



CM: WAYANAD NEEDS COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATION PROJECT

RUNNING MATE

'MAIN SUSPECT IN TAYLOR SWIFT CONCERT PLOT BACKED ISLAMIC STATE'

EMOTIONAL VINESH QUILTS WRESTLING

SENSEX 78,886.22 ▼ 581.79	NIFTY 24,117.00 ▼ 180.50	₹ vs \$ 83.44	GOLD 69,270	SILVER 81,500 ▼ 5,500	BRENT CRUDE (IN \$) 77.27
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WEATHER

Generally cloudy sky. Light to moderate rain / thundershower very likely to occur. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 31 °C and 27 °C respectively.

RAINFALL: 5.6 mm

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Max. 94 % Min. 78 %

TEMPERATURE
Max: 30.8 °C (-1.2) Min: 27.0 °C (+0.5)

SUN RISES
05:11 hrs 18:14 hrs

MOON RISES
08:14 hrs 20:35 hrs

Full Moon on 19 August

THUMBNAILS

Bangladesh interim govt sworn in: An interim government headed by Nobel Laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus was sworn in on Thursday in Dhaka. Earlier today, Yunus, who was named chief adviser of the interim government by President Mohammed Shahabuddin late on Tuesday, returned to the country from Paris. Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud, two key organisers of the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement, were also part of the 16-member advisory council. (Pg 11)

Govt agrees to send Waqf Bill to JPC after heated debate

Opposition parties attacked the Bill as being against the Constitution's basic structure

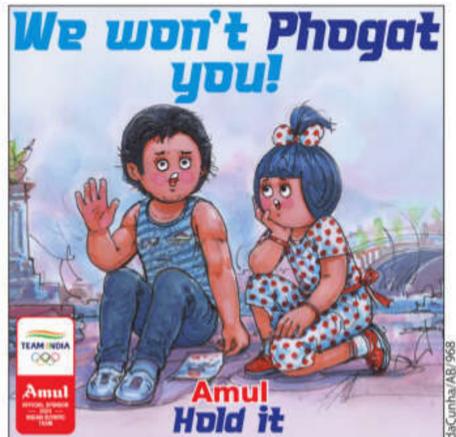
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NEW DELHI, 8 AUGUST

The Government on Thursday agreed to refer the Waqf Act 1995 Amendment Bill to a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) after a heated debate in the Lok Sabha during which the Opposition charged that the Bill was against the Constitution's basic structure, encroached on fundamental rights and would harm the country's secular image.



Speaker Om Birla announced that he would talk to all political parties to constitute a JPC, after Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said that the government was ready for discussion on the Bill in any committee or forum. The Bill was introduced after about two-and-a-half hours' discussion. "We are open-minded. Our intentions are clean," he said, and proposed that a JPC be formed to study the Bill. Mr Rijiju told the Opposition that the Bill only sought to legislate changes which were proposed by committees formed by Congress governments for proper management of vast Waqf properties.

Constitution under Entries 10 and 28. He said Sachar and Rahman committees had made recommendations on the subject. There were lakhs of Waqf properties which could generate more income for the welfare of the community only, he said. There would be faster resolution of disputes. Most people want the new law for better administration of the Waqf properties, he said. The Opposition across several parties did not want the Bill introduced at all, stating that it would not stand judicial scrutiny, and simply interfered with religious freedom. Members from the Treasury Benches pointed out that the Bill did not touch mosques at all; the Waqf properties came under a law which required amendment. Opposing the Bill, K C Venugopal (Congress) said the Bill was draconian and an attack on the fundamental rights. Followers of all religions had freedom to manage their affairs. The Bill proposed that non-Muslims could be on the Waqf management. Could anyone imagine non-Hindus on the management of Ayodhya or Guruvayur temples, he asked. He said Hindus respected all religions. The ruling BJP had perhaps introduced the Bill for advantage during the coming Haryana and Maharashtra Assembly elections. The Bill was also against the federal structure as all it would call for State data to a Central portal, he said.



RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5 pc

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The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das on Thursday announced that the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) has decided with a majority of 4:2 members to keep the policy rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent. Real GDP growth for Q1 is projected at 7.1 per cent, Q2 at 7.2 per cent, Q3 at 7.3 per cent and Q4 at 7.2 per cent, the risks are evenly balanced, he said. Real GDP growth for Q1 FY25-26 is projected at 7.2 per cent. The CPI Inflation for FY24-25 is projected at 4.5 per cent. The Governor further said the CPI Inflation for Q2 is projected at 4.4 per cent, Q3 at 4.7 per cent and Q4 at 4.3 per cent. CPI inflation for Q1 FY25-26 is projected at 4.4, he added. After remaining steady at 4.8 per cent during April and May, inflation increased to 5.1 per cent in June, the Governor said.

thrust on capex by the government and visible signs of pickup in private investments could drive investment activity in the current year," the Governor said. Governor Das said the real GDP growth for the Financial Year 2024-25 is projected at 7.2 per cent. Real GDP growth for Q1 is projected at 7.1 per cent, Q2 at 7.2 per cent, Q3 at 7.3 per cent and Q4 at 7.2 per cent, the risks are evenly balanced, he said. Real GDP growth for Q1 FY25-26 is projected at 7.2 per cent. The CPI Inflation for FY24-25 is projected at 4.5 per cent. The Governor further said the CPI Inflation for Q2 is projected at 4.4 per cent, Q3 at 4.7 per cent and Q4 at 4.3 per cent. CPI inflation for Q1 FY25-26 is projected at 4.4, he added. After remaining steady at 4.8 per cent during April and May, inflation increased to 5.1 per cent in June, the Governor said.

Communist leader and erstwhile CM Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passes away

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Veteran Communist leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, who was the second and last chief minister of the 34-year-long Left Front rule in West Bengal, passed away on Thursday at the age of 80. He served as the state's chief minister for 11 years, from 2000 to 2011. The news of Bhattacharjee's death was announced by his son Suchetan Bhattacharjee on Thursday morning. Suchetan said his father had breakfast in the morning and then fell ill. Bhattacharjee



passed away at 8:20 a.m. at his Palm Avenue residence. Bhattacharjee is survived by his wife, Mira, and Suchetan. According to sources, Bhattacharjee had severe breathing

difficulties on Wednesday night, but it was managed. It was decided that doctors from Woodlands would come to check on him at around 11 a.m. on Thursday and, if necessary, admit him to hospital. However, on Thursday morning, he fell ill again after having breakfast and tea. Sources said that he had a heart attack at that time. Doctors were informed, and upon arrival, they declared Bhattacharjee dead. Like his predecessor Jyoti Basu, Bhattacharjee had also pledged to donate his body posthumously. On Thursday afternoon,

Bhattacharjee left his two-room Palm Avenue flat for the last time. His mortal remains, wrapped in a CPI-M flag, was driven in a hearse to the Peace World mortuary in Topsia, as admirers and party supporters sang 'The Internationale'. Many in the crowd raised slogans; others broke down. Bhattacharjee's mortal remains will be taken to the state Legislative Assembly tomorrow for people to pay their respects and thereafter to the CPI-M headquarters at Alimuddin Street and SFI office at AJC Bose Road. (Obituary: Page 3) (PHOTO: BISWAJIT GHOSHAL)

CM pays tribute to Bhattacharjee

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KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday expressed shock at the passing away of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee and paid glowing tributes to her one-time political opponent and predecessor as Bengal chief minister. Miss Banerjee, who visited the former chief minister's Palm Avenue residence following his demise this morning, termed Bhattacharjee's death as a "great loss" for



the state. Miss Banerjee, after meeting the former chief minister's wife, Mira Bhattacharjee told newsmen that she was in touch with the family members since morning after the news of his death was made public. (See Pg 3)

Neeraj settles for silver, India win hockey bronze

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
PARIS, 8 AUGUST

Defending Olympic men's javelin champion Neeraj Chopra, had, by his standards, a bad day in office and settled for the silver medal in tonight's javelin throw final at the iconic Stade de France in Paris, behind Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who heaved a massive 91.79 metres to break the Olympic record and earn his country's first gold in athletics. Neeraj Chopra fouled all but one of his six throws in the final, but that one clean throw, going a distance of 89.45 metres, was enough to earn him the silver medal. Grenada's Anderson Peters took bronze with a best effort of 88.54 metres. The 26-year-old Neeraj, also the reigning world champion, became the first Indian to win track and field medals in two consecutive Olympics. His silver was also India's first in these Games, in addition to which it has so far won four bronzes. Earlier, skipper Harmanpreet Singh scored two penalty corner goals in the space of four minutes to pilot India to the men's Olympic hockey bronze medal with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Spain in the third place play-off match here today. India survived anxious moments at the fag end when Spain forced four successive penalty corners which were stoutly defended by the eight time gold medalists sparking wild celebrations at the Yves-



du-Manoir stadium. It was redemption time for the Indian skipper who could not find his mojo in the 2-3 semi-final defeat to Germany on 6 August. But today was a different day culminating in Harmanpreet scoring both the goals off penalty corners, on either side of half time. The first one in the 30th minute of the match made it 1-1 after Spain went 1-0 up in the 18th minute off a penalty stroke goal scored by captain Marc Miralles. The all-important match winner came off the Indian captain's stick in the 33rd minute off their third penalty corner award. India were bolstered by the return of Amit Rohidas who had to sit out the semi-final against Germany following his red card send-off against Britain in the quarter finals. India thus earned their second successive bronze starting with Tokyo 2020 that broke a four-decade medal drought. It is also the country's 13th medal in Olympic hockey history.

Jai Johar

Heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all on the occasion of **'Biswa Adivasi Divas'**

Mamata Banerjee
Chief Minister, West Bengal

Government of West Bengal

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Tributes pour in for former CM Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee

He was a political stalwart who served the state with commitment, says PM Modi

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Tributes came from all over following the demise on Thursday of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, senior Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader and former chief minister of the state.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, expressing his condolences, posted on social media platform X: "Saddened by the passing of Shri Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, former CM of West Bengal. He was a political stalwart who served the state with commitment. My heartfelt condolences to his family and supporters. Om Shanti."

The Leader of Opposition in Bengal Assembly Suwendu Adhikari posted: "I am grieved by the death of former Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee. My condolences to his family and followers. I pray for his soul's eternal peace. Om Shanti."



People and family members carry the mortal remains of former Chief Minister of West Bengal and Communist Party of India leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, who passed away on Thursday morning, in Kolkata on Thursday. ■ BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

State minister Bratya Basu said, "The people of Bengal have lost a prominent leader. I extend my condolences to his family and countless admirers during this period of mourning."

BJP state president and Union minister for state Sukanta Majumdar, in his

message said: "We are deeply saddened. On behalf of myself and my party, I extend condolences to his grieving family. Despite our political differences, I respected him personally. He was one of Bengal's most popular politicians."

BJP Rajya Sabha member Shamik Bhattacharya said:

"Like many others, I am deeply shocked."

Industrialist Sanjiv Goenka said: "I held Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee in great respect. He had a remarkable human side and an extraordinary ability to inspire. Bengal has lost a great leader."

Former India skipper Sourav Ganguly said: "I had a very good relationship with him. He was a completely cricket-crazy person. I was the captain of India at the time, and we had extensive discussions about cricket. I was the captain for six years, and whenever we spoke, it was always about cricket. We didn't just talk about contemporary Indian cricket; we even discussed Pankaj Roy's batting."

Sourav also mentioned that despite their many conversations, Buddhadeb never discussed politics with him. He said: "Even though we spoke many times, he never asked me to get involved in politics. He never said a single

word about politics. He was that generous."

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan said it is with a heavy heart that he learned of the passing away of his senior CPM colleague with whom he served in the party's Central Committee and the Politburo.

"Right from the days of his youth, he had shown exemplary organising capabilities and leadership qualities. During the semi-fascist authoritarian reign of terror in West Bengal during the 1970s, the dedication he showed to protect our party and party workers was selfless," Mr Vijayan said in his message.

Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on social media wrote: "I am deeply pained by the passing away of the former Chief Minister of West Bengal Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee. A stalwart in public service, his extensive experience of over 5 decades as an MLA, Minister and later as Chief Minister has left an indelible mark."

Breakthrough in 3,943-metre tunnel of Sevoke-Rangpo project: NFR

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SILIGURI, 8 AUGUST

In a significant development, a 3,943-metre-long tunnel (No. T-06) of the Sevoke-Rangpo Rail Project, located in Kalimpong district, achieved a breakthrough on Tuesday, according to a senior railway official.

The project comprises 14 tunnels. With the breakthrough of tunnel T-06, mining activities have now been successfully completed in 12 of these tunnels, stated Sabyasachi De, chief public relations officer (CPRO) of Northeast Frontier Railway.

The main tunnel T-06, which spans 3,943 metres, also includes an "evacuation tunnel" measuring 577 metres. This tunnel is situated near the NHPC Teesta Low Dam Power Station III in Kalimpong district.

To address the vulnerability of the ground mass, the new Austrian tunnelling method (NATM), one of the latest tunnelling technologies, has been employed. As of now, 66 per cent of the work on the Sevoke-Rangpo new rail line project has been completed, Mr De said.

The Sevoke-Rangpo rail link project, which will connect Sevoke in West Bengal with Rangpo in Sikkim, spans approximately 44.96 kilometres. The project is characterised by 14 tunnels, 13 major bridges, nine minor bridges and five stations. The longest tunnel (T-10) is 5.3-km long, and the longest bridge (Br-17) measures 425 metres. Around 38.65 km of the project's alignment passes through tunnels.

Mr De further mentioned that 93.5 per cent of the tunnelling work has already been completed.

Currently, final lining has been completed in tunnels T-02, T-03, T-09, T-12, and T-14, while lining work is ongoing in tunnels T-01, T-04, T-07, T-08, T-10, T-11, and T-13.

A total of 16.45 km of lining has been completed to date.

Bridge washed out in Burdwan, DVC reduces discharge



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BURDWAN, 8 AUGUST

As the Damodar river has shown reduced flow in its lower valley areas, some rivulets like Khorai, Kunur have caused devastation as an impact of downpour in some parts of East Burdwan, mainly in the blocks like Monteswar, Purbasthali, Memari since yesterday evening.

At Karuri village within Boro Polason Panchayat in Memari-II, a temporary wooden bridge was washed away by an inflated Khorai. The bridge was the lone resort of the residents to cross the river. The wooden bridge was placed a few days ago after the old concrete bridge on the site was knocked down by Khorai waters.

Residents like Bikash Hazra, Uday Hazra are busy in laying another bridge, using bamboo logs. They said, "The residents of six other villages like Bijur, Paharhati also use the same bridge." State minister Siddiquilal Chowdhury had visited the village after the collapse of the bridge the other day.

The Damodar Valley Corporation operated upstream reservoirs, Maithon and Panchet, have reduced combined discharge from 65,000 cusecs to 58,000 cusecs at 6pm today, said Nag Sudha Kumari, superintendent, Hydrology, DVC. "As no significant rainfall was recorded in the last 24 hours and dam levels also could be reduced at the desired level, we didn't need to increase discharge anymore," the official said.

Man with modern outlook, Buddhababu was keen on IT: Ex-CS Manish Gupta

SUBHENDU MAITI
KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

Buddhababu had a modern outlook and had taken positive steps for setting up of IT industries in West Bengal despite differences in his party and cabinet. His predecessor Jyoti Basu, during his regime as CM had framed some policies on IT. But it was for Buddhababu, who played an important role to bring IT industries to the state. He had complete support for IT

ed for the first time in his political career. He was five-time CPM MLA from Jadavpur since 1987, in a row, but people's mandates had gone against him in Jadavpur Assembly constituency in 2011 elections.

"He had introduced two important departments like women and child welfare and IT as chief minister. We did not meet each other during election campaigns in Jadavpur in 2011. I didn't even meet him frequently as a chief secretary because he used to head the state information & cultural affairs department," Mr Gupta added.

When asked who was the best chief minister he had worked with as a bureaucrat, Mr Gupta said, "I won't differentiate in terms of their performances because I worked with four chief ministers."

It was Bhattacharjee's second defeat in Assembly polls after 1982, when he was defeat-

ed for the first time in his political career. He was five-time CPM MLA from Jadavpur since 1987, in a row, but people's mandates had gone against him in Jadavpur Assembly constituency in 2011 elections.

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TAKING CHARGE



Minister Manas Bhunia takes charge of the irrigation department at Jal Sampad Bhavan in Salt Lake on Thursday. ■ SNS

Sr engineer, 4 labourers get burn injuries in plant explosion

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BANKURA, 8 AUGUST

Five workers, including an electrical engineer, suffered severe burn injuries after a massive flashover in the power line circuit breaker inside the Damodar Valley Corporation-owned Mejia Thermal Power Station, today.

They were charred and shifted to a private super-specialty hospital in Durgapur town. The hospital sources said that the condition of three were critical.

Breaker flashover caused severe damage to both the power plant employees and the equipment, machineries, sources said. The experts said, "Circuit breakers can explode due to abnormal conditions, which can either be internal or external."

At Unit 2 of the MTPS, the mishap occurred around 10.30am when the senior

divisional engineer (electrical) Bijoy Mondal, two annual maintenance labourers, Kamal Goswami, Sukhen Bauri and two labourers, Rahul Das and Iswar De, deployed by a supplier, were shouldering a overhauling job at the 6.6 Power House of the Unit 2 of the MTPS.

"The unit was kept in shutdown mode since 1 August for maintenance," said an official. He added: "The high-power cable network linked to the breaker had extensive carbon deposition, which they were cleaning." During this the breaker suddenly exploded. The DVC has ordered a probe into the matter.

Singur agitation leaders remember Bhattacharjee

HEMANT JACOB
HOOGHLY, 8 AUGUST

The demise of the former chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee came as a great shock to the people of the state.

It was at the initiative of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee that Tata Motors had set up the Tata Nano project at Singur. However, the project got held up, since Trinamul Congress chief Mamata Banerjee objected to the forcible acquisition of agricultural land.

The Singur Andolan was launched to protect the rights of the Singur farmers, leading ultimately to the project being scrapped by the Tatas.

Upon the demise of the former chief minister, some of the foremost leaders of the Singur agitation said he was personally humble and had a clean image, but his industrialisation policy was misguided.

Singur Andolan leader Becharamanna said: "Personally, I hold great respect for the former CM of Bengal for his humbleness and clean image, but the anti-farmer and anti-agricultural policies followed by the then Left Front government completely misguided Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee. The constitutional rights of the farmers was dishonoured. At the initiative of Mamata Banerjee, the Singur Andolan was launched and the apex court gave the verdict in favour of the farmers."

Another leader of the agitation, Rabindranath Bhattacharya from Singur said: "There is no doubt about the clean image of former chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya but the policy taken up by the then Left Front government was anti-farmer. However, to resolve the forcible acquisition of agricultural land amicably, an agreement was reached in the presence of

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Bihar deputy CM condemns attacks on minorities in Bangladesh

RAJIB CHAKRABORTY
KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

Bihar's deputy chief minister Samrat Choudhary, today expressed his deep concern over the attacks on minorities in Bangladesh and severely condemned it.

This morning, he, along with his mother, wife and daughter, visited Dakshineswar Bhavatarini Temple to offer prayers. In response to questions from journalists, he mentioned that he prayed to Bhavatarini Ma at Dakshineswar for not only the well-being of the people of Bihar but also for minorities in Bangladesh, who are in a helpless condition there.

When asked about the current situation in Bangladesh, the deputy chief minister said that what is happening in Bangladesh is not right. "The country is now under the control of terrorists, who unleashed terror and violence. Women and children especially from minority religions

were brutally killed. Miscreants are looting valuables and vandalising the residences of people from minority communities, which is a matter of concern. I offer my prayers to Goddess Kali for their safety and for restoring peace quickly there," said Mr Choudhary.

Due to the unrest in Bangladesh, border trade remained closed throughout the day on Wednesday at Petrapole, the country's largest land port. Export-import activities with Bangladesh had come to a halt from 3pm on Monday.

According to port sources, 724 Indian trucks, carrying goods are still stranded at the Benapole port in Bangladesh. On Wednesday, the port authorities of both countries held a meeting at the Zero Point of the Petrapole-Benapole border to discuss the possibility of resuming trade. Kartik Chakraborty, the secretary of the Petrapole Clearing Agent Staff Welfare



Association, said, "During the meeting, the Benapole port authorities were asked to make arrangements to unload the goods from the stranded trucks quickly. After that, we will decide on resuming exports."

Meanwhile, due to the export suspension, trucks loaded with fish are stuck at the Petrapole port. According to port sources, on Monday morning, four trucks carrying fish arrived from Odisha for export to Bangladesh.

However, since the concerned authorities did not grant permission, the trucks are still waiting. The fish export authorities claimed that two of these trucks have

started showing signs of spoilage. Many are questioning why perishable goods like fish were brought to the port when trade is suspended due to the situation in Bangladesh.

On Wednesday, the Kolkata-Dhaka bus service 'Sohardya' returned to Kolkata from the border after dropping off passengers at Petrapole. Meanwhile, the situation in Bangladesh is affecting the economy. Since Monday, the number of people crossing the border has significantly decreased. Local food stalls, sweet shops, and currency exchange centres remained deserted. Everyone is waiting for the situation in Bangladesh

to return to normal. Mihir Sardar, an auto-rickshaw driver on the Petrapole port-Bongaon station route, said, "There are 92 autos operating on our route. On regular days, I usually make 6-7 trips a day, earning Rs 200 per trip. Today, half the day has passed, and I haven't had a single passenger yet!"

Some passengers, stranded in Bangladesh, managed to return to India on this day. Gitanjali Mishra, a resident of Bankura, who had gone to visit relatives in Bangladesh, returned to Petrapole and said, "I feel like I've been saved by returning home. There is vandalism in that country. I was so scared that I lost my appetite."

Another Indian resident, Naren Panja, said, "I feel good to be back. I was staying at a relative's house. The bus service was suspended for days. I returned as soon as the bus service resumed on Wednesday morning."

This locality in Burdwan town excited for their son-in-law's elevation as Bangladesh's new PM

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

Close relatives, neighbours and brother-in-law and his family are excited as the celebrity jamai (son-in-law) of this non-descript Paschim Para in Laskar Dighi area (near Raniganj Bazar) in Burdwan town of West Bengal is all set to take charge today of the new interim government in Bangladesh.

Though the neighbourhood in epar Bangla (West Bengal) looked deserted and the black main gate of the in-law's building remained closed throughout the day, most of them voiced their concern for Bangladesh. The family of younger brother-

in-law Ashfaq Hossein, the younger brother-in-law of Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, has stayed here since a long time in his ancestral house.

Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Prize winner in 2006, is now all set to restore peace in Bangladesh.

He arrived from Paris to Dhaka today afternoon and is all set to take charge of the new caretaker government in the next few hours.

Dr Afrozi Yunus, second wife of Muhammad Yunus, hails from Laskar Dighi in Burdwan town and has been born and brought up in this house.

She studied from Class III-X in Municipal Girls School

in Burdwan town. She married Mohamad Yunus, when she was a researcher at Manchester University in 1980. She was a professor at Jahangir Nagar University in Dhaka and taught magnetic physics.

His second wife along with their daughter Deena Yunus were present along with Muhammad Yunus when he went to receive his Nobel Prize for peace at Oslo in 2006.

Her younger brother, Ashfaq Hossein, has settled in Burdwan town and his family resides in the house at Laskar Dighi.

Ashfaq Hossain told The Statesman that his younger sister (chotdi) is presently ill and has retired as a physics



professor from a University in Dhaka. Recently, he has come back from Dhaka after a heart operation.

"I have huge expectations from our jamai babu (brother-in-law). He should restore peace and prosperity and also cement the strong bond-



ing between the two neighbouring countries. Of our two brothers and two sisters, only didi (Afrozi) and I are still alive while the other two have already passed away," he added.

He further said that due to illness, his sister has been



unable to visit her birthplace since past few years and had planned to provide more funds for development of her alma mater in Burdwan.

The last time Muhammad Yunus came to Asansol was by railways from Howrah to Burdwan and he accompanied

him though he stayed for a very short period, Ashfaq Hossein added.

However, her neighbours said that they are happy that the 'parar jamai', has been entrusted by the agitating students, army and the President to head the interim government and bring back stability.

"We were really happy when we heard his name in the news that he had agreed to return and take charge of Bangladesh. I met Muhammad Yunus several years ago when he had come here and he was very polite and behaved like a thorough gentleman," said Abdul Rob, a local political leader.

"We have never been to Bangladesh though and Muhammad Yunus has come here a couple of times after his marriage. We wish him success in bringing the country back on its path of progress," Sheikh Kalimuddin, who is the son of her father's elder sister.

In 1986, the couple had a daughter, Deena Afrozi Yunus, and they used to stay in a modest three bedroom apartment in the Grameen Bank Headquarters in Dhaka before he resigned as the CEO.

Muhammad Yunus married Afrozi Yunus of Burdwan town after his first marriage failed. He has one daughter from his first wife, who was a Russian and presently resides in the US.



THUMBNAILS



Former tennis player Leander Paes was felicitated at a programme after his induction into the International Tennis Hall of Fame, in Kolkata on Thursday. SNS

Metro to run 188 services on I-Day: The Kolkata Metro Railway has decided to run 188 services in the Blue Line on 15 August instead of 288 daily services. On 'Independence Day' the carrier is to run usual Special night Metro services on Blue Line from Kavi Subhash and Dum Dum stations at 10.40 pm. Like the Blue Line, services in the Green Line I and II would also be reduced to 90 instead of the daily count of services on that day. The Purple Line and Orange Lines are to operate normal metro services on Independence Day. SNS

Mamata pays tribute to former CM Buddhadeb

Other than the CM, Governor CV Anand Bose, former Governor Gopal Krishna Gandhi, TMC MP Abhishek Banerjee and others paid their tributes

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Miss Banerjee, after meeting the former chief minister's wife, Mira Bhattacharjee, at the former's residence told newsmen that she was in touch with the family members of the former chief minister since morning after the news of his death was made public.

She said that she instructed the chief secretary and entrusted her cabinet colleagues Fihad Hakim and Arup Biswas with the task of rendering all cooperation to his family and

the CPI-M for his last rites.

In emotional comments she said: "Since morning after the news of Bhattacharjee's death broke, I was in touch with his family members. The family members and the CPIM have decided to keep his mortal remains at the Peace World today. I suggested that Nandan or Rabindra Sadan, could be the venue also. They can keep the mortal remains there should they want but it is the CPI-M's prerogative to take a call on where to keep his body."

She said she had talks with the CPI-M veteran Rabin Deb to take his body to the Assembly. Speaker Biman Banerjee too spoke with the CPI-M leaders for the same.

Miss Banerjee told news persons: "He was a public representative for a long time. He was the minister in charge of many departments besides being the chief minister. His death is a great loss for the state. I spoke to him a number of times. We visited him many a time in hospital whenever he was admitted. He had



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee speaks to the media after paying her last respect to former CM Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee who passed away in Kolkata on Thursday. SNS



West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose arrives to pay respect to the mortal remains of former State Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, in Kolkata on Thursday. SNS

been able to make comebacks repeatedly following recovery. His was not an age for death. He was suffering from breathing problems. He breathed his last just after his breakfast this morning.

"I express my tributes and sympathy to his widow Meera di and son Suchetan and all the CPI-M and Left Front members over his demise. His immense contributions for the state, this

is not a place to discuss this now. Let us condole his death and pray his soul can rest in peace and but nothing is over with one's death. He would live on through his works. I pray he comes back again and again in Bengal," Miss Banerjee told news persons.

Earlier, in a tweet on her X handle, she said: "Shocked and saddened by the sudden demise of the former chief

minister of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee. I have been knowing him for the last several decades and wished him a few times when he was ill and effectively confined at home in the last few years. My very sincere condolences to Meeradi and Suchetan at his hour of grief. I communicate my condolences to the members of the CPI (M) party and all his followers. We have already taken a decision that we shall give

him full respect and ceremonial honour during his last journey and rites."

Miss Banerjee also told newsmen that she was to attend a programme on World Tribal Day tomorrow at Jhargram, for which she was leaving today. If it had been any other programme she would have called it off, she said.

West Bengal Governor CV Ananda Bose in his condolence message, said, "Bud-

dhadeb Bhattacharjee was a leader, who earned people's love and respect in all aspects of life. His simple lifestyle, high thoughts and interest in literature and culture endeared him to many."

West Bengal has lost a jewel of a leader and the nation, a statesman of an uncommon stature, said Gopal Krishna Gandhi, former Governor of Bengal.

Mr Gandhi told The Statesman on Thursday, "A commanding presence in life, he will be an inspirational example for the country's politics for all time. I am fortunate in having worked with him for five years in an equation marked by complete frankness and respect. I grieve with millions and offer my condolences to his remarkable wife Meeradebi and son Suchetan."

Trinamul Congress national general secretary and MP Abhishek Banerjee also commented: "I am profoundly saddened. My heartfelt condolences to his family and admirers, and I wish eternal peace for his departed soul."

Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee: Man with literary interests and simple tastes

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KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST



1944-2024

Erstwhile Left Front chief minister and veteran communist leader Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, a man of rare integrity in politics, lived through both dreams and disillusionments.

Dressed in traditional dhoti, kurta and Kolhapuri sandals, he epitomized the quintessential Bengali gentleman. He served as the chief minister for 11 years. He passed away on Thursday.

Born on 1 March, 1944, in north Kolkata, Bhattacharjee's roots go back to present-day Bangladesh.

He graduated from Shailendra Sircar Vidyalyaya and later pursued Bengali Honours at Presidency College. Though related to poet Sukanta Bhattacharya, he was not deeply involved in student politics, initially.

A sports enthusiast, he had to give up cricket due to eye problems but maintained his romanticism for the game, sharing a bond with Sourav Ganguly, over their mutual love for cricket. Bhattacharjee grew up in a leftist family, which significantly influenced him. After the India-China war in 1962 and the subsequent split of CPI in 1964, he joined CPM in 1966. Initially, he focused on editing and writing for party publications.

Amid internal conflicts in leftist student politics, his rise began as an organizer of the youth movement, eventually becoming the state secretary of DYFI's West Bengal committee. In the late 1960s, Bhattacharjee participated in the food movement and actively campaigned against the US during the Vietnam War.

By the early 1970s, he strengthened his organization in Kolkata, maintaining close ties with leftist intellectuals.

He became a state committee member of CPM and won his first election from the Kashipur constituency

in 1977, serving as minister of information and public relations, later known as the information and culture department.

In 1982, he lost his Assembly seat but returned in 1987 from Jadavpur, where he served until his political defeat in 2011.

During the 1990s, he resigned from Jyoti Basu's cabinet due to a conflict with a secretary, allegedly stating he wouldn't stay in a "cabinet of thieves," although this was never confirmed. He returned to the cabinet and continued his work, even writing a play, "Shomoy, Oshomoy, Dushomoy."

Bhattacharjee also handled the home department. He joined CPM's central committee in 1984 and became a Politburo member in 2000. After Jyoti Basu retired, Bhattacharjee became chief minister in November 2000. In the 2001 elections, despite strong opposition, the Left Front, under his leadership retained power. In 2006, they won 235 out of 294 seats, and Bhattacharjee announced the Tata car factory project in Singur.

However, facing strong opposition from villagers and political opponents, the project failed. His industrialization efforts led to significant unrest, especially in Nandigram, where police firing resulted in 14 deaths. The political turmoil from

Singur and Nandigram, led to setbacks in subsequent elections.

By the 2009 Lok Sabha elections, the Left Front lost 27 out of 42 seats, indicating a loss of control.

This decline culminated in the 2011 Assembly elections, where the Left Front was defeated by Mamata Banerjee's Trinamul Congress, ending over 34 years of Left rule. Post-defeat, Bhattacharjee maintained that his government's industrial policies were correct, viewing incidents like Singur and Nandigram as exceptions. He acknowledged administrative mistakes and sought to learn from them.

The Nandigram incident deeply affected him, and he publicly took responsibility. In 2013, he expressed regret for the police firing. His writings on land acquisition and the exceptions in Singur and Nandigram emphasized the need for industrial land despite inevitable challenges.

Bhattacharjee's industrial vision was not accepted by the people, leading to his political isolation. His call for internal changes within CPM faced resistance from within the party.

After 2011, Bhattacharjee's health deteriorated, leading to his gradual withdrawal from active politics.

Despite declining health, he continued to visit the party office for reading until he could no longer do so.

Suffering from COPD, he couldn't travel by air and required constant oxygen support.

His last public appearance was at a Left Front rally in 2019, though he couldn't leave his car due to health issues.

He remained in his modest two-room government flat on Palm Avenue, refusing to move even during his tenure as chief minister.

As his eyesight worsened, he couldn't write and had his final book transcribed by someone else.

A literary enthusiast, he wrote numerous plays and essays, translating works of foreign authors and criticizing modern Chinese policies in his book "Swarger Nichey Mahabiswrangha." Veteran Communist leader Bhattacharjee was fond of quoting a phrase from Charles Dickens's 'A Tale of Two Cities'. "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." It was a phrase he repeated at almost every public event he attended as CM for his two terms, 2001 to 2011.

This was not only because he understood the importance of the hope and aspirations of the people of his state, particularly the young generation.

As the world settled into the first decade of the new millennium, he became the chief minister in 2000 when he was 66 years old.

He moved quickly to initiate changes as he dreamt of changing the status quo, and to deliver the people of West Bengal from the stagnation they were in.

Bhattacharjee had personal ties with many cultural figures and leaders across political parties. In 2022, he declined the Padma Bhushan award.

Despite controversies, Bhattacharjee's straightforward life and simple living earned him respect beyond the Left's base. He will be remembered as a central figure during critical junctures in Bengal's politics.

Eastern Railway to run nine pairs of Puja Special trains

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KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

In a bid to cater to the increased demand, the Eastern Railway has decided to run nine pairs of Puja special trains from key stations including Malda Town, Howrah, Sealdah and Asansol to serve major destinations such as Udhna, Khatipura, Gorakhpur, Raxaul and Anand Vihar.

According to the ER, the Puja special trains include, 03417/03418 Malda Town - Udhna - Malda Town Puja Special, 03007/03008 Howrah - Khatipura - Howrah Puja Special, 03509/03510 Asansol - Khatipura - Asansol Puja Special, 03131/03132 Sealdah

- Gorakhpur - Sealdah Puja Special, 03043/03044 Howrah - Raxaul - Howrah Puja special, 03045/03046 Howrah - Raxaul - Howrah Puja special, 03109/03110 Sealdah - Vadodara - Sealdah Puja special, 03109/03110 Sealdah - Vadodara - Sealdah Puja Special, 03575/03576 Asansol - Anand Vihar - Asansol Puja special and 03435/03436 Malda Town - Anand Vihar - Malda Town Puja special.

As informed by the zonal railway office, the date of booking for running of 03417 Malda Town - Udhna Puja Special, 03007 Howrah - Khatipura Puja Special, 03509 Asansol - Khatipura Puja Special, is now available through PRS and internet.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Consumer Affairs Department
Corrigendum Notice
The date of lodging the consumer complaint at Howrah Regional Office may be read as December 14th, 2023 instead of 14th, 2024 in the advertisement published on August 08th, 2024 under No. ICA-D1367(12)/2024
Sd/-
Director
Consumer Affairs & Fair Business Practices
ICA- N382(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
CMOH Office, Jalpaiguri
EMPLOYMENT NOTICE
Walk in interview has called on 23rd, 27th, 28th & 29th August, 2024 for the recruitment of Contractual GDMO, CHA / ANM, MO, Specialist MOs, Psychiatrist, Clinical Psychologist, L.DA, MRW / Physiotherapist, Cook cum Caretaker, Peer Support on contract basis. For more details, please visit our website: www.jalpaigurihealth.com, www.wbhealth.gov.in.
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ICA- N 381(3)/2024

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Extract of Standalone Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024
(₹ Crore unless stated otherwise)

Sl. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE			
		30 th June, 2024 Unaudited	31 st March, 2024 Audited	30 th June, 2023 Unaudited	31 st March, 2024 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	23997.78	27957.99	24357.58	105378.59
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	326.02	1830.91	202.15	4528.51
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	14.26	1328.57	202.15	3687.67
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	10.68	1011.22	149.83	2733.11
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	(55.56)	1044.35	136.99	2610.94
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹10/- each)	4130.53	4130.53	4130.53	4130.53
7	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve				50000.01
8	Securities Premium Account				235.10
9	Net Worth				54130.54
10	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt				36314.97
11	Debt Equity Ratio				0.67
12	Earnings per equity share (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised)				
	1. Basic (₹)	0.03	2.45	0.36	6.62
	2. Diluted (₹)	0.03	2.45	0.36	6.62
13	Debt Redemption Reserve				123.78
14	Debt Service Coverage Ratio				2.08
15	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Number of times)				2.64

Extract of Consolidated Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024
(₹ Crore unless stated otherwise)

Sl. No.	Particulars	CONSOLIDATED			
		30 th June, 2024 Unaudited	31 st March, 2024 Audited	30 th June, 2023 Unaudited	31 st March, 2024 Audited
1	Total Income from Operations	23997.81	27958.52	24359.10	105378.33
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before tax and exceptional items)	409.85	1943.54	288.17	4902.65
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after exceptional items)	98.09	1441.20	288.17	4061.81
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	81.78	1125.68	212.48	3066.67
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and other Comprehensive Income (after tax))	18.17	1181.50	202.27	2974.13
6	Paid-up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of ₹10/- each)	4130.53	4130.53	4130.53	4130.53
7	Reserves excluding revaluation reserve				52970.69
8	Earnings per equity share (of ₹10/- each) (not annualised)				
	1. Basic (₹)	0.20	2.73	0.51	7.42
	2. Diluted (₹)	0.20	2.73	0.51	7.42

Note:
1. The above Financial Results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors at their respective meetings held on 8th August, 2024.
2. The above is an extract of the detailed format of Unaudited Financial Results for the Quarter ended 30th June, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under regulation 33 and 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full-format of these Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchange websites of NSE and BSE at www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com respectively and under the Investor Relations section on the Company's website www.sail.co.in.
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With timely intervention, he could have been saved: Doctors

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST



Family members of former CM's Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee.

The former chief minister, Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, could perhaps have been saved if he had been taken to a hospital in time, say doctors who used to treat him. Unfortunately, he was against being admitted in a hospital.

Doctors, who used to treat the former CM regularly either in the critical care unit (CCU) in a private hospital in the Alipore area or at his Palm Avenue residence, felt that the 80-year-old veteran politician could have lived if he had been admitted to hospital soon after he fell sick this time around.

"He could have been saved this time too if he was rushed to our hospital within a day

after he got viral infections. But he was against admission in a hospital," Dr Soutik Panda, critical care expert, who along with others, used to treat Bhattacharjee at the CCU of a private hospital.

"I have been treating him in the CCU of our hospital since 2019 when he fell ill critically with severe respiratory distress. Earlier, we have attended to him and brought him out of danger

at least four times. This time, I called up Meera madam (Bhattacharjee's wife) a couple of days ago, when I came to know that he had some viral illness with his COPD problem," Dr Panda said. "I requested madam to bring him to our hospital but he was not willing to come. He was very adamant and stuck to his stand on getting treated at his residence. Hospital treatment is essential

to save a patient like him," Dr Panda added.

"With his death, an era has come to an end. He was a man of strong personality with a heart. He used to bless all of us during his discharge from our hospital," he added.

Dr Somnath Maiti, who was Bhattacharjee's family physician for the past six years, said: "I was there, beside him at the last moment when he breathed his last at 8.20 am today. There was no scope to give him a new lease of life because his oxygen saturation level came down drastically." "Yesterday, when I saw him at his residence, his health parameters were almost normal and I could not find anything abnormal that he would leave us the next morning," Dr Maiti said.

THUMBNAILS

Retaining wall of Sunkishala project at Nagarjuna Sagar collapses: The retaining wall at the Sunkishala project at Nagarjuna Sagar in Telangana's Nalgonda district has collapsed. There were no casualties, said officials. The incident occurred on August 1 but the visuals of the same emerged on Thursday. A big tragedy was averted as the wall collapsed during the shift change for the workers. The retaining wall was constructed to prevent water from entering the tunnels. Following the incident, the Sunkishala pump house was flooded. The Sunkishala project is being built to lift water from the dead storage of Nagarjuna Sagar for supply to Hyderabad for drinking water needs. Hundreds of workers work on the project in three shifts. The retaining wall collapsed around 6 a.m. when the workers were yet to arrive at the site for the next shift. The Sunkishala intake well project is a significant component of the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Project (KDWS) and is aimed to address the long-term drinking water requirements of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and Hyderabad Urban Agglomeration (HUA) areas until 2050. Meanwhile, with the increase in inflows from upstream, all 26 crest gates of the Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) across Krishna River in Telangana have been lifted.

BRS questions Revanth govt's deal with 'US firm'

BRS accused CM of signing the deal with a shell company owned by his brother

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD, 8 AUGUST

The Congress government in Telangana was found scrambling to explain a Rs 1000 crore deal with a company Swachh Bio which was set up just two weeks ago and apparently owned by chief minister A Revanth Reddy's brother Jagadeeshwar Reddy.

The BRS has accused the chief minister who is currently in the US to secure investment for Telangana of nepotism and signing the deal with a shell company. At a time when Charles Schwab, a global leader in financial services announced Hyderabad as its prospective location for its technology development centre in the country following discussion with the chief minister the case of Swachh Bio has cast a long shadow on the trip.

The chief minister's office had posted on social media announcing the deal signed with Swachh Bio. "After a productive meeting with the chief minister A Revanth Reddy and industries and IT minister D Sridhar Babu Swachh Bio, a lignocellulosic



biofuels manufacturing company has announced plans for a 250 KLPD biofuels plant in Telangana." the CMO's 'X' handle had posted.

However, soon the BRS began asking questions about the deal. "Swachh Bio owned by Jagdishwar Reddy Anumula brother Revanth Reddy Anumula. Company started just 15 days ago," said Krishank, the BRS spokesperson who later held a press conference over the deal. Jagadeeshwar Reddy is one of the two directors of the

company Swachh Biogreen Private Limited whose address was mentioned as Jubilee Hills in the Registrar of Companies.

"This so called Swachh Bio doesn't seem to have a website or a social media handle. And you want the people of Telangana to believe that this company will invest Rs1000 crores?" pointed out Konatham Dileep who had headed the digital media division of government of Telangana under the BRS. Dileep even tagged Telan-

gana chief secretary Shanthi Kumari and special chief secretary of industry Jayesh Ranjan who are accompanying the chief minister in his US tour. He alleged the Congress government tried to cover up the matter by not revealing the full name of the company and a proxy was used to sign the MoU.

The questions prompted the government to go on the back foot. In a video message Jayesh Ranjan did not mention Swachh Bio but said, "Back in India, in Hyderabad there have been some questions on some of the meetings we had or what kind of outcomes are we expecting. I have been doing this for the last ten years and I am a thorough professional in all these things. No interactions will be put in the agenda without us doing absolutely due diligence and only when we are very sure that great outcomes will happen for the state. There is no cause for worry or apprehension." AICC's secretary Sampath Kumar also slammed BRS leaders like Krishank and argued there was nothing wrong if the chief minister's US based brother invests in the state.

Wayanad needs comprehensive rehabilitation project: Kerala CM



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, 8 AUGUST

Kerala chief minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Thursday said the Kerala government has demanded the Centre to declare the landslides that hit chooralimala and Kandakkai area in Wayanad a national disaster.

Addressing a press conference here, Pinarayi Vijayan said that the landslide-hit Wayanad needs a comprehensive rehabilitation project and the Central government has responded positively to the state's request for the project. Chief minister Vijayan

said the Union Home Ministry has appointed a nine-member expert committee to assess the severity of the Wayanad landslide disaster. "Union Home ministry Joint Secretary Rajeev Kumar, who is its team leader, visited the office today. We need a comprehensive rehabilitation package for Wayanad. So far, there has been a generally positive response from the Central government," CM Vijayan said.

Considering the seriousness of the disaster, it is expected that the Centre would provide assistance to help the families of the disaster victims and for their rehabilitation, he said.

"We hope that Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is visiting wayanad on Saturday, will take a positive stand in this regard," he said.

He said that the exact number of fatalities in the Wayanad landslides will only be confirmed after DNA test. Pinarayi Vijayan said that DNA samples from recovered bodies and body parts have been sent for testing and the exact number of death toll can only be confirmed after getting the DNA test results. "225 deaths have been officially confirmed in the Wayanad landslide disaster so far. 195 body parts have been found. The exact number can be calculated after the DNA sample results. It is not scientifically correct to calculate the number of body parts found as the number of dead, CM vijayan said.

While unofficial reports suggest that 413 people have died in the landslides, the official death toll currently stands at 225.

The chief minister said a mass search drive involving both search team and local residents will be held on Friday. Landslide victims would be permitted to search the areas where their homes once stood. This is a last ditch effort to see if anyone can be found.

Pawan Kalyan meets Siddaramaiah

AGENCIES
BENGALURU, 8 AUGUST

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Thursday met Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah in Bengaluru.

According to the officials, Pawan Kalyan on Thursday arrived in Bengaluru on the invitation of Karnataka Forest Minister Ishwar Khandre to attend the International Human Elephant Conflict Management Conference.

They will discuss the taming of elephants in Karnataka and the training of mahouts and Senior IFS of both states (Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh).

Earlier on Monday, Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan attended the District Collectors Conference at the Secretariat along with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. Naidu said a written document related to the state will be released on October 2 and will be committed to the

super six guarantees.

The super six guarantees include the complete loan waiver for farmers and women under the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCR) scheme, an unemployment allowance of Rs 2,000 per month, Rs 2 lakh financial assistance for housing, free electricity for farmers, a Rs 15,000 annual grant for poor families and Rs 2,000 assistance for every SC, ST, OBC, and minority families.

Police in Hyderabad on alert to stop illegal immigrants from Bangladesh

AGENCIES
HYDERABAD, 8 AUGUST

Police in Greater Hyderabad are on the alert to check the possible arrival of Bangladeshi illegal immigrants following unrest in the neighbouring country.

Police personnel were thoroughly checking trains arriving from Kolkata to thwart any attempt by Bangladeshis to enter the city.

Following an alert sounded by the intelligence agencies, police were checking trains reaching Secunderabad and Nampally railway stations. Police teams were also conducting checks in parts of the city where illegal immigrants from Bangladesh were arrested earlier.

Police from Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Rachakonda commissionerates were on alert in areas like Balapur,



Katedan, Mailardevpally, Falaknuma and Pahadai Sharief. Residents have been advised to inform police about the presence of suspicious individuals in their neighbourhood. Sources said few suspects were rounded up for questioning.

In the past, Rohingya and some Bangladeshis were found to have settled down in these areas. They were working as vendors or as workers in industries or the

construction sector. Some of them were allegedly travelling illegally to Bangladesh and coming back.

In February, five minors from Bangladesh were rescued by police under 'Operation Muskan' in Khammam town of Telangana. The children were sent back to their country with the help of an NGO. Four Bangladeshi nationals were also arrested for illegally staying in Khammam. Two of them had allegedly obtained

passports, Aadhaar, PAN and voter ID cards using fake credentials. Recently, four Bangladeshis, including a minor, were caught in Secunderabad. They told police that they had come to visit their relatives living in Chandrayangutta. However, the alleged illegal immigrants escaped before police could trace them. Some of the illegal immigrants have reportedly become agents helping others from Bangladesh with illegally entering India. Each individual is said to be paying Rs 5,000 to Rs 6,000 for illegally entering India and reaching Hyderabad.

Hyderabad Airport was also found to have become a safe passage to Gulf countries for Bangladeshi illegal immigrants. In February this year, Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) police arrested

a Bangladeshi national with a fake passport and Aadhaar card.

Two similar cases were reported last year. In all three cases, the accused had entered India via Tripura.

Following the large-scale violence and collapse of the Sheikh Hasina government in Bangladesh, many people from the neighbouring country are reported to be

Border Security Force (BSF) is already on alert on the border to prevent any infiltration. Hundreds of Bangladeshis had on Wednesday gathered at the international border with India in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district, seeking to cross over. They claimed that they were under attack in their country.

However, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) later took them back.

TENDER

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice No. 02/2024-25 dt. 06.08.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, Senior Material Manager, North Central Railway, Jhansi invites the E-procurement tender for following item.

Sr.:	Tender No.:	Qty.:
01	:54245239B	: 50 Sets
02	:54245305	: 1 Set

Brief Description: Additional safety lining arrangement for traction link/push pull rod for WAG-9/WAP-7/WAP-5 locos CAT No. T/90047 RDSO/2023/EL/MS/0493 Rev 0 Dtd. July 2023 spec RDSO Modification Sheet No RDSO/2023/EL/MS/0493 Rev 0 D.T. 26/07/2023

Brief Description: Supply, erection and commissioning of Audio system as the enclosed specification

Tender Closing/Opening date: 27.08.2024. **Note:** The complete information of above E-Procurement is available on IREPS website i.e. <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 1401/24(DG)

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS
E-TENDER NOTICE

Sl. No. (1) E-Tender No. ISO_IRIS_Consultancy.

Name of the Work: Engagement of Consultancy body of IRIS (ISO 22163) for recertification in C/WR Categories including ELAAU Danikun.

Scope of work: To carry out following works in one year span: (i) Gap Analysis of Rail Quality Management System from ISO 22163:2017 to ISO 22163:2023 or the latest amendment of the same. (ii) Revision of All Documents of Rail Quality Management System as per ISO 22163:2023 or latest amendment of the same. (iii) Awareness Session on Rail Quality Management System (approx. 40 Officers). (iv) Awareness Session on Rail Quality Management System (approx. 40 Supervisors). (v) Internal Auditors Training (25 nominated supervisors from different shops). (vi) Implementation Assistance. (vii) Support during External Certification audit. (viii) Assistance in Non-Conformity Closure.

Tender value (Rupees): ₹ 17,41,680/- (Rupees Seventeen lakh forty one thousand six hundred eighty only). **Cost of tender document (Rupees):** Nil. **Earnest money (Rupees):** ₹ 34,800/- (Rupees Thirty four thousand eight hundred) only.

Period of completion: 12 (twelve) months. **Note:** (1) Complete details can be seen in the railways website www.ireps.gov.in. (2) Contact number: 8420643094. (3) Date of closing of tender submission is 22-08-2024 at 11.00 hrs. (4) Chief Electrical Engineer (D-III) C/WR Chittaranjan. (5) E-mail: www.facebook.com/cwrailways

GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND NATIONAL HIGHWAY WING
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER NATIONAL HIGHWAY DIVISION, DEOGHAR-814112

NATIONAL BIDDING/e-Procurement Notice
Tender Reference No.: NH/Deoghar/01/2024-25 Dated: 06.08.2024

Application in the prescribed format from eligible consultants for Request for Proposal (RFP) on Preparation of Feasibility cum Detailed Project Report are invited for the following Project as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Works	Consultancy Services for DPR Preparation for widening to 2-Lane with paved shoulder from Km 25 to 41 of NH -133 in the State of Jharkhand on EPC mode including Bridges, Land Acquisition, Forest Clearance and Utility Shifting etc.
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2	Cost of document (Rs.)	Copy of online receipt of Non-refundable fee of Rs.10,000/- through NTRP portal- www.bharatkosh.gov.in towards payment of cost of bid document.
3	Bid Security (Rs.)	2,00,000/-
4	Time of Completion	180 Days (Including rainy season)
5	Date of Issue of Notice	Date: 06.08.2024
6	Date of Publication of Tender on website	Date: 08.08.2024 at 5:30PM
7	Bid Submission Start date	Date: 23.08.2024 at 5:30 PM
8	Last Date for Receiving Queries	Date: 09.09.2024 upto 11:30AM
9	Pre-Bid Conference	Date: 09.09.2024 Time 11:30AM Place: Office of the Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
10	Application/Bid Due date	Date: 20.09.2024 upto 3:00PM Through website: https://www.eprocure.gov.in only
11	Last date of submission of online challan and others documents in original	Date: 20.09.2024 upto 4:30PM
12	Last date of submission of hardcopy of challan of bidding documents, bid security and others documents/POA etc.	Date: 20.09.2024 upto 5:00PM in the office of the Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
13	Authority & Place of opening of Bids	The Chief Engineer, NH Wing, Jharkhand, Ranchi in his office at Engineering Hostel, Sector-3, Dhurwa, Jharkhand, Ranchi.
14	Time & date of opening of bids	Date: 23.09.2024 at Time 3:30 PM Through website: https://www.eprocure.gov.in
15	Validity of bid	120 days from bid due date
16	Officer inviting bids	Executive Engineer, NH Division, Deoghar
17	Contact no. of procurement officer	8789224908
18	Helpline no. of e-procurement cell	065112400863

Note: Further details can be seen on website <https://eprocure.gov.in>

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
NH Division, Deoghar

PR 332162 (Deoghar) 24-25 (D)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Procurement Tender Notice 15/2024 dated. 05.08.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

Tender no.	Qty	EMD (Rs)	Tender Opening Date
13245654	1500 Set	7,71,720/-	26.08.2024

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 entity 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)

मध्य प्रदेश राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम
पर्यटन भवन भदमदा रोड, भोपाल-462003
फोन : 0755-4027100, 2774340/42, www.mpstde.com
क्रमांक 175/यात्रिकी/पविनि/24 दिनांक : 08.08.2024

निविदा सूचना

मध्य प्रदेश राज्य पर्यटन विकास निगम भोपाल द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑनलाइन (Online) निविदा निविदा प्रपत्र APPENDIX 2.10 पर म.प्र. लोक निर्माण विभाग में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत टेकदारों से आमंत्रित की जाती है। 86/2024 STDC 362822.1 / जबलपुर में रानी दुर्गावती स्मारक स्थल एवं उपचान के निर्माण कार्य हेतु सिविल, आर्टवर्क, आंतरिक एवं बाहरी विद्युतीकरण के कार्य (तृतीय आगमरण) (24 माह)। कार्य की लागत राशि ₹. 7051.40 लाख वेबसाइट पर ऑनलाइन भुगतान कर निविदा प्रपत्र (टेंडर डॉक्यूमेंट) वेबसाइट के माध्यम से क्रय किये जा सकते हैं। निविदा प्रपत्र ऑनलाइन क्रय करने की अंतिम तिथि 21.08.2024 समय सायं 05:00 बजे तक निर्धारित है। कार्य का विस्तृत विवरण वेबसाइट <https://mpstenders.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115820/2024 कार्यपालन यंत्र

Honeymoon trip to Wayanad turns into nightmare for two Odisha women medical professionals

ACHUTHANANDAN KUNIVIL
KALPETTA, 8 AUGUST

A honeymoon trip to the picturesque Wayanad turned into a heart-wrenching nightmare for two Odisha young women medical professionals.

Priyadarshini Paul, a nurse at Hi-Tech, hospital Bhubaneswar, who lost her husband in the devastating landslides that hit the Churalmala and Kandakkai areas in Kerala's wayanad district, has returned alone to Odisha the other day with a heavy heart. Dr. Srikriti Moha Patra, whose husband Swadeen Panda is still missing, remains in hospital here, undergoing treatment for the serious injuries she sustained in the landslides.

Priyadarshini, her husband Dr. Bishnu Prasad Chinnara of Bhubaneswar AIIMS, their



friend Dr. Swadeen Panda and his wife Srikriti Moha Patra came to Churalmala in Wayanad for a dreamy honeymoon celebration. However, the dreamy

days before the landslide. But the couples decided to stay there for one more day and decided to vacate on July 30 after noon. This decision to stay back for one more day at Linora Villa at Vellarmala turned out fatal for them.

Everyone went to bed late after singing and celebrating on the night of July 29. Priyadarshini says that when she woke up around 1am on July 30 hearing a loud noise, she found that the resort was completely collapsed and they were stuck in neck-high mud. Priyadarshini and Srikriti were rescued by policeman Jabalu Rahman and his friend. Jabalu Rahman and his friend came there hearing the screams of Priyadarshini and Srikriti. The policeman and his friend searched to trace Dr. Bishnu Prasad Chinnara, Dr. Swadeen Panda. But they could not find them. Later, Priyadarshini's husband Bishnu Prasad Chinnara's body was found from Churalmala by the rescue and search team of the NDRF. The body was taken to Bhubaneswar, but Priyadarshini could not accompany the body as she was undergoing treatment in the hospital and she was not in a condition to travel. Swadeen Panda's body is still missing. Swadeen Panda's wife Srikriti could not go to Odisha as she is currently undergoing treatment in hospital with serious injuries.

The four- Priyadarshini, her husband Dr. Bishnu Prasad Chinnara, Dr. Swadeen Panda and his wife Srikriti Moha Patra arrived at Linora Villa at Vellarmala in Chooralmala for a two-day stay three

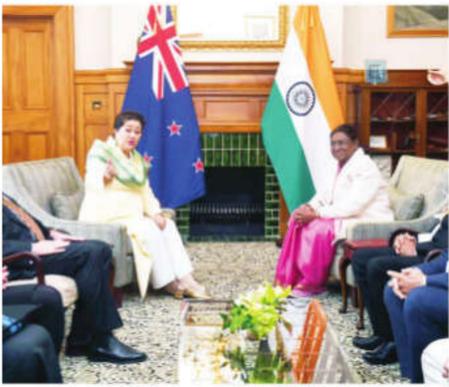
THUMBNAILS

Rs 12 lakh looted from flat in MP: Two miscreants allegedly looted more than Rs 12 lakh from a flat in a building in M P Nagar area of Bhopal. The Bhopal police have announced a reward of Rs 30000 on the arrest of or for providing any information about the looters. According to the police officials, the miscreants reached flat number 108 in the Rachna Towers in the afternoon and knocked on the door taking the name of one of the company's employees. The company manager, Shyam Sundar, opened the door. The looters entered the flat and asked for some drinking water. When Sundar was going towards the kitchen to get water, one of the looters allegedly put a pistol to his head and asked for the money.

Three Kashmiri scientists discover new species of hoverfly: Three Kashmiri scientists have discovered a new species of hoverfly that mimics the wasp in the high-altitude alpine forests. The findings of the three entomologists - scientists who study insects - Aijaz Ahmad Wachkoo (team head), Amir Raqoob, and Suhab Firdous Yaqoob were published in the 'Journal of Asia Pacific Entomology'.

President Murmu reaches New Zealand

Governor General Dame Cindy received Murmu at the Government House



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 8 AUGUST

President Droupadi Murmu landed in Wellington, New Zealand this morning on the second leg of her three-nation state visit.

Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro of New Zealand received President Murmu at the Government House. She was welcomed with a traditional Maori "Pōwhiri"

ceremony and accorded Royal Guard of Honour.

During their meeting, the two leaders hailed the warm and friendly relationship between India and New Zealand and discussed cooperation across various sectors. They agreed on the need to continue efforts to widen the scope of India-New Zealand economic relationship by establishing mutually beneficial collaborations and partnerships, especially

through trade and businesses. In her next engagement, President Murmu addressed the New Zealand International Education Conference, where India is the 'Country of Honour' this year. The President elaborated on the rich Indian tradition of pursuit of knowledge and the contemporary progress in the field of education, including the National Education Policy aimed at transforming the Indian education landscape by promoting multidisciplinary learning, critical thinking and global competitiveness. She added that New Zealand is renowned for its high-quality education with focus on research & innovation, inclusivity and excellence. Many Indian students are gaining access to quality education at various institutions in New Zealand. The President encouraged more educational exchanges and collaboration between our institutions, particularly in the fields of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, vocational and skills-based training, climate and

environment studies, cultural exchange programs, research and innovation. Prime Minister Christopher Luxon of New Zealand also called on the President. Both the leaders held discussions on various issues ranging from deepening of cultural ties to commitment for regional and global security. Earlier, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Winston Peters of New Zealand also called on President Droupadi Murmu. Both leaders acknowledged the progress in bilateral relations and deliberated upon ways of enhancing cooperation. The President also paid floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Wellington Railway Station and laid a wreath to pay tribute to martyred soldiers at the Pukeahu National War Memorial in Wellington. Governor General Dame Cindy Kiro joined the President on both occasions. In the last official engagement in Wellington, President Murmu attended a banquet hosted in her honour by Governor General Kiro.

'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from 9 August as part of I-Day celebrations



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 8 AUGUST

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat on Thursday announced that the third edition of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" (HGT) campaign will be celebrated from 9-15 August as part of the Independence Day celebrations. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, he said the initiative aims to instill spirit of patriotism and national pride among citizens by encouraging every Indian to hoist the national flag, the Tiranga. The minister urged the citizens to hoist the Tiranga at their homes and click a selfie with the flag and upload it on harghartiranga.com. He stated that the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign launched under the aegis of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav in 2022 has grown into a people's movement, embraced by diverse segments of society

across the country. In 2022, the national flag was hoisted at more than 23 crore homes and 6 crore people uploaded their selfies with the flag on harghartiranga.com. In 2023, over 10 crore selfies were uploaded under the HGT campaign. He said all States and Union Territories are actively participating in the celebrations, ensuring the campaign's success. Key industry partners - e-commerce platforms, railways, civil aviation sectors,

the Indian armed forces, and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) are also playing an active role in disseminating information and promoting the campaign. Self-Help Groups across the country are actively contributing to large-scale flag production and availability. This collaborative effort is turning the vision of honoring the National Flag into a reality and another milestone celebration of the people of India, by the people of India, he added. Mr Shekhawat informed that various outreach activities are being organized nationwide as part of the Har Ghar Tiranga celebrations. A highlight of the campaign is a special Tiranga Bike Rally featuring Members of Parliament, set to take place in Delhi on 13 August.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, PHE Dte. for NIT No. WBPHE/EE/04/HUG/2024-25 related to works under Hooghly Division PHE Dte. Bid submission Closing Date is 16.08.2024 up to 03.00 p.m. & onwards till 20.08.2024 up to 03.00 p.m. For details, corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender log on to: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, PHE Dte. ICA-113711(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Basumat Corporation Limited NIT Inviting e-Tender under Reference number: DB-MD/BCL/24-25/078 D/07.08.2024 (Tender Id: 2024_BCL_730143_3) for Binding related work mentioned in the above Notice from the bonafide suppliers within the end date of bid submission i.e., 17-08-2024 by 05.00 PM. For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113659(2)/2024 MD/BCL

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-Tender Notice NIT No-HFW/SP/IMP/TRANSPORT/ NIT-02/24-25 Tender Id: 2024_HFW_726803_3 Tenders are invited for the selection of Transporter for SP/IMP, Kalyani, Nadia-741235. For details, all details available in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in on 09.08.2024. ICA-113611(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Office of the Superintendent, Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Kalyani, Nadia Tender Notice e-Tender for Cleaning & Housekeeping services for Hospital of Government Health Facilities, Gandhi Memorial Hospital, Kalyani, Nadia vide Memo No. GMH/2113/24 dated 01/08/2024. For Tender Process, please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbhealth.gov.in from 09/08/2024 ICA-113610(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Tender Notice Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division, L & W Directorate, Inviting e-Tender for an behalf of Governor of West Bengal. Ref: e-NIT-05 of 2024-25 of A.E./KSSD-H.Dte. Tender Id: 2024_HSD_729930_1 to 1. Last date of submission 20.08.2024 up to 1.00 P.M. For details please visit wbtenders.gov.in or contact in the Office of the Assistant Engineer in any working day. Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Kolkata South Sub-Division-I, Hooghly Division, ICA-113633(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Abridged e-NIT The Executive Engineer, Jogaigar Irrigation Division, I&W Dte. has invited tender notice against e-NIT No. WBPW/EE-IJOY/NIT-12/E/2024-25 on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal for 03 (Three) No. E/R to damaged wooden bridge, Topographical Survey & improvement of retired embankment at Canning & Gosaba Block under his jurisdiction from the eligible online bonafide contractors. Estimated costs put to tender are ranging from Rs. 1,49,346.00 to Rs. 84,07,797.00 only. Last date of bid submission online: 16.08.2024 up to 17.30 Hrs. for Sl.1 & 2 and 23.08.2024 up to 17.30 Hrs. for Sl.3. *Technical Bid opening date - 20.08.2024 after 14.00 Hrs. for Sl-1 & 2 and 27.08.2024 after 14.00 Hrs. for Sl-3 respectively. Other details may be available from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working days & websites: www.wbwater.gov.in, www.wbrrd.gov.in, www.wbipd.gov.in, www.wbwd.gov.in, www.wbwd.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jogaigar Irrigation Division, Baruipur, South 24 Parganas. ICA-113629(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE e-Tender of following work has been invited by the Farm Manager, Barasagar Dighi, Maida under Director of Fisheries, W.B. Establishment/District Tender Reference No./ NIT No. Bid Submission Start and End Date Name of the Work / Scheme Model Fish Farm (MFF), Barasagar Dighi, Maida WBPFD/F&M/Maida/e-NIT-03/2024-25 09-08-2024 to 16-08-2024 Supply of good quality fishery inputs at Model Fish Farm, Barasagar Dighi, Maida Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal ICA-113643(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL IRRIGATION & WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER e-NIT No. 04/2024-25 of Executive Engineer, MMEED. Online tender is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafide contractors for the work. Last date and time of application is 24th August, 2024, 17.00 Hrs. IST. Other details may be available from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working days. Details of tender notice may be seen at www.wbiwd.gov.in and http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Mechanical & Electrical Division. ICA-113599(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE e-Tender of NIT No. 10 of 2024-25 by the of E.E./Diamond Harbour Highway Division. EE, Diamond Harbour Hwy Div, Dakshin Hazipur, Diamond Harbour-743331 invites online percentage rate e-tender whose ID No. 2024_SH_729192_1. The details can be obtained from the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & office notice board. Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website previously mentioned. Documents download end date (online) & Bid submission end date (online) will be 20.08.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Sd/- E.E. Diamond Harbour Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Govt. of W.B. ICA-113647(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE Tender Reference No. NIT-09 of EE/RD/PHED of 2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_PHEH_726285_1 to 21. Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 20/08/2024 up to 3:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for different type of Construction works under Raiganj Division, PHE Dte. All details available in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & http://www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Raiganj Division, PHE Dte., Govt. of West Bengal ICA-113702(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE Tender Reference No. NIT-10 of EE/RD/PHED of 2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_PHEH_726686_1 to 18. Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 20/08/2024 up to 3:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for Construction of B/Wall & add. Laying works under Raiganj Division, PHE Dte. All details available in website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & http://www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Raiganj Division, PHE Dte., Govt. of West Bengal ICA-113701(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE EE/PWD/TD, invites e-Tender for Renovation and repair works at Haldia Sub-Divisional Court Compound under Tamluk Division, PWD District of Purba Medinipur in the year 2024-2025. NIT No. 13 of 2024-2025 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_729383_1 Bid submission start date (online): 07.08.2024 from 10.00 Hours. Bid submission closing date (online): 27.08.2024 at 13.00 Hours and website: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Tamluk Division. ICA-113693(3)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Santaldih Thermal Power Station P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist.-Purulia, Pin - 723146 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-2187 Date: 05.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/STPS/NIT/E3645/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of One (01) no. 630 KVA, 110.433 KV Distribution Transformer for STPS Township, under EM-OPH Dept., Santaldih T.P.S.". Tender Document Download Start Date: 09.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 02.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. D. Biswas, Dy. General Manager (Purchase), Tel. No.: 0833690405. E-mail: cbiswas@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113638(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Santaldih Thermal Power Station P.O. Santaldih Thermal Plant, Dist.-Purulia, Pin - 723146 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-2189 Date: 05.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/STPS/NIT/E3659/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Biennial Maintenance of Sewer Line Works, Repairing of Pits etc. within STPS (T) Township". Tender Document Download Start Date: 08.08.2024 at 03.30 PM. Tender Closing Date: 02.09.2024 at 03.30 PM. Contact Person: Mr. G. C. Maji, (AGM/C), Telephone No.: 833690389. STPS. E-mail: mbar@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113640(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal 21, N. S. Road, Kolkata-700 001 e-TENDER NOTICE The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal invites an agencies/Companies to conduct an "Endline Survey" regarding Knowledge, Attitude and Practices of citizens after the Lok Sabha General Elections 2024 bearing No. CEOW/2024-25/Te/07/001 under Survey/PGE 2024 Dated 06.08.2024. For details please access www.ceowestbengal.nic.in issued by Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal. ICA-113662(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWRD TENDER NOTICE e-Tender No. 06 of 2024-25 of EE/BHD/PWR(Dte.) for (1)One No Road Restoration work at KNI Avenue under Barasat Highway Division No.1, inviting from bonafide bidders having credential and equipment for similar nature of work. Details of tender notice (online) will be on 28/08/2024 up to 13.00 hrs. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_729202_1. Other details may be seen from website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & http://wbwbd.gov.in Sd/- EE/BHD-I/PWR(Dte.) ICA-113645(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Bakreswar Thermal Power Project P.O. BKTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPP/CC-2181 Date: 05.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/STPP/NIT/E3123/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Procurement of 01(one) New Fire Tender at BKTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 09.08.2024 at 14.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 03.09.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Dy. General Manager, HOD (Purchase Dept.), BKTPS, WBPDC. Mobile: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdco.in/purchase_bktps@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113682(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Sagardighi Thermal Power Project P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPP/CC-2178 Date: 02.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/BKTPP/NIT/E3056/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, STPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 (three) Part bid system for "Procurement of Low Pressure Manual Isolating Valves mainly CCCC PHB (Boiler & Turbine side) & other areas under T & A Stage-I, STPP for coming Overhauling of Unit#1, STPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 12.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 28.08.2024 at 03.00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Arun Mandal, Senior Manager (Purchase Dept.), BKTPS, WBPDC. E-mail: amandal@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113640(2)/2024

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Bakreswar Thermal Power Project P.O. BKTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTPP/CC-2192 Date: 05.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/BKTPP/NIT/E3226/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, BKTPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Flow meters for various areas at BKTPP with IOT facility". Tender Document Download Start Date: 10.08.2024 at 14.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 03.09.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Dy. General Manager, HOD (Purchase Dept.), BKTPS, WBPDC. Mobile: 8336903911. E-mail: s.dasgupta@wbpdco.in/purchase_bktps@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113642(2)/2024

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT No. 05 of 2024-25 E.E., NH Division No. XII Executive Engineer, Directorate Invites online e-tender for the work of "New wing wall of Sinjuri 1, bridge at chaurage 310.123 kmp of NH 14 (O/S) right hand side of National Highway Division XII of the year 2024-2025". Estimate Amount: Rs. 458894.00 e-NIT No. 05 of 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_NH_729233_1. Bid submission start date (online): 06.08.2024 at 6.00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 11.08.2024 at 11.00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, NHD-XII, PWRD, GOVT OF WB. ICA-113648(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal 21, N. S. Road, Kolkata-700 001 e-TENDER NOTICE The Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal invites an e-tender for Selection of State Level Agency for IT enablement with Data Management, Software Development & Customization, Provisioning of Technical Manpower and IT infrastructure in the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal bearing No. CEOWB/2024-e-Tender/001/SL Agency dated 06.08.2024. For details please access www.ceowestbengal.nic.in issued by Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, West Bengal. ICA-113661(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER e-Tender No.: WB/WVE/EE/BID/E-NIT-08 of 2024-25, 2nd call of e-NIT No. WB/WVE/EE/BID/E-NIT-03 of 2024-25 from eligible bonafide Contractors having credential of execution of similar nature of work of value 30 % (Single work) within the last five FY. 1) No of works: 02(Two) Nos. 2) Last date of application: 13.08.2024 upto 17.00 hours. 3) Name of work: Annual up keeping, maintenance. 4) Amount put to tender: Ranging from Rs. 64,959.00 to Rs. 1,26,075.00. 5) Source of Fund: AY-748432, Tel. no-03217-265259 of departmental website: www.wbtenders.gov.in (Tender & Notice) & www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Basirhat Irrigation Division. ICA-113623(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE Tender ID: 2024_PHEH_729126_1 NIT No. 03/EE/IC/I/WBPHED 2024-2025, Dated 06.08.2024 The Superintending Engineer, Mechanical Circle-I, PHE. Dte. Govt. of W.B., 81/2/7, Phears Lane, 3rd Floor, Kolkata - 700 012, E-mail: se_mci@wbphed.gov.in, invites bids for "Providing & installation of MCC Starter panel with SCADA for whole operational system at Panaharj Park (Both WTP & Intake) and other allied works, DMC area, District Paschim Bardhaman". Last date of submission of bid (online): 04.09.2024 up to 2:00 p.m. The tender document can be downloaded from: www.wbtenders.gov.in or after 09:00 am on 07.08.2024. The NIT will also be visible at www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- SE/IC-I/WBPHED ICA-113654(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invites online e-tender for the work- 1. Pankhabari Kurseong Road, Repairing of culvert and protective work at ch. 130 Km road bench damaged due to heavy rainfall under Darjeeling Highway Division, Dist. of Darjeeling during the year 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_729365_1. Sl. No.02 Annual Operation of Day to day Pump motor set & maintenance at Dum Dum Central Correctional Home, under Kolkata North Division, PWD during the Financial year 2024-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_729365_1. Sl. No.02 Annual Operation of Day to day Pump motor set & maintenance at Dum Dum Central Correctional Home, under Kolkata North Division, PWD during the Financial year 2024-25. Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_729365_1. NIT No. 03 of 2024-25 of Executive Engineer, Darjeeling Highway Division, Bid Submission start date (Online) 12/08/2024 from 12.00PM. Bid Submission closing date (Online) 27/08/2024 upto 2.30 PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE/Darjeeling Highway Division, PWRD, GOVT OF WB. ICA-113678(2)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION COMPANY LIMITED (A Government of West Bengal Enterprise) Registered Office: Vidya Bhawan, Block-D, Sector-6, Bidhanagar, Kolkata-700 091. CN: U40110WB1987SGC113474. www.wbsetcl.in E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:- NIT No.: CE/(O&M)-II/ Bighati/Civil/2024-25/09 Date: 09.08.2024 Re-construction of partly damaged boundary wall at Bighati 132kV sub-station. NIT No.: CE/(O&M)-II/ Howrah/Civil/2024-25/10 Date: 09.08.2024 Construction of foundations for installation of 6 (six) nos. 50 m Lightning Mast structure at Howrah 220 kV sub-station. NIT No.: CE/(O&M)-II/ Belmuri/Civil/2024-25/11 Date: 09.08.2024 Supplying and laying of crushed stone over a layer of 75 mm cement sand and khar kha mix (1:5:10) and allied work at Belmuri 132kV sub-station. For above three NITs (09, 10 and 11), bid submission starting date (online): 23.08.2024, 09.00 A.M. and closing date (online): 09.09.2024, 03.00 P.M.

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154 Kolaghat Thermal Power Station P.O. Mecheda, Dist. - Hooghly, Pin - 712503 Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/Tend-Adv/24-25/BTPS/CC-2142 Date: 29.07.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/BTPS/NIT/E2432/24-25 E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, BTPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 Part bid system for "Renovation of Toilets at various type Quarters of KTPS Township". Tender Document Download Start Date: 12.08.2024 at 11.00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 10.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sujit Saha, Dy. General Manager (Engg.), BTPS, Contracts. Phone: 033 2684 2312/2341. E-mail: contract_btps@wbpdco.in For details please visit: https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113679(2)/2024

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On the Edge

The spectre of a full-scale conflict involving Iran and Israel, bolstered by the former's network of regional allies, casts a long shadow over West Asia. This potential conflagration, fuelled not just by the recent assassination of Hamas's leader but also by long standing geo-political and religious tensions, underscores the precariousness of the region's stability. The possibility of an Iranian-led attack against Israel, leveraging its extensive support to regional militias, is not just a military scenario but a strategic chess move with profound implications for international security. Iran's strategy of arming and supporting proxy militias is deeply rooted in its post-1979 revolution history. Faced with international isolation and sanctions, Iran turned to asymmetric warfare, establishing alliances with non-state actors across West Asia. This network includes Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Popular Mobilisation Forces in Iraq, Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza, and the Houthis in Yemen. These groups serve as force multipliers, extending Iran's reach and influence far beyond its borders. A potential Iranian assault on Israel would likely be multi-pronged. This could include a barrage of drones, cruise missiles, and ballistic missiles, akin to the April attack following Israeli strikes on Iranian assets in Syria. Hezbollah's involvement would add another layer of complexity, with its formidable arsenal of rockets and missiles posing a significant threat to Israeli cities and infrastructure. The sheer volume of firepower from multiple fronts could strain Israel's sophisticated air defence systems, including the Iron Dome, David's Sling, and Arrow systems.

The implications of such a conflict are far-reaching. For Israel, the immediate concern would be the defence of its territory and population. The nation has proven its resilience and military prowess in numerous conflicts, but a coordinated assault from various directions would present unprecedented challenges. Casualties and infrastructure damage could be severe, testing the resolve and resources of the Israeli Defense Forces and the broader Israeli society. For Iran, the stakes are equally high. Engaging in direct conflict with Israel, particularly with the involvement of its proxy forces, risks provoking a broader regional war. The United States, a staunch ally of Israel, would likely be drawn into the conflict, escalating it to an international level.

The broader West Asian region would also be affected. Countries like Lebanon, Iraq, and Yemen, already grappling with internal conflicts and instability, could see these issues exacerbated by a wider regional war. The humanitarian toll could be devastating, with civilian populations bearing the brunt of the violence. The potential for escalation underscores the urgent need for diplomatic efforts to de-escalate tensions. Regional and international actors must prioritise dialogue and conflict resolution to prevent a catastrophic war. The international community, particularly influential players like the United States, the European Union, and Russia, must engage proactively to mediate and reduce the risk of conflict. The costs of inaction are too high, not just for the directly involved countries but for global stability and security.

Running mate

The debut rally of US Vice President Kamala Harris and Minnesota Governor Tim Walz as the Democratic presidential and vice-presidential candidates respectively marks a pivotal moment in American politics. As they embark on their campaign tour, the dynamic between Ms Harris's established political clout and Mr Walz's fresh, progressive perspective is set to redefine the Democratic platform and potentially the future of the country. Ms Harris's decision to select Mr Walz as her running mate was a strategic move that speaks volumes about her campaign's direction and values. Mr Walz, with his extensive background in public service, education, and military, embodies a blend of experience and relatability. His career, from a high school social studies teacher to a governor, resonates with the desire of everyday Americans for leaders who understand their struggles and aspirations. In Philadelphia, Mr Walz's speech underscored his commitment to the common good, a theme that has been central to his political journey. His focus on progressive policies, such as free school meals and climate action, aligns with the growing demand for substantial reforms that address economic inequality and environmental sustainability. These issues are particularly pertinent in a post-pandemic America, where disparities have been exacerbated, and climate change continues to pose an existential threat. Mr Walz's ability to connect with rural, white voters, a demographic that has increasingly leaned Republican, adds a significant advantage to the Harris campaign. His folksy demeanour and genuine storytelling contrast sharply with the often polarising rhetoric seen in American politics. This authenticity could be crucial in bridging the divide that has plagued American society, fostering a sense of unity and common purpose.

The Harris-Walz ticket also presents a robust counter-narrative to Republican nominees Donald Trump and his running mate JD Vance. Mr Walz's critique of Mr Trump's presidency - highlighting mishandling of the Covid crisis, economic downturn, and rising crime rates - offers a stark reminder of the stakes in this election. His condemnation of the restrictions on women's reproductive rights further solidifies his and Ms Harris's commitment to protecting personal freedoms and promoting social justice. However, the challenges ahead are formidable. The Republicans have already begun framing the Harris-Walz duo as radical leftists, a narrative that will undoubtedly intensify as the campaign progresses. Overcoming this portrayal requires not just defensive rebuttals but a proactive demonstration of pragmatic policies and achievable goals. The Democrats must articulate a vision that transcends partisan lines, appealing to both their base and the undecided voters who will be crucial in swing states. Moreover, Ms Harris's campaign must navigate the intricacies of coalition-building within the Democratic Party itself. Selecting Mr Walz over other potential candidates, like Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro, indicates a preference for a broader, more inclusive appeal rather than catering to specific factions. This decision, while potentially contentious, underscores a strategic long-term vision aimed at unifying diverse voter blocs under a common agenda.

India and Vietnam ~ I

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Even prior to her Independence, India had been paying careful attention to the developments in Indo-China in which Vietnam occupied the most critical space. India's anti-colonial and anti-imperialist stance resonated in its engagement with Vietnam.

India's eagerness to engage with Indo-China can be discerned from the fact that it invited the leaders of Vietnam including the legendary Ho Chi Minh to represent the country at the Asian Relations Conference held in April 1947, ahead of Independence on 15 August. India took interest in the unfolding grim situation in Indo-China particularly the heroic fight of the Vietnamese people against French colonialism.

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character of the Vietminh leadership; the continued French colonial outposts in India; the emergence of communist China that bordered the communist-ruled part of Vietnam, and the fact that at the time France was with Britain, the chief source of weapons supply to India.

The Geneva Conference on Indo-China took place from 9 May to 21 July 1954, a day after the decisive defeat of the French. The new French Premier Mendes France realised that

France could no longer hold Indo-China in bondage. Britain and USSR played the role of catalytic agents and overcame the opposition of US secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai stole the limelight at the Conference.

In spite of India's significant role, India was not invited to the Conference, which peeved Nehru. He, however, deputed his confidant Krishna Menon to render informal assistance to the Conference. Nehru lamented that "we didn't stand on dignity, we just stood on the doorstep and tried to be helpful".

A significant contribution made by Zhou Enlai during the Conference was the proposal for the composition of the International Commission for Supervision and Control (ICSC) in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The issue had become a sticky one since the Russian Foreign Minister Molotov had raised it earlier on 14 May 1954. India was invited to be the Chairman of the ICSC in the hope that she would be able to hold the balance. The Soviet delegation proposed four neutral nations as members, viz. Poland, Czechoslovakia, India and Pakistan. But

the non-Communists were opposed to it.

The British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden suggested five Colombo Plan nations, which Moscow's interlocutor Molotov rejected.

South Vietnam suggested the United Nations, which Communist China rejected. Both sides eloquently and stubbornly disagreed with each other.

Until 17 July, no agreement was reached, and a solution seemed elusive. On 18 July, however, Zhou Enlai proposed India, Poland and Canada as members. The proposal was accepted unanimously. In negotiating the proposal, the Chinese delegation acted in the sense of compromise. This was obviously Zhou Enlai's stand in Geneva, a position which the Chinese strongly urged other participants to share.

The Geneva Accords were the ray of hope in the dark clouds that overshadowed the Conference. The presence of ICSC represented the interest of the international community and was a symbol, albeit a weak one, of peace.

But the International Commission was soon inflicted with the atmosphere of the Cold War that prevailed between the Great Power blocs. Canada usually took a pro-Western stance while Poland adopted a pro-Soviet posture. India's task as the chair was unenviable. Pressure from all sides was mounted to use the Commission as a tool for one side or the other and for propagating the Cold War. India appointed T.N. Kaul, former Foreign Secretary as the Chairman of ICSC. When Kaul met Nehru prior to his departure to Vietnam, the PM told Kaul about India's close ties with the coun-

tries of Indo-China.

He emphasised the fact that the people of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia were first and last, nationalists and patriots. Vietnam had resisted feudal China's domination for more than one thousand years.

He further told Kaul that under Ho Chi Minh's leadership, Vietnam would not submit to foreign domination.

Nehru warned Kaul that India's position as Chairman of the ICSC was important and delicate and that he hoped Kaul would discharge the onerous responsibilities impartially, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Geneva Accords.

India welcomed the birth of Vietnam as an aspect of the resurgence of Asia and also the Geneva Accords.

Participating in a discussion on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of External Affairs on 31 March 1955, ahead of the Bandung Conference, Nehru said, "it had become a regular practice for the affairs of Asia to be determined by certain great powers in Europe or sometimes in America, and the fact that people of Asia might have any views about those subjects was not considered a matter of very great importance. It is true that some importance is attached to those views now, because they cannot be ignored; nevertheless, it seems to be the high privilege of countries outside Asia to carry the burden of Asia on their shoulders, and repeatedly things happen and decisions are made affecting Asia in which Asia has little say."

India viewed the birth and liberation of Vietnam in the larger context of freedom and peace for the people of Asia and Africa. Nehru added, "... Freedom for them (people of Asia) is much more important than to those who have been used to freedom for a long time. Therefore, there is the passionate desire for peace and opportunity for progress in these countries and that is a common bond."

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character of the Vietminh leadership; the continued French colonial outposts in India; the emergence of communist China that bordered the communist-ruled part of Vietnam, and the fact that at the time France was with Britain, the chief source of weapons supply to India.

The Geneva Conference on Indo-China took place from 9 May to 21 July 1954, a day after the decisive defeat of the French. The new French Premier Mendes France realised that

France could no longer hold Indo-China in bondage. Britain and USSR played the role of catalytic agents and overcame the opposition of US secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai stole the limelight at the Conference.

In spite of India's significant role, India was not invited to the Conference, which peeved Nehru. He, however, deputed his confidant Krishna Menon to render informal assistance to the Conference. Nehru lamented that "we didn't stand on dignity, we just stood on the doorstep and tried to be helpful".

A significant contribution made by Zhou Enlai during the Conference was the proposal for the composition of the International Commission for Supervision and Control (ICSC) in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

The issue had become a sticky one since the Russian Foreign Minister Molotov had raised it earlier on 14 May 1954. India was invited to be the Chairman of the ICSC in the hope that she would be able to hold the balance. The Soviet delegation proposed four neutral nations as members, viz. Poland, Czechoslovakia, India and Pakistan. But

the non-Communists were opposed to it.

The British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden suggested five Colombo Plan nations, which Moscow's interlocutor Molotov rejected.

South Vietnam suggested the United Nations, which Communist China rejected. Both sides eloquently and stubbornly disagreed with each other.

Until 17 July, no agreement was reached, and a solution seemed elusive. On 18 July, however, Zhou Enlai proposed India, Poland and Canada as members. The proposal was accepted unanimously. In negotiating the proposal, the Chinese delegation acted in the sense of compromise. This was obviously Zhou Enlai's stand in Geneva, a position which the Chinese strongly urged other participants to share.

The Geneva Accords were the ray of hope in the dark clouds that overshadowed the Conference. The presence of ICSC represented the interest of the international community and was a symbol, albeit a weak one, of peace.

But the International Commission was soon inflicted with the atmosphere of the Cold War that prevailed between the Great Power blocs. Canada usually took a pro-Western stance while Poland adopted a pro-Soviet posture. India's task as the chair was unenviable. Pressure from all sides was mounted to use the Commission as a tool for one side or the other and for propagating the Cold War. India appointed T.N. Kaul, former Foreign Secretary as the Chairman of ICSC. When Kaul met Nehru prior to his departure to Vietnam, the PM told Kaul about India's close ties with the coun-

tries of Indo-China.

He emphasised the fact that the people of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia were first and last, nationalists and patriots. Vietnam had resisted feudal China's domination for more than one thousand years.

He further told Kaul that under Ho Chi Minh's leadership, Vietnam would not submit to foreign domination.

Nehru warned Kaul that India's position as Chairman of the ICSC was important and delicate and that he hoped Kaul would discharge the onerous responsibilities impartially, in accordance with the letter and spirit of the Geneva Accords.

India welcomed the birth of Vietnam as an aspect of the resurgence of Asia and also the Geneva Accords.

Participating in a discussion on the Demands for Grants of the Ministry of External Affairs on 31 March 1955, ahead of the Bandung Conference, Nehru said, "it had become a regular practice for the affairs of Asia to be determined by certain great powers in Europe or sometimes in America, and the fact that people of Asia might have any views about those subjects was not considered a matter of very great importance. It is true that some importance is attached to those views now, because they cannot be ignored; nevertheless, it seems to be the high privilege of countries outside Asia to carry the burden of Asia on their shoulders, and repeatedly things happen and decisions are made affecting Asia in which Asia has little say."

India viewed the birth and liberation of Vietnam in the larger context of freedom and peace for the people of Asia and Africa. Nehru added, "... Freedom for them (people of Asia) is much more important than to those who have been used to freedom for a long time. Therefore, there is the passionate desire for peace and opportunity for progress in these countries and that is a common bond."

(To be Continued.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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India must act

SIR, The fast unfolding developments in Bangladesh are doubtless a 'major diplomatic challenge for India' (Aug. 7). What started off as a student agitation against a quota system for jobs introduced by the government appears to have been hijacked by fundamentalist elements, snowballing into an anti-establishment agitation, catching the government and its security agencies unawares. Causing large scale loss of lives and destruction of properties, the upheaval has forced Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee the country.

The illustrious daughter of Banghabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman might have ruled the nation in an autocratic fashion, during her 15-year tenure, but she did a great job of growing the nation's economy, besides upholding secularism, while keeping in check the fundamentalist forces.

In retrospect, it is clear that her political opponents were only waiting for an opportune moment to strike at and topple her

government, by letting loose unprecedented violence.

The situation is fraught with grave consequences not only for Bangladesh, but also for India, which has always played an important role in its affairs, right from its birth.

Any unchecked violence, especially against Hindu minorities in that country may have

IGNORANT

SIR, Defacing the statue of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, the Father of Bangladesh, is not just an act of vandalism, it is an attempt to erase history and disrespect the legacy of a leader who played a pivotal role in the creation of the country. Such actions reflect profound ignorance and a dangerous desire to rewrite the past to fit certain narratives.

Those who seek to erase the name of their nation's founding father are essentially disowning their heritage and identity. It is crucial for a nation to honor and remember its roots to build a unified and informed future.

Disrespecting Sheikh Mujib's memory undermines the sacrifices made for independence and reveals a disturbing disregard for the truth. The actions of these individuals must be condemned and countered with a commitment to preserving historical integrity.

Yours, etc., Sukanta Mandal, Malda, 7 August.

consequences in India, instigating the right wing groups here into retaliatory attacks, disturbing the prevailing peace here.

Further, having one more hostile neighbour is not in India's interests. Also, the continuation of violence and unrest may cause flight of capital, discouraging investors, impacting the small nation's economy, besides increasing the possibility of illegal immigration into India, already a sore point between the two states. Considering all this, India

needs to act with alacrity and prevent its eastern neighbour from sliding further into anarchy.

Yours, etc., V. Jayaraman, Chennai, 7 August.

NOT JUST QUOTAS

SIR, I refer to your editorial, "Targeted quotas". The Supreme Court's decision to direct governments to provide separate quotas for extremely backward people within the SC-ST category has the potential to bring about significant changes in Indian society.

This move aims to ensure that the most marginalised within these already disadvantaged groups receive adequate representation and opportunities. By advocating for logical and scientific criteria to determine these quotas, the Court emphasises a methodical approach to social justice, placing the responsibility on the government to implement these measures fairly and transparently.

However, the risk of politicisation looms large. Politicians might manipulate the allocation of benefits to maintain their vote banks, potentially reducing advantages for certain sub-castes.

This could undermine the objective of the Court's decision, perpetuating existing inequalities rather than addressing them.

Additionally, this decision might spark demands for further caste enumeration and classification among backward classes, which could intensify societal divisions and animosities. Such classification could lead to increased competition among various sub-groups, creating further discord.

Moreover, with government jobs constituting only 2.8 per cent of the total employment opportunities, relying solely on quotas is insufficient to uplift Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

There needs to be a broader strategy that includes education, skill development, and economic opportunities to ensure comprehensive development and empowerment of these communities. Quotas should be part of a larger framework of affirmative action and social welfare policies designed to address the root causes of inequality and marginalisation.

Yours, etc., Amarjeet Kumar, Hazaribagh, 4 August.

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ASIAN VOICES

US' nasty doping smears only sully itself

The applause audiences have given the Chinese swimmers at the Paris Olympics for their good performance that won their country 12 medals as of Tuesday belies the China-bashing smears by some from the United States.

It is the splendid efforts of the Chinese swimmers that have prompted those with a political intent to leave no stone unturned in their dirty trick of tirelessly fabricating a dope scandal to stigmatize the Chinese athletes.

After 19-year-old Chinese swimmer Pan Zhanle set a new world record of 46.40 seconds when he stormed to victory in the men's 100m freestyle final on Wednesday last week, eclipsing his own previous record of 46.80 seconds set in Doha in February, those China beshmirchers alleged his achievement was "inhuman" and could only be explained by doping, despite Pan having a clean record in that regard. Yet when a US swimmer performs "inhumanly", they call him "a flying fish".

And after China clinched its second swimming gold of the Paris Games by winning the men's 4x100m medley relay final on Sunday, ending the US' run of 10 successive gold medals in this event dating back to the Los Angeles 1984 Games, exactly the same group of people raised their voices again to claim the Chinese win was only achieved by doping. According to World Aquatics, the sport's governing body, the 31 athletes of the Chinese swimming team

CHINADAILY

underwent the most intensive testing, with each person being tested an average 21 times this year before the Paris Olympics started last month, while the personal average number of times of testing for all the swimmers taking part in the Games during the same period of time was 3.4.

The frequent testing was still intensively carried out after the Chinese swimming team reached Paris. Within the first 10 days of their arrival, the Chinese athletes had been checked by the World Anti-Doping Agency nearly 200 times, which means each person had been tested five to seven times on average a day during this period, with the first test at 6 am and the last one nontill midnight in some cases.

That WADA has not found any problem with the Chinese swimmers has even become an excuse for some in the US, including the United States Anti-Doping Agency and some media outlets, to openly doubt its integrity and professionalism, which WADA firmly rebutted, saying that the US is trying to politicize the anti-doping cause and introduce its geopolitical schemes into the Olympics.

Shortly before the opening of the Paris Olympics, bipartisan House Energy and Commerce Committee leaders even required WADA President Witold Banka to attend a hearing of the committee on its probe into the WADA's testings of Chinese swimmers. That was understandably refused by the latter, who claimed, instead, that the organization plans to review the US' Rodchenkov Anti-Doping Act to ensure it complies with the rules of the regulatory body, noting "The United States cannot give themselves the right to investigate anti-doping cases in all countries in the world." The bill gives USADA and the US Department of Justice broad powers, including requiring international sports organizations to share investigative information and even allowing US judicial agencies to conduct cross-border investigations into overseas individuals and organizations.

History will be kinder to Sheikh Hasina

BHARAT DOGRA

Western media has a strange record of being very harsh to several leaders of the world at certain phases in time. To give a prominent example, at a time when Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi had her finest hour while leading the country in the difficult times that culminated in the liberation of Bangladesh (of course this was much before the emergency days of 1975-77), the Western media inflicted much unjustified criticism on her efforts which were aimed at stopping Pakistan's genocidal actions.

In more recent times it was Sheikh Hasina who was at the receiving end of highly exaggerated criticism from Western media during her last few difficult months as the longest serving Prime Minister of Bangladesh, something which appears to be continuing even after her ouster. However those of us living in the immediate neighborhood should be capable of a more nuanced and balanced understanding of recent events as well as the overall legacy of Sheikh Hasina, and her leadership of her country.

Whatever some belligerent critics may be saying today, what one can assert with confidence is that when history records the events of these times, it will not be harsh to Sheikh Hasina. Instead, while it will record some mistakes she made and from which lessons must be learnt, on the whole, it will look at her with sympathy and overall have a positive view of her efforts and struggles.

Historians will view with great sympathy a lady who at the age of 27 received the devastating news that her parents, her 10-year-old brother and in fact almost all family members



had been murdered in the most cruel way in a coup against her beloved father, loved and respected as Bangabandhu all over the country by tens of millions of people. She herself had escaped only because she along with a sister was visiting West Germany. It would be difficult for anyone to recover completely from such a traumatic experience.

However this brave lady made a courageous effort not just to recover but also to leap into the struggles of her country in very difficult and high-risk situations. After spending some time in India, she went to Bangladesh at a time when hostile forces, including those responsible for the murder of her family members, were still in powerful positions. The political party of her father the Awami League was in a weakened position following hos-

tility and victimization by rulers. It was in such difficult conditions that she could strengthen the party and lead it to victory in elections for her first tenure as Prime Minister.

Again in difficult conditions she could return to election victory later and provide stability to her country for a stretch of almost 15 years. During her time the country could achieve significant development and in respect of some important human development indicators it could emerge much ahead of Pakistan.

It was during the Covid-19 days that the development effort suffered a big setback, partly as a result of the high dependence of the country on garment exports, which reflected a weakness of the economy. Once the economy faltered, problems like unemployment became more glaring

and opposition to reservations in jobs for freedom fighters increased. However Western media has not given much attention to some sincere efforts the Hasina government made for redressing such grievances.

Instead the Western media has given much more emphasis to her unhelpful attitude against opposition parties and forces. This writer has been consistently asserting the need for better relations between government and opposition parties, particularly in the context of South Asia. However, in the context of the opposition with which Sheikh Hasina had to deal, we should remember that for many years a significant section of them had consisted of fanatic and fundamentalist violent elements. Several of them had collaborated with Pakistan in its geno-

cidal actions. Some of them have been involved in violence against minorities like Hindus, Buddhists and Christians. Some of these had been involved with or were close to the forces which supported the murderers of Bangabandhu and other family members of Sheikh Hasina. So if there were problems in relations with such people and forces, these can be understood.

This is not to say that better policy and crisis management options were not available. This is also not to say that corruption was not a problem. With better skills at least the more sincere, non-fanatical elements among protesters could have been satisfied with some timely, much needed reforms.

Again, it is not that such efforts were not made by the Hasina government. However when a significant, resourceful section of opponents is bent on continuing violence and mischief, then the task of any government in finding timely, satisfactory solutions becomes more difficult.

What made the situation much more difficult was the foreign hand regarding which she warned in recent times even in Parliament. We have not heard the last of this yet and in the course of time it is likely that much more will be revealed just as much more was revealed later in the case of the murder most foul of Bangabandhu and his family members.

What we can certainly say even at the present juncture is that the highly exaggerated criticism of Sheikh Hasina is certainly not justified and history will confirm that her record as a leader was much better than what is being stated commonly these days.

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100 YEARS AGO

OCCASIONAL NOTE

MANY of the tragic incidents on the Frontier arise out of attempts to storm a watch-tower held by a few fanatical Pathans. These towers, built of mud many feet thick, are impervious to bullets and shrapnel, and can only be demolished by the use of explosives laid at the base or by common shell, the manufacture, of which has been almost abandoned. A few years before the late War, we lost five officers and nearly forty men in an attack upon one of these towers, held by half-a-dozen Pathans who could not be dislodged by the means at the command of the regiment sent out to capture them. The story from Tochi follows similar lines, except that in this case the two khassadars who seized the tower were effectually disposed of by what the Simla telegram calls "a small fifteen pounder."

NEWS ITEMS

VIGOROUS IN NORTH-WEST INDIA

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
THE rainfall for the week ending July 30 was scanty in Madras, South-East Madras, Deccan, the Bay Inlands, Orissa, United Provinces, East Konkan, and Hyderabad South; Normal in Upper Burma, Assam, Bengal, Bihar, United Provinces, West Sind, Central India, East Central Provinces, East Bombay, Deccan, Hyderabad North, Mysore and the Madras coast, north. Excess elsewhere. The monsoon was vigorous in North-west India.

RIVERS SUBSIDING

MYSORE GOVERNMENT RELIEF MEASURES

REPORTS from the affected areas indicate that the floods are subsiding everywhere. Kannambady discharge over the dam has fallen from 18 to 8 feet. The Government has ordered a free supply of timber from the forests to those rendered homeless. Relief parties with food are visiting several of the affected areas. It reported that Sivasamudram bridge has been completely washed away

APPEAL FOR FUNDS

To relieve the widespread distress caused by the floods, the local press is making a unanimous appeal for funds. "The task of relief is one far beyond local resources," says one paper. "Outside help is urgently needed if famine and starvation are not to be added the horrors caused by the floods. In this work of relieving distress all India should play a part."

SITUATION IN MYSORE

KRISHNARAJASAGARA REPORTED SAFE

A PRESS communique issued by the Government of Mysore, reviewing the flood situation in the State, says that the reports from various districts confirm the hope entertained yesterday that the floods were subsiding in all districts. Reports from Sivasamudram are assuring and Krishnarajasagara dam is reported safe.

The Deputy Commissioner of Shimoga reports that the statement made in yesterday's communique that the bridge near Charadi has been washed away is inaccurate and that it was only a small culvert near the bridge which was washed away. The Deputy Commissioner has been requested to organize relief parties immediately, consisting of a Revenue Sub-Division Officer, an Assistant Engineer, an Amildar, a Police Inspector, and 612 coolies in each affected district with a view to afford immediate relief to those who have had to abandon their houses.

A feature in connection with the distress in Mysore is the prompt help rendered by non-officials.

TO PREVENT WARS

GERMAN SUGGESTIONS TO THE LEAGUE

THE Government has informed the Secretariat of the League of Nations of its disagreement with the Mutual Guarantee Pact as ill-fitted to secure universal security and limitation of armaments. It is pointed out that a totally disarmed Germany would be in an impossible position.

The German Government has submitted the alternative suggestions that instead of piling up treaties and agreements subsidiary to the Covenant, the latter itself should be more thoroughly developed, that the violent settlement of disputes should be prohibited, that an Arbitration Court for political disputes should be instituted, and especially that disarmament should be compulsory for all States.

The Note adds that Germany will then be ready to enter the society of nations to co-operate in the preservation of peace.

Stepping into minds of Dhaka looters

SULAGNA MOHANTY

In recent days, the looting of personal belongings from the residence of Sheikh Hasina, the former Prime Minister of Bangladesh, has captivated the public's attention and offered a revealing look into the complexities of human behaviour during societal unrest. This incident occurring amid widespread protests invites analysis of the psychological, social and economic dynamics at play.

At the core of this event is the psychological concept of de-individualisation which occurs when individuals lose their sense of personal identity within a crowd. This phenomenon reduces personal accountability allowing people to engage in actions they might typically avoid. In the chaotic environment of a protest, the anonymity provided by the crowd can diminish individual inhibitions, leading to impulsive and sometimes destructive behaviour.

This looting also accentuates the process of dehumanization directed at authority figures. Sheikh Hasina as the former head of state represents authority and power. During protests, authority figures often become symbols of oppression or targets of frustration. The looting of her personal belongings reflects a desire to strip her of her humanity; to reduce her from a national leader to a mere victim.

This dehumanization allows protesters to justify their actions and distance themselves from empathy.

The male looters' flaunting of Sheikh Hasina's expensive sarees and inner garments is a complex act intertwined with symbolic factors. By publicly displaying these intimate items, the looters not only tried to challenge Sheikh Hasina's authority and dignity but also engaged in symbolic defiance against the establishment. The exposure of inner garments, typically personal and hidden for a woman, is a deliberate violation of privacy meant to humiliate the former leader. In a patriarchal society, this behaviour reflects entrenched gendered power dynamics where men assert dominance and control over women.

By handling and showcasing Sheikh Hasina's clothing including her sarees and inner garments, the looters reinforce gender stereotypes casting her as vulnerable and themselves as aggressors thus amplifying the societal issues of power imbalance and disrespect for women's autonomy.

Economic disparities play a significant role in such acts of looting. When communities face inequality, frustration and resentment can build to a boiling point. The act of looting here can be perceived as reclaiming power or agency against perceived injustices. For some protesters, the personal possessions of Sheikh Hasina may symbolize wealth and privi-



lege intensifying their anger and prompting them to act.

Beyond material gain, looting also carries symbolic significance where by seizing personal items the protesters try to send a powerful message that the comfort and security of those in power can be disrupted just as ordinary people's lives are. This act of defiance is a form of protest against the perceived inequities perpetuated by those in authority.

The intensity of emotions within a crowd can quickly become contagious. Emotional contagion spreads feelings rapidly among individuals, often leading them to

mirror each other's actions. When one person starts looting, it can trigger a chain reaction with others following suit, caught up in the collective momentum. Additionally, the phenomenon of group polarization aggravates these dynamics. Within a group, shared emotions and beliefs can become more extreme, reinforcing the group's existing attitudes. In the case of the protests, the collective anger and frustration among the demonstrators intensified and led to a loop that fuelled the looting.

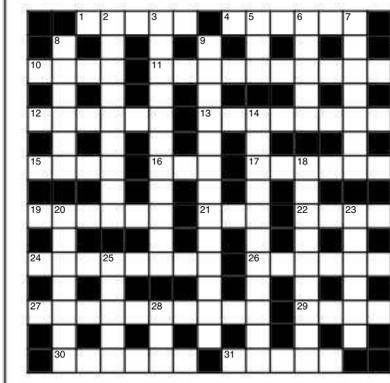
The looting of Sheikh Hasina's personal belongings is a troubling

manifestation of the complex interplay between psychological, social and economic factors. Such behaviour is not only destructive but also deeply concerning and calls for a thorough analysis to understand the motivations driving individuals to such actions. It is crucial to delve into the underlying causes to better comprehend the human psyche during times of upheaval. By doing so, one can get valuable insights into collective behaviour and work toward preventing such reprehensible outcomes in the future.

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- ACROSS**
- 1/4 Cause of 3,18, it's been claimed - crass! Please go for treatment (5,6)
 - 10 Rector charging hundred for rent (4)
 - 11 City junior left out what crook might be doing with money (10)
 - 12 Has to move a long way back for descendants of Muhammad (6)
 - 13 Cry of anguish during row - becoming more sensitive (8)
 - 15 Carlyle maybe covering original matter (4)
 - 16 See 28 Down
 - 17 Potter's wife and daughter in valley (6)

- DOWN**
- 19 Tree burning - 27 content partially? (6)
 - 21 Was due to read out lines (3)
 - 22 Force to stop misrepresentation - go! (4)
 - 24 Crack on, right - English runner going a long way round (3-5)
 - 26 Cake's smell I'm not too sure about (6)
 - 27 One lacking attacked this rich old member of family responsible for 1,4, allegedly (10)
 - 29 Romeo's time for passion (4)
 - 30 Escort out pretty unpleasant person (6)
 - 31 Liberal not present - that's handy (2,3)

- DOWN**
- 2 One flaming woman - Marjorie - initially kept in picture? That's taking a broad view (9)
 - 3 Statesman shot African lion (11)
 - 5 See 28
 - 6 Cycling race at home ground (5)
 - 7 Swimmer in northern city upset about article (4,3)
 - 8 Little bit extra? Son's grabbed 50! (6)
 - 9 Bit loopy, endlessly untrue rambling - best say no more! (6,4,3)
 - 14 Crazy dame found defending subject never previously considered (9-2)
 - 18 Dead tree involved in trickery with others ultimately - ecological disaster (9)
 - 20 Kind of rock music essentially gone weird (7)
 - 23 Female Republican in Georgia's unconventional (6)
 - 25 Scorer Henry cuts a tragic figure (5)
 - 28/5/16 Share a new doctor - French one didn't hang around (3,3,3)

NOTE: Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required. (By arrangement with The Independent, London)

Meghalaya temporarily shuts markets with Bangladesh border amid security concerns

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SHILLONG, 8 AUGUST

In response to the escalating unrest in Bangladesh, the Meghalaya government has decided to temporarily halt operations at the border haats—local markets situated along the international boundary shared with the neighboring country.

Officials have cited security concerns as the primary reason for this decision.

Both the Border Security Force (BSF) and state police have provided intelligence that indicates a heightened risk of cross-border activities if the markets were to remain open.

These activities could involve unauthorised entry by Bangladeshi nationals, the movement of outlawed militant groups, smuggling, and other illegal endeavors, according to official reports.

At present, Meghalaya hosts two operational border haats: one in Balat, located in the East Khasi Hills district, and the other in Kalaichar, situated in the South West Garo Hills district.

Several other border haats are in the process of being activated but are not yet fully operational.

As a precautionary measure, the state government has implemented a nightly curfew along the international border with Bangladesh, effective from 6 pm to 6 am, until further notice.

A meeting involving various stakeholders, including the BSF and state police, is scheduled to discuss the situation further and devise strategies to mitigate the risks posed by anti-national elements potentially exploiting the current circumstances. There are approximately 22 proposed border haats along Meghalaya's 443-kilometer-long international border with Bangladesh.

Manipur govt condemns doctored audio clip of CM

Calling it a deliberate attempt to disrupt ongoing peace efforts in the violence-stricken state

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE IMPHAL, 8 AUGUST

The Manipur government has condemned the circulation of a doctored audio clip falsely attributed to Chief Minister N Biren Singh, calling it a deliberate attempt to disrupt ongoing peace efforts in the violence-stricken state.

The audio, which contains inflammatory remarks against a specific community, was shared widely on social media, raising concerns about its potential to incite further unrest.

In an official statement, the government highlighted that the audio clip is a malicious fabrication aimed at undermining the fragile peace that the state has been striving to restore through multiple initiatives.

"It has come to the notice



of the government that an audio recording, falsely claiming to be that of the Chief Minister, is being circulated on social media platforms.

This doctored audio is a malicious attempt by certain sections to incite communal violence or derail the process of peace," the statement

read. The Manipur Police have launched an investigation to trace the source of the audio and identify those responsible for this defamatory campaign.

The authorities have vowed to take strict legal action against all individuals and organisations involved in the dissemination of the fake clip.

As tensions in Manipur remain high due to the ongoing ethnic conflicts, the government has urged the public to exercise caution and refrain from sharing unverified information.

The statement emphasised the importance of maintaining peace and harmony among the state's diverse communities, stating that any actions threatening the peace process will be met with zero tolerance.

In recent months, Manipur

has been grappling with ethnic violence that has claimed numerous lives and displaced thousands.

The state government, in collaboration with central authorities and local leaders, has been working on various initiatives to restore normalcy and foster reconciliation among the affected communities. However, incidents like the spread of this doctored audio clip pose significant challenges to these efforts.

The government has called on social media platforms to take responsibility by swiftly removing the fake audio and monitoring content that could incite violence or spread misinformation.

Additionally, the state government has appealed to the citizens to verify the authenticity of information before sharing it, urging them to contribute positively to the peace-building process.

'Border security tightened amid Bangladesh unrest'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 8 AUGUST



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Thursday that the Central government has directed the state to ensure full security along the India-Bangladesh border.

Sarma emphasised that his state is maintaining rigorous surveillance, allowing entry only to individuals with valid passports, visas, and verified citizenship. "The recent changes in Bangladesh's political regime have not resulted in any unauthorised crossings into our territory. We remain committed to securing the border and preventing any illegal infiltration," Sarma stated.

He expressed confidence in the Indian government's efforts, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, to safeguard Hindu, Sikh, Jain, Buddhist, and Christian communities in Bangladesh.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh is witnessing significant political upheaval. The country is set to receive an interim government on Thursday following the resignation of Prime Minister

Sheikh Hasina. Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has been confirmed as the leader of the new administration.

The unrest in Bangladesh has prompted heightened vigilance on the Indian side of the border. Bangladesh, which has been led by Sheikh Hasina for 15 years, is now facing an unprecedented crisis as she resigned and fled the country amidst escalating protests.

Initially sparked by the Opposition to a controversial jobs quota system, the unrest has ballooned into widespread resistance against her government, leading to over 300 deaths in recent weeks.

In response to the turmoil in Bangladesh, other northeastern states sharing borders with the country, including Meghalaya, Tripura, and Mizoram, have also ramped up security measures.

Yogi calls for self-employment drive to ensure self-reliance among UP youths

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 8 AUGUST



To connect educated and trained youths in Uttar Pradesh with self-employment opportunities, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has called for the launch of the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan.

During a high-level meeting on Thursday, the chief minister said, "In the original budget for the financial year 2024-25, the government had allocated funds for the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan'. The time has now come to implement this initiative."

Observing the presentation of the MSME Department regarding the campaign, the chief minister stated that this scheme would play a

significant role in efforts to create self-employment. He emphasised that more youth should be made aware of the scheme to encourage them to earn their livelihood and become self-reliant.

The Principal Secretary of MSME informed the chief minister that the campaign would provide financial grants to 100,000 youth annually by facilitating loans from banks, enabling the estab-

lishment of 100,000 micro enterprises each year. "Thus, over the next 10 years, 1 million youth will have the opportunity to engage in self-employment," he noted.

The chief minister instructed that under the campaign, provisions should be made to offer grants not only to the general category but also to OBCs, women, Divyangjans, and SC/ST individuals men as well as women for setting up enterprises. Additionally, subsidies should be provided on margin money.

The chief minister said to ensure availability of interest-free loans to young entrepreneurs as far as possible, the facility of interest subsidy and CGTMSE coverage should also be provided for the fixed period of a loan.

BJP is working like a real estate company: Akhilesh Yadav

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Samajwadi Party President Akhilesh Yadav reacting on the Central Government's Waqf Board Amendment Bill that BJP is working like a real estate company. Their aim is to sell land like defence, railway, Nazul land, he alleged.

Akhilesh Yadav said that BJP should give in writing that Waqf lands will not be sold.

He wrote on social media site X that all these amendments 'of Waqf Board' are also just an excuse. The target is to sell land like defence, railways, Nazul land.

"After Waqf Board lands, Defence Land, Railway Land, Nazul Land, they are just another link in the chain of 'Scheme for the benefit of BJP'. Why doesn't BJP write

openly: 'Issued in the interest of BJP', he added.

"There should be a written guarantee that Waqf Board lands will not be sold," Akhilesh Yadav demanded.

He further says, "BJP is working like a real estate company. It should rename itself by writing 'Zameen' in its name instead of 'Janta: Bharatiya Zameen Party.'"

The Central Government is going to present the Waqf Board Amendment Bill in the Lok Sabha likely today, regarding which a round of rhetoric is going on.

'Refer Waqf Bill to Standing Committee of Parliament'

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the national religion."

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati on Thursday urged the BJP government not to rush the passage of the Waqf Amendment Bill and instead refer it to the Standing Committee of Parliament.

In a couple of tweets on the social platform X on Thursday, Mayawati wrote, "The forceful interference by the central and UP governments in matters related to mosques, madrassas, waqfs, etc., and the excessive interest in religious affairs such as temples and monasteries, is contrary to the Constitution and its principle of secularism. Is such narrow and selfish politics necessary? The government should adhere to

the national religion." She further said, "Under the guise of temple-mosque issues, caste, religion, and communal frenzy, Congress, BJP, and others did a lot of politics and reaped electoral benefits. However, now is the time to focus on addressing issues like reservation, poverty, unemployment, inflation, and backwardness to truly demonstrate patriotism."

She said in view of the doubts, apprehensions, and objections that have come to light regarding the Waqf (Amendment) Bill presented in Parliament on Thursday, it would be appropriate to refer the Bill to the Standing Committee of Parliament for better consideration. It would be better if the government does not act hastily on such sensitive issues, she added.

Over 45 lakh poor patients benefit from Ayushman cards in UP

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Uttar Pradesh stands out as the leading state in the country with the highest number of Ayushman card holders, having issued over 5 crore Ayushman cards.

Under Chief Minister Yogi's initiative, cardholders are receiving accessible treatment for serious illnesses. This care is being provided by specialist doctors at major corporate medical institutions.

Principal Secretary of Medical, Health, and Family Wel-

fare, Partha Sarathi Sen Sharma, stated here on Thursday that, "Following Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's directives, Ayushman cards are being issued on an urgent basis to extend the benefits of Ayushman Bharat to the underprivileged. As a result, there are now 5 crore 11 lakh 72 thousand 647 Ayushman cardholders in the state, receiving treatment at 5,669 hospitals."

He further noted, "This network includes 2,948 government hospitals and 2,721 private hospitals. Additionally, cardholders are also receiving



care at leading corporate hospitals in the state, such as Apollo, Medanta, Yashoda, Regency, and Tander Palm. To date, the scheme has expended Rs 7,040 crore for the treatment of 45,19,375

patients."

The Principal Secretary highlighted that Uttar Pradesh has consistently been the top state in the country for issuing Ayushman cards over the past several years. Madhya Pradesh follows in second place with 4 crore 3 lakh cards issued, while Bihar ranks third with 3 crore 26 lakh cards.

Sangeeta Singh, CEO of the State Agency for Comprehensive Health and Integrated Services (SACHIS), highlighted that even the most severe conditions of Ayushman cardholders are

being effectively treated. She reported that, so far, 6,98,831 patients have received tertiary care, with Rs 2,557 crore spent on their treatment, including Rs 684 crore for 66,513 heart patients.

She further mentioned that 1,79,141 patients from other states have benefited from the state's advanced health services, with Rs 491 crore allocated for their treatment. Additionally, 3,05,264 residents of Uttar Pradesh who were living outside the state received treatment elsewhere, with Rs 821 crore spent on their care.

UP govt targets new I-Day record of unfurling over 4.75 crore tricolours

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 8 AUGUST

The Uttar Pradesh government has decided to set new milestone this Independence Day by unfurling over 4.75 crore tricolours across the state, officials here on Thursday said.

The figure represents a 5 to 10 per cent increase compared to last year when 4.5 crore tricolours were hoisted. It is worth mentioning here that the UP government is

set to organise the 'Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan' from August 13 to 15 to inspire patriotism in citizens. Each district has been assigned a target to contribute to achieving the goal of over 4.75 tricolours.

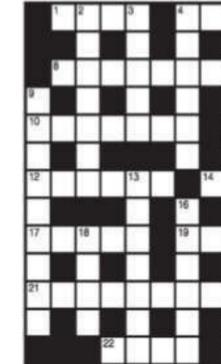
In 2022 and 2023, Uttar Pradesh led the nation in the Har Ghar Tiranga Abhiyan, hoisting over 4.5 crore flags. Citizens also enthusiastically participated in the selfie upload campaign, contributing the highest number of selfies. This year, Independ-

ence Day will be celebrated with the same enthusiasm.

Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has issued directives for the initiative. Approximately 4.30 crore flags will be hoisted, including four crore at homes and 30 lakh at establishments across the state. The public will be encouraged through various media to display the tricolour at homes, offices, commercial and industrial establishments, Anganwadi centres, hospitals, and other public places.

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10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



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4 Require (4)
8 The best (6,2,4)
10 Unyielding (7)
11 Fibre from old rope (5)
12 Short sleep (6)
14 Despot (6)
17 In a very great degree (2,3)
19 Expand (7)
21 State employee (5,7)
22 Greenish-blue (4)
23 A few (4)

DOWN
2 Stylish (7)
3 Swedish monetary unit (5)
4 Nakedness (6)
5 Thrift (7)
6 Security device (4)
7 Allowed (9)
9 Type of car (9)
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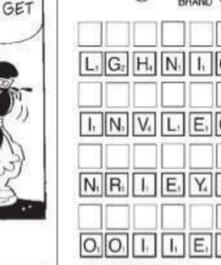
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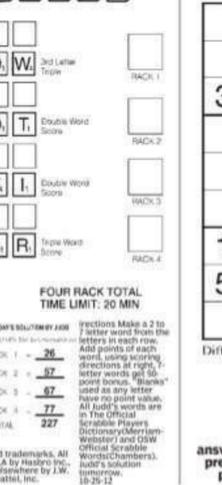
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'Main suspect in Taylor Swift concert plot backed Islamic State'

Three sold-out concerts were cancelled a day earlier because of the plot

ASSOCIATED PRESS VIENNA, 8 AUGUST

Both suspects in a foiled plot to attack Taylor Swift shows in Vienna appeared to be inspired by the Islamic State group and al-Qaida, Austrian authorities said Thursday, and investigators found bomb-making materials at one of their homes. Officials said one of the two confessed to planning to "kill as many people as possible outside the concert venue."



Three sold-out concerts were canceled a day earlier because of the plot, devastating Swifties from across the globe, many of whom had dropped thousands of euros (dollars) on travel and lodging in Austria's expensive capital city to attend the Eras Tour shows at the Ernst Happel Stadium, which sat empty Thursday morning as media filming outside. Concert organizers said they stood behind their decision to cancel all three events, saying they expected up to 65,000 fans inside the stadium at each concert and as many as 30,000 onlookers outside. The foiled attack was planned for Thursday or Friday, according to Austria's interior minister, Gerhard Karner.

about whether to cancel the shows, but in the end it was the organizer who made the call. Europe is enamored with the American superstar, with the German town of Gelsenkirchen renaming itself "Swiftkirchen" before its mid-July concerts. Austria's Vice-Chancellor Werner Kogler wrote on social platform X: "For many, a dream has been shattered today. On three evenings in Vienna, tens of thousands of #Swifties should have celebrated life together." "I am very sorry that you were denied this. Swifties stick together, hate and terror can't destroy that," Kogler added. Austrian Chancellor Karl Nehammer posted on X that "the cancellation of the Taylor Swift concerts by the organizers is a bitter disappointment for all fans in Austria."

Russia says fighting continues in Ukrainian incursion into Kursk region

ASSOCIATED PRESS KYIV, 8 AUGUST



Russian troops are fighting Ukrainian forces in the Kursk region in the third day of one of the largest cross-border incursions of the war, the Russian Defense Ministry said Thursday. A ministry statement said the Russian military and border guards have blocked Ukrainian forces from advancing deeper into Kursk region in southwest Russia and that the army is attacking Ukrainian combatants who are trying to advance on the area from Ukraine's Sumy region. "Attempts by individual units to break through deep into the territory in the Kursk direction are being suppressed," the ministry said. The Institute for the Study of War, a Washington-based think tank, said that as of Wednesday, Ukrainian troops had advanced as much as 10 kilometers (6 miles) into Russian territory, but that information wasn't confirmed. Ukrainian officials haven't commented on the scope of the operation around the town of Sudzha.

combat forces are being actively destroyed. We hope that in the near future... the enemy will be stopped," the Kursk region's acting deputy governor Andrei Belostotsky said Thursday, according to state news agency RIA-Novosti. Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday described the incursion as a "large-scale provocation." Putin met with his top defense and security officials to discuss what he called the "indiscriminate shelling of civilian buildings, residential houses, ambulances with different types of weapons." He instructed the Cabinet to coordinate assistance to the Kursk region. The fighting is about 500 kilometers (320 miles) from Moscow. "The enemy has not advanced a single meter, on the contrary, it is retreating. The enemy's equipment and

One killed in US helicopter crash: One person was killed in a helicopter crash on Fort Novosel, Alabama in the US, officials said. According to Fort Novosel officials, the helicopter, an AH64 Apache, crashed during "routine flight training" on Wednesday at around 1.40 p.m.

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British anti-racism campaigners face down far right

ASSOCIATED PRESS LONDON, 8 AUGUST

British anti-racism campaigners filled the streets of towns and cities across the country and police put on a massive show of force, largely stifling a threatened wave of far-right demonstrations. Carrying signs saying "Refugees Welcome" and chanting "Who's streets? Our streets," people turned out in force on Wednesday to protect asylum service centers and the offices of immigration attorneys that had been listed as potential targets for hard-right attacks. The government also declared a national critical incident, putting 6,000 specially trained police on standby to respond to any disorder. Police said that protests and counterprotests were largely peaceful, though a small number of arrests were made. "The show of force from the police and, frankly, the show of unity from communities together defeated the challenges that we faced," Commissioner Mark Rowley, the head of London's Metropolitan Police Service, said Thursday. "It went off very peacefully last night, and the fears of extreme right disorder were abated." While authorities welcomed the relative calm, police and government officials remain on alert after misinformation about a knife attack that killed three young girls in the English seaside town of Southport fanned days of violence. Over 400 people have been arrested around the country after anti-immigrant mobs clashed with police.

Legal notice from the Debts Recovery Tribunal, Kolkata (DRT 3). Form No. 3 See Regulation-15(1)(a) / 16(3) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL KOLKATA (DRT 3) 8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building 42-C, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road Kolkata - 700071 Case No.: OA/652/2017 Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 Eth. No.: 4702 UCO BANK VS MD SAHEB ALI AND ANR. To: (1) Md Saheb Ali And Anr., Vill. Borsanapur, P.O. Beliaghata Bridge, P.S. Deganga, North Twenty Four Parganas, West Bengal - 743423 (2) Yusuf Ali, Vill. Borsanapur, P.O. Beliaghata Bridge, P.S. Deganga, North Twenty Four Parganas, West Bengal - 743423 WHEREAS OA/652/2017 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 12.06.2024 WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 14,64,044.00 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under: (i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted; (ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application; (iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties; (iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal; (v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets. You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 14.08.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence. Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 06.08.2024 Signature of the Officer authorised to issue summons sd/- Registrar-in-Charge Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal-3

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THUMBNAILS

Uganda government dedicates sub-stations built with POWERGRID as PMC. The President of Uganda Mr. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni and the Vice President of Uganda, Mr Jessica Alupo have dedicated Nebbi and Arua Sub-stations built with POWERGRID as PMC to the nation in presence of the Cabinet Minister of Energy, Ms. Ruth Ssentamu Nankabirwa, MPs and top officials from UETCL.

GAIL and RRVUNL come together for promoting clean power in Rajasthan: GAIL (India) Limited and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) today joined hands to optimise the operations of RRVUNL's gas-based power plants in Rajasthan.

SAIL declares financial result for Q1 FY'25: During Q1 FY'25, the Steel Authority of India's EBIT-DA grew by more than 15 per cent over the corresponding period last year (CPLY), in financial results for the quarter announced today.

RBI proposes public repository of digital lending apps to curb frauds

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In a significant move to curtail the rising fraud in the digital lending setup, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Thursday announced creating a public repository of Digital Lending Apps (DLAs).

While announcing the deliberations of the MPC meet, Governor Shaktikanta Das said the move aims to aid the customers in verifying the claim of DLAs association with the Regulated Entities.

He said that there were media reports that have highlighted continued presence of unscrupulous players in digital lending who falsely claim their association with RBI regulated entities.

According to the information shared by the Governor, the repository will be based on data submitted by the REs, without any intervention by RBI, directly to the repository.

This data will get updated as and when the REs report the details, i.e., addition of new DLAs or deletion of any existing DLA.

He said that the detailed instructions in this regard shall be issued shortly.



RBI also proposed to increase the frequency of reporting of credit information to credit information companies (CICs) to fortnightly basis or at shorter intervals.

At present, lenders are required to report credit information to credit information companies (CICs) on a monthly basis or at such shorter intervals as may be agreed between the lenders and the CICs.

Consequently, borrowers will benefit from faster updation of their credit information, especially when they repay their loans. The lenders, on their part, will be able to make a better risk assessment of borrowers, the RBI Governor said.

The Governor in his speech also highlighted that it is observed that the sectors in which pre-emptive regulatory

measures were announced by the RBI in November last year have shown moderation in credit growth.

However, certain segments of personal loans continue to witness high growth, he said.

Excess leverage through retail loans, mostly for consumption purposes, needs careful monitoring from macro-prudential point of view," he added.

"It calls for careful assessment and calibration of underwriting standards, as may be required, as well as post-sanction monitoring of such loans."

In September 2022, RBI released guidelines on Digital Lending addressing protection of customers interest, data privacy, concerns on interest rates and recovery practices, mis-selling, etc.

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Sensex, Nifty erase previous-session gains

The Nifty 50 closed with a loss of 181 points, or 0.74 per cent, at 24,117

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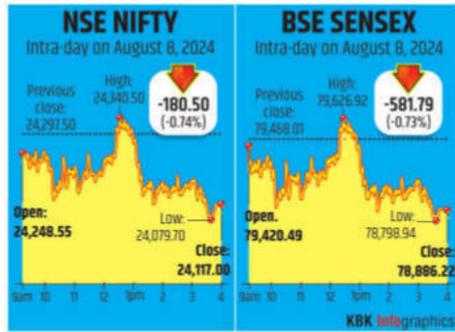
Benchmark indices erased their previous-session gains amid high volatility as the RBI policy outcome was on expected lines on Thursday.

The Nifty 50 closed with a loss of 181 points, or 0.74 per cent, at 24,117, while the Sensex settled at 78,886.22, down 582 points, or 0.73 per cent.

The India VIX rose over 2 per cent to end at 16.6. The VIX measures market volatility and fluctuations.

On the sectoral front, the losers were Nifty IT (1.90 per cent), Metal (1.74 per cent), Oil & Gas (1.32 per cent), Realty (1.21 per cent), Consumer Durables (0.83 per cent), and PSU Bank (0.78 per cent). Nifty Bank closed almost flat.

On the Nifty 50, the shares of LTIMindtree (4.09 per cent), Grasim (3.60 per cent)



India is also facing the heat over unrest in neighbouring Bangladesh.

Investors worry that a US economic slowdown could have significant global repercussions. Investors' risk appetites have been low after the weaker-than-expected July employment numbers.

Globally, the diverging monetary policies of major central banks are also contributing to market participants' nervousness.

US Fed maintained a status quo on policy rates in July and signalled rate cuts could start in September, the Bank of Japan raised interest rates, triggering reverse Yen carry trade and causing a sharp selloff in stocks.

India's Reserve Bank of India maintained a status quo on policy rates in line with expectations, and maintained its inflation and growth forecast for the current financial year FY25.

and Asian Paints (3.37 per cent) ended as the top losers.

Shares of Tata Motors (1.63 per cent), HDFC Life (1.57 per cent) and SBI Life (1.22 per cent) ended as the top gainers.

Mid and small-cap indices on the BSE also fell. BSE Midcap index fell 0.44 per cent, while the Smallcap index declined 0.16 per cent. The overall market cap-

italisation of BSE-listed firms dropped to nearly Rs 445.8 lakh crore from nearly Rs 448.6 lakh crore in the previous session.

In August, Nifty 50 is down over 3 per cent after two consecutive months of gains. The index is about 4 per cent down from its all-time high of 25,078.30 hit on August 1.

Geopolitical uncertainty is affecting market sentiment.

Amazon on a mission to empower local weavers & preserve national heritage

RITWIK MUKHERJEE
KOLKATA, 8 AUGUST

Tantuja, a brand dedicated to reviving Bengal's rich handloom heritage, faced challenges in market reach and logistics before partnering with Amazon in 2016. By leveraging Amazon's e-commerce tools and Fulfillment by Amazon (FBA), Tantuja expanded its global market presence, streamlined logistics and empowered local weavers by ensuring authenticity, quality and fair wages. This collaboration not only boosted Tantuja's sales and brand recognition but also supported their goal in making handloom traditions accessible to a wider audience while introducing eco-friendly practices.

Similarly, TJ Saree, based in Nadia, West Bengal, represents a community of 500 artisans and 100 designers specializing in Jamdani and Tant sarees. Prior to joining Amazon Karigar program in 2016, TJ Saree had limited exposure and struggled to reach a broader market. The platform's support in logistics, marketing, and operations allowed TJ Saree saw 30% to 40% surge in business, significantly enhancing their national reach. This partnership enabled TJ Saree to preserve traditional handlooms while innovating their products to meet modern demands, inspiring local artisans and proving that traditional crafts can flourish in the digital era.

These are just two cases in point. There are many such instances of how Amazon India is out on a mission to preserve India's heritage, empowering local weavers while ensuring fair wages and providing a platform to showcase their talent.

"Today, the Amazon Karigar Program impacts over 1.8 million (18 lakh) artisans, offering a selection of more than 200,000 (2 lakh) unique handmade products. These range from handloom and



handicraft items to hand-processed beauty and gourmet products, encompassing over 470 unique arts and crafts from across the country. This remarkable growth reflects our unwavering commitment to empower artisans and boost the rich cultural heritage of India to the world," said Amazon India spokesperson.

"At Amazon, we are constantly striving to help SMBs reach new heights by creating a community of artisans and weavers, to sell their products. These initiatives assume special significance as India celebrates yet another National Handloom Day.

Amazon India, over the years, has partnered with over 45 government emporiums, NGOs and trade bodies with aim to bridge the gap between the karigars and the sellers. We have onboarded more than 2,500 sellers, including master weavers, cooperatives, artisans, brands and APEX bodies, to sell online. Looking ahead, we aim to build on this foundation and continue making significant progress," the spokesperson added.

Interestingly, in 2017, Amazon had introduced the Karigar program with the aim of supporting small businesses and micro-entrepreneurs, such as weavers, artisans and craftsmen, to leverage e-commerce for their growth. This initiative

is driven by the intent to encourage digital inclusion, empowering the artisan and weaver community and offering them economic opportunities by enabling them to become sellers on the Amazon marketplace.

The Amazon Karigar program initiative helps bring artisans on board the e-commerce marketplace to expand online. The program provides an extra window for products by local artisans and weavers, to sell their products. These initiatives assume special significance as India celebrates yet another National Handloom Day.

Amazon India, over the years, has partnered with over 45 government emporiums, NGOs and trade bodies, to sell their products. These artisans are able to access their accounts in nine regional languages, including Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil. E-commerce can help karigars in their growth by helping them access untapped market opportunities and cater to region specific demands for unique handmade products, in India as well as many other global markets," the spokesperson pointed out.

signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to empower tribal artisans from the Visakhapatnam Division through economic opportunities, cultural preservation and tribal community development. This partnership aims to leverage the rich heritage and craftsmanship of the tribal communities residing in the hamlet of Sambhuvanipalem, located within the Kambalakonda Wildlife Sanctuary, to offer authentic handcrafted products to a global audience via Amazon's e-commerce platform.

"Our vision is to help artisans join the e-commerce marketplace and expand their online presence. Through our Amazon Karigar program, local artisans and weavers are able to sell their products on our marketplace. These artisans are able to access their accounts in nine regional languages, including Bengali, Gujarati, Hindi, Kannada, Marathi, Malayalam, Telugu, and Tamil. E-commerce can help karigars in their growth by helping them access untapped market opportunities and cater to region specific demands for unique handmade products, in India as well as many other global markets," the spokesperson pointed out.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SOVONA, date of birth 18-04-1962 / (Age-35), spouse of No. 14529034P Ex HAV Dey Bhupal Krishna, resident of Flat-8, 1st Floor, Thikana Apartment, 34, B. L. Ghosh Road, P.O.-Ariadaha, Dist.-North 24 Parganas (W.B), Pin-700057 have changed my name from Sovona and date of birth 18-04-1962 / (Age-35) to Sovona Dey, date of birth 02-04-1962 vide Affidavit No. 02 dated 06 Aug., 2024 before the Notary Public, Barrackpore, 24 Parganas (N), W.B.

That, Mr. Clarence Patrick Manuel and Mr. Clarence Manuel S/o Late K.V. George Manuel residing at 3F, Dr. G.S. Bose Road, Kolkata 700039, are the One and the Same identical person declared before the Judicial Court of Sealadah, Kolkata and Notarised by an Affidavit No. 96AB 951143 dated 8th Aug'24.

I, SAHADEB Dolui, S/o. Late Kanai Dolui, residing at 17/1/2, Kali Charan Ghosh Road, Kolkata-700050, West Bengal declare vide affidavit sworn before the Notary Public, Sealadah, Kolkata and Notarised by an Affidavit No. 96AB 951143 dated 8th Aug'24.

I, MD. SAIFUL Islam, son of Md. Ahia, residing at BA-39, Rajdanga, Sarat Park, 108, Shantipally, PO-E.K.T., P.S.-Kasba, Kolkata-700107 has changed my name and shall henceforth be known as Saiful Islam as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate, Alipore Court, Kolkata, West Bengal vide Affidavit No. 34515 of 25th day of September, 2020. Md. Saiful Islam & Saiful Islam both are same and identical person.

I, SRI DHARAMDAS Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharamdas Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharmdas Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharmadas Dayaram Hurre, son of Late Dayaram Aman Hurre, residing at BL-A, 2nd Floor, FL-2C, North Baksara, Faridpur Block, P.S.-Santragachi, Howrah-711104, employer for gain with South Eastern Railway are being one and the same person shall henceforth be known as Sri Dharamdas Dayaram Hurre so declared by oath before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (6th Court) 1st Class, Howrah, through affidavit dated: 15th July, 2024. No. 5196.

I, ADRIEN Peter Xavier, S/o. I. R. Xavier, residing at 132H/1, Ismail Street, Entally, Kolkata-700014, shall henceforth be known as Adrin Xavier as declared before the Notary Public Sealadah Court, vide Affidavit No. 10399, dated: 31st July, 2024. Adrien Peter Xavier and Adrin Xavier both are same and one identical person.

I, SRI DHARAMDAS Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharamdas Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharmadas Dayaram Hurre alias Sri Dharmadas Dayaram Hurre, son of Late Dayaram Aman Hurre, residing at BL-A, 2nd Floor, FL-2C, North Baksara, Faridpur Block, P.S.-Santragachi, Howrah-711104, employer for gain with South Eastern Railway are being one and the same person shall henceforth be known as Sri Dharamdas Dayaram Hurre so declared by oath before the Ld. Judicial Magistrate (6th Court) 1st Class, Howrah, through affidavit dated: 15th July, 2024. No. 5196.

I, BHAKTI Prasad Singha, S/o. Shakti Prasad Singha, residing at 13/31, P.N. Mitra Lane,

Kolkata-700053, shall henceforth be known as Bhakti Prasad Singha, S/o. Shakti Prasad Singha as declared before First Class Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta, vide Affidavit No. 1248 dated: 10th May, 2024, Bhakti Prasad Singha and Bhakti Prasad Singha both are same and one identical person.

I, PRASANTA Dey, S/o. Bhusan Chandra Dey, H/o. Subhra Dey residing at Arabinda Road 1st Bye Lane, Boki Bagan, Santragachi, Howrah-711104, shall henceforth be known as Prasanta Dey as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Howrah Court, vide Affidavit No. 2275, dated: 08-09-2020. Prasanta Dey and Prasanta Dey both are same and one identical person.

I, AARPAN Ghosh (existing name), son of Army Number 1548919H Dafadar / Clerk Atanu Ghosh of 18 Cavalry and permanent name resident of 'Siddhi Vinayak Apartment' Flat No. 1-D, 2 Vivekananda Colony near Chowman Restaurant, District: 24 Parganas (North), P.S.-Khardah, West Bengal, Kolkata-700114, have changed the spelling of my name from Arpan Ghosh to Aarpan Ghosh, S.I. No. 33AA368994 Judicial Magistrate 1st Class at Barrackpore, Affidavit Date 30 July, 24, both names pertain to one and same person.

I, MD. IQBAL, S/o. Late Md. Abdul Barkat, R/o. TSM, Cossipore Road, P.S.-Chitpur, Kolkata-700022, declare that my Late father's name has been recorded as Late Mohd. Zubair. Henceforth Late Md. Abdul Barkat and Late Mohd Zubair is identical same person vide affidavit sworn before 1st Class Magistrate, Kolkata, 3rd March, 2022.

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TENDER

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I, ROHAN Mukherjee, S/o. Late Rabin Mukherjee, R/o. J/16/706, Sukhobrishti New Town, AA-III, Kol-135, inform that I have lost my original Pass Certificate (X) issued from Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations, New Delhi, Passing Year-2016, having No.-TD70057598 and Unique ID-6249006. If anyone finds it, kindly contact on - 9674626964. I have filed an affidavit, regarding the same Pending School-St Joans School.

Shri Mrinmoy Jana, Resident of Kholore, Bagnan, Howrah, Pin - 711303 has lost original deed bearing No. I-282-3F-445/448 for the year 1985 ADSRO BAGNAN. I have lodged a G.D at Bagnan P.S. (NO.-2111 dt-31.07.24) if anybody find the above deed, please inform 9830525666.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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আমার মরণের পোষ রহমান আলি, পিতা- সেখ কামাল উদ্দিন, বিয়াত ইতিহাস ২১.০৫.২০২৪ তারিখে এ. ডি. এ. আর. হোসেন অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রার ২১৪০ নং খণ্ডাল মূল ১১৩৬/১১৩৬/১১৩৬ নং মালিকানা, মহেশতলা, কোলকাতা-৭০০১৩০ নিবাসি অন্ন সনদ, অসেক সনদ, কামালীন সনদ, শরক সনদ, সকলের পিতা- ক্ষয়ি নুসল চন্দ্র সনদ, কোচালা লতা মশায়াদের দ্বারা নিম্নকৃত আবেদনের খাম নিবন্ধি বিয়াত আলি সনদ, পিতা- রাকেক আলি সনদ, মহেশতলা নিকট হুইট বিয়াত ইতিহাস ২১.১২.২০২০ তারিখে ২ নং ডি. এ. আর. আলিপুর অফিসে রেজিস্ট্রার, কুক নং ১, ১১৩৬-১১ নং আবেদনকারী আলি মূল মৌজা জগদীশবিহার, ডি. এ. নং ২১, ০১১৯ নং পাতা কলকাতা ০২০ কলকাতা পলিমিট জমি জমা খলি জমি মৌজা/সনদের আবেদন ও এই জমি নিউজেনি কবির জমা মৌজা/সনদের আবেদন, বি. এ. নং ১১৩৬-১১, আর. ও. অফিসে আবেদন করিয়াছে হারা সকলের আবেদন করা হল। ইতি -

PUBLIC NOTICE

SK WASIM RAJA Advocate
Alipore Police Court, Kol-27
Enrollment No. - WB/2006/2010
Mob. No. - 6290482641

LOST & FOUND

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NOTICE
My client Sri Rabindranath Chakraborty, son of Late Narendra Nath Chakraborty, have unfortunately lost his one Deed of Conveyance pertaining to his property, vide Deed No. 03753 for the year 1978. C.S./R.S./L.R. Dag No. 600, Jamindar Khatian Nos. 42 (ka) & (ga), C.S./R.S. Khatian No. 233, corresponding to L.R. Khatian No. 4004, present L.R. Khatian No. 5042, P.S. Dum Dum, Mouza-Digla, J.L. No. 18, Holding No. 606, Sarat Bose Road, Kolkata -700065, South Dum Dum Municipality, Ward No. 06, A.D.S.R. Cossipore, Dum Dum. As a pre-cautionary measure he had file a General Diary at Police Station Dum Dum, vide GD No. 1134/2024, dt. 17/07/2024. If any one come across this deed, I kindly request them to contact me within 07 days at Ph. No. 7980647675. Your co-operation in returning this Deed would be greatly appreciated. Any attempts to claim ownership without lawful basis will be Addressed through legal means to uphold rightful ownership. SUBHASIS CHATTERJEE (Advocate, High Court, Calcutta) 12, Subhas Nagar Bagicha Link Road Kolkata - 700065, Dum Dum Cantonment Contact No. : 7980647675

SUBJECT- POWER OF ATTORNEY NOTIFICATION
It is being informed that My Client Sekh Jigriya son of Haji Sekh, has been appointed Attorney by Hasibul Parkait son of Ismail Parkait owner of the RS Plot No - 5461,5462 corresponding to LR Plot No. - 6488, 6489 under LR khatian - 4668 Total Area - 86.00 Decimal in Jugersaha Mouza vide registered Power of Attorney Being Number 050300125 dated 17/04/2018 at the office ADSR Ranihat, Panchla, Howrah. Now he has sold the said property vide deed no 050302177 dated 01/07/2019 registered at the ADSR Ranihat, Panchla, Howrah to Chand Mohammad Muddya, Thereafter it has been further sold to Ranihat Realcon Private Limited which is under mutation and the case no is MN/2024/0505/6135 before the office of BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. If anyone has any kind of objection kindly contact BL & LRO, Panchla, Howrah. Thanking You M.L SHARMA Advocate

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE
District: South 24 Parganas in the Court of the Learned District Delegate at Alipore Act XXXIX (P) Case No. 151 of 2021 ANUJ KHANDELWAL, Son of Late Raj Bahadur Khandelwal residing at E-1503, BPTP Freedom Park Life, near Armis Hospital, Sector - 57, Shamshpur, Farukhagar, Gurgaon, Farukhagar-122003. ... Applicant This is to inform you that the Applicant has filed the above noted case in the last WILL dated 8th July 2015 of his father Late Raj Bahadur Khandelwal @ R.B Khandelwal lastly resided at 162/A/117, Lake Gardens, P.S.- Lake, P.O.- Lake Gardens, Kolkata - 700045 for grant of Probate of such WILL. If anybody has objection in this regard he may file his objection before the Ld. Court within 30 days from the date of publication, otherwise the matter will be heard exparte. By order 09.07.24 SUSANTA SAHA, Sheristadar District Judge's Court Alipore, South 24-Pgs.

TENDER

e-TENDER
The Chairman, Board of Councilors, Katwa Municipality has invited e-Tender against N.I.E.T. No.: WBMAD 23 (DEV / GREEN CITY / KM) 2024-2025 Tender Id No. 2024_MAD_730217_1 2024_MAD_730217_2 Interested bidders are requested to visit the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.katwamunicipality.info. Chairman Katwa Municipality

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA
A walk-in interview will be held on 22nd August, 2024 at 03.00 P.M. in the Department of Biochemistry, CU to select a JRF in a project funded by SERB, GOI under the guidance of Prof. Anirban Siddhanta of Dept of Biochemistry. For details refer to www.caluniv.ac.in

Yunus takes oath as head of interim B'desh govt

AGENCIES DHAKA, 8 AUGUST

Nobel laureate economist Muhammad Yunus has been sworn in as the head of Bangladesh's interim government, three days after Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was forced to quit and flee the country amid massive unrest in the country. Yunus, 84, took oath at a ceremony in Dhaka on Thursday night. The country has been wracked by violence after protests, led majorly by students demanding an end to a quota system for government jobs, took the shape of anti-government protests. The key tasks for Yunus will now be to restore peace



in Bangladesh and prepare for the new elections. Bangladesh's President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath to Yunus for his role as chief advisor, which is the equivalent to a prime minister, as per media reports. The ceremony was held in the presence of foreign diplomats, civil society members, top businessmen and members of the former opposition party at the presidential

Yunus commended the youth for their campaign and expressed his gratitude for what he said was Bangladesh's second "Victory Day".

palace in Dhaka. However, no representatives of Sheikh Hasina's party, Awami League were present. Muhammad Yunus is a Bangladesh social entrepreneur and founder of Grameen Bank, who was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2006 for his efforts to create economic and social development through microcredit. Upon arriving in Bangladesh

earlier in the day, the Nobel laureate made a heartfelt appeal to his supporters and urged the people of Bangladesh to maintain calm and end chaos, stressing that it is the "first responsibility" to ensure that no attack is carried out against anyone in the country, The Daily Star reported. He stressed that Bangladesh has tremendous potential but the first priority is to save the country from chaos so that the country can proceed on the "path shown by students." "If you have faith in me and trust me, then ensure that there will be no attack anywhere in the country. This is our first responsibility," Yunus told a crowded press briefing at Hazrat Shahjalal International Airport upon his arrival on Thursday.

Powerful earthquake hits off Japan's southern coast; a tsunami advisory issued

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO, 8 AUGUST

A powerful earthquake struck off Japan's southern coast on Thursday, triggering a tsunami advisory that urged residents to stay away from the coastline. Nine people were injured, most of them slightly, but there were no reports of serious damage. The Japan Meteorological Agency said the quake registered magnitude 7.1 and was centered in waters off the eastern coast of Japan's southern main island of Kyushu at a depth of about 30 kilometers (18.6 miles). The quake most strongly shook Nichinan city and

nearby areas in Miyazaki prefecture on Kyushu island. The agency said tsunami waves of up to 50 centimeters (1.6 feet) were detected along parts of Kyushu's southern coast and the nearby island of Shikoku about a half hour after the quake struck. The tsunami advisory was lifted from most coastlines except those along the Miyazaki prefecture. Seismologists at the agency held an emergency meeting to analyze whether the quake had affected the nearby Nankai Trough. They later issued an assessment that the potential for a future quake in the area from Kyushu to central Japan is higher than previously predicted.

TENDER

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER For and on behalf of President of India, the Chief Electrical Engineer (Project), South Eastern Railway, 11 Convent Lane, Beliaghata, Kolkata-700015 invites e-Tender for the following work. e-Tender Notice No.: SER-PSI-HWH-KGP-2x25KV. Dated: 08.08.2024. Name of work and its location: Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 132 KV Traction Substation, Sectioning post (SPs) and Sub sectioning post (SSPs) in 2x25 KV System on Howrah-Kharagpur Section of Kharagpur Division of South Eastern Railway to meet 3000MT loading target on EPC mode. Completion period of the work: 24 months from date of issue of LOA. Approximate cost of the work: ₹ 133.31,11,855.16. Bid Security: ₹ 68,15,600. Cost of tender document: Nil. Validity of offer: 180 days from the date of opening of tender. Last date of receiving queries: 26.08.2024. Pre bid meeting: 28.08.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Physical submission of all documents listed in clause no. 2.11.2: 23.09.2024 (15.00 hrs. IST). Closing date of tender: 20.09.2024 (14.00 hrs. IST). Website particular where complete details of tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in (PR-465)

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 ADEN/CNB jurisdiction. Part - (B) Augmentation of water supply at Jhansi Railway Colony under ADEN/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 for 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 visit the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 1393/24(DG)

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय मवन निर्माण विभाग, मवन प्रमंडल, जामताड़ा शुद्धि पत्र एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि PR 330937 Building(24-25)D e-quotation No.-01/2024-25 dt- 24-07-2024 द्वारा प्रकाशित Very Short Notice Inviting e-quotation में अपरिहार्य कारणवश 1. वेबसाइट पर e-quotation प्रकाशन की तिथि - 14.08.2024 को 11.00 AM 2. e-quotation प्राप्त के लिए अन्तिम तिथि/समय - 23.08.2024 को 11.00 AM तक 3. e-quotation खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 24.08.2024 को 12.00 Noon पड़ा जाय। अन्य नियम एवं शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी। (कुमार कृष्णानन्द दास) नोडल पदाधिकारी PR 332299 Building ई-प्रोक्वायरमेंट सेल, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय (24-25)D मवन निर्माण विभाग, मवन प्रमण्डल, जामताड़ा।

कार्यालय कृषि उपज मण्डी समिति (फल सब्जी) उदयपुर ई-निविदा सूचना: 05-07/2024-25 कृषि उपज मण्डी समिति, (फल सब्जी) उदयपुर द्वारा To Establish Common Incubation Centre with common food processing facilities for two Processing lines (1.) Fruit Pulp and Juice line for Custard Apple, Jamun, Mango, Amla & Aloe Vera etc Minor Forestry Fruit Products (2.) Cleaning, Grading, Packaging and Paste Unit of Spices), Utilities & Auxiliary Equipments and Food testing laboratory Equipments कि स्थित साकरवाली की अग्रमृत्ति, स्थापना व कर्मचारीगत हेतु इच्छुक योग्य निम्नलिखित/ विस्तरकों/ फर्नीचर/ एक्विपमेंट/ कर्मचारीयों से निविदा 08.08.2024 से 28.08.2024 तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा संबंधी विस्तृत विवरण, शर्तें आदि की जानकारी www.eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in/www.sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in एवं www.agriculture.rajjasthan.gov.in पर देवी जा सकती है। (NIB-DAM2425A0264) UBN-DAM2425GL0B00617, DAM2425GL0B00618, DAM2425GL0B00619 राज. संवा.पं/सी/24/3558 प्रशासक सचिव

KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER ABRIDGED NIT The Director General (Civil), KMC invites online percentage rate e-tenders under two bid system for the following work: NIT No.: KMC/DG/CJE-III/333/24-25 (1st Call) Name of the work: Restoration of disturbed footpaths and road surface on urgent basis at different locations under Borough III as requisitioned by KTP. Estimated cost (including GST & CESS): ₹ 7,73,064.00. Earnest money: ₹ 15,500.00. Period of completion: 30 days. Last date and time of submission of bid: 17.08.2024 up to 12 noon. Date and time of opening of tender: 21.08.2024 on or after 12 noon. The bid forms and other details shall be available on and from 09.08.2024 (5 pm) from the website https://etender.wb.nic.in (372/24-25)

EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tender No.: LRC-3-AC-INSPECTION-CAR, dt. 06.08.2024. E-tender (open tender) is invited online by: Chief Mechanical Engineer (LHB), Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah, Pin-711204 for the following work: Name of work: Conversion of ICF BG coaches to AC Inspection Ssaloon Car (CE2 and one other). Approx. Cost of work: Rs. 1,28,78,932.22. Earnest Money: Rs. 2,14,400/- Tender Document cost: Nil. Tender closing date & time: 24.08.2024 at 14.00 hrs. Website where complete details of tender is available: www.ireps.gov.in (MISC-130/2024-25)

E-TENDER NOTICE e-TENDERS are invited (Started: 06/08/2024) by the Pradhan Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Nadia. NIT No.: 20/15th FC/2024-25/SWARUPGANJ. Last date of application: 22/08/2024 at 5 PM. NIT No.: 21, 23 & 24/15th FC/2024-25/SWARUPGANJ. Last date of application: 14/08/2024 at 5 PM. For details please visit: https://wbenders.gov.in Sd/- Pradhan Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Swarupganj, Nadia.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, खूँटी शुद्धि पत्र एतद् द्वारा सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, खूँटी के अंतर्गत निकाली गई ई-अन्यकालीन निविदा सं-11/2024-25/RWD/KHUNTI, दिनांक- 31.07.2024 जिसका पी-आर- संख्या- 331476 (Rural Works Department) 24-25 (D) द्वारा प्रकाशित है, जिसमें निम्न प्रकार से आर्थिक सशोधन किया जाता है:- क्र. सं. विवरण पूर्व प्रकाशित तिथि संशोधित तिथि 1 ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि 23.08.2024 29.08.2024 2 ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि 24.08.2024 31.08.2024 निविदा सूचना की शेष शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी। विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। विश्वासभाजन कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, खूँटी PR 332177 Rural Work Department(24-25)/D

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY Provision of one 220/132 KV Power Transformer including Bay at DFCCIL DGO GSS including 132 KV DIC Transmission line in DDU Division

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). Approx Cost: 2308460.00 Earnest Money: 46200.00 Date of completion/period for issue acceptance letter: 24 Months

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE The Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn), Malda has invited e-Tender Notice vide Notice No. AGRI / MLD / e-NIT-09 / 2024-25 (2nd Call) DATE 08.08.2024 & AGRI / MLD / e-NIT-10 / 2024-25 (2nd Call) DATE 08.08.2024 for rate contract for procurement of Insecticides, Bio-Pesticides, Fungicides & Micronutrients. Bid submission date starts from 09.08.2024 at 11-00 AM onwards & Bid submission closing date 23.08.2024 at 6.00 PM. Details will be available from the office of the undersigned on any working day between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. or visit e-tender portal: https://wbenders.gov.in of Govt. of West Bengal. Sd/- Deputy Director of Agriculture (Admn) Malda

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-2024-154 Description of Work: Bina-Jhansi: Upgradation/strengthening and other related works of various bridges under ADEN/LAR jurisdiction. Approx Cost: 19916463.36 Earnest Money: 249600.00 Date of completion/period for issue acceptance letter: 12 Months Date of closing Tender: 03.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Tender on line can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs on 03.09.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.ireps.gov.in 1392/24 (AS) North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

O-184 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL No. 2111 Dt. 7/8/24 e-Procurement Notice for Maintenance work in Odisha 1. Name of the work: Maintenance work 2. Total No. of work: 1 No. 3. Estimated cost: Rs. 106.39 Lakh 4. Class of Contractor: 'B' & 'A' Class 5. Period of completion: 03 (Three) Calendar Months and Five years routine maintenance 6. Other details. Procurement Officer: Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul. Bid Identification No.: Maintenance Online - ADL-071/2024-25. Availability of Tender on-line for bidding: 16.08.24 at 10.00 AM to 30.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M. Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification: 29.08.24 up to 1.00 P.M. Date & Time of opening of tender: 31.08.24 at 11.00 A.M. Will be intimated later on.

O-183 Government of Odisha Office of the Chief Construction Engineer Rural Works Circle, Angul Tender Call Notice for Building work in Odisha Bid Identification No. Building Online AGL-06/2024-25 No. 2102 Dt. 7/8/24 1. Name of the work: Building work 2. Total No. of work: 1 No. 3. Estimated cost: Rs. 105.87 Lakh Approx. 4. Class of Contractor: 'B' & 'A' Class 5. Period of completion: 12 (Twelve) Calendar Months 6. Other details. Procurement Officer: Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul. Bid Identification No.: Building Online - AGI/2024-25. Availability of Tender on-line for bidding: 16.08.24 at 10.00 A.M. to 30.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M. Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification: 29.08.24 up to 1.00 P.M. Date & Time of opening of tender: 31.08.24 at 11.00 A.M. Will be intimated separately.

EASTERN RAILWAY Following e-tender is invited online by the Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711011 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: Sr.DEN/HQ/HWH. E-Tender No.: 152.2024-25, dt. 07.08.2024. Description of work: Repair, realignment, increasing dia of underground sewerage line including cross track drain in PF area at Howrah station. Approx. Cost: Rs. 2,17,97,360.36/- Earnest Money: Rs. 2,59,000/- Cost of tender form: Nil. Completion period: 12 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. Closing date & time of tender: 30.08.2024 at 14.00 hrs. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/band/holiday on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of earnest money deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost, in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website. Note: Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (E-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-215/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.easternrailway.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

EASTERN RAILWAY Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin - 713301 invites open e-auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for awarding the contract, details of which are as under: Category of Auction: Pay & Use Toilet (Normal). e-Auction Catalogue No.: C5-ASN-PNU-1824. Date of Auction start: 29.08.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Name of station/location: Second class waiting hall at Chittaranjan station. All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-Auction on 29.08.2024 at 12.00 hrs. (ASN-141/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.easternrailways.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at: @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

Kamarhati Municipality 1, M.M. Feeder Road, Rathalta, Kolkata-56 Date: 07.08.2024 E-TENDER NOTICE E-Tender is invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for Purchase for Electrical Goods/Items within Municipal area. Tender ID No - 2024_MAD_730241_1,2,3,5,6,7 NIT No - WBMAD/KM/14th Fin. & ULB/NIT-7(e)/24-25 Bid submission start date: 09.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M. Bid submission end date: 24.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M. Bid opening date: 28.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M. N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website http://wbenders.gov.in this advertisement is also given http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org. Chairman Kamarhati Municipality

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Letter No.: -DRM/CIAGRA/Parcel/E-AUCTION Dated :- 06.08.2024 E-Auction Notice On Behalf of the President of India, The Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager-North Central Railway-Agra invites E-Auction as per categories given as under:- Category: Parcel Auction Catalogue No. AGRA-LEASING-31 Asset Details 1. 01 (F1) SLR Unit in Train no. 12178 4. 01 (R1) SLR Unit in Train no. 19618 2. 01 (F2) SLR Unit in Train no. 05914 5. 01 (F1) SLR Unit in Train no. 19618 3. 01 (R1) SLR Unit in Train no. 05914 6. 01 (F1) SLR Unit in Train no. 05914 Approx Auction Start Date and Time: Date :- 21.08.2024 Time :- 10:30 E-Auction End Date and Time: Date :- 21.08.2024 Time :- 11:50 Note :- Prospective bidders are requested to visit E-Auction Leasing module on IREPS website (www.ireps.gov.in). The lot-wise details are available therein under the above mentioned Catalogue Number. 1405/24 (D) North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY Tender Notice No. 6520242025 Dated :- 06.08.2024 E-Tendering Tender Notice Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway Prayagraj, for and 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/2024/5252783 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. DEN/II/PRVJ. 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) North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRONCR

NORTH BENGAL STATE TRANSPORT CORPORATION Cooch Behar Tender Notice Online bids are invited through www.gem.gov.in from reputed vehicle manufacturers for the supply of 9 (nine) Nos. of Fully Built Diesel Drive BS VI STD 55+D seater buses vide e-Tender No. GEM / 2024 / B / 5253048. Last date of submission of the tender (online): 27-08-2024, 19-00-00 hrs. Queries if any may be sent to: nbstc.csp@gmail.com Managing Director NBSTC

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची शुद्धि पत्र एतद् द्वारा भवन निर्माण विभाग में निबंधित सभी समुचित श्रेणी के सर्वेदकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि इस कार्यालय के पत्रांक-2159(अनु)दिनांक-19.07.2024पी-आर- संख्या-330102Building(24-25)D द्वारा प्रकाशित ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निम्नवत् पढ़ा जाय:- Sl. No. Tender Reference No. Work Name Amount (Rs.) Completion Time 1 BCD/Div.No.-1, Ranchi/20/2024-25 Proposed Gate and Site Development of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University, Morabadi, Ranchi 13163200 Six Month 2 Start Date of Submission of Bids 09-08-2024 at 11.00 AM 3 Last Date/Time of Submission of Bids 16-08-2024 at 11.00 AM 4 Date/Time of Opening of Bid 17-08-2024 at 11.00 AM एवं अन्य शर्तें पूर्ववत् रहेगी। PR.NO.332257 Building(24-25):D कार्यपालक अभियंता भवन निर्माण विभाग भवन प्रमण्डल संख्या-1, राँची

जमशेदपुर अधिसूचित क्षेत्र समिति का कार्यालय जमशेदपुर-831001 अल्यकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (15वीं वित्त आयोग के अन्तर्गत) (Through e-Procurement mode only www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in) NIT No-JNAC/epro-10/2024-25 निम्नलिखित कार्यों के लिए नगर विकास एवं आवास विभाग के समुचित श्रेणी में योजित समवेदकों से एकल लिफाका पद्धति से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है:-

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1	कामेशपुर चूरीयल नैदान में एक फाट एवं एक वलत में 100 टन भारी कंक्रीट का काम कराने का कार्य।	8664415.00	173288.00	10000.00	6 माह
2	सबसे महत्वपूर्ण ट्रेडिंग विभाग के अंतर्गत एक फाट एवं एक वलत में 100 टन भारी कंक्रीट का काम कराने का कार्य।	9561420.00	191228.00	10000.00	6 माह
3	विशालपुर जेल में 10-सीटी, सरकारी किंग डोम नोडर से सबे महत्वपूर्ण ट्रेडिंग विभाग के अंतर्गत एक फाट एवं एक वलत में 100 टन भारी कंक्रीट का काम कराने का कार्य।	10130600.00	202612.00	10000.00	6 माह
4	जमशेदपुर जल संयंत्र के अंतर्गत कामेशपुर चूरीयल नैदान में एक फाट एवं एक वलत में 100 टन भारी कंक्रीट का काम कराने का कार्य।	11152773.00	223055.00	10000.00	12 माह
5	Rejuvenation of Water Bodies in Om Nagar Talab, Birsu Nagar Zone No-02 Under Jamshepur N.A.C.	9257300.00	185946.00	10000.00	12 माह
6	Riverfront Development from Bhojpur Ghat to Jila School Under Jamshepur N.A.C.	23538900.00	470778.00	10000.00	12 माह

1. ई-निविदा सूचना एवं शर्तें वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध हैं। 2. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 3. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 4. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 5. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 6. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 7. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 8. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 9. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे। 10. ई-निविदा सूचना के अंतर्गत सभी कार्य 15.00.00 रु. तक के अंदाजित मूल्य के अंतर्गत होंगे।

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The torchbearers of the 2024 Paris Olympics

AHANA RAI CHOWDHURY

With the torch relayed on France for the third time for the Paris Olympic and Paralympic Games this year, following the 1968 Winter Olympics and the 1992 Paralympics, the entire country is in a festive mood. Known as the "Forerunners' Relays", prior to the opening ceremony, the torchbearers raced through 400 towns and cities, including the five overseas areas, in three months.

On 8 May 2024, the Olympic flame landed in Marseille, starting the journey of the torch relay throughout France. Of the 11,000 torchbearers, 1,000 were chosen for the Paralympic relay, and the remaining were chosen for the Olympic relay. All age categories are taken into account, with men and women split evenly.

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The Olympics immobilised their numerous

collaborators from 1 June until 15 October 2023. The official sponsors, business societies, game stakeholders, sports movements and territories all contributed to the relay through sponsorships, applications, competitions and prize drawings. The two primary sponsors, Coca-Cola, Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Épargne, were copiously involved in the selection process.

More than 100,000 requests were gathered. 30,000 of them were collected from the Club Paris 2024 campaign, which concluded on 30 June last year; 15,000 from Coca-Cola, concluded on 15 October 2023; and the surplus 55,000 emanated from the Banque Populaire and Caisse d'Épargne, continued till 30 September 2023.

The president of the Paris 2024 organising committee for the Olympic and Paralympic games, Tony Estanguet, stated that each of those forerunners has their own unique tale. Such people reflect the diversity of society. Interestingly, several of these runners had made history in the Olympic and Paralympic games,

including those who had reached the top of the podium.

THE SELECTION CRITERIA

These torchbearers are chosen based on their devotion and loyalty, as well as their connection to at least one of the Summer Olympics 2024 as an essential criteria. The first component is sports and games; the second is communities; and the third is collective.

The first component comprises those who have volunteered at the games. The second component consists of those who have established themselves in the economic sector and embodied France's cultural legacy. The third factor is the selection of torchbearers who are dedicated to bringing communities together.

National and local public personalities, residents, and those with impairments are all included. France's intention in hosting its first Paralympic Games was to exhibit a diverse society.



Homoeopathy: Enhancing quality of life in palliative care for serious illnesses, including cancer

SOMNATH PAL

Homoeopathy offers a promising approach to palliative care, improving the quality of life for patients facing serious or life-threatening illnesses such as cancer. Palliative oncology, dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for patients with advanced stages of cancer, focuses on managing symptoms, relieving pain, and providing psychological, social and spiritual support. Homoeopathy, a complementary and alternative medicinal system, uses highly diluted substances to stimulate the body's natural healing processes. In the realm of palliative oncology, homoeopathy serves as a valuable adjunct to conventional treatments, aiding in symptom management and overall well-being improvement.

Dr Soumalya Chattopadhyay, director and research coordinator of DNC Health Hub, said, "For patients and healthcare providers, the inte-

gration of homoeopathy in palliative oncology represents a comprehensive approach to improving the quality of life for those battling serious illness. In our practice, we see several patients experiencing disease recurrence even after a complete cure. There are also cases where the spread of cancer to different parts of the body, known as metastasis, occurs. In such cases, homoeopathy can create a perfect palliative environment to improve the patient's quality of life."

"In the most advanced stages of cancer, symptoms such as pain, loss of appetite, weakness, nausea, vomiting, vertigo and sleeplessness may become prominent. Medicines like Lachesis, Belladonna, Nux Vomica, Hydrastis and Arsenic Album are part of our inventory and are used effectively to minimise these symptoms based on specific symptomatology. Additionally, psychological symptoms associated with cancer, such as anxiety, depression, fear of death, and suicidal tendencies, can



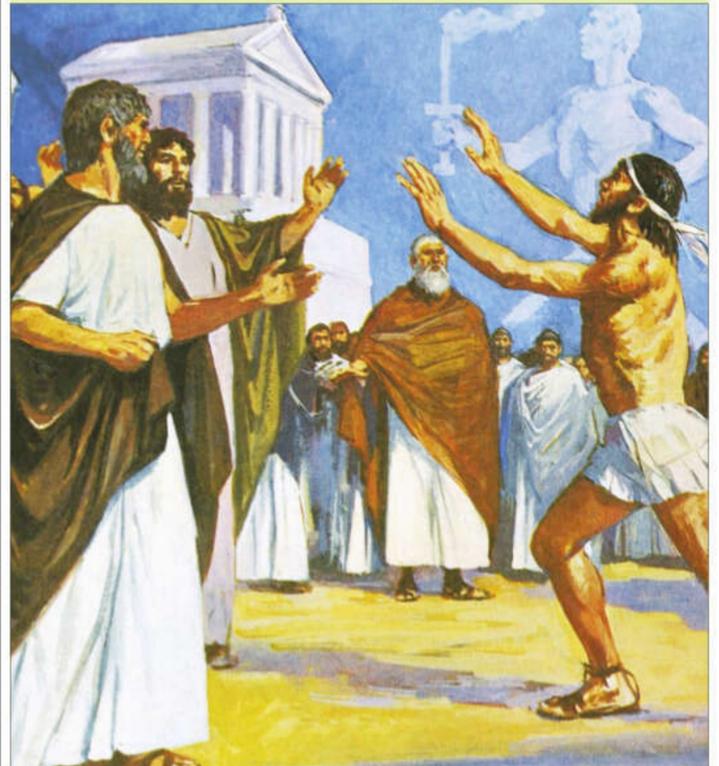
be excellently addressed with homoeopathic medicines," Dr Chattopadhyay added.

Homoeopathy is no longer confined to treating minor ailments such as sneezing, coughing, and joint sprains.

In the modern context, homoeopathy can play a vital role in oncology, surpassing expectations in enhancing patient care and quality of life.

The writer is an independent contributor

Mighty Marathon



SANJAY PODDAR

His run to seek help in the battle would not only be in vain but fatal as well. He would not feature in the list of heroes in that legendary battle. The battle itself would be forgotten. However, 2,500 years after the event, people would still try to emulate his feat.

It all happened in 490 BCE when Persia, the then-superpower in the ancient world, landed on Greek soil to gobble Athens up. Athens was just one of the city states that comprised Greece. Though tiny, it refused Persian overtures of subjugation. So it was time to teach Athens a lesson.

On the broad beach of Marathon, 22 miles by land from Athens, that the Persians landed. Instead of being awed by the mighty Persian force, the Athenians marched to Marathon to meet their foe.

The Athenians had about 11,000 men, of whom 10,000 were hoplite soldiers, who fought with shields, spears, and swords. It was nothing compared to the mighty enemy facing them. The Persians did not attack immediately. Taking advantage of the deadlock, the Athenian general Miltiades decided to ask for help from their then ally, Sparta. According to the historian Herodotus, the Athenians summoned a runner, Pheidippides, to run from Marathon to Sparta with a request to send their force to the battlefield.

Running, as a sport, was very common in those days. They were more effective than horses in the rocky terrain. For Pheidippides, it was a run against time. He ran 150 miles in that difficult land to reach Sparta in just two days.

Fitness, bravery, and war were the hallmarks of the Spartans. They were equally dedicated to their gods and games. When Pheidippides arrived, the Spartans were having a religious festival, probably dedicated to Apollo. It was considered a sacrilege to go to war when a religious festival or a game was on.

The Spartans promised help, but only after the festival was over. Pheidippides realised that it would be too late by then. Dejected, Pheidippides immediately turned to run all his way back to Marathon, where the action was happening.

He was in for a pleasant surprise at the battlefield. Beating all odds, the Athenians had won a spectacular victory at Marathon. The Persians lost about 6,500 men compared to the Greeks, whose casualties were just 192. It was all thanks to the brilliant strategy of Miltiades. The danger, however, was not yet over. While the war was on, the over-confident Persian, General Datis, had secretly sent a part of his troops by sea from Marathon to Athens for a double whammy. Luckily, Miltiades and his men got tidings of the detour. He sent Pheidippides again to run to Athens to give news of their victory and also warn against the impending attack. Pheidippides obliged again. However, this time immediately after giving the news, he fell dead out of exhaustion.

The Persians would lose at Athens as well. In fact, they would never win against the Greeks again. All would be forgotten though, except one of their Panhellenic games, the Olympics. Apart from the Olympics, the Greeks hosted three other games: the Pythian Games in honour of Apollo, the Nemean Games in honour of Zeus and Heracles, and the Isthmian Games in honour of Poseidon.

In 1896, it was decided to restart one of the four Panhellenic games at Athens. It was Michel Breal who suggested to Olympics founder Pierre de Coubertin to have a particularly long race to honour the legendary runner for his thankless endeavour. Instead of the tongue-twisting, Pheidippides had a catchy name for the event, 'Marathon'. It was an instant hit.

Participants followed Pheidippides' footsteps when they ran from the very battle spot to the Panathenaic Stadium in Athens in the first modern Olympics in 1896. It was a 25-mile run, which has been standardised to 26 miles and 385 yards. The tradition was broken in 2004 to follow Pheidippides when Athens hosted the Olympics again.

The spectacular victory of the Athenians is no longer remembered. Thanks to the Olympics, Pheidippides' achievement remains fresh in memory. Marathon has become synonymous with something big, just like what Pheidippides did for his fellow men.

The writer is an independent contributor

Boosting breast milk production: Hope for mothers with low milk output

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DR SOURAV BHUIN

Many new mothers tend to worry about breastfeeding problems, particularly poor milk supply for their infants. Several may keep struggling with low milk output. This common concern can lead to anxiety, guilt and stress, affecting the well-being of both mother and baby. If a new mother is concerned about breast milk supply, it is important for her to get medical advice early. A specialist should be able to provide reassurance, guidance and evidence-based solutions to support her in overcoming low milk output. If things turn out fine, the mother will be quickly reassured and avoid the trap of giving her infant baby formula unnecessarily that will not be beneficial for either her or her offspring. It is recommended that reaching out early helps ensure that the mother and baby both continue to benefit from breastfeeding.

UNDERSTANDING LOW MILK OUTPUT

At the outset, it is important to understand what causes low milk output. Also known as hypogalactia, this affects approximately 15-20 per cent of breastfeeding mothers and may be caused by various factors, from hormonal imbalances, poor latch or sucking technique, not feeding frequently enough, stress and anxiety, previous breast surgery, and/or certain medical conditions like polycystic ovary syndrome and thyroid disorders. If any of these conditions are applicable to a new mother, she should not hesitate to get in touch with a specialist for one-on-one guidance.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF LOW MILK OUTPUT

Naturally, every new mother is eager to know if her breast milk supply is sufficient for her baby. What are the signs that the baby is not getting enough milk from the

mother? Read on.

If the baby's weight gain is slower than expected, the mother needs to give frequent feeding with short intervals, and if the baby seems unsatisfied, fussy, or cranky after feeding, the mother's breasts feel soft or empty.

METHODS TO BOOST MILK PRODUCTION

Breastfeeding is natural, and typically, it is a 'demand-and-supply'

latch or feeding position. When the baby is well-latched, it can feed better, taking in sufficient milk effectively.

Skin-to-skin contact: Mothers are advised to hold their babies close to their bodies before and after feeds to enable skin-to-skin contact. This stimulates the release of the hormone oxytocin that gets the mother's milk flowing. This also improves mother-baby bonding apart from enhancing milk production.

Adequate hydration: Ensure that

as it induces oxytocin release to boost milk production. When the mother is calm and stress-free and the baby is relaxed and sleepy, it is a great time for feeding. The mother-child bonding is heightened.

Consult your doctor: He/she can reassure you after checking for pathological conditions besides prescribing some supplements like lactation granules or galactagogue medicine like metoclopramide.

Galactagogues (Special foods thought to boost milk production): The lactating mother may include the following foods in her diet: fenugreek seeds, oats, barley, brown rice, and protein-rich foods that include fish, chicken, meat, tofu, eggs, dairy, legumes, lentils, green leafy vegetables, turmeric, etc. Galactagogues (foods that promote breast milk production) like fenugreek or blessed thistle are great as well. Use breast pumps: If a lactating mother is suffering from conditions like inverted or cracked nipples, breast engorgement, or plugged nipple ducts, or the baby is unable to suck well due to prematurity, some oral defects, or mother and child are separated from one another temporarily, then breast milk expression by a breast pump may help.

Low milk output is a common concern for new mothers; it is only natural to be worried if one is feeding her baby enough milk. But mothers should not despair and seek specialist help instead. With the right guidance and support, they can overcome their anxieties. Understanding the causes, recognising the signs, and implementing evidence-based strategies recommended by doctors and lactation specialists, mothers can boost their milk production and enjoy a successful breastfeeding experience, giving the best nutrition to their infant. If you are a new mother yourself struggling with low milk output or know someone who needs help, consult your healthcare provider or a lactation expert for personalised guidance.

Dr BK Mitra is the Founder & principal consultant, Abha Surgery Centre, and Dr Sourav Bhuin is consultant, gynaecology, Abha Surgery Centre

Insights from Dr MS Purkait

Breast milk is considered to be the best and most complete nutrition for a newborn. Not only does it contain adequate nutrients, including proteins, fat and carbohydrates, but it also bears various minerals, vitamins, protective bacteria and immunoglobulins, which protect the newborn against various infections.

WHO has recommended that breastfeeding needs to be started within one hour of birth and can be continued as an exclusive nutrition till 6 months of age. Beyond six months, supplements may be necessary in addition to breast milk and can be continued till 2 years of age.

Sometimes there could be inadequate milk production due to various reasons. The most common cause could be malnutrition. Other medical causes could be breast anomalies, post-surgery thyroid dysfunction, polycystic ovary, retained placenta, use of oral contraceptives, or other herbal products.

Stress, anxiety and depression could also be major factors. Other reasons could be inappropriate feeding routines and techniques.

Average milk production is around 700-800 ml/24 hrs for a normal, healthy mother. There should be proper skin-to-skin contact during feeding sessions, and there should be 8 to 12 sessions of feeding in 24 hours. Sometimes there could be some congenital malformation or defect like a cleft lip and palate in the newborn or certain infections that will hamper breastfeeding.

A medical professional should be consulted in all such cases. Relaxation techniques, music therapy, deep breathing, or the use of certain apparatus may help in the increase of milk production. In addition, a physician may prescribe some herbal or hormone-modifying medicines that may help this condition.

phenomenon between the baby and mother. However, there are certain factors that impact milk production, and here we discuss them briefly:

Frequent feeding: It is important to remember that newborns typically feed very often. New mothers should feed their babies at least 8-12 times in 24 hours.

Proper latch technique: Mothers need to ensure the correct baby's

mothers take in plenty of water.

Stress reduction and mental relaxation: We suggest stress-reducing techniques like meditation, deep breathing, or yoga.

Monitoring and support: Regularly monitor milk output and provide emotional support to mothers by family members. Cool and calm environment: Breastfeeding in a cool and calm environment is recommended

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'YOU EMBODY TRUE SPIRIT OF A WARRIOR'

Olympics gold medalist Abhinav Bindra penned a heartfelt note for Vinesh Phogat, who announced her retirement following her heartbreaking disqualification before the final of the women's 50kg wrestling final. Vinesh was just a win away from taking away India's first gold at the Paris Olympics after storming into the final by pulling off splendid performances en route to the gold medal match. However, she breached the 50kg weight mark before the final and was disqualified before she could take on the United States wrestler Sarah Ann Hildebrandt.

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'Happy to be part of this team,' says Jayasuriya after Sri Lanka's ODI series win over India: Interim head coach Sanath Jayasuriya was elated after Sri Lanka secured a commanding 110-run victory over India in the third ODI to seal the series 2-0. This triumph marked the island nation's first series win against India in 27 years. Jayasuriya, who was part of the Sri Lankan team that last won a series against India in 1997, expressed his deep satisfaction at being part of this historic moment. "It was a very long wait because I played in that series in 1997 and got a lot of runs. That was the last series we won against India. After 27 years, I am part of the team and I am very happy to be part of these boys. They are a very nice bunch of players and are talented and the whole country would have seen what we can do," Jayasuriya said after the match. "The boys went through a very, very hard time. Even during the T20 series, we played well but the result was not what was expected. The players realised what went wrong when we came back to Colombo and they started to play well," he added.

Olympic dreams shattered, emotional Vinesh quits wrestling

USA's Hildebrandt won the final to claim gold and Vinesh is now banking on CAS to be a joint silver-medallist with Cuba's Lopez

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A day after her heartbreaking exit from the Paris Olympics, star grappler Vinesh Phogat has announced her retirement from the sport. The 29-year-old, who was disqualified for being 100gm overweight ahead of her 50kg category gold medal bout at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday, announced her decision to quit the sport in an emotional post.

Addressing her mother Premalata, Vinesh wrote, "Ma, wrestling has won, I have lost. Please forgive me, your dreams and my courage, everything is broken. I don't have any more strength now. Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I shall be indebted to you all. Forgive (me)," the two-time world championships bronze medallist wrote.

Vinesh reached the final of the women's 50kg weight category on Tuesday after defeating defending Olympic champion Yui Susaki of Japan, former European champion Oksana Livach of Ukraine



and reigning Pan American Games champion Yusneylis Guzman of Cuba.

She was almost set to become the first Indian woman to compete in a wrestling final at the Olympics, but her dream was cut short after she failed to make the weight on the morning of the gold medal bout against the USA's Sarah Hildebrandt.

Despite taking some drastic measures to cut down her weight, Vinesh was found marginally overweight at the mandatory weigh-in and was disqualified. Cuban wrestler Yusneylis Guzman Lopez,

who lost to Vinesh in the semifinals, replaced her in the final against Sarah Hildebrandt.

Hildebrandt won the bout to claim gold and Vinesh is now banking on CAS to be a joint silver-medallist with Lopez.

After being disqualified, Vinesh spent a good part of the day at the Games Village polyclinic inside owing to severe dehydration caused by her desperate measures to make the cut, which included going hungry, avoiding fluids and staying up all night to sweat it out.

Vinesh's retirement announcement came after she had appealed against her disqualification from the final bout on Wednesday in the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS), demanding that she be awarded a joint silver medal.

The ad-hoc division of the CAS that has been set up in Paris for resolution by arbitration of any disputes arising during the Olympic Games or during a period of 10 days preceding the opening ceremony, is expected to come up with a reply by late Thursday.

Rules are in place for benefit of athletes: UWW

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Hours after Vinesh's disqualification, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha had assured that the IOA and the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) will take up the matter with the United World Wrestling, the sport's international governing body.

In his response, the UWW president Nenad Lovovic said that the current weigh-in rule "cannot be changed in retrospect" while sympathising with Vinesh for her ordeal.

"On IOA's suggestion that a wrestler's results from the day on which the athlete met the weigh-in requirements should not be disqualified, the UWW President was sympathetic. UWW will also discuss the suggestion at an appropriate platform but it could not be done retrospectively," a statement from the UWW read.

"UWW follows the set



rules in all competitions including the Games. Its decision to disqualify Vinesh is in line with the rules of international wrestling, like all other instances of wrestlers failing to weigh in on the day of the competition," a statement from UWW stated.

"UWW wishes Vinesh a speedy recovery and hopes Vinesh can continue to perform in the inspiring way she did in the 2024 Paris Olympic Games," it added.

Usha, on her part, maintained that it was important

for athletes to uphold Olympic values and fair play. "Usha thanked Lovovic for taking in the Wrestling Federation of India's appeal and giving her a patient hearing. She said as an athlete herself she understood the importance of the need for rules to be drawn up to protect athletes from taking health risks. "She also said it was important for all athletes to uphold Olympic values and fair play," the statement further stated.

Aman Sehrawat enters semifinals of men's 57kg freestyle wrestling

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India's lone male wrestler in the 2024 Games, Aman Sehrawat progressed to the men's 57kg freestyle wrestling semifinal after beating 2022 world champion Albania's Zelimkhan Abakarov via technical superiority (12-0) at the Paris Olympics, here on Thursday.

This was Aman's second successive win via technical superiority. Earlier, he defeated European Championships gold medallist Vladimir Egorov of North Macedonia to make it to the last-eight stage.

Aman will take on the number one seed from Japan Rei Higuchi in the semifinal later, in the evening.

Aman had a close start as he was searching for an opening in the initial minute. Meanwhile, Zelimkhan received a passivity warning for not engaging in any move. Aman, then, secured the first point as Zelimkhan failed to score during the 30-second passivity warning. He then pinned Zelimkhan to gain two additional points via takedown.

IOA refutes reports of Antim's ban following disciplinary breach in Paris

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Refuting reports suggesting that a ban has been imposed on wrestler Antim Panghal following a disciplinary breach at the Paris Olympics, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has clarified that no such ban has been enforced on the grappler.

"IOA refutes reports that a ban has been imposed on wrestler Antim. It requests media persons to please check with the IOA leadership before posting such reports," the IOA said in response to media reports citing that the wrestler has been handed a three-year ban.

The reports emerged after Antim reportedly tried to facilitate her sister's entry into the athletes' village



through her accreditation card, causing embarrassment to the Indian contingent in Paris. The incident took place hours after the wrestler crashed out of the Olympics after losing her opening bout in the women's 53kg category on Wednesday.

The French authorities had reported the breach to the IOA, prompting reports that Antim and her team were to be sent back home.

Panghal denies being detained by police

Later in the day, the 20-year-old Antim came out in a widely-circulated video in which she denied being detained by the police, and said that she had requested the Sports Authority of India (SAI) to book her return ticket immediately.

"From yesterday, there are stories about my sister getting arrested and me get-

ting arrested, but nothing like that happened. After my bout, I was ill, so I got permission from the IOA to go to the hotel with my sister. All my things were in the Olympic Village, so I gave my accreditation card to my sister, and she went there. They took her to the police station just to verify the accreditation card," Antim said.

"Once my bout was finished, I called SAI (Sports Authority of India) and told them that I was coming back. So my flight ticket was booked before all this happened," she added.

Antim also requested support from everyone in this difficult time. "I am already having a tough time after losing, please support me."

Mirabai vows to work harder after joining list of fourth place heartbreaks

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Moments after Mirabai Chanu endured India's sixth heartbreak after finishing fourth in what was a tight four-way contest in the women's 49kg weight division at the Paris Olympics, the star weightlifter pledged to work harder to ensure a strong comeback.

"I tried my best to win a medal for the country but I missed it today. It is a part of the game, we all sometimes win and sometimes lose. Next time I will work harder to win a medal for the country. I will try my best and will deliver my best performance in the next game," Mirabai said.

The Manipuri lifter, who turned 30 on Thursday, lifted a total of 199 kgs (88 in snatch and 111 in clean and jerk) at the South Paris Arena to find herself just outside the podium places. China's Hou Zhihui successfully defended her title with an overall lift of 206kg (89kg snatch + 117kg clean and jerk).

Hou Zhihui improved her clean and jerk Olympic record to 117kg and dramatically beat reigning European champion Mihaela Cambei of Romania, who lifted 205kg overall (93kg snatch + 112kg clean and jerk), on the final attempt of the event.

Hou Zhihui had previously achieved 116kg in clean and jerk at Tokyo 2020. The 27-year-old continues to hold the overall Olympic record at 210kg and also holds the snatch Olympic record after lifting 94kg in Tokyo.

Cambei, meanwhile, dominated the snatch round with a strong 93kg lift. She also set a new personal best of 112kg in clean and jerk to settle for silver here.

Surodchana Khambao of Thailand lifted 200kg (88kg snatch + 112kg clean and jerk) to push Mirabai out of the podium spots. The former world champion matched Mirabai's effort in the snatch and went one notch higher in clean and jerk to take the bronze medal.

Competing in her third Olympics, the Tokyo 2020 silver medallist Indian began the snatch round with an 85kg lift on her first attempt.

However, her second attempt of 88kg proved to be unsuccessful. Mirabai had initially marked 86kg on her second attempt before making the change to 88kg a few minutes later.

She matched her personal best of 88kg, a national record, on the final attempt in the snatch round. However, her effort was matched by Surodchana with both of them being ranked joint-third by the end of the snatch round. In comparison, Mirabai had lifted 87kg in the snatch round at Tokyo 2020.

Cambei took the lead at the end of the snatch round after successfully lifting 93kg on her final attempt. She lifted 89kg and 91kg on her first couple of attempts. Hou Zhihui, who made an Olympic record of 94kg in snatch at Tokyo 2020, could only manage 89kg in Paris. She unsuccessfully tried a 93kg lift on her final attempt.

Mirabai's clean and jerk round began with a scare after she failed her first attempt of 111kg after marking a weight higher than the rest of the field. However, she went for the same lift immediately after and aced it on the second time asking to climb to second place along with Hou Zhihui.

Cambei continued to lead the standings after setting a new personal best of 112kg on her second clean and jerk attempt to record 205kg overall.

However, Surodchana Khambao lifted 112kg on her second attempt to record 200kg overall and push Mirabai out of the podium places. Mirabai's failed first attempt came back to haunt her as she went for 114kg on her final lift and couldn't clear the jerk to stay on 199kg overall.

Finishing 11th, Sable says he isn't happy to train overseas

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After finishing outside the top ten runners from a 16-strong field in the men's 3000 metres steeplechase final at the Olympic Games here last evening, India's top long distance runner Avinash Sable said he had tried his best but could not understand the strategy of his competitors in the tactical race run in cool weather conditions at the imposing Stade de France.

"I need to accept whatever result has come. I tried to do my best. I didn't understand the plan adapted by the others. I thought I was leading and the others who followed would set the pace, but suddenly the race slowed down and I didn't understand that strategy.

"I thought someone would take up the lead but no one did. I too slowed down and was caught in the bunch and didn't know how to get out. Even on the last lap I was hopeful of a medal," said India's best track medal hope Sable in the mixed zone after the race.

"My timing is fine. Our mindset is to look only at the time clocked. It was a tactical race. The slow race helped others, especially

those who finished strongly. Even the US guy won a medal (silver). I thought whoever wins will do it in a fast time, but that didn't happen. I can't set the pace for the entire race.

The race was clinched by the tall Moroccan runner Soufiane El Bakkali, who retained his gold won in Tokyo in 2021, in a season's best time of 8:06.05. Kenneth Rooks from US was a surprise silver medal winner in the Africans' dominated discipline and came home in a personal best of 8:06.41. Kibiwot won the bronze in 8:06.47.

Sable, the 29-year-old army runner hailing from a farmers' family in Beed district of Maharashtra, set the pace for the first one and a half laps of the race before falling behind and was 11th after the 2000m mark and ended up 11th in 8 minutes, 14.18 seconds which was better than his final qualification mark of 8:15.43 but off his own national record of 8:09.91 set exactly a month ago in this City of Light but on a different track.

He had finished sixth then in a race in which Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot of Kenya, the bronze winner in yesterday's race, had finished third. Sable, who won the Asian



Games gold in Hangzhou, China in 2022 soon after finishing with a silver medal in the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham, also acknowledged the all-round support that he got to perform at this world level from various fronts including the government, SAI and others.

But he pointed out that it was wrong to assume by the common public that he and the others sent on government expense to train abroad were there on a holiday.

"I am thankful to the support received from all fronts. I feel sad that I couldn't do better. See, I don't enjoy going abroad and training and if anyone feels that we go out to enjoy at the government expense, he or she

is sadly mistaken. I know how hard I had trained. No one wants to lose. We go out on our own, train and cook our own food, it's not enjoyable.

"I trained in Colorado Springs, USA. No one enjoys leaving your home and it's warm climate and training in minus degree temperatures. I thought there is altitude there, you can recover faster. I don't think the fine facilities that we have in India are there overseas. In our SAI training centres, everything is available, the tracks are nearby. We get a proper diet.

"The only thing lacking is we don't have the needed group to train for long distance running. I am forced to go

overseas to get training partners. If my country wants me (to train overseas), I will have to do so. I am upset at the trolling on social media about us. The competition here is the world's best, not the best from one state only. My request is, please support the country's athletes. No one goes to the Olympics to lose.

He pointed out that the competition at the Olympics is vastly different from what the country's athletes face at the Asian Games level.

"Olympics are different from the Asian Games. Some of us have got into a mentality that since we have won medals in the Asian Games we can do so here too. It will take time for us to win at this level.

"See our country's javelin throw scenario after Neeraj Chopra's great show (gold medal in Tokyo). It has spawned a lot of interest in javelin throw. It will take time to generate that kind of interest in long distance running too.

"Of course, we all will come to see and support Neeraj in the javelin throw final here (on August 8 evening). We all will root for Neeraj to repeat his gold winning effort here and that

we all celebrate his victory. Gold winner Moroccan Bahkali, incidentally, was injured and didn't take part in other events in the run up to the Olympics.

"The only reason I didn't compete in other competitions this year is because of my injury. I really wanted to take my time to be fully ready for the Olympics," said an elated Bakkali who stormed to the finish line from behind the bunch.

"They had their plan to go ahead fast and my team and I were ready for their tactics and (their) plan to win, but we knew we would go for tactics or speed and I took my time at the beginning, in the last 2000 metres, I went really fast because that is my speciality," he quipped.

The 28-year-old, a two-time world champion, also sounded a warning for the others by stating he will now train his guns on next year's world championships in Tokyo and the next Olympics in Los Angeles.

"I have been a highly qualified athlete since 2016 and now my goal is to continue winning as much as I can, especially with the Tokyo 2025 world athletics championships coming up and LA 2028."