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A Nation In Constant Chaos

- Dec 1971** | New nation of Bangladesh born after India defeats Pak in '71 war. **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman forms Awami League govt in Jan 1972**
- 1975** | Emergency declared in B'desh. Single-party presidential system, with Mujib as prez
- Aug 15, 1975** | Mujib killed along with most of his family. His daughter, Sheikh Hasina, and her sister take refuge in Delhi. 2 counter-coups follow in Nov. Maj Gen Ziaur Rahman takes charge
- May 30, 1981** | Ziaur Rahman assassinated by a military faction
- March 24, 1982** | Army chief Lt Gen Hussain Muhammad Ershad seizes control. Stays Prez until he is forced to resign in Dec 1990 due to mass protests. BNP chief Khaleda Zia, widow of Ziaur Rahman, wins election, becomes PM
- 2009** | Hasina becomes PM for 2nd time (1st term 1996-2001). War crimes tribunal formed, 5 ex-Army officers executed for Mujibur's murder
- 2024** | Hasina returns for 4th straight term, winning 224 of 300 seats in election boycotted by oppn | **DETAILS, FLAP OPP**

■ Protesters Storm Ex-PM's Home, Parl ■ Bitter Rival & Ex-PM Khaleda To Be Freed ■ Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre In Dhaka Vandalised

Shaken Hasina Flees, Army In Charge

Not Given Time To Record Farewell Speech; Son Rules Out Her Political Comeback

Dhaka: Bangladesh's embattled PM Sheikh Hasina (76) on Monday resigned and fled the country following more than a month of deadly demonstrations that began as protests against job quotas swelled into a movement precipitating the end of her 15-year rule.

After Govt, Bid To Topple Mujib Statue



Protesters in Dhaka try to bring down a statue of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's founding father and Hasina's parent

A source close to her told AFP her security team, gauging the mood on the ground, asked her to leave her residence and the country immediately and she didn't get any time to pack up or record a farewell speech. Bangladesh army stepped in to fill the power vacuum, ending one uncertain chapter and opening another in the nation's restive history.

Sajeb Wazed Joy Hasina's son and her ex-official adviser, said she wouldn't make a political comeback and that she left the country for her own safety on her family's insistence.

As news of Hasina's departure spread, volatile crowds took to the streets here, some clambering on her father and Bangladesh founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's statue and smashing it with hammers in a lasting image underscoring the fickleness of history. Many went on a ransacking and looting spree in her residence. A mob vandalised Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre in Dhanmondi. Four Hindu temples al-

so suffered "minor" damage. In an address to the nation, army chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman said an interim govt would be formed and he had met members of most political parties. "I'm taking all responsibility (of the country)," he said. At night, President Mohd Shahabuddin ordered the release of prisoners from the protests as well as jailed ex-PM and key opposition figure Khaleda Zia of BNP. AGENCIES

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366 KILLED IN 36 DAYS OF CRISIS

GENESIS IN QUOTA STIR

July 1, 2024: Students protest against 30% govt job quota for kin of veterans who fought in 1971 liberation war. Say reservation discriminatory, meant to favour Awami League supporters

July 16-20: Stir turns violent. **200 people killed**

July 21: SC slashes quota to 5%. Protests abate

Aug 2: Agitators back on streets, now demand Hasina's resignation as PM

Aug 4-5: Fresh violence claims 166 lives



Thousands of protesters took over Sheikh Hasina's residence in Dhaka after she fled on Monday

6 HOURS OF CHANGE

11am-2pm: Thousands defy curfew for 'long march' to Dhaka. Barricades in place. Forces in armoured vehicles start patrol. Cops fire teargas shells and sound grenades on students

2.40-2.50: Hasina resigns, leaves Bangladesh. Troops pull back. Internet restored. **Lakhs celebrate on streets**

2.55: Thousands stream into Hasina's residence. Videos show them looting paintings, furniture, saris, and feasting on biryani and chicken in her kitchen. Some even pose on her bed

3.16-5: Statue of Hasina's father, Mujibur Rahman, smashed with hammers. **Arson in Awami League offices and Bangabandhu museum**

3.30: Army chief meets oppn, says interim govt to run country

5.40: Mob storms main hall of Parl

DEMOGRAPHY

Hindus: 7.9%
 Others: 1.1%

Muslims: 91%

*Population & housing census, Bangladesh, 2022

3 NUMBERS THAT TELL A STORY

30m jobless youth in a popn of 170m

44% fall in forex reserves in 3 yrs

28% drop in value of B'desh currency

Trusted friend out, Delhi-Dhaka ties set for rough reboot?

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New Delhi: The hurried and rather unceremonious departure of Sheikh Hasina from Bangladesh has not only wrong-footed the Indian govt but also presented it with possibly the biggest foreign policy challenge in the

neighbourhood in recent times — one that might make the storm in relations with the Maldives earlier this year seem like a walk in the park.

From India's perspective, despite her many failings and an increasingly untenable position in domestic politics, Hasina acted as a source of regional stability by keeping

religious extremists and anti-India forces under check. Though NSA Ajit Doval met the former Bangladesh PM at Hindon airbase in Ghaziabad (UP), there was no official response from India, which had described the protests against her as an internal matter, to the developments in Dhaka till late in the evening.

In a sign of things to come, reports from Dhaka said Hasina's Awami League would be kept out of the interim govt that the army is forming, while representatives of opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the banned Jamaat-e-Islami would be included.

► **Need to monitor, P 12** ► **Kept a close watch, P 12**

As rioting spreads in UK, PM pledges a 'standing army'

UK PM Keir Starmer on Monday pledged a "standing army" of specialist officers to stamp out the riots across several cities, which he termed as "far-right thuggery". Starmer convened a meeting after lawlessness that was driven in part by misinformation on social media that whipped up anger over a stabbing rampage that killed three girls. **P 20**

Woman held for water ritual at Taj

A woman from Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha was arrested by CISF for performing a water ritual and hoisting a saffron flag at Taj Mahal, claiming the World Heritage site used to be a Shiv temple. **P 17**

Gang embezzles crores from 125 a/cs

Delhi police busted a Chinese-backed cybercrime module engaged in siphoning off crores of rupees belonging to 125 unsuspecting individuals. Police also arrested four persons while investigating the case. **P 9**

All entry, exit blocked as flights, trains, buses to Dhaka from India stall

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Kolkata/New Delhi: Travel to and from Dhaka, less than an hour away from Kolkata by air, was grounded Monday after a six-hour airport shutdown triggered by the upheaval in the Bangladesh capital set the stage for a spate of cancellations by airlines and left flyers bracing for the long haul.

Indian Railways, too, extended the suspension of the popular Maitree Express, which hasn't been operating for a fortnight, along with the other two passenger trains linking Bengal with its neighbour. By evening, the cancellation of overnight bus services cut off the only remaining mode of cross-border transport after an anxious day for anyone who was scheduled to travel between the two countries.

Air India and Vistara joined IndiGo in cancelling their flights to Dhaka from all Indian cities. An IndiGo flight from Dhaka to Kolkata (6E 1106) was allowed to take off around 5pm, apparently coinciding with the decision to shut the airport for safety reasons.

► **Trucks stranded, P 12**

Deja vu in Dhaka as army chief, related to Hasina, takes charge



A recent picture of an emotional Sheikh Hasina during the protests

Evacuation on mind of many Indians in B'desh

Indians working and living in Bangladesh were cooped up at home Monday. An Indian high commission official in Dhaka said many on work and tourist visas were enquiring if they might be evacuated. "For now, we are advising everyone to stay indoors," Sumanta Das, a Kolkata engineer working on a project in Bangladesh with 36 Indian colleagues, said he was awaiting word about any possible evacuation if the situation doesn't improve. **P 11**

Army bros conduct rescue ops in their own village

Wayanad: Their occupations took them away from their cherished Chooralmala in Kerala's Wayanad, but their work also brought them back to the village — now a ravaged relic of the July 30 landslide. NDRF personnel Jithil Jayan, his brother and Army JCO Jinosh Jayan, and their cousin Havildar Praveen Prakash are part of the teams searching for signs of life, and bodies, under wrecked buildings and mounds of mud and stones in the village they were born, reports Rajeev KR.

6 more bodies found, Kerala official toll 407

Twenty-nine unidentified bodies and parts of 154 bodies were interred in graves on 64 cents of land at Puthumala. Meanwhile, six bodies were found in the search conducted on Monday, the seventh day of the landslide, taking the official toll to 407 and number of missing to 186. **P 24**

Sensex crashes 2,223 points; 2nd biggest M-cap loss ever

Mumbai: A global market sell-off, triggered by weak employment data in US and fears of large speculative losses in the forex market due to a strengthening Japanese yen, also swept Dalal Street, sending investors into a panic-selling mode on Monday and pulling down the sensx by 2,223 points, or 2.7%, to 78,759 points. On NSE, the Nifty lost 662 points to close at 24,056 points.

The day's losses in sensx and Nifty were the second biggest single-day losses in these indices this year. Geopolitical tensions in West Asia, after a top US official predicted Iran could attack Israel soon, also unnerved global investors, market players said.

Re closes at new low, may fall to 84

The rupee closed at a new low of 83.84, down four paise from Friday's close, against the dollar on Monday. Dealers said that if the global rout in equities continues, the exchange rate might move to the 84 mark ahead of RBI's monetary policy committee meeting on Thursday. **P 19**

plus net outflow, left investors poorer by Rs 15 lakh crore — the 2nd biggest single-day loss in market cap ever — with BSE's m-cap now at Rs 454.7 lakh crore. Domestic institutional investors were net buyers at Rs 9,156 crore, but couldn't cushion the sell-off. **P 19**

Min attributes landslips to illegal encroachments, P 17

signs of life, and bodies, under wrecked buildings and mounds of mud and stones in the village they were born, reports Rajeev KR. Their cousin Jagadeesh, his wife Saritha and their son Sharan perished in the disaster. The bodies of Jagadeesh and Sharan were found, but Saritha remains missing. **P 29 corpses, P 24**

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TEMP ON MONDAY
33.4° MAXIMUM
26° MINIMUM
 FORECAST: Generally cloudy sky with light rain. Max & min on Friday would be around 34 and 27°C
 SUNSET 7.09PM (TUE) | MOONSET 7.58PM (TUE)
 SUNRISE 5.46AM (WED) | MOONRISE 7.13AM (WED)

5/8
 DELHI AQI ON MONDAY (SATISFACTORY CATEGORY)

Fire dept asked to devise method to douse landfill blaze, says MCD | 8



Keen Battle For Crucial MCD Panels On Cards

With SC Seal On LG's Authority To Appoint Aldermen, Cong And Independents Likely To Play Key Role In At Least 3 Zones

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New Delhi: Supreme Court's decision to grant the lieutenant governor authority to appoint aldermen without the aid and advice of Delhi govt is expected to expedite the election process for the 12 zonal ward committees and the highly anticipated high-powered standing committee of MCD.

The 10 aldermen previously nominated by the LG are distributed across three zones: two in Central, four in Narela and four in Civil Lines. After their addition, BJP will have a clear advantage in five zones, including Civil Lines, Shahdara North, Shahdara South, Najafgarh and Keshavpuram. AAP will have a clear advantage in seven zones, including South, West, Karol Bagh, City SP, Rohini, Narela and Central.

However, in Central and Narela zones, AAP is leading by only one vote. Thus, the role of the independent councillor in Narela and the two Congress councillors in Central will be critical. Moreover, some councillors have allegedly switched parties but no information has been received from their leaders or parties officialy, according to the municipal secretary's office.

With the SC order in place, the chief law officer is likely to approach the municipal secretary to initiate the process for the formation of 12 zonal or ward committees. The municipal secretary, after the mayor and commissioner's consent, will issue a circular inviting applications for the election of chairman in each zone. "The aldermen will also vote in this election as this was nowhere challenged in court," said an official.

The whole process will take at least a month. After the zonal committees are formed, these will nominate one member for the standing committee, which has a total of 18 members. The election for the remaining six took place in the house meeting last year in February.

"These included three members from AAP and three from BJP. However, one seat is at present lying vacant after Kamaljeet Sehrawat, former councillor from Dwarka B ward, won in the Lok Sabha election from west Delhi. Once the zonal ward committees' elections are over, we will hold an election for this vacant seat in the house," said the official. In January 2023, the Delhi

HOW DYNAMICS MAY CHANGE

LG has appointed 10 aldermen to MCD House



WHO HOLDS THE ADVANTAGE



AAP has clear advantage in 7 zones South, West, Karol Bagh, City SP, Rohini, Narela and Central. BJP has clear advantage in 5 zones Civil Lines, Shahdara North, Shahdara South, Najafgarh zone and Keshavpuram.

However, in Central and Narela zones, AAP is leading by just one vote. Thus, role of independent (Narela) and two Congress (central) councillors becomes decisive

STATUS OF 12 MCD ZONES



With SC ruling that LG has power to appoint aldermen, the chief law officer will approach municipal secretary for initiating 12 zonal or ward committee elections. Aldermen will also vote in the election. Process will take at least a month.

WHAT NEXT?

- After ward committees, election for vacant House seats will take place
- When all 18 members are nominated, election for standing committee chairman will take place
- Standing committee will take all financial decisions as well as approve layout plans

WHY LEADING STANDING COMMITTEE IS IMPORTANT

- Standing committee has 18 members. Of these, six are elected to MCD house directly after mayoral elections
- After MP Kamaljeet Sehrawat vacated the seat, AAP has 3 and BJP has 2 members left
- Election for one member will take place in House after mayor's nod
- Remaining 12 will be elected by ward committees of 12 MCD zones
- Chairman of standing committee is elected at first meeting of standing committee
- The party having a majority or chairman in standing committee will automatically take decisions on all financial fronts

3B of the MCD Act, the power to appoint aldermen in MCD is vested in the LG. "AAP was aware of the LG's authority and yet it did not allow the elections for the standing committee chairman to take place."

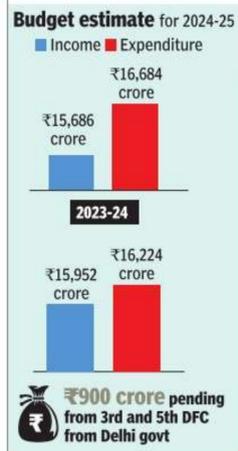
"Previously, Cong govt had divided the corporation into three parts, and after coming to power in Delhi, AAP govt crippled the corporation financially by withholding funds. Union home minister Amit Shah understood the problems and unified MCD in 2022. Delhi govt is still withholding Rs 15,000 crore from the corporation," said Singh. MCD has 250 councillors. Of them, 135 are from AAP, 103 from BJP, nine from Cong and one seat is vacant.

Anil Gupta, former chief law officer in the erstwhile north corporation, said that the order, even if challenged before a larger bench, won't change. "That's because the amendments done in the DMC Act made in April 2022 (after the unification of three civic bodies) replaced the word 'govt' with 'central govt'," he said. He added that the apex court never stayed the election of ward or standing committees. "It was put on hold unnecessarily," said Gupta.

MCD's finances have gone nowhere in 1.5 yrs. Why this may change now

IN THE MIDDLE OF A CRISIS

1.1 lakh employees with MCD
55,000 sanitation workers among them
₹810cr monthly salary outgo
STATUS July salaries for group D employees paid; pension likely to be released soon
 Remaining employees paid salaries till June



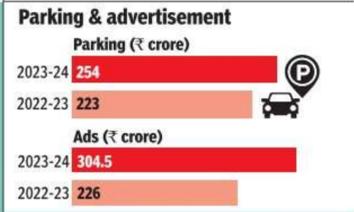
Total liabilities
 ₹3,000cr pending for payment as gratuity, arrears
 ₹700cr contractor payment
 ₹500-600 crore committed liability
 ₹250cr commutation



Property tax
 MCD has 13.3 lakh taxpayers and it has geotagged 3.9 lakh properties
 ₹4,000 crore (estimated collection for 2024-25)
 Till July 31, ₹1,612 crore collected compared with ₹1,312 crore in the year-ago period
 In 2023-24, property tax collection was down 11.5% from previous fiscal



Toll
 ₹786.6 crore collected every year
 New tender for collecting ₹847 crore annually from 154 toll plazas awaits formation of standing committee



Projects suffering because of paucity of funds
 Project at Minto Road for developing residential flats for MCD officers and employees
 Appointment of new agency for door-to-door garbage collection
 Remediation of legacy waste at landfills
 Increasing capacity of waste-to-energy plants
 Road development and drainage system enhancements
 Constructing a medical college building for MBBS and PG college at Rajan Babu Hospital
 Additional funds for multistorey underground parking in Kalkaji and Jangpura
 New parking projects at Shiva Market and others

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New Delhi: The sources of Municipal Corporation of Delhi funds have stagnated in the last year and a half. Apart from disbursing salaries and reducing some liabilities, the civic body finds itself unable to undertake major projects. Amid this, the non-constitution of the 6th Delhi Finance Commission, pending since 2017, is a pressing issue. So is the demand for a financial package and adequate grants-in-aid from the central govt to resuscitate the operations of the municipal body.

Many important projects, such as the appointment of an agency for garbage collection, remediation of legacy waste at the landfills, raising the capacity of waste-to-energy plants, dense carpeting of roads and revamping the drainage, have been stuck for years due to a paucity of funds or because the statutory committees that will clear these projects do not exist at present.

With the Supreme Court on Monday granting the lieutenant governor the power to appoint aldermen, the formation of the Standing Committee and wards committees can be initiated. The officials maintain that the absence of the Standing Committee, the limited financial authority of Rs 5 crore granted to the commissioner and the mayor's inability to clear financial propositions without the approval of the House and Standing Commit-

tee are factors that have exacerbated the inefficiencies within the civic body.

AAP legislator Durgesh Pathak, who is in charge of MCD, argued that it would be "unfair" to say that nothing has changed after his party came to the helm in the civic body. "At least all employees are getting their salaries on time, unlike in the past when there were delays of 5-6 months," he said. "Moreover, we have reduced liabilities. But we can't change overnight what was done in 15 years of BJP rule." Pathak also alleged that though Delhi govt

drains in a dilapidated state. She also ordered the construction of four libraries to be named after the students who drowned in two incidents of waterlogging. These projects are to use money from the mayor's discretionary fund, which was enhanced from Rs 10 crore to Rs 500 crore in this year's budget.

However, officials countered that the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act doesn't specify construction of libraries as part of MCD's prerogatives. "Also, revamping the drainage system is a big project that can be executed only under a full-

yet, Pathak said the reason the corpus was enhanced was to enable the roads and drainage construction work. "But due to the non-cooperation of the commissioner and bureaucrats, we are unable to implement these tasks," he asserted. Hearing a case related to waterlogging in Old Rajender Nagar last Wednesday, Delhi High Court criticised Delhi govt, saying, "You are not spending any money on the infrastructure," the court noted.

Among source of MCD's present revenues is the 12.5% share in Delhi govt's collection from stamp duty and property registration under the 5th DFC recommendations — 6% as basic tax and 6.5% as grants-in-aid for education, health and sanitation. "We have yet to receive the first tranche of Rs 61 crore. In fact, the second instalment is also due now," said the official. Payments under the 3rd and 5th DFC are also pending, according to sources. "It is mandatory to constitute a finance commission every fifth year, but MCD continues to receive funds as decided by the 5th DFC in 2016-17," said Raja Iqbal Singh, leader of the opposition in MCD. "Had a new finance commission been formed, the share in taxes from Delhi govt would probably have risen to 15% from 12.5%." Pathak retorted that Delhi govt had been requesting the central govt in vain for Rs 5,000 crore in grants for MCD, a sum similar to what is given to other equivalent civic bodies.

'LG action validated by exception in DMC Act'

Continued from P1

SC's rejection of the argument will also enhance BJP's say in the composition of the committees as the aldermen, all LG nominees, will get to vote in the polls.

Writing the judgment, Justice Narasimha referred to the 2023 judgment of a five-judge bench led by CJI Chandrachud, which, while declaring that bureaucracy was within the domain of the elected govt, had ruled that "if Parliament makes a law in relation to any subject in List II and List III (state and concurrent lists), the executive power of Delhi govt can be limited to the extent as provided under the Parliament-enacted law", an affirmation that pending its adjudication, the law enacted by the Modi govt to ensure that the Centre retains control of 'services' in the

Union Territory will be the final word on the powers of the LG and the elected govt.

"Having examined Section 3(3)(b)(i) of the DMC Act empowering the LG to nominate persons having special knowledge to the MCD, we will underscore the point that it is a law made by Parliament. As the law requires the LG to exercise the power of nomination, it satisfies the exception contemplated under Article 239AA(4) to act in his discretion as he is by or under any law so required to act," the bench said.

"The statutory power under DMC Act to nominate persons of special knowledge was vested in the LG for the first time by the 1993 amendment to the DMC Act, 1957, to incorporate the constitutional changes through Articles 239AA, 239AB and introduction of Part IX-A re-

lating to municipalities. The power to nominate is, therefore, not a vestige of the past or a power of the administrator that is continued by default. It is made to incorporate change in the constitutional structure of NCTD," it added. After delineating legislative and executive relationship between Centre and Delhi govt and an analysis of provisions of DMC Act, Justice Narasimha said, "The provisions of the Act relating to LG are relating to matters such as nomination of experts, election commissioner, constituting finance commission, convening the first meeting of the corporation, acting as an appellate authority, etc. These functions seem to suggest that they are intended to enable the authority (LG) in which the power is vested to act as an independent body."

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Kejriwal To Move SC After HC Rejects Bail In CBI Case

BJP Demands Resignation; Cong Says HC Ruling On 'Merit'

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New Delhi: Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal will approach the Supreme Court against Delhi High Court's decision to dismiss his bail petition and uphold his arrest by Central Bureau of Investigation in the case stemming from the alleged excise policy scam, AAP said on Monday.

The high court dismissed Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest by CBI, holding that "it cannot be said it was without any justifiable reason." It also disposed of the AAP national convener's bail plea and granted him liberty to approach the trial court for relief. The high court had on July 17 reserved its order on the CM's plea challenging his arrest.

"Kejriwal will approach the apex court against the decision. Supreme Court has already granted him interim bail in the excise policy linked money laundering case

by ED," the party said. Reacting to the development, BJP sought Kejriwal's resignation and said he had "no moral ground to continue as chief minister."

Welcoming the court's decision, BJP's Delhi unit president Virendra Sachdeva said it was a victory for the people in the capital. "Kejriwal should resign immediately, giving priority to the efficiency of the administrative system and the interests of the people in the crippled AAP govt. The aim of AAP functionaries is never service but always corruption, scams and self-interest," he alleged.

New Delhi MP Bansuri Swaraj claimed that the high court's rejection of Kejriwal's petition and validation of his arrest by CBI clarified his personal involvement in the liquor "scam". She alleged that the CM's insistence on running govt from jail had resulted in zero governance in Delhi. "Every-



CM Arvind Kejriwal

one is aware of the dire state Delhi is in today," she added.

"How many times will the courts have to declare Kejriwal's corruption and the legality of his arrest? Even Supreme Court earlier hinted that he should resign from the CM's position. The time has come for Kejriwal to resign," she said.

Party MP Manoj Tiwari added, "Gone are the days when central agencies arrested someone without any proof. Kejriwal is directly involved in receiving kickbacks in the excise policy. There is sufficient proof

to support it. I am not surprised by the high court's decision."

BJP MP Ramvir Singh Bidhuri claimed that he was the first to oppose the excise policy in the state assembly as it was "flawed" from the very beginning since the "intent was to loot public money".

Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav said that the court's ruling was based "on merit". "If the court felt that there was something wrong, only then the bail plea was rejected, but whoever is guilty, the court should give its verdict on him as soon as possible. The guilty should be in jail. AAP has moved Supreme Court, which is a personal matter of the party," he added.

Earlier, on July 12, Supreme Court had ordered Kejriwal to be released on interim bail in connection with the money laundering case lodged by ED. However, he was not able to walk out of jail since he was arrested by CBI.

'Fake' caste certificate: Police probe complaint against councillor Bobi

New Delhi: Delhi Police has launched a probe into allegations that AAP's first transgender councillor, Bobi, contested elections using forged documents. A case has been registered following a local court's order.

The complainant, Varuna Dhaka, told police that Bobi had obtained a scheduled caste certificate in Gautam Buddha Nagar in 2017, which was found to be fake. "I have verified this certificate with the Dadri tehsil, Gautam Buddha Nagar, and no such record was found, nor was any permanent resident found at the address. I have the certified document from the tehsil," the complainant said.

She claimed that Bobi had obtained the certificate from Kanjhawala by fabricating facts. "Bobi does not belong to the scheduled caste and has obtained this caste certificate to cheat govt and administration and illegally usurp the rights of the scheduled castes. It is necessary to investigate this matter and immediately cancel this caste certificate. Legal action should also be taken against her," Dhaka added.

The complaint was initially filed at Sultanpuri police station and then with the joint commissioner of the range and the DCP of the district. But no action was taken, forcing the complainant to move court.

While asking the station house officer concerned to register an FIR under appropriate sections of law "without being influenced by the sections mentioned in the complaint", the court also pointed out that the order was not a direction to him to immediately arrest the accused.

Bobi did not reply to phone calls or messages.

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Respectfully disagree with SC decision on aldermen: Singh

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New Delhi: Senior AAP member Sanjay Singh on Monday said the party "respectfully disagrees" with Supreme Court's decision upholding the Delhi lieutenant governor's right to appoint MCD aldermen and termed it "against the spirit" of India's democracy.

Hitting back, BJP Delhi president Virendra Sachdeva said the same arrangement was in place for many years in Delhi, but AAP has continuously tried to undermine the constitutional rights of the LG as it has forgotten that there is a constitutional difference between Delhi's administration and other states.

On Jan 4, 2023, the lieutenant governor had nominated 10 aldermen to MCD, which was challenged by AAP govt in the top court on the ground that the nominations were made without the aid and advice of the council of ministers.

"By bypassing an elected govt, all the rights are being given to the LG so that he can run Delhi with his diktat. This is not right for democracy and the Constitution of India. Therefore, I respectfully disagree with this decision of the Supreme Court. This is unfortunate and against the spirit of democracy," the AAP Rajya Sabha member said.

Singh said this decision was completely opposite to the comments made by the Chief Justice and other judges in the court during the hearing.

He said that in other states also, the governor approves the names, but he does so on the

recommendation of govt. "In other states as well, there are nominated members and councillors, but the elected govt sends their names and then the governor approves them. Why is this not the case in Delhi? Is there no elected govt here? This decision is against the people of Delhi and the spirit of democracy," he said.

Singh said that after going through the full order, the party will chalk out a strategy and AAP will win the upcoming standing committee elections.

Hitting back, Sachdeva said Supreme Court's decision had clarified the constitutional provisions of the amended Delhi Municipal Corporation Act.

Singh's reaction to the court's decision is a sign of his frustration and naxalist ideology, Sachdeva said. AAP has been in power since 2013 but is still not ready to accept constitutional provisions, even though they understand them, he added.

BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor said that he now hopes AAP would allow the election of ward committees and the standing committee of the municipal corporation.

"AAP leaders have been creating a negative atmosphere and making inappropriate remarks for the past two years, which Supreme Court has now clarified," he said. Singh has been an MP for seven years and was aware of jurisdictional boundaries. His questioning of Supreme Court's decision was condemnable, Sachdeva said.

He said although AAP has been in power since 2013, it is not ready to accept constitutional provisions and wants to use its electoral majority as a weapon to disregard these.



Sanjay Singh

UP govt to build a new township in Gzb, names it Harnandipuram

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Ghaziabad: UP govt will build a new township as part of its plan to expand the city — the first such project in a decade and a half.

With some parts of the township off the Hindon, 'Harnandipuram' (Harnandi is another name for the river) will come up on around 1,300 acres — almost the size of Indirapuram.

Earlier too, Harnandi became the basis of a proposal sent by the municipal corporation to the state govt to change the city's name to Harnandi Nagar. While a decision is awaited on that, Harnandipuram's contours have been drawn.

"The map of the new township was vetted at the GDA Board's meeting on Monday. It will span from Pipeline Road in the north of the city to Northern Peripheral Road in the east and Morti in the south. The Hindon river will flow by certain parts of the township," said Rajesh Kumar Singh, the GDA secretary.

If approved by the govt, this is the first township that GDA will build since Madhuban Bapudham around 15 years ago.

"Land will have to be acquired from farmers first. According to our plan, we have to undertake the acquisition process in villages such as Nagla Ferozepur, Mohanpur, Morta, Bhowpur, Atour, Champat Nagar, Shamsar, Bhenda Khurd, Mathurapur and Shapur Morta," Singh said.

The state govt had last year come out with a CM Urban Expansion New City Promotion Scheme to expand cities to cater to the growing population. For the city — which saw connectivity receive a boost with metro and rapid rail corridors and expressways — it announced a 'Naya Ghaziabad' plan. 'Harnandipuram' is part of that.

The land acquisition process is likely to cost around Rs 5,000 crore. The state govt and GDA will share the cost equally. Among other proposals that were approved by the GDA Board was a plan to extend the Indirapuram township as well.

Developed across 1,289 acres through the 1990s, Indirapuram has reached its saturation point and needs to expand urgently to accommodate the growing population. This extended township will come up in an area of 3 lakh sqm.

HC: Reasons for not proceeding against CM immediately valid

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The control and the influence which he has on the witnesses is prima facie borne out from the fact that these witnesses could muster the courage to be a witness only after the arrest of the petitioner... also, it establishes that the loop of evidence against the petitioner got closed after collection of relevant evidence after his arrest. No malice whatsoever can be gathered," Justice Neena Bansal Krishna said in a 48-page verdict.

It noted that the trail of the "crime" extended even to Punjab, but material witnesses were not coming forward due to the influence exercised by Kejriwal by virtue of his position.

Kejriwal had contended that the FIR was lodged by CBI in Aug 2022 and probe car-

ried on for two years. There was no new evidence or ground in the arrest memo which could justify his arrest in June this year, his counsel had said, terming it an "insurance arrest" by CBI to prevent his release from jail after SC granted him bail in the money laundering case lodged by ED.

However, Justice Krishna said that respecting his position as CM, police treaded with "trepidation and caution" and proceeded to collect the evidence from other suspected accused.

"Consequently, extensive investigations were carried out across India to ascertain the entire web of conspiracy involving numerous persons... the reasons for not proceeding immediately against the petitioner, after registration of the FIR is thus, well explained by the CBI," it said,

adding that the argument that there was no occasion to arrest him was not tenable.

It termed as "fallacious" the argument of Kejriwal's counsel that no permission was warranted or required from the trial court for interrogating the accused in jail as he was already in judicial custody in the ED case. The high court took note of CBI's submissions that Kejriwal's custodial interrogation was needed to confront him with evidence to unearth the larger conspiracy hatched amongst the accused/suspects regarding the formulation and implementation of the excise policy and to establish the trail of the ill-gotten money.

Meanwhile, in a separate order, HC allowed Kejriwal to approach a trial court with his plea seeking bail in the CBI case.

IMD issues 'yellow' alert for light-to-moderate showers

New Delhi: After some areas receiving very light rain on Monday, the city may witness intense rain activity from Tuesday to Thursday India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a 'yellow' alert for light to moderate showers for the period.

Safdarjung, the city's base station, recorded "trace" rainfall along with Palam and Lodhi Road between 8.30am and 5.30pm. Ayanagar logged 1.7mm and Najafgarh 0.5mm rainfall.

The cloudy skies with cooler breezes caused the maximum temperature to dip to 33.4 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal and 2.6 degrees lower than Sunday's maximum. The relative humidity oscillated between 70% and 94%. The minimum temperature stood at 26 degrees Celsius, one degree below normal.

"The monsoon trough is expected to come close to Delhi-NCR along with other weather systems likely to cause rain for the next three days," said an official. IMD has predicted "scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana-Chandigarh-Delhi during the week".

The Met department said light to moderate rain might cause minor traffic disruption on roads, increased chance of vehicle accidents, and water accumulation in low-lying areas and on roads. "Check for traffic congestion on your route before leaving for your destination and follow traffic advisories," its forecast bulletin stated.

IMD's data reveals that Safdarjung has received 114.1mm of rainfall so far in Aug, with 107.6mm recorded on Aug 1 during an intense spell of heavy rain. The long-period average rainfall for the entire Aug is 233.1mm. July ended on a rain deficit of 3% with 203.7mm rainfall as opposed to the normal 209.7mm.

Meanwhile, the AQI improved to 58 in the lower end of the satisfactory category on Monday. Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi said AQI was likely to stay in the same category till Aug 8. TNN

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No.: EEC/24/338 Date: 05-08-2024

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRIBDO, e-NIT
 On behalf of The Governor of West Bengal The Executive Engineer (A-I), SWI Division No-II, Burdwan, Purba Bahvan, 4th Floor, Purba Burdwan, 713103 invites e-NIT No.-05/2024-25 from the bonafide resourceful Agencies having experience in the work as mentioned in e-NIT in any Govt/Deptt/Govt Undertaking/ Semi-Govt. organisations etc. For the e-NIT No. 05/2024-25 for the work "Roof Top Rain Water Harvesting & Artificial Recharge to Ground Water and Utilization of Rain water except drinking scheme" at Hooghly Mohsin College under Chinsurah Municipality, in the district of Hooghly under Executive Engineer (A-I), SWI Division-II, BURDWAN, Tender ID. Amount put to tender, EMD, Time of completion Rs.18,10,601.00/-; Rs.37,100/-; 60 (Sixty) Days. Date & time of publishing of N.I.T. Documents: 05.08.2024; 10:00 AM. Last date & Time of Bid Submission & other details are mentioned in <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> (Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-I), SHID-II, Burdwan ICA-113386(3)/2024

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
 Bid Ref. No. WBMSCL/NT/25 (2nd Call), Dated - 01/08/2024
 Supply and delivery of various types of batteries for UPS & DC MCCB For battery input at Sankaraj Super Speciality Hospital, Murshidabad(2nd call). Last date of submission of bid (online): 20.08.2024 up to 3:00 PM. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.wbmscl.gov.in and www.wbtdenders.gov.in or after 05.08.2024 at 05:00 PM, request for Clarification, if any, may be sent to specification@wbmscl.gov.in / General Manager, WBMSCL Joint Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-113351(3)/2024

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e-TENDER NOTICE
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e-TENDER NOTICE
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 e-Tender is invited by the Principal, JGMC&H, Jalpaiguri, from the eligible agency for procurement of "SUPPLY OF MEDICAL PRINT JOURNALS FOR CENTRAL LIBRARY, JALPAIGURI GOVERNMENT MEDICAL COLLEGE & HOSPITAL, JALPAIGURI". Bid submission date 27/08/2024, 5:00 p.m. The detail tender notice may be seen in the website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in / www.wbmscl.gov.in / specification@wbmscl.gov.in ICA-113339(4)/2024

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TENDER NOTICE
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Jaladpara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar
ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
WBFOR/JWD/NT-64(e)/24-25 - Procurement of RT base sets (10 Units) and RT Walkie Talkie (20 Units) under JPWL Div. **WBFOR/JWD/NT-65(e)/24-25** - Repair and Maintenance of Chilapata FRH under JPWL Div. **WBFOR/JWD/NT-66(e)/24-25** - Extension of CC Line Watch Tower under Jaladpara Wildlife Division. **WBFOR/JWD/NT-67(e)/24-25** - Development of Eco-Tourism Infrastructure at Hollong Tourism Complex under JPWL Div. **WBFOR/JWD/NT-68(e)/24-25** - Maintenance of main gate at Madarhat by way painting and painting under JPWL Div. **WBFOR/JWD/NT-69(e)/24-25** - Renovation of Building Structure of Nilpara Forest Guest House under JPWL Div. Last date of online submission of bid: 20/08/2024. For all details and Online Tender submission visit at: www.wbtdenders.gov.in / www.westbengalforest.gov.in Sd/- Divisional Forest Officer, Jaladpara Wildlife Division, Cooch Behar. ICA-113338(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CONSUMER AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
e-TENDER NOTICE
 Advertisement No.: 41/CAD/2024-25 Dated 02.08.2024
 e-Tender in two stage bid system is hereby invited from bonafide eligible and experienced agency i.e. supply of manpower regarding 15 Data Entry Operators and 2 Night Guards in Consumer Affairs Department. Last date for submission of e-Tender (online) is 27.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM. Details are available at wbtdenders.gov.in for any enquiry please contact on 033-2252-2304. By Order - Special Secretary ICA-113336(3)/2024

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 Advertisement No.: 42/CAD/2024-25 Dated 02.08.2024
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 Advertisement No.: 40/CAD/2024-25 Dated 02.08.2024
 e-Tender in two stage bid system is hereby invited from bonafide eligible and experienced agency i.e. supply of 252 manpower regarding Data Entry Operator, Housekeeping, Security etc in Consumer Affairs Department. Last date for submission of e-Tender (online) is 27.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM. Details are available at wbtdenders.gov.in for any enquiry please contact on 033-2252-2304. By Order - Special Secretary ICA-113335(3)/2024

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 MSVP, R.G.Kar Medical College & Hospital invites sealed bids from eligible bidders vide Memo No. RGKH/3161 dt. 2.9.07.2024. e-NIT No. WBW/EE/MSVP/15/24-25 for Supply of Medicine/ Reagents for Different Department Of R.G.Kar MCH. The Last date of online bid Submission is 03.08.2024 till 6 pm. For further details please login www.wbhealth.gov.in / www.wbtdenders.gov.in ICA-113348(3)/2024

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ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
 e.N.I.T. No. WBW/EE/MHQD/NT/03/2024-25
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
 e-NIT No. KMDA/CV/EE/ BPPD/J&M/2024-25
 Online Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, BPPD-I, E&M Section, KMDA, 2nd Floor, KIT Market Complex, Jadavpur, Kolkata-700032, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide, eligible firms / companies / joint venture, eligible Venture agencies, for the work, Name of Work, Estimated Cost, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Construction of 1 No. Regent Estate, Rs.23,27,101/-, Rs.46,542/-, 03 months, Last date & time of Online Bid Submission: 16.08.2024. Time: 17.30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-341) www.wbtdenders.gov.in ICA-113382(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
 On behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of West Bengal, online e-Tenders are invited from bonafide eligible contractors for the following e-NIT No. WBW/EE/WMD/0-SNIT-04e/2024-25. For total (One) No. of work and amount put to tender, Rs. 2,11,18,11,000/-, Bid submission start date: 06.08.2024 at 12.30 hrs. Last date of bid submission: 08.08.2024 up to 12.00 Hrs. Further details may be obtained from the office of Executive Engineer, West Midnapore Division or from the Departmental Website: www.wbwd.gov.in / <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> (Direct Site) - (Under the supervision of) Executive Engineer (I&W Dte.), West Midnapore Division, Midnapore, Paschim Medinipur. ICA-113355(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
 Bid Ref. No. WBMSCL/NT/EE(C)-04/016/2024, Dated - 01/08/2024
 West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. invites e-tender for Civil & Electrical Works for Setting up the Establishment of Skills Lab at Second Floor of Academic Building, Deben Mahata Govt. Medical College & Hospital, Hataura in the District of Purulia. Last date of submission of bids (online): 21/08/2024 up to 03.00 PM. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.wbmscl.gov.in and www.wbtdenders.gov.in or after 06/08/2024 at 10 AM. Clarification requests, if any, please call 033-40340435. Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of W.B. ICA-113352(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
 e-NIT No. KMDA/CV/EE/HS/ING/SE/CI/01/01/2024-25 (2nd call)
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Abridged e-Tender Notice
 e-NIT No. 03/RATION/BUDGET/GWLD/2024-25
 An e-tender is being invited by the Divisional Forest Officer, Gorumara Wildlife Division, Jalpaiguri for "Supply of Feed Materials for Captive Elephants" at various locations under the jurisdiction of Gorumara Wildlife Division, Jalpaiguri on monthly basis for 8 (eight) months from August 2024 to 31st March 2025). Details of which may be had from this office during the office hours or may be seen on Website: www.wbtdenders.gov.in / "Supply of Feed Materials for Captive Elephants" at various locations under the jurisdiction of Gorumara Wildlife Division, Jalpaiguri on monthly basis for 8 (eight) months from August 2024 to 31st March 2025). Last Date of Bid Submission : 17.08.2024 up to 17.00 hours. Sd/- A. Mukhopadhyay, IFS, Conservator of Forests Administration, Publicity & Marketing. ICA-113322(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Coaching centres have turned into death chambers, says SC

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New Delhi: Rebuffing Coaching Federation of India for challenging Delhi HC's order on compliance with fire safety regulations, Supreme Court on Monday said coaching centres have turned into death chambers and decided to take suo motu cognisance of death of three UPSC aspirants due to flooding in the basement that was illegally used as a library.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and Ujjal Bhuyan issued notice to Centre and Delhi govt and sought their response on enforcing fire and safety measures in coaching centres. It also slapped a cost of Rs 1 lakh on the federation for challenging HC order mandating compliance with fire NOCs and Fire Safety Certificates as prescribed in Master Plan for Delhi, 2021, and the safety norms for buildings/structures contained in the Unified Building By-laws for Delhi, 2016

"These places have become death chambers. You are ta-

king away the lives of young ones coming from different parts of the country" SC said.

As various institutions, operating in Delhi, run in precarious conditions putting the lives of students in danger, the court suggested that classes be held online till compliance with all safety provisions.

"It seems to us that no coaching or tuition centre, not only in Delhi, but at least even in NCR, should be allowed to operate unless there is meticulous compliance with fire safety norms and other safety measures for the students, besides other basic amenities for a dignified human life. Such norms must necessarily include proper ventilation, safety passages, air, light, potable water, washrooms and such other requisites as may be prescribed through statutory measures/guidelines," the bench said.

The federation challenged an order passed by HC mandating that coaching centres accommodating more than 20 students be relocated from residential areas to commercial ones to ensure student safety and compliance with fire safety

regulations. "This is a state of affairs where a lot of young ones coming from places across the country to Delhi have lost their lives," SC said imposing a cost of Rs 1 lakh and Rs 50,000 to be deposited with the Supreme Court Bar Association and Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association.

"The recent unfortunate incidents taking away lives of some young aspirants, who joined the coaching centres for their career pursuits, are eye opener for one and all. We, therefore, deem it appropriate to expand the scope of these proceedings, suo motu, and issue notice to (i) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Union of India and (ii) NCT of Delhi through the Chief Secretary to show cause as to what safety norms have been prescribed so far and, if so, what is the effective mechanism introduced to ensure their compliance. We would also invite suggestions from other stakeholders, especially the students, as to what stringent measures are required to be taken on a short term and long term plan basis," the bench said.

14 Deaths In A Month At Shelter Strange: HC

ASHA KIRAN: Court Seeks Detailed Report

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday called the deaths of 14 inmates of a govt-run Asha Kiran shelter home in a month "strange" and sought a detailed report on it from the social welfare department and Delhi Jal Board.

"Just how many deaths in a short span of time. Fourteen deaths in just one month is a large number. It cannot be a coincidence. It is strange," the bench said about the shelter home for the mentally challenged. The bench of Justice Tushar Rao Gedela noted that nearly all the deceased suffered from tuberculosis.

The court directed Delhi govt's secretary for social welfare, under whose department Asha Kiran operates, to visit and inspect the conditions of the facility in Rohini on Aug 6 and file a report, stressing the need for immediate "curative measures".

It questioned how tuberculosis was "rampant" in a shelter home, as could be seen from the cause of deaths. The court also directed Delhi Jal Board to test the quality of water as well as the condition of water and sewer pipelines. The DJB and the social welfare department secretary were asked to file reports. The court was responding to a PIL seeking its intervention.

During the hearing, the govt's standing counsel Sameer Vashisht told the bench that out of the 14 deceased, one was a minor, and the "maximum" deaths happened in the hospital where they were being treated. He submitted that all



HC directed Delhi govt's secretary of social welfare to visit and inspect the conditions of the shelter home in Rohini on Aug 6

the dead inmates unfortunately suffered from "severe and profound category of intellectual disability", had comorbidities, and were found in "precarious conditions" before they were brought to the shelter home. There is a team of doctors and nurses in the shelter home and the exact details with respect to the deaths would be known after post-mortem reports are received, he added.

However, the bench pointed out that the number of deaths was large and cannot be a coincidence. "Today the situation needs to be salvaged. If we can save a few lives, we must do it. What needs to be done immediately is that curative measures need to be put in place, first and foremost. We don't want people to suffer in the process," the court added, while listing the matter for further hearing on Aug 7.

It said a criminal investigation and fixing of responsibility was needed but the situation had to be "salvaged" for the inmates now. It asked the authorities to ensure that steps are taken to maintain hygiene and Asha Kiran is decongested. "Inquiry can wait. What needs to be done is carry out some curative measures. If there is some problem in the establishment, we must rectify," the court said.

When the govt counsel submitted that certain recommendations have been made to deal with overcrowding in the shelter, the bench stressed it was time to act and implement these steps.

"This is not a time for recommendation; this is the time for action. Once the minister has visited and she passes an order, it will be done today. There is nothing else required. There is no one over and above the minister," the court said.

The PIL has sought the constitution of an independent committee headed by a retired high court judge to probe the incident or, in the alternative, to refer the matter to CBI. The petitioner, Samadhan Abhiyan, also sought a direction to the authorities to carry out a "social audit" of all shelter homes.

I, Abhijit Tukaram Shevale, S/O Sri. Tukaram Shevale, resident of Bunglow of CEO, SJDA, Forest Housing Complex, Sevoke Road, 2nd Mile, Siliguri, Pin- 734001 District Darjeeling, West Bengal, have renounced, relinquished & abandoned my earlier name Shevale Abhijit Tukaram and that in future I shall be known as Abhijit Tukaram Shevale only for all purposes.

Memo No.: 932/1/Adm/432/17-IV/SJDA Date: 05.08.2024

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EXTENSION OF TIME

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 Ref. Notification No.: MPP/2024/03 Dated: 03.07.2024 of the Addl. General Manager (HR&A), Recruitment & Manpower Planning Cell, WBSECL, originally published in this newspaper on 15.07.2024. The Last Date for Submission of Application is hereby extended up to 20.08.2024 (10.30 PM). ICA-13754/2024

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Notice Inviting E-Tender
 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-2147 Dated: 29.07.2024
 NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTPP/NIT/SGTPP/24-25 Date: 17.07.2024
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NIT No.: RM/Nadia/CV/EE-Tender/2024-25/03, Dt.: 06.08.2024 of the Regional Manager, Nadia Region, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 1,29,49,512.88 for Construction of Control Room Building, boundary wall, various equipment foundations, switchyard fencing, Inplant RCC Road, RCC Cable trenches, development of switchyard, installation of deep tube well and allied civil works at proposed 33/11 KV Sub-Station of Integrated Power Loss Telex Park, Kalyani under Kalyani Division, WBSECL. Bid - India. ICA-113390(3)/2024

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 Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/SgTPP/CC-2145 Dated: 29.07.2024
 NIT No.: WBPDDL/SGTPP/NIT/E2998/24-25 Dated: 20.06.2024
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2) NIT No.: RM/Nadia/Electrical/E-Tender/2024-25/02, Dt.: 06.08.2024 of the Regional Manager, Nadia Region, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 12,17,203/- for "Electrification works and outdoor lighting for proposed four-storied B-type Staff Quarter Building adjacent to the premises of Krishnanagar Power House, WBSECL". ICA-113354(2)/2024

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Tender documents shall also be available in the website of Health & Family Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Principal-In-Charge ICA-113345(3)/2024

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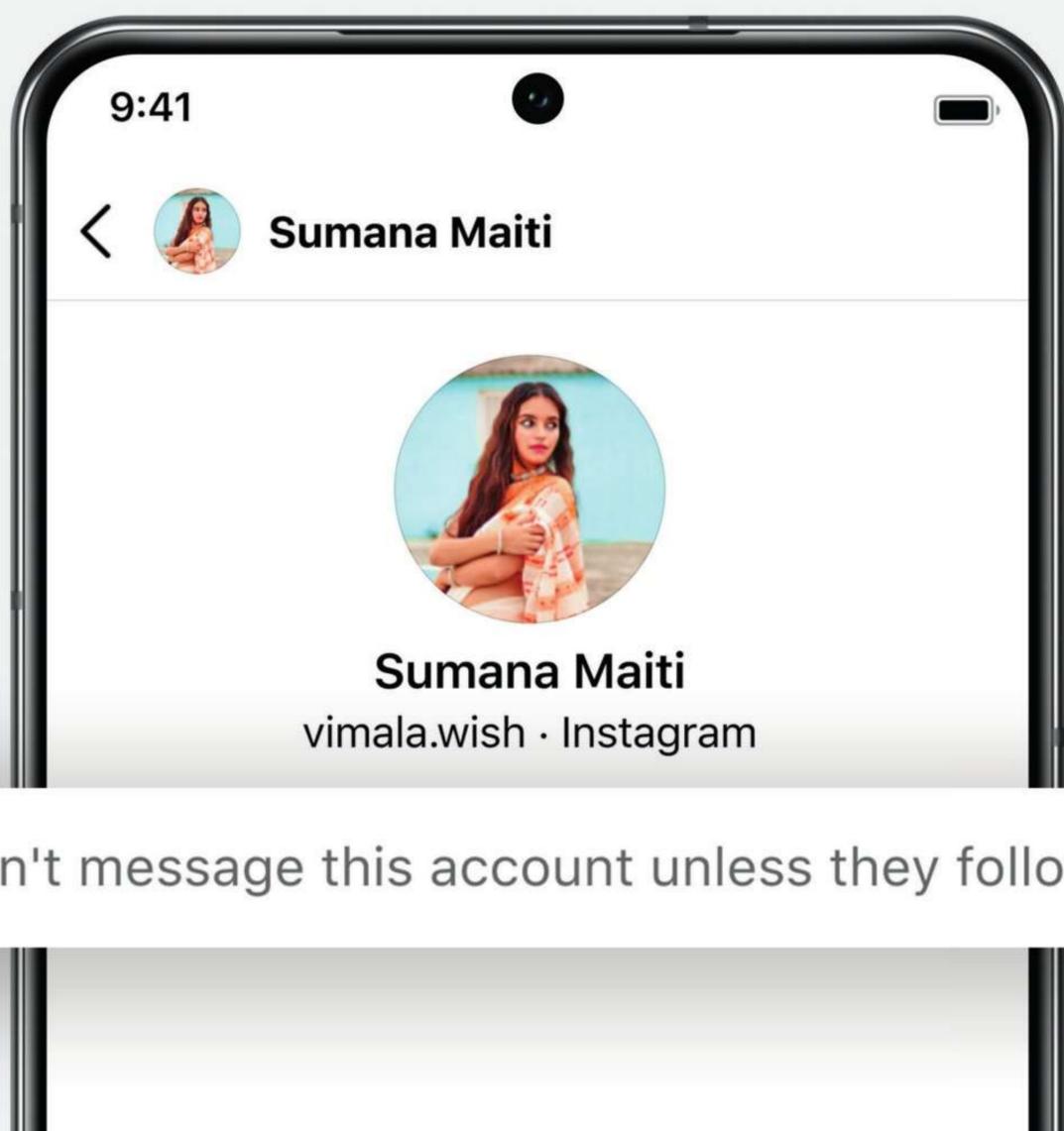
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MCD: Fire dept asked to devise method to douse landfill blaze

Priyangi Agarwal & Abhay | TNN

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has informed National Green Tribunal (NGT) that it has asked the fire department to devise a method or equipment and some chemicals to douse fires at landfill sites. It has been observed that fires at landfill sites cannot be controlled or doused through conventional fire tenders carrying water, MCD pointed out.

NGT had taken suo motu cognisance of a media report of a fire at Ghazipur landfill on April 21 and issued notices to the agencies concerned. It had observed that there had been continuous violation of environmental norms at Ghazipur.

MCD, in a report dated Aug 2, said that to avoid such fires, it had proposed fencing or enclosure of the landfill site urgently for which a proposal of Rs 25 crore had been submitted to Delhi govt.

The civic body said 124 fire incidents were reported from

REPORT SAYS

As the methane gas gets trapped in the garbage, it becomes highly flammable and can catch fire, especially during high temperature

Ghazipur from 2016-17 to 2024-25 and 69 of them were major while 55 were minor. "A significant amount of methane gas is generated and released from landfill sites due to the decomposition of biodegradable waste. As the methane gas gets trapped in the garbage, it becomes highly flammable and can catch fire, especially during high temperature and humidity, when it comes in contact with air and reaches its combustion temperature," said the report.

The fire department did not comment on the report. However, calling a landfill fire

challenging, an official said that in residential and commercial buildings, firefighters can usually determine the point of origin of the flames, but not at a landfill. "Due to the gaseous nature of the fire, flames can ignite simultaneously at multiple locations," he pointed out. "The vast expanse of a landfill also makes the work difficult."

Navigating fire tenders through landfills requires extreme caution as the vehicles may sink into the mounds of waste. "The instability of the garbage mounds increases the likelihood of fire engines becoming trapped or even toppling over. Also, there is no particular route to climb to the top of the mounds," said Atul Garg, director of Delhi Fire Services.

The absence of a readily available water source near landfills poses the most significant challenge, with firefighters frequently requiring to travel to nearby stations to refill tanks.

Two Yrs, Too Late: Project To Widen Part Of Ring Rd Turns Into Nightmare

Stretch Near Majnu Ka Tila Has Turned Into Major Bottleneck Due To Delay

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New Delhi: A section of Ring Road near Majnu Ka Tila has turned into a significant bottleneck due to the prolonged time it is taking the Public Works Department to widen the route, a task it began two years ago to decongest the stretch.

Between the Majnu Ka Tila traffic intersection and the Wazirabad flyover, the road has been subjected to digging and disruption for two years. It had been decided to make changes to the road divider and reduce its width to make way for an extra lane as a means of decongesting the section in front of the monastery there.

The uneven, unpaved road surface with numerous potholes forces vehicles to slow down, resulting in congestion even during off-peak hours. The construction of a new pedestrian bridge just 100 metres away from the old one has commenced. After its completion, the old bridge will be dismantled.

A pillar of the old over-

bridge is obstructing the movement of road users. It is in the middle of the new lane being developed with the widening of Ring Road. Until the pillar is brought down, motorists cannot use the road. "We decided to construct a new foot bridge near the old one," a PWD official explained. "The road remains unpaved because we had to stop work due to the monsoon and there was a pillar coming in the way. We will finish that work soon."

While the pillar is an impediment to movement on the lane going from the Wazirabad flyover towards Kashmere Gate, the other side of the road has a different problem — large craters created by waterlogging. Even during non-peak hours, this stretch of road experiences traffic slowdowns which turn into a bigjam during the peak commute hours.

PWD took up road widening project, projected to cost Rs 7 crore, making changes to the central verge of the road from the foot of the Wazirabad flyover to the overbridge at the Tibetan colony in or-



der to increase the width of the road from Wazirabad to Chandgi Ram Akhara Road. After the road widening work is completed, the road there will have four lanes and traffic is expected to move smoothly.

PWD had also planned to build a pedestrian bridge at the Majnu Ka Tila gurdwara two years ago, but its construction has only now started, according to a PWD official. This stretch was recognised as a critical traffic congestion point in Delhi two years earlier. Majnu Ka Tila is one of the fastest-growing food destinations in the capital, a spot favoured by Delhi University students. It offers a range of pan-Asian cuisine and was also selected by Delhi govt under its food hub policy. This has meant that the area sees a lot of pedestrian movement.

The section of Ring Road around 3.4km from Chandgi Ram Akhara to the Wazirabad flyover was identified as a highly congested corridor and approvals for its widening and redevelopment were given by chief minister Arvind Kejriwal.

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Sara Abraham

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Sara Abraham, 96, well-known connoisseur and collector of modern Indian art who promoted and popularised the work of a generation of distinguished Indian artists, died in Chennai in the early hours of Sunday, August 4, 2024. Sara had a discerning eye and an unerring ability to spot artistic talent.

She is survived by her children, Mariam, Elisheba, and Kuruvilla, her grand-children, Yakov, Ana, Zara, and Ari, and her great-grandchildren, Sophia and Vir.

In keeping with her wishes, her body was cremated at the Besant Nagar crematorium on Sunday.

26-yr-old who knifed woman, mother was stalking her: Cops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 26-year-old man has been arrested for allegedly murdering a 60-year-old woman and stabbing her 35-year-old daughter in west Delhi's Tilak Nagar last week. Police said the suspect used to stalk and harass the younger woman, and had knifed the mother-daughter duo when he was confronted.

According to DCP (west) Vichitra Veer, the suspect, Rahul, who works as a taxi driver, had been "infatuated" with the daughter, Tanya, and used to make advances. She was ill at ease with this and, along with her mother Veena, went to his house in Tilak Nagar on July 30 to complain about his behaviour to his parents.

"However, when they confronted him, Rahul, instigated by his mother Pooja, stabbed

The suspect, Rahul, was "infatuated" with the daughter, Tanya, and used to make advances. She, along with her mother, went to his house to complain about his behaviour

the duo," said the DCP.

When police reached the spot, Rahul had fled. Both the victims had already been taken to a hospital, where Veena was declared dead. A case under sections 103(1) murder, 109(1) (attempted murder) and 3(5) (common intention) of BNS was registered.

Police conducted raids at various locations, including the residence of Rahul's maternal uncle in Maujpur and the hou-

ses of his paternal uncles. Cops also kept an eye on Kanwad camps and its surrounding areas. Footage from CCTV cameras and phone records were analysed, and several possible hideouts in Delhi and bordering areas were thoroughly searched.

Police also questioned other taxi drivers as well as Rahul's friends and relatives to gather information about his whereabouts. They visited Vrindavan, Mathura, railway stations and bus terminals in search of the accused.

Finally, on Aug 4, Rahul was found hiding in a jungle area near Santgarh drain in Tilak Nagar and arrested. "He has been interrogated. The track pants that he wore during the incident have been recovered and seized," said DCP Veer.

Meanwhile, Tanya continues to receive treatment at the hospital.

LG recommends suspension of govt official for hit & run

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New Delhi: A day after TOI reported about a senior Delhi govt official being embroiled in a dramatic hit-and-run, Delhi LG VK Saxena recommended his suspension, sources said.

Saxena is learnt to have written to the ministry of home affairs in this connection.

The official in question, RC Meena, was posted as deputy commissioner (excise) and is alleged to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of incident. "The Medico Legal Case Sheet (MLC) issued by Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital has substantiated the consumption of alcohol by Meena," a senior officer said.

"Considering the aforementioned facts, the Directorate of Vigilance suggested that the actions of the DANICS officer constitute grave misconduct and are unbefitting of a govt servant. The competent authority may consider placing the officer under suspension to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Ramesh Chander Meena, in accordance with Civil Services Conduct rules," a senior government official said. Consequently, the LG recommended Meena's suspension to the MHA, which holds the authority to take action in this particular case.

Meena was on his way home early on Monday when the incident took place. "On Saturday night, he went to a restaurant in west Delhi and was headed for his residence in Civil Lines in his Creta car. When he approached Pusa Road via Patel Nagar around 2am, he collided with a bike," the officer added.

The impact was such that the bike rider was thrown into the air and landed on the side. His bike, however, remained lodged to 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 went up in flames 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 and managed to extricate himself swiftly. Both the car and the bike were completely incinerated.

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.

E-rick driver dupes two from Singapore

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two tourists from Singapore were allegedly duped by an e-rickshaw driver near Jama Masjid recently. The incident came to light when the tourists shared a video of the incident.

One of them shared a video on Instagram in which she revealed the ordeal. "We got scammed in Old Delhi, India. Sharing the incident here so that you can learn from our lesson," she said in the video.

"At Jama Masjid, we met a driver who pointed out the entrance. We were grateful to him and hired his auto. At Red Fort, he declined payment and told us to pay him later when he picks us up from Chandni Chowk. So, we exchanged numbers and WhatsApped him when we were ready," the tourist recalled.

"On the way to the spice market, he stopped us at places that we did not ask for. At Khari Baoli, he actually got down from his auto and led us to a store on foot. We wanted to explore the area on our own, but he kept telling us to follow him," she added.

Things turned ugly when they told him that Krishna Market was their last stop. He allegedly took them 5 km away from Chandni Chowk and demanded payment of Rs 6,000. They were stranded in an unknown place and had no choice but to pay him Rs 2,000.

A senior police officer said, "The individual seen in the video has been identified and questioned. He has stated his version of events. Necessary legal action has been initiated in the matter."

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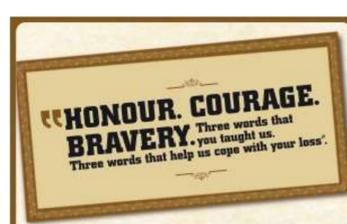
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Anger In Khyber Pass As Bulldozers Roll On

Residents Show Papers, Say Not Given Time

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New Delhi: The demolition drive at Khyber Pass in north Delhi entered the second day on Monday, with the Land and Development Office (L&DO) asserting that the constructions in the locality were illegal because the land belonged to the defence ministry. The angry residents claimed that they hadn't been given sufficient notice and that they had unjustly been rendered homeless.

Rakesh Kumar, a 62-year-old whose house was demolished on Monday, expressed his disbelief at this sudden turn in his life. Kumar, who has been giving home tuitions to the children in the area for many years, said both his house and source of living were now gone. He is among the hundreds of residents of Khyber Pass in the Civil Lines area who are now uncertain about their future.

Kumar, who was carrying a plastic bag with him, claimed to have all documents about having lived in the locality for the past 70-odd years. "I have documents from the time when my father started living here in 1951. I was born here and have grown old here. I hadn't ever expected it to end like this."

At the demolition site on Monday, one could see bulldozers dismantling the buildings that were once home to the distressed people, who stood guarding their household belongings retrieved from the wrecked houses stacked in the open.

Sitting close to her belongings, Sandhya voiced her concerns about her children's education as they were forced to miss their exams due to the demolition of their home. Residents and human rights activists are calling for compensation or rehabilitation to help the people affected by the demolition rebuild their lives.

"My husband is the only bread-earner in the family and we can barely make ends meet with his money. Now the roof is gone from above our heads. I can't even think of what



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High court refuses to stay demolition of pistol shooting coach's premises

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday refused to stay the demolition of the premises of national pistol shooting coach Samaresh Jung in Civil Lines. In the absence of any legal right over the property, which was sub-leased to Jung's family, no relief can be granted, it said. Justice Sanjeev Narula dismissed the petition filed by Sameer Jung, the brother of the coach, challenging a March 1 notice which declared all occupants (approximately 1,000) spread over 32 acres in the Khyber Pass market area as unauthorised.

Samaresh Jung, who coached Olympic medal winner Manu Bhaker, resides in the same property in which the family was legally inducted as sub-tenants about 60-70 years back, the lawyer told the court, adding that they were not given any opportunity of hearing by the authorities. As the petitioner's counsel told the court that Jung, who brought laurels to the country at several sporting events, risked being forced out of the house, the judge said, "It sounds very hard, but the fact is already some action has been taken and some houses have been demolished. Making an exception will be difficult." The Land and Development Office stated that it is public land. **TNN**

our lives will be like now." Dabbing at moist eyes with her dupatta, Sandhya added, "If they wanted us to vacate the place, they should have just given us enough time and maybe not undertaken the demolitions in the monsoon season. Last night it rained heavily. My children were out in the open and have fallen sick."

Among those whose houses were targeted for demolition is that of national pistol shooting coach Samaresh Jung. Calling the events "unfortunate" for the residents, Jung said, "The residents could have been given proper time to vacate or in lieu, compensation and rehabilitation package." In a setback to Jung, on August 5, Delhi High Court refused to stay the demolition of his residence. "I have nothing to say now," the sportsman said. "Even if I

had obtained a stay, I couldn't imagine living here when the entire neighbourhood where I grew up was demolished."

Over 250 houses in the inner part of the residential cluster were first demolished on July 16. The demolition drive is still under way. When asked how many houses had been demolished so far and whether it was true as alleged by the residents that proper notice of demolition hadn't been given, L&DO officials did not respond.

Urging the state to provide some rehabilitation to the dislocated residents, rights activist Nirmal Gorana said, "The residents who have been living here started by doing menial work for the British army. Why hasn't the area been surveyed as a slum? It can meet the criteria for being a recognised slum."

33k demolitions in Delhi since 2019; Over 20k affected, RS told

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The housing and urban affairs ministry told Rajya Sabha on Monday that 33,477 demolitions have been carried out by various agencies in the national capital so far since 2019. It said 20,643 people have been affected due to such actions and govt agencies have incurred Rs 103 crore expenditure on the demolitions.

In a written reply, junior housing and urban affairs minister Tokhan Sahu said 16,138 demolitions were done in 2023. Out of this, 11,060 residential structures and 23 commercial units were demolished by Delhi Development Authority.

In 2019, 4,804 demolitions were carried out by different agencies in the city, followed by 2,967 in 2020, 2,927 in 2021, 4,017 in 2022, 16,138 in 2023 and 2,624 in 2024 (till date), the reply mentioned.

A total of 256 demolitions were conducted by DDA in the national capital since 2019 and 316.7 acre of land has been reclaimed, the reply stated in response to a question asked by AAP MP Sanjay Singh.

The ministry said the reasons for demolitions include unauthorised occupation and encroachment on govt land, directions of court and green tribunal. It added that rehabilitation and relocation drive has been taken up slum dwellers by the land owning agencies and so far rehabilitation has been to 2,462 slum dwellers.

Mosquito breeding: MCD cracks whip

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi, which inspected 266 police stations and some paramilitary complexes last week, has identified potential mosquito breeding sites at 308 places. MCD was out a campaign to curb dengue, malaria and other vector-borne diseases. The inspections revealed that the majority of locations had not taken enough measures to mitigate water accumulation and prevent mosquito breeding.

"The department issued 139 legal notices and launching prosecutions in 15 cases," said an official.

Cheque-in-&-out! Gang uses accounts of over 125 people to embezzle crores

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POLICE OFFICER SAYS

The Chinese nationals were responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of the operation while their Indian counterparts were entrusted with the task of procuring suitable accounts,

New Delhi: Dev Bhati (36), a resident of UP's Bulandshahr, ventured to Delhi to assist an individual he had encountered on Telegram. The man sought to utilise Bhati's bank account for certain transactions, offering the financially strained Bhati a commission in return.

Upon arriving in Delhi, Bhati discovered that he was among 125 people summoned to the city who were part of a syndicate seeking accounts-for-hire. The account holders were accommodated in opulent hotels, and their accounts were exploited to misappropriate funds from the accounts of unsuspecting victims.

Bhati witnessed an astonishing Rs 1.25 crore surging into his account within a mere 48 hours, an experience shared by others as well. These individuals were unaware that they had become entangled in a Chinese-backed cybercrime module en-

gaged in siphoning crores of rupees belonging to unsuspecting individuals in Delhi and other regions of the country.

A day after the police unveiled this module and apprehended four persons while investigating the case of the swindling of Rs 35 lakh from a victim, sources said that the Indian kingpins of the syndicate were allegedly operating in close coordination with three Chinese nationals. They were communicating through distinct digital identities over the course of five to six months.

"The Chinese nationals were responsible for overseeing the financial aspects of the operation while their Indian counterparts were entrusted with the task of procuring suitable accounts," a police officer said.

The gang had allocated specific tasks to each individual. Their primary responsibility was to maintain round-the-clock surveillance on the account holders. When a substantial amount of money was credited into their accounts, many, including Bhati, felt the temptation to withdraw a portion of the funds but were prevented from leaving the hotel by bouncers deployed to restrain them. Their movements were tracked, and even their calls and messages were monitored, according to sources.

Explaining the gang's modus operandi, police said they

masqueraded as law enforcement officials and contacted potential targets, claiming that SIM cards issued in their names were found being used in money laundering and other offences. Thereafter, they proceeded to carry out what is referred to as a 'digital arrest'.

Frightened, the victims would agree to a 'verification' process and relinquish control of their bank accounts to the fraudsters, who would empty the accounts within minutes, police said. The money was allegedly funnelled through a series of accounts and wallets opened in the names of random individuals and shell companies and ultimately withdrawn.

In the case probed by central Delhi police, the cops came across a current account at ICICI Bank that was opened in Noida under the name of a shell company, P2 Fitness. The proprietor's name was mentioned as Dev Bhati. Bhati was arrested using intelligence network and technical surveillance.

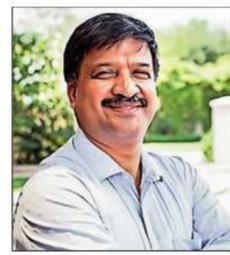
53-yr-old wards off burglary at neighbour's house in CR Park

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New Delhi: Nirmallya Roy Chowdhury, a 53-year-old resident of Chittaranjan Park, displayed remarkable courage when he encountered two suspects during an attempted burglary in a vacant flat on the first floor of his building. Despite sustaining deep cuts to his left shoulder and knee during a physical altercation with the masked men, Roy Chowdhury pursued them in an attempt to catch them.

The incident took place on Sunday evening when Roy Chowdhury, who works as a bank consultant, was informed by a woman that the door of the flat above his was open. Since the owners of the flat reside in Mumbai, Roy Chowdhury had the keys to check on the property. Upon entering the flat, he found two youths coming out and confronted the duo, a senior police official said.

Soon, a scuffle ensued, which left Roy Chowdhury injured. Undeterred, he chased



Nirmallya Roy Chowdhury

sed the men down the stairs, eventually causing them to fall. He managed to grab hold of one of the men, identified as Nafish, a resident of New Seelampur. "Some passersby heard his shouts. They chased and caught the suspect," the official said.

The other suspect, however, escaped with the help of an associate waiting on a scooter. The police were alerted to the housebreaking through a PCR call around 6pm and have registered a case under various sections of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) at the CR

TIMES VIEW: The protagonist displayed the conduct of a Good Samaritan as well as exemplary bravery. He is a good neighbour and a citizen that Delhi should be proud of. Authorities should felicitate and reward him.

Park police station. A senior police officer said raids are being conducted to apprehend the remaining accused.

Residents of CR Park have expressed concern over the rising instances of break-ins in the area. The incident took place just a day after a burglary in south Delhi's Vasant Kunj, where a bureaucrat and his wife were injured by a knife-wielding intruder who was later arrested.

Roy Chowdhury's bravery and quick thinking has highlighted the importance of community vigilance and the need for increased security measures in residential areas. The incident served as a crucial reminder for residents to remain alert and report any suspicious activities to the authorities.

Missing girl's body found in Alipur pond

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The body of a 6-year-old girl, who had gone missing under mysterious circumstances on Sunday, was recovered from a pond in north-west Delhi's Alipur on Monday.

A police officer said the incident came to light when the child's parents returned home and didn't find their daughter. They started a search for her and found out that she had gone out to play with a 3-year-old friend. The friend had returned home, but the girl had not. Based on the parents' statements, a case was registered under Section 137 (kidnapping) of BNS.

"Our team, along with her parents, began a search operation and found the girl's body in a pond in Budhpur around 10 am. We are trying to ascertain if she drowned in the pond or if she was assaulted too. After we receive the postmortem report, necessary action will be taken," the officer said.

Both her parents are workers at a factory in their area.



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Security Upped Outside Bangladesh Mission

Intel Sleuths Expect Protests In Its Vicinity

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New Delhi: Security was stepped up outside Bangladesh High Commission in Chanakyapuri in the wake of political unrest in the neighbouring country. Intelligence sleuths anticipated protests to break out in the vicinity. Additionally, there is also a possibility of protest by Tibetan students, sources said.

"We have placed additional barricades outside the commission and enhanced the number of police personnel deployed there. The frequency of patrolling in the area has also been increased," a senior police officer confirmed. The sleuths are also keeping a close watch on localities with refugee population and technical surveillance is being intensified for input gathering, the officer said.

On Monday afternoon, the intelligence sleuths were busy coordinating with police in Delhi and Ghaziabad to secure the airport and airbase at both places in anticipation of the arrival of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. The airbase at Hindon was turned into a fortress even as



Additional barricades have been placed outside the high commission

NSA Ajit Doval arrived there to receive Hasina. The deployment and security ring will be there till early on Tuesday with reports of Hasina leaving for London.

Bangladesh Army Chief General Waqar-uz-Zaman announced on Monday that Hasina had resigned and an interim govt was taking over. Hasina landed at the military airbase in Ghaziabad around 5.30pm in a Bangladesh-registered C-130J Hercules jet.

Bangladesh has been witnessing fierce demonstrations over the controversial quota system that reserves 30% of jobs for the families of veterans who fought the 1971 liberation war. Over 100 peo-

ple have been killed in the protests against the Hasina govt in the last two days.

Hasina's ouster and her subsequent flight from Bangladesh marks the end of a 15-year reign. Incidentally, Hasina had sought shelter in Delhi in the late seventies too after her father and president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, was assassinated. "She along with her husband, sister and children had lived at Pandara Road under an assumed identity for six years, from 1975 to 1981," a retired senior cop recalled. In an interview, Hasina had said that she first lived at Lajpat Nagar-3, then shifted to a house in Pandara Road in central Delhi.

'March of tech unstoppable': CJI opens portal to display high court judgments

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Chief Justice of India, Justice DY Chandrachud, on Monday said "the march of technology was unstoppable and courts must embrace changes" to enhance accessibility and efficiency.

The CJI was speaking at the launch of the e-DHCR portal, a user-friendly official platform for reporting judgments of Delhi High Court and the inauguration of a cafe managed by at least 10 neurodiverse persons.

"Each technological advancement, including the e-DHCR portal, plays a crucial role in building a more accessible and efficient justice system. I urge each one of you to continue to support and advocate for these transformative changes to ensure that justice remains within reach for everyone," the CJI said.

The CJI said the initiative marks a profound shift, which ensures the democratised dissemination of legal knowledge, making landmark judgments and legal precedents available online to any individual who has an internet connection.



CJI inaugurates a cafe managed by at least 10 neurodiverse persons

The CJI also said the e-DHCR portal will be a treasure trove for legal professionals, researchers, academics and students. He said that the initiative sets new standards for transparency, accountability and inclusivity in the legal realm.

After inaugurating the cafe, the CJI said: "I have two daughters who are especially abled and they continue to inspire me in whatever I do. I have gone vegan recently because my daughter said we should lead a cruelty-free life. I don't buy any silk product or any new leather product. My wife doesn't buy any silk or leather products either," he said.

"Every day, I come into contact with differently abled people. I realise the tremendous potential they have. This (Sagar Ratna outlet run by neurodiverse persons) is no longer a one-off venture. Now this has become a movement. When Mitti Cafe was set up in

Supreme Court, it was appreciated wholeheartedly by lawyers," the CJI said.

Among the other dignitaries present during the launch were Supreme Court judge Abhay S Oka, Delhi High Court acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Yashwant Varma, who is the Chairman of the e-DHCR Committee, along with many other judges of Supreme Court and the high court.

Justice Manmohan, in his welcome address, said that the e-DHCR portal will contain all reported judgments of Delhi High Court since 1968 in HTML format along with key issues and findings.

"Through SUVAS (Supreme Court Vidhih Anuvaad Software), we have translated 16,435 pages of judicial records... and have ensured language preferences in both English and Hindi," he said.

He added that the portal has the potential to forever change the legal research landscape of the country as it seeks to cater to a vast population interested in law but who do not have the means to access expensive legal research software currently available.

Vijender Gupta is new leader of opposition in Delhi Assembly

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP declared Rohini MLA Vijender Gupta as the new leader of the opposition in Delhi Assembly on Monday. Gupta, a former Delhi BJP president, will succeed Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, who resigned from the post after being elected to Lok Sabha.

A meeting at the state BJP office elected Gupta as the new leader of the opposition. All seven BJP MLAs, Delhi BJP co-incharge Alka Gurjar, president Virendra Sachdeva and general secretary (organisation) Pawan Rana were present in the meeting, the party said in a statement.

Gupta's name was proposed by the party's chief whip in the assembly, Ajay Mahawar. His election was unanimous, the statement said, and added that his name for the post was declared by the Delhi BJP president. He will have a short tenure of a few months as assembly polls in Delhi are due early next year.

Gupta's electoral journey started in 1997 when he was elected as a councillor of Municipal Corporation of Delhi. In MCD, he served in different capacities, including chairman of the law and general purpose committee from 1997 to 1998 and deputy chairman of the high-powered house tax committee from 2001 to 2002.

Gupta was elevated to the Delhi BJP secretary in 2002. He was nominated BJP Delhi president on May 15, 2010. Gupta had contested the 2009 Lok Sabha election from the Chandni Chowk constituency but lost to Congress' Kapil Sibal.

In the Delhi state elections of 2015, he contested again from Rohini and won. Only three candidates had won the election on a BJP ticket that year. Last year, Speaker Ram Niwas Goel had suspended BJP legislator Gupta for a year for allegedly interfering in the assembly proceedings. However, the provision was revoked by Delhi High Court.

After the elevation of Ramvir as an MP, BJP now has seven MLAs in the 70-member assembly. Govt sources said a by-election is unlikely to happen as Vidhan Sabha polls are due in early 2025. But a final decision is yet to be taken.

Body of newborn found in Rohini

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The body of a newborn was found at a park in Rohini on Saturday. According to police, they had received a PCR call around 10am, stating that a dog carrying the body of a baby was spotted at a park in Sector 21 of west Delhi's Rohini.

Upon reaching the spot, the local police immediately found a mutilated, headless body of a newborn baby. The gender of the baby could not be ascertained due to the mutilation of the body. It appeared that someone had dumped the body of the newborn baby in the park after its birth.

Cops have launched a search to trace the child's parents. They are scanning CCTV footage of nearby areas to ascertain who kept the body at the park.

"Multiple teams are formed and they are working on the case and hope we will be able to trace the parents of the newborn," police said.

Man arrested for sexual assault in South Delhi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man has been arrested for the alleged sexual assault of a woman in southwest Delhi's Vasant Kunj.

DCP Rohit Meena stated, "A woman said that a man, whom she had met via Snapchat in 2023, sexually assaulted her. He allegedly promised to marry her and engaged in a physical relationship before fleeing Delhi and subsequently denying the marriage commitment."

The accused, a graduate from Mathura, had been in a relationship with the complainant for four months. He left Delhi in May.

The officer stated that a complaint was lodged on July 13, which detailed the sequence of events. Following this, a case under sections 323 (punishment for voluntarily causing hurt) and 376 (punishment for rape) of IPC was registered.

Delhi Police employed extensive technical surveillance and contacted many informers to nab the accused. Police teams searched his home in Mathura and nabbed him from Aligarh after a chase spanning approximately 700 kilometres.

The accused was later produced in a court here that sent him to police custody.

Launch, seed, repeat! Drones to start aerial bombing to spruce up Asola

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New Delhi: The forest and wildlife department will drop 'seed balls' of native species using drones and catapults for the first time at Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary on Aug 10.

The balls have been prepared using a mixture of soil, cow dung, neem cake and trichoderma — a plant-beneficial fungus, with a seed pressed in the middle. Forest officials said the exercise would be undertaken during a mega plantation drive at Asola, along with the manual plantation of saplings. The department plans to throw 1 lakh such balls across Delhi this monsoon, including the floodplain and the ridges.

A senior official said they had decided to use seed balls to promote greenery and ensure plantation in remote or difficult locations. The seed balls will be dumped using drone, catapult and dibbling. A fourth method, paramotor, which is like a small helicopter, is still being discussed.

"We plan to drop these seed balls using drones or catapults. At some pla-



SEED BALLS TO PROMOTE GREENERY

ces, we will use the dibbling method in which a small area is dug up for manually inserting the seeds. The plan is to ensure plantation in inaccessible areas like mining pits or small islands that have come up in the Yamuna," said an official.

In the first phase, the department has decided to throw around 10,000 seed balls or tablets at the sanctuary. Seed tablets are rectangular and smaller in size and contain small seeds like guava. For seed balls, species like neem, pipal, guava and pilkhan along with some grasses have

been used.

Suneesh Buxy, additional principal chief conservator of forest, said, "This progressive approach not only accelerates the natural regeneration process but also aids in preventing soil erosion and maintaining the ecological balance of the sanctuary and the ridge."

It also serves as a model for sustainable conservation practices that can be applied in other inaccessible areas, promoting biodiversity and the overall health of the forest ecosystem, Buxy added. The seeds of indigenous trees of the ridge and a few fruit trees for fauna, especially avifauna and monkeys, are being used, he pointed out.

The forest department will carry out a survey after six months to one year to determine the survival rate. "Such a technique is being adopted globally. After shaping the mixture like a ball and pressing seeds in the middle, the balls are dried in the shade, away from direct sunlight. Once the balls are dried, they are ready for landing into forest land. Germination has already started inside," said an official.

Act of revenge: Youth stabbed to death by 4

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 24-year-old man was stabbed to death allegedly by four people in an act of revenge in south Delhi's Sangam Vihar on Sunday. Police have arrested one of them, who claimed that the victim had murdered his friend's brother.

The deceased has been identified as Lucky Nagar, alias Pawan Kumar, who lived with his family on Mangal Bazar Road in Sangam Vihar and worked on a bike-taxi ride service.

Police received a PCR call around 4.30pm about the incident at K block in Sangam Vihar. A team from the local police station found a person lying on the road with multiple stab wounds. He was declared dead at hospital.

According to his family members and acquaintances, Nagar had left home around 6am. Around 6pm, the family got to know that he had been murdered. "He had no personal enmity with anyone," a relative insisted.

Inquiry revealed that Nagar was sitting with his friends and tried to attack him. To save himself, he went in-

side a house, but the four men allegedly caught and stabbed him multiple times before fleeing. Based on the local intelligence and the analysis of CCTV footage, police identified four suspects. Among them, two are brothers of Shivam, who was murdered by Nagar in 2015 when he was a minor. Another accused, Sunny (24), has been arrested. "He is the friend of the brothers who are absconding. He told the cops that this was an act to avenge the murder. The reason behind the killing in 2015 was some tussle," police said.

A case has been registered at Sangam Vihar police station. Police have been trying to nab the other accused.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male. Name: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unknown, Age: about 50-52, years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Shallow, Build: Medium, Face: Round, Wearing: Yellow color T-shirt and Light Yellow Color Lower, who was found at Sultan Nagar Red Light, Paschim Vihar West, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 40-A dated 02.07.2024 has been registered at P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi.



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General public is hereby informed that one girl namely Sneha D/o Sukhdev R/o H.No. B-634, T-Huts, Meera Bagh, Paschim Vihar, Delhi, Age: 18 years 2 months, Height: 4'11", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Round, Build: Medium, Hair: Black, wearing Dark Blue colour Top, Black colour Plazzo and Pink colour Chappal, has been missing/ kidnapped from her house since 10.07.2024 at 11:00 AM. In this regard a DD 79A, dated 10.07.2024 has been lodged at P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the girl but no clue has come to light so far. If any one having any information about her please inform undersigned.

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DP/9108/OD/2024 Ph. No.: 011-25267286, 7065036131

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male. Name: Unknown S/o Unknown, R/o Unknown, Age: about 35/36 years, Height: 5'5", Complexion: Shallow, Face: Long, Build: Thin, Wearing: Red coloured Vest and Black coloured Underwear, was found unconscious on 31.07.2024 at Parking Area Sanchi Stall, Anand Vihar Railway Station & admitted in LBS Hospital by Cat Ambulance B-171 vide MLC No.5294/24, Doctors declared brought dead. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at the Mortuary of LBS Hospital for identification. In this regard a DD No.37A dated 31.07.2024 u/s 194 BNSB has been lodged at P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi.

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

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“I really thank PM Modi and also your honourable President. Both of them visited Bangladesh when we were celebrating our father of the nation's birth centenary and also our independence, 50 years of our Independence Day, and our friendship with India. India recognised Bangladesh early on, so bonding, I think is our main priority — **Sept 2022**”

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Dhaka On Fire, Delhi On Guard

Def ties, which were on upswing & looked to counter China, suddenly land in state of flux

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New Delhi: Just when India was poised to take its traditionally good defence-military ties with Bangladesh on a sharp upward trajectory in a bid to stem China's major strategic inroads into the country, the fleeing of Sheikh Hasina from her country on Monday has injected an air of uncertainty into the entire equation.

Bangladesh Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman (58), a career infantry officer who declared his force was taking over the country's reins and would soon announce an interim govt, was in fact slated to visit India later this month.

“It would have been Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman's first foreign visit after becoming the Army chief on June 23 for a three-year tenure. Despite China's expanding influence in Bangladesh, Dhaka's bilateral defence ties with New Delhi were on an upswing. But everything is in a state of flux now,” a source said.

Just a month ago, Bangladesh had inked a deal with Indian defence shipyard GRSE



Soldiers watch on as protesters march towards PM's residence, Dhaka

in Kolkata to build an 800-tonne advanced ocean-going tug, in the first major deal inked under the \$500 million line of credit for defence purchases extended by New Delhi to Dhaka, which was operationalised last year.

The contract coincided with Navy chief Admiral Dinesh Tripathi's four-day visit to Bangladesh to further consolidate defence ties and explore new avenues for maritime cooperation.

“Talks were underway for Bangladesh to buy Indian off-shore patrol vessels as well as

get spares for maintenance for its Russian-origin MiG-29 and Mi-17 helicopters. Apart from joint exercises and capacity-building programmes, Indian military establishments have been training Bangladeshi defence personnel for decades,” the source said.

The Indian defence establishment is now in a wait-and-watch mode to see how events unfold in Bangladesh, including the interim govt's composition and its impact on bilateral military ties.

“Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman is pro-India. As the principal

staff officer of the Armed Forces Division of Bangladesh earlier, he co-chaired with the Indian defence secretary the bilateral annual defence dialogues in 2022 and 2023,” another source said.

“But if the interim govt is filled with representatives from the anti-India Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and radical outfits like Jamaat-e-Islami, matters may well head south. The Jamaat has also spread its influence in the Bangladeshi military over the years,” he added.

Then, there is China. Bangladesh was the second biggest recipient globally of Chinese arms in the 2019-2023 timeframe, notching up 11% of them as compared to 61% of Pakistan.

Overall, Bangladesh sources 70-80% of its arms imports from China, which has ranged from F-7 fighter jets, main-battle tanks and corvettes to naval guns, surface-to-air missiles, rifles and ammunition.

China had even supplied two old Ming-class submarines to Bangladesh at a huge-ly discounted price in 2016.

Hasina's exit may provide radicals, NE ultras a haven

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New Delhi: Barely two days after taking over additional charge as BSF DG, Daljit Singh Chaudhary was holding fort at the India-Bangladesh border in North 24 Parganas and Sundarbans area of West Bengal, reviewing the force's operational preparedness in the wake of the political turmoil in Bangladesh.

Sources said BSF has issued a high alert to its frontier headquarters in charge of the India-Bangladesh border



HIGH ALERT: BSF personnel patrol the Indo-Bangla border in Tripura amid turmoil in Bangladesh

der in view of the law and order situation in Bangladesh. This means that personnel on non-border guarding duties must be moved to the frontier for stepped-up patrolling and remain in a state of high alert for all eventualities. All those on leave or proceeding on leave may need to report back or remain on duty, an officer said.

BSF sources and senior IPS officers in states bordering Bangladesh told **TOI** on Monday that there was no noticeable movement of people across the international border (IB) as yet. “... BSF and the

police of border states of Assam, Meghalaya, West Bengal, Tripura and Mizoram are on high alert,” a top police officer in one of these states said.

Assam DGP P Singh told **TOI** that the situation along the Bangladesh border was normal as of now. He said Indians studying in Bangladesh and carrying a valid passport would be re-admitted via designated border checkpoints, but no illegal crossing would be permitted.

Apart from the immediate concern, there is a long-term worry of the unsettling prospect of terror groups like Harkat-ul Jihad Islami (HuJI) and North-East insurgent outfits regaining the sanctuaries they had in Bangladesh before the crackdown ordered by Hasina. The Awami League regime under her proved to be remarkably sensitive to India's security concerns, ranging from terror groups who took their orders from ISI or the N-E outfits which were seen to be aligned with Beijing.

“Hasina's long rule and her cooperation with India in cracking down not only on jihadi elements and ISI-backed outfits like Harkat-ul Jihad Islami and Jamaat-ul Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) — that had engineered terror attacks in India in the past — but also in denying a safe haven to north-east insurgents from groups like Ulfa, had brought peace in India. Her exit may revive and re-energise these troublesome elements, adding to India's internal security troubles on account of a hostile neighbourhood,” a senior IPS officer told **TOI**.

China, ISI orchestrated trouble to install a regime inimical to India: Intel officials

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New Delhi: Intelligence establishment here sees the hand of Pakistan's external intelligence agency, ISI, and its Chinese patron in escalating the protests and subversion that forced Sheikh Hasina to flee the country.

Information reaching here point to the not-so-subtle hand of Islamic Chhatra Shibir (ICS), the student wing of hardline Jamaat-e-Islami Bangladesh which is known for its anti-India stance, in inflaming the streets and turning the protest over quotas into a determined effort to replace Hasina with a regime that is friendly to Pakistan and China and hospitable to anti-India terror groups which would work out of Bangladesh before the crackdown ordered by the ousted Awami League govt.

The intelligence inputs alluded to meticulous planning undertaken by ICS members several months prior, aimed at instigating widespread violence across the nation.



Protesters snatch a saree from Sheikh Hasina's residence

“The ISI-backed Jamaat-e-Islami had received substantial financial backing earlier this year to destabilise the Hasina govt. A significant portion of this funding is believed to have originated from Chinese entities operating in Pakistan,” an official disclosed.

Although Hasina tried to keep China in good humour, she was sensitive also to India's interests—an even-handedness which was not to Chi-

na's pleasing. Interestingly, many leading figures of the Islamic student outfit managed to charm the western-affiliated NGOs by using jargon of democracy and rights.

The ICS has been under the surveillance of Indian intelligence agencies for an extended period, following the emergence of its active involvement in anti-India activities, including the propagation of a jihadi agenda in Indian territo-

ries adjacent to Bangladesh. The ICS also operates in close coordination with the ISI-backed outfit, Harkat-ul-Jihad-al-Islami (HuJI), a Pakistan-based Deobandi terrorist group with an affiliate in Bangladesh. There exists visual evidence of ICS members undergoing training in Afghanistan and Pakistan. “The ultimate objective of Jamaat or ICS is to establish a Taliban-type govt in Bangladesh, and the ISI has been assuring them of their support in achieving this goal. Their proximity became flagrant in the wake of the strengthening ties between the Indian and Bangladeshi governments,” an intelligence officer remarked.

The support from China's ministry of state and security is also suspected to have extended a helping hand as Beijing has had been wary of Hasina's 'balancing act' in its dealings with India and China. A govt in Dhaka over which Pakistan has a leverage will surely better serve Beijing's interests better, said an intelligence source.

Indians stay indoors glued to the news as chaos rules the streets

Priyanka Dasgupta & Suman Chakraborty | TNN

Indians working and living in Bangladesh were cooped up at home Monday and glued to the news as the streets of Dhaka descended into chaos in a public uprising that they knew was brewing but didn't expect to unravel in the manner it did.

Kanika Banerjee, 80, reached Bangladesh last Saturday to stay with her son Anindo, little knowing that the country would be in the throes of political and social cataclysm in less than 72 hours.

“I have been interacting with the domestic help and am aware of the problems they face. I have been following the news, too. The siege to Ganabhaban, the official residence of the Bangladesh PM, left me surprised. I hope peace is restored soon and we can return to normal life,” she told **TOI**.

Anindo, head of content for an OTT platform, said even his Bangladeshi friends hadn't seen anything like this before. “The last time Bangladesh erupted in this manner was in 1971. Once peace is restored, I will probably consider writing about the entire experience,” he said.

An Indian high commission official in Dhaka said the phone hadn't stopped ringing since morning, with many people on work and tourist vi-

sas enquiring if they might be evacuated. “For now, we are just advising anyone who calls to stay indoors.”

The Indian visa application centre was shut throughout the day, the official said.

Saqui Banerjee from Kolkata, who resides in Dhaka, was among the many Indians praying for normalcy to return. “Many of my friends were part of the protests. But they are all weary after being witness to so many deaths,” she said.



People take away a duck and an electric bulb from the PM's residence

Sumanta Sarathi Das, an engineer from Kolkata's Salt Lake working on a project in Bangladesh with 36 Indian colleagues, said he was awaiting word from his company about any possible evacuation attempt if the situation doesn't improve. “We are all staying put for now. Thankfully, there has been no untoward happening in our locality so far,” he said over phone from the Bangladesh capital.

Few shed tears for Hasina but many fear anarchy is looming

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Sheikh Hasina's flight on Monday left India's neighbour oscillating between hope and apprehension, the unbridled joy and relief experienced by the millions who hit the streets contrasting with the uncertainty about the new future expressed by those who chose to stay away from the anti-govt protests.

Filmmaker Kamar Ahmad



Simon was part of the Long March programme on Monday. “Hasina's tragic journey is one of immense personal sacrifice for the people but it culminated in a regime marked by kleptocracy and oligarchy,” he said. His son, Rishov Aditya (21), too has been part of the protests. He took to social media to quote Faiz Ahmed Faiz's “Hum Dekhenge” immediately after the army takeover. “I tried to

translate it Sunday night when all hope seemed lost. But today, it seems we can dare to hope again,” he posted.

Director Mostofa Sarwar Farooki said people were witness to such a stir in 1971. “Students of political science can use this as a case study of how the Father of the Nation's daughter can turn into the worst and cruellest fascist of the world,” he said. “I salute the students who transcended the Bangla-English-Arabic medium and Hindu-Muslim-Buddhist barriers. The most useful posters of this movement were made by Debasish Chakraborty,” he added.

But Dhaka-based writer Souradeep Dasgupta was a bit apprehensive. “I am sceptical about the future. We have a tendency for binary views and anarchy could be the end result in a country steeped in extremism,” he said.

Actor Rafiath Rashid Mithila appeared to be talking on behalf of many when she posted on FB: “Random young men stopped my car twice on my way home and asked me to open the trunk. When this happened for the third time, I asked why they were doing this. They told me aggressively they were checking whether there was any Awami League (worker) in the car. We do not want total anarchy. We do not support vandalism. The students did not fight for this. We want peace and safety.”



Gamblers modify bus into mobile casino

A group of 11 friends running a mobile casino in an improvised bus fitted with mattresses ran out of luck on Monday as police intercepted the vehicle and arrested the men in Gujarat's Porbandar around 3.15am, an hour and a half after it departed from Rajkot's Dhoraji, reports **Nimesh Khakhariya**. Porbandar crime branch seized the vehicle and Rs 2 lakh in cash near Bhod village on Rajkot-Porbandar highway. “Inside the bus, we saw a group of people sitting in a circle. The bus initially appeared to be a private luxury vehicle hired for a pilgrimage tour. They had planned a seven-day mobile casino trip across Saurashtra,” said inspector RK Kambariya. Bharat Rakasiya purchased the used bus at Rs 9 lakh four days ago for gambling, police said. All the 11 accused are Dhoraji residents, police said.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers

Athletes With Similar Gold Medal Tally As India

With Swapnil Kusale's bronze medal, India's total tally in all Olympics so far has reached 38. This includes 10 gold medals - 8 in hockey and one each in javelin and shooting. Here is a list of Olympians with a similar medals tally

Athlete	Country	Sport	Gold Medals	Total Medals
Michael Phelps	US	Swimming	23	28
Larisa Latynina	USSR	Gymnastics	9	18
Paavo Nurmi	Finland	Mid-/Long-Distance Run	9	12
Mark Spitz	US	Swimming	9	11
Carl Lewis	US	Track & Field	9	10
Marit Bjerg	Norway	Cross-Country Skiing	8	15
Ole Einar Bjørndalen	Norway	Biathlon, Cross-Country Skiing	8	13
Birgit Fischer	Germany	Kayaking	8	12
Bjørn Dæhlie	Norway	Cross-Country Skiing	8	12
Kat Sawao	Japan	Gymnastics	8	12
Jenny Thompson	US	Swimming	8	12
Katie Ledecky	US	Swimming	8	12

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India will need to monitor China's role in Bangladesh

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While Jamaat is known for its links with Pakistan, BNP, which didn't contest the election earlier this year because it wasn't held under a caretaker govt, has never lost an opportunity to stoke anti-India sentiments. Together, they fanned what started out as a genuine student movement in early July into a violent countrywide agitation for regime change.

While India will hope that the army will have a moderating influence on the new govt, there's still a lot it will be concerned about. Political stability in Bangladesh under Hasina allowed India to focus on economic development in the country which is seen by the govt also as an indispensable partner in the development of its own northeastern region. The partnership with focus on energy and connectivity flourished. It allowed India to have cooperative and peaceful management mechanisms along the 4,000km border with Bangladesh, and address issues related to drug and human trafficking and counterfeit currency. India will be concerned about how such initiatives are impacted as the new govt in Dhaka takes over.

Second, India will need to guard against any effort to fan regional unrest, including anti-India activities on Bangladesh's soil by foreign elements who have waited long to see the back of Hasina. India was faced with a similar situation in Afghanistan, with the return of Taliban in 2021 and although the regime in Kabul has been receptive to India's concerns so far, Delhi continues to follow reports about activities of Pakistan-based terror groups in Afghanistan.

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Third, India will be worried about how counter-terrorism and defence cooperation with Dhaka might be affected. In his meetings with Hasina, PM Modi had been stressing on joint efforts to counter radicalisation and in their last summit in June, the two sides had agreed to explore defence industrial cooperation for modernisation of Bangladesh's armed forces.

Fourth, the role of China in the dramatically altered political situation in Bangladesh will have to be followed. While maintaining strong economic ties with China, which earned her Beijing's endorsement after the farcical polls in Jan, Hasina had ensured Chinese investments did not impinge on India's security interests. Despite China's interest in Tessa project, Hasina was keen that India execute the project

and her last meeting with Modi saw Indian side agreeing to send a team to Bangladesh to examine a proposal for management and conservation of the river waters. With Hasina's exit, India will be worried about how the new govt will handle what both sides saw till now as shared strategic concerns and interests.

Successive Indian govts had an "all-encompassing" relationship with Hasina govt that was based on goodwill and respect for sovereignty, with MEA hailing it a model for bilateral ties in the region. Indian govt has worked hard to address Bangladesh's development needs and acted as Hasina's principal backer in the international community. In turn, Hasina took care of India's security interests, resolving the boundary issue and not allowing restive Islamist elements to target India.

With Hasina, all members of Mujib family have left B'desh

New Delhi: Sheikh Hasina's flight from Dhaka means no member of her family remains in the country. Her younger sister Sheikh Rehana, who is usually with her, accompanied her from Dhaka to Hindon air base near Delhi, reports **Mohua Chatterjee**.

Hasina's daughter Saima Wazed (Putul) has been stationed in New Delhi since she was elected regional director of WHO last year. Her son Saheb Wazed (Joy) lived abroad even as he was an official adviser to the Prime Minister.

For Hasina and Rehana, Monday's flight from Dhaka was a repeat of history as Delhi had provided her with shelter, while the rest of her 18-member family — Sheikh Mujibur Rehman, his wife, sons and daughters-in-law — were gunned down at their Dhanmondi House in a midnight coup by the Bangladesh Army in 1975. Hasina and Rehana escaped as they were in Germany at the time.

Indian authorities reached Germany and brought Hasina, her husband, two children and Rehana to India. They lived in Pandara Road under an assumed identity for six years, from 1975 to 1981. India has been a safe refuge for the Awami League leadership since the uprising against Pakistan that started in the late 1960s and turned into the liberation struggle that saw the birth of Bangladesh in December of 1971.

Leaders of anarchy want revenge, says Hasina ally

Kolkata: Those who led the anarchy are in the mood for revenge, Bangladesh lawmaker Rashed Khan Menon, an ally of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League, told **TOI's Rohit Khanna** from Dhaka Monday. "Jamaat-e-Islami had been pushed into a corner for the past 15 years. The same Jamaat camp has now decided to take revenge," said the MP from Barisal and president of Workers' Party of Bangladesh.

He said workers and leaders of his party were confined to their homes and at places, their houses had been vandalised. The MP said he was stunned to see that no one sang the national anthem at students' rallies in Dhaka two days ago.

Trucks stranded on border, flow of goods affected

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An IndiGo flight from Chennai to Dhaka with 81 passengers on board was diverted to Kolkata, where it refuelled before returning to base. A Biman Bangladesh flight and another operated by US-Bangla Airlines took off from Dhaka after the airport resumed flight operations. Both flights will embark on the return journey after midnight, officials at Kolkata airport said.

"I was booked on the 8.45pm Biman Bangladesh flight to Dhaka, which didn't take off. My visa ends Wednesday and I hope to make it back by then," said Dhaka resident Sharif-Ullah. The movement of goods through Petrapole land port was also suspended, leaving more than 250 trucks stranded on Bangladesh side.

India kept a close watch on Hasina's plane till it landed

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Anti-govt protesters celebrate near Dhaka university

India's top security and intelligence officials closely monitored the Bangladesh Air Force transport aircraft carrying Hasina throughout its flight in Indian airspace till it landed at Hindon Monday evening.

She took the C-130, with call sign AJAX1431, from an airbase in Bangladesh after fleeing from Dhaka in an Mi-17 helicopter. Hindon, incidentally, is the home base for Indian C-130J 'Super Hercules' planes in the 77 Squadron (Veiled Vipers) of the IAF. Doval was not present at the CCS meeting convened by PM Modi and attended by defence minister **Rajnath**

Singh, home minister **Amit Shah**, finance minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** and foreign minister **S Jaishankar**. The safety of Indian nationals and diplomatic personnel figured prominently in the de-

liberations because of Hasina's "pro-India" image as well as the involvement of anti-India elements in the protests. EAM S Jaishankar is likely to make a statement in the Parliament on Tuesday.

Awami netas reach out to Delhi to allow them to enter India through land borders

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New Delhi: With former Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina having fled Dhaka and taken shelter in Delhi for now, her colleagues — former ministers and workers of Awami League — have reached out to Indian authorities to allow them to cross into Indian side through land routes after borders were sealed on Monday.

Since Hasina's flight, the former establishment in Dhaka has requested that their functionaries be allowed to enter India, even while some of them may not be carrying their passports or have a valid visa for India, as they are on the run, the sources said.

India has a history of offering asylum to Awami League netas from the days of unrest during the build up to Bangladesh's war of liberation from

Jaishankar and Rahul discuss B'desh crisis

On a day chaos engulfed Bangladesh, LoP **Rahul Gandhi** met EAM S Jaishankar in Parliament Monday and discussed the development. "Gandhi met Jaishankar on the sidelines in Parliament complex, and discussed the developments in Bangladesh," a Congress source said.

Pakistan in 1971, under the leadership of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Hasina's father and the first PM of Bangladesh.

With airports having shut down in Dhaka and regular flights having suspended operations, land borders with West Bengal and Tripura are the main escape routes for those political workers trying to flee from a possible witch hunt by the protesting anti-

Hasina forces in Bangladesh. Apprehensive of attacks on their lives, given the history of violence on ousted regimes in East Pakistan and Bangladesh earlier, many Awami League netas are looking to flee the country, even as their houses and other property is under attack, according to a journalist in Dhaka.

While former home minister in Hasina's govt, **Asaduzzaman Kamal's** house was among the residences of netas under attack in Dhaka on Sunday, Awami League general secretary **Obaidul Quader** has been missing from any public appearance since Sunday, the journalist added.

At present "there is no communication among Awami League netas and activists with the mobs having taken over the streets, so each one is on their own," a youth Awami League worker in Dhaka said.

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SC refuses to stay Cal HC order quashing expansion of OBC list

Seeks Details Of Survey To Determine Backwardness Of Castes

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The CJ-led bench also asked the state to give details of the consultation it had with West Bengal Backward Class Commission on sub-classification of any community

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday refused to stay Calcutta high court's May 22 judgment quashing inclusion of 77 communities, 75 of them Muslims, in West Bengal's OBC list and sought details of surveys determining their social and educational backwardness and under-representation in govt jobs requiring their inclusion in the OBC list.

While agreeing to examine the validity of the HC judgment, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra asked advocate Astha Sharma, representing West Bengal govt, to file an affidavit within a week detailing the process followed to include 77 communities in the OBC list through various executive orders between 2010 and 2012.

"The state shall clarify the nature of survey, if any, carried out to determine social and educational backwardness of the communities included in the OBC list as well as the survey to find out their inadequate repre-

sentation in state govt employment for making them entitled to reservation," the bench ordered.

The CJ-led bench also asked the state to give details of the consultation it had with West Bengal Backward Class Commission on sub-classification of any community, especially 37 (for which there was allegedly no consultation). The state should also clarify the nature of survey or data in its possession prior to designating these 77 communities as OBCs, it said.

It was a fiery beginning to arguments as senior advocate Indira Jaising, appearing for the TMC govt, launched a scathing criticism of the HC for bringing reservations for OBCs to a standstill in the state and went on to say the HC wanted that for inclusion of every community in the OBC list, the state must pass a legislation.

"If the HC wants to run the govt, let it run. But I need an answer from the Supreme Court," Jaising said, and added that the HC quashed the additions to the OBC list because they belonged to the Muslim community, many of whom were already included in the Centre's OBC list.

A host of senior advocates — Mukul Rohatgi, P S Patwalia, Ranjit Kumar, Guru Krishna Kumar with advocate Bansuri Swaraj — termed the state's decision to include the 77 communities, within months of CM Mamata Banerjee making an announcement in a rally, as an "egregious act" as no survey to collect quantifiable data about their social and educational backwardness or representation in govt jobs was carried out.

"It was purely done based on religion, which militates against the fundamental principles of the SC's 1992 Indra Sawhney judgment. The state reserved to itself unrestricted power to unconstitutionally include whichever community it wanted in the list," they said. Swaraj said this was an act of political appeasement and would set a dangerous precedent that would erode legitimacy of reservation for needy OBC communities.

Calcutta HC's division bench of Justices Tapabrata Chakraborty and Rajasekhar Mantha had said on May 22, "No data was disclosed on the basis of which it was ascertained that the community concerned is not adequately represented in services under Bengal govt."

Jaising protested the language employed by the HC to deride the West Bengal Backward Class Commission, which is headed by a retired HC chief justice. "Is it fair on the HC's part to term the commission as 'handmaidens' and 'pet' of the state govt? I want these remarks expunged immediately," she said. The SC said it will consider all arguments during the final hearing. The hearing is likely to take place next week.

NIRF India Rankings to be released on Aug 12

New Delhi: The ministry of education will release the National Institutional Ranking Framework India Rankings 2024 on August 12, 2024. According to an update on the website, the rankings will be published at 3 PM on Monday.

The official site states, "This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology draws from the overall recommendations and broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by MHRD, to identify the broad parameters for ranking various universities and institutions." The parameters broadly cover 'Teaching, Learning and Resources,' 'Research and Professional Practice,' 'Graduation Outcome,' 'Outreach and Inclusivity' and 'Perception.'

In 2023, the NIRF India rankings included various categories such as 'Overall,' 'Universities,' 'Colleges,' 'Research Institutions,' 'Engineering,' 'Management,' 'Pharmacy,' 'Medical,' etc. TNN

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Lucknow: A 17-year-old boy, prime accused in Lucknow's rain harassment case, in which an unruly mob tried to molest a woman commuter when she and her friend were wading through a waterlogged road last Wednesday, was apprehended in Kanpur on Monday.

The teenager, who studies in class 10 in a Lucknow school, was hiding at his aunt's home in Kanpur since a video of the

incident went viral, sparking public outrage. DCP Shashank Singh said the accused minor has been sent to a shelter home in Lucknow. Police have arrested 23 suspects in the case so far. The DCP said five teams were working round the clock to nab all the suspects.

The boy told cops that he acted "in the spur of the moment as he got swayed", and had no ill intention. TNN

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CBI arrests conman 'dead' for 20 yrs living in sadhu's disguise

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Hyderabad: He was declared "dead" two decades ago by a court here, after he disappeared with Rs 50 lakh following a bank fraud. On Sunday, when CBI sleuths arrested him after a lengthy and coordinated operation, he was disguised as a sadhu in a village in Tamil Nadu.

But this was only one of many identities he took on over the years as he traversed the length of the country to keep the investigation agency guessing.

It all started on May 1, 2002 when CBI registered a case against V Chalapatih Rao, then a computer operator with SBI's Chandulal Baradari branch at Hyderabad, for allegedly cheating the bank of Rs 50 lakh. He had obtained loans allegedly using fabricated quotations from electronics shops and fake salary certificates made out in the names of his family members and

close associates. CBI filed two chargesheets in the case in Dec 2004 after which Rao went missing.

His wife, also an accused in the fraud case, lodged an FIR with the Kamatipura police station officials on July 10, 2004, stating that her husband was missing. In 2011, she filed a petition in the civil court here to declare her husband dead as he had been missing for seven years.

The court issued a decree declaring him dead.

According to information gathered by CBI, Rao fled to Salem in Tamil Nadu and married another woman in 2007 after changing his name to M Vineet Kumar. He also obtained an Aadhaar number in that name. Through his second wife, CBI officials found out that Rao was in touch with his son from the first marriage. In 2014, he left Salem without informing anyone and moved to Bhopal, where he worked as a loan recovery agent. He then went up further north to Ru-

drapur in Uttarakhand, where he worked at a school.

When a CBI team reached Rudrapur, it found that Rao had fled from there in 2016. "With the help of email IDs and Aadhaar details in the name of M Vineet Kumar, CBI approached Google's law enforcement department. These details revealed that Rao had gone to an ashram in Verul village in Aurangabad," CBI officials said. He had changed his name to Swami Vidhitatmanand Teertha and had obtained another Aadhaar card. But in Dec 2021, he left the ashram allegedly after cheating its managers of Rs 70 lakh.

Subsequently, Rao moved to Bharatpur in Rajasthan and stayed there until July 8, 2024. He left Bharatpur and reached Tirunelveli to stay with one of his disciples. CBI received credible information that the accused was planning to escape to Sri Lanka by sea. Officials finally tracked him down and arrested him on Sunday from Narasinganallur village in Tirunelveli.

9 kanwariyas electrocuted to death as vehicle strikes live wire

Hajipur (Bihar): At least nine Kanwar Yatra pilgrims were electrocuted to death and two others sustained injuries when the vehicle they were travelling in came in contact with a high-tension overhead wire in Bihar's Vaishali district, a senior official said on Monday.

The incident took place in Sultanpur village in Industrial police station area around 11.15 pm on Sunday. Officials investigating the matter said action will be taken if lapses are found on anyone's part.

Bihar CM Nitish Kumar expressed grief over the deaths.

A statement issued by the chief minister's office said, "The CM has expressed grief over the death of nine Kanwariyas. The CM has said that gratia of Rs 4 lakh each has been provided to the next of the kin of the deceased by the authorities concerned."

"Preliminary investigation suggested that the victims did not take the dedicated route fixed for the Kanwariyas. The two injured persons have been admitted to a hospital," he said. PTT

Kanwariya stabbed to death in UP as 2 groups clash

Meerut: A 19-year-old kanwariya was killed and nearly half a dozen injured during a clash between two groups of 'dak kanwariyas' (fast-moving devotees) along a route in UP's Baghat district, reports Rahul Singh. Police said the fight happened when the groups tried to win a race in reaching their village temple in Haryana first to offer holy water to Lord Shiva.

Locals said around 20 men from both sides attacked each other with bricks, sticks and sharp objects around 11.30am on Friday. During the clash, Vansh Kumar from Aterna village in Sonapat was stabbed with a knife in his lower back, and he died soon after. SP (Baghat), Arpit Vijayvargiya, told TOI on Monday, "CCTV footage and videos are being scanned and some involved from Haryana have been identified. We'll arrest them soon."

HC gives ASI a week to reply to suit seeking Agra mosque survey

Rajesh Kumar Pandey | TNN

Prayagraj: Allahabad high court issued an order on Monday giving ASI another week to respond to a suit seeking an archaeological survey of Agra's Jama Masjid and the appointment of an advocate commissioner to oversee it.

The plaintiffs contend that an idol of the deity Thakur Keshavdev from the Krishna Janmabhoomi shrine that was purportedly razed by Aurangzeb in 1670 is buried under the stairs of the mosque. Justice Mayank Kumar Jain also granted the counsel for the Hindu plaintiffs to file an objection to the impleadment plea by the managing committee of Mathura's Shahi Eidgah.

He was hearing one of the 18 consolidated suits in the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Eidgah dispute. The next hearing is scheduled for Aug 12.

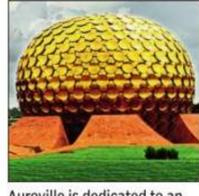
Complaints of drug abuse, cyber crimes in Auroville being probed: Govt in LS

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New Delhi: Ministry of education has received several complaints about illegal activities in Auroville township, Puducherry, which have been referred to probe agencies for investigation, junior Union education minister Sukanta Majumdar informed Lok Sabha on Monday.

Auroville is dedicated to an "experiment in human unity", according to its website. The complaints have come from multiple sources, including Auroville residents, and cover alleged offences such as land encroachment, drug abuse, cyber crimes involving data theft and leaks through servers based outside India, immigration law violations, black money circulation, money laundering, raising donations without FCRA regis-



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tration, and other economic offenses, including land exchange irregularities.

Majumdar noted that complaints under the Information Technology Act and IPC have been referred to appropriate agencies for investigation. Additionally, complaints related to land exchanges have been forwarded to Auroville Foundation for examination. The foundation is to present the findings to the governing board for action.

SC: Should OK tree felling only after compulsory afforestation

New Delhi: Expressing concern over govt authorities recklessly indulging in felling of trees for their different projects without caring for environment and exploring ways to protect them, Supreme Court on Monday proposed that compulsory afforestation should be done before permission is granted for cutting of trees, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

A bench of Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih said that govt and authorities had been very casual in their approach while taking decision for felling of trees without demarcating land for compulsory afforestation. "First compulsory afforestation be done and only then cutting of trees should be allowed. Authorities take decisions on cutting trees without applying their mind to save the environment," it said.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta and senior advocate A D N Rao, who is assisting the court as amicus curiae, however, submitted that such a condition could delay projects which are in national interest and needed to be executed without delay. The court was hearing an application filed by NHA seeking permission of felling of 3,874 trees for widening of Agra-Jalesar-Etah road in Etah district in Uttar Pradesh.

3 die in Thane: Three people were killed and as many others injured when their car veered off the road in the Malshej hill and rammed into a tree in Maharashtra's Thane.

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INFORMATION REGARDING (A) FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (POST-IPO); AND (B) RECORD DATE FOR DIVIDEND

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The Notice of the AGM and the standalone and consolidated audited financial statement for the financial year 2023-24, along with Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, will be sent electronically to those members of the Company, whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / KFin Technologies Limited ("KFinTech"), Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent / Depository Participant(s) / Depositories. The Notice of AGM and the aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at www.ril.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e., BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of KFinTech at <https://evoting.kfintech.com>.

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RECORD DATE FOR DIVIDEND AND PAYMENT THEREOF

(a) The Company has fixed **Monday, August 19, 2024** as the 'Record Date' for determining entitlement of members to dividend, recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company, for the financial year ended March 31, 2024.

(b) The dividend will be paid within a week from the conclusion of the AGM through electronic mode. As mandated by SEBI, dividend to the members holding shares in physical mode shall be paid electronically, only after they have furnished their Permanent Account Number, Contact Details (Postal Address, Mobile Number and E-mail), Bank Account Details, Specimen Signature, etc. for their corresponding physical folios.

Manner of registering mandate for receiving Dividend:

Members are requested to register / update:

(a) their complete bank details with their Depository Participant(s), if shares are held in dematerialised mode, by submitting forms and documents as may be required by the Depository Participant(s); and

(b) Permanent Account Number, Contact Details (Postal Address, Mobile Number and E-mail), Bank Account Details, Specimen Signature, etc. with KFinTech by submitting duly filled and signed Form ISR-1 along with requisite supporting documents at its aforesaid address, if shares are held in physical mode.

Members are requested to carefully read the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM and manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or voting at the AGM.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Savithri Parekh
Company Secretary and
Compliance Officer

Place : Mumbai
Dated : August 6, 2024

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Office of Principal, Autonomous State Medical College, Sultanpur

Letter No : ASMC/SULTAPUR/2024/674 Date: 03.08.2024

Application are invited for regular faculty Positions of Professor Associate Professor and Assistant Professor in various departments of ASMC Sultanpur.

For more detail information visit DGME Website www.dgme.up.gov.in as well as college website www.asmc.sultanpur.in

**Principal,
Autonomous State Medical College,
Sultanpur.**

Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
MSME - TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
Process & Product Development Centre, Agra
Government of India (EFC New Delhi)

**OFFLINE TRAINING ON
Digital Marketing with AI Tools**
Dates - 10th - 11th August, 2024 (Weekend)

Digital Marketing with AI, where you will gain a comprehensive understanding of how to leverage the power of AI, create compelling content, and design eye-catching visuals for effective digital marketing campaigns. This course is designed for marketers, content creators, and graphic designers who want to stay ahead in the digital landscape by integrating AI, Content and design seamlessly.

**OFFLINE TRAINING ON
Export Import Management & Procedure**
Dates - 24th - 25th August, 2024 (Weekend)

This course provides an in-depth understanding of the principles, practices, and regulations governing international trade. Students will learn about export-import procedures, documentation, logistics, and the broader global business environment.

Each Course Fees :- Rs. 4500/- Including GST

Timing: 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM LIMITED SEATS AVAILABLE

Venue Br. MSME DFO, 2nd floor, MSME-TDC PPDC, EFC New Delhi, Opp. Haldiram L Block, Outer Circle Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001

For More Details, Course Content and Online Registration
Contact Number - 9810371728, 7983607199, 9677692445
E-mail- kathir.r@dcmsme.gov.in, msmepdpdelhi@gmail.com

Certificate will be awarded.

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CIN: L65990MH1999PLC120918

INFORMATION REGARDING FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (POST LISTING)

The First Annual General Meeting (Post Listing) ("AGM") of the members of the Company will be held through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") on **Friday, August 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. IST**, in compliance with all the applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 and the Rules made thereunder and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with all applicable circulars on the matter issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs ("MCA") and the Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI"), to transact the business set out in the Notice convening the AGM.

The Notice of the AGM and the standalone and consolidated audited financial statements for the financial year 2023-24, along with Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, will be sent electronically to those members of the Company, whose e-mail address is registered with the Company / KFin Technologies Limited ("KFinTech") / Depository Participant(s) / Depositories. The Notice of the AGM and the aforesaid documents will also be available on the Company's website at www.jfs.in and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, that is, BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of the Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, KFinTech, at <https://evoting.kfintech.com>.

Manner of registering / updating e-mail address / bank account:

(a) Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address / bank account with the Company, are requested to register / update their e-mail address / bank account by submitting Form ISR-1 (available on the website of the Company at www.jfs.in) duly filled and signed along with requisite supporting documents to KFinTech at Selenium Tower B, Plot No. 31, 32, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500 032.

(b) Members holding shares in dematerialised mode, who have not registered / updated their e-mail address with their Depository Participant(s), are requested to register / update the same with the Depository Participant(s) where they maintain their demat accounts.

Manner of casting vote(s) through e-voting:

Members can cast their vote(s) on the business as set out in the Notice of the AGM through electronic voting system ("e-voting"). The manner of voting, including voting remotely ("remote e-voting") by members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM. Members attending the AGM who have not cast vote(s) by remote e-voting will be able to vote electronically through ("Insta Poll") at the AGM.

Joining the AGM through VC / OAVM:

Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM, through JioMeet, at <https://t.jio/v/jfsilgmm>. Members are requested to carefully read the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM and manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or voting at the AGM.

By order of the Board of Directors
Sd/-
Mohana V
Group Company Secretary
and Compliance Officer

Place: Mumbai
Date : August 6, 2024

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CORPORATE BUZZ

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PMBI inks pact with ESIC to provide medicines

The Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on July 31, 2024, at the PMBI head office in New Delhi. The agreement was signed between PMBI and



ESIC in the presence of Ravi Dahich, CEO of PMBI. The objective of this MoU is to provide high-quality generic medicines from the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Jan Aushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP) to ESIC hospitals and dispensaries, improving healthcare access for beneficiaries. The initiative is a great step forward to enable better and affordable healthcare.

BIS organises Manak Manthan

As an initiative of BIS, Manak Manthan programme was organised in the BIS Faridabad branch office on IS:2347:2023: Domestic Pressure Cooker, Draft Amendment 1. During the programme, the manufacturers of pressure cookers gave inputs and comments on the draft amendment. Vibha Rani, Director of Faridabad branch office, welcomed the participants and encouraged them to give their input. The draft amendment was explained by B Rohith Reddy, Scientist-C and inputs were taken from the manufacturers. Sharad Kumar, Scientist-D (FRBO); Vijay Kumar, Scientist-C (FRBO); member secretary of Mechanical Engineering Department, MED 23; Lokraj Meena, Scientist-C, attended the meeting and actively participated in the discussion.



and media personnel. Competitions were conducted in the 10m Air Rifle and 10m Air Pistol categories. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from the media as well as DMRC employees. It was a memorable event for many. DMRC Managing Director Dr Vikas Kumar also joined and interacted with the participants. He tried a few shots with the pistol and the rifle and enjoyed the experience along with other senior officials from DMRC.

DMRC celebrates Olympic success

Taking a cue from India's stupendous success in shooting in the ongoing Paris Olympics, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) organised a shooting championship for DMRC

Integration of AI into dental education

A high-level stakeholders meeting was held at GGSIPU to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into dental education. The project follows the collaborative approach of Queen Mary

Tata Power-DDL conducts programme for SENELEC

Tata Power Delhi Distribution Limited (Tata Power-DDL), successfully steered a comprehensive training programme on 'Best Practices in Smart Metering' for senior officials

from Senegal National Electricity Agency (SENELEC). With a legacy in smart metering technology, the 14-day programme was facilitated by Tata Power-DDL CENPEID team. It aimed to share knowledge and expertise in smart metering technology with SENELEC. Sharing his insights on the success of the programme, Gajanan S Kale, Chief Executive Officer, Tata Power-DDL, said, "We are delighted to share our expertise and experience



in smart metering with SENELEC. Smart Metering Technology plays a crucial role in the advancement of the power sector. By equipping utilities with the necessary knowledge and skills, we can contribute to building a more sustainable and efficient power ecosystem." The concluding ceremony was graced by the presence of senior officials of Tata Power-DDL and others.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Muzamil @ Rehan @ Bhura, S/O Ayub, R/O: Village Sofipur, PS Durala, Distt. Meerut, UP has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case e-FIR No. 23236/2021, U/S 379/411 IPC, P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Muzamil @ Rehan @ Bhura cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Muzamil @ Rehan @ Bhura has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said Muzamil @ Rehan @ Bhura accused of e-FIR No. 23236/2021, U/S 379/411 IPC, P.S. Jagatpuri, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 28.09.2024.

By Order Ms. Ayushi Saxena Metropolitan Magistrate-05 Shahdara District, Room No. 07 Karkarduma Court, Delhi DP/9429/SHD/2024

ग्रेटर नोएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

पत्रांक: वरिष्ठ-1/(ई-निविदा सेल)/2024/522ए दिनांक: 01.08.2024 ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

Table with 3 columns: क्र.सं., कार्य का नाम/वर्क सॉल्यूशन, अनुमानित लागत. Lists various construction and maintenance work items with estimated costs.

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क्रम सं-1 से 11, 15, 16, 17 एवं 18 पर अंतिम कार्य दिनांक 06.08.2024 से 16.08.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्रारंभ ई-निविदाओं की प्रो-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 20.08.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी एवं क्रम सं-12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21, 22 एवं 23 पर अंतिम कार्य दिनांक 06.08.2024 से 21.08.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्रारंभ ई-निविदाओं की प्रो-क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 23.08.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

U.P. COOPERATIVE SUGAR FACTORIES FEDERATION LTD

Online e-tenders are invited from experienced manufacturers/Authorised dealer/importers for supply of Radar based level transmitter for Alcohol/Ethanol tank to our Anoopshahr, Nanauta, Kaimganj, Ghosi, Sampurnanagar, SnehRoad, Sathianor & Nanpara distilleries of U.P. The e-tender documents with detailed specifications, terms and conditions etc. can be downloaded from e-tender portal http://etender.up.nic.in & federation website www.upsugarfed.org

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General) N.C. Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICE MAJALGAON, DIST. BEED 431131

Municipal Council Majalgaon Dist. Beed Invites Online tender for Road, Drain and other civil works under the scheme Vaishishtpurn kamashiti vishesh Anudan Scheme from experienced and appropriate contractors who fulfill all the terms and conditions.

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Chief Engineer / O&M (P&P Cell-I), GHPT, Lehra Mohabbat, invites E-tender for the Procurement of Railway track material for Railway siding at GHPT Lehra Mohabbat.

Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation

Gandhinagar Municipal Corporation, Gujarat invites e-tenders from the experienced agencies for the following work.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, पंतद्वीप हरिद्वार

उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, अनुसंधान खण्ड, पंतद्वीप हरिद्वार, की ओर से शाखा के अर्न्तगत प्रयोगशाला सदन निर्माण कार्य हेतु भारत सरकार/राज्य सरकार/PSU के अर्न्तगत पंजीकरण श्रेणी डीओ एवं उच्चतर में सिलिल कार्य (सदन निर्माण) में पंजीकृत ठेकेदार/फर्म हेतु निम्न कार्य की ई-निविदा, सिंगल-बिड सिस्टम आधार पर आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDERING NOTICE

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

कार्यालय नगर निगम जयपुर हेरिटेज

जयपुर नगर निगम द्वारा नगर निगम हेरिटेज जयपुर शहर से आबारा पशु गायब, साफ, मेरा, मेरा, घोडा, घोडी, ऊँट, ऊँटनी, गधा, गधौ, खच्चर, बकरा, बकरी, भैंस, भेडा, बछडा, बछडी, (गायडी, केवडा) पात्र, गाडी एवं अर्बन संचालित पशु डेवरीय से पशुओं को पकड कर गो पुनर्वास शिगोनिया में जमा करने का कार्य हेतु वार्षिकी अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा दिनांक 02.08.2024 को सांय 06 बजे से आमांत्रित की जाती है।

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-TENDERING NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

यू.पी. प्रोजेक्ट्स कारपोरेशन लि.

जनपद शाजलपुर में सारकीय कन्या इन्टर कालेज पुर्वीया में अतिरिक्त कब, भौतिक विज्ञान लेब एवं मल्टीपरपज हॉल के निर्माण कार्य हेतु अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना सं 07/PCL/GM/ZONE-2/BL/2024-25 दिनांक 05.08.2024 आमंत्रित की जाती है।

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता

On behalf of the Governor of Uttarakhand the Executive Engineer Provincial Division PWD Nainital hereby invites proposals from eligible consultant for conducting detailed survey, feasibility study, Geotechnical investigation, Hydraulic investigation, Alignment Proposal, Structural Analysis Design, Drawings, Working Drawing (Good to Construction) and vetted DPR from reputed institution in 6 copies of following works :-

- i) Steel girder bridge / Box culvert near Dhakakhet in Ballia Nala in Jeolikot, Gethia near Ganja, district Nainital.
ii) 15 m and 24 m span bridle bridge at Local Nala in Tok Mora village Badyuni district Nainital.

कार्यालय अधिशासी अभियन्ता उत्तराखण्ड जल संस्थान, पंतद्वीप हरिद्वार

Table with 7 columns: क्र.सं., कार्य विवरण, धरोहर धनराशि (लाख में), निविदा प्रपत्र अपलोड/जमा करने की प्रारम्भिक तिथि एवं समय, निविदा प्रपत्र अपलोड/जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय, प्रि-बिड मिटिंग की तिथि एवं समय, बिड खोले जाने की तिथि एवं समय, निविदा की वेतना. Lists tender items with details.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely 1. Param Deep Singh Anand, S/O Harbans Singh Anand, R/o L-65, Phase-I, Vijay Vihar, Delhi, 2. Ashan Ali @Pancha, S/O Sheikh Hasan Ali, R/o N-38/C-160, CD Park, Jahangir Puri, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 117/19, U/s 457/380/411/34 IPC, registered at P.S.: Keshav Puram, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon it that the said accused Param Deep Singh Anand & Ashan Ali @Pancha cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Param Deep Singh Anand & Ashan Ali @Pancha have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Ms. Divya Arora Judicial Magistrate, First Class-04 North-West Court No. 112, 1st Floor Rohini Court, Delhi DP/10131/NW/2024 (Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) Raju, S/O: Dhani Ram, R/O: B-46/116 Balmiki Camp Lawrence Road, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 66/23, U/s. 38 Delhi Ex Act, P.S.: Keshav Puram, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) Raju cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) Raju has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

By Order Ms. Divya Arora Judicial Magistrate, First Class-04 North West Room No. 112, 1st Floor, Rohini Court, Delhi DP/10136/NW/2024 (Court Matter)

एनटीपीसी NTPC Limited

NTPC COAL MINING Hqs, RANCHI NOTICE INVITING APPLICATIONS (NIA) FOR ENLISTMENT OF VENDORS FOR COAL TRANSPORTATION TENDERS FOR NTPC COAL MINES

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E-Tendering Notice No. 546/P-2/EMPW-12754 Dated 02.08.2024 Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Rupnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_124851/1 for Preventive, Breakdown & Shutdown Maintenance of 220KV & 66KV C&R Panels, DRs, SER, GPS, GRP, GCDP, Digital AVR, RTCC Panels, Protection System installed on 6.6KV & 415V switchgear and other panels including meters installed in 4x210MW and Microhydel Power plant in GGSSTP, Rupnagar, Punjab as per details given in the tender specifications for a period of one year on lump-sum basis under Electrical Protection Cell GGSSTP, Rupnagar.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Public Works Department

Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Amalner-425401 Phone No. 02587-224112 / email-amalner.ee@mahapwd.gov.in E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 14 FOR-2024-2025 Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-2" form for 01 (One) Building Works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Amalner for and behalf of Government of Maharashtra, Electronic Tender Management System. http://mahatenders.gov.in from Reputed and experienced firms / Contractors who fulfill the terms and condition of tender and having experience of similar type of work. The rights are reserve to reject all or any tender by Superintending Engineer/ Executive Engineer. Conditional tenders are not acceptable.

Gaganyatri pick reaches US for training

IAF Group Captain and Isro's astronaut-candidate Shubhanshu Shukla, who has been selected as India's Gaganyatri for International Space Station (ISS) mission in partnership with Nasa and US space agency Axiom, has reached the US to take part in a specialised training session for his maiden space trip, reports **Surendra Singh**.

Axiom Space announced on Monday that it is partnering with India, Poland and Hungary to send three astronauts to the space station on Axiom Mission 4 (Ax-4), the company's next commercial human spaceflight mission to the orbiting space laboratory.

The mission will place significant emphasis on scientific research, technology demonstrations, and the commercialisation of space. It aims to foster cooperation by sharing knowledge, resources and opportunities with the partners.

Most rural youth don't want to migrate for work, finds study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Over 60% rural male youth and 70% females do not want to migrate for work and would prefer to find work closer to their villages, a report showed on Monday.

About 70-85% youth currently employed said they want to change jobs, seeking new opportunities. Among those aiming for a career change, a majority showed interest in starting small manufacturing, retail, or trading ventures. However, younger women stood out with a preference for securing salaried positions in govt roles, as per State of Rural Youth Employment Report-2024.

Women seeking salaried positions showed a strong preference for teaching roles, followed by clerical positions, with sales and marketing



The report also indicates that the youth seeking a change in occupation struggle with equitable access to financial support

roles being less favoured, the survey results showed.

Men seeking salaried employment favoured teaching, accounting/clerical roles, and factory work. "These preferences reflect the growing demand for these occupa-

tions in rural India and the increasing popularity of gig work," according to the report, which is based on survey covering 21 states conducted by Development Intelligence Unit (DIU), a joint initiative of Transform Rural

India (TRI) and Sambodhi Research, and Global Development Incubator.

It showed that among older youth aged 26-35, 85% men were employed, with nearly 10% unemployed after having worked before. In contrast, 40% of women in this age group were employed, a quarter had exited the workforce, and a third had never been employed.

It said across ages and genders, a common strategy to overcome these barriers was clearly communicating career goals to family members as a crucial initial step.

The report also indicates that the youth seeking a change in occupation struggle with equitable access to financial support. Nearly one in three young men also highlighted the limited opportunities in rural areas.

Will find solutions to farm issues through talks, says Chouhan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt will find solutions to all issues by talking to farmers, their organisations and state govts, Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told Rajya Sabha on Monday while replying to a discussion. This comes amid some farm groups raising the demand for legal guarantee of MSP for grains and stand off at Shambhu border.

"There are problems in agriculture but solutions are also there. We will speak to farmers and farmer associations. Hum samvad se madhaan nikalenge (We will find a solution through dialogue) and will move forward taking everyone along with us," he said.

The minister lashed out at Congress mentioning there were instances of farmers being shot dead when the party was in office earlier in several states and said former PMs Jawaharlal Nehru and Rajiv Gandhi never mentioned

"farmers" in their Independence Day speeches. He urged political parties not to treat farmers as vote bank.

Later in the day, Congress announced that it will bring a privilege motion against Chouhan for misleading the House on various counts. Congress MPs Randeep Singh Surjewala and Digvijaya Singh alleged that the minister "told lies" in his reply.

After question hour, Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar asked Chouhan to complete his reply. As he stood up to speak, Congress MPs created a ruckus over issues such as legal assurance of MSP and other demands. Amid the uproar, Chouhan said, "Congress has always talked about helping farmers directly. But it has never done that. It was PM Narendra Modi who launched the PM-KISAN scheme."

On allegations of firing on farmers, the minister said hands of opposition are stained with farmers' blood.



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GOVT. OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE : KEONJHAR
Procurement Notice for Road with Bridge Work under MMSY-TRIP
Bid Identification No. NCB-10/RWCKJR/2024-25
No. 2542 /Date: 02.08.2024

1. Name of the work : Construction and Maintenance of road under MMSY-TRIP in the District of Keonjhar.
2. No. of work : 01 (One) No.
3. Estimated Cost : As per Annexure in NIT.
4. Class of Contractor (Eligible) : As per Annexure in NIT.
5. Period of Completion : As per Annexure in NIT.
6. Other details :

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in OIO C.C.E.R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Keonjhar	NCB-10/RWCKJR/2024-25	02.08.24 at 11.00 A.M.	02.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M.	02.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M.	02.23.08.24 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later

Further details can be seen from the website: www.tendersissa.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Engineer,
R.W. Circle, Keonjhar.
OIPR-25177/11/001/24-25

CAD-744

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CORRIGENDUM
The E-auction Notice (05.08.2024 -12th E-auction) of Gibbsite Bauxite published in the 'Samaj and The Times of India' Dt. 30.07.2024 is rescheduled to be held on **dt. 22.08.2024 from 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM**
For details, please visit the website of MSTC i.e. www.mstccommerce.com

Sd/-
GM (S&M)

OIPR-30005/11/0061/24-25

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
TAMILNADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
NAAN MUDHALVAN
E TENDER NOTICE

RFp No: TNSDC/NM/OLPYMIAD/2024 Date: 05.08.2024

Online Tenders are invited by MD - TNSDC towards the selection of firm to create a Gamified Platform to Conduct Naan Mudhalvan Olympiad to Test Cognitive Skills of Students in Classes 6-8 across 13,500 Government Schools in Tamil Nadu. The Tender document (RFp) can be downloaded at free of cost <https://tntenders.gov.in> from 06.08.2024 - 10 AM. Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled on 13.08.2024 - 11 AM at the Conference Hall, Tamil Nadu Skill Development Corporation, EMD for an amount of Rs. 1 Lakh to be paid through online mode. EMD exemption shall be given to MSMEs with UDYAM certificate. The applications are invited only through online. Last date for receipt of application: 06.09.2024 up to 3 PM through <https://tntenders.gov.in>. Technical Bid shall be opened online on 06-09-2024 at 4 PM. For details and particulars of tender please visit following link <https://tntenders.gov.in> or <https://naanmudhalvan.tn.gov.in>

Managing Director
TAMILNADU SKILL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION,
Nandanam, Chennai-600035

DIPR/2801/Tender/2024

Annexure-"A"

HIMACHAL PRADESH
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE
INVITATION FOR BID (IFB)

The Executive Engineer, (B&R) Division, HPPWD, Baijnath on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh, invites the percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system from the eligible class of contractors registered with HPPWD for the works as detailed in the table.

S.No.- 1 Name of work:- C/O Baijnath to Gandhigram Uperia Road Km 0/0 to 5/700. (SH: Initial Rectification and Providing / Laying Bitumens Concrete 25mm thick including 5 years post renewal maintenance). Estimated Cost Rs.-: 1,11,03,064/- Starting Date for downloading :- 05.08.2024 Earnest Money:- 2,22,000/- Time limit:- Two Months Deadline for submission of bid:- 14.08.2024 Cost of Tender Form:- 2000/-

S.No.- 2 Name of work:- C/O Amarpur to Kamral Road Km 0/0 to 2/400. (SH: Initial Rectification and Providing / Laying Bitumens Concrete 25mm thick including 5 years post renewal maintenance). Estimated Cost Rs.-: 45,18,669/- Starting Date for downloading :- 05.08.2024 Earnest Money:- 92,500/- Time limit:- Two Months Deadline for submission of bid:- 14.08.2024 Cost of Tender Form:- 1500/-

S.No.- 3 Name of work:- C/O Chadhari to Bhirdi Road Km 0/0 to 1/930. (SH: Initial Rectification and Providing / Laying Bitumens Concrete 25mm thick including 5 years post renewal maintenance). Estimated Cost Rs.-: 77,74,930/- Starting Date for downloading :- 05.08.2024 Earnest Money:- 1,55,500/- Time limit:- Two Months Deadline for submission of bid:- 14.08.2024 Cost of Tender Form:- 2000/-

S.No.- 4 Name of work:- C/O Padharkar to Trehal Road Km 0/0 to 4/0. (SH: Initial Rectification and Providing / Laying Bitumens Concrete 25mm thick including 5 years post renewal maintenance). Estimated Cost Rs.-: 77,74,930/- Starting Date for downloading :- 05.08.2024 Earnest Money:- 1,55,500/- Time limit:- Two Months Deadline for submission of bid:- 14.08.2024 Cost of Tender Form:- 2000/-

S.No.- 5 Name of work:- C/O Rakkar Rajot to Noun Road Km 0/0 to 4/250. (SH: Initial Rectification and Providing / Laying Bitumens Concrete 25mm thick including 5 years post renewal maintenance). Estimated Cost Rs.-: 87,05,000/- Starting Date for downloading :- 05.08.2024 Earnest Money:- 1,74,000/- Time limit:- Two Months Deadline for submission of bid:- 14.08.2024 Cost of Tender Form:- 2000/-

The bidders are advised to note other details of tenders from the department Website www.hptenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer,
Baijnath Division
HPPWD Baijnath

Adv.No.-1265/05/08/2024. HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
ICOMC Tower, Unit-IX, Satya Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751022
No: 31775/BMC DT : 03-8-24

NOTICE INVITING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)
नियंत्रण-11-जुलाई-24-25

On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation), BMC invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from Swachh Knowledge Partners (SKPs) limited to those empanelled under SBM-II 2.0 by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MHUA) for "Organising Capacity building and training programmes for Sanitation Workers". The detailed EOI document can be seen and downloaded from the BMC website <http://bmc.gov.in>. For queries, interested parties may contact the office of Deputy Commissioner (Sanitation), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation at ICOMC Tower at Satya Nagar, Infront of Satya Nagar Kali Temple on Janpath, Unit-IX, Bhubaneswar- 751022, Odisha, India.

1. Schedule of Events :

Availability of Eoi document	From Dt. 07.08.2024 (11:00 AM) to Dt. 20.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM)
Last date & time for receipt of Proposal from intending bidders	20.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM) (Through Speed/Registered post/Courier/Hand delivery)
Address/Place of submission of EOI in hard Copy	To The Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation) Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, BMC-ICOMC Building, Satya Nagar, Opposite Satya Nagar Kali Temple, Bhubaneswar-751022
Date and Time of opening of Eoi by BMC tender committee	Will be Communicated by BMC

2. All amendments, Clarifications, time extensions, etc. will be uploaded in the website only interested parties should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.

By Order of the Commissioner, BMC
Sd/-
Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
OIPR-13002/11/0048/24-25

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
ICOMC Tower, Unit-IX, In front of Satya Nagar Kali Temple on Janpath, Bhubaneswar- 751022, Odisha, India.
No: 31766/BMC DT : 03.08.24

NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

On behalf of the Commissioner, Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation), BMC invites Request for Proposal (RFP) from the experienced and qualified interested company registered under Indian Companies act/Partnership firm/ Limited Liability Partnership Firm/Proprietorship Firm registered under the relevant Act for "Design, supply, installation and commissioning of green garbage processing unit to Biomass briquettes with Operation and Maintenance for a period of two (2) years". The detail RFP document can be seen and downloaded from BMC website <http://bmc.gov.in> from 06.08.2024 (11:00 AM) onwards.

For queries, interested parties may contact the office of Deputy Commissioner (Sanitation), Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation at ICOMC Tower at Satya Nagar, Infront of Satya Nagar Kali Temple on Janpath, Unit-IX, Bhubaneswar- 751022, Odisha, India.

1. Schedule of Events:

Period of availability of Tender Document in BMC website	From Dt. 06.08.2024 (11:00 AM) to Dt. 27.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM)
Pre-bid meeting	On Dt. 12.08.2024 (Time 12:30 Noon) (4th Floor Conference Hall of ICOMC Tower)
Last date and time of receiving queries to be sent to email id : dc-sanitation@bmc.gov.in	Dt. 13.08.2024 (by 5:00 PM)
Last date and time for submission of bids	27.08.2024 (till 5:00 PM) (Through Speed/Registered post/Courier/Hand delivery)
Date and time for technical bid opening	28.08.2024 (4:30 PM)
Date, time and venue for technical presentation	Will be Communicated by BMC
Financial bid Opening	Will be Communicated by BMC
Address for submission of Bid	To, The Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation) Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation, BMC- ICOMC Building, Satya Nagar, Opposite Satya Nagar Kali Temple, Bhubaneswar- 751022

2. All amendments, Clarifications, time extension etc. will be uploaded in the website only interested parties should regularly visit the above website to keep themselves updated.

By Order of Commissioner, BMC
Sd/-
Dy. Commissioner (Sanitation)
Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation
OIPR-13002/11/0049/24-25

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

TENDER NOTICE
Invitation of Tenders through E-Tendering (E-Procurement systems)

Sr.DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the president of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

S. No.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	93246122	Supply, Installation and commissioning of Computerized & fully Automated single car Test Rig for LHB & ICF coaches, technical specification as per annexure attached.	06 Nos	04.09.2024
02	93246123	Supply, and commissioning of automatic computerized rake testing rig (SCADA based) as per annexure attached.	08 Nos	04.09.2024

NOTE-1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details 2. No manual offer will be entertained.
Sr. DMM/NS/IR/93246122 & 93246123/24 Date: 05.08.2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2402/24

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule-424001
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 4/2024-2025

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the 15 (Fifteen) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule, (Phone no. 02562-288763) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System <http://mahatenders.gov.in> from any bidder who satisfy the qualifying criteria.

As per above tender notice 15 (Fifteen) works, detail tender information will be available at <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and can be downloaded from 06/08/2024 at 18:00 hrs. to 013/08/2024 at 17:45 hrs.

Prebid of Above 6 Six works on 09/08/2024 Time 12.00 Hours in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule.

Opening of above works on 16/07/2024 Time 11.00 Hours (if possible) in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,
P.W. (North) Division, Dhule

DGIPR/2024-2025/1605

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

No. 128-W/260/Tender/Notice/32,56,57,58,60&61-W-IV/24-25 Date: 05.08.2024

The Sr. Divisional Engineer-IV, Northern Railway, Delhi Division for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work.

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

1 Name of work with its location	1. Pre & Post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode temping by track machine in the section of ADEN/ROK in c/wth improvement of yard and post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode temping in the section of ADEN/ROK. (NIT 32-W-IV-24-25) 2. Pre & Post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode temping by track machine in the section of ADEN/JHL in c/wth improvement of yard and post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode in the section of ADEN/JHL. (NIT 56-W-IV-24-25) 3. Improvement of yard in the section of ADEN/JHL in c/wth improvement of yard and post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode in the section of ADEN/JHL. (NIT 57-W-IV-24-25) 4. Improvement of yard in the section of ADEN/ROK in c/wth improvement of yard and post attention survey of track (longitudinal & lateral) for design mode temping in the section of ADEN/ROK. (NIT 58-W-IV-24-25) 5. Supplying of ballast at Jind ballast Depot in the section of ADEN/ Jind. (NIT 60-W-IV-24-25) 6. Supply of potable water at LC and colonies under ADEN/ROK. (NIT 61-W-IV-24-25)
2 Approx cost of work	(1) Rs. 84,44,071.52 (2) Rs. 77,16,134.32 (3) Rs. 1,01,83,145.39 (4) Rs. 76,54,507.99 (5) Rs. 2,49,05,977.33 (6) Rs. 74,99,973.66
3 Earnest Money	(1) Rs. 1,68,900.00 (2) Rs. 1,54,300.00 (3) Rs. 2,00,900.00 (4) Rs. 1,53,100.00 (5) Rs. 2,74,500.00 (6) Rs. 1,50,000.00
4 Date and Time of submission of tender and opening of tender	Bidding Start date for work no. Up to 15:00 hrs. on 13.08.2024 opening of e-Tender at 15:00 hrs. on 27.08.2024
5 Website particulars, published e-tender, notice location etc. complete details of tender can be seen and web site where the tender form can be downloaded	Above tender available on IREPS site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2405/24

तिरहुत दुग्ध उत्पादक सहकारी संघ लिमिटेड, मुजफ्फरपुर
TIRHUT DUGDH UTPADAK SAHKARI SANGH LTD., MUZAFFARPUR
A UNIT OF BIHAR STATE CO-OP. MILK FEDERATION LTD (COMFED)
AN ISO 22000:2018 CERTIFIED DAIRY

Notice Inviting Tender
(Through e-tendering mode only on website- www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

NIT No. Tirhut/Engg-24-25: 2278 Date : 26.07.2024

1.0 Name & address of advertiser : Managing Director, Tirhut Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Ltd., P.O - Koluha Paigambarpur Muzaffarpur- 843108. **2.0 Date of issue of e-tender notice:** 06.08.2024 (Tuesday) **3.0 Period for downloading the tender document:** From 06.08.2024 (Tuesday) to 27.08.2024 (Tuesday) up to 17:00 hours through above website. **4.0 Date & time of pre bid meeting:** 14.08.2024 (Wednesday) at 11:00 AM at Tirhut Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Ltd., P.O. - Koluha Paigambarpur Muzaffarpur- 843108. **5.0 Last date & time for uploading tender Documents by the bidders:** 31.08.2024 (Saturday) upto 17:00Hours on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in **6.0 Last date, time & place for submission of original instrument of EMO:** 02.09.2024 (Monday) upto 15:00 Hours at Tirhut Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Ltd., P.O. - Koluha Paigambarpur, Muzaffarpur- 843108. **7.0 Date time & place of opening of Techno commercial bid:** 03.09.2024 (Tuesday) upto 15:30Hours on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in **8.0 Date & time of opening of price bid:** Date & time will be communicated later subsequent to approval of techno Commercial bid. **9.0 Bid Validity:** 180 Days (One hundred eighty days). **10.0 Details of work:**

Sl. No.	Name of Project & Scope of work	Estimated amount	Cost of tender document to be paid through online (Non refundable)	Earnest money to be deposited	Bid processing fees to be paid through online (Non refundable)	Completion period
01	Construction, supply, installation, Testing And Commissioning Of Equipment For Establishment Of Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP), Capacity 1 LLPD At Motihari Dairy Under Tirhut Dugdh Utpadak Sahkari Sangh Ltd., Muzaffarpur Bihar.	₹ 1.08 Crore	₹ 10,000.00	₹ 216000.00 Payment to be paid only online	As per eproc-2 portal	Four (04) Months

11.0 For participation in the above e-tender process the bidders are required to get themselves registered as per details given at www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in so that the user ID, Password and digital signatures are issued to them. 12.0 Tender Document can be seen and purchased on web site www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in. Any modification/amendment in tender will be notified on e-portal. The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all tenders without assigning any reason.

Managing Director

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL EDUCATION
(Govt. of Madhya Pradesh)
Office: 6th floor, Satpura Bhawan, Madhya Pradesh INDIA- 462004
Tel: 0755-2551717, Fax: 0755-2578844
Website: www.medicaleducation.mp.gov.in
email: dme12001@yahoo.com

No. 534 / 2/YoVi/PPP/DME/2024 Bhopal, dated 02 Aug, 24

Notice

A Technical PPP Support Committee had been formulated at the directorate of Medical Education 6th Floor Satpura Bhawan. All interested bidders can visit at any working day between 10am to 6pm for any queries and suggestions related to the tender document or its conditions.

Or can contact them at

- 1) Dr.Himanshu Jayswar (Dy Director) mob No. 98262 15665
- 2) Mr.Rajkumar (Consultant PWC) mob No. 98366 87770
- 3) Mr.Vipul Singhal (Consultant, MPPSC) mob No. 98739 00869

Kindly note, that all queries and suggestions may also be submitted at dmetenders@gmail.com

Sd/-
Dy. Director (Projects)
Department of Public Health and Medical Education
Govt. of Madhya Pradesh

G-14551/24

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION
BAYS NO.67-70, SECTOR-2, PANCHKULA-134151
(www.hssc.gov.in)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Notice for the post of Employability Skill Instructor of Skill Development & Industrial Training Department, Panchkula, Haryana Against Advt. No. 12/2019, Cat. No. 07.

This is for information of candidates that the Note 1 & 2 mentioned in announcement in the revised result dated 24.07.2024 are being substituted and the same be read as under:-

"Note:- 01 Post ESP GEN, 01 Post ESP SC, 01 Post ESP BCA and 02 Posts ESP PCB remained vacant due to non availability of eligible candidates in their category.

Note:-1. While preparing the result Instruction no. 22/10/2010-IGS-III Dated 23.05.2014, 22/12/2019-IGS-III Dated 25.02.2019, 22/10/2013-IGS-III Dated 30.04.2019 are followed."

Sd/-
Deputy Secretary
Haryana Staff Selection Commission
Dated:-02.08.2024

Issued through: DPR, Haryana/Advt. No. 28562/05.08.2024

कार्यालय :- अधीक्षक, भगवान महावीर आयुर्विज्ञान संस्थान अस्पताल, पावापुरी, नालन्दा।

Superintendent Mob.No.- 9470003131
Email- superintendentBMIMS.pawapuri@gmail.com
Website- www.BMIMSpawapuri.org
NIT No.- 01/2024-25/Notice Invite Tender (NIT)

For
Operation & Maintenance of CSSD at Bhagwan Mahavir Institute of Medical Sciences, Pawapuri, Nalanda.

Superintendent, Bhagwan Mahavir Institute of Medical Sciences, Hospital, Pawapuri, Nalanda-803115 (BMIMS) invites tenders in sealed cover under two-bid system from reputed, experienced registered organizations/agencies for providing Operation & Maintenance of CSSD equipments & machinery installed in CSSD unit of hospital on the basis of outsourcing of the services. Agencies are advised to visit the CSSD unit of BMIMS Hospital, Pawapuri on any working days. Tender documents can be obtained from the office of the undersigned, on any working day as shown against each tender, by paying tender document fee of Rs.500/- (Rs. Five hundred) only in the form of Demand draft issued by any Schedule Nationalized bank in favour of Superintendent, BMIMS Hospital, Pawapuri payable at Pawapuri or can be downloaded from the website www.vimspawapuri.org. Tender fee has to be attached in the form of DD issued by any schedule Nationalized Bank in favour of Superintendent BMIMS Hospital, Pawapuri, payable at pawapuri. The description of tenders is as below:-

Schedule of tender:-

1. Pre-bid Meeting :- 09.08.2024 at 01.30 PM
2. Last date of Receipt of tender :- 29.08.2024 at 05.00 PM
3. Opening date of technical bid :- 30.08.2024 at 01.30 PM
4. Venue:- Office of the superintendent, Block-A 3rd floor.

Bhagwan Mahavir Institute of Medical Sciences Hospital, Pawapuri, Nalanda.

5. Tender document fee:- Rs. 500/- (five hundred only) in the form of demand draft in favour of Superintendent, BMIMS Hospital, Pawapuri payable at Pawapuri issued by any nationalized bank.

Address:- Duly Filled tender document should be sent to Superintendent, Bhagwan Mahavir Institute Of Medical Sciences, Hospital, Pawapuri, Nalanda, Pin No- 803115. By Registered post/ Speed Post only so as to reach within time. Tender document sent by other means will not be considered. Institute will not be responsible for only Postal delay. Tenderers are advised to Visit the hospital and respective services units on any working day within working hour. Prior Information will be helpful to them.

Note:- Superintendent reserves the right to accept or reject any or all applications or cancel the tender without assigning any reason. For further details visit website- www.vimspawapuri.org.

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

PR-05281 (Health) 2024-25
नर्स की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Superintendent
BMIMS Hospital
Pawapuri, Nalanda

Govt set to table Waqf Act Amendment Bill in this session

New Delhi: The Bill to amend Waqf Act is likely to be introduced in Parliament during current session, sources said, adding it has been discussed with alliance partners. This comes against the backdrop of continuous demands and representations made by common Muslims to make the regulation of Waqf properties more transparent, said Union parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju on Monday.

Rijju, however, did not share details of the Bill. Endorsing the proposed amendments and emphasising their potential benefits for both the Waqf system and the broader community, BJP's Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi said, "It's good for both — Waqf and 'waqt' (time)".

On reports that Centre is likely to bring a Bill to curb "unfettered" powers of Waqf Boards over assets, Naqvi said, "It's needed to take out Waqf system from the 'touch me not' thinking. Neither it's good for country nor for the community to impose a communal mentality over inclusive reform. It's good for both — Waqf and 'waqt', to find a logical solution to a long pending problem... I don't know what the actual proposal is but I believe that it's needed."

BJP spokesperson Shehzad Poonawala said, "For a long time, Muslim community was demanding transparency & accountability in the system of Waqf Board. Waqf holds third-largest land ownership in India). It holds properties worth lakhs of crores, however, its income is less than Rs 200 crore... Waqf became a medium for 10-15 influential families to establish a new zamindari system."

The proposed Bill will make it mandatory for Waqf Boards to register their properties with district collectors, ensuring accurate valuation. There are currently 30 Waqf Boards across India, managing properties worth crores. Revenue generated from these properties is estimated at Rs 200 crore annually, underscoring the need for stricter oversight. TNN

Revise OBC 'creamy layer' income cap, says Cong MP

New Delhi: Even as he sought the removal of the "creamy layer" concept for OBCs, Congress whip in Lok Sabha Manickam Tagore on Monday protested that the income ceiling for OBC "creamy layer" has not been revised

Bodies found 80km from HP's flood-hit dists; DNA tests soon

Kullu: DNA sampling will be needed to identify the six bodies recovered on the fifth day of search operations for those missing since a flash flood hit Shimla district's Samej. On Monday, bodies were being recovered as far off as 80km from the village. Two bodies had washed up on a bank of the Satluj river near Sunni village.

A rescue official said: "We have deployed heavy machinery to remove the boulders and search the debris, but without much success despite covering a vast area. We suspect the bodies were swept further away and are not in the search zone." Besides, the bodies have decomposed beyond recognition so DNA samples are being collected at the village. The Army has joined the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) while the district administration is using heavy machinery to search the debris of Thursday's flash flood. The village now has a health checkup camp and has made food arrangements.

So far, of the nine recovered victims, eight have been identified as from Mandi's Terang village and one from Kullu's Bagi Pul area. Another 44 remain missing — 33 from Samej, 9 from Kullu, and 2 from Mandi district. NDRF search parties have come to Mandi's Terang village and Kullu's Bagi Pul. **TNN**

Centre: Landslides tied to Kerala govts' neglect

Allowed Illegal Mines, Human Hubs In Fragile Areas: Yadav

Vishwa.Mohan
@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Blaming successive Kerala govts for their neglect of environmental factors that led to the Wayanad disaster, environment minister Bhupendra Yadav on Monday said the state govts did not pay attention to "expansion of illegal human habitation and mining" in ecologically fragile areas, and kept allowing such activities over the years which led to the devastating landslides on July 30.

"Such activities were allowed in the past 10 years without keeping in view soil topography, rock conditions, mountain slope, vegetation structure and overall geomorphology of the ecologically fragile region," Yadav said.

Records show Kerala govts gave approval to as many as nine projects, including four of mining, in the state during the past three years (2022-24) whereas environment ministry permitted one project — construction of twin tunnel between Anakkampoyil Kal-



Yadav blamed successive Kerala govts for allowing such illegal activities for the past 10 years

ladi-Meppadi in Kozhikode and Wayanad districts — during the period. On the ministry's approval, Yadav said the lone project was approved in principle (stage-I) and construction has not yet started. Yadav said he now expects Kerala govt to work with a central committee and give its consent to the sixth draft, issued by Centre on July 31, for notifying ecologically sensitive area (ESA) within its jurisdiction of Western Ghats at the earliest so environmentally hazardous activities could be immediately prohibited.

The draft proposes earmarking 56,825 sq km as ESA to prohibit/regulate environmentally hazardous human activities within the Western Ghats, spread over six states. The proposed ESA comprises 9,993 sq km in Kerala.

Mundakkai's 'superhero' saved many but is now missing

Wayanad: Local lad Prajeesh drove his jeep up through the treacherous hill path twice and returned with many hapless people who were stranded atop after the landslides hit Wayanad's Mundakkai last week. Just before he could move to safety came a phone call for a third 'mission', but the popular localite is now missing, his damaged jeep seen at Chooralmala, leading to both fears of the worst and hopes for good news. Risking his life, he drove the vehicle up the hill for a third time but lost himself midway in gushing flood water and mud and the barrage of boulders that rolled down the mountains.

With heavy hearts and teary eyes, the people of Chooralmala now call him their "superhero". Prajeesh was already popular for his ever-ready-to-help anyone attitude, locals said. Prajeesh's friends said they warned him not to go to the hill for the third time. But he didn't listen, saying that there were more people trapped and that he wanted to save them. **TNN**

Resolution against Bengal's division unites assembly

Kolkata: West Bengal assembly Monday unanimously passed a resolution against calls for division of the state, with the house witnessing a rare show of TMC-BJP bonhomie after CM Mamata Banerjee agreed to opposition politician Suwendu Adhikari's suggestion to rephrase the proposal to one seeking "development of an undivided West Bengal", reports Krishnendu Bandyopadhyay. Monday, in fact, was a day of many firsts: BJP legislators lent their voice to the state anthem, 'Banglar Mati, Banglar Jol'; and Mamata referred to Adhikari by his first name for the first time since his defection in 2020.

The day began with acrimony as usual, after parliamentary affairs minister Sovande Chattopadhyay tabled the resolution against any move to divide Bengal. The resolution came in the backdrop of multiple BJP politicians — junior Union minister Sukanta Majumdar, MP Nishikant Dubey and MLA Gouri Shankar Ghosh — seeking special packages and UT or statehood status for several north Bengal districts, citing issues ranging from lack of funding to changing religious demography.

Adhikari criticised the proposal, terming it "political" and "a party leaflet". He pointed out that Majumdar's proposal to the PM did not mention the division of Bengal at all. He asked state govt to modify the phrasing and "bring a proposal focused on the development of an undivided West Bengal". Picking up the cue, Mamata instructed Chattopadhyay to incorporate Adhikari's suggestion. The modified proposal was passed with support from both Trinamool and BJP legislators, with TMC MLAs chanting "Joy Bangla", and those from BJP responding with "Bharat Mata Ki Jai".

The rare show of unity culminated in BJP legislators joining Trinamool lawmakers in singing the state anthem. Before Monday, BJP never recognised the anthem.

Ahead of polls, Hry adds 10 more crops to MSP list

Chandigarh: BJP govt in Haryana Monday added 10 more crops to the MSP list, reports Manvir Saini. It also raised the income bar for inclusion in backward class to Rs 8 lakh from Rs 6 lakh, based on the central criteria in an attempt to please farmers and backward classes ahead of assembly elections.

These two items were on a 21-point agenda placed in the cabinet meeting chaired by CM Nayab Singh Saini. While the govt patented its own bar for being the only state to declare MSP for 24 crops so far and claiming that govt alone would procure these, farmer unions and opposition members from Congress called it an "election stunt without any guarantee of procurement."

The 10 cash crops are ragi, soybean, kala til (Nigerseed), safflower, barley, maize, jowar, jute, khopra, and summer moong. "The expanded scope of MSP will stabilise market prices, increase farmers' income and promote crop diversification," Saini said.

Deaf-mute man dies in house collapse in MP

Bhopal: Unable to call for help, a 44-year-old deaf-mute man was buried alive when his mud house collapsed following incessant rains in Madhya Pradesh's Satna district Sunday.

Police identified the deceased as Keerti Singh Tomar, who lived alone in the hut in Bandhi village in Raigaon area, around 530km from Bhopal. "It was raining heavily in the area and his kucha house was dilapidated. It collapsed on Sunday morning," Raigaon police station in-charge, Rajendra Tripathi, told TOI.

As Tomar couldn't raise an alarm because of his disability, it took villagers quite some time to grasp that he was trapped under the debris. They began looking for him in the rubble only when they realised that no one had seen Tomar all day. Police were called in but couldn't save him. **TNN**

Kerala's 'helping hand' for 18 yrs says Wayanad worst he's seen yet

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Thiruvananthapuram: Be it cyclone Ockhi in Dec 2017, Kavalappara landslide in Aug 2019, Covid-19, Air India Express crash at Kozhikode in Aug 2020, and now the Wayanad landslide, one man's presence to lend a helping hand has been a constant in all major tragedies that have hit Kerala in the last 18 years. Basheer Kalathiparambil, 44, has been volunteering in handling the bodies of victims for nearly two decades.



A landslide-hit house in Wayanad. Basheer Kalathiparambil said it was painful to see bodies of kids, who must have been sleeping when the landslides occurred

A Kondotty native, Basheer was at Shirur to assist in the search mission for missing lorry driver Arjun when the landslide struck Wayanad on July 30. He reached Nilambur by 11am on the first day, and returned home Monday after handling over 150 bodies

at the mortuary over the past seven days. An electrician by profession, he was assisting in marking bodies so authorities and relatives could identify them. He was also helping with cleaning the bodies.

Having handled dead bodies for so long, Basheer is anything but faint-hearted. However, he says the magnitude of the Wayanad landslide has been the worst he has ever witnessed. "It was unimaginable and terrifying. Body after body was arriving at the mortuary," he said. "Several bodies were mutilated beyond recognition, and relatives struggled to identify them. It was painful to see the bodies of kids, who must have been sleeping, without an inkling of what was happening."

Due to his expertise, he is well-known in the state, and is sought after by authorities whenever there are mass casualties. "I don't accept money... I am serving people at the time of their despair. I cannot make money out of it," said Basheer, a father of three.

Woman held for hoisting saffron flag at Taj Mahal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Agra: A woman activist from a right-wing outfit was arrested for performing a water ritual and hoisting a saffron flag at the Taj Mahal, claiming the monument used to be a Shiva temple, on the third Monday of Sawan.

Meera Rathore, associated with Akhil Bharat Hindu Mahasabha (ABHM), was detained by the Central Industrial Security Force (CISF). "She is being ques-

tioned. We are trying to identify the person who recorded her videos. We will hand her over to the police and lodge a formal

complaint about the incident," a senior CISF official said. At the time of filing this report, the CISF had not handed over the ABHM worker to the police. "So far, we have not received any complaint nor has the CISF handed over anyone to us," Tajganj SHO Jasveer Singh said.

Two days earlier, two individuals from the same organisation were arrested and jailed for allegedly performing a similar ritual at the Unesco World Heritage Site.

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नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

आम सूचना

संचिका सं-03/NUDM-11-03/2024/5387 / नविप्रएवंआविप्र

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के द्वारा विभिन्न महत्वपूर्ण योजनाओं के प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन एवं सतत अनुश्रवण हेतु विभाग स्तर पर Project Management Unit (PMU) गठित करने के लिए आउटसोर्सिंग के माध्यम से कार्य करने के लिए विभिन्न पदों पर संविदा आधारित नियोजन हेतु विज्ञापन आमंत्रित किया गया था।

उक्त विज्ञापन में प्राप्त आवेदनों के परीक्षण के उपरांत सफल अभ्यर्थियों की साक्षात्कार की तिथि दिनांक-08.08.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 10:30 बजे से निर्धारित थी, जिसे अपरिहार्य कारणों से स्थगित किया जाता है। चयनित अभ्यर्थियों के साक्षात्कार की तिथि की सूचना बाद में वेबसाइट <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban/> एवं ई-मेल के माध्यम से दी जायेगी।

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Sd./- Dy. Director (E-II)

Directorate of Training and Technical Education

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Two friends drown in MP waterfall while clicking selfie

Two men were swept to their deaths while clicking a selfie near a waterfall in MP's Maihar district Sunday. Seven friends had gone for a picnic to Jhajhoa waterfall in Kathha village on Friendship Day. Two of them — Bijju Kushwaha (22) and Sahil (19) — walked closer to the waterfall to take a selfie but slipped and fell into the water. Their friends tried to rescue them but in the desperate struggle, all seven began to drown, police said. Five men saved themselves but Bijju and Sahil were washed away. **TNN**

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

विज्ञापित संख्या-5385 / 2024

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग में आउटसोर्सिंग के आधार पर विभिन्न पदों पर संविदा नियोजन के संबंध में सूचना।

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के द्वारा विभिन्न महत्वपूर्ण योजनाओं के प्रभावी कार्यान्वयन एवं सतत अनुश्रवण हेतु विभाग स्तर पर Project Management Unit (PMU) गठित करने के लिए आउटसोर्सिंग के माध्यम से कार्य करने के लिए विभिन्न पदों पर संविदा आधारित नियोजन हेतु योग्य एवं इच्छुक अभ्यर्थियों का आवेदन विज्ञापन संख्या- PR No.-003961 (B&C) 2024-25 द्वारा आमंत्रित किया गया था।

उक्त विज्ञापन में अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक-30.07.2024 तक निर्धारित की गयी थी, अपरिहार्य कारणों से आवेदन करने की अंतिम तिथि को दिनांक-17.08.2024 तक विस्तारित किया जाता है। पदों की विवरणी निम्नवत् है:-

क्र. सं.	पद का नाम (पद की संख्या एवं आरक्षण कोटि)	न्यूनतम शैक्षिक अर्हता	कार्य अनुभव	मासिक मानदेय (Monthly Remuneration)
1	Urban Infrastructure Expert (01- Unreserved)	B. Tech in Civil Engineering with M. Plan / M.Tech.	Minimum 10 years experience of Government Infrastructure Projects.	Rs.2.5 Lakh
2	Project Performance Monitoring, Reporting and Communication System (PPMS) Expert (01- Unreserved)	Graduate in Computer Science or Engineering with Post Graduate Diploma in Statistics / Certificate Course in Data Analytics / Business Intelligence.	Minimum 7 years experience of Government Projects.	Rs.2.5 Lakh
3	Procurement cum Contract Management Expert (01- Unreserved)	MBA (Finance) / Post Graduation Diploma in Management (Finance).	Minimum 7 years experience of Government Procurement Projects.	Rs.2.5 Lakh
4	Monitoring & Evaluation Expert (01- Unreserved)	B. Tech in any discipline or Bachelor's in Commerce/ Economics / Statistics with Master's in Statistics / Master's in Economics / MBA.	Minimum 7 years of experience in Government Projects. The experience should include reviewing KPIs (Key Performance Indicators), handling processes for monitoring progress, analytics, generating data and information to support decision -making and improve project / program outcomes.	Rs.2.0 Lakh
5	Sr. Legal Advisor (01- Unreserved)	Bachelor's degree (full time) in Law (LLB) from any of the recognized Universities of India and registered as an advocate in any State Bar Council or Bar Council of India in terms of Advocate's Act, 1961.	Minimum 15 years experience in providing advice on legal aspects handling litigation matters in Central / State Government Organizations / Multilateral / Bilateral Development Agencies (e.g. World Bank, DFID, UNDP, ADB). Experience in a senior legal role in a private organization/ multinational organization.	Rs.1.0 Lakh
6	Jr. Legal Advisor (01- Unreserved)	Bachelor's degree (full time) in Law (LLB) from any of the recognized Universities of India and registered as an advocate in any State Bar Council or Bar Council of India in terms of Advocate's Act, 1961.	Minimum 10 years of post qualification experience in legal and litigation matters in Central / State Government Organizations / Private Organization / Multinational Organizations.	Rs. 80 Thousand
7	Grievances Redress Officer (01- Unreserved)	Retired Government official of Bihar Administrative Services (BAS)/Bihar Secretariat Service (BSS) from not below the Rank of Deputy Secretary.	-----	Rs. 80 Thousand
8	Urban Policy Expert (01- Unreserved)	B.Tech in Civil Engineering / Bachelors in Architecture / Planning with Master's Degree in Urban Planning / Urban Policy.	Minimum 10 years experience of Government Infrastructure Projects and at least 5 years experience in designing / framing Urban Policies.	Rs.2.0 Lakh
9	Solid Waste Management Expert - SBM(01- Unreserved)	Master's in Civil Engineering / Environmental Science or equivalent from a reputed educational institution.	Minimum 7 years of experience in Sanitation / Waste Management. Minimum 5 years of experience in Municipal Solid Waste Management or sanitation -related projects with Central / State Government.	Rs.2.25 Lakh
10	Waste-Water Expert - SBM (01- Unreserved)	Master's in Environmental Engineering / Environmental Science or equivalent from a reputed educational institution.	Minimum 07 years of relevant experience after attaining the requisite minimum qualification. Minimum 5 years of experience in Liquid Waste Management with Central / State Government.	Rs.1.75 Lakh
11	PPP Expert (01- Unreserved)	Master's in Business Administration / Economics / Finance / PGDM (Finance) or any other relevant discipline from an accredited University.	Minimum 10 years of relevant experience. Minimum 5 years of relevant experience in executing PPP Projects including but not limited to Project Structuring, Financial Modeling, Feasibility analysis, structure finance, executing loans and structured finance transactions for infrastructure projects and/or hands on experience developing and financing PPPs, including structuring and delivering infrastructure projects with PPP components. Experience of projects closed successfully (On boarding of concessionaire) in Urban Development Sector may be given preference.	Rs.1.75 Lakh
12	Environmental Expert - SBM (01- Unreserved)	Master's in Environmental Science / Environmental / Chemical Engineering / Environmental Planning / Disaster Management.	Minimum 07 years experience in relevant field. Preference may be given to candidates with Diploma / Degree in Environmental Law and Policy. Minimum 5 years of working experience in Environment / Waste Management / Sanitation with Central / State Government.	Rs.1.75 Lakh
13	M&E Specialist (01- Unreserved)	Master's in Statistics / MBA / Master's in Economics / Social Science or any other relevant discipline from an accredited University.	Minimum 7 years of relevant experience. Minimum 5 years of extensive experience in developing, monitoring and evaluation framework, data processing and management, information analysis. Preference may be given to candidates having experience of working on Government Projects. Preference may be given to candidates having experience of working on analytical tools.	Rs.1.50 Lakh
14	Documentation Expert - SBM (01- Unreserved)	MBA from a recognized University / Institution.	Minimum 10 years of overall experience and minimum 5 years of experience in document management, policy design or related field. Excellent editing and proof-reading skills and familiarity with document management software. Preference may be given to candidates having experience of working on Government Projects.	Rs.1.50 Lakh
15	IT Expert (01- Unreserved)	B.E / B.Tech. / M.Tech (Computer Science, Information Technology, Electronics) / MCA from a recognized University / Institution.	Minimum 10 years of experience in Consultancy / Implementation Works. Minimum 5 years of extensive experience in providing Consultancy services to Central / State Government Projects in the relevant field. Experience in Development of IT applications on multiple platforms may be given preference.	Rs.1.75 Lakh

2. आवेदक अपना आवेदन, बायोडाटा (CV) सहित E-mail ID:-recruitmentpmu.udhbihar@gmail.com पर दिनांक-17.08.2024 तक भेज सकते हैं। E-mail किये गये आवेदन में आवेदित पद का नाम अंकित रहेगा तथा विस्तृत बायोडाटा संलग्न करना होगा। साथ ही अर्हता से संबंधित कामजात यथा-शैक्षणिक योग्यता प्रमाण पत्र, कार्यानुभव प्रमाण पत्र इत्यादि संलग्न करना होगा।

3. आवेदकों से प्राप्त आवेदनों के परीक्षण के उपरांत शैक्षिक अर्हता एवं कार्यानुभव के आधार पर अभ्यर्थियों को साक्षात्कार के लिए चयनित (Shortlisted) किया जायेगा। तत्पश्चात् साक्षात्कार के लिए चयनित अभ्यर्थियों की सूची <https://state.bihar.gov.in/urban/> एवं ई-मेल के माध्यम से दिनांक- 23.08.2024 तक उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी।

4. चयनित अभ्यर्थियों के साक्षात्कार की तिथि की सूचना अलग से उपरोक्त वेबसाइट एवं ई-मेल के माध्यम से उपलब्ध करा दी जायेगी।

5. साक्षात्कार हेतु अभ्यर्थी अपना बायोडाटा, शैक्षिक अर्हता एवं अनुभव संबंधी प्रमाण पत्रों की मूल एवं रच-अभिप्रायित छायाप्रति के साथ उपस्थित होंगे।

6. उक्त पदों के लिए किया गया नियोजन संविदा आधारित होगा, जो PMU के लिए चयनित परामर्शी संस्था के अधीन होगा। प्रथम बार इस नियोजन की संविदा अवधि 12 माह के लिए रहेगी, जिसके बाद आवश्यकतानुसार तथा कार्य संतोषप्रद होने पर अगले आदेश तक इस अवधि को बढ़ाया जा सकता है।

7. साक्षात्कार हेतु किसी भी अभ्यर्थी को किसी भी तरह का यात्रा-भत्ता देया नहीं होगा।

परियोजना पदाधिकारी-सह-अपर निदेशक

नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग

PR-005456 (Urban) 2024-25

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A thought for today

Power concedes nothing without a demand.
It never did and it never will

FREDERICK DOUGLASS

BanglaMess

Hasina sowed the seeds of her downfall.
But her exit is a huge problem for India

Once a thriving South Asian economy, Bangladesh today looked like a South Asian tragedy. Sheikh Hasina fled the country, protesters stormed her official residence, the army, via an interim govt, took over, and economic problems, worsening for a while, will most likely get worse in the short term. A Bangladesh in turmoil will also likely force a reset in New Delhi-Dhaka ties, and that raises multiple strategic and security questions for the region.

A lost opportunity | Hasina's decade-and-a-half stint in govt had many positives. Her notable achievements included major constitutional reforms that reintroduced secularism as a fundamental tenet of Bangladeshi polity. Trials for war criminals of Bangladesh's 1971 Liberation War – a hugely popular demand as manifested in the 2013 Shahbagh protests – were undertaken. And Bangladesh saw impressive economic growth that put it on the path to graduating from the Least-Developed Countries group to a developing nation by 2026. Were Bangladesh to continue on this track, it would have emerged as a genuine South Asian star.

India's great friend | Ties between New Delhi and Hasina's Dhaka reached unprecedented levels. Hasina ensured no anti-India group was able to operate from Bangladeshi soil. Connectivity and trade flourished. Transit and trans-shipment, especially to India's Northeast, became a reality. Bilateral maritime and land boundary issues were resolved.

The fall | But where Hasina tripped up was in her handling of domestic politics. She decimated the opposition space, even had a bizarre experiment where the designated opposition party was in govt, and ruthlessly went after her govt's critics. The draconian Digital Security Act, 2018 was used to muzzle free speech across social and mass media. This lack of an official opposition created a political vacuum that eventually attracted street protests. Add to this recent economic woes engendered by Covid and the Ukraine war, which created a serious cost-of-living and unemployment crisis, manifesting in the anti-jobs-quota protests last month. Multiple factors created a perfect storm.

Future uncertain | Bangladesh has a mixed record with interim/caretaker govts. The one between 2007-2008 unsuccessfully tried a minus-two formula to eliminate Hasina and her rival Khaleda Zia from politics. Plus, last week Hasina had branded Jamaat-e-Islami as a terror organisation. But Jamaat was part of the all-party discussions with the army chief. And India's experience with the last BNP-Jamaat govt wasn't pleasant. Then there's the issue of protection of Bangladesh's Hindu minority and security along the Indo-Bangla border: China, Pakistan will be sniffing opportunities. New Delhi faces a huge diplomatic challenge.

Capital Punishment

Delhi's governance is a casualty of a political fight with citizens as the biggest loser

The SC verdict giving Delhi's LG the sole authority to appoint 10 aldermen to the city's municipal corporation draws a line under the legal dispute between AAP govt and Centre on the issue. But whether it will improve MCD's functioning is anyone's guess. It took SC more than a year to rule on this crucial matter. The municipal corporation has been functioning without its all-important standing committee. Even after yesterday's judgment, it is quite possible there won't be much forward movement on vital projects stuck all these months. Interestingly, when it reserved its judgment in the case in May last year, SC had spoken of MCD being destabilised if LG was granted power to appoint aldermen.

Political slugfest | The real issue for citizens of the national capital is that there's no end to BJP-AAP slugfest, and therefore to the fight between Centre-appointed LG and Delhi govt. Kejriwal is in jail, and may be there for a while, his ministers blame LG and Delhi govt bureaucrats, who are now answerable to Centre. LG blames ministers. The big casualty is decision-making. Even by the low standards of govt effectiveness in India, the way Delhi, India's most populous city, is being governed is extraordinary.

No hope? | SC ordered in May last year that "services" fall under the ambit of Delhi govt, only for GOI to pass a law overturning it. SC hasn't ruled on the appeal against that law. Will elections early next year solve the problem? If AAP returns, the same mess will continue. If BJP wrests Delhi back, will its govt get more space to govern? If that happens, there will be sharp questions and another round of political and legal fight about what happened when AAP was in office. Delhi's misfortune looks set to continue.

Forget Olympic gold

Indra Nooyi is our Simone Biles. We are also busy cracking UPSC, crossing waterlogged roads

Arnab Ray

Having lived through many Olympics, I am sick and tired of that old chestnut: Why do we do so poorly in the Olympic Games? I have heard it all: Indian politicians and administrators see the Olympics as a free foreign trip; no one cares about athletes; why would anyone care about athletes if they do not win anything?; we do not spend enough on Olympic sports; we do spend enough now, so why can't our athletes perform on the biggest stage? And that chestnut of all chestnuts: Why can't we be like China?

So now, I ask myself a more fundamental question: Why bother with the Olympics at all?

Let's be honest. It is not for us. If we were an autocratic fascist state, we could, like China, have a regimented system sponsored by govt, in the way East European countries and USSR once had, to institutionalise the production of champions. If we were a historically rich country like US and England, we would pursue sports for the fun of it, knowing that there was a livelihood to be made, if the sports thing didn't work out.

But we are in India, and we roll different. Unlike China, we do have 'too much democracy', and what that implies is we have the agency to make a choice, and we have made a choice: To excel in C, Java, and Python. Decathlon is for noobs; we go full-stack, baby, front, and back-end. Forget gold every four years; our kids make gold every day through base, bonus, and LTI. Sundar Pichai is our Carl Lewis, and Indra Nooyi is our Simone Biles. Long-shot odds that require physical and emotional endurance? How about IIT-JEE, NEET, and UPSC? We run and swim and balance, but on roads, in waterlogged cities, and in public transportation, all in the pursuit of what we, as individuals, prioritise.

And when we want to chest-thump and wave our flag at a sporting event, we can always turn to cricket, a game we virtually own, regardless of whether we win or lose. So, yes, the Olympics are fun, and a medal or two, here and there, is worth celebration, like finding a few currency notes in an old jacket, but let's not lose sight of the larger picture. This is not our thing.

In Dhaka, They Rose, So She Fell

Angry young Bangladeshis ended Hasina's reign. In her final days in govt, she was a textbook example of an authoritarian divorced from reality

Shahab Enam Khan



Columnist based in Dhaka

With Sheikh Hasina forced out of Bangladesh, a very new chapter of the country's history is unfolding. And, no doubt, its driving force are the Bangladeshi youth. This generation has weathered three consecutive controversial elections – in 2014, 2018, 2024. Yesterday, the students' protests, having brought the Hasina regime to its knees, have also ended the Awami League era, at least for now.

Chief of army staff, General Waker-uz-Zaman, has promised justice and a well-structured interim govt. And this has ignited optimism amidst the chaos. The only way the country can achieve a brighter political and economic future, is if the military and the interim govt can keep the faith of the public. The formation of a credible interim govt, which is to follow upon Zaman's discussions with all political parties and civil society, will be critical. For now, his efforts appear to be in the right direction, and also bring to mind how Awami League failed on basic democratic measures.

To understand Bangladesh's emerging political situation, one must consider how many waves of injustice finally built up into a huge anti-Hasina uprising. Awami League misinterpreted the protests, or perhaps consciously ignored their meaning. Either way, it was a deeply flawed political engagement with the public.

This current round of protests was led by the 'Students Against Discrimination' group, formed to demand reforms in quotas for jobs. Awami League met this demand with denial and deception. Party seniors sought coercive measures to quell the protesters. Indeed, the standoff between the state apparatuses and the students resulted in mass killings, the worst that this generation of Bangladeshis has ever seen.

The murder of unarmed and young Abu Saeed by police is of particular note. It became a powerful public symbol of the fight against chronic corruption, repression, and the arrogance of power.

Overall, these protests have touched every micro unit of govt even as they have brought normal lives to a standstill. But despite the tragic loss of at least 300 lives, a curfew, and the deployment of the military, the resistance has held. The economy has been severely ruptured, but the spirit of the people

endures, a testament to the driving logic of the protests. Awami League's lack of empathy for the students and their causes was deeply scarring in and of itself. However, what made it feel worse was that it came on top of a sharp rise in inflation, uncertainties about welfare, and fear of persecution that were already there.

Remittance earners joined the protests by reducing inward remittance through banking channels, which made for a unique quandy in our history. Basically, the student protests exposed pre-existing grievances. Basically, these ended up clearly written on the walls.

The larger public joined the students' protests because their grievances resonated. While the demonstrations started as the powerless banding together, a diverse range of political and apolitical entities soon joined them. This unity underscores the complex way in which social issues and individual and collective aspirations fuel protests.



Uday Deb

'India's worry is troubles in border districts post-Hasina... then, the role China may have played in what happened'

Veena Sikri, India's former high commissioner to Bangladesh, tells Nandita Sengupta that once students' wings of Awami League, Jamaat-e-Islami, BNP and other political groups hit the streets, the initial students' quota reform movement morphed into something "totally different" to become a one-point demand for Sheikh Hasina to go. India's sole objective now is to watch the border and track the acceptability of the interim govt.

You've said the student protests were drowned out by other political groups.

When I see visuals of Mujibur Rahman's statue being vandalised... it's not the students. They consider him Father of the Nation. Students in Bangladesh have been at the forefront right from 1971 – ever a patriotic group. These were the other protesters – wings of Jamaat, BNP, Chhatra League and others who took to the streets after Sheikh Hasina's inadvertent use of the word *razakar*. She never used it for the students.

What was important was the army taking over. Recall Bangladesh army backed a caretaker govt for 2007-2008. And it didn't stay but rather arranged elections and left. Because a) the Bangladesh people wanted genuine democracy, and b) because UN said we will not let you take part in peacekeeping ops. Their army has had a quiet role since then, but today they are certainly the only force for stability.

What will be New Delhi's immediate lookout?

For India, stability, democracy and continued development in Bangladesh are the most important objectives. The first thing to watch out for is the long border. Any instability in Bangladesh immediately impacts adjoining regions of India. Second, we want people to go back to normal life. We've to now see whether the interim govt will be accepted. What is the composition of this interim govt? Does it have all political groupings in Bangladesh? Will it be able to

take executive decisions for fresh elections to be held?

You expect elections in the near future?

I would think so, yes. Bangladesh students have always wanted participatory elections. Now, in the last election, we've to note that BNP chose not to participate. Had they participated they would probably have won a large number of seats. Because there was anti-incumbency, people wanted change. But now it's called a one-sided election. Jamaat couldn't participate because high court deregistered them as a political party because their constitution places itself above the constitution of Bangladesh. But I believe today there might be young people in Jamaat who might want to change that. Will they do that? Let's see how it unfolds.

New Delhi will be wary about Jamaat.

Well, the question is if Jamaat wants to participate in the next election. Will they accept the constitution of Bangladesh? We see Jamaat wanting to have a direct influence. How is that going to work out?

I hope the call of the army will find acceptability across Bangladesh. The army called in Jamaat because to bring the situation under control, Jamaat had to be part of the dialogue. Will Jamaat pay heed to the interim govt?

What's expected over the next week?

We've to see if protesters return home. Will educational institutions restart? Can there be a judicial inquiry into what has happened? There's been huge

destruction of strategic civilian infra. It's certainly not

the students who did that. Bangladesh TV building, national data centres, server facilities, new bridges, new overpasses and flyovers – all civilian infra destroyed is a huge loss for the country. And homes of Hindu minority are being burnt.

Beijing helped in the infra-building too. Hasina's visit to China recently did not go well. In 2016, Xi Jinping announced a huge number of financial assistance projects. But this time he hardly met her, didn't have any discussions with her on financial assistance that she had been asking for. I was surprised because the Chinese do not normally handle matters like this. We know Sheikh Hasina returned one day early, and obviously she was very annoyed. From this, can I deduce they wanted her to go? Why would Beijing treat her like that? It was unbelievable. When you invite someone home, and then do this, could it be part of a deeper plan? Why would you do this? They could even have postponed the visit.

Could Beijing have encouraged the protests? I'm saying the students' protests were different. They and Hasina were on the same page for a long time. But at some point, when this got onto the streets, who was encouraging them? It's always Pakistan-China who are the ones encouraging. It's Pakistan-China with the closest links with Jamaat all these years. A regime change of this kind in India's neighbourhood is very disconcerting.

Looking ahead, the interim govt's critical task would be to reform the electoral institutions to make them substantially inclusive. This would have to be backed by restoring an economy plagued by corruption and unsustainable ventures. Money siphoned out needs to be brought back to stabilise the economy. Another critical task would be to conduct credible inquiries into the killing of protesters. One govt gone, the new govt will have very difficult work to do in the coming days.

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He who looks upon well-wishers and neutrals as well as mediators, friends and foes, relatives and inimicals, the virtuous and the sinful with equanimity, stands supreme.

Bhagwad Gita 6:9

Rising Above Affiliations In Politics And Environment

Narayani Ganesh

Should spiritual masters cast their vote in elections? "All spiritual leaders have to be neutral. They have to be like journalists. If someone asked you as a newspaper, if you are with communists or Congress or others, you will say, you are here for people. Similarly, spiritual leaders, I think, have to be for people." These are Sri Sri Ravi Shankar's words, in an interview with a national newspaper when he was asked about his political affiliation, if any.

By remaining neutral, the guru rises above mundane politics, which is part of the material world, with all its pushes and pulls. As for the people, it is up to them, really, if they wish to vote for this party or that, and whether they wish to vote at all. The choice is in the hands of the individual. Faced with day-to-day challenges in the world, the individual

voter has to take a call on how he wishes to direct governance options.

On the other hand, the guru is someone who remains unperturbed regardless of who wins or loses an election, because he is neutral. It is the kind of neutrality that transcends good and bad, dualities and polarities. A spiritual master is free of affiliations; he is attributeless. Therefore, national and international politics, ought not to concern him, as a realised soul. His focus is on universal love rather than on love for country, clan or party.

Coming to the subject of the environment – a burning issue today due to exploitation and degradation by humans over the years – the call is for all individuals, businesses, communities and govts to be carbon-neutral. That is, to reduce one's carbon footprint, which

is the root cause of global warming, climate change and unnatural disasters. By remaining carbon-neutral, natural forces come into play, and the environment begins to repair itself. The spiritual master teaches by example, and in doing so, sets the tone for sustainable lifestyles and policies that will automatically reverse the damage done and prevent new assaults on the environment.

Being neutral in politics and environment does not mean that the guru is indifferent or apathetic; as a non-attached person, he is open to embrace all possibilities and promotes universal love and harmony rather than get embroiled in environmental and political activism. Creating awareness is more up his street; by removing ignorance and making knowledge accessible, the guru enables people to get more clarity on

various issues – both material and metaphysical – and hence the individual is able to make informed choices. The outlook is compassionate, not motivated by personal interests. Such a sage may seem free-floating and rootless, but that is the whole point. Being rootless in this context is a virtue, for the guru is unbiased and without prejudice. His wont is to inform and elevate, and not to control. The Gita does indicate that the sage is not obliged to either do or not do, for he abides in the Self. This Self is what is called choiceless awareness, as Ramana Maharshi pointed out. The sage is witness, free of dualities. He may seem inactive, but that is not the case. He is constantly creating awareness so that you know you have the power of choice. You will be able to do your duty without attachment and expectation. That is your dharma.

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THE SPEAKING TREE

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of pension cover for senior citizens compared to peers

Source: Ministries



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Bitcoin plunges, Ether has worst drop since 2021

Cryptocurrencies reeled from a bout of risk aversion in global markets on Monday, at one point sending Bitcoin down more than 16% and saddling second-ranked Ether with the steepest fall since 2021. Top token Bitcoin traded 8% lower at \$54,653 in early trade, adding to a 13.1% drop last week that was the worst since the period when the FTX exchange imploded. Ether shed over a fifth of its value before paring some of the slide to change hands at \$2,440. Most major coins nursed losses. BLOOMBERG



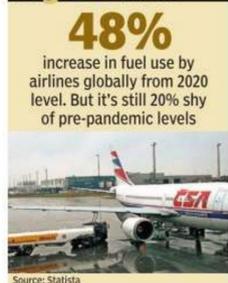
Gold prices fall as rout sets traders on edge

Gold plunged on Monday as traders assessed the implications of a major global stock rout. Spot bullion fell as much as 3.2%. Other precious metals have also fallen sharply, with silver down by as much as 7.2%. "Margin calls ahead of the New York opening have forced traders to liquidate winning positions in gold to cover their losses on stocks," said Adrian Ash, director of research at BullionVault, a trading platform for metals. In a stock-market crash it's common for gold to drop as equities plunge, "but it falls less and from higher ground before finding its floor sooner," he added. BLOOMBERG

Oil prices slide to 7-month low over meltdown

Oil extended losses to a new seven-month low as a selloff in wider financial markets continued to heap pressure on prices. Brent futures slipped below \$76 a barrel — erasing this year's gains — and hit the lowest level since January. West Texas Intermediate dropped to a little above \$72. A rout in global equities worsened on Monday on concerns around the economic outlook. Speculators have added to the slump, with money managers slashing bullish bets on the global Brent benchmark by the most since 2022 last week. They also have the fewest wagers on rising gasoline prices since 2017. BLOOMBERG

figure it out



Ola Elec IPO sails through on Day 2 despite volatility

Mumbai: The Rs 6,146-crore Ola Electric IPO sailed through by the end of the penultimate day of the bidding process despite a highly bearish market due to a global market selloff. At close of market on Monday, the issue was subscribed nearly 1.1 times, data from BSE showed. The employee portion of the IPO was subscribed the most, at almost 9 times. The retail portion was subscribed 2.9 times and the non-institutional investors portion 1.1 times. The portion reserved for the qualified institutional buyers was undersubscribed at 40%. The issue was at a price band of Rs 72-76 per share. It will close on Tuesday. TNN

Don't panic, bet on resilient eco, stay invested: Experts

Warning: Market Players Say Investors Shouldn't Expect 'Very High' Returns That Have Been Seen In Recent Past

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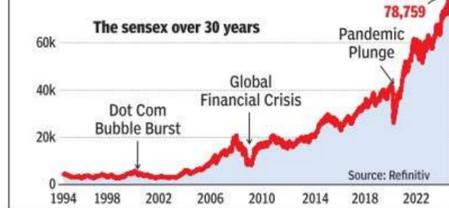
Mumbai: Are you investing in the market regularly in a disciplined manner to achieve your financial goals? If so, there is no reason for you to panic and start liquidating part or all of your portfolio amid stock meltdown. That's the suggestion from top fund managers and financial advisors for investors in India.

Over the past three decades, the Indian market has gone through several bouts of sharp selling, some influenced by external factors while others by local issues. Yet, over the last 30 years, the sensex has moved up by nearly 22.5 times with a compounded annual growth rate of 11%. In the intervening period, the markets have seen the South Asian crisis, the dot-com bubble that burst, the sub-prime issues-led global financial crisis and the pandemic-led global selloff.

The current selloff is on the back of a three-year high

Just A Blip? Sensex CAGR 11% Over 30 Yrs

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unemployment rate in the US, the sudden strengthening of the Japanese yen leading to losses in the forex speculators and geopolitical crisis in West Asia.

"Long term investors should not be deterred by such global uncertainties. Market downturns should be viewed as an opportunity and the focus should be on a broader investment horizon," said A Balasubramanian, MD & CEO, Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund. "The focus should remain on the broader investment horizon of 10-15 years, leveraging the solid fundamentals of the Indian economy and its companies."

Despite a host of negative global economic fundamentals in the post-pandemic years, the Indian economy has shown strong resilience. The

strength of the Indian economy should see Indian investors through the current crisis too, fund managers said.

"While possibility of a US recession is bad for equity market sentiment in general, and will lead to corrections across equities across the global markets, the markets where the domestic economy is stronger can be expected to rebound faster than others," said Sandeep Bagla, CEO, Trust ME. "The Indian economy is likely to be more resilient than other smaller economies and hence investors could look to add to market corrections."

Fund managers said that investing through the systematic investment route is the best for long term investors. "Long-term investments should continue, especially through SIPs, to build a resilient portfolio," Balasubramanian said. However, there's a word of caution from the fund managers as well: They should not expect very high returns, something that the markets have given in the recent past.

Adani plans to retire in 8 yrs at 70: Report To Transfer Control To His Two Sons And Two Nephews In Early 2030s: Bloomberg

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Adani Group chairman Gautam Adani, 62, plans to step down from the infrastructure conglomerate he founded in 1988 at the age of 70 and transfer control to his two sons and two nephews in the early 2030s, according to a Bloomberg News report.

However, challenges of a four-way leadership structure, political scrutiny, legal and reputational risks could impact the conglomerate's long-term sustainability, the report says. Gautam's sons, Karan (37) and Jeet (26), are involved in the ports and airports businesses, while his nephews, Pranav (45) and Sagar (30) oversee the FMCG and green energy portfolios. Pranav is the son of Gautam's older half brother Vinod Adani and Sagar is the son of his younger brother Rajesh Adani.

Pranav and Karan seem to be the obvious candidates to succeed Gautam as chairman, however, both told Bloomberg that there are no plans for either to take charge. When Gautam retires, his four heirs will become equal beneficiaries of the family trust. A confidential agreement will dictate the transition of stakes in the conglomerate's firms to the heirs, the report said. The group's various companies are controlled by the family through special purpose vehicles, overseas entities, family trusts, and domestically incorporated entities.

"Transfer of management and wealth across generations for a group like Adani

'2ND GEN IS ALSO HUNGRY FOR GROWTH'



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I am happy that all of them are hungry for growth, which is not common in the second generation. They have to work together to build a legacy — Gautam Adani | CHAIRMAN, ADANI GROUP

will be complex and a time-drawn process," said Nirmarya Kumar, a professor at Singapore Management University's Lee Kong Chian business school. "How they are holding and controlling the wealth is a black box."

Karan said the structures have been simplified over the years to avoid "crisis-cross holdings" and the family now holds stakes in each business directly. Gautam emphasised the importance of succession for business sustainability and continuity, saying, "I left the choice to the second generation as the transition must be organic, gradual and very systematic." Early 2018, Gautam — Asia's second richest man — had asked his sons and nephews whether they wanted to carve up the group between them and part ways. The scions told him that they wanted to run the infrastructure conglomerate together as a family, even after his departure.

This creates a four-way leadership structure that splits management of the businesses but requires the heirs to work together. When the founder does step back, the joint decision-making will continue, the scions told Bloomberg, even in the event of a crisis or a major strategic call. They brushed off questions about the challenge of collective decision-making. "Though each of us are looking at different businesses, we are like one team," Pranav was quoted as saying in the report. Jeet said: "All four of us instinctively knew that we'd have to stay together as we grew up seeing our fathers working together."

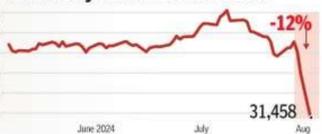
But without any formal hierarchy, business management will almost certainly be testing and time-consuming. All four heirs say risk containment has been a bigger focus following the Hindenburg allegations, and acknowledge that growth will be more calibrated once they take over.

How Turbulence Which Began In Japan Spread Across The World On Black Monday

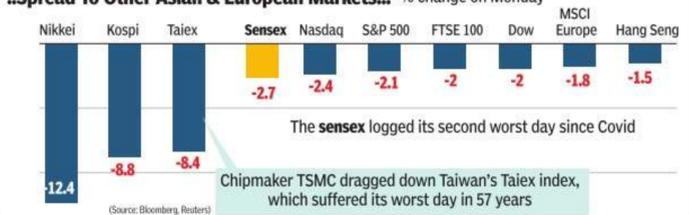
Sparks Flew In Japan...

Japanese stocks collapsed on Monday in their biggest single day rout since the 1987 Black Monday selloffs, driven by economic concerns and worries global investments funded by a cheap yen were being unwound

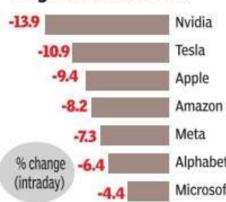
Worst Day For Nikkei Since 1987



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Why Global Market Rout Has More To Do With End Of Cheap Funding Than US Economy

1 The US employment report alone wasn't weak enough to be the main driver of such violent moves, analysts said

2 The answer lies in a sharp position unwind of carry trades, where investors have borrowed money from economies with low rates like Switzerland or Japan to fund investments in higher-yielding assets elsewhere

3 They have been caught out as the Japanese yen has rallied by over 11% against the dollar from 38-year lows hit just a month ago. Interest rate hike by Bank of Japan triggered a surge in the yen

10-yr bond yield softens to 6.85%, a 28-mth low

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Monday's weakness in the stock market forced investors to look for safe haven assets like bonds which led to a rally in gilt prices. As a result, as bond prices rallied the benchmark 10-year bond yield fell below the 6.85% level, its lowest mark in more than two years. The govt bonds with a coupon of 7.1% that would mature in 2034 opened Monday's trading at 6.86% yield, touched a low at 6.84% and closed at 6.86%.

According to Ramkamal Samanta of Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance, favourable demand-supply dynamics, comfortable liquidity and meaningful softening of the global fixed income yield have helped the Indian 10-year benchmark yield to touch 6.85% mark after a gap of 28 months. In the interim Budget as well as the full-fledged Budget, the govt said that it planned to borrow less in the current fiscal (Rs 14.01 lakh crore) than how much it did the previous fiscal (Rs 14.13 lakh crore). This ensured less supply of gilts in the market, helping the yields to soften.

At 83.84/\$, rupee falls to new low amid FPI selloff

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The rupee closed at a new low against the dollar on Monday with the domestic currency coming under pressure as foreign investors sold equities. The rupee ended the day at 83.84, down four paise from Friday's close of 83.8.

Dealers said that if the global rout in equities continues the exchange rate might move to 84 mark ahead of the RBI's monetary policy committee meeting on Thursday. Dealers said that there were some late evening transactions that took place above 84 levels.

According to analysts, besides the sales by foreign investors, other developments were positive for the exchange rate. For instance, the dollar index fell from \$104 to \$102.20, and crude prices, which constitute much of India's import bill, crashed from \$78 to \$72.

"The main factors contributing to rupee's fall are selloff in capital markets and fund outflows, which have affected other global currencies. Rupee is expected to face volatility, with a range between 83.75-84.20," said Jateen Trivedi of LKP Securities.

SoftBank shares dive most since '98

A stock rout in Japan wiped out \$15 billion of SoftBank's value on Monday, after the company's biggest single-day fall since 1998.

The technology giant's stock fell 19%, the worst performance since SoftBank listed on the Tokyo Stock Exchange in 1998. The stock has now extended its decline for the Sept quarter so far to 38%, in line to be the biggest such drop since 2001. The plunge comes as founder Masayoshi Son prepares an investment blitz in AI and semiconductor technologies. The global market rout also threatens to hurt SoftBank's Vision Fund unit. BLOOMBERG

Selloff in midcap, smallcap stocks worse

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Gold and crude were trading 1% lower in early trades in New York, while bitcoin slumped over 8% to a multi-month low.

The day's session in India was greatly impacted by selloff in Japan and South Korea, and in Taiwan. While Nikkei in Japan plunged over 12%, Korea and Taiwan each were down 9%. Following its global peers, the Indian market opened gap down and corrected sharply during the day, said Siddhartha Khemka, head (retail research), Motilal Oswal Financial Services.

Post mid-session, "Euro-

TATA MOTORS FALLS THE MOST



pean stocks fell, extending last week's decline amid a deepening global rout in equities and a rotation away from the technology shares that have powered this year's rally," said Deepak Jasani, head of retail research, HDFC Securities.

"Going forward, we expect volatility to continue ahead of RBI policy and multiple global headwinds, including the unwinding of yen carry-trades, recession fears in the US, and escalating tensions in the Middle East. The US slowdown is a bigger concern and sooner or later the US Fed will bite the bullet of interest rate cuts which should provide relief in the current environment," Khemka said.

India VIX, was up 52% during the day. VIX indicates fear among investors about the market and the economy in the near future.

According to Anand James, chief market strategist, Geojit Financial Services, just a few sessions ago, India VIX was not far from record low, which magnified the rate of rise on Monday. "In absolute terms, we are still way below the VIX seen around the (Lok Sabha) election results," he said. In Monday's session, the sell-off in midcap and smallcap stocks was even worse. As a result, BSE's midcap index closed 3.8% down while the smallcap index closed 4.1% lower.

Apple imposes 'discriminatory' commission on some app makers

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In its submission on the investigation, Apple argued that IAP is the method by which the company collects its commission, which in turn allows it to maintain and develop the App Store as a "safe, trusted environment for users and developers".

"Apple imposes several onerous conditions via developer program license agreement (DPLA) and Appstore review guidelines. The anti-steering provisions restrict the app developers from communicating alternative purchase methods within the app. Accordingly, no third-party payment processor is permitted to provide services for the digital

Google violated antitrust laws in online search, US judge rules

Google acted illegally to maintain a monopoly in online search, a US judge ruled on Monday, a decision that strikes at the power of big tech companies and that may fundamentally alter the way they do business. Judge Amit Mehta of US District Court for the District of Columbia said Google had abused a monopoly over the search business. The Justice Department and states had sued Google, accusing it of illegally cementing its dominance, in part, by paying other companies, like Apple and Samsung, billions of dollars a year to have Google automatically handle search queries on their smartphones and web browsers. NYT NEWS SERVICE

content on iOS devices," sources said on the findings. They added that the iPhone maker also imposes "discriminatory" commission on certain app makers while gaining unfairly from their data. While charging a peak 30% commission from many digital apps, Apple does not charge commission from proprietary apps like Apple Music, Apple Arcade Games, which is seen as a violation of provisions.



MEGHAN REVEALS SHE HAD SUICIDAL THOUGHTS DURING TIME WITH ROYAL FAMILY: 'IF TELLING SAVES SOMEONE... WORTH IT'



'VEEP' STAR JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS SAYS WILL BE 'EXTRA INVOLVED' IN KAMALA CAMPAIGN, MAY ATTEND DNC

Hasina's Home Ransacked, Party Offices On Fire

From Lipstick To Fish And Chicken, Protesters Loot All; Indian Cultural Centre Vandalised; 4 Temples Damaged

Prez says interim govt after House dissolution, orders Zia release

Dhaka: Bangladesh Prez Mohammed Shahabuddin said on Monday that an interim govt would be formed as soon as possible after dissolving the parliament as he ordered the release of ex-PM Khaleda Zia, who is under house arrest after being convicted in several cases.

"A decision has been taken to form an interim govt as soon as possible by dissolving parliament. The army will also take measures to normalise the prevailing anarchic situation," he said in a televised address to the nation, with the chiefs of the three services standing behind him. The interim govt will hold general elections as soon as possible, he added.

"I am directing the armed forces to take stern measures to protect the lives and properties of the people and state assets. I call upon all to come forward to ensure communal harmony, security of minorities and protect govt property," he said. The prez said those involved in killing and violence will be brought to justice through impartial investigation. All offices and courts in the country will open from Tuesday, he said.

He said that the meeting with the leaders of various political parties also unanimously decided to release Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairperson Khaleda Zia. "The meeting has also decided to free all the people who have been arrested during the student protests," a statement said. Zia, 78, who has twice been PM, has been in jail since she was sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018. Her health has been deteriorating and she was moved to a hospital in 2019.

Hasina will not make a political comeback, left for safety, says son

London: Bangladesh's ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will not make a political comeback, her son and former official adviser Sajeeb Wazed Joy said on Monday, asserting that she had left the country for her own safety after her family had insisted that she leave.

In an interview to Newshour on BBC World Service, Joy said Hasina had been considering resigning since Sunday. He said his mother, who governed Bangladesh for 15 years, was "so disappointed that after all her hard work... for a minority to rise up against her".

Expressing Hasina's disappointment, Joy said, "She has turned Bangladesh around. When she took over, it was considered a failing state. It was a poor country. Until today it was considered one of the rising tigers of Asia. She's very disappointed." Rejecting accusations that the govt had been heavy-handed in dealing with protesters, Joy said, "You've had policemen beaten to death—13 just yesterday. So what do you expect the police to do when mobs are beating people to death?"

Stارmer talks of 'standing army' of police to deal with far-right rioting across Britain

London: British PM Keir Starmer said Monday that a "standing army" of specialist police would be set up to deal with rioting and that the justice system would be ramped up to deal with hundreds of arrests after violent disorder rocked cities across the nation over the past week.

Starmer convened an urgent meeting after lawlessness that he blamed on far-right activists and misinformation on social media that whipped up anger over a stabbing rampage at a dance class that left three girls dead and many more wounded. False rumours spread online that the suspect was a Muslim and an asylum-seeker led to attacks on immigrants and Muslims. "Whatever the apparent motivation, this is not protest. It is pure violence and we will not tolerate attacks on mosques or our Muslim communities," Starmer said. "The full force of the law will be visited on all those



B'desh military has a long history of coups. Now, its focus is on mediation

Bangladesh's army has a history of staging coups and counter coups. But over the past couple decades, the military has taken a less overt role in public affairs, choosing more often to exercise influence from behind the scenes. Part of that shift was attributed to ousted PM Sheikh Hasina. Her father, Bangladesh's first leader, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, as well as much of her family, was killed in a deadly military coup in 1975. In her time in office, she has stacked its leadership ranks with loyalists, and allowed them access to lucrative govt contracts.

While the army was deployed on the streets during the crackdown to clear the protesters late last month, there were reports of discomfort in the ranks over it. Dozens of former senior officers also issued a statement calling on the military not "to rescue those who have created this current situation" — a statement seen by some as referring to the police and paramilitaries, and possibly even to Sheikh Hasina herself.

On Sunday, the army's chief, Gen. Waker-uz-Zaman, had gathered senior officers for a meeting that was seen as an attempt to allay concerns. In a statement after the meeting, the army said its chief had reiterated that "the Bangladesh army will always stand by the people in the interest of the public and in any need of the state."

Ali Riaz, an expert on Bangladeshi politics, said the coun-



Anti-govt protesters vandalise a statue of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, Bangladesh's founding father and ousted PM Hasina's father, in Dhaka

The man now in charge: Who is army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman

Dhaka: Army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman spent nearly four decades rising to the top of the military. Bedecked with medal ribbons on his green fatigues and wearing a four-star general's cap, Zaman on Monday said PM Sheikh Hasina had quit and that he was "taking full responsibility" on the formation of an interim govt.

The mild-looking, bespectacled career infantry officer was recently appointed as chief of army staff, the military's top job, on June 23. Hasina had trusted him because he was a distant relative. His father-in-law, General Muhammad Mustafizur Rahman, was army chief during the first of Hasina's five terms as PM from 1996-2001.

Previously, he served as Chief of General Staff for little over six months — a role in which he oversaw, among other things, military operations, intelligence, Bangladesh's role in UN peacekeeping, and budget. He has also worked closely with Hasina, serving as the principal staff officer at the armed forces division under the PM's office.

Zaman, aged 57 or 58, also received officer training in Britain. Married with two daughters, he holds master's degrees in defence studies from Bangladesh's National University and King's College London. He has also been associated with the modernisation of the army.

Nepal steps up border security

Nepal on Monday stepped up security at its border with India, fearing a potential infiltration of citizens from Bangladesh. "All security personnel deployed in the border areas have been instructed through circulars to closely monitor and take measures against potential illegal entries," said a senior official. In the past, Rohingya refugees had entered Nepal via the Mechi Bridge and other entry points.

US praises B'desh army's 'restraint'

The US govt on Monday commended Bangladesh's army for the "restraint" it has showed and urged that formation of an interim govt be democratic. "We urge all parties to refrain from further violence. Too many lives have been lost over the course of the past several weeks, and we urge calm and restraint in the days ahead," a state department spokesman said.

try is facing a long road ahead, as politicians and the military will struggle to restore calm while satisfying various camps and reining in attempts to settle scores. "So the challenges on the process going forward are daunting," he said, adding, observers will be watching to ensure that the military's role stays that of mediator, given the history of army takeovers.

A FAMILIAR SCRIPT PLAYS OUT AGAIN

When regimes fall amidst turmoil, when a leader flees the country, the go-to destination for angry protesters or triumphant militias is the official home of the fallen leader. Entering it, taking control, getting photographed to capture the moment is what armed groups taking over look for. For protesters, it's about venting anger, delighting in making merry in a seat of power and taking away goodies, enjoying the perks of high life, even if just for a few hours.

Dhaka witnessed a version of this as young Bangladeshis roamed around Hasina's official residence. So, did recently, Colombo and Kabul.



Dhaka: On Aug 5, 2024, anti-Hasina protesters entered her official residence, raided the kitchen, ran around, plonked themselves on the presidential bed, and generally had a good time, with no one to stop them and Hasina having fled to India



Colombo: On July 12, 2022, thousands of people gathered in the Lankan capital, intent on taking a look at the presidential palace and its grand interiors, three days after protesters stormed it and the Rajapakses fled the country



Kabul: On Aug 15, 2021, Taliban militants entered the president's house in Kabul, having roundly defeated the then Afghan army in a short civil war. President Ashraf Ghani Ahmadzai had fled the country before the Taliban entered his 'home'

Dhaka: Thousands of protesters in Bangladesh on Monday looted and vandalised Sheikh Hasina's official residence in the capital Dhaka, smashed a statue of her father Mujibur Rahman with hammers and set her party's offices on fire as they celebrated her departure.

Hasina, 76, resigned as PM and left Bangladesh amid mass protests against her govt over a controversial quota system that reserved 30% of govt jobs for the families of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's war of independence against Pakistan in 1971. She had been governing the strategically located South Asian nation since 2009.

Pics with PM's menagerie

Thousands of protesters defied a military curfew and stormed her official residence 'Ganabhaban' in Dhaka. Video footage showed jubilant crowds vandalising and ransacking the premises, taking away even fish, chicken and vegetables. Bangladesh's Channel 24 broadcast images of crowds running into Hasina's compound, grinning and waving to the camera, looting furniture and books, or relaxing on beds. One protester proudly proclaimed to the media that he had taken a

red lipstick. "I will keep it as a memento of our struggle... to remember we broke free from a dictator," he said. Another man carrying a planter said, "This is freedom." Demonstrators also posed for pictures with the PM's menagerie, including chickens, ducks and rabbits.

Hammers on Mujibur statue

Footage on social media showed protesters climbing a statue of Hasina's father in Ganabhaban and smashing it with hammers. The Bangabandhu memorial museum — dedicated to Mujibur Rahman who was assassinated along with his wife and their three sons while serving as prez in 1975 — was also vandalised. Hasina and her sister had survived the purge as they were abroad. Hasina then spent six years in exile in India. The home of Wajed Miah, Hasina's husband, was not spared.

Crowd enters parliament

The Awami League office in the capital was also set on fire. Home minister Asaduzzaman Khan's house was ransacked. A Prothom Alo reporter said screams could be heard when several people entered the chief justice's residence. The crowd also

HASINA VS PROTESTERS

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR

July 1 | Protests start with students demonstrating against 30% govt job quota for kin of 1971 war veterans

Schools and universities shut; internet and mobile data turned off

July 21 | Protests pause after SC Supreme Court scraps most quotas

July 16 | Violence on streets as students clash with security officials and pro-govt activists

Authorities fire tear gas, rubber bullets, impose curfew with shoot-on-sight order

Aug 04 | Deadliest day, at least 97 people die in clashes, local media reports

Aug 05 | Hasina resigns, flees country, military takes over

Govt says nearly 150 people died last month, local media reports over 200 killed

Last week | Protesters return to streets, demanding PM Sheikh Hasina's resignation

Nearly 32M young people out of work or education in a population of 170M

ROOT CAUSE? UNEMPLOYMENT

Experts attribute unrest to high youth unemployment and stagnant job growth in private sector, making public sector jobs very attractive

Economy, once among world's fastest growing due to booming garments sector, has stagnated

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Military chief General Waker-uz-Zaman said he met with opposition politicians and civil society leaders and would seek the prez's guidance on forming an interim govt

'IRON LADY'

- Hasina among the world's longest-serving female heads of govt
- Retained power for a fourth straight term in a Jan general election boycotted by oppn BNP
- A secular Muslim who fought Islamic militancy, she helped lift millions out of poverty and deftly kept both India and China at her side

WHAT HASINA SAID

"Those who are carrying out violence are not students but terrorists... people should deal with them with an iron hand" — she said on Sunday

Blames the Islamic party, Jamaat-e-Islami, and the main opposition Khaleda Zia's Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) for the clashes





"I want my own shoe. I want my own trainers, I'm dead serious. I want a sneaker to my name. Ain't no money in spikes, but here's the money in sneakers. This needs to happen."

NOAH LYLES
US ATHLETE AFTER WINNING 100M GOLD

LAKSHYA FADES AWAY

Sen Has Another Meltdown, Yields Early Advantage To Let Bronze Slip From His Grasp

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Paris: Sweat and blood and heart. Lakshya Sen gave it all on the court of Porte de la Chapelle here on Monday. But somewhere, in the middle of it all, a doubt crept into his mind. He failed to ignore it. Soon, several questions swamped him, overwhelmed him and then destroyed him. Suddenly, the confidence and belief were gone. He crumbled slowly, painfully and faded away.

In the bronze-medal match against Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia, India's 22-year-old played like a champion for most part of the contest. He looked in control and eager for a medal. But like on Sunday, in his match against Denmark's Viktor Axelsen, Sen lost from a winning position. Like on Sunday, the game was won and lost in the mind. This time the scoreline was 21-13, 16-21, 11-21.

Lakshya started the first game looking assured. He has been in great form here. He has won points with some brilliant rallies, drop shots, half smash, full smash. He has dived, run up and down fluidly. His game is easy on the eye. And when he is in full flow, he is a treat to watch.

When his rhythm gets broken and his mind is gone, he looks like someone else. Like he did against Axelsen and like he did against Lee on Monday. Different rivals, familiar script. Sen won the first game 21-13. He was enjoying the cruise. He was up 11-5 at the halfway stage. Then 17-11, 19-13, game. There was no inkling of the storm ahead.

In the second game, the

course did not change. Sen was leading 7-2 and the German journalist sitting on the adjacent seat asked, "Will he be the first Indian to win a men's singles Olympic medal"? Of course. Of course.

One had spoken too soon. Trailing 3-8, Lee got aggressive. He smashed hard for two good points. Sen hit out long twice and made a bad leave. It was 8-8. Then Sen was down 9-12. He won a point with a delicate drop and two with crosscourt smash. 12-12. It was still anybody's game, or so one thought.

The script changed here. Sen could be seen checking his right elbow, which had a small band aid stuck over a wound. From 14-15, he managed to win just two points. With Lee at 20-16, serving for the game, the doctor was called in. He bandaged Sen's elbow. He went back into the fight, but Lee wrapped up the game at 21-16.

In the decider, it was clear that the bleeding wound had left Sen physically and mentally vulnerable. It was playing on his mind. So were the memories of the bruising battle against Axelsen. When he was trailing 2-4, blood started to ooze out of the bandage and drip on to the court. The doctor rushed in again. Then again when the Indian was 5-10, almost out of contention. Lee was up 11-6 at the halfway stage. Sen had given up by now. He managed a smash winner when trailing 10-19 but that had come after the battle was lost. Lee prevailed 21-11.

Back-to-back meltdowns will leave scars on Sen's young mind. He has the game for the highest level, but he will have to toughen up mentally. He will have to stop doubting himself. He needs more self-belief.



PAINFUL END TO CAMPAIGN: Lakshya Sen returns to Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia

A wall of his own making

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Paris: Lee Zii Jia admitted to not catching snatches of Lakshya Sen's singles semifinal against eventual Olympic champion Viktor Axelsen on Sunday. It was not to form part of the seventh-seeded Malaysian's preparation for their bronze medal match. "This is the Olympics, you expect the unexpected," he said later. Lee wouldn't have ruled out expecting what unfolded. Lakshya Sen let go of a medal from a fine position and a favourable degree of winnability against the Malaysian.

Later, the Indian, with dazed, faraway eyes and a clouded mind, would struggle to put words to the events, a series of strange episodes that followed in less than 24 hour's notice. "I don't know what to... how do I start, but I started this match really well. I couldn't hold the lead. Once he started playing well it was hard for me to find answers in the rallies," he would half-mumble. And

then, he provided us with the understatement of this Olympics: "I'm a bit disappointed with the result." There was the question of a bleeding elbow, there was the question of the mind. The first was "just a bruise, and some blood on the court stopped the play in between," delaying perhaps the inevitable or prolonging his on-court agony, whichever way you want to look at it.

The second was perhaps the question of the day, the last two in fact, when the Indian, just 22, found himself against a wall of his own making and then found he couldn't find a way around it. It was this intriguing number that defined his otherwise brilliant run in the men's singles at the Paris Games here.

Lakshya let out an embarrassed chuckle when asked which of the two defeats would rattle more — against Axelsen, the strange case of losing three game points after leading 20-17 in the first set and then blowing a 7-0 lead in the second? Or Monday's implosion, where after taking the first in majestic fashion at 21-13, Lakshya let go of nine points in the second after leading 8-3 at one stage? Expectedly — or "unexpectedly," as



PLAYING ON THE MIND? Lakshya's bleeding, bandaged elbow needed attention

Lee would like to say — he would not look back from there on, while the Indian could only stare blankly into the distance. "I really don't know how to compare, both were really important matches..." he would offer, choosing to deflect the real essence of the query. Because on being mentally stronger to win such matches at this level, Lakshya said, "Yes, I think at times, when the score is crucial, you have to be mentally really, really strong, and credit to him, he played a really solid game in the second."

Lee said later that there was no particular strategy for Monday's medal match. "I just tried a switch in strategy in the second game, to shift the momentum away from him. I think it worked. There's a lot of respect for Lakshya. He doesn't give up, he was injured today but just fought on," Lee said.

Manika & Co. raise TT bar as women's team makes quarters

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Manika Batra's flawless execution played a pivotal role in India's remarkable 3-2 victory over fourth-seed Romania as the women's table-tennis team — marking their debut entry in the Olympics — advanced to the quarterfinals.

Action at the South Paris Arena saw a thrill-a-minute round-of-16 clash between 11th-ranked India and experienced Romania. While India raced away with a handy 2-0 lead, Romania fought their way back to bring parity at 2-2 by winning the third and fourth singles ties.

With the pressure mounting, India's fate rested on the shoulders of the 28th-ranked Manika. The 29-year-old rose to the occasion, delivering a flawless performance in the deciding match and clinching victory without dropping a single game. The entertaining round-of-16 clash lasted for two hours and 20 minutes. Manika raced to her mates for a hug after winning the decider 11-5, 11-9, 11-9 against lower-ranked Adina Diaconu.

In the quarterfinal, India will face the winner of Germany and USA.

Earlier, Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath gave India a flying start. In the doubles opener, the Indian duo prevailed over Diaconu and Elizabeta Samara 11-9, 12-10, 11-7. Manika stretched India's lead to 2-0 when she surprised world No. 10 Bernadette Szocs 11-5, 11-7, 11-7 in just 22 minutes. World No. 25 Sreeja fought well but went down fighting against 43rd-ranked Elizabeta Samara. Sreeja lost the 39-minute tie 11-8, 4-11, 11-7, 6-11, 8-11. Szocs then defeated Archana 11-5, 8-11, 11-7, 11-9 as Romania levelled the scores.

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STILL IN THE RUNNING: Manika Batra (from left), Sreeja Akula and Archana Kamath celebrate

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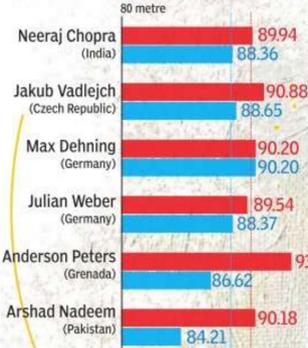
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THEME FOR A DREAM

Having Recovered From An Adductor Injury, Defending Champion Neeraj Chopra Is Ready To Begin His Quest For Another Gold

Neeraj's competition

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TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: A phone call woke me up early in the morning. This was in July of 2016. "You must meet this guy. He is tall, he is good looking, he is humble. Above all, he is your future athletics superstar. Javelin *phakta hai*. It will be a great photo-op too." Neeraj Chopra? Javelin? The name didn't ring a bell. Sounded like a PR pitch. We let that pass.

A few days later, this Chopra boy won the World junior javelin gold in Poland with a huge throw of 86.48m. It was a junior world record to boot. Any elite thrower would be proud of that in a Diamond League competition. He was just 18.

He returned home a hero. The photo-ops and interviews did happen. Journalists scrambled to find where Khandra village was on Haryana's map; what he ate, when he slept.

After the initial buzz, the excitement died down. The sponsors stayed away; the media was lukewarm. The army stepped up and offered him the job of a junior commissioned officer (JCO) as *naib subedar*. The boy from hum-

ble beginnings was relieved. The future had been secured. Neeraj could have lost his focus there, the hunger inside him could have been satiated by a government job, as has happened way too often with many talented athletes in the past. But he knew that it was just the beginning of his journey. The script was different. This man was different.

That was then. Cut to the present, Neeraj Chopra is a superstar. Rockstar, if you like. Yes, he is tall, good looking and humble. He is also the best in his business, in the world.

Neeraj's story of how he picked up sports as a young boy to fight obesity is well documented. It is well known that he loves *choorma* made by his mother. It is well known that he loves eating *dal* and can have bowls of it at a go. That's not important today.

Neeraj has come here with unprecedented load of expectations. He has won it all - from Asian Games gold to Commonwealth Games gold. He is the defending Olympic champion and a world champion too. He is just 26, at the peak of his prowess.

The past eight years have not

been easy for Neeraj, though. The journey of an elite athlete never is. After the Poland spark, Neeraj suffered a back injury. After recovering from that, he won the Asian athletics championship gold with an 85-plus throw. The world championship next was below expectations and then, injury struck again. A groin injury.

He was also forced to part ways with his Australian coach Gary Calvert, the man who honed his skills and made him a world athlete. Calvert's contract was not renewed by the government. He left for China and later died there in 2021.

Neeraj had to move on. Now, he was training with Werner Daniels in Germany. After a slight tweak in his technique, Neeraj was ready for bigger challenges. He won the Commonwealth Games gold medal first in May 2018 and followed it up with the Asian Games gold with a best effort of 88.04m. He had become a national star.

The focus was now the Tokyo Olympic Games 2020. Neeraj was shaping up well and then suffered another injury. He had to undergo surgery to remove bone spurs in his

right elbow in Mumbai in May 2019. There were doubts whether he would be the same on his return.

After a six-month rehab and recovery programme, Neeraj joined hands with German biomechanics expert Klaus Bartoniets and went to South Africa to prepare for the Tokyo Games. He returned to competition in January 2020, won it and qualified for the Olympics.

Due to the pandemic, the Games were postponed. Neeraj returned home and trained at NIS, Patiala and in Bhubaneswar. He then went to Sweden for training and competition and then went to Japan.

A throw of 87.58m was enough to get him the gold. He made it look so easy. He was now just the second Indian after Abhinav Bindra to win

an individual Olympic gold.

After Tokyo, Neeraj crossed the final frontier. He won the World athletics gold with a throw of 88.17m. The second Asian Games followed, and his personal best followed. 89.94m, at the Stockholm Diamond League in Sweden in June 2022.

All this while the talk had centred around the 90m-mark. When will that come? It was the question he faced everywhere he went. He would take a deep breath and say, it is around the corner. Deep inside, he knew it was irrelevant. It is the medals that matter, not small, little numbers.

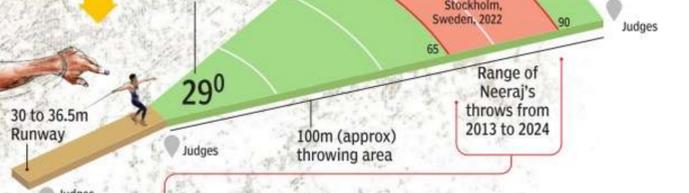
This year has been a quiet one for Neeraj. He took part in only three competitions on the road to Paris. He finished second in the

Doha Diamond League in May with 88.36m and was first in the Paavo Nurmi Games in June with 85.97m. In between, he returned home to take part in the Federation Cup in Bhubaneswar in May.

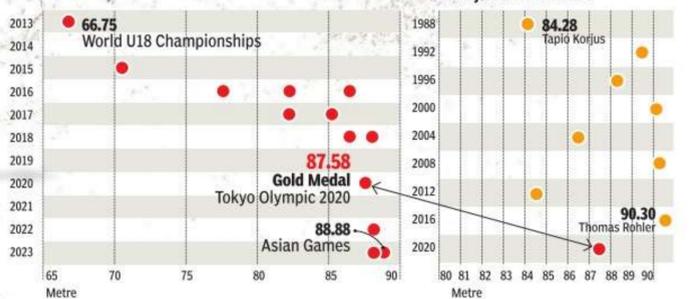
Neeraj's preparations were hampered by an adductor muscle issue early this year. Is he fit enough to go for gold, or at least a medal? His coach had said a month ago that the adductor niggles were gone. "It is fine, it is looking good. He is having full throwing sessions," Bartoniets had said.

Neeraj is on track. He is ready. The nation will hold its breath and keep fingers crossed when he competes on Thursday here at the Olympic Stadium. Before that, there is this small routine of competing in the qualifications today.

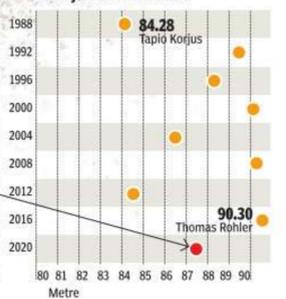
FIELD OF PLAY



The journey: Neeraj over the years, in international events



Distances by gold winners in Olympics since introduction of new javelin in 1986



Standards for javelins (Men)

Shaft: The shaft or main body is made of metal or other suitable materials. It may be solid or hollow but must have a smooth finish

Length: 2.6m to 2.7m (approx)

Weight: 800g (min)



Under Neeraj's shadow, Jena looks to peak

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Javelin thrower Kishore Kumar Jena had almost given up the sport last year.

But on Tuesday he will make his maiden appearance at the Olympics in Paris alongside defending champion Neeraj Chopra in the qualifications. However, he will have to do incredibly well to make it to the final round which will be held on Thursday. A total of 32 athletes divided into two groups of 16 will be taking part in the qualification and only 12 will make it to the final.

Besides Neeraj, he will be competing with world No. 1 Jakub Vadlejch, two-time world champion Anderson Peters, reigning European Games cham-

pion Julina Webber and Commonwealth Games champion Arshad Nadeem among others.

Jena, however, hasn't been at his best this year. Starting his season at Doha Diamond League meet on May 10, his best throw was just 76.31m. Five days later, at National Federation Senior Athletics Competition in Bhubaneswar, he disappointed once more with a throw of 75.49m.

Next he took part at Indian Championships in Panchkula in June. He made a slight improvement from the last event in the qualification round and made a throw of 77.69m. To his relief in the finals, for the first time this season he



JOB AT HAND: Kishore Jena will have his task cut out in Paris

breached the 80m mark with a throw of 80.84m but at Paris Diamond League meet last month he failed to perform once more. His best was just 78.10m that helped him finish eighth among 10 athletes.

Despite the recent struggles, his coach Samarjeet Singh Malhi believes he will not disappoint at the biggest stage.

"It's all part and parcel of sports. We, after all, have been working to peak at the Olympics so there's nothing to worry. Also he already qualified for the Olympics earlier and hence he didn't have to push himself to earn qualification," said the coach, a former javelin thrower himself, during a conversation last month.

"Moreover, taking part in his maiden Diamond League meet wasn't easy at the beginning of the season. He also had an injury in his left ankle and he struggled because of that."

After competing in Paris Diamond League early last month, Jena trained in Spala, Poland, ahead of the Games, and Malhi is more than happy with how it went. "We worked mainly on his speed. Also training there has helped Jena get acclimatised to the weather and the conditions that will be there in Paris," said the coach.

Besides his final preparations in Poland, Jena also had a training stint in Australia earlier this year where he worked on his blocking technique and one hopes all this hard work will eventually pay off.

"Playing for the country at the Olympic-level is good enough motivation for him. He is fit, has worked hard and has everyone's blessings. So I'm confident that he will perform well," the coach added.

Manu and I never discussed past differences, says Jaspal

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Paris: Pistol coach Jaspal Rana, the man behind Manu Bhaker's historic double bronze at the Olympics here, feels those who tried to destroy Manu's career by pitting him against her didn't succeed fully.

"The first thing that we said when we began working together again is that we won't discuss what happened in the past. And that worked. They were trying to destroy a national property. Yes, she was not just my trainee alone, she was a national player." Rana told TOI here without taking any names after the young Indian star made all three finals she competed in and bagged two bronze medals. Manu and Rana had parted ways in 2021 before they patched up and came back to work together last year.

Asked what went wrong in Tokyo,

Rana said he was not in the loop. "I am not aware of what happened in Tokyo. I packed my bags and went to the hills and I didn't even watch television during the Games," he added. Rana and Manu had a public spat ahead of the last Olympics which saw the Indian shooting contingent return from the Covid-19 delayed Games without a medal for the second straight time.

Rana, who reached here despite efforts to block his trip said: "I'm here only because of the help from Indian Olympic Association. I must specially thank president PT Usha ma'am and chef-de-mission Gagan Narang. But I don't have any complaints as Manu has made the country proud."

Meanwhile, the coach already has the roadmap for the Los Angeles Olympics 2028 chalked out for Manu.

India's mixed skeet team misses bronze medal by a whisker

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Paris: It was heartbreak at Chateauroux once again for India. After Manu Bhaker missed out on the 25m pistol bronze by a whisker, it was the mixed skeet team of Maheshwari Chauhan and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka's turn to return empty-handed from the shotgun range. For a long time, the Indian duo was in contention for a bronze, but China beat them 44-43. It was a creditable show for the Indians as they were not one of the favourites and with this, ends India's most successful shooting campaign of all time in Olympics - which resulted in three bronze.

Italy won the mixed skeet gold beating the United States 45-44 in the gold medal match. In the third-place match, India



CREDITABLE SHOW: Anant Jeet Singh Naruka and Maheshwari Chauhan performed beyond their expectations in the event

were trailing 7-8 after the first series, where each shooter was allowed four shots. Soon the Indians caught up as China's Yiting Jiang missed three of her shots in the second series and it ended 13-13. The third series saw both the men - Naruka and China's Jianlin Lyu - powder all the four birds but the women missed one each and the scores were again level at 20-20.

Set for a win, Nisha sustains injury, loses QF



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Nisha Dahiya looked set to secure a semifinal berth in the women's wrestling 68kg division in her debut Olympic Games on Monday. She had scored a come-from-behind victory in her pre-quarterfinal against Ukraine's Sova Rizhko 6-4 after trailing 1-4 at half time and looked in menacing touch while taking on North Korean Sol Gum Pak in her last-eight contest.

With Nisha leading 8-1 with less than a minute left on the clock, all that the Indian required was to defend her points. Right then, Nisha injured the little finger of her right hand and called for medical attention as she cried out in pain. The doctors strapped her finger as the 25-year-old from Haryana's Adiyana village continued to fight. In between, Gum Pak sneaked out a point to narrow the lead to 2-8.

With only 33 seconds left, Nisha suffered another, much more serious injury in her right arm, a result of intense grappling between the two wrestlers. Nisha looked in immense pain and called for medical attention a second time as the doctors applied pain relief

HEARTBREAK: Nisha Dahiya (right) cries inconsolably after losing her quarterfinal bout to North Korea's Gum Sol Pak

spray on her injured arm. On the other hand, the judges cautioned the North Korean for her dangerous play. Despite looking in extreme discomfort, Nisha chose to grapple but the injury affected her momentum and ability to fight. Desperately looking for a comeback, the 18-year-old North Korean took advantage of the situation and executed multiple roll-throughs to tie the score at 8-8 with just 12 seconds remaining.

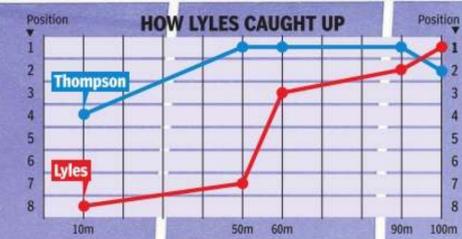
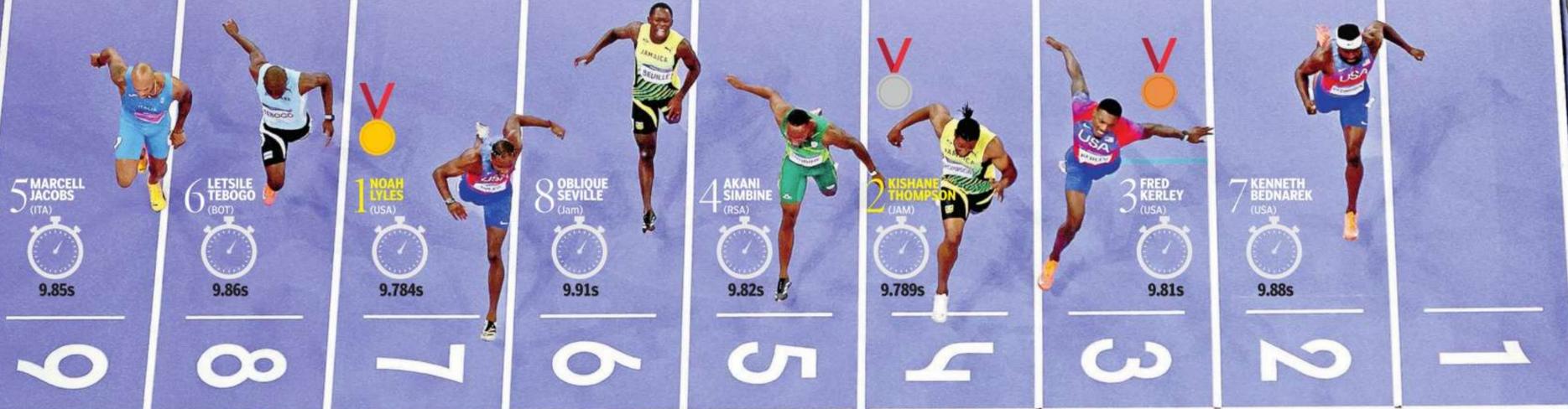
Writhing in pain and crying inconsolably, Nisha called for her third medical timeout. The doctors advised her against continuing with the bout. But she refused to walk off and chose to fight till the end. However, her vulnerability allowed Gum Pak to score a crucial takedown to seal the bout 10-8.

A heartbroken Nisha slumped to the ground while crying in pain as well as due to the realisation that she had missed a golden opportunity to win an Olympics medal. She can still contest for a medal through Tuesday's repechage round if Gum Pak makes the final. Besides, she will have to get match-fit quickly.

NOAH'S MARK

The overhead shots and replays tell the same story. Lyles only led one time during a 100m sprint for the ages: at the finish line

8 It was the first legal race with eight men under 10 seconds



43.6km/h
Lyles had the **quickest top speed of any runner in the race** - 43.6km/h - which appears to have been crucial.

0.005s
Lyles' win by just 0.005sec is the narrowest margin of victory in a 100m final in modern Olympic history

WORLD RECORDS
World records were broken - but not for the men finishing in the podium places. Akani Simbine, Lamont Marcell Jacobs, Tebogo, Kenny Bednarek and Oblique Seville all registered the fastest times for those finishing between fourth and eighth in a 100m race, with times of 9.82, 9.85, 9.86, 9.88 and 9.91 respectively.

DRAGON BALL CELEBRATION

The first American to win the event since Justin Gatlin took gold in the 2004 Athens Games, celebrated his win by miming an attack from "Dragon Ball". A huge fan of both manga (comic books) and anime (animation), he had stepped onto the track at Doha 2019 with silver hair in tribute to one of the most popular anime characters: Goku from Dragon Ball Z.

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: The world stopped, as did the 80,000 at the Stade de France. Even Noah Lyles and Kishane Thompson — fighting for the crown of the fastest man in the earth — didn't know. The race had lasted less than 10 seconds, and those minutes of wait that followed felt like an eternity. Till the scoreboard flashed — Noah Lyles.

Trailing through the race from start to finish and only leading at the finish line, the man from the United States was the king of 100m. He had edged Jamaican Thompson by five thousandths of a second in a race where eight of the participants ran sub-10. Even world champion and Tokyo silver medalist Fred Kerley, who took the bronze in 9.81s, was barely 0.01s ahead of Akani Simbine, who finished fourth.

From the moment Noah arrived at the scene, he looked to be the showstealer. Jumping around and getting the fans on his side, the man from USA tried to tell the world that this stage belongs to him. But those around him were champions in their own right, they were not ready to give an inch.

And over the next 10 second blitz, which produced the greatest 100m dash of all time, the first and eighth were separated

by 0.12s, the smallest ever gap in an Olympics or Worlds final. Thompson's foot reached the finish line before Lyles, but the 27-year-old had put his torso forward, which had pipped the Jamaican to the post.

"I was like, 'I'm going to be honest, I think you got that one.' But then my name popped up, and I was like, 'Oh my god, I'm amazing,'" Lyles said, when asked what he told Thompson after the photo finish.

The sprinter said the moment "was a lot to deal with." "I had so many commercials going around and so many people saying that I'm going to be the one. I'm not going to say it's not pressure. Saying that the moment is not bigger than me, that moment was meant for me."

Therapist told sprinter to let go, let it flow

Earlier in the semis, the American star came second to Oblique Seville, who clocked 9.81s, 0.02 ahead of Lyles. "To be honest, if I'm running 9.83 in the semifinals I'm going to be hard to beat. I called my therapist, and she told me to let go, to let it flow... And I was like, 'Alright I'm going to trust you'."

Lyles also thanked the crowd. "Oh my god that crowd was amazing. I couldn't have a better crowd." And over the next 9.8 seconds, he proved why he has become the darling of the crowd.



NAILED IT: Lyles has brought fashion back to the track, bedazzling his hair with white pearls and nails with paint (above) and making race day "walk-ins" a thing (below)



THE AMAZING RACE: THE PHOTO FINISH THAT DETERMINED THE WINNER

In a tightly contested race, a photo finish occurs when multiple competitors cross the finish line in close proximity. Traditionally, officials rely on photographic or video evidence.

VAR-like: For the 100m race, advanced technology was employed, utilizing red lines to analyze the photo finish, akin to the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system in football.

Torso first, not foot: The analysis revealed that Lyles' chest was the first part of his body to breach the finish line. Although Thompson's foot seemed to have crossed the line before Lyles', the primary point of measurement for the 100m event is the torso, which encompasses the chest, abdomen, pelvis, and back.

200 scans/sec: Officials utilize a cutting-edge "slit video" system, which captures the finish line at an astounding rate of 2,000 scans per second.

VOCAL ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

"Even before the World C'ships last year, I was in Europe for so long and I was getting really homesick. I thought about going home so many times because I was getting depressed, and into that mindset of I barely want to even train anymore. My mum was like, 'I think it's time for you to go on antidepressants', and I was like, 'Yeah, I think you're right'. I've got three therapists (now) - that helps." —Lyles

US-JAMAICA SHOWDOWN

The Lyles-Thompson showdown was the latest chapter in a sprint rivalry between the U.S. and Jamaica that has gripped the sport for almost two decades.

"I've waited a long time, I've seen Jamaicans dominate the 100m and 200m for so long and I remember growing up saying, 'when it's my turn I'm going to make sure that the US is on top'. And here it is, here's my time, my journey, my moment, it's such a beautiful thing to see." —Lyles

4 One down, three to go. Lyles, 27, is targeting four golds in Paris, in the 100m, his favourite 200m, the 4x100m relay and, maybe, 4x400m relay.

Thompson's reaction

"I am a bit disappointed, but I am happy at the same time. I wasn't patient enough with myself to let my speed bring me at the line in the position that I know I could have gone to."

'I THINK YOU GOT THAT ONE': LYLES TO THOMPSON

"I saw Kishane out there I was like just do what I do, hit my top-end speed, let it work. To be honest, I didn't know if I had it. I leaned but I didn't know I had it. Me and Kishane were at the end waiting for our names to come up and I came back and I said, 'I'll be honest man, I think you got that one'. But my name came up and I was like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm amazing.'"

Lyles winning was important because he's now creating a narrative that is heading us back into the Usain Bolt territory. Because he's a recognizable face, a face that have now got young people talking about."

—Sebastian Coe, WORLD ATHLETICS HEAD



CLOSE CALL: Lyles and Thompson wait for the result on the screen

THE DOUBLE IS ALIVE: LYLES' PARTNER THROUGH IN WOMEN'S 400M

Jamaica's Junelle Bromfield on Monday qualified for the semifinals of the women's 400m the day after her partner Noah Lyles was crowned Olympic 100m champion in a dramatic race. Bromfield was on hand to embrace Lyles after his dramatic

win on Sunday. "The double is alive!" she posted on Instagram after Lyles' victory alongside a loveheart and a picture of the full-hearted, trackside embrace. "I was very excited last night," said Bromfield. "I told Noah before he went out there that he would win, and he did." Bromfield admitted it had been a late night and also that it was the couple's two-year anniversary.

KEEP SHINING, TEAM INDIA.



MEDALS TALLY

P	TEAM	G	S	B	Total
1	CHN	21	17	14	52
2	USA	19	29	27	75
3	AUS	13	11	8	32
4	FRA	12	15	18	45
5	KOR	11	8	7	26
6	GBR	10	13	17	40
7	JPN	10	5	11	26
8	ITA	9	10	6	25
9	NED	6	5	4	15
10	GER	6	5	3	14
59	IND	0	0	3	3

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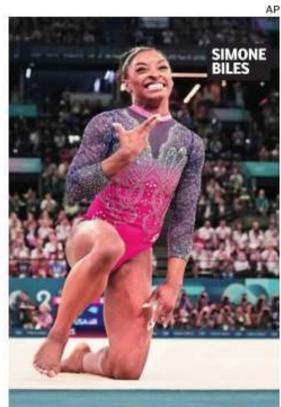
NO GOLDEN SEND-OFF FOR BILES

Caps Oly Campaign With Floor Exercise Silver After Beam Fall

Paris: US gymnastics superstar Simone Biles polished off a redemptive Paris Olympics campaign with a floor exercise silver on Monday, shrugging off a balance beam fall to finish runner-up to Brazilian Rebeca Andrade. Biles went into the final day of competition with a chance to push her tally of Paris gold to a record-setting five in one Games.

She had already led the United States to team gold and regained the all-around crown she first won as part of a four-gold haul in Rio in 2016.

She soared to the vault title with a stellar rendition of her signature Yurchenko double pike vault to take her career tally of Olympic gold to seven. But she couldn't find her way back to the top of the podium on Monday, two out-of-bounds errors proving



too costly in an otherwise breathtaking final floor routine. Andrade had already moved into

first place with an energetic and elegant routine that garnered 14.166 points. Biles earned 14.133 for silver ahead of teammate Jordan Chiles, who took bronze with 13.766. Chiles' score was upgraded after a review of her degree of difficulty, a devastating blow for Romania's Ana Barbosu who thought she had earned bronze with her score of 13.700. Biles' legion of fans gave her a standing ovation anyway, and Biles departed the floor mat with both arms raised in acknowledgement. Her earlier fall from the beam — one of several in the final — was the first major hiccup of her triumphant Olympic return, three years after a bout of the disorienting "twisties" cut short her Tokyo Games campaign. Biles finished fifth in beam, where Alice D'Amato became the first Italian woman gymnast to claim Olympic gold with a score of 14.366.

Teammate Manila Esposito joined D'Amato on the podium in third, with

China's Zhou Yuqin taking silver: The treacherous nature of the 10cm-wide beam was clear when the first three starters made big mistakes. China's world silver medalist Zhou lost her balance and had to grab the beam to avoid coming off.

American medal contender Sunisa Lee took a hard fall onto the beam when her foot slipped at the end of an aerial series. Brazilian Julia Suarez also fell and Romanian Sabrina Manea-Voinea fell twice.

D'Amato had a couple of minor wobbles in an otherwise impeccable routine to seize first place just before Biles competed. The US superstar made a confident start. But she slipped off on an aerial series, drawing a collective gasp from the crowd. Lee said she and Biles were both put off by crowd members trying to quiet others who were cheering during the beam competition — including competitors trying to encourage their teammates. AP



SUPER SUB: Juanlu Sanchez (L) of Spain celebrates with Aimar Oroz after scoring their second goal against Morocco

Spain make second straight Oly final

Marseille: Substitute Juanlu Sanchez struck a late winner as Spain came from behind to beat Morocco 2-1 on Monday and reach the final of the Olympic men's football.

Morocco had led in the semi-final through a Soufiane Rahimi penalty towards the end of the first half at the Stade Velodrome in Marseille.

However, Barcelona's Fermin Lopez equalised midway through the second period and then set up Sevilla right-back Sanchez to fire in the winner.

It is Spain's second consecutive appearance in the Olympic final. They had to settle for silver in Tokyo after losing to Brazil. Spain, who are chasing a second gold after triumphing in Barcelona in 1992, go to Paris for the final on Friday against either hosts France or Egypt, who play their last-four tie later. Morocco can still claim a first medal by winning the bronze medal match, which will take place on Thursday in Nantes. Last year's Under-23 Africa Cup of Nations winners had impressed on their run to the semifinals and looked on course to

We all know what McIntosh did this summer in Paris

THE CANADIAN TEEN WON 3 GOLD AND A SILVER MEDAL

Nanterre (France): After winning three gold medals and a silver swimming at the Paris Games, it's back to high school for Canadian teen sensation Summer McIntosh. She will take some time to catch her breath and decompress back home in Ontario during a short break from the pool — and then she has a couple of courses left to complete her high school requirements this fall.

After earning her diploma, McIntosh will begin thinking about what's next, including where she will attend college. One thing is already decided: It won't be for an NCAA programme in the United States. McIntosh's mother, 1984 swimming Olympian Jill Horstead, said her daughter wants more flexibility in her training and meet schedule than American colleges provide.

Yet none of these big decisions are the first thing on the teenager's agenda. For months, McI-

ntosh has been planning her 18th birthday party at the family cottage by a lake - her happy place.

Friends from home will be attending, along with some from Florida where she now trains. It's her golden birthday — she turns 18 on Aug. 18.

"It's going to be fun just to have some time off swimming and kind of take my mind off things," she said. "Just kind of soak up all of what I've done here." Horstead says she is unlikely to relax and rest until after those festivities are over.

Her mom is proud of how McIntosh stays so balanced, making sure her social life remains a key part of her routine right along with swimming and school. It's different than how Horstead operated in her day. "She's a very social teenager, she demands a fun side. I admire that in her," the mother said. "She's a teenage girl with a lot going on who can still have a lot of fun."

They are all overjoyed with how a near-perfect week in Paris turned out. Horstead's sister, Kelly Draper, came along while her husband and two sons stayed home to decorate the house and host



watch parties to cheer on McIntosh with more than 20 people. Draper's experience in Paris instantly brought her back to the 1984 Games.

"Over the last four years, we've been waiting for this moment to come," Draper said. "I remember 1984 like it was yesterday and just being there to cheer on my sister was one of the most special moments of my life. ... And now 40 years later, to be here with my sister cheering on her daughter, my niece, has been the most incredible experience of my life." McIntosh's only misses in France came in a trio of relays with the Canadians finishing fourth in each of the 4x100-meter medley, the 4x100 and 4x200. AP

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: Women's 400m repechage: Pahal Kiran (2.50pm), Men's javelin qualis: Neeraj Chopra (Gr B: 3.20pm onwards), Kishore Jena (Gr A: 1.50pm onwards) **HOCKEY:** Men's semis: India vs Germany (10.30pm) **Table Tennis:** Men's team: India vs China (1.30pm). **WRESTLING:** Women's 50kg Rd 16: Vinesh Phogat (3pm onwards), (if qualifies) Quarters: 4.20pm, Semis: 10.25pm, Women's 68kg repechage (if qualifies): Nisha Dahiya (2.30pm), Medals rounds: (12.20am, Wed).



TEST OF CHARACTER

Indian Defence, Sans Rohidas, Will Have Task Cut Out Against Free-Scoring Germans In The Semis Today

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Paris: "We have played two top teams in the group stage, Belgium and Australia. This will help us in the knock-outs," India's South African coach Craig Fulton had said. It surely did. The fighting win over Great Britain on Sunday showed the desire, the passion of this Indian hockey team. It showed that this bunch is not only skillful and fit, but these men are also mentally tough as nails.

India will take on Germany in the semifinals at the Yves du-Manoir Stadium on Tuesday. It looked highly unlikely when Amit Rohidas was shown the red with 43 minutes still to play against Great Britain. The Indians scored a famous win, rarely seen in international hockey. It is tough to play with 10 men for almost three quarters, in a game

which is played at breakneck speed on a wet artificial turf and is very hard on the knees.

But all that was far from their minds. They wanted it badly and got it, fighting like brave warriors. They are now in the hunt for a medal.

The bad news for the Indians is that Rohidas has been banned for a game and will miss the semifinal. An accomplished central defender, he is also the key rusher when defending penalty corners. It is a huge setback.

INDIA VS GERMANY

At Tokyo 2020
India beat Germany
5-4 to win the bronze

Since then
Matches: 6
India won: 5
Germany won: 1

Last meeting
Germany beat India
3-2 in FIH Pro League
encounter in June

The striking thing about this Indian team is that it looks settled, in all areas. They know what they are doing, which was probably not so five-six years ago. Most of them were part of history which was made at the Tokyo Games when the team won bronze, a medal after 41 years. They know how to escape from jail, how to soak in the pressure.

Goalkeeper P R Sreejesh is now 36 years old, a veteran of many battles. He has kept the team afloat with some brilliant saves throughout the competition. He had 10 on Sunday and will play a key role against the Germans who have lost just one match here - against Spain. And so will skipper Harmanpreet Singh who is having a dream outing, leading the defence and scoring from penalty corners. He already has seven in his bag. Expect it to swell on Tuesday.

"We've been talking about defence for 14 months. We dug deep and Sri (Sreejesh) was immense. When you talk about defence, it's also about showing your love for your team-mate by covering him and helping him. Sreejesh did that for us and we did that for him," Fulton had said last night.

Defence, indeed, has been key to this campaign. Tuesday is a huge test for the Indian defenders as the Germans have scored 19 goals so far, 16 coming in the group stage.



Jarmanpreet Singh (left) and teammates celebrate their epic win against England in the quarterfinals

11 Goals scored by India in Paris Olympics so far - three field goals, five through penalty corners and three through penalty strokes. They have conceded 8 goals so far. Germany, on the other hand, have scored 19 goals, while conceding eight. Fourteen of the goals scored by Germany were field goals.

Eng batting great Thorpe dies at 55

London: Former England and Surrey batter Graham Thorpe has died aged 55 after battling a "serious illness" since 2022, the country's cricket board announced on Monday. Considered one of the finest batters of his generation, Thorpe was hospitalised shortly after being named the head coach of Afghanistan in 2022 but the details of his medical condition are not known.

He is survived by his wife Amanda and four children, Henry, Amelia, Kitty and Emma. "It is with great sadness that the ECB shares the news that Graham Thorpe, MBE, has passed away," ECB said in a statement, without giving the exact cause of his death.

"There seem to be no appropriate words to describe the deep shock we feel at Graham's death. More than one of England's finest ever batters, he was a beloved member of the cricket family and revered by fans all over the world," the statement read.

Thorpe began his Test career in 1993 with an Ashes cen-



tury and repeated the feat on the return tour, in Perth in February 1995. The left-hander was also instrumental in England's back-to-back series wins in Pakistan and Sri Lanka during the 2000-01 season.

A lynch-pin of England's middle order, he went on to play 100 Tests for England between 1993 and 2005 and averaged 44.66 with 16 centuries. He also represented the Three Lions in 82 ODIs, collecting 2830 runs at an average of 37.18. Thorpe enjoyed success at the county level as well. He was picked at the under-11 level by Surrey and played for them for 17 years, scoring close to 20,000 runs for the team.

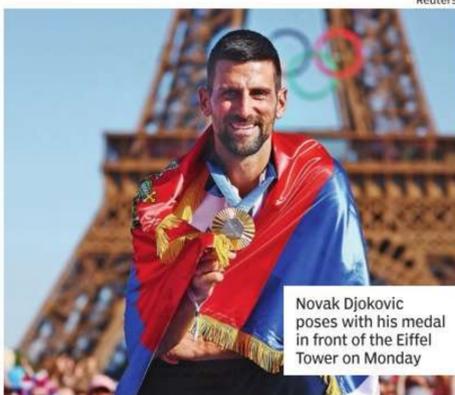
"Graham is one of the great sons of Surrey and there is an overwhelming sadness that he will not walk through the gates of the Oval again. He is a legend of Surrey and brought great pride to the Club wearing both the Three Feathers and the Three Lions. R11

Oly gold 'biggest success' for Djokovic

Paris: Novak Djokovic described beating Carlos Alcaraz to claim the Olympic singles gold medal at the fifth attempt as the biggest achievement of his career on Sunday. The 37-year-old Serb ended an eight-month trophy drought with a vintage display to win 7-6(3), 7-6(2) and complete his career Golden Slam in memorable fashion, not dropping a set in six matches at Roland Garros.

He is the oldest man to win the Olympic singles title since tennis returned to the Games in 1988 and remarkably he did it 21 days after being pummeled by Alcaraz in the Wimbledon final and two months after undergoing knee surgery.

"I won the bronze in my first Olympic Games (2008) and ever since then failed to win the medal and played three out of four Olympic Games in semifinals and couldn't overcome that obstacle," Djokovic, proudly wearing his medal, told reporters. "And then now at age 37,



Novak Djokovic poses with his medal in front of the Eiffel Tower on Monday

with a 21-year-old that is probably the best player in the world right now, winning Roland Garros and Wimbledon back-to-back and playing incredible tennis. When I take everything into consideration, this probably is the biggest sporting success I've ever had in my career."

The 24-time Grand Slam

champion produced a level of tennis that has been missing this year to fight off Alcaraz. After belting away a forehand winner to end a ferocious, near-three-hour battle, the emotion poured out of Djokovic as he sobbed on court before climbing into the stands to embrace his family, including wife Jelena and son

Stefan, and his team. "Until today I thought that carrying the Serbian flag at the 2012 opening ceremony in London is the best feeling that an athlete could have," he said.

"This kind of supersedes everything that I imagined, that I hoped that I could experience and that I could feel." Djokovic did not rule out playing at the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028, but said the realisation that Paris was probably his last swing at gold had motivated him.

"I was ready for this tournament and I didn't drop a set the entire tournament," he said. "I knew in the opening two rounds the way I was playing that this is my chance. If it's ever going to be, it's going to be now. "When I qualified for the finals, I felt a big relief because that's the hurdle I wasn't able to surpass. I did celebrate like I won the tournament. But of course I wanted gold and I knew that I would have to climb the highest mountain there is at the moment, playing Alcaraz." REUTERS

Sable makes the cut for steeplechase final

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Paris: India's Avinash Sable lived up to his reputation as he advanced to the final in the men's 3000m steeplechase here on Monday. The Indian clocked 8:15.43s to finish fifth in heat 2 and make the cut for the final. The top five from each of the three heats will compete in the final scheduled on Thursday (IST).

Sable, who had crashed out in the first round at the Tokyo Games, got his tactics right as he kept his place in the leading pack. To begin with the Army man, with a personal best (PB) timing of 8:09.91s, took an early lead before Kenyan Abraham Kibiwot, bronze winner at the World Championships last year, took charge. Sable slipped to fourth with three



Avinash Sable took an early lead before ending at fifth place in his heat on Monday

laps to go. He then pushed his way to second before falling back after the bell.

Mohamed Tindouf of Morocco won the heat 2 clocking a PB of 8:10.62s.

Earlier, hot favourite Soufiane El Bakkali, also from Morocco, led the list of qualifiers from heat 1 winning the first round in a slow race that he won in 8:17.9s.

Badosa, Korda clinch titles

Paula Badosa of Spain and American Sebastian Korda each enjoyed the "most special moment" of their careers by winning titles at the ATP and WTA Washington Open. Badosa outlasted Bouzkova 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 to capture her first WTA crown since a back injury. AFP

GALLERY

B'desh 'A' team's arrival delayed

Karachi: Bangladesh 'A' team's arrival in Pakistan has been delayed because of the fluid situation following the resignation of PM Sheikh Hasina. PTI

TOP RESULTS

BADMINTON
MEN'S SINGLES
Gold: Viktor Axelsen, Denmark
Silver: Kunlavut Vitidsarn, Thailand
WOMEN'S SINGLES
Gold: An Se-young, South Korea
Silver: He Bing Jiao, China
GYMNASTICS
WOMEN'S FLOOR EXERCISE
Gold: Rebeca Andrade, Brazil
Silver: Simone Biles, USA
WOMEN'S VAULT
Gold: Simone Biles, United States
Silver: Rebeca Andrade, Brazil

SWIMMING
WOMEN'S 50M FREESTYLE
Gold: Sarah Sjöström, Sweden
Silver: Meg Harris, Australia
MEN'S 1500M FREESTYLE
Gold: Bobby Finke, United States
Silver: Gregorio Paltrinieri, Italy
TABLE TENNIS
MEN'S SINGLES
Gold: Fan Zhendong, China
Silver: Truls Moregard, Sweden
ATHLETICS
MEN'S HAMMER THROW
Gold: Ethan Katzberg, Canada
Silver: Bence Halasz, Hungary
WOMEN'S HIGH JUMP
Gold: Yaroslava Mahuchikh, Ukraine
Silver: Nicola Olyslagers, Australia

TIMES NATION

Taking people into confidence was key to 370 scrapping: PM

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With abrogation of Article 370 came security, dignity and opportunity for women, youth, backwards, tribal and marginalised communities who were deprived of the fruits of development, PM Narendra Modi said. "It ensured that corruption, which plagued J&K for decades, has been kept at bay," he added.

Home minister Amit Shah, who anchored passage of the legislation, termed abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A as a transformative decision, ushering in a new era of empowerment for marginalised sections and strengthened grassroots democracy in J&K and Ladakh. "The region's youth have driven socio-economic growth and cultural revival, making Modi gov't's efforts to foster peace and comprehensive development a grand success. We thank Modi for



People at Srinagar's Lal Chowk on Monday, the fifth anniversary of abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution

this landmark decision & reaffirm our dedication to advancing the region's aspirations and transformative progress," he said.

Meanwhile, in the foreword of a book on the legislation, '370: Undoing the Unjust, A New Future for J&K', the PM said, "There was com-

plete clarity in my mind that taking the public in J&K into confidence was absolutely essential for execution of the decision."

"We wanted the decision, whenever it would be taken, to happen with concurrence of the people rather than imposition," he said.

Cong: BJP doesn't respect Kashmiriyat, jamhuriyat

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New Delhi: Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge demanded that Modi gov't should stick to SC deadline on elections in J&K, alleging that BJP policy in J&K-Ladakh does not respect 'Kashmiriyat' or 'Jamhuriyat'.

Without mentioning Article 370, Kharge said Modi gov't had said that its move will help fully integrate J&K, boost economic development of region & prevent terrorism and separatism, but the reality is starkly different with growing terror and lagging development. Kharge said since 2019, there have been 683 fatal terror attacks killing 258 security personnel and 170 civilians. He said 25 terror attacks have occurred in the Jammu region after PM Narendra Modi's third oath, resulting in deaths

of 15 soldiers and injuring 27. Kharge said targeted killings of Kashmiri Pandits have become a norm in past few years. He said unemployment rate in J&K stands at 10%, with an alarming 18.3% youth unemployment rate. He said after New Industrial Policy in 2021, just 3% of investments have materialised on the ground, while 40% of projects under the PM's Development Package, 2015, remain pending. "J&K's NSDP has declined from 13.28% (2015-2019) to 8.73% post-2019," he said. "People of J&K and Ladakh yearn for normalcy, a sentiment they conveyed to Rahul Gandhi during Bharat Jodo Yatra. We seek elections according to SC-set deadline so that people can elect their representatives, & end this mechanism of being 'ruled by bureaucracy'," Kharge said.

Army opens fire on 'infiltrators' along LoC

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

Jammu: Army troops opened fire after noticing movements of suspected infiltrators along Pakistan border in Akhnoor and Sunderbani sectors of Jammu on Monday amid heightened alert due to the fifth anniversary of Article 370's abrogation, official sources said. Firings in the two locations occurred past midnight. The first was in Akhnoor's Battal and second in Sunderbani sector in Rajouri, sources said. "The firings, however, drew no retaliation in both places," officials said. Extensive searches were launched in both the areas at the first light of day to ensure that no one had sneaked in across the border, sources added. Meanwhile, as a precau-

PDP, Cong observe 'black day for J&K'

The fifth anniversary of abrogation of Article 370, was marked by contrasting reactions across the region with mainstream regional party members kept 'locked' inside their homes.

The day underscored the ongoing political divide in J&K, with regional parties calling for reinstatement of rights they argue were "stripped away", while BJP celebrated the move as a step towards greater integration. As BJP celebrated in Srinagar, Congress and PDP held protests in Jammu, declaring Aug 5 a "black day" for the region. PTI

The book, researched and written by non-profit organisation BlueKraft Digital Foundation, was published under the Penguin Enterprise imprint. It is scheduled to release this month.

3 terror associates held in Anantnag

A team of security forces arrested 3 terror associates in Kashmir's Anantnag on Monday, reports Saleem Pandit. The trio was intercepted during a checking operation at Hassanpora Tulkhan Road by the team of Army's IRR, CRPF's 90Bn & Anantnag Police. A pistol, 1 pistol magazine, 8 pistol rounds, a grenade and an IED were recovered from the suspects, police said.

tionary measure in view of the anniversary, no fresh batches of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims were allowed to depart from Jammu during the day. "No fresh yatra batch was allowed through Baltal or Pahalgam routes. Security was beefed up," an official said.

'69% dip in J&K terror incidents, casualties down 67% in 10 years'

New Delhi: There has been a 69% dip in terror-related incidents and a 67% fall in resulting casualties in J&K over the past 10 years of Modi gov't as compared to the records from UPA's term between 2004 and 2014, reports Bharti Jain.

As per official data on J&K security situation shared by home ministry sources, organised stone pelting incidents, organised hartals, civilian deaths in stone pelting incidents and injuries to both civilians and security forces personnel due to stone pelting were down to 'zero' last year from a high of 2,654, 132, 112 and 6,235, respectively, in 2010.

Sources said terror-related incidents were down from 7,217 between 2004 and 2014 to 2,263 between 2014 and July 31, 2024 (69% decline), with civilian killings down to 353 from 1,769 (80% fall) and security personnel deaths down to 591 from 1,060 (44% decline) in the same period.

While stone-pelting incidents came down from 1,328 in 2018, the year prior to abrogation of Article 370, to 'nil' in 2023, ceasefire violations on Indo-Pak border fell from 390 in 2018 to nine last year and three from January to June this year.

Terrorist-initiated attacks were down to 46 in 2023 and 11 between Jan to July this year, from 228 in 2018. As many as 91 security personnel were killed in 2018, which declined to 30 in 2023 and 17 until July 31 this year. Civilian killings in terrorist-initiated encounters fell to 14 both in 2023 and till July 31 this year from 55 in 2018.

MHA sources told TOI that the decline in terrorism is thanks to measures taken to dismantle the terror ecosystem, such as attachment and freezing of properties linked to terror, collective disposal of UAPA cases and dismissal of govt employees and denial of govt benefits like passports and public contracts to anybody found linked to terror.

Another key change since 2019 is keeping the J&K police the lead in counter-terror operations.

29 unidentified corpses, parts of 154 bodies buried in Wayanad

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Kozhikode: They had lived as one in the villages of Mundakkai and Puthumala before the catastrophic landslides washed them away seven days ago and mutilated their bodies so severely that they were unidentifiable even to their loved ones.

Twenty-nine unidentified but complete bodies and parts of 154 bodies were interred in graves on 64 cents of land (1 cent is 1/100th of an acre) at Puthumala after a solemn funeral function of around seven hours that extended late into Monday night.

Meanwhile, six bodies were found in the search conducted on Monday, the seventh day of the catastrophic Mundakkai landslide, taking the official death toll to 407 (226 complete bodies and the remainder body parts from 181 bodies) and the number of missing to 186.

Of the bodies recovered on Monday, five were found in Wayanad and one in Nilambur downstream.

The bodies and body parts were interred as all-faith prayers were recited, encompassing Hindu, Muslim and Christian beliefs. Fourteen women and 13 men were



An aerial view of the tea plantations after landslides in Wayanad. The process to identify corpses using scientific methods is under way and 83 blood samples have been collected so far for DNA examination

among those buried. Three bodies that could not be identified as male or female (due to mutilation by the elements) were also interred.

The remains were brought to the burial ground in a convoy of ambulances in batches from 3.30pm onwards. Some were the size of small packs that could be held in a hand, the remains wrapped in white cloth. The landslide victims had been swept over 25km down the Chaliyar river.

They were laid to rest and individual numbers corre-

sponding to their DNA samples were inscribed onto concrete markers installed over the graves.

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Revenue minister K Rajan said another 50 cents of land belonging to Harrison Malayalam plantation will be taken over under the Disaster Management Act for the funerals of bodies and body parts of unidentified people.

'Never imagined I would have to conduct rescue ops in my village'

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The 37-year-old Jithil, deployed in Alappuzha as part of an NDRF team following heavy rain, moved to Chooralmala after informing his duty officer of the tragedy.

His brother Jinoth, 42, attached to the Army's artillery wing in Aurangabad, and 38-year-old cousin Praveen from Madras Engineering Group arrived in Chooralmala Wednesday. "I had never imagined

that I would have to conduct search and rescue operations in my own village... Our house narrowly escaped being hit by the landslide. It is a harrowing experience to sift through the houses of people whom we know well. I saw the bodies of my close friends Sreesh, Lenin, and Sumesh," said Jithil, who last visited Chooralmala in May. Despite the emotional toll, Jithil said his familiarity with the landscape aided the search efforts. "When in doubt, I called

my friends and asked them who all were in the house and how many were missing. Also, I could help in identifying some eight bodies recovered from Mundakkai with the help of a local boy," he said. Jithil mused over the unique attachment villagers have to their home. "I had been part of the NDRF teams that did rescue operations during the Tuticorin and Chennai floods, but the scale of destruction in our village is beyond all that," he said.



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EX-ENGLAND BATTER & COACH GRAHAM THORPE, WHO SCORED 6,744 TEST RUNS AND APPEARED IN 82 ODIs, DIES AT 55 AFTER BATTLING 'SERIOUS ILLNESS', P24

SC upholds LG's authority to nominate aldermen to MCD

Saxena Not Bound By Aid And Advice Of Delhi Govt: Court

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New Delhi: In a setback for Delhi's AAP gov't, Supreme Court on Monday ruled that the lieutenant governor is empowered by a Parliament-enacted law to unilaterally nominate 10 aldermen to Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and is not bound by the aid and advice of the Arvind Kejriwal dispensation.

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A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices P S Narasimha and J B Pardiwala said the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, after the 1993 amendment by Parliament, has expressly empowered LG to nominate people with special knowledge to MCD on his own.

"The context in which the power is located confirms that the LG is intended to act as per the mandate of the statute and not to be guided by the aid and advice of

“By bypassing an elected gov't, all the rights are being given to the LG so that he can run Delhi with his diktat. This is not right for democracy and the Constitution. Therefore, I respectfully disagree with this decision of the Supreme Court — Sanjay Singh, AAP
AAP has a habit of questioning anything done by LG. It's been trying to undermine LG's constitutional rights. However, they forget that there's a difference between Delhi and other states. Delhi is a Union territory — Virendra Sachdeva, BJP

the council of ministers," it said, green-lighting the LG's decision to nominate 10 members to MCD on Jan 3, 2023, a month after AAP won 134 of 250 seats in the civic elections. BJP had won 104 seats.

The order clears the way for elections to standing committees of MCD. Mayor Shelly Oberoi of AAP has refused to constitute the committees, crucial for functioning of the city as every project exceeding Rs 5 crore has to be cleared by them, by citing Delhi gov't's challenge to the nomination of aldermen by the LG.

► **'Validated by exception in law', P 3**

HC says Kejriwal's arrest by CBI in excise probe valid, no malice

New Delhi: Witnesses could depose only after chief minister Arvind Kejriwal was arrested, Delhi high court observed Monday, upholding CBI's move to take him into custody in the excise policy probe, reports Abhinav Garg.

Justice Neena Bansal Krishna dismissed Kejri-



► **Kejriwal to move SC after HC rejects bail in CBI case, P 5**

wal's plea challenging his arrest, noting there was no malice in the acts of the central probe agency, which demonstrated that the AAP chief could influence witnesses. Rejecting to the CM's plea against his arrest, HC said it was only after sufficient evidence was collected and sanction was obtained in April 2024 that the agency proceeded further.

► **'Reasons for not proceeding...' P 5**

Guv to decide on K'taka CM's prosecution soon

Karnataka governor Thaarwar Chand Gehlot, who returned to Bengaluru from Delhi on Sunday, is expected to decide within the next couple of days on a petition by anti-graft activist T J Abraham for CM Siddaramaiah's prosecution in the alleged Mysore Urban Development Authority land allotment scam. Abraham on Monday moved a fresh petition before MUDA seeking revocation of the 14 plots that were allocated to the CM's wife, Parvathi, under the authority's 50:50 allotment scheme. **P 15**

Kanwariya killed, several injured as 2 groups clash

A 19-year-old kanwariya was killed and nearly half a dozen injured during a clash between two groups of 'dak kanwariyas' (fast-moving devotees) along a route in UP's Baghpat. Police said the fight happened when the groups tried to win a race in reaching their village temple in Haryana first to offer holy water to Lord Shiva. Locals said around 20 men from both sides attacked each other with bricks, sticks and sharp objects. **P 13**

9 kanwariyas in Bihar die of electrocution

Nine kanwariyas died of electrocution and two others sustained injuries when the DJ trolley in which they were travelling came in contact with a high-tension live overhead wire late on Sunday in Bihar's Vaishali district, an official said on Monday. Of the nine kanwariyas, eight died on the spot while one succumbed to burn injuries at hospital. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar announced an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh each for the next of kin. **P 13**

Apple 'abuses' market dominance, hurts app developers: CCI probe

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New Delhi: Competition Commission of India's investigative arm has found tech giant Apple abusing market dominance and engaging in unfair business practices to the detriment of lakhs of app developers and consumers, opening the prospects of potential fines running into thousands of crores of rupees as well as restraining orders.

The probe, which has been on since 2021, now seems to be veering towards closure that will see the fair play watchdog take strict action against Apple, something it also did in the case of Google India which faced similar charges of abuse of dominance.

"...it can be concluded that by virtue of its dominant position in the market for app stores for iOS in India, Apple engaged in abusive conduct and practices in violation of

In landmark verdict, US judge finds Google violated antitrust laws in online search

Alphabet's Google broke the law to cement its dominance over online searches and related ads, a federal judge ruled on Monday in the US justice department's first victory against a monopoly in more than 20 years.

US district judge Amit Mehta's landmark ruling

Section 3(4) and Section 4 of the Competition Act," a supplementary probe report by CCI's investigation arm says, top sources told TOI.

"... investigation is of the opinion that Apple has entered into anti-competitive agreements with app developers which have the effect of causing 'appreciable adverse effect on competition' in the market," sources said while adding that investigation re-

against Alphabet's major revenue driver now paves the way for a second trial to determine potential fixes, such as requiring the tech giant to stop paying smartphone manufacturers billions of dollars annually to set Google as the default search engine on new phones. **P 19**

port runs into 150-odd pages and censures Apple's in-app purchase (IAP) mandate.

The probe found Apple's App Store an "unavoidable trading partner" for app developers who have "no choice but to adhere to Apple's unfair terms, including the mandatory use of Apple's proprietary billing and payment system".

► **'Discriminatory', P 19**

On 5th anniv, PM calls abrogation of Art 370 a 'watershed moment'

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New Delhi: On the fifth anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370, PM Narendra Modi on Monday recalled the legislation passed by Parliament on Aug 5, 2019, as a "watershed moment in the country's history", which, he said, heralded a new era of progress and prosperity in J&K and Ladakh regions. The PM assured people of J&K and Ladakh that his gov't would keep working for them and fulfil their aspirations in the coming times.

"Today, we mark five years since the Parliament of India decided to abrogate Articles 370 and 35(A), a watershed moment in our nation's histo-

Kharge: No respect for Kashmiriyat

Congress chief M Kharge demanded that the Modi gov't should stick to the SC deadline on elections in J&K, alleging the BJP policy in J&K-Ladakh does not respect 'Kashmiriyat' or 'Jammhuriyat'. Kharge said the Modi gov't had claimed that its move would help fully integrate J&K, boost economy and check terror, but the reality is starkly different. **P 24**

ry," Modi said in a post on X. "It meant the Constitution of India was implemented in these places in letter and spirit, in line with the vision of the great men and women who made the Constitution."

► **'Taking in confidence', P 24**

IN THE COURTS

► **SC refuses to stay Calcutta HC's May 22 ruling quashing inclusion of 77 communities, 75 of them Muslims, in Bengal's OBC list.** Seeks details of surveys determining their social & educational backwardness and numbers in govt jobs | **P 13**

► **Rebuffing Coaching Federation of India's challenge to Delhi HC's order on compliance with fire safety regulations, SC says coaching centres have turned into death chambers & decides to take suo motu cognisance of death of 3 UPSC aspirants | P 6**

► **Expressing concern over gov't authorities recklessly indulging in felling of trees for different projects, SC proposes that compulsory afforestation should be done before permission is granted for cutting of trees | P 13**

► **Allahabad HC issues an order giving ASI another week to reply to a suit seeking an archaeological survey of Agra's Jama Masjid & appointment of an advocate commissioner to oversee it | P 13**

NEERAJ CHOPRA, HOCKEY MEN IN ACTION TODAY

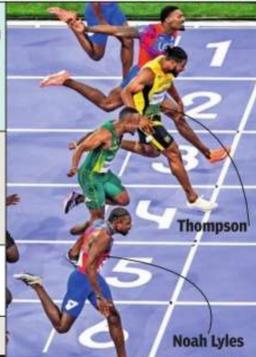
BADMINTON
Lakshya Sen raised hopes of a medal after winning the 1st game 21-13 against world no. 7 Lee Zii Jia of Malaysia in bronze playoff. But Jia won the next two 21-16, 21-11 to snatch the medal. Denmark's Viktor Axelsen retained his singles title, beating Thailand's world champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn

WRESTLING
Nisha Dahiya's Paris campaign ended as she succumbed to North Korea's Pak Sol Gum in women's 68kg quarters after leading 8-2 at one juncture. Dahiya suffered a painful injury during the bout and left in tears

Avinash Sable qualified for 3000m steeplechase final after coming 5th in his heat. The final is on Thursday

SHOOTING
In skeet mixed team event, Maheshwari Chauhan and Anant Jeet Singh Naruka narrowly lost to a Chinese pair in the bronze playoff

TABLE TENNIS
India beat Romania 3-2 to reach its 1st women's team quarterfinals



MOTHER OF ALL PHOTO-FINISHES

► In the closest men's 100m race in modern Oly history, Noah Lyles of US won in 9.784sec, five-thousandths of a sec faster than Jamaican Kishane Thompson's 9.789sec

to analyse the finish, akin to VAR in football. It revealed Lyles' chest was the first part of his body to breach the finish line. Although Thompson's foot seemed to have crossed the line before Lyles', the primary point of measurement

for 100m is the torso (including chest, abdomen, pelvis & back) ► Lyles has his sights on triple gold in Paris, with 200m sprint and 4x100m relay coming up

FULL COVERAGE: P 21-24

14 deaths in a mth at shelter strange: HC

Delhi HC on Monday called the deaths of 14 inmates of a gov't-run Asha Kiran shelter home in a month "strange" and sought a detailed report on it from the social welfare department and DJB, reports Abhinav Garg. "Just too many deaths in a short span of time. Fourteen deaths in just one month is a large number. It can't be a coincidence. It is strange," HC said about the shelter home for the mentally challenged. The court noted that nearly all the deceased suffered from tuberculosis and directed Delhi gov't secretary for social welfare, to visit and inspect the conditions of the facility in Rohini on Aug 6 and file a report. **P 6**

THE TUMULTUOUS History Of Bangladesh

East Pakistan Is Created

In 1947, Partition knifed through Bengal province. Unlike Punjab, this was not a swift and bloody exchange. Millions of Bengali Muslims were in Indian territory and millions of non-Muslims lived in East Pakistan — a full one-fifth of its population.

Soon, fights over resource-sharing sprang up. And then, a war over the national language erupted — Urdu alone, or also Bengali? This triggered the 1952 'bhasha andolon' — or Language Movement. There were violent uprisings that the Pakistani army put down with force. This shattered one dream but ignited another: a secular, autonomous identity for the delta. In 1956, when Pakistan agreed to accept both Urdu and Bengali as state languages, the movement had gone beyond the question of language into one of autonomy and unfair resource allocation.

In the 1970 Pakistan elections, the Awami League won 167 of the 169 East Pakistani seats, giving them control over the National Assembly. Yahya Khan postponed the session. Even as talks with Mujibur Rahman were going on, he ordered the army to attack the autonomy movement's nucleus. Amid vengeful targeted killings all over East Pakistan, the liberation war of 1971 began.

Bangladesh Is Born

India got formally involved, as it saw itself as a champion of Bangladeshi self-determination, assisting the freedom fighters with military training and taking in refugees. Pakistan saw this as intolerable interference in its affairs. The Awami League leadership regrouped in India, forming a govt in exile. On Dec 3, 1971, as Pakistan bombed Indian airfields, the Indo-Pak war of 1971 began, ending on Dec 16. The new nation of Bangladesh was born.

In January 1972, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman returned from captivity in Pakistan and assumed leadership, forming an Awami League govt. Islamist parties were banned. Its constitution was committed to democracy, socialism, secularism and nationalism.

However, Mujibur relied on a model of charismatic leadership and patronage, failing to expand economic opportunity. The state strong-armed opposition, even as guerrilla groups sprang up — disillusionment with the Awami League had set in, as a famine devastat-



BURDEN OF HISTORY: Then PM Indira Gandhi with Bangladesh liberation leader Mujibur Rahman in Delhi in 1973. (Left) Indian soldiers headed towards Dhaka from Comilla during the 1971 war against Pakistan

DIP AFTER HIGH GROWTH

44% Fall In Forex Reserves | From a peak of over \$48 bn in 2021 to \$26.8 bn in June this year

28% Drop In Value Of Taka | From 84.5 taka/USD in June 2021 to 117.1 taka/USD in June this year

Growth Slows | From 6% growth for 9 straight years to 2019, it's predicted to grow at 5.7% in 2024

High Inflation | From about 6% during the high-growth period it is now at 9.7%

Unemployment Up | 5.1% is the official unemployment rate, but reports say the real rate is much higher with over 30 million youths jobless

Only Textiles | 85% of Bangladesh's exports is textiles and clothing

ed Bangladesh in 1974.

Mujibur Is Assassinated

In 1975, Bangladesh proclaimed an emergency. It suspended all fundamental rights and brought in a single-party presidential system with Mujibur as president, trying to initiate a social revolution from above.

The army, which had long been resentful of India's credit-taking and Mujibur's closeness to India, put an end to this 'civilian autocracy'. On Aug 15, 1975, three strike forces assassinated Mujibur and 40 members of his family. After two more military coups, General Ziaur Rahman took charge of Bangladesh until 1981, when he, too, was assassinated.

Military Rule

General Ershad seized office in a coup in 1982. He made Islam the state religion. But in 1990, he was overthrown and jailed by a popular uprising, taking Bangladesh back to civilian rule.



Khaleda Zia

Khaleda Zia, the widow of Ziaur Rahman and leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, won the election. The Constitution was amended to make the presidency a ceremonial post, giving the prime minister top executive leadership.

Khaleda Zia's BNP was in govt from 1991-1996 and later from 2001-2006. Her democratic rival was the Awami League, led by Sheikh Hasina, the eldest daughter of Mujibur Rahman, who had been abroad when her family was assassinated. Sheikh Hasina took over as PM in 1996, but lost to Khaleda in 2001.

Long Reign Of Hasina

This two-party parliamentary democracy hit a snag in 2006, as elections had to be postponed because of violence. A military-backed interim govt took charge. In the 2009 polls, the Awami League won more than 250 of 300 seats in parliament. Sheikh Hasina became PM for the second time. Shortly after taking over, she formed a war crimes tribunal — five former army officers were executed for the murder of founding PM Mujibur Rahman.

Meanwhile, since the 1990s, Islamist groups and forces had gained clout in politics and society. Jamat-e-Islami's role increased substantially after 2001, when the BNP allied with it. In 2013, a Jamaat leader was executed, leading to violent protests by the opposition. There was a crackdown on the opposition, and Khaleda Zia was placed under house arrest. In 2014, Sheikh Hasina was elected virtually unopposed as the opposition alliance refused to participate in an 'illegitimate' election. Khaleda Zia was

charged with corruption and sentenced to jail, her release conditional on her refraining from political activity. In 2024, as the opposition boycotted another election and declared it farcical, Hasina returned for a fourth consecutive term, winning 224 out of 300 seats amid low voter turnout.

Under her, B'desh prospered, but democracy withered

Subir Bhaumik

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has finally bowed to the people's power that once brought her to high office in one of the most dramatic cases of political turnaround in the post-colonial world. In 1971, she was an unassuming housewife and the daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, who had led Bangladesh to freedom. In 1975, when almost her entire family, including her father, was wiped out in a military coup, she and her sister Rehana were in Europe with her husband, a nuclear scientist. Everything looked uncertain then. She took shelter in India, at the personal intervention of then PM Indira Gandhi.

It is only when Indira Gandhi returned to office here in 1980 that she went back to Bangladesh — possibly after Indira extracted a promise from Dhaka that no harm would come to Hasina in Bangladesh. Once back, Hasina took control of a demoralised Awami League. After years of agitation against the ruling military junta and reorganising her party, Awami League won the 1996 election.

Hasina was then the obvious choice for PM. But the next five years in office were a period of considerable uncertainty, with religious extremists even trying to assassinate her. After the Awami League lost the 2001 elections, she was back on the streets. In July 2004, she survived a grenade attack while addressing an Awami League rally, in which scores of senior party leaders were killed. Those close to her say this grenade attack changed Hasina. She was convinced that unless she was in office, she would not be safe.

During the 2006-08 rule by a military-backed caretaker govt, she was in and out of jail on what her supporters say were 'trumped-up' charges. This caretaker govt also jailed her bete noire and former PM Khaleda Zia.

But when the caretaker govt was finally forced to announce elections, the tide turned. Hasina led the Awami League to a decisive victory and assumed the office of PM for the second time. Since then, she has been in office, having won three successive — and controversial — elections. Hasina has been credited for Bangladesh's amazing eco-



BREAKING POINT: Sheikh Hasina at a metro station in Mirpur last month that was vandalised during the protests

nomie turnaround but accused of increased authoritarianism and blamed for the country's increasing democracy deficit. In the last four years, there have been reports of massive corruption and uncontrolled price rise, which has added to anger at the grassroots level.

The anti-quota protest agitation that finally brought her down is a classic case of mishandling that, some say, was rooted in her growing arrogance. In 2018, following student protests against the unusually high quotas in govt jobs (56% in all, 30% for descendants of the 1971 freedom fighters), Hasina's govt decided to scrap the quotas. But on June 5, Bangladesh's High Court reinstated the quotas, and protests erupted again.

All Hasina had to do was tell the agitating students that her govt would appeal against the HC ruling in the Supreme Court. Instead, she unleashed a verbal tirade against the students, suggesting she was in favour of the quotas. The student movement gathered momentum and Hasina ordered a police crackdown. The pro-govt Chhatra League also attacked the students who, until then, were protesting peacefully. Around 300 people, mostly students, died

over the course of the agitation — close to 100 on Sunday alone. The ensuing groundswell assumed the character of a mass movement, with students in the lead. This was history repeating itself. Student movements have traditionally fuelled mass agitations in Bangladesh that have proved difficult to control. The more violent the crackdown, the more fierce the resistance.

Already 76, it is unlikely Hasina will be able to make a comeback. As one of the longest-serving women leaders, she leaves behind a mixed legacy. Under her leadership, Bangladesh did make substantial economic progress that was both top down and bottom up. She did reorganise the Awami League into a formidable force in the long years of agitation against military rule and then against the Islamist coalition governments of BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami.

But some of her detractors suggest she also undid a lot of these achievements towards the last few years in office. Corruption became rampant at all levels, the election process was seen as less than fair, nepotism increased. Under her leadership, the middle class leadership of the

Awami League was slowly replaced by a new class of businesspersons known for their proximity to Hasina. Some of the country's worst bank defaulters ended up as her advisers or ministers. Seventeen members from her extended family were in parliament. Hasina often spoke of cleansing her party and govt. Recently, she even made a public statement that one of her aides had amassed assets worth 400 crore taka. That did not go down well with poor Bangladeshis.

For India, Hasina was a trusted friend who addressed its security and connectivity concerns as none before. But with Hasina out of office and the country looking at an uncertain future, India will have much to worry about. BNP chairperson Khaleda Zia had said once that if the BNP were to come to office, all agreements that Hasina has signed with India will be up for review. The recent protest movement did have a strong anti-India flavour, primarily because the protesters saw India as a strong backer of Hasina.

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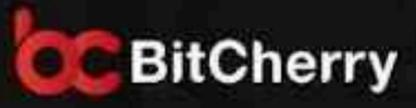
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