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# Nobel Laureate Yunus To Head Interim Govt

## B'desh Prez Dissolves Parl, Khaleda Zia Freed From House Arrest

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Dhaka: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus will head the country's interim govt after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina stepped down and



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fled the country amid a mass uprising against her regime, led mostly by students.

The announcement early on Wednesday came from Joyal Abedin, the press secretary of President Mohammed Shahabuddin. Abedin spoke to AP over phone. Abedin also said other members of the Yunus-led govt would be decided soon after discussion with political parties and other stakeholders.

The toll in the violence that has wracked the country since the protests began rose to 440, even as there were signs of normalcy returning in capital Dhaka.

President Shahabuddin dissolved Parliament earlier on Tuesday, clearing the way for fresh elections. His office also announced that leader of

the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia had been freed from house arrest.

The Anti-Discrimination Student Movement that spearheaded the protests had announced earlier that Yunus had agreed to head the interim govt. "If action is needed in Bangladesh, for my country and for the courage of my people, then I will take it," Yunus had told AFP, also calling for "free elections".

President Shahabuddin met the key coordinators of the student movement to discuss the situation and the shape of the interim govt. The three service chiefs were also present at the meeting. Nahid Islam, one of the coordinators of the student movement, had proposed Yunus's name in a video message earlier on Tuesday. "We urge the president to take steps as soon as possible to form an interim govt headed by Dr Yunus," Nahid said.

"No govt other than the one proposed by the students will be accepted. As we have said, no military govt, or one backed by the military, or a govt of fascists, will be accepted," said Nahid. Microfinance pioneer Yunus, 84, is credited with lifting millions out of poverty—earning the enmity of Hasina and the wide respect of millions of Bangladeshis.

## B'DESH BURNS: 24 DEAD AS HOTEL SET ON FIRE; PRODUCER & POLITICIAN LYNCHED

► At least 24 people, including an Indonesian, burned alive when a mob set fire to a hotel owned by an Awami League politician in Jashore. Toll set to rise

► In Khulna, three people, including district-level Awami League functionary Mohsin Reza, beaten to death

► House of Mashrafe Mortaza, a former cricketer and an Awami League MP, set ablaze by a mob. He was unhurt



A gutted Awami League office in Dhaka

► Bangladeshi producer Selim Khan, who made a film on Mujibur Rahman and had several movies on the floor in Kolkata's Tollywood, lynched along with actor-son Shanto Khan in Chattogram

► In Sherpur dist, armed mob stormed district jail and freed over 500 inmates

► Military reshuffled its brass, demoting some top officers seen as close to Hasina, and sacking Maj Gen Ziaul Ahsan

► Awami League's ex-IT minister Zunaid Ahmed Palak stopped at Dhaka airport as he was boarding a flight and taken into custody by immigration officials

► Several Indian doctors undergoing internship at Dhaka hosps stay back to 'save lives' of hundreds of injured, working for 17-18 hrs a day

► 300-plus Bangladeshis will be able to return home as some flights and buses resume services from Kolkata to Dhaka. More to start operations today



Rescuers fear there may still be many bodies inside the hotel at Jashore (above)

## Hindu councillor killed; temples, shops & houses ransacked in 27 districts

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Dhaka: Several temples, houses and shops belonging to the minority Hindu community were vandalised, women assaulted and a Hindu politician of Awami League was murdered as mobs went on the rampage in at least 27 districts of Bangladesh since the ouster of Sheikh Hasina.

Reacting to the attacks, foreign minister S Jaishankar said India was closely following the situation and would remain deeply concerned about the well-being of the minorities till law and order was restored.

Hindus constitute about 8% of Bangladesh's 170 million people and have historically largely supported Hasina's Awami League.

Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council leader Kajol Debnath said the attacks that targeted 200 to 300 houses and businesses and 15-20 temples left around 40 Hindus injured. "The situation is grave. We urge the army to ensure security for the minorities," Unity Council's general secretary Rana Dasgupta said.

In Rangpur, Haradhan Roy, an Awami League councillor and his nephew were hunted down and killed by a mob. "The situation is horrific," said Manindra Nath, a community elder. "We are getting calls from people asking us to save them, but we are not receiving any support from anywhere."



India-Bangladesh border at Bongaon, 100km from Kolkata

## Man jumps off hotel, hobbles across border

At the India-Petrapole integrated checkpoint near Bongaon in Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the air was rife with tales of dramatic escapes of Indians in the aftermath of the insurrection in Bangladesh. One hobbled to safety as he broke his legs after jumping from a burning hotel, some trekked through the night, others hitch-hiked till the checkpoint, a few spent thousands of rupees for rickety rickshaw rides, and scores slept at a bus terminus across the border in the hope of boarding the first available vehicle home. P14

Trying their best to keep the mobs at bay, members of a number of student organisations and youth wings of several political parties were seen standing guard outside temples and churches.

## UK asylum tricky, Hasina looks at other options, anxious wait for New Delhi

Sachin Parashar & Naomi Canton

New Delhi/London: After reports that deposed Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina was headed West, or London in all likelihood, it emerged Tuesday that she might have to stay put in India for days, if not longer. With India tight-lipped about how long it can allow her to stay here and the UK effectively ruling out asylum for her, Hasina was said to be exploring other options, including the US and Finland.

While London is Hasina's first choice for asylum, she hasn't officially approached

## 'She's in shock, we will wait till she settles'



Foreign minister S Jaishankar told an all-party meeting Tuesday that ousted Bangladeshi PM Sheikh Hasina was in shock at the turn of events and the govt would discuss with her about her future course once she is settled down. Hasina, who landed in Hindon in a BAF aircraft with her sister on Monday, was moved to a safehouse. P14

authorities yet, as confirmed by her son Sajeeb Wazed. Wazed was quoted as saying the US and the UK, where she has extended family, would be possible choices.

Foreign minister S Jaishankar made it clear in Parliament that Hasina had sought

## EAM doesn't rule out foreign hand in B'desh turmoil

Foreign minister S Jaishankar didn't rule out the involvement of foreign players in Bangladesh turmoil but refrained from making categorical assertions and said the situation was too fluid. He was replying to leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi at the all-party meet as the latter asked him about foreign players fomenting trouble. Hasina's son Sajeeb Wazed Joy, speaking to some TV channels, attributed the current situation in Bangladesh to foreign interference and alleged involvement of Pakistan's ISI. P14

approval to come to India only "for the moment". India remains apprehensive about her opponents in Dhaka, with whom it needs to work now, using her extended stay to sow doubts about India's intentions.

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Not 80%, slum rehab likely on 65% saltpan & mangrove plots

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Mumbai: Around seven months after scrapping the plan for affordable housing on mangroves and saltpans in the city and allowing only redevelopment of existing high density slums in these areas...

While it sounds like good news for Mumbai, citizens' activists cautioned that any construction on saltpan and mangrove land would only spell a disaster for the city.

The state urban development dept issued a corrigendum last month inviting objections/suggestions to the proposed modification to regulation 33(8), dealing with construction of affordable housing in SDZs...

An activist said the corrigendum sought to "beguile people". "SDZs are saltpan and mangrove lands. They were earlier classified as no-development zones and later, the nomenclature was changed to SDZs."

The activist pointed out that reserved public open spaces are recreation grounds, playgrounds, gardens and

DISASTROUS TO BUILD ON SUCH LAND: ACTIVISTS

No development zones (NDZs), chiefly saltpans and mangrove lands, came into focus in Development Control and Promotion Regulation 2034

Initially NDZs were split into special development zone 1 and special development zone 2 (SDZs)

Former CM Uddhav Thackeray refused to sanction SDZs, raising ecological concerns

NDZ land-owners then decided to approach Bombay high court, which directed the state govt led by CM Eknath Shinde to take a decision within 8 weeks

The Shinde govt opted to scrap SDZs and allowed such a designation only for plots that had high density slums, permitting their redevelopment under affordable housing



What previous proposal said: Redevelopment on 80% land, 20% to be handed over to BMC for an open space

What activists fear: They say in light of climate change & frequent flooding in the city, govt must not allow any construction on SDZs.

Inclusive housing: Govt also proposed that for all of Maharashtra, barring Mumbai, industrial plots being turned to residential spaces should allow affordable housing

This will be utilised for constructing service quarters. These service quarters can be sold to buyers of flats in the sale component of the same project

Staff shortage: Principals of govt-aided schools protest

Mumbai: On Tuesday, principals from govt-aided schools and junior colleges across Mumbai and Maharashtra staged protests against the shortage of teaching and non-teaching staff.

They also demanded the restoration of the old pension scheme. The protesters, organised under the Brihanmumbai Association of Head of Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools, gathered outside education department offices in various locations, in-

Panel set up to look into financial burden of OPS

Mumbai: A committee headed by the education commissioner has been set up to look into the financial burden of implementing the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for teachers in the state.

The decision was taken in a meeting of various teachers' unions with chief minister Eknath Shinde, school education minister Deepak Kesarkar, and other officials, on Tuesday. The teaching staff across the state held protests on Tuesday to demand restoration of the OPS, which was discontinued in 2004.

At the meeting, it was also decided to accommodate 3,105 special teachers who have been in service since 2006, under the Samagra Shiksha Project. TNN

cluding Jogeshwari, Chembur, and south Mumbai. The principals threatened to escalate their agitation if their demands were not addressed.

The principals expressed concern over the impact of teacher shortages on students' education, nearly two months into the academic year. "The govt should allow us to recruit teachers. While the state claims to be carrying out the recruitment process, not a single school or college in Mumbai has got teachers," said the principal of an Andheri school. TNN

Byculla zoo to get reptile house with various snake species soon

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Mumbai: The Veermata Jijabai Bhosale (VJB) Botanical Gardens and Zoo at Byculla will soon have another attraction in the form of a reptile house. A total of 12 species, from trinket snake to Indian cobra, Indian rock python, and striped keelback among others, will be housed in a ground plus one-storeyed structure, which will come up within the zoo.

"The reptile house is proposed to be set up opposite the hippo exhibit within the zoo. Creating such a facility will help in education and conservation awareness. Besides, this will also add to the attraction of the zoo, which has several attractions including penguins and tigers," said a zoo official.

"The facility will house all Indian species. We will collect the species from across the country and hope to procure them either in the form of an exchange or a donation from zoos, which have an excess of any of these species. More importantly, the facility will have the latest technology in terms of temperature

REPTILES WILL BE NATIVE TO INDIA

Species names: Trinket snake | John boa | Indian cobra | Whittaker boa | Russell's viper | striped keelback



Banded krait: It is the longest krait and is highly venomous with a distinguishable gold and black pattern



Checked keelback: Commonly known as the Asiatic water snake. The species is common to Asia and is non-venomous

and humidity control to keep the species in the most natural conditions, including creating conducive conditions for breeding too," said a zoo official.

The Veermata Jijabai Bhosale (VJB) Botanical Garden and Zoo had recorded around 29 lakh visitors in 2023-24 and had garnered a revenue of Rs 11.5 crore. In 2022-23, the zoo had 28.6 lakh visitors and a revenue of Rs 11.2 crore. "The zoo has improved a lot compared to its earlier condition. Creation of this facility is good, but the facility that is created should be the most natural one, where the animals feel at home. The BMC should not use any arti-

ficial material for creating the facility, which will result in excessive maintenance costs and disturb the animals when the facilities are being renovated. The structures and the facility should be created in a way to make it a natural habitat for the animals, because it is a one-time expenditure. Besides, the BMC should also seek public opinion on what they want," said Sunish Subramanian Kunju, an honorary Wildlife Warden and founder of NGO PAWS Mumbai.

The BMC had also recently floated a tender for the construction of a dome-shaped and walk-through aquarium at a cost of Rs 65 crore.

Minister's scrap BKC cycle track proposal sparks debate

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Mumbai: Guardian minister for Mumbai suburbs and MLA Mangal Prabhat Lodha's request to MMRDA to remove the 9km cycle track in Bandra-Kurla Complex's G-block be removed and the space added back to the main carriageway to ease the "unbearable" traffic has met with mixed responses from cyclists and motorists.

While cyclists said it was the city's first well-laid cycle track, it is "underutilised", urban planners, including NGO Praja's CEO Milind Mhaske, argued that adding the cycling space into the main carriageway may not effectively reduce congestion in BKC, instead improving



In 2011, MMRDA had sanctioned a 13km cycle track in BKC's G-block, of which a 9km stretch has been laid. Cyclists admit that it is underutilised the mass transit system connectivity between the busy Kurla and Bandra railway stations would be a more effective solution. On Monday, Lodha, along with Bharat Diamond Bourse members, met MMRDA chief

Over 80 patients absconded from Sewri TB hosp in four years: RTI

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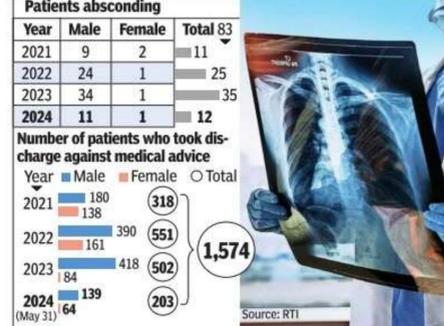
Mumbai: More than 80 patients undergoing treatment for tuberculosis at the BMC-run Sewri TB Hospital went absconding from the premises in the past four years, shows data gathered using the Right to Information (RTI) Act. Despite the availability of newer medicines, shorter treatment regimens and more beds for TB patients, the issue of "patients running away" continues to plague the health system.

Civic officials said the patients who go absconding are almost always "non-infectious" and run away due to the long stay in hospital. The city registered 63,575 TB cases in 2023, a slight drop from 65,747 cases in 2022. Of these patients, 4,793 in 2023 and 5,698 in 2022 had drug-resistant forms of TB that require around 18 months of treatment and long hospital stay.

It's these medical factors, combined with the social issue

'THEY RUN AWAY DUE TO LONG STAY'

Patients from BMC-run Sewri TB Hospital



of TB patients being abandoned by families, which at times led to patients running away. "There are about 25 patients, including five women, in the TB hospital who have not gone home for the past five years," said a civic doctor. Many such patients become restless and run away from the hospital by hoodwinking security guards.

Among the 83 patients who ran away between 2021 and May this year, 78 are males and five females. "The number of patients running away from

the hospital is increasing every year," said Chetan Kothari who got the information under RTI from BMC's public health department.

BMC executive health officer Dr Daksha Shah said these patients are non-infectious. "At times, patients are told to stay on for a couple of weeks more for observation, but they don't want to and seek to leave. Such patients are marked as 'discharge against medical advice' (DAMA)," she said. There have been roughly 1,574 patients who have sought DAMA between 2021 and May this year, Kothari's RTI reply stated.

BMC officials said a police complaint is filed over their disappearance. At times, BMC health workers visit the patient's last-known address to look for them. Incidentally, the hospital has not registered suicides since 2021. "We have counsellors as well as psychiatrists who look after patients' mental health," said Dr Shah.

Hosp staffer shoots video of doctor in the loo, held

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Mumbai: A contractual conservancy worker at a civic-run hospital in Kandivli was arrested after he allegedly shot an objectionable video clip of a female doctor. The incident occurred on Tuesday. The accused was identified as Jayesh Solanki, police said.

"Solanki has been booked under section 77 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for voyeurism," confirmed a senior police official. The complainant was using a restroom at the hospital premises when she sensed

Make me Guv in 15 days or else...: Sena's Adsul 'warns' BJP

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Mumbai: Accusing the BJP of failing to keep its word and commitment, former Shiv Sena MP Anandras Adsul on Tuesday said that if he is not made governor in 15 days, he would file a curative petition in the Supreme Court in the matter related to former BJP MP Navneet Rana's caste certificate. The SC had in April this year held Rana's caste certificate to be valid.

In 2019, Rana had, as a candidate supported by the NCP, defeated the Shiv Sena's Adsul from the Amravati Lok Sabha constituency. Adsul had challenged the validity of her caste certificate. After CM Eknath Shinde's rebellion, Adsul joined the Shinde-led Shiv Sena and Rana contested as BJP-Mahayuti candidate from Amravati in this year's LSelection and lost.

Adsul said that he was promised a gubernatorial assignment by Union home minister Amit Shah in the presence of Shinde and deputy CM Devendra Fadnis in writing. Before the LS polls, he said, the BJP had promised two Union cabinet posts and two governor's posts to the Shinde-led

Sena, but it had failed to keep its promise. He added that a letter with his name for governorship was also signed by Shinde and Fadnis and sent to the Centre, but his name did not figure on the list of nine new governors recently named by the Centre.

Adsul said the Sena had got only one Union minister of state (MoS) berth. "It is BJP's responsibility to fulfil the promises made. I can't wait forever. I will move the SC and challenge the stay given in former MP Navneet Rana's caste certificate case," he said.

Recently, in the reconstituted NITI Aayog, Sena MPs or its lone Union minister of state with independent charge Prataprao Jadhav didn't get a place. After this, when President Droupadi Murmu appointed governors to nine states, including former state assembly speaker and BJP man Haribhau Bagade who was appointed governor of Rajasthan, no senior functionary from Sena was picked. Adsul had earlier said in the wake of this development that he was still hopeful and was expecting that he would become governor in the next round when more governors were appointed.

After protest, nod to bar in residential area revoked

Uthnasagar: The State Excise Department (SED) has revoked the bar and restaurant permission recently granted to a beer shop owner in a residential area situated in Punjabi Colony in Uthnasagar. The decision came after residents opposed the excise department's decision, claiming the bar and restaurant would disrupt the peaceful atmosphere and pose a threat to the safety of residents, particularly women and children.

The residents had threatened to stage mass protests if the permission was not withdrawn. The residents had submitted a letter with over 100 signatures to the SED. They also met with local BJP MLA Kumar Ailani, demanding that he raise the issue with the department.

In response to the locals' demands, Ailani instructed the excise department to either cancel the licence given to the bar and restaurant or ask the shop owner to shift it to another commercial area.

A senior state excise official told TOI, "Due to various reasons, including locals opposing the bar and restaurant in the area, we have cancelled the licence of the bar and restaurant given to the beer shop owner." —Pradeep Gupta

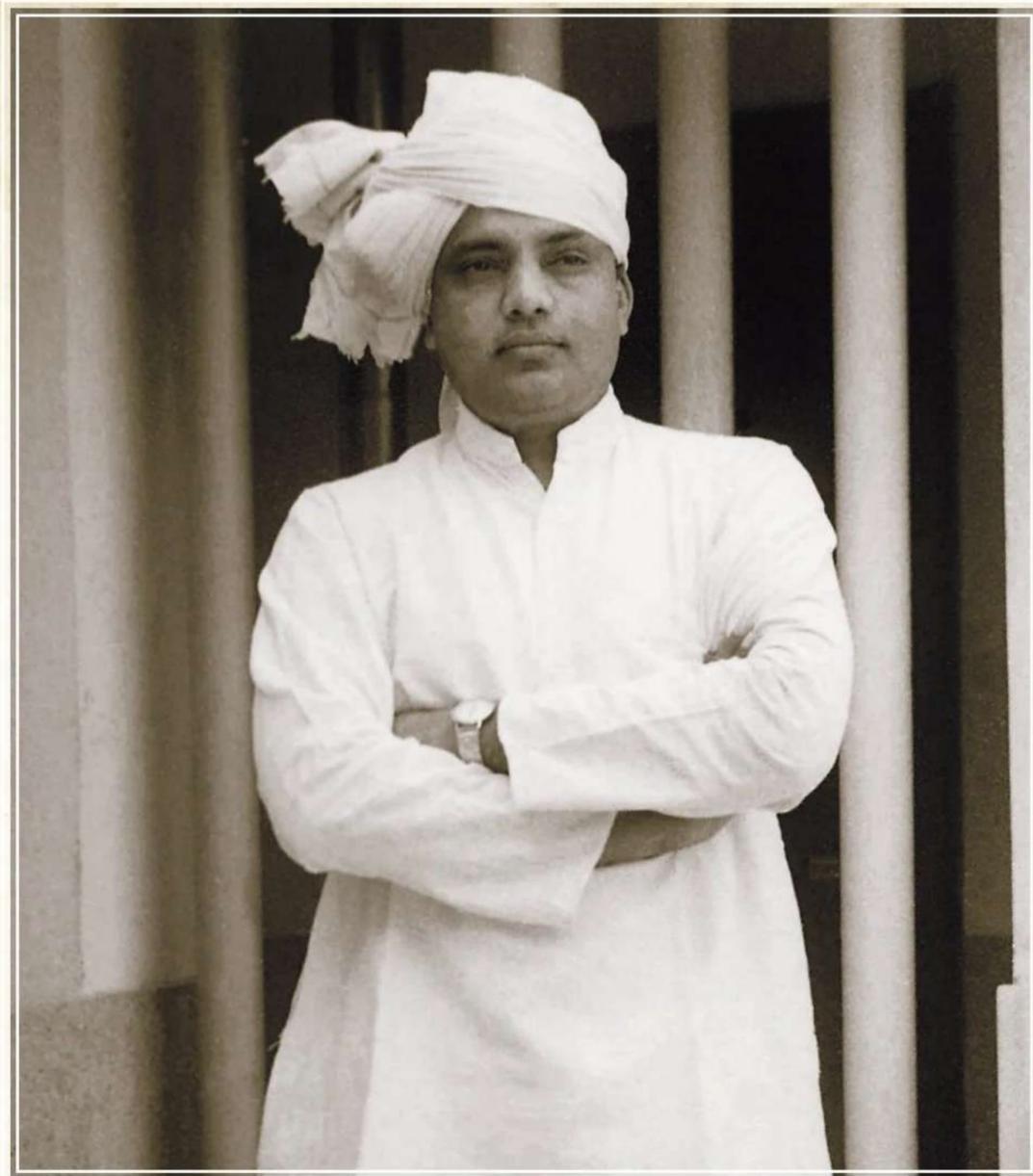
RAISING HANDS FOR NUCLEAR-FREE WORLD



Students and activists participate in a peace rally from Azad Maidan to Hutatma Chowk to mark the anniversary of atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki during World War-II, on Tuesday

60 govt school students suffer food poisoning

Mumbai: Over 60 female students from a govt residential school in Palghar's Dahanu taluka suffered from food poisoning after consuming dinner the previous night. The school is run under the Integrated Tribal Development Project. Food and water samples have been sent for testing, and district officials said that the students are stable and under observation in hospitals. Around 2:30am, students from the residential school in Rankol village experienced nausea and vomiting. They were immediately admitted to the Kasa govt hospital. TNN



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Remembering Bauji Today... and Every Day...

# Amid dwindling ridership, BEST marks its foundation day today

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Mumbai: The city's road lifeline, BEST, which observes its foundation day on Wednesday, has experienced a decline in ridership by nearly 2 lakh over the past five months, an official in the undertaking said. The daily ridership, which stood at 35 lakh in February, plummeted to 33 lakh by July-end.

This drop is primarily attributed to poor frequency on numerous routes, paucity of buses, prolonged and exasperating wait times at bus stops, cessation of several long routes, and dilapidated condition of small (Mini) buses, among other contributing factors. Many commuters have migrated towards alternative means of transport such as shared auto-rickshaws, shared taxis, or even opting to go on foot.

The citizens' group, Aamchi Mumbai Aamchi BEST (AMAB), is set to embark on a campaign on Wednesday, advocating for BEST to double its fleet to 6,000 buses. "We will strongly oppose BEST's complete reliance on contractual buses. In the next few years, the BEST-owned fleet will disappear altogether," said Vidyadhar Date, convener of AMAB.

When contacted, BEST general manager Anil Digikar, who took charge a few months back, told TOI that he was serious about changing the scenario and bringing in more buses in the fleet very soon.

"I have personally contacted suppliers of e-buses, which will now give us 150 buses every month, and by Diwali, the fleet size will go up by at least 600 buses," he said. The

## PAUCITY OF BUSES, LONG WAIT HRS KEY CONCERNS



**FEAR OF BEST-OWNED FLEET BECOMING ZERO IN A FEW YRS LOOMS**

As per an MoU inked between bus management and unions in 2019, the undertaking has pledged to maintain its own fleet at 3,337

BEST has not procured a single bus in recent years and acquired all new buses on wet lease (contract)

If BEST fails to purchase any new buses, its own fleet of 1,078 buses will dwindle to 761 buses by March next year, 251 buses by the end of 2025, and subsequently zero the next year end, cautioned union leader Shashank Rao

BEST's present fleet strength is 3,182, which includes 1,070 own buses and 2,112 buses on wet lease (contract).

On Tuesday, BEST Workers' Union leader Shashank Rao also made a written plea to the city's legislators to rally behind its 'BEST Bachao' campaign and insist on BEST procuring its own buses, as its own fleet has dwindled from

3,337 to a mere 1,100 buses at present. "There is fear of the BEST's own fleet reducing to zero if no new bus is purchased by December 2025," he pointed out.

TOI has a copy of the AMAB petition, which will be made public on Wednesday, and a copy will be sent to BEST and BMC. It mentions: "We demand to know: why

one of the richest municipal corporations in India is refusing to merge their budget with BEST budget in order to subsidise this city bus service? Why are the safer, larger BEST buses being replaced by smaller, badly maintained wet-leased or contractor-owned private buses which frequently break down or even burst into flames?"

## BEST to hold exhibition today

Mumbai: To celebrate its Foundation Day on Wednesday, the BEST will open to the public its exhibition at Anik depot museum, showcasing the evolution of Mumbai's public transport system—from the electric trams to electric buses. An official said that the exhibition will offer a rare glimpse into the rich history of BEST, highlighting its pivotal role in shaping Mumbai's urban transportation landscape. TNN

## A 'band baaja baaraat' protest

Navi Mumbai: The youth of Ambewadi, near Matheran, took out a band baaja baaraat-like procession to the MSEDCL office in Neral on Monday. They were not celebrating but protesting against the lack of power supply to the village for the last three days. However, the problem has still not been resolved. A protester said they resorted to the protest as frequent attempts to reach out to officials over phone failed. —Umesh K Parida

## Chhota Shakeel aide gets bail

Mumbai: A sessions court recently granted anticipatory bail to alleged Chhota Shakeel aide, Riyaz Bhatti, accused of threatening a witness from jail. The witness was to testify in an extortion case against Riyaz. The court pointed out that the witness had turned hostile in court and did not mention anything about the alleged threats. The complaint was filed by a Khar-based businessman. TNN

## Cat poisoned, case registered

Mumbai: The Dadar police have filed a case against an unidentified person following the poisoning of a stray cat. The unknown person has been charged with cruelty to animals and the mischief of killing or maiming an animal. The complaint was filed by Rupsi Das, a resident of Sukh Shanti Apartments, who cared for the cat. She said she found the cat unconscious in the building compound. TNN

# Uddhav begins 3-day Delhi tour; to meet Rahul and Kharge today

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Mumbai: Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Uddhav Thackeray kicked off his three-day Delhi tour amid the Parliament session by meeting Congress's Maharashtra in-charge Ramesh Chennithala on Tuesday evening. Sena (UBT) sources said primary seat-sharing talks were held in the meeting, which was attended by Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut and NCP (SP) MLA Jitendra Awhad, but the detailed discussions will begin in Mumbai on Wednesday.

Thackeray will meet leader of opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi and AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge on Wednesday. He is also likely to meet Sonia Gandhi, Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar has invited Thackeray, his wife Rashmi and MLA son Aaditya to his residence for breakfast on Thursday, said Raut.

He added: "Several meetings are scheduled. The main meeting is with Sonia and Ra-

## BJP has created quota row: Patole

Mumbai: MPCC president Nana Patole on Tuesday blamed the BJP, particularly Devendra Fadnis, for the row over reservations, and said it was high time PM Narendra Modi stepped in to resolve the dispute.

"BJP has created the problem of reservation. In 2014, it was Fadnis who had assured to provide quota to Marathas, Dhanagars, and tribals. Surprisingly, in the last 10 years, BJP and Modi have failed to resolve the dispute," said Patole. —Prafulla Marpakwar

hul Gandhi and Kharge... Since Parliament session is on, he will meet MPs of the INDIA bloc and also NCP (SP) chief Sharad Pawar. "Thackeray is likely to meet top netas of Samajwadi Party, AAP and Trinamool Congress, and discuss the Maharashtra assembly polls slated for Oct. Sena (UBT) functionaries said Thackeray's Delhi visit

would set the stage for seat-sharing talks in the Maha Vikas Aghadi for the assembly polls. His series of meetings is also being seen as an attempt to expand his network and some muscle-flexing. Thackeray will also interact with Marathi and national media there. This is Thackeray's first visit to Delhi after the Lok Sabha results in June.

Launching a scathing attack on Thackeray, Sanjay Nirupam, the spokesperson of CM Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, claimed that he is bowing to the Congress high command purely out of a desire for power. "The country remembers the time when national leaders sought discussions at Matoshree [Thackeray's Bandra residence] during the era of Hindu Hriday Samrat Balasaheb Thackeray. Uddhav Thackeray's current visit to Delhi exemplifies his helplessness," he said. "While Pune and Nashik are grappling with floods, CM Eknath Shinde has been involved in relief efforts. He even cancelled his Delhi tour."

# 2018 Nalasopara arms haul: HC grants bail to 5 accused

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Mumbai: Bombay high court has released on bail five persons arrested by Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) in the 2018 Nalasopara arms haul case and for conspiracy to disrupt the 2017 Sunburn festival in Pune. "...we have prima facie formed an opinion that these statements [of witnesses] are insufficient to establish the charge of conspiracy against the appellants," said Justices Bharati Dange and Manjusha Deshpande in the July 30 order.

HC noted that though the trial has commenced, only two of the 417 witnesses have been examined and since Sept 2023, no one has been examined. Observing that "speedy trial is recognised as a fundamental right", HC directed that Sujith Rangaswamy, Amit Baddi, Ganesh Miskin,

Shrikant Pangarkar, and Bharat Kurane be released on personal bond of Rs 50,000 each. The five accused had appealed against the refusal of bail by the special court.

HC noted that the allegations involve storage and seizure of arms to give effect to the conspiracy to disrupt the Sunburn festival. However, defence advocates said "there was no recovery of incriminating articles, either from them or at their behest".

The judges said the chargesheet showed ATS Vikhroli unit on Aug 7, 2018, got a tipoff of 'disruption' activity in Mumbai and Pune. ATS apprehended Sharad Kalaskar and Vaibhav Raut, raided the residences and seized arms, ammunition, and explosives. An FIR was filed under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Explosives Act, Arms Act, and Indian Penal Code. Fourteen persons, in-

cluding the five appellants, were arrested. ATS alleged they were active members of Sanatan Sanstha and Hindu Janjagriti Manch and had formed a gang for opposing anti-Hindu elements. ATS claimed they held a meeting on Christmas day in 2017 and targeted the Sunburn festival between Dec 26-31.

# HC waives 6-month cooling-off period in divorce case

Justice Gauri Godse in the July 25 verdict. She quashed and set aside Pune Family Court's June 4 order that refused to waive the waiting period under Section 13 B (2). Under this section, court decides on petition for mutual divorce between six and 18 months of its filing.

The couple, aged 29 and 28, had married in June 2021. Due to differences, they began living separately in Oct 2022. Reconciliation attempts failed. They filed a petition for dissolution of marriage under Section 13 B (divorce by mutual consent) on March 13 and requested a waiver of the waiting period.

Justice Godse noted that the family court judge held that merely because they had stayed separate

# CR runs late in rolling out timetable for extended services to Kalyan, Parel

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Mumbai: The anticipated rollout of the new local train schedule for Central Railway (CR) from Aug has been delayed. The exact cause of the delay remains unclear though, with officials providing no detailed explanation for it.

Currently, CR operates 894 services on its Main line, of which 623 are slow and 271 fast, with many originating from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT). The proposed timetable, though, was expected to bring significant changes to the existing operations.

While no additional services were planned under the new timetable, CR intended to extend several services to Ka-

lyan and Parel. Specifically, 10 new trains—five up and five down—were slated to operate from Dadar station to better utilise the recently extended platform number 10. Previously, these services originated and terminated at CSMT.

This adjustment was aimed at alleviating congestion between CSMT and Dadar and enhancing the punctuality of trains on the fast corridor shared by local and long-distance trains. Further, the new schedule proposed extending the services of six CSMT-Thane local trains to Kalyan.

This extension was designed to address the increasing population beyond Thane, which has seen a significant growth over recent decades, thereby necessitating improved connectivity.

In addition to these changes, the timetable adjustment included shifting 24 slow corridor services that previously operated from Dadar to Parel. This shift was expected to increase total services from Parel to approximately 46. The reallocation of services was intended to ease congestion at Dadar to some extent.

Despite these planned improvements, no new services have been added to the timetable due to constraints related to the availability of space for running additional trains.

CR chief public relations officer Swapnil Nila said, "A final decision on the revised schedule would be made soon."

The new timetable, once implemented, is anticipated to improve punctuality and

better manage train congestion, particularly at Dadar and Parel stations.

Lata Argade of Upnagariya Pravasi Maha Sangh said, "We have demanded more shuttle services between Thane and Kalyan. There is no point in curtailing services from CSMT as this station itself has more originating and terminating passengers." Argade said CR may have postponed the implementation due to worries of a negative fallout as passengers are extremely upset due to recurring lapses on this corridor.

Rail Yatri Sangh's Subhash Gupta said, "It is surprising that authorities do not get a path to introduce local train services but make all efforts to operate new inter-city trains from CSMT."

## Man's body in suitcase: Cops suspect love angle

Mumbai: The Pydhonie police are probing a possible love angle in the murder of a 30-year-old man whose body, hidden in a suitcase, was found by a railway policeman while the two alleged killers were transporting it to another location on Sunday. The two accused were allegedly interested in the same woman and Shaikh also knew about it. A police source said that they were also probing if Shaikh was blackmailing any of the accused.

Police arrested Sujit Singh and Jay Chawda, both hearing and speech-impaired men, for allegedly killing their friend, Arshad Shaikh, in Pydhonie. The two accused were produced before a court and remained in police custody till August 12. Shaikh, was also a differently abled person, lived in Santacruz and worked in an office as an office boy. Police are also trying to find out if more people are involved in the case. A source said the police suspect that one of the accused had made a video call to someone. However, police couldn't get information from the phone as the call records were deleted. The source added that it seems the murder was pre-planned since the accused had bought the suitcase a day in advance and then invited Shaikh.

On Sunday, Chawda, who worked as a typist, had invited Shaikh and Singh at his Pydhonie residence for a meal. There, they consumed alcohol, had an argument and the two accused allegedly hit Shaikh with a hammer and then with a sharp object. TNN

# SC says it will not stay conviction of encounter cop

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New Delhi/Mumbai: The Supreme Court has refused to stay the conviction of former Mumbai police officer Pradeep Sharma in a fake encounter killing case so that he can contest the forthcoming assembly elections.

The present application was filed in an appeal preferred by Sharma challenging the recent Bombay High Court's order sentencing him to life imprisonment.

Sharma contested the 2019 elections from Nalasopara



Sharma sought relief to contest the upcoming assembly polls

constituency on an undivided Shiv Sena ticket and lost. His wife Swikruti Sharma, and his two daughters Nikita and Anika joined the Shiv Sena on July 29 at chief minister Eknath Shinde's Nandanvan bungalow. Sharma runs PS Foundation, which is engaged in charitable work. Sharma was hoping to contest the forthcoming assembly elections from Andheri (east). In 2021, the BJP had slammed the Shiv Sena over Sharma's involvement in the Antillia bomb scare case. Sharma was arrested by the NIA in the An-

tillia case and was granted bail by the Supreme Court in August 2023.

He was convicted by the Bombay High Court which sentenced him to life imprisonment for the November 11, 2006 fake encounter of Ramnarayan Gupta alias Lakhan Bhaiyya, an alleged close aide of gangster Chhota Rajan. Sharma who led the operation was then posted at DN Nagar police station. In 2013 the trial court convicted three policemen—inspector Pradeep Suryavanshi, Dilip Palande and constable Tanaji Desai on charges of murder and acquitted Sharma. The other remaining 18 accused were also convicted for aiding and abetting the murder.

The trial court had disregarded the ballistic report, which indicated that the bullet recovered from Lakhan Bhaiyya's head was fired from Sharma's gun. A significant setback to the case occurred when Anil Bheda, the prime witness to Lakhanbhaiyya's abduction, went missing in 2011. Two months later, his decomposed body was discovered in the Manor jungles. Lakhanbhaiyya's lawyer brother, Ramprasad, filed an appeal against Sharma's acquittal before the high court.

Sharma challenged his HC conviction in SC which had on April 8 said he need not surrender till further orders to undergo the life term and issued notice to Maharashtra govt. As the conviction order remained in force, he could not contest the polls and pleaded with the court to stay it. A bench headed by Justice Hrishikesh Roy turned down his plea.

## Yoga teacher's morphed pics posted online

Mumbai: A 32-year-old model and yoga instructor from Jogeshwari (W) was shocked on discovering that her morphed objectionable photos were posted on social media on Monday. She promptly filed a complaint with the Oshiwara police, requesting removal of two Instagram accounts created using her fake profile details to share the manipulated images.

The woman became aware of the morphed photos when a friend contacted her about it. "She immediately called Cyber Helpline number and got the fake accounts deleted that was used to post the morphed photos of her and her friends. Cyber team is trying to track IP addresses used to create the fake accounts," stated a police officer. TNN

## For smoking on flight, Kerala man arrested

Mumbai: Sarath Puracka, a 27-year-old resident of Malappuram, Kerala, was arrested on Monday for smoking on an Indigo flight from Abu Dhabi to Mumbai. The incident occurred shortly after the flight took off at 6:35am. Puracka used the lavatory to smoke, triggering the security alarm. This is the eighth case of a flyer being arrested at Mumbai airports for smoking on flights since March.

Despite repeated knocks on the lavatory door, it took Puracka nearly 10 minutes to exit. "The cigarette lighter has been confiscated which the cabin crew found with Puracka. They also handed over the cigarette found in the lavatory," said a Sahar station police officer. TNN

# THANE'S RING METRO TO HAVE 22 STATIONS TENDERS SOON FOR PLANNING PARTICULARS

While the state govt awaits the Centre's approval for the ambitious Ring Metro project in chief minister Eknath Shinde's hometown Thane, Maharashtra Metro Rail Corporation Limited (MMRCL) is about to float tenders for hiring consultants to plan stations in detail. Manoj Badgeri reports

**THANE INTERNAL RING METRO PROJECT**

Length **29km**

Route type: **Closed loop**

Carrying capacity of each train **1,500**

Avg train speed **35kmph**

Initial frequency of services **15minutes**

Time taken to complete loop **1 hour**

Project cost: **₹12,000cr**

Car shed: **Kasarwadavali**

The consultants will finalise the exact location of the stations and analyse pier-related issues, including land acquisition and clearances —An MMRCL official

**22** No of stations | Old Thane, New Thane, Rayladevi, Wagle Estate Circle, Lokmanya Nagar Bus Station, Pokhran 1, Upwan, Gandhi Nagar, Kashinath Ghanekar Auditorium, Manpada, Patlipada, Dongripada, Vijay Nagar, Waghbil, Hiranandani Estate, Bramhand, Azad Nagar Bus Stop, Manorama Nagar, Kolshet, Balkum Naka, Saket, Shivaji Chowk

**2** (Thane, New Thane) to be underground + **20** to be elevated, on piers

Integration with CR's main line

**PROJECT AIMS**

- To bridge connectivity gaps between densely populated pockets on either side of Ghodbunder Road and Eastern Express Highway
- Provide alternative and fast connectivity with Thane's dense pockets and railway stations on Central Railway
- Be a feeder to MMRDA's Metro 4 (Wadala-Kasarwadavali) and Metro 5 (Thane-Bhiwandi)

Mumbai: Observing that the court should adopt a realistic approach, Bombay high court waived the statutory six-month waiting period under the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, and dissolved the marriage of an estranged couple, reports Rosy Sequeira.

"...it is the duty of the court to assist the parties by exercising the discretion to waive the cooling-off period and free them from the stress of their application for divorce remaining pending," said

reconciliation. Also, the judiciary, keeping in mind the changing social conditions, needs to adopt a "realistic approach".

She further said that when couples file for divorce through mutual consent, they have taken a conscious decision to separate. "Such decisions show they have decided to move ahead, and thus there is

every chance of rehabilitation," she opined. She said a newly married couple, or a couple married for quite some time, are unable to stay together for various reasons "itself would be a mental agony".

Justice Godse noted that the petitioners are well settled in their profession. Considering her interaction with them and reasons

given in their application for waiver, she added: "I am satisfied that the parties are unable to reconcile and have, therefore, decided to separate."

She said the pendency of the petition is causing them "mental agony" and to "avoid further loss of time" she would not relegate the couple to family court for passing an order on their petition for divorce. She waived the six-month waiting period and dissolved their marriage.

### Couple dead in Goregaon soc: Murder charge against hubby

**Mumbai:** Goregaon police have registered a case of murder against the 55-year-old man who was found dead inside the compound of his housing society, while his wife was found dead in their third-floor apartment early last Friday. Police said Kishore Pednekar throttled his wife, Rajshree, before jumping off the building and dying by suicide. Rajshree was an occupational therapist.

The FIR was filed on the basis of a statement given to the police by Rajshree's younger sister. The statement said Kishore had lost his job after Covid-19 pandemic and couldn't find steady work thereafter. "He worked at different places, but was not making the kind of money he wanted, which left him upset. The last job he held was at a company in Vasai that manufactured gym equipment," her statement said. Rajshree's clinic at Malad was also not doing well since the pandemic. The couple was facing financial problems which led to fights.

The FIR also said Kishore was suffering from a mental health condition and was being treated by a doctor at Vile Parle for the past 34 years. "His behaviour changed... he would cast aspersions on his wife's character and fight with her," said Rajshree's sister in her statement. **TNN**

### FIR against 65-yr-old for sexual assault on adopted kid

**Mumbai:** A 65-year-old man from the city's western suburbs has been accused of sexually assaulting his 15-year-old adopted child in his apartment. The Khar police on Sunday registered a case against the senior citizen, who is currently receiving treatment for cancer. The alleged crime took place when the suspect's wife was away from home, leaving him alone with the minor.

According to the police, the couple had adopted the girl just three months prior to the incident. The police are investigating the case, and so far no arrests have been made. The suspect has been charged under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita for rape and molestation, as well as under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (Pocso) Act. **TNN**

### Ind safety body, forensic team inspect blast site

**Badlapur:** A day after an explosion at Rare Pharmaceuticals Company in Badlapur MIDC injured three people, different agencies probing the incident, including the team from the Directorate of Industrial Safety and Health (DISH), visited the spot to find out the exact cause behind the blast.

On Tuesday, a team of forensic experts also visited the spot and collected samples for testing. Meanwhile, Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has decided to issue a closure notice to the company. The sub-divisional office has sent a proposal on it to MPCB office. — **Pradeep Gupta**

# Conman poses as MP's asst, orders food for ₹2 lakh at SoBo restaurant

## Case For False Promise Of Providing College Admission To Owner's Daughter

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**Mumbai:** A conman claiming to be the personal assistant to an MP has cheated SoBo restaurant Bademiya's owner Jamal Shaikh of Rs 11 lakh by promising his daughter admission to the Government Law College (GLC). The cheating included not paying for food ordered for what the conman claimed were hundreds of the MP's party workers.

Kalachowkie police on Tuesday evening arrested Suraj Kalav and registered four cheating cases against him. This included for impersonating a public servant and criminal breach of trust. Police have ruled out any politician's involvement in the case.

According to Shaikh's complaint, he had received a call on July 2 from Suraj, who introduced himself as the personal assistant to an MP and placed an order for food for 200 party workers as part of a celebration for winning the Lok Sabha election. He placed an order for 200 gulab jamuns and vegetarian and non-vegetarian biryani for the party workers. Additionally, he requested vegetarian and non-vegetarian food for 40 people to be delivered to one Akhilesh in Curry Road. The total bill was around Rs 2 lakh, police said.



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getarian food for 40 people to be delivered to one Akhilesh in Curry Road. The total bill was around Rs 2 lakh, police said.

Suraj had placed orders with the restaurant in the past too but had paid, police said.

Suraj who boasted of connections with politicians, promised Shaikh's daughter admission to GLC and collected Rs 9.27 lakh in exchange.

Shaikh's daughter, who was studying law at a private college in Bandra, wanted admission to GLC in Churchgate which was close to her residence. Suraj assured him that he would discuss the matter with his bosses and make it happen, police said.

In the last week of July, Suraj called Shaikh and informed him that he would need to pay a donation for the admission, to which Shaikh agreed. "Initially, on the pretext of paying college fees, he collected Rs 49,000. Later, he collected Rs 3 lakh allegedly to pay for donations, extra fees, registration, etc and Rs 5 lakh for the trustees. In all, he took Rs 9.27 lakh and cheated him."

A police officer said, "The crime branch arrested him. We will take his custody and produce him in the court Wednesday. We will investigate what he did with the food."

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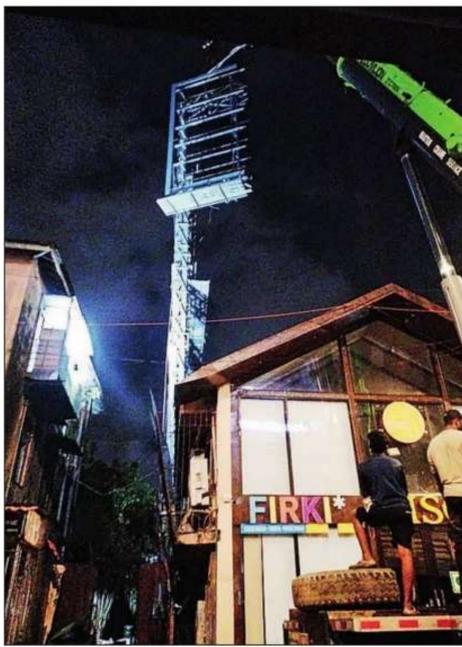
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### BMC PULLS DOWN LOWER PAREL HOARDING AFTER VJTI REPORT AND MLA DUB IT UNSAFE



The BMC on Tuesday removed a large hoarding on Senapati Bapat Marg in Lower Parel after a request from local MLA Aaditya Thackeray and the VJTI also pointing out in its inspection report that the structure was unsafe, reports **Richa Pinto**.

Thackeray, in a post on social media X, said, "The dangerous hoarding structure at Khimji Nagji Chhal has been removed. As per the request of the locals, I was following up with the municipal commissioner Bhusan Gagrani ji. This dangerous structure has been removed this morning. On behalf of the citizens, I express special thanks to Mr. Gagrani."

VJTI Mumbai's structural engineering department, in a report submitted to BMC, said that following their visit on August 5, they observed several discrepancies between the submitted drawings and the actual on-site structure.

The hoarding, measuring 30x20, does not align with the approved plans and it is recommended to take appropriate action, stated the VJTI report.

## No court relief for 18-year-old who 'broke minor's jaw' in '21

### 'Knew A Blow To Face Would Likely Cause Injuries'

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**Mumbai:** Observing that there is sufficient evidence to frame charges, a sessions court rejected the discharge plea of an 18-year-old Andheri student who allegedly punched another minor in the face and left him with a broken jaw during a fight in 2021.

The student had moved the court earlier this year after the juvenile justice board (JJB) refused to discharge him from the case on Jan 5. He contended that the injuries were minor and did not constitute the offence of grievous hurt. However, the judge said, "It is clear that when the fight started, the appellant had clear knowledge that a fist blow on the face of [the victim] was likely to cause hurt to him and, in fact, a fracture injury was caused, resulting in his

hospitalisation and surgery."

The judge said the student's act constituted an offence of voluntarily causing hurt. "Whether a fist blow is a weapon of offence which is likely to cause death will be decided at the time of appreciating the prosecution evidence, and for that, it is necessary to record the evidence of prosecution witnesses. While deciding the discharge application, the merits of this application can be judged only on the basis of statements of witnesses and the medical evidence before the court," the judge said.

The court said it did not find any perversity in JJB's order. The judge also pointed to the hospital's Dec 30, 2021, medical certificate, which showed the victim was admitted to the facility four days prior and was operated on for a fracture. At the time of discharge,

he was advised two weeks of rest. "The statement of [the victim] shows that he sustained an injury to his face... Other prosecution witnesses... also stated in their police statements that the appellant had dealt a fist blow on [the victim's] face," the judge said.

The FIR was filed on Dec 27, 2021. The victim's father told police that two days prior, he was told that his son had been assaulted and taken to a hospital. He said at the hospital, the victim told him about the assailant. He said since the victim had fractured his jaw, he was advised to go to a facility with a dental surgeon. After he was moved to another hospital, the doctor expressed his inability to perform the surgery. Another doctor, too, refused. Finally, the father took the boy to a bigger hospital where the surgery was finally performed.

### Hoarding: SIT seeks custody of bizman

**Mumbai:** The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the Ghatkopar hoarding collapse that killed 17 people and injured more than 70, has sought custodial interrogation of Govandi businessman Arshad Khan. The SIT has filed their say seeking Khan's custodial interrogation while opposing his anticipatory bail before the sessions court. Khan, who has not been traceable since his name cropped up in the case through his lawyer Ranjit Patil, has moved the ABA before the session court on Monday. The court had asked the SIT to file their say. The court will hear the matter on August 8. "We have strongly opposed the ABA and have given our say that we want his custodial interrogation as there are some financial transactions between him and the main accused Bhavesh Bhide, the proprietor of Ego Media responsible for the hoarding collapse," said the police reply. — **S Ahmed Ali**

## Teen accuses 3 of rape, blackmail, ₹45L extortion

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**Mumbai:** A 19-year-old college student has filed a complaint against three men, including one whom she met on social media, accusing them of raping her, using her pictures to blackmail her, and extorting Rs 45 lakh from her parents. Police registered an FIR late Tuesday for rape, cheating, forgery, breach of trust and extortion, against the accused.

The teenager met one of the accused on social media while she was in college two months ago. He claimed to be from a movie production house, and offered the student a break in modelling. They exchanged mobile numbers, and he visited her residence to convince her parents to take up modelling, saying she had a promising future in the field.

"On the pretext of paying production house registration fees, he collected Rs 20,000 from her and later, using various ex-

cuses, kept asking for money, promising to give her a break in an advertisement with a film actress. He said once she did that advertisement, she would start earning a lot of money. Her parents pawned their jewellery and gave him money," said a police officer.

During this time, he started getting close to the teenager and then allegedly raped her on multiple occasions. The student told the police that he took her objectionable photos and videos and began to blackmail her, forcing her to continue the physical relationship.

The complaint further stated that another accused sent inappropriate messages via his social media account while the third suspect allegedly coerced her into sending her nude photographs. He threatened to make these public if she refused to engage in physical relations with him. Eventually, the student confided in her mother, who asked her to file a complaint.

### 'Constitution to be part of govt tech schools'

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**Mumbai:** The skills ministry will start cells termed as temples of Constitution across 419 govt-run Industrial Training Institutes and 163 government technical schools.

The idea germinated from the fact that there should be more than just a pledge in the text books that fosters civic awareness among students, said skills minister Mangal Prabhat Lodha at a press conference at Maharashtra State Skills University. These cells will be inaugurated on Aug 15.

"Students will understand the Constitution, be aware about their duties and rights. This cell will encourage speeches, debates and students will make other people aware through programmes," said Lodha.

Lodha said that the state's skill development department is implementing initiatives to provide employment and self-employment opportunities to the youth.

## Ganapati mandals against BMC conditional nod plan

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**Mumbai:** Ganapati mandals in the city, which held a meeting with BMC officials on Tuesday afternoon, have opposed the "conditional" five-year permission proposed by BMC.

BMC had announced it would give mandals a five-year blanket permission in case they have followed all rules over the past 10 years. "There is bound to be some or the other issue the mandals might have faced in the past decade, whether a penalty for potholes or a fire safety-related issue. Therefore, putting a clause as such is not justified," said Naresh Dahibavkar, president, Brihanmumbai Sarvajnik Ganeshotsav Samanvay Samiti.

With just one month left for Ganeshotsav to commence in the city, BMC has also assured mandals that permissions to be issued to them would be fast-tracked.

The association has also demanded a 50% concession in rent from BMC for man-



Plan to give 5-yr permission to mandals that followed all rules for 10 yrs

dals that set up pandals in civic gardens, an increase in the number of artificial immersion sites, and the filling of potholes on roads, trimming of trees, and removal of any hanging cables so that there is no obstruction to the path of Ganapati idols being brought to their mandals.

The meeting was attended by guardian minister for Mumbai suburbs, Mangal Prabhat Lodha, who too backed the mandals on the issue. "Unless there are serious charges against mandals, there is no reason to not

grant them a blanket permission for five years. I have also made a demand to BMC to allow free public parking for all devotees in the civic parking lots for 10 days when the festival celebrations are on," said Lodha.

BMC receives close to 3,000 applications from Ganapati mandals every year. Last year, 2,729 were granted a nod. Ganeshotsav mandals can apply online for permission for mandaps on the BMC website. This facility was made available from 10am on Aug 6.

### 16 DCPs shifted in reshuffle by state home dept

**Mumbai:** In a reshuffle of DCP-level officers, the home department on Tuesday shifted assembly security officer Pradeep Chavan to Mumbai as DCP Raju Bhujbal has been posted in his place. Navi Mumbai DCP Vivek Pansare has been shifted to Mumbai in the same capacity. A total of 16 DCPs have been shifted across the state. The ECI had directed the CS to shift all the officers who have completed three years or have been posted in their home town. **TNN**

### ₹10cr each for Assam, Kerala

**Mumbai:** The state govt has announced Rs 10 crore each as flood relief to the states of Assam and Kerala. The state govt has said that it is giving the aid for the flood and landslide relief work in Kerala's Wayanad where 387 people have been killed and over 180 are still missing. The floods in Assam that occurred in July affected 23 lakh people across 29 districts. **TNN**

## TISS and Parzor offer 10-month course on Zoroastrian heritage

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**Mumbai:** Two reputed institutes, TISS and Parzor, have devised an online certificate course on Zoroastrianism to explain Parsi culture. Apart from burnishing the CV of students and researchers and advancing career opportunities, it will impart an understanding of the small, but vibrant, community.

Admissions are under way till Aug 31 to the TISS-Parzor Online Certificate Programme on Culture and Heritage Studies to be conducted online from the TISS campus. The total fee is Rs 60,000 but rises variously for international applicants. At the end of the 10-month course, beginning Sept 16 and ending June-July 2025, students will be conferred a certificate. Candidates who do not wish to take the entire course can opt for specific modules for a reduced fee.

The teachers include resident faculty members and guest lecturers from institutes across the globe who are experts in Zoroastrian studies, apart from



The online classes will be conducted from TISS campus. Admissions are on till Aug 31

researchers.

Shernaz Cama, director of Parzor Foundation, said, "UNESCO had entrusted Parzor with the task of recording and reviving Parsi Zoroastrian culture 25 years ago. This collaboration with TISS is a culmination of that task. We have gathered and created enough information and resources to share with the world through the programme."

She added, "The world considers the

Parsi contribution to the building of modern India a great example of a small group of refugees giving back to their new home. We need to recall that the Cyrus Cylinder was the First Bill of Human Rights — around 500 BC."

Oral historian Freny Daruwalla, coordinator at Parzor, said: "It is a one-of-a-kind well structured course where passion meets learning, and that learning will take you a long way."

Drawing from Persian, Chinese, European and Indian influences, the Zoroastrian tradition of arts, crafts, music, even food, is multicultural. Cama said, "We realise that we can have an amalgamation of diverse traditions... We invite people to discuss the issues of demographics, which we call the problems of progress, and see how Japan, Europe, even China, face similar challenges."

Courses will be conducted through the TISS online platform, TISSOL, with all teaching notes and other course material being uploaded there. Candidates may apply at <https://nirantar.tiss.edu/>.

## No prima facie offence of cheating against Kamala Mills owner: Judge

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**Mumbai:** Granting bail to Kamala Mills compound owner Ramesh Gowani, arrested last month by the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) for allegedly defrauding a businessman of Rs 67.5 crore, a sessions court has held that prima facie an offence of cheating is not made out against him. The judge observed it cannot be said Gowani had an intention to cheat when he entered into a deed of conveyance with the complainant to buy a plot. The judge said that if the complainant, "a literate person", did not receive payment, he should have approached the police at the time the deed was executed.

"(The) complainant con-

firmed the deed of conveyance by executing another document in October 2016. Even at that point, nowhere he complained about non-receipt of consideration amount. At the time of cancellation of both documents, Rs 4 crore was paid by (Gowani's company) to M/s Bhavesh on the instructions of the complainant," the judge said. "Thus... it cannot be said that there was any misleading or false representation by the accused which induced the complainant to sign all three documents. It cannot be said the accused played fraud upon the complainant and induced him to execute the documents."

The accused and the complainant are claiming to be in possession of and to be the owner of the property, the judge

said, adding, "In such factual background, custody of the accused is no more required; necessary conditions can be imposed which would deter the accused from interfering in the investigation of the instant crime."

Granting bail, the judge imposed conditions: "(Gowani) shall not cause any hindrance to investigating machinery in collection of evidence... shall surrender his passport... shall not leave India without permission of this court." The judge directed him not to alienate any property in his name or those of his wife or children without court permission. "The applicant shall not tamper with prosecution evidence or pressurise prosecution witnesses."

While Gowani was gran-

ted bail on Saturday, a detailed order copy was made available on Tuesday. The prosecution contended that Gowani, who owns a real estate company, Amikrupa Land Developers, had purchased a 2,204-sq-metre plot in Santacruz (West) from the complainant and promised to provide Rs 20 crore, 10 flats and a shop in exchange. According to the allotment letter given to the complainant, seven flats were sold to third parties, and two flats were mortgaged to a finance company. The police registered an FIR against Gowani and his wife, Nidharshana, for cheating and misappropriation of funds.

Gowani moved court on July 21 after a magistrate's court had rejected his plea on July 16.

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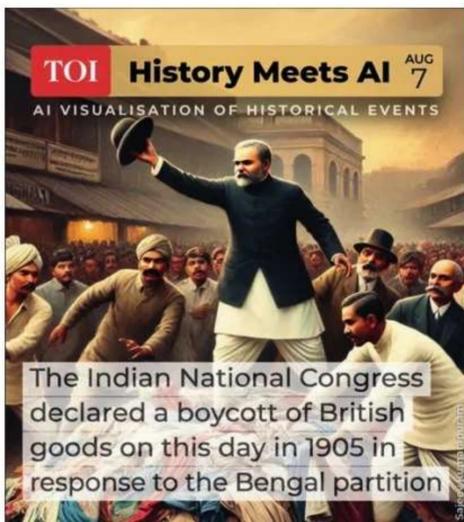
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The Indian National Congress declared a boycott of British goods on this day in 1905 in response to the Bengal partition

**CBI nabs 1 more for NEET leak**

CBI has arrested one more person, Susanta Samanta (34), in the NEET-UG paper leak case. Samanta was arrested from Bhubaneswar and produced before a court in Patna, which remanded him in five-day CBI custody on Tuesday. He is the fifth person to be arrested in the case. His questioning is expected to give CBI a clearer picture on his role in the case. "It will also be ascertained if Samanta has partners who helped him in the crime. His interrogation may also reveal paper leak tentacles spread across eastern India," a CBI officer said. **TNN**

**Beer in UP hosp's vaccine fridge**

Authorities have launched an investigation after beer cans, soda, and water bottles were found in a fridge meant for preserving vaccines at a community health center (CHC) at Dharpa in Bulandshahr district of Uttar Pradesh. Chief Medical Officer Vinay Kumar Singh said, "A video showing beer cans, soda, and water bottles lying in a deep freezer meant to preserve vaccines at the hospital has come to our notice. A probe led by the additional CMO has been initiated. Whoever is responsible will have to face the music." **TNN**

## Can trial courts order fixed-term life imprisonment? SC to decide

**'Is It Exclusive Jurisdiction Of SC and HCs?'**

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**New Delhi:** After reducing instances of death penalty to a rarity through interpretative development of criminal jurisprudence, Supreme Court on Tuesday proposed to examine trial courts' power to impose fixed-term life imprisonments to convicts in heinous crimes and whether this should be the exclusive jurisdiction of Constitution courts, the SC and HCs.

A bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and R Mahadevan dismissed an appeal by a life convict from Chhattisgarh but expressed surprise that the trial court had given a 20 year-sentence.

The bench opined that it was for Constitution courts, the SC and HCs to do so.

Under the Criminal Procedure Code, now replaced by Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha

**Student says 2 NEET questions 'out of syllabus', moves HC**

**Sanhita, a lifer can make an application to the state govt concerned for remission of the remaining part of life sentence after he/she has served 14 years.**

The state is empowered to remit the sentence if it finds that the convict had exhibited good conduct during the imprisonment period and could be re-assimilated in the society.

**Porsche crash: JJB seeks cops' advice on car release plea**

**The Juvenile Justice Board (JJB) on Tuesday asked Pune police to file its response to a plea seeking the release of the Porsche Taycan involved in the May 19 crash when it ran over two techies while being driven by a minor. The car has been seized by police. A senior officer said that the cops would oppose the car's release as the probe was still on. The company is headed by a prominent city builder whose 17-year-old son was behind the wheel. **TNN****

**2 killed, 8 hurt as boiler blasts in Nagpur**

**Nagpur:** Two workers died and eight others were critically injured in a boiler blast at a concrete block manufacturing unit in Nagpur's Mouda town early on Tuesday, reports Soumitra Bose.

The explosion sent ripples in nearby Jhullar, resulting in villagers waking up with a start and rushing to the autoclaved aerated concrete blocks-manufacturing unit where 22 workers were on their shift. **TNN**

**Girl, 17, takes on 8 armed men in Naxal-hit C'garh dist, saves dad**

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**Raipur:** A 17-year-old tribal girl fought off a band of eight armed men to save her father from a murder bid in a village in Maoist-affected Naryanpur district of Bastar on Monday night.

The gang barged into their home and hacked the farmer with an axe, but the girl pounced on the axe wielder, wrestled the weapon from him and protected her father like a lioness. Her fightback unnerved the attackers and gave neighbours precious seconds to mount a rescue. The gang fled.

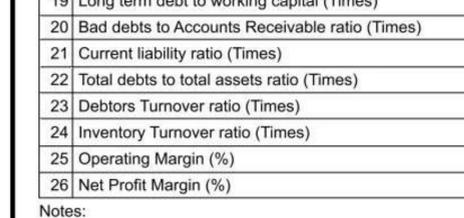
The victim, Somdhar

**Statistics: A slice of life in numbers**

**Altaf Thakur**

## THE FLOP THAT WAS A HIT

In the 1968 Mexico Olympics, a 21-year-old civil engineering student from America's Oregon State University, wearing mismatched shoes, changed the high jump forever. The backward jump, which is called the Fosbury Flop after Dick Fosbury, became possible because of better cushioning of the landing area. Fosbury won a gold medal with the flop, and this is the most used technique now. Fosbury continued his engineering career and never returned to the Olympics



**Girl, 17, takes on 8 armed men in Naxal-hit C'garh dist, saves dad**

**Korram, was taken to hospital with a deep cut in his chest and is in a stable condition, say doctors. But for his daughter's heroic stand, he wouldn't have even made it to hospital. While the family believes it was a Maoist attack, police don't agree. **TOI** spoke with the daughter. The incident took place in Jharagaon. "There were eight of**

**them. They banged on the door and demanded to see my father. I looked out of the window and saw they were masked and were carrying axes. Two of them had guns," said the girl.**

"I returned after a while to serve him dinner and was shocked to see that the masked men were back, and they had surrounded my father. I started running towards them. I watched in horror as one of the men lifted his axe and brought it down on my father's chest. I was only a second late, but I rushed into the melee and grappled with the axe wielder. I snatched the axe from him and hurled it away," she said.

**Hyderabad:** Telangana high court on Tuesday directed the state's Congress govt to inform it by Aug 27 how long it would take to set up a commission for backward castes (BCs), followed by a survey to assess the extent of backwardness among the groups.

A bench of Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J Sreenivas Rao was hearing a batch of petitions seeking implementation of BC category-wise seat reservations in elec-

**tions to municipal corporations and rural bodies.**

The bench noted that as a three-judge bench of the Supreme Court had on March 4, 2021, laid down a triple test to be adopted by states on such quotas, Telangana should follow the mandate of this order.

The SC wanted states, before earmarking seats for BCs in local bodies, to first set up a commission and conducting a survey to get empirical data on the status of various categories of BCs. States were then asked to allot seats to BCs based on panel's recommendation.

**T'gana HC seeks timeline for backward caste panel, survey**

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**Date of Interview:- 13.08.2024 & 14.08.2024\* Mode of Walk in Interview:- OFFLINE**

**VENUE FOR WALK IN INTERVIEW: CONFERENCE HALL Ground Floor, ESIC MEDICAL COLLEGE HOSPITAL, MIA, DESOOLA, ALWAR (RAJ)-301030**

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Anatomy	-	01-UR	01-UR	02(1-UR, 1-SC)	-	4(2-UR, 1-ST, 1-OBC)
Biochemistry	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	01-UR	-	3(1-UR, 1-EWS, 1-SC)
Community Medicine	01-OBC	-	01-UR	03(1-UR, 1-SC, 1-OBC)	-	2(1-UR, 1-SC)
Dentistry	-	1-SC	-	-	-	-
Dermatology	-	1-UR	01-ST	01-OBC	-	-
Emergency Medicine	01-OBC	1-OBC	01-OBC	08(01-UR, 03-OBC, 2-SC, 1-ST, 1-EWS)	-	-
ENT	01-OBC	1-ST	01-OBC	-	01-SC	-
Forensic Medicine	-	1-EWS	01-SC	02(1-UR, 1-SC)	-	2(1-OBC, 1-UR)
General Medicine	01-UR	03(2-UR, 01-OBC)	02(1-OBC, 1-SC)	03(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-ST)	01-UR	-
General Surgery	01-OBC	02(1-UR, 01-OBC)	03(1-UR, 1-SC, 1-EWS)	03(1-UR, 1-EWS, 1-OBC)	01-OBC	-
Microbiology	-	01-UR	02(01-OBC, 1-SC)	02(1-OBC, 1-SC)	-	4(2-UR, 1-SC, 1-OBC)
OBS & GYN.	-	01-UR	01-EWS	01-UR	01-UR	-
Ophthalmology	01-UR	01-OBC	-	-	01-UR	-
Orthopaedics	-	-	01-EWS	01-OBC	01-OBC	-
Paediatrics	01-EWS	01-UR	01-UR	01-SC	-	-
Pathology	-	01-OBC	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	-	-	4(3-UR, 1-OBC)
Pharmacology	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	02(1-OBC, 1-ST)	-	3(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-SC)
Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation	01-ST	01-OBC	-	01-ST	-	-
Physiology	-	-	02(1-UR, 1-OBC)	01-OBC	-	3(1-UR, 1-OBC, 1-EWS)
Psychiatry	-	01-UR	-	-	-	-
Radio-diagnosis	01-OBC	01-EWS	01-OBC	01-EWS	01-UR	-
Respiratory Medicine	-	-	-	-	02(1-OBC, 1-EWS)	-

**Note:-**

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**STATEMENT OF STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024**

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended	Year ended	Quarter ended	Quarter ended	Year ended	
		30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024	30.06.2024	30.06.2023	31.03.2024
		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)		
1	Total income	8,411.88	7,275.47	31,924.90	10,447.63	9,142.05	39,250.56
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional items)	782.91	610.36	2,780.66	738.53	626.53	2,702.92
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax (after Exceptional items)	577.32	467.67	2,083.00	484.82	441.47	1,778.54
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after exceptional items)	561.80	440.50	2,063.26	455.12	393.67	1,725.07
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
6	Paid up Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	-	-	7,683.53	-	-	6,736.00
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Security Premium Account	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	Networth	8,283.33	6,478.76	7,725.95	7,180.46	5,631.98	6,751.08
10	Outstanding Debt	864.46	2,275.32	1,027.61	22,736.70	21,086.89	22,930.82
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Debt Equity Ratio (Times)	0.1	0.4	0.1	3.2	3.7	3.4
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)	12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
	(i) Basic (in Rs.)	12.15	9.84	43.84	9.70	9.14	35.50
	(ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	Debtenture Redemption Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	6.5	1.2	2.5	7.7	0.9	1.5
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary) (Times)	28.5	16.8	21.6	13.5	9.2	10.5
18	Current Ratio (Times)	0.6	0.7	0.6	1.0	1.0	1.0
19	Long term debt to working capital (Times)	-	-	-	2.4	2.9	2.4
20	Bad debts to Accounts Receivable ratio (Times)	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	Current liability ratio (Times)	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6
22	Total debts to total assets ratio (Times)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.6	0.6
23	Debtors Turnover ratio (Times)	25.4	28.1	27.9	28.2	26.3	25.3
24	Inventory Turnover ratio (Times)	16.9	15.5	18.0	12.2	10.7	11.7
25	Operating Margin (%)	11.5	10.6	11.1	9.8	9.3	9.9
26	Net Profit Margin (%)	6.9	6.5	6.6	4.7	4.9	4.5

**Notes:**

- The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites ([www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com) and [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com)) and on Company's website ([www.tvsmotor.com](http://www.tvsmotor.com)).
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Contact No: 8291313259  
The Society reserves its  
right to accept or reject  
any or all Bids without  
assigning any reason  
whatsoever.

REDEVELOPMENT  
EXPRESSION OF  
INTEREST NOTICE

Sealed Expressions of  
Interest (EOI) are invited from  
financially sound developers  
for shortlisting of developers  
for redevelopment of Casa  
Mariana CHSL, L. M. Road,  
Borivali West, Mumbai  
401013.

The plot area is 1076 sq. m.,  
with 18.3 ft. adjacent road.  
Additional recoverable ULC  
deduction 85 sq. mts.  
Residential 936 sq. mts.,  
Commercial 186 sq. mts.,  
Basement 109 sq. mts. and  
Private Terraces 136 sq. mts.  
Interested bidders can obtain  
EOI document via email in 24  
hours by depositing Rs.  
2000/- in the Society bank  
account detailed below with a  
proof of bank transfer  
mentioning the name of the  
bidder and correspondence  
email address before 17  
August 2024.

**Bank Details : Name:**  
CASA MARIANA CHS LTD.

**A/C NO:**  
5020090833982

**Bank Name:**  
HDFC Bank Ltd

**Branch:**  
Dahisar West (Mumbai)

**IFSC CODE:**  
HDFC001230

**Email:**  
casamariana.redevelopment  
@gmail.com

Sealed Expressions of  
Interest can be submitted  
before 22 August and the  
tenders will be opened on  
24 August during general  
body meeting.

Contact is only through email.  
Any contact with any member  
of the society for unethical  
purpose will lead to  
disqualification.

The society reserves the right  
to reject any or all bids  
without assigning any reason.  
Negotiations with short-listed  
bidders will follow to finalise  
developer.

**Contact: Mr. Dinesh Tiwari**  
9920188354,  
Mr. Clive Pereira  
9789753837

## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Bids are invited from  
Reputed Builders/Developers For  
Redevelopment of

**Mangalam  
Apartment CHSL**

CTS no. 744/5, of Village  
Poisar, Thakur complex,  
V.E Highway, Kandivali (E).

**Plot Area as per PRC  
5835.30 Square Meter.**

**Tenants no. 136 Res. and  
2 flats which is converted  
into Nursing home.**

**DP Road width 9.15 meter.**

**SPACE FORM & ASSOCIATES**

Tender documents are  
available at PMC's office at  
4, Dharendra Villa, S.V. Road,  
Daulat Nagar, Borivali (E),  
Mumbai-400 066

**Ajit Parulekar (Architect)**  
99676 19687  
**Sunil Varma (Secretary)**  
98200 02157  
**Dharmesh Patel (Chairman)**  
98201 20601

**TENDER COST : Rs. 21000/-**  
The developer has to  
give purchase letter  
for tender

(Non-refundable) by  
Cash/DD/Pay-order in favour of  
"Space Form & Associates"

**Date of Issue**  
from 07.08.2024 to 28.08.2024  
Time: 11.30 AM to 05.00 PM  
Last Date of Submission  
21.09.2024

**TENDER OPENING : 22.09.2024**

TENDER NOTICE FOR  
REDEVELOPMENT

"Gorai Anand Vikas Co-  
operative Housing Society  
Ltd.", invites bids from reputed  
developers for their  
Residential to Residential Cum  
Commercial Redevelopment  
Project to be proposed on a  
Plot of Land bearing Plot No.  
116, R.S.C. - 37, Goregaon-2,  
Borivali (West), Mumbai-  
400092 of Taluka - Borivali,  
measuring 625 Sq. Meters  
situated, lying and being at  
Village - Gorai II, Taluka-  
Borivali, Mumbai Suburban  
District, situated at Plot No.116,  
R.S.C. 37, Goregaon - 2, Borivali  
(West), Mumbai - 400092  
(Hereinafter referred as "The  
Society"), along with the  
"Society's Structures" standing  
thereon hereinafter known  
as "Society's Land &  
Structures", adjacent to 18.30  
Meter wide Road, Mumbai-  
400092, in Mumbai Suburban  
District. The Bank Tender  
Forms may be obtained from  
PMC's Office between  
07/08/2024 to 21/08/2024  
between 11:00 am to 05:00  
pm (Excluding Sundays &  
Public Holidays) on payment  
of Non-Refundable Fees of  
Rupees Fifteen Thousand  
Only (Rs. 15,000/-) payable in  
the form of Demand Draft / Pay  
Order in favor of the Society &  
submitting the same to the  
PMC: M/S. PRISM CONSORTIUM  
114 - 116, Corporate Avenue,  
Sonawala Road, Next to  
Udyog Bhawan, Goregaon (E),  
Mumbai - 400063.  
Tel: 9323562151 / 9987564444  
Email:  
info@prismgroup.biz /  
pmcprism@gmail.com  
www.prismgroup.biz

**NOTE:**  
1) MHADA has executed the  
Indenture of Lease in favor of  
the Society.  
2) The said society consists of  
28 (Twenty Eight) Residential  
Unit measuring 1129.80 Sq.  
Mtrs Carpet Area & 06 (Six)  
Commercial Shops & 02 (Two)  
Units measuring 64.59 Sq. Mtrs  
total measuring 1194.39 Sq.  
Mtrs.

3) The bidder / promoter shall  
propose Residential to  
Residential Cum Commercial  
Redevelopment Proposal  
under DCPR 2034.  
4) EMD of Rupees Three Lakh  
Only (Rs. 3,00,000/-) Payable  
in the form of Pay Order in  
Favor of the Society While  
Submitting the Tender.

5) Sealed Tender to be  
submitted on Saturday  
31/08/2024 between 03:00  
pm to 07:00 pm at Society's  
Office.

6) The society may seek  
additional information, over  
and above information  
mentioned herein.

7) The Society Reserves its  
Right to Reject/ Refuse/  
Cancel Any / All Tenders  
Without Assigning Any Reason  
Of Whatsoever Nature.

SD/-  
The Secretary  
Date : 07/08/2024  
Place: Mumbai

REDEVELOPMENT  
NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited  
from reputed Developers for  
REDEVELOPMENT With FSI  
available under DCPR2034  
33 (11) / 20(B)

**ARUN CHS LTD.**

At C/216, 34, NARAYAN  
DHABOLKAR ROAD, NEPEANSEA  
ROAD, MUMBAI - 400006.

**HIGHLIGHTS**  
• Prime Location  
• 18.30 Mtrs. Wide Road  
• Sea Facing Property

**PLOT DETAILS:**  
Area as per PR CARD =  
1139.64 sq. mtrs  
Area as per Lease Deed =  
1139.63 sq.mtrs.

**MEMBERS DETAILS:**  
Existing MOFA Carpet Area of  
27 flats = 22,500 sq. ft.

**Tender Cost: Rs. 20,000/-  
Cheque/D.D. (non-refundable)**  
in name of PALASH PMC LLP.

Tender collection from  
07/08/2024 to 21/08/2024,  
11 AM to 5 PM on working  
days from PMC Office.

EMD: Rs. 2,00,000/- (refundable)  
in name of Society by Cheque.  
Submission on or before  
04/09/2024, 11 AM to 5 PM on  
working days at the PMC Office.

**Society Contact Details:**  
Mr. Pareesh Shah: 9321037935  
**PALASH PMC LLP**

719, Parekh Market Building,  
JSS Road, Opera House,  
Mumbai - 400004.

106, Panchvati Building, Junction  
of S. V. Road & Bajaj Rd,  
Kandivali (West), Mumbai - 67,  
9821715564 / 9821322140  
palashpmc@gmail.com

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accept or reject any or all bids  
without assigning any reason therefor.

## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed Tenders are invited from  
Contractors for Structural Repairs,  
Plumbing, Painting & Other allied work for

**"ORCHID ENCLAVE CHS LTD"**  
BELLARIS ROAD, MUMBAI CENTRAL,  
MUMBAI-400008.

Having Ground plus 55 stories two towers,  
(which include 5 Podiums & 2 Basements.)  
Blank Tenders Form can be collected  
from Consultant's office at  
M/S. V S Tech & Associates,  
Office No. 6 & 7, Gokul Building,  
Next to Farooq High School,  
Behind Petrol Pump, S.V. Road,  
Jogeshwari (W), Mumbai- 400 102.

from 7th August 2024 to  
17th August 2024  
between 10.00 am to 6.00 pm  
on payment of Rs. 15000/- in cash  
(Non Refundable)

Sealed Tenders to be submitted at  
Society's office on or before  
20th August 2024 till 6 pm.

## IDBI BANK

CIN : L65190MH2004G01148838  
**IDBI BANK LIMITED**  
Website: www.idbibank.in

**Office premises required at  
Oshiwara, Lokahandwala  
Andheri West Mumbai**

Bank desires to acquire office  
premises on lease preferably on  
Ground Floor at Oshiwara,  
Lokahandwala Andheri west  
Mumbai having carpet area upto  
1500-2000 sqft.

Interested parties owning  
suitable premises may apply to  
the Regional Head, Proposal  
received on or before August 21,  
2024 before 6.00 pm will only be  
accepted. Proforma and other  
details can be downloaded from  
our website <http://www.idbibank.in> under notice  
tenders or collected from any of  
our branches.

Mumbai, 7 August, 2024  
SD/-  
CGM & Zonal Head  
Mumbai Zone

## TENDER NOTICE

Sealed EOI are invited from  
reputed Builders for  
proposed redevelopment of  
Mazgaon Shri  
Suryakund Mahapurush  
Co-Op. Hsg. Society  
Ltd., Suryakund, Gun  
Powder Road, C.S. No.  
292, Mazgaon Division, E-  
Ward, near Dock Yard  
railway station, Mazgaon,  
Mumbai - 400 010,  
consisting MHADA allotted  
310 LIG Residence, 18  
shops & 01 Community  
Hall. A to H (Eight) Wings.  
Plot area as per PR card  
3507.55 sq. mtrs. EOI  
documents are available in  
Society/PMC office From  
07.08.2024 to 21.08.2024  
from the 11.00 hrs. to 17.00  
hrs. on all working days.  
Last date of submission  
31.08.2024. EOI/tender  
cost non-refundable  
Rs. 10,000/- by pay order  
only in favour of

**"Mazgaon Shri  
Suryakund  
Mahapurush Co-Op.  
Hsg. Society Ltd"**

Chairman: 9967894721,  
Secretary: 981949050.  
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or all proposals without  
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whatsoever.

**PMC:  
RACHNA PROJECT  
CONSULTANTS,  
B-201, Pallavi Bldg,  
Azad Nagar-3, Veera  
Desai Road, Andheri (W),  
Mumbai - 58,  
Mob: 9372355394  
9322270736.**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

**TOYOTA TSUSHO  
INSURANCE  
BROKER  
INDIA PVT. LTD.**

We are shifting  
our office from

**OLD OFFICE ADDRESS**  
703, Atrium 2,  
Andheri Kurla  
Road, Chakala,  
J.B

# Sweet Revenge

## Meet the people who reversed their diabetes

Srirupa Ray &amp; Pushpa Narayan | TNN

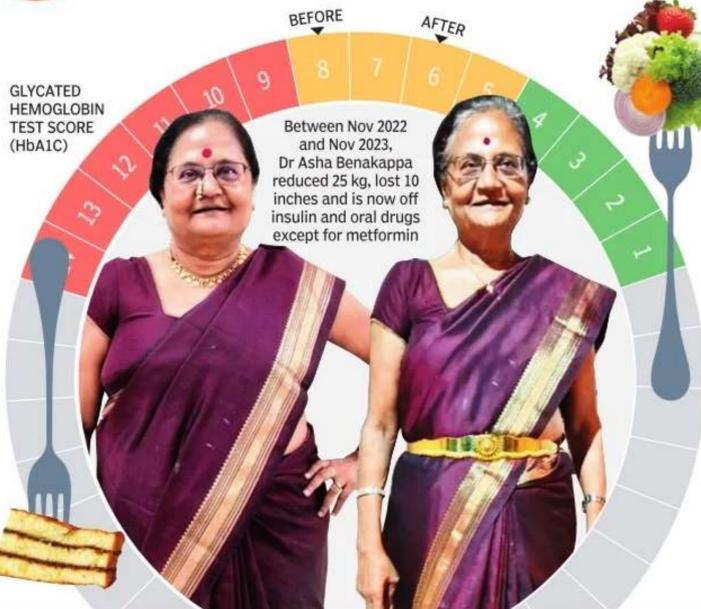
Nine months ago, Bengaluru-based HR professional Mita Hemant got the news that she could stop taking her diabetes medication. "My HbA1C has dropped from 9.1% when I was first diagnosed with diabetes in 2013 to 6.1, which is in the normal range. I feel much more energetic," says the 60-year-old who used a combination of exercise, diet and stress control.

A glycated hemoglobin (HbA1C) test, also known as A1C test, measures the percentage of hemoglobin proteins in your blood that are glycated, or bound to glucose. The higher the percentage, the higher your blood sugar levels.

Like Mita, many people, particularly those who have recently developed type 2 diabetes, have achieved diabetes remission. Doctors have been talking about diabetes remission since the 1960s and there have been scientific papers on it. However, with the uptick in diabetes cases in India — over 100 million — there has been renewed impetus to remission programmes. "Remission is a clinical state where blood glucose levels have remained within the normal, non-diabetic range for three months or more without the use of glucose-lowering medication," says Chennai-based senior diabetologist Dr V Mohan. "It's important to note that remission doesn't mean cure. There's still a chance of high blood glucose levels returning, and it is important to ensure a healthy lifestyle," he adds. In the remission state, however, the risk of complications such as heart attacks or kidney failure is low compared to a person with diabetes.

Mita says it took a lot of willpower and dedication. She signed up for a year-long online diabetes reversal programme offered by Gurgaon-based startup Breathe Well-being. Its CEO Rohan Verma says the online programme targets insulin resistance through customised diet protocols, exercise and stress reduction. "Apart from weekly one-on-one health coaching, fitness classes and monthly sessions with diabetologists, it uses game design and cognitive behavioural therapy to form healthy habits," he adds. There are also interactions with 'champions' who have already achieved remission.

For Dr Asha Benakappa, the diabetes diagnosis at 37 was a shock. She had been a sportsperson all her life — swimming, playing softball and had even been part of the Karnataka women's cricket team. "I was shocked at the accidental diagnosis as I had no symptoms," says Dr



### WHAT IS REMISSION?

■ Type 2 diabetes remission is when your blood sugar levels return to a safe, non-diabetic level for at least three months, without the need for glucose-lowering medication. When you are in remission, the symptoms of your diabetes are on pause, so there is no new damage

### WHO SHOULD ATTEMPT IT?

■ Doctors say ideally those who are obese and have been recently diagnosed with diabetes. It's far more difficult for those who have had it long-term, and it might even be risky to attempt reversal

### WHAT WORKS?

■ A study published in the journal 'BMJ Nutrition, Prevention and Health' found that over half of those who went on a low-carb diet were able to achieve remission. This should be combined with exercise

Benakappa, now 66 and heading the paediatrics department at CDSIMER, Bengaluru.

Soon after diagnosis, she was first put on oral drugs and then insulin, which rose from five units to 60. She had a blood disorder and every insulin prick led to bleeding and hematomas. "Being diabetic means they stick a label to your forehead, saying it's your karma.

There's too much negativity around the disease. I went to 6-7 doctors, and nobody asked me about diet, sleep, physical activities or my mental health. The solutions were only to treat sugar levels and yet, my HbA1C levels were shooting up. I went through bouts of depression and even had suicidal thoughts. As a doctor, I was desperate for a solution," she recalls.

A fellow doctor put her in touch with endocrinologist Dr Roshani Sanghani of Reisaan Health, a lifestyle-first practice which offers a diabetes remission programme. "They give you agency and show you how to manage your symptoms," says Dr Benakappa. There is a personal health coach and a mobile app which needs to be fed with details like workouts and sleep patterns.

It is about eating right, says Dr Benakappa who cut carbs, prioritised proteins and stopped fearing fat. At the end of one year, she has reduced 25 kg, lost 10 inches off her waist and is off insulin and oral drugs except for metformin. "My latest HbA1C is 5.6. My grade 3 fatty liver is almost gone. I have overcome depression, my sleep has improved remarkably, and I am going strong on muscle resistance exercise," she says.

How expensive is remission therapy, and is it sustainable? Dr Sanghani says uncontrolled diabetes can prove to be more expensive. "It puts the low-income group of people further into poverty, especially in India. You might spend more money on higher quality nutrition to get enough protein and healthy fats but would save money on extra medications, organ damage, hospitalisations, and repeated medical investigations and consultations," she says.

Milind Kher, CEO of a training company called HQ, is another of Dr Sanghani's patients.

"I was put on a zero-carb keto diet (eggs in the morning and keema at noon) and high intensity interval training. My HbA1C level is down to 4.7. Soon, I'll be off metformin and be completely medicine-free

Milind Kher, CEO, HQ

Diagnosed in 2013, Kher used to be on SGLT2 inhibitor medicines till February. "I was put on a strictly keto diet with zero carbs. I used to just eat twice a day: three fried eggs in the morning and keema in the afternoon. And I did high intensity interval training. My HbA1C levels got down to 4.7 and I don't need SGLT2 inhibitors anymore. Soon, I'll be off metformin and be completely medicine-free," says Kher who did a four-month remission programme that ended in May. He is now a firm believer in lifestyle changes. No medicine can help in the long run; it's only lifestyle changes, diet and exercise that keeps your diabetes at bay, he says.

Most doctors recommend a diet that is low on carbs and high on fibre as well as regular exercise to prevent or at least delay diabetes. "But if you can't stop diabetes, remission is an option," says Hyderabad-based endocrinologist Dr Rakesh Sahay, who is also president of the Research Society for the Study of Diabetes in India.

## TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

### KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

### Household chores can be a workout too

Did you know that jhadoo-pocha can burn as many calories as a leisurely bicycle ride? Not only does it explain the mystery of how our mothers stayed trim despite never having gone to the gym, but also why staying active in the house is a good idea



Exercise	Calories burnt in 30 mins based on body weight		
	57-59 kg	70 kg	80 kg
Running	236	282	323
Swimming	177	211	242
Bicycling (19-22 km/hr)	236	282	323
Walking Brisk (6.4 km/hr)	118	140	162
Slow (3.2 km/hr)	74	88	101

Household chores/activities	Calories burnt in 30 mins based on body weight		
	57-59 kg	70 kg	80 kg
Moving furniture	170	211	236
Gardening	135	162	177
Sweeping	118	141	162
Mopping	114	141	157
Washing clothes by hand	85	106	118
Cooking	57	70	79

Sources: Dr RM Anjana, Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, Chennai, and Harvard Health  
Note: Calories burnt for any activity varies with body weight. Calorie burn also depends on metabolic rate. Indians have 10% lower BMR than western counterparts



Why diabetes remission will work better in some states? When remission works, when not? Listen to Dr V Mohan on all this and much more by scanning QR code

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Rasgulla (per piece)	ICE CREAM (Vanilla, 66gms)
120	130-150
2gms	PROTEIN 1gm
1.5gms	FATS 7-8gms
20gms	CARBS 17-20gms
20gms	SUGAR 14-16gms
100mg	CALCIUM 80mg

This chart compares the nutritional value of two popular sweet treats — vanilla ice cream and rasgulla. One serving of plain vanilla ice cream can be more calorie dense than rasgulla, especially if garnished with more ingredients. It's high on fat and sugar, with additives and preservatives. But rasgulla, our traditional Indian dessert, is made of Indian cottage cheese or chhena, which provides some protein and calcium as well. Besides, the sweet is not fried but boiled in thin sugar syrup, so it's got less calories and fat. And we always squeeze out the syrup before popping it into our mouth, which saves some more calories.

Source: Ritika Samadhar, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

### ASK THE DOCTOR

### 'Yes, men too can have breast cancer'

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in India, with 2 lakh new cases diagnosed annually. Despite mammography recommendations every two years for women above 40 to ensure early detection, many are sceptical of the screening test. **Durgesh Nandan Jha** speaks to **Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti**, founding director of KIMS-Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases in Hyderabad, who puts the facts right.

**What can a woman do to minimise risks?**  
In India, most breast cancers present between ages 40 and 50. A healthy diet, regular exercise (30 minutes daily), avoiding tobacco, drinking alcohol in moderation are ways to reduce the risks. One can't really prevent breast cancer, so women of all ages must be 'breast aware' and report any new changes (sudden change in size or lumps, inverted nipples, rashes, swelling near armpit) to the specialist without delay.

### How is breast cancer diagnosed?

It's through a process called triple assessment that includes breast examination, breast imaging (mammogram or X-Ray of the breasts and breast ultrasound scan), and needle biopsy of the detected lump. Triple assessment accurately excludes or confirms breast cancer, sparing the need for open surgery for diagnosis.



**Dr Raghu Ram Pillarisetti**  
Director, KIMS-Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Diseases

### Doesn't mammography have its own risks?

Women shy away from a mammogram due to lack of awareness; radiation fears, even though the amount of radiation is lesser than a chest X-Ray; and worry of a painful procedure. A trained radiographer would ensure there's only a momentary discomfort. Mammography is proven to be an effective way of detecting breast cancer very early (when the lump cannot be felt). Early detection saves lives and ensures more women can undergo breast conservation surgery rather than mastectomy (removal of the breast).

**Can men get breast cancer?**  
Yes. I have treated several men between 40 and 70 with breast cancers during my practice in UK and India. About 1% of breast cancers occur in men. India has no statistics but in the US, some 2,800 new cases of breast cancer are diagnosed in men each year (400 in UK). There is not much fat in the male breast, so the cancer can spread faster to the lungs, liver, bones and brain. Lack of awareness means male breast cancer is almost always diagnosed in the advanced stage.

### LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

### Don't drink before your plane nap

A glass of wine before you settle for your nap on the plane isn't such a good idea, according to new research. Airplane cabins are pressurised, meaning the air pressure and oxygen levels are lower than what most people experience on Earth. Combine that with alcohol consumption and sleep, and it's more likely a person will experience an intensified drop in oxygen saturation in their blood, according to a study published in the journal 'Thorax'.



### Think twice about tattoos

Getting a tattoo increases a person's risk of developing malignant lymphoma (a blood cancer of the lymphatic system) by 21%, says a new study by researchers from Lund University, Sweden. But more tattoos don't increase the risk. Tattoo ink has been previously known to be potentially carcinogenic and pigment from tattoos ultimately ends up in the lymph nodes. However, the study did say that more research is needed.



### Shock that's good for the heart

Researchers in Austria have used a device called a 'space hairdryer' to regenerate damaged heart tissue through a 10-minute mild soundwaves procedure on patients right after a bypass surgery. The study, published in the 'European Heart Journal', found those administered with the 'shockwaves' reported a higher quality of life. Not just that, their heart could pump more blood and they could walk further than before without resting. This treatment has earlier been used to treat injured ligaments, tendons, and even erectile dysfunction.



# Jaundice case, but the diagnosis turned out to be a surprising one

Cyriac Abby Phillips

In the chaotic confines of my outpatient clinic, I first encountered Mahin, a 54-year-old who radiated a quiet strength despite his fragile appearance. He suffered a recent brain stroke and was on low-dose aspirin. Beside him stood his two sons, their concern palpable while Mahin's eyes, a deep shade of yellow, spoke volumes on the battles he was facing.

It was immediately clear that this was no ordinary case of jaundice. Mahin's journey had taken him through a maze of hospitals, each visit adding to the confusion rather than unravelling the mystery of his deteriorating liver-health. His jaundice, marked by blood bilirubin levels soaring far beyond the normal range, painted a grim picture of a liver under siege. Just two weeks ago, he had been celebrating with his family; now, he sat before me, his strength waning, his appetite fading, and with telltale signs of liver dysfunction.

Initial tests hinted at acute hepatitis — a sudden inflammation within the liver — but Mahin's case was anything but typical. He exhibited no fever or signs of infection, and his medical history and investigations ruled out common causes such as viral, bacterial and parasitic infections that can hurt the liver, as well as alcohol use or liver-toxic medications. This baffling scenario left doctors and his family caught between hope for a diagnosis, the dread of what it might reveal, and dying from the unknown.

The way forward was to ask the liver itself, but it was a risky procedure given Mahin's frail condition. Referred to our Liver Institute in Kochi for specialised care, we meticulously reviewed his medical records, searching for overlooked clues that might illuminate the path forward. Amidst the labyrinth of tests, one detail stood out — Mahin's persistently elevated platelet count, a puzzling observation that seemed detached from his primary liver condition.

Could there be an underlying autoimmune disorder, masquerading as liver dysfunction? Such conditions often defy conventional diagnostic pathways. But tests for classical autoimmune hepatitis and its rare variant, IgG4 disease, yielded negative results. Under extreme caution, Mahin's liver biopsy was completed and we found something we could not describe. Not yet. A type of white blood cell called lymphocyte were non-specifically, but surprisingly, increased inside Mahin's liver. There was something outside the liver in Mahin's body trying to kill it but we still had no answers.

In the quiet hours at home, anxious thoughts about Mahin lingered. It was during one such late-night reflection that a faint glimmer of insight emerged. The link between stroke and elevated platelets, though typically overlooked in the context of liver disease, now assumed a haunting significance in Mahin's case. Could something sinister be happening inside the blood hold the key to unravelling



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the mystery of his failing liver?

I got back to re-examining the CT scan, which revealed conspicuous enlargement of his liver and spleen, alongside mild swelling of multiple abdominal lymph nodes. But these were non-specific findings, my colleagues pointed out. Yet, the findings haunted me. Turning our focus to the bone marrow and lymph nodes, we discovered a troubling pattern. Further biopsies and examination under the microscope revealed that the same clusters of lymphocytes had infiltrated these tissues too. This unexpected finding pointed toward a more insidious culprit — a systemic disorder with implications

far beyond the confines of the liver.

With this revelation, the puzzle pieces began to align — the persistent elevation of his platelet count, subtle signs of systemic involvement seen on imaging, and the enigmatic lymphocyte infiltration observed in his biopsied tissues. With these newfound insights, the pathologist employed specialised staining to find that Mahin harboured a rare blood cancer known as marginal zone lymphoma, originating in his spleen and bone marrow but stealthily infiltrating his liver and disrupting its delicate function.

We finally had a diagnosis. A recent stroke and current liver damage both brought on by an evolving lymphoma — the brain, blood and liver intricately connected. Under the oncology team, he commenced treatment with Rituximab — a targeted therapy designed to selectively destroy CD20-positive cancer cells. Mahin's jaundice began to recede, offering a glimmer of hope for his family. "Great things are done by a series of small things brought together," Vincent Van Gogh had famously said. In retrospect, Mahin's story stands not only as a testament to the complexities of medical diagnosis but also as a poignant reminder of the transformative power of persistence, empathy, and interdisciplinary collaboration in the realm of modern medicine.

Dr Phillips is senior consultant and physician-scientist at The Liver Institute, Rajagiri Hospital, Aluva, Kochi

### TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

# Lost teeth? New drug may help them regrow

When you're young, losing a tooth is a crucial step in one's development but as an adult, it's far less desirable. It requires expensive dental alternatives like implants or dentures, but that may change soon.

In a jaw-dropping first, a Japanese startup is set to launch human trials to test a drug that could regrow teeth. Toregem Biopharma, the startup associated with Kyoto University which has created the treatment, aims to bring it to market in 2030. It's aimed at patients who are missing some or all of their teeth from birth due to a condition known as congenital anodontia, which occurs in about 0.1% of the general population, as well as those who have lost their teeth later in life.

The drug contains antibodies that target a protein, known as uterine sensitisation-associated gene-1

(USAG-1), which prevents tooth growth. When tested on mice back in 2018, it caused new teeth to form, stimulating the development of tooth buds in their jaws. Most people already have tooth buds, which have the potential to create new teeth. Typically, these buds do not develop and then disappear, Japan Times reports. In another trial on ferrets, who also have permanent and temporary teeth like humans do, it stimulated the growth of new teeth without any serious side effects.

Typically, those who have lost teeth or have congenital anodontia get implants or dentures, with no current treatment addressing the problem itself. "We want to make this a third option," Toregem co-founder Katsu Takahashi, whose research



the drug is based on, told Nikkei.

The journey of the startup is actually inspired by the company president Honoka Kiso's own journey. She wrote on their website about how she lost her teeth as a teen because of a bone disorder. "I wanted to study the cause of my illness and how to regenerate lost teeth. Toregem Biopharma first hopes to treat patients with congenital tooth loss who do not grow permanent tooth buds due to genetic causes. Our final goal is to offer advanced and scientifically driven clinical solutions for the growth of teeth derived from their own tissues," she said.

They are now starting clinical trials, the first step of which is to administer the treatment to 30 healthy men starting September. The idea is to test

drug safety on a set of people who are unlikely to grow new teeth even if the drug works, Nikkei reports.

Then, phase 2 trials will begin in 2025, assuming all goes well. These trials would specifically test patients aged 2 to 7 with congenital anodontia. They will be injected with one dose to spur tooth growth. The startup plans to price it at 1.5 million yen (Rs 8 lakh), and hope that it will eventually be covered by health insurance. A third trial will focus on older adults who have lost their teeth due to environmental factors like cavities.

"Missing teeth in a child can affect the development of their jaw bone," Takahashi, who is also head of dentistry and oral surgery at Kitano Hospital in Osaka, told Japan Times. "We hope the drug will serve as a key to solving those problems," he said.

# Alumnus gifts IIT-M ₹228cr, hopes others will follow suit

## Funds To Help Students, Noted Sportspersons

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Chennai:** Krishna Chivukula, an alumnus of IIT-Madras and founder of Indo MIM Technology Private Limited, donated Rs 228 crore to his alma mater. This will be used to give fellowships to top B-Tech students, eminent sportspersons, foreign students, faculty members who do high-risk research, and to bring out a magazine, IIT-M said.



**'CULTURE OF GIVING':** Chivukula, founder-CEO of Indo MIM, is M-Tech (aerospace engineering) from IIT-M

will launch Krishna Chivukula fellows programme to reward top B-Tech students in all branches," V Kamakoti, director of IIT-Madras, told reporters here.

Chivukula, who also has an MBA from Harvard Business School (1980), was group president and CEO at the Hoffman Group of Companies in New York before he set up his own firm. He founded two firms in succession—Shiva

Technologies Inc in 1990 in Syracuse, New York, specialising in advanced mass spectroscopy to certify ultra-high purity materials, and Indo MIM in Bengaluru, to produce small metal and ceramic components with complex geometries in high volumes.

Most aircraft carry metals produced by Chivukula's company, Kamakoti said.

"I am hoping this will ignite a spark and culture of giving to our own country and our own people. I am lighting a bigger fire (donation) to make a difference," Chivukula told reporters. He said his B-Tech at IIT-Bombay and M-Tech at IIT-Madras helped him get into Harvard University and become a successful person.

"We will support sportsmen under the Krishna Chivukula sports fellowship programme. The fund will also be used to support students from

developing countries, including African countries and Saarc countries," Kamakoti said.

The money will also be used to convert IIT-M's magazine "Shastra", which features latest discoveries and scientific and technological updates, into a monthly. "Further, faculty members who do research under 'high-risk and high-reward' programmes will also get support from this fund," Kamakoti said.

"We are a growing institution and we have needs. We would like to see more such donations," Professor Mahesh Panchagnula, dean of alumni and corporate relations, IIT-Madras, said.

In 2022, two philanthropist couples, Susmita and Subroto Bagchi and Radha and NS Parthasarathy, together donated Rs 425 crore to Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru.

# 88 yrs: The gap between world's best & India's best

India's performance at Olympics has markedly improved since 2008, when Abhinav Bindra won our first individual gold medal and the country's medal tally grew beyond one! The count touched 7 in Tokyo. But doing better relative to past is one thing. Doing better than others is quite another. Right now, at Paris Games, China has 13 gold compared with India's 3 bronze. Brazil and South Africa (part of BRICS) are doing better. **Atul Thakur** compares India's best with world's best in 10 selected events to highlight the gap the country has to cover to be counted as a sporting powerhouse



## Wife revoking bigamy, cruelty complaint doesn't acquit hubby: HC

**Bengaluru:** When allegations of bigamy and cruelty are made, the withdrawal of a complaint by the wife from a particular court for want of jurisdiction doesn't tantamount to acquittal of the husband, Karnataka HC has said.

Justice M Nagaprasanna made this observation while dismissing a plea by a man who got married in 1991. Trouble started within a year of marriage,

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age, and both began living separately. In 1998, the plea filed by the husband for annulment of marriage was dismissed.

In 2005, the wife filed a complaint against her husband, alleging bigamy, cruelty, criminal intimidation, and claiming that her husband, who got married a second time during the subsistence of the first marriage, threatened her to withdraw the cases against him. In 2015, the wife withdrew the complaint as she wanted to resubmit it before a jurisdictional court in Mysuru. Though the husband challenged it, the sessions court dismissed his plea in 2021. He then moved HC. **TNN**

# Mundakkai postman returns, but there are no houses to deliver to

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**Meppadi (Wayanad):** Other than Velayudhan P T (62), no other person would have visited all the houses of the now-lost village of Mundakkai in Kerala's Wayanad. The sexagenarian—who has been the postman for 33 years and has three more years of service left—on Tuesday visited the village for the first time after the tragedy to find no trace of the post office he had been working at for three decades.

A native of Pattambi in Kerala's Palakkad district, Velayudhan arrived at Mundakkai at the age of 29 after being instated as the postman in the village, that now bears no trace of the houses he would deliver letters to, or the narrow streets and walkways he would traverse.



Velayudhan PT (62), who has been Mundakkai postman for 33 years, has three more years of service left

Following his appointment at Mundakkai, Velayudhan said his life became intertwined with those of the villagers.

"After coming here, I became one among the people of the land and settled down at Chooralmala, where I built a house 13 years ago. We shared close bonds with the villagers and many of them would visit our house during festivals and invite us to theirs. It was heart-wrenching to learn that the people with whom we closely interacted for decades, have died in masses," he said. Velayudhan said he hadn't visited Mundakkai in the past six days as he was unable to bear the sight there.

## 65-yr-old retrieves savings kept for husband's surgery

**Kochi:** In a touching story of love and determination, a 65-year-old daily wage worker from Kerala's Wayanad, whose house was damaged in the landslide, managed to retrieve her secret savings and gold ornaments that she had set aside for her husband's medical treatment.

On Monday, the sexagenarian requested authorities at the Meppadi relief camp to permit her to return to the spot where her house was situated. Despite initial reluctance—as the woman hesitated to disclose her reasons—the authorities granted her permission. As she prepared to leave the camp with her son, a group of reporters approached her, curious about the urgency of her visit.

On the condition that her identity will not be revealed, she said that she had secretly saved money and gold ornaments to fund her husband's hernia surgery. **TNN**

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# To cut impasse, SC virtually hands over Gokarna temple administration to judiciary

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**Woman gets life term as daughter's testimony nails her in hubby killing**

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court has entrusted the administration of an ancient and unique Shiva temple in Gokarna, in Karwar district of Karnataka, to former apex court judge BN Srikrishna and the district judge, virtually resulting in the judiciary overseeing management of the temple as opposing groups had created an impasse.

The Gokarna Mahabaleshwara temple, where the principal deity is an 'atma linga' believed to be one-of-its-kind in the world, was at the centre of inter-group rivalry which had led to the SC appointing an eight-member committee headed by Justice Srikrishna and including deputy commissioner of the district, assistant commissioner of the taluka, SP of the district and four private persons nominated by Karnataka govt.

Recently, Justice Srikrishna reported to the SC that in the absence of veto power, other members were not allowing the committee to reach a consensus and this stymied the panel's efforts to oversee administration of the eighth-century temple. Accepting Justice Srikrishna's report, a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Jus-

**Woman gets life term as daughter's testimony nails her in hubby killing**

**Tuesday** sentenced a woman to life imprisonment for murdering her husband two years ago, reports **Prem Punetha**. Testimony by the couple's daughter, a Class IX student, before police and court against her mother nailed the case. District govt counsel (crime) Pramod Panth said, "The court also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000, and in the event of default, the convict will be required to serve an additional five years in prison. The case hearing was concluded on July 23."

On Feb 14, 2022, Purnam Ram filed a complaint with revenue police, alleging that his sister-in-law, Sunita Devi (40), a resident of Digas village in Pithoragarh tehsil, had brutally murdered her husband, Jitendra Ram.

Justice JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra inducted the Karwar district judge as vice-chairperson of the committee to aid and assist the chairperson. "It will be open for the chairperson to authorise him to take emergent decisions with the concurrence of the chairperson," the bench said.

# TMC MP bats for 'WB model' to fight Reds, Shah mocks him

**New Delhi:** Home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday took a dig at TMC MP Sougata Roy's suggestion to implement the "West Bengal Model" for addressing left-wing-extremism (LWE) in other states, saying, "No state would want to implement the West Bengal Model."

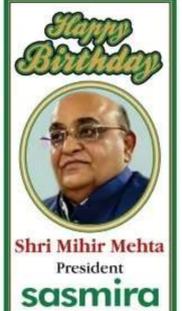
Speaking in Lok Sabha during question hour, Roy said, "West Bengal was once affected by left-wing extremism, but due to Mamata Banerjee's developmental work, it has ceased in the state."

low the model of West Bengal and adopt it in Chhattisgarh and other states as well? Because, they are not able to control LWE."

Replying to the Trinamool MP, Shah said, "If any state does well, then Prime Minister Modi's govt has no problem in implementing its example in the whole country. But I believe that no state would want the model of West Bengal to be adopted there." **TNN**

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# Govt proposes white ID cards for those with below 40% disability

## Draft Rules Come Amid Khedkar Case

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**Pune:** Union ministry of social justice and empowerment has, as part of draft amendments to the Rules of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, proposed issuing unique disability identity (UDID) cards—which would be white—to those with less than 40% disability.

The development comes in the wake of former IAS probationary officer Puja

Former IAS probationary officer Khedkar had acquired 3 disability certificates after changing her name. An official said gov't has now proposed 3 months, up from 1, for certificate issuance

Khedkar acquiring three disability certificates from two hospitals in Ahmednagar and Pune districts after changing her name and surname and with different residential addresses.

On July 29, the ministry published the draft changes, introducing a new colour-coded system for UDID cards. Hence, white cards would be issued to people with disability levels below 40%, and yellow cards to those with 40-80% disability, and blue cards to those with over 80% disability.

The draft amendments have also proposed extending timeframe for issuing disability certificates and UDID cards to three months instead of existing one month. It will allow medical authorities more time for a thorough assessment.

Ministry officials told **TOI** on Tuesday that they are plugging loopholes in the system. "The draft rules

and a standard operating procedure have been in place and can be found on our website. After the Khedkar case, we are being cautious and the entire system is being revamped. Centre has sought suggestions on draft rules before the end of this month, after which they would be implemented," an official said.

Activists have raised concerns over the draft rules, saying there could be delays in accessing benefits and services. "Even otherwise, applications earlier would not be cleared on time. Now, the three-month timeframe will further delay (issuance of) certificates," said Suhana Khan, a disability activist.

# NHAI seeks SC nod to cut 805 trees in Taj Mahal green zone

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Within days of Union cabinet clearing greenfield six-lane high-speed access-controlled Agra-Gwalior national highway at a cost of Rs 4,613 crore, NHAI moved Supreme Court seeking permission to cut 805 trees in Taj Trapezium Zone—a designated area around Taj Mahal to protect it from pollution.

Having witnessed SC's heat over tree felling in south Delhi ridge for road, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) informed a bench of Justices A S Oka and Augustine G Masih that it was committed to sustainable development and

plant trees all along the 88-km corridor and in median.

The bench referred the application for examination by central empowered committee and sought its report. Though cabinet formally cleared the project last week, work on getting environmental clearances had begun since Nov 2023 when land acquisition process started.

NHAI said the existing Agra-Gwalior road is part of North South Corridor and of NH-44—India's longest national highway. It carries a huge traffic of trucks, tractors and other vehicles as it passes mostly through densely populated and congested areas.

# Publish apology for snide remarks, SC tells IMA chief

**New Delhi:** After Patanjali Ayurved's founders Baba Ramdev and Acharya Balakrishna, who had to publish a public apology for contempt of court on a plea by Indian Medical Association, it is now turn of IMA chief to seek apology and get it published in prominent newspaper for making disparaging remarks against the court.

A Bench of Justices Hima Kohli and Sandeep Mehta said that IMA president Dr R V Asokan had to publish an apology for statements criticising court proceedings and that he had to bear the cost for publication. "It is submitted that the contempt proceedings may be deferred to enable the applicant to publish apology in prominent newspapers and purge himself of the contempt," the court said. **TNN**

# 2 schoolkids discover neolithic axes around their homes in TN

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**Chennai:** Two school students have discovered neolithic hand axes around their rural homes in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvannamalai district in the past 10 days, with archaeologists estimating the tools to be 4,500-8,000 years old.



Class 8 student M Soundarya discovered two axes while helping her family in the field

"The hand axes were tied to wooden sticks and used as weapons for cutting. They were also used for ploughing land," said Ramanathapuram Archaeological Research Foundation chief V Rajaguru. In TN, the neolithic phase dated back to 6,000 BC-2,500 BC when early cultivation began. "The stone tools were replaced with iron tools during the megalithic period, which followed the neolithic age," Rajaguru said.

Class 8 student M Soundarya (13) and sixth grader S K Vetrichelvan (11) are passionate members of Melmuthanur Govt High School's heritage club.

About 10 days ago, while helping her family clear a patch of land in Kaveripattinam village, Soundarya stumbled upon two neolithic axes. On Tuesday, watching construction workers build their new home, Vetrichelvan spotted what looked like an ancient tool. He took it to school and showed it to his teacher, who confirmed it was indeed an antique stone axe.

Social science teacher R Revathi—also secretary

of the school heritage club—had explained hand axes to students earlier. The discovered tools were 10cm long and 4.5cm wide. They are made of granite, well rubbed, smoothed and polished. She said the stones were celt type, a prehistoric stone or metal implement with a bevelled cutting edge, probably used as a tool or weapon.

Soundarya told **TOI** she learnt about hand axes in sixth standard. "I still remember the model hand axe shown by my teacher and if not for this, I would have discarded them thinking they are mere stones," she said.

# J'khand steel plant blast kills 1

**Hazaribag:** A worker was killed and six others critically hurt in a furnace blast at a steel plant in Jharkhand's Hazaribag on Tuesday. One person was detained. **TNN**

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Website-[www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in](http://www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in)

Advt. No.- AIIMS/DEO/RECT.CELL/2023-24/2231, Dated:02.08.2024

**Advertisement for Contractual Medical Faculty Posts**

Online applications are invited for the medical faculty posts on contractual basis in various departments at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Deoghar Jharkhand, cut-off date for receiving application is 19.08.2024.

For further information candidates are requested to visit the website of institute- [www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in](http://www.aiimsdeogarh.edu.in) on regular basis.

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No: AIIMS/Deo/Cont. Rect./Non-Faculty/2024-25/49 Date: 03.08.2024

**Advertisement for Contractual Engagement of Various Non-Faculty Posts at AIIMS Deoghar**

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

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Age Limit	Total no. of Post	Category
1	Senior Medical Officer (Ayush)	25-40 years	01	UR
2	Senior Medical Physicist	Not more than 50 years	01	UR
3	Blood Transfusion Officer	21-40 years	01	UR
4	Medical Officer (Ayush)	21-35 years	01	UR
5	Asst. Blood Transfusion Officer	18-30 years	01	UR
6	Security Officer	18-35 years	01	UR
7	Law Officer	30-45 years	01	UR
8	Yoga Instructor	21-35 years	01	UR
9	Sanitation Officer	Not more than 50 years	01	UR
10	Biomedical Engineer	21-35 years	01	UR
11	Laundry Manager	Up to 50 years	01	UR
12	Fire Technician	18-27 years	04	3 UR & 1 OBC

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

Sd- Recruitment Cell  
AIIMS Deoghar

**महाराष्ट्र शासन**  
**महाराष्ट्र लोकसेवा आयोग**

मिथुल गोकुल मिश्र, पॉस्ट नंबर 3x, सर्वोच्च विहार समोर, सेक्टर 14, सीबीडी वेलपूर, नवी मुंबई-४००६१४ | ०२२-६५३८५९००  
Email ID : contact-secretary@mpsc.gov.in Website : <https://mpsc.gov.in>, <https://mpsonline.gov.in>  
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धारिका क्रमांक: डी आरए-०५२४/प्र.क्र.५५९/२०२४/जाहिरात दिनांक: ०६ ऑगस्ट, २०२४

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जाहिरात क्रमांक	विभाग	संवर्ग	एकूण पदसंख्या
०४१/२०२४	सामान्य प्रशासन विभाग	प्रबंधक, गट-अ महाराष्ट्र प्रशासकीय न्यायाधिकरण, औरंगाबाद खंडपीठ	०१
०४२/२०२४	गृह विभाग	संशोधन अधिकारी, गट-अ (तुरुंग) - कारागृह विभाग	०१
०४४/२०२४	आदिवासी विकास विभाग	विधि अधिकारी, गट-अ - आदिवासी संशोधन व प्रशिक्षण संस्था	१२
०४५/२०२४	सार्वजनिक बांधकाम विभाग	कार्यकारी अभियंता (विद्युत), महाराष्ट्र विद्युत अभियांत्रिकी सेवा, गट-अ	०२

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**CORRIGENDUM NO. 1**  
Conducting geospatial services for developing Garjepti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 villages of Thane & Raigad District

CIDCO had published a notice inviting bid in daily The Times of India, Navbharat Times and Maharashtra Times on Friday, 02 August, 2024 under the title "Conducting geospatial services for developing Garjepti Scheme Information Management System (GSIMS) in 95 villages of Thane & Raigad District". All the interested applicants are requested to note that the date of publishing the bidding programme for the notice on the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> has been extended from 06th August, 2024 to 09th August, 2024. All other terms and conditions of the notice remain the same.

CLSO (Garjepti)

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574  
[www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in](http://www.cidco.maharashtra.gov.in) CIDCO/PR/138(A)/2024-25

**National Highways Authority of India**  
(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

**भर्ती सूचना/RECRUITMENT NOTICE**

भा.रा.रा.प्र., मुम्बई, नई दिल्ली में परिसंपत्ति मुद्रिकरण सेल में कार्य करने हेतु अनुबंध के आधार पर निम्नलिखित पदों के लिए आवेदन आमंत्रित है:-

NHAI invites applications for the following positions on contract basis to work in Asset Monetization Cell (AMC) at NHAI HQ, New Delhi:-

क्रम सं. / Sr. No.	पदों का नाम / Name of the posts	पदों की संख्या / No. of posts
a.	प्रमुख-एएएमसी / Head - AMC	01
b.	वित्तीय विशेषज्ञ / Financial Expert	01
c.	तकनीकी टीम / Technical Team	
	आईटीएस (एडीएमएस सह टीएमएस) इंजीनियर / ITS (ATMS cum TMS) Engineer	01
d.	यातायात टीम / Traffic Team	
	परिवहन अर्थशास्त्री / Transport Economist	01

2. अधिक जानकारी के लिए भा.रा.रा.प्र. की वेबसाइट [www.nhai.gov.in](http://www.nhai.gov.in) देखें।  
For details, kindly visit NHAI website [www.nhai.gov.in](http://www.nhai.gov.in)

ऑनलाइन आवेदन जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि: 28.08.2024 (सम 6.00 बजे तक)  
Last date for submission of online application: 28.08.2024 (upto 6:00 PM)

3. इस विज्ञापन के संबंध में शुद्धिपत्र/अनुशेष/निरस्तोकाकरण, यदि कोई होगा तो, उसे केवल भा.रा.रा.प्र. की वेबसाइट पर प्रकाशित किया जाएगा।  
Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only.

**BUILDING A NATION, NOT JUST ROADS**

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH : BILASPUR**

**District Judge (Entry Level) Examination 2023**  
**Direct Recruitment from Advocates (Bar)**

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

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

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

Eligibility :-

- LL.B.
- Has for atleast seven years been an advocate as on 01/01/2024.

Age :- He/She has attained the age of 35 years and has not attained the age of 45 years on the first day of January, 2024.

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

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

G-24250 16/2/16 Registrar General

**Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of India Enterprise)

CIN - L23220MH1952GOI008931  
Regd. Office: Bharat Bhavan, 4 & 6 Currimbhoy Road, Ballard Estate, Mumbai 400 001, Tel: 022-2271 3000 / 4000  
Email: [info@bharatpetroleum.in](mailto:info@bharatpetroleum.in), Website: [www.bharatpetroleum.in](http://www.bharatpetroleum.in)

**INFORMATION REGARDING 71<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING TO BE HELD THROUGH VIDEO CONFERRING**

- Notice is hereby given that 71<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Company is scheduled to be held on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at 10:30 hrs IST** through Video Conferencing (VC)/Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") to transact the businesses that will be set forth in the Notice of the AGM, pursuant to various circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars").
- In compliance with the relevant circulars, the electronic copies of the notice of the AGM and the Annual Report for the year 2023-24 will be sent to all the members whose email addresses are registered with the Company / Depository Participant(s). The e-copy of 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24 along with the Notice of the AGM, Financial Statements and other Statutory Reports will also be available on the website of the Company at [www.bharatpetroleum.in](http://www.bharatpetroleum.in) and on the website of NSDL at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. Additionally, the Notice of AGM alongwith said Annual Report will also be available on the websites of the stock exchanges on which the securities of the Company are listed i.e. at [www.nseindia.com](http://www.nseindia.com) and [www.bseindia.com](http://www.bseindia.com).
- Members will be able to attend the AGM only through VC/OAVM or view the live webcast at <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com>. The requisite details of the same will be provided by the Company in the AGM notice. Members participating through the VC/OAVM facility shall be reckoned for the purpose of quorum under Section 103 of the Companies Act, 2013.
- Since the present AGM is being held through VC/OAVM pursuant to the MCA Circulars, the facility to appoint proxies by the members will not be available.

**MANNER OF REGISTERING / UPDATING EMAIL ADDRESSES & THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MEMBERS CAN GIVE THEIR MANDATE FOR RECEIVING DIVIDENDS DIRECTLY IN THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS THROUGH ELECTRONIC CLEARING SERVICE (ECS)**

- Members holding shares in physical mode, who have not registered / updated their email addresses, bank account details etc. with the Company, are requested to register / update the same by writing to the Registrar and Transfer Agents (RTA) of the Company, M/s Data Software Research Co. Pvt Ltd (M/s DSRC) self-identified: [bpcl@dsr-cid.in](mailto:bpcl@dsr-cid.in) with details of folio number and attaching a self-attested copy of PAN card.
- Members holding shares in dematerialized mode are requested to register / update their Electronic Bank Mandate (email addresses, bank account details etc.) with the relevant Depository Participant.

**MANNER OF CASTING VOTES THROUGH E-VOTING**

- The Company will provide the facility to the members for exercising their right to vote by electronic means both through remote e-voting and the facility for e-voting will also be made available during the AGM to those members who could not cast their vote(s) through remote e-voting and are otherwise eligible to vote. The manner of remote e-voting and e-voting during the AGM for members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses will be provided in the Notice of the AGM.
- Members are requested to follow the instructions given in the Notes to Notice of AGM which will be available on the website of the Company [www.bharatpetroleum.in](http://www.bharatpetroleum.in) and on the website of NSDL i.e. <https://www.evoting.nsdl.com> for casting the votes and attending the AGM.

**RECORD DATE FOR PAYMENT OF FINAL DIVIDEND**

- The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended a final dividend of Rs. 10.50/- per equity share for the financial year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024. The dividend once approved by the members in the forthcoming AGM, will be paid to the eligible members within the stipulated period of thirty days from the conclusion of AGM, electronically through various online transfer modes to those members who have updated their bank account details with the Depository Participant / RTA. Pursuant to SEBI circulars, shareholders (including shareholders holding shares in physical form) shall be paid dividend only through electronic mode with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2024. To avoid delay in receiving the final dividend, members are requested to update their bank details with their depository participants in case securities are held in demat mode and members holding securities in physical form should provide updated bank details by submitting hard copy of duly signed Form ISR-1 along with relevant documents mentioned therein to RTA. The said form is available at <https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/bharat-petroleum-for-investors/KYC-Update.aspx>.
- The Company has fixed Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 as the Record Date for the purpose of determining the eligibility of members to receive the final dividend, recommended by the Board of Directors of the Company for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2024, if declared at the AGM. All members of the Company holding shares at the close of business hours on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 will be eligible for the final Dividend as per the data to be made available by NSDL/CDSL/RTA.
- Members may note that the Income Tax Act, 1961, as amended by the Finance Act, 2020, mandates that dividends paid or distributed by a Company is taxable in the hands of members. The Company shall therefore be required to deduct tax at source ("TDS") at the time of making the payment of dividend. In order to enable us to determine the applicable TDS rate, members are requested to submit the relevant documents like 15G/15H etc. on or before **Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2024**. The detailed communication regarding TDS on dividend has already been sent to the members and is available on the website of the company i.e. <https://www.bharatpetroleum.in>

For Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited  
Sd/-  
(V. Kala)  
Company Secretary

Date: 05.08.2024  
Place: Mumbai

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**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**  
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE  
No. COS/CRJ/PUB/E-Tender/19/0162 Date: 30/07/2024. The following e-Tenders can be accessed under the link [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Offers for such e-Tender can be submitted only electronically by accessing the link [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) → login → E-Tender Stores/Supply. Vendors may also contact the following officials to obtain clarification regarding particular tender or IREPS related information if any. Dy. CMM /HQ/CLW/Chittaranjan, 0341-2525594 or SMM/CON/HQ, 0341-2535631. Office Address: Office of the PCMM /CLW/Chittaranjan. Sl. No.: Tender No.: Brief Description of Item: Quantity: Earnest Money Deposit (Rupees): Tender Closing Date & Time (IST) are as follows: (i) 75244052: MS Fabricated Items (Small) 2 for WAG-9HC Loco / Category-Structural as per Drg.No. 1209-00-240-202 Alt.2 spec: 1209-08-140-054 & 1209-08-140-055 Cat No. S-9/0082. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; 700.00 Set; ₹ 275800.00; 23/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. (ii) 75243828: (i) Gasket (Non-metallic) for WAG-9HC Loco as per CLWs Drg-Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/062 Alt-10 (One set consists of 16 items as per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (ii) Gasket (Non Metallic) for ELAAU/DKAE as per CLWs Drg-Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/062 Alt-10. (One set consisting 10 items as per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]; (iii) ₹ 848.00 Set. (iv) 101.00 Set; ₹ 86200.00; 29/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. (v) 75243853A: (i) Set of Spring Washer Helical for WAG-9 As Per CLWS Specn. No. CLW/MS/3/062 Alt-10 (As per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; (ii) Set of Spring Washers for ELAAU/DKAE (consisting of 06 items) specn: CLW/MS/3/085 Alt-8 (As per set details attached). [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery]; (iii) 1493.00 Set. (iv) 60.00 Set; ₹ 50250.00; 28/08/2024 at 11:00 AM. PFRS/560 PCMM/CLW/Chittaranjan  
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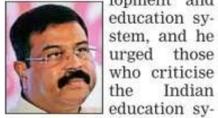
## 'Cong engaging in politics of lies over changes in NCERT syllabus'

**New Delhi:** Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan refuted the allegation that the Preamble to the Constitution has been removed from NCERT textbooks, calling it baseless. He accused the Congress party of engaging in the "politics of lies" and claimed that their actions demonstrate a disgusting mentality.

Pradhan asserted that the Congress has consistently opposed India's development and education system, and he urged those who criticise the Indian education system to seek the truth before spreading misinformation.

The NCERT has made changes to its curriculum for the current academic year, removing the Preamble to the Indian Constitution from several class 3 and class 6 textbooks across various subjects.

The Preamble, which previously served as an introduction to the core values of the Indian Constitution, has been excluded from textbooks for Hindi, English, Mathematics, and "World Around Us" in class 3, as well as from the new English textbook "Poorvi" and the Sanskrit textbook "Deepakam" in Class 6. TNN



# India seeks normalcy for its missions after law restored

From P 1

Despite setback caused by Hasina's exit, India has said it wants its missions in Bangladesh to function normally once law and order is restored.

The UK Home Office wouldn't officially comment on the asylum claim as such claims are confidential, but Home Office source told TOI, "It is not possible to apply for asylum from outside the UK. The UK has a proud record of providing protection for people who need it. But, there is no provision within our immigration rules for someone to be allowed to travel to the UK to seek asylum or temporary refuge. Those who need international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach, that is the fastest route to safety."

Strongly hinting Hasina (76) should apply for asylum in India, the source added,



Awami League party office in Dhaka that was set afire on Tuesday

"Each asylum claim is carefully considered on its individual merits on a case-by-case basis."

Hasina's sister Sheikh Rehana (68) already holds British citizenship. She took refuge in the United Kingdom after assassination of her father, Bangladesh's founding father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, in 1975. The sisters had planned to move swiftly to London but will now have to rethink their

next destination.

Hasina's niece Tulip Siddiq, who is Rehana's daughter, is a Labour MP and is economic secretary to the Treasury in new Labour govt. On Monday, UK foreign secretary David Lammy said, "The people of Bangladesh deserve a full and independent UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks." He also said the UK wants to see action taken to ensure a

peaceful and democratic future for Bangladesh.

Bangladeshis made up the fifth largest nationality of main applications seeking asylum in the UK in 2023, at 4,300.

The UK can also grant other forms of humanitarian protection to people who the Home Office decides need protection but who do not meet the criteria for refugee status. Hasina could apply for discretionary leave outside the immigration rules. Or she could go to the UK on a visa but it would be illegal to later apply for asylum unless she could prove a change in circumstances. Not applying in the first safe country could also make an asylum claim inadmissible. There are special resettlement refugee schemes for people applying outside the UK for specific countries such as Afghanistan and Ukraine but there is not one for Bangladesh right now.

## RSS, VHP urge govt to ensure safety of Sikhs, Hindus in Bangladesh

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** The situation in Bangladesh is volatile and minority Hindus are being targeted, temples set ablaze and the Centre should immediately intervene in this regard, said former secretary of RSS, Bhaiyaji Suresh Joshi, at a meeting in Nagpur.

On Tuesday, Vishwa Hindu Parishad also expressed concern over attacks on minorities, including Hindus and Sikhs, in Bangladesh and sought help of the global community to ensure safety of people living in the neighbouring country.

"We have sent an appeal to the central govt to take steps to protect Hindus in Bangladesh, where the situation has worsened," said Bhaiyaji, also member of All-India executive committee of RSS.

Meanwhile, VHP president Alok Kumar told reporters, "The situation is worrying. In such a situation it is the responsibility of the world community to take effective action for the safety of minorities and protection of human rights in Bangladesh." Kumar said in the recent past, religious places, bu-

siness establishments and homes of Hindus, Sikhs and other minorities have across Bangladesh, been rampaged.

"Till last night, 22 houses in Panchagarh district alone, 20 houses in Jhenaidah, and 22 shops in Jessore became targets of fundamentalists and in many districts even crematoriums were vandalised. Temples and gurudwaras have also been vandalised," the VHP president said.

He said there was hardly any district left in Bangladesh which has not become a target of their violence and terror. "It is appropriate to point out that Hindus, who were once 32% in Bangladesh, are now less than 8% and they too are victims of continuous Jihadi persecution," Kumar said.

"It can be said that the condition of the oppressed minorities in Bangladesh is going from bad to worse," he added. Kumar said that certainly India cannot turn a blind eye to this situation as the country has traditionally helped oppressed communities across the world.

"VHP urges govt to take every possible step for the safety of minorities in Bangladesh," he said.

## CENTRAL RAILWAY

BHUSAWAL DIVISION  
E-Tender Notice No.: DyCECBSL-02-2024-25 Dated 03.08.2024

The Dy Chief Engineer (Construction) Central Railway, Bhusawal for & on behalf of President of India invites Open Tender through e-tendering from reputed contractors for the following work. Name of Work: Construction of Earth work, Minor Bridge, Drains Retaining wall, Fencing, Ballast Supply, Building works, Transportation and its associated works in connection with 5<sup>th</sup> line between Jalgaon-Bhadli (8.66 Km) of Central Railway (Two packet System). Approx. Tender Cost: Rs. 33,12,86,832.82. Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs. 18,06,400/-

Cost of tender booklet: Nil. Completion period: 08(Eight) Months including monsoon. Validity of offer: 90 days from the date of opening of tender. Website Address: <http://www.ireps.gov.in>. Availability of Tender Documents: Tender notice document can be seen on the above website. Date & Time of Submission & Opening of Tender: The e-tenders duly completed in all respects, along with the requisite documents, up to 11:00 hrs on 30.08.2024. This tender [Technical Bid] will be opened on the same day on 11:00 hrs. In case holiday is declared on the date Tenders will be opened on next day at same time as stated above. Important note for tenderers above mentioned work: a) The Tendering will solely be through e-tendering only. All intending tenderers need to first register with IREPS website. b) Prospective tenderers are advised that before submitting their offer electronically, they should refer to the Tender details regarding terms and conditions, eligibility criteria etc. c) Tender documents & corrigendum issued from time to time are available on this website at least 15 days in advance of opening of tender and may be seen on website. d) Rates entered into Financial Rate Page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. e) Documents being attached should be signed by tenderer on its body. DE-013

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## Amid attacks by vandals, students guard temples, churches in B'desh

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As a section of protesters vandalised monuments and official buildings, several student bodies and youth wings of political parties stood guard outside temples and churches to keep them safe. Several such photos of students and youths forming a protective ring outside temples were widely circulated on social media.

One such place was in Chittagong, where groups of students, armed with sticks and poles, teamed up to guard temples at Nandir-

## VB shifts event from B'desh Bhavana

Visva-Bharati (VB) on Tuesday said it had shifted the venue for Brikhhoropon Utsav (tree plantation festival) on the occasion of Tagore's death anniversary from Bangladesh Bhavana ground to old fairgrounds. As of now, exhibition, interior, and cultural programmes focus on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. "We are keeping vigil on the situation," said VB registrar Ashok Mahato. TNN

hat and Fatehabad and save them from the vandals. In Cumilla, groups of Muslim clerics guarded temples on Monday night. On Tuesday, Nahid Islam, one of the key coordinators in the anti-quota movement, posted several messages on his Facebook page, urging students to keep a watch.

At Bagerhat, student wing of Bangladesh Nationalist Party got its supporters to create units and guard temples. "Many temples still remained unguarded as people were scared to step out of their homes," said Ronny Mollah, joint general secretary of Chhatra Dal, Bagerhat.

## WB BJP neta calls on Shah, stresses on need for CAA

New Delhi: West Bengal BJP leader Suwendu Adhikari on Tuesday called on home minister Amit Shah to raise the issue of attacks on Hindus and temples in Bangladesh, asserting that the situation in the neighbouring country underscored the necessity of CAA.

After the meeting, Adhikari said that Shah told him govt of India is taking appropriate action on the matter.

Leader of opposition in Bengal assembly, Adhikari, took a jibe at opposition parties, including TMC which is in power in his state, saying everybody will have to acknowledge the need for the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. TNN

## Manipur imposes curfew to stop influx of immigrants from B'desh

Guwahati: Civil administration of two Manipur districts, bordering Assam and Mizoram, imposed a curfew on Tuesday as a precautionary measure to prevent influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh.

The joint secretary of Manipur home department, in an order to Jiribam district administration, stated, "...due to prevailing law and order situation in Bangladesh, there is a

likelihood of illegal migrants entering Manipur... It is hereby directed to impose night curfew and also take precautionary measures like maintenance of strict vigil by district police and other security forces along the border at all times to prevent influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh into the state." Similar orders have been issued by Pherzawl administration. TNN

## 'Younger companion must for Haj pilgrims aged 65+'

New Delhi: As it notified the Haj Policy for 2025, the Centre, while taking into account the arduous nature of the Haj pilgrimage, has made it mandatory that a younger companion between 18 to 60 years is a must for pilgrims aged 65 or above. As per the last year's policy that applied to the pilgrims who went on Haj this year a companion was a must for 70 plus age pilgrims. As per the new policy, out of the total Haj pilgrims quota allocated to India, 70% would be handled by the Haj Committee of India while the remaining 30% will be allocated to private Haj Group Organisers (HGOs). In the 2025 policy the order of priority for applicants is 65 plus which was 70 plus earlier. TNN

## SC order is to make HCs servile to apex court, says Justice Sherawat

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Justice Sherawat had said, "But this (adjoining a case because of SC order) may not be always possible for an HC to follow such a course in view of particular facts and circumstances embedded in a particular case or because of involvement of some statutory provisions. That would be an unfortunate situation, which would be better avoided."

Justice Sherawat had gone on to propagate that contempt proceedings initiated by a single-judge HC bench had to be appealed be-

fore the division bench of HC and that the role of SC would arise only when the contemnor, whose conviction is upheld by the division bench, files an appeal in the apex court. It is an elementary fact that SC has overarching jurisdiction over any matter before any court, including HCs, and on any subject whether pending in any court or not.

Justice Sherawat said, "SC may have power to permit special appeal by a party to contempt proceedings before HC, against certain types of orders of contempt court under certain circum-

stances, however, in the present case neither there are any such circumstances, nor has any such special appeal been filed by the respondents against any such order of the contempt court. Hence, in the given circumstances, the order of SC turns out to be simply in the nature of putting an estoppel on the powers of HC exercisable under Article 215 of the Constitution of India and under the Contempt of Courts Act."

"Probably more caution on the part of SC would have been more appropriate," the judge said while lecturing SC on judicial propriety.

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1	T-04/ 3000050891/ 2024-25	Name of Work :- Work of conducting Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey inside of proposed 2x660 MW thermal power plant layout at Existing premises of 210 MW TPS Koradi	EMD Rs. 15,900/- ----- Rs. 15,82,500.00	07.08.2024 TO 15.08.2024 upto 17.30 hrs. 16.08.2024 upto 12.00 hrs.

**E-Tender Cost will be Rs. 1180/-**  
1. For further details pertaining to the above tender is available on website [www.e-procurement.mahagenco.in](http://www.e-procurement.mahagenco.in)  
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3. Agencies are requested to register themselves for E-Tenders.  
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The Expression of Interest (EOI) is available on our website [www.giftgujarat.in](http://www.giftgujarat.in).  
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Date : 07.08.2024

The Maharashtra State Road Development Corporation ("MSRDC"), through its Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) named Mahasamrudhi Renewable Energy Limited invites online bids For Request for proposal for appointment of Renewable Energy consultant for carrying out peer review of existing Detailed Project Report (DPR), preparation of revised Detailed Project Report (DPR), Bid process management, carbon credit trading & Project Management Consultancy (PMC) work for the proposed solar energy projects along the HHTBMSM as per details below:

- RFP document can be viewed/downloaded from e-tendering portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> from 07.08.2024 from 1100 hrs. to 22.08.2024 (upto 1500 hrs. IST)
- Cost of RFP document is Rs. 25,000 + GST which can be paid through SBI payment gateway which can be accessed through <https://mahatenders.gov.in>
- Last date of submission of RFP is 22.08.2024 (upto 1500 hours IST).
- Pre-bid meeting will be held on 14.08.2024 at 1400 hrs.
- Right to accept or reject any or all the RFP without assigning any reason whatsoever is reserved with MREL.

Director  
Mahasamrudhi Renewable Energy Ltd., Mumbai

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Eligible and interested Helicopter operators may download the Request for Quotation (RFQ) document which contains the details of the requirement from the following website of Government of Odisha and submit their offer, <https://tenders.odisha.gov.in/nicgcp/app> & <https://ct.odisha.gov.in/tenders>  
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7000031913	T-56/ 2023-24 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Call)	Replacement of 400KV, 220KV, 132KV & 33KV Circuit Breakers under EHV O&M Circle, Nashik under Nashik Zone-(CBs will be provided by MSETCL)	Rs 440.79 Lakhs	Rs 440793.92/-	Rs 5900/-

Sale period: 06.08.2024 to 13.08.2024. Last Date of Submission: 13.08.2024 up to 13:00 Hrs. Date of opening (Tech. bid): 13.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs(if possible). Contact person: Executive Engineer, EHV PC O&M Zone, Nashik. Phone No. 0253-2430310/02/07 Fax No. 0253-2403000. For further details please visit to <https://srmetender.mahatransco.in>  
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2	प्री-बिड मीटिंग	14.08.2024, अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे स्थान- नृतीय मंजिल यूटिलिटी सेक्टर-7, गोमती नगर एक्सटेंशन, लखनऊ, 3000-226002
3	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि	23.08.2024, अपरान्ह 03:00 बजे
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नगर निगम, गोरखपुर



# Engaging Vs Involving Staff

Employee engagement is a critical factor for business success. But there is a need to go beyond 'engagement' by focusing on 'involvement' which incorporates employees in decision-making

By M Muneer

Engagement refers to employees' emotional commitment to the company and its goals. Much of HR funds go into developing engagement programmes while the concept of employee involvement is often overlooked, which incidentally is more crucial. Employee involvement means incorporating staff in decision-making, problem-solving, and organisational improvements. Many companies (P&G, Tata Steel, Mahindra, HUL, etc) have adopted this process.

Employee engagement focuses on how emotionally invested employees are in their work and the organisation. Engaged employees are more enthusiastic, motivated, and willing to go the extra mile. On the other hand, employee involvement means that staff have a say in how their work is done and are empowered to contribute to the overall growth and success.

**Employee involvement good for business**  
 1. Involved employees bring a genuine dedication to the-

ir roles. They bring diverse perspectives and ideas to the table, which leads to better and more comprehensive decisions.

2. Involved employees feel a sense of ownership over their work and the outcomes, which prompts responsible behaviour. This leads to higher accountability and a commitment to achieving the best results.

3. When employees feel that their opinions matter and they can influence decisions, job satisfaction increases. This satisfaction stems from a sense of empowerment and value within the organisation. Companies like Google and 3M have policies that give employees time to work on personal projects. This often results in the creation of successful new offerings.

4. Involvement also ensures that employees are aligned with the corporate goals and values. As we have seen with our strategy execution work with Fortune 500 companies and SMEs, involved employees contribute to the planning and execution of strategies, and work to achieve their set targets, initiatives.

**Initiating employee involvement plans:**  
 1. Create open communica-



tion channels. Encourage open and transparent communication where employees can freely share their ideas and feedback. Try crowdsourcing ideas, mini town halls and open-door policies.

2. Try collaborative decision-making. Include employees in decision-making processes, especially wherever that directly affect their work. You can set up various employee councils that include employee representatives to discuss and make decisions on workplace issues and policies.

3. Truly empower employees. Empower employees by delegating authority and providing them with the resources and support needed to take

initiative and make decisions. Marriott is a classic example where even the bellboy is empowered to upgrade or offer special privileges to guests if he genuinely knows of a guest's unhappiness such as missing amenities in the room or delays in orders.

4. Constitute recognition and rewards. Recognise and reward employees for their contributions and involvement in improving the organisation. Many organisations have constituted innovation awards and the like, to encourage employees to drive new business ideas and processes.

(The writer is co-founder of Medici Institute for Innovation)

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# Dhaka Fire: India Waits For Smoke To Clear

## Situation evolving, threat to minorities matter of concern, EAM tells House

## Govt treads cautiously but doesn't rule out foreign hand behind turmoil

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New Delhi: In the first public remarks on the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh, foreign minister S Jaishankar on Tuesday told Parliament that India has been in regular touch with authorities in Dhaka in the past 24 hours about the "evolving" and "complex" situation, as he also expressed deep concern over the threat to minorities and asserted that India expects the host govt to protect Indian establishments so that they can function normally once the situation improves.

While giving nothing away on where deposed PM Sheikh Hasina might be headed, the minister said she had sought at a very short notice approval to come "for the moment" to India.

Conscious of the delicate situation in Dhaka, Jaishankar in his suo moto statement avoided making any remark that might be misinterpreted as an attempt to dictate the terms of govt formation to Bangladesh. Significantly, while India had publicly said during the protests against Hasina that this was an internal issue of Bangladesh, Jaishankar had repeatedly advised restraint and urged "various political forces" it was in touch with that the situation be defused through dialogue. He didn't name the Hasina govt or any party but said various decisions and actions after the



Mohammadpur police station was one of those vandalised

stir refused to die down only exacerbated the situation. Unlike the US, which welcomed the formation of an interim govt, Jaishankar only took note of Army chief Waker-uz-Zaman talking about assuming responsibility and constituting a govt. Giving details of the violence that erupted on August 4 against the Hasina regime in the past few days, he said what was particularly worrying was that minorities, their businesses and temples also came under attack at multiple locations. The full extent of this was still not clear, he said.

"On August 5, demonstrators converged in Dhaka despite the curfew. Our understanding is that after a meeting with leaders of the security establishment, PM Hasina apparently made the decision to resign. At very short notice, she requested approval to come for the moment to India. We simultaneously received a

request for flight clearance from Bangladesh authorities," Jaishankar said, adding the govt was in continuous touch with the Indian community in Bangladesh through its diplomatic missions and has asked border forces to be exceptionally alert because of the complex situation.

He said there are an estimated 19,000 Indian nationals in Bangladesh, of which about 9,000 are students. The bulk of the students had already returned to India in July on the advice of the Indian high commission, he said. "In terms of our diplomatic presence, in addition to the high commission in Dhaka, we have assistant high commissions in Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet. It is our expectation that the host govt will provide the required security protection for these establishments. We look forward to their normal functioning once the situation sta-

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bilises," he said, adding India-Bangladesh relations have been exceptionally close for many decades.

Jaishankar said India was closely following the situation with regard to the minorities and appreciates initiatives by various groups to protect them but added it would remain deeply concerned till law and order was visibly restored.

India, along with Russia and China, had endorsed the elections early this year in which Hasina had secured another term in office in the absence of any real opposition. Jaishankar said since the election, there had been considerable tensions, deep divides and growing polarisation in Bangladesh politics. "This underlying foundation, he said, aggravated a student agitation that started in June, leading to increasing violence. India has so far not officially blamed forces aligned with Pakistan for the situation but it's widely believed opposition BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami worked to transform the students' agitation into a movement for regime change.

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Foreign minister S Jaishankar did not outrightly rule out the involvement of foreign players in the turmoil in Bangladesh though he refrained from making categorical assertions on the sensitive issue and said the situation there was too fluid.

Responding to a question from leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi about the role of foreign players in fomenting trouble, Jaishankar preferred to tread cautiously and emphasised that the flux in Bangladesh did not allow him to be categorical, sources said.

The minister also said Sheikh Hasina was in a state of shock and was unsure of where she would like to settle down after leaving India, the statement being affirmed shortly afterwards by the Bangladesh leader's son Sa-jeeb Wazed Joy. Speaking to CNN-News18, Joy said Hasina was yet to make up her mind, but could choose between the US and the UK where she had relatives.

Joy ruled out Hasina's return to Bangladesh and said she was traumatised by the ingratitude of people in Bangladesh who destroyed the memorial of her father, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, and would like to let them fend for themselves.

Joy denied that Hasina had become unpopular and said the opinion of a vocal minority should not be seen as a reliable guide.



**Jaishankar said Hasina was in a state of shock and was unsure of where she would like to settle down after leaving India. Hasina's son said she was yet to make up her mind, but could choose between the US and the UK**

At the all-party meeting, Jaishankar said the Indian govt would give Hasina time to recover before enquiring about her future plans, adding national security adviser A K Doval was taking appropriate measures for her security.

The minister said India had spoken to the Bangladesh army chief to ensure the safety of Indian nationals in that country and also taken up the issue of attacks on Hindu minorities, according to a couple of leaders who attended the meeting.

An opposition leader, who attended the meeting, said a reference was made about the stability in the neighbourhood, not in the least following the toppling of the Hasina govt, which was seen as India's most dependable ally.

"We suggested to the govt

**Closely following situation: China**

China on Tuesday reacted guardedly to the unfolding crisis in Bangladesh, saying it was "closely" following the situation. China had rolled out a red carpet for Hasina during her Beijing visit from July 8 to 10 during which two countries signed 21 agreements. **PTI**

**Plane goes back to Bangladesh after Hasina's Hindon drop**

New Delhi: The C-130J military transport aircraft that brought former PM Sheikh Hasina to India returned to Bangladesh on Tuesday morning after an overnight halt at Hindon airbase near Ghazipur on the outskirts of Delhi.

The C-130J of the Bangladesh Air Force took off from Hindon for Dhaka with seven military personnel around 9 am, leaving Hasina and her younger sister Rehana behind in India, officials said.

Indian security and intelligence officials on Monday had closely monitored the C-130J, with a couple of IAF fighters also being deployed to provide safety cover to the aircraft, while it was headed for Hindon with the Awami League leader on board.

Hasina had taken the C-130J, with the call sign AJAX1431, from an airbase in Bangladesh after fleeing from Dhaka in a Mi-17 helicopter. The C-130J was the most tracked aircraft in real time by aviation enthusiasts around the globe on Monday.

"The C-130J was also monitored on its way back to Bangladesh till it crossed the border," an official said. **TNN**

**Bangabandhu biopic producer, actor-son lynched**

Bangladeshi producer Selim Khan, who had made a film on Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and had several movies on the floor in Tollywood (Kolkata), was lynched along with actor-son Shanto Khan during Monday's mayhem in Bangladesh, reports **Priyanka Dasgupta**. According to a report in The Daily Star, Selim and Shanto were targeted in Chattogram's Chandpur soon after word spread about Sheikh Hasina's resignation as PM. The duo first fled their village and went to Farakkabad area. "Some people tried to stop them (but) they managed to flee by opening fire. When they reached the nearby Bagarabazaar area, an angry mob caught and killed them. Chandpur Sadar Police Station officer-in-charge Sheikh Mohsin Alam confirmed the matter," The Daily Star reported.

**Former Bangla cricket captain's house set on fire**

The unrest that engulfed Bangladesh in the past week has not spared even its famous cricketers. Former national captain **Mashrafe Mortaza's** house was allegedly set ablaze by a mob on Monday, reports **Archiman Bhaduri**. The cricketer, however, was not hurt. After retirement, the ex-pacer ventured into politics in 2018, joining the Sheikh Hasina-led Awami League. He stood for Narail-2 seat as a candidate of the party and went on to win over 96% votes, becoming the first active international cricketer to be a member of parliament in his country. Mortaza secured his seat for the second consecutive time by winning general election held earlier this year.

**Relatives back home threatened, many stuck in India unwilling to return to Bangladesh...**

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kolkata: The violence in Bangladesh is adding to the ranks of Bangladeshis stuck outside their homeland who fear they might never be able to return to their country.

TOI on Tuesday spoke to several Bangladeshis nationals, who wanted to extend their stay abroad as they feared for their lives.

Rice exporter Biplab Roy, 41, had come to Kolkata a month ago for his wife's treatment. The couple's visas will expire on August 18. On Tuesday morning, a desperate Roy reached the Bangladesh deputy high commissioner's office here, trying to get the visas extended. Roy is also 'ma-

**IS ANYTHING LEFT?**



A man takes a peek into Sheikh Hasina's vandalised home in Dhaka, on Tuesday

**'Worried for my hubby for he's a cop, and they are being attacked'**

Nur Naha Islam

I came to India on July 28 on a holiday, hoping to visit Kashmir with my husband, a police officer in Dhaka. But it remained a hope after a week-long peaceful protest against a quota system metamorphosed into unprecedented violence there. My husband was called back to duty, and he got stuck in Dhaka. I am worried about him and several of my relatives and friends in police which are bearing the brunt of the violence.

Since Monday, I have been hearing about police stations falling prey to arsonists. Several cops have been killed since the fall of Sheikh Hasina govt. What's their fault? Police officials were just following govt orders.

I heard that Bangladesh Police Subordinate Employees' Association has announced an indefinite strike to protest against attacks on police force. One can understand when cops call strike—it's their last resort to save themselves.

I want to go back to my husband and my relatives in the time of crisis, but I am stuck

here. I had booked a ticket on an IndiGo flight at 2.50 pm on Tuesday but the flight was cancelled. Bangladesh Biman too has not been able to provide confirmed tickets. We have checked out of the hotel as I want to reach Dhaka as early as possible by any means. Now, I am desperately trying to get a bus ticket to Dhaka.

The visuals coming from my country have unnerved me. I cannot stand vested interests

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hijacking a popular student movement. Students are our future. It's disheartening to see them being misled and falling into the hands of vandals.

The new govt needs to be tolerant and inclusive. We cannot destroy Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's statues. Also, PM's residence is not a piece of private property; it has a historic significance. I wish the authorities establish peace first. Most Bangladeshis are peaceful and extremely hopeful of the future. When I return to Dhaka, I wish it should fill me with pride, not fear.

(As told to **Dwaipayana Ghosh in Kolkata**)

**BSF comes to rescue of B'desh border officials under attack**

Tamaghna Banerjee & Subhro Maitra | TNN

Petrapole/Malda: Border Security Force (BSF) personnel Monday rescued a group of Customs and immigration officials posted at Benapole border in Bangladesh and offered them shelter in the no man's land for some time after protesters attacked their offices and attempted to vandalise a mural of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. The same day, at least 100 Indian drivers and helpers of goods vehicles, who were stuck at Benapole, were rescued by BSF personnel at the Petrapole integrated check post. BSF helped them drive the empty trucks (around 47 of them) — that were stranded at Benapole for the night — to the Indian side on Tuesday afternoon.

Around 3.30pm Monday, an irate mob — armed with sticks, bricks, bamboo, colour cans and petrol cans — ransacked a trade union office (owing allegiance to Awami League), set it afire and burst firecrackers. As union members, transporters and businessmen ran towards the border, the protesters followed them and then turned their assault towards govt officials of the Customs and immigration departments.

Bangladesh Border Guard (BGB) personnel tried to resist but were soon outnumbered and had to retreat. "The officials were under threat and that is when they entered the no man's land, where our personnel were posted. We seated the officials in the gallery, where people sit on occasions of joint beating retreat. We warned off the protesters without moving into their territory," said a BSF officer.

A group of Muslim villagers

**An escape to safety: Many cross over with scary tales**

Tamaghna Banerjee & Priyanka Dasgupta | TNN

Petrapole/Kolkata: Shahid Ali, his legs broken, stared at the roof of the ambulance waiting to cross the Petrapole border Tuesday and contemplated if he could have done something different. No, he would — if it came to that — again jump from the second floor of a hotel balcony, just as he did the previous day in Bangladesh's Jessore to escape what he thought was certain death.

Shahid, 36, from Assam was in his room in the hotel owned by an Awami League functionary when a mob set fire to the building. His leap of faith saved him while 24 of those trapped inside Zabeer International Hotel died.

"The first and ground floors were ablaze," Shahid said. "I was lucky to land on the tin roof of a shop below. My brother Faizan, who was outside, escaped with a few burns. We are so relieved to be out of Bangladesh," he said.

At the Petrapole integrated checkpoint near Bongaon in Bengal's North 24 Parganas, the air was rife with tales of dramatic escapes. Some trekked through the night, others hitch-hiked till the checkpoint, a few spent thousands of rupees for rickety rickshaw rides, and scores slept at a bus terminus across the border in the hope of boarding the first available vehicle home.

In a village tucked away amid the verdant tea gardens in Sylhet, a Hindu family of six taking refuge in the neighbourhood temple since Monday evening got to know that a mob was on its way. A group of Muslim villagers



Shahid Ali broke his legs after jumping off the second floor of a hotel owned by an Awami League functionary that was set on fire

stealthily moved the family to the local mosque and cordoned off the temple to protect it from the vandals. The family was escorted to a border area a few kilometres away, from where they embarked on a trek through hilly terrain to reach India.

"We are safe and back in India. End of story," said another Indian employed with a company engaged in infrastructure projects in Brahmanbaria. "We decided to pack up and leave after hearing that the house of a Hindu co-worker was set on fire in Khulna," he said on entering Tripura with 15 colleagues.

A company vehicle had dropped them some distance from the border checkpoint in Akhaura. The group covered the remaining distance on foot. "We switched off our phones to avoid giving away our identities inadvertently through conversations. We were scared and took every precaution not to draw attention," the man said.

In Petrapole, Ahmedabad resident Ghulam Mohammed Sheikh recounted hopping from one rickshaw to another — eight in all over a 60km — and walking another

stretch to reach the Benapole border on the Bangladesh side. "Since Sunday, I saw cars and buildings set ablaze and people moving with weapons openly on the streets of Dhaka," he said.

Piyas Adhikari, a resident of Duttapukur in North 24 Parganas, crossed the border with his mother Shilpi around afternoon. They had reached Bangladesh on tourist visas last week to meet relatives. "Seeing the situation deteriorate rapidly, we decided to head back home. Although our relative's home wasn't attacked, others in the neighbourhood received threats," said Adhikari. They took the first bus out of Jessore to reach Benapole.

Manoranjan Roy, a Bangladeshi Rajbanshi tribal, hid in a pit along with his family at Nilphamari in Rangpur. Roy sent voice messages to his sister Prabhati Barman, a resident of Jalpaiguri in north Bengal, about wanting to come to India. "Armed men attacked houses in Nilphamari and also ransacked my elder brother's house. He and my other brothers all want to come here," she said.

**...while others grab the first opportunity to go back to a 'new & democratic Bangladesh'**

Dwaipayana Ghosh, Tamaghna Banerjee & Mayukh Sengupta | TNN

Kolkata: A batch of 311 Bangladeshis, stranded in Kolkata due to ongoing turmoil in their country, began their journey back home on Tuesday via flights and buses. The first group of 67 flyers faced anxious hours at Kolkata airport before finally boarding a flight to Dhaka at 1am. Two more flights carrying 137 passengers followed later.

Three buses transporting 107 Bangladeshis nationals departed the city by noon. Among the travellers were many students, some as young as 17, who expressed hopes for a "new and demo-



Bangladeshis head back home across the Petrapole border on Tuesday

cratic" Bangladesh. Kolkata airport operated four flights to and from Dhaka, operated by Biman Bangladesh, Novo Air, and US-Bangla Airlines. However, IndiGo cancelled two direct

flights, causing frustration among many passengers. Munir Hossain, a Dhaka resident, recounted his experience of taking a Biman Bangladesh flight at 1.30am on Tuesday after his original

flight on Monday was delayed due to a closure at Dhaka airport. "My visa was valid till Wednesday," Hossain said.

Bus passenger KM Haider from Barishal anticipated a midnight arrival home. "The bus will reach around 4pm in Dhaka. I hope we do not face any issues at the Petrapole-Benapole border post. But I am excited to travel back home," said Haider, who had visited Kolkata for medical consultations.

Air India operated a Delhi-Dhaka-Delhi flight Tuesday and announced that future flights would depend on the situation in Bangladesh.

IndiGo planned to resume normal operations to and from Dhaka on Wednesday.

**UPMRC**  
Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited  
Administrative Building, Vipin Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow  
(Formerly Known as Lucknow Metro Rail Corporation Ltd.)  
(A Joint Venture of Govt. of India & Govt. of U.P.)

**Recruitment Notice**  
Advt No. UPMRC/HR/D/5/2024 dt. 30.07.2024, UPMRC/HR/D/6/2024 dt. 30.07.2024, UPMRC/HR/D/3/2024 dt. 11.07.2024 and UPMRC/HR/D/4/2024 dt. 10.07.2024  
Applications in prescribed format are invited from eligible candidates for recruitment to the post of Deputy General Manager (Cyber Security) on deputation/absorption basis and Chief Engineer (Electrical) on deputation basis in Uttar Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited. Last date for submission of applications is 29.08.2024. Further, the last date of receiving the applications for the post of Joint/Deputy General Manager (Operations) on deputation/absorption basis and General Manager (Operations) on deputation basis has been extended to 26.08.2024. For details of Educational Qualification, Age, Eligibility, Work Experience etc., kindly visit www.upmetrorail.com.

For MD/UPMRC

**NaBFID**  
National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development  
Human Resources Department, Mumbai  
www.nabfid.org

**NOTICE**  
NaBFID has invited applications for the various positions in the grade of Vice President (on contract) vide advertisement no. NaBFID/REC/VP/2024-25/01 dated 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024.  
The last date to apply for the positions was 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024, which has been extended till 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (06:00 PM).  
The details are available on the Bank's website <https://nabfid.org/careers/>  
All other terms & conditions including eligibility criteria as prescribed under the advertisement remain unchanged.  
The applicants who have already submitted their applications need not apply again.

Mumbai: 06.08.2024 Executive Vice President (HR)

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For details of Qualifications, Experience and Emoluments please refer TCIL website: [www.tcil.net.in](http://www.tcil.net.in)

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**M.P. RAJYA SAHAKARI BANK MYDT.**  
H.O. T.T. NAGAR BHOPAL  
Website : [www.apexbank.in](http://www.apexbank.in), Tel. No. : 0755-2674712  
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Activity	Date
Opening date of submission of online application.	06.08.2024
Last date of submission of online application.	05.09.2024
Examination Fees	Rs.1200/- for all (General/OBC/EWS candidates), Rs. 900/- for all (SC/ST/PwBD Candidates) 18% GST additional (Examination fees submitted is Non Refundable).

2. Details about above mentioned recruitment w.r.t. No. of Post, Classification as per reservation, Age Criteria, Education qualification, Experience, Exam related details and other relevant information, term and conditions and other guidelines is available on the bank website. Please visit bank website [www.apexbank.in](http://www.apexbank.in) The bank management reserve its rights to reduce advertised post and change any term and conditions of the said advertisement. The date of Online Examination will be published on bank's website. Bank management decision in this regard shall be final.  
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Last date for Online submission of Application and online payment of application fee	29.08.2024 (23:59 Hrs.)

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For details of grade wise no. of posts, disciplines, eligibility criteria, general conditions and instructions for filling the online application form, please visit 'CAREERS' section on GAIL website: [www.gailonline.com](http://www.gailonline.com) from 1100 hours on 08.08.2024 to 1800 hours on 07.09.2024. ADVT. No.: GAIL/OPEN/MISC/1/2024

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Indian Institute of Management Shillong  
No. B1-2302/2/2024-ADMIN/3311 02 August 2024

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Name of the Post	Pay Level	Category
Deputy General Manager (Knowledge Services)	Level-12 Academic Pay Matrix	UR
Senior Executive Associate to Director	Level-10	UR

Interested candidates who fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria may apply online through our website <https://www.iimshillong.ac.in/careers/>  
The last date of Online application is 27 August 2024  
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S. No.	ADVT No./ Issue date	Name and No of the Posts	Location	Terms of appointment	Last date of receipt of application
1.	37/2024 dated 06.08.2024	DGM (Finance)-(06 posts) Sr. MGR (Finance)-(06 posts) Asst. MGR (Finance)-(02 posts) Sr. Executive (Finance)-(10 posts)	Anywhere in India	On Regular Basis	05.09.2024 by 17:00 hrs
2.	38/2024 dated 06.08.2024	Executive (Finance)-(20 Posts)	Anywhere in India	On Contract Basis	05.09.2024 by 17:00 hrs

For details (Request Qualification & Experience) login to website <http://www.rvnl.org-Career-Jobs>

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**EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION NO. 2024/08 (P)**  
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Activity	Date
Opening date of submission of online application.	06.08.2024
Last date of submission of online application.	05.09.2024
Amount of Application Fee.	Rs.1200/- for all (General/OBC/EWS candidates), and Rs. 900/- for all (SC/ST/PwBD Candidates) 18% GST additional (Fees once submitted is Non- Refundable).

2. Details about above mentioned Examination regarding, No. of Post, Classification as per reservation, Age Criteria, Education qualification, Experience, Exam related detailed information and other relevant information, terms conditions and other guidelines is available on the bank website. Please refer to the bank website [www.apexbank.in](http://www.apexbank.in) in the bank management reserve its rights to reduce advertised post and any other terms and conditions of the said advertisement. The Online Examination date will be published on bank's website. The bank management decision in this regard shall be final.  
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Post	No. of Posts & Category	Pay Details
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Administrative Officer on regular pay scale through Direct Recruitment /Deputation	SC - 01 (One)	In Level-10 (Rs.56100-177500) of Pay Matrix under 7 <sup>th</sup> CPC (Pre-Revised PB-3: GP-5400 under 6 <sup>th</sup> CPC).
General Manager (IT) on contract for the Computer Centre	01 (One)	Please refer Institute's website <a href="http://www.iimcal.ac.in">www.iimcal.ac.in</a>
Deputy General Manager (IT) on contract for the Computer Centre	01 (One)	Please refer Institute's website <a href="http://www.iimcal.ac.in">www.iimcal.ac.in</a>

The last date for receiving the applications is 04.09.2024. Interested candidates may visit the IIMC's website [www.iimcal.ac.in](http://www.iimcal.ac.in) for necessary details. The candidates may also visit [Naukri.com](http://Naukri.com), [Timesjobs.com](http://Timesjobs.com), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/iimcal), [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/iimcal), [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/iimcal) for the details.

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**FIXED-TERM CONTRACT ENGAGEMENT NOTICE - WALK-IN SELECTION PROCESS**  
Venue: MIDHANI Corporate Office Auditorium @0800hrs to 1030hrs only.

Sl. No.	Day/Date of Walk-In	Post Name	No. of Posts & Reservation	Selection Process	Consolidated Remuneration	Upper age limit for UR as on the date of Advt.
1.	Monday (19-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 4 (Metallurgy)	(11) UR-5, EWS-1, OBC-1, SC-3, ST-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 31,610/- (Per Month)	35 Years
2.	Tuesday (20-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 4 (Mechanical)	(2) UR-1, OBC-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 31,610/- (Per Month)	35 Years
3.	Wednesday (21-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 4 (Office)	(1) OBC-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 31,610/- (Per Month)	35 Years
4.	Thursday (22-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 4 (CAD Operator)	(1) OBC-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 31,610/- (Per Month)	35 Years
5.	Friday (23-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 2 (Electrician)	(1) OBC-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 28,860/- (Per Month)	30 Years
6.	Saturday (24-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 2 (Welder)	(1) OBC-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 28,860/- (Per Month)	30 Years
7.	Monday (26-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 2 (Diesel Mechanic)	(1) UR-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 28,860/- (Per Month)	30 Years
8.	Tuesday (27-Aug-2024)	Assistant - Level 2 (Auto Electrician)	(1) UR-1	Written Test & Trade Test	Rs. 28,860/- (Per Month)	30 Years
9.	Wednesday (28-Aug-2024)	Associate (Level-II) Marketing	(1) UR-1	Interviews	Rs. 57,720/- (Per Month)	30 Years
10.	Wednesday (28-Aug-2024)	Associate (Level-II) (KAPP-Mechanical/Metallurgy)	(1) UR-1	Interviews	Rs. 57,720/- (Per Month)	30 Years
11.	Wednesday (28-Aug-2024)	Associate (Level-II) (KAPP-Chemical/Ceramic)	(1) UR-1	Interviews	Rs. 57,720/- (Per Month)	30 Years

- Out of 4 posts at Sl. No. 5, 6, 7 & 8 - 02 posts are reserved for Ex-servicemen (ESM).  
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Advt.No.: MDN/HR/FTC-HYD/1/24  
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Applications from eligible candidates are invited for the post of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor & Professor in the departments of Veterinary Anatomy, Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry, Livestock Production Management, Veterinary Pathology, Veterinary Microbiology, Animal Genetics and Breeding, Animal Nutrition, Veterinary Pharmacology and Toxicology, Veterinary Parasitology, Veterinary Public Health and Epidemiology, Livestock Products Technology, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Extension Education, Veterinary Surgery and Radiology, Veterinary Medicine, Veterinary Gynaecology and Obstetrics, LFC & Veterinary Clinical Complex of Institute of Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry, a constituent college of Siksha 'O' Anusandhan. The details of qualification and salary is as follows.

Sl. No	Name of the Post	Qualification	Remuneration
1	Assistant Professor	M.V.Sc in concerned subject #	As per norms
2	Associate Professor	Ph.D. in concerned subject with 8 years of teaching experience	
3	Professor	Ph.D. in concerned subject with 10 years of teaching experience	

Please note:  
1. For the post of Professor in LFC, the candidate should have Ph.D in the subject of LPM.  
2. For the post of Assistant Professor in VCC, the candidates from Veterinary Pathology / Biochemistry / Surgery / Medicine / Gynaecology are preferred.  
3. The maximum age for regular appointment is 65 years, reemployment can be given till 70 years as per requirement.  
# NET is desirable

Interested candidates are requested to send their updated Biodata to [hrd@soa.ac.in](mailto:hrd@soa.ac.in) within 21 days from the date of advertisement.

[www.soa.ac.in](http://www.soa.ac.in) (Registrar)

**MADHYA PRADESH PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CORPORATION LTD.**  
(A Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)  
Oil Field Building, 01, Arera Hills, Bhopal  
URL: <https://mpphsc.mp.gov.in>, Phone : 0755-2578915  
Dated : 06.08.2024

**TENDER NOTICE**

Tenders for following item/Services floated on website and portal from dated 06.08.2024 to next 30 days:

1. Online Tender Ref. No. T-598/MPPHSC/Pharma/RC/2024 Uploaded on Dated 05.08.2024 Portal & Website.
2. Online Tender Ref. No. T-599/MPPHSC/Pharma/RC/2024 Uploaded on Dated 05.08.2024 Portal & Website.
3. Tender(s) for Various Drugs.
4. Tender(s) for Various Consumables.
5. Tender(s) for Various Equipments.

All Prospective bidders are requested to visit [www.mptenders.gov.in](http://www.mptenders.gov.in) / <https://mpphsc.mp.gov.in> for further details.  
M.P. Madhyam/115765/2024 CGM (TECHNICAL)

**Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited**  
(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), 4, Meera Marg, Udaipur - 315001  
Office Number : (0294) 242777 / 242782-242783, 67 0806 (0294) 242789, 242789

**Corrigendum 1** Date - 06.08.2024

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender No. RSM/M/CO/GGM/Proj/2024-25/138 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WS0800062	Tender for the work of "Mining of Bajri from Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adipur at Tehsil Sawaiapur Distt. Bhillwara (Rajasthan) and its transportation up to designated stockyard. Last date for downloading & submission of tender is extended as: Last date & time of online submission 10.09.2024 up to 3:00 pm Date of opening of part - 1: 11.09.2024 at 3:30 pm
e-Tender No. RSM/M/CO/GGM/Proj/2024-25/139 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WS0800063	Tender for the work of "Loading of BAJRI into Trucks/Tipper from stockyard of RSMML's Bajri mines situated at Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adipur at Tehsil Sawaiapur Distt. Bhillwara (Rajasthan)" Last date for downloading & submission of tender is extended as: Last date & time of online submission 11.09.2024 up to 3:00 PM Date of opening of part - 1: 12.09.2024 at 3:30 pm

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website [www.rsmm.com](http://www.rsmm.com) or [www.sppp.rajabhawan.gov.in](http://www.sppp.rajabhawan.gov.in) or [eproc.rajabhawan.gov.in](http://eproc.rajabhawan.gov.in) or contact Manager (Project) on above address.  
Raj.Samwadi/C/24/3396 Dy. General Manager (P&A)

**MUNICIPAL CORPORATION CHANDIGARH**

**E-AUCTION NOTICE**

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh is going to hold E-auction in respect of Shops of Subway, Sector 17/22, Chandigarh by E-Auction on monthly rent basis.

**Schedule for e-auction**

Auction Publish Date	Document Submission / Payment Date		Document / Payment Approval Date		Bid Start Date	
	Start	End	Start	End	Start	End
07.08.24	07.08.24	19.08.24	20.08.24	27.08.24	28.08.24	28.08.24
9.00 AM	10.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	5.00 PM	9.00 AM	3.00 PM

**Detail of Booths**  
Shops at Subway, Sector 17/22, Chandigarh

Numbers of Booths/Shops	Booths/Shop Number	Area of Booths/shops in			Monthly rent
		(sft)	Sq.yd.	Sqm.	
09	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13	105	11.67	9.76	Rs. 35,574/- P.M.

The detailed terms & conditions of e-auction including eligibility and earnest money deposit (EMD) can be downloaded from the website [http://eauction.gov.in/2024\\_CH\\_148](http://eauction.gov.in/2024_CH_148)  
Helpline : 0172-5021521  
Joint Commissioner-III  
Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh

**B-150 GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA, "e"-PROCUREMENT NOTICE**  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, KHORDHA (R&B) CIRCLE, KHORDHA WORKS DEPARTMENT  
Tender call Notice  
E-mail: [rbcirclekhorda@gmail.com](mailto:rbcirclekhorda@gmail.com)

Bid Identification No. CCE-Khordha (R&B) Circle-04/2024-25 Memo No -1528 Dt. 05.08.2024  
The Chief Construction Engineer, Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha on behalf of Governor of Odisha inviting percentage rate bid in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Bridge works as detailed in the table below :

1. Nature of Work : Bridge Work
2. No of Work : 1 No
3. Tender Cost : Rs. 10000.00 (On-Line)
4. Class of Contractor : Special, A Class
5. Available of Bid document in the Website : From 10.00 AM of Dt.12.08.2024 up to 05.00 PM of Dt. 26.08.2024 up to 5.00 PM
6. Date of opening of Bid : Dt. 27.08.2024 at 11.30 AM
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the Website: <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. Any Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Sd/-  
Chief Construction Engineer,  
Khordha (R&B) Circle, Khordha  
OIPR-34127/11/0005/24-25

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

**Notice Inviting Request for Proposal**

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

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

**under Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model for Bihar Skill Development Mission (BSDM)**  
Kindly note that the selection of agency under this RFP will not guarantee allocation of work and BSDM will assume no liability or cost towards it. BSDM makes no commitments, express or implied, that this process will result in a business transaction between anyone.  
Document Fee and Tender Processing Fee: All Applicants have to pay a non-refundable Document Fee of Rs. 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) and Tender Processing Fee of Rs. 590.00 or as applicable (Five Hundred Ninety only) through e-payment mode (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal.  
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): An EMD of Rs. 10,00,000/- (10 Lakh) through e-payment mode only (i.e. NEFT/RTGS/Credit Card/Debit Card) on E-Proc Portal, well before the last date/time for submission/ uploading of offer/Bid, failing which the bid will be rejected. This EMD will be non-interest bearing and refundable. If the selected bidder fails to submit the requisite performance security or to execute the agreement, this EMD will be forfeited.  
The Proposal has to be submitted through online mode on <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and can be searched by clicking the Tab "Tender" on home page of above website and then going to Latest Tender by searching Department Name as "Labour Resources Department".  
The Proposal has to be submitted in online mode containing following cover stage-  
A) Technical Bid Open Stage and B) Cost Bid Open Stage  
The application procedure, eligibility criteria, evaluation methodology, terms and conditions and the scope of work are detailed in this RFP which can be seen or downloaded from the "e-Procurement Portal" <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in> and departmental website: <http://www.skillmissionbihar.org>. The RFP will be available to download from the above websites from 06.08.2024. The Pre-bid meeting will be held on 03:00 PM of 23.08.2024. The last date for uploading of proposal/bid will be 17.09.2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Technical Bid will be opened on or after 17.09.2024 post 16:00 Hrs. The Evaluation of Bids will be under QCBS System. Please refer RFP document for complete details.  
The undersigned reserves the right to issue addendum/corrigendum/modification or to amend any or all conditions of this RFP Document or to accept or reject any or all proposal(s) or to cancel the whole of this RFP at any stage without assigning any reason thereof and no bidder shall have any cause of action or claim against the undersigned for the same.  
For further details please visit : [www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar](http://www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar)  
Mission Director,  
Bihar Skill Development Mission,  
PR- 005515 (Labour ) 2024-25 Department of Labour Resources, Govt. of Bihar  
नशे से बचने का है एक ही उपचार, दृढ़ संकल्प और परिवार से स्या।

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**

Name of work: "Repairing of old Rakholi Bridge, Silvassa." (2nd Call)  
Tender Notice No : 07 of 2024-25  
On line downloading start of tender documents: 05.08.2024 18.55 Hrs  
Pre Bid Meeting: --  
Last date & Time for Receipt of Bid/Uploading Bid: 12.08.2024 12.00 Hrs  
Online Opening of Technical Bid: 12.08.2024 15.30 Hrs  
On line opening of Price Bid: 12.08.2024 16.00 hrs. (if possible)  
Tender ID No. 2024\_UTDNH\_7174\_1  
Outward No: 3-2(18)/PWD/I/Road/383 dt:05.08.2024

For details please scan  
drihtenders.gov.in  
ee-road-dnh.nic.in  
02602642041  
No. IP/DMN/2/5/2024-25/503 dt: 6/8/2024

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer,  
P.W.D. Work Division. II (R & B),  
Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Silvassa

**NORTHERN RAILWAY**  
E-TENDER NOTICE

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

Sl. No.	Name of work	Location	Tender Value	Quantity	Cost of Tender form	Earnest money amount	Completion period of the work	Date & Time for submission of tender form	Opening of tender	Website Particulars
1	Work of Stripping, Cleaning, Buffing, Polishing and Powder Rubbing and Filament of Wash Basins and Filament of Drain Pipes at C&W Workshop Northern Railway Jagadhri Workshop for one year	Northern Railway, Yamuna Nagar, Haryana-135002	Rs. 2348200.00	As Per Scope	Nil	₹ 47000.00	12 month from the date of issuance of Letter of Acceptance	28.08.2024 till 15:30 hrs.	28.08.2024 till 15:30 hrs. Tender opening will be done any time after the tender closing time. The tenders are not required to be present during the opening. Railway reserves the right to open the tender any time after closing of tender.	<a href="http://www.ireps.gov.in">www.ireps.gov.in</a>

No.: 6-S/12/Tender/2024-25 Dated: 06.08.2024  
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE 2419/24

**C-371 CUTTACK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
EOI No: 11203 Dated: 6/8/2024

**Expression Of Interest (EOI)**

Expression Of Interest for Selection of Independent artists, art educational institutes, non-government organizations to undertake wall painting/street art, pertaining to Swachh cuttack, Sustha Cuttack under Swachh Survekshan 2024-2025.

Cuttack Municipal Corporation invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from interest Bidder/Agency/Firms/Proprietor of National and International repute for "SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS, ART EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE WALL PAINTING/STREET ART, PERTAINING TO SWACHH CUTTACK, SUSTHA CUTTACK UNDER SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024-2025". The EOI document will be available in the official website, [www.cmcuttack.odisha.gov.in](http://www.cmcuttack.odisha.gov.in). The bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the EOI can access and download the complete EOI Document and other details from the above websites & apply accordingly.

The major events under the bid process are:

Sl.No.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of availability of EOI document in Official website	06/08/24, 04:00 P.M.
2	Last Date for Submission of Bid	13/08/24, 5:00 P.M.
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid on	14/08/24, 11:00 A.M.
4	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	14/08/24, 4:30 P.M.

The Proposals complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by Speed post/Registered post only latest by 13/08/24 before 5:00 P.M in a sealed envelope super scribed as "EXPRESSION OF INTEREST-SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT ARTISTS, ART EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTES, NON-GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO UNDERTAKE WALL PAINTING/STREET ART, PERTAINING TO SWACHH CUTTACK, SUSTHA CUTTACK UNDER SWACHH SURVEKSHAN 2024-2025". The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to accept/reject any/all BIDs/cancel the entire selection process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Address for Submission of Proposal : Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Biju Bhawan, Choudhary Bazaar, Cuttack-753001  
Sd/-  
Commissioner  
Cuttack Municipal Corporation  
OIPR-13031/11/0027/24-25

**C-372 CUTTACK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
RFP No: 11201 Dated : 6/8/2024

**NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)**

"Selection Of Agency For Management Of Solid Waste (Wet Waste) Using Black Soldier Fly Technology."

Cuttack Municipal Corporation invites sealed proposals from interest Bidder/Agency/Firms/Proprietor of National and International repute for "Selection Of Agency For Management Of Solid Waste (Wet Waste) Using Black Soldier Fly Technology". The RFP document will be available in the official website, [www.cmcuttack.odisha.gov.in](http://www.cmcuttack.odisha.gov.in). The bidders fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria of the RFP can access and download the complete EOI Document and other details from the above websites & apply accordingly.

The major events under the bid process are :

Sl. NO.	List of Key Events	Critical Dates
1	Date of availability of RFP document in Official website	06/08/24 04:00 P.M.
2	Last Date for Submission of Bid	22/08/24 5:00 P.M.
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid on	23/08/24 11:00 A.M.
4	Date of Opening of Financial Bid	23/08/24 4:00 P.M.

The Proposals complete in all respects must reach the undersigned by Speed post/Registered post only latest by 22/08/24 before 5:00 P.M in a sealed envelope super scribed as "REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL - SELECTION OF AGENCY FOR MANAGEMENT OF SOLID WASTE (WET WASTE) USING BLACK SOLDIER FLY TECHNOLOGY". The proposals received beyond the last date and time will be summarily rejected. The authority reserves the right to accept/ reject any/all BIDs/cancel the entire selection process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof.

Address for Submission of Proposal :  
Cuttack Municipal Corporation, Biju Bhawan, Choudhary Bazaar, Cuttack-753001  
Sd/-  
Commissioner  
Cuttack Municipal Corporation  
OIPR-13031/11/0028/24-25

**Office of The Superintending Engineer**  
Central Equipment & Stores Procurement Circle-II,  
Irrigation Department, U.P.  
Ganga Sinchai Bhawan, Telibagh, LUCKNOW-226025  
e-TENDER NOTICE NO. TE- 984/2024-25

On behalf of the Honorable Governor of Uttar Pradesh Online e-Bids in three parts namely (i) Earnest Money Bid (ii) Technical Bid (iii) Price Bids are invited simultaneously by the undersigned only from ISO-9001 certified Original Manufacturers, registered with Director of Industries of the State/N.S.I.C./Ministry of Industries, Government of India as Original Manufacturers for ISI Marked PVC Insulated Copper Winding Wires for issue of Rate Contract for manufacture and supply of ISI Marked PVC Insulated Copper Winding Wires in different sizes as per IS:8783(Part-4/Sec-1)/1995 or its latest amendment if any, for various Tube well Divisions of Irrigation Department, U.P. to run the State Tube wells, up-to 17.00 Hours on 28.08.2024. Details for eligibility, qualification and method of submission of bids etc. in the bidding document uploaded on the U P government e-procurement website <http://etender.up.nic.in>. The undersigned reserves the right to cancel any or all the e-bids/annual bidding process without assigning any reason. In case of any variation in English and Hindi version of this tender notice, English version shall prevail. The details of different activities are as follows:-

(a)	Issue of Rate Contract for Manufacture and Supply of ISI Marked PVC Insulated Copper Winding Wires in different sizes	Anticipated Drawal = 9,500 Km
(b)	Availability of the bidding document on website	08.08.2024 From 11:00 Hours onwards
(d)	Period of Bid submission in PDF/XLS Format along with submission of scan copy of bidding fee, EMD and other supporting documents	From 08.08.2024 , 11:30 Hours onwards up to 28.08.2024, 17:00 Hours
(e)	Period of submission of the original documents, as per requirement of the bid such as EMD, tender document fee & other important document in the office	Up to 29.08.2024 at 14:00 Hours
(f)	Online opening date & time of Part "A" i.e. Earnest Money	29.08.2024 at 16:00 Hours
(g)	Online opening date & time of Part "B" i.e. Technical Part	30.08.2024 at 16:00 Hours
(h)	Online financial bids Part "C" opening date & time of technically qualified bids only	04.09.2024 at 16:00 Hours
(i)	Venue of opening of bids	Office of the Superintending Engineer, Central Equipment & Stores Procurement Circle-II, Ganga Sinchai Bhawan, Telibagh, Lucknow-25 (U.P.)
(j)	Cost of bidding document	Rs.29,500 (Twenty Nine Thousand Five hundred only)
(k)	Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit)	Rs.28,06,500.00 (Twenty Six Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred only)

Superintending Engineer  
Central Equipment & Stores Procurement Circle-II,  
Irrigation Department, U.P.  
UPID 218078 dt 05.08.2024,  
[www.upgov.nic.in](http://www.upgov.nic.in)

**GUJARAT STATE ELECTRICITY CORPORATION LTD.**  
Vidyut Bhawan, Race Course, Vadodara, India - 390007.  
Ph. 91-265-6612004, Fax: 91-265-2340595  
CIN: U40100GJ1993SGC019988  
e-mail: [gsm.gsecl@gmail.com](mailto:gsm.gsecl@gmail.com) Website: [www.gsecl.in](http://www.gsecl.in)

General Manager (F&A), Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited, Vadodara invites Tender as mentioned below:

**Tender Notice No. GSECL/ Ins Mega/ 2024-25/ 639 Dt. 03-08-2024 for Insurance Mega Risk Policy for Wanakbori TPS Unit No. VIII for the Term from 12th October 2024 to 11th October 2025.**

The Tender documents are available on Website [www.gsecl.in](http://www.gsecl.in) (for view and download only). Interested Vendors may surf the above Website and may download the said Tender from our Website, for physical submission of your Tender before due date & time.  
**Note:-** Be in touch with our Web Site till Bid opening.  
General Manager (F&A), Gujarat State Electricity Corporation Limited

**KARNATAKA HANDLOOM DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)  
Head Office, Priyadarshini Nekar Bhavana, 1st Floor,  
Opp: K.H.Patil College, Vidyanagar, Hubli-580031.  
Mobile: 9901918744 or 9113544219, Mail: [mpkhdhchl@gmail.com](mailto:mpkhdhchl@gmail.com)

No.: KHDC/MD/M(P)/2024-25/16 Date: 06-08-2024

**SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION**

The Managing Director, Karnataka Handloom Development Corporation Limited invites e-tender under Karnataka Transparency in Public procurement 1999 Act and Rules 2000 from reputed Suppliers/Mills for supply of Dyed / Blended (white) yarn cones & bleached cotton hank Yarn through e-procurement platform. Interested bidders may log on to <http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in> or call help desk No.91-8046010000, 91-8022631200 for further details. Tenders may be submitted along with prescribed EMD on or before 20-08-2024 upto 17.00 PM. The Technical bid will be opened on 22-08-2024 at 11.30 A.M.  
Corporation reserves right to partially or totally accept / reject the tender without any notification.  
Sd/-  
Managing Director  
DIPR/Dharwad/249/Adverts/2024-25  
"Priyadarshini" - The Original Home of Handlooms

**CUTTACK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
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Sd/-  
Commissioner  
Cuttack Municipal Corporation  
OIPR-13031/11/0027/24-25

**RajCOMP Info Services Limited (RISL)**  
C-Block, 1st Floor, Yojana Bhawan, Titik Marg, C-Scheme, Jaipur.

RISL invites e-bids from the eligible bidders for the following:

NIB No./Date/Unique bid no.	Particulars	Estimated Cost/EMD	Start of sale /Last date
3512/02.08.24 (RIS2425SLO B00032)	RFP for Selection of Agency for Mass Media Network Platform Management 2.0	Rs.28.35 Cr	02.08.2024 20.08.2024

Details can be seen on the websites <http://risl.rajabhawan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajabhawan.gov.in>, <http://dolc.rajabhawan.gov.in>. Bids are to be submitted through <http://eproc.rajabhawan.gov.in>.  
Raj.Samwadi/C/24/3372 Technical Director

**U.T. ADMINISTRATION OF DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI & DAMAN & DIU,**  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & STATISTICS, DAMAN

**ADVERTISEMENT**

Applications are invited for the post of Monitoring & Evaluation Expert/Analyst under Support for Statistical Strengthening (SSS) purely on Short Term Contract basis  
Last Date of application : 27/08/2024 (till 5.00 p.m)  
Ref. No. DPS/SSS-Recruitment/2023-24/1302 Date 06/08/2024.  
No. IP/DMN/2/5/2024-25/504 dt: 6/8/2024

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : [www.pspcl.in](http://www.pspcl.in) (Phone No. 01881-275289)  
E-mail: [se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in](mailto:se-hq-ggsstp-ropar@pspcl.in)

**E-Tender Enquiry No. 535/P-2/EMPW-12689** Dated 20.06.2024  
Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Ropar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024 POWER 123689.1 for Assistance in Breakdown/Preventive Maintenance and Annual overhauling of FSSS & SADC Systems for GGSSTP Stage-II & III Units.  
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 31.07.2024 onwards.  
**Note:-** Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
RTP-78/24, DPRP: 76155/12/3231/2023/36404

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**  
Office of the Executive Engineer,  
Shanthinagara Division, 9th Floor, Public Utility Building, MG Road, Bengaluru - 560 001  
No: EE/SN/TEND-02/CORRIGENDUM/2024-25 Date: 05.08.2024

**CORRIGENDUM**

**Sub:** Regarding Postponement of Tender Notification Dates.  
Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: EE/SN/TEND/02/2024-25  
Dated: 08.07.2024

In accordance to reference(1) the tender was invited through KPP Portal for four package works by Shanthinagara Division, in the said invited tender notification dates are postponed as mentioned below.  
**Calendar of Events :** (1) Availability of RFP documents from 08.08.2024 onwards. (2) Pre Bid meeting will be held in the office of the Chief Engineer, East Zone, 18th Floor, Public Utility Building, Bengaluru - 560 001 Headed by Executive Engineer, Shanthinagara Division, BBMP on 27.08.2024 at 3:30 pm. (3) Last Date for Submission of tender documents on 30.08.2024 at 4:00 pm. (4) Technical Bids will be opened on 31.08.2024 at 4:30 pm.  
Further, for more details can obtain from above said office during office hours and also in website <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in>  
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**E-Tender Notice**  
Government of Maharashtra  
Department of Fisheries  
Tender No. Matsya/Bhu/011208/141/2024 Date: -08/08/2024

As per revised reservoir policy for inland fishing Government resolution dated 03/07/2019 for lease out reservoir above 1000 ha. "Bhatsa Reservoir" in Thane District is called to lease for the period of 5 years (2024-25 to 2028-29) by e-tendering process for 07 days. Tender Notice, Tender Form etc. is published on Dt. 08/08/ 2024 at Website - <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.

1	Period for purchase, download & submission of Bid Document	Dt. 08/08/2024 To Dt.14/08/2024
2	Last date of submission of the Tender Form	Dt. 14/08/2024 up to 04.00 PM
3	Opening Date of the Tender	Dt. 16/08/2024 at 04.00 PM (If Possible)
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(Dr. Atul Patne)  
Commissioner of Fisheries,  
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DGIPR/2024-2025/1658

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COIR BOARD

**SHOWROOM SPACE NEEDED FOR COIR BOARD IN MUMBAI**

Competitive offers are invited from interested parties, having legal title, to lease out space as detailed below for housing the proposed Showroom & Sales Depot of the Coir Board at a prime location in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

**Area Required : 800 to 1000 Sq. ft (app.) in ground floor**  
**Location : Prominent business area in Mumbai city.**  
**Godown space : 800 sq.ft. Location: Near Mumbai city.**

Offers in sealed cover superscripted "Offer for renting out space for Showroom space at Mumbai" indicating per sq.ft rate of expected rent and other terms and conditions should reach the Manager, Coir Board Showroom & Sales Depot, Ground Floor, Marol Telephone Exchange, MIDC, Central Road Andheri (E), Mumbai- 400 093 (Tel: No. 022-27814666) , on or before 3:00 PM on 16.08.2024. The offers will be opened on the same day at 3:30 P.M. in the presence of bidders, if any, present.

Secretary, Coir Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the tenders without assigning any reason what so ever. Visit our website: [www.coirboard.gov.in](http://www.coirboard.gov.in) for further modifications/ amendments, if any, to this notice.

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## The day after, celebration & chaos on streets of B'desh

**Busy Roads, Open Shops: Some Semblance Of Normalcy, But Violence Continues**

AKM Moinuddin & Agencies

**Dhaka:** A day after the ouster of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Bangladesh's parliament in capital Dhaka was busy with protesters coming to celebrate.

"It's the freedom of the young generation," said student Parvez Hossain, 30, among the crowds in front of the building, which was empty of lawmakers after parliament was dissolved on Tuesday. Protesters had stormed the building on Monday, jumping on tables and setting off what appeared to be smoke bombs.



People gather at the entrance of the parliament building in Dhaka

Hossain spoke of his hope for a new start and idealism for a better future. "Now we have regained the freedom of Bangladesh. We want to build the country in a new way again." The unrest began last month with student-led protests against govt job quotas and escalated into mass demonstrations calling for Hasina, who had been in office since 2009, to quit.

But while busy streets and open shops in Dhaka gave the initial appearance that daily life was nearly back to business as usual, at least 10 people were killed on Tuesday, and security remained a concern. The charred ruins of offices of the former governing party Awami League and looted houses of those seen loyal to Hasina showed the scale of bitter violence in the chaos at the end of her rule.

### 24 burnt alive, toll now 440

The death toll in the violence climbed to 440, with 100 more deaths reported after Hasina fled the country, according to local media. At least 24 people were burnt alive on Monday night in a hotel owned by a leader of Awami League of in western Jashor district, hospital sources told PTI. The victims, mostly boarders, included an Indonesian national.

Hundreds of Hindu houses, businesses and temples have been vandalised since Hasina's ouster, a community association said. The EU heads of mission in Dhaka appealed to all parties to exercise restraint and reject communal violence.

### Prisoners flee, cops attacked

In the southwestern district of Satkhira, 596 prisoners and detainees escaped from a jail after an attack on the facility Monday. The Bangladesh Police Association said it was launching a strike across the country because of a lack of security after numerous police stations were attacked and "many" officers were killed, though it didn't give any number of the dead. It said officers would not return to work unless their safety is assured. The association also apologised for violent police attacks on student protesters, saying officers had been

### Garment factories to open

The streets of Dhaka appeared calmer, with no reports of new violence as jubilant protesters thronged Hasina's residence

### Former PM Khaleda Zia freed from house arrest

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh's first female leader Khaleda Zia was freed from house arrest on Tuesday, a day after her nemesis Sheikh Hasina quit, one more twist to the decades-old saga of the "Battle of the Begums" for control of Bangladesh. Prez Mohammed Shahabuddin's office said that Khaleda, chief of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, had been freed after discussions with defence chiefs and politicians.

Between them, Hasina, 76, and Khaleda, 78, had dominated the country since 1991, alternating in power.

Sheikh Hasina led the Awami League of her father, state founder Mujibur Rahman, who was assassinated in 1975. Khaleda took over the BNP from her husband Ziaur Rahman, killed in 1981. The 17-year feud, known as the "Battle of the Begums" using the South Asian honorific for a woman of high rank, has loomed over Bangladeshi politics for decades.

Since Hasina emerged victorious in 2009, Khaleda had faced an array of criminal charges and jail, receding from public life and leaving her exiled eldest son in charge of her political movement. Born on Aug 15, 1945, she now has liver disease, diabetes and heart problems, according to her doctors.

Popularly known by her first name, Khaleda was widely seen as a shy wife and devoted mother until her husband was assassinated in an attempted army coup in 1981. Plunging into politics, she became head of her husband's conservative BNP three years later, vowing to deliver on his aim of "liberating Bangladesh from poverty and economic backwardness". She and Hasina joined

hands to lead a popular uprising for democracy that toppled military ruler Hossain Mohammad Ershad from power in 1990. But political rivalry embittered the relationship, fuelling a feud ever since.

In 1991 Bangladesh held what was hailed as its first free election. Khaleda won a surprise victory over Hasina, having gained the support of Islamic political allies. In doing so, she became Bangladesh's first female prime minister, only the second woman to lead a democratic government of a mainly Muslim nation after Pakistan's Benazir Bhutto. AFP



Murals of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman vandalised



Smoke billows near burnt Awami League office



A man sells snacks as people visit the vandalised house of Sheikh Hasina



A volunteer manages road traffic in Dhaka



A police station that was burnt down by mob

On the first day after the fall of Hasina's govt, a tense atmosphere prevailed at the Secretariat, the Dhaka Tribune newspaper reported. Attendance in the ministry offices was significantly low, and ministers and MPs were notably absent.

The military reshuffled several generals, demoting some seen as close to Hasina, and sacking Ziaul Ahsan, a commander of the feared and US-sanctioned Rapid Action Battalion paramilitary force.

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The rocket attack is the latest in what has been an uptick in strikes on US forces by Iranian-backed militias. A Pentagon statement on a call between defence Secretary Lloyd Austin and his Israeli counterpart Yoav Gallant described the rocket fire as an "Iran-aligned militia attack on US forces" and said the two agreed that it "marked a dangerous escalation". AGENCIES

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### US charges Pakistani man with 'ties' to Iran in plot to kill Trump

A Pakistani man with alleged ties to Iran has been charged in the US in connection to a foiled assassination plot potentially targeting former Prez Donald Trump, CNN reported Tuesday, citing an unsealed indictment and a US official. FBI investigators believed that Trump and other current and former US govt officials were the intended targets of the plot, CNN said, citing the US official. Asif Merchant, 46, faces a charge of murder for hire in New York federal court. According to charges filed by federal prosecutors in Brooklyn, he is accused of travelling to NYC and working with a hit man to carry out the assassinations in late Aug or early Sept. REUTERS

### Man charged with threatening to kill V-P; had pistol & AR-15

A Virginia man has been charged with posting repeated death threats against V-P Kamala Harris on social media in the days after she became the presumptive Democratic nominee for prez. The man, Frank Lucio Carillo, was arrested Friday and appeared in court in Virginia, on Monday. The arrest came after the FBI discovered nearly 20 threats against Harris on the social media site GETTR. The threats included promises to kill Harris and her family, to pluck out her eyes with pliers and to burn her alive. In Feb, Carillo said in a post that he had an AR-15 assault rifle, "LOCKED AND LOADED". Last week, federal agents recovered a pistol, an AR-15 and thousands of rounds of ammo. NYT

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### senators as well given the GOP majorities in both state legislative chambers — except when it comes to presidential elections, where it last voted Republican (Richard Nixon) in 1972. Walz also has Washington DC experience, having been a five-term congressman before resigning from the House of Representatives in 2019 after being elected Minnesota governor.

Expectedly, Trump Republicans immediately jumped on Walz record, of which he is unapologetic, calling him "radical" and "dangerously liberal", as they have done with Kamala Harris. They reminded voters that Walz was the governor during the Minneapolis riots, and accused him of adopting a state flag similar to Somalia's and providing drivers license for illegal aliens in Minnesota.

Indeed, the shadow of the West Asia conflict hung over Kamala's decision, given that Shapiro, an observant Jew, was seen as strongly pro-Israel, with a stand that was seen as putting off young American voters agitated by Israel's actions. On the flip side, some commentators see her choosing Walz over Shapiro as endangering her winning Pennsylvania, a crucial battleground state with 19 electoral votes that are crucial to reaching the 270 needed to winning the presidency.

Shapiro, however, took the rejection like a sport, at least publicly. "My work here in Pennsylvania is far from finished — there is a lot more stuff I want to get done. Over the next 90 days, I look forward to travelling all across the state to unite Pennsylvanians behind my friends Kamala Harris and Tim Walz and defeat Donald Trump," he said. Prez Biden Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton and Nancy Pelosi among other party veterans also welcomed the choice of Walz, noting his progressive credentials.

Harris, meanwhile, formally secured Democratic presidential nomination on Monday.

## WEST ASIA ON BOIL

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### US visa status unknown

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### Nasrallah: Hezbollah and Iran 'obliged to respond' to killings of Haniyeh & Shukur

Beirut: Hezbollah's chief said Tuesday his group and Iran were "obliged to respond" to Israel "whatever the consequences" after the killings last week of Hezbollah military commander Fuad Shukur and Hamas chief Ismail Haniyeh. Iran "finds itself obliged to respond, and the enemy is waiting in a great state of dread", Hassan Nasrallah said in a televised address, adding his group was also "obliged to respond". Hezbollah will retaliate "alone or in the context of a unified response from all the axis of Iran-backed groups in the region, whatever the consequences," he added. "Our response is coming." AFP

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Hamas named Gaza Strip chief Yahya Sinwar as its new political chief Tuesday, after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh's was killed. "The Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas announces the selection of leader Yahya Sinwar as the head of the political bureau of the movement," a statement from the group said. Minutes after the announcement, Hamas armed wing, the Ezzedeen Al-Qassam Brigades, said it fired a barrage of rockets from the Gaza Strip towards Israel. AFP

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## CrowdStrike sued by flyers over July outage that disrupted travel

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In a proposed class action filed in the Austin, Texas, federal court, three fliers blamed CrowdStrike's negligence in testing and deploying its software for the outage, which also disrupted banks, hospitals and emergency lines around the world.

The plaintiffs said that as fliers scrambled to get to their destinations, many spent hundreds of dollars on lodging, meals and alternative travel, while others missed work or suffered health problems from having to sleep on the airport floor. CrowdStrike said: "We believe this case lacks merit." The outage stemmed from a flawed software update that crashed over 8 million computers. Delta airlines has said it may take legal action against CrowdStrike after cancelling over 6,000 flights, at a cost of \$500 million. REUTERS

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She was then followed by a man in a balaclava holding a knife. Another reporter said he was chased by mem-

bers of the group "with what looked like a weapon", while police said there had also been incidents of criminal damage to a pub and a car.

Unrest broke out last Tuesday after three children were killed at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in Southport. Justice minister Heidi Alexander told BBC Radio 4 that the govt had freed up an extra 500 prison places to accommodate those engaged in violence. She also said 6,000 specialist police officers have been drafted to deal with the violence. PM Starmer again sought to reassure the nation that action was being taken.

Mobs threw bricks and flares, attacked police, burnt and looted shops, smashed the windows of cars and homes and targeted at least two hotels housing asylum seekers at the weekend. The National Police Chiefs' Council said Monday that 378 people had so far been arrested. AFP

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She was then followed by a man in a balaclava holding a knife. Another reporter said he was chased by mem-

bers of the group "with what looked like a weapon", while police said there had also been incidents of criminal damage to a pub and a car.

Unrest broke out last Tuesday after three children were killed at a Taylor Swift-themed dance class in Southport. Justice minister Heidi Alexander told BBC Radio 4 that the govt had freed up an extra 500 prison places to accommodate those engaged in violence. She also said 6,000 specialist police officers have been drafted to deal with the violence. PM Starmer again sought to reassure the nation that action was being taken.

Mobs threw bricks and flares, attacked police, burnt and looted shops, smashed the windows of cars and homes and targeted at least two hotels housing asylum seekers at the weekend. The National Police Chiefs' Council said Monday that 378 people had so far been arrested. AFP

London: The UK govt said on Tuesday that 6,000 specialist police were ready to deal with far-right rioting after another night of destructive troubles across cities. There has been a week of nightly riots in various cities since three children were killed in a mass stabbing.

On Monday, six more were arrested and several police officers injured when they were attacked by rioters hurling bricks and fireworks in Plymouth, southern England.



## CONTRAPUNTO

Never memorise something  
that you can look up

-ALBERT EINSTEIN

## A Bangla Lesson

Expecting the past to keep delivering returns is  
as irrational as romanticising it. Look ahead

With Bangladesh in great flux, many Indians are also in great confusion. Specifically on the point of, wait, they stopped being grateful to us, how did that happen? The reason our neighbouring country's crisis is being looked at through this simplistic prism in some quarters, is because they are stuck in a timewarp. Yes, in 1971, India played a key role in Bangladesh's independence. But the currency of gratitude doesn't buy a limitless supply of affection, let alone subjection. The misunderstanding that it's a gift that will never stop giving is, however, widespread.

If employees think that appreciation of a given project will translate into a career-long payout, that's cuckoo. Employers would be equally silly to expect unending gratitude from employees, in exchange for a fine increment one year. Parents tend to have similarly unreasonable expectations, about how children will continue obedience even when they outgrow dependence. To be bonded to an unchanging and irretrievable past is to fall out of step with the present. An unsympathetic psychoanalyst has called it "backward-looking navel-gazing".

Aren't such narcissistic illusions understandable as coping mechanisms for current challenges? Yes, but a better question is, do they help or harm? As an example, consider elders mandating how young Indians must observe Independence Day. Such mandates originate in what elders themselves did in their youth. The problem is the meaning of Independence Day will be lost on anybody who is denied the freedom to interpret it for herself. The future itself is thus being held hostage to the past.

As another example, consider the invocation of some ancient golden age to deal with the woes of India today. Projecting advanced reproductive technologies, stem cell research and spacecraft into our pre-modern past ends up damaging the cause of science in our modern nation. Such nostalgia is just as toxic to us, as imperial nostalgia is to our former colonialists. A certain elite in UK is still hellbent on flogging the fantasy that Britain is still a major global power. It isn't. Such fallacies end up feeding into the 'Make Britain Great Again' hysteria, which has erupted into ugly riots this month.

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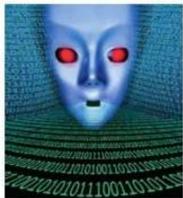
## Totally Fake, Very Scary

From Dhaka protests to Wayanad tragedy to British  
riots, reminder again of dangers of AI deepfakes

As explosive events in Bangladesh unfolded, Bengal police alerted the public to "not step into a fake news trap" that can spin into unrest. Images of Bangla protests have deluged messaging apps. It's impossible for the public to differentiate between authentic and doctored, or fake, images. And it takes nothing to get confused, desperate and riled. It is this emotional impact of, and reaction to, images that make fake images so dangerous. Take for instance, how the multi-city anti-immigrant riots are sweeping Britain – in part triggered by fake news of a "Muslim immigrant" having stabbed three British girls.

Yesterday, a fact-checker unit posted that the image of an infant cradled in its mother's arms, both caked in mud from the Wayanad landslide that took their lives, was AI-generated. The picture moved like wildfire across online media as among the "defining images" that captured the devastation. Now we're told it wasn't real. Pitfalls of political manipulation of images and their impact are known, but who gains from a deepfake of a tragedy?

Scientists say those who put out such AI images target how people remember events. One, the first thing that fades from memory is *where* an image came from. Two, striking photos can seldom be *erased* from memory. So, if it's stuck in one's mind, no fact-checking is likely to dislodge one's recollection of the Wayanad landslide that was formed from the mother and baby image. Memory is non-factual. People trust photos. And AI researchers believe deepfakes will eventually become undetectable. In these testing times post the crisis in Dhaka, the dangers of engendering emotions by weaponising feeds are infinite.



## Outsider inside

Trump, JD Vance, Rishi Sunak, and Suella  
Braverman don't like people who are like them

Jug Suraiya

Donald Trump and JD Vance, his one-time die-hard detractor who had described him as an American Hitler, and who is now his running mate for White House, have several things in common. They both don't believe in manmade climate change. They're both anti-abortion. And they both have an antipathy to people who are just like them. Or people like the people they've descended from, or people who are their family members.

Trump and Vance don't like immigrants. Why? Because immigrants purportedly take away jobs from natives? Perhaps. But the main reason why people like Trump and Vance, and their counterparts elsewhere, including in India, don't like immigrants is because immigrants are outsiders, and have outside customs, and outside languages, and outside eating habits, and outside anything you care to name.

The problem with wanting to keep outsiders on the outside is that those who consider themselves insiders, like Donald and JD, are the descendants of outsiders, as are members of their families.

All white immigrants to US are descended from immigrants, from England, Ireland, and sundry parts of Europe who, by a series of wars, displaced the indigenous Americans and made them outcasts in their own land.

Trump's first wife was Czech, and his current spouse is Slovenian. Vance's wife is the daughter of immigrants from Andhra.

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## While We Wait For New BanglaDress

● Give credit to Hasina for stepping down, averting total chaos ● Even with Yunus in govt, don't rule out Jamaat influence ● New Delhi should take a long view, remind Dhaka of benefits of strong ties

Harsh Vardhan Shringla

Bangladesh remains in ferment after Sheikh Hasina's abrupt departure. In this analysis, we focus on three key aspects. First, the good that Hasina did. Second, the ways Bangladesh politics may evolve in the coming days. Third, what India's approach should be.

**Three things Hasina did right** | She was seen as the architect of an economically vibrant Bangladesh. It was the stability provided by the Hasina govt from 2009 onwards that allowed Bangladesh to attract investments and emerge as a key centre for the manufacture of readymade garments, besides coming up as a country sustaining a nascent pharmaceutical industry base. As high commissioner in Dhaka between 2016-2019, I was witness to some of the major economic changes she brought about in Bangladesh—a country once written off as a basket case.

Ironically, the order to restore quotas in govt jobs was given by Bangladesh courts. The reservation—amounting to more than 50% of all govt jobs—was actually abolished by the Hasina govt in 2018.

From all accounts, to her credit, the former PM did not contest the advice given to her to leave the reins of govt. The fact that she took the advice to quit saved the day. Had she dug in her heels and clung on to office, it could have tipped Bangladesh over the edge with the situation becoming irretrievable. Hasina agreeing to relinquish office has opened up space for a transition that can be relatively smooth. But that will, of course, depend on the political actors called on to form the interim govt under the Bangladesh army's gaze.

**What now in Dhaka?**

Let's note that the protests against reservations, while spearheaded by students, were later infiltrated by Jamaat-e-Islami, whose student wing, Chhatra Shibir, is responsible for much of the violence. How else can one explain the attacks on vital infra in Bangladesh—the torching of metro stations for example? Or even the deliberate vandalism targeting the memorials to "Banga Bandhu" Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—to his statue and the museum associated with him?

That perspective is necessary while trying to understand what's happening in Dhaka now.

Md Yunus has been appointed head of the interim govt. One attribute he will be carrying to his new job is his opposition to Hasina. The other is his proximity to US. A close friend of the

Clintons and other notables in Washington DC, Yunus is neither a dyed in the wool politician nor an Islamist. He's a technocrat who would understand the need to keep bridges open with India.

But even with Yunus heading it, contours of the interim govt are still unclear; its constitution could take some time given different pulls and pressures. There is also a possibility that martial law may be imposed to steady the situation.

Bangladesh has a serving president. It also has a history of caretaker govts, and a past record of periodic military govts. This gives it a framework for dealing with the current situation. Much depends on who assumes real control now—will it continue to be the army chief, other influential army officers, the president, Jamaat or a rejuvenated opposition BNP under the controversial Tarique Rahman's leadership or a combination of some of these players?

The situation can be brought under control. However, there is always a possibility that it can take a turn for the worse with a further breakdown of law and order, with dominant groups on the

ground assuming control and widespread attacks on the vulnerable, especially minorities.

**What should India do?** | For India, having a dispensation that is not strongly inimical, and antithetical to its interests, is critical to avoid a mass exodus of refugees and a reversal of the connectivity, trade and cultural links established with much effort over the past 15 years. How the authorities safeguard the interests of minorities there will also be important for India.

It's also important that the new govt in Bangladesh should not act in a manner inimical to India's interests. India does have its reservations about a govt in Dhaka that has radical elements such as Jamaat within it. In the past, we have seen how that has invariably worked against our security interests.

When a new govt is installed, India will engage with that govt to take our ties forward. In the past decade and a half, India has invested in building close ties with Bangladesh, the fruits of which are clearly visible—including in the development of our Northeast. Bangladesh has been a key pillar in our Neighbourhood First policy and a stable, democratic and secular Bangladesh is in India's interest.

We share a 4,096km border with Bangladesh, the longest land boundary that we have with any neighbour. We also regard Bangladesh as a country with a pivotal role to play in our Act East and Indo-Pacific policies, given its strategic location.

Economic ties, including trade and investments, have been expanded; road, rail, air and waterway links have been augmented; and, people-to-people and civil society contacts have multiplied. Simply put, the number of bilateral touch points has grown and continues to grow substantially. Both India and Bangladesh benefit from this.

India will take the long view as Bangladesh and its people find their own solutions.

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## Why Are Brits Rioting? Middle Class Liberals Don't Get It

What's happening on the streets of British cities is linked to miseries endured by Britain's underclass, afflicted by generational unemployment, poverty, boredom and little hope for the future

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It was mayhem on the streets. A female bystander was punched in the face in what eyewitnesses described as "guerilla warfare". There were injuries on both sides. One account described a "seething group of angry and howling people with hatred etched across their faces" engaged in running battles with police. The fighting only came to an end when several fascists were arrested by police.

This is an account of rioting in the southern English town of Worthing in 1934 when members of British Union of Fascists led by Nazi sympathiser Oswald Mosley clashed with various anti-fascist protesters. Similar confrontations in the towns and streets of England took place then as are taking place now.

But there are key differences between the rioting disturbances of 1930s and the current unrest. Perhaps one of the most obvious is that Mosley was very much a member of the establishment upper classes. Earlier in his career he was one of Britain's youngest MPs, serving as a junior member of govt.

The other key difference is that Mosley received support from key pillars of establishment, including *Daily Mail* owner Viscount Rothermere, who in 1934 praised the fascist leader's violent supporters in a bylined article titled "Hurrah for the blackshirts!"

Today's demonstrators receive no such well-heeled support as they smash shop windows and throw bollards at police. Two of the most prominent backers are Laurence Fox, an actor shunned by his contemporaries because of his right-wing views and Tommy Robinson, a rabble rouser facing arrest in Britain for his libellous views. He has spent the duration of the latest disturbances pontificating on the evils of unbridled immigration on his sun lounger at a five-star resort in Cyprus.

The fact that rioters today have received no support

at all from mainstream British parties is significant and has been the case in many other disturbances on Britain's streets in recent decades. I can remember working as a cub reporter for *Kensington and Chelsea Times* in 1980s, in an area of London where extremely affluent areas are situated alongside pockets of relative deprivation. When rioting broke out in North Kensington, wealthy inhabitants of nearby Chelsea were bemused as to its cause. We were tempted to run a facetious headline "Riots in Kensington—consternation in Chelsea".

But there is a serious point here. In UK today, there is much middle class misunderstanding of the miseries endured by Britain's underclass, afflicted by generational unemployment, poverty, boredom and little hope for the future. The underlying message behind the overturned cars, looted shops and attacks on hotels accommodating asylum seekers is that no one is listening to us and we're frustrated. While the vast majority of British middle classes disdain violence—hence the endless condemnation from all politicians and sundry for the recent disturbances—there is a degree of confusion as to the cause.

"And yet," as Brendan O'Neill wrote in a recent column of *The Spectator*, "condemnation is not enough. It's the easy bit. Firing off tweets about 'sickening' riots is a breeze in comparison with the far harder task that now confronts us—which is to tease out the origins of this rage. To ask why people seem so cross. To inquire—seriously—into the febrile atmosphere that has befallen certain working-class communities."

O'Neill goes on to allude to the double standards that have crept into the discussion following events in the Merseyside town of Southport, where a teenage loner—wrongly characterised as a Muslim immigrant—launched a frenzied attack at a children's holiday club that left three girls dead.

This is the idea that police are more lenient when confronted with some forms of violent protest, than they are with others. He contrasts the Harehills riots in Leeds, where largely immigrant communities fought with police over the removal of four Roma children from their family, with anti-immigrant protests that have blighted UK in recent weeks.

He argues that there was "a palpable strain of empathy" in the Harehills media coverage towards the Roma family that is not evident in other protests. "X/Twitter is awash with haughty condemnations of these dumb thugs," O'Neill writes, "these trackie-wearing oafs, these 'racists' who were likely programmed to hate by lies they read online... But to my mind, what we are witnessing is not only an uprising of bigots but something else: people's sense that no one listens to them, or gives a damn about them. It's this that makes them seethe."

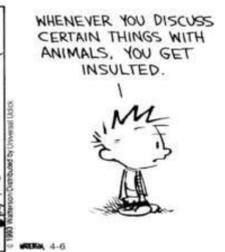
Oswald Mosley realised this in 1930s: "Fascism was an explosion against intolerable conditions, against remediable wrongs which the old world failed to remedy. It was a movement to secure national renaissance by people who felt themselves threatened with decline into decadence and death and were determined to live, and live greatly."

So history repeats itself—but only partially.

The writer is a former BBC journalist



## Calvin &amp; Hobbes



## Sacredspace

Wearry of  
struggles,  
I, the great  
rebel,  
Shall rest in  
quiet only  
when I find  
The sky  
and the air free of the piteous  
groans of the oppressed.  
Kazi Nazrul Islam

## Why We Must Prune Our Flawed Identities

Pulkit Sharma

Who am I? If we ask ourselves this question, multiple answers might pop up: a man, a woman, or a transgender; a traditionalist or a modernist; a believer or an atheist; an achiever, a struggler, or a complete failure; a techie or a neophyte; a dreamer, an idealist or a realist. The list could go on covering different aspects, stages and zones of our life. A large part of our existence goes by in searching for such potential identities, nurturing them, working hard to shape them and once they are formed, we let ourselves be defined and guided by these identities.

Our identity is a complex set of physical, cognitive, emotional, social and cultural attributes that define us in a unique manner. Psychologists believe

that there are some benefits to having a clear and strong sense of identity. First and foremost, it gives us some idea of our likes and dislikes and what we want from our life. Based on this we can create aspirations, set our long-term goals, get down to achieving them and consequently derive some sense of fulfilment, meaning and self-worth. When we are firmly rooted in our identity, we develop efficient interpersonal and social relationships based on our preferences and values. Identity also gives us a sense of constancy and continuity. There are times when things around us turn chaotic, but even then, our sense of self remains somewhat stable. At the level of civilisation, our identities help us in cherishing our

regional, linguistic, religious, cultural and historical heritage and motivate us in preserving and rebuilding them.

But there is also a flip side to our identity, which is neither well understood nor talked about. Our identity can limit us, confine us, make us biased and cause immense suffering. When we identify with something, we get deeply attached to it and if that thing were to change or become meaningless, some of us are unable to cope with the loss. Consequently, we either lose our self-confidence or sacrifice our self-growth in order to maintain a false sense of identity. Think of a man who believes that being a CEO of a blue-chip company is his identity. As long as the company thrives and he is successful, he feels confident, elated

and relevant. But if the company heads to a decline or if he encounters a series of setbacks and has to resign from the job, he may lose all his self-worth, happiness and start feeling like a nonentity.

What we don't understand is that we are an infinite consciousness, a state far enormous, creative, and richer than these flawed identities. When we learn to go past our surface layers, into the depths of our being, we realise that we are complete within ourselves and do not need any external anchors to validate and consolidate our sense of self. Consequently, we can continue our participation in life and take on different roles, playing them impeccably but not getting attached to them, and it is this way of life that gives us an authentic sense of Self.

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## THE SPEAKING TREE

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



18%  
CURRENT

>25  
TARGET  
2030

100  
TARGET  
2047

GLOBAL BENCHMARK

US 99  
FRANCE 100

Smartphone share in Q1: Xiaomi pips Samsung in India

New Delhi: Chinese smartphone maker Xiaomi has pipped Samsung to lead the India smartphone market with 19.3% volume share in Q2 2024, a report said on Tuesday. According to CyberMedia Research's India Mobile Handset Market Review Report for April-June, the India smartphone market declined 4% and the overall mobile phone shipment decreased 3% YoY. "Xiaomi (19.3%), Samsung (18.5%) and Vivo (17%) captured the top three spots in Q2 2024, followed by Realme (13%)," the report said. AGENCIES



Gold demand to cross 750 tonne, says WGC

Chennai: India's gold demand will touch upward of 750 tonne this year, said Sachin Jain, regional CEO, India, World Gold Council. In 2023, the gold demand was 761 tonnes. "Q4 will be one of strongest quarters for gold. We think it will be over 750 tonne," he said. TMN

Insurance premium based on driving skill

Mumbai: Zuno General Insurance has introduced a new automobile coverage option where the premium is based on the quality of driving. A mobile app will capture telematics data, such as acceleration and braking to determine the quality of driving. TMN

TVS Motor reports 23% growth in Q1 PAT

Chennai: TVS Motor Company posted a 23% growth in profit after tax (PAT) at Rs 577 crore in Q12025 against Rs 468 crore during Q1 last year. Its revenue from operations in Q1 FY25 stood at Rs 8,376 crore, a 16% from Rs 7,218 crore in the year ago quarter. TMN

Sebi tweaks norms for REITs, InvITs

New Delhi: In an attempt to promote ease of doing business, Sebi on Tuesday tweaked the framework involving the nomination rights of unitholders of real estate investment trusts (REITs) and infrastructure investment trusts (InvITs) to appoint directors. AGENCIES

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Small buys & small towns drive fashion biz

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Mumbai: India's smaller urban centres and rural regions are driving the growth of the \$130-billion lifestyle market, about 80% of which is led by the fashion segment that includes apparel, footwear and accessories. Urban regions beyond the top 50 cities and rural collectively account for about 67% or two-thirds of lifestyle consumption in the country, which is home to a large cohort of young Gen Z shoppers, according to a joint report by Bain and Mynta. Online platforms have played their fair share in democratising access for consumers — about 50% of more than 175 million e-shoppers

SP Group offers 6x security cover for ₹15,000cr PFC loan

Collateral: Mistrys' Tata Sons Shares, Land Parcels In Mumbai

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Mumbai: The Shapoorji Pallonji Group has offered a security cover exceeding six times the loan value of Rs 15,000 crore it will obtain from state-owned Power Finance Corporation.

The group, helmed by Shapoor Mistry, has provided land parcels in Mumbai and other places, and a portion of Tata Sons shares owned by the promoters, as collateral against the loan amount sanctioned by the PFC board on June 14.

The Rs 15,000-crore loan will be used to refinance existing liabilities of promoter entities as well as to retire debts of group operating companies. "The cash flows from the real estate franchise will ensure a full repayment of the loan over the tenor of (three years)," said SP Group director (real estate) Venkatesh Gopalakrishnan. At the promoter level, the debt is around Rs 25,000 crore.

PFC will have a lien on the incomes of Porteast—a special vehicle purpose created to

Mistrys Get Time To Build Realty Projects, Pare Debt

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obtain the loan—and Sterling Investments — which owns 9% in Tata Sons—thereby gaining access to cash flows from the real estate franchise and dividends from Tata Sons. In case of a default, which the SP Group hasn't done so far, gov't through PFC will have a claim over Tata Sons shares. However, Tata Sons shares are not transferable to third parties without the permission of the company as its articles of association prohibit such a move but can be pledged to raise



money. In the past too, the SP Group had offered Tata Sons shares (Mistry family holds 18.4% in the holding company of the Tata Group) as collateral to secure loans from financial institutions. The over 160-year-old SP Group has been servicing its liabilities from its cash flows and proceeds from asset sales. It has sold its data centre construction business, port facility, among others, as part of its monetisation efforts to pare debt. It is in the midst of taking

one of its companies, Afcons Infrastructure, public. In March 2024, Afcons had filed IPO documents to raise Rs 7,000 crore. The group's real estate franchise plans to develop some of the land parcels it owns in major cities. The Rs 15,000 crore PFC loan gives SP Group the time to implement its ongoing real estate projects as well as to pare debt.

PFC, the largest NBFC in the country and the most profitable, has sanctioned about Rs 82,000 crore to the infrastructure sector as of March 31, 2024. SP Group has been working with PFC over the last nine months to craft a "unique proposal that has a twin security structure leveraging the strength of our large real estate franchise, as well as a portion of the Tata Sons shares owned by the Mistry family. This provides a security value in excess of six times of the loan value," said Gopalakrishnan, adding that "The entire proposal has been validated by reputed third party consultants."

SBI MD Setty to succeed Khara as chairman

C S Setty's Tenure Will Be For 3 Years Starting From Aug 28

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: SBI MD Challa Sreenivasulu Setty will take over as chairman of the country's largest bank on Aug 28 for three years, succeeding Dinesh Khara, whose extended term ends this month.

One of the four MDs at the public sector bank, Setty heads international banking, global markets and technology departments of the bank.

Govt announced Setty's appointment on Tuesday after the appointments committee of the Cabinet approved the department of financial services' proposal.

The Financial Services Institutions Bureau had recommended Setty as chairman after interviewing three candidates on June 29. The other two candidates were SBI MDs Ashwini Kumar Tewari and Vinay Tose. Setty's elevation comes at a time when the bank is undergoing a digital transformation, and profits and asset quality are at all-time high levels.

Motilal Oswal had in a report highlighted the turnaround of the bank in the last six years from a loss of Rs 6,500 crore in FY18 to profit of Rs 61,100 crore in FY24. "We note that cumulative profit of bank over the past three years (FY22-24) is equivalent to what the bank earned in the prior 20 years combined," report said. Setty holds a BSc in ag-

JOINED SBI 35 YRS AGO

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> The tenure of Setty, who will succeed Dinesh Khara, will be for three years starting Aug 28

> Setty (58) began his career with the bank in 1988 as a probationary officer

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riculture and is a certified associate of the Indian Institute of Bankers. Before becoming MD in 2020, Setty held several key positions at SBI, including deputy MD of the stressed assets resolution group, chief GM in the corporate accounts group, and VP and head of syndications at SBI's New York branch.

Initially, as MD, he led retail & digital banking verticals before taking on his current responsibilities. Setty's term as MD was extended by two years in Jan 2023.

At the same time, SBI deputy MD Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has been promoted as MD. Singh is currently in charge of retail, personal banking, and real estate.

Singh joined the bank as a probationary officer in 1991 and has held various roles over his 32-year career.

Amazon India head Tiwary quits after 8 yrs with co

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Amazon India head Manish Tiwary has quit the company after over eight years at the local arm of the Seattle-based e-commerce major.

Tiwary who spent close to two decades in the consumer industry prior to his tenure at Amazon, had joined the company as vice president (categories) in 2016, eventually assuming the position of country manager in 2020. In a statement, Amazon India said that Tiwary is leaving to pursue an opportunity outside the firm. To enable a smooth transition, Tiwary will continue with Amazon until Oct.

Tiwary, an IIT veteran, had held various senior positions in the FCMG major and even served as the managing director at Unilever Gulf and vice-president (customer development) for the company's North Africa and Middle East regions. "India is an important priority for Amazon. We are excited by the momentum and business results we have already achieved, and we are even more optimistic about the significant opportunities ahead to innovate on behalf of our customers and digitally transform lives and livelihoods. Amit Agarwal, SVP India and Emerging Markets will remain involved with the Amazon.in team, guiding its strong bench of leaders to deliver on this opportunity," Amazon India said in a statement.

Tiwary's departure from Amazon comes at a time when competition in the Indian e-commerce market continues to be stiff with deep-pocketed players like Walmart's Flipkart, SoftBank-backed Meesho betting bigger on the space. Amazon and Walmart have spent billions of dollars in India.



Tata Power to buy 40% in Bhutan project for ₹830cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Tata Power will buy a 40% stake in a hydro power project in Bhutan for Rs 830 crore as part of its plans to ramp up its green energy portfolio.

The project, entailing a capacity of 600MW, will require an investment of Rs 6,900 crore. Once the stake purchase is completed, Khorlochu Hydro Power will become an associate company of Tata Power.

Tata Power will partner with Druk Green Power to develop the 600MW station. "This project will support Tata Power to accelerate its clean and green energy transition," the company said.

Separately, Tata Power said it will terminate its global depository shares (GDS) from the Luxembourg stock

Suzlon to buy 76% in Renom for ₹660cr

New Delhi: Suzlon Energy board on Tuesday said it will acquire a 76% stake in Renom Energy Services for Rs 660 crore in two tranches from Sanjay Ghodawat Group.

The first tranche involves acquisition of a 51% stake for Rs 400 crore. It will acquire an additional 25% within 18 months from the acquisition of the first tranche for a consideration of Rs 260 crore. Suzlon Group executed definitive agreements for acquisition of a 76% stake in Renom Energy Services in two tranches, from Sanjay Ghodawat Group (SGG). AGENCIES

exchange due to "no activity for the past several years". The company had issued GDS in 1994 and had appointed Citibank as exclusive depository for this programme. "Considering that there has been no activity for the past several years and this will simplify the company's financial reporting requirements and reduction in administrative costs, it has been decided to terminate the GDS programme and its en-

gagement with Citibank. The company will take necessary steps to terminate the GDS programme and consequently the GDS will be delisted from the Luxembourg stock exchange," Tata Power said in a regulatory filing. Meanwhile, Tata Power posted a 4% rise in Q1FY25 profit to Rs 1,189 crore and a 12% increase in revenue during the same period to Rs 16,810 crore.

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B'desh crisis boosts shares of Indian textile makers

Indian textile makers' shares surged on bets they stand to gain from a political turmoil in Bangladesh that threatens to disrupt supply chains. Bangladesh's textile exporters face the risk of losing business amid political instability that saw violent protests forcing Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to flee the country on Monday.

Stocks of Indian manufacturers including KPR Mill, Arvind, Gokaldas Exports, Vardhman Textiles, and Welspun Living all jumped more than 10% in Mumbai, on expectations of a higher market share.

Bangladesh has enjoyed rapid growth in its exports of ready-made garments and other textile products, making it the second-largest exporter of such products in the world behind China. The country's textile exports were worth \$45 billion in 2022, more than double that of India.

"If there are frequent disruptions to the supply chains in Bangladesh then global buyers may look at alternatives," said Prerna Jhunjhunwala, an analyst at Elara Securities. "Indian players are well poised to take market share in that case as they have vertically integrated capacity to service needs of global companies." Bangladesh's military has promised to install an interim gov't after Hasina resigned and fled the country. BLOOMBERG

After Monday meltdown, sensex recovers ground

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Mumbai: After Monday's sharp sell-off in the stock market, the sensex and Nifty recovered some ground in early trade on Tuesday, helped mainly by a global recovery. However, the recovery was short-lived and finally the indices settled marginally lower as selling pressure increased late in the session.

The sensex closed 166 points down at 78,593 points while Nifty was down 63 points at 23,993 points.

"The domestic market tried to rebound mirroring the Asian markets. However, momentum was short-lived," said Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services. "Investors are watching the appreciating (Japanese)

Ola Electric IPO subscribed over 4x

Mumbai: The Rs 6,146-crore IPO for Ola Electric Mobility was subscribed over four times when it closed on Tuesday, data from BSE showed. The employee portion of the IPO was subscribed the most, at almost 12 times.

The retail portion was subscribed nearly 4 times and the non-institutional investors portion 2.4 times. The portion reserved for the qualified institutional buyers was subscribed 5.3 times. The issue, at a price band of Rs 72-76 per share, opened for bidding on Aug 2. TMN

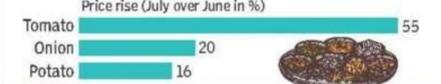
Yen, weak US economic data, and rising geopolitical tensions. They are now exercising caution and shifting towards defensive sectors such as FMCG, IT and pharma. Nonetheless, the market is looking forward to the decline of crude prices and potential rate cuts by the US Fed & RBI to mitigate the downturn risk." The day's session was marked by strong selling by foreign funds that recorded a net outflow of Rs 3,531 crore while domestic funds were net buyers at Rs 3,357 crore. BSE data showed, Among leading stocks, HDFC Bank, Bharti Airtel and SBI contributed the most to day's slide in sensex while buying in L&T and Reliance Industries cushioned the slide to some extent.

Your Thali Turns Costlier In July: Report

Cost of a veg and non-veg thali increased 11% and 6% month-on-month, respectively



What's leading to sequential increase in veg thali prices



Why the rise in prices of some food items

- > High temperatures impacted tomato crop in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh; Scattered rainfall in May escalated whitefly infestations, impacting crop output
- > Lower rabi production impacted onion prices
- > Late blight infestation in Punjab, Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh affected the potato output

Note: A veg thali comprises roti, vegetables (onion, tomato and potato), rice, dal, curd and salad. A non-veg thali has the same elements except for dal, which is replaced by chicken (broiler); broiler prices for July 2024 are estimated figures; weightage of ingredients does not vary based on volatility in commodity prices Source: Crisil

NHAI prepays ₹15.7k cr loan, saves ₹1k cr interest outgo

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New Delhi: NHAI has prepaid a loan of Rs 15,700 crore generated from monetisation of assets, which has helped the agency to save Rs 1,000 crore in interest payment. After this tranche of repayment, NHAI's total outstanding debt is now at Rs 3.2 lakh crore.

According to NHAI, the amount prepaid was generated through infrastructure investment trust (InvIT). As per govt directive, InvIT monetisation proceeds are to be exclusively used for NHAI debt repayment. Highways authority has set the target to raise another Rs 15,000 to Rs 20,000 crore through InvIT in the current financial year. "With this, the overall debt liability of NHAI is expected to further reduce to around Rs 3 lakh crore at the end of fiscal 2025," it said in a statement.

'Govt allows you to choose best realty tax option'

From P 1

Sudhir Kapadia, senior adviser, tax and regulatory services, at consulting firm EY India, said, "Govt has given better relief and allowed people to choose what is best for them. It has sought to ensure that under no circumstances is anyone worse off."

In recent years govt has opted to "grandfather" tax changes, allowing the new rules to apply prospectively, but this was one rare instance of the Centre seeking to implement changes which did not give individuals time to adjust, especially in an asset class where there is a time lag between the time a transaction is executed and the actual regi-

stration of the sale deed.

"By enabling taxpayers to choose the lower tax burden between the new and old schemes, the amendment is poised to drive investment and enhance sales across housing segments. We are grateful for the FM's forward-thinking approach in implementing these beneficial measures," said Niranjan Hiranandani, chairman of the Hiranandani Group and NAREDCO, the industry lobby group.

Separately, govt will also provide that unlisted securities or shares sold between April 1 and July 23, 2024 will attract 10% tax and that only after July 23 will the new rate of 12.5% capital gains be implemented.

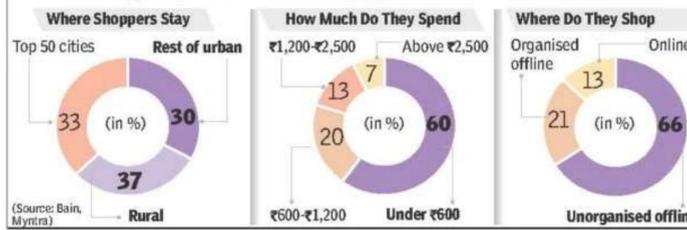
EV sales ride 2-wheelers to rise 55%

Mumbai: Electric vehicle sales registered a 55.2% year-on-year growth at 1,79,038 units in July driven by a massive 96% jump in e-two-wheeler sales, automobile dealers body FADA (Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association) said on Tuesday.

The total electric vehicles sales for July 2023 were at 1,16,221 units, according to the monthly sales data from FADA. The electric two-wheelers sales during the previous month stood at 1,07,016 units, up 95.9%, from 54,616 units sold in July last year, while the electric three-wheeler sales grew 18.2% at 63,667 units, from 58,873 units year earlier, as per FADA. The commercial vehicle sales during the reporting month was also on an upward trajectory, growing twofold on a year-on-year basis to 816 units, from 364 commercial vehicles sold in July 2023, it stated. AGENCIES

2 OF 3 SHOPPERS FROM BEYOND TOP 50 CITIES

India's lifestyle market is worth \$130bn, 80% of which is fashion



come from households with an annual income of less than Rs 10 lakh. Two in three of them come from beyond the top 50 cities. "Online shopping is filling up the access gap. Consumers sitting in beyond the top 50 cities have the same exposure to brands and trends as their metro and tier one counterparts. As consumers beco-

er two plus cities," Mynta CEO Nandita Sinhatold TOI.

The lifestyle market is expected to touch \$210 billion by 2028 from about \$130 billion currently. The online lifestyle segment, which is pegged at \$16.17 billion, is estimated to grow to \$40.45 billion by 2028 as the market is still underpenetrated at 13% of the total market, leaving enough room for growth. "Because of the low penetration base that we have in e-commerce shopping for fashion, there is an opportunity for us to grow beyond the inflationary pressures that the overall market (fashion industry) is seeing," said Sinha. For Mynta, markets like Jaipur, Patna, and Guwahati are growing very well.

## TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

## CHECKOUT-FREE SHOPPING SYSTEMS POWERED BY AI

Picture yourself strolling through aisles, selecting products, and seamlessly exiting the store without waiting at the checkout queues or cashiers. With advanced AI algorithms, checkout-free shopping systems could track selected items, automatically detecting and billing them through integrated payment gateways. This innovative technology promises not only enhanced convenience for consumers, but also significant operational efficiencies for retailers. By eliminating the need for manual checkout processes, stores can streamline operations,

reduce labour costs, and enhance overall customer satisfaction.

In the rapidly evolving landscape of retail, I believe that the integration of AI-powered checkout-free shopping systems holds immense potential to redefine the retail experience in India. While such cutting-edge systems may currently reside in the realm of futuristic imagination, the rapid pace of technological advancement suggests that their emergence in Indian retail is not that far-fetched.

Gaurav Manchanda | FOUNDER & MD, THE ORGANIC WORLD



## Tech is core to curing disease



Siemens Healthineers' tech centre in India has over 3,000 engineers and specialists

Sharad Kohli | TNN

Around the world, healthcare systems are seeing a shift from having to deal with infectious ailments to addressing non-communicable disorders, such as cancer, diabetes, and cardiovascular and neurovascular diseases. "What they have in common is that they are very personalised. In infectious diseases, there is a one-size-fits-all treatment, but for the drug in cancer for example, you need to find out exactly what the cancer is, where it is, and at what stage it is, and then make a personalised treatment decision," says Bernd Montag, CEO of Siemens Healthineers.

One of the technologies that will help in this, he says, is artificial intelligence (AI). Siemens Healthineers, one of the world's biggest medical technology companies, is among those working to bring AI to the cellular level so that across micro-domains, it can free up physician time, or even enable diagnosis where no doctor is present. "As an example, you can screen for TB in a remote area, when you don't have a physician looking at the image," says Bernd.

## PERSONALISED HEALTHCARE

All this requires AI to understand medicine, and recognise what counts in a particular procedure. "You need to train the AI to differentiate a malignant tumour from a benign tumour, to automatically do the treatment planning for radiation therapy. Or, when you have multiple sclerosis, you need to train the AI to quantify what is the stage of multiple sclerosis," he says.

An important field for Siemens Healthineers is cancer care, and creating an ecosystem for the same, one that encompasses early and accurate diagnosis and treatment, especially in low-resource set-ups in smaller towns. "We are building cancer care centres, where our type of technology is the backbone, whether it's imaging or radiation therapy," says Bernd.

In cancer care, imaging and

"We cannot educate enough physicians and medical staff here to take care of everything. We need technology - AI, virtual interaction, intelligent systems - to deal with the disease burden in India."

Bernd Montag | CEO, SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS

"We are working with some districts in Jharkhand, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh where access to imaging and screening infrastructure is constrained."

Hariharan Subramaniam | MD, SIEMENS HEALTHCARE

therapy go hand in hand, and AI has a role to play here. "You do a CT scan for simulating - or planning - the treatment. And we have an AI algorithm that uses the images to look at which parts of the body need to be protected from the radiation, and where exactly the tumour is. And then the Linac (linear accelerator, a device that uses electricity to generate high-energy x-rays or electrons) is programmed to do exactly this," Bernd says.

It's possible, he says, to make this technology more and more user-independent and standardised, so that one doesn't need physicians and other staff at every site to do this treatment.

A lot of such work is happening in Bengaluru, where Siemens has a software and digital innovation hub. "There is literally no Siemens product which doesn't have Indian engineering, software engineering, digital and AI magic and creativity in it," says Bernd. The India centre has over 3,000 engineers and specialists, and another 2,000-plus are expected to be added over the next five years in a new campus that the company is building.

He says the company is also committed to 'Make in India', locally producing, for instance, C-Arm X-ray machines, and MRI scanners. "In C-Arm machines, India is the hub for world production," he says.

## CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

## Deeply passionate about STEM

Ushasri Tirumala

In my career, I've encountered many opportunities, challenges, triumphs, and invaluable lessons. With a deep-rooted passion for STEM and a relentless drive to leverage technology for business transformation, I had a clear focus on technology management, strategy, and applications of technology to enterprises.

**Began in a PSU** | I began as a system engineer at BHEL, honed my skills and gradually grew, eventually finding myself in leadership roles across various organisations. One role I valued a lot was my tenure as a chief technology officer (at Compaq/HP), where I established an advanced technology group. In 2009, I joined Manhattan Associates, a global leader in supply chain commerce solutions, entrusted with steering the strategic direction and growth of the India capability centre.

**Pursue your passion** | Over the years, I've witnessed the evolution of the IT industry in India, from its nascent stages to becoming a global powerhouse, and I'm proud to have played a small part in its growth. While navigating my career, I've experienced the rapid evolution of multiple technologies and the potential opportunity they present. I've seen that pursuing one's passion consistently paves the path to success. So, I urge all young women to persevere in following their passions, believe in themselves, and not be deterred by temporary challenges.

**Find mentors** | Networking and mentorship have played a significant role in my journey. As a woman leader, I've been fortunate to have mentors who have supported, and advocated at crucial junctures. I encourage everyone to actively engage in networking opportunities both within and outside of your organisation. It is very helpful to learn perspectives from experts, and valuable insights help in broadening horizons and focusing on the right aspects.

**Lead with purpose** | My journey as a woman leader in technology management has been defined by passion, perseverance, and a commitment to lead with a purpose. As I continue to learn, inspire, and be inspired by others, I remain steadfast in my belief that diversity and inclusion are fundamental principles for building a brighter, more equitable future.

Ushasri Tirumala is executive VP & general manager at Manhattan Associates

## How some of India's biggest cos deal with AI governance

## IndianOil and Vodafone Idea talk about how AI systems can be made reliable, safe and ethical

Akhil George & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

In the heart of Mumbai's bustling financial district, the offices of Vodafone Idea hum with activity. But it's not just human employees driving the telecommunications giant forward. Artificial intelligence (AI) has become an integral part of the company's operations, from customer service to network management.

"We've been an AI and machine learning factory for years," says Hitesh TK, chief information officer at Vodafone Idea. "It's crucial for handling the volume of data generated by our 200-300 million customers."

Across town, at the headquarters of IndianOil, a similar revolution is underway. Suresh Nambiar, executive director of information systems, speaks proudly of the company's AI-driven predictive maintenance systems. "We're using AI to optimise refinery processes and improve supply chain logistics," Suresh says. "It has substantially reduced downtime and enhanced operational efficiency."

These illustrate a significant shift in how the country's largest companies are embracing AI. But as AI's role grows, so does the need for robust governance frameworks to ensure its responsible and ethical use - especially in India's critical industries like telecom and oil & gas.

Rishi Aurora, managing partner at IBM Consulting for India and South Asia, says that 71% of chief executives in India believe that without stable governance, AI models will not be successful.

## Strategy group &amp; hackathons

At IndianOil, the journey towards

## SET UP AI BOARD &amp; COE TO MONITOR AI MODELS

AI governance plays a crucial role in highly regulated, safety-conscious industries like ours. It ensures AI systems are reliable, safe and ethical. At IndianOil, we've implemented AI-driven predictive maintenance systems that analyse sensor data to optimise equipment maintenance. Our approach showcases how integrated governance practices can maximise benefits while mitigating risks, enhancing operational efficiency and establishing a framework for sustainable, ethical AI deployment.



Suresh Nambiar | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INDIANOIL



AI governance is crucial for building trust, as we deal extensively with customer data. Our focus is on protecting privacy in all AI applications. Even for basic tasks like complaint resolution, we ensure we're not revealing exact customer locations. Since 90% of our data is customer-related, we've put maximum focus on having proper responsible AI and carefully balancing customer privacy with technological advancements.

Hitesh TK | CIO, VODAFONE IDEA

Responsible AI is built on certain pillars of trust: explainability, fairness, robustness, transparency, and privacy. For critical industries adopting AI, the first step is automated adoption to eliminate manual errors and to protect against risks. This is followed by organisational governance - establishing checks and balances, having AI boards, and centres of excellence to continuously monitor and govern AI models.



Rishi Aurora | MANAGING PARTNER, IBM CONSULTING, INDIA/SOUTH ASIA

Vodafone Idea has had to take this challenge particularly seriously, given the sensitive nature of the customer data they handle. Hitesh's team had to ensure their work processes never store or reveal any personal information of their customers. "Even for basic tasks like complaint resolution, we ensure we're not revealing exact customer locations," he says.

Continuous monitoring and improvement of AI systems is another crucial aspect of governance, especially considering the pace of advancement of AI models. Both companies have implemented processes for regular updates and adaptations to their AI systems.

## Building talent, using experts

The shortage of skilled talent presents yet another governance challenge. Both Vodafone Idea and IndianOil have implemented extensive training programmes to upskill their existing workforce. "We conducted a mandatory training programme on generative AI for all employees, regardless of their role," Hitesh says. Ensuring that all employees understand the technology they're working with is seen as a key part of a good AI governance strategy.

Despite this, addressing the multifaceted challenges of AI governance requires most enterprises to partner with technology companies like IBM. Suresh says these collaborations bring not only advanced AI tools and platforms, but also valuable expertise in implementation and governance. "Technology players bring a wealth of knowledge and experience. They help us navigate the intricacies of AI development, ensuring our strategies align with best practices and global standards," he says.

As Indian enterprises expand their use of AI, the focus on governance will intensify. Rishi predicts that 2024 will see many pilot projects in AI being converted into full-scale implementations, particularly in areas like finance, talent transformation, and IT modernisation.



effective AI governance began with their digital transformation initiative. "When we started that transformation in 2019, we engaged a consultant," Suresh says. "We carved out a special purpose vehicle, a Strategic Information Systems group, dedicated to driving the digital transformation of IndianOil." This group,

which started with just four members and has now grown to 30, has been instrumental in implementing AI governance practices across the organisation. One of their key strategies has been to conduct hackathons across the organisation. "We did one for the business intelligence tool, one for the analytics tool, one for mobile tools, and one for generative AI tools, in coordination with Microsoft," Suresh says. These hackathons not only helped identify potential AI use cases, but also fostered a culture of responsible innovation within the company.

**Data governance & engineering** Hitesh says Vodafone Idea focused heavily on data governance as the foundation of their AI strategy. "We moved from multiple points of data

sources into a single data lake." This consolidation of data sources has been crucial in ensuring the accuracy and reliability of their AI models. Hitesh also emphasises the importance of proper data definition in AI governance. "Three people look at the same data in three different ways," he says. "So, you need to have a proper data definition. Otherwise, a prediction, for example, from a customer service point of view will look accurate, but from a marketing point of view, it may not look so."

To address this challenge and build trust in AI, Hitesh says, they implemented a data engineering process. Both companies have also had to grapple with the challenge of privacy protection, especially in light of India's new Digital Personal Data Protection Act.

## HOW THESE HACKATHON WINNERS USED GENAI



Standing (L-R): Koustubh Tol, Kartikey Gautam, Sunil R Kaushik, Abhay Kumar, Sravan Kumar Medishetty, Pranav Shrivastava and Somesh Lalwani. Sitting (L-R): Ajay Anil Kumar, Naman Singh Charak, Utsav Arora, Swapnil Verma, Subash Natarajan and Eeshan Dhawan

MIQ's annual Hackathon, HackIQ, brought together over 180 participants organised into 27 teams. The marketing intelligence company this time had two tracks - product & technology, and data & analytics. The former focused on automation with GenAI for enhanced ad tech processes, sustainability innovations for reduced carbon footprints and top campaign results and combating ad fraud by developing tools to eliminate MFA and ensure premium ad placement. In the latter track, themes included exploring new ad channels, optimising ad spend for cost efficiency, and innovating for a cookie-less world.

## THE WINNING IDEAS

**Code Phoenix** The problem tackled was one that is familiar to developers: Creating

presentational components takes time, even with an in-house design system and rich component library. The team's simple workflow using GenAI boosts productivity by 20-30%, reduces repetitive work, and improves QA (quality assurance). The live demo, where judges sketched a wireframe and converted it to working React code, clinched the team's success.

## KRtrima-PraJA

The team developed a comprehensive GenAI application to support market research, aiding the sales team in planning discussions with new clients. Their focus on maximising GenAI capabilities and addressing challenges resulted in a reliable, consistent, structured, and scalable application. The solution can potentially impact MIQ's top and bottom lines.

## How Deena rebooted her career after a burnout

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Deena Sawlani did BE in electronics from Mumbai University and went on to be a technologist with expertise in capital markets, working in the Indian arms of Lehman Brothers, JPMorgan, and Goldman Sachs. She developed products for these investment banks, including trading platforms. Her expertise was in utilising frameworks like Spring, Hibernate, and J2EE to create robust and scalable solutions.

In 2016, after 11 years of intense work, she felt burnt out. She quit her high-paying job, and started a fashion jewellery business. While she was running that business, she had a baby. The child became her priority, and she shut down the jew-

## CAREER COMEBACK

ellery business. But that short startup experience had taught her to multitask, she learnt how the new economy worked, and how businesses look at money.

When her son turned 6 months, Deena began to feel the itch to get back to work. She started looking out for jobs at organisations that had programmes for women on a career break. The idea was to not be alone in rebooting her career. "When there are others in the same boat, there's no stigma. Team members would be sensitised about our scenario. Processes are in place to train and ease people into a project," Deena says.

Wells Fargo had such a programme, and it was right up her area



of expertise. She applied and was selected. In the programme, she met other women returning from a break who would share their experiences and how they were coping. During the first month, Deena was asked to work only for 3 hours a day, which increased to 4 hours in the second month, and gradually to 8 hours.

"I wanted to test if my son could stay without me. The gradual increase in time at work helped me and my son. It gave me the confidence that I can manage work," she says.

One of her former employers had also offered her a position, but since that would have meant a long

commute to work, she declined the offer. Other companies she interviewed at were not willing to offer the flexibility that the Wells Fargo programme did. Most were also willing to offer only internships, which was a deal breaker for Deena.

At Wells Fargo, catching up on the technical side - developments she had missed during her break - wasn't a big problem. "I work on Java. The only thing I need at any point in time is upskilling - like learning new Java frameworks and libraries, mastering technologies like microservices and cloud computing, improving proficiency in related languages and tools. I will never have a dearth of openings because Java will never be out of fashion. All I ask for is the opportunity to learn," she says.

Deena got to know about the Wells Fargo programme through a former colleague. "It's important to keep in touch with old colleagues, look up LinkedIn to understand what kind of programmes are available. And prepare a good resume," she says.

Those on a career break should be clear about what they want and not compromise. For me, my child is a priority. I wanted to give him time so I took up a job that would allow that. Now, of course, I have a nanny to take care of the child. But it's important for women to build a support system.

Deena Sawlani | CAPITAL MARKETS SENIOR TECHNOLOGIST, WELLS FARGO

## GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED



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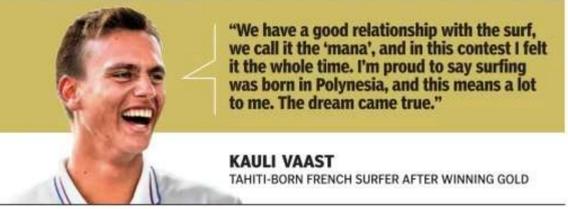
## DATA LAKE

A data lake is a centralised repository that allows you to store all your structured and unstructured data at any scale. It can store raw data in its native format, including structured data from relational databases, semi-structured data like CSV or JSON files, and unstructured data such as emails, documents, and images. Unlike traditional data

warehouses, which store data in files or folders, data lakes use a flat architecture and object storage. This approach enables greater flexibility, scalability, and the ability to perform diverse analytics - from dashboards and visualizations to big data processing, real-time analytics, and machine learning - to guide better decisions and actions.

## MICROSERVICES

Microservices - also known as the microservice architecture - is an architectural style that structures an application as a collection of small, loosely coupled services. Each service is focused on a specific business capability and can be developed, deployed, and scaled independently. These services communicate via well-defined APIs, often using lightweight protocols like HTTP/REST. This approach contrasts with monolithic architectures, where all functionalities are tightly integrated into a single codebase. Microservices offer benefits such as improved scalability, flexibility, and easier maintenance. They allow teams to work autonomously on different services, use diverse technologies, and deploy updates more frequently. However, they also introduce complexity in terms of service coordination, data consistency, and distributed system management.



**KAULI VAAST**  
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### Neeraj Dispels Doubts About Fitness With His First Throw Of 89.34, His Season Best, To Make Final

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16-member qualification Group B with a best attempt of 79.24m.

The cut-off for final qualification being 84m, Neeraj didn't have to expend too much energy to make the title round.

"I'm feeling better than before. I had a good warm-up and today after getting in I began slowly. Now, I'll be competing in the final fully prepared. I always try to do well with my first throw but it doesn't always work," Neeraj said.

In a high-class qualification round that saw one area record, one personal best and six season's best, the Indian opened the action in Group B and got the job done. Neeraj went to the top of the run-up and executed the throw to perfection, a welcome relief for the hundreds of Indian fans who had filled the stands in the morning session to watch their favourite athlete in action.

Two-time world champion Anderson Peters of Granada (88.63m) finished second overall in the qualification but it was Arshad Nadeem (86.59m) who set up an India-Pakistan flavour to Thursday's final. "I'm happy that Neeraj**Chopra** and I are two players from South Asia who are among the best in the world. Best of luck to him and I hope we both do well and win medals for our countries," Nadeem said.

Despite getting the job done fluently, Neeraj was not ready to read too much into his performance.

Paris: It was in May when we got to hear that Neeraj Chopra was struggling with an adductor injury. Would he be ready for the Olympics? A sure medal lost? The questions kept bothering the Indian sports fraternity as the defending Olympic javelin gold medallist started his comeback battle. Neeraj made Antalya in Turkey his base, started his recuperation process, took part in three events in the lead-up to the Olympics, but it seemed something was missing.

On Tuesday in Paris, Neeraj seemed to clear all the doubts around his fitness and showed the world he is ready to take on just about anybody.

Looking relaxed and fresh, the 27-year-old threw a marker to his rivals as he stormed into the final of the men's javelin throw with a big first heave of 89.34m. It was also his season's best and the 11 other finalists at the Stade de France now know they will need something special on Thursday night to take out the champion.



**FLIPPING ON THE COMPETITIVE SWITCH:** Neeraj Chopra during Tuesday's javelin throw qualification in Paris

"There is a lot of difference between the performances in the qualification round and final. The focus should be on the fact that it is a very good start and now I have to prepare my best for the final.

"My plan was to qualify with a good throw and if possible with the first throw itself," he said.

Nine athletes broke the 84m mark, five in their first attempts, and Neeraj feels it's going to be a "cracking final". "All those who

have made the automatic qualification mark have done well.

"It gives me good confidence as well but my aim is to reserve my best for the final. That's the real deal," Neeraj said.

#### WEBER TOPS GROUP A; JENA CRASHES OUT

Earlier, in Group A, India's second entry and Asian Games silver medallist Kishore Jena crashed out as he failed to get past his season best



**KISHORE JENA**

— a modest 80.84. Jena never managed to hit his Asian Games form and opened with 80.73. He then

### JAVELIN THROW THE FINALISTS

Neeraj Chopra's throw of 89.34m is the second best of his career.

A total of 5 athletes made season-best throws on Tuesday.

Brazil's Luiz Mauricio da Silva rewrote the South American record while Finland's Toni Keranen set a new personal best.

Neeraj Chopra (IND) **89.34 (SB)**

- Anderson Peters (GRN) **88.63 (SB)**
- Julian Weber (GER) **87.76**
- Arshad Nadeem (PAK) **86.59 (SB)**
- Julius Yego (KEN) **85.97 (SB)**
- Luiz Mauricio da Silva (BRA) **85.91 (AR)**
- Jakub Vadlejch (CZE) **85.63**
- Toni Keranen (FIN) **85.27 (PB)**
- Andrian Mardare (MDA) **84.13 (SB)**
- Oliver Helander (FIN) **83.81**
- Keshorn Walcott (TTO) **83.02**
- Lassi Etelatalo (FIN) **82.91**

List of athletes who will feature in the men's javelin throw final on Thursday...



#### Tough competition for medal

Neeraj will have to contend with some top throwers for a medal. These are the finalists who have crossed the 89-metre mark in their career:



\*Peters has 4 throws over 90+ and all of them came in 2022

fouled his second chance and came up with an effort of 80.21m that pushed him to the ninth spot in Group B. A dejected Jena was unable to figure out what went wrong. "I wanted to do well but my throws were not going well," he said.

Germany's European silver medallist Julian Weber qualified for the title clash as Group A topper as he nailed with his very first throw that measured 87.76m. 2015 World Champion and Rio silver

medallist 35-year-old Julius Yego of Kenya also advanced to the final as he produced 85.97m — a season's best.

European champion Jakub Vadlejch, who is expected to be the strongest challenger for Neeraj in the final, also got his job done quickly as he went past the Q mark with a throw of 85.63m. Another big name who booked his final ticket was Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago.

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## Jantar Mantar to Eiffel, Vinesh Returns To Claim Her Kingdom

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: Chastised, sullied, derided, outnumbered and wrestled to the ground by police of her capital city for daring to stand up against alleged sexual harassment in the wrestling establishment, Vinesh Phogat did the unthinkable here in Paris.

Ignored and shunned back home, Vinesh was suddenly queen of the mat, storming out of simply nowhere to become the first Indian woman to enter an Olympic wrestling final. After making short work of Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the semifinals, she meets Sarah Ann Hilderbrandt of the US on Wednesday in a final that will carry a million more overtones than just a gold medal. It will be the fittest reply, the loudest riposte to brazen institutional apathy and political indifference.

Once pretty and sunny-faced, now hard-jawed, Vinesh endured as she fought and protested age-old patriarchy. Today, when the chance came, she quietly went about her task in stoic silence and staggering efficiency. It was deafening in its effect as far as political symbolism goes.

A strange fire burnt within her on Tuesday. Maybe, no, surely, it has been burnt by sitting for hours in the sun, rain and cold of Jantar Mantar. It was primal, poetic, terrifyingly beautiful to watch, just like a rebirth that you'd never expect.

Nothing in Indian sport can match what Vinesh has achieved with her gold-medal shot in Paris for the thousands of girls in Indian sport. She has left the establishment with no choice but to listen, because if you don't listen to a *bona fide* Olympic champion, then how do you possibly tell the world anything?

Twice, earlier in the day, she had stomped off the mats, into the tunnel, to the athletes' area, in some strange tunnel vision of her own,

# UNVANQUISHED

Pix: AFP, Getty Images

**STATEMENT ON THE MAT, AUG 6, 2024:** Vinesh Phogat savours her moment of glory after beating world No. 1 Yui Susaki on Tuesday. She later assured India of a medal

**WRESTLED TO THE GROUND, MAY 28, 2023:** Vinesh Phogat (right; in the centre) is detained by police while attempting to march to the new Parliament during a protest against Brij Bhushan Singh, then wrestling federation chief, over allegations of sexual harassment and intimidation, in New Delhi



head bowed, shutting off the world. A woman forever angry at the world and its injustices, past caring — that haircut like an ill-fitting wig picked in a hurry — and slowly losing the strength and will to fight back. But in truth, Vinesh was all walking defiance on Tuesday.

Maybe India's true Olympics began on Tuesday, its real story — away from the cynosure — on Mat B of the makeshift wrestling arena of the sprawling Champs de Mars Arena. And a Japanese World No. 1 in the opening round who till now didn't know the meaning of losing, left shocked and tearful like some odd tangerine on the yellow circumference of the area.

Vinesh had, back against the wall, lashed out at the last, opportune moment, with venom and patience of an old-timer to topple an opponent who was 82-0 going into this bout, and 2-0 ahead at the death. That her rival was defending Olympic champion — having won gold in her home Games in

Tokyo without dropping a point — that she was world No 1 and that she had never lost to a non-Japanese rival, would soon be things of the past.

After that, Vinesh was going to change her corner, and her approach — more assertive here than the game of wrestling chess in the first — to outlast a Ukrainian challenger.

If it was doing something for her, it would prove cathartic for the handful of Indians watching, waiting. One would be lying if there wasn't a little lump in the throat, a little sting felt in the eye when she mouthed, without looking up, a "thank you, sir," to the "super, super show, Vinesh!" as she stomped past — so tiny and stodgy in her singlet but so unbelievably huge that you'd cower in her presence. Vinesh, famously, doesn't talk anymore. On Tuesday, she was half-nodding your fervent, genuine hat-tip to her.

How the tables have turned. In a new weight category after relinquishing her 53-kg spot to Antim Panghal, it was expected that the

unseeded Vinesh would resort to the luck of the repechage after being drawn in the opener against Yui. The Japanese, who went by an unreal 94-0, if you believe a currently disbelieving Japanese media contingent here, pinned her hopes on the Indian, going all the way in the hope to salvage some of the pride that took a serious dent today.

Vinesh had to hustle to quieten Oksana Livach, the plucky Ukrainian, in the quarterfinal. It was a charge of such astonishing power and intent, with less than 18 seconds remaining in the opening bout after doing nothing but sitting back and waiting, that destroyed Yui.

The Japanese sat immobile, suitably dazed while at the other end, in another orbit, a sprawled Vinesh bawling away only to herself, her shaking body visible to the entire arena. Did a festive world gathered in sunny Paris know what her fight, those tears, really was all about? Did it all come down only to a possible medal in the tally? If so, then how

**“To beat Susaki is unreal. This effort after what she (Vinesh) has gone through is incredible. All the best to her.”**

— Neeraj Chopra

much of it would be India's and how much her own, only her own?

Because when Vinesh cried on the streets of the Capital in her fight for justice, she was alone. Vinesh was an outsider in this Indian Olympic contingent which has been inundated by wishes for success and buoyed by happy, hopeful corporate and political support. No one touched her with a barge pole, despite her undeniable credentials as she was forever defined by those famous weeks of protests.

Now, a suddenly unfamiliar destiny, a self-hewn one, awaits her, after having wrestled her way to an Olympic medal. Now, when the phone rings, will Vinesh answer?

## Support-staff jitters ahead of Antim bout

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New Delhi: Antim Panghal, one of the Indian wrestling's brightest medal hopes, has been left grappling with a different off-the-mat battle ahead of her much-awaited debut Olympic bout on Wednesday.

Antim, a two-time junior world champion and World Championships medallist, is unable to secure daily passes for her personal coach and other support staff members to enter the athletes' village and guide her in last-minute preparations for the Games.

Antim will begin her Paris campaign with a Round-of-16 clash in the women's 53kg division which features Japan's Akari Fujinami, China's Pang Qianyu, USA's Dominique Parrish, Ecuador's Lucia Yépez, Greece's Maria Prevolaraki, Romania's Andreea Ana and Sweden's Jonna Malmgren.

It's been learnt that Antim's teammates and other medal hopefuls — Anshu Malik (57kg) and Reetika Hooda (76kg) — too are facing a similar problem in securing village access for their respective support staff.

Among the six Indian participating wrestlers, only Vinesh Phogat has access to her

Hungarian coach Woller Akos and physio Ashwini Patil inside the village. The coach and physio are part of the official Indian contingent and have full access accreditation cards.

The coaches and support staff of other wrestlers haven't been offered such luxury by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) and all of them are staying outside the village. To visit their athletes, they require daily passes from the IOA's chef-de-mission office in Paris and the Games organisers.

Wrestlers have been forced to spend time coordinating with the organisers and writing mails to them to secure passes for their support staff, hampering their training schedule ahead of their bouts.

In Antim's case, her coach Bhagat Singh, sparring partner Vikas, physio Heera Mundluru and masseur Nisha landed in the French capital on Aug 3. They checked in at two different hotels in Paris and their entire travel and stay was sponsored by Antim and her team.

Singh and other members were supposed to daily visit Antim at the village for her training and sparring sessions from 9 am to 9 pm on passes provided by the organisers before exiting the facility.

# BRIDGE TOO FAR

Indian Lose 3-2 To Germany In Thrilling Semifinal, Now Face Spain In Bronze-Medal Playoff

TIMES AT THE GAMES

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Paris: The brass band was playing a peppy tune when the two teams walked in exactly an hour before the start. Yves du-Manoir stadium is on the outskirts of the city, but the stands slowly filled up. Then the crowd took over. The noise was deafening when India and Germany squared up for the men's hockey semifinal here on Tuesday evening, and the national anthems were played. What followed was an exciting game of hockey, fought on equal terms.

India, looking to make the final after 44 years, fell agonisingly short. They took the lead, trailed, equalised and finally conceded in the last quarter. 3-2. Well fought, but they will now meet Spain in the bronze medal match. Germany will take on The Netherlands for gold.

Defend to win has been India's motto at these Games but they have not been shy of attacking, mostly through long balls.

In the first quarter, India won back-to-back penalty corners in the second minute. The Germans defended stoutly. Then, in the seventh minute, India won back-to-back five penalty corners. The fifth yielded result. Harmanpreet had finally found a way past the sturdy German defence. 1-0.

The Germans pressed and attacked, keeping the Indian defence busy. The Indians were up to the task. The second quarter saw Germany dominate and make it count. They scored two goals, both coming through penalties — the first through a penalty corner, the second through a penalty stroke. Germany got their first PC in the 20th minute. Gonzalo Peillat, who earlier played for Argen-



**AGONY AND ECSTASY:** Germany players celebrate after making the Olympic final as Team India players wear a dejected look in Paris on Tuesday

tina, was right on target. Germany won their second PC in the 26th minute. The hit caught Harmanpreet's foot on the goal-line. Christopher Ruehr beat India's goalkeeper PR Sreejesh comfortably.

India were back in the game in the third quarter. They pressed hard, attacked in waves and earned four penalty corners in five minutes. Harmanpreet beat the German goalkeeper finally to make it 2-2 in the 36th minute. The attacks from both ends became intense now. The crowd was loving it. When the

hooter went, India were on the attack from the right flank.

In the fourth quarter, the desperation for the winner was obvious in both camps. The attacks became frantic. Germany got their third PC in the 46th minute. Sreejesh palmed it away. The rebound was stopped on the goal-line. The Indians fans could breathe easy. Germany got their fourth PC five minutes later. It was well saved by the defenders. The pressure on the Indian defence had increased.

In the 53rd minute, Lalit Upadhyay made a brilliant solo run but was foiled just outside the circle. The

Germans counter-attacked and took the lead. Peillat's hit inside the circle was guided home by Marco Miltkau. 3-2. Cries of "Deutschland, Deutschland!" had become louder in the stands. With two minutes to go, goalkeeper Sreejesh was pulled out and replaced with a field player. India had to go all out in attack. Instead, Germany attacked and won a penalty corner. There was no goalkeeper in the Indian goal. But the brave Indian defenders stopped it.

On the counter, India entered the German circle, Shamsheer Singh hit it hard but the ball went over the bar.

That was the last shot of the match, coach Craig Fulton threw his laptop to the ground, and the Indian players couldn't believe it. India had beaten Germany 5-4 at the Tokyo Games in 2021 to win the bronze medal, but this time it was not meant to be.

In the earlier semifinal, top-ranked Netherlands thrashed Spain 4-0. The Dutch will play in the men's final after a gap of 12 years. Spain will be in the running to win a medal. India 2 (Harmanpreet Singh 7th min, Sukhjeet Singh 36th) lost to Germany 3 (Gonzalo Peillat 18th, Christopher Ruehr 27, Marco Miltkau 54)

## Farmer's son Sable sowing hopes for India

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Pune: It seems sowing seeds and sowing dreams come naturally to the Sable family. While Mukund and Vaishali Sable were busy planning their day on the farms of Mandwa village in Beed district, their son Avinash became the first Indian to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final in the Olympics on Monday night.

The family comes from a humble background. When they had their first son in Sept 1994 it gave them a ray of hope. Their struggle continued and Avinash had to help his parents as a daily wage worker on brick kilns. They also worked as sugarcane cutters and on construction sites.

But things changed in 2012 when Avinash joined the 22nd Battalion of Mahar Regiment of the Indian Army. When the Army's cross country team was not performing well in inter-services competitions, the Army had conducted internal trials of their athletes in Hyderabad in 2016. During that trial, coach Amrish Kumar

spotted Sable's talent and advised him to pursue steeplechase. He came to the Army Sports Institute (ASI), Ghorpadi, in 2018.

He made rapid strides within two years, winning national title and breaking the national record. Avinash tested positive for Covid before his first Olympics in Tokyo in 2021 and he could not perform as per his own standards.

After clinching the historic gold at the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, he was expected to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final in World Championships last year but lost out on the heats. But now, he has put that disappointment behind. His current coach Subedar Karmveer Singh said that he spoke to Avinash after he reached the final on Monday and the athlete said he was in Paris to win.

In 2018, Avinash broke the 30-year-old national record in steeplechase within a few months of taking up the discipline. His coach added: "Avinash comes from a humble background with parents working day and night



**SON OF THE SOIL:** Avinash Sable is the first Indian to reach the 3,000m steeplechase final at the Olympics

on farms and living a simple life, and that is his real strength. He gets all the motivation from his difficult journey. He is fearless and has a never-say-die attitude. We are confident of a good result in the final (to be held on Wednesday)."

Avinash not only holds the national record at 8:09.91 minutes but finished a creditable sixth in the Paris Diamond League last month. It was the 10th time he had set the national record. He had also ended Kenya's total domination with a silver at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games in 2022.

His mother Vaishali said, "We watched the qualification on TV with his friends as they explained to us the importance of doing well in the Olympics. As the world appreciates him for his qualification, all we wish for is a medal for him and to justify the efforts he has put in all these years. For us, we continue to complete our sowing activity as nothing can distract the farmers in us."

His father Mukund said, "Till Avinash got a job in the Army, we could barely manage two meals a day. Once he started earning, we gave up the daily wage job at brick kilns and focused on farming on our land. We never thought he would get into sports. But once he decided, he never looked back despite all the odds."

## Henry 'living a dream' as coach

Lyon: Thierry Henry won almost everything possible in a glittering career as a player and is now "living a dream" as a coach after leading hosts France to the final of the Olympic men's football. France are aiming to win gold for the second time, 40 years after their triumph in Los Angeles, and will face Spain in the final after narrowly avoiding a shock defeat against Egypt on Monday.

Henry's team were trailing 1-0 in the semi-final in Lyon but came back to win 3-1, with Jean-Philippe Mateta equalising to force extra time and then scoring again in the 99th minute before Michael Olise sealed the victory. "I am going to be honest, I am mainly happy for Team France because when you see everyone picking up medals all over the place, you say to yourself that you can't let them down," Henry said.

"You don't want to be the team that doesn't win a medal, so at least that is done, and now we will see what colour we get."

"But honestly I am living a dream and I don't want to wake up."

Henry, who won the Champions League with Barcelona and both the World Cup and European Championship with France as a player, was appointed coach of France's Under-21 and Olympic teams just under a year ago.

The 46-year-old will now lead them out on Friday in the final at the Parc des Princes, the same ground where France beat Spain in the final of the 1984 European Championship just weeks before their only Olympic victory to date.

"You know how difficult it is going to be against them. They are often in the finals of competitions, in both men's

and women's football." Henry added of the Tokyo Olympic silver medallists who beat Morocco 2-1 in their semi-final.

France are guaranteed a medal after making the final despite failing to enrol the services of full national team captain Kylian Mbappe and vice-captain Antoine Griezmann for the Olympic tournament.

Instead they have been led from the front by Lyon striker Alexandre Lacazette, while their star man in the knockout rounds has been Mateta. He scored 16 goals in the Premier League last season for Crystal Palace, including 14 in his last 16 games. Now he is France's top scorer at the Games with four goals. "It is a dream to be in the final and I can't wait to be in Paris," said Mateta, who comes from the suburbs of the French capital. AGENCIES



THIERRY HENRY

**MY BIGGEST DREAM**

“What can I say? I just broke a world record at the Olympics, biggest possible stage for a pole vaulter. The biggest dream since a kid was to break the world record at the Olympics, and I've been able to do that in front of the most ridiculous crowd I've ever competed in front of.”

“IT'S ONE OF THOSE THINGS THAT DON'T REALLY FEEL REAL, SUCH AN OUT OF BODY EXPERIENCE. WHEN I'M GOING OVER THE BAR IT'S LIKE AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE).”

The pole vaulter they call 'Mondo' really can put on a show. With the rest of the action at the track wrapped up for the evening and the crowd of 80,000 at the Stade de France still on their feet, Armand Duplantis cleared a WR 6.25m on sport's grandest stage

# TOUCH THE SKY



**38.2km/h**  
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**6.72 cm**  
Duplantis's bar clearance during 6.25m world record vault

“The crowd was going crazy. It was so loud in there, it sounded like an American football game. I have a little bit of experience being in a 100,000 capacity stadium, but I was never the centre of attention. Just trying to channel the energy everybody was giving me, and they were giving me a lot of it. It worked out.”

**Nine world records & counting...**



Duplantis first broke the world record in Feb of 2020. Since then, he has won two Olympic gold medals, four World Championships (two indoor and two outdoor), and has lowered the record, centimetre by centimetre.

**1** Duplantis, the first athlete to retain the pole vault gold since American Bob Richards in 1952 and 1956

\*Since 2000, the distinction between a world record set outdoors and indoors has been removed.

**23** Since **Sergey Bubka** became the first man to reach the six-metre mark in pole vault in July 1985 in Paris, the record has been broken 23 times with Armand Duplantis taking it to 6.25m on Monday

**12** Bubka went on to improve his record 12 times while Duplantis has bettered it on nine occasions

**TIMES AT THE GAMES**  
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Paris: It was a high-voltage atmosphere at the Stade-de-France on Monday night, one pole vault superstar Armand Duplantis compared with an American football game. The stage was set for the world's most flamboyant athlete, popular as Mondo, to not only defend his title but also better his own world mark on the brand new track.

The colourful Swede had the whole world as his stage as he wowed the fans with the viral pose of Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikec after pocketing the Olympic record when the bar was raised to 6.10m. Duplantis then went after his own heights after his rivals failed to go above 5.95m. The world record holder at 6.24m asked it to be raised by another centimetre and began his quest to clear 6.25m or 20.5 feet.

The first attempt was nearly flawless except for a mild clip that shook the bar enough to follow the champion on to the mat. The second try, each attempt after a gap of five minutes during which the spectators sang and danced to popular numbers, was not as good as the first as he almost sat on the bar.

Among those egging him on was American Sam Kendrick, who had pocketed the silver with a season's best vault of 5.95m. Duplantis waited for another five

minutes and then took the pole to head to the top of his run-up. This time everything went right, as the slow clap grew stronger and stronger, as he hit the runway with great speed and lifted off perfectly and sailed over the bar, which remained intact, to help Duplantis set his ninth world record.

“I've visualised this moment a million times in my life. I mean, this is every time I was in my backyard,” he said. “I would just imagine that the bar was at the world record mark. It was the Olympic final - that's pretty much exactly what I visualised.

“If I don't beat this moment in my career, then I'm pretty pretty okay with that. You know, I don't think you really can get much better than what just happened. So it's dang amazing.”

Asked what went through his mind before the record leap, he said: “I tried to clear my thoughts as much as I could. The crowd was going crazy. It was so loud in there, it sounded like an American football game. I have a little bit of experience being in a 100,000 capacity stadium, but I was never the centre of attention. I tried to channel the energy everybody was giving me, and they were giving me a lot. It worked out.”

Kendricks, one of Duplantis' big fans, was elated with his show. “I was jumping well with good friends, in front of my family, my baby boy was out in the crowd. Gave him a kiss after every jump, gave my wife a kiss after every jump, that's just so special. Make or miss, medal or no medal, I was going to make it



**DREAM RUN:** Mondo rushes off the padding after the world record



**FOLK MUSIC:** Duplantis celebrates with family, girlfriend (L) and staff members



**PHOTO SHOOT:** After sealing gold with a 6.10m clearance, he celebrates by mimicking viral Turkish shooter Dikec



**FINISHING TOUCH:** The champion plants a kiss on girlfriend Desire

fun. I was going to put the pressure on everyone to look at us, look at us in the wide open space, under the bright lights together, that's what sport is about.”

“There's a lot of excitement that comes along with the Olympics. Some call it the world's biggest scam, but it's a very positive scam. I told my wife not to come. But she said she's going to come. So I said bring everybody, make Paris a party.”

The American was also happy that he would get a treat from the champion. “I started a tradition a few years ago, when Mondo became so hard to beat... I like to think that I taught him how to compete so well through all those years, bringing him up the little line. The winner buys dinner. Mondo won by a lot tonight, so he's going to buy us dinner.”

**MONDO'S WORLD**

**American dad a pole vaulter, Swede mom a heptathlete:** Mondo Duplantis' father Greg is a former pole vaulter who competed against Bubka in the 1980s and 1990s while his mother Helena is a former heptathlete and volleyball player. His father is his coach, while his mother works with him on his fitness.

**Pole vault setup in backyard:** Duplantis has been training for moments like this his entire life. Growing up in Lafayette, Louisiana, his family had a pole vault setup in the backyard, complete with a runway.

**Feature film:** His life has been well-documented, too, with a feature film made about him called, “Born to Fly.”

**He chose to represent his mom's country:** While he has American and Swedish citizenship, he chose to represent his mother's country Sweden. Mondo Duplantis

chose to represent Sweden due to the popularity of track and field in the country.

**Other Swede connections:** Despite growing up in the United States, Duplantis spent his summers in Sweden as a child and learned to speak a bit of Swedish then. He also drives a Swedish car (a Polestar). He moved to Sweden after college and is now dating a Swedish model and social media influencer Desire Inglander.



**Breaking the internet:** “Duplantis is the sports version of Timothee Chalamet, wrote one on X. “New day, new Olympian crush,” wrote another fan. “Call him Lisan Al Gaib,” other netizens said, referring to Chalamet's character in Dune. “As Duplantis breaks the world record, my partner asks ‘yeah, but can he get off a sand worm?’” writes another.

**UNBEATEN SINCE 2019**

Duplantis has been practically unbeatable over the last five years, winning every major title in the sport after being beaten at the Doha worlds in 2019 by American Sam Kendrick, who won silver on Monday.

He won Olympic gold in Tokyo three years ago before winning back-to-back outdoor World Championships in 2022 and 2023. He added two world indoor crowns in 2022 and 2024 as well as three straight European Championship titles in 2018, 2022 and 2024.

The six-time Louisiana state champion first set a world record for the under-seven age category.

“You know when Mondo Duplantis is competing, you are always on world record watch. He essentially breaks world records when he wants. He has broken world records at World Championships and European Championships but this is the Olympics. He loves the big moments and big stages.”

—Michael Johnson | FOUR-TIME OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALLIST

**MEDALS TALLY**

P	TEAM	G	S	B	Total
1	CHN	22	19	14	55
2	USA	21	30	28	79
3	AUS	14	12	8	34
4	FRA	13	16	19	48
5	GBR	12	13	18	43
6	KOR	11	8	7	26
7	JPN	10	6	11	27
8	ITA	9	10	6	25
9	GER	8	5	4	17
10	NED	7	5	6	18
60	IND	0	0	3	3

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**INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY**

**ATHLETICS:** Mixed Marathon relay walk: Suraj Panwar/Priyanka Goswami (11am), Men's high jump: Sarvesh Kushare (1.35pm); Women's 100m hurdles R1: Jyothi Yarraji (1.45pm); Women's javelin throw qualifiers: Annu Rani (1.55pm); Men's triple jump qualis: A Narangolintevida, Praveen Chithravel (10.45pm); Men's 3000m steeplechase final (if qualifies): Avinash Sable (1.10am, Thu) **GOLF:** Women's Rd 1: Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar (12.30pm) **TT:** Women's team QFs: India vs Germany (1.30pm) **WEIGHTLIFTING:** Women's 49kg: Mirabai Chanu (11pm onwards) **WRESTLING:** Women's 53kg R16: Antim Panghal vs Yetgil Zeynep (Tur) (3pm onwards), (if qualifies) QFs (4.20pm), Semis 10.25pm; Women's 50kg final: Vinesh Phogat (12.30am, Thu)

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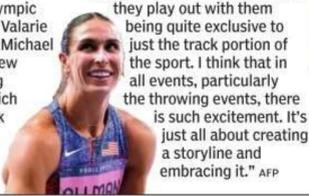
“IT IS ALWAYS A DRAMA WITH TSEGAY. SHE PUSHED ME LAST YEAR. SHE IS ALWAYS PULLING AND PUSHING. I FEEL BAD FOR KIPYEGON. I WOULDN'T MIND IF SHE GETS SILVER BACK.”

—SIFAN HASSAN after Kipyegon was disqualified for pushing Tsegay. The Kenyan's silver was reinstated on appeal



**Discus champion Valarie takes aim at new 'track only' circuit**

Newly crowned Olympic discus champion Valarie Allman has hit out at Michael Johnson's lucrative new athletics circuit being launched in 2025, which will only feature track events with a total prize money of around \$12 million.



“I absolutely think that there is such potential excitement for field events to be embraced,” she said. “It's definitely disheartening. I think I think it's going to be interesting how they play out with them being quite exclusive to just the track portion of the sport. I think that in all events, particularly the throwing events, there is such excitement. It's just all about creating a storyline and embracing it.” AFP

**Leading ladies on the track: Chebet, Keely and Allman triumph**



**WOMEN'S SHOW:** Kenya's Beatrice Chebet (L) leads compatriot Faith Kipyegon in a controversial 5000m race; (Top) Keely Hodgkinson captures Britain's first gold of the track, winning the 800 meters

Paris: On the track, British middle distance runner Keely Hodgkinson finally ended her long wait to capture a major global championship title with gold in the 800m. Hodgkinson, who had claimed three consecutive silver medals at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and the World Championships in 2022 and 2023, led from start-to-finish to win in 1min 56.72sec. Ethiopia's Tsigie Duguma claimed silver in 1:57.15 and Kenya's Mary Moraa took bronze (1:57.42).

“I have worked really hard for the last year and I think you can see how much it meant to me,” Hodgkinson, 22, told the BBC after her triumph.

In the women's 5,000m Kenya's “smiling assassin” Beatrice Chebet dethroned the Netherlands'

Sifan Hassan's audacious attempt at a distance triple gold is over after just one race. She started with a bronze in the 5,000m, Chebet won the race

defending champion Sifan Hassan with a tactical masterclass. The pre-race hype had focused on the Ethiopian-born Hassan's attempt to win an improbable treble of 5,000m, 10,000m and marathon golds at the same Olympics. But Hassan's dream of emulating Czech great Emil Zatopek - who completed the same triple at the 1952 Helsinki Games - was put to bed ruthlessly by Chebet.

The 24-year-old 10,000m world record holder bided her time before accelerating past compatriot Faith Kipyegon to win in 14min 28.56sec. Kipyegon, the reigning 5,000m world champion, crossed the finish line in second place but was initially disqualified for a shove on Ethiopia's Gudaf Tsegay with two laps to go. However she was reinstated on appeal, leaving Hassan with bronze.

**Coach of De Grasse and Jacobs is kicked out of the Games**

The American coach of Olympic champions Andre De Grasse and Marcell Jacobs has been kicked out of the Paris Games. Rana Reider was investigated for alleged sexual misconduct by the US Center for SafeSport and placed on a one-year probation that ended in May. He was accredited for the Summer Games through the Canadian Olympic Committee for his personal work with De Grasse, the defending 200m champion.

De Grasse finished second behind 100 champion Noah Lyles in his 200 heat on Monday to qualify for the semifinals. Jacobs finished fifth in the 100 on Sunday. AGENCIES

**Local hero Vaast has whale of a time**



**OCEAN CREATURES:** A whale is sighted during the women's surfing semifinals in Teahupo'o; (R) France's Kauli Vaast, a Tahiti native, celebrates his win in the spectacular surfing competition

Teahupo'o (Tahiti): Kauli Vaast says a supernatural force in Polynesian culture helped him win Olympic surfing gold in his native Tahiti. Vaast on Monday became the first Olympic champion from the French Pacific island. “The mana was with me from the start, every day I felt it,” the 22-year-old said, referring to a supernatural force that, according to Polynesian beliefs, permeates the universe. “I couldn't see it but I felt it, and ‘voila’, I did it - an Olympic champion,” he said.

Vaast beat Australian Jack Robinson after taking the two best waves of a high-level match. The entire island rooted for him. “As soon as the first two waves were caught, we were all there blowing for there to be no more, and it worked,” joked Polynesian President Moetai Brotherson.

Tahiti, with the Teahupo'o waves that often reach two to three metres and sometimes a lot higher, hosted a spectacular surfing competition, which was extended until Monday due to unfavourable winds last week. Vaast's mother, Natou Thupalua,

opted for some garden therapy to calm her nerves. “When he competes in Tahiti, I garden,” she said. “I planted anthuriums.”

The newly crowned Olympic champion said he might need to do a bit of work in the garden now, too.

“When I get home, I'm going to have to use the rake because she cut everything,” he smiled.

Thousands of Polynesians cheered their champion and Johanne Defay from the French island of Reunion, who won bronze in the women's final. Three-time world champion Gabriel Medina of Brazil, who went into the Games as a widely tipped favourite, took the men's bronze.

Last week a picture of Medina kicking out of a wave went viral, becoming a defining image of the sport and the Paris Games.

With an American, a Brazilian, an Australian and a French surfer, the four best surfing nations were represented in the finals. French Polynesia comprises more than 100 islands, including Tahiti. AFP

# Can India avoid first series loss to Sri Lanka in 27 years?

Washington Says Final ODI A Chance For Ind Batters To Counter Spin Threat

Colombo: India all-rounder Washington Sundar feels the must-win third and final ODI against Sri Lanka will provide them a big opportunity to counter the spin threat in challenging conditions and hold the team in good stead ahead of next year's Champions Trophy. The Indian team is starting at its first bilateral ODI series defeat against the Islanders in 27 years after losing the second ODI by 32 runs, thanks to the lackluster performance of the batters, who failed to tackle the Lankan spin attack.



TENSE TIMES: Skipper Rohit Sharma, coach Gautam Gambhir and chief selector Ajit Agarkar during training ahead of the third ODI

"It is an opportunity for us to go out there and put our hands up and win those critical situations," Sundar told reporters on the eve of the match. "Obviously with the big tournaments coming up, we will be in similar situations and it will be important to find ways as to what we can do to win those critical situations against quality spin attacks. "Whatever we have done in this series so far, we will take

that as a learning, try and move ahead."

Sundar also came out in defence of the batters, who looked shoddy against the spinners in the series so far. "We are quality players of spin. We've always played on these kinds of wickets, even at home, in Test matches, and in

different formats. Even do domestic cricket, we play a lot of games on such wickets," he said.

"A lot of our players have done well, especially in the middle order, batting against spin. So it's just a matter of finding a way and trying to get the job done," he added.

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## Doubts over B'desh tour of Pakistan

Karachi: Bangladesh senior men's team two-Test away series against Pakistan starting August 21 in Rawalpindi looks doubtful due to the current civil unrest in the country after former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was forced to resign and flee the country.

Bangladesh's senior team are supposed to play two Tests in Rawalpindi (August 21-25) and Karachi (Aug 30-Sep 3) but in current scenario, it might be difficult for national team to travel for a series.

A PCB source informed that the PCB had even made an offer to the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) to fly out their Test side to Rawalpindi at the earliest in order to ensure that the series is on. PTI

## Man City's Alvarez set to join Atletico in 95m euro deal

Julian Alvarez is set to depart Manchester City for Atletico Madrid according to widespread reports on Tuesday with the English champions set to bank a huge profit on the Argentine in a deal worth up to 95 million euros (£81 million, \$104 million).

The 24-year-old cost City just £14 million when he signed from River Plate in January 2022 and his since enjoyed a meteoric rise, helping Argentina to World Cup and Copa America glory, as well as winning two Premier League titles and the Champions League at club level.

guez on a free transfer. Rodriguez joins the Hammers after his previous deal with Real Betis expired earlier this summer after 4 1/2 seasons with the Spanish club. "I feel like it's every footballer's dream to play in the Premier League," he said. Rodriguez was part of the Argentina squad which won the World Cup in 2022 and the 2021 and 2024 Copa America.

### EXTRA TIME

Manchester United defender Leny Yoro will return to action in about three months following successful surgery on his foot injury, the Premier League club said on Monday. Frenchman Yoro was substituted early in a pre-season friendly against Arsenal last week in Los Angeles along with forward Rasmus Hojlund, who will be out for six weeks with a hamstring injury. AGENCIES

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### SNAPSHOTS

#### Karthik joins Paarl Royals

Former wicketkeeper batter Dinesh Karthik was on Tuesday signed by Paarl Royals for the third season of the SA20, making him the first Indian cricketer to participate in the South African league, starting on January 9. PTI

#### Badami advances into main draw

Mumbai's Hasan Badami overcame citymate Prayanshu Palan 8-55, 50-17, 69-19, 66-0, 63-27 to enter the main draw of the Khar Gym CR Realty-Western India Billiards and Snooker Championships on Tuesday. TNN

#### ACTION TODAY

**CRICKET:** India vs SL 3rd ODI 2:30pm; WI vs SA 1st Test 7:30pm (Fancode)  
**OLYMPICS:** 11am onwards (JioCinema, Sports18)

## Racing should have its own Docuseries

Vivek Jain

With Pune racing in its infancy, the unrelenting rains has already caused last Sunday's cancellation despite the luxury of its monsoon track.

The need to promote horse racing beyond its narrow confines is obvious. Interestingly in Britain a new docuseries, called Champions Full Gallop, is getting huge eyeballs. Even though focused on jump racing, it is learnt the first few episodes were aired on a mainstream channel, ITV at prime time. It hit a peak audience of 1.4 million, matching numbers of other prime non sport offerings.

A racing sports commentator commented, "Full Gallup is the answer to Formula 1's Drive to Survive - and like every sport, racing needed one of its own. We had innovated with live telecast in the past

with the large media houses, including ET Now, and it was a great start, but it did not sustain beyond a few years.

One of the benefits of arcing docuseries compared to other sports is that for a lot of people racing is a sport they never really experienced. The promotional value is immeasurable as for most (even sports enthusiasts) a horse race is

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synonymous with just the Derby!

The RWITC should consider a podcast (like most sports) on racing with guest experts, not only profiling the great races and horses but more on what makes it such a fascinating industry.

A few years ago on a chance visit to the races by cine star Shreyas Talpade, as he watched from my box, he was so enthused by the sport that he scripted a feature film

with A list stars on the story of that year's Indian Derby winner Rochester who had a rags to riches story. I connected him to his owners and trainer but unfortunately the idea never saw light of day, stuck in formalities. Surely the sport at least deserves to be on an OTT platform, that can both entertain and educate and can be its biggest marketing trump card.

Young trainer Adhiraj Jodha, who has one of the largest strings after returning to his home base in Mumbai after a short stint in Chennai, has flown from the gates with four wins in the first two days. And the possible winner of this year's Pune Derby was probably sighted on the second day in the shape of Golden Thunder, a got abroad son of Crystal Ocean, who won in open class over 9f and was as impressive as was his brilliant debut on Derby Day in Mumbai. (Vivek Jain is former chairman of RWITC. Views are personal)

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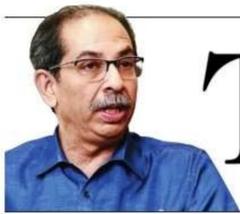
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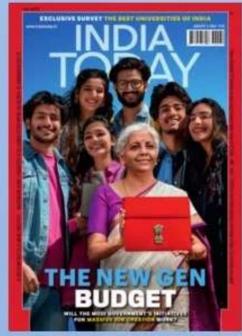
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## WINESH GOES FROM PROTEST TO PODIUM

### WILL GRAPPLE FOR GOLD TONIGHT

Vinesh Phogat, 29, became the first Indian woman wrestler ever to reach the final of an Olympic event after a convincing 5-0 win over Cuba's Yusnelis Guzman Lopez in the 50kg freestyle category in Paris (see pic, Vinesh in red). With silver guaranteed, Vinesh will grapple for gold against 2020 Tokyo bronze-medallist Sarah Ann Hildebrandt of US in the final early Thursday (around 12.15am). Vinesh was one of the prominent faces of the wrestlers' protest against then WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Earlier, Vinesh came from behind to pull off the biggest wrestling upset at Paris Games by stunning 4-time world champion and Tokyo gold medallist Yui Susaki of Japan with a last-minute takedown to claim a 3-2 victory. The 'invincible' Susaki hadn't lost a single match in any of her previous 82 international bouts. Vinesh then edged past Livach Oksana of Ukraine to move into her maiden Olympic semis

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### INDIA GO DOWN FIGHTING, TO PLAY SPAIN FOR BRONZE

A valiant India went down 2-3 to Germany in the men's hockey semifinal. In a riveting match, India had their chances but a professional German outfit weathered the storm to make the title round against Netherlands. India will play Spain in the bronze medal playoff on Thursday



### MEN'S TT TEAM OUT

Veteran Achanta Sharath Kamal showed resistance but India suffered a 0-3 loss to China in the pre-quarterfinals, which ended their campaign in the men's table tennis team event

Armand Duplantis soared over his rivals in clinching back-to-back Olympic pole vault crowns on Monday with a new world record. Swedish star Duplantis cemented his status as the greatest pole vaulter in history with a superb display, blowing the roof off the Stade de France with a final leap of 6.25 metres, improving his world record by an inch



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# Budget tweak: Govt to rework property capital gains formula

## Investors Can Pick Option That Suits Them

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt has decided to rework its proposal on long-term capital gains tax for real estate by providing individuals and HUFs the option to pay tax along with indexation benefit at 20% or at 12.5% without indexation, depending on where they are better off.

The tweak — for properties acquired before July 23, 2024 — has been proposed as part of amendments to the Finance Bill that will be mo-

### APPLIES TO PROPERTIES BOUGHT BEFORE JULY 23

Govt gives choice to property buyers on long-term capital gains — pay tax along with indexation benefit at 20% or at 12.5% without indexation

Option provided only to properties bought prior to day of Union Budget (July 23, 2024)

Move follows discount among property owners.



particularly middle class, over prospect of paying higher taxes without the indexation benefit, meant to adjust for inflation

In another tweak to Budget proposals, unlisted securities or shares sold between April 1 and July 23, 2024, will attract 10% tax. The new rate of 12.5% will apply after July 23

ved in the Lok Sabha by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday.

The move follows concerns among middle class and other property owners that they would be disadvan-

taged under the new regime which does away with indexation benefit, meant to adjust for inflation, while lowering the tax rate from 20% to 12.5% as part of an exercise to ensure that all asset clas-

ses face the same levy instead of multiple rates.

Although tax authorities as well as Sitharaman had sought to allay the fears and argued that people won't be worse off under the new dispensation, the govt chose to remove an irritant in a budget welcomed on most other counts. Several experts had argued that the changes would impact older properties more.

The change in capital gains tax formula for real estate almost ended up burying the gain of Rs 17,500 that would accrue to taxpayers following the change in slabs under the new tax regime.

► Best tax option, P 19

## Bademiya owner conned of ₹11L

A conman claiming to be an MP's PA cheated So-Bo eatery Bademiya's owner Jamal Shaikh of Rs 11 lakh by not paying for food and taking Rs 9 lakh for his daughter's college admission. P 5

## Girl (17) fights off gang, saves dad

A 17-year-old tribal girl fought off a band of eight armed men to save her father from a murder bid in their home in Maoist-affected Naryanpur district of Bastar Monday night. P 7

## Alumnus gifts IIT-Madras ₹228cr

IIT-Madras alumnus Krishna Chivukula has donated Rs 228cr to his alma mater to be used for fellowships to B.Tech and foreign students, sportspersons and staff doing high-risk research. P 10

## Curbs on water bottles at Taj

ASI banned carrying of water bottles into Taj Mahal's main mausoleum after repeated incidents of 'jalabhishek' (water ritual) by right-wing groups. P 12

## Beer cans in UP hosp vax fridge

A probe has been launched after beer cans, soda bottles, and water bottles were found chilled in a fridge meant to preserve vaccines at a community health centre in UP's Bulandshahr. P 7

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## HC judge says presumption 'SC more supreme than it is', CJI-led bench mulls action

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New Delhi: Taking serious note of the "judicial indiscipline" of Punjab and Haryana high court judge Rajbir Sherawat for showing defiance towards a Supreme Court order, CJI D Y Chandrachud and four most senior judges decided to form a bench on Wednesday to decide the future course of action in regard to the HC judge's July 17 order.

Justice Sherawat had remarked in his order: "A tendency to presume the Supreme Court to be more 'Supreme' than it actually is and to presume a high court to be less 'High' than it constitutionally is."

The bench of CJI Chandrachud, and Justices Sanjiv Khanna, B R Gavi, Surya

### SC to decide trial courts' powers to impose life terms

After reducing instances of death penalty to a rarity through interpretative development of criminal jurisprudence, Supreme Court Tuesday proposed to examine trial courts' power to impose fixed-term life terms to convicts in heinous crimes and whether this should be the exclusive jurisdiction of Constitution courts, SC & HCs. P 7

Kant and Hrishikesh Roy will tackle Justice Sherawat's order, who had reluctantly adjourned a contempt proceeding initiated by him because of SC's stay.

► 'SC direction is to...', P 12

## SBI MD Setty to chair PSU bank for 3-year term

SBI MD Challa Sreenivasulu Setty, 58, will take over as chairman of country's largest bank on Aug 28 for 3 years, succeeding Dinesh Khara, whose extended term ends this month.



One of the four MDs at SBI, Setty, who started his career there in 1988, heads international banking, global markets and technology depts. P 19

## Govt plans SRA bldgs on 65% of SDZ, not 80%

Around seven months after scrapping the plan for affordable housing in Mumbai's mangroves and salt pans and allowing only redevelopment of existing high-density slums in these areas — called SDZ — state govt has proposed to restrict construction here to 65%, from 80% planned earlier. Activists, however, warn that any construction in salt pan and mangrove lands would spell disaster. P 2

## Sena neta to BJP: Make me gov in 15 days or else...

Former Shiv Sena MP Anand Rao Adsul has accused BJP of failing to keep its word and warned if he is not made governor in 15 days, he will file a curative plea in SC over BJP ex-MP Navneet Rana's caste certificate. He said BJP had promised 2 Union cabinet & 2 governor posts to Sena, adding, "I can't wait forever." TNN P 2



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Bombay HC grants bail to five accused in 2018 Nalasopara arms haul, says prima facie proof insufficient to establish charges of attempt to disrupt festival | P 4

Adopting 'realistic' approach, Bombay HC waives off statutory six-month waiting period and dissolves the marriage of an estranged couple | P 4

Students move Nagpur bench of Bombay HC saying 2 NEET questions 'out of syllabus' | P 7

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# Why Bangladesh Is Banking On Yunus

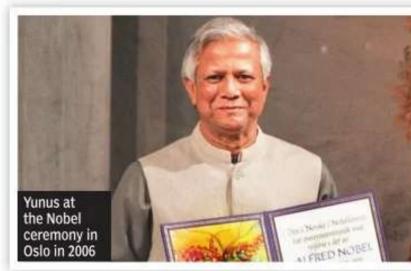
The 84-year-old Nobel peace prize winner put the country on the development map, but had his share of troubles with Sheikh Hasina, whose ouster sparked calls for him to head the interim govt

## A Scholar And Academic...

In 1969, Muhammad Yunus earned his PhD in economics from Vanderbilt University in the US, where he went to study as a Fulbright scholar. He was 29 then. After that, he started teaching at Middle Tennessee State University but was back by 1972 to the land of his birth, which was Bangladesh now and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — Hasina's father — was the man

in charge.

Yunus joined the department of Economics at the University of Chittagong, the province where he was born in 1940. In 1974 came the Bangladesh famine and it was around this time that Yunus thought of using the microcredit model to help out impoverished Bangladeshis, especially women.



Yunus at the Nobel ceremony in Oslo in 2006

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DRIVING IN CHANGE: Women who received loans outside a Grameen Bank office in Bangladesh

## ...Who Became 'Banker To The Poor'...

According to Grameen Bank, the institution synonymous with Yunus, the microcredit project took off in 1976 from Jobra village in Chittagong — or Chattogram — district. By 1983, the pilot project had led to the creation of the bank. Upending the premise of banks giving loans against collateral, Yunus championed a scheme of extending small loans without any requirement of collateral. The bank says it is now

present in 94% of Bangladesh's villages and touches nearly 45 million people — more than a fourth of the population — through its 10.6 million borrower members. It says that 97% of its borrowers are women and that, till June 2024, it had given out loans worth \$38 billion and "has ensured a lucrative recovery rate of 96.3%... higher than any other banking systems". In 2006, the bank and Yunus were awarded the Nobel Peace Prize.

## ...But Fell Foul Of PM Hasina...

Soon after the Nobel came an episode that Yunus says is the cause of troubles that he's had to face with Hasina's now dismantled govt. In 2007, he was linked with a move to launch a new political party. There was a caretaker military govt in charge and Hasina and most other political leaders were under house arrest or in jail.

"So, people kept coming to me, that you should join politics... And they put pressure and finally I said 'okay, I'll join politics and I'll create a party'... Within two months I announced that 'no I'm not

going to create a party'. That's all — I never created a party," Yunus told The New York Times in 2012.

But he believes Hasina misread his intentions. Asked about his equation with Hasina, he told NYT, "She never explained so I don't understand what went on, just speculation in the press. One is that she feels I'm a political threat... This is again speculation. She never said that I'm a political threat... We've never had a face-to-face meeting, although I've tried to seek her appointment so I could see her, but it never happened."



FROSTY TIES: Yunus came under pressure from the govt after Sheikh Hasina returned to office in 2008

## ...And Ran Into Rough Weather, Though His Popularity Is Largely Intact



BRAVE FACE: Yunus talks to mediapersons following a hearing at a labour court in Dhaka in Nov last year

In 2011, the Hasina-led govt announced that Yunus had been removed from the position of managing director of Grameen Bank. That came after she reportedly alleged that the bank was "sucking blood of the poor" and Yunus was treating it as his "personal property".

"They removed me and still they couldn't find a replacement... after all this bank is owned by poor people. The borrowers own 97% of the bank and the govt owns only 3%," he had told NYT. His troubles, though, didn't end there. He faced trial in 2013 on charges of violating foreign currency rules and was also prosecuted in connection with the companies he created.

In Jan this year, Yunus was

sentenced to six months in jail for violating labour laws before getting bail in March. Yunus's lawyers were reported to have said he's facing more than 100 other charges over labour law violations and alleged graft.

But the man who's received multiple international honours enjoys a solid reputation at home and abroad. In August last year, over 170 global figures, including the likes of former US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, signed a petition asking Hasina to stop the "persecution" of Yunus. And, now, leaders of the protest movement that removed Hasina have urged him to become the chief adviser of the interim govt.

Source: Media reports

## Vietnam War Protests (United States)

One of the most iconic student protest movements that led to a huge boost in anti-war sentiments. Throughout the 1960s and early 1970s, campuses across America saw teach-ins, sit-ins and shutdowns to protest US' involvement in Vietnam War. The students targeted both Johnson and Nixon administrations, companies like Dow Chemicals with ties to the war, and saw thousands burn their drafts. These actions would ultimately turn sentiments against the war, with American troops being withdrawn by 1973.

## FROM CLASSROOMS TO STREETS TO PAGES OF HISTORY

Just like in Bangladesh, student protests have forced regime change or forced policy corrections across countries and over decades. Rudroneel Ghosh picks the most consequential protests

**B**angladeshi students spearheaded protests that eventually brought the curtains down on the Sheikh Hasina govt this week. Across the world and in many instances in modern history, students have played a pivotal role in bringing about a change of regime or, even if they fell short of regime change, forcing major policy course corrections. Here's a look at landmark student protests that had a profound impact or left behind a lasting impression. That criterion excludes the May 1968 student protests in France. While dramatic and led by charismatic leaders, it really didn't change much. The French establishment prevailed.

## Jasmine Revolution/ Arab Spring (Tunisia)

As the birthplace of the Arab Spring, protests in late 2010 and early 2011 led to the ouster of strongman Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Students were a critical part of the protests that broke out after the self-immolation of Mohd Bouazizi. Economic troubles and political repression were key issues. Tunisia is the most successful of the Arab Spring revolutions.

## Euromaidan (Ukraine)

Protests broke out in Kyiv in Nov 2013 when then president Viktor Yanukovych decided not to sign the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, opting for closer ties with Russia instead. Students were the core of the protests and also the first to mobilise and set up barricades, tents at Kyiv's Independence Square. Their actions led to the eventual ouster of Yanukovych, ushering in a new dispensation.

## Sunflower Movement (Taiwan)

In 2014, Taiwanese students and civil society groups came together to protest the then Taiwanese Kuomintang govt's proposed trade in services agreement with China, which they believed would hurt the Taiwanese economy. The student protesters also occupied Taiwan's Legislative Yuan for the very first time. The protests shelved the trade pact and laid the foundation for change in govt during the 2016 Taiwanese elections.



## Umbrella Movement (Hong Kong)

In 2019, a series of protests broke out in Hong Kong over a proposed extradition bill that would cover extradition to mainland China. Students were at the forefront of the demonstrations, which ultimately forced the Hong Kong administration to suspend the bill. This was seen as an important victory and a crucial stance against creeping Chinese Communist Party political control over the city state.

## Aragalaya Protests (Sri Lanka)

Protests broke out in Sri Lanka in 2022 over the mismanagement of the local economy under President Gotabaya Rajapaksa. University students would play an important role in the demonstrations that would see Gotabaya's exit and the formation of an interim dispensation under President Ranil Wickremesinghe, which steadied the Sri Lankan economy. However, the protesters failed to achieve larger political and constitutional reforms.



## Soweto Uprising (South Africa)

In June 1976, thousands of students marched in protest against unequal education in Apartheid South Africa. Armed police attacked the march, leading to anti-Apartheid protests spreading, drawing international condemnation of the South African regime. Those protests are believed to have played a pivotal role in setting the stage for the eventual end of the Apartheid regime.

## Velvet Revolution (Czech Republic/ former Czechoslovakia)

Just after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, students gathered in Prague to mark the 50th anniversary of a protester's death in an anti-Nazi demonstration. But it soon morphed into a protest against the then communist Czechoslovak govt. Police action against the students only fuelled the movement, spreading it to other cities, and forcing the communist leadership to resign. This made way for a new democratic regime in a peaceful transition of power.

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