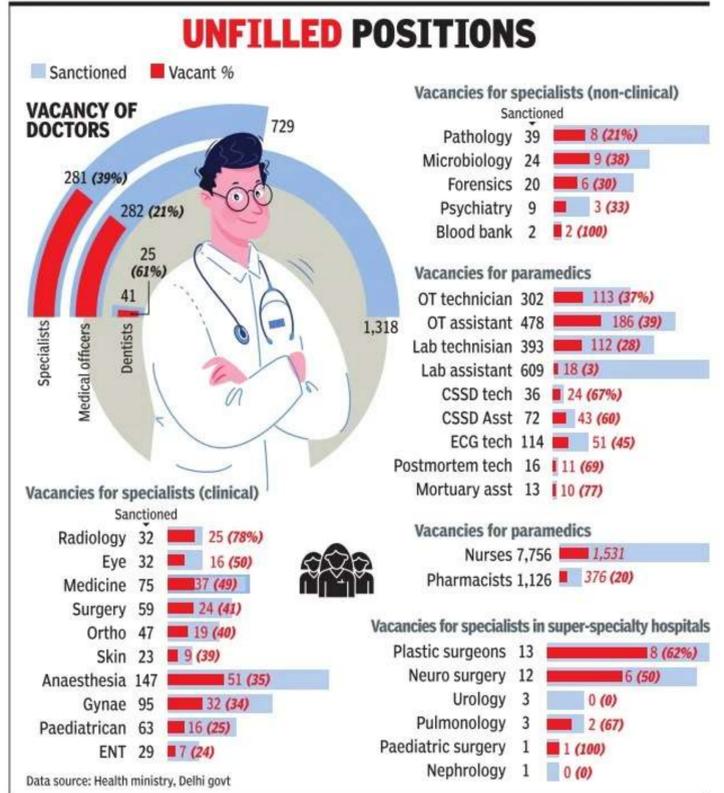
He has said the situation had led to machines worth crores of rupees lying idle in hospitals as there were no radiologists to operate them.

Bharadwaj flagged five documents that included letters to LG and notes to officials and Raj Niwas, in which he had demanded that the filling of vacancies be expedited as it was leading to crippling of the health infrastructure and patients were facing a crisis. After reports of at least 14 deaths of inmates in July at Asha Kiran Home, AAP govt and Raj Niwas have been at loggerheads.

Bharadwaj said the recruitment of doctors and technicians fell under LG's authority. "I have written multiple times to him, but there has been no action. I joined as health minister in March last year and wrote to him in April to fill 292 vacancies of doctors and 234 vacancies of specialists. I had suggested that since the recruitment through UPSC was taking time, the doctors could be hired on contractual basis," he said.

In the letter dated April 19, 2023, the minister wrote that there were 292 vacant posts of non-teaching specialists and 234 vacant posts of general duty medical officers in Delhi health services. He also mentioned that the transfer of doctors from the central health services had led to the shortage, thereby affecting the quality of health services and requested the LG to ensure that Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) filled the vacant posts at the earliest.

"Due to such a large number of vacant posts of doctors, the quality of health care being delivered to the citizens in the health facilities is being adversely affected. Moreover, several specialties in some hospitals like radiology, anaesthesiology and general medicine are either non-functional or compromised," he said.



He said Delhi govt had requested UPSC several times to fill these vacancies at the earliest. However, their effort had not brought the desired result. Of the documents flagged by him, one was of June 25 marked to the secretary of health, in which he had said that the process to create posts through DSSSB and UPSC was "slow" although new hospitals would come up soon.

In another letter on July 26 this year to Raj Niwas, he had demanded that since UPSC took time in filling vacancies, doctors could be hired on a contractual basis. As per the health ministry, there are several vacancies pending for years that include 281 vacant posts of specialist doctors out of 729, and 25 vacant posts of dentists out of 41. The

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backlog is high in 'specialist clinical' category with 78% posts vacant in radiology, 50% in eye, 49% in medicine, and 41% in surgery.

"A conspiracy is being hatched against the people of Delhi. LG's office is committing a sin by stopping the treatment of these poor and helpless people," he said.

The LG's office did not re-

spond to the allegations. Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that it seemed that Bharadwaj, like chief minister Arvind Kejriwal, didn't believe in the constitutional system but in anarchy. According to constitutional provisions, govt jobs should be filled by recruitment through UPSC, but Bharadwaj wanted to employ contract workers for arbitrary recruitment, he said.

Kapoor said the root cause of the continuous clash between Kejriwal govt and LG was that Kejriwal's ministers wanted to act arbitrarily, but the LG didn't allow it.

Delhi govt has 38 multispecialty and super specialty hospitals, 167 allopathic dispensaries, 58 seed primary urban health centres, 517 mohalla clinics and 30 polyclinics.

Cops register case of rash, negligent driving after car drags bike for 2km

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It emerged that while traversing homeward at an excessive speed, the Creta driver had collided with a Rapido bike. The impact was such that the bike rider was thrown into the air and landed on the side. His bike, however, remained lodged inside the car.

The driver then tried to speed away, according to cops. While fleeing the scene in a state of panic, he dragged the bike for about 2km. Consequently, the bike ignited near Videocon Tower in Jhandewalan due to the prolonged friction.

As a result of the bike's conflagration, the Creta also caught fire. Upon noticing flames emanating from his car's bonnet and realising that the vehicle had caught fire, the driver halted the car



Both the bike and car caught fire in the incident

and managed to extricate himself swiftly. Both the car and the bike were completely incinerated in the accident.

Later, the police registered a case under sections pertaining to rash and negligent driving. The charred car and bike were

impounded. The driver was detained and his blood samples taken for testing of alcohol consumption and content.

"During questioning, the driver claimed to be excise deputy commissioner R C Meena. He was let off as the case was

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registered under bailable sections," said a senior police officer. According to police, Meena is a Danics officer.

"On Saturday, he went to a restaurant in west Delhi and was headed for his residence in Civil Lines in his Creta. When he approached Videocon Tower at Jhandewalan on Pusa Road via Patel Nagar around 2am, he collided with a bike," the officer added.

BJP wants review of govt's decisions; AAP calls it a 'dictatorial mindset'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that Arvind Kejriwal was a dictatorial chief minister, which has been proved by the fact that most cabinet decisions in the past two-and-a-half years of AAP govt were taken by circulating cabinet notes among ministers instead of discussing the issues at meetings of the council of ministers.

"The foundation of a democratic govt is discussion in cabinet meetings, where the chief minister's proposals are reviewed by the members, as well as the chief secretary and other participating officials, who provide their suggestions. Decisions are then made unanimously," Sachdeva said. "In an emergency situation, there is a constitutional provision for circulation of files of the cabinet, wherein the chief minister can make decisions and implement them, with all ministers and officials later signing on them," he said.

Sachdeva added that Kejriwal govt

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consistently disregards the Constitution. The chief minister does not believe in calling cabinet meetings for discussions and has turned the provision of circulation of files, meant for emergencies, into a standard administrative practice, he said.

The Delhi BJP president said it was time to review all the decisions made through this arbitrary system of cabinet meetings by Kejriwal govt to ensure there has been no corruption. Six cabinet meetings took place in 2022, while two meetings each took place in 2023 and 2024. The last meeting of the council of ministers this year was

held on March 7, two weeks before the arrest of Kejriwal.

AAP had earlier said that policies on matters such as electric vehicles, rapid rail transit systems, business blasters in govt universities, construction of a new court, and solar energy were under consideration for a long time and extensive deliberations had already taken place before the council of ministers, which had stamped its approval on them.

"Circulating cabinet notes instead of holding physical meetings accelerates decision-making and expedites policy implementation. Policies that are crystal clear and certain to be implemented don't require physical meetings. These can be efficiently handled through circulation of cabinet notes," AAP had said in a statement. AAP said BJP's only issue was an honest governance had provided free electricity and a top-notch public transport system to people. The BJP's dictatorial mindset is evident from its misuse of agencies to prevent the release of the Delhi CM, it said.

Sporting dream takes flight as DDA's two centres of excellence get ready for launch

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority is set to complete work on its two centres for excellence next month, more than five years after sharing plans to establish these facilities with amenities typically found in international sporting venues. The centres, located in Dwarka Sector 19 and Sector 8, aim to provide specialised training and resources in particular sports.

"The Centre for Excellence at Sector 19 will be completed by end of Sept and primarily have specialised facilities for tennis and shooting (10m and 25m). Coaching will be imparted through the best trainers once the facility and equipment are in place," said a DDA official. During a visit to the Sector 19 project, which spans an area of eight hectares, TOI observed ongoing work in the common area, including tiling and levelling next to the complex building.

The complex will also offer a range of indoor and outdoor sports activities for the benefit of local residents. The outdoor sports options include swim-

HOME STRETCH

DDA's Centre for Excellence at Dwarka Sector-19 and Sector-8 to be completed by end of the month

Sector-19 centre

- Specialised facilities for tennis and shooting (10m and 25m)
- Indoor and outdoor sports facilities, including swimming, lawn tennis, basketball, volleyball, jogging track,

Sector-8 centre

- Recreational spaces for cafeteria, restaurant and bar, coffee shop, conference room, lecture room
- Recreational spaces for cycling track, multi-gym, table tennis, yoga, aerobics and badminton

Sector-8 centre

Will specialise in wrestling, boxing and judo karate



Work in progress at Rohini and Dwarka Sector-23 centres

- Each centre for excellence will focus on just one discipline
- DDA will provide facilities that are usually available at international sporting centres

DDA operates 17 sports complexes

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ming, lawn tennis, basketball, volleyball, jogging track, cycling track and a children's park. Indoor facilities will feature a multi-gym, table tennis, yoga, aerobics and badminton. These amenities will be accessible through membership and on a pay-and-play basis.

The complex will also provide recreational spaces such as a cafeteria, restaurant and bar, coffee shop, conference room, lecture room and an administrative office. To boost its revenue and utilise funds for the maintenance of sports complexes, last year DDA had decided to lease

out spaces for a fine-dining restaurant, open banquet and a restaurant-cum-bar. DDA's second centre for excellence at Sector 8 will specialise in wrestling, boxing and judo karate and be completed by next month end. Apart from these two centres, DDA is working on

a similar facility with special arrangements for aquatics at Sector 33 Rohini, and it is expected to be complete by the end of this year. The fourth under-construction centre for excellence for hockey and football is at Sector 23 Dwarka, but its completion may take time as some modalities have to be worked out.

"The centres of excellence won't be like a regular sports complex with multi-disciplinary facilities. Instead, each of them is aimed at grooming talented youngsters into sportspersons. Each centre will focus on just one discipline and DDA will provide the best coaching facilities available," said an official.

The official emphasised the significance of these mega projects, stating, "These mega projects will not only promote sports in the city but will also contribute to the ease of living for the people of Delhi and nurture young talent."

Currently, DDA operates 17 sports complexes, which have a total membership of over 53,386, excluding dependents, and are utilised by approximately 213,235 individuals on a monthly basis.

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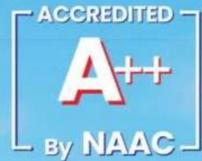
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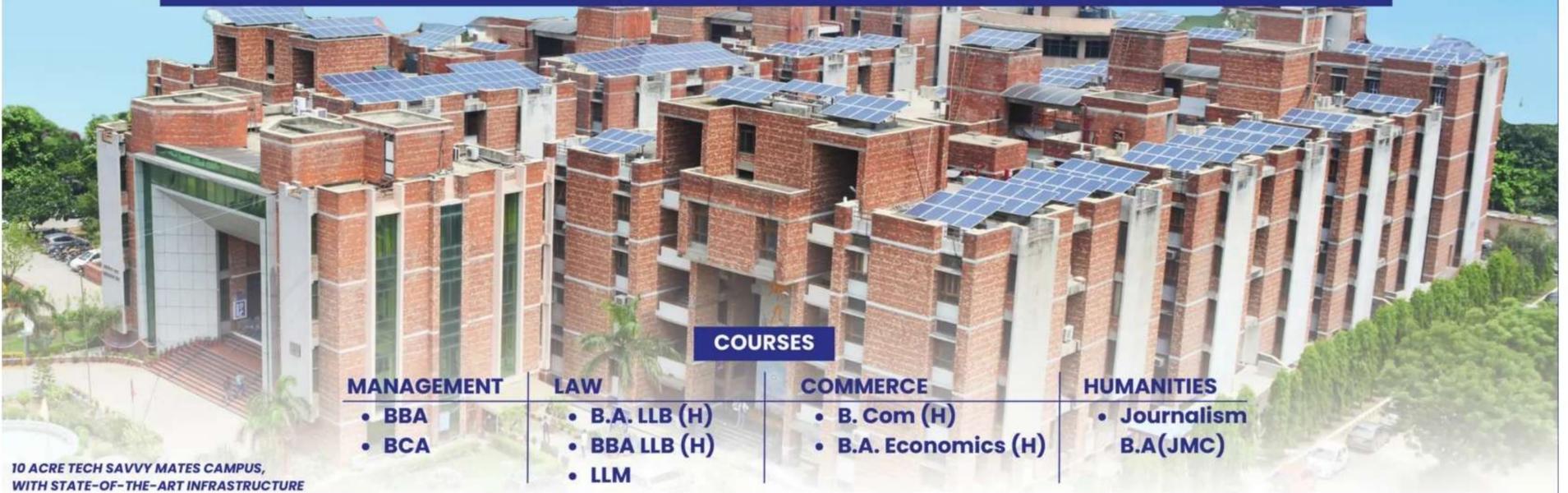
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Man found murdered at home: Police are searching for a woman who has been missing since her husband was discovered dead at their home in south-west Delhi's Chhawla on Sunday. The

deceased was identified as Amit Rawat, a 33-year-old taxi driver. Police are awaiting the postmortem report to determine whether this is a case of homicide or self-harm. **TNN**

Consider team of IPS officers to probe Noida land fraud: SC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Noida: Supreme Court has asked UP govt to consider in two weeks filing a formal FIR and setting up a committee of senior IPS officers to investigate allegations that Noida Authority illegally doled out land compensation worth around Rs 120 crore in the past 15 years.

The probe panel—the court said in its July 30 order—must have three IP officers in the ranks of additional director-general of police, inspector-general of police and senior superintendent of police. The apex court specified that these officers should not be from UP but those who have been allocated the state's cadre.

SC bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan also made clear its intention to appoint a retired high court judge to monitor the investigation and ensure impartiality. "In the event of the state agreeing to this proposal, it is made clear that we will be inclined to appoint a former judge of the high court to monitor the investigation," it said. The case reached SC in Jan last year, when Noida Authority's assistant law officer Virendra Singh Nagar filed a bail application. Legal advisor Dinesh Kumar Singh followed suit two months later. The two officials were then accused of illegally facilitating a total compensation of over Rs 7 crore in an FIR lodged against them in May 2021.

Need For Soft Infrastructure

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Manoj Kathuria is in jail and has been denied bail. His fault? While navigating knee-deep water in his SUV, he unwittingly pushed water into the basement, where three students who were trapped died. There is no possible way he could have known that the simple act of driving on waterlogged streets would result in such a tragedy; it is strange that he is being held responsible.

The problem is, what is at work is a patented way of defusing crises whenever the system is challenged. Take immediate and visible action, find a scapegoat, however improbable, and shield those who are truly responsible till the controversy dies down. Go back to life as usual.

And as it happens, in the last few weeks, we have seen a procession of things going wrong. The new Parliament building leaking. Parts of airports caving in or flooding. Train accidents galore. Bridges collapsing. Cities drowning. Exam papers leaking. Questions are being asked of the governments in power; as they should be. But there is a deeper malaise that we don't really discuss—one that implicates all governments, whatever their political hue.

We are deeply involved with the question of infrastructure. It is an area that has received attention from successive governments, both at the central and state levels. We applaud the building of new highways, the overhauling of airports, the construction of flyovers and underpasses, and the refurbishment of railway stations as signs of our development, and indeed they are.

What is rarely discussed is the reason why all these infrastructural advances don't quite translate into a sustained sense of well-being. There is a reason why bridges are so prone to collapsing, why new roads disappear at the drop of rain, why young kids drown in a basement because of flooding and why rich people keep driving over innocent bystanders with impunity.

What we lack is attention towards soft infrastructure—the protocols of administration, regulations, healthcare, education and financial services, as well as judicial and police action. Beyond a point, the difference between developed countries and others does not lie in hard infrastructure but in all that supports this infrastructure and keeps it going.

None of our institutions work in the manner intended. The process for choosing the best partner is deeply suspect. A favoured party wins the contract by putting in a low bid, which is subsequently revised. The quality of construction is abysmal. The average life of a highway internationally is supposed to be 28.2 years; I don't know the corresponding number in India, but we have all seen pictures of potholes in the roads of our major metropolises. And as one travels

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to smaller towns, roads are spray-painted on rather than built, and every monsoon means a fresh refurbishment of the roads designed to last no more than a few months. The same goes as far as maintenance is concerned. And the less said about accountability, the better.

Corruption has infiltrated every possible aspect of our lives. Every rule can be broken or bypassed, and every safeguard can be ignored. Any major accident brings forth a flurry of action designed to quell controversy, but only in the immediate vicinity of the problem and for a limited period. Corruption is not only monetary but also exists under the guise of influence. No action can be taken against someone who is rich or important (or has been important once).

Corruption is not only a moral problem or an issue of some people making money illegally; it works to dismantle the entire logic on which the idea of administration rests. For things to work, individuals playing an official role need

to work in a manner divorced from any personal interest. An auditor needs to audit, a fire safety inspector needs to pull up those who are violating guidelines, a purchase officer chooses the best option in an impartial way, and so on. In a corrupt system, none of this happens; every step is compromised, tainted by some personal interest or another.

Until we recognise that our administrative structure is essentially defunct and needs a drastic overhaul, nothing in India will work like it is meant to. No government has shown an interest in this, and it is admittedly a mammoth task. The problem is not that governments don't understand the need for doing this, but that they have developed a vested interest in keeping things the way they are.

Control over institutions is desired; elections must be funded; and local politicians must be appeased by giving them money-making opportunities.

It is not as if things cannot work in India. UPI is a great example. It helps that there is no need for human intervention or adjudication here. Our airports too are, on the whole, success stories. They can compete with airports anywhere in the world, and the immigration experience is far superior to that of most developed countries. Even here, some of the problems outlined earlier do exist, but by and large, things work. The reason for that is that here the intention is clear and has, for the most part, been translated into action.

It is customary to blame people for a lot of this mess. We complain about the lack of a civic sense and a 'chalta hai' attitude in our public behaviour. There is truth in this, but it is also a consequence of living in a system that doesn't work. One must look out for oneself because following the rules will only mean that one will be left behind. Which is why the same people who migrate overseas have no trouble following the rules.

Development is not about the height of our skyscrapers or the speed of our trains. It lies in making life predictable and comfortable, in knowing that things will work and then that when they don't, they will get fixed on their own.

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
THE WEST BENGAL STATE HANDLOOM WEAVERS' CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY LTD.
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NOTICE
NIT No.: WB/TANTUJA/BN/MD/08(e)/2024-25 Date: 05.08.2024
Online RFP (Request for Proposal) is hereby invited for supply of Uniform Cloth Material-Shirting, Kameez and Dupatta for the School Students of the State of West Bengal for Academic Year 2025, from Power Loom Units within the geographical boundaries of the State of West Bengal. For details, visit wbtdenders.gov.in and website of Deptt. of MSME&T, Govt. of West Bengal. Online Pre-Bid Meeting: 14.08.2024 at 12.00 noon. Meeting ID: 884 1547 5152. Pass code: 097112. Last Date for submission of e-RFP: 27.08.2024 upto 4.00 P.M. Sd/- MD, Tantuja.
ICA-T13307(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Buxa Tiger Reserve West
Alipurduar Court, PIN-736122
e-Tender Notice
No. 05/BTRW/SP/2024-25
Bonafide contractors eligible for participating are requested to visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in from 05.08.2024 regarding e-Tender Notice No. 05/BTRW/SP/2024-25, for Engagement of security staffs for anti-poaching towers. Last Date: 20.08.2024. Sd/- Deputy Field Director, Buxa Tiger Reserve (West).
ICA-T13296(4)/2024

WBEIDC
Webel Bhawan, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700 091.
Notice Inviting e-Tender No. WBEIDC/ET/17-24/25/000011
Dated: 31-07-2024
For "Supply IT Hardware for IT Room at Home and Hill Affairs Deptt. Govt. of WB."
Due date of Submission: 14 Days from Publication.
Interested parties may go through website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and <https://www.wbel.in>
For details or contact: 033 - 2357 1706
ICA-T13309(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-NIT No. WB/W/EE/BD/NIT-11(e)/2024-25
On behalf of the Governor, West Bengal, e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Bidyadhari Drainage Division from the eligible reliable bonafide & resourceful contractors for 01 (one) no. Work amounting ranging from Rs. 6.20 Lakh (approx). All necessary details may be had in Govt. website www.wbidw.gov.in or <https://wbtenders.gov.in>.
Publishing date: 05.08.2024 in 17.00 hrs. Bid submission start date: 05.08.2024 from 17.30 hrs. Bid submission end date: 12.08.2024 till 15.00 hrs.
Sd/ Executive Engineer Bidyadhari Drainage Division Taki Road, Barasat, Kolkata- 700124
ICA-T13310(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
No- WB/W/EE/SDP/RR/01/2024-25
e-Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer/SDP/RR from the eligible bonafide contractors for 1 NO CIVIL WORK: 1. Construction of internal boundary wall (length 327 M) around main Administrative building and Laboratory building of Haringhata Research Institute under River Research Institute at Mohanpur, Block and PS- Haringhata, Dist- Nadia. Last date and time of bid submission is 26.08.2024 till 17.30 hrs. IST. Details of tender notice may be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> or <https://wbwid.gov.in> Sd/ Executive Engineer, Sunderban Delta Project, River Research Institute, Irrigation & Waterways Directorate.
ICA-T13299(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Central Mechanical Division, Nirman Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kol-91 on behalf of the Governor of the West Bengal asked for percentage rates for the work against e-NIT No. UDMA/e-NIT/CM/D/14/2024-25 of EE/CM/D. a g a i n s t T e n d e r I d : 2024_UDD_725510_1 Detail may be seen at W.B. Tender Portal & Departmental website: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](https://wbtenders.gov.in) Last date of submission is 20.08.2024 up to 11.00 Hrs. Sd/ Executive Engineer, Central Mechanical Division. ICA-T13304(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No.: 06/EE/MD-V/PM/KMDA of 2024-25 (L&M Call)
Online Quotation is invited by Executive Engineer, MD-V, E-M Sector, KMDA, 1st floor, Block-L, Unnayan Bhawan, Sector-II, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide, licensed electrical Contractors, for the work, Brief description of work, Estimated Cost, Earnest Money deposit, Time of work / completion, Operation, guarding, cleaning including daily / periodic Maintenance etc. of the Clear Water Pumping equipments and articles etc. of Clear Water Pumping Station at 26MLD Capacity WTP under Bhadrasar Municipal Area. Rate to be quoted. Rs.1,30,00,000 (Differential amount of 2 % of the Quoted amount & the deposited EMD is to be submitted by the successful bidder prior to issuance of W.O). 36 Calendar months from the date of firm order. Last date & time of online Quotation Submission: 23.08.2024 upto 14.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-353) [www.wbtenders.gov.in](https://wbtenders.gov.in)
ICA-T13305(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-EOI No- WB/W/EE/BU/EOI/01/2024-25
Above mentioned e-EOI is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the contractor having sufficient credential and financial capacity for 1 No. Mechanical work at Durgapur Barrage, Block & PS - Barjora, District- Bankura. Tender Id: 2024_IWD_72544_1 Last date of online submission of the bid: 21.08.2024 15:00 HRS. The other details may be seen from the website: <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in> and <https://www.wbidw.gov.in> and also from office of the undersigned on any working days. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Durgapur Mechanical & Electrical Division, Durgapur, Paschim Bardhaman, I & W Dte.
ICA-T13313(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
e-NIT No. WB/W/EE/DHW/DE/NIT-03(e)/2024-25
e-Tender is hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for 32 (thirty two) nos. of work. Last date and time of bid submission is 12.08.2024 till 17.00 Hrs. IST. Details of tender notice may be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> or <https://wbwid.gov.in> Sd/ Executive Engineer, Damodar Head Works Division. ICA-T13304(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Short e-NIT No. WB/W/EE/APD/5-NIT-30(e)/2024-25
Short e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, College Halt, Alipurduar on behalf of Governor of WB, for the work mentioned in the NIT under through online tendering process from the eligible & resourceful Contractors having sufficient credential & financial capacity for execution of work of similar nature. Details of NIT & Tender documents will be available from www.wbtenders.gov.in or <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & from 05.08.2024 after 18:30 hrs. Bid submission end date: 07.08.2024 up to 15:00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Alipurduar Irrigation Division, Irrigation and Waterways Directorate.
ICA-T13316(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
SDB Tender Notice
e-NIT No. WBSDB/EE/CE/II/NIT-02(e)/2024-25
Vide Memo No.: 497/EE/CE/II/ET-02/2024, Dated: 30/07/2024. e-Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor, Govt. of West Bengal by the Executive Engineer, CE-II, SDB from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors. Details of works are available from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. Bid submission start date: 05.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. & Bid submission end date: 27.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-III, Sundarban Development Board.
ICA-T13302(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
The undersigned invites the following e-Tender for following Construction works under 24-Parganas

Tender No.	Tender ID	Tendered work Name
WBFOR/02/24PGSN/2024-25	2024_DOFN_690120_1	Construction of Main Entrance Gate at Bibhutibhusan Wildlife Sanctuary, Parmadan under Bongaon SF Range, 24-Parganas (N) Division.
WBFOR/03/24PGSN/2024-25	2024_DOFN_690131_1	Construction of RCC Visitors Sitting arrangement/rest shed at Bibhutibhusan Wildlife Sanctuary, Parmadan under Bongaon SF Range, 24-Parganas (N) Division.

Start date of Bid submission is - 05.08.2024 at 10.00 a.m. Last date of Bid submission is - 20.08.2024 at 5.00 p.m. Details can be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and also can see at <https://westbengalforest.gov.in> Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, 24 Parganas (North) Division
ICA-T13289(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
SDB Tender Notice
e-NIT No. WBSDB/EE/CE/II/NIT-01(e)/2024-25
Vide Memo No.: 495/EE/CE/II/ET-01/2024, Dated: 30/07/2024. e-Tenders are invited on behalf of Governor, Govt. of West Bengal by the Executive Engineer, CE-II, SDB from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors. Details of works are available from the website <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. Bid submission start date: 05.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. & Bid submission end date: 27.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-III, Sundarban Development Board.
ICA-T13301(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
The undersigned invites e-Tender for Hiring of Launch (6 Cylinder) under 24-Parganas (North) Division. Tender No: WBFOR/07/24PGSN/2024-25. Start date of bid submission is 05.08.2024 at 10:00 a.m. Last date of Bid submission is 20.08.2024 at 5:00 p.m. Details can be seen at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and also can see at <https://westbengalforest.gov.in> Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, 24 Parganas (North) Division.
ICA-T13291(3)/2024

Cyclist dies in N Delhi
New Delhi: A cyclist died after a tree collapsed on him in north Delhi on Sunday. A person identified as Anees was riding a bicycle on the main road of Khyber Pass when the incident happened. **TNN**

BJP starts cleanliness drive in slums

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi BJP on Sunday launched an organisational expansion and strengthening campaign in 252 slum areas across the city. As a part of it, BJP MPs, MLAs, state officials, and municipal councilors conducted a cleanliness drive in these areas.

Virendra Sachdeva, Delhi BJP chief, who took part in the campaign in Anand Vihar, said, "Cleanliness is essential for good health, and to spread this message, especially in slum areas, BJP has taken this initiative."

an India, healthy India, and Delhi BJP is moving forward with that," Sachdeva added.

Union minister of state Harsh Malhotra participated in a cleanliness drive in Kalandar Colony and Dilshad Colony slum areas in east Delhi. "BJP is now committed to making slum dwellers self-reliant by keeping their areas clean," he said.

"We conducted cleanliness drives in many slum areas of Delhi, and our slum expansion volunteers will continue to raise awareness about cleanliness. The rainy season brings various diseases, and cleanliness is necessary for good health," he said. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has continuously emphasised the mantra of cle-

an India, healthy India, and Delhi BJP is moving forward with that," Sachdeva added.

MP Ramveer Singh Bidhuri, participated in a cleanliness drive in the Bilaspur slum area in Badarpur. He said the party has always believed in helping people who are last in the queue, and this campaign goes with BJP's motto of sewa. "This campaign will raise awareness among people, and they will maintain cleanliness in their homes, shops, and streets. If the cleanliness system is maintained, the spread of diseases will be reduced," he said.

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La Martiniere Girls' College invites tenders from interested solar companies / developers for setting up of 215kWp Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar PV Power Plant, with net metering facility under RESCO mode. The details of the Tender will be available from Tuesday, 6th August, 2024 at 12:00 noon to Wednesday, 21st August, 2024 till 5:00 p.m. on LMGC website: <https://laraminieregirlscollegekolkata.com>

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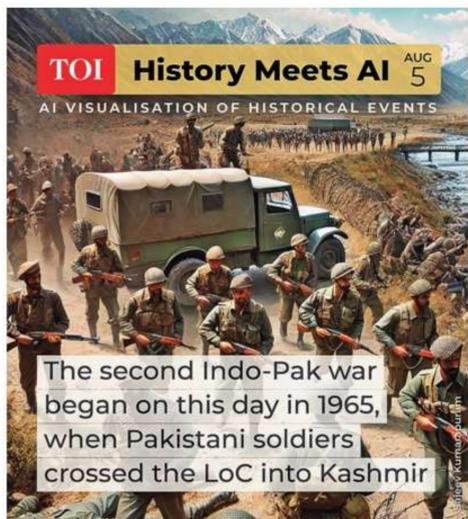
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Registration To Be Must For Asset Valuation

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The proposed amendments to the Waqf Act will include judicial scrutiny to determine whether a property is a waqf asset and mandatory provision of registration of properties with district collectors for their actual valuation. Another major proposed change will be to broad-base the composition of the Central Waqf Council and waqf boards in states by mandating inclusion of two women as members in each of these entities, sources said on Sunday.

Govt is also considering giving a new name to the law akin to the meaning of "hope", sources said.

There are 30 waqf boards in the country looking after properties spanning more than 8 lakh acres, which make them the third largest owner of real estate after the ministries of railways and defence.

As per the 40 amendments that were cleared by Cabinet on Friday, the entire mechanism for collection of revenue



Govt plans to ensure utilisation of revenue from waqf properties for welfare of poor Muslims only

from commercial use of waqf properties and expenditure will be made online, which will bring transparency and benefit the "poor, children and women", who hardly get any benefit, sources said. All income from waqf properties are meant to be spent for charity.

Rejecting allegations from some sections that gov't is trying to take over waqf properties by bringing changes in the law, sources said the proposed amendments will rather ensure the deprived sections get the maximum benefit as there will be proper use of waqf assets for welfare of poor Muslims. They also said while assets will remain with waqf boards, these will be registered properly and there will

Will take legal steps to thwart attempts to change existing law, says AIMPLB

Reacting to gov't's proposal to revamp the waqf Act, All India Muslim Personal Law Board on Sunday said that any change or alteration in the existing law "will not be tolerated" and it will take "legal and democratic measures to thwart this initiative". With the Bill approved by Cabinet likely to be brought to Parliament soon, the Board appealed to NDA's allies and opposition parties to resist any such move and to prevent it from being passed by Parliament. The Board, in a statement, also appealed to "all Muslims and their religious organisations to unite against this malicious act." "Any change in the Waqf Act, 2013 which alters the nature of waqf properties or makes it easier for gov't or any individual to usurp the same will not be acceptable. Likewise, reducing or restricting the powers of Waqf Boards will not be tolerated," it said. TNN

be proper audits of these entities, stressing that the amendment to allow judicial scrutiny of waqf boards' decisions, are based on the recommendations of the Sachar Committee and K Rahman Khan-led joint parliamentary panel.

Sources said gov't will establish a framework on how waqf properties should be used so that revenue earned from them are spent for welfare of only poor Muslims.

"Despite the waqf boards having more than 8.7 lakh immovable properties, the total revenue is barely Rs 200 crore. These boards are also controlled by only around 200 people. So the need was felt after getting representations from Muslim women and in-

tellectuals to bring the amendments. The instances and numerous allegations of misuse of power by the boards for so many years simply show how urgent it is to amend the law and how we are too late to correct this," said a source who did not wish to be named.

Though gov't has not yet decided when to introduce the amendment Bill in Parliament, sources did not deny this as well, while mentioning there is little time available in the session to do so.

The Waqf Act was first passed by Parliament in 1954. Subsequently, it was repealed and a new Waqf Act was passed in 1995 which gave more powers to waqf boards.

Bengal mantri who called official 'beast' quits after furore

Suman Mandal | TNN

Contai: Bengal prisons minister Akhil Giri resigned from state cabinet Sunday amid intense pressure from both within Trinamool Congress and external quarters following his insulting outburst against forest ranger Manisha Shaw, calling her "beyadob" (discourteous) and a "janowar" (beast). Despite stepping down, Giri remained adamant against personally apologising to Shaw, although he maintained he was "repentant" of his remarks.

Shaw had angered the minister by disputing local allegations of high-handed behaviour during an anti-encroachment drive on forest land along the Tajpur coastline in Purba Medinipur. The septuagenarian minister's tirade Saturday included instructing the 36-year-old officer on proper conduct, shouting: "A state employee should talk with his/her heads bowed down."

This was not Giri's first brush with controversy. In Nov 2022, he faced backlash for making objectionable comments about President Droupadi Murmu, prompting TMC chief and CM Mamata Banerjee to publicly apologise on his behalf. The party had also cautioned him against such behaviour.



Akhil Giri (in white shirt) refused to apologise to forest ranger Manisha Shaw, although he said he was 'repentant' for his remarks

Following his latest outburst, TMC state chief Subrata Bakshi demanded Giri resign or face expulsion.

At a press conference on Sunday, Giri attempted to assuage the fallout. "I should not have said that, but I cannot take back what I said. The forest officer's misbehaviour with the locals angered me," he said. "I have never apologised to a state officer, and I never will," he asserted. Giri acknowledged the party's instructions and Banerjee's displeasure. "CM Banerjee is very pained. Perhaps that is why she has taken this decision," he said. Banerjee is scheduled to chair a cabinet meeting Monday.

Assam to hold first magic festival to revitalise lost traditions of Mayong

As Assam prepares to host its first-ever magic-focused tourism festival, get ready to be mesmerised by an egg flying, a torn bamboo being joined or a handful of rice transforming into flattened rice in the blink of an eye. The town of Mayong in Morigaon is all set to host the "Mayong Indrajal Magic Festival", scheduled for Aug 18. As many as 101 magicians of Mayong, including some who have been practising the art for several decades, will participate in the festival and showcase traditional and new-age magic tricks to the visitors, reports Dhruvajyoti Malakar.

The festival is set to feature a vibrant day-long programme, beginning with a grand cultural procession highlighting Mayong's age-old magical traditions, local arts and unique cultural elements. Addressing a press conference on Sunday, Morigaon DC Devashish Sharma said the festival, which will be held every year, is set to preserve and promote Mayong's heritage and provide a new avenue for tourism. Assam's renowned magician "Jadu Samrat" Bikram will also perform at the festival.

Loan sharks drive woman to death

A 45-year-old Dalit woman and mother of seven children died after consuming a poisonous substance allegedly due to frequent harassment by a moneylender in Firozabad, reports Deepak Lavania. Munna Laland his wife had borrowed Rs 10,000 from their neighbour Ramnaresh Yadav a year ago at a "monthly interest rate of 10%". In his complaint, the woman's husband alleged that on Friday, Ramnaresh visited their home and claimed they owed him Rs 1.5 lakh with interest. He threatened to kill her husband and children", the complaint said. Distressed, she took poison.

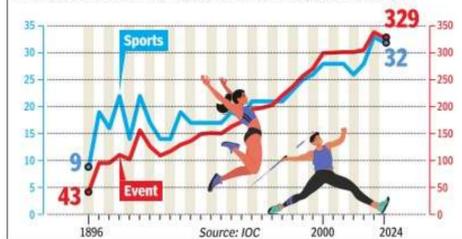
Car swept away, 1 feared dead

A daredevil attempt by five car occupants to ford the raging Katta River in Madhya Pradesh's Chhindwara proved fatal when their car was swept away, resulting in one death. Nagpur residents Milind Parate, Shailesh Kushwaha, Ketan, Vikram, and Nikhil Sonkunwar were en route to Pachmarhi to attend Naagdhwari fair when they encountered a flooded bridge in Junnardeo area. Despite their attempt to drive across, the force of the floodwaters swept the car into the river. Milind, Ketan, Vikram, and Nikhil were able to escape, but Shailesh was carried away with the car. TNN

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers Mudita Girotra

From A Leisurely Sports Carnival To A Fierce Competition

The first modern Olympics held in Athens in 1896 was a largely athletics festival where 43 medal events were held in 10 days. Two hundred-eighty male athletes from 12 countries participated in 9 sports. James Connolly from USA won the triple jump to become the first Olympic champion after 393AD when the last ancient Olympics were held. In Paris-2024, 329 medal events are slated to be held in 17 days, and more than 10,500 athletes are expected to compete



J'khand causing floods in Bengal, Didi tells Soren

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Sunday dialled her Jharkhand counterpart Hemant Soren, urging him to check the "sudden and huge release of water" from Tenughat dam on Damodar river in Bokaro which is affecting her state. Banerjee said she had also told Soren that "Jharkhand waters have been flooding Bengal, and this was man-made".

Banerjee posted on X: "I have... been monitoring the situation and have spoken to all the DMs concerned in south Bengal as well as in north Bengal. I have asked the DMs to be particularly vigilant and take proper care of the calamity situation in the next 3/4 days. I told them to take all precautionary measures so that there is no untoward incident anywhere."

Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) released 1.2 lakh cusec water from Panchet and Maithon dams along the Jharkhand-Bengal border on Sunday after heavy discharge of water from Tenughat. A total of 90,000 cusec was released from the two dams on Saturday. "Less wa-



A flooded railway station in Jharkhand's Dumka on Saturday

Himanta's dig at Mamata: Assam doesn't blame Bhutan or Arunachal for floods

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday took a dig at Mamata Banerjee for holding Jharkhand responsible for "flood-like situation" in Bengal, saying: "Every year, water from Arunachal and Bhutan floods Assam. But, we don't blame Arunachal gov't or Royal Bhutan gov't because we understand water has no boundaries." Jharkhand and Bengal gov'ts "should work together to alleviate people's hardships", he said.

ter is expected to be discharged from Tenughat now since rainfall has reduced. This means discharge from Maithon and Panchet will also be lesser," executive director of DVC's Maithon dam, Anjani Dubey, told PTI. Dubey said the Bengal gov't had improved the water flow capacity of rivers downstream. "I do not foresee any flood threat now with the dip in rainfall and Bengal gov't's good work in water flow management," he added. A state gov't official said Sunday that none of the rivers were flowing above danger mark, even as some, including Damodar, were close to red mark.

Probe Mizoram ex-speaker in ₹1cr bribe case, says Lokayukta

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Aizawl: Mizoram's Lokayukta has instructed the state anti-corruption bureau (ACB) to register a criminal case against former assembly Speaker Lalrinliana Sailo for allegedly taking a Rs 1-crore bribe from a sub-contractor engaged in the construction of a road under the Centre's Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), reports HC Vanlalruata.

The complaint against Sailo was submitted to the Lokayukta in Feb 2022 by CM Lalduhoma's Zoram People's Movement (ZPM) when the party was in the opposition. Sailo resigned as speaker and left the then governing MNF weeks before last year's assembly polls and joined BJP. He contested the polls on a BJP ticket but lost. Lokayukta sources said a preliminary investigation report against Sailo had been submitted, leading it to recommend a formal ACB probe. ZPM's complaint was based on information collected from various sources, including the sub-contractor Coleen Lal-sangpui and her managers involved in the PMGSY project between Khawzawl town and Ngaizawl village.

NDA to again form govt under Modi in 2029, says Shah

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi/Chandigarh: Home minister Amit Shah on Sunday asserted that NDA govt will not only complete its full five-year term but also take the helm at the Centre in 2029 and Narendra Modi will be prime minister again.

"I want to assure you that whatever opposition wants to say, you don't need to worry. In 2029 also, NDA will come (to power)... Modi-ji will be PM again," he said while addressing a gathering after inaugurating the 24x7 Manimajra water supply project in Chandigarh. "They (opposition) feel that with some success, they have won the elections. They do not know that in three elections, the number of seats Congress got, BJP won more than that in this election (2024 LS polls)," he said and added, "they should also know that NDA's only one member, BJP, has more than the total number of seats their whole alliance has." Shah said INDIA bloc parties should learn to work effectively as 'opposition' as they have a long innings to play, Amit Shah said in Chandigarh



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ties should learn to work effectively as 'opposition' as they have a long innings to play. His assertion was seen as a response to opposition parties raising questions about the stability of NDA govt since BJP is short of a majority on its own and has to rely on the support of regional parties like JDU and TDP.

Shah said the years from 2014 to 2024 deserve to qualify as a "golden era" in the country's development history.

India plans to explore extended continental shelf for oil and gas

Sanjay Dutta | TNN

New Delhi: India is preparing to extend its offshore hunt for oil and gas to the extended continental shelf (ECS), with gov't working on a plan to press state-run explorers ONGC and Oil India Ltd into service for conducting seismic survey



SEISMIC SHIFT: Amid increased movement of Chinese 'research' vessels in the vicinity of Indian waters, the plan to conduct seismic survey beyond its exclusive economic zone will help bolster India's claim of ECS shelf boundary

beyond its exclusive economic zone (EEZ) in the east and west coast, people in the know said.

Seen in the backdrop of increased movement of Chinese 'research' vessels in the vicinity of Indian waters, the plan can be seen as step to mark territory since the survey will help bolster India's claim of ECS shelf boundary beyond the EEZ boundary.

According to UNCLOS III (Unit-

nations Convention on the Law of the Sea), the EEZ of coastal states can extend up to 200 nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured. Under the same law, the continental shelf can extend up to 350 nautical miles from the baseline.

The plan in the works envisages acquiring high-resolution 2D seismic data for 30,000 line-km in two years for processing and interpretation at a cost of roughly Rs 400 crore, to be paid for by the Centre.

The move primarily aims at developing a better understanding of the presence and nature of sediments. The data is expected to help evaluate the potential for hydrocarbons and other minerals in the continental shelf area, leading to better energy security planning. At a larger level, it will boost development of a 'blue economy'.

India has a coastline of 7,517 kms spanning the east and west coast. The west coast cradles India's mainstay oil and gas assets such as the Mumbai High and Bassein fields. The east coast has the famed KG basin where Reliance Industries Ltd-BP combine and ONGC have showpiece projects entailing a total estimated investment of \$10 billion.

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Uttarakhand to implement UCC before Nov 9, says Dhama

Dehradun: Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhama on Sunday announced the implementation of Uniform Civil Code (UCC) in the state before State Foundation Day on Nov 9.

The Uttarakhand govt introduced the UCC Bill on Feb 6 this year. On Feb 7, the bill was passed in the Uttarakhand

Legislative Assembly, marking a "historic day in the history of Uttarakhand as per Dhama.

The UCC Bill seeks to establish uniform rules for personal matters for all citizens. These matters include marriage, divorce, inheritance, and property rights. The UCC will apply to all citizens equally, regardless of their religion.

gender, or sexual orientation.

Earlier on Feb 29, Uttarakhand governor Gurmit Singh referred the bill sent by the state govt to President Murmu for her approval.

President Droupadi Murmu approved Uttarakhand's UCC Bill, 2024, on March 13, making Uttarakhand the first state in the country to implement the UCC.

Dhama further spoke about the work being done in balancing development and environment and the state moving towards direction of Gross Environment Product. ANI

CID to probe death of cop after wife's plaint against K'taka MLA

Bengaluru: Karnataka govt on Sunday handed over to CID the probe into the death of 35-year-old sub-inspector Parashurama after his wife accused a Congress MLA and his son of forcing him to die by suicide.

"The decision has been made to ensure investigation is impartial. Govt will provide a job to Parashurama's wife on compassionate grounds, besides financial assistance," Karnataka home minister G Parameshwara told reporters.

After the SI died on Friday night, his wife, Shwetha, filed a complaint against Congress MLA from Yadgir, Channaraydy Patil Tunnur, and his son Pampanagouda (Sunny), alleging abetment to suicide and a cash-for-transfer scam involving Rs 30 lakh for a posting in Yadgir.

Opposition leader R Ashoka met Parashurama's wife and offered condolences. "Congress has breached all limits of corruption. Since this govt took office, it has targeted Dalits," he alleged. TNN

Take down defamatory clips on Amul products, says HC

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The court observed that the URLs of the posts had already been provided to the counsels for X, YouTube, Meta and other platforms.

Vadodara: Delhi high court has directed a Noida resident and some social media platforms to remove defamatory videos on Amul products. This followed a post by the resident, Deepa Devi, in June claiming she had found a centipede in an Amul vanilla tub purchased from Blinkit, sparking an internet furore.

A bench of Justice Manmeet Pritam Singh Arora passed the order after lawyers for Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (Amul Products) — the makers of Amul products and its brand — told HC that Noida's Deepa had failed to appear before the court despite several notices.

Jayen Mehta, managing director of GCMFF, called it a "milestone" verdict. "This has established that a consumer has no right to recover money by illegal and defamatory posts misusing social media," said Mehta.

In an interim order last month, HC had directed the Noida resident to take down her posts. Now, the court has issued another order, stating that the defamatory content should be removed from all social media platforms.

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Sl. No.	Tender Name & Number	Date of Floating Tender on e-Procurement Portal	Date and Time of pre-bid meeting	Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal
1.	Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0027 "Supply of Furniture for Mandya Unitary University & Maharani Cluster University of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	03/08/2024	06/08/2024 11.00 AM	14/08/2024 5.30 PM
2.	Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0025 "Supply of Furniture to RUSA funded Government First Grade Colleges of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore"	03/08/2024	06/08/2024 12.00 Noon	14/08/2024 5.30 PM
3.	Tender No: DCE/2024-25/IND0026 "Supply of Furniture to Government First Grade Colleges of the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore, as per the Institutional Development Plan (IDP)"	03/08/2024	06/08/2024 03.00 PM	14/08/2024 5.30 PM

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A Civil, Structural, Water Supply, Sanitary & Other Misc. works including Internal Electrification works for:				
I	1.5 LLPD Automated Dairy Plant at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/39/24-25/ET/39 (CIVIL-KANGRA)	5400 Lakh / 15 Months	05.08.24 / 27.08.24	27.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 27.08.24 15:30 hrs.
II	Ointment & Brucella Diagnostics Reagents facility of GMP Grade at IVP, Ranipet, Tamil Nadu NDBB/HO/Purchase/40/24-25/ET/40 (CIVIL-RANIPET)	670 Lakh / 12 Months	10.08.24 / 02.09.24	02.09.24 15:00 hrs. / 02.09.24 15:30 hrs.
III	Centre of Excellence-Banas Bovine Breeding & Research Centre (CoE-BBRBC) & Breed Multiplication Farm (BMF) at Bhildi, Banaskantha, Gujarat NDBB/HO/Purchase/41/24-25/ET/41 (CIVIL-BHILDI)	10200 Lakh / 12 Months	12.08.24 / 02.09.24	02.09.24 15:00 hrs. / 02.09.24 15:30 hrs.
IV	Strengthening of Sermen Station at Purnea, Bihar NDBB/HO/Purchase/42/24-25/ET/42 (CIVIL-PURNEA)	467 Lakh / 09 Months	12.08.24 / 02.09.24	02.09.24 15:00 hrs. / 02.09.24 15:30 hrs.
V	Vaccine Manufacturing Facility for Anthrax & Enterotoxaemia at OBPI Behrampur NDBB/HO/Purchase/43/24-25/ET/43 (CIVIL-BERHAMPUR)	830 Lakh / 12 Months	06.08.24 / 27.08.24	27.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 27.08.24 15:30 hrs.
B Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning the following:				
I	1.5 LLPD Automated Dairy Plant at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/44/24-25/ET/44 (LMP-KANGRA)	6200 Lakh / 12 Months	05.08.24 / 27.08.24	27.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 27.08.24 15:30 hrs.
II	Ammonia based Refrigeration Plant including PUF insulation works for Cold stores at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/45/24-25/ET/45 (REFRI-KANGRA)	980 Lakh / 12 Months	07.08.24 / 28.08.24	28.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 28.08.24 15:30 hrs.
III	2 X 4 TPH Solid fuel fired Boiler at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/46/24-25/ET/46 (BOILER-KANGRA)	310 Lakh / 10 Months	06.08.24 / 27.08.24	27.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 27.08.24 15:30 hrs.
IV	11KV/433 V Electrical Substation with DG set at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/47/24-25/ET/47 (SUBS.-KANGRA)	380 Lakh / 10 Months	07.08.24 / 28.08.24	28.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 28.08.24 15:30 hrs.
V	Fire hydrant system at Kangra, Himachal Pradesh NDBB/HO/Purchase/48/24-25/ET/48 (FIRE-KANGRA)	110 Lakh / 10 Months	08.08.24 / 29.08.24	29.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 29.08.24 15:30 hrs.
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VII	20 KLPH RO Plant with other accessories at Barauni Dairy Bihar NDBB/HO/Purchase/50/24-25/ET/50 (WTP - Barauni)	118 Lakh / 6 Months	07.08.24 / 28.08.24	28.08.24 15:00 hrs. / 28.08.24 15:30 hrs.
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A) Fresh-Tender Work :-

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs.)
1	03/DGM(E&M)/Sr.M (E/M)-IV/2024-25	Construction of 11KV & 33KV Feeder line in Different Sub-Station of E/M-IV of Noida.	Rs. 5553.20
2	24/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station in sector - 48, Noida.	Rs. 1204.82
3	25/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33 KV Line for connecting of 33/11 KV Sub-Station and Conversion of 33 KV & 11 KV Overhead line to Underground system in different places of Noida.	Rs. 3575.69
4	26/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Improvement of power supply through underground system in sector - 15A, Noida.	Rs. 2075.85
5	08/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station in sector - 75, Noida. (Civil work)	Rs. 130.36

The above tenders can be uploaded by dated 20.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM. Pre-qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 21.08.2024 at 11.00 AM.

B) R-Tender Work :-

Sl. No.	Job No.	Name of Work	Tender Amount (in Lacs.)
1	06/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/24-25	Construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station in sector - 78, Noida.	Rs. 1061.63

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CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866. Website: www.ujvn.com

Tender Notice

पत्रक सं. 684
Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Pathri Power House, Bahadurabad, Haridwar invites sealed tenders from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

1. Tender No.: 09/EE(Pathri)/2024-25 - Cleaning, Repairing & Overhauling of 02 nos. Generators & 12 nos. Generator Air Coolers of Pathri Power House.

Estimated Cost: Rs. 6,45,750.00 (GST extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 05.08.2024
Last date for submission of tender: 27.08.2024, up to 16:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit our website. The tender documents can be downloaded from the Nigam's website "www.ujvn.com"

EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (M&G)
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GMDC
TENDER NOTICE

Request for Proposal (RFP) for Mechanized Mining, Crushing, Screening, Sorting, Grading and Stacking of Various Grade of Baruxite through Mining Contractor at Gadhsisa Group of Mines, Gadhsisa, District- Kutch (Gujarat) in Two Packages

E-Tender No.: GMDC/Tech-II/BX/GS/01/2024-25

GMDC invites proposals for captioned activity. Interested parties can download the RFP document from GMDC website (<http://www.gmdcltd.com>) from 05/08/2024 to 07/09/2024 and submit their proposals on nprocure website - <https://gmdc.nprocure.com> by 14:00 Hrs. Dt.: 09/09/2024.

Sr. General Manager (Tech.) GMDC

Gujarat Mineral Development Corporation Ltd. (A Government of Gujarat Enterprise)
Khanji Bhawan, 132 Feet Ring Road, Near University Ground, Vastrapur, Ahmedabad-380052

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e-Tender Notice

पत्र सं. 686
Office of the Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance), Vyasi Project, Dakpathar, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

e-Tender No. & Name of work: 08/2024-25/EE(C-M)/Vyasi Project, "Repair, Maintenance & Strengthening of existing approach road from Barwala Lakhwar road to surge shaft (chainage 0.00 - 930.00 m) and internal road from Guard room to BL road via Hathiani sub-station (chainage 0.00-300 m) of Vyasi HEP (2X60 MW) at Hathiyari, Dehradun".
Estimated cost: Rs. 15991429.00 (GST extra)
Date of availability of bid document on website: 05.08.2024 From 17:00 Hrs.

Last date for submission of bids on website: 28.08.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs.

For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal <https://uktenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer (Civil-Maintenance)
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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)

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

(Rajinder Singh, JKAS)
District Mineral Officer
Kathua

No. - DMO/K/2024-25/569-576
Dated:- 03/08/2024
DIP No:DIPIJ-377124/03.08.2024

Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board
Vikas Kutir, I.P.Estate, New Delhi-110002
E-Auction Notice

Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board re-invites online e-auction of 13 sites of various Assets/ Premises of DUSIB for renting out for installation of Mobile Network Tower (as per list available on website) on temporary basis as per prescribed terms & conditions for an agreement for a period of six years from the date of taking over the possession with one extension of 4 years and total maximum period upto 10 years with the approval of competent authority. There will be an automatic escalation/increase in the rates of license fee (rental) by 8% every year at the beginning of each successive year.

DATE OF E-AUCTION
30.08.2024 (Friday) from 11.00 AM to 02.00 PM
Online registration starts : 05.08.2024 (Monday)
Last date for online registration/ submission of mandatory documents with EMD is 20.08.2024 (Tuesday) upto 6:00 PM

For further details of the sites and procedure kindly visit the e-auction website <https://dusib.ebizard.in> or DUSIB website www.delhishelterboard.in

Dy. Director (RP)
(Mob. No.8826697456)

DIP/Shabdarth/Classified/0141/24-25

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this girl (depicted in the photo) namely Anjali D/o Mohan Shah R/o RZ-12B, Gali No. 05, Durga Park, Sagarpur, New Delhi has been missing since dated 30.07.2024 from her house. In this regard a FIR No. 449/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated 30.07.2024 has been registered at PS Sagarpur, New Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, Age: 17 years, Height: 4' ft., Complexion: Shallow, Built: Slim, Face: Long, Wearing: Yellow Plazo with Multicoloured Kurti.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing girl may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> PS: Sagarpur, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-28522655
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 7065036228
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/10309/SW/2024

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one Male Person (depicted in the photo) name: Unknown residence & family is Unknown has been found dead at Gate No. 2, Infront Of C-1, Near Toilet, Azadpur Mandi, Delhi on Dated 16.07.2024 at around 9:00 am. In this regard a DD No. 55A, Dated 16.07.2024 has been lodged at PS Mahendra Park, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved BJRM Hospital Mortuary, Delhi for 72 hours for identification.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, Age: About 35-40 years, Height: 5' 6" ft., Complexion: Shallow, Built: Thin, Face: Long, Wearing: Black Colour Shirt and Green Lower.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address:-

SHO Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> PS: Mahendra Park, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph: 011-27632501, 27632502
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 8750870227
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/10302/NW/2024

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one Male Person (depicted in the photo) name: Unknown, residence and family is unknown age about 55 years was found dead at Devider Asaf Ali Road, In Front of PNB Bank, Daryaganj, Delhi on 28.07.2024. In this regard a DD No. 53A, Dated 28.07.2024 has been lodged at PS Daryaganj, Delhi.

ED to return ₹12cr scam money to victims

In First Such Order, Court Relief For 22L Small Ponzi Scheme Investors

Pradeep.Thakur
@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Enforcement Directorate is all set to reconstitute money to individual victims of scams, starting with disbursement of nearly Rs 12 crore in attached FDs of Rose Valley group of companies in Kolkata to around 22 lakh small depositors who had been tempted into depositing money with the group against exorbitant returns that never materialised.

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The Kolkata court and the ED have found a way out in Section 8(8) of PMLA under which attached assets confiscated by ED can be restored to "a claimant with a legitimate interest in the property, who may have suffered a quantifiable loss as a result of the offence of money laundering".

Although there is no clarity on the amendments govt is planning to bring to help victims, given the PM's focus during the campaign, ED is all set to use the Kolkata court order as a precedent.

money should be utilised in returning the bankrupt investors/depositors instead of keeping it idle as NPA for a prolonged period because the trial in money laundering offence takes time.

Former J'khand minister Saryu Roy joins JDU

Patna: Former Jharkhand minister Saryu Roy joined Bihar chief minister Nitish Kumar-led JDU in the presence of senior party leaders in Patna on Sunday, reports Madan Kumar. JDU national working president Sanjay Kumar Jha offered him the party's membership.



CM Raghubar Das in the latter's home turf of Jharkhand in the 2019 assembly polls, is likely to play a leading role in JDU ahead of assembly elections in Jharkhand, a JDU source said.

As BJP MLA from Jharkhand West, Roy served as a cabinet minister in the Das-led govt. He left the party before the 2019 assembly elections and contested as an Independent against Das from Jharkhand East seat.

Enough proof to start probe into bid to derail trial: ED

Continued from P 1

The accused through the then advocate general were in touch with the judge of Chhattisgarh HC who had granted anticipatory bail to Shukla on October 16, 2019. Tuteja was in touch with the judge through (then) AG Satish Chandra Verma as is evident from WhatsApp messages of July 31 and Aug 11 of 2019, Enforcement Directorate (ED) said.



The agency claimed that several paragraphs from the state EOW's report on the scam were removed at the behest of senior bureaucrats Tuteja and Shukla to protect the interest of the prime accused

"WhatsApp messages exchange has revealed that bio-data of the daughter and son-in-law of the judge were sent to Tuteja for favourable action by then AG who has been liaising between the judge and both the prime accused Tuteja and Shukla," it added.

the charges of corruption," the ED said.

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NOTIFICATION
Applications for PhD (Ayurveda) Programmes for Academic Session 2024-25
Applications are invited in the prescribed format for PhD Programmes for below mentioned categories:
A. Written Entrance Examination for admission in NIA Regular PhD Programmes in 02 Departments (Ayurveda Samhita evum Siddhant and Kayachikitsa for Joint PhD degree programme and Single center) for the academic session 2024-25.
B. Interview of UGC-NET/JRF/SLET/AYUSH-NET/CSIR-NET Qualified candidates.
The brochure containing details of entrance test along with link of application form is available on Institute website www.nia.nic.in.
Eligible candidates can submit the application form with supporting documents and prescribed fees to NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF AYURVEDA on the link provided on Institute website www.nia.nic.in.
Last dates for receiving applications is 21/08/2024 5:00 PM. Applications received after the last date will not be entertained.
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क्रमांक- विशा /स्टर/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 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 वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
DIRECTORATE OF FLORICULTURE (G&P) DEPARTMENT
KASHMIR

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Subject:- Extension Notice No. 02.

In view of poor response, the Bid Submission end/opening date (Online) of technical/financial bid in respect of e-NIT No. No. 15 of 2024 dated. 25.06.2024 invited by this office under endorsement No. DFK/GS-732/702-05 Dated:- 25.06.2024 with regard to "Outsourcing of Entry ticketing system of Mughal Garden Achabal" 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.

Sd/-
Accounts Officer,
(Member Secretary)

No:- DFK/GS-732/1066-69
Dated: 02/08/2024
DIP No:DFPK-4080/24/03/08/2024

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND COMMUNICATION
DIVISION KASHMIR POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION
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EXTENSION NOTICE NO 2

In view of no response to the e-NIT issued for "Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) Technical support of 2x40KVA and 2x200KVA Emerson Make Un-interrupted power supply systems installed at KPDC Data Center Bemina, Srinagar Kashmir for a period of one year" vide this office e-NIT NO: CEO/IT&C/03 of 2024, Dated: 28/06/2024, the last date for online submission is hereby further extended up to 16-08-2024, 3:00pm. The details to submit e-Bid online up to the date and time are mentioned in the table below:

A e-Bid submission (end) date & time(Extended)	16/08/2024 ; 03:00 PM
B Online Technical e-Bid Opening date and Time	17/08/2024; 02:00 PM
C Venue of opening of technical Bids	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C division , KPDC
D Online Financial e-Bid Opening date and Time	Will be separately communicated to the technically responsive bidders
E Estimated Cost Including Taxes	Rs 6,79,758/-

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer
IT and Communication Division
KPDC

No: CEO-IT&C/918-20
Dated: 02-08-2024
DIP No:DFPK-NB-1152/24/03.08.2024

UNION TERRITORY OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR,
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
JAL SHAKTI (PHE) DIVISION SHOPIAN

NOTICE INVITING TENDER
e-NIT No. Fresh/08/JSDS of 2024-25 Dated :- 02.08.2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of UT of J&K, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian invites e-tenders from reputed and resourceful Bidders/ Firms/Companies/Of all classes registered in JKPWD/CPWD/Railways or any other state Government for below mentioned works at various water supply schemes of PHE Division Shopian of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

The bidding process shall be completed online on <https://jktenders.gov.in> in two covers viz. Cover 1* consisting of General Terms and Conditions and Technical Specifications and Cover 2* consisting of Financial Bid on over all percentage rate basis, in the prescribed BOQ.

Table 1.1: General Details

Sr No	Particulars of the work	Estimated Cost (Lacs)	Tender Fee (Rs)	Earnest money Deposit	Bid Validity	Time of Completion of work (days)
1	Laying & Fitting of Delivery and Distribution Mains consisting of GMS Tubes, Ductile Iron Pipes and HDPE pipes of different Nominal Bore along with pipe fittings and control valves Construction of Ground Service Reservoirs (GSRs). Execution of ancillary civil works like Spring Covers, Boundary walls, Protection Works etc. at various Water Supply schemes of Division Shopian of Kashmir Province of UT of J&K, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).	As per ANNEXURE -I To this bid document	As per Table 1.3, Tender Fee Details	02% of the estimated cost	120 days	As per ANNEXURE-I To this bid document.

Position of funds: Approved Under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)
The tender inviting authority is Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian. The awarding authority is District, Jal Jeevan Mission (DJJM).

Table 1.2: Critical Dates

Sr	Particulars	Date
i	Publish Date	03.08.2024 at 4.00 PM
ii	Document Download/sale start Date	03.08.2024 at 4.00 PM
iii	Bid submission Start date	03.08.2024 at 4.00 PM
iv	Bid submission end date	13-08-2024 at 4.00 PM
v	Date and time of Bid opening	14-08-2024 at 2.00 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) Division Shopian.

4. Bids must be accompanied by bid security (EMD) in the form FDR/CDR/BG and cost of Tender Document as specified in the table 1.1; and shall be in favour of Ex Engineer, PHE Division Shopian.

5. Bid Security for an amount as specified in the Table 1.1 of the advertised cost of the work, in the shape of FDR/CDR/BG pledged to Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian will have to be uploaded on the tender portal i.e. <https://jktenders.gov.in>.

6. The cost of tender documents should be inform of DD/TR/e-challan in favour of Executive Engineer Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian. The bidder shall deposit tender fee as per table 1.3.

7. After opening of financial cover the successful bidder (L1) shall have to submit the hard copies of cost of tender document in shape of DD/TR/e-challan, Earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR/BG and other relevant documents in the office of tender opening authority.

8. The bid shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the last date of submission of bids. If any bidder withdraws his bid 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.

9. Other details can be seen in the bidding documents from the website <https://jktenders.gov.in>

10. Queries by email if any should be made at xenpheshopian@yahoo.in.

Table 1.3: Tender Fee Details.

S. No	Tentative Cost of Tender	Tender Fee
1	For tenders Upto Rs.5.00 Lakhs	Rs.200/-
2	For tenders more than Rs.5.00 Lakhs and upto 10.00 Lakhs	Rs.500/-
3	For tenders more than Rs.10.00 Lakhs and upto 50.00 Lakhs	Rs.1000/-
4	For tenders more than Rs.50.00 Lakhs and upto 1.00 Cr.	Rs.2000/-
5	For tenders more than Rs.1.00Cr and upto 2.50Cr	Rs.3000/-
6	For tenders more than Rs.2.50Cr and upto 5.00Cr	Rs.4000/-
7	For tenders more than Rs.5.00Cr and upto 10.00Cr	Rs.5000/-
8	For tenders more than Rs.10.00Cr and upto 20.00Cr	Rs.10000/-
9	Above Rs.10.00Cr	Rs.20000/-

**ANNEXURE I
SCHEME WISE LIST OF WORKS**

S. No.	Description of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs)	Time for Completion (Days)	Class of Contractor
1	Balance Work for WSS Mirzapora Sedow under Jal Jeevan Mission	10876000.00	90	AAY
2	Balance Work for WSS Checki Aziz Hakeem under Jal Jeevan Mission	2507000.00	90	AAY/BEE
3	Balance Work for WSS Chotipora under Jal Jeevan Mission	5452000.00	90	AAY
4	Balance Work for WSS Deevgam Ganowpora under Jal Jeevan Mission	3112000.00	90	AAY/BEE
5	Balance Work for WSS Balpora Ganowpora under Jal Jeevan Mission	2288000.00	90	BEE/CEE
6	Balance Work for WSS Keegam Sheerpathi under Jal Jeevan Mission	8691000.00	90	AAY
7	Balance Work for WSS Mughalpora Panjer under Jal Jeevan Mission	5713000.00	90	AAY
8	Balance Work for WSS Batmuran Wanpora under Jal Jeevan Mission	1994000.00	90	BEE/CEE
9	Balance Work for WSS Dachoo Chitragam under Jal Jeevan Mission	584000.00	90	CEE/DEE
10	Balance Work for WSS Dangam Ratnipora under Jal Jeevan Mission	2664000.00	90	AAY/BEE
11	Balance Work for WSS Hermain old under Jal Jeevan Mission	1445000.00	90	BEE/CEE/DEE
12	Balance Work for WSS Maldera Heff Khuri under Jal Jeevan Mission	537000.00	90	CEE/DEE
13	Balance Work for WSS Wangam Tengpora under Jal Jeevan Mission	1735000.00	90	BEE/CEE

No:JSDS/1251-69
Date:02/08/2024
DIP No:DFPK-4081/24/03.08.2024

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti (PHE) Division Shopian

Some guys doing what they shouldn't & not what they should: SC judge

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Some state governors are doing things they shouldn't and not doing things they should, Justice BV Nagarathna of Supreme Court said while delivering the keynote address at a National Law School of India (NLSIU) conference in Bengaluru Saturday.

The SC judge highlighted the importance of governors maintaining neutrality, quoting Dur-

gaba Deshmukh, a member of the Constituent Assembly of India, who had emphasised that the governor's role was intended to foster harmony and remain above party politics.

"Certain functions are expected to be discharged by the governor. We wanted to introduce the governor in our Constitution because we thought that an element of harmony would be there and that institution would bring about some sort of understanding and

harmony between the conflicting groups of people if really the governor is conscious of his duties and functions well. It is only for this purpose this is proposed, the governing idea is to place the governor above party politics, above factions and not to subject him to party affairs," Justice Nagarathna quoted Deshmukh.

"In today's times, unfortunately, some governors in India are playing a role where they ought not to and are inactive

where they ought to be," Justice Nagarathna remarked.

Justice Nagarathna underscored the need to emphasise federalism, fraternity, fundamental rights, and principled governance. She elaborated: "It needs to be borne in mind that Union and the state have the mandate to attend to subjects of national and regional import respectively."

The judge stressed that states should not be deemed incapable or subordinate. "The spirit of

constitutional statesmanship, and not partisan brinkmanship, should be the mantra," she said.

While acknowledging the progress made, she said: "Fortunately, there is a Constitution which touches, moves and inspires our collective lives like the North Star. It is a permanent reminder that a more democratic, a more equal, a more just and a more tolerant nation continues to remain an ideal, even in contemporary times."

Online Tender Document for M.P. Police
POLICE HEADQUARTER, M.P., BHOPAL

No. PHQ /15/GPC/ 2558-1/2024 Bhopal, Dated 30/ 07/2024

"ONLINE TENDER NOTICE"

Online tender are invited by Deputy Inspector General of Police (Provisioning) Police Head Quarter, Bhopal on behalf of DGP MP Bhopal for FSL Items on website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>

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1	Rapid DNA profiling Machine (Bench Top Instrument for Fragment Analysis Direct for sample based on capillary Electrophoresis)	01	5,40,000	10,000/-

- Cost offender document (Tender Fee) is non refundable and cannot be exempted in any condition & must submit online through website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>.
- Tender document can be download from the website of MP Police (www.mppolice.gov.in)
- Bids shall be submitted online only at MP Tenders website: <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>

Critical Date Sheet:

Published Date	30/07/2024 Time 18:00 PM
Bid Document Download Start Date	31/07/2024 Time 12:00 PM
Pre Bid Meeting Date	07/08/2024 Time 12:00 PM
Bid Submission Start Date	13/08/2024 Time 11:00 AM
Bid Submission End Date	20/08/2024 Time 14:00 PM
Bid Opening Date	21/08/2024 Time 16:00 PM

- Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum / addendum/ amendment.
- Bids will be opened as per date/time as mentioned in the Tender Critical Date Sheet. After online opening of Technical-Bid the results of their qualification as well Price-Bid opening will be intimated later.

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For: Director General of Police M.P.

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

आवासीय भूखण्ड योजना RPS08/2024 दिनांक 05.07.2024
आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 05.08.2024 से 23.08.2024 तक बढ़ाने के सम्बन्ध में

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की आवासीय भूखण्ड योजना RPS08/2024 दिनांक 05.07.2024 को प्रकाशित की गयी, जिसमें आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 05.08.2024 निर्धारित थी, जिसका ज्ञा दिनांक 20.09.2024 को किया जाना प्रस्तावित था। उक्त योजना में आवेदन प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 23.08.2024 तक बढ़ाई जाती है।

अतः उपरोक्त योजना में जो आवेदक अपना आवेदन फार्म वर्तमान तक भी जमा नहीं करा पाये हैं, वे सभी अपना आवेदन फार्म दिनांक 23.08.2024 तक ऑन लाईन जमा कर सकते हैं। उपरोक्त योजना का मैनुअल लाटरी ज्ञा दिनांक 10.10.2024 को किया जाना प्रस्तावित है। योजना की नियम व शर्तें पूर्व की भांति लागू रहेंगी।

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No: KBJNL/DDA/Quotation/2024-25/1458

Dated: 03.08.2024

ENQUIRY OF RATES

Almatti Dam is major multi-purpose Reservoir project of national importance. The Dam is provided with 26 No's of spillway radial crest gates. It is requested to submit the quotation rates for the following item of works pertaining to hydro mechanical components to spillway radial crest gates of Almatti Dam for the purpose of preparation of estimate. The details of item of works are as follows.

Sl.No	Name of Work	Unit	Total Quantity	Rate per unit Quantity in Rs. (Excluding GST)
1	Detailed site investigation, Design, Supply, Installation and commissioning of Hydraulic Hoisting Cylinders two numbers, each of 115 Ton hoisting capacity (total 230 Ton) along with stainless steel piston rod for each spillway radial crest gate of Almatti Dam including dismantling existing hoisting system (and buyback), with all necessary accessories, etc including cost of all materials, machinery, labour transportation complete with all leads and lifts as directed by Engineer in charge. The Technical specifications of the Hoisting system are as under: 1. Hoisting Capacity : 230 T consisting of two cylinders of 115 Ton capacity each 2) Stroke Length : 9.60 M 3) Length of Cylinder : 11.00 M 4) Design pressure : 220 Kg/cm ²	Each	26	
2	Survey, Investigation, Design, fabrication as per approved design of trunnion assembly to each spillway radial crest gate of Almatti Dam to achieve intended opening of gates including cost of obtaining expert opinion, reporting, approval to the design, rectification of obstruction, providing additional strengthening if required, commissioning of spillway radial crest gate to full height (up to FRL 524.256 M), etc., including cost of all materials, machinery, fabrication, labor, transportation complete with all leads and lifts as directed by the Engineer in charge.	Each	26	
3	Survey, Investigation, measurements, design, rectification of stoplog groove using dummy frame resembling the existing stoplog unit to remove the interference of the guide track and other embedded elements, chipping/trimming of stoplog vents if required, for proper lowering of stop log units in the stop log groove, exercising stoplog elements into vent, re-commissioning of stoplog elements and overhauling, servicing, design verification and rectification of lifting beam for self-engagement and disengagement including cost obtaining experts opinion, reporting, obtaining approval from department, etc., including cost of all materials, machinery, labor, transportation complete with all leads and lifts as directed by Engineer in charge.	Each	26	
4	Overhauling, servicing and upgradation of Power pack including external cleaning of complete system, replacement of existing distribution pipes with stainless steel distribution system, design of suitable oil distribution network as per applicable standards, topping up of ISO VG 68/66 hydraulic oil, Removal of each valve/components mounted on PU, visual inspection of Manifold block inside cavities, Replacement of all parts such as valves, gauges, Digital Volt meter & Ammeter, Tank inspection /Painting with zink rich primer, replacement of all seals/ 'O' rings, Painting of PU, Commissioning of PU etc including cost of all materials, machinery, labour transportation complete with all leads and lifts as directed by Engineer in charge.	Each	26	

For further details it is requested to visit the undersigned office personally and get the details of work. It is suggested to visit the site before submitting quotations. The quotations should be submitted in sealed cover or by mail. The last date submission of quotation is on: 05.09.2024.

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NOTICE INVITING BID

Sealed offers under TWO BID SYSTEM are hereby invited by the Govt. of Bihar from eligible Non Schedule Operator Permit holders (Non-scheduled category) under DGCA, India, for WET LEASE (not more than 07 years old at any point of time during contract period) Twin Engine Helicopter for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and entire Territory of India, for an initial period of 5 (five) years, which can be extended for another 02 years on satisfactory performance. Specification of helicopter is appended below:-

THE DESIRED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HELICOPTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- The helicopter should be certified vide FAR 29 or CS 29 certification standards
- Twin engine having good operational capability/reliability and easy maintainability.
- Minimum Range 300 NM with AUV at 35°C OAT & 1500 ft. AMSL.
- Minimum cruising speed 130 knots.
- Category A performance capability.
- Dual flight control with Auto Pilot.
- IFR capability.
- Fully air conditioned.
- CVR/FDR, EGPWS and other essential equipment installed as per applicable DGCA Civil Aviation Requirements (CARs)
- Seating capacity as per Type certificate data sheet.
- The helicopter and its engine to be type accepted by DGCA
- AUV below 5700Kg.
- Helicopter should be in VVIP/VIP configuration.
- 7+2/8+2 (Passengers + Pilot) seating capacity.
- One in number Twin Engine Helicopter 7+2/8+2 (Passenger + Pilot) seater for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and all airports in India. Approximate utilization of flying hours will be 540 hrs per year (i.e. 45 hrs per month).
- Bidder has to deposit Bid Bond (Earnest Money) of 2% of annual contract value in the form of Bank Guarantee as specified in the Detailed Tender Documents.
- Other terms and conditions and technical parameters required for the Helicopter are specified in the Detailed Tender Documents.
- The Government of Bihar will not be responsible for non-reaching of the Tender Documents due to postal delay or misplacement etc.
- Tender Documents can also be downloaded from the website "<http://state.bihar.gov.in/csd>" or "<http://state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar>".
- Company or Firm who has already submitted the tender, need not submit it again. Already submitted tender will be considered while finalising the tender.
- Last date and time of receipt of Tender by post or by hand is 15:30 hours (IST) on 23.08.2024 in the office of Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt. of Bihar, Patna.

- Sealed Tenders will be opened in the office chamber of The Additional Chief Secretary (Cabinet Secretariat Department), Govt. of Bihar, Patna at 17:00 hours (IST) on 23.08.2024 by a committee constituted by the Government of Bihar. If intervened by a holiday, Tenders will be received /opened at the same time on next working day.
- After opening of Sealed Packets of Tenders, only the Technical Bids shall be opened on 23.08.2024 at 17:30 hrs for scrutiny of the bid documents and technical data etc. The schedule of events for different activities is given below:-

Sl. No.	Schedule of Events	Date
1.	Request for Proposal	02.08.2024
2.	Last date for submission of proposals & Technical bid opening	23.08.2024
3.	Presentation by Bidding organisations	29.08.2024 (11:00 AM)
4.	Opening of Financial Bid	06.09.2024
5.	Award of Contract	13.09.2024
6.	Positioning of Helicopter	27.09.2024

- If Technical Bid of any bidder is found incomplete, not supported by requisite Bid Bond and/or required documents or deficient of any technical parameters as specified in the Detailed Tender Documents, their Financial Bid shall not be opened and same will be returned to the bidder in sealed condition as submitted by the bidder.
- The Government of Bihar reserves the right to reject any or all the bids offer without assigning any reasons thereof.

This information is available on state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also

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Why trial judges should not just 'play it safe'

CJI Chandrachud Recently Said They Were Reluctant To Grant Bail

Naveed Mehmood Ahmad

On July 28, the Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, speaking at a conference in Bengaluru, said: "Trial judges are increasingly playing it safe, not granting bail on important issues of serious crimes." He emphasised that judges should be more receptive to the need for accommodating the concerns of people seeking liberty. He also highlighted that delays in granting bail "compound the problem of those facing arbitrary arrests". These statements underscore two pressing issues within the criminal justice system: arbitrary arrests and the frequent denial of bail — both of which are affronts to personal liberty.

Arbitrary Arrests, Bail Denial

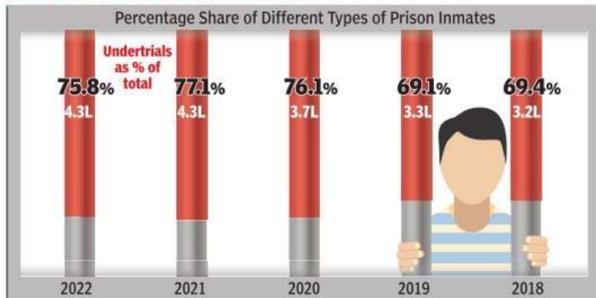
The CJI's concerns are well-founded. The police exercise unbridled power to arrest anyone on suspicion or apprehension of an offence. The courts, meant to check this power, are often too reluctant to grant bail. Laws, especially special legislations, further erode the fundamental principle of 'bail, not jail' by imposing unreasonable harsh conditions for bail, often requiring judges to make a preliminary assessment of guilt.

On July 29, a day after the CJI's comments, an SUV driver was arrested for driving through a waterlogged road near a coaching institute in Delhi where three people drowned due to waterlogging. He was charged with culpable homicide and initially denied bail, only to be released after spending four days in custody. Then, on July 30, Uttar Pradesh assembly passed an amendment to the Uttar Pradesh Prohibition of Unlawful Conversions Act, 2021, imposing stringent bail conditions similar to those in the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967, and the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985. These laws require judges to conclude that reasonable grounds exist to show the accused is not guilty of the offence before they grant bail. Anecdotes, however, do not present the complete picture of the problem that confronts us.

Preventive Arrests Exceed Prosecutions

Latest data from the National Crime Records Bureau show that 32 lakh people were arrested for offences under the Indian Penal Code, 1860, in 2022, and another 21.6 lakh for offences under special laws. In comparison, over 80 lakh people were preventively arrested under provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973, and other state-specific provisions. This is 50% more than arrests for crimes that were actually committed. While around 80% of these individuals were released within 24 hours, many remained in police or judicial custody

3 OUT OF EVERY 4 PRISONERS IN 2022 WERE UNDERTRIALS



More Than 11k Undertrials In Jail For Over 5 Years



for extended periods. What is crucial to note is that courts do not get to test the necessity and validity of the majority of these arrests, fostering a culture of arbitrary detentions that escape judicial scrutiny.

Delays In Securing Bail

Data from prisons in India also show how arrests, pretrial, and undertrial detention impact the right to personal liberty. At the end of 2022, there were 4.3 lakh undertrials in Indian prisons, accounting for 76% of the total prison population. During the same year, 15 lakh undertrials were released from prison, with 95% of them released on bail. This may suggest that the bail system is functioning adequately.

However, the details reveal a deeper issue: at the end of 2022, around 68% of undertrials in Indian prisons had been in custody for at least three months. Of these, 11,448 had spent over five years in prison as undertrials. This extended pretrial and undertrial detention reflects a systemic failure that contradicts the very essence of personal liberty. Even as the trial courts' reluctance to grant bail proactively is concerning, delays in high courts exacerbate the problem. Almost 40% of bail matters in high courts take over a month for disposal, with median disposal times ranging from 28 days to 156 days for many high

courts (Daksh, 2023). These delays further undermine the efficacy of the bail system and contribute to prolonged and unjust detentions.

Need To Question Assumptions

Even as arbitrary arrests and delays in the disposal of bail applications contribute to a burgeoning crisis of overcrowded prisons and a broader issue of personal liberty, the laws add to the problem by categorising more offences as cognisable, providing wide powers of arrest, and imposing stringent conditions for granting bail.

So, is there a solution? The legislature can ensure that criminal laws and procedures do not overly rely on jail terms and police powers of arrest are restricted to absolutely necessary situations. The judiciary can adopt a more proactive approach to protect personal liberty and avoid normalising pretrial and undertrial detention. The police can be sensitised to the fact that personal liberty is the most cherished of fundamental rights and should not be routinely trampled upon. Also, there's a need to question the premise that police remand is a prerequisite for any investigation, and that judicial custody is necessary to ensure trial.

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TOI Explains

Engaged with new UK govt to advance FTA, Centre tells LS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: India is engaging with the new Labour government in the UK to take forward India-UK ties, including through a mutually-beneficial free trade agreement (FTA), the govt told Parliament.

The teams negotiating the FTA have made good progress, it said. "Both sides are engaged to work out a trade deal that is fair, equitable and mutually beneficial, which takes into consideration the ambitions and sensitivities of both the sides," said junior external affairs minister Kirti Vardhan Singh in reply to a written question in Lok Sabha.

Singh said, during the recent visit of UK foreign secretary David Lammy, both sides appreciated the substantial progress made in the India-UK FTA negotiations and looked forward to its early conclusion. "India's minister for commerce and industries met UK secretary of state for business and trade, Jonathan Reynolds, on the sidelines of the G7 trade ministers meeting in Apulia, Italy in July 2024. The talks included plans to take forward the discussions on FTA between India and the UK," he said.

India and the UK are negotiating an FTA since Jan 13, 2022. Recently, the Indian team visited UK (April 16-19, 2024) for negotiations on outstanding issues. Subsequently, another services team also visited UK from May 8 to 10 to discuss outstanding issues in 'services track'.

"Subsequent to the formation of the new govt in the UK, both prime ministers spoke on phone on July 6, 2024. Thereafter, UK foreign secretary David Lammy also visited India during July 24-25, 2024. Both sides remain committed to deepening and diversifying the 'comprehensive strategic partnership'," Singh said.

Chirag to move top court against SC/ST classification verdict

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Patna: Union minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) president Chirag Paswan on Sunday expressed his disagreement with the Supreme Court observation over creamy layer among Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST) and announced that his party would file a review petition against the ruling.

Chirag, who got elected from his father late Ram Vilas Paswan's home constituency of Hajipur in the Lok Sabha polls, draws strength from a sizeable Dalit vote base. According to the recent Bihar caste survey, SC and ST together comprise 21.3% of the state's total population, indicating their political significance.

Talking to media persons here, Chirag said the basis for granting reservation to this community is "untouchability" and hence the concept of "creamy layer" should not apply.

"We disagree with the Supreme Court's observation and have registered it prominently. We are clear that the basis of classification of the Scheduled Caste is untouchability, not educational or economic status. So, there can't be a provision for creamy layer... reservation within reservation is not fair," Chirag said, adding his party would soon file a review petition in the Supreme Court.

Stating that the quota within quota doesn't apply to Scheduled Castes, Chirag said the people from this community are discriminated against even today. "Many people from this community hold high posi-



Quota within quota doesn't apply to Scheduled Castes, said Chirag

Govt trying to end quota through judiciary: Maya

Reiterating her stand on the Supreme Court order on sub-classification of SC/ST quota, BSP chief Mayawati on Sunday said that her party "does not agree with it." She also urged Parliament to overturn the order, if needed.

It will encourage vote bank politics and parties governing states will include castes they want to appease for votes in the reservation category and exclude the rest, Mayawati said, while reiterating that reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs be included in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution. Calling the sub-classification of SCs and STs for quota "unconstitutional" and one that challenges the power of the President, Mayawati said that the "govt was trying to end quota through judiciary, and it has been successful in doing so to some extent." The SCs and STs should remain united and not take it as anything less than an "emergency," she said. **TNN**

tions yet when they visit temples, these places are purified with the Ganga water. Even today we get to see Dalit grooms being prevented from riding a horse. Discrimination takes place due to untouchability," he said.

Shah: New crime laws are biggest reform of 21st century

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Sunday said the new criminal jurisprudence laws and the criminal justice system governed by them will prove to be the biggest reform of the 21st century.

"The Constitution is not merely a book but a spirit that embodies the dignity, honour, and rights of every individual," the home minister said as he claimed that the three new laws carry the fragrance of India's soil and country's heritage of judicial traditions.

Shah was speaking after inaugurating the e-evidence, Nyay Setu, NyayShruti, and e-summon systems in Chandigarh. He said, "How can laws



We will have the most modern criminal justice system in the world, Shah said

that were passed 150 years ago remain relevant? The Bharat of 1860 and that of today, the purpose of the rulers of that period and that of our Constitution today — there is a vast difference. People used to not get justice for years, and adjournments continued one date after another. People in many parts of the nation started taking paths other than those of justice. People were gradually losing their trust in the system."

Shah said that after the complete implementation of these laws, India will have the most modern and technologically equipped criminal justice system in the world. He said in the next two months, Chandigarh will become the first administrative unit in the country where the three laws will have been fully implemented.

Rescue op continues, 400 still stranded on Kedarnath route

Over 1,200 People Moved To Safer Locations On Sun

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Dehradun: A multi-agency rescue operation continued at Kedarnath for the fourth day with 400 people still stranded after severe rains ravaged the area on Wednesday night. Over 1,200 individuals, including pilgrims and locals, were moved to safer locations on Sunday, even as the Indian Army began constructing a footbridge on the damaged stretch between Sonprayag and Gaurikund on the Kedarnath National Highway to facilitate further evacuations.

The district management department said, "Approximately 400 people were escorted on foot from Kedarnath to Lincholi, from where they were airlifted to various locations, including Char Dham and Sirsi helipads." Five small helicopters have been deployed for the rescue efforts, airlifting around 640 people from Lincholi, Bhimbali, and Kedarnath. Since the rescue operations began on Thursday, 2,622 individuals have been airlifted from different locations, including 138 from Lincholi, 2,409 from Bhimbali, and 75 from Chidbasa. As of Sunday, 10,374



Army personnel reconstruct a damaged bridge in Sonprayag

2 Delhi youngsters rescued after 48-hr ordeal

Two young residents of Delhi were rescued after a harrowing 48-hour ordeal in the Kedarnath region, where they were stranded without food in a jungle and rescued from a 6,500 feet mountainous terrain beyond Triyuginarayan, 13km from the Kedarnath temple, reports Gaurav.Talwar. Ankit Mandal, 22, and Sunil Singh, 15, from the Delhi's Sarita Vihar locality, embarked on their first pilgrimage to Kedarnath, expecting a spiritual journey. Instead, they found themselves in a desperate fight for survival.

The trouble started when they chose an unfamiliar route from Gaurikund to Sonprayag for their return from Kedarnath.

people have been rescued from along the Kedarnath trek route. Dense clouds over Kedarnath and the upper route have significantly disrupted rescue operations. The Indian Air Force's Chinook helicopter has been grounded due to persistent bad weather, while the MI-17 helicopter has managed only three flights, rescuing 60 people despite adverse conditions.

Officials said all passengers have been evacuated from Gaurikund, leaving only locals,

shopkeepers, and animal handlers in the area. "Most people from Bhimbali and Lincholi have also been rescued. However, about 50 remain in Lincholi, and around 350 people, including tourists, devotees, priests, and shopkeepers, are still at Kedarnath," an official said.

The State Disaster Response Force continues its search operation in the Lincholi area, which suffered extensive damage from a flash flood near Junglehatti on Wednesday night.

4 days after HP cloudburst, 44 still untraced

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kullu: As many as 44 people are still missing after cloudbursts and flash floods in Kullu, Mandi and Shimla regions of Himachal Pradesh four days ago. Among the missing are 33 people from Samej village of Rampur sub-division in Shimla district. At the same time, two more bodies were recovered in Mandi's Terang village, raising the rain-related deaths to nine — eight in Mandi and one in Kullu.

Mandi deputy commissioner Appurv Devgan said two people were still missing in Terang. "The search will continue till they are found. NDRF teams are being helped by sniffer dogs in the operation," said Devgan.

In Samej on Sunday, the search teams combed more areas through debris left behind by the flash floods. Among the missing are villagers, employees of a hydro project and eight schoolchildren.

"Over 40 people in Kullu, Mandi and Shimla are still missing even after four days and chances of their survival looking minimal," former CM Jai Ram Thakur said.

Bangle helped Neethu's hubby to identify her body: Hospital

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It is around 40-45 minutes' drive from our hospital. So, I asked her to wait for some time. Then, I called the police station in Meppadi but the line was busy. Then I tried the number at Kalpetta station, but the cops there were unaware of the landslide. Then I dialled 100 and got to the control room at Thiruvananthapuram and shared the news," Palliyal said.

An ambulance was rushed to Neethu's house at Chooralmala from the medical college. But the bridge beyond Chooralmala town was blocked by an uprooted tree and the ambulance was stalled. By the time a smaller ambulance — an Omni van — was found and sent to the place, it was too late.

Inside Neethu's house, the situation was dire with the water rising by the minute. She urged her husband Jojo to take their five-year-old son and her parents to leave the place and seek higher ground. As a member of the healthcare industry, Neethu's caregiver instincts had kicked in. She told her husband that she would follow them soon, once she had gathered the few neighbours who were moving in the direction of her house. Her Samaritan nature was to cost her life. Around 4am, the second more devastating landslide occurred.

Palliyal said that he called her again at this point but all he could hear was Neethu's panicked voice and that of her neighbours. "The river started to widen and change its course in the area where her house was located. She along with others was washed away," he said.

Neethu's body was retrieved from Soochimala waterfalls. But initially, there was some confusion which delayed things. "It was her bangle which became the key for her husband Jojo to make sure it was Neethu's body," Palliyal said.

37 yrs after cop dream broken, Kerala woman aces rescue role

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Meppadi (Wayanad): Not all broken dreams die; some live to find a way in the most unusual circumstances. Anganwadi teacher Vijayakumari N S, who couldn't become a police-woman because her father tore off her selection letter 37 years ago, found inspiration in her unfulfilled dream to work alongside uniformed forces as the lone woman civilian volunteer helping retrieve and transport bodies in the aftermath of Wayanad's disaster.

Vijayakumari, a 57-year-old anganwadi teacher at Muppainad panchayat, was also the first woman volunteer to reach the disaster zone after the twin landslides almost a week ago.

Her mission started the moment she woke up to her phone ringing at 4am on July 30. Two landslides in as many hours had left Munnakkal and Chooralmala devastated, the caller said.

Vijayakumari stepped out within minutes, riding her scooter to Chooralmala in blinding rain. She reached the area around 5am, only to find the neighbourhood she knew reduced to heaps of mud and slush.

Vijayakumari immediately offered to join the rescue effort, telling officials that she was a trained civil defence volunteer. By 8pm, she had helped retrieve 17 bodies.

"It was an unsettling sight, but one that couldn't turn my back on," she told TOI.

Over the next two days, Vijayakumari worked tirelessly in the temporary morgue set up at Meppadi to keep bodies and body parts brought from Nilambur. "I had to constantly keep my emotions in check. I thought my presence would help the women who came to identify their loved ones," she said.



Rescuers conduct a search-and-rescue operation in Wayanad on Sunday

18-yr-old student deletes 'memories' after landslide wipes out his family of 8

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Kozhikode: In a different time, 18-year-old hotel management student Abhijith Kallingal would have gone for a long, leisurely stroll in his village of Punchirattom to capture its lush green hills and waterfalls with his mobile phone, as he did almost every day. But this is now. Sitting in a relief camp in Meppadi's govt high school this weekend, he was deleting these cherished photos, unable to bear the memories they evoked.

Abhijith's life was shattered when a landslide early Tuesday flattened his village and claimed the lives of his entire family, eight in all — including his parents, siblings, grandmother, uncle, aunt, cousin, and four close neighbours who had sought refuge in his home as it rained nonstop for two days in Wayanad.

The teenager survived only because he was away in Thiruvananthapuram for his studies. His once safe and beautiful village, often photog-

raphed and shared with friends, became the site of an unimaginable tragedy.

Abhijith's home, perceived as safe due to its elevated location, was completely destroyed. All its 12 occupants at the time perished. The bodies of his father, sister, uncle, and aunt were found in the rubble, but his mother, brother, grandmother, and cousin remain missing. Adding to his grief, Abhijith lost an aunt who was visiting relatives in Chooralmala — the site of another devastating landslide.

Abhijith is left alone, accompanied only by his cousin Pranav, the sole survivor from his uncle Narayanan's family. Amidst his trauma, Abhijith left the relief camp to perform the last rites of his father and sister at the Mariyamman temple funeral grounds. "Our village was so beautiful. I had taken so many images. I have deleted most of them. What is the use of keeping them when everything is lost?" he said. The pictures were erased, but the scars remained.

Foresters trek hours to rescue tribal family of six from cave in Wayanad

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kozhikode: A four-member forest team spent several hours trekking through 8km of rocky terrain to rescue a tribal family of six, including four minor children, from a cave in Attamala area of Wayanad's Chooralmala on Thursday.

The team, led by Kalpetta forest range officer K Ashif, had found Santha, a woman belonging to the Paniya community, and her baby wandering in the forest on Tuesday, the day the landslides struck Chooralmala and Munnakkal.

When they saw Santha again two days later on Thursday in search of food, they were told that her husband Krishnan and three other



Forest officers with children of the rescued family in Wayanad

children were inside the cave atop a hill facing a gorge. The officers took Santha to a camp.

Later, the team ventured in search of her other family members amid downpour. Armed with a rope, courage

and risking their lives, the foresters made their way through treacherous terrain dotted with rocks left slippery due to heavy rain.

They descended steep slopes using the rope secured

to trees. Four hours later, they reached the cave and found the father and children huddled around a fireplace. The children were seen eating fruits. The kids were given some of the food the officers had carried with them. After much persuasion, Krishnan agreed to accompany the officers with his children.

Carrying the kids, holding them to their chests by tying them with ripped clothes, the foresters started the return journey. Yet again, the team ventured through the same risky route by ensuring the children were safe. Nearly five hours later, they reached their destination, reuniting Krishnan with Santha and their kids at the camp.

THE SPEAKING TREE

ENRICHING SERVICE

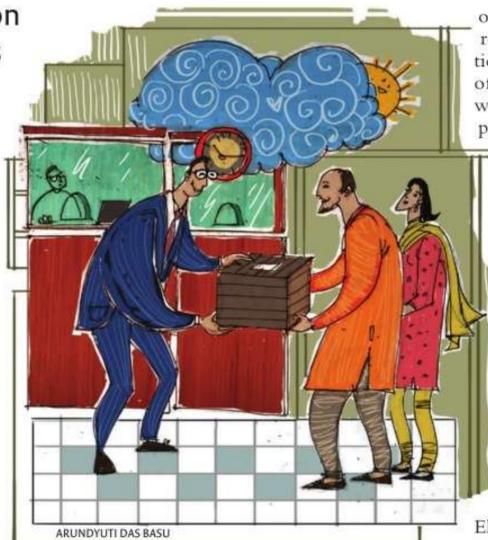
A committed person assigns value to his work, as well as believes in seva, service; in this orientation, things are not done to impress but for the sake of the work done well, writes

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All too often, we find ourselves frustrated, distressed and weary of being at the receiving end of cold, non-recognition, and non-engaging responses from an officer, who is technically called a public servant, meaning at the service of the public. However, there are some rare moments when we are pleasantly surprised.

Nestled in the crowded Malad suburb of Mumbai lies a small post office, which starts functioning around 9 am. This writer has regularly posted boxes of books for remote schools and libraries, mainly in the north and west of the country.

To beat the rush, one has to reach there before nine. The last four times, one has met the new postmaster, a 51-year-old man, very well-dressed and soft-spoken. Invariably, the person in charge of booking the parcels arrives late for whatever reason. However, this has not stopped the postmaster from leaving his desk and coming to our aid. This is all the more surprising. What we see is that the higher up the person, the less willing she or he is generally to do the work of those lower in the hierarchy. This



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out of expectation of reward or recognition but for the sake of the work done well. A committed person is self-propelled. The person assumes his or her role as a facilitator. At times, there is a passion for the work itself, but even otherwise, underlying it, there is a substratum of concern to ease the burden of others. What do we live for if it is not to make life less difficult for each other, asks George Eliott.

The source of committed behaviour lies in some internal intention or belief. The delivery of any excellent quality work, whether as a product or service, is never accidental but deliberate and intentional. Which brings us, on our part, to be mindful when we receive any such service, never missing the chance to acknowledge and thank the person for it.

By striving to become a committed person, not only towards family and friends circle but people at large, there will be one less 'compliance-only-bent' person in the world. What we are, or have become, our levels of dedication to any task before us, our work ethic, often gets reflected in how we serve.

When love and skill work together, expect a masterpiece, John Ruskin has reminded us. The lives of committed people and their contribution to the betterment of service often go unnoticed and they mostly remain uncelebrated. What we need to do is to redress this, by first stating how much we appreciate them, and secondly make sure to send in their direction a prayer and a blessing. ■

particular man does this helping most effectively without any fuss or sign of pride in his high position. After weighing and pasting stickers, he willingly helps us lift and stack them in a corner. On finishing, he moves quickly out of the way, not even giving us a chance to thank him. One has been to various post offices in the city and has hardly ever received such a response.

In order to unpack this rare behaviour, we need to look at the difference between compliance and commitment.

Compliant means rule-bound, doing everything mandated either by the book or the rank, making no extra effort or going out of one's way to help. While compliance is vital, we need a more humane and creative way of enriching service delivery. Commitment implies working towards whatever more is possible—the value-added principle.

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PURE LIVING

UP man who 'eloped' with Hindu girl arrested, abduction case filed

Kanwardeep Singh | TNN

Bareilly: A 21-year-old man, Mohd Saddam, whose house was set on fire by an angry mob on Friday, was sent to jail by police in Bareilly Sunday for allegedly eloping with a 20-year-old woman from another community. An FIR under BNS section of abduction was registered against Saddam following a complaint by the woman's father.

The incident took place at Chandupura Shivnagar under Sirauli limits of Bareilly. None of the 51 people charged with rioting have been arrested.

Additional SP, Manush Pareek, said, "Saddam was sent to jail as the section in the FIR against him was cognisable, and the court sent

him to judicial custody. We'll soon record the woman's statement before the magistrate and take action as per the law. We're also investigating the FIR related to rioting and looking for the culprits. We've identified some of them, including the woman's kin, who were possibly involved in vandalising Saddam's house."

A senior cop on condition of anonymity added, "Sometimes preventive measures are taken to ensure the person's safety. In this case, those who vandalised Saddam's house may try to attack him and trigger fresh violence. If the woman records her statement in favour of Saddam, the court may release him." Over 100 police personnel were de-

ployed in the village after the cops also came under attack by the angry mob. "Police are ensuring the safety of all families in the village, including the minority population," he added.

On July 29, there was a complaint that a 20-year-old woman had eloped with her neighbour, Saddam. Both were tracked down on Thursday night and the woman was handed over to her father the next day. The man was subsequently detained for questioning. Later that night, anti-social elements vandalised the man's house and set it on fire. An FIR was then registered against the perpetrators—21 identified and 30 unknown—under BNS section of rioting, and another FIR was registered

4 of MP family returning from funeral killed in Raj away crash

Jaipur: Four members of a Madhya Pradesh family returning home from a relative's funeral in Rishikesh died and five others were injured when their car crashed early Sunday into a truck on the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway in Rajasthan's Sawai Madhopur district. Police suspect the driver of the speeding car had dozed off.

The crash adds to the list of around 40 accident fatalities on the showpiece highway in the past three months.

The 6.30am collision in Soorwal area was so severe that the car remained stuck under the truck, which continued moving for more than 1km, dragging the vehicle along with it. The truck driver fled the spot, police said. The car's front portion remained stuck under the truck and a crane had to be brought to extricate it. TNN

Assam to roll out domicile policy for state govt jobs

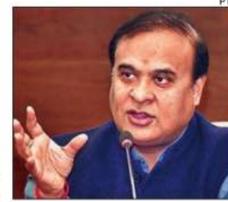
Sarma: Will Bring It 'Within Two Months'

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Guwahati: Assam will introduce "within the next two months" a domicile policy aimed at making only those born in the state eligible for state govt jobs, CM Himanta Biswa Sarma said Sunday.

"The state govt has recruited over 97,000 people in a transparent manner since May 2021, creating an ecosystem that builds trust," Sarma said on Sunday. "The list of recruits, when published, will prove how indigenous people have been given priority."

BJP's campaign pitch for the 2021 assembly elections included a lakh govt jobs for the state's youth. Citing Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Gujarat as examples, Sarma said these states had domicile policies for recruitment to govt jobs so that local candidates weren't denied. In Bengal, being able to read and write Bengali is mandatory for certain posts,



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he pointed out.

He said that in the last three years, his govt has been doing work to protect Jati, Mati, and Bhethi.

"Riding on a national independence movement, Jawaharlal Nehru became the PM for the third term. At that time Congress received support from the people of the country just after the Independence. But PM Modi received grand support from the entire country and became the PM for a consecutive third term. Congress has celebrated after winning 99 seats. This is not out of 100, it is out of 542. 240 is bigger or 99. Maybe 99 is bigger in mathematics of Pakistan," he added.

Land jihad big threat to demography: Himanta

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If a Muslim wants to buy a Hindu's property or a Hindu wants to buy a Muslim's property, it will be subject to scrutiny, Assam chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said at BJP's state executive meeting in Guwahati.

Besides Uttar Pradesh in 2021, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Madhya Pradesh have enacted anti-conversion laws with separate and stricter clauses against change in religion deemed to be linked to "love jihad".

In Assam, BJP-led govt last month moved to repeal Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules of 1935, which permitted underage marriages under specific conditions.

CM Sarma mentioned at the BJP meeting that his govt viewed "land jihad" as a serious threat to the state's demography and had al-

ready reclaimed encroached areas through a series of eviction campaigns.

He said a span equivalent to the size of Chandigarh had been freed from encroachment by people from a particular community.

BJP is committed to protecting every right of the indigenous people of the state, the CM said. "We will have a new law to protect land in historically and culturally important regions like Barpeta, Majuli, and Batabara so that only the people from those places can purchase property there."

Sarma said the delimitation exercise last year was a crucial step towards safeguarding the state's future.

On CAA, Sarma mentioned the "limited impact" of the agitation against the law. "Bringing CAA was a brave step by BJP govt. We are going to initiate a process to unlock biometrics of people that were blocked," he said.

NTA rebuts Jairam claim of exam body's ₹448cr profit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: National Testing Agency on Sunday rebutted claims that it had made a profit of Rs 448 crore in the last six years through conduct of exams, which sources in NTA said were "based on inadequate understanding and facts".

Citing data based on the reply to a Parliament question, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh had said on X, "This corpus, however, has not been used to build the agency's capabilities to conduct tests itself, or to strengthen regulatory and monitoring capabilities for its vendors."

Ramesh shared minister of state for education Suktanta Majumdar's reply in Rajya Sabha on July 31 to a question on NTA. According to the reply, "NTA collected an estimated Rs 3,512.98 crore while it spent Rs 3,064.77 crore on the conduct of examinations, it therefore netted a profit of Rs 448 crore in the last six years", he said.



NTA is at the very heart of the NEET scandal, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh had said

Dismissing the claim, education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, "The opposition is frustrated with their failed propaganda. Govt has initiated comprehensive examination and NTA reforms, and we are awaiting the recommendations of the high-powered committee. However, people need to understand the mandate of exam-conducting organisations like NTA and CBSE, which are self-sustaining. Unlike typical govt enti-

ties, self-sustaining bodies like NTA have operational costs that include conducting exams, salaries and administrative expenses. The organisation has been in the negative since its inception."

Ramesh earlier said, "NTA is at the very heart of the NEET scandal. It is a body of the education ministry whose only purpose is to function via outsourcing to private vendors. Not only do these vendors very often have dubious credentials but the NTA itself is headed by a person who presided over the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission, which has seen mega scams," he added.

In response, a senior NTA official said, "Having a corpus of Rs 450 crore to Rs 500 crore in the bank doesn't mean we are in the positive, as they are not considering the liabilities. Apart from the cost of conducting exams, salaries are also paid from the same collection of registration fees."

Many killed in wall collapse were only child of their parents

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Over a dozen children gathered under a tent to create Shivlings out of clay as a massive crowd of devotees thronged Hardaul Baba Temple in Shahpur. Around 10am, the wall of the adjoining house collapsed on the tent, trapping the kids under a mound of debris.

Collector Deepak Arya, who supervised the rescue, confirmed the wall collapse was triggered by rain. Amid screams and wails, parents and other villagers scrambled through the debris with bare hands to reach the kids. Police joined the rescue effort and a JCB was deployed.

Two children died on the spot. Nine others were rushed to hospital but seven more died on the way. The two survivors are in stable condition, collector Arya said.

Local Rehli MLA and ex-minister Gopal Bhargava, who arrived to oversee the rescue, said many of those killed were the only child of their parents, Bhargava said.

CM Yadav expressed grief and announced aid of Rs 4 lakh for the kin of each of the deceased, adding, "I have directed the district administration to provide proper treatment to the injured." CM ordered an immediate statewide review of dilapidated and dangerous buildings and asked officials to take action so that there was no repeat of such tragedies. "Chief municipal officer (Shahpur) and sub-engineer were found guilty of negligence and have been suspended," the CM posted on X.

In Rewa on Saturday, the dilapidated wall that collapsed and killed four children was barely 20 metres from their school in Garh village. Another child and the mother of one of those killed are in critical condition. School authorities and parents had repeatedly requested the owner of the empty plot to pull down the wall, but to no avail.

Bhilwara med student held in NEET leak case, 8th to be nabbed by CBI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Patna/Bhilwara/Jaipur: A medical student from Rajasthan was arrested by CBI in Patna on Saturday in connection with the NEET-UG 2024 paper leak case. He is the eighth MBBS student to be nabbed so far.

Sandeep Kumar Bishnoi, a first year MBBS student of Rajmata Vijaya Raje Scindia (RVRS) Medical College in Bhilwara, was called to Patna by the Central agency for questioning. Bishnoi allegedly confessed to his involvement in solving the NEET-UG question paper. Following this, he

was formally arrested and produced at a special court in Patna. The court granted five-day custody to the agency.

According to CBI sources, Sandeep was part of a solver gang and, along with other medical students, had solved

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the NEET-UG question paper at Hazaribag in Jharkhand ahead of the May 5 exam conducted by the NTA.

CBI has already arrested four MBBS students from AIIMS-Patna—Karan Jain, who hails from Araria, Chandan Singh from Siwan, Ku-

mar Sanu from Patna, and Rahul Anand from Dhanbad—on July 18, besides a first-year MBBS student of Ranchi's Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) on July 19. Kumar Manglam Bishnoi and Deepender Kumar of Rajasthan's Bharatpur Medical College were arrested on July 20.

They reportedly acted as a "solver module gang", which solved the paper allegedly stolen from the NTA trunk in Hazaribag by Pan-kaj Kumar, alias Aditya, a 2017-batch civil engineer from the National Institute of Technology-Jamshedpur.

Natural diamond hub eyes lion's share in lab gems

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Surat: India, the undisputed natural diamonds processing behemoth, is snuffing a chance of establishing itself as the world's largest lab-grown diamonds (LGD) maker and exporter. The massive fall in LGD prices over the past year has forced some of the leading global firms making these synthetic gems to reconsider their positions.

The relatively young Indian LGD firms have been quick to capitalise on the situation by offering their products at highly competitive prices. The average per carat price of LGD plummeted to around \$179 in 2023-24 from \$355 in 2022-23. Unable to sustain such a sharp fall, several international firms like WD LGD, the largest LGD maker in the US, filed for bankruptcy last year.

Similarly, international natural diamond behemoth De Beers suspended its LGD production for jewellery in May. The latest to join the shop shutters is Diam Concept, a French man-made diamonds firm, which went into receivership in July.

Local firms have the inherent advantage of lower costs of growing, cutting-polishing, jewellery



Industry insiders say rising production of lab-grown diamonds in India is pulling down prices for past few years, while firms operating in foreign countries prefer to exit due to plummeting profits

manufacturing, and a global marketing network. In 2022-23, India's LGD exports were 4.73 million carats, worth \$1,680.29 million. In 2023-24, the export of LGD was 7.81 million carats, but fell in value terms to \$1,402.44 million.

Industry insiders say that rising LGD production in India has been pulling down prices for the last few years, while firms operating in foreign countries prefer to exit due to plummeting profits. "In India, production costs are much lower; hence we can manage with lower profits as well," Dinesh Navadiya, chairman of Indian Diamond Institute, said.

7 killed, 25 hurt in bus-car collision in UP's Etawah

Kanpur: Seven people died and 25 others were injured in a collision between a Delhi-bound bus and a car on Lucknow-Agra Expressway in Usrahara area in Uttar Pradesh's Etawah between Saturday and Sunday. Three of the deceased were car occupants and four were bus passengers, police said.

The car crossed the divider and crashed into the bus, causing it to overturn and fall into a 50-foot ditch. The car driver may have fallen asleep, SSP Sanjay Kumar Verma.

Bus passenger Ranjana alleged that the bus driver was using his mobile phone throughout the journey despite protests from some passengers. The injured have been admitted to the trauma centre of UP University of Medical Sciences in Saifai. TNN

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Dollar path divides Goldman, Fidelity on emerging mkt bonds

Goldman Sachs says emerging market investors should favour dollar-denominated bonds over local-currency ones. Fidelity International says the opposite. Goldman argues that dollar debt will outperform as US election volatility bolsters the greenback and leads to policy changes that could hurt developing-nation assets. Fidelity says local currency assets will perform better as the Fed starts to cut rates. The clash mirrors the uncertainties that lie ahead due to the US election, and the debate over how fast the Fed will ease monetary policy. BLOOMBERG

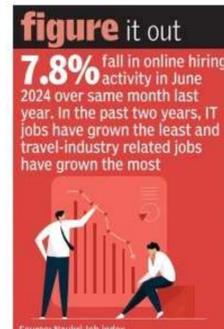


IIHL failed to comply with NCLT: RCap admin

New Delhi: The administrator of Reliance Capital has filed an affidavit with NCLT, accusing IIHL of non-compliance as the Hinduja Group firm failed to meet the conditions set by the tribunal. However, IIHL denied allegations saying there has not been any contempt of NCLT order. AGENCIES

FPIs put ₹32,365cr in equities in July

New Delhi: Foreign investors infused Rs 32,365 crore into Indian equities in July. However, they pulled Rs 1,027 crore from equities in the first two trading sessions of Aug. AGENCIES



Sri Lanka FTA: Lower duty on cars on the cards

New Delhi: India is seeking customs duty concession on a number of goods including cars, commercial vehicles and machinery from Sri Lanka under a comprehensive free trade agreement (FTA), talks for which are underway, an official said. India has also sought easier visa norms to further facilitate entry of professionals from here, the official said. The 14th round of talks between senior officials of India and Sri Lanka was concluded recently in Colombo.

Issues which came up for the talks included rules of origin, goods, services, and technical barriers for trade. Sri Lanka has sought removal of a quota on apparel exports to India. The island nation is also asking for duty concessions on tea and certain agricultural commodities. Sri Lanka has placed items like automobiles and electrical goods on its negative list, restricting their import. AGENCIES

Why GST rate rationalisation is both due & needed

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New Delhi: Transport minister Nitin Gadkari's letter to finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on reducing the GST on health and life insurance has struck a chord with most consumers, who have to shell out 18% tax to cover their medical risk when quality healthcare is something that the Centre and states should have been providing with the taxes they collect. Gadkari's suggestion for removal of the levy is unimplementable, since it will break the GST chain, denying refunds to those who sell goods or services to insurers. But many see merit in a reduction. Around six months ago, a parliamentary standing committee headed by Jayant Sinha had underlined the need to reduce GST on health and term insurance.

But it isn't just insurance, govt is seen to be imposing hefty levies on consumers for several other basic services, including telecom, which too attracts 18%, and 28% on air conditioners and cement, which are part of the demerit goods slab. Despite cement being a key construction input, GST Council, comprising the Union and state FMs, has ignored demands for a cut.

A look at your last car invoice would reveal how much tax you have paid to the Centre and states—43% GST if you bought a "luxury vehicle" (classified as anything which is more than 4 metres long), and a steep registration cost apart from motor insurance, where the premium only keeps rising even if you don't make a claim, and the govt then levies 18% GST. For a sin goods like gutka or pan masala, the effective rate is in three digits.

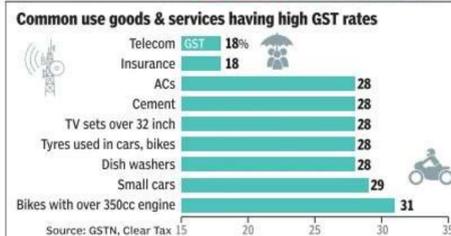
For several years, GST Council has been talking about reviewing rates but has refused to move even as tax collections rose month after month. There are talks

of discussions starting at the next meeting, but it is unlikely that a decision will be taken for several months. For that, a panel of ministers led by Bihar deputy chief minister Samrat Chaudhary needs to work

out a blueprint and that will also be linked to the item-by-item review by the GST Council secretariat to ensure that there is no revenue loss. The rationalisation of GST rates is overdue. It was to be undertaken a few years ago

as they will attract a higher le-

...AND HERE ARE SOME PAIN POINTS



Source: GSTN, Clear Tax 15, 20, 25, 30, 35

This is a good time to move ahead with rationalisation... The revenue situation has improved considerably, the economy is doing well and inflation has eased and is likely to improve further. —VIVEK JOHRI | FORMER CBIC CHAIRMAN

Deposit crunch forces banks to raise rates

RBI Expected To Hold Rates Steady This Week, Earliest Repo Rate Cut Seen In Dec: Economists

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Mumbai: Even as analysts are forecasting the monetary policy committee meeting this week to vote for another pause with a rate cut pushed to Dec, banks have been selectively raising deposits and lending rates.

According to SBI chairman Dinesh Khara, markets can no longer look up to the US Federal Reserve for the direction of interest rates. "There is a lot of decoupling that is happening. It is not that US Fed reduces rates and everybody else starts falling. We have seen the Bank of England reduce first followed by Australia. Japan has increased. All the central banks are not in sync," Khara said.

According to Bank of India chairman Rajneesh Karnatak, the fight for resources is like to continue for a few quarters. "We are passing on the increase in cost of deposits to borrower in the form of higher MCLR rates and we may increase the spread over



the repo rate as well," he said.

What is skewing the interest rate market is that while depositors are punishing banks for not offering enough on savings accounts, large corporates are still deciding their borrowing rates.

"Corporate still holding the pricing power — the weighted average lending rate on fresh rupee loan decreased by 11 basis points (00bps = 1 percentage point) from Jan to June 2024 even though the weighted average domestic term deposit rate increased by 3bps... A classic case of asymmetric transmission," said an SBI research report.

This means small businesses are bearing the brunt of the rate hikes.

According to Bank of Baroda chief economist Madan Sabnavis, the earliest rate cut can happen in Dec 2024. "RBI's MPC is likely to hold repo rate steady. The stance of the monetary policy is also expected to be retained at withdrawal of accommodation. Incidentally, the stance of the monetary policy was last changed in June. This is because RBI is unlikely to be comfortable with the elevated levels of food inflation in the recent months," said Sabnavis.

According to Barclays regional economist Shreya Sodhani, the rate cut is likely to get pushed to 2025. "We continue to expect the window for a rate cut to open only in Dec 2024, but see the risks that the first cut will be delayed into 2025. Recent communication by RBI has turned increasingly cautious over elevated food inflation, which continues to prevent durable disinflation in the headline rate," said Sodhani.

Israeli co in talks with HAL for P2F conversion unit

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New Delhi: Israeli Aerospace Industries (IAI) is in talks with at least two desi aviation majors — including Hindustan Aeronautics (HAL) — to set up a passenger to freighter (P2F) facility in India for wide body aircraft. The Israeli major sees IndiGo and Air India as potential partners for the P2F facility, which it hopes to have up and running within two years. It is also keen to have an engine maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) in India. IAI's EVP (aviation group) Shmuel Kuzi told TOI.

IAI has four facilities at four sites — Abu Dhabi, South Korea and two in the US. "All these sites are full till 2027. India has the ability for having a wide body conversion facility, it has immense potential. We are in talks with HAL and one more company. There is a situation in our region (the Mid East tensions and flights to Israel are currently suspended). We need some quiet. We will like to finalise the India facility at the earliest, hopefully by the end of the year so that it gets ready in another year and become operational by 2026," Kuzi said. HAL did not comment on this issue.

SBI Gen: Cut in wait time for existing diseases to up costs

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Mumbai: Regulator Irdai's decision to cut the waiting period for pre-existing diseases in health insurance from four years to three, starting from April 2024 will push up health insurance premiums, SBI General Insurance's chief business officer Rakesh Kaul said.

The non-life arm of the country's largest bank said that it has not decided how much of the increased cost will be passed on to the policyholder yet. Kaul told TOI that the reduction in the waiting period would increase the costs by 10-20% however the company has not taken a decision on passing the cost of the increased risk to the customer.

"Medical inflation is 7-8%. Our approach is not to revise every year but to wait for three years before reviewing the rates," said Kaul. Irdai, in its health insurance

guidelines effective April 2024, said that insurers cannot reject any claim on the grounds of pre-existence of ailment three years after the issue of policy.

According to Kaul, the pricing of the product is not going to hit demand. "Health is not a price seeker market it

is a value seeker market. It is our ability to customise and bring products to market. Unlike motor insurance, where the covers are pretty much standardised, health has lot of scope for customisation," he said.

SBI General Insurance is looking to launch a slew of new products every quarter. On the anvil is a health plan where the customer can 'drag

and drop' do-it-yourself covers to the policy based on the environment. The company is also coming up with a super top-up health cover.

The company's focus is now on increasing the share of its individual health insurance business. "We have set up a strategic business unit for handling health insurance underwriting and claims in Pune and are now servicing most of our individual claims in-house," said Kaul. He added that SBI General has the largest network of private hospitals with which it has service level agreements.

Kaul said that growth drivers will be the ability to innovate and customize products for segments based on each distribution channel. This has been made possible because of the insurers new technology platform. "We have put in place a partner engagement too Simba which empowers the distributor to customize products on their own"

We expect to grow 50% this fiscal, no carrier has grown faster: Akasa

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New Delhi: Boeing's inability to deliver its B737 MAX aircrafts has made the journey of India's youngest airline — Akasa, which turns two on Wednesday (Aug 7), a turbulent one. With 24 aircraft in its fleet currently — the last MAX delivered this Feb — and just under 800 pilots on its rolls, the low-cost carrier is facing growing resentment from pilots over issues like slow training and very low utilisation that has affected their pay cheques. Akasa founder Vinay Dube told TOI he hopes "Boeing will be getting its storied past back" under the newly-appointed CEO and requested pilots to "be a little more patient." Excerpts:

Akasa has 226 B737 MAX on order. What was the original fleet size expectation at the end of two years and where are we at present? We have 24 aircraft and the last

In the short or medium term, we are not looking at inducting Airbus in our fleet...if we get no MAX between now and end of the year, we have one degree of patience. If we get very close to our expectations, things are different. —VINAY DUBE | AKASA FOUNDER

one was delivered this Feb. We have stopped giving (fleet) guidance... (Despite Boeing's delivery issues) we are the fastest growing airline. In last fiscal, we saw our available seat km (ASKM) (a measure of an airline's carrying capacity available to generate revenue) grow by 300%. This fiscal, we expect to grow by 50%. No other carrier in India or globally has grown that fast. I am not looking at aircraft count alone as there are a number of things that allow us to grow capacity in ASKM terms.

Are you looking at wet/damp/dry lease to overcome capacity challenges and how patient are you willing to be with Boeing before you start looking at the alternate? Till the first part of FY26 for sure we are not looking at any wet or damp leases. Despite that, we will still grow 50% this fiscal (in ASKM terms). We continue on the path of getting our Boeing aircraft. In the short or medium term, we are not looking at inducting Airbus in our fleet. How patient we are going to be with Boeing depends on circumstances. If we get no MAX between now and end of the year, we have one degree of patience. If we get very close to our expectations, things are different.

How do you plan to allay their concerns? You are right that there are a number of pilots that are not flying (line released) yet and we are in the process of changing that. Training is yet to start for only 21 of our under 800 pilots. Everybody else is part of the training mix order. These 21 joined much more recently. We are a very fast growing airline. What I would say to them is be a little more patient. When people look back on us 10 years from now, they would have enjoyed a very fulfilling career at one of India's best airlines and that they would be senior pilots in a highly employee-centric organisation.

Akasa has been talking to investors. What is your funding status? We are very well financed, well funded. To give you a data point, we started with a certain amount of capital and today we have more than that initial amount of capital in our bank account.

TOI IN THE CLASSROOM

Split MF Portfolio Into Core & Satellite To Meet Long-Term Goals

Many young investors are increasingly using mutual funds to meet their long-term goals. Investors can use a core and satellite approach to building their equity mutual fund portfolios as it is one of the simplest ways to diversify.

What Is The Core & Satellite Strategy?

It is an investment strategy which divides the portfolio into two parts: the core portfolio and the satellite one. The core portfolio is built according to the investor's objectives, age, risk-taking capacity and time horizon to reach goals. The primary objective of the core portfolio is to provide stability to the overall portfolio to achieve long-term goals. It is large-cap oriented as these companies have proven track records and strong management teams which can face any difficult domestic or global situations. To build the core equity portfolio, investors can use a mix of large-cap schemes, flexicap schemes and index funds.

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The satellite portion consists of more aggressive funds like small-cap, microcap, momentum or sectoral funds like infra, banking, IT, pharma and thematic funds like business cycle, and manufacturing, which carry higher risk but have the potential to generate higher alpha.

How Much To Allocate To Each?

Based on an individual's risk profile and time frame for investment, financial planners believe investors can allocate a between 70% and 80% to their core portfolio, and the balance 20-30% to the satellite portion. While the core portfolio can be stable and would not require high churn or frequent changes, the satellite portion could require investors to time entry and exit to generate maximum returns.

Who Should Consider This?

The core and satellite portfolio strategy works well for long-term investors who want a balanced approach for their investments combining stability with the potential for high growth. It also helps investors who are disciplined, have a clear long-term focus and are open to taking short-term tactical calls in the satellite portion while maintaining a long-term focus in the core portfolio.

—PRASHANT MAHESH



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The most important thing in the Olympic Games is not winning but taking part

-PIERRE DE COUBERTIN

So Far, So So

Midway through Games, India's performance is average. Sports ecosystem needs more change

So close, yet so far. That's been the story of India's participation at the ongoing Paris Olympics. At the halfway stage, India has won just three bronze medals, all of them courtesy our shooters. True, Manu Bhaker has created history by becoming the first Indian since 1947 to win two medals at the same Olympics. But as the accompanying article highlights, more shooting medals were well within our grasp.

Hockey bright spot | The men's hockey team has made a strong run that now sees India in the semifinals for the second Olympics in a row. The team pulled off a huge upset in beating Australia after 52 years at the Olympics. It then followed this up with a superb display against Great Britain in the quarterfinals where it was down to 10 men in the 17th minute. The players defended out of their skins to hold the score at 1-1 till full time. In the shoot-out, veteran goalie PR Sreejesh stood tall, making a crucial save to ensure India reach the final four.

Boxing disappointment | India's boxing contingent held a lot of promise but failed to deliver. Nikhat Zareen and Tokyo bronze medallist Lovlina Borgohain were among medal hopefuls at Paris. But both crashed out before the medals stage. So did Amit Panghal and Nishant Dev in the men's categories. Tweaks are in order before the Los Angeles Games in 2028.

Lakshya's near miss | Lakshya Sen created history by becoming the first Indian male player to reach the semifinals of badminton at the Olympics. But here he came up short against defending champion Viktor Axelsen. In that match, Lakshya even had three game points in the first game but squandered them. After PV Sindhu's earlier exit, Lakshya can still secure a badminton bronze for India. But it would still feel like an opportunity missed.

Reality check | India now ranks 54 in the Paris Olympics medal tally. That's, frankly, disappointing. We are the worst performing Brics nation so far. Ukraine, a country at war and sending its smallest contingent in history, is placed 29. Of course, a nation of 1.4bn people should be doing better. Money too is no longer a constraint. What India lacks is a grassroots system that continues to churn out Olympic-level athletes. For that it needs a proper sports culture, not a four-yearly affair with the Olympics. Neeraj Chopra might yet win us another Olympic gold. But where are the next Neeraj Chopras?



Riots & Wrongs

UK's street violence played out like far-right's actions always do, everywhere

After a week of rioting in UK, one thing can be seen clearly in the smoke. While far-right forces were held back in the recent elections, their potential to make trouble continues unabated. This time, the trigger was the stabbing of three girls at a children's dance and yoga class, in a city. The victims' families had barely begun mourning, when violence and arson broke around them. It then spread wide, from Manchester to Hull to London. The rioters' slogan ran along the lines of 'We want our country back' and 'Stop the boats'. But, contrary to the rumours that fed the fires, the accused is UK born-and-bred.

The role played by disinformation raging on social media, to wreck the peace of streets, is something India is intimately familiar with, unfortunately. A sinister SMS campaign sent the Northeast community fleeing from Bengaluru in 2012. Fake news spread on WhatsApp and Facebook has seen innocents being killed on suspicion of child-lifting in multiple states. Last year, social media posts and videos played a key role in setting off communal violence in Nuh. In many cases, police actively holds back from pre-emptive action, as a result of mixed political signalling. Beyond this, the problem is it's still operating in 20th-century terms. In the UK case, revealing the identity of the accused took days, during which disinformation kept spreading. It doesn't help that social media companies like X have retreated from clampdowns on incitements to violence.

Nigel Farage's anti-immigration party may have won only 5 seats in UK polls, but it got 14% of the vote nationwide. This week, he predictably helped whip up suspicions that "truth is being withheld from us." With neo-Nazis, Islamophobes, xenophobic soccer fans, and other hate groups making common cause, the true victims stood forgotten, while new ones got created.



Fad newz

Even if we buy up clothes to hide the real us...

Shinie Antony

Practically all our waking hours are filled with 'what to wear?' Clothes - we are either putting them on or taking them off. Whether we Marie-Kondo closets into neatly folded OCD sections, mixing and matching a handful of well-worn favourites, or have a higgledy-piggledy mess tumble down on us, causing injury or death while opening cupboards, style is no longer just throwing on what comes to hand. Even the man who shrugs with disdain - 'I don't care what I wear' - is putting in an equal amount of time into how not to look like he cares.

Until recently, sartorial obsessions were considered girlie. As part of the 'girls are silly' global gaslighting movement, their penchant for shopping was a punchline for men. The same men who recently came apart at the seams when Kate Middleton walked into Wimbledon. *The Colour Purple* is no longer a cult book, it is what Kate wore. Back home looms are taking on MNCs. Saas-bahu serials did their bit to revive heavy silk, with women bustling into kitchens in bridal wear. As the Indian Olympic team reached Paris, we fretted more about their uniform than medals. Everyone knows it's a fashion show.

Clothes can become a terminal condition, with Jean-itis as fatal as Sari-itis. Just when you buy skinny jeans, bell bottoms are back: Denim's Law. As you collect saris with a junkie's stealth and speed, you justify: 'I don't have this shade. I don't have that weave. All the mul, linen, khadi, banarasi, bhujodi, pattedu anchu, gomi teni along with mulberry, tussar and eri silks ask only one question: 'Will I ever be worn?' And they get a Dear John letter: 'It is all over between us. It is not you, it is me. I have met another Sari.' We may not visit a dying relative in our own home but will move to another city for a sari sale.

I've already informed family and friends of what I want to be buried in. Something formal enough for that last selfie with me, but informal enough for everyone to break into warm stories about me. Hand-me-downs have had their own rags-to-riches story when repositioned as vintage wear. Shrinkers may declare that we buy up clothes to hide the real us, but rarely appear naked to say this. Dress up or down, but do dress. One man's wedding finery is another nation's war costs.



Colour-Coding Kamala? Get In Line

Harris is comfortable carrying a heritage that's from two very different countries in different hemispheres. That a White man wants to restrict her identity tightly, has a long history

Rashmee Roshan Lall



Donald Trump continues to celebrate the Indian half of his political rival Kamala Harris's identity and that's a problem. Harris, born to Shyamala Gopalan from Chennai and Donald Harris from Saint Ann Parish, Jamaica, has long embraced her biracial roots.

Cooking Indian food with Mindy Kaling, who is of Indian heritage, Harris told the American actress, "You look like the entire one half of my family." Having chosen Howard, one of America's oldest institutions in the category of Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Harris has spoken about her divorced mother's very deliberate "choice of community" for her and her younger sister Maya. "She had two Black babies, and she raised them to be two Black women," Harris said.

As she tells it, Harris was always at ease with claiming both halves of her being. But not the man she is fighting to win White House on Nov 5.

Audaciously, Trump first asked if Harris was even Black at the annual convention of National Association of Black Journalists in Chicago. "She was always of Indian heritage, and she was only promoting the Indian heritage," he declared. "I didn't know she was Black, until a number of years ago, when she happened to turn Black, and now she wants to be known as Black. So I don't know, is she Indian or is she Black?"

A day later, Trump posted a photo of a sari-clad Harris on social media, captioning it as follows: "Your warmth, friendship, and love of your Indian Heritage are very much appreciated."

Devoted followers of the Republican presidential nominee have followed in his wake, with a prominent podcaster from Texas musing that Harris "has not lived the Black experience. She has an Indian name. She's light-skinned, she has, what could be argued, more Indian features and less traditionally Black features."

Harris supporters, meanwhile, have hit back on social media with swipes at American politicians who really did work to erase their Indian identity. "If you rename yourself Nikki," one pointed out on X, in sly reference to the avatar Nimarata Randhawa has

preferred for her public persona in Republican politics.

There have been others who went the same way, not least former Louisiana governor Bobby Jindal. He entered the 2015 Republican Party race to be presidential nominee with a socially conservative, Bible Belt pleasing line, while refusing to accept the label Indian-American. He ended up being widely mocked by Indians, both in US and in India, for being a "coconut", brown on the outside but inwardly white.

Kamala Harris is no Bobby Jindal. Nor a Nikki Haley. Harris appears not to have felt it a burden to acknowledge a heritage that draws from two very

different countries in different hemispheres, as well as a third international connection in Montreal, Canada, where she spent part of her youth.

There are several problems with a man who's of German and Scottish descent, questioning his political rival's racial identity. Trump, who once falsely claimed his father came to America "from Sweden as a child", has more recently pointed to his roots in the Hebrides as well as Kallstadt, his grandfather's hometown in Germany.

With respect to Harris, however, many might find it outrageous that a White man should dare to continue the despicable tradition of trying to define the identity of others, particularly people who don't look like him. It was ever thus. Long-forgotten words like quadroon, octoroon and quintroon once signified the fractions of someone's Blackness (or aboriginal ancestry), as touted up by White colonial society in the Americas and Australia.

In British-ruled India, biracial individuals or Anglo-Indians were often described as half-baked bread and graded by their colouring, from teen pao to adha seer or half a pound. The term Anglo-Indian was originally applied to all the British in India, but was officially adopted in 1900 to describe people of mixed descent or Eurasians. Informal colour-coded categorisation soon followed. We now consider such a frame of thinking as outdated and offensive.

There is also the issue of Blackness vs Indianness in the Western world, with the first arguably a less desirable condition, particularly in US. As Shilpa Dave, assistant prof of media studies and American studies at University of Virginia, has pointed out, "South Asians have always been in an ambiguous racialised space in the United States," not quite White, but also not as Black as African-Americans.

Until recently, the most famous Indian in US was arguably Apu Nahasapeemapetilon, proprietor of the Kwik-E-Mart in *The Simpsons*. In the 1950s, the only Indian that Americans saw on television was Ganga Ram, the elephant boy, who was played by an Italian actor.

In the case of Harris then, Trump seemed to be suggesting two alternate things. That Harris had insulted her Black roots by preferring a visibly Indian identity and its relative privilege



3 Out Of 30 Is A Start, Not A Triumph

Those shooting bronzes shouldn't make us forget we can, and must, do better. Mental training is key

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What do we call a 22-year-old who has won two medals, and almost a third, in a single Olympics? The greatest Indian shooter?

It's not our fault. We simply don't have the sporting vocabulary. Suddenly, here we are, dealing with a first-world problem.

Yes, Abhinav Bindra showed us that Indians can win individual gold at the Olympics. Neeraj Chopra further instilled faith in those watching track and field.

But Manu Bhaker's feat supersedes theirs. She has warmed us up to the idea of seeing an Indian girl win medals, not one, but two, in the same edition of the biggest sporting spectacle. The girl who was never given a chance after a forgettable debut in the Tokyo Games. The girl who was trolled for her pistol malfunction. And the girl who displayed immense strength by approaching her estranged coach to bring her back on track.

Manu wasn't alone in success. Sara-bjot Singh helped the Haryana girl win her second bronze at Paris. First-timer Swapnil Kusale joined the party and took India's tally to three bronze medals after sealing third place in men's 50m rifle 3 positions event. Kusale was not considered a medal hope by most followers of the sport. But that's how the Olympics work. The Kolhapur boy triumphed just like armyman Vijay Kumar did in 2012. Not many had heard of Vijay, just like his event, 25m rapid-fire, before he won second place and became a household name.

Paris can be safely termed as India's best show in shooting, considering that the shooters had failed to win any medal at the 2016 Rio Games and in the previous edition in Tokyo. After one silver and a bronze from London 2012, Paris has brought shooting back into the limelight. With a gold, two silvers and four bronzes, shooting now has become the most successful individual Olympic sport for the country. Wrestling with six medals is second.

At Paris, five shooters made it to the finals with

three medals won. Almost 70% finished within Top-12 in the rifle and pistol category. There were two shooters who missed the finals by small margins.

But is this good enough? Could we have won more medals at Paris? Yes, three is a good number, but we could have more, especially after all the heartburn we endured at Rio and Tokyo. National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) did well by not repeating the mistakes made in the past two cycles.

One of the biggest corrections that NRAI made was allowing personal coaches a respectable position in the preparation of the shooters. Personal coaches, who were kept at bay till Tokyo, were involved in the planning and training process for Paris. The four-match trials conducted to pick the squad also ensured shooters with good current form got to Paris.

But there are still some gaps that need to be filled. Full marks to India for sending 21 shooters, our highest

ever, to the Paris Games. But there needs to be improvement in our conversion to medals in the run-up to the 2028 Los Angeles Games.

A lot more can be done in the area of mental fitness of our shooters. We saw Ramita Jindal and Arjun Babuta miss out on medals after reaching their respective finals. Elavnil Valarivan shot a 9.8 and exited just when she looked comfortable to reach the 10m air rifle final.

India's introduction to shooting podiums at the Olympics began with Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore winning that silver at the Athens Games in

double trap. Ronjan Singh Sodhi, the then World No.1 and world record holder, was a big hope ahead of the London Games. However, the shotgun fervour has been missing since. Almost one-third (six) of the shooting contingent went for the shotgun competition. But their performance was nowhere close to their rifle-pistol teammates.

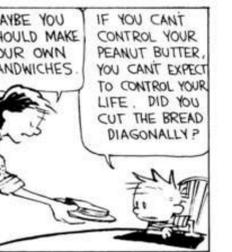
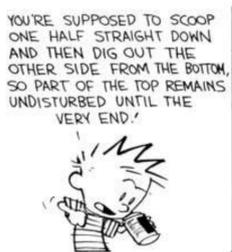
None of the six shotgun shooters qualified for the finals in the Games where Guatemala, a country with a population of 1.7cr, won their first-ever Olympic gold through Adriana Ruano in women's trap. Joining Adriana, Jean Pierre Brol won men's trap bronze for the nation that had sent a contingent of just four shooters.

The national shooting body as well as Sports Authority of India need to create a rifle-pistol like system for the shotgun discipline too. The small-bore categories have a strong bench strength and even a small slip can cause shooters to lose their place to a bunch of teenagers looking for their way up.

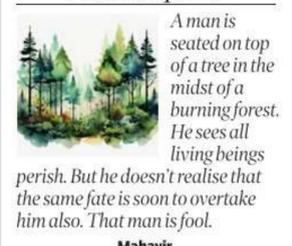
On the other hand, a few youngsters 'co-exist' in the shotgun setup. The complacency needs to go.

India has come a long way in making shooting not just popular, but also accessible. But in a sport that offers 15 golds and overall 30 medals for a country to win at the Olympics (shooting allows every team two players in each event), winning three medals should only be treated as the start of a journey, and not the destination.

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacredspace



A man is seated on top of a tree in the midst of a burning forest. He sees all living beings perish. But he doesn't realise that the same fate is soon to overtake him also. That man is fool.

Mahavir

Melody Flows Only Through A Knot-Free Flute

Swami Sukhabodhananda

There is a story in the puranas about Krishna's flute. Rukmini, Krishna's wife, asked the flute, "What is the secret to Krishna keeping you so close to him always. It is only when he bathes that he leaves you behind?" The flute replied, "I do not know. The one thing I do know is that I am empty. I do not have any inner blocks. I am ready for the Lord to take over me entirely."

An accomplished poet commented on this story, beautifully describing the sweetness of the flute and three lessons to be learnt from it. First, the flute is sweet because it only sings when it is blown. In contrast, people open their mouths and talk when not required. Second, a flute played well results in melody. Likewise, people should ensure

that whatever they say is always sweet. Finally, the melody and sweetness flow through a flute because it is free of knots.

Sant Kabir said, "Aisee vani Boliye, Man Ka Aapa Khoye, Auran ko Sheetal Kare, Aap bhi Sheetal Hoye." This translates into, "Speak in a manner that makes others feel calm, and you will also become calm, bereft of ego."

The upanishads call this hridaya granthi. People are noisy because there are many knots within. They are not empty; therefore, the sweetness of their beings does not emerge. The flute only sings when it is blown into; its melody is sweet when it sings, and it is free from inner knots.

We should be empty like the flute. If

one is empty as a flute, there is an understanding that is beyond words - wordless wisdom. Our entire education system is based on words, *shabda*. Hence, the vedas say words tried to unfold the truth; however, it cannot be grasped through words. Listening is an art, and teaching is an art.

Only when these two arts meet, can the music flow.

There was a son who was particularly anxious. He was tense because his friends were receiving presents from their parents; however, his father did not give him anything. He

had completed his education and got a job in Delhi. He expected something from his father. The son thought, "I have passed my exams and got a job in Delhi. My father will surely give me something." He always wanted a motorcycle. He

expressed his wish to his father, but since the father was a retired old man, it was not possible. The father told his son, "Now that you have graduated and got a job in Delhi I will give you a gift." He gave his son a copy of the Bhagwad Gita. The son was not pleased with the gift. Disgusted, he took the book, placed it in his luggage and left for Delhi.

Within a few days of reaching Delhi, he received the news that his father died. He remembered the gift his father gave him - the Bhagwad Gita that he had not bothered to open. He took out the Gita, and as he turned the pages, a key fell. This was when he realised that his father had indeed bought him a motorcycle and placed the key in the Gita.

Swami Sukhabodhananda will give a two-day discourse on Aug 7-8, 2024, at Kamani Auditorium; 7pm to 8.30pm; contact: 98450 42053/96255 27589





KESHA CLAIMS SHE 'DIDN'T KNOW' PROP KNIFE WAS REPLACED WITH 'REAL BUTCHER KNIFE' DURING LOLLAPALOOZA FEST SET

ZAC EFRON HOSPITALISED AFTER 'MINOR SWIMMING INCIDENT' DURING VACAY IN IBIZA, HIS TEAM SAYS HE'S DOING FINE NOW



Nearly 100 die in anti-govt stir in B'desh, hundreds more hurt

Mobile Net Cut Off; Social Media Shut Down; Nationwide Curfew Imposed For Indefinite Period; Troops, Paramilitary Border Guards Deployed With Police

Dhaka: Nearly 100 people were killed and hundreds more injured Sunday as renewed anti-govt protests swept across Bangladesh, with protesters calling for the prime minister to resign, and PM Sheikh Hasina accusing them of "sabotage" and cutting off mobile internet in a bid to quell the unrest.

The country's leading Bengali-language newspaper, Prothom Alo, said at least 97 people, including at least 14 police officers, died in the violence. Channel 24 reported 85 deaths.

The military announced that a new curfew, including in the capital, Dhaka, and other divisional and district headquarters, was in effect Sunday evening for an indefinite period. The govt had earlier imposed a curfew with some exceptions in Dhaka and elsewhere. The govt also mobilised troops, paramilitary border guards BGB, and elite anti-crime Rapid Action Battalion alongside police.

Demonstrators are demanding Hasina's resignation following protests last month that began with students calling for an end to a quota system for govt jobs. Those demonstrations escalated into violence that left over 200 dead. As the renewed violence raged, Hasina said the protesters who engaged in "sabotage" and destruction were no longer students but criminals. "People should deal with them with iron hands."

The governing Awami League party said the demand for Hasina's resignation showed that the protests have been taken over by the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the now-banned Jamaat-e-Islami party. Also Sunday, the govt announced a holiday from Monday to Wednesday.



A vehicle is set ablaze inside the Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical Univ Hospital in Dhaka; a cop uses tear gas to disperse protesters in Bogura

India asks students to remain vigilant

With Bangladesh gripped by another round of violent protests on Sunday, the Indian assistant high commission in Sylhet asked Indian students living under its jurisdiction to remain alert and be in touch with the Indian mission. While New Delhi is said to be monitoring the unrest in Bangladesh closely at senior levels, it continued to maintain complete silence on what is turning out to be the most serious challenge to pro-India PM Sheikh Hasina's authority in years. Official sources reiterated India sees the protests as an internal matter of Bangladesh. India is aware that any display of solidarity with Hasina will likely exacerbate the situation for her. Amid fresh protests, a group of retired army generals asked the Hasina govt on Sunday to recall soldiers from the streets and to not use the army for a "disgraceful campaign". After the protest last month by students against reservation in govt jobs, New Delhi had facilitated the return of thousands of Indian students from Bangladesh. There were around 8,500 Indian students in Bangladesh before protests erupted. India, however, managed to ensure the return of close to 7,000 students last month with help from local authorities. **TNN**

day. Courts were to be closed indefinitely. Mobile internet service was cut off, and Facebook and messaging apps, including WhatsApp and Instagram, were inaccessible. Junior minister for I&B Mohammad Ali Arafat said the services were severed to help prevent violence.

At least 11,000 people have been arrested in recent weeks. The unrest has also resulted in the closure of schools and universities across the country, and authorities at one point imposed a shoot-on-sight curfew.

Protesters called for a "non-cooperation" effort, urging people not to pay taxes or utility bills and not to show up for work on Sunday, a working day in Bangladesh. Offices, banks and factories opened, but commuters in Dhaka and other cities faced challenges getting to work. Th demonstrators attacked Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujib Medical University, a major public hospital in Dhaka, torching several vehicles.

Video footage showed protesters vandalising a prison van in the chief metropolitan magistrate's court in Dhaka. Other videos showed police opening fire on the crowds with bullets, rubber bullets and tear gas. The protesters set fire to vehicles and Awami League's offices. Some carried sharp weapons and sticks. In Dhaka's Uttara neighbourhood, police fired tear gas to disperse hundreds of people who blocked a major highway. Protesters attacked homes and vandalised a community welfare office in the area, where Awami activists took up positions. Some crude bombs were detonated, and gunshots were heard, witnesses said. At least 20 people were hit by bullets in the area. **AP & PTI**

Zelensky says Ukraine has got first F-16 jets, hopes for more

Kyiv: Ukraine has received its first batch of US-made F-16 fighter jets, Ukrainian Prez Volodymyr Zelensky said Sunday, adding that more are needed to be at back Russian forces. For more than two years, Ukraine has pleaded with its Western partners for the aircraft — long considered the crown jewel in the sprawling list of military hardware Kyiv has sought.

"We often heard the word 'impossible'." Now it is a reality. Reality in our skies. F-16s in Ukraine. We made it happen," Zelensky said, as some flew above him during the announcement.

Zelensky was standing in front of what looked like two grey, partially-covered F-16s branded with the Ukrainian trident, in a location reporters were asked not to disclose for security reasons. "I am proud of all our guys who are mastering these aircraft and have already started using them for our country," he said.

He did not say how many jets had been delivered and declined to comment on their specific tasks, but AFP journalists saw at least two F-16s on the spot. The announcement will likely be welcomed by many and comes as Kyiv's forces are struggling to hold back advances by Russian troops in recent weeks.

Kyiv hopes the arrival of the fighter jets — touted for their precision, speed and range — will enable it to better protect itself from Russian bombardment. Zelensky, however, immediately warned more were needed. "Our partners know that the number of F-16s we have in Ukraine, the number of pilots who have already been trained, is not enough," he said. "The good news is that we are expecting additional F-16s," he added. **AFP**

Silicon Valley unites behind Kamala after Trump inroads

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Hundreds of Silicon Valley venture capitalists, investors, and tech leaders have rallied to support Kamala Harris for the White House, pushing back at unexpected inroads her rival Donald Trump has made in the tech world through Tesla's Elon Musk and early PayPal investor and CEO Peter Thiel.

In a statement under the aegis of a group called VCsForKamala, the tech leaders, including Linked-in founder Reid Hoffman, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, and Sun Microsystems co-founder Vinod Khosla said they are united in their support for Kamala Harris in this "pivotal moment".

"We are pro-business, pro-American dream, pro-entrepreneurship and pro-technological progress... We also believe in democracy as the backbone of our nation. We believe that strong, trustworthy institutions are a feature, not a bug, and that our industry — and every other industry — would collapse without them," the group said in a statement, now signed by over 700 tech leaders.

The public rallying for Harris, who is district attorney of San Francisco and attorney general of California before she became a senator from the state, comes amid efforts by Trump backers to characterise her as a left-liberal politician whose policies would be detrimental to the tech world. They specifically accuse her of being against cryptocurrency, which Trump has been talking up lately. Democrat activists say the backing from Harris from so many VCs "is a powerful rebuke to far-right Silicon Valley billionaires like Musk who have thrown their support behind Trump's fascist movement in the hopes of more tax cuts".

Incidentally, the congressional district in which much of Silicon Valley is located is represented by Democratic lawmaker Ro Khanna, an Indian-American whose father-in-law Monte Ahuja is a Republican supporter.

In fact, the Trump v Harris battle has caused an unprecedented schism in the tech world with public online spats among principals who have often worked together in the past. Notably Hoffman, Thiel, and Musk were part of what was called the "PayPal mafia" before they went their own way, first in the companies they invested in, and now politically.



700 TECH LEADERS RALLY FOR HARRIS: In a statement under the aegis of a group called VCsForKamala, tech leaders, including (L to R) Linked-in founder Reid Hoffman, Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak, & Sun Microsystems co-founder Vinod Khosla said they are united in support for Harris in this 'pivotal moment'. It was signed by over 700 tech leaders

Thiel has also been a patron of Trump's vice-presidential nominee JD Vance, bankrolling his election as a senator. Much of the Silicon Valley drift towards Trump was precipitated by what some saw as tough regulatory policies of the Biden administration. Musk is particularly agitated by what he characterises as the left's "woke virus". But Harris, who has been cozy with the tech world for many years, is seen as a potentially ally despite the Trump efforts to portray her as "radical left". She is said to be close to Democratic mega-donor Laurene Powell Jobs, the billionaire philanthropist and wife of the late Steve Jobs, and former Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg, and its president Sean Parker, whose wedding she attended. Then there's also family links: Tony West, her brother-in-law (married to her sister Maya Harris) is the general counsel of Uber, and her husband Doug Emhoff was a litigator whose clients included Walmart and Merck.

Debate over the debate: Harris, Trump spar over date, network

Atlanta: Kamala Harris' campaign branded Donald Trump "scared" Saturday after he proposed changing the debate schedule, as the Republican rallied in Georgia seeking to blunt the vice prez's surging momentum in her bid to become America's first woman president.

Trump said he was willing to debate Harris on the conservative-leaning Fox News network on Sept 4, while declining to participate in a previously scheduled debate on ABC.

He said it would occur in Pennsylvania — a crucial battleground — before a live audience. "We're doing one with Fox, if she shows up," Trump told his Atlanta rally. "I don't think she's going to show up. She can't talk." The Harris campaign dismissed Trump's idea as "games". "He needs to... show up to the debate he already committed to on Sept 10," Harris' campaign communications director said. **AFP**

Emhoff admits to affair during 1st marriage

Doug Emhoff, the husband of vice-president Kamala Harris, said Saturday that he had an extramarital affair during his first marriage, years before he met Harris. The acknowledgment came hours after a British tabloid reported that Emhoff had a previously undisclosed relationship with a teacher who worked at the elementary school his children attended in California, approximately 15 years ago. At the time, Emhoff, an entertainment lawyer, was married to Kerstin Emhoff, a film producer, with whom he had two children. The couple filed for divorce in 2009. Emhoff met Harris in 2013, and they married the following year. "During my first marriage, Kerstin and I went through some tough times on account of my actions," Emhoff said in the statement. "I took responsibility, and in the years since, we worked through this as a family and have come out stronger on the other side." The Biden campaign was aware of the affair before it decided to tap Harris as V-P in 2020, according to a source. This person added Harris knew of the affair before she married Emhoff in 2014. **NYT**

Far-right rioters in UK try to storm hotel 'housing migrants'

London: Police in the north of England town of Rotherham were struggling to hold back a mob of far-right rioters Sunday who were seeking to break into a hotel believed to be housing asylum-seekers.

Footage from Sky News showed a line of police officers with shields facing a barrage of missiles, including bits of wood, chairs and fire extinguishers, as they sought to prevent the rioters from entering the Holiday Inn Express hotel. A small fire was also visible while windows in the hotel were smashed. A police helicopter circled overhead, and at least one injured officer in riot gear was carried away as the atmosphere turned increasingly febrile.

It was the latest bout of rioting to grip the UK following a stabbing rampage at a dance class last week in the north of England that left three girls dead and several wounded.

Brendan Cox, whose law-maker wife Jo Cox was murdered by a far-right extremist in 2016, said on X that the scenes in Rotherham "are an ongoing attempt to murder the men, women & children inside by burning them alive."

Elsewhere, the atmosphere is particularly tense in In the northeast town of Middlesbrough, where protesters broke free of a police guard. More demonstrations are taking place around the UK.

On Saturday, far-right activists faced off with anti-racism protesters across the UK, with violent scenes playing out



Protesters clash with police outside the hotel in Rotherham on Sunday, UK PM Keir Starmer said 'this is not a protest, it's organised, violent thuggery'

in locations across the UK, from Belfast, the capital of Northern Ireland, to Liverpool in the northwest of England and Bristol in the west. Around 100 people were arrested but more are likely as police scour CCTV, social media and footage from body-worn cameras.

The violence erupted earlier this week, ostensibly in protest of Monday's stabbing attack in Southport. A 17-year-old male has been arrested. False rumours spread online that the young man was a Muslim and an immigrant, fuelling anger among far-right supporters. Suspects under 18 are usually not named in the UK, but the judge ordered Axel Rudakubana, born in Wales to Rwandan parents, to be identified,

in part to stop the spread of misinformation. Police said many of the actions are being organised online by shadowy far-right groups, who are mobilising support online with phrases like "enough is enough," "save our kids" and "stop the boats". They are tapping into concerns about the scale of immigration in the country.

A key player amplifying protest calls is Stephen Yaxley-Lennon, a longtime far-right agitator who uses the name Tommy Robinson. He led the English Defense League, which police has linked to the violent protest in Southport Tuesday. The group first appeared around 2009, leading a series of protests against what it described as militant Islam. **AP**

Israel in 'multi-front war' with Iran, says Bibi; US, allies ready defence

Tel Aviv: Israel is already in a "multi-front war" with Iran and its proxies, Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu told a cabinet meeting Sunday, as the US and allies prepared to defend Israel from an expected counter-strike and prevent an even more destructive regional conflict.

Tensions have soared following nearly 10 months of war in Gaza and the killing last week of a senior Hezbollah commander in Lebanon and Hamas chief in Iran. Iran and its allies have blamed Israel and threatened retaliation.

Netanyahu said Israel was ready for any scenario. Jordan's foreign minister was making a rare trip to Iran as part of diplomatic efforts, while the Pentagon has moved significant assets to the region. "We are doing everything possible to make sure that this situation does not boil over," White House deputy national security adviser Jon Finer told ABC.

In Israel, some prepared bomb shelters and recalled Iran's unprecedented direct military assault in April following a suspected Israeli strike that killed two Iranian generals.

A stabbing attack Sunday near Tel Aviv killed a woman in her 70s and an 80-year-old man, according to Israel's Magen David Adom rescue service and a nearby hospital, and two other men were wounded. The police said the attack was carried out by a Palestinian militant, who was "neutralised." **AP**

Israel strike on Gaza schools kills 30

Gaza's civil defence agency said an Israeli strike hit two schools in Gaza City on Sunday, killing at least 30 people, while the military reported it had struck Hamas command centres. These bring to at least 11 the number of schools in Gaza to be struck since July 6, killing around 150 people, based on a tally of tolls previously given by officials in the Hamas-run territory. Israel's military confirmed the strike targeting the two schools. "The schools were used by Hamas' Al-Furqan Battalion as a hiding place for its terrorist operatives and as command centres," the military said in a statement. **AFP**

Leave Lebanon now: France & Italy to nat'l's

France and Italy on Sunday urged their citizens in Lebanon to leave the country due to the risk of military escalation in West Asia, their foreign ministries said. In two separate travel advisories, the French foreign ministry recommended citizens residing in Iran to temporarily leave the country given the risk of its airspace being closed. The ministry called on its citizens in Lebanon to leave on commercial flights available to leave. Italy's foreign minister Antonio Tajani on X urged Italians temporarily in Lebanon not to travel at all to the south of the country and to return to Italy as soon as possible. **REUTERS**

15 Russian 'neutrals' at Oly are politically isolated & rarely in spotlight

Paris: Rarely on the podium and barred from the opening ceremony, the 15 Russians competing at the Paris Olympics have an uneasy status as "Individual Neutral Athletes" following Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine. Some in the Olympic Village opposed them taking part in the Summer Games, and Russian opinion is divided. In Russia, the Olympics aren't being shown on TV and some politicians and media figures have even described those willing to compete in Paris as traitors. It's a complex environment for the athletes, some of them teenagers, to navigate and they're wary of talking about politics or

the war: "My family is proud of me, that's all that matters," said tennis player Diana Shnaider.

The 20-year-old former college player for North Carolina State said it was "amazing" to be at her first Olympics. "There are still a lot of people from my country in the stands... I heard words of encouragement today," she said after winning in Thursday's quarterfinals.

Tennis players like Shnaider and 2021 US Open winner Daniil Medvedev are used to dealing with the media and playing around the world without a Russian flag. Others seem a little overwhelmed. Anzhela Bladtcva, a 19-year-old tram-



Neutral athlete Diana Shnaider. When a neutral athlete wins a gold medal, an 'anthem' commissioned by the IOC plays. Their medals don't count in Olympics' official medal table

polinist, placed fifth in her event Friday and clutched a stuffed animal as she spoke with media afterward. "There are so

many emotions, so many people, everyone is so kind and happy and so helpful," she said.

National delegations sailed down the Seine River on a flotilla of boats in the opening ceremony but the neutral athletes weren't included. "It's upsetting that they didn't let us, but what can you do?" said Bladtcva. Of the 32 "neutral" athletes in Paris, 17 previously represented Belarus and just 15 represented Russia. That's compared to more than 300 Russians at the last Summer Games in Tokyo. International Olympic Committee restrictions barred Russian athletes who are in the military or publicly supported

the invasion of Ukraine. The IOC also blocked Russians from team sports. Track and field enforced its own blanket ban.

In gymnastics and weightlifting, Russia's teams skipped qualifying events in protest of being forced to compete as neutrals or to undergo vetting, including checks of their social media. Some athletes even qualified, accepted their IOC invitations, then withdrew weeks before Olympics began. It wasn't clear whether they made that decision under pressure.

When a neutral athlete wins a gold medal, an "anthem" commissioned by the IOC plays: More like the soundtrack to an

inspirational video. Their medals don't count in Olympics' official table. At least 82 athletes at the Paris Olympics were born in Russia, including the neutral athletes. That leaves more than 60 competing for other nations. Some have lived outside Russia for years or moved abroad as children. Others switched their sporting allegiance since Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Some Ukrainians view changes of allegiance with suspicion, too. Fencing champion Olga Kharlan said last month that Russian athletes who switched allegiance to other countries' teams after the invasion "should be checked more". **AP**

WORLD WATCH



BIG PLUNGE: A cliff diving competition in Hrimezdice, Czech Republic

Anne Frank statue in Amsterdam defaced with pro-Palestinian graffiti, says report

A statue of Anne Frank, famous for her diary account of hiding from the Nazis during World War II, has been covered with pro-Palestinian graffiti, AFP reported Sunday. According to images published on X, the base of the statue was spray-painted with the slogan "Free Gaza", while the girl's hands were painted with the same blood-red colour. Police have opened a probe into the most recent defacement, which likely occurred in the night from Saturday to Sunday, an Amsterdam police spokesman told AFP, adding that no suspect had yet been identified.

Pope, plugging for books, reveals love for tragedies

Pope Francis' bookish side emerged Sunday, after the Vatican published a letter in which the pontiff encourages young priests to read — while revealing that he himself likes the great tragedies. "How can we speak to the hearts of men and women if we ignore, set aside or fail to appreciate

the 'stories' by which they sought to express and lay bare the drama of their lived experience in novels and poems," asked the pontiff in his July 17 letter to priests-to-be, published by the Vatican on Sunday. In the lengthy text — peppered with references to literary greats like C.S. Lewis, Marcel Proust, T. S. Eliot and Jorge Luis Borges — Francis argued that reading was "part of one's path to personal maturity".

Beachgoers in Italy struck by lightning

At least three people were injured, one of them seriously, when lightning struck a beach packed with holidaymakers on Italy's Adriatic coast on Saturday. The bolt of lightning hit the stretch of beach near Alba Adriatica, in the central Abruzzo region. Photos posted on social media showed emergency workers crowded around what appeared to be a woman on a stretcher on the beach.

AROUND THE WORLD

A hexagonal, polished piece of iron taken from the Eiffel Tower is being embedded in each gold, silver and bronze medal at the Paris Olympics 2024. The Times of India is the world's largest-selling English daily

Indian Shuttler Throws Away Opportunities To Lose Semifinal, Will Now Play World No. 7 Jia For Bronze

VIKTOR EXCELS SEN

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: "The real test begins now," Lakshya Sen had said on Friday evening after making the semifinals of the men's singles. The Indian shuttler found out that it was indeed real, and mentally bruising, at the Porte de la Chapelle arena on Sunday. The 22-year-old was up against world's No. 2 Viktor Axelsen of Denmark. World champion, defending champion, towering over his rival at six feet four, the 30-year-old Dane was a formidable, intimidating opponent.

Sen knew that. He had won just one in eight encounters against the Dane before this and taken just three games off him.

But the Indian was fearless when he went in there. He gave it his all, left his heart out there on the court. He walked away with several unanswered questions ringing in his head. He had lost 20-22, 14-21 and it would take time to sink in.

Sen was in control of the first game. After fighting with all his skills and courage, he had the Dane cornered, having scored six points in that game at one stage to go up 17-11. He finally had three game points in his hands. 20-17. He had to go for the kill. Something snapped. He lost it there.

Sen was probably thinking too much, too hard. He made a service error. You don't do that against a player who has often come back from the dead in hostile arenas across the world. This was the lifeline Axelsen needed. He could see that the Indian across the net was nervous. It was his turn to go for the kill. Axelsen drove the knife in hard, taking the game at 22-20, reeling off five straight points.

The tone of the contest was set. Or was it? Sen returned to serve in the second game and looked unaffected as he scored seven straight points. 7-0. This was unreal. Axelsen looked a bit unsettled as he kept making unforced errors, sending his returns long or wide. Sen was cruising. He served well, returned well, had a couple of delectable drop shots and a few smash hits too.

But the fans in Sen's corner were probably thinking too far ahead.

Probably so was Sen. Axelsen being a champion of comebacks, got a foot in the door when a Sen return went wide. Down 1-7, the Dane slowly started catching up.

Sen was the better player at the net throughout the contest. He kept trying to draw his tall rival in with his drop shots. The Indian won some crucial points at the net and his experienced rival realised that he needed a change in strategy. Instead of playing the drop shot contest, he hit out long and took control from the backcourt. From there came the half smash, the flick and the stinging powerful smash.

Axelsen caught up with Sen at 10-10 with his trademark smash. Lakshya stayed in the game till 12-12 and then suddenly lost rhythm. He was losing control. Axelsen sensed it and knew just what to do. Sud-

Team India, achhe se sona! Good sleep can lead to 60% better performance.



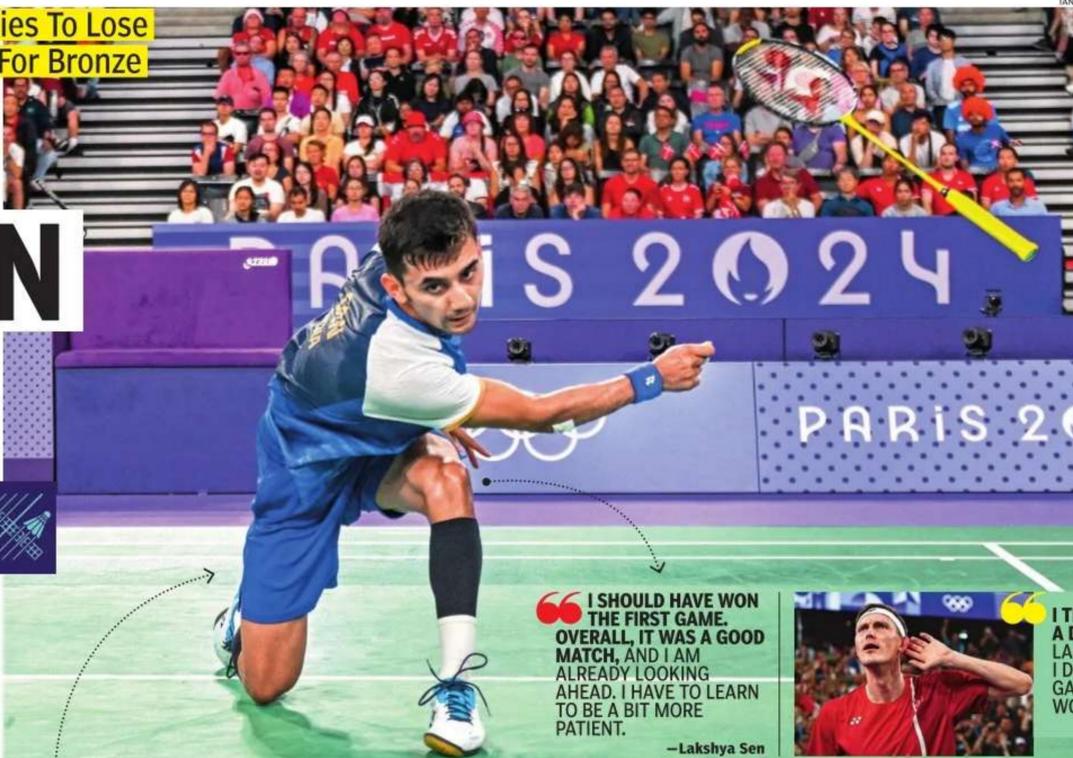
"THERE ARE MANY LESSONS FOR ME FROM THIS MATCH. BUT THERE IS NO TIME TO THINK ABOUT THEM NOW. I HAVE TO FORGET THIS AND THE EARLIER MATCHES."

denly, he looked to be in a hurry. He smashed at will, hard and brutal. Sen had no more answers. He kept making unforced errors and threw in the towel.

After the match, Axelsen admitted that Sen played better on the day. "He could have won today. Four years down the line he will be a better player, I am sure," he said.

So, what was he thinking when he was down 17-20 in the first game? "I tried not to think. I was blank. He thought a lot. It is natural. He got nervous and I had to strike. He made mistakes due to his nerves. My experience helped me."

When asked about Sen's game, Axelsen said: "He played better than me. But I won it here," he said, pointing to his head.



"I SHOULD HAVE WON THE FIRST GAME. OVERALL, IT WAS A GOOD MATCH, AND I AM ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD. I HAVE TO LEARN TO BE A BIT MORE PATIENT."

-Lakshya Sen

"I THINK THE EXPERIENCE MADE A DIFFERENCE TODAY. I THINK LAKSHYA PLAYED BETTER THAN I DID IN BIG PARTS OF THE GAME. SO HE COULD HAVE WON THE MATCH."

-Viktor Axelsen

KEEP SHINING, TEAM INDIA.



MEDALS TALLY

P	TEAM	G	S	B	Total
1	CHN	18	15	10	43
2	USA	16	25	25	66
3	FRA	12	14	16	42
4	AUS	12	9	7	28
5	GBR	10	12	15	37
6	KOR	10	7	7	24
7	JPN	8	5	10	23
8	ITA	6	8	5	19
9	NED	6	5	4	15
10	GER	5	5	2	12
57	IND	0	0	3	3

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Lovlina exits arena, but not without a fight

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Lovlina Borgohain entered the arena with a smile, and with a strange, awkward looking way to the music almost as if she was willing herself to be in the zone that was required of her. She smiled through almost all of her bout with old foe Li Qian, showing even through the exaggerated pouts that mouthguards give boxers - once even offering to help pick up the Chinese when the double Olympic medalist and the world No. 1 found herself on the floor during a second round brawl. The last Indian boxer in the fray here, was she not aware of the task ahead of her in Paris? Or was appearing blissfully oblivious her way of deflecting all things mental in boxing?

Maybe, that is how she is made. Is Lovlina too much of a nice guy in this grab and smash world of Olympic women's boxing? It was an aspect that she may have perhaps needed to conceal, disguise in this high-



FEELING THE PUNCH: China's Li Qian (R) and Lovlina fight it out

stakes bout with Qian, one that would grant her entry to the Roland Garros venue as a semi-finalist in the women's 75kg, and ensure her of a medal, her second at the Olympics.

Because at some level there was disappointment too, and overnight anger. Disappointment because Lovlina was the last of the Indian boxers here in Paris, after a shrill campaign that had promised much but unfortunately delivered little. And anger from overnight, because many in the Indian camp felt that late-evening fighter, Nishant Dev was robbed of a genuine win against Mexico's Marco Alvarez in the strangest of split decisions in Saturday's men's 71kg quarterfi-

nals, after he had taken the lead in the first round and had looked the better puncher in the final third. Lovlina entered the ring with a smile, but left with a little tear in her eye. Because, it would go in similar fashion on Sunday morning as well, the Indian being edged out in a 4-1 split decision in a close fight to a familiar foe.

The bout began with Lovlina needing to stay out of the Chinese's reach, not get too close and get ensnared in a scrap which would allow Qian employ her clinching tactics. But just the reverse happened. Lovlina was drawn into the fight at the level and nature that Qian would have liked, the holding and clinching ensued leaving Lovlina having to drag herself from it. Still, it was a close verdict - 3-2 - in the Chinese boxer's favour.

Realising that she may have a chance if she reverted to her type, Lovlina began Round Two in just that way. Like she did with her easy-looking manner in the last bout against Norway's Sunniva Hofstad, Lovlina kept away forcing Qian to charge. The taking over of momentum worked,

as Lovlina seemed much more in control, dictating the fight her way. It was the best round of boxing of the bout with the two gangly 75 kg boxers sizing each other up, parrying and trading punches. It was again 3-2 in favour of Qian, but a much-improved show from Lovlina - two of the judges who had ruled in favour of Qian in the first round choosing to award the Indian here. It gave much hope for the final three minutes, where maybe there lay in store, a semifinal entry for Lovlina, and her own second Olympic medal.

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INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: Women's 400m heat: Kiran Pahal (4pm), Men's 3000m steeplechase: A Sable (10.50pm)

BADMINTON: Men's singles bronze-medal playoff: Lakshya Sen vs Lee Zii Jia (Mas) (6pm)

TABLE TENNIS: Women's team Rd 16: India vs Romania (1.30pm)

SAILING: Women's Dinghy: Nethra Kumaran (3.45pm); Men's Dinghy: Vishnu Saravanan (6.10pm)

SHOOTING: Mixed Skeet team qualification: C Maheshwari, Anant Jeet Singh (12.30pm); Medal matches (if qualifies) (6.30pm)

WRESTLING: Women's 68kg Rd 16: Nisha Dahiya (6.30pm), (if qualifies) QFs: 7.50pm, Semis: (1.10 am, Tuesday)

Djokovic adds a golden hue to his career

Beats Alcaraz To Win Long-Awaited Olympic Gold Medal, Completes Career Golden Slam

Paris: Novak Djokovic won his first Olympic gold medal by beating Carlos Alcaraz 7-6 (3), 7-6 (2) in an enthralling men's tennis singles final on Sunday, giving the 37-year-old from Serbia the last significant accomplishment missing from his glittering resume.

Djokovic's impressive career already featured a men's-record 24 Grand Slam titles and the most weeks spent at No. 1 in the rankings by any man or woman. It also included a Summer Olympics medal, from 2008, but it was a bronze - and he has made clear that simply was not sufficient.

Until he got past bronze medalist Lorenzo Musetti of Italy in the semifinals on Friday, Djokovic was 0-3 in that round at the Games. He lost to the eventual gold winner each time: Rafael Nadal at Beijing in 2008, Andy Murray at London in 2012, and Alexander Zverev in Tokyo three years ago.

In Paris, wearing a gray sleeve over the right knee that required surgery for a torn meniscus two months ago, Djokovic faced Nadal in the second round and eliminated him in straight sets. Now Djokovic is the oldest man to win the singles gold in his sport since 1908

— and prevented Spain's Alcaraz, who is 21, from becoming the youngest.

When the victory was his, when the gold was his, thanks to one last forehand winner, Djokovic turned toward his team in the stands - sitting in front of his wife and their two children - and dropped his racket as he knelt on the clay. As emotional as ever, he cried and covered his face, then rose and grabbed a red-white-and-blue Serbian flag. After hugs in the stands, Djokovic waved that flag. Alcaraz wept afterward, too.

The final, which lasted 2 hours, 50 minutes despite being decided in only two sets, was a rematch of the Wimbledon title match three weeks ago that Alcaraz won to follow up his French Open title in June. AP



A tearful Novak Djokovic embraces his daughter Tara after winning the Olympics gold on Sunday

What is a career Golden Slam in tennis?

The honour is earned when a player wins all four Grand Slams and an Olympic gold in singles. Steffi Graf is the only player to do it in one calendar year.

PLAYERS COMPLETING THE CAREER GOLDEN SLAM (SINGLES)

STEFFI GRAF (GER)	1988
*ANDRE AGASSI (USA)	1999
*RAFAEL NADAL (ESP)	2010
S WILLIAMS (USA)	2012
N DJOKOVIC (SRB)	2024

*While Agassi won the Oly gold in 1996, Nadal won in 2008

GALLERY

Crawford becomes 4-division champ by defeating Madrimov

Los Angeles: Terence Crawford, the consensus best pound-for-pound boxer in the world, defeated Israel Madrimov by unanimous decision on Saturday night to become a four-division champion. Crawford won the WBA super welterweight title in his first fight at 154 pounds, taking it 116-112, 115-113 and 115-113 on the judges' scorecards. Crawford (41-0, 31 KOs) had not fought since he stopped Errol Spence Jr. in July 2023 to become the undisputed welterweight champion. He has also won titles at super lightweight and lightweight. The victory could set up a fight between Crawford and Canelo Alvarez, the reigning 168-pound champion. "You know what I say, if the money is right, we got to fight," Crawford said immediately after the fight. The mostly unknown Madrimov (10-1-1) acquitted himself well on the highest-profile stage to date for the 29-year-old from Uzbekistan. "I fought the best pound-for-pound fighter in the world, and I believe I did enough because I was the champion," Madrimov said.

Toni Kroos is Germany's player of the year: Toni Kroos has been voted Germany's player of the year for the 2023-24 season while Xabi Alonso won the coaching accolade for leading unbeaten Bayer Leverkusen to the Bundesliga title. The 34-year-old Kroos won the award organized by German sports magazine Kicker for the second time. AGENCIES

India fail spin test again, fall behind in ODI series

Leggie Vandersay's 6/33 Dismantles Rohit's Team As Sri Lanka Win By 32 Runs

Colombo: Leg-spinner Jeffrey Vandersay's magical six-wicket haul robbed the roar from Rohit Sharma's brutal fifty as Sri Lanka etched an emotional 32-run win over India in the second ODI here on Sunday.

Sri Lanka now lead the three-match series 1-0 after the first match ended in a tie.

India were asked to chase down 241 on a pitch that had plenty of assistance for the spinners, and they ended up at 208 all out in 42.2 overs with Vandersay wrecking them with a haul of six for 33. A different result loomed as long as skipper Rohit was at the crease, creaming the Lankan bowlers en route to his 64 off 44 balls (5x4, 4x6).

Unmindful of the nature of the pitch, Rohit cut, swept and pulled spinners Dumith Wellalage and Akila Dananjaya and pacer Asitha Fernando to all parts of the ground in the company of a compact Shubman Gill (35, 44b) as India waltzed to 97 in just 13.3 overs.

But a fatal reverse sweep off Vandersay that was taken by a diving Pathum Nissanka snapped Rohit's stay, and it also put the Indian batting unit in a tailspin.

The 97 for one became 116 for two in 17.1 overs and it transpired into even trickier 116 for three for balls later.

But more shocks were in store for the Indians as they tumbled to 123 for four, 133 for five and eventually to 147 for six.

That was six wickets for 50 runs in the span of 10 overs, and the dance of destruction was performed by one man - Vandersay - who came in as a replacement for injured Wanindu Hasaranga.

Gill drove away from his body for Kamindu Mendis to take a screamer at first slip, Shivam Dube (0) failed to pick a ripping leg-break, Virat Kohli (14) did not read a wrong'un and Shreyas Iyer was defeated by a slider.

Dube, Kohli and Shreyas were adjudged leg before, indicating the indecisiveness in their feet and mind. KL Rahul lasted just two balls before dragging Vandersay's delivery that pitched outside the channel onto his stumps.

Axar Patel (44, 44b) played smart cricket and milked 38 runs for the seventh wicket with Washington Sundar to keep India ticking. Axar took 14 runs off Charith Asalanka's first over (6, 4, 4) and later moussed Akila Da-

nanjaya for a six over mid-off. But even that feeble lifeline halted when Axar slapped a catch back to Asalanka (3/20) and the rest was a mere formality.

Earlier, Indian spinners led by Washington put the Lankan batters through a test of skill, but the hosts found enough fight from their late order to make an acceptable 240 for nine.

Washington (3/30) and Kuldeep Yadav (2/33) were at their smartest as the home batters found the going tough. It required a 72-run association for the seventh wicket between Wellalage (39) and Kamindu (40) for them to wriggle out of a stifling 136 for six.

The first blow was landed by Mohammed Siraj when he had Nissanka caught by Rahul behind the wicket. But a recovery phase followed as Avishka Fernando (40, 62b, 5x4) and Kusal Mendis (30, 42b, 3x4) used the freshness of the new ball to add 74 for a rather fluent second wicket stand. PTI

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka: P Nissanka c Rahul b Siraj 0, A Fernando c and b W Sundar 40, K Mendis lbw b W Sundar 30, S Samarawickrama c Kohli b Axar 14, C Asalanka c Axar b W Sundar 25, J Liyanage c and b K Yadav 12, D Wellalage c S Dube b K Yadav 39, K Mendis run out 40, A Dananjaya batting 15, J Vandersay batting 0; **Extras:** (b-9, lb-8, w-7) 24;

Total: 240/9; FoW: 0-1, 74-2, 79-3, 111-4, 136-5, 136-6, 208-7, 239-8, 240/9; **Bowling:** M Siraj 8-1-43-1, Arshdeep 8.5-0-57-0, A Patel 9-0-38-1, S Dube 2-0-10-0, W Sundar 10-1-30-3, K Yadav 10-1-33-2, R Sharma 2-0-11-0

India: R Sharma c P Nissanka b Vandersay 64, S Gill c K Mendis b Vandersay 35, V Kohli lbw b Vandersay 14, S Dube lbw b Vandersay 0, A Patel c and b Asalanka 44, S Iyer lbw b Vandersay 7, KL

Rahul b Vandersay 0, W Sundar lbw b Asalanka 15, K Yadav not out 7, M Siraj lbw b Asalanka 4, Arshdeep run out 3; **Extras:** (b-4, lb-6, w-4, nb-1) 15; **Total: 208 all out in 42.2 overs; FoW:** 97-1, 116-2, 116-3, 123-4, 133-5, 147-6, 185-7, 190-8, 201-9; **Bowling:** A Fernando 7-0-31-0, D Wellalage 6-0-41-0, A Dananjaya 10-1-54-0, K Mendis 3-0-19-0, J Vandersay 10-0-33-6, C Asalanka 6.2-2-20-3.



JOY RUN: Jeffrey Vandersay celebrates with teammates after dismissing Virat Kohli in Colombo on Sunday



"Obviously, I want to play more in the future and will continue my game. I really want to win an Olympic medal and I won't quit until I achieve that. I'll train harder and come back strongly."

DEEPIKA KUMARI
INDIAN ARCHER

OF GUTS AND GLORY

Sreejesh The Hero As India Defy Odds To Make Semis

TIMES AT THE GAMES
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Paris: The wave of British attacks kept lashing Indian shores but PR Sreejesh stood tall at Yves-du-Manoir on Sunday. The saves kept coming in after India were reduced to 10 men following Amit Rohidas' expulsion and as the match went into a shoot-out, the entire team felt super confident.

While Sreejesh was the hero, the whole team had put their bodies on the line to drag the game into shoot-out. James Alberry put Britain ahead in the tie-breaker while beating Sreejesh with a fine dribble but Harmanpreet drew India level as he rounded off rival keeper Ollie Payne. Zach Wallace looked to be in trouble as he went wide but still found the board to put Britain back ahead. It was Sukhjeet's turn next and the Jalandhar player tricked Payne with a fine dodge to make it 2-2. For Williamson and Roper, the pressure was just too much and Lalit Upadhyay and Raj Kumar Pal kept their nerves to take India home.

"(It is a) daily job of a goalie. Some days it's a different effort (but) today is our day.

Even in the shoot-out, the guys who took shots didn't disappoint," Sreejesh said.

The two teams had also clashed in the quarterfinal in Tokyo three years ago and Britain had dominated a couple of halves, but in that game India had a two-goal lead to play with. On Sunday, it was a different ball game altogether as Rohidas, one of India's penalty corner specialists, was shown the red card by the umpire following a video referral for a high stick that hit William Calnan on the face in the 17th minute.

But the Indians, led by Harmanpreet Singh, took it as a wake-up call and attacked with renewed vigour and won

the contest, frustrating Britain with their defensive skills. Before the game went into that mode where India were pinned down in their own half, Harmanpreet gave the boys in blue the lead from a penalty-corner against the run of play. The Brits knew they had the numerical advantage and they restored parity within five minutes. Britain forced a penalty corner and Samuel Ward's try was saved by Sreejesh but the danger was not fully averted. Rupert Shipperly tested the India keeper with another stinging shot and Sreejesh's block came back to Lee Morton



SAVIOUR: Goalkeeper PR Sreejesh saves Britain's fourth penalty to set up India's win on Sunday

"I COULDN'T STOP MY TEARS. I HAVE NEVER SEEN SUCH PERFORMANCE IN MANY YEARS AND NOW I AM CONVINCED THAT THIS TEAM CAN BRING US THE OLYMPIC GOLD AFTER 44 YEARS. I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I STARTED SHOUTING LOUDLY AFTER INDIA'S FOURTH GOAL IN THE SHOOT-OUT. I WAS TOLD THAT PEOPLE IN MY SOCIETY APARTMENT WOULD COME OUT BUT I WAS SO HAPPY THAT I COULD NOT CONTROL."

—Dhanraj Pillay | FORMER CAPTAIN

who fired in from close as Sreejesh's efforts went in vain. Changing ends, Britain forced three penalty corners in the first 10 minutes of the second half. Gareth Furling, one of the three Wales players in the British team and their leading scorer with three

goals here, tried two different shots but it was not enough to beat Sreejesh, who had all the angles covered. The Indian defence comprising the skipper and Sanjay, who was in to beef up the defence in Rohidas' place, also did a great job saving India twice towards the

INDIA		THE SHOOT-OUT			ENGLAND	
Attacker	Result	Round	Attacker	Result		
Harmanpreet Singh	Goal	1.	James Alberry	Goal		
Sukhjeet Singh	Goal	2.	Zach Wallace	Goal		
Lalit Upadhyay	Goal	3.	Conor Williamson	Miss		
Raj Kumar Pal	Goal	4.	Phillip Roper	Miss		

end of the quarter. The Indians, who were forced to fall back quickly to negate Britain's numerical advantage, managed just four penalty corners while Britain had 10 without success. The fourth quarter was all about Britain seeing their attacks

fade away in vain as Sreejesh was in no mood to concede again. The last of the many saves from the champion custodian came in the 60th minute and the Indians celebrated. And come the tie-breaker, Sreejesh ensured that it was no premature celebration.

Shooters fail to make it to title round

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Paris: India's medal haul in shooting at the Olympics continued to be limited to pistol shooter Manu Bhaker's two bronze

medals as the rest of her compatriots found the going tough against the best in the world.

On Sunday, India's challenge in the men's 25m rapid fire pistol came to an end in the qualification round as Vijayveer Sidhu and Anish Bhanwala crashed out, unable to produce their best.

While Sidhu ended 9th, Bhanwala came home in 13th spot. Both the Indians did well in Stage 1 as they shot identical scores of 293 each. But they



failed to keep the momentum going in Stage 2, firing scores of 290 and 289 respectively at the Chateauroux National Shooting Centre near here. Sidhu ended with a total of 583 with 26x while Bhanwala tallied 582 with 22x.

Maheswari falters in fifth round

In the women's skeet event, Maheswari Chauhan finished in 14th spot after raising vi-

sions of a final berth.

Resuming her fourth round on Sunday in the eight spot, the Indian shot down all the 25 clay birds for a perfect score to add to her tally of 23, 24 & 24 on Saturday.

But she buckled under pressure as she ended with a 22 — her worst score in all the five rounds — for a total of 118. Maheswari will now team up with Anant Jeet Singh Naruka in the skeet mixed team event on Monday.



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OF GUARD

SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON WAS PRIMED TO END USA'S LONG WAIT FOR A GOLD IN THE WOMEN'S 100 METRES BUT ST LUCIA'S JULIEN ALFRED RAN A NEAR PERFECT RACE TO CRUSH HER DREAM...

TOP-THREE FINISHERS

SHA'CARRI RICHARDSON



MELISSA JEFFERSON



JULIEN ALFRED

PHOTOS: AFP, GETTY IMAGES, AP

KNOW ALFRED

- Her athletics career began when she was six at the behest of her PE teacher.
- She quit the sport at 12 after her father died but was encouraged by her coach to return.
- With not many facilities in St Lucia to take the next step, she moved to Jamaica when she was 14. She later moved to University of Texas to further her athletics, besides studies. A string of NCAA titles last year showed that the St Lucian was ready to take the big leap.

Dad believed that I could do it. He passed away in 2013 but I know he will always be so boastful of his daughter being an Olympian and now this."

0.15 Alfred's winning margin over Richardson is the biggest in an Olympic 100m final since 2008. Her time of 10.72s was also the joint eighth fastest in the history of women's 100m.

I'M JUST HAPPY IT HAPPENED IN THE BIGGEST RACE OF MY CAREER. I'M GOING TO BE HONEST, I WATCHED USAIN BOLT'S RACES THIS MORNING. I WATCHED HOW HE EXECUTED. I GREW UP WATCHING HIM TOO."

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ALFRED'S gold made St Lucia the 10th nation to win a women's 100m gold. USA top the lists with nine golds followed by Jamaica on four.

32

For the first time in 32 years—since the 1992 Barcelona Games—that Jamaica have failed to win a medal in the women's 100m. They had won the gold in every Olympics from Beijing 2008 to Tokyo 2020. At the last Games, they had swept all three medals.



DISAPPOINTMENT FOR FAVOURITE SHA'CARRI

When the night began, Sha'Carri Richardson was the overwhelming favourite for the gold. After all, she had entered the final as the world champion and the fastest woman in 2024. But by the time the race ended, she was left wondering what had gone wrong.

The American looked nervous at the start and her problems multiplied when she was slow off the blocks—a difficulty which has haunted her this year. By the halfway mark, Alfred had gone and she could only play catchup.

Paris was a bid for her redemption, coming three years after she was barred from Tokyo Games after testing positive for marijuana but had to be content with silver.

1996

The last time the US won a gold. Then, Gail Devers pipped Jamaica's Merlene Ottey to take the top spot at the Atlanta Games. Marion Jones had won at the 2000 Sydney Games but was stripped of her medals after being found guilty of doping.

SHELLY-ANN INJURED OR DENIED ENTRY?

Jamaican double champion Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce missed her Olympic 100m semifinals on Saturday after sustaining an injury in the warm-up after her preparation was unsettled by security officials delaying her entry to the Stade de France.

Social media footage showed the Jamaican team members arguing with officials who would not let their vehicle enter.

American Sha'Carri Richardson also appeared in the video.

Fraser-Pryce was shown saying: "They've changed the rules. We came through this gate before but now they're saying athletes who have left can't use this gate." Jamaican chef de mission Ian Kelly said later that there had been a delay but that Fraser-Pryce's absence was due to injury. "There is no truth that she was not allowed to enter. Unfortunately she was not able to compete due to an injury sustained during her final warmup," he said. REUTERS

MAIDEN VOYAGES

It has been a first Oly medal for a few countries in Paris, with the Caribbean queens leading the way

My country's name is Dominica (dah-min-EE-ka). We're not Dominican Republic, so it's pronounced differently. We are about roughly 70,000 people. Not 7 million. Not 70 million. Seventy thousand." — LaFond

LAFOND JUMPS TO GLORY

Thea LaFond made history for her Caribbean island nation of Dominica by winning gold in the women's triple jump to claim the country's first-ever Olympic medal. LaFond clinched the gold with her second jump of 15.02m — the world's best this year. Dominica has a population of just over 70,000.

SAINT LUCIA'S 100M CROWN

Julien Alfred stunned pre-race favourite Sha'Carri Richardson in the women's 100m race to win the gold medal and give Saint Lucia their first-ever Olympic medal. The island nation only began competing at the Games in 1996. Alfred, who honed her craft at the University of Texas, hopes Saturday's victory will improve track and field facilities in St. Lucia.

CAPE VERDE'S STYLE GURU

Cape Verde boxer David de Pina reached the semifinals of the flyweight division and earn his country's first-ever Olympic medal. De Pina has made waves at the Games with his unique hairstyle, which features two buns on either side of his head with fans even wearing headbands to imitate the look.

MEDAL QUEST

USA CHAMPS: More than 150 countries and territories have claimed a medal since the modern Games began in 1896. Entering the Paris Games, USA has the most medals with 2,975 medals, followed by the former Soviet Union (1,204), Germany (1,058), Great Britain (955), France (898).

70 Nearly 70 countries and territories, though — roughly a third of the parade of nations — cannot boast an Oly medalist, summer or winter.

BOLIVIA & BANGLADESH'S WOES: Bolivia, a country of 12 million, attended their first Games in 1936. In 22 trips — 15 Summer Games, seven Winter — they have never sent an athlete to the podium. Bangladesh, with 173 million people, is the most populous country never to win an Oly medal.

LEGENDECKY

August 3 is a date that holds significance for Katie. It was the day she won her first Oly gold, in London at the age of 15; same day, 12 years on, the 27-year-old won her ninth career gold

Nanterre: Every year on Aug. 3, Katie Ledecky is reminded of her first Olympic gold medal. She was just 15 years old, a reserved high schooler who had surprisingly made the U.S. swim team for the London Games. Then she went out and shocked the world, beating everyone in the 800-meter freestyle.

Twelve years to the day, Ledecky did it again. Not a stunner, but one for the ages. Gold medal No. 9.

Ledecky capped another stellar Olympics by becoming only the second swimmer to win an event at four straight Summer Games, holding off Ariarne Titmus, the "Terminator," to win the 800 free Saturday night.

It was Ledecky's second gold medal in Paris and the ninth of her remarkable career, which marked another milestone. She became only the sixth Olympian to reach that figure.

Ledecky was very aware of the significance of the date. "Every Aug. 3, the video (of her first Olympic gold) gets posted somewhere and you kind of reminisce," she said. "So, when I saw it was Aug. 3, I was like, Oh boy, I've got to get the job done."

That she did, going faster than her winning time in Tokyo to finish in 8 minutes, 11.04 seconds. Titmus was right on her shoulder nearly the entire race, but Ledecky pulled away in the final 100.

Titmus, who beat Ledecky in the 400 freestyle, settled for silver at 8:12.29. The bronze went to another American, Paige Madden at 8:13.00. Phelps had been the only swimmer to win the same event at four straight Olympics, taking gold in the 200 individual medley at Athens, Beijing, London and Rio de Janeiro. Now he's got company.

Titmus added some perspective to Ledecky's consistency over the last dozen years, noting where she was when the American won that first gold in London.

"I was in grade six in primary school," Titmus said. "That's how remarkable she is."

Their friendly rivalry has driven both to greater heights. They each won two golds and four medals at these games, which pushed Ledecky to 14 overall and left the 23-year-old Aussie with four golds and eight medals in her career. Ledecky has dominated the distance freestyle events over the last dozen years — and

LEDECKY'S OLY MEDAL RECORD

Total	14
Gold	9
Silver	4
Bronze	1

MOST GOLD MEDALS (WOMEN) AT THE SUMMER OLYMPICS

9	Larisa Latynina (USSR)	Gymnastics
9	Katie Ledecky (USA)	Swimming
8	Birgit Fischer (Germany)	Canoing & Kayaking
8	Jenny Thompson (USA)	Swimming
7	Isabell Werth (Germany)	Equestrian

isn't done yet. She's made it clear she plans to keep swimming at least through the 2028 Los Angeles Games. "It's not easy," Ledecky said. "I'll take it year by year, and we'll see if I can keep giving everything I've got for as long as I have left in me."

Bol move clinches gold for Dutch

Saint-Denis: Forget about mixed relay. This was a one-woman show.

When Dutch sprinter Femke Bol entered the final turn of the 4x400m mixed relay in fourth position under a downpour, a medal — let alone a victory — seemed like a difficult proposition for her orange-clad team.

That's when Bol accelerated into another gear and proceeded to reel in the three women ahead of her. "I keep telling people it's just two words. It's 'Femke Bol.' She's just special," said Dutch leadoff man Eugene Omalla.

"She's a once-in-a-lifetime talent."

Bol, whose best race is the 400 hurdles, ran the anchor lap in 47.93 seconds, and the Netherlands team



RUSH HOUR: Femke Bol

of Omalla, Lieke Klaver, Isaya Klein Ikkink and Bol won the race at the Paris Olympics on Saturday in 3 minutes, 7.43 seconds — 0.31 clear of the United States.

Bol pulled a similar stunt last year at world championships in the women's 4x400, rallying from well behind late to earn a gold medal. That came after she

tripped and fell in the home stretch of the mixed relay, where she was making up ground on the U.S. "Just keep going. Keep going," Bol said of her mindset. "I channeled my anger from Budapest back and I saw my teammates already cheering on me coming back."

"The Americans put the same

team out Saturday as they had the day before when they set the world record at 3:07.41.

The Americans were tied for the lead with Belgium when Bryce Deadmon handed off to Kaylyn Brown for the anchor lap. But Brown could not hold off Bol, who has the sixth-fastest time in the world this year in the 400 flat.

One by one, Bol passed the Belgian, British and American runners who were ahead of her. "Whether somebody is in front of me or behind me, I don't feel nobody," Brown said. "I just keep pushing."

Bol passed Brown with about 10 meters to go. When it was over, Bol covered her mouth in disbelief, and her teammates shook their heads in amazement. "I just went for it," Bol said. "We just wanted a medal this time. We didn't want a time... We just wanted a medal. And, well, we got gold." AP

MAGICAL MCINTOSH WINS THIRD PARIS GOLD

Paris: Canada's Summer McIntosh enhanced her status as the rising star of women's

swimming by winning her third gold of the Paris Olympics in the 200m individual medley. The 17-year-old produced a brilliant late surge to win in a time of 2min 06.56sec, the third-fastest time in history. Kate Douglass of the USA finished second while

Australian Kaylee McKeown took the bronze after American Alex Walsh, who had finished third, was disqualified. "I'm just so proud of myself, how I've been able to recover and manage the events because it is a lot," said the teen, who also won silver in the 400m freestyle.

NORWEGIAN ROTH GETS SURPRISE DECATHLON GOLD

Paris: Norway's Markus Rooth captured a shock gold medal in the men's decathlon after defending champion Damian Warner's title defence ended when he failed to clear a height in the pole vault. Rooth amassed 8,796 points.

Germany's Leo Neugebauer won the silver with 8,748 and Lindon Victor of Grenada captured the bronze on 8,711. The 22-year-old Rooth, seventh after day one, took the lead with a terrific javelin throw before beating Neugebauer to the 1,500 metres finish line by about five seconds to seal by far the biggest victory of his career.

"I just won gold, I did not expect this," Rooth told reporters after by far the biggest victory of his career. "I woke up this morning feeling great after an amazing first day. I just kept adding on to that."

Canadian Warner, 34, was lying second heading into the pole vault, the eighth of the decathlon's 10 events, but fouled on his three attempts at 4.60 metres. Norway's Sander Skotheim, in third place, failed three times to clear 4.50m.

Scheffler gets gold in a thriller with a 62

Paris: Scottie Scheffler delivered the best performance of his greatest year by rallying from four shots behind on Sunday with a 9-under 62 to win the Olympic gold medal in men's golf in a thriller at Le Golf National.

Already a six-time winner on the PGA Tour this year, including his second Masters title, Scheffler added Olympic gold to an astonishing season with a round that kept some 30,000 fans on edge for a wild final two hours.

The world's No. 1 player

had plenty of help. Jon Rahm of Spain had a four-shot lead over Tommy Fleetwood when he stepped on the 11th tee. Fleetwood caught him in two holes as the Spaniard had a stunning collapse. That opened the door for six players. It was Scheffler who charged to the front with four straight birdies down the stretch. He set an Olympic record for 72 holes at 19-under 265. Fleetwood's 66 earned him a silver. The bronze went to Hideki Matsuyama. AP



MARIN RETIRES FROM BADMINTON SEMI WITH INJURY: Carolina Marin retired from her Paris Olympics badminton semifinal on Sunday injured and in floods of tears. The Rio 2016 champ was on track to reach the final again but collapsed midway through the second game against China's He Bingjiao

Amid outcry, Lin follows Imane in ensuring medal

Paris: Taiwanese boxer Lin Yu-ting became the second fighter at the centre of a Paris Olympics gender row to guarantee herself a medal after convincingly winning her quarter-final on Sunday.

Lin, who together with Algerian boxer Imane Khelif is at the centre of a storm over their eligibility, defeated Bulgaria's Svetlana Staneva on a unanimous points decision to reach the semi-finals of the women's 57kg category. With her second win of the tournament, the 28-year-old Lin is certain to win a medal because losing semi-finalists in the boxing take home bronze. After a scrappy and tetchy fight, the 34-year-old Staneva made an X sign with her fingers to the crowd and, clearly angry, declined to speak to reporters.

But her coach Borislav Georgiev held a piece of paper with the words: "I'm XX. Save woman sport." In most cases, males have both an X and Y chromosome, while females have two X chromosomes.

Khelif, who boxes again on Tuesday, is also guaranteed at least bronze after winning her quarter-final in the women's 66kg division. Khelif and Lin were disqualified from last year's world championships after failing gender eligibility tests, but were cleared

SEMIFINAL RUNS

Both Khelif and Lin have now reached the semifinals in their weight categories in Paris. "Yu-ting is great!" Taiwan president Lai Ching-te said after she reached the semi-finals of her featherweight division.

"In recent days, Taiwan's people have been indignant at the slander against her. Facing the challenge, Yu-ting is fearless and uses her strength to crush the rumours. Let us continue to cheer for her!" "These circus acts,

to box in the French capital. They also competed at the Tokyo Games in 2021 but did not win medals. Neither boxer is known to identify as transgender and the exact nature of the test they failed previously is unclear.

After Staneva's defeat, Bulgarian



NO HARM DONE: Lin's opponent Staneva protests with an 'X' sign

when she fell... In general I am indignant at the unfair that is taking place. They have decided to make them champions," said Bulgarian boxing coach Borislav Georgiev. Khelif's father Amar said he was proud of his daughter and backed her to win a medal for Algeria.

president Rumen Radev weighed into the debate, sending congratulations for her "fighting spirit".

"She had the courage to fight not only for victory... but also to defend normality and the Olympic principles in sport," he wrote on Facebook.

IBA GENDER TESTS WERE FLAWED, ILLEGITIMATE: IOC

The gender tests conducted by the International Boxing Association (IBA) Khelif and Lin at last year's world championships that led to their disqualification were illegitimate and lacked credibility, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) said Sunday.

The IOC said the testing process at that event was completely arbitrary. "Those tests are not legitimate tests. The tests themselves, the process of the tests, the ad hoc nature of the tests are not legitimate," IOC spokesperson Mark Adams told a press conference. "The method of the testing, the idea of the testing which happened kind of overnight. None of it is legitimate and this does not deserve any response," Adams said. AGENCIES

BOXER NGAMBA, A MEMBER OF THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, BREAKS REFUGEE TEAM'S DROUGHT

Villepinte: Cameroonian boxer Cindy Ngamba on Sunday became the first athlete on the Refugee Olympic Team to clinch a medal at the Paris Games, offering hope for a team created to call attention to the plight of refugees across the world.

Ngamba's victory comes after a fierce bout with French boxer Davina Michel in the women's middleweight quarterfinals. The win means she's at least scored a bronze medal as she advances to the semifinals.

Ngamba was a flag bearer for the 37 athletes making up the biggest Olympic Refugee Team since the idea was born ahead of the Summer Games in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Ngamba, a member of the LGBTQ+ community, moved to the United Kingdom at the age of 11 and said she was granted refugee status in 2021 because she could have been imprisoned for being gay in Cameroon. AP



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Mamata dials J'khand CM Hemant Soren, urging him to check 'huge release of water' from Tenughat dam in Bokaro that is affecting Bengal, P9

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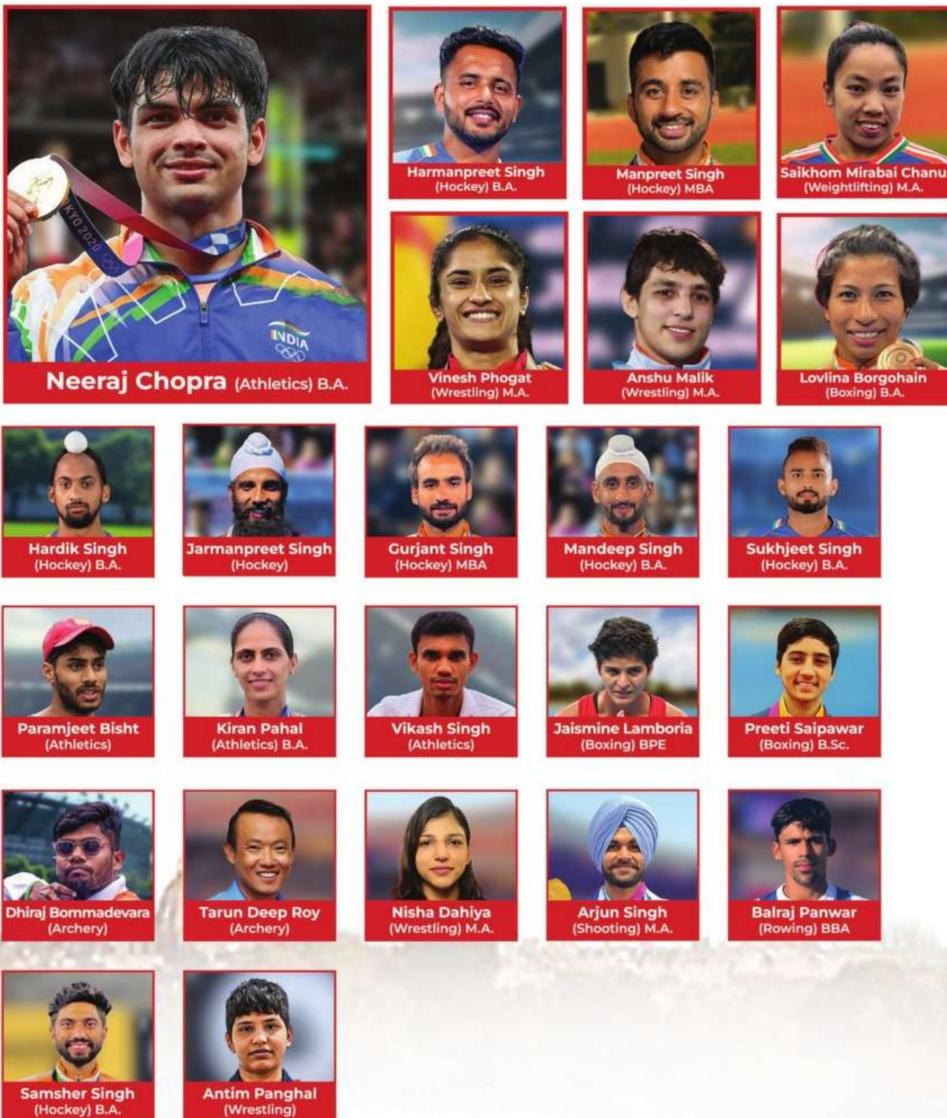
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LPU 1st runners-up for MAKA Sports Trophy 2023
PHAGWARA, DECEMBER 22
The Sports Ministry has declared LPU as one of the top two recipients of the MAKA Sports Trophy for 2023 during the National Sports Awards affirmation ceremony. — TNS

Lovely Professional University (LPU) graduate secures ₹ 3 crore package from global IT giant
Pawan Kunchala joins the ranks of LPU success stories with a whopping crore package from TC Central.

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LPU student's start-up gets Google boost
OUR CORRESPONDENT
PHAGWARA, JANUARY 15
Rounak Adhikary, a BSc Design student at LPU, is making waves in the field of technological innovation. As the founder and CEO of ProjectX Cloud, Rounak has developed a groundbreaking cloud-based operating system aimed at eradicating hardware dependency across devices. Rounak's project has recently received a boost with an infusion of \$200,000 (approximately Rs 1.70 crore) in infrastructure support from Google Cloud.

LPU gets NAAC Grade A++
OUR CORRESPONDENT
PHAGWARA, AUGUST 21
Lovely Professional University (LPU) has received the highest grade of A++ by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC). NAAC is an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Ministry of Education, Government of India.

24 LPU students in Paris Olympics 2024, second-largest contingent after Stanford University (USA)
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Among the students of 2023-24 batch, a B.Tech. CSE student has recently secured a package of ₹52.08 lakh at Microsoft. Apart from this, a student of Mechanical Engineering of 2022-23 batch secured the highest CTC of ₹54.9 Lakh.

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- 24 LPU students are participating in the Paris Olympics 2024, being the second largest Contingent globally after Stanford University, USA. In Tokyo Olympics 2020, 13 LPU students participated and won 1 Gold Medal (Neeraj Chopra) and 2 Bronze Medals.
- LPU has become the first ever private university to clinch First Runner-up Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy title since trophy's inception by the Govt. nearly seven decades ago, in 1956.
- LPU has also won Overall First Runners-up Trophy at Khelo India University Games -2023.
- In 19th Asian Games 2022, 40 LPU students participated and won 12 medals including 4 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze.

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