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Incredible Vinesh stuns favourite, guns for gold

First, a little eye-opening precursor to the eye-rubbing spectacle.

Yui Susaki, untouched by any rival as an international wrestler, spent a large part of her pre-Games training months camped in Japan's medal-producing hub of Niigata, a coastal city where Japanese athletes flock to give their Olympic aspiration wings.

Vinesh Phogat spent a bulk of last year on Delhi's streets, passing nights in tents and days sloganeering in protests for a cause she

believed was worth sacrificing her Olympic dreams for.

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Vinesh after defeating Japan's reigning Olympic champion Yui Susaki in Paris on Tuesday. ANI/WFI



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NEERAJ ENTERS FINAL IN TOP PLACE, WITH A SINGLE HURL OF HIS ARM

Defending Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra needed just one throw to sail into the final of the Paris Olympics on Tuesday. A season's best of 89.34m in his

first attempt saw the 26-year-old reigning world champion comfortably top the qualification for the August 8 javelin throw final keeping alive hopes of an unprecedented golden double by an Indian at the Games. Chopra will be looking to become the fifth athlete in the history of the Games to defend his men's javelin throw Olympic title.



HEARTBREAK FOR HOCKEY HEROES, WILL FIGHT FOR BRONZE ENCORE

It was heartbreak for the Indian hockey team which lost 3-2 to world champions Germany in the semi-final on Tuesday. India will now fight for bronze against Spain, who lost to the Netherlands, on Thursday. Harmanpreet Singh put India ahead in the 7th minute. Gonzalo Peillat restored parity before Christopher Ruehr put the Germans ahead. India came back through Sukhjeet Singh, but Germany had the last laugh when Marco Miltkau scored the winner in the 54th minute.



LALU, TEJASHWI NAMED IN E.D.'S CHARGE SHEET ON LAND-FOR-JOBS

NEW DELHI: The ED on Tuesday filed a supplementary charge sheet against Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad, his son Tejashwi Yadav and eight others in a money laundering case related to the land-for-jobs scam. The 100-page charge sheet was filed before special judge Vishal Gogne in the Rouse Avenue Court.

MCD should be dissolved: HC's censure after Ghazipur deaths

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NEW DELHI: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) should be "dissolved" as it is "not serving anyone's purpose", the Delhi High Court said in a stinging rebuke to the civic body in a case of the death of a woman and her son who fell into a drain in Ghazipur area.

A bench headed by acting chief justice Manmohan warned that it would start suspending senior officials as the civic administration has become a "cosy club" with seniors lacking the courage to take action against non-performing staff. The court's remarks came on a public interest litigation (PIL) filed by Mayur Vihar Phase 3 resident, demanding action against

the contractor and officials of DDA for their alleged negligence. When both DDA and MCD said that incident did not take place in their jurisdiction, the court ordered the police to complete its probe promptly. Tanuja, 22, and her son Priyansh, 3, drowned in an open drain in the Ghazipur area on July 31 evening.



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CJI-LED, 5-JUDGE BENCH FORMED AFTER PUNJAB HC CRITICISES SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday took suo motu cognisance of an unusual order issued by a Punjab and Haryana high court judge, who criticised a stay order previously passed by the apex court while commenting that the Supreme Court tends to perceive itself as more "Supreme" than it actually is and views high courts as being less "high" than they are constitutionally.

A five-judge bench, consisting of Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud and justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy, will hear the matter on Wednesday. The bench comprises the first five judges of the top court.

SPECIAL SC BENCH TO HEAR PLEAS SEEKING REVIEW OF PMLA VERDICT

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NEW DELHI: A special bench of the Supreme Court is set to hear on Wednesday a clutch of petitions seeking a review of the 2022 judgment in the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary case, which upheld several controversial provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The 2022 PMLA judgment by the top court had affirmed the extensive powers granted to the ED under the 2002 Act, enabling it to summon individuals, make arrests, conduct raids, and attach properties of suspects.

NUMBER THEORY

Students, Islamists: Did a perfect storm oust Hasina?

By Roshan Kishore and Abhishek Jha

Bangladesh's future trajectory after Sheikh Hasina's resignation and flight from the country is still uncertain. At the same time, competing explanations of the protest being student-led, a genuine democratic outburst, or an Islamist counter-revolution are being offered. Without prejudice to what happens in the future, a demographic analysis suggests that conflicting binaries might not be useful to understand what has transpired in Bangladesh.

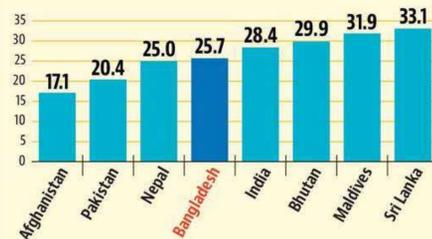
1 Are students capable of bringing a regime change in Bangladesh?

A lot of the commentary on the ongoing protests in Bangladesh has described them as being led by students. In fact, a consortium of student bodies called Anti-Discrimination Student Movement has been at the forefront of the protests. Are students capable of shifting politics in Bangladesh? A key metric which can tell us about the feasibility or lack of such a possibility is the median age of the country's population. Student protests will have more traction in a

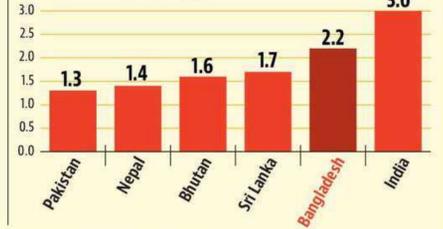
country which has more young people. Data from United Nation's World Population Prospects shows that while Bangladesh is among the youngest countries in the world in terms of median age of the population (25.7 years), it is not the youngest in the South Asian region. But a higher enrolment rate than its younger peers means it has more college students (and potential student protestors) than younger countries in the region.

Median age and higher education students in South Asian countries

MEDIAN AGE, AS OF 1 JULY, 2024 (YEARS)



TERTIARY EDUCATION STUDENTS AS SHARE OF POPULATION IN 2022 (%)



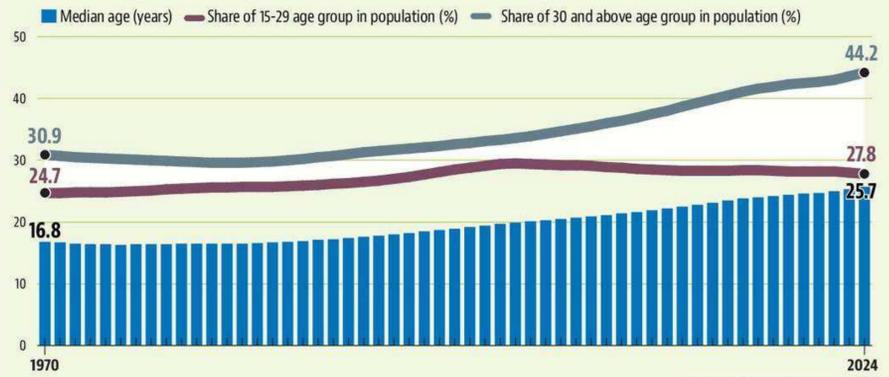
Notes: Student population estimated using tertiary GER with 18-22 years age group population
Source: World Population Prospects 2024; World Development Indicators, World Bank

2 To be sure, the share of older people is much higher than during the 1971 liberation struggle

This is yet another interesting aspect of Bangladesh's demographics. The share of 15-29-year-old population in Bangladesh is marginally higher than what it was when the country fought for its liberation war against Pakistan in 1971. However, what is noteworthy is the fact that

the share of population which is 30 year or older is significantly higher today than what it was in 1971. This means that the older population has a much bigger role in Bangladesh politics today than it had fifty years ago when the country was formed.

Median age and age composition of Bangladesh

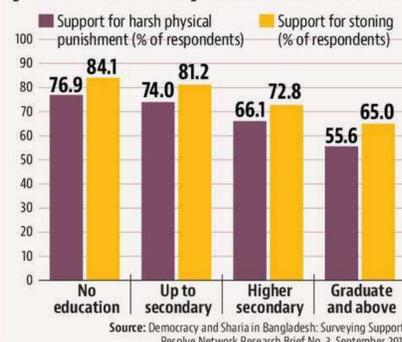


Source: World Population Prospects 2024

3 Support for more Islamic politics in Bangladesh is higher among the less educated...

This was among the key findings in a 2017 survey (<https://tinyurl.com/bd3vhp5>) conducted in Bangladesh by Ali Riaz and Syed Salima Aziz. Riaz is a professor of political science at Illinois State University and considered among the most eminent scholars on Bangladesh in the US. The survey, which was conducted by the Resolve Network housed at the United States Institute of Peace, found that support for tough religious penalties such as stoning and harsh physical punishment declined with rise in education levels in Bangladesh and fell by almost 20 percentage points among graduates compared to those with no education. To be sure, these numbers were not insignificant for graduates as well. This suggests that it is entirely possible that the students at the forefront of the anti-Hasina protests are entirely driven by Islamic politics.

Support for harsh physical punishment by education level

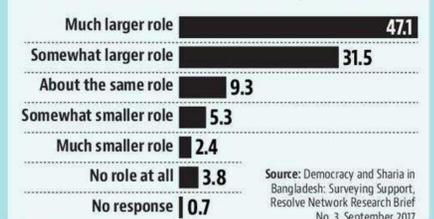


Source: Democracy and Sharia in Bangladesh: Surveying Support, Resolve Network Research Brief No. 3, September 2017

4 ...but labelling even pro-Islamic elements undemocratic could have been Hasina's fatal mistake

This is among the most crucial takeaways from the survey by Riaz and Aziz. "The survey results do not validate the common perception that support for democratic principles and practices is at odds with support for Sharia. Instead, the results suggest that support for both democratic principles and Sharia can be concurrent", the report noted. More than 75% of the respondents preferred a "somewhat" or "much larger role" for Sharia in Bangladesh's legal system. More than 80% of Muslims – they are more than 90% of Bangladesh's population – responded in favour of large or some influence of religious leaders in the governance process. However, the survey found that this was not necessarily in conflict with support for democratic principles. "Strong democratic principles constitute one of the key aspects of the mindset of the people of Bangladesh. Respondents highly valued the security of individual property rights, elected representation, and judicial independence. These attitudes coexist with overwhelming support for a greater role for Sharia and religious leaders in the legal system and for harsher punishments", it said.

Attitudes of democracy supporters toward an increased role for Sharia (% of respondents)



Source: Democracy and Sharia in Bangladesh: Surveying Support, Resolve Network Research Brief No. 3, September 2017

The survey also found overwhelming evidence for widespread dissatisfaction with the state of democracy and rule of law in the country. Dismissing these genuine concerns by dubbing them as Islamic reactionary politics and unleashing repression might have been Hasina's fatal mistake which united the progressive, conservative and reactionary sections of Bangladesh against her.



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Violence, instability in B'desh a grave concern, says Centre

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NEW DELHI: India is deeply concerned about the violence and instability in Bangladesh, especially the status of minority communities and Indian nationals, and has established contact with the new dispensation in Dhaka after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina regime, the government informed Parliament on Tuesday.

External affairs minister S Jaishankar, who made suo motu statements on developments in Bangladesh in the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha, said former premier Sheikh Hasina decided to quit after meeting leaders of the security establishment on Monday and sought approval to come to India "for the moment".

This was the first official word from the government on the situation in Bangladesh, where army chief Gen Waker-uz-Zaman has assumed responsibility for running the country and said an interim government will be formed, and on Hasina's plans since the dramatic collapse of her Awami League government.

On Tuesday, Nobel Peace Prize winner Muhammad Yunus said in a statement to AFP that he is ready to head an interim government after student leaders of the protest demanded that he head a caretaker government. Meanwhile, the students leaders also joined consultations on forming the caretaker administration. To be sure, there has been no response from the army, which is effectively in charge of the country now, on either their demand

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Damaged vehicles at a locality in Dhaka as authorities lifted a curfew on Tuesday while Bangladesh waits for an interim government backed by the military after Sheikh Hasina's ouster. BLOOMBERG

Uncertainty on quick asylum puts Hasina's UK travel plans in doubt

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NEW DELHI: Uncertainty surrounded former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina's plans to travel to London following the UK's apparent reluctance to offer her asylum, even as she was moved on Tuesday from Hindon airbase to an unspecified safe location, possibly in the vicinity, people familiar with develop-

ments said.

The people cited above said on condition of anonymity that Hasina was moved from Hindon airbase to a safe location under tight security. The people declined to give details for security reasons. To be sure, the Hindon base is a secure facility with provision for people to stay if needed.

Hasina is accompanied by her sister Sheikh Rehana, a British

citizen whose daughter Tulip Siddiq is a Labour Party leader in the UK. Siddiq was recently re-elected as an MP and appointed as economic secretary to the treasury and city minister. They also said that Hasina's team is exploring options for seeking asylum in other countries. One of the countries reportedly being looked at is Finland, where too the former premier has relatives. →P19

Minnesota gov Walz is Kamala's running mate

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WASHINGTON: Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee for the US presidency, has picked Minnesota governor Tim Walz — a former Congressman, army veteran, teacher, football coach, and a leader who traces his origins to a small town in the American Midwest — as her running mate to take on the Donald Trump-JD Vance Republican ticket.

Announcing her decision on Instagram on Tuesday morning Eastern Time, Harris said, "I am proud to announce that I've asked @timwalz to be my running mate. One of the things that stood out to me about Tim is how his convictions on fighting for middle-class families

Who is Tim Walz?

- A US Army National Guard veteran and former teacher
- Elected to the Republican-leaning district of Minnesota in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2006.
- He was elected Minnesota governor in 2018.
- As governor, Walz has pushed a progressive agenda that includes free school meals, goals for tackling climate change, tax cuts for the middle class and expanded paid leave for Minnesota workers.

"Tim is a battle-tested leader who has an incredible track record of getting things done for Minnesota families. — Kamala Harris, Democratic nominee



run deep. It's personal."

Walz, who heads the Democratic Governors Association, was largely unknown on the national stage until three weeks ago, when he stormed television networks and social media

with a compelling counter-narrative against Republicans that drew on his own roots and understanding of the White working class in middle America, the key site of the political

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Indexation back in real estate as taxpayers get rate choices

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NEW DELHI: The Union government on Tuesday softened its stand on a controversial budget proposal to remove indexation for computing long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on real estate and gave citizens an option to choose between the old regime of 20% levy with indexation and the new system of 12.5% tax without indexation.

Anyone who has acquired property before July 23, 2024 -- the day the Union budget was presented -- can choose between the two regimes, the govern-

Govt proposes relief

What is indexation?

The indexation allows taxpayers to calculate gains by the sale of capital assets after adjusting for inflation

Budget proposal

Govt to reduce tax rate from 20% with indexation to 12.5% without it

Amended proposal

For properties purchased by July 23, 2024, people may choose the 20% levy with indexation or 12.5% tax without indexation



ment said.

In order to provide relief for taxation of immovable property, the government amended the Union Budget proposal through a notice of amendments to the

Finance (No 2) Bill, 2024 to the Lok Sabha. The notice contains 44 other small changes in the bill.

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Sammaan se har apna ho gaya.



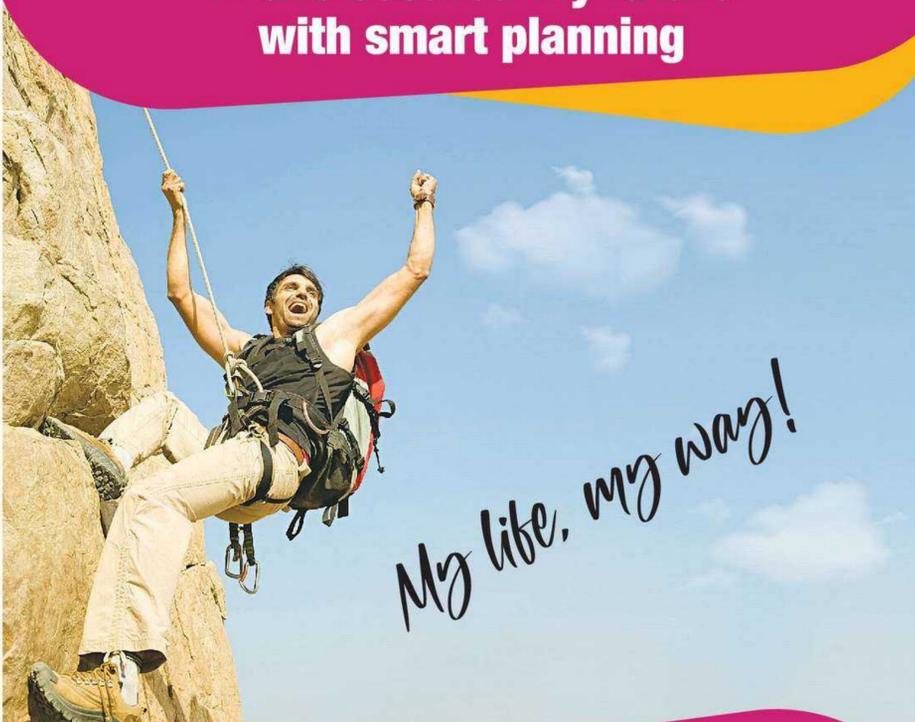
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INDIA'S SCHEDULE TODAY

ATHLETICS
Time: 11AM
Marathon race walk relay mixed
SURAJ PANWAR/PRIYANKA GOSWAMI

Time: 1:45PM
Women's 100m hurdles Round 1
JYOTHI YARRAJI

Time: 1:55PM
Women's javelin throw qualification Group A
ANNU RANI

Time: 10:45PM
Men's triple jump qualification
ABDULLA ABOOBACKER PRAVEEN CHITHRAVEL

Time: 1:35PM
Men's high jump qualification
SARVESH KUSHARE

Time: 1:13AM (Thursday)
Men's 3,000m steeplechase final
AVINASH SABLE

GOLF
Time: 12:30PM
Women's Round 1
ADITI ASHOK DIKSHA DAGAR

Aditi Ashok will again be vying for a medal at the Olympics as she takes to the Le Golf National course today. Three years ago, she was well in contention for a medal in Tokyo till the final holes before she slipped to a heartbreaking fourth place finish.

WRESTLING
Time: 9:45PM
Women's freestyle 50kg final
VINESH PHOGAT VS SARAH HILDEBRANDT (USA)

Women's freestyle 53kg Round of 16
Time: 3PM ANTIM PANGAL

WEIGHTLIFTING
Time: 11PM
SAIKHOM MIRABAI CHANU

India's first medalist in Tokyo, Saikhom Mirabai Chanu will have a chance to win another medal.

TABLE TENNIS
Time: 1:30PM
Women's team quarter-final
INDIA VS GERMANY

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COUNTRY	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1 China	22	19	14	55
2 USA	21	30	28	79
3 Australia	14	12	8	34
4 France	13	16	19	48
5 Britain	12	13	18	43
6 Korea	11	8	7	26
7 Japan	10	6	11	27
8 Italy	9	10	6	25
9 Germany	8	5	4	17
10 Netherlands	7	5	6	18
11 Canada	5	4	8	17
12 New Zealand	3	5	1	9
13 Hungary	3	3	2	8
13 Sweden	3	3	2	8
15 Romania	3	3	1	7
16 Ireland	3	0	3	6
17 Brazil	2	5	6	13
60 INDIA	0	0	3	3

settingthepace



Lakshya Sen and Prakash Padukone at the Village before the Games. INSTAGRAM

A touch artiste's timing goes awry

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Arms resting on thighs or folded across chest. The occasional clap after a point, the blink-and-you-miss smile. Standing a step behind, letting Vimal Kumar or Agus Dwi Santoso do most of the talking at breaks or at changeovers. For Indians of a certain age though, what mattered — and felt surreal at the same time — was that he was court-side in the knockout rounds and medal matches of the Olympics as PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen's mentor. For those who came in late, Prakash Padukone defined coolth. Trawl the internet and you will find pictures of him in almost-Wimbledon whites, an Adonis on court. Trawl some more and there will be one of him garlanded, with the All-England trophy in an open-top vehicle flanked by two horses wandering through a Bangalore (as the city was called then) throng. Together, they defined understated elegance, on and off the court. It was difficult to square those images with Padukone's comments on Monday. It wasn't what he said. It was when, where and to whom. So soon after a heart-wrenching defeat is probably the worst time to analyse and who would know that better than one of badminton's all-time greats? It is one thing to say players are not working hard within the safe space of the change room; coming from Padukone it could even spur Sen, who has grown from a boy to a man in his academy. But to do that in the media? "There is a time to be tough on our athletes and there is a time to be empathetic. Understanding what to do when is crucial." Viren Rasquinha, the former India hockey captain, said on X. Proud of Lakshya, Rasquinha also said. Rasquinha is CEO of the sports foundation Padukone, 69, has helped set up.

It would be a pity if this stays the most abiding recollection of Padukone's tryst with the Olympics. Particularly so for the generation growing up in the 1970s and 80s. Because to an India of black-and-white newspapers and black-and-white television, Padukone had added colour. At a time India were happy to be at sporting spectacles, when they lost more often than won in cricket and when artificial turf had removed the grass beneath the men's hockey team's feet, Padukone played to win against the best in the world and often did.

World No.1 was an idea India scoffed at till, with a blend of silk and steel, Padukone became one. He was a professional before India knew what professionalism in sport was. It cost Padukone participation in the 1982 Asian Games but also had a nation turn its lonely eyes to him. Not long after Lord Relator sang about how West Indies "couldn't out Gavaskar at all", Padukone had won the junior and senior national titles in the same year. He would win nine national championship titles and become the first Indian to win the Commonwealth Games gold in 1978.

Here's how things were in the lead-up to his All England Open triumph in 1980, the first by an Indian (Pullela Gopichand was the second in 2001). India had lost a Test against England best remembered for skipper GR Viswanath calling back Bob Taylor. Before that, India had lost seven of their 10 ODIs in the World Series. (World Series of what, Noah Lyles could have asked if cricket was his thing about the three-team annual fixture in the Australian calendar.)

Then, between March 19 and 23, Padukone, the touch artiste with a strong defence, cut through a draw that had Morten Frost in his side to set up the final with Liem Swie King, the Indonesian known for his attacking game.

King. The name felt appropriate for a two-time defending champion at badminton's holy grail and then world No. 1. Till Padukone beat him 15-3, 15-10 (that is how the scoring system in the men's game was with points won only on serve) to win the title without dropping a game. It was a final where power lost to placement. "I knew he was quicker, but I can control the shuttle better and tried successfully to slow him down. My flicks from the net were slightly deceptive and I noticed that his backhand strokes were limited," Padukone had said. "It was easier than I thought..."

King had his revenge in the final next year. By then, India had won a hockey gold in an Olympic hit by a boycott. But Padukone beating Rudy Hartono, an eight-time All-England champion, to win the Swedish Open and Frost to bag the Denmark Open in 1980 was as special if not more. He was the world No. 1 in 1980 which Padukone had begun by winning a bronze in the World Cup. In 1982, he lost in the final of the Scandinavian Open and Denmark Open to Frost. India remembers 1983 for Kapil's Devils but before that Padukone had won a World Championship bronze.

Consistency at the highest level may still be a rarity in Indian sport, maybe even Padukone's winner-takes-all mentality. Yet Padukone was more than the sum of his achievements. Neeraj Chopra spending most of the year abroad is normal service but when it was unthinkable, Padukone had shifted base to Denmark in 1981. Years later, Viswanathan Anand would do the same.

What's to say India wouldn't have had to wait for 44 years for an individual Olympics medal had badminton been in the mix? Padukone was 17 when it was an exhibition sport in 1972 and had retired by the time it debuted in 1992. Like Johan Cruyff and George Best and the football World Cup, Padukone does not need the validation of an Olympics medal. A generation that had piggy-backed on him did.

{ MEN'S POLE VAULT } ANOTHER OLYMPIC AND WORLD RECORD BROKEN

Defying gravity

Mondo Duplantis, the Louisiana-born 24-year-old who competes for his mother's native Sweden, cleared 6.25m to break the world record for the ninth time — but the first time on his sport's grandest stage.

ARMAND DUPLANTIS AGE 24 World ranking 1

- ★ Olympic champion 2 (Paris 2024, Tokyo 2020)
- ★ World champion 2 (Eugene 2022, Budapest 2023)
- ★ Indoor World champion 2 (Belgrade 2022, Glasgow 2024)
- ★ Diamond League champion 3 (2021, 2022, 2023)
- ★ European champion 3 (Berlin 2018, Munich 2022, Rome 2024)

How the record was broken
After Duplantis sealed the victory over USA's Sam Kendricks, he captured the Olympic record by clearing 6.10m. Duplantis then had the bar moved to one centimeter higher than the world-record height. Following his first miss, he used a break while Noah Lyles was receiving the gold medal for his 100m victory, to study video on a tablet with his parents.

Another miss ensued, then another long break. The fans clapped in rhythm and sang along to the French song "Alleur de Feu" — "Light the Fire" — getting ready for Mondo's leap into history. And he made history.

The former ruler
Ukraine's Sergey Bubka won six consecutive World Championships, an Olympic gold, and broke the world record for men's pole vault 35 times. He was the first pole vaulter to clear 6.0m and 6.10m.

Bubka's domination
Bubka broke the world record for men's pole vault 35 times during his career. He broke the outdoor world record 17 times and the indoor world record 18 times. Bubka lost his outdoor world record only once in his career. After Thierry Vigneron, of France, broke his record on August 31, 1984 at the Golden Gala international track meet in Rome, Bubka subsequently reclaimed the record on his next attempt on the same runway minutes later.



A Parisian party: The joy, empathy and hypocrisy of the Olympic Games

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NEW DELHI: The Paris Olympics is going swimmingly into its last week. For a Games at least 12 years in the making — it lost 2012 to London and even 1992 Barcelona and 2008 Beijing are seen as misses — it had a drenched opening. But the French are basking in the sunshine of a truly people's Games.

Thousands of fans have flocked to venues, bursting into celebrations as the world's finest athletes win, others agonise over near misses. France's political turmoil, and even security concerns that arose hours before the July 26 Opening Ceremony, have faded into the background, given way to a festive spirit.

The French are not usually given to exuberance, and the political crisis weighed on their minds ahead of the Games — the snap election called by French president Emmanuel Macron ended inconclusively on July 7, too close to the Games for comfort.

The legacy of a Games is also hugely determined by the performances of the host country's athletes. And nothing has raised the spirits of the French, and millions of neutrals around the world, than swimmer Leon Marchand delivering four individual gold medals in a Games — he has drawn comparisons to his inspiration Michael Phelps, whose coach Bob Bowman has guided him.

The crowds flocking to the pool went delirious night after night as Marchand won all his events in Olympic record time — even Macron attended as the 22-year-old, hailed as "une nouvelle" (a



Spectators crowd the streets of central Paris during the men's cycling road race. AFP

new) star, scooped up his fourth individual gold.

Marchand became the Super-man for the French when he won the 200m butterfly and 200m breaststroke in the space of two hours — in a single session. Marchand's victories reverberated across French street corners and other Games venues. Austen Krajicek, serving for the doubles match against Rafael Nadal and Carlos Alcaraz, was left bemused as the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd burst into applause, eyes glued to their smartphones than on probably the final act on Parisian clay by its greatest player.

Dimto the fencing hall. The Korean and US teams at the Grand Palais had to pause the bout as fans burst into clapping. The table tennis hall too had its bemused competitors.

The other French sporting legend, judoka Teddy Riner, too obliged. He matched a national record fifth Olympic gold — he also beat Japan's Tatsuro Saito twice in the mixed final, including the tie-break bout, and then promised a fifth Games.

The Games being held in the continent has allowed fans easier access. All venues have been multi-hued, represented by diverse nationalities. India's blue, for instance, spread across the stands in the hockey field and shooting hall in Chateaux. The 75,000 fans at Stade de France were heaving and cheering as Sweden's Mondo Duplantis, having wrapped up the pole vault gold, soared higher, first to erase the Olympic record, and then better his own world record with a 6.25m clearance.

"France has embraced jaded critique as a national character trait. Now the hosts of the Games seem to be shrugging off their studied glumness and reaching for superlatives as if for a bottle of chilled summer rose," The Economist noted in an analysis of Paris 2024 on August 4.

The French coming to the party is par for the course as the 1998 World Cup showed.

"Fete des futbol", or festival of football, was what followed when the Les Bleus, the multi-cultural team with a talisman of Algerian descent, helped the nation shake off early skepticism and lift the World Cup. Street parties marked the duration of the tournament, Zinedine Zidane appropriately

giving the seal of success with two goals in the final. The dream of a first win was accompanied by singing, dancing and bonhomie across Paris and other French cities.

Paris has historically been the melting pot of culture, philosophy, art and intellectual brainstorming. The father of modern Olympics is Pierre de Coubertin, while it marks a century since its last Games. The Olympics logo, Marianne, is an artist's delight for simplicity and expressiveness while the soft toy, Phryge — the cap that is the official mascot is a nod to the French Revolution and the 1924 Games — is a hot-selling souvenir.

The athletes haven't just soaked in the adulation. Empathy too has come their way. The fans clapping in rhythm at the men's hammer throw fell silent on a request by Ukraine's Mykhaylo Kokhan, the bronze medalist, as his final throw was a tribute to his war-wrecked nation.

Empathy even gradually came for boxers Imane Khelif of Algeria and Lin Yu-ting of Taiwan, who have been targeted over a raging gender controversy in women's boxing.

Hypocrisy in the pool was thus jarring. The Chinese swimmers were treated as lesser mortals by their rivals because 23 from the country had been cleared before the Tokyo Olympics after the World Anti-doping Agency had accepted the explanation that their positive tests for banned substances had been due to food contamination. Hardly any country is untainted by doping in modern sport. Even worse was no official comment came on such behaviour.

Snarls ahead as PWD plans repairs on Outer Ring Road

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NEW DELHI: The Public Works Department (PWD) is planning to start repair and strengthening work on a 5km stretch of the Outer Ring Road from the Chirag Delhi flyover to IIT flyover on Tuesday, adding that the project is likely to begin in September.

The proposal is set to lead to massive snarls on what is a crucial artery of Delhi — and is a route that many residents take to travel to the airport — with the resurfacing work expected to disrupt vehicular movement, especially during the peak morning and evening hours, the officials said.

The repair work is "essential" as cracks and potholes have developed along the entire carriageway, the officials said, adding that the work is expected to be executed using cold milling and recycling processes at a total cost of ₹29.35 crore over four months.

"We realise that this stretch records heavy traffic and will try to restrict most of the work to nights and off-peak hours. Also, like in the past few projects, we will try to do the work in phases by blocking one lane at a time for repairs," said a PWD official on condition of anonymity.

To be sure, PWD has a terrible record of traffic management during repair work.

According to PWD officials, a tender has been floated to hire a contractor who is expected to be appointed by next month. The contractor will be given three months to complete the work, the officials added.

Experts said for better traffic management during the repairs, steps such as diversions ahead of the flyover and placing proper signage will help in reducing bottlenecks. "If PWD already has these repair works planned, they should undertake the jobs in a phased manner to avoid multiple bottlenecks across the city. The officials can create Google

Work to begin from September

Resurfacing work to be carried out: From Chirag Delhi flyover to IIT flyover

Techniques to be used: Cold milling and recycling process

Expected cost
₹29.35 crore

Expected timeline
4 months

INFRA PROJECTS THAT HAVE CAUSED TRAFFIC DISRUPTION IN THE PAST

Chirag Delhi flyover repairs was completed over March and April last year	Nairoji Nagar flyover repair work along Ring Road took nearly 40 days in 2021	Munirka flyover repairs took over a month around March in 2020	Punjabi Bagh flyover work started in Sept 2022 and was scheduled to be completed in Dec 2023. But work is still in progress
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alerts and use FM radio channels to ensure that the traffic menace is either avoided or people plan their travel accordingly," said S Velumagan, chief scientist and head, Traffic Engineering and Safety Division, Central Road Research Institute (CRRI).

He added that police deployment should also be ensured during peak hours and alternative routes should be identified. Meanwhile, Delhi Police officers said that the permission for road closures will be given depending on the ground situation. "We have not received any road closure or diversion request yet. Once we get it, we will assess the situation on ground and make necessary arrangements to ensure that commuters face minimum inconvenience and the ongoing work also happens smoothly," said Dinesh Kumar Gupta, additional commissioner of police (traffic).

The PWD official quoted above explained that for the cold milling technique, which will be used for resurfacing work, the existing bituminous layer will be

scraped off from the surface of the entire stretch, including the service lanes on either side, and will be revamped. A new layer of glowing studs will then be laid on top. Once the work is complete, the horticulture work will also be renewed.

The six-lane Outer Ring Road crosses large parts of the city, spanning 47km, with three lanes in each direction. Several stretches of the road have been notified as National Highways.

Residents brace themselves Meanwhile, residents accused the authorities of making the traffic flow chaotic in south Delhi areas in the past few years with repairs and construction work going on at several places, including Ashram flyover, Chirag Delhi, Nairoji Nagar flyover and Munirka flyover.

"The traffic is completely chaotic now across the city. There are repairs at will, and some or the other road is shut. It is a pain, almost a nightmare, to drive in south Delhi even on a normal evening. Maybe the only thing

left for people to do now is use bicycles for their daily commute," said Jasjit Singh, a resident of Panchsheel Enclave.

Another resident said that PWD should learn from its past mistakes and keep alternatives available for people.

"The Chirag Delhi flyover repair work was a mess because they had taken up repair work for the entire carriageway at once. Such repairs should be done only in phases, exempting at least one lane for movement. They should learn how Metro does work with minimum traffic hindrance," said Chetan Sharma, chairman of Federation of GK-II complex RWAs.

Last year, the Chirag Delhi flyover was partially shut for traffic in two 25-day windows in March-April for repairs, triggering snarls on the Outer Ring Road.

Another PWD official said, "The Outer Ring Road is developing potholes at many places. It also sees heavy traffic. So, repair work is urgent as well as essential. Keeping traffic in mind, we take up small stretches and are also working in phases."

1 dead after crane loses control, rams illegal Okhla house

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NEW DELHI: A 35-year-old man was killed and four others injured in Okhla after a crane driver lost control of his vehicle and rammed it into the wall of an illegally built house adjacent to a Metro construction site, police officers said.

Police said the incident happened in the early hours of Tuesday near Pul Prahaladpur.

The deceased was identified as Gariba Kumar, 35, and the injured people were identified as Khem Chand, 22, Ghanshyam Singh, 42, Rameshwar Singh, 45, and his wife Harkawar Devi, 42. All originally belong to Jhansi in Uttar Pradesh, said deputy commissioner of police (southeast) Rajesh Deo.

Officers said they received a police control room call about the incident at 3.56am. The caller added that the crane driver had fled from the spot.

"Responding to the call, station house officer along with the staff reached the spot opposite a petrol pump on Mehrauli-Badarpur road and found that a heavy-

duty crane barged halfway inside a small room," said a senior police officer.

It was revealed that those injured are labourers, and were working under the Public Works Department, and were living in a room near the site.

According to police, the guard deployed at the Metro site told them that when the crane operator tried to take a turn towards Tughlakabad on MB Road, he lost control, they added.

"As a result, the crane rammed into the wall of the house situated on the opposite carriageway," an investigator aware of the matter said.

Five people were rushed to AIIMS Trauma Centre where Gariba was declared dead and the others were undergoing treatment.

"A case under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita on charges of causing death by negligence, causing hurt and rash driving was registered," Deo said.

A Delhi Metro Rail Corporation official said that the incident did not take place at the construction site and it "looks like a road accident".

18 children employed by jute factory rescued

NEW DELHI: Eighteen child labourers employed by a jute bag manufacturing factory in northeast Delhi were rescued in a joint operation carried out by the Delhi Police, the revenue department, and an NGO, officers aware of the case said on Tuesday.

Nine people who were allegedly running the unit were arrested, they said.

Deputy commissioner of police (northeast) Joy Tirkey said on Monday, they received information about minors being employed at a factory in Gamri

village near Bhajanpura, after which a joint search and rescue operation was conducted in coordination with the Seelampur SDM, an NGO and the local police. During the search operation, 18 children were rescued from there, the officer said.

"They were aged between 11 and 17," Tirkey said.

Police said that a case under relevant sections of the Juvenile Justice Act and the Child Labour Act was registered and nine people who were running the factory were arrested. **HTC**

Old Rajendra Ngr building owners move court for bail

NEW DELHI: The four individuals who jointly own the building that housed the coaching centre in Old Rajendra Nagar, where three students drowned in its basement, have approached a Delhi court on Tuesday seeking bail in the case.

The bail applications will be heard by the principal district and sessions judge, Anju Bajaj

Chandna, with arguments scheduled for Wednesday.

The four co-owners of the building — Sarabjeet Singh, Tejinder Singh, Harvinder Singh and Parminder Singh — were arrested by the Delhi Police on July 28. They have approached the court challenging the order of the magistrate who refused to grant bail to them on July 31. **HTC**

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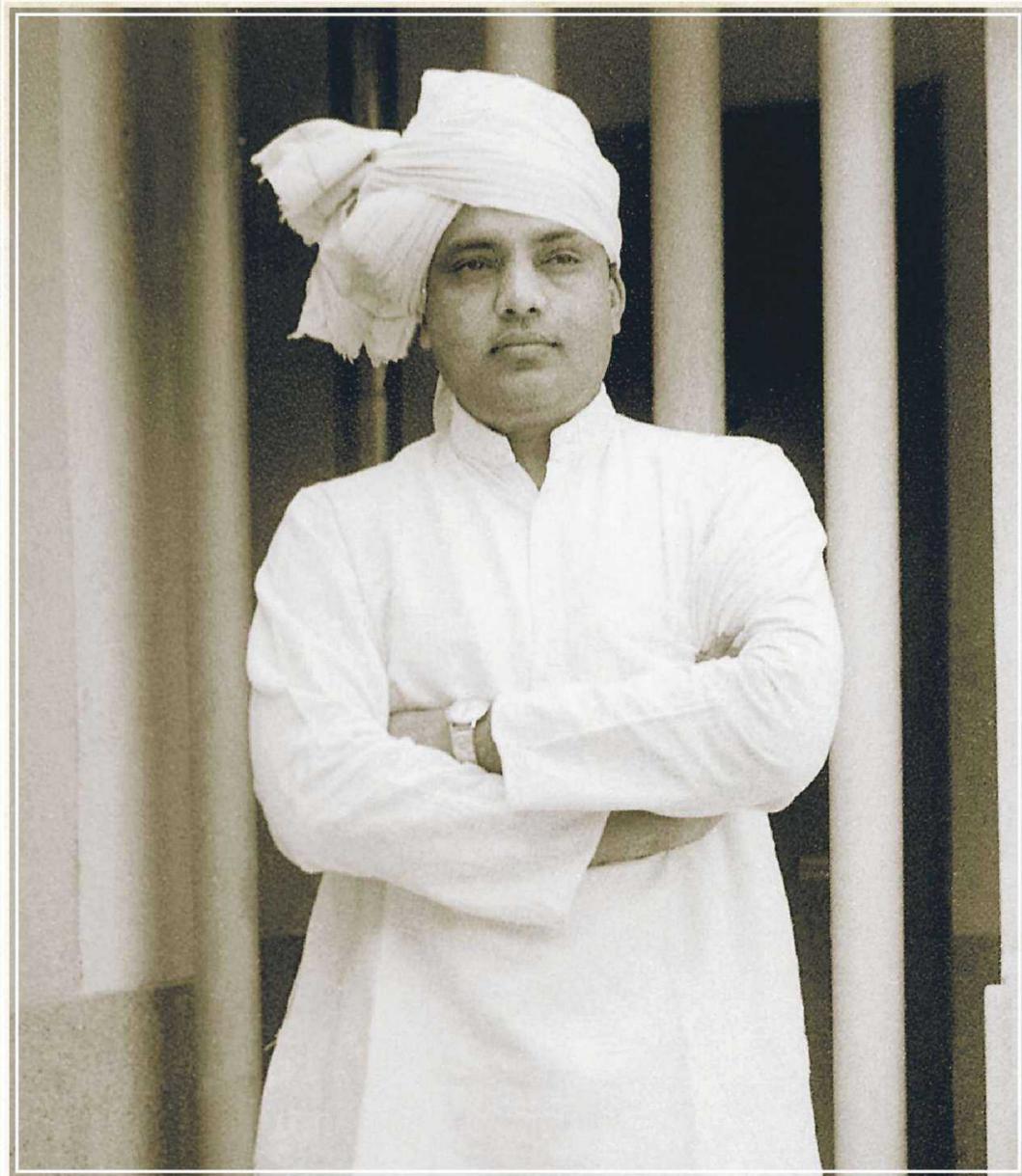
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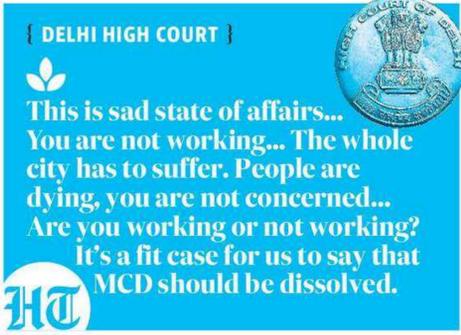
'Shocking state of affairs': HC slams MCD over open drains

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Tuesday came down heavily on the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) for its failure to cover, barricade and clean the open drain in Ghazipur in east Delhi area, where a woman and her three-year-old son died after they allegedly fell into the waterlogged drain on July 31, and said that the current situation presented a "shocking" state of affairs and was a "fit case for us to say that MCD should be dissolved".

A bench of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Tushar Rao Gedela directed MCD to clean and barricade the area, as it criticised the civic body for failing to act against the errant officials.

The court was of the view that the administration has become a "cosy club", adding that the department today believed that acting against someone was a "crime" and did not have the courage to act against their own officials. "Your (MCD) officials, they fly like a bee and sting like a butterfly. They don't have the courage to take action against their own officials. There is no brotherly love over there. The senior officers have to perform their jobs," the bench said to advocate Manu Chaturvedi, who represented the



MCD and deputy commissioner, Shahdara, MCD.

"Please see the photos... How is it reaching this stage?... This is sad state of affairs... You are not working. You don't work. The whole city has to suffer. People are dying, you are not concerned... Are you working or not working? It's a fit case for us to say that MCD should be dissolved," the court said.

"You took over the stretch of road ... April 2023 (and) till now July what have you done," it added.

It said the assistant engineer, junior engineer and executive engineer have not done anything. "If they have not done it, they should've been shown the door. Today your department believes

that doing something is a crime. There is brotherly love between the departments. The administration has become a cosy club. Every day we are losing lives due to negligence. The fact that this stretch of road is not barricaded and is not cleaned for years is a startling state of affairs."

The bench reprimanded the civic body days after it hauled up MCD for failing to act against its own officials who were responsible for the drowning of three IAS aspirants at the basement of a coaching centre in Old Rajendra Nagar. On Friday, the high court, while transferring the probe into the coaching centre deaths to the Central Bureau of Investigation, said that the entire system in Delhi

needed a relook in light of the city's outdated infrastructure.

The court was responding to a petition filed by Jhunnul Lal, a resident of Mayur Vihar, seeking action against the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) contractor and officials for their alleged negligence that led to the deaths on July 31. Tanuja, 22, and her son Priyansh, 3, drowned into a half-open, under-construction drain in a waterlogged street, when they were coming back from a weekly market in the Ghazipur area in east Delhi. The incident took place around 8pm near Khoda Colony area, where the roadside drain was under construction.

The petition underscored that DDA violated its own circular issued in 1996 directing all engineers to cover manholes and leave no gaps on deep covered drains. The petition stated that DDA and Delhi Police have failed to fix accountability and punish the erring contractor for the deaths.

The DDA represented by advocate Prabhshahay Kaur defended the civic body asserting that though the bodies were recovered from the drain, which was under its jurisdiction, the duo had fallen on the stretch of drain that was under MCD's jurisdiction. She added that the civic agency installed a screen and covered all the drains along the stretch of road which fell within its jurisdic-

tion. "The drain with DDA was fully covered and it is not a temporary covering, but with slabs," she said. In furtherance of her contention, she also drew the court's attention towards an order passed in January this year, wherein the court disposed of a plea pertaining to the same road after MCD's counsel submitted that the agency appointed a contractor to clean the road.

The MCD counsel admitted that though the drains along the stretch of road falling under its jurisdiction were uncovered, the corporation was in the process of covering the same. The MCD deputy commissioner, Shahdara, however, assured to clean and barricade the area around the drain to prevent any accident.

Considering the contentions, the bench expressed dismay over DDA and MCD passing the buck to each other and emphasised that the authorities were turning a blind eye. "The jurisdiction has to be determined by the two of you," the bench said to the lawyers who appeared for MCD and DDA. The bench also criticised Delhi Police for its slow pace of probe.

Consequently, the court directed Delhi Police, MCD and DDA to file a status report indicating its progress pursuant to the directions issued by the court and fixed August 22 as the next date of hearing.

Scramble for crucial MCD panel begins

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NEW DELHI: With the Supreme Court ending a 20-month logjam over the nomination of aldermen in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), paving the way for the constitution of a standing committee, the BJP-AAP tussle will throw the spotlight on at least four swing seats, senior civic functionaries say.

The elevation of former Dwarka councillor Kamaljeet Sehrawat as West Delhi member of parliament (MP) may end up hurting the BJP's prospect for the vacant seat. Additionally, the difference in the number of councillors is too close for three swing seats of Central, Narela and Civil Lines zones. The two parties have already started scrambling to secure support as anti-defection laws do not apply to these elections, according to councillors.

One vacant seat

The standing committee comprises 18 members, of whom six are directly elected in the house meeting and the remaining 12 come from the wards committee, i.e., the 12 administrative zones. The direct elections for six members last year saw violence, repeated disruptions and pandemonium.

A senior MCD official, not wishing to be named, said that Kamaljeet Sehrawat was among one of the three, who resigned from the post of councillor for Dwarka-B ward in June.

"The previous round of election witnessed disputes over proportionate priority voting with each voter assigning first, second, third and so on. Since members will be voting for only one seat, it will be a direct con-

THE RESIGNATION OF KAMALJEET SEHRAWAT, WHO WAS ELECTED MP, MAY HURT THE BJP'S PROSPECTS, OFFICIALS SAID

test. Since AAP has clear majority in the house, they seem to have upper hand in winning this contest," the official said.

The elections are held through a secret ballot and cross-voting is permitted. The official clarified that the election on the seat vacated by Sehrawat will come second in the order of things during the general meeting of the house. "First, we will hold the elections for wards committees through which a chairman, deputy chairman and standing committee from each zone will be elected," the official said.

The process will be triggered by obtaining consent from the mayor, which is likely in the next couple of days, the official said.

Each vote matters

The remaining 12 members of the panel are elected indirectly through ward committees. Based on the distribution of councillors, the BJP has a clear advantage in four zones: East Delhi's Shahdara North, Shahdara South, Najafgarh zone and Keshavpuram zone.

Similarly, AAP has an advantage in five, namely South, West, Karol Bagh, City Sadar Paharganj and Rohini.

"The three zones where the aldermen have been nominated will be under the spotlight as there is the possibility of Central, Narela and Civil Lines to be

swing zones, which may end up deciding the fate of the panel," a second official said, adding the closest fight is expected in Central zone.

The distribution of the members in the Narela committee shows that AAP has 10 members, BJP has five, one independent and four nominated aldermen, with both parties evenly poised. The zone saw one AAP councillor, Pawan Sehrawat, defecting to the BJP in February last year and returning to the party fold in May.

A BJP leader said that more councillors are likely to join the party in the coming weeks and the party has decided to contest these elections to win.

Civil Lines has nine AAP and six BJP councillors, who will be joined by four aldermen, essentially tipping the balance in favour of the BJP. The Central zone will be tightly contested due to multiple factors. Of 27 voters, 13 are from the AAP and 10 from the BJP, who will be joined by two nominated aldermen, making 12 votes; another two are from the Congress.

"The two Congress councillors can tip the balance in favour of any party. The BJP has helped Congress councillor Nazia Danish become a Haj Committee member in February last year. Both parties are vying for these two Congress votes," a third official said.

Eventually, it is still likely that both parties may end up securing nine members of the standing committee each.

"Such a situation has not arisen in the past for election of standing committee chairman. A toss of coin or draw of lots will be used to elect the chairman in such a case," the third official added.

2ND LIQUOR VEND AT IGI DOMESTIC TERMINAL TO COME UP SOON

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi excise department is set to open a second retail liquor vend at the domestic terminal of the Indira Gandhi International (IGI) airport, officials aware of the matter said. They said the store will be built on an around 700-800 square feet area, and will have a walk-in experience.

The development comes weeks after the department opened the first liquor store at the domestic terminal.

"The plan to open second 24x7 liquor store at the domestic terminal at IGI is in the works. We have held talks with people concerned to open the second store. It will be located in the departure area of the domestic terminal. The currently operational liquor store is located in the arrival section of the terminal," said an official of the Delhi Consumer's Cooperative Wholesale Store Limited, the Delhi government agency which is operating the first liquor store.

The sale of liquor in the domestic terminals of the airport was disrupted around two years ago due to change in excise policy following a Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry into alleged irregularities under the previous 2021-22 excise policy. All six liquor stores operating at domestic terminals were closed as the excise regime underwent a change and the government concentrated all liquor business in the hands of government agencies.

A second official said the existing liquor store at IGI became operational on July 20, and has reported an average sale of ₹7-8 lakh per day.

Delhi revels in monsoon's hues



Clouds hover above Lodhi Garden on Tuesday morning. Parts of the Capital recorded scattered rain on Tuesday, as strong surface winds kept the city's air quality index (AQI) in the satisfactory category with a reading of 60.

Ex-WCD staffer kills daughter-in-law

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GURUGRAM: The Gurugram police on Tuesday arrested a 59-year-old man — a former staffer with the Delhi government's department of women and child development — on charges of murdering his daughter-in-law, who he suspected of having an affair, at their Sector 7 residence.

Police identified the victim as

Amita Devi, 23, who lived with her husband Mukul (goes by single name), 25, their two children, and father-in-law Devender Mathur. Police said Mathur had taken voluntary retirement four years back.

Officers said the incident occurred at around 1pm, when the children had gone to school. They said the suspect himself contacted the police control room to alert them about the murder, and surrendered to the investigating team. Police

detained Mukul as he too was at home at time of the incident.

A senior police officer said Mukul and Amita had a bitter relationship and they frequently quarrelled.

"The couple had a fight in a park in Sector 7 on Tuesday morning, and they fought again after returning home. Mathur suspected his daughter-in-law was having an affair. Annoyed, he murdered her," he said. Sandeep Kumar, public rela-

tions officer of Gurugram police, said Mathur attacked Amita with a wooden bat. "After she fell unconscious, he wrapped a garbage bag around her head and neck and strangled her to death using a scarf in the bedroom and alerted the police control room," he said.

"It will be clear by Wednesday morning that what exactly had unfolded inside the house and if Mukul is also involved in the murder," he added.

HEALTH SECY FILED 'FALSE AFFIDAVIT', BHARDWAJ WRITES TO LAW MINISTER

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NEW DELHI: Delhi health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Tuesday said the health secretary has "quietly filed a false affidavit" in the Delhi high court about health services under the state government to hide the shortage of doctors, specialists, paramedics and medicines in state-run hospitals from the court.

The affidavit was filed on July 31 in connection with an ongoing PIL related to health services under the Delhi government.

The minister said the current status provided in the affidavit is not true and completely misleading. "For the last few months there is acute shortage of medicines in hospitals, dispensaries, and mohalla clinics. And this is very much in the knowledge of secretary health who has approved the affidavit on file," the minister said in a letter to the law minister Kailash Gahlot.

In response, a health department official said: The matter is before the high court and we cannot comment on this. The minister can make a representation before the court."

Officials of LG office said, "Yet another misleading and false statement made by the press conference minister, this time to not only mislead the people of Delhi but the judiciary too." hrc

{ IGI 'IMPOSTOR' CASE }

Human trafficker held from U'khand

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NEW DELHI: Forty-eight days after a 24-year-old man was caught impersonating a senior citizen by dyeing his hair and beard white and using a wheelchair at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, the Delhi Police's airport unit on Tuesday said they arrested an agent of the human trafficking racket that provided the man with the passport of a 67-year-old man and helped him get a makeover.

Police said that besides the 24-year-old man, Guru Sewak Singh, his wife Archana Singh, 21, and another client of the racket also tried to travel to the United States via Canada using the passports of others. The three of them were pretending to be a family, but when the 24-year-old man was caught, the other two fled.

Archana was caught later.

Interrogation of the agent, 24-year-old Gurmukh Singh, a resident of Rudrapur in Uttarakhand, revealed that the passports were of Rashvinder Singh Sahota, 67, Harjot Kaur, who is in her early 60s, and Balwant Singh, 19, deputy commissioner of police (IGI Airport) Usha Rangani said.

"We located Sahota and Harjot... They told us that they gave their passports to Gurmukh and his associates to get visa for their

journey to different countries. However, Gurmukh and his associates handed over the passports to the couple and the third client and they were supposed to courier back the passports to the racketeers once they reached their destinations," DCP Rangani said.

On June 18, Guru Sewak was caught at the immigration counter as his voice did not match his age and his skin did not have wrinkles, despite claiming to be 67 years old. Probe revealed that he got the makeover at a salon in Tilak Nagar, police said. He paid the salon owner ₹2,000 to get his hair and beard dyed white.

"We served a notice to the salon owner after which she joined the probe. She said that Sewak visited her salon and told her that he tried bleaching his hair but it did not turn out the way he wanted. One of the salon staffers bleached his hair and beard in the colour he wanted," Rangani said.

Police said Archana was arrested on Sewak's instance.

"Jaggi, 32, a resident of Pilibhit in UP, was arrested from Rudrapur and his interrogation has now led to the arrest of Gurmukh from Uttarakhand. Gurmukh ran a visa consultancy firm in Rudrapur and cheated people on the pretext of sending them abroad. We are now trying to arrest other members of the racket," DCP Rangani said.

{ SUMMER STUDY } LUNG HEALTH AT RISK

Delhi suffers due to high ground-level ozone concentration: Study

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NEW DELHI: Delhi-NCR topped a list of 10 cities across the country that were found to have high concentrations of ground-level ozone (O3), according to a study released by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) on Tuesday.

According to the study, between January 1 and July 18 — a period of 200 days — Delhi-NCR recorded 176 days of ground-level ozone exceedance. The second highest was 138 days each, in Mumbai-MMR and Pune, followed by Jaipur, at 126 days. CSE used data from official stations under the Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring System (CAAQMS) of the Central Pollution Control Board.

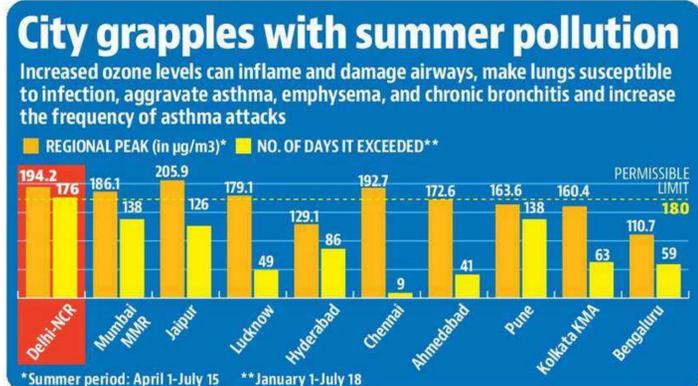
"Ground-level ozone, a highly reactive gas, has serious health consequences. Those with respiratory conditions, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, as well as children with premature lungs and older adults, are at serious risk. This can inflame and damage airways, make lungs susceptible to

infection, aggravate asthma, emphysema and chronic bronchitis, and increase the frequency of asthma attacks leading to increased hospitalisation," Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, CSE, said.

The study looked at ozone data from January 1 to July 18, with the summer period considered as April 1 to July 18. Comparative data was assessed from 2020 till 2023, covering Bengaluru, Chennai, Delhi-NCR, Greater Ahmedabad, Greater Hyderabad, Greater Jaipur, Kolkata, Greater Lucknow, Mumbai Metropolitan Region and Pune.

Ground-level ozone is produced from a complex interaction between nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) emitted from vehicles, power plants, factories, and other combustion sources. This makes it a highly volatile gas that has one-hour and eight-hour standards.

Dangerous levels
Delhi-NCR recorded excess



ozone levels on 103 of 109 days this summer, followed by Jaipur, at 75 days, and Pune, at 58 days. However, based on concentration levels, Jaipur's air was more toxic than that of Delhi-NCR.

"The regional average of Jaipur for April 1 to July 15 is 81.2 µg/m³ compared to Delhi-NCR's 73.3 µg/m³ and Mumbai-MMR's 34.8 µg/m³. Chennai has the low-

est regional average of 24.3 µg/m³ but the peak recorded in the southern metro was 192.7 µg/m³, third highest among the 10 metropolitan areas — only exceeded by Jaipur (205.9 µg/m³) and Delhi-NCR (194.2 µg/m³)," the study said.

"While analysing the data, it was also noted that the ozone data available on the CPCB port-

tal never exceeds 200 microgramme per cubic metre (µg/m³) while data for the corresponding time provided by the Delhi Pollution Control Committee may show higher levels. Due to this capping of data, it is not possible to understand the nature of peaking in the city,"

Avikal Somvanshi, programme manager, Urban Lab, CSE, who

was also part of the study, said. According to CPCB, the one-hour standard for ozone is 180 µg/m³, and the eight-hourly standard is 100 µg/m³.

CSE said that although ground-level ozone should ideally become negligible in the night air, Mumbai-MMR reported most instances of night-time ground-level ozone, with 171 nights of exceedance, followed by Delhi-NCR, at 161.

Year-on-year increase

Comparing the number of exceedances this year with the same period from last year shows an increase in seven of 10 metropolitan areas, the study found. Smaller metropolitan areas had the biggest jumps, with Ahmedabad registering a 4,000% rise in number of exceedances, followed by Pune, with a 500% rise and Jaipur, with a 152% rise.

"Hyderabad registered a 115% rise in the number of exceedance days; Mumbai-MMR and Bengaluru saw an 18% and 1% increase, respectively. Less than 5% change has been noted in Delhi-NCR and Lucknow. Meanwhile, Kolkata-KMA and Chennai have

seen a drop in the number of exceedances by 19% and 40%, respectively," the study said.

Green areas worst hit

The study found that green or high-end neighbourhoods were worst impacted, indicating that though these areas may have lesser PM 2.5, ozone remains a threat.

According to the study, Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range and Lodi Colony in Delhi are hot spots of ground-level ozone.

"This is consistent with the science that ozone drifts and gathers in areas where comparatively lesser amount of gaseous pollutants are present to further mop it up. Thus, relatively cleaner areas, including urban peripheries, can have comparatively higher ozone concentrations," Roychowdhury said.

The spatial distribution of ozone was also found to be inverse of NO₂ and PM_{2.5}.

"This bears out the fact that while ozone is created in polluted areas with nitrogen oxide being the catalyst, it also gets mopped up in high NO₂ areas as it further reacts," the study said.

MINISTER DIRECTS PWD OFFICIALS TO EXPEDITE WORK AT NE DELHI SCHOOL

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NEW DELHI: Delhi education minister Atishi on Tuesday directed officials of the Public Works Department (PWD) to wrap up the work on an upcoming modern five-storeyed school in Sundar Nagari, northeast Delhi, officials aware of the development said.

The school will have 120 rooms, 87 modern classrooms, eight labs equipped with modern technology, two state-of-the-art multi-purpose halls, five libraries, lecture rooms and a lift.

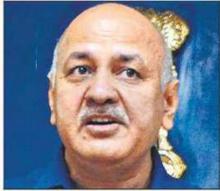
"This school equipped with world-class facilities will become a hub of quality education in the area and will also leave private schools behind in terms of education," Atishi, who also holds the PWD portfolio, said, adding that the school will be able to accommodate up to 8,000 students.

Officials said the new school will reduce the pressure on schools in Mandoli, Saboli, Sundar Nagari, Bank Colony, Harsh Vihar and Nand Nagari.

SC reserves order on Sisodia bail petition

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday asked the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) whether the trial into the alleged irregularities in the Delhi excise policy 2021-22 will end soon, as it reserved orders on a bail plea filed by senior Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Manish Sisodia.



Manish Sisodia

Sisodia, the former deputy chief minister of Delhi, is facing probe from both federal agencies for benefiting private players by formulating the now-scraped policy.

With 493 witnesses to be examined in the CBI case and the trial yet to begin, a bench of justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan said, "Realistically, tell us with 493 witnesses, even if you drop 50% of the witnesses, do you see any end of the tunnel?"

To be sure, CBI has filed eight charge sheets against 57 accused, and the trial court has so far taken cognisance of only four charge sheets. In the ED case, too, 224 witnesses have been listed, with 40 people named as accused so far.

Sisodia, who has been incarcerated in connection with the case for more than 16 months, alleged delay in trial to seek bail, and claimed there was no allegation that he tampered with any evidence. The top court had on Octo-

ber 30 last year refused to grant him bail but kept a window open to revive his prayer if trial does not begin in six to eight months.

Additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju, representing both federal agencies, informed the court that the delay was attributable to the accused who filed 118 applications seeking inspection of documents unrelated to the filing of the complaint (charge sheet). He said that the federal agencies cannot be blamed for delaying the trial as the investigation can go on without impacting the trial.

The bench said, "Show us any order which says application (by Sisodia) was frivolous or vexatious or meant to delay the 6 to 8 months window he got for trial to begin. We find no application is dismissed. Most applications are allowed."

Senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia along with advocate Vivek Jain, pointed out that out of 118 applications attributed to

him, Sisodia filed only 14. Raju said these were delaying tactics adopted by the accused as it is always open for the petitioner or other accused to seek discharge in this case before charges are framed. "I never told the trial court that my investigation is pending so do not proceed with the trial. How can delay be attributable to me. On the contrary, I filed an application to expedite trial," the law officer said.

The court reminded ED that on June 4, when Sisodia moved for bail in the top court challenging a Delhi high court's May 21 order denying him bail, a categorical statement was made by ED that it was in the process of filing its final complaint (charge sheet) by July 3.

Finding "incongruity" in ED's submissions, the bench remarked, "You kept saying that we will be filing our charge sheet. So the assumption is that you wanted all charge sheets to be filed for trial to begin. Now to say that we wanted trial to begin but they delayed, is there not some incongruity in your submission."

Sisodia was arrested in February 2023 by CBI followed by ED a month later after a case was registered on a complaint by current LG VK Saxena in July 2022 alleging irregularities in the excise policy. Besides Sisodia, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal and AAP MP Sanjay Singh have also been arrested in connection with the ED probe.

Boost to Capital's realty market

PROJECT NAME	CATEGORY	LOCATION	NO. OF FLATS
DDA Sasta Ghar 2024 *₹11.5 lakh per flat	LIG and EWS flats	Ramgarh Colony, Siraspur, Loknayakpuram, Rohini and Narela	34,000
DDA General Housing Scheme 2024 *₹29.5 lakh per flat	All	Jasola, Loknayakpuram and Narela	5,400
DDA Dwarka Dwarka Scheme 2024 *₹1.28 crore per flat	MIG, HIG & higher category flats	Sector 14, 16B and 19B of Dwarka	173

*Starting price

{ AT BOARD MEETING }

DDA launches 3 housing projects across categories

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) on Tuesday approved the launch of three new housing schemes in multiple categories, ranging from HIG (high-income group) units in Dwarka to EWS (economically weaker section) flats in Narela, under which 39,573 flats will be made available, officials aware of the development said. The schemes are likely to be launched by the end of this month, they said.

"To meet the affordable housing requirement of low-income group, this scheme will offer LIG and EWS flats at discounted rates in Ramgarh Colony, Siraspur, Loknayakpuram, Rohini and Narela through first-come first-served (FCFS) mode. The flats will have a starting price as low as approximately ₹11.5 lakh," DDA said in a statement.

In its board meeting, DDA approved a new policy to manage the use of community halls, and extended the time till December 2025 for completing construction on residential, commercial, industrial and institutional plots allotted by it.

An amnesty scheme was also adopted for renewal-cum-freehold-conversion of expired term leases of 90 years in 23 Nazul Estates. An amnesty scheme for waiver of interest on damage charges was also approved. Besides, the authority

approved the change of land use for the land provided to MCD for the construction of a bio-methanation plant at Ghazipur.

In another key decision, DDA gave final approval for a change of land use (CLU) for 1.94-acre land from "public and semi-public" to "recreational" or green area in Bawana. The CLU has been processed based on the request from CRPF for the construction of a transit camp, officials said, adding that it was initially approved by the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA) in March 2023.

"To provide ease of living to residents of Delhi, the authority today approved a new policy for management and use of community halls, including relaxed rental structure and operationalisation of ancillary facilities in multi-purpose community halls. The policy has been prepared for community halls in three parts," DDA said, allowing online booking of such spaces for a maximum of five days.

DDA also allowed the relocation of eligible households of JJ clusters near Kali Bari to EWS flats at Narela. The existing land is earmarked for RML Mother and Child Care Hospital.

"Houses in Narela all have modern and civic facilities with well-developed infrastructure. The approval will help in expeditious completion of this project," DDA said. It approved a policy for fixing the disposal price of stand-alone garages.

SC man beaten to death in Ggm; hate crime, say cops

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Kuldeep Yaduvanshi, the victim

GURUGRAM: A 26-year-old Gujjar man was arrested on Tuesday for beating to death a 27-year-old man from the Scheduled Caste (SC) community who was in a relationship with his 17-year-old cousin, police said, adding that the incident was a suspected case of hate crime.

The suspect was booked under sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act.

Police identified the deceased as Kuldeep Yaduvanshi, from Raisina village in Sohna, who earned a living by ferrying students to and from a private school in the area. He was abducted from near the school and his body was found on an empty plot behind a private university in Sohna around 2am on Tuesday, police said.

Siddhant Jain, deputy commissioner of police (south), said the girl's cousin was arrested in connection with the murder.

"He has disclosed the names of three to four more relatives involved in the murder. Raids are

the school. "His family got to know that he was missing when parents of school students contacted them as their wards saw Yaduvanshi's auto rickshaw outside school when they came out to return home at about 2pm but could not find him," a senior police officer said.

The family approached the City Sohna police station and alerted them about the suspected abduction. There was no development until 2am on Tuesday, when a body was found and the family identified it as Yaduvanshi's.

Joshi said that the girl's family recently went through her phone and found that they were still in touch. "They abducted Yaduvanshi, took him to a secluded place in Sanp Ki Nangli in Sohna and beat him to death. Later, they dumped the body in the empty plot behind the university, 5km away," he said.

On a complaint from the victim's mother, an FIR was registered under sections 103(a) (murder), 61 (criminal conspiracy) and 238(a) (disappearance of evidence) of the BNS and Section 3(2)(v) of the SC/ST Act at City Sohna police station on Tuesday.

Police said that according to an initial probe, all of the victim's limbs were broken and he sustained numerous bruises and injuries all across his body.

Abhilash Joshi, assistant commissioner of police (Sohna), said: "The victim and the girl met at a common place where their relatives lived. The deceased's family didn't have any information about the affair, but the girl's family had got to know about it and threatened Yaduvanshi a couple of times to stay away."

On Monday, Yaduvanshi dropped the students at the school entrance by 8am, as was his daily routine, police said. However, he was abducted soon after, as his auto rickshaw remained outside

DELHI POLICEMAN SHOOTS HIMSELF WITH PISTOL, DIES

NEW DELHI: An assistant sub-inspector (ASI) of Delhi Police allegedly died by suicide at the Civil Lines police station in north Delhi in the early hours of Tuesday, the department said.

The policeman, in his 50s, used his service pistol to shoot himself, officers said. Legal action has been initiated into the matter to ascertain the reason for the step, they said.

Deputy commissioner of police (north) Manoj Kumar Meena said they were informed about the incident, which took place at the barracks, at 3.15pm. "The ASI joined the force in 1994. His family has been informed. No suicide note has been found," Meena said.

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MCD to Bhalswa dairy owners: Vacate in 3 days

NEW DELHI: MCD on Tuesday issued a notice to property owners at Bhalswa dairy colony who have converted their plots for commercial or residential use, or are misusing dairy plots for other uses, to vacate their premises in next three days, after which the civic body will undertake a demolition drive and get

the properties vacated by force. The development comes after the Delhi high court on July 24 had ordered the shifting of Bhalswa Dairy — located near a landfill — to the Ghogha Dairy colony within four weeks, after taking note of the "inability of statutory authorities" to prevent cattle from feeding on garbage.

1 dies as truck rams milk tanker, passersby loot milk from spot

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GHAZIABAD: The 45-year-old driver of a crane-mounted truck was killed and his helper critically injured after their vehicle collided with a milk tanker on the Delhi-Meerut Expressway on Tuesday morning in Ghaziabad, senior police officers said.

Ghaziabad traffic police said the incident occurred at around 3.30am opposite ABES Engineering College. "The milk tanker lost

control of the vehicle. The truck, which was right behind, crashed into the tanker. The driver of the crane mounted truck suffered severe injuries and was declared dead on arrival at the hospital," said Piyush Kumar Singh, additional deputy commissioner of police (Traffic).

The deceased was identified as Prem Sagar, 45, a resident of Biharipura, Ghaziabad. Police said the driver of the milk tanker was not hurt in the accident. Later, as news of the accident

spread, people from nearby localities arrived in droves to flee with buckets/bottles of milk from the damaged tanker. On Tuesday evening, a video of people flocking to the milk tanker and filling up buckets, bottles and cans with milk was widely shared on social media.

HT could not independently verify the authenticity of the video. But traffic police said the alleged pilferage was a civil issue and will be looked into by the Vijay Nagar police station.

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or his offer. While detailing events that led up to Hasina's resignation following weeks of violent protests, Jaishankar revealed that the Indian government had "repeatedly counselled restraint and urged that the situation be diffused through dialogue". The Indian government is "deeply concerned" about the status of Bangladesh's minority communities following reports of attacks on their businesses and temples at multiple locations, he said. He welcomed initiatives by various organisations to protect minorities but said India's concerns will remain till law and order is "visibly restored". Uncertainty surrounded Hasina's reported plans to travel to the UK on Tuesday, and it is understood the British side believes a person needing international protection should claim asylum in the first country they reach. People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that Hasina had been moved from Hindon airbase, where she landed in a Bangladesh Air Force aircraft on Monday afternoon, to an unspecified safe location that may be in the vicinity. The people said that Jaishankar told MPs of several political parties on Tuesday that Hasina is a "friend of India" and would be allowed to remain in the country till she takes a call on her travel plans. The situation in Bangladesh and Hasina's future plans also figured in an all-party meeting, where participants were briefed by a government team that included home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh and Jaishankar. Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi, who attended the meeting held behind closed doors, asked whether the government was aware of Hasina's plans and if any "foreign forces", particularly China, were linked to the developments in Bangladesh, people aware of the discussions said. Jaishankar told the meeting India has offered help to Hasina and will take necessary steps if the situation in Bangladesh deteriorates, the people said. The government side pointed out that Pakistani diplomats had changed their display pictures on social media to indicate their support to the uprising that ousted Hasina, they said. The people said the opposition parties mainly focused on three

issues - whether the Indian side is in touch with the new dispensation in Dhaka, the steps taken to protect Indian nationals and minority communities in Bangladesh, and border security to cope with any potential escalation. While addressing the two houses of Parliament, Jaishankar said demonstrators had converged in Dhaka on Monday despite a curfew. "Our understanding is that after a meeting with leaders of the security establishment, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina apparently made the decision to resign," he said. "At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India. We simultaneously received a request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities. She arrived yesterday [Monday] evening in Delhi." India's border guarding forces have been directed to be "exceptionally alert in view of this complex situation", and New Delhi is in regular touch with the authorities in Dhaka, Jaishankar said. The people cited above said the Indian side had reached out to the Bangladeshi military, including the army chief, and conveyed its support for efforts to restore normalcy. Jaishankar said the Indian side is monitoring the status of Bangladesh's minorities, whose businesses and temples were attacked at multiple locations. "There are reports of initiatives by various groups and organisations to ensure their protection and well-being. We welcome that but will naturally remain deeply concerned till law and order is visibly restored," he added. He said Bangladesh's politics were marked by "considerable tension, deep divides and growing polarisation" since the election in January, which gave Hasina an unprecedented fourth consecutive term as prime minister. "This underlying foundation aggravated a student agitation that started in June... There was growing violence, including attacks on public buildings and infrastructure, as well as traffic and rail obstruction," he said, adding the violence continued during July. "Throughout this period, we repeatedly counselled restraint and urged that the situation be diffused through dialogue. Similar urgings were made to various political forces with whom we were in touch," Jaishankar said. Though the protests were launched by students against a controversial quota in govern-

ment jobs and the quota was struck down by Bangladesh's Supreme Court on July 21, Jaishankar acknowledged that various decisions and actions taken thereafter by Hasina's government "only exacerbated the situation". "The agitation at this stage coalesced around a one-point agenda, that is that the Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, should step down," he said. The Indian side is also in close touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh. There were an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals, including about 9,000 students, in Bangladesh. The bulk of the students returned to India in July. India expects authorities in Bangladesh to provide the required security to the high commission in Dhaka and assistant high commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet, Jaishankar said. **VINESH GUNS FOR GOLD** Wednesday. As her first bout on Tuesday ended, 3-2 in the Indian's favour, Susaki sat confounded and wide-eyed on the mat. Vinesh sprung up and ran around, hugging her coach, slumping to the mat and breaking down. Vinesh, the 29-year-old woman who stood tall against an entire system she believed had wronged the young female wrestlers of her country, had just taken down a Japanese giant. Susaki is as close to perfection as it gets in wrestling. Like Rafael Nadal on the tennis clay courts of French Open. Even he, however, has been beaten four times in over a hundred matches there. Susaki had not lost a single bout in her international career, her rare defeats coming against fellow Japanese Yuki Irie in their national tournaments. She has every world title at every level - U-15, U-17, U-20, U-23 and senior - as the only wrestler to do so. In 2022, she won eight bouts scoring 66 points and conceding none. Zero points conceded also defined her Tokyo Olympics on her way to the 50kg gold. She was meant to sweep another one in Paris. Easy-Peasy. Who dare challenge her, let alone beat her? Susaki knows nothing but to win. Vinesh knows nothing but to fight. "Boom." Fight Vinesh has, all through her life and wrestling career. Against her injury-hampered body, against the national federa-

tion, against a system that forced her to flip the mat and hit the streets. Not too long before she charged towards Susaki in the dying seconds of her bout, she was pulled back, dragged and detained during the wrestlers' stir last year. Vinesh spent days on the streets of the Capital as one of the leading faces protesting against the former Wrestling Federation of India president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accused of allegedly sexual harassing female wrestlers. Almost an entire year of her sporting career was wiped off in those public protests, which were paused and restarted with the justice they sought only getting delayed. Battles like these, against the collective might of a single powerful person and the army of personnel behind him, can break the spirit of even the most resilient. Vinesh is built of greater grit up in the mind. The body beneath, though, wouldn't be ready yet. An injury halted her comeback bid before the Asian Games in 2023. Take two in 2024. She chose to compete in the 50kg Olympic division, cutting her natural body weight of about 55kg drastically while risking an already complex injury rehab phase. The Olympics were unfinished business. Her Rio Olympics debut met a brutal end and an injured knee. Her Tokyo Olympics outing met an early starter and questions and criticism about her attitude abound from officials in her own federation. She wanted to be in Paris at any cost. She got to Paris defying odds and taming obstacles so vast and varied off the mat that the sight of the Japanese stalwart on it paled in comparison. "Boom." Such was its impact that it was felt an hour away in the largest venue of these Games. At the Stade de France, minutes after Vinesh's bout, Neeraj Chopra lined up and got done with his qualification business in one throw. He was then told of Vinesh's Susaki stunner. "This is extraordinary. To beat her is unreal!" Chopra said. "The kind of journey she has been through lately, to rise from that and reach this point giving the level of performance she has, more than the physical hard work, it is her tagda (tough) mindset." The perfect postscript. From a terrific champion to the tagda fighter who might become an Olympic champion in her own right on Wednesday night.

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His black umbrella

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Every year, his ageing umbrella helped him survive the wet monsoon months. The umbrella lately suffered a slight cut in the middle. Pavement barber Rameshwar Thakur has been administering his hajamat (shaving) stall for more than 35 years now. It lies on the border between New Delhi and Old Delhi, near the historic Ramlila Maidan. The gentle-mannered gent had acquired his beloved umbrella years ago on the occasion of a family wedding. Being the souvenir of a cherished time, he found it difficult to let go of the torn umbrella. At one point, he had it mended by a pavement cobbler. That was a temporary relief. Rameshwar Thakur bought a new umbrella some weeks ago for ₹130 from Sita Ram Bazar. It too is black, is of the same size, and, as with the previous umbrella, is installed atop a metal pole, which in turn is balanced between two bricks. "This way, the chhaata is high enough to shield my customer as well as me, and we both stay protected

from the rain." A majority of his regulars are the area's rickshaw pullers, he says. Since the establishment doesn't have a chair, the customers are obliged to sit cross-legged on the ground to get a shave. The stall stands beside a cluster of dense peepal trees. That little oasis of shade stays cool even during the summer's peak heat. Scores of rickshaw pullers lounge under the leafy trees during sweltering afternoons. On waking up from their brief nap, a few of these pullers at times walk to Rameshwar Thakur's stall for a shave. The barber lives alone in a rented room in nearby Himmatgarh, while his family lives in their distant village in Bihar's zila Poorvi Champaran. Truth be told, Rameshwar Thakur didn't have to leave home to make a living. Hajamat is universal, and a hajamat stall will find customers in every place where there are men. "People have more money in Dilli," he explains. "A barber's daily earning here will always be a bit more than a barber's daily earning in my zila... the little difference helps a lot." Moments later, Rameshwar Thakur's friends join him for timepass gupshup—see photo.



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India logs extreme humid heat even during monsoon

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NEW DELHI: Most of India's districts are experiencing extreme humid heat even during monsoon months—June, July and September—according to a new report titled "Managing Monsoons in a Warming Climate", which has contended that the country of 1.4 billion people now effectively has extended summer conditions.



The report states that over 84% of Indian districts are prone to extreme heatwaves.

The report, released ahead of the NYC Climate Week scheduled for September, states that over 84% of Indian districts are prone to extreme heatwaves, with 70% of them also witnessing increased frequency and intensity of extreme rainfall events.

has been a 19-fold increase in extreme heatwave days. The findings are based on both climate modelling and observed data from ISRO, IMD and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts. The analysis covered four seasons: January-February, March-April-May, June-July-August-September and October-November-December.

Experts said that such trends may only strengthen as the world warms further. Abinash Mohanty, head of Climate Change and Sustainability Practice at IPE Global and the study's author, said: "The current trend of catastrophic extreme heat and rainfall events are a result of 0.6 degree C tempera-

In particular, we found that districts located in the plains and in hilly regions are witnessing these trends—which has detrimental impacts on lives, livelihoods, and economic sectors."

Further, in October, November and December (OND), more than 62% of heatwave-prone Indian districts have been witnessing erratic and incessant rainfall. The increase in atmospheric temperatures and humidity increases the likelihood of heatwaves globally, especially in tropical regions.

The authors of the report have recommended establishing a heat risk observatory (HRO) to help identify, assess and project chronic and acute heat risks at a hyper-granular level. This would better prepare against heat-related extremities such as urban heat islands, water stress, vector-borne diseases and crop loss.

He added, "Recent Kerala landslides triggered by incessant and erratic rainfall episodes and the cities getting paralysed with sudden and abrupt downpour is a testament that climate is changing. Our analysis suggests that 8 out of 10 Indians will be highly exposed to extreme events by 2036 and these numbers speak of volumes."

The report states, "We believe that, overall, India is witnessing an extended summer-like condition in the June, July, August, and September (JJAS) months. The authors of the report have recommended establishing a heat risk observatory (HRO) to help identify, assess and project chronic and acute heat risks at a hyper-granular level. This would better prepare against heat-related extremities such as urban heat islands, water stress, vector-borne diseases and crop loss. They also suggest devising risk financing instruments to mitigate heat risk and extreme rainfall events. Krishna S Vatsa, member of the National Disaster Management Authority, said during the report's launch, "Data is still sketchy. We need to improve more data to understand hazards. We need meteorological observational network on a taluka level and much better models for forecast."



LK Advani

ADVANI ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL IN DELHI, CONDITION STABLE: OFFICIALS

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NEW DELHI: Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former deputy prime minister LK Advani was on Tuesday admitted to a hospital in Delhi.

His medical condition is stable, hospital officials said. The 96-year-old was admitted to the Apollo hospital, a person familiar with the matter said.

Apollo hospital later issued a brief statement, saying: "LK Advani ji, former deputy prime minister of India, is admitted at Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals under the care of Dr Vinit Suri. He has been admitted for his regular follow-up tests and investigations." He is likely to be discharged soon, it said.

In the first week of July too, Advani was brought to this facility and discharged after being kept under observation for a couple of days. Prior to that he was admitted to AIIMS and was discharged following a night-long stay there.

{ LAND-FOR-JOBS CASE }

ED files charge sheet, names Lalu, Tejashwi

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NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Tuesday filed a supplementary charge sheet against former railways minister and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad, his son Tejashwi Yadav and eight others in a money laundering case related to the land-for-jobs scam.

The 100-page charge sheet was filed before special judge Vishal Gogne in Rouse Avenue Court in Delhi. Special public prosecutor Manish Jain and advocate Ishaan Baisha informed the court that the charge sheet is accompanied by 96 relied upon documents. The judge posted the matter for consideration on August 13.

ED has named Lalu and Tejashwi for the first time in its supplementary charge sheet. In its earlier charge sheet filed on January 9, the federal agency named Lalu's wife and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi, their daughters Misa Bharti and Hema Yadav, businessman Amit Katyal and former railway employee Hridayanand Chaudhary as accused.

ED's case stems from an FIR registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) over malpractices in railway recruitment during 2004-09, when Lalu Prasad was the railway minister in the UPA-I government.

The case pertains to Group-D appointments made in West Central Zone of the railways in Jabalpur, MP during Prasad's tenure as railway minister in return for land parcels gifted or transferred by the recruits in the name of the RJD chief's family or associates, according to ED. It has been alleged that the recruits, directly or through their immediate family members, allegedly sold land to Prasad's family at discounted rates of up to one-fourth to one-fifth of prevailing market rates.

Lalu, Rabri and Tejashwi were earlier questioned by CBI while Misa Bharti was examined under the PMLA by ED in March last year.



Eight others have been named along with Lalu and Tejashwi. HT

Delay in sanction halts CBI case proceedings

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NEW DELHI: The lack of prosecution sanction against 32 public servants, including former Bihar chief minister Lalu Prasad, has held up the proceedings in land-for-jobs scam—which dates back to 2004-09 when Prasad was the railway minister—even after the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) filed a final charge sheet in the case around two months ago.

Irked by the inaction, a Delhi court in a strongly worded order last week directed the respective competent authorities to decide the sanction by August 20.

On June 7, CBI filed its final charge sheet—fourth since October 2022—naming 78 accused, including Prasad, his wife and former Bihar CM Rabri Devi, son Tej Pratap Yadav, daughter Hema Yadav, former aide Bhola Yadav, a former personal secretary, 29 railway officials, 37 candidates and six private persons.

The federal agency has invoked IPC sections related to criminal conspiracy along with cheating and forgery among others, and provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act

against the accused.

Taking a strong stance at delay in the proceedings in the case, special judge, CBI (MP/MLA case), Vishal Gogne on July 31 directed: "...the respective competent authorities shall decide the question of sanction by the next date of hearing (August 20) before this court failing which an authorised official from the office of the said competent authority shall appear before this court in order to explain the delay."

People familiar with the matter said the competent authority for Lalu's sanction for prosecution is the Union home ministry while the ministry of railways has to clear prosecution sanction for 29 railway officials accused in the case.

For a court to take cognizance of a charge sheet against public servants, sanction under section 19 of Prevention of Corruption Act is mandatory.

"This tendency of keeping CBI's prosecution sanction requests pending hinders our anti-corruption work as the investigations are delayed, and as a result, trials in courts are held-up. This needs to be fast-tracked," a CBI official said, requesting anonymity.

163 Black Money Act probes conducted in 9 years

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NEW DELHI: In the last nine years, there have been 163 investigations and assessment orders passed in 652 cases raising an aggregate demand of ₹17,162 crore under the Black Money Act, the Centre informed Parliament on Tuesday.

It added that details of specific assesses against whom action has been taken cannot be disclosed under the provisions of

the Income Tax Act. In a written reply, Union minister of state for finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in Rajya Sabha: "As on March 31, 2024, orders u/s 10(3)(10/4) of the Act have been passed in about 652 cases raising demand of more than ₹17,162 crore (approximately) and 163 prosecutions have been launched."

Sharing data of the last five years, the minister said 109 prosecutions were launched between 2019-20 and 2023-24. The Black Money (Undisclosed

UNION MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE PANKAJ CHAUDHARY SHARED THE DATA IN PARLIAMENT

Foreign Income and Assets) and Imposition of Tax Act was brought by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in July 2015 to deal with the issue of black money

stashed abroad and wilful evasion of tax in relation to such income/assets. The government had also formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) on black money.

When the law was brought, a one-time opportunity was given to voluntarily disclose the undisclosed foreign income or assets.

According to the data shared by Chaudhary on Tuesday in Rajya Sabha, 648 disclosures involving undisclosed foreign assets worth ₹4,164 crores were made in the one-time three month-long com-

pliance window between July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015. "The amount collected by way of tax and penalty in such cases was around ₹2,476 crore," he added.

In a separate reply pertaining to money laundering probes, Chaudhary informed the upper house that the ED has till July 31 this year filed total 7,083 cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The agency has till July 31 attached properties worth ₹1.31 lakh crore under PMLA.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **Komal D/o Pratap Singh R/o H. No. B-368, Gali No. 2/2, Rajbeer Colony, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her house since dated **13.06.2018 at about 4:00 pm**. In this regard a **FIR No. 233/2018 Dated 14.06.2018 U/s 363 IPC** has been lodged at **PS Ghazipur, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this girl but no clue has come to light so far. Her physical description is as under:-

Sex: Female, **Age:** 16 years, **Height:** 5' 3" ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Sky Blue Top & Black Colour Pajami and Blue Colour Slippers in her feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/kidnapped girl may kindly inform to the following numbers:- **SHO Website: http://cbi.nic.in PS: Ghazipur, Delhi Ph.: 011-22610068 E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in Mob.: 8750870625 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 DP/10300/ED/2024 Fax No.: 011-24368639**

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Government of Himachal Pradesh Jal Shakti Vibhag

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Himachal Pradesh on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites two covers (Technical & Financial bid) online tender from manufacturers of reputed firms for supply of ISI marked Galvanized Mild Steel Tubes conforming to IS:1239 (Part-1) 2004 with latest amendments in random lengths of 4 to 7 mtrs. screwed or plain ended on both ends as per IS:554/1999 in the sizes of 15mm dia & 150mm dia (12459 Metric Tonne) amounting to **Rs. 123.52 Crore** approximately of nominal bore and classes (Light, Medium & Heavy), sockets conforming to IS:1239 (Part-2) 2011 with latest amendments so as to be uploaded online on or before **27.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM on the site <https://hptenders.gov.in>**. The technical bid shall be opened online on the next day i.e. **28.08.2024 at 11.30 AM** in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division No.1 Kasumpti Shimla-9 by the committee constituted by the department in the presence of the intending tenderers or their authorized representatives, if they wish to do so. If the opening date happens to be a holiday then the tenders shall be received up to and opened on the next working day at same time. The descriptions given herein are in brief. The complete details and the tender documents containing B.O.Q. with specifications and other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the above mentioned website.

The Cost of Tender Form **Rs. 2500/-** and Earnest Money **Rs. 50.00 Lacs** (Rupees Fifty Lakh only) be deposited either through online mode (e-payment) or physical mode. In case of physical mode in the shape of National Saving Certificates, demand draft or fixed deposit duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kasumpti, and Shimla-9. Earnest Money shall be refundable to un-successful tenderers only after finalization of the tender and shall be retained in case of successful tenderers which shall be treated as security deposit to be refunded after the successful completion of supply. In case of physical mode the scanned copy of all these documents and proof of cost of tender form and earnest money payment be uploaded alongwith the original documents be submitted in the o/o Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 up to **11.30 AM on 28.08.2024** i.e. prior to the opening of technical bid.

In the two cover tender, first cover shall contain scanned copy of proof of cost of tender form, earnest money and all other specified documents as per terms and conditions of the tender to check the technical eligibility. The second packet shall contain only the financial bid.

The financial bid of only those bidders shall be opened whose first packet is found in order as per the terms and conditions document as verified from the scanned copies of original documents uploaded by the firms.

The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Shimla-171005, reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the firm to upload the bid be uploaded along with the other documents online.

Only firms fulfilling the terms and conditions specified in the document for terms and conditions need apply.

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DPR HP-1284

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING ONE RETAIL LIQUOR ZONE OF DISTRICT ROHTAK IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of one retail liquor zone of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) of district Rohtak in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The detail of zone available for e-bidding is as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of District	Zone Code
1.	Rohtak	ZRTK18

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under:-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 8th August, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 8th August, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	8th August, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.16 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.

The detail of reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the district concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

6. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.

7. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner Haryana
RO No. 1037/11/242/2025/28640/19/7

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a Lady namely **Preeti Devi W/o Ranjeet Singh Rathore, R/o D-40 Amar Colony Malik Chowk Nangloi, Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from her Home Since **02.08.2024 at 10:00 AM**, In this regard, a **DD No. 68A, Dt. 03.08.2024**, has been registered at **P.S.: Nangloi, Delhi**. The description of the missing Lady as under.

Age: 34 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Wearing:** Brown Suit and White Pajami & Hawai Slipper in the feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. Any person is having information or clue about this missing Lady may kindly inform to the following.

Ph. No. 011-24368638, 24368641 Website: http://cbi.nic.in S.H.O E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in PS: Nangloi, Delhi Fax No. 011-24368639 DP/10344/OD/2024 Ph No. 011-25949470, 9654884223

Government of Punjab Punjab Municipal Services Improvement Project (PMSIP)-P170811 (Funded by WB & AIB)

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The General Manager (F&A), PMDC, on behalf of the Employer "Municipal Corporation Amritsar (MCA) and Municipal Corporation Ludhiana (MCL)", Punjab, invites online Proposals from eligible Proposers for the following project:

RFP No.	Name of the Project	Start Date and Time	Closing Date and Time
IN-PMDC-443911-CS-OCBS	Consulting Services for RFP for Establishing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solution for Asset Management in Amritsar and Ludhiana Municipal Corporations onwards of Punjab through PMDC.	06.08.2024 from 1200 hour (IST)	05.09.2024 upto 1200 Hours (IST) (server time) (server time)

Notice inviting tenders which includes instructions for 'Submission of Proposals' and all other relevant information is available on <https://www.eproc.punjab.gov.in>

Note: Any corrigendum(s) to the tender/RFP notice shall be published on the above website only.

36415 G.M. (F&A), PMDC

File No. I-12031/2018-ADMIN
Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
(Ministry of Corporate Affairs)

Notice Inviting GeM Tender
Bid No. GEM/2024/B/5253387 Dated: 05.08.2024

Name of the Institute	Name of Work Notice Tender	Opening Date & Closing Date	Contract Period/ Estimated bid Value	Website of the Auth.	Nodal Officer/ Contact No.
Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, Plot No. 6-B, Sector-5, IMT Manesar, Gurugram, (Haryana-122051)	Catering Housekeeping & Hospitality Services in IICA Campus.	05 August 2024 to 27 August 2024	3 Years/ 6,00,00,000/- (Rs. Six Crore)	https://iica.nic.in/tender.aspx https://gem.gov.in	Administrative Officer, IICA 0124-2640000

Sd/- (Administrative Officer)
Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES DEOGHAR
(An Institution of National Importance under Ministry of Health & Family Welfare)

No: AIIMS/Deo/Cont. Rect./Non-Faculty/2024-25/49 Date: 03.08.2024
Advertisement for Contractual Engagement of Various Non-Faculty Posts at AIIMS Deoghar

The AIIMS, Deoghar invites applications from eligible and suitable candidates for contractual engagement to the following posts purely on contract basis for 11 months (further extendable on yearly basis on performance) or till filling up said vacancy on regular basis at AIIMS Deoghar as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Age Limit	Total no. of Post	Category
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5	Asst. Blood Transfusion Officer	18-30 years	01	UR
6	Security Officer	18-35 years	01	UR
7	Law Officer	30-45 years	01	UR
8	Yoga Instructor	21-35 years	01	UR
9	Sanitation Officer	Not more than 50 years	01	UR
10	Biomedical Engineer	21-35 years	01	UR
11	Laundry Manager	Up to 50 years	01	UR
12	Fire Technician	18-27 years	04	3 UR & 1 OBC

The interested candidate may visit the official website of AIIMS Deoghar i.e. <https://www.aiimsdeoghar.edu.in> for more details. The last date for submission of application is 19.08.2024

-Sd- Recruitment Cell AIIMS Deoghar

{ INTERVIEW } MANOJ SINHA, J&K LT GOVERNOR

'Terror won't impact poll plan... J&K admin is fully prepared'

Five years after the abrogation of Article 370 that removed Jammu & Kashmir's special status and split the state into two Union territories, J&K is on course to holding its first assembly elections in a decade in line with the Supreme Court-mandated deadline of September 30. Lt Governor Manoj Sinha, 65, spoke to Ramesh Vinayak on Tuesday on new ground realities in the region, the surge in terror strikes in Jammu, and the Opposition's criticism on the alleged crackdown on dissent, and the vesting of more administrative and legal powers to his office. Edited excerpts:



What has changed in J&K in the last five years since the revocation of Article 370?

The most defining change is that democracy has taken deep roots here. There has been inclusive growth touching all sections, particularly those who were long denied their right and share to development. Today, J&K is firmly on the path of peace and prosperity. Life is now as normal as in any other place in the country. Visitors to Srinagar are surprised to find a vibrant night life that was unimaginable a few years ago. The Union territory is now a model of urban transformation. You see it all over whether it's the remodelled Lal Chowk or Polo Market. The common man feels empowered and doesn't follow someone's diktat. We have succeeded in putting systems in place. Transparency, accountability and financial prudence have become important factors in governance here which was missing before 2019.

What are the tangible markers of the 'Naya Kashmir' promise of the Narendra Modi government?

Five key sectors are worth mentioning. The pace of implementation is now 10 times compared to pre-2019. After the implementation of the Public Services Guarantee Act, citizens can now avail more than 1,100 timebound services online as compared just two dozen five years ago. The approval rating of users is close to 85% which has bolstered people's trust in the government. We are now a

good model for e-governance.

On infrastructure and connectivity, highway and tunnel projects worth ₹1.5 lakh crore are under implementation. When I took over as Lt Governor in 2020, the travel time from Jammu to Srinagar was eight hours. Now it's five hours. The Katra-Delhi greenfield expressway will be operational this year. From 20-22 flights, Srinagar now has 140 flights daily. The number of flights from Jammu has grown from half a dozen to 48 a day. New terminals are coming up at both airports.

The Kashmir-Kanyakumari rail link will be operational this year. The Prime Minister's Development Plan, formulated in 2015 after the Kashmir floods, was moving slowly. We lent it momentum. Today, 35 projects are complete and 18 more will be inaugurated this year.

The three-tier Panchayati Raj was empowered despite its late implementation here. Fresh elections to panchayats and urban local bodies will be held in the near future as Parliament has cleared the provision for OBC reservation in these institutions.

A big transformation is happening in agriculture, horticulture and allied sectors. A holistic plan of 29 projects to boost productivity, implemented last year, will double the share of this sector in the state's gross domestic product in five years.

A record number of tourists are coming to Jammu & Kashmir. Last year, the figure was 2.11 crore. Tourism and hospitality now have

the status of industry. The success of the G20 tourism working group meeting in Srinagar has increased the influx of foreign tourists by two-and-a-half times.

In six decades after 1947, Jammu & Kashmir got private investment of ₹14,000 crore. Among all states and UTs, our new industrial policy is offering best incentives, including the cheapest power. Today, we have investment proposals of 1.2 lakh crore. Of this, projects of about ₹7,000 crore have been commissioned, while others of ₹20,000 crore projects are under implementation. Regressive land laws have been amended to create land pool for the industry.

Jobs are a big issue here. We have given about 43,000 government jobs in the past five years. The state is already overemployed with 4.8 lakh sanctioned posts for a 1.4 crore population. So, the focus is on self-employment. Eight lakh youngsters have got financial help for enterprises. Nine lakh women are now affiliated with self-help groups.

What is your sense of the ground sentiment?

The most telling indicator of that is the 58% turnout in the recent Lok Sabha elections, something Jammu & Kashmir had never seen in 35 years. People have reposed faith in democracy and moved beyond the slogans of self-rule. There will be a record turnout in the assembly elections, too.

What do you make of the

spike in terror strikes in Jammu region that has largely been free of violence over the past two decades?

Our focus has been the Kashmir Valley. Security forces have eliminated all the top commanders of terror outfits. Local recruitment is almost zero. For the last year-and-a-half, our neighbour (Pakistan) has been trying to disturb Jammu. It was rattled and frustrated by the success of the G20 meet and Lok Sabha elections. It is a fact that infiltration has happened. Those who have come are trained terrorists. Due to relative peace for two decades, deployment of security forces in the higher reaches was reduced. Terrorists took advantage of that. Our counterstrategy is now in place. Redeployment on mountains has been done. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is monitoring the situation. In the coming months, Jammu will be as normal as it was before.

Can the terror threat pose a challenge to the peaceful conduct of assembly elections in the next three months?

I don't think so. The Election Commission team is coming on August 8 and 9. Once they decide, the Jammu and Kashmir administration is fully ready to hold the elections.

The Jammata-Islami, which stands proscribed for its secessionist ideology, has hinted at participating in elections if the ban is lifted. Is the government considering the change in Jamaat's views?

If anyone wants to contest the elections and expresses faith in the Indian Constitution, he is free to do so. But the ban on the Jamaat will not be lifted.

Some mainstream opposition parties contest that the tourism boom is not the real indicator of normalcy as there has been a surge in terror. They rue that civil liberties are being trampled upon.

We cannot go by some people's parameters of normalcy. Figures speak for themselves. There are no stone-pelting and strikes which

were the rule before 2019. Schools, business and traffic are normal. No top commander of any terror outfit is surviving. Killings of civilians and security forces are drastically down. Ask the common man how normal life is now. If some people can't see this change, the defect lies in their vision. As far as civil society and press rights are concerned, there is complete freedom. But, when it comes to the country's security, unity and integrity, there is a fine line which no one is allowed to cross.

The Centre has vested more administrative and legal powers to the LG in J&K. What is the rationale when we are on course to having an elected government?

These powers were already in the Jammu & Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, which was enacted by Parliament and upheld by the Supreme Court. No amendment has been made to it. The ministry of home affairs has only notified the LG's powers.

The Opposition says it will render an elected chief minister powerless.

It doesn't have to be seen this way. An elected government works for interests of the people. If the government's agenda is to ensure peace and progress and prosperity, then where is the clash? I can assure that I will cooperate with the elected government.

Mainstream Kashmiri parties have accused the Centre of propping up its proxies in the Valley?

Not at all. The Lok Sabha elections were the most transparent poll Kashmir has seen in decades.

In the Lok Sabha election, independent candidate Engineer Rashid, jailed in Tihar under UAPA, got elected from Anantnag. Is there an apprehension that other jailed persons, imprisoned for secessionist activities, may contest the assembly polls and get elected?

It is up to the people. They should bear in mind to elect only those who can contribute to development and peace in Jammu & Kashmir.

{ IN LOK SABHA }

Debate on finance bill triggers row in House

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NEW DELHI: The debate on the finance bill turned into a verbal battle between the government and the Opposition on Tuesday over a range of issues, including the caste identity of the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, and allegations made by Trinamool Congress (TMC) member Mahua Moitra against a prominent business group.

Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) lawmaker Nishikant Dubey raked up controversial remarks made by former Union minister Anurag Thakur in the Lok Sabha against Gandhi and asked if the Congress leader did not have a caste.

"The allegation he made about caste is wrong... There is no caste. He [Gandhi] says, I am not what I appear... So he is a hermit and it is said that you should not ask about the caste of a hermit," Dubey said.

He was referring to Thakur's remarks during the budget debate that someone whose caste is unknown is asking for a caste census.

Gandhi retorted that he will happily accept abuses from the BJP but he will continue to



Opposition parties and Union ministers sparred on range of issues, including caste identity of Rahul Gandhi, in the LS.

work for SC, ST, OBCs.

Amid protests from the Opposition benches, Dubey also challenged the Congress over its demand for a caste census and said, "I want to ask the Congress, many people in this country do not believe in religion, caste... How will they participate in a caste-based census?"

Dubey also said he brought the Congress's poll manifestos from 1952 to 1990 and found that the documents showed the opposition party was against reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC). He also alleged that the Congress wanted to bring reservations for Christians and Muslims through the back door.

TMC MP Mahua Moitra

Amid MUDA case row, fresh complaint seeks probe against CM Sidda

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BENGALURU: A social activist on Tuesday filed a complaint with Karnataka governor Thawar Chand Gehlot seeking a probe against chief minister Siddaramaiah over his alleged role in irregularities in denotification of land allotted to the poor beneficiaries in Mysuru in 2008.

The complaint, filed by RTI activist Snehamayee Krishna, accused Siddaramaiah of misusing his position as a legislator to influence district officials in land-related decisions. While Siddaramaiah was yet to respond to the complaint, his office said the chief minister will address a press conference on the matter on Wednesday.

The development comes at a time when the state anxiously awaits the Raj Bhavan's decision on another petition seeking sanction to prosecute Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) site allotment scam. Acting on the petition, the governor had on July 26 issued a "show cause notice" to the CM to submit his reply to the allegations against him within seven days.

The latest complaint alleged that then Congress MLA Siddaramaiah on August 10, 2008 wrote to the district commissioner, requesting the de-notification of a plot of land that was acquired by the government in 1979. Following Siddaramaiah's letter, the complaint alleged, the district administration swiftly acted to de-notify the land within just 14 months, removing its acquired status. "The land in



Siddaramaiah

question, a 1.39-acre plot bearing survey number 205/2, is situated in Uttanahalli village near Mysuru city. Originally, this land was allocated as Ashraya sites for Below Poverty Line beneficiaries. However, due to a lack of infrastructure, the intended beneficiaries did not build homes on the land, creating a loophole that authorities exploited to facilitate fraudulent activities," read the complaint letter.

When sought a response, the chief minister's office said, "Chief minister Siddaramaiah will address a press conference on Wednesday at 10.00 am at Mysuru Press Club."

The opposition BJP, meanwhile, attacked the senior Congress leader over fresh allegations. "The situation of the chief minister is such that he can't get out of his house to show his face to the people. We are not aware of what action the governor will take, but we are certain that the chief minister is directly involved in all these scams. He should offer his resignation," BJP state chief BY Vijayendra said. This is the second complaint with Governor Gehlot, against the chief minister. Earlier, Bengaluru-based social activist TJ Abraham had sought the governor's permission, to prosecute Siddaramaiah, in the alleged MUDA scam.

SC RESERVES ORDER ON FIR AGAINST 30 ARMY MEN NAMED IN 2021 NAGALAND AMBUSH CASE

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved orders on a petition challenging criminal proceedings lodged against 30 Army personnel accused of killing 13 tribal people in Nagaland in December 2021 after the Centre refused to grant a sanction for their prosecution last year.

A bench led by justice Vikram Nath closed arguments after the petitioners - the wives of the accused Army personnel, including a Major - alleged that the Nagaland government did not have the jurisdiction to prosecute the officers as they enjoyed immunity under Armed Forces Special Powers Act, 1958 (AFSPA), which requires prior sanction from Centre to institute legal proceedings against Army personnel.

The state justified its action by suggesting that when the trial had begun against the Army personnel, the Army had sought their release to initiate proceedings of court martial under the Army Act and now to file this petition was abuse of the process of court.

"This was a clear case of cold-blooded murder against unarmed, innocent Naga tribals without any provocation whatsoever," said Nagaland advocate general KN Balagopal. He defended the Nagaland government's action to approach the top court in a separate petition challenging the Centre's denial of sanction against the 30 Army men in February 2023.

Additional solicitor general (ASG) Aishwarya Bhati appearing for the Centre objected to Nagaland's petition challenging refusal of sanction and said it will be filing an appropriate response to the pending plea. She said, "It does not behave a state to paint the Army with such a brush. We will raise this point before the other bench."

The bench, also comprising justice PB Varale, said, "Your objections will be relevant to the court hearing that matter. Your argument seems to be that even if sanction is given, it will give rise to fresh proceedings and these proceedings will go."

Tarang Shakti exercise commences



The Indian Air Force's multinational exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2024' conducted in Sullur, Tamil Nadu, on Tuesday. At a curtain-raiser to the exercise on July 31, IAF vice chief Air Marshal AP Singh said it will allow India to showcase its indigenous military capabilities to the world. PTI

Apex court raises alarm over plastic waste in water bodies

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has voiced serious concerns over the unchecked dumping of plastic and other waste materials into India's water bodies, warning that this pollution is causing significant environmental degradation and harming aquatic life.

A bench of justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti emphasised that without a unified effort from authorities and the cooperation of the public, any attempts to address illegal constructions and improve water quality in rivers will remain "illusory."

"The dumping of plastic is causing serious environmental degradation and also impacting aquatic life in the riverbanks and the water bodies in the country. Unless concerted effort is made by the responsible authorities with people's cooperation, the desired improvement of the quality of the water in river Ganga/all other rivers and water bodies in the country will remain illusory," stated the bench in its August 2 order.



The directive came on a plea on indiscriminate plastic dumping in Ganga

warya Bhati, who appeared for the Union of India and National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG), four weeks to file an affidavit addressing the environmental concerns outlined in the order. Additionally, the state of Bihar, represented through advocate Azmat Hayat Amanullah, has been instructed to submit an affidavit within the same timeframe, detailing the steps it has taken to address unauthorised constructions along the Ganga River in Patna.

The directive was issued after advocate Akash Vashishtha, appearing for petitioner Ashok Kumar Sinha, highlighted the problem of indiscriminate dumping of plastic in the Ganga and other water bodies in the country.

This order follows a prior directive issued on December 1, 2023, where the court ordered the Bihar government to identify and remove unauthorised constructions adjacent to the Ganga.

On August 2, the Bihar government requested for a clarification of the 2023 order, which had held that "no further construction" will take place adjacent to the river Ganga, particularly in and around the city of Patna. ASG Bhati and Amanullah pointed out that the original wording of the court's December 1, 2023 order might be misconstrued because it did not clarify that only unauthorised and illegal constructions were being condemned.

Accepting their plea, the bench clarified: "The state shall ensure no further illegal construction or unauthorised encroachment takes place adjacent to the river Ganga, particularly in and around Patna."

The bench expanded the scope of Sinha's petition amid growing concern over the environmental health of India's water bodies and demanded detailed affidavits from both the Centre and the state.

13-YEAR-OLD GIRL FOUND DEAD IN MANGALURU

BENGALURU: A 13-year-old girl was found dead in her house on the outskirts of Mangaluru on Tuesday, police said.

According to police, the victim, a resident of Belagavi, had recently relocated to Mangaluru with her family to stay with their relatives while seeking treatment for a hand injury.

Panambur police station inspector Salim M said: "Initial probe shows that the murderer may have attempted to assault the girl, and when she resisted, she was strangled. We have detained a 55-year-old man in connection with the incident."

The police have registered a case under section 103 of the BNS (punishment for murder) and have launched an investigation into the crime. HTc

Raja seeks safety measures to protect reservation for Dalits

NEW DELHI: Lok Sabha MP and DMK leader A Raja on Tuesday requested the central government to ensure "safety measures" to protect reservation for Dalits. He made the request following a recent observation made by the Supreme Court that reservation should be limited only to the first generation. "There are apprehensions among the Dalit people that the SC observation may prejudice their rights," Raja said.

BJP, Cong spar over Nishikant Dubey's Ambani wedding jab

NEW DELHI: The BJP and the Congress clashed once again after BJP lawmaker Nishikant Dubey claimed that a member of the Gandhi family had attended the wedding ceremony of Akash Ambani. Refuting his claim, Congress MP KC Venugopal said, "Every time Nishikant Dubey spoke in the House, he has misled it" and refuted the claim that a member of the Gandhi family had attended the programme.

Oppn, Union minister trade barbs over delay in census

NEW DELHI: Opposition members questioned the government on Tuesday on why the census due in 2021 has not been conducted yet. Congress's Jairam Ramesh and AAP member Vikramjit Singh brought up the issue while discussing the beneficiaries under the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana in Rajya Sabha. Union minister Pralhad Joshi cited Covid-19 and "some other reasons" over the delay in the census.

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Woman tries to kill friend to fake her death

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BHOPAL: A 19-year-old woman has been arrested for attempting to murder her friend and disfiguring the victim's face in order to pass her body off as her own, in order to fake her own death so she could live with her boyfriend, police officials said on Tuesday.

The 18-year-old victim, Neha Rajak, meanwhile, is still recovering from the injuries inflicted on her during the attack.

The crime unraveled when the police, after a 55-days-long chase, nabbed 19-year-old Muskan Rajput from a nondescript railway station in Bhopal on

statement to the police. "They exchanged clothes and belongings for the photoshoot. Muskan then attacked Neha on the head with a stone. When Neha collapsed, she tried to disfigure her face with a stone to hide her identity," the SP said. Muskan pushed Neha on the railway tracks and fled the spot, he added. In a bid to portray it as a suicide, "Muskan left her bag on the railway tracks with a fake suicide note," he said.

On finding the suicide note and identity cards, "police informed Muskan's family, but her brother confirmed the victim wasn't her," he said.

About 10 days after the attack, Neha regained consciousness

and narrated the attack to the police.

Police launched a hunt for Muskan, but she kept moving. "She was travelling alone at the time of her arrest from the Bina railway station, the SP said.

Following her arrest, Muskan informed police that her family was opposed to her relationship with her boyfriend, Hariom Sen, as the two are from different communities.

She has been booked under section 109 (attempt to murder) and 115 (voluntarily causing hurt) of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. Hariom has also been booked as accomplice. Muskan was produced before district court on Tuesday which sent her to jail.

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INDEXATION

long-term capital asset, being land or building or both, by an individual or HUF, which is acquired before the 23rd day of July, 2024, the taxpayer can compute his taxes under the new scheme [at 12.5% without indexation] and old scheme [at 20% with indexation] and pay such tax which is lower of the two," a person with direct knowledge of the matter said, summing the amendments.

The indexation benefit allows taxpayers to calculate gains by the sale of capital assets after adjusting for inflation. The budget on July 23 proposed to reduce long-term capital gains tax rate from 20% with indexation to 12.5% without indexation in the name of simplification, a controversial move that upset the market and adversely impacted investor sentiment.

The move came hours after the Opposition members in Lok Sabha asked the finance minister to review her proposal that they argued adversely affected the middle class.

Raising the matter on Tuesday afternoon in the Lok Sabha during the debate on proposals of the finance bill, several Opposition members urged finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman to review it for the sake of the middle class.

"Not only is the middle-class being taxed, but now with this budget, the savings of the middle class have also been taxed with removal of indexation and with a rise in the short-term capital gains... Now if we talk about the people like our parents, pensioners, salaried middle-class, risk-averse people, who invested in gold, in property, in debt mutual funds, the removal of indexation has harmed them disproportionately," said Trinamool Congress leader Mahua Moitra.

Nationalist Congress Party (Sharadchandra Pawar) leader Supriya Sule said that the proposal to remove indexation from long-term capital gains was not clear. "There is no clarity on indexation." She said, if a person bought a house in 2002 for Rs 1 crore and sold it for Rs 5 crore, he or she would pay LTCG of Rs 34 lakh with indexation while he would have to pay Rs 50 lakh without indexation, she argued.

"Indexation has been done away with for ease of computation with simultaneous reduction of rate from 20% to 12.5%, FAQ released by the Income-Tax Department had said after the budget. It also simplified the holding period. Earlier there were three holding period for considering an asset to be a long-term capital asset. Now, there are only two holding periods - for listed securities, it is one year, and for all other assets, it is two years, it said.

Taxpayers will continue to avail the rollover benefits on capital gains as earlier, it said. "Investment of capital gain in 54EC bonds (up to Rs 50 lakh) and in other cases, the capital gain is exempt from tax, subject to certain specified conditions," it said that day.

Niranjan Hiranandani, chairman of the Hiranandani Group, called it a significant step forward. "This relief applies to the transfer of long-term capital assets, such as land or buildings, acquired before July 23, 2024. By enabling taxpayers to choose the lower tax burden between the new and old schemes, the amendment is poised to drive investment and enhance sales across housing segments," he said.

SEVERAL OPPN MEMBERS HAD URGED THE FINANCE MINISTER TO REVIEW THE MOVE FOR THE SAKE OF THE MIDDLE CLASS

TIM WALZ

battle between liberals and conservatives.

Combining sharpness with humour, he began calling the Republican leadership "weird" for some of their more extreme statements, a term that has now become a part of Democratic messaging.

But beyond the term, it was his rootedness in the Midwest that lent him authority and authenticity to take on the Republican far-right, which has campaigned on painting Democrats as out-of-touch coastal elites in general and Harris as a "radical" or "San Francisco liberal".

Trump's decision to pick Vance, the author of a book on the cultural and economic anxieties of small-town middle America, was meant as a signal to the working-class voters in precisely the wider belt that Walz comes from, even though Minnesota specifically has voted Democrat in presidential elections.

"I think what Tim Walz's selection says is that Kamala Harris has bent the knee to the far left of her party," said Vance at a rally in Philadelphia, the

city where Harris was due to hold a campaign event later on Tuesday.

Sketching out Walz's biography, in what appeared to be an attempt to showcase his deep roots and story of struggle, Harris noted that he grew up in a small town in Nebraska, worked on a farm in the summer, relied on social security after his father died early, and enlisted in the National Guard where he served for 24 years.

Walz, Harris wrote, then used state benefits meant for those who serve in the military to go to college and became a teacher, besides serving as both the football coach and the advisor of the Gay-Straight Alliance in the Minnesota school where he taught.

"I share this background both because it's impressive in its own right, and because you see in no uncertain terms how it informs his record. He worked with Republicans to pass infrastructure investments. He cut taxes for working families. He passed a law to provide paid family and medical leave to Minnesotan families. He made Minnesota the first state in the country to pass a law providing constitutional abortion protections after the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade, and as an avid hunter, he passed a bill requiring universal background checks for gun purchases," Harris said in her post.

Walz represented a conservative Minnesota district, only the second time a Democrat had won it, for over a decade in the US House of Representatives where he also served as a ranking member of the Veterans Affairs Committee. Nancy Pelosi, the Democratic leader in the House during that period, hailed the selection of Walz and called him a true heartland Democrat.

Harris's decision came hours after she secured the unanimous support of party delegates and became the official nominee of the Democratic party. It also came in the backdrop of some polls showing Harris edging past Trump, a big jump in just two weeks when Trump had a comfortable lead against President Joe Biden who dropped out of the race after his age-related deficits became an obvious liability.

Walz responded minutes after the announcement and said on X, "It is the honour of a lifetime to join @kamalaharris in this campaign. I'm all in. Vice President Harris is showing us the politics of what's possible. It reminds me a bit of the first day of school. So, let's get this done, folks! Join us."

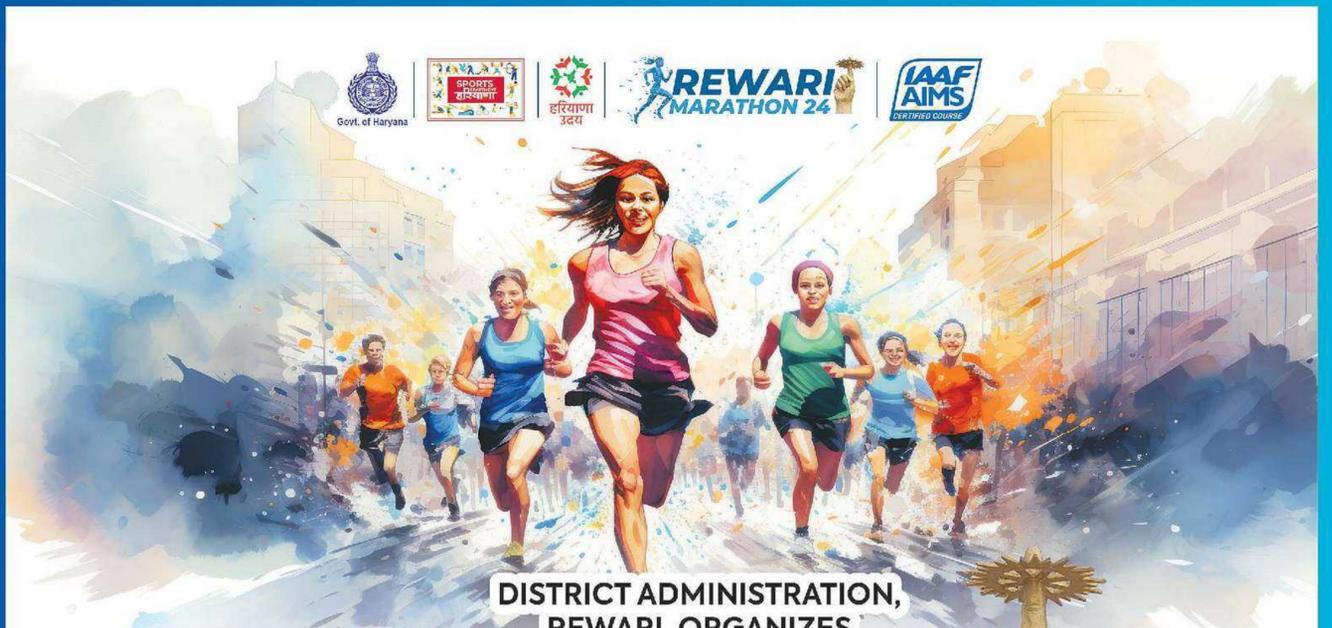
Harris and Walz will hold their first rally in Pennsylvania later on Tuesday, the first of a whirlwind tour across the swing states of Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona, North Carolina and Nevada this week.

Walz, who will debate Vance if both agree on the terms, has already taken on the Republican vice presidential nominee. In a media appearance, a clip of which was posted by Kamala Harris's campaign account, Walz said, "People like JD Vance know nothing about small-town America. It's not about hate. It's not about collapsing in. The golden rule there is mind your own damn business. Their policies are what destroy rural America. They have divided us."

Using the "mind your own business" framing, Walz has woven it with the idea of "freedom" that has defined the Harris campaign so far. In the campaign, Democrats are painting Republicans as the party that is snatching away individual liberty with a focus on the roll-back of national protection for abortion. This is a departure from the past when it was the Republicans who painted Democrats as the party of big government and projected themselves as standing up for liberty.

Harris also considered Pennsylvania's governor Josh Shapiro, who is extremely popular in the swing state that is a must-win for Democrats this November. But progressives were opposed to Shapiro for his pro-Israel position and support for school vouchers, a move that made teachers' unions, a key component of the Democratic base, uncomfortable. For his part, Walz had the support of unions for his pro-labour position, abortion rights groups (Walz and his wife have also used fertility treatment to have children), gun safety groups, progressives and left-leaning students for his early demand for a ceasefire in Gaza.

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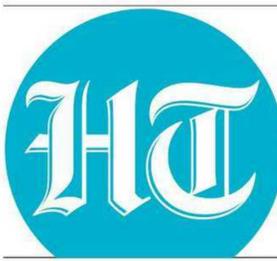
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SC bench to hear Punjab HC's criticism of its order

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday took suo motu cognisance of an unusual order issued by a Punjab and Haryana high court judge, who criticised a stay order previously passed by the apex court while commenting that the Supreme Court tends to perceive itself as more "supreme" than it actually is and views high courts as being less "high" than they are constitutionally.

A five-judge bench, consisting of Chief Justice of India Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud and justices Sanjiv Khanna, BR Gavai, Surya Kant and Hrishikesh Roy, will hear the matter on Wednesday. The case, titled "In Re: Order of Punjab and Haryana High Court Dated 17.07.2024 and Ancillary Issues," was registered following the high court order on July 17. In that order, a single bench led by justice Rajbir Sehrawat made several critical remarks about the Supreme Court's decision to stay contempt proceedings initiated by the high court in a case.

According to justice Sehrawat, the Supreme Court thinks of itself as more "Supreme" than it really is, and it thinks of the high courts as less "high" than they truly are in terms of the Constitution.

Justice Sehrawat noted that the Supreme Court stayed the contempt proceedings not while hearing an appeal against the order initiating contempt, but in an appeal against the order that led to the contempt proceedings.

...tendency [is] to presume the Supreme Court more 'Supreme' than it actually is...

PUNJAB & HARYANA HC

He observed: "Seen at a psychological plane this type of order is actuated, primarily, by two factors, firstly a tendency to avoid owning responsibility of the consequence which such an order, in all likelihood, is bound to produce, under a pretence that an order of stay of contempt proceedings does not adversely affect anybody. Secondly, a tendency to presume the Supreme Court to be more 'Supreme' than it actually is and to presume a High Court to be lesser 'High' than it constitutionally."

The judge also emphasised that the apex court itself has clarified numerous times that high courts are not subordinate to the Supreme Court. "The relation between high court and the Supreme Court is not the same as is the relation between a civil judge (junior division) within its jurisdiction and the high court. In terms of Articles 132 to 134 of the Constitution of India, the Supreme Court is not even an ordinary court of unconditional appeal, unless there is a specific statute providing for appeal from the orders of the high court to the Supreme Court in specified matters," said justice

Sehrawat. The judge acknowledged that while high courts may follow directions from the Supreme Court, whether out of perceived coercion, due regard, or institutional majesty, the Supreme Court may not always consider the "drastic and damaging consequences" its stay orders on contempt proceedings can produce. As an example, the high court referred to a stay order in a specific case, which the judge claimed, deprived about 35% of Punjab and Haryana superior judiciary members of their selection grade and super time scale for several years. This happened because the high court, on its administrative side, interpreted the Supreme Court's stay as a de facto order staying a final order passed by its division bench on the judicial side, justice Sehrawat said.

The judge questioned who should be held responsible for this situation -- "the high court or the Supreme Court?" He suggested that both courts engage in "soul searching" to address this issue and advised that the Supreme Court should be more specific in its orders to avoid similar situations in the future. His judgment concluded by adjourning the case sine die until the Supreme Court decides the relevant appeal, while noting that such a course might not always be possible for a high court to follow, depending on the facts of a particular case or the involvement of specific statutory provisions.

IMA chief told to issue apology in dailies for remarks against SC

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the head of the Indian Medical Association (IMA), facing a contempt complaint over his comments against the top court, to publish his apology in all publications that carried his interview given to a news agency in May this year.

Rejecting the unconditional apology offered by RV Asokan, a bench headed by justice Hima Kohli said that the IMA president cannot "wash hands off" by sending an apology to the news agency Press Trust of India (PTI) that conducted the interview. Directing him to spend money from his pocket rather than spending from the association coffers, the bench directed him to "purge the contempt" by taking appropriate steps by approaching all publications that carried the story to publish the apology as well.

SC REJECTED THE UNCONDITIONAL APOLOGY OFFERED BY ASOKAN, AND ASKED HIM TO SPEND MONEY FROM HIS POCKET

Posting the matter to August 27, the bench said, "Your sending the apology to PTI does not mean that you can wash hands off this controversy. You have only gone to the news agency. What about the publications which carried the interview?" The order was passed on a petition filed by IMA challenging misleading advertisements by Patanjali and yoga instructor Ramdev in violation of the law and doubting the efficacy of modern medicine. During the hearing on this petition, SC in April directed IMA to set its house in order by taking action against doctors who

engage in malpractices by endorsing advertisements promoting certain cures and medicines.

Senior advocate PS Patwalia, appearing for Asokan, told the court that the interview given by him lasted 90 minutes and his comments were made on two questions posed to him during the interview. "Whoever pops the question at you, it doesn't mean you will fall into their trap," the bench remarked.

He submitted that an apology had been sent to the news agency as the IMA does not publish advertisements.

"We are not concerned with that. Has it (apology) been published in all those newspapers where your interview was published," the bench said, while further adding, "You must approach them and get the apology published from your own pocket and not that of IMA since IMA never authorised you to make these comments."

{ ENV MIN'S CLAIM ON MINING IN KERALA }

Yadav making 'false allegations' on landslides: CM

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KOCHI: Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Tuesday hit back at Union environment minister Bhubender Yadav, terming the latter's remarks about "unauthorised human settlements and illegal mining" in landslide-hit areas in Wayanad as "reprehensible" and "false".

Yadav on Monday had blamed the Kerala government for allowing "illegal human habitat expansion and mining" in the ecologically fragile region leading to landslides on July 30 that have officially claimed over 220 lives.

CM Vijayan, when asked about Yadav's remarks at a press

conference in Thiruvananthapuram, shot back: "Through such an allegation, the minister is insulting the people affected by the disaster. Anyone with even a basic understanding of Kerala's hilly regions knows that the people living there cannot be labelled as unauthorised settlers."

The chief minister said that at a time when deep contemplation and collective efforts are required, a few are exploiting the situation for narrow interests. "It is particularly reprehensible when those tasked with enlightening the public about the reality are involved in it," the CM said.

Migration to the state's hilly regions has a history spanning centuries, the CM underlined,



An IAF helicopter, in joint efforts with the Indian Army, during the eighth day of the Wayanad rescue operation. PTI

and it is inappropriate for the Union minister to be part of the propaganda that labels these

Wayanad toll reaches 224

KOCHI: Toll in two landslides that rocked the hamlets of Wayanad in Kerala touched 224 on Wednesday, while seven body parts of those who died were recovered by the rescue agencies, the Kerala chief minister's office said in a statement.

The total number of body parts found so far went up to 189, officials said, adding,

that only after DNA examinations of the remains can the overall fatality figure be arrived at. A total of 152 people are still reported to be missing. "Three body parts were found from Meppadi area and four from Nilambur. All possibilities to search for those reportedly killed will be explored," CMO said in a statement.

people as encroachers without any understanding of this history.' CM Vijayan also countered the claim of the union environ-

ment minister on 'illegal mining' by claiming that the nearest quarry to the landslide area is 10.2 kilometres away.

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SC set to review pleas against controversial PMLA verdict today

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NEW DELHI: A special bench of the Supreme Court is set to hear on Wednesday a clutch of petitions seeking a review of the 2022 judgment in the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary case, which upheld several controversial provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) pertaining to arrest, search, seizure, bail and other related procedures.

The bench, comprising justices Surya Kant, CT Ravikumar and Ujjal Bhuyan, will take up the matter. The lead review petition has been filed by Congress MP Karti Chidambaram. This will be the first time the review petitions are being heard after notice was issued on August 25, 2022.

Notably, a separate bench, including justices Sanjiv Khanna, MM Sundresh and Bela M Trivedi, is also hearing petitions challenging the validity of sections 50 and 63 of the PMLA. These sections relate to the Enforcement Directorate's (ED) powers to summon witnesses, extract confessions and prosecute for providing false information. In these proceedings, there has been a persistent demand for the reconsideration of the Vijay Madanlal Choudhary judgment.

The 2022 PMLA judgment had affirmed the extensive powers granted to the ED under the 2002 Act, enabling it to summon individuals, make arrests, conduct raids, and attach properties of suspects. The Court justified these powers by stating that law enforcement agencies must have effective tools to protect the nation's wealth from criminals.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST TIME THE REVIEW PETITIONS ARE BEING HEARD AFTER NOTICE WAS ISSUED IN 2022

various individuals facing PMLA proceedings, including Chidambaram, former J&K chief minister Mehbooba Mufti, and former Ranbaxy vice-chairman Shivinder Mohan Singh. The petitions argued that the law grants unchecked and arbitrary powers to ED, infringing on constitutional rights such as liberty, property, and protection against self-incrimination. However, the Supreme Court held that it is "imperative for the State to frame such a stringent law", categorizing PMLA offenders as a distinct class from ordinary criminals.

The judgment also ruled that the Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) does not need to be provided to the accused, as it is merely an internal document of ED. The court stated that informing a person about the grounds for their arrest is sufficient. Additionally, the judgment upheld provisions of the PMLA that invoke the principle of reverse burden of proof, contrary to the common law principle of "innocent until proven guilty".

Under the PMLA, courts are required to presume an accused's involvement in money laundering unless proven otherwise, even in bail proceedings.

The PMLA judgment has faced criticism for eroding safeguards related to the rights to life, liberty, property, and protection against self-incrimination.

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NIT No.: 44/PWSSB D-2/BT1 Date: 05.08.2024

The Department of Punjab W/S & Sewerage Board invites online bids for the following works:-

S. No.	Item	Amount in Laacs	Closing date & Time:
1.	Part (A): Prov. & Laying of RCC NP-3 Pipe with HDPE lining, UPVC pipe sewer, MPS Including pumping Machinery, DI K-7 R/M and all other works contingent thereto at Bhagta Bhai Ka as per DNIT (SBM-2.0) Part-B: Survey, Soil Testing, Design, Supply and Constn., Commissioning of 3 MLD capacity STP cum 9 Kid FSTP based on Suitable Proven Sustainable Biological technology including other appurtenant works on turnkey basis as per DNIT including O&M for a period of 60 months after stabilization period of 3 months (SBM-2.0)	556.15	Closing date & Time: (10th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 11:00 A.M. Opening date & Time: (10th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 03.00 P.M.
2.	Part (A)- (As per Sr. No. 1) S&S inside HDPE lining, at Nathana as per DNIT (SBM-2.0) Part (B)- (As per Sr. No. 1) 1.00 MLD Capacity STP cum 3 KLD FSTP (SBM-2.0)	1349.38	Closing date & Time: (10th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 11:00 A.M. Opening date & Time: (10th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 03.00 P.M.
3.	Providing House Service Connections by Augmentation and Rehabilitation of Water Supply System at Rampura Phul Punjab, under AMRUT 2.0 Scheme	Rs. 913.40 Lacs	Closing date & Time: (12th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 11:00 A.M. Opening date & Time: (12th Attempt): 02.09.2024 upto 03.00 P.M.

For detailed log onto <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>.

Note: Any Corrigendum(s), to the Tender/RFP Notice shall be published on the above website only.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Pb. W/S & Sew. Divn. No. 2
Bathinda

36416

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

File No.: CJHS/341/STBA/PA
Advertisement No.: 398/NSG-6/2024
Date: 05.08.2024

Advertisement for Appointment of Station Ticket Booking Agent

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India, invites applications from eligible candidates for selection of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) at 25 different "NSG-6" category stations, one at each station, of Jhansi Division on commission basis for issue of unreserved rail tickets through computerized Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) period for three (03) years:-

S. No.	Station Name	Station Code	S. No.	Station Name	Station Code
1	Dhaura	DUA	10	Usargaon	URG
2	Jakhaura	JHA	11	Dingwahi	DWI
3	Soni	SONI	12	Karonda	KOA
4	Udaipura	UDPR	13	Agasod	AGD
5	Ait Jun.	AIT	14	Dalwara	DWA
6	Antri	ARI	15	Anant Peth	AEH
7	Bhua	BHUA	16	Burhpura	BHW
8	Garmua	GRM	17	Helampur	HET
9	Parichha	PIC	18	Jiron	JRO

Total NSG-6 Category stations = 25

Candidate may obtain the prescribed format of the application form along with all terms & conditions on payment of ₹ 1180/- (Rs. One thousand one hundred eighty only) through money receipt issued by Railway Booking Office) from the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi on any working day from date of publication of notification to 09.08.2024 from 10:00 AM to 05:00 PM. The application form along with term & condition shall be made available on the North Central Railway website www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in and the same can be downloaded and used as application form for submitting the offer. However, the cost as stipulated for application form will have to be submitted along with application form while submitting the application. Application submitted by the applicant without stipulated cost of the application form shall be rejected. The cost of application form amounting ₹ 1180/- (Rs. One Thousand One Hundred Eighty only) & refundable EMD of ₹ 2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) should be paid in the form of Demand Draft of nationalized / Schedule Bank / Money receipt (Railway Booking Office) in favour of "Sr. Divisional Finance Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi (Sr. DFM, NCR JHS)". Application will be received in the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi upto 15:00 hrs. of 03.09.2024 in the sealed box. Applications received after due date & will not be entertained. Sealed envelope with clearly mentioned applicant name, address and station name of the application forms will be opened on 03.09.2024 at 15:30 Hrs in the office of Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi. Applicants may be present at the time of opening of the sealed box.

1395/24 (MG)

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

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

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-C-2024-109

Description of Work: Part (A) Jhansi Kanpur section:- Construction of 12 units type II quarters on replacement account at Jhansi Railway Colony under ADE/CNB jurisdiction. Part - (B) Augmentation of water supply at Jhansi Railway Colony under ADE/CNB subdivision.

Approx Cost : ₹ 19459823.78 **Earnest Money** : ₹ 247300.00

Date of closing Tender: 10.09.2024 at 15:00 hrs., **Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 12 Months., Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 10.09.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irops.gov.in 1393/24(DG)

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Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)
Department of Labour Resources, Government of Bihar
A-Wing, 5th Floor, Niyojan Bhawan, Bailey Road, Patna-800001
Govt. of Bihar
Phone: 0612-2528455 Fax: 0612-2535004
Email: biharskilldevelopmentmission@gmail.com
RFP No: BSDM/158/2023-03 Website: www.skillmissionbihar.org

Notice Inviting Request for Proposal

Principal Secretary, Dept. of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar- cum- CEO, Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM), invites proposals (Two Bid System) from reputed and experienced organizations for selection of an agency which will provide:

- Knowledge Framework (Portal) for all Skill Development Programs Management (KFP-SDPM)
- Content for skill development courses (as and when prescribed) which will run in a quasi-online medium through Learning Management System (LMS)
- Learning Management System (LMS) for skill development courses (as and when prescribed) which will run in a quasi-online medium having eContent
- Printing and Transportation of Books at the respective skill development centers - for courses which will run in a quasi-online medium through LMS and eContent (like KYP and BSCFA Course which is currently being implemented by BSDM)
- State-wide Implementation, Monitoring, Periodic Maintenance & Update (of Portal, eContent and LMS) and other Operational Supports (Like Manpower Deployment) etc. for entire contract duration

under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model for Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)

Kindly note that the selection of agency under this RFP will not guarantee allocation of work and BSDM will assume no liability or cost towards it. BSDM makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between anyone.

Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants have to pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee of Rs. 590.00 or as applicable (Five Hundred Ninety only) through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal.

Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of Rs. 10,00,000/- (10 Lakh) through e-payment mode only (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal, well before the last date/time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid, failing which the bid will be rejected. This EMD will be non-interest bearing and refundable. If the selected bidder fails to submit the requisite performance security or to execute the agreement, this EMD will be forfeited.

The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and can be searched by clicking the Tab "Tender" on home page of above website and then going to Latest Tender by searching Department Name as "Labour Resources Department".

The Proposal has to be submitted in online mode containing following cover stage-
A) Technical Bid Open Stage and B) Cost Bid Open Stage

The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in this RFP which can be seen or downloaded from the "e-Procurement Portal" <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and departmental website: <http://www.skillmissionbihar.org>. The RFP will be available to download from the above websites from 06.08.2024. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on 03:00 PM of 23.08.2024. The last date for uploading of proposal/bid will be 17.09.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened on or after 17.09.2024 post 16:00 Hrs. The Evaluation of Bids will be under QCBS System. Please refer RFP document for complete details.

The undersigned reserves the right to issue addendum/corrigendum/modification or to amend any or all conditions of this RFP Document or to accept or reject any or all proposal(s) or to cancel the whole of this RFP at any stage without assigning any reason thereof and no bidder shall have any cause of action or claim against the undersigned for the same.

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

Mission Director,
Bihar Skill Development Mission,
PR- 005515 (Labour) 2024-25 Department of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar

नरो से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से प्यार।

MADHYA PRADESH JAL NIGAM
(A Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
"8" Arera Hills, Bhopal- 462004, Ph. : 0755-2579034, 2579874
Web. : mpjalnigam.mp.gov.in, E-mail : mpjalnigam@mp.gov.in, CIN - U41000MP2012SGC028798
NIT No. : 07-13/SA/PROC/MPJN/2024-25 Bhopal, Date : 30.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam, Bhopal invites online percentage rate tenders through Madhya Pradesh Government E-Procurement Portal (<https://mptenders.gov.in>) for the packages listed below as per the critical date specified on Portal, from agencies registered as NGO/Trust/Foundation under the appropriate law for following packages:

NIT No.	District	Scheme/Package	Block	No. of Villages	Estimated Cost (PAC) INR	EMD Cost INR	Cost of RFP Document	Duration (Months)
07	Sagar	Deori Kesli	Deori, Kesli	271	2,97,74,150	2,97,800	15,000	36
08	Shajapur	Chillar Dam	Kalpalai, Shujalpur, Shajapur	184	2,20,25,100	2,20,300	15,000	36
09	Ratlam	Mahi	Bajna, Silana, Piploada	185	2,18,62,850	2,18,700	15,000	36
10	Ujjain	Narmada Ghamahir-2	Ghatia, Khacharod, Ujjain	165	1,98,17,450	1,98,200	12,500	36
11	Khandwa	Indrasagar-1	Chhagaon Makhan, Harsod, Khandwa, Pandhana, Punasa	91	1,03,59,650	1,03,600	12,500	36
12	Gwalior	Ghategaon Bhitarnar	Bhitarnar, Ghategaon, Phargah	48	74,12,000	74,200	10,000	36
13	Jhabua	Petlawad, Jhakanwada	Jhabua, Petlawad, Rama	47	73,73,050	73,800	10,000	36

Interested bidders can view/download/purchase the bid document online from M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal from 08.08.2024, 17:30 Hrs. Bidding process dates mentioned as critical dates on M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal will be applicable. Corrigendum/Addendum in NIT, if any, would be published on portal only and not in newspapers.

M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal - <https://mptenders.gov.in>
M.P. Madhyam115784/2024 MANAGING DIRECTOR

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज

ई-निविदा सूचना (तृतीय बार)

नगर निगम, प्रयागराज में निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु डुअल बिड ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है, विस्तृत विवरण निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट में उपलब्ध रहेगा। निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश की ई-प्रक्रिया पोर्टल की वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से प्राप्त एवं देखे जा सकते हैं। निविदा के साथ मांग की गयी जमानत की धनराशि एफडी-0आर/सी-0डीआर/सी-0डीआर/सी-0डीआर की स्कैन कॉपी के रूप में संलग्न करना अनिवार्य होगा, जो मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/वा), नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के नाम पर देखा जाएगा। बिना जमानत की धनराशि के निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। निविदा प्रकाशन के निर्धारित तिथि तक निविदा शुल्क की धनराशि नगर निगम, प्रयागराज के इण्डस्ट्रियल बैंक, सिविल लाइन्स, प्रयागराज शाखा में टेंडर कॉस्ट खाता संख्या-100116210130 व IFSCode-INDB0000124 में जमा करना होगा। जिसकी स्कैन तथा जमानत धनराशि का सी-0डीआर/एफडी-0आर/सी-0डीआर/सी-0डीआर की स्कैन कॉपी निविदा के साथ अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा। उक्त की अनुपस्थिति में निविदा अवैध मानी जायेगी। बिना किसी कारण बताये निविदा स्विकृत/अस्वीकृत करने का अधिकार नगर आयुक्त महोदय को सुनिश्चित होगा। निविदा खोले जाने की तिथि को किसी कारणवश अवकाश देने पर निविदा तिथि अमला कार्य-दिवस मानी जायेगी।

निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की तिथि	12.08.2024	अपराह्न 04.00 बजे से
निविदा प्रपत्र वेबसाइट पर अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	22.08.2024	अपराह्न 02.00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि	22.08.2024	सांयकाल 4.00 बजे तक

क्र. सं.	कार्य/वाहन का विवरण	निविदा फार्म का मूल्य	धरोहर की धनराशि
01	नये प्रकार बिन्दुओं की स्थापना हेतु आवश्यक सामग्रियों की गुनिट करें प्रायः किये जाने के सम्बन्ध में	₹ 10000.00 +18% GST	₹ 2,00,000.00

नोट- निविदा व शर्तों का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध रहेगा।

मुख्य अभियन्ता (वि/वा)
नगर निगम, प्रयागराज

पत्रांक : सं0डी-3145/न0सम्म0अधि0/2024, दिनांक 06.08.2024

CBC 07123/11/0278/2425 Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Division Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar
E-Tender Notice No. 126 OF 2024 -2025

E-Tender for the following works in "B-1/ Form" for the (01) Works is invited via online E-Tendering system from Contractor/Agency/Firm/Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer Public Works Division Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (PH No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra.

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on sub Portal of public works Department also on www.mahapwd.gov.in portal as per online tender Schedules.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

DGIPR/2024-2025/ROC 1631

The Office of Mission Directorate - U-SBM 2.0
Housing & Urban Development Department (HUDD)
Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir

Recruitment of Program Manager for PMU

Mission Directorate, Swachh Bharat Mission-U, 2.0 is the nodal agency of Government of Jammu & Kashmir for implementation of the National Action for Mechanized Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE) which is to be implemented in all ULBs of the Jammu & Kashmir and UT of Ladakh with the objectives of stopping deaths of workers while cleaning sewers and septic tanks.

MD SBM - U, 2.0 requires young and energetic professionals to work under Project Management Unit (PMU) for implementation of NAMASTE.

Sl.No.	Position	Eligibility	Remuneration
1.	Program Manager	Graduate or Post Graduate degree from a recognized university in Urban Planning, Social Work, Public Policy, Business & allied expenditures Administration, Sociology, Anthropology, Commerce, Science or other related fields, with at least 55% marks.	Rs.45,000/- per month + Rs.10,000 for TA, DA inclusive of applicable taxes.

- For Information Brochure containing eligibility conditions, work profile and format of application etc. please visit our website: <https://www.jkhudd.gov.in/>.
- Applications along with prescribed Documents shall reach this office by or before 17th August through email on mdsbm458@gmail.com.
- Shortlisted candidate will be called for interview & would be required to produce the originals documents.
- No TA/DA will be provided to the candidate for interview.

No. MD/SBM/U/2024-25/267
Dt. 03.08.2024
DIP-J-1516-P-24

MISSION DIRECTOR
SWACHH BHARAT MISSION-U, 2.0
J&K, U.T.

भारत सरकार
कारपोरेट कार्य मंत्रालय
नरि कर्पोरेट समापन प्रसंकरण केंद्र (सी-पेस),
आईआईसीसी बिल्डिंग, 7वीं मंजिल,
प्लॉट P-6, 7, 8, से-5,
आईएमपीटी मनेसर,
गुडगांव, हरियाणा - 122050
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Government of India
Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Centre for Processing Accelerated
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FORM No. STK - 6
PUBLIC NOTICE

[Pursuant to sub-section (2) and sub-section (4) of section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 and rule 7 of the Companies (Removal of Names of Companies from the Register of Companies) Rules, 2016]

Public Notice: ROC/C-PACE/STK-2/248(2)/2024-25/564 Date:- 16.07.2024

Reference:

(1) In the matter of striking off or removal of names of (31) companies in the state of Delhi under section 248 of the Companies Act, 2013 in respect of:

S. No.	Work Item	CIN	Company Name
1	AA8680090	U63000DL2022PTC397297	RUSTIC EXPERIENCES PRIVATE LIMITED
2	AA9164258	U72900DL2022PTC398190	CELERITZ DIGITAL SERVICES PRIVATE LIMITED
3	AA9146396	U74999DL2022PTC403507	RUSIN VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
4	AA8826478	U15491DL2022PTC395065	XOCOATL PRIVATE LIMITED
5	AA8711891	U31100DL2021PTC391624	VPVS WIRES & EXTRUSION PRIVATE LIMITED
6	AA8572806	U63040DL2021PTC387176	THRILLATION ADVENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
7	AA9132818	U74900DL2022PTC394239	SRABODE ENVIRO PRIVATE LIMITED
8	AA8797178	U31900DL2022PTC392337	AVK ELECTRICALS PRIVATE LIMITED
9	AA9197845	U05400DL2010PLC198594	A R INFRA PROJECTS LIMITED
10	AA8567262	U31909DL2003PTC122565	SOCOMECS UPS PRIVATE LIMITED
11	AA9019726	U31909DL2022PTC391964	VVANSH ELECTRICAL VENTURES PRIVATE LIMITED
12	AA8545392	U22300DL2021PTC380476	STORY FARM MEDIA TECH PRIVATE LIMITED
13	AA9206688	U25111DL2020PTC362801	AHG ENTERPRISES PRIVATE LIMITED
14	AA9168259	U31904DL2019OPC352706	ENGINEUM ENERGY (OPC) PRIVATE LIMITED
15	AA8466575	U19202DL2019PTC357611	KOMBO COLLECTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
16	AA8422584	U74990DL2018PTC343117	EVOLET PHARMA SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
17	AA9221958	U74999DL2018PTC338603	SSG INDIA AMBULANCE SERVICE PRIVATE LIMITED
18	AA8661869	U74899DL1988PTC033221	METCOAT INIDA PRIVATE LIMITED
19	AA8707611	U22110DL1992PTC047957	MAGNUM BOOKS PRIVATE LIMITED
20	AA8546465	U17299DL2018PTC331962	ISHETS PRIVATE LIMITED
21	AA8673750	U74999DL2018PTC342550	IQBAL CLOUD TECHNOLOGIES PRIVATE LIMITED
22	AA9186995	U70102DL2007PTC164110	B. E. BUILDERS PRIVATE LIMITED
23	AA9115086	U45400DL2008PTC173026	VINTAGE OFFSET PRIVATE LIMITED
24	AA8961538	U72100DL2015PTC280737	PAYTEL NETWORK PRIVATE LIMITED
25	AA9186404	U70200DL2008PTC183423	SHRIM DEVELOPERS PRIVATE LIMITED
26	AA9201501	U70102DL2013PTC260980	SHRIM REALTY PRIVATE LIMITED
27	AA8825016	U45400DL2011PTC225176	SKYHIGH HOMES PRIVATE LIMITED
28	AA8756423	U70109DL2012PTC243343	TOLSTOY COMMERCIAL PRIVATE LIMITED
29	AA8358331	U51909DL2012PTC246092	ZEEVSTAR RETAILS PRIVATE LIMITED
30	AA9065991	U72200DL2011PTC228724	NETCORP DIGITAL MEDIA PRIVATE LIMITED
31	AA8406196	U72300DL2012PTC245884	WELLYNX TECHNOLOGIES INDIA PRIVATE LIMITED

(2) Notice is hereby given that the Registrar of Companies had received applications from the above-mentioned companies under section 248(2) of the Companies Act, 2013 for removal of its/their name(s) from the register of companies either on the ground that they have failed to commence business within one year of their incorporation or on the ground that the company(ies) is/are not carrying on any business or operation for a period of two immediately preceding financial years and has/have not made any application(s) within such period for obtaining the status of a dormant company under section 455 of the Companies Act, 2013 or the company(ies) have obtained the status of dormant company/subscribers to the memorandum have not paid the subscription which they had undertaken to pay at the time of incorporation of a company and a declaration to this effect has not been filed within one hundred and eighty days of its incorporation under subsection (1) of section 10A/ have not been carrying on any business or operations, as revealed after the physical verification carried out under sub-section (9) of section 12, but if they do not wish to continue its/their registration as companies and have, therefore, requested for removal/ strike off of its/their names from the register of companies.

(3) Accordingly, the Registrar of Companies proposes to remove or strike off the names of the above-mentioned companies from the Register of Companies.

(4) Any person objecting to the proposed removal or striking off name of the companies from the register of companies may send his or her objection to the office address mentioned here above within thirty days from the date of publication of this notice.

Harihara Sahoo
Registrar
CBC 07123/11/0278/2425 Centre for Processing Accelerated Corporate Exit

GUNFIGHT BREAKS OUT IN JAMMU'S UDHAMPUR

HT Correspondent
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JAMMU: A gunfight erupted between security forces and a group of terrorists in the Basantgarh area of Udhampur district on Tuesday evening, officials said.

The encounter is the latest in a series of terror-related incidents in the Jammu and Kashmir region. At least 11 security personnel, including two officers and a village defence guard, besides 10 civilians have been killed in 15 terror attacks in the region this year so far. Five terrorists were also killed by the security forces.

Mohammad Rayees Bhat, deputy inspector general (DIG) Udhampur-Reasi range, said that a search and destroy operation (SADO) was launched in the early hours on Tuesday after specific inputs were received about the movement of terrorists in the region.

"A contact has been established with a group of terrorists in Khaned area under the jurisdiction of Basantgarh police station. Operations are underway," Bhat said, adding, "We believe there are three to four terrorists and an intermittent exchange of fire is on."

On April 28, a village defence guard Mohammad Sharief was killed in a brief face-off between security forces and a group of terrorists in the upper reaches of Chochru Gala heights in Basantgarh area of Udhampur district.

Responding to a question in the Lok Sabha on July 30, Union minister of state for home Nityanand Rai listed a slew of measures that the Centre is taking to contain terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir, including identifying the strategic supporters of terrorists, crackdown on terror financing and enhancing the counter insurgency grid.

Govt reduces cut-off age for priority Haj applicants from 70 years to 65

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NEW DELHI: The Haj policy for 2025, released by the Union ministry of minority affairs, has brought down the cut-off age for priority applicants to the annual pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia from 70 years to 65 years and increased the pilgrims' quota to private operators from 20% to 30%.

The pilgrimage will be held during May-June 2025 and registrations are expected to start next month, according to the policy, released on Monday after consultation with Saudi Arabia. The new Haj policy has prioritised applicants above 65 years for the pilgrimage under the "Qurrarah" or draw of lots in the reserved category, followed by ladies travelling without mehrams, or companion, (LWM) and then the general category. "It is decided that considering the

AS PER THE HAJ POLICY FOR 2025, 70% OF PILGRIMS WILL BE HANDLED BY HAJ COMMITTEE OF INDIA, WHILE 30% WILL GO TO PVT ORGANISERS

arduous nature of the Haj pilgrimage, a companion is a must for pilgrims aged 65 or above and no pilgrim aged 65 or above will be registered as a lone member under reserved category," the new policy states. "In case of LWM pilgrims aged 65 or above, a female companion of the age 45-60 is a must."

Out of the total Haj pilgrims quota allocated to India, 70% will be handled by the Haj Committee of India (HCoI) while the remaining 30% will be allocated to private Haj group organisers,

according to the new policy. In 2024, HCoI was allotted 80% while the private operators got 20% of the quota.

"Ladies aged 45 or above, who wish to go for Haj but do not have a male Mehram...., are allowed to travel in groups of four or more ladies," the new policy states. "Subject to the terms of KSA (Saudi Arabia), single ladies may also apply, and HCoI may form a grouping with the ladies who applied under the category. Consulate General of India, Jeddah will also facilitate separate living arrangements for women travelling alone for the pilgrimage."

Every year, India and Saudi Arabia sign the Haj agreement incorporating the number of Haj seats allocated to India.

In 2025, Haj will be held during peak summer months, similar to this year, for the last time before shifting to cooler months for the next 17 years.

Yogi reviews preparations for bypoll in meet with BJP cadre

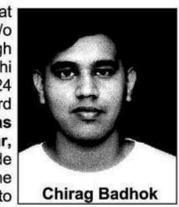
AYODHYA: Uttar Pradesh chief minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday held a meeting with BJP office bearers to review the party's preparation for the Milkpur assembly bypoll in Ayodhya district that comes under the Faizabad Lok Sabha constituency. The bypoll was necessitated after Awadhesh Prasad of Samajwadi Party resigned the seat and won the Lok Sabha polls from Faizabad. The BJP's defeat in Faizabad, just months after the consecration ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, has been seen as a loss of face for the party. "CM Adityanath energised the workers, emphasising the government is implementing development schemes for all sections," the BJP said in a statement.

Inaugural US-India Cancer Moonshot Dialogue concludes

NEW DELHI: The US Embassy in Delhi facilitated the inaugural two-day US-India Cancer Moonshot Dialogue at the National Institute of Immunology that concluded on Tuesday. The dialogue in New Delhi was a part of this Cancer Moonshot wherein US Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, gave remarks and Nobel Laureate Dr Jim Allison presented a scientific public lecture titled "Beyond Checkpoint Inhibition." "This exchange embodies the strength of the bond between our two great nations, built on a foundation of shared values, mutual respect, and a common vision for a healthier future; it's a tangible way to show how the United States and India are moving our partnership forward for health," said Garcetti.

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a male named Chirag Badhok S/o Balbir Singh R/o T-90A Near Singh Sahab Gurudwara Baljeet Nagar, Delhi has been missing since 02.08.2024 from the area his house, in this regard DD No.059A Dated 03.08.2024 has been registered at P.S. Patel Nagar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing male, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing male is as under:



Chirag Badhok

Name: Chirag Badhok, Gender: male, Age: 24 years, Height: 5'8", Complexion: Fair, Build: Thin, Face: Round, Wearing: white Colour T Shirt and Blue Colour Jeans and Sports Shoes In Feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing male, kindly inform SHO/Patel Nagar Delhi.

E-mail : cbc@cbi.gov.in
Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/10329/CD/2024 SHO PS, Patel Nagar Delhi Tel.No. 011-25872637, 8750870434

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one woman named Indrapreet Kaur, W/o Amarjeet Singh, R/o 162A, Vijay Laxmi Park, Gali No.8, Chander Vihar, Nangloi, Delhi-110041, Sex: Female, Age: 33 Years, Height: 4'10", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Built: Medium, Wearing: Green colour T-shirt, Black colour Pant and Blue colour shoes has been missing from his house since 23.07.2024. In this regard DD No. 86A, Dated: 24.07.2024, has been registered

at P.S.: Nihal Vihar, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local Police to trace out the missing lady but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about this missing lady, please inform to the following.

E-mail: cbc@cbi.gov.in
Website: http://cbi.nic.in
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Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
DP/10353/OD/2024 SHO P.S. Nihal Vihar, Delhi Ph.: 7988419731

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E-Procurement Tender Notice 15/2024 dated. 05.08.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice table with columns: Tender no., Qty, EMD (Rs), Tender Opening Date

Description : Supply of 5 watt VHF Digital Walkie Talkie Set without Keypad and without Display to Specn. No. RDSO/SPN/TC/107/2018 Ver. 2.1

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender. For this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. 3. Rates entered into Financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. 4. Documents being attached should be signed on their body. 5. Allocation for "Cost of Drawing" is Z-650 and for "Earnest Money deposit (EMD)" is Deposit Misc. stores - 00844517. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 1400/24(AS)

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

New Okhla Industrial Development Authority

Main Administrative Building, Sector-6, Noida, G.B. Nagar (U.P.) Website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited from eligible contractors/firms for the following jobs against which bids can be uploaded and same shall be opened/downloaded as per schedule mentioned. The details and conditions of all tenders are available on Noida Authority's official website: www.noidaauthorityonline.in & https://etender.up.nic.in. Please ensure to see these website for any changes/amendments & corrigendum etc.

Sr. No., Job Number, Name of Work, Amount (Rs), Publishing

The above tenders can be uploaded from dated 07.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM. The Pre-Qualification shall be opened/downloaded on dated 22.08.2024 at 11.00 AM

General Manager (Public Health) Noida CLEAN, GREEN, SAFE & SECURE NOIDA

NORTHERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Chief Workshop Manager, Northern Railway Mechanical Workshop Amritsar invites Open E-Tender, Single Packet on official website www.ireps.gov.in

Work of material movement from Main Store depot to wagon shop and material movement of internal workshop including the provision of a Fork Lifter (Diesel) for period of one year at Northern railway Mechanical Workshop Amritsar.

Table with columns: Name of work, Approx. Cost, Tender form cost, Earnest money, Period of Contract

Last Date & Time for Submission of Tender: 28.08.2024 till 15:00 hrs.

Opening of Tender: Tender opening will be done immediately after the tender closing time. The tenderer(s) are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender. Documents may be downloaded from the official website

Detail Tender Notice & Tender Document: Please check the official website of Railway i.e. www.ireps.gov.in.

For further details kindly follow the notice placed on the Tender Notice Board at N.Rly. Mech. Workshop, Amritsar. No.: 6-S-O-MAT-MOV-ASRW-23-24 Date: 06.08.2024 2418/2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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TENDER NOTICE

The Dy. Chief Engineer/TMC/Line, Northern Railway, State Entry Road, New Delhi for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-Tender under One Packet System for the under noted work:-

- A. IOH and Major repair of track machines at TMMD/LKO & MB under jurisdiction of Dy. CE/TMC/Line/New Delhi.
B. IOH and Major repair of track machines at TMMD/TKD, KKDE & BTI under jurisdiction of Dy. CE/TMC/Line/New Delhi.
C. Providing fixing of various types of electrical works during IOH/POH & Major repair of Track Machines at TMMD/TKD, KKDE, BTI, LKO & MB as well as working site working under on Dy. CE/TMC/NR."

Table with columns: Completion period of the work, Approx. cost of work, Earnest Money amount (to be deposited Online), Cost of Tender Document (to be deposited Online)

Date & time for submission of E-tender and opening of tender: Tender document remain available on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 05.08.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. on 27.08.2024. Tender Bids may be uploaded from 13.08.2024 & upto 15:00 hrs. on 27.08.2024 on IREPS website. The tender will be opened soon after 15:00 hrs. on 27.08.2024.

Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: The detailed tender document is available on www.ireps.gov.in. Above tender document will be available for online submission of offer on IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 13.08.2024 to 27.08.2024. All other terms and conditions in respect of above tenders are given in tender document. The detailed tender notice also can be seen on the Notice Board of the above office.

Tender Notice No.: 1-W-DyCETMCL-IQH-11-24-25, IOH-12-24-25 & ELEC-15-24-25 Dated: 05.08.2024 2409/2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

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E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Table with columns: Name of work, Location, Tender Value, Quantity, Cost of Tender form, Earnest money amount, Completion period of the work, Date & Time for submission of tender form, Opening of tender, Website Particulars

Date & time for submission of tender form: 28.08.2024 till 15:30 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenderers are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.

Detailed Tender Notice & Tender Document: www.ireps.gov.in No.: 6-S/12/Tender/2024-25 Dated: 06.08.2024 SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2419/24

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed tender is invited for the supply of Provision for the period of One year to Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple New Delhi. Tender schedule can be received from the Office of the Asst. Exe. Officer, S.V. Temple, TTD, Udhyan Marg, Kalibari Road, New Delhi; during all working days between 10.00 am to 05.00 pm from 14-08-2024 to 27-08-2024. The filled-in tender forms should be submitted on or before 28-08-2024 by 10.30 am. The tenders will be opened at 11.30 am on the same day.

Further details please contact 011-23745248/ 858862170. TTD-40021(31)/1/2024-PRO SEC (Adv.No.104) Date: 06-08-2024 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

(For the State of Goa and Union Territories) 3rd and 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar, Phase-IV Sector-18, Gurugram Haryana- 122015 Ph. No. 0124-4684705, E-mail: aao_jerc@goa.gov.in Website: www.jerc.gov.in

Ref. No. E-10VI/1/2020-E Date: 05.08.2024

Vacancy Notice (extension of date)

In reference to Vacancy Circular dated 05.06.2024, published in the weekly edition of the Employment News, dated 15-21 June, 2024 and in the leading daily newspapers on 01.07.2024, the last date for receipt of the application for filling up to two (02) posts of Personal Assistant (PA) in JERC, has been extended up to 16th September, 2024. CBC 34124/12/0010/2425 Admin-cum-Accounts Officer, JERC

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, JODHPUR

(An autonomous body set-up by Government of India) Basni, Jodhpur (Rajasthan) Pin code: 342005 Website: https://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in, Phone: 0291-2740741

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Application are invited to fill the following posts on Deputation Basis at AIIMS, Jodhpur:-

Table with columns: S. No., Name of the Post, Group, Pay Level, Total Post

Note:- 1. The number of post is tentative and is liable to be changed based on the Institute's requirements. 2. Maximum age limit for applying for the aforesaid posts on deputation is 56 years as on last date of receipt of application. 3. The initial period of deputation shall be 3 years. 4. The Officers, who fulfill the qualifications/Eligibility may submit their application through proper channel to the Deputy Director (Admin). All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Jodhpur-342005 (Rajasthan) by speed post/Registered A.D.

The detailed advertisement and online application form are available on our website: https://www.aiimsjodhpur.edu.in Sd/- Senior Administrative Officer

Government of Himachal Pradesh

Jal Shakti Vibhag

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag, Jal Shakti Bhawan Shimla-171005 on behalf of the Governor of Himachal Pradesh invites two covers (Technical & Financial Bid) online tender from manufacturers for supply of " ISI Marked Centrifugally Cast (Spun) Ductile Iron Pressure Pipes for water, Gas & Sewerage with socket & Spigot ends conforming to IS: 8329/2000 in standard lengths of required diameters for classification K-7, suitable for push on Joint & Rubber Gasket D Jointing with cement mortar lining inside and Zinc Coating outside the pipe of various sizes from 80mm to 700mm dia (49830 Rmt) amounting to Rs. 10.63 Crore approximately so as to be uploaded online on or before 27.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM on the site https://hptenders.gov.in. The technical bid will be opened online on the next day i.e. 28.08.2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division Kasumpti Shimla-171009 by the committee constituted by the department in the presence of the intending tenderers or their authorized representatives, if they wish to do so. If the opening date happens to be a holiday then the tenders will be received upto and opened on the next working day at same time. The descriptions given herein are in brief. The complete details and the tender documents containing B.O.Q. with specification and other terms and conditions can be downloaded from the above-mentioned website.

The Cost of Tender Form Rs. 2500/- and Earnest Money Rs. 10.00 Lacs (Rupees Ten Lakh only) be deposited either through online mode (e-payment) or physical mode. In case of physical mode in the shape of National Saving Certificates, banker's cheque, demand draft or fixed deposit duly pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division. No. 1, Kasumpti, Shimla-9. Earnest Money shall be refundable to unsuccessful tenderers only after finalization of the tender and shall be retained in case of successful tenderers which shall be treated as security deposit to be refunded after the successful completion of supply.

In case of physical mode the scanned copy of all these documents and proof of cost of tender form and earnest money payment be uploaded alongwith the original documents be submitted in the office of Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti Division, Kasumpti, Shimla-9 by 11.00 AM on or before 28.08.2024.

In the two cover tender, first cover shall contain scanned copy for proof of cost of tender form, earnest money and all other specified documents as per terms and conditions of the tender to check the technical eligibility. The second packet shall contain only the financial bid.

The financial bid of only those bidders shall be opened whose first packet is found in order as per the terms and conditions document as verified from the scanned copies of original documents uploaded by the firms.

The offer of the tender shall be kept open for 120 days. The Engineer-in-Chief, Jal Shakti Vibhag reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons.

The authorization letter regarding Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) of the person authorized by the firm to upload the bid be uploaded along with the other documents online.

Only firms fulfilling the terms and conditions specified in the document for terms and conditions need apply.

A.E. (SP) E.E (SP) S.E. (Works) E-in-C (JSV) DPR HP-1285

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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

[North Central Railway (Construction Organization)]

NOTIFICATION

Prayagraj, the 25th July, 2024

S.O. 3056(E). In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 20A of the Railways Act, 1989 (24 of 1989) (Hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government after being satisfied that for the public purpose the land the brief description of which has been given in the Schedule annexed hereto is required for the purpose of execution of the North Central Railway Special Railway project, namely Raising of Speed to 160kmph/200kmph on existing New Delhi-Howrah route (incl. Kanpur-Lucknow) in the district of Gautam Buddha Nagar in the State of Uttar Pradesh, for traction sub-station hereby declares its intention to acquire such land.

Any person interested in the said land may within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of this notification in the official Gazette, raise objection to the acquisition and use of such land for the aforesaid purpose under sub-section (1) of Section 20D of the said Act.

Every such objection shall be made to the Competent Authority namely, Additional District Magistrate (Land Acquisition) Distt. Gautam Buddha Nagar Uttar Pradesh in writing and shall set out the grounds thereof and the Competent Authority shall give the objector an opportunity of being heard either in person or by legal practitioner and may after hearing such objections and after making such further enquiry if any as the Competent Authority thinks necessary by order either allow or disallow the objections.

Any order made by the Competent Authority under sub-section (2) of Section 20D of the said Act shall be final. The land plans and other details of the land covered under this notification are available and can be inspected by the interested person at the aforesaid office of the competent Authority.

SCHEDULE

Brief description of the land to be acquired with or without structure, for the Special Railway Project namely Raising of Speed to 160kmph/200kmph on existing New Delhi-Howrah route (incl. Kanpur-Lucknow) in Gautam Buddha Nagar district in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

Name of District- Gautam Buddha Nagar Name of State- Uttar Pradesh

Table with columns: Sr. No., Tehsil, Pargana, Name of the Village, Plot No., Area Proposed for land acquisition (in hect), Nature of Land

[e-F.No. NCR-HQ0CELE(MISC)/133/2023-0/o Dy.CEE/C/CNB (Computer No.98960)] VPIN KUMAR, Chief Admin. Officer (Con.)

North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ CPNCR 1378/24 (A)

Haryana State Technical Education Society (HSTES)

(Under the aegis of Department of Higher Education, Govt. of Haryana) "Directorate of Technical Education" Bay Nos.: 7-12, Sector-4, Panchkula, Haryana Website: hstes.org.in, techadmissionshry.gov.in E-mail:- onlinemissionhelp@gmail.com

Toll Free Admission Helpline No. - 1800-137-3735

Revised Schedule for Admission to B.Arch.

Course for the session 2024-25

It is for the information to all the admission seekers & general public that the registrations for admission to the B. Architecture Course in State of Haryana has been extended upto 08.08.2024 online at http://techadmissionshry.gov.in. Further, the admissions to the B.Arch. Course in Govt. University Departments and Self-Financing Institutions situated in the State of Haryana will be made on the basis of combined merit of valid NATA-2024 Score as declared by Council of Architecture (COA) or JEE-Main 2024 Paper-IIA conducted by NTA and marks secured in the qualifying examination in the ratio of 50:50.

For more details, please visit HSTES websites for admission time to time: www.hstes.org.in and http://techadmissionshry.gov.in.

Joint Director, HSTES

HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH : BILASPUR

District Judge (Entry Level) Examination 2023

Direct Recruitment from Advocate (Bar)

Applications from Indian Citizens are invited in the cadre of Chhattisgarh Higher Judicial Service in the revised pay scale of Rs. 144840-194660 under Level J-5 of new pay matrix in the cadre of Higher Judicial Service by direct recruitment from Advocates (Bar). Recruitment to these posts and conditions of service shall be governed by the Chhattisgarh Higher Judicial Service (Recruitment and Conditions of Service), Rules 2006, as on the last date of submission of application forms.

- 1- Application in prescribed format must reach the Registry by 31/08/2024 till 5.00 PM.
2- Date of Written Examination 10/11/2024 (Sunday).

Total Vacancy :- 37 (Unreserved - 30 (including 09 posts for women candidates), Scheduled Castes -02, Scheduled Tribes 02, Other Backward Classes-03)

Eligibility : 1) LL.B. 2) Has for atleast seven years been an advocate as on 01/01/2024. Age :- He/ She has attained the age of 35 years and has not attained the age of 45 years on the first day of January, 2024.

Examination Fee :- Rs. 700/- for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (non creamy layer) who are the bonafide residents of State of Chhattisgarh, and Rs. 1000/- for the candidates belonging to Unreserved Category and also for all the candidates belonging to Other States. Fee is to be deposited in the form of Challan only with SBI branches through Core Banking Network all over India. The original copy of Challan must be attached along with application form. Challan form is available along with application form on our website i.e. https://highcourt.cg.gov.in

NOTE :-1- Relaxation will be given as per Rules. 2- This is only for information. For details please see our website i.e. https://highcourt.cg.gov.in

G-242501623/5 Registrar General

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-C-2024-112

Description of Work : ADEN/Lalitpur Sub division- Supply of potable drinking water by water tanker between Jhansi (Excl.) to Agasod (Incl.) section for 02 years. (Water Tanker capacity 4000 Litres).

Table with columns: Approx Cost, Earnest Money, Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-C-2024-150

Description of Work : Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi -Kanpur section: Proposed Cover over of approach road at LHS no. 171 under ADEN/CNB jurisdiction.

Table with columns: Approx Cost, Earnest Money, Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter.

E-Tender No. : JHS-ENGG-C-2024-154

Description of Work : Bina-Jhansi : Upgradation/strengthening and other related works of various bridges under ADEN/LAR jurisdiction.

Table with columns: Approx Cost, Earnest Money, Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter.



OPINION

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OUR TAKE

Neighbourhood First at risk

Hasina's ouster interrupts New Delhi not just in Dhaka, but also in its efforts to contain China

The challenges for India from Sheikh Hasina's ouster are daunting. Under her, Bangladesh was the friendliest it has been to India after the initial years of its Independence in 1971, not just by refusing to shelter insurgents from India's Northeast but also by being mindful of India's concerns in engaging with nations hostile to the latter. As a corollary of this trust nurtured by Dhaka, New Delhi deepened trade and investment ties. Now, the political vacuum in Dhaka should worry India on security, given the infamous porosity of the 4,100-kilometre long border between the countries, apart from trade.

Bangladesh's centrality to the Neighbourhood First aspect of India's foreign policy makes the developments in the country even more worrying from New Delhi's perspective. India's push for regional energy and transport connectivity is also an attempt to contain Chinese influence in Bangladesh, Nepal and Bhutan. A growing Bangladesh needed Nepal and Bhutan to provide both markets for its products and power for its industry, and India was happy to play facilitator through its grid, road and railway networks. A number of agreements had been arrived at, with India hoping to draw these nations together in an economic embrace, away from China's overtures. All that is now at risk.

While Hasina's ouster may have been precipitated by the student protests and the brutal crackdown that followed, it has rejuvenated parties such as the Bangladesh National Party (BNP), the main opposition party, the Jamaat-e-Islami, and other hardline Islamist outfits. The Bangladesh military, which is in charge till a caretaker government is formed, ordered the release of BNP supremo Khaleda Zia. When in power, the BNP and its allies were less than lukewarm on developing a mutually beneficial relationship with India. They vociferously opposed almost all agreements with India under the Hasina regime, and the perception was that they were more receptive of China's attempts to woo their country. For India, this complicates the picture. It must support Bangladesh's return to democracy at the earliest, but must also contend with the likelihood of less-friendly dispensations making a return in Dhaka given that the popular mood there is against Hasina's Awami League.

Aldermen ruling adds to Delhi's confusion

The Supreme Court's decision upholding the lieutenant governor's (LG) unilateral appointment of 10 aldermen to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) without consulting the state cabinet might have resolved a thorny legal question around the functioning of the civic body but it has only added more knots to the Capital's governance deadlock. The top court ruled that the LG's authority to make these appointments without consulting the state cabinet was consistent with the statutory framework and did not violate the principles of democratic governance outlined in Article 239AA of the Constitution. The decision could bring an end to the uncertainty in the functioning of the MCD's standing committee, where a stalemate had resulted in administrative delays in policy and financial matters.

But the decision — a significant setback for the Aam Aadmi Party, which runs MCD but is locked in a battle with the LG — must be seen against the backdrop of the bigger governance dysfunction that has crippled the Capital and hurt its physical and human infrastructure. The question of aldermen is only one small piece in the bigger tussle for control of the Capital, a Union Territory with a legislative assembly and an elected government. The dysfunction in governance due to the acrimony between the LG and the elected government has now affected every segment of the population in Delhi. It is pertinent to note that the verdict on aldermen came amid scathing criticism of the MCD's handling of essential services, including drains and stormwater systems. The tragic deaths of civil service aspirants last month in the basement of a coaching centre in Old Rajinder Nagar is only the latest example of how this unresolved power tussle is hurting the ordinary citizen. Until the Court takes a call on a host of pending challenges, that situation will not improve.

Dhaka, Delhi, and DC: Trio that tried to tango

India and the US had a genuine, good-faith policy disagreement on Sheikh Hasina's Bangladesh. But don't spin conspiracies due to that. They must work together now

There is a conspiracy theory about Bangladesh that's doing the rounds in parts of the Indian political Right and national security establishment.

Here is what is being suggested: The United States (US) is responsible for the ouster of Sheikh Hasina. The American deep State was always unhappy with the Awami League and, therefore, both publicly and privately, overtly and covertly, was backing the political opposition and protests. The US wants to have a pliable regime in Dhaka that can be used as leverage against India; it is all a part of a US design to both use India but also keep India unstable so that India never grows strong enough. And one way to do that is to keep the region in ferment by encouraging unrest. Dhaka is evidence.

This theory is born out of a kernel of fact and is then layered with dollops of fiction or at least claims that have no basis in evidence.

Here is what's true. The Americans haven't been good at reading Bangladesh in general and have limited cred-

ibility when it comes to the country. Washington DC can never live down its role in 1971 and its active complicity in abetting a genocide in East Pakistan. Its role in undermining Indian security remains embedded in the consciousness of every Indian official. And the US has no moral ground to speak of human rights abuses or democratic aspirations, when it is abetting unprecedented Israeli brutality in Gaza and crushing the Palestinian right to self-determination at the moment.

It is also true that the US has, for close to two decades now, been uncomfortable with Hasina's dominance in American politics. It played favourites, especially by politically encouraging Grameen Bank founder Muhammad Yunus, at a time of internal churn when the army was in charge.

But Americans had also been making what was a strong policy argument. And that went something like this: Hasina is authoritarian. But her consistent crackdown of the opposition, of civil liberties, and her manipulation of the electoral game through State capture was leading to a severe crisis of legitimacy, especially at a time when popular disillusionment was growing.

This was what was behind the refusal to invite Bangladesh to the summit of democracy, a decision steeped in characteristic American hypocrisy given that Pakistan was invited. It was also behind the repetitive criticisms of Dhaka by US state

department spokespersons, thanks to the persistence of a few Bangladeshi political activists masquerading as journalists in DC, at press briefings, giving the impression that the US was way more invested in the issue than it really was.

India was making its own good-faith argument to the US. It told the Americans directly that DC's assessment was wrong, that it was overestimating Hasina's authoritarian bent and underestimating the links between the opposition and Islamists, and that Hasina's replacement wouldn't be a liberal paradise but chaos and extremism. India had real security interests at play, this wasn't a distant debate, and after decades, there was relative peace on its eastern frontier thanks to a friendly Dhaka. The US must not do anything to jeopardise it.

Events have shown both sides had a point. Hasina had a real crisis of legitimacy and couldn't last, as the US warned. Hasina's exit is leading to greater violence, including against minorities, and may see extremism get State support in a future dispensation, as India warned.

One can agree or disagree with the American argument. But while making its point, given that Hasina did conduct and win three extremely flawed elections thanks to Indian support, it appears that the US let India take the lead. This doesn't mean it didn't support the opposition — who knows what American intelligence really did. But it means that over-



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reading a policy disagreement as a deep US conspiracy to undermine India is theorising of the kind that doesn't help national security decision-making.

Hasina had an interest in telling Indian officials that the US was undermining her to undermine India and even told interlocutors that the US was doing the same directly in the Northeast. Indian officials who have advocated for Hasina and underplayed the domestic challenges she confronted had an interest in telling their political bosses that it was all due to the American hand. And Bangladeshi opposition figures had an interest in playing up the support they got from the West.

But think about it logically. At a time when the US has invested an extraordinary amount of geopolitical capital in deepening ties with India due to a shared threat from China in India's east, how does Washington benefit in undermining India in precisely the east? At a time when Chinese ingress in the Indian neighbourhood has led to much deeper cooperation between Delhi and Washington DC across South Asian capitals, with both sides benefiting, how does it help

the US to minimise Indian influence in Dhaka? At a time when both countries have spent two decades deepening cooperation against Islamist terrorism, how does it help the US to actively encourage an extremist regime in Dhaka? At a time when the US and India agree that Myanmar's situation is dire — even if they, like in the case of Dhaka, disagree on what to do about it — how does it help to create instability right next door?

The situation in Bangladesh is grim. Helping the country embark on a political pathway that is both democratic and moderate and does not lead to an expanded Chinese role — all shared goals — requires Delhi and DC to work together with urgency and seriousness. Both governments know that. The public sphere needs to treat the difference on Bangladesh between India and the US as just that, a genuine difference that came from different histories and different judgments. Don't treat that difference to manufacture conspiracies and deepen distrust. That will only help Bangladeshi extremists, China and Pakistan.

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In Bangladesh's implosion, opportunity for New Delhi

One of my earliest childhood memories was my father asking me to paint the headlights of our car black so that Pakistani jets would not locate it during the Bangladesh war of 1971. The irony of this incident is that we were living not in Calcutta, but in the deep south in Madurai. The other enduring memory of Bangladesh is Henry Kissinger calling it a "basket case," alluding to the formidable economic and social challenges it faced at birth. Fast forward to 2022. The World Bank lauded the country's overall socio-economic development. Most of this progress occurred when Sheikh Hasina was at the helm of Bangladesh.

What, then, explains the events of the past few weeks that led to her ouster on Monday? The first thing to note is that peace and development in South Asia are fragile and need to be preserved through deliberate action by the political leadership. Second, the "Colombo syndrome", which refers to the mass protests in March 2022 when people attacked and ransacked the president's palace, prompting then Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to flee abroad, is worth noting, with obvious comparisons now being made with events in Bangladesh and Hasina fleeing to Delhi. Third, democracy and freedom have strong roots in South Asia, and any attempt to shrink it runs the risk of serious blowback. Last, despite significant economic progress in both Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, blatant inequalities in income and wealth drew the ire of the common man.

The immediate provocations are well known. Government jobs are still avidly sought after in most of South Asia, including Bangladesh. Hasina failed to gauge the mood against job quotas, which, for someone with her length in politics, is surprising. Bangladesh has always been a divided country. Broadly, there is a secular faction led by Hasina and her Awami League, which India has always backed for obvious reasons. And then there is the Islamist faction, whose strength must not be underestimated despite Hasina's moves to marginalise it. It is this faction that has now burst into the open, likely with external support. The Bangladesh Nationalist Party, which represents this faction, may have been down and out, but its

sympathisers were lying in wait for the right time to strike. Hasina gave them cause by overseeing the brutal crackdown on the protests by her party's supporters. This did not go down well with most of the Bangladeshis who sympathised with the students. Bangladesh is not an easy country to govern, and it is to Hasina's credit that she was able to govern for 15 years and enabled the country to make rapid economic strides. The cruel irony is that, under her leadership, Bangladesh was set to lose its Least Developed Country status in 2026. The political vacuum and the resulting uncertainty put in serious jeopardy everything Bangladesh achieved over the past two decades.

I had the opportunity to meet Hasina twice, and, on both occasions, she spoke mainly about how far Bangladesh had come under her charge. In November 2021, I moderated a panel at the Paris Peace Forum in which she was the lead speaker, and she spoke enthusiastically about women's labour force participation, female literacy and nutrition for the girl child. On all these metrics, Bangladesh led other nations by a mile in South Asia.

India did the right thing, helping Hasina flee. It must intervene with friendly countries to ensure she gets asylum at the earliest possibility. For India though, what happens now in Bangladesh is of enormous importance. There is a precedent. In January 2007, the military intervened and a caretaker government under former World Bank official Fakhrudin Ahmed was formed. The formation of an interim government now is similar though the circumstances are not the same.

India confronts a set of key strategic challenges in Bangladesh. First, this is a blow to India's Neighbourhood First policy. Bangladesh was a linchpin to this strategy. Second, regional forums like the Colombo Security Conclave may be impacted by this. Third, India needs a peaceful and prosperous Bangladesh, but both those things are in doubt now. Fourth, it is what comes next in Bangladesh that will worry Indian decision-makers the most. If the Islamic faction does gain traction and manages to win a free and fair election, then India will have no choice but to deal with it. Last, India must closely consult with its western friends, the United States in particular, which does not seem to appreciate the Islamic challenge in Bangladesh as much as it does the democratic backsliding one.

India does have the opportunity to craft a Bangladesh policy independent of who is in power in Dhaka, one based on structural factors like people-to-people ties, economic and investment flows, and linguistic/cultural links. Such a policy must be based on unconditional access to our market and a commitment to strengthen connectivity and investment between our two countries. The only caveat should be our security concerns, clearly articulated in advance. For now, India should ensure, along with its western partners, a free and fair election in Bangladesh at the earliest, making it abundantly clear that it is up to the people of Bangladesh to decide who should govern them.

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A ceasefire will unlock possibilities for more enduring calm, not only in Gaza but in other areas... It is urgent that all parties make the right choices in the days ahead

Championing the cause of cultural heritage worldwide

In 1939, in the Hohlenstein-Stadel Caves in Germany, a figurine made from a mammoth tusk was discovered, dating back 40,000 years. This figurine, with the upper torso of a lion and the lower body of a human, is the oldest undisputed proof of human creativity and imagination. It symbolises the evolution of thinking man, who collaborates and unites through symbols, monuments, and gestures, which over generations, become our heritage.

These subtle pieces of heritage make our lives meaningful and deserve celebration. India recently concluded the 46th Session of the World Heritage Committee, held from July 21-31, at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. This was the first time India hosted such an event since the World Heritage Convention's inception in 1972. The event saw 1,500 international delegates from 140 countries, a grand spectacle made possible through partnerships with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), various ministries, and cultural institutions.

The UNESCO Convention aims to protect and preserve the world's most iconic cultural and natural heritage sites of Outstanding Universal Value (OUV) that belong to all humanity. It includes 196 signatory countries (of which India is a part since 1977) and lists 1,223 properties (cultural, natural, and mixed). World Heritage status fosters tourism and leads to better infrastructure, increased investment and job creation thus contributing to economic and social development. Twenty-four new sites were added during the latest session, with the Moidams, the mound burial system of the Ahom dynasty in Charaideo, Assam, among them. This addition takes the number of world heritage sites in India to 44, placing it at sixth position in terms of the number of World Heritage sites housed.

These developments add to India's accomplishments during the G20 presidency, where culture was elevated from a supporting element for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to being unanimously endorsed as a standalone goal in post 2030 development framework. The outcome document of India's G20 Culture Working Group — Kashi Culture Pathway (KCP) spoke of a global coalition to combat the illicit trafficking of cultural property, a resolve that was further reiterated in the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration (NDLD). The monumental declarations during India's G20 presidency prioritised 'protection and promotion of cultural property', which will amplify culture's potential to drive economic growth, creation of jobs and protection of her-

itage and native culture.

During the World Heritage meeting, India added new feathers to its well-adorned hat of cultural diplomacy. It signed the historic Cultural Property Agreement (CPA) with the United States (US), a collaborative vision of Prime Minister (PM) Narendra Modi and American President Joe Biden, discussed during Modi's visit to the US last year. The CPA aligns with the 1970 UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export, and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, to which both countries are signatories.

India also hosted bilateral discussions among various culture sector leaders with an aim to facilitate and identify common grounds and areas of interest that can promote cultural diplomacy and renew multilateralism. This free flow of ideas underscores India's commitment to global collaborations and engagements. The announcement of \$1 million to the World Heritage Centre to support capacity building in African nations, Small Island Developing States, and Least Developed Countries was a reaffirmation to the spirit of *Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi*, an idea that is championed by PM Modi.

Cultural heritage is not merely a facet of our identity; it is a vital component of the creative economy, contributing to economic growth and employment while fostering vibrant and inclusive ecosystems. Recognising this, the Union ministry of culture has established a vertical on the creative economy, formulating a policy for the benefit of cultural and creative professionals. This initiative seeks to quantify the economic impact of culture, address information gaps for policymakers, and advance the Viksit Bharat Vision 2047. It is expected to serve as an influential template for partners in the Global South.

As the World Heritage baton passes to Bulgaria for the next session, it is an opportune moment to reflect on India's burgeoning role in international cultural diplomacy. This is illustrated by the Union ministry of culture being invited for the first time to participate in prominent multilateral groupings such as the G7 and Conference of the Parties (COP) and to play a pivotal role in initiatives spearheaded by international governmental organisations. The ministry and the Archaeological Survey of India deserve commendation for the successful organisation of the global event.

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India can now develop a Bangladesh policy independent of who's in power in Dhaka

SPOTLIGHT | BANGLADESH CRISIS

Interim govt taking shape in Bangladesh

Muhammad Yunus says the youth of Bangladesh 'voiced their need for change' and ex-PM Sheikh Hasina 'heard them by leaving the country'

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NEW DELHI: Nobel-winning microfinance pioneer Muhammad Yunus will head Bangladesh's interim government, the press secretary of President Mohammed Shahabuddin. Abedin told AP on Tuesday, after consultations with student leaders who spearheaded protests that forced former premier Sheikh Hasina out of office.

Soon after Hasina resigned and fled the country on Monday, Bangladesh Army chief Gen Waker-uz-Zaman took on the responsibility of running the country and said an interim government would be formed shortly. There has been no clarity from the military on when this set-up would be created or who would lead it.

Yunus, 84, who is in Paris for a medical procedure, told AFP in a written statement he was "honoured by the trust of the protesters" who wanted him to lead the interim government. He also called for free elections to ensure enduring peace.

"If action is needed in Bangladesh, for my country and for the courage of my people, then I will take it," said Yunus, known as the "banker to the poorest of the poor" for pioneering micro-credit schemes through the Grameen Bank that helped lift millions out of poverty.

"The interim government is only the beginning," he said. "Lasting peace will only come with free elections. Without elections, there will be no change." Yunus said the youth of Bangladesh had "voiced their need for change" and Hasina had "heard them by leaving the country".

On Tuesday, leaders of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, who led protests against Hasina in recent weeks, demanded that Yunus should head the interim government. Nahid Islam, a national coordinator of the movement, said in a video posted on social media: "No government other than the

one proposed by the students will be accepted. As we have said, no military government or one backed by the military or a government of fascists, will be accepted."

Student movement team holds talks with prez

A 13-member team of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement held discussions with President Mohammed Shahabuddin and the three service chiefs, including Gen Waker-uz-Zaman, on Tuesday evening on forming the interim government. The students were accompanied by Asif Nazrul, a professor of Dhaka University and a critic of the Hasina government who has considerable influence among the protesters.

The discussions began at 6pm Bangladesh time and continued late into the evening, local media reports said.

People familiar with developments in Dhaka said that while the military could be amenable to the idea of Yunus heading the interim government, the Jamaat-e-Islami and Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) are unlikely to accept the economist in a key role.

Former PM released from house arrest

A separate statement from the president's office said former premier and BNP chief Khaleda Zia had been released after seven years of house arrest. Zia, 78, served as premier from 1991 to 1996 and was imprisoned in 2018 for corruption, though she maintained the charges were politically motivated.

Meanwhile, the president on Tuesday dissolved the Parliament formed after the general election in January. A statement from the president's office said the decision was made following Shahabuddin's discussions with the three service chiefs, leaders of political parties and the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement and representatives of civil society.



Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia waves to activists at a rally in Dhaka on January 20, 2014. She was released from house arrest on Tuesday; anti-government protesters celebrate outside the Bangladesh Parliament, in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Monday.

{ MUHAMMAD YUNUS } ONCE CALLED A 'BLOODSUCKER' BY SHEIKH HASINA

Bangladesh's 'banker to the poorest of poor'

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DHAKA: The downfall of the Sheikh Hasina government — she resigned on Monday before fleeing to India — has plunged the country into a political crisis with a battle for power now underway between leaders of the opposition parties and the powerful military.

Amid this uncertainty, one name has emerged that could take the reins in Bangladesh until fresh elections are announced: Muhammad Yunus, a Nobel laureate who is also known as the "banker to the poorest of the poor" and was once called a "bloodsucker" by Hasina.

Yunus has agreed to demands by student leaders who organised the protests to head the interim government, although the decision will likely involve several other people, including the cur-



Yunus (right) is a well-known critic and opponent of Hasina. He called her resignation the country's 'second liberation day'.

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An economist and banker by profession, Yunus was awarded

the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for pioneering the use of microcredit to help impoverished people, particularly women. The Nobel Peace Prize committee credited Yunus and his Grameen Bank "for their efforts to create eco-

nomie and social development from below."

Once he takes up the position, it would be a full circle of sorts, having once been pursued by the Hasina administration. Hasina in 2008 launched a series of investigations into him, a year after he announced he would form a political party.

During the investigations, Hasina accused Yunus of using force and other means to recover loans from poor rural women as the head of Grameen Bank. Yunus denied the allegations.

Hasina's government began reviewing the bank's activities in 2011, and Yunus was fired as managing director for allegedly violating government retirement regulations. He was put on trial in 2013 on charges of receiving money without government permission, including his Nobel Prize and royalties from a book.

He later faced more charges involving other companies he created, including Grameen Telecom, which is part of the country's largest mobile phone company, GrameenPhone, a subsidiary of Norwegian telecom giant Telenor. Yunus supporters say he has been targeted because of his frosty relations with Hasina.

Born in 1940 in Chittagong, a seaport city in Bangladesh, Yunus received his PhD from Vanderbilt University in the US and taught there briefly before returning to Bangladesh. In a 2004 interview with The Associated Press, Yunus said he had a "eureka moment" to establish Grameen Bank when he met a poor woman weaving bamboo stools who was struggling to pay her debts. "I couldn't understand how she could be so poor when she was making such beautiful things," he recalled in the interview.

AS MINORITIES COME UNDER ATTACK, LOCALS EMERGE IN AID

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DHAKA: Hindu homes, businesses and temples have been vandalised since the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday, community associations said on Tuesday, even as images of Muslim locals protecting some Hindu shrines in the crisis-ridden country appeared on social media.

The Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council (BHCUC) said 200-300 mainly Hindu homes and businesses have been vandalised since Monday, and 15-20 Hindu temples damaged. Up to 40 people have been injured though not seriously, its general secretary, Rana Dasgupta, told Reuters.

"The communal atrocities erupted hours before she resigned," he said.

"Although there is no killing, there is injury. Houses and businesses of minorities, especially Hindus, as well as temples, have been targeted, looted, damaged."

According to the available information, two Hindu leaders, who were incidentally leaders of Hasina's Awami League (AL) party, were killed in north-western Sirajganj and Rangpur, a leader of the BHCUC Kajol Debnath said, adding that the Council was still gathering more information.

Hindus constitute about 8% of Bangladesh's 170 million people and have historically largely supported Hasina's Awami League party, which identifies as largely secular, instead of the opposition bloc that includes a hardline Islamist party.

Amid reports of attacks, there were also images that appeared on social media of Muslims protecting Hindu shrines and homes in the country.

Students kept night-long vigil at various locations to ensure the security of minority communities and their places of worship across the country.

Visuals of students safeguarding the Dhakeshwari Hindu Temple in the middle of the night also surfaced.

This comes in response to the participation call for the student-citizen uprising and general public to spontaneously form "committees for communal harmony and protection of state assets" on a ward basis across the country.

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B'DESH POLITICAL CRISIS: THE KEY PLAYERS

As Bangladesh braces for new leadership, here are key figures shaping the current political landscape:

THE STUDENT LEADERS



NAHID ISLAM

Nahid Islam, a prominent Dhaka University Sociology student, leads the student movement as a National Coordinator for 'Students Against Discrimination'. Known for his rights activism, he has been vocal against Sheikh Hasina. Islam alleged he was detained on July 20, which the police denied.



ASIF MAHMUD

Asif Mahmud, a Dhaka University Language Studies student, joined the nation-wide student movement in June. Mahmud was apprehended by the Detective Branch on July 26 from the hospital during his treatment, with police officials citing security reasons for his detention.



ABU BAKAR MAJUMDAR

Abu Bakar Majumdar, a Dhaka University Geography student, has been active in the push against Sheikh Hasina's government. A civil and human rights advocate, he co-founded the 'Students Against Discrimination' Movement following the High Court's June 5 decision on job reservations.



THE POLITICAL HEADS



GEN WAKER-UZ-ZAMAN, ARMY CHIEF

Zaman, 58, assumed the duties of army chief on June 23. In a career spanning three-and-a-half decades, Zaman has also worked closely with Sheikh Hasina, serving as the principal staff officer at the Armed Forces Division under the Prime Minister's Office. Zaman's wife is Hasina's cousin.



KHALEDA ZIA, FORMER PM

Bangladesh's first woman PM Khaleda Zia and chairperson of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) was freed from house arrest on Tuesday. Zia was widely seen as a shy wife and devoted mother until her husband, then the head of BNP, was assassinated in an attempted army coup in 1981.



MOHAMMED SHAHABUDDIN, PRESIDENT

He has been the prez since April 2023. As a student, he actively participated in the fight for independence from Pakistan in 1971. A former district judge, Shahabuddin headed an investigation panel that probed violence against Awami League members and supporters when the party was in the opposition.

Indian forces tighten vigil along border with B'desh

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NEW DELHI/SHILLONG/AGARTALA/SILCHAR: Security agencies tightened their vigil on the international border with Bangladesh, instructing shops in some places to close by 9pm, holding meetings with village heads of villages close to the border, and asking people not to move as freely as before, a day after Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had to flee to India to escape spiralling unrest. Senior officials from agencies like the Border Security Force and state police services rushed to various sensitive points on the 4,096-kilometre long border that India shares with Bangladesh, cutting across 5 states, and said that personnel had all been told to stay on high alert.

BSF officials said that border guards had been asked to stay vigilant particularly on frontier

areas with Bangladesh where police stations have been looted or prisoners have fled. "There were reports of mobs looting weapons from police stations and prisoners fleeing from Sherpur jail in Bangladesh. Stopping infiltration or smuggling of weapons is a top priority," an official at the Delhi headquarters said. To be sure, no incident of violence has been reported at any border village.

In south Bengal, BSF personnel on Tuesday held coordination meetings with officials of the state government and village heads. "The villagers were advised not to move freely in the border areas and on the International Border Road (IBBR) at night. It was also decided that all shops in the market should be closed by 9pm and announcements will be made from mosques that villagers should stay away from the border areas," a spokesperson said.



A Border Security Force (BSF) officer at the India-Bangladesh border of Petrapole, 100km north-east of Kolkata.

While there are additional layers of security along the vulnerable stretches of the border, senior officers are also visiting such spots and checking for operation preparedness. BSF chief Daljit Singh Chawdhary visited the Petrapole integrated checkpoint on Tuesday and will

visit Tripura and Meghalaya over the next few days.

In Meghalaya, BSF Inspector General Harbax Singh Dhillon said that troops and field commanders are closely monitoring the international border, and commandants have been deployed at border posts. "All land customs stations and integrated check posts are on high alert and civilian movement has been restricted along the Indo-Bangladesh border," the IG said.

The Meghalaya government had on Monday imposed a night curfew along the 443-kilometre border the state shares with Bangladesh. East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police, S Nongtger said, "We have deployed adequate human resources to monitor the situation and support the central forces. In fact, there are officers of the rank of additional and deputy superintendent of police on the ground to monitor all

measures."

In Tripura, chief minister Manik Saha said that he had spoken to the state chief secretary, director general of police and representatives of the BSF to tighten border controls. "I am in constant touch with Delhi and have spoken to our chief secretary, DGP, BSF, Assam Rifles so that nobody can enter through the border. We shall work based on the instructions given by the Centre," Saha said.

Officials from Assam, which shares a 265.5-kilometre long border with Bangladesh — predominantly in Cachar and Karimganj — said that they had "temporarily sealed the border". The sealing of the border — with trade at a standstill over the past two days — have also meant that trucks carrying goods have been left stranded near the International Land Port in Karimganj's Sutarkandi, officials said.

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Canada strongly condemns the rights violations, deaths, torture, arbitrary arrests and lethal force used against the people of Bangladesh.



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Centre holds all-party meet in Delhi, says army on alert

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NEW DELHI: India has offered help to former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina, who fled to the country on Monday, and will take necessary steps if the situation in the neighbouring nation deteriorates, the government informed an all-party meeting on Tuesday.

Leaders of key political parties who attended the meeting held behind closed doors were told by a team of ministers that the army was put on high alert and security enhanced along the border with Bangladesh, people aware of the discussions said on condition of anonymity. Opposition parties indicated they will stand by the government's decision-making in confronting the crisis, the people cited above said.

Home minister Amit Shah, defence minister Rajnath Singh, external affairs minister S Jaishankar, health minister JP Nadda and parliamentary affairs minister Kiren Rijju were part of the government team that participated in the meeting, which was also attended by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi.

Jaishankar spoke on all possible impacts on India of the developments in Bangladesh, and about New Delhi's strategy for coping with any interference from outside, the people said. He described the current situation at the India-Bangladesh border as "not alarm-



External affairs minister S Jaishankar, defence minister Rajnath Singh, home minister Amit Shah and other leaders during the all-party meeting in New Delhi on Tuesday.

ing," they said.

The people cited above said Gandhi asked whether the government had information on the future plans of Hasina, who arrived at Hindon airbase near Ghaziabad in a Bangladesh Air Force aircraft on Monday afternoon, hours after she resigned and fled Dhaka.

Gandhi also asked about the government's short-term strategy and expressed concern about possible infiltration. He also asked if any "foreign forces", particularly China, were linked to the disturbance in Bangladesh, they said.

Jaishankar said the Indian side had spoken to Hasina on her future course of action, but it couldn't be disclosed at the moment, the people said.

The people quoted Jaishankar as saying that there were reports

of minority communities being attacked in Bangladesh and their properties and assets being destroyed. He said appropriate steps will be taken to ensure the safety of minorities, according to the people.

AAP fumes after it's left out of all-party meeting

Delhi and Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) was not invited for the all-party meeting on Bangladesh on Tuesday morning.

AAP lawmaker Sanjay Singh claimed it was an "unprecedented" move by the government not to invite national party that has MPs in both Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha.

Government functionaries, however, didn't clarify why AAP was not invited for the important meeting.

UK hesitancy casts doubt over Hasina's next stop after Delhi

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NEW DELHI: Uncertainty surrounded former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina's plans to travel to London following the UK's apparent reluctance to offer her asylum, even as she was moved on Tuesday from Hindon Airbase to an unspecified safe location, possibly in the vicinity, people familiar with developments said.

Hasina, 76, and her small entourage flew into the Indian Air Force's Hindon Airbase near New Delhi in a Bangladesh Air Force aircraft late on Monday afternoon, hours after she quit following massive protests seeking the ouster of her government. National Security Adviser Ajit Doval and senior military officials met Hasina at the airbase shortly after her arrival.



Anti-government protesters set fire to Awami League party office, in Dhaka, Tuesday. AFP

The people cited above said on condition of anonymity that Hasina was moved from Hindon Airbase to a safe location under tight security. The people declined to give details for security reasons. To be sure, the Hindon base is a secure facility with provision for people to stay if needed.

External affairs minister S Jaishankar told Parliament on Tuesday that Hasina had sought approval on Monday

to come to India "for the moment". The people said she is expected to remain in India for some time because of uncertainty about her plans to travel to London, where she has relatives.

Hasina is accompanied by her sister Sheikh Rehana, a British citizen whose daughter Tulip Siddiq is a Labour Party leader in the UK. Siddiq was

recently re-elected as an MP and appointed as economic secretary to the treasury and city minister.

The people said Hasina sought certain assurances from UK authorities, such as legal protection in relation to potential investigations into the violent protests that left nearly 400 people dead in Bangladesh.

However, UK foreign secretary David Lammy on Monday called for a UN-led probe into the "unprecedented levels of violence and tragic loss of life" in Bangladesh. "The people of Bangladesh deserve a full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past two weeks," he said in a statement. The UK's Immigration Rules have no provision for a person to be allowed to travel to

Britain to seek asylum or temporary refuge. It is also not possible for a person to apply for asylum from outside Britain.

It is understood the British side believes a person needing international protection should claim asylum in the first country they reach, as this will be the fastest route to safety. In Hasina's case, that country is India. Any asylum claim is also considered on its individual merits by the UK.

The people said these developments have cast uncertainty over Hasina's plans to travel to the UK. They said Hasina's team is exploring options for seeking asylum in other countries. One of the countries reportedly being looked at is Finland, where too the former premier has relatives.

Other options include Russia, Belarus or a West Asian country, the people said.

During an all-party meeting on the situation in Bangladesh on Monday morning, Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi asked whether the government has information on Hasina's future plans, people familiar with the discussions said. Jaishankar, who was among the ministers who briefed the gathering, said the Indian side has spoken to Hasina on her future course of action, but it could not be disclosed at the moment.

2 FORMER MINS HELD AT DHAKA AIRPORT WHILE TRYING TO FLEE

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DHAKA: Bangladesh's former foreign minister Hassan Mahmud and ex-state minister Zunaed Ahmed Palak were detained on Tuesday at the Dhaka airport while attempting to flee the country, a day after prime minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled the country following deadly protests against her government.

Mahmud went to Dhaka's Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport to "catch a flight en route to Delhi," an Airport Aviation Security (AVSEC) official was quoted as saying by the Dhaka Tribune newspaper.

He was detained at the airport while attempting to flee Bangladesh, the official added.

Mahmud served as the foreign minister in the deposed Hasina government.

According to media reports, the former foreign minister earlier attempted to flee through a land port with India but was not allowed to cross the border.

His detention came hours after former state minister for post, telecommunication and ICT Zunaed Ahmed Palak was barred from leaving the country by airport authorities.

Palak was detained at the airport and handed over to the Air Force authorities who are currently in-charge of handling the security system of the airport.

Earlier reports claimed that several top leaders and lawmakers of Hasina's Awami League and cabinet ministers left the country ahead of her departure.

Awami League general secretary and road transport and bridges minister Obaidul Quader left the country on Sunday night.

Ex-law minister Anisul Huq left the country to unknown destination ahead of Hasina's resignation, his personal aide said.

The deposed premier's private industry and investment adviser and lawmaker Salman F Rahman also fled the country on Sunday night, according to his aides, who however, could not confirm which country he was heading to.

Dhaka South City Corporation Mayor and Hasina's nephew Sheikh Fazle Noor Taposh left Dhaka on a Biman flight on Saturday morning with aviation sources saying he boarded a Singapore-bound aircraft. Controversial lawmaker Shamim Osman also fled the country last week.



Damaged vehicles following a protest in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on Tuesday. BLOOMBERG

Toll in anti-govt stir rises to 440 as violence ebbs

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DHAKA: The death toll in the anti-government protests in Bangladesh on Tuesday climbed to 440, with 100 more deaths reported after Sheikh Hasina fled the country, according to local media, even as efforts were on by the army to bring the situation under control in the violence-hit nation.

Despite the high death toll, there were signs of a return to normalcy on Tuesday, with police and army patrolling the streets, BDNews24.com news portal said and added that schools were reopened after a long period of closure due to protests against Hasina over a controversial job quota system.

The situation in Dhaka was largely calm on Tuesday after a day of unrest and a night of tension. Buses and other public transport were on the streets and traders were opening shops. Government vehicles were heading to offices. Many battery-run rickshaws plied the roads, it added.

Bengali language daily Prothom Alo reported that at least 109 people were killed in clashes in different parts of the country, including Dhaka, during the anti-discrimination student movement on Monday.

The newspaper earlier reported the death of 98 people till 12 pm on Sunday. Another 16 deaths were reported in the night. The total death toll stood at 114 on Sunday. "With this, the total death toll stood at 440 in 21 days from July 16 to yesterday," the paper said.

The clashes between protesters demanding Hasina's resignation over the quota system in government jobs and the ruling Awami League supporters in different parts of Bangladesh erupted on Sunday days after more than 200 people were killed in violent clashes between police and mostly student protesters in July.

Prothom Alo said that 37 bodies were brought to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital between 11am and 8pm on Monday. Citing hospital sources, it said 500 people were brought to the hospital with various injuries, including bullet injuries, on Monday.

As the news of Hasina's departure spread on Monday, hundreds of people broke into her residence, vandalising and looting the interiors, providing dramatic expression to the anti-government protests.

Hasina's private residence Sudha Sadan and other establishments were attacked, vandalised and set on fire in the capital. The residences and business establishments of ministers, party MPs and leaders of Hasina's Awami League government were also attacked in Dhaka and outside Dhaka.

The Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported that at least 18 people were killed in Savar and Dhamrai areas, on the outskirts of the capital, after clashes broke out between police and miscreants on Monday.

Ten people were killed in the capital's Uttara on Monday after individuals in civilian clothes reportedly opened fire on protesters.

India's import supply safe but exports at risk

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NEW DELHI: India is unlikely to face any major supply disruption on account of its imports from current political turmoil in Bangladesh, but its exports of spices, fresh vegetables and fruits could be the immediate casualty, at least three people said.

Payment concerns triggered by the forex crisis in Bangladesh had already brought down the neighbouring country from the fifth top merchandise exports destination to the tenth spot on the between FY23 and FY24, they added, requesting not to be named. The share of Bangladesh in India's total exports fell sharply in recent years, one of them, an official

in an economic ministry, said. According to government data, Bangladesh's share in India's total exports fell 31.56% from \$16.16 billion in 2021-22 to \$11.06 billion in 2023-24.

The main reason was Indian exporters' concern over payments, they said. In 2019-20, India's merchandise exports to Bangladesh was \$8.20 billion, which nearly doubled to \$16.16 billion in 2021-22, posting over 97% growth since FY22. But, subsequently exports to the country fell sharply. According to the latest provisional data, Bangladesh was the sixth top merchandise export destination India in the month of June with marginally less than \$1 billion exports. However, in the first quarter of current financial year (April-June

2024), its rank was eighth, at \$2.77 billion, after the US, the United Arab Emirates, Netherlands, the United Kingdom, China, Singapore and Saudi Arabia.

Two industry executives said exports of perishables are the immediate casualty because of political uncertainty in Bangladesh. Fruits and vegetables do not have long shelf life.

"However, the government agencies are making efforts to divert supplies meant for Bangladesh to other markets," the second person said, has been the number one destination in the list of top five export markets for India's fresh vegetables at \$219.41 million in 2023-24, third in species (\$338.95 million) and fifth in fresh fruits

(\$58.78 billion). India's imports from Bangladesh have been on a decline for quite some time.

Merchandise imports from the country fell by 9.8% to \$1.84 billion in 2023-24 from \$2.02 billion in 2022-23, according to official data.

India's key imports from Bangladesh include textiles and garments, jute items, leather goods and marine products.

Businessmen and exporters are keenly watching the developments in the neighbourhood before taking any business decisions.

"It is too early to conclude anything as situation is still unfolding. We need to wait till situation normalise and political will of Dhaka is clear," said Ajay Sahai, director general of

the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO).

"Perishable exports have been impacted as they have limited shelf-life. But, Bangladesh requires these commodities to feed its people, hence they [the new regime] would make efforts to normalise trade," he added.

The development has impacted sentiment, though, he said. On the windfall economic benefit of political turmoil for India, mainly in terms of textiles exports to major markets in Europe and America, Sahai said: "It would depend whether the buyers and sellers are willing to sacrifice their margins as India cannot offer the LDC [least developed country] benefit that Bangladesh could have.

Danish PM attack suspect: Don't recall hitting her

COPENHAGEN: A Polish man accused of punching Denmark's Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen told a Copenhagen court on Tuesday he doesn't recall hitting her because he was under the influence of alcohol. The suspect, whom Danish authorities have ruled cannot be named in the media, risks prison time and deportation if convicted, with a verdict expected when the trial wraps up on Wednesday. AFP

Hezbollah, Iran obliged to respond to Israel: Nasrallah

BEIRUT, LEBANON: Hezbollah's chief said on Tuesday his group and Iran were "obliged to respond" to Israel "whatever the consequences" after the killings last week of Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukur and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh. AFP

Five killed as Storm Debby hits US southeast

MIAMI: Coastal South Carolina and Georgia were under flash flood warnings on Tuesday, as Tropical Storm Debby swamped the southeastern US, leaving at least five dead. Early on Tuesday, the NHC warned of "potentially historic heavy rainfall" and "catastrophic flooding" in parts of southeast Georgia and eastern South Carolina. AFP

VP pick: What Walz gets Harris, what he does not

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WASHINGTON: Kamala Harris's decision to pick Minnesota's governor Tim Walz as her running mate gives her a political edge in terms of political narrative in middle American and provides balance to the ticket.

But it doesn't necessarily help her with particular geographies or swing voters that will be critical to shaping the 2020 outcome. Here is what Walz brings to the table.

Harris is Black and Indian-American. Walz is White. Harris is from the West Coast, a child of an economist father and a scientist mother, who grew up around the world of academics and went to law school. Walz was born in Nebraska in the heart of America, a child of an army veteran and a homemaker, who grew up on his family farm and joined the National Guard at the age of 17.

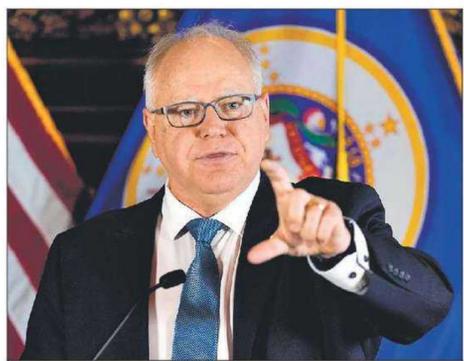
Harris embarked on a career in law as a public prosecutor, before she ran for office and became a district attorney and eventually the California attorney general.

Walz went to college, became a social studies teacher and a football coach, shifted to his wife's home state of Minnesota, before he ran for Congress. Harris won in the decisively Blue California where her competition was essentially other Democrats.

Walz won from a conservative rural Republican district in middle America that had only once elected a Democrat before him.

As Harris rose through the ranks in California politics and eventually became an elected Senator in 2016, Walz quietly built a presence in party on Capitol Hill and joined the veteran affairs committee.

As Harris became a national figure, ran for president and



Minnesota Governor Tim Walz. AP

became vice president, Walz turned to state politics and became Minnesota's governor.

So what Walz's selection does for sure is balances the ticket in terms of geography, race, social, economic and professional background, political trajectory and established national security credentials.

In addition, Walz has come into prominence for the manner in which he takes on the Republican far-right with authenticity and authority on the terrain that they claim to be fighting on. It is hard to dismiss Walz as a California liberal who doesn't know the "real America". It is impossible to dismiss Walz who has spent his life in precisely this real America as an out of touch elite.

And Democrats will be using him in Pennsylvania, Michigan and Wisconsin as deploys his humour and offers an unapologetic defence of liberal politics as it pertains to individual freedom, social welfare benefits, paid family leave, health care and education. But here is what Walz may not get Harris.

Minnesota is a reliably Blue state and so in terms of geography, he doesn't really have votes in the electoral college. Josh Shapiro, the other big contender for the running mate spot, is a popular Pennsylvania governor and the state is a must-win for Democrats, and may have been electorally a safer bet.

The progressive enthusiasm for Walz is an asset as far as the Democratic base is concerned but it may also be a liability as far as the centrist, swing vote is concerned.

The Republican narrative on Harris portrays her as "radical Left", and to win over this segment, Harris needs to move to the centre on issues ranging from oil and gas fracking to border immigration; it is unclear how much Walz will be able to help with this aim, especially as Republicans are already defining him as an addition to a far Left ticket.

But for now, it is clear that the Harris-Walz ticket has enthused the liberal, anti-Trump political world in America. Whether it is enough for voters beyond the liberal world will be known in November.

Musk sparks outrage with support for anti-immigration rioters in UK

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LONDON: As far-right riots grip England, provocative tech billionaire Elon Musk is posting sympathy for the anti-immigration demonstrators, angering the UK government, which blames social media companies for fueling the unrest.

The week-long disturbances that have spread to numerous cities are linked to misinformation online that the suspect behind a mass stabbing that killed three girls was a Muslim asylum seeker. A war of words between X owner Musk and Prime Minister Keir Starmer's recently elected Labour administration began on Sunday when Musk tweeted that a British "civil war is inevitable". Starmer's spokesperson said Monday there was "no justification" for the

comment, only for Musk to respond with a stream of posts on Tuesday questioning the British leader's response to the riots. Musk also referenced a dubious claim about policing that has been widely denied by lawmakers from across the political spectrum and police chiefs.

"Use of language such as a 'civil war' is in no way acceptable," justice minister Heidi Alexander said on Tuesday, branding Musk's comments "deeply irresponsible". "We are seeing police officers being seriously injured, buildings set alight, and so I really do think that everyone who has a platform should be exercising their power responsibly," she told Times Radio. The riots follow the murder on Monday last week of three girls aged between six and nine at a Taylor Swift-themed dance party in Southport, northwest England.

AS RIOTS SPIRAL, UK EXPANDS JAIL CAPACITY TO HOUSE RIOTERS

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LIVERPOOL: The British government has increased its prison capacity to help tackle violent, week-long anti-Muslim riots that have prompted a growing number of countries to warn their citizens about the dangers of travelling in Britain.

Unrest has spread, with rioters targeting mosques and smashing windows of hotels housing asylum-seekers from Africa and the Middle East, chanting "get them out", in the first widespread outbreak of violence in Britain for 13 years.

X SUES AD GROUP OVER BOYCOTT AFTER MUSK'S TWITTER TAKEOVER

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WICHITA FALLS: Elon Musk's social media platform X has sued a group of advertisers, alleging that a "massive advertiser boycott" deprived the company of billions of dollars in revenue and violated antitrust laws.

The company formerly known as Twitter filed the lawsuit on Tuesday in a federal court in Texas against the World Federation of Advertisers and member companies Unilever, Mars, CVS Health and Orsted.

It accused the advertising group's initiative, called the Global Alliance for Responsible Media, of helping to coordinate a pause in advertising after Musk bought Twitter for \$44 billion in late 2022 and overhauled its staff and policies.

Thousands rally for ex-PM Khan's release

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PESHAWAR: Thousands of supporters of Pakistan's imprisoned former prime minister rallied Monday in the country's volatile northwest to mark the first anniversary of his arrest and demand his immediate release, officials said.

The protest is part of Imram Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) opposition party's campaign aimed at pressuring the current government of Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to free him without any further delay.

The rally was held in Swabi, a city in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province where Khan's party rules. More than 10,000 supporters of Khan were seen waving the party's flags and chanting



Supporters of Imran Khan take a part in a rally to demand his release, in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, on Monday. AP

as PTI plans to hold a big protest in the capital later this month or early next month. He said PTI would defy any ban if it was not allowed to hold the rally in the nation's capital.

Khan was arrested on August 5, 2023, after a court in Islamabad handed him a 3-year jail sentence in a graft case. Despite his multiple convictions, Khan remains a leading figure. In recent months, all of his convictions have been either suspended or overturned.

However, the former premier will remain behind bars as he awaits a slew of cases pending against him, which his party says are fake and politically motivated. Sharif's government has denied those accusations, saying Khan has been given the chance of a fair trial.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 

Tender Notice No. 6520242025 Dated : 06.08.2024

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13.00 hrs on 02.09.2024. The details of the Tender are as under :-

Tender No. : 157 Gem Bid Number : GEM/2024/B/5252783 Dated : 06.08.2024

Name of Work : Supply, Installation and maintenance up to 5 years of Track Based Gauge Face Lubricator in section of Sr. DENI/PRYJ.

Approx Cost Rs. : 2,34,96,000/- • Bid Security : 2,67,480/- • Completion Period : 05 Years • Date of Opening of tender : 02.09.2024 • Eligibility Criteria for Similar work : NIL

Note : (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13.00 hrs. of tender opening date, (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.gem.gov.in up to 13.30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 1404/24 (C)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 

Tender Notice No. 6420242025 Dated: 05.08.2024

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central railway/Prayagraj, for on behalf of the President of India, invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13:30 hrs on 02.09.2024. The details of the Tender are as under

SN: 1- Tender No.: 156, Name of Work: Replacement of stone slab bridges by RCC Box for (06 nos) bridges & other connected works etc Naini-Manikpur section under ADENANNYN

Approx Cost ₹ : 2,58,03,482.51 Bid security ₹ : 2,79,000.00

Completion Period: 08 Month **Date of Opening of tender:** 02.09.2024

Eligibility Criteria for similar work: Any bridge work in running track or regaining work in running track. **Note:** (1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.ireps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening. 1403/24 (MG)

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Department of Digital Technologies and Governance
IT Bhawan, Mehli, Shimla-171013

INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
EOI No. DDTG-F05(30)/2/2024-IT-DDTG (E-224968)

Department of Digital Technologies and Governance (DDTG), Shimla, Government of Himachal Pradesh invites sealed Expression of Interest (EOI) from experienced developer and implement a Digital Library Hub and Spoke Model, connecting Department of Digital Technologies and Governance Headquarters (hub) with University Libraries, District Libraries, and College Libraries within the state of Himachal Pradesh.

The EOI Document containing the detail of qualification criteria, submission detail, brief objective & scope of work and evaluation criteria etc. can be downloaded from website <https://ddtg.hp.gov.in/>.

Last Date & Time of submission: 13th August, 2024 before 05.00 PM.

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Phone and Fax: 91-177-2628914
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DP/HR-0265

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age 60 years. He was found Unconscious at Premium Car Parking, Ajmeri Gate Side, **New Delhi Railway Station**, on 04.08.2024 at 02:30 PM at LHMC Hospital Doctors declared him dead on 04.08.2024. In this regard, **DD No: 34A, Dt. 04.08.2024**, has been lodged at **P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi**. Dead body has been preserved for identification at LHMC Hospital.

His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** 60 years, **Built:** Thin, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Wearing:** Brown Colour Pant and Red T-Shirt. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address of telephone number:-

S.H.O
PS: New Delhi Railway Station
Ph No.: 9811598008, 8750871305

DP/10387/Rly/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of male **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o** Unknown, **Age:** About 65 years, **Height :** 5'4", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Identification:** Whole face crushed, wearing saffron colour T-shirt & half pant, mitti colour jacket & army colour lower was dead found at **Apsara Border Flyover, Delhi**. In this regard **FIR No. 494/2024 u/s 281/106.1 BNS** dated 05.08.2024 has been registered at **P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi**.

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

SHO - P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi
Tel. No. 7065036030,
8130436430, 6398673714

DP/10399/SHD/2024

स्थानिक अभियंता का कार्यालय
भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली
अति-अल्पकालीन कोटेशन आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या 03/2024-25

बिहार भवन, बिहार निवास, चाणक्यपुरी नई दिल्ली हेतु निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए बिहार राज्य अंतर्गत भवन प्रमंडल में कार्यरत चतुर्थ श्रेणी में निर्बंधित संवेदक बिहार लोक निर्माण विभाग में होने वाले कार्यों के लिए मुहर बंद कोटेशन आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम एवं पता :- स्थानिक अभियंता, भवन प्रमंडल, नई दिल्ली

2. परिमाण विपत्र के बिक्री की तिथि :- 16-08-2024 (अपराह्न 1:00 बजे तक)

3. निविदा प्राप्त करने की तिथि एवं समय :- 19-08-2024 (अपराह्न 3:00 बजे तक)

4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 19-08-2024 (अपराह्न 3:30 बजे तक)

5. परिमाण विपत्र बिक्री का स्थान : (1) स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार निवास चाणक्यपुरी, नई दिल्ली। (2) उप स्थानिक अभियंता कार्यालय बिहार सदन, द्वारका नई दिल्ली। (3) अधीक्षण अभियंता कार्यालय दक्षिण बिहार अंचल, भवन निर्माण विभाग बिहार पटना।

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कार्य का विवरण:-

Sl. No	Name Of Work
01	Renovation of Canteen of Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2024-25
02	S/F/F of Miscellaneous work at Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2024-25
03	Renovation of toilet of 1 st floor Bihar Bhawan, New Delhi for the year 2024-25

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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

On behalf of the President of India, acting through Chief Administrative Officer/Con, North Eastern Railway, Gorakhpur invites the following E-Works Tenders:

S.No.-1, E-Tender No.: Dy.CE-CON-HQ-03-2024, Dated: 05-08-2024, Name of work: Earth work, Supplying & Laying of Blanketing material in formation, construction of Minor Bridge and LHS/RUB from CH No. 76.000 to 88.620 Unwal (Excluding) Bansaoga (Including) in Connection with Sahjanwa-Dohrihat New Railway line Project in Lucknow Division of North Eastern Railway. Approximate Value: ₹ 72,25,67,394.04, Earnest Money (Rs.): ₹ 37,62,800/-. Cost of Tender Form (Rs.): Nil, Completion Period: 24 (Twenty Four) Months

Note: • Bidding Start date-21-08-2024, • Last date of submission of above E-Tender up to 15:00 hrs. on 04-09-2024 • Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria, terms & conditions is available on website <https://ireps.gov.in>. • In case any discrepancy arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version will hold good and will be followed.

• Shri Ravi Prakash AXEN/Con/HQ/GKP, Mob.: 9794844281
Dy. Chief Engineer/Con/HQ, CPRO/W-190, Gorakhpur

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NORTHERN RAILWAY

Cancellation of Tender

1. IOH and Major repair of track machines at TMMD/LKO & MB under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/TMC/Line/New Delhi. Tender Cost Rs.

2. IOH and Major repair of track machines at TMMD/TKD, KKDE & BTI under jurisdiction of Dy.CE/TMC/Line/New Delhi. Tender Cost Rs.

3. Providing fixing of various types of electrical works during IOH/POH & Major repair of Track Machines at TMMD/TKD, KKDE, BTI, LKO & MB as well as working site working under on Dy.CE/TMC/NR. Tender Cost Rs.

No. 1-W/DY.CE/TMC/L/NDLS/Tender Corresp. Dated: 05.08.2024 2408/2024

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CIN: U15100MH1950G000187, Website: www.irel.co.in
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Ref: ADVT. NO. 24-25/07 TENDER NOTICE Date: 07.08.2024

IREL, OSCOM invites request for proposal for the following items/job descriptions.

Bid No.	Job/Item Description
GEM/2024/B/5211153	Engagement of EPCM (Engineering, Procurement and construction management) consultant for implementation of an integrated cargo management system at OSCOM
GEM/2024/B/5194404	Comprehensive Operation and Maintenance of Desalination Plant.

Bidder may download tender document from <http://irel.co.in>, <http://gem.gov.in> or <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>. Any corrigendum/ Extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above websites only. CBC 48146/12/0008/2425 Sd/- GM & HEAD, MMD, OSCOM

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Letter No:694 Date: 06/08/2024

e-Tender Notice

The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhai Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:-

Tender No: NIT-10/EE (M)/MB-II/2024-25

Name of work / Supply/Services: Annual/Capital Maintenance of Machine No 1,2,3,4 of Dharasu Power House for the Year 2024-25.

Estimated cost: Rs. 64,42,92,050/- only + GST extra.

Date of availability of bid document on website: - 08.08.2024 from 16:00 Hrs

Last date of submission of bids on website: - 31.08.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.

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

Executive Engineer (Maintenance)
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY"

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 

Tender Notice No: AGC-ELG-T-13-2024-25 Date: 02.08.2024

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.

Tender No.: AGC-ELG-T-13-2024-25

Name of work with its location & Completion Period: Electrification work in connection with Provision of track depot with all infrastructure facilities in place of existing depot due to redevelopment of Agra cantt.

Completion period: 08 months

Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 1134416.40

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 hrs on 30.08.2024. 1391/24 (ADM)

North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ [CPRNGR](https://www.facebook.com/CPRNGR)

Road Construction Department
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Division, Hilsa
SBD BASED DETAILED NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(through eProcurement mode only - www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
NIT No. :- RCD/Road/Hilsa/04/2024-25

1	Designation & Address of the Advertiser	2	Date of issue of Notice Inviting Tender
1	Executive Engineer, Road Division, Hilsa, Road Construction Department.	2	Letter No. 887(we) Date 05.08.2024
3	Period for download of Tender Document	4	Date, time & place of pre-bid meeting
3	From 02.09.2024 to 09.09.2024 up to 15:00 hours (From website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)	4	Date 06.09.2024 time 11:00 Hours at the office of the Chief Engineer, South, RCD Patna.
5	Last Date & Time for uploading tender document by bidder	6	Date, time & place of opening of Technical Bid.
5	Date 10.09.2024 till time 15:00 PM (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)	6	Date 11.09.2024 Time 15:30 Hours (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Bid No.	Name of work	Estimated cost (in Rs. Lakh)	Amount of Earnest Money (in Rs. Lakhonly)	Cost of BOQ (to be paid through only online) (non-refundable) in Rs.	Bid Processing Fee (to be paid through online) (non-refundable) in Rs.	Time of completion of work (in months)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Construction of Double Lane with Paved Shoulder of Islampur Bypass from Ch. 0+000 km to Ch. 7+700 km (Total length - 7.700 km) & Construction of 3 nos. H.L.R.C.C. Bridge in Nalanda district under Road Division, Hilsa for the year 2024-25	5069.37	60.70	10000.00	5900.00	21 Months

8. Date, time & place of opening of Financial Bid : To be announced later after approval of Technical Bid. (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

9. Bid Validity : 120 days

Executive Engineer RCD, Road Division, Hilsa
PR. No. 005466 (RCD) 2024-25

For further details please visit : www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar

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30 प्रो लोक सेवा आयोग

संक्षिप्त विज्ञापित

30 प्रो आरूप (होमोपैथी) विभाग में आयोग द्वारा जारी विज्ञापन सं-डी-3/ई-1/2023 के अंतर्गत विज्ञापित होमोपैथिक आगामी चिकित्साधिकारी (विभाग सं-एन-11/03) के 15 पदों पर चयन हेतु स्त्रीनिग परीक्षा से संबंधित परीक्षा योजना व पाठ्यक्रम संबंधी विस्तृत विवरण आयोग की वेबसाइट <https://upsc.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है।

संख्या- 144/01/डी0आर0/एन-11/2022-23 (हर्ष देव पाण्डेय)
दिनांक: प्रयागराज 06 अगस्त, 2024 परीक्षा नियंत्रक

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY 

Tender Notice No. AGC-EL-GSU-T-14-24 Date: - 02.08.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Gati Shakti), North Central Railway, Agra on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on line only (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Name of work with its location & Completion Period:	Completion Period
Electrical TRD work Related to Development of Goods Shed at KXM, DHO, JAB of Agra Division.	12 Months.

Approximate Cost of work	Closing date of Tender
Rs. 13688261.75/-	26.08.2024 @ 15:00 Hrs

For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in. Tenders can only be submitted through web portal www.ireps.gov.in up to 15:00 Hrs. on 26.08.2024. 1384/24 (AS)

North central railways @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @ [CPRNGR](https://www.facebook.com/CPRNGR)

Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 35 Yrs., **Height:** 5'4", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Dark, **Hair:** Black, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Jeans and bare feet. **Place of Recovery:** Found Dead near Shop No. 11, New Qutub Road, Azad Market, Delhi-06 on 03.08.2024. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hours in Subzi Mandi Mortuary for identification.

In this regard **DD No. 68A, Dated 03.08.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

SHO
P.S.: Bara Hindu Rao, Delhi
Ph.: 9717269639, 8750870125

DP/10359/N/2024

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one boy **Name:** Raju, **S/o:** Parvez Alam, **R/o:** 13/95, Opposite P.S. Shastri Park, Dharampura, Delhi, **Sex:** Male, **Age:** 11 years, **Height:** 4'6", **Face:** Round, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Check Shirt and Blue Colour Lower, has been missing/kidnapped from Meena Bazar, Jama Masjid, Delhi since 30.07.2024. In this regard **FIR No. 242/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 02.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Jama Masjid, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped boy but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing/kidnapped boy. Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website : <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
Ph.: 011-23261625, 8750870422

SHO
P.S.: Jama Masjid, Delhi

DP/10331/CD/2024

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Ltd.
(A Government of Uttar Pradesh Undertaking)
GSTIN: 09AACU2250P1ZZ, CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow

Tender Ref. No.: GEM/2024/B/5237595 Date: 02/08/2024

Tender Notice Invitation

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tenders on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Manufacturer/ Importer/ Authorized Agent for supply of **Advanced Dental Chair**. The schedules of Tendering activities are as here under:

Sr. No.	Activity	Date & Time
1	Tender Reference No.	GEM/2024/B/5237595
2	Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	02/08/2024
3	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	09/08/2024 at 2:00 PM in Conference Hall of UPMSCL, Lucknow.
4	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	23/08/2024 upto 11:00 PM.
5	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	23/08/2024 at 11:30 PM
6	Date of Completion of Examination of Technical Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
7	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal
8	Date of Completion of Examination of Financial Bid	To be declared on GeM Portal

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website www.upmscl.in. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates

Managing Director
UPMSCL
Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

MAHAGENCO 

E-TENDER NOTICE- 16/2024-25

1) **CHP/ e-tender 105/ Rfx No.3000050811:** Two Year Work Contract for picking of stones & extraneous material from running conveyors while receipt of Raw Coal, while receipt of Washed Coal & during RSDV at CHP, Paras TPS. (Esti. Cost: (Rs.315.59 Lacs EMD - Rs.319096/-)

(1) **Selling period for above tender Sr. No. 1** from 07.08.2024 to 27.08.2024 **Submission on dated 28.08.2024 at 16.00 Hrs.** Note: For detail please see our website: <https://eprocurement.mahagenco.in>

CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHAGENCO TPS PARAS

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General Public is hereby informed that one female (depicted in the photo) namely **NEETA D/o Krishna R/o H. No. 5&6 B-Block, Street No. 7/6, Guru Nanak Dev Colony, Bhalswa Dairy, Delhi. Aged: 44** Years has been reported missing since 01.08.2024 at 10.00AM from her house vide **DD No. 86A Dated 01.08.2024** registered at **Police Station Bhalswa Dairy, Distt. Outer North, Delhi.**

Her physical description is as under:-

Complexion: Shallow, **Height:** 5'3", **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **Clothing:** Pink Colour Suit Salwar with slipper on her feet.

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

SHO
P.S. Bhalswa Dairy, Distt. Outer North, Delhi
Mob.: 9213062116

Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
DP/10362/ON/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that a unidentified dead body of a male **name:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown **found dead on 17.06.2024** Peeragarhi **DIPO ke Bahar**. In this regard **DD No. 0021A, dated 17.06.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station Paschim Vihar East, Delhi**. Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Name: Unknown, **Age:** About 50+ Years, **Height:** 5'2", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** White, **Wearing:** Black Blue Colour T-Shirt and Grey Colour Pant.

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

SHO
P.S. Paschim Vihar East, Delhi
Ph.: 011-25263471, 7065036131

DP/10350/OD/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown S/o Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age 50 years approx. was found dead on **Burari Crossing under Fly Over, Main Ring Road, Delhi** on **05.06.2024 at 04:45 PM**. In this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 349/24, U/s 279/304A IPC, Dated 05.06.2024** has been lodged at **PS Burari, North Distt., Delhi**. The dead body was preserved for 72 Hrs in Subzi Mandi Mortuary. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 50 years approx., **Height:** 5' 4" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Normal, **Injury Mark:** There are marks of injuries on the body, **Wearing:** Covered with blanket.

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

SHO
PS: Burari, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph.: 011-27676844, 27676855**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob. No.: 9953745253**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/10365/N/2024**

DIRECTORATE OF SPORTS & YOUTH WELFARE 

T.T. Nagar Stadium, Bhopal-462003
Tel. : 0755-2773012, 2778151
Website : www.dsywmp.gov.in

E-TENDERING NOTICE

The Director, Directorate of Sports & Youth Welfare, M.P. Bhopal invites bids on electronic mode for Synthetic Athletic Track including marking as per World Athletic (Formerly IAAF) with RCC Drain and Fencing around Athletic Track and infield development for throw event at Sports Complex, Ratlam Madhya Pradesh.

2. The bids will be received through electronic tendering mode only. The details regarding participation in the e-tendering process can be obtained on www.mptenders.gov.in. If any queries regarding participation through e-tender process interested bidder may contact on **Toll Free No. 18002588684**.

3. The corrigendum and addendum issued (if any) related to this bid will be published on e-tendering portal only.

M.P. Madhyam/115779/2024 **DIRECTOR**

POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS (NIT)

On behalf of Director, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh 160012, the undersigned invites tender to make Rate Contract for purchase of **Refreshment** for the period of one year as per the details shown in the table below. The bidders offer their minimum rates as per terms and conditions contained in the tender form. The sealed tender with Technical Bids & Financial Bids (Price Bids) duly drafted in the name of Director, Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Sector 12, Chandigarh 160012, and addressed to Purchase Officer (HPD) may be submitted as per schedule given below:-

Tender Enquiry Number & Date	Brief Description of Goods	Amount of Bid Security (EMD) (INR)
1. Proc. Indgn. (HPD)/2024/325 Dated: 02.08.2024	Purchase of refreshment through Rate Contract for the period of one year	Rs. 30,000/- (Rupees thirty thousand only)

Closing date & Time for receipt of Bids : On or before 23.08.2024 at 12.30 P.M

Date, time and place for opening of technical bids : 23.8.2024 at 03.00 P.M at Procurement Branch (HPD), Central Store, 2nd Floor Nehru Building, PGIMER, Sector 12, Chandigarh

- The bidders may download the tender documents directly from the website of the Institute www.pgimer.edu.in or CPP Portal (www.eprocure.gov.in). The bidders should specifically scribble, "Downloaded from the Institute's website" on the top left corner of the outer envelope containing Technical Bid & Financial Bid separately. The bids submitted by the bidders not following the above procedure will summarily be rejected.
- The Bid Security (EMD) for an amount mentioned in this NIT will have to be deposited & submitted with Technical Bid in the form of an Account Payee Demand Draft/Bankers' Cheque/Deposit at call receipt or an FDR/DR/Bank Guarantee in original duly pledged in favour of Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Sector-12, Chandigarh and having its validity for at least One Year and issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank. This bid security (EMD) may be attached with the Technical Bid. FDR/DR issued for less-amount or issued by Banks before the date of floating this NIT shall not be accepted & bids received with such FDR/DR shall summarily be rejected. Micro Small & Medium Enterprises as also startups as recognized by the department of MSME are exempted for submission of EMD on production of requisite certificate.
- It is the responsibility of the Bidders to ensure that their bids, whether sent CPP Portal or by Regd. Post/Courier/in person, are to be delivered in Procurement Branch (HPD), 2nd Floor, C-Block, Central Store



हरियाणा सरकार



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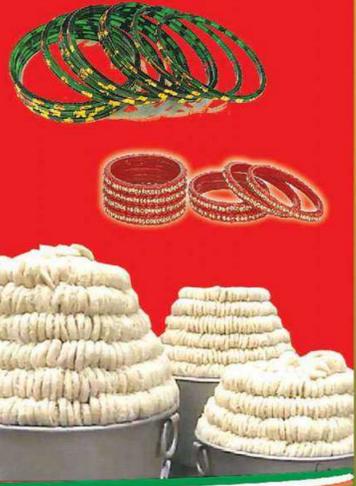
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Germany players celebrate on the final whistle as Indian players look dejected after a thrilling semi-final match at Stade Yves Du Manoir in Paris on Tuesday. Germany won 3-2.

GETTY IMAGES

Hopes of a repeat bronze remain for India after heartbreak in semis

Harmanpreet and Co close to Germany in a close encounter, will face Spain for a medal

Sandeep Nakai

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India's wait for return to the Olympic hockey final will have to wait at least for four more years. Despite playing a gallant game against reigning world champions Germany, India fell one goal short in the Olympic Games semi-final at the century-old Yves-du-Manoir Stadium. The Germans rode on a late goal to prevail 3-2 and advance to the title clash against The Netherlands, who outplayed Spain 4-0 in the other semi-final on Tuesday.

Germany clinched victory through an open field deflection

by Marbo Miltkau just six minutes from the hooter. Waiting for a cross from the left from Argentine import Gonzallo Peillat, which managed to split the defence that India had put up gallantly.

Indian captain Harmanpreet Singh had opened the scoring with a penalty corner conversion in the seventh minute, only to see Germany fire in two goals through Peillat's penalty corner conversion in the 27th minute and a penalty stroke conversion by Christopher Ruehr in the 27th. India rallied to equalise with Sukhjeet Singh's penalty corner deflection in the 36th minute, but the late field goal shattered their dream of playing the final.

India continue to be in the hunt for their second successive bronze medal when they take on

Spain in the play-off on Wednesday.

India played without first rusher and defender Amit Rohidas after their efforts to get him reinstated for the semifinals failed. With the Jury of Appeal turning down their appeal to reduce his suspension for the Red Card he received in the quarterfinal against Great Britain. The Jury upheld the decision that he should sit out of one more game — it being the semifinal — and India's bench strength was reduced by one player.

India, however, took it in their stride and put up a gallant fight. Starting on an attacking note, India

forced two penalty corners within the initial two minutes. On the first penalty corner, Harmanpreet's firm grounder was looking for the left corner of the goal, but custodian Jean-Paul



Danneburg dived to clear with his outstretched stick. The next penalty corner flick posed no danger as the first rusher took away the sting from the shot.

India then forced four penalty corners in a row in the seventh minute and finally breaching the German defence when Harmanpreet's rasping drag-flick went off a defender's stick into the net — to the delight of a stadium packed predominantly by Indian fans,

who burst into celebrations.

Harmanpreet directed the next shot wide of the post before Germany launched two brisk raids into the Indian circle, but did not get much leeway. India also came out to cause some concern to the German defence in the 11th minute when three strikers were trying to find a clear view of the goal, but were denied space.

Trailing in the first quarter, Germany charged out to earn their first penalty corner in the 18th minute. Up stepped Germany's Peillat, who had immigrated from Argentina after winning them the 2016 Olympic gold medal with his deadly penalty corners. Peillat's first shot sounded the boards for the 1-1 equaliser.

At the other end, Abhishek muffed a good chance by shooting just wide to the right with the goalkeeper at his mercy. Soon

after, Lalit Upadhyay could have put India ahead but scooped high over the cross-piece from the goalmouth.

India were wasting chances that German defence rarely concedes, and they paid a penalty for it when a second German goal came through a penalty stroke conversion by Ruehr in the 27th minute.

The penalty stroke came off another dangerous drag-flick from Peillat, which struck defender Jarmanpreet's foot on the goalline.

Within six minutes of half-time, India had forced three penalty corners, pushing Germany to fall back. India could have equalised in the first minute after the interval when Harmanpreet's penalty corner flick rebounded off the goalkeeper. The ball went to Hardik Singh, who was under no time pressure, but his stinging shot went wide of the right post.

Chanu looks to channelise Asiad hurt to podium

Shantanu Srivastava

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NEW DELHI: This Tuesday morning was like every other Tuesday morning for Mirabai Chanu. The injury-ravaged Tokyo silver medallist weightlifter began the day with a prayer before moving on to her practice drills. Known to carry a miniature temple with her, she never misses her Tuesday prayers.

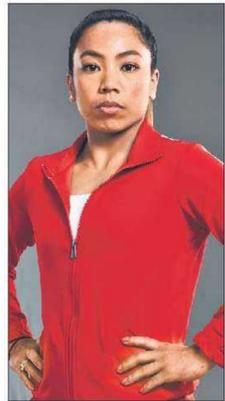
"She does a rather long puja every Tuesday. It gives her energy and belief. I am more of a spiritual person and I don't visit temples, but to watch her pray is quite endearing," her coach Vijay Sharma had told HT before the duo flew to Paris, exactly a month before Chanu's competition.

It's not tough to imagine what Chanu would have wished for this Tuesday. Manipur, her home state in the grip of ethnic clashes, is always on her mind, as is the Hangzhou heartbreak. Staying injury-free is also high on her wish-list. But when she enters her zone — aided by soft instrumentals — the ever-smiling, soft-spoken, God-fearing lifter flips a switch. For those few seconds when she pauses before heaving double her bodyweight, she visualises the Paris podium. The pain of missing the Asian Games medal, one of her great regrets, takes a backseat, as does the world-class field she is usually up against.

"I imagine standing on the Paris podium. There is nothing else I see," she had said in Patiala, months after returning to training. The moment has finally arrived to put that process to test. It won't be easy, considering the injury-marred cycle that she has had.

"Our last training session was great. She is in prime shape and form and we are confident to notch a medal," Sharma told HT from Paris. "Injuries don't bother us, neither do failures. Itni baar gire hai, ab darr nai lagta (we have stumbled far too many times to be scared)," he added, referring to their failure at Rio Olympics and the spate of injuries that have chased his ward.

Chanu's entry weight is listed as 200kgs, placing her alongside four others who have entered 200kgs or more among the 12 competitors. USA's Jourdan Delacruz (200kg), Thailand's Suruchana Khambao (200kg), Romania's Valentina Campebi (205kg), and China's Hou Zhihui (210kg) are the other lifters who have decided to go heavy. Despite the absence of North Korea's Asian Games champion



Mirabai Chanu. HT

and current world record holder Ri Song Gum, the 49kg event promises to be a very competitive contest.

Considering that Chanu has lifted over 200kgs only once since Tokyo (202kgs) — at the 2022 Commonwealth Games where she lifted 201kg (88kg+113kg) — it will be a tall order for her. She returned to competitive action this April with a 12th-place finish at the IWF World Cup in Phuket, lifting a modest 184 kgs — 81kg snatch and 103 kg clean and jerk.

China's defending champion Zhihui starts a runaway favourite. She took the gold in Tokyo with an Olympic record in snatch (94kg), clean and jerk (166kg), and total lift (210kg). As if to prove that it wasn't an aberration, she hoisted 211kgs at the 2023 Worlds, 204kgs at the Asian Games, and 214kgs at the 2024 Phuket World Cup. With her mind and body conditioned for consistent 200kg lifts, a fully-fit, in-form Chinese will most certainly be out of reach for Chanu and the rest.

The battle for the second spot won't be a cakewalk either. While Chanu touched 90 percent of her efficiency only last month, Romania's current European champion Campebi logged in a solid 201kgs in Phuket in April. USA's Delacruz also has a 200kg lift this cycle at the 2023 Worlds while 2021 world champion Khambao is expected to give a tough fight too.

"We don't expect an easy contest but we have done the best we could. Mira is in great mental space and will do her best. At this stage, past doesn't matter. We are confident of delivering another medal," Sharma said. A day before she turns 30, that'll be Chanu's perfect birthday gift to herself.



China's Ma Long, with team mate Wang Chuqin, plays against India's Manav Thakkar and Harmeet Desai.

Cash in on short time in spotlight

Noah Lyles wasted no time. After winning the 100m, he promptly declared what he wanted the most as the newly anointed Fastest Man Alive. "I want my own shoe," he said. "I want my own trainer. I'm dead serious. I want a sneaker. There ain't no money in sneakers. I feel like for how many medals we bring back and the notoriety we get, the fact that hasn't happened, that's crazy for me. I feel like that needs to happen." Athletes come to the Olympics seeking gold medals. But for some, the competition provides a stage for athletes to be noticed and potentially cash in and extend their 15 minutes of fame.

Ma Long makes his debut in Paris

China's Ma Long made his debut in the doubles team with Wang Chuqin who beat Indian duo Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar 3-0. "This is my first game in Paris. I need to quickly get into the right state through the first match. I think I did well today," said Ma, who did not have a chance to play in singles since team contests end when a team wins three matches. At 35, Ma has won team golds at his three previous Games and back-to-back men's singles titles in Rio and Tokyo, becoming the most successful Olympic TT player. He said he loves the sport because it has accompanied him for over three decades and brought him glory and some pain.

It isn't over, says Chopra after final entry

HT Correspondent

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BENGALURU: Neeraj Chopra needed just one throw to sail into the final. It was one of intent and throwing down the gauntlet. A season's best of 89.34m in his first attempt saw the 26-year-old reigning Olympic and world champion comfortably top the qualification for the August 8 final javelin at the Paris Olympics.

This is the second straight Olympics that Chopra has topped the qualification round. Chopra's personal best stands at 89.94m, which also happens to be the national record.

The other Indian in the fray, Asian Games silver medallist from Odisha Kishore Jena — whose best attempt stood at 80.73m — couldn't make the 12-man final. The qualification standard was set at 84.00 and the 12 best performers found a spot in the final.

The has to be among the most high-quality qualification rounds with five of the 12 finalists posting their season's best throws. As things stand, the final looks stacked and set for fireworks.

Neeraj's Czech rival — Jakub Valdec, who has a personal best of 90.88, figures in the mix. Valdec, much like Neeraj, pulled off a one-and-done throw of 85.63 to wrap up his qualification. Another of Neeraj's rivals, Germany's Julian Weber, logged an 87.76m attempt. Pakistan's Nadeem Arshad, who was placed in Group B alongside

Neeraj too managed an automatic qualification with a season's best throw of 86.59m. Arshad's personal best stands at 90.18m.

It's rare for an Indian to be a favourite for gold at a track and field event, but the reigning world champion's ability to switch gears and touch peak performance at the biggest events, is what makes him truly extraordinary.

"The mindset and situation of a qualification and final are completely different. You have to just focus on the fact that you've had a good start and now you put in your best preparation towards the final.

"My goal was to qualify with a good throw in the qualification and attempt to do it in one throw itself," Neeraj told reporters.

"I try to make my best throw in the first attempt but it doesn't always work that way. Things can go wrong sometimes. But it feels good to have a good throw in qualification. It was in fact my best throw in a qualification round. You gain a lot of confidence and motivation. Others also seem to be in good form. Whoever has achieved automatic qualification are in good form. I want to be a lot more prepared for the final than I was today."

Chopra said his adductor is feeling better. He had pulled out of the Ostrava Golden Spike meet in Czechia last month as a precautionary measure.

"The final is going to be in the evening session so it's going to be colder. I try to keep it (adduc-

Neeraj's opening salvo

Neeraj Chopra needed just one throw to qualify for the final on Thursday

DIRECT ENTRANTS TO JAVELIN FINAL

QUALIFICATION — GROUP A		
RANK	NAME	THROW (Distance in metres)
1	Julian Weber (Germany)	87.76
2	Julius Yego (Kenya)	85.97
3	Jakub Vadlejch (Czech Republic)	85.63
4	Toni Keranen (Finland)	85.27

QUALIFICATION — GROUP B		
RANK	NAME	THROW (Distance in metres)
1	Neeraj Chopra (India)	89.34 (Personal best 89.94m)
2	Anderson Peters (Grenada)	88.63
3	Arshad Nadeem (Pakistan)	86.59
4	Mauricio Luiz da Silva (Brazil)	85.91
5	Andrian Mardare (Moldova)	84.13

QUALIFICATION STANDARD: 84.00m

Note: 12 athletes qualified for the final. The other 3 threw less than 84.00m

tor issue) in mind and warm up well. It's better now."

Chopra's friend and on-field rival Weber spoke of spending time together with the Indian at the Games Village.

"We talked a lot. He's calm, and in good shape. Yesterday (Monday) we were at the gym together. I always enjoy meeting him. He's a good friend. We're good guys, the javelin guys, we're always travelling on the

road together."

Quest for a double

In Paris, Chopra is bidding to do what no Indian athlete has ever done before — win two successive Olympic gold medals. India so far has only three medals to show from this edition of the Games — all of them bronze — with curtains coming down on the Olympics in less than a week's time.

He may have had a great qualification round to kick off things in Paris, but Chopra doesn't want to get ahead of himself just yet.

"This was about getting into the final. *Asli cheez abhi baaki hai.*"

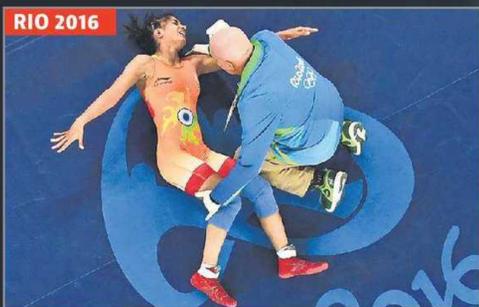
Chopra will be looking to become the fifth athlete in the history of the Games to defend his men's javelin throw Olympic title.

Eric Lemming (1908-1912), Jonni Myyrä (1920-24), Andreas Thorkildsen (2004-2008) all did it twice. Jan Zelezny, who is Neeraj's idol, did it thrice (1988-2000).

But given the conditions, a monster throw just might throw everyone off in the final on August 8. This field certainly has the quality to do that. Neeraj knows that. And that is why '*asli cheez abhi baaki hai.*'

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RIO 2016 Vinesh Phogat had returned from the Rio Games in tears after getting injured during her quarter-final. Most of last year, she spent on the streets of Delhi protesting against the former WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh accusing him of sexual harassment. Back on the mat, she has created the biggest upset of wrestling in Paris by beating Japan's defending Olympic champion Yui Susaki.



NEW DELHI 2023 Vinesh Phogat is mobbed by fans in New Delhi after her victory in Paris.

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Fighter on the streets with a plan on the mat

Susaki is one of the legends of wrestling, but Vinesh's tactics see her become the first Indian woman wrestler to enter an Olympic final

The strategy is sound in theory. Against a raging opponent who has been impossible to breach, stay back, defend, keep the score close, hold on to it for as long as possible and then go on the attack. Seems simple enough, isn't it?

If it were so, Yui Susaki wouldn't remain unbeaten all through her international wrestling career, giving only so much as a point or two here and there and a few minutes for her several challengers to stay on the mat.

It needed the mind and heart of Vinesh Phogat to pull it off. And with it the most audacious result from an Indian at the Paris Olympics and one of the biggest upsets of these Games as a whole.

Facing the Japanese juggernaut first up in a first Olympic bout of a new weight division would've left most trembling. Vinesh, who'd dropped from the 53kg division at the Tokyo Games to 50kg for Paris, remained firm. Both in the mind and her tactics.

Defence watertight, Vinesh would not yield.

The Indian looked out for every move that the Japanese could make, keeping her legs constantly moving and her body rotating. Susaki, known for her blitz attacks and swift movements, found no opening.

Not even when she grabbed Vinesh's right leg in the two moves of attack that the Tokyo champions could penetrate through. Even there, Vinesh's legs held as firm as her resolute mind.

Vinesh herself was in no mood to attack, and the two points lost on account of passivity were hardly a bother. For a wrestler who knocks off points crafting away attacking moves for fun, Vinesh had Susaki exactly where she wanted her to be in the dying seconds of the bout. Close

to her, waiting for that one moment to seize.

Vinesh duly did, her larger build owing to her heavier natural weight coming in handy there. Bodies moving more frantically now, Vinesh charged towards Susaki and, with all that mighty force and frame, threw the Japanese off balance and plunged on to the mat. Two points in the bag, Vinesh had the bout in her pocket. The tactic, planned perfectly in the company of her personal coach Woller Akos, had paid off in epic proportions.

"She defended solidly in the first four minutes. And then waited for the opportunity to attack from the sixth. It was all planned and discussed again last night," India's national wrestling team coach Virender Dahiya said.

Switching weights brings with it the unfamiliarity of opponents. No matter how many videos are looked at or plans put into place, the feel of a fresh rival on the wrestling mat feels different. For Vinesh, that rival for her first outing at the Paris Olympics happened to be the top-ranked Japanese who had never been defeated until the day.

"Vinesh is an experienced wrestler, and she is mentally the toughest wrestler there is out there," Dahiya said. "She had been preparing for this for months on her own and building up to this day at the Olympics."

Vinesh was in tears, and so was Susaki as she walked off.

"This Olympics wasn't just about me. Many people came here to watch me, my family, people from my company, my friends. I can only apologize to them. I can't believe that it has all ended here," she said.

The Tokyo Olympics, where she breezed through to gold without losing a single point along the way, was a distant blur for her now. Susaki apologised once again, as if she was never meant to ever lose in her

career. "For these three years, so many people supported me to get me to this point. It was not the effort of my alone. It has all gone to waste, and I am so sorry."

Vinesh had got the big fish but the job wasn't even half done, although she faced a kinder draw to go through after the opening climb. The Indian went on to do what no Indian woman wrestler has ever before — make the final.

Vinesh remained largely in control against Oksana Livach of Ukraine in the quarter-finals, beating her 7-5 after coming through a dramatic last few seconds. She was up against Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez — the Indian had beaten her earlier this year — in the semis and there, with tweaked tactics, closed it out 5-0. Taking a one-point lead after her defence again was solid, Vinesh was given a passivity warning. She then swung into attack, hunting for the Cuban's legs and coming out finding a couple of takedowns.

Vinesh folded her hands and looked skyward. A medal was confirmed. She was teary-eyed, so was Akos on the sidelines. The day that began with tears and a stunning upset was capped off by some more tears and another stamping victory.



Only a few can make miracles happen: Dahiya

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PARIS: The moment the draw pitted Vinesh Phogat with Yui Susaki, the final had been quickly ruled out of the equation for the former. Who could beat the undisputed heavyweight of the lightest women's division of this Paris Olympics anyway? As it turned out, Vinesh Phogat can.

And when Vinesh Phogat did, there was a collective gasp inside the Champ-de-Mars Arena, the wrestling venue of intense physical battles right by the picturesque Eiffel Tower. The sentiment of Susaki, sitting gobsmacked on the mat the moment it ended, reverberated across the arena packed with spectators and contingents of other countries. And so it did well into the athletes' warm-up hall, where the rest of the Japanese wrestlers and coaches were stationed.

"All the people inside were stunned — *chitt reh gaye sab; yeh kya hua, yeh kya hua* (what has happened)?" India's national wrestling team coach Virender Dahiya said. "This was a miracle. Miracles do happen, but only few can make it happen. Vinesh did what no one had ever done before."

Wrestlers and coaches present in the morning session of the second day of wrestling competitions fast murmured the near-impossible transpiring as it did. Competing the same 50kg category as the two protagonists of the bout, Algerian Ibtissem Doudou was left awestruck by what Vinesh had just done.

"This is a big, big victory. I had never thought Susaki would lose like this," she said. An Algerian team coach, unable to speak English, placed his clenched fists to the left of his chest to paint what he felt defined Vinesh in the bout against the Japanese giant. It was all heart and all composure from the two-time world champion, two-time Asian Games medallist and the reigning Commonwealth Games champion who has been there and done that for years — not against Susaki, of course. Vinesh's opening gambit, and the subsequent romp into the final on Wednesday to confirm India's first medal on Paris soil, has injected the wrestling contingent with some much-needed zest.

Especially after what transpired with Nisha Dahiya on Monday night. Leading 8-1 in her 68kg quarter-final, Nisha was seconds away from making the semi-final when disaster struck. A bruised finger and a bad shoulder injury on, she went down. The wrestler is ruled out of the competition, and flew back to India on Tuesday for further examination of the extent of the injury.

"After Nisha's injury and with what happened to her yesterday, we were all down. A medal hope was gone just like that. We were all quiet last night; I could not sleep," Dahiya said. "Vinesh has given a big booster dose not only to the Indian wrestling contingent but to the entire contingent."

After a few fruitless days with tales of heartbreaking fourth-place finishes, Vinesh provided the big fillip first thing on Tuesday. And at later in the evening, she also confirmed the Indian contingent's first medal in Paris, and the fourth overall after three shooting medals had been won in Chateauroux. In between, Neeraj Chopra did what he does best — get the job done in the least dramatic way possible. With one throw in the qualification, Chopra ticked off the first little step of confirming his presence in Thursday's final.

WHY VINESH'S WIN IS SO BIG?

Vinesh Phogat's last-gasp win against Japan's defending Olympic champion Yui Susaki was a rare loss for her in a stellar international career

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Susaki boasted of an 82-0 international record, and in the last 10 years had outscored opponents 733-34



She had won the Tokyo Olympics without conceding a point

54

Till the Asian Championships in April, Susaki had recorded 54 wins in a row, undefeated on the mat since her loss in a playoff for Japan team spot for the 2019 World Championships

Shooting show a reward for learning from Tokyo

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NEW DELHI: When the shooting contingent left India, there was expectation and apprehension surrounding their chances at the Paris Olympics. Having drawn a blank at Rio and Tokyo kept everyone in the shooting fraternity on the edge.

India was sending its biggest contingent ever — 21 shooters qualified for the Olympics. The performance at the 2023 Asian Games was heartening but there were doubts whether the youngsters could deliver on the biggest stage. But what happened at the Chateauroux Shooting Centre could well be a game-changer for the sport in the country. The shooters ended the barren run by winning three bronze medals from seven finals in what was the best showing by Indian shooters at the Olympics (in terms of consistency). Manu Bhaker — mature

and confident after her Tokyo heartbreak — was razor sharp as she won two bronze medals — air pistol individual, and mixed with Sarabjot Singh. She also finished fourth in 25m sports pistol.

Swarnil Kusale showed a calm temperament to shoot down bronze in the tough 50m rifle three positions. Arjun Babuta came close to a podium finish in men's air rifle, missing out after finishing fourth. The skeet mixed team of Anant Jeet Singh Naruka and Maheshwari Chauhan lost to the Chinese pair by one hit in the bronze play-off. Others came close to qualifying — be it Sarabjot in air pistol, Elavenil Valarivan in air rifle or Aishwarya Pratap Tomar in 3P.

All in all, the performance of the shooting team kept the Indian flag flying. "A lot went into the preparation of the team after the Tokyo Olympics," says Suma Shirur, chief coach of the air rifle team. The Tokyo experience



Manu Bhaker poses with her medals in Paris.

served as the foundation of their preparation for Paris.

"We considered a lot of things needed to change and put a system in place which is athlete-centric, coach-driven and supported by administration," she says.

Use of sports science, hiring a high performance director, focus

on mental training, strength and conditioning, nutrition, and fostering a team environment — all things were gone into in microscopic detail. Beijing Olympics champion Abhinav Bindra was roped in by National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) as mentor to prepare the shooters.

The lesson from Tokyo was that preparation for the Olympics should be fool proof and anything and everything that can go wrong on the big stage needed to be underlined and worked upon. "The introduction of Olympic selection trials and removing all the bonus points to create a level-playing field played an important role. Before Tokyo we were doing so well, we were on top of the world rankings. Then there was a gap because of Covid; somewhere the selection did not take into consideration the latest form of athletes," says Shirur, who was also part of the national coaching set up in Tokyo.

Though the open nature of trials this time was such that some of the world beaters — 2022 world champion Rudranksh Patil, worlds medallist Mehuli Ghosh, and Akhil Sheoran and Divyansh Panwar — failed to make it to the team. India was ready to bite the bullet and

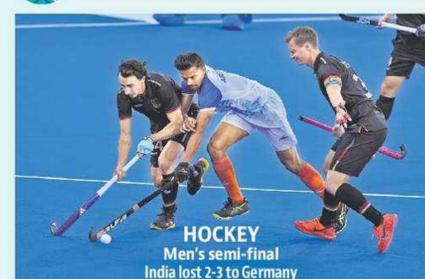
backed its selection process.

The determination to prove themselves was seen at the range. At Tokyo only one shooter — Saurabh Chaudhary — qualified for the final. In Paris, more and more shooters were putting themselves in reckoning for the final from the qualifying stages.

"In every team meeting we kept reinforcing the importance of staying with the process, and staying in the present moment. It was important to leave the ghosts of Tokyo behind," says the Olympian.

The NRAI allowing shooters to have personal coaches on board added to their preparation while maintaining a positive team environment as well. Bhaker had her personal coach Jaspal Rana by her side in France. Deepali Deshpande had four of her trainees in the team, with Kusale striking a medal. The success can only drive the growth of shooting in the near future.

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HOCKEY
Men's semi-final
India lost 2-3 to Germany

TABLE TENNIS
Men's team Round of 16
India lost 0-3 to China

ATHLETICS
Women's 400m repechage
Kiran Pahal ended 23rd overall, failed to qualify for final
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● Kishore Jena finished 18th, failed to qualify for final



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Vault king: It's Mondo's world and we are all just living in it

Duplantis, 24, breaks his own world record to win a pole vault gold that everyone already knew was his

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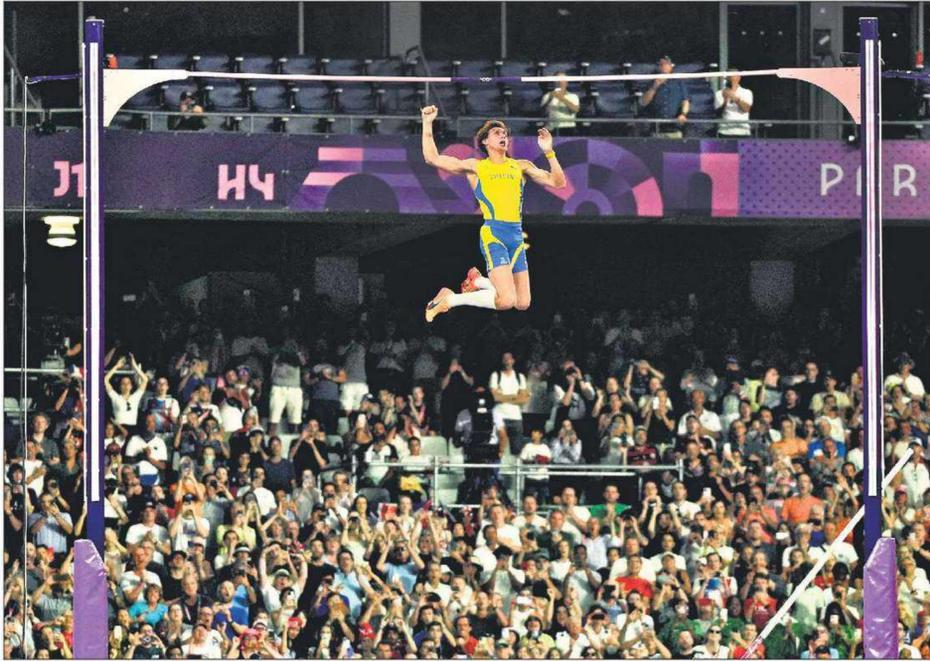
BENGALURU: One man up against himself. His rivals stood around the runway, clapping, turning to the stands and geeing up the crowd. They know they aren't his rivals really. The gold and the galaxy belong to him. "Allez Mondo", the 80,000-strong crowd at the Stade de France echoed. Armand Duplantis had broken the world record eight times before.

The 24-year-old Swedish-American stood on the runway, the pole resting on his right shoulder in his third and final attempt to clear 6.25m. He'd already confirmed the Olympic gold medal with an attempt of 6.00m. He'd gone over the Olympic record by 7 cms, with the next. Now it was about chasing immortality and shattering his own world record.

It can seem like a strange sport, pole vault. You use a pole to propel yourself and throw yourself over a cross bar as high as two stories of a building. Duplantis, or Mondo, makes it seem like a symphony. As if he somehow went back in time to ancient Greece and made this sport happen so he could lord over it one day.

Duplantis grew up with a pole vault pit in the backyard of his home in Lafayette, Louisiana. He's coached by his father Greg, an American and former pole vaulter. His mother, Helena who was born and raised in Sweden, is a former heptathlete.

"My father is genuinely obsessed with pole vaulting. We just talk for hours about what's going on in the world of pole vault," Duplantis told Vogue in



Armand Duplantis vaults to a new world record of 6.25 metres in the men's final on Monday.

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June. "They just love track and field and the love rubbed off on me."

Duplantis won the Olympic gold in Tokyo three years ago. The gold almost seems unremarkable for him. It's the most predictable part of the competition.

On Monday night in Paris, the silver went to an attempt of 5.95 by USA's Sam Kendricks and the Emmanouil Karalis of Greece took home the bronze for an effort of 5.90m.

Duplantis pretty much by himself, at the top.

"You're really just competing against the crossbar and against the person who you were yesterday."

He's competing with his yesterday's records, more precisely. In April this year, he'd improved his own world record with, clearing 6.24m at the Diamond League in Xiamen, China.

On Monday night, Duplantis failed in his first two attempts to go one centimetre over the world record he set in Xiamen. His way of telling lesser mortals that he's still human.

In his third attempt and final attempt, he burst down the track in his typically explosive, maddening speed. No pole vaulter has run as fast as Duplantis. He planted the pole in the vault box,

and jumped heavenwards, feet-first, feeding off the momentum in the take-off. The pole flexed at his command as he launched himself into the air. The soles of his spikes face the sky and for those brief seconds, he's hanging in the air, looking at the world upside down. The crossbar doesn't quiver this time as he glides over it.

"For it to actually happen the way that it did and for me to put the right jump together at the right time, it's just, like, how do you explain it?" he said after "I feel so grateful for how tonight played out. I didn't let myself believe that I was an Olympic champion until it was all done. I think it's been such a fight to

show up and to be at our best and do it when it matters. It's hard to understand, honestly. If I don't beat this moment in my career, then I'm pretty OK with that. I don't think you can get much better than what just happened."

Airborne, he seemingly beats his chest in celebration. He knows he's done it again. He's beaten himself, broken the world record a ninth time and pushed the boundaries of the impossible.

He lands on his back on the foam mat, bounces back up and bounds away to his family. ABBA's "Dancing Queen" comes on as Duplantis takes a lap. Only 24 and already immortal.

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