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GOLDEN BOY'S SILVER TOUCH

Rocketman Neeraj Chopra the first Indian to win track & field medals at two Olympic Games. His old rival Nadeem grabs top spot with record-breaking hurl



RUTVICK MEHTA
HT IN PARIS

You just knew he'd do it. Because he's that good.

India's golden boy from the Tokyo Games, global track & field's diamond, had a silver touch at the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Defending Olympic javelin throw champion Neeraj Chopra added to his Tokyo gold with a rare second individual medal in India's Olympic history. The Paris gold, meanwhile, went to a man from across the border who wrote some history of his own.

With a monstrous second throw of 92.97m, a new Olympic record and the sixth best throw in the all-time list, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem pushed the bar so high that the Indian, despite an immediate animated response after throwing 89.45m in his second attempt, couldn't overhaul. Grenada's Anderson Peters took bronze at 88.54m.

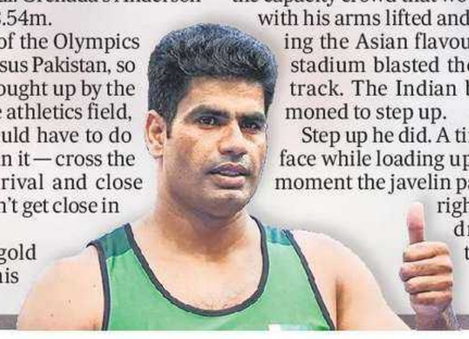
The global spectacle of the Olympics had turned into India versus Pakistan, so of course cricket was brought up by the announcer. This was the athletics field, though, and Chopra would have to do something he has yet to in it — cross the 90m mark to beat his rival and close friend. The Indian couldn't get close in his next four attempts.

India is yet to win a gold from these Games — this was the fifth medal overall — but Chopra has placed himself firmly in the golden books of India's sporting greats. A gold-silver cabinet among India's Olympians is unprecedented, and only a handful — Sushil Kumar, PV Sindhu and Manu Bhaker from these Games — can flaunt two individual medals of any colour.

You just knew he'd do it. Because he's that good.

The loudest roar among all javelin throwers reserved to welcome the Indian into the 80,000-capacity Stade de France, Chopra walked out arms lifted and hands folded. The defending champion's first throw though was a faltering foul, his body, flung from the momentum of hurling the javelin, tipping over the line. The javelin had landed around the 85m mark. He wasn't alone with a false start, joining rivals Nadeem and German Julian Weber as Keshorn Walcott led the charts with a throw of 86.16m after the first round.

Until Nadeem came and shook it to the core. He had stopped in his run-up and gone again at the first throw. For the second, it was all smooth, and sensational. The javelin landed at a barely believable 92.97m, evoking gasps from the capacity crowd that would now see Nadeem with his arms lifted and hands folded. Sensing the Asian flavour, the DJ inside the stadium blasted the "Desi Boys" Hindi track. The Indian boy had been summoned to step up.



Step up he did. A tinge of tension on his face while loading up, it was released the moment the javelin parted from Chopra's right arm. It sailed high, drifted a touch towards the left and

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Heartbroken Vinesh to hang up her boots

PARIS: Vinesh Phogat on Thursday announced her retirement from wrestling, a day after being disqualified from the women's 50kg competition at the Paris Olympics for being overweight hours ahead of the final.

"Mother wrestling won against me, I lost. Your dreams and my courage are shattered," Phogat wrote on social media platform X.

"I don't have any more strength now. Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I will forever be indebted to you all. Sorry."

Phogat, who has won three Commonwealth Games gold medals, had been due to face Sarah Hildebrandt of the United States for the gold medal on Wednesday in Paris but was found to be 100 grams over the 50kg limit.

> Wrestling has won, I have lost. Please forgive me, your dreams and my courage, everything is broken.
> **VINESH PHOGAT,** wrestler

Meanwhile, Phogat's appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to overturn her disqualification and last place finish will be heard on Friday, said officials aware of the matter.

"It will be heard at 9am Paris time," said an official.

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Yes, Indian Hockey is back-to-back at last

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PARIS: If Tokyo came as a surprise, Paris was a statement. Three years ago was no flash in the pan, and Indian hockey is warming up to its consistent medal winning ways again at the Olympics.

The men's hockey team delivered India's first medal in Paris after the three shooting bronze medals in Chateauroux, beating Spain 2-1 in the bronze medal match. The bunch also delivered back-to-back medals in India's rich hockey history at the Games since the twin bronze of 1968 Mexico and 1972 Munich.

Nothing lifts the collective senses of the country and rolls back years to its glory days like the good ol' medal-winning feel in hockey. On a warm Thursday afternoon here, the medal lifted the damp mood around the Indian contingent over the last week that was exacerbated by wrestler Vinesh Phogat's sudden disqualification.

The bronze of 2021 Tokyo came after a wait of four decades. The bronze of 2024 Paris took just another three years. It meant as much, if not more. PR Sreejesh, in his final game for India, was swamped by his team mates and pinned to the turf he called home for 24 years for seconds at length. Players sang and danced inside their dressing room, for many a new experience after winning an Olympic medal and for some — like Sreejesh, captain Harmanpreet Singh and Manpreet Singh — a delightful repeat.

It was also new for head coach Craig Fulton, the South African who took charge of the Indian team after the team's 2023 World Cup low. His voice hoarse from all the shouting from the sidelines, it had one last bit of work to do. In the final team huddle, just before the players walked off the turf as bronze medallists.

"Stay humble," was Fulton's message to his boys. "This is a big moment for us — to go back-to-back. But we're not happy, even where we are. We wanted the one above. But the next best thing to do was to get this."

That talk probably reflects the evolved mindset of Indian hockey in the last three years. The medal in Tokyo was a pleasant surprise after 41 long years. The medal in Paris is of sustained momentum. When was

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Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh celebrates with teammates after their victory against Spain. PTI

JAISHANKAR HEADS TO MALDIVES TODAY AS BOTH SIDES EYE RESET IN RELATIONS

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NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar will embark on a three-day visit to the Maldives from August 9 to strengthen bilateral partnership and to explore new avenues for cooperation after ties were hit by Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu's efforts to move his country closer to China.

The visit will be the first by Jaishankar to the Maldives in his second term as the foreign minister, and it follows Muizzu's recent trip to India for the swearing-in of the new cabinet and council of ministers in June.

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Contentious waqf bill sent to joint House panel amid uproar

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NEW DELHI : A bill to regulate India's waqf boards was introduced in the Lok Sabha on Thursday and referred to a joint parliamentary committee (JPC) after an uproar in Parliament with the Opposition calling it an attempt to infringe on religious rights and the government saying it modernised norms and brought in uniformity.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said he will talk with leaders of all parties for constituting the joint panel.

Union minister of minority affairs Kiren Rijiju introduced the Waqf (Amendment) Bill 2024, immediately triggering a tirade of opposition from the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA).

"With this bill, there is no interference in the freedom of any religious body....Forget about taking anyone's rights, this bill has been brought to give rights to those who never got them..." Rijiju said.

But the Opposition, which opposed its introduction, was not satisfied and accused the

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Govt, Opposition at loggerheads

There is no interference in the freedom of any religious body...Forget about taking anyone's rights, this bill has been brought to give rights to those who never got them.
— KIREN RIJIJU, Union minister



What is the point of including non-Muslims in Waqf boards when this is not done in other religious bodies? The BJP has brought this bill to appease its hardcore supporters.
— AKHILESH YADAV, SP chief



This is a draconian law and a attack on Constitution. This bill is specialised for Maharashtra and Haryana election...The people of India will not buy this kind of divisive politics.
— KC VENUGOPAL, Cong gen secy



New govt takes charge in B'desh with Yunus at helm

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DHAKA: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, 84, took the oath of office as head of Bangladesh's interim government on Thursday after an uprising prompted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to step down and flee to India.

The key tasks for Yunus now are restoring peace in Bangladesh and preparing for new elections following weeks of violence in which student activists led an uprising against what was considered Hasina's increasingly autocratic 15-year rule.

Bangladesh's President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath to Yunus for his role as chief adviser, which is the equivalent of a prime minister, in the presence of foreign diplomats, civil society members, top businessmen and members of the former opposition party at the presidential palace in Dhaka. No representatives of Hasina's party were present.

In his first comments after arriving in Dhaka from Paris, Yunus said that his priority would be to restore order. "Bangladesh is a family. We have to unite it," Yunus said, flanked by student leaders. "It has immense possibility." He added: "Today is a glorious day for us. Bangladesh has created a new victory day. Bangladesh has got a second independence."

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Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus (right) takes oath as the chief adviser of Bangladesh's new government on Thursday. AFP

Hope for protection of Hindus: PM's message

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday wished Muhammad Yunus as he took oath as the head of an interim government in Bangladesh and urged the Nobel laureate to ensure the safety of Hindus and other minorities in the turmoil-hit country.

In a post on X, Modi said New Delhi is committed to working with Dhaka for peace, security and development.

"My best wishes to Professor Muhammad Yunus on the assumption of his new responsibilities. We hope for an early return to normalcy, ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities. India remains committed to working with Bangladesh to fulfill the shared aspirations of both our peoples for peace, security and development," he said.

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NO CHANGE IN KEY INTEREST RATE, RBI REMAINS CAUTIOUS

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NEW DELHI: The monetary policy committee (MPC) of India's central bank decided to maintain status quo on both the policy rate and the stance of monetary policy with a majority of four votes against two.

The current policy setting, governor Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday, has created an environment where "inflation and growth are evolving in a balanced manner and overall macroeconomic conditions are stable" even as there was "more distance to cover (on inflation reduction)".

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{ **BUDDHADEB BHATTACHARJEE** } 1944-2024

Staunch communist who broke ranks, tried to bring business, Bengal together

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KOLKATA: Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee, the last communist chief minister of West Bengal and an apparatchik who repeatedly strayed from convention to emerge as a leader with an independent mind in a regimented party, died at his frugal two-room government apartment in south Kolkata's Palm Avenue on Thursday morning. He was 80.

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Bhattacharjee was Bengal CM between 2000 and 2011. HT ARCHIVE

EC TEAM IN J&K TO REVIEW POLL PREPAREDNESS

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of the Election Commission (EC) met representatives of different parties in Srinagar on Thursday as it began its two-day visit to Jammu & Kashmir to review the preparedness for the first assembly polls in the Union territory (UT) since 2014, people aware of the matter said.

The EC team held separate deliberations with leaders across party lines as the panel began the process to decide the schedule for the crucial polls.

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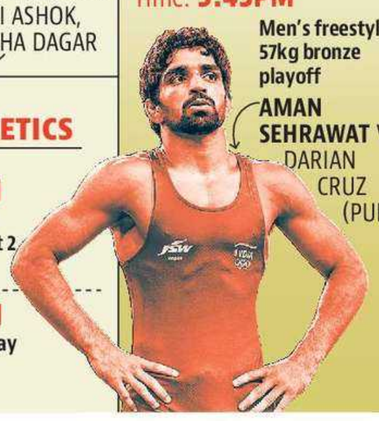


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Men's freestyle 57kg bronze playoff
AMAN SEHRAWAT VS DARIAN CRUZ (PUR)



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{ UNPRECEDENTED } EYEING 8TH

China stay on track for sweep in diving

China won their sixth gold medal in diving and stayed on track for an unprecedented sweep of all eight at the Games. China have dominated diving for decades but never have taken all eight golds.

Xie Siyi took the gold on the 3m springboard and teammate Wang Zongyuan won silver, repeating their finish in the event three years ago in Tokyo. Osmar Olvera of Mexico took bronze.

China have won the men's 3m springboard in seven of the last eight Olympics. The only slipup came in the 2012 London Olympics when Ilya Zakharov of Russia won. Russian divers are absent this time because of the invasion of Ukraine more than two years ago.

Including Thursday's results, China have won 53 of 70 gold medals in diving since the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics, where they won their first. If you count from the 2008 Beijing Olympics, they won 33 of 38 gold medals in the discipline.

{ FOR A CAUSE } PLAYERS' VOICE

Felix wins athletes' polls, to join the IOC

Seven-time Olympic gold medallist Allyson Felix won an election to represent athletes at the IOC for the next eight years. Three of the four newly elected athlete members are women, including Australian canoeist Jessica Fox, a double Olympic medallist in Paris, and Kim Bui, a member of the Germany gymnastic team who wore unitards at the Tokyo Olympics in a protest against the "sexualization" of female uniforms in the sport.

Fourth place in the vote by 6,576 athletes at the Paris Olympics went to Marcus Daniell, the New Zealand tennis player.

Felix, the now-retired US sprinting great, topped the poll with support from 2,880 of her peers, the International Olympic Committee said.



{ WELCOME } MEDALLIST RETURNS

Kusale back home, thanks his coaches

India's bronze medallist in 50m rifle 3P, Swapnil Kusale returned home to a grand welcome and expressed gratitude towards his family and coaches for their sacrifices to ensure his success. Kolhapur's Kusale has so far been one of India's two individual medal winners — both in shooting — at the Games and his bronze was the third in addition to Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh's tally in the sport. Kusale received a warm reception on his return to the country and proceeded to the famous Dagdusheth Halwai Ganpati temple.

"This medal is not mine, it is for the whole country and Maharashtra's. It is for everyone who supported me, the government, the national federation. I am lucky that I could bring glory to Maharashtra," he told the media at the Balewadi Sports Complex during a felicitation event. "I wanted to worship Bappa first and do the aarti. It's my second home and I get good sleep here," he said.

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Abhinav Bindra meets wrestler Vinesh Phogat in Paris on Thursday. PTI

Legacy of Vinesh stands irrespective of Olympic medal

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Vinesh Phogat — lying on the street, face-down, shielding her cousin Sangeeta Phogat from cops, holding on to the national flag. An image from May 2023 that has lodged itself in our minds. One that defined courage outside the field of play, and speaking truth to power. A rarity among elite Indian athletes. Vinesh slept on the pavement for days together and was roughed up by cops and dragged through the streets.

Then there's the image we have of her from Paris, three days ago. Her kneeling on the mat, pointing her index finger heavenwards wearing a smile, perhaps telling herself that there's divine justice after all. She'd gone where no Indian female wrestler had gone before — an Olympic final. To get there she did the unthinkable in the opening round — defeated Olympic gold medallist and four-time world champion, the seemingly invincible Yui Susaki who had never before been beaten by a wrestler outside Japan.

After her semifinal bout, Vinesh was seen getting on a video call with her mother back home. "Gold lana hai" (I have to bring gold) , she said, raising a clenched fist.

The next morning, her world came crashing down. Despite her best efforts, a stubborn 100 grams still remained above the permissible 50 kg. She was disqualified. It meant she could neither fight the final bout nor be eligible for the silver medal she confirmed the previous night. The UWW rules were clear, even if not the most logical.

Later that night, she filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport against her disqualification and requested that she be awarded the silver medal. On Thursday, the 29 year-old announced her retirement. "Wrestling has won against me, I have lost...Forgive me..your dreams, my courage, everything is broken and I don't have the strength in me anymore..Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I will forever be indebted to all of you..Sorry." read her note on X. She's had the worst luck at the Olympics. She's also competed in three different weight categories in all three outings — 48kg, 53kg and 50 kg. At the 2016 Games, an inconsolable Vinesh had to be stretchered out after she suffered a knee injury during her quarterfinal bout. In Tokyo, she went in as top seed in her weight class but couldn't progress to the medal round. In Paris, she was on the threshold of history and her first Olympic medal, only to be undone by a wretched 100 grams.

Growing up, Vinesh had a difficult life. Her mother was widowed when she was 32, and she's seen the struggles and the steel of a young woman, up against patriarchy and the world. It's that fight that she doesn't want to let up on.

Traditionally in northern India, *akhadas* were the domain of men. Wrestling is an almost primordial form of contact sport. It's just two people in singlets taking on each other with nothing but bare hands.

It was Chandgi Ram — a wrestler with considerable success in the national scene from Sisai, a village in Hisar, Haryana — who kicked down some of those doors.

Ram won the 1970 Asian Games heavyweight title and made his Olympic appearance two years later. Soon after he retired from the sport, he turned coach and set up his own *akhada*. When it was announced that women's wrestling would be part of the Olympic program from the 2004 Athens Games, he got two of his daughters – Deepika and Sonika (who later became India's first woman wrestler), to pick up the sport. Since there were no *dangals* open to women then, he organized bouts between his daughters out of his own pocket.

Within the wrestling community, however, there were influential dissenters who believed that women had no business being in the sport.

In Rudraneil Sengupta's brilliant 2016 book Enter the Dangal, Deepika narrates the time the campaign against women's wrestling reached her father's *akhada*. The year was 2000. "Stones being thrown from everywhere, papa running, blood flowing down his head, mummy running, the electricity lines cut off. I was told to take all the kids and lock myself up in the inside room. People hammered on the doors. I could hear papa screaming 'Deepika *pahalwan*, don't open the door!' I could see one of papa's coaches lying on the floor with his legs broken."

Ram refused to budge. His loyalists carried the torch forward. One of them was Mahavir Phogat. Phogat trained his daughters — Geeta, Babita, Sangeeta and Ritu as well as his niece, Vinesh, in the sport. Geeta became India's first female wrestler to win a Commonwealth gold medal in 2010. Celebrations in their village, Balali in Haryana reportedly lasted ten days.

Vinesh went on to become the first female wrestler to win an Asian Games gold and has the most number of World Championships medals — three — by an Indian female wrestler.

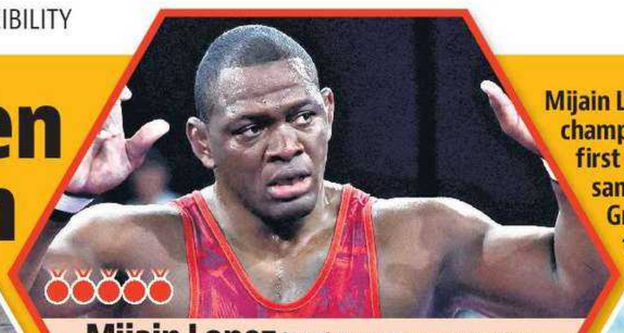
Her public protests against former Wrestling Federation of India chief Brijbhushan Sharan Singh's alleged sexual harassment of female wrestlers, alongside Olympic medallists Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik, circled back to women's right to enter *akhadas*, training halls, camps and competitions. This time, it was about being able to do so without being groped, harassed, or preyed upon by powerful men in the sport.

Vinesh's legacy stands irrespective of any medal. She wrote her indelible legacy the day she lent her voice and limbs to taking on the system and fighting for women who've been wronged. No power can rob her of it.

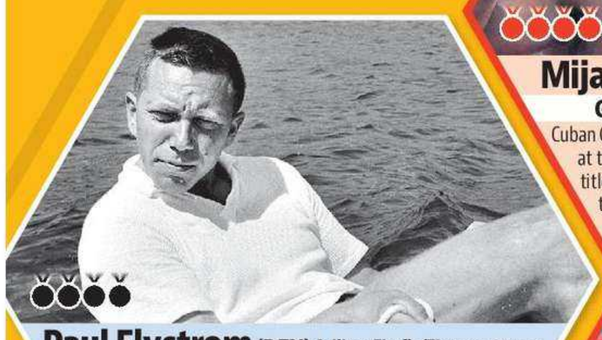
{ WINNING STREAKS } AIR OF INVINCIBILITY

The Golden domination

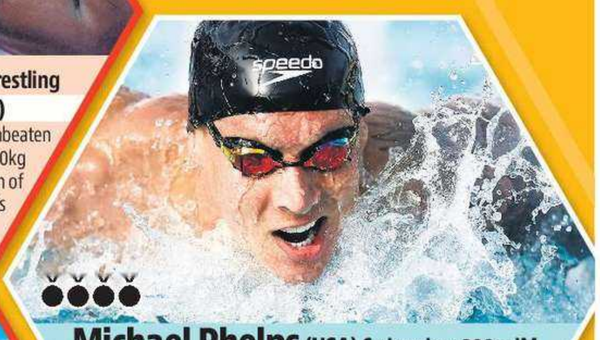
Mijain Lopez, 41, sealed his place as the greatest champion in Olympic history by becoming the first athlete to win five gold medals in the same event in any sport with victory in the Greco-Roman 130kg final in Paris. Here's the elite club he leads:



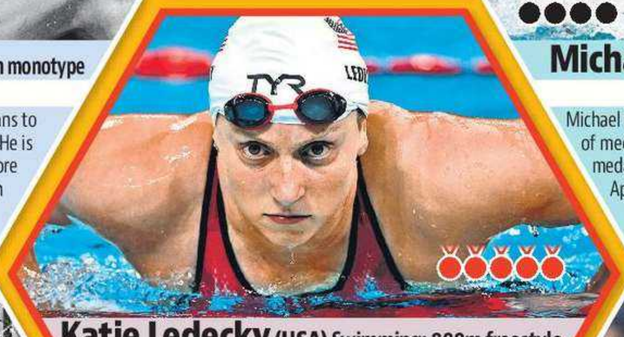
Mijain Lopez (CUB) Greco Roman Wrestling
Gold: 5 (2008, 2012, 2016, 2020, 2024)
Cuban Greco-Roman wrestler Mijaín Lopez Nunez is unbeaten at the Olympics since Beijing 2008, winning five 130kg titles in a row. A flag-bearer for his country at each of the last four Olympics opening ceremonies, he is also a five-time world champion and one of the greatest wrestlers of all time.



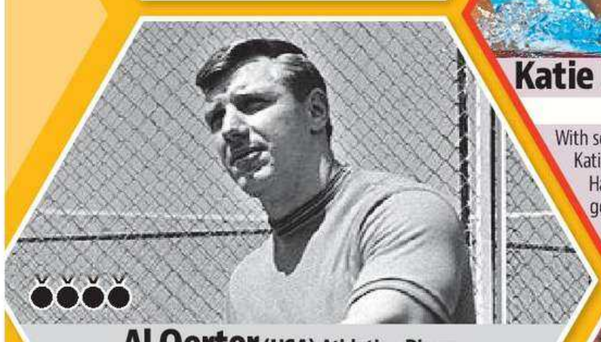
Paul Elvstrom (DEN) Sailing: Firefly/Finn monotype
Gold: 4 (1948, 1952, 1956, 1960)
Denmark's Paul Elvstrom is among the few Olympians to win the same individual event four times in a row. He is also one of only 4 athletes to compete in 8 or more Games. Elvstrom won the Firefly sailing class in 1948. This class evolved into the Finn monotype class, which he won thrice.



Michael Phelps (USA) Swimming: 200m IM
Gold: 4 (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016)
Michael Phelps is the greatest Olympian for the sheer number of medals won. Phelps has 28 Olympic medals: his 23 gold medals are more than double that of his nearest rivals. Apart from Mark Spitz, Matt Biondi (USA, 8 golds) and Jenny Thompson (USA, 8 golds), no swimmer has won more than 6 golds in all.



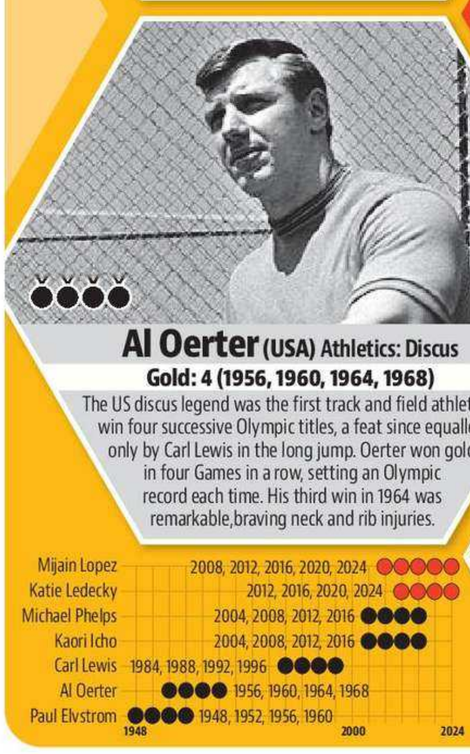
Katie Ledecky (USA) Swimming: 800m freestyle
Gold: 4 (2012, 2016, 2020, 2024)
With seven Olympic golds and 21 World Championship titles, Katie Ledecky is one of the swimming's all-time greats. Having sprung to fame by winning 800m freestyle gold at London 2012 as a 15-year-old, the American has gone on to become Olympic champion at every distance from 200m to 1500m.

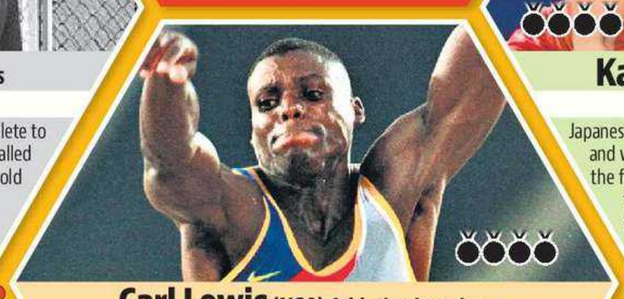


Al Oerter (USA) Athletics: Discus
Gold: 4 (1956, 1960, 1964, 1968)
The US discus legend was the first track and field athlete to win four successive Olympic titles, a feat since equalled only by Carl Lewis in the long jump. Oerter won gold in four Games in a row, setting an Olympic record each time. His third win in 1964 was remarkable,braving neck and rib injuries.



Kaori Icho (JPN) Freestyle wrestling
Gold: 4 (2004, 2008, 2012, 2016)
Japanese freestyle wrestler never lost a bout at the Olympics and won her first gold at Athens 2004 before repeating the feat at Beijing 2008, London 2012 and Rio 2016. The first female Olympian to win four consecutive titles in the same discipline, she is a legend in both her native country and her sport.





Carl Lewis (USA) Athletics: Long jump
Gold: 4 (1984, 1988, 1992, 1996)
At the 1984 Los Angeles Games, Carl Lewis emulated Jesse Owens by winning gold in the 100m, 200m, long jump and 4x100m relay. A superstar was born. His success in the long jump made him one of only four Olympic athletes to win nine gold medals.

Team reign ended
The USA's 64-year unbeaten run in the men's 4x100m medley ended in Paris as China swept to a seismic win. The 100m freestyle world record holder Pan Zhanle brought China home with an outrageous swim as he, Xu Jiayu, Qin Haiyang and Sun Jiajun clocked 3:27.46 seconds. Caeleb Dressel and theUS took silver 0.55secs behind.

Why India's boxers lost out at the Games

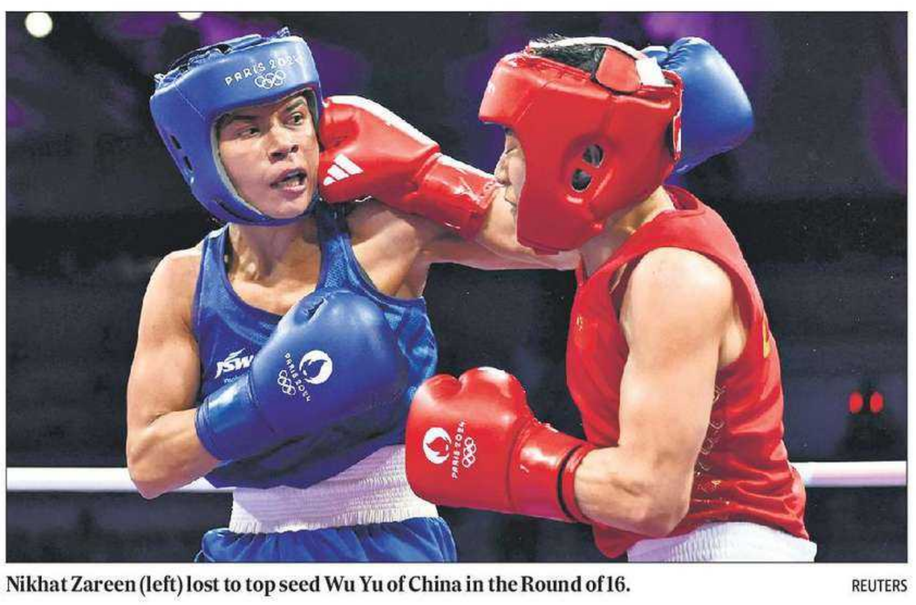
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NEW DELHI: India's boxing campaign at the Paris Olympics fell way short of expectations. Only Nishant Dev showed heart in a fiery bout against Mexico's Marco Verde in the men's 71kg quarterfinal but it wasn't enough. The rest could not rise to the occasion.

A squad comprising World Championship medallists, besides Tokyo Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain returned with zero medals. Two-time world champion Nikhat Zareen, handed the toughest of draws, lost to China's top seed Wu Yu in the 50 kg round of 16. Nikhat was not at her best and struggled to find her range throughout the bout. Borgohain's conqueror was also a Chinese — Li Qian, the two-time Olympic medallist against whom the Indian held a 1-1 record at major events.

Tokyo Olympian Amit Panghal lost in his first bout for the second successive Olympics. Zambia's Patrick Chinyemba, a tricky boxer with swift movement and fast hands, avenged his defeat against the Commonwealth Games champion. It would, however, be unfair to put the onus of the underwhelming results entirely on the boxers. Much of the blame for the disastrous campaign rests with the Boxing Federation of India and its poor planning. In the three years between the Tokyo and Paris Olympics, three coaches were changed, making it tough for boxers to settle to a training pattern. Months after Lovlina's bronze medal in Tokyo, women's head coach Rafaelle Bergamasco made a controversial exit.

Bhaskar Bhatt was handed the reins of the women's team. Irish Bernard Dunne joined as high performance director in October 2022 after the exit of Santiago Nieva, who copped much criticism for the failure of men's boxers to win a medal. The federation dragged its feet over Nieva, losing crucial preparation time. He eventually moved on to a new assignment almost 10 months after Tokyo. Meanwhile, Bhatt moved away from the national camp to focus on his SAI coaching job in Rohtak.



Nikhat Zareen (left) lost to top seed Wu Yu of China in the Round of 16. REUTERS

Dunne brought in major changes in the selection process, training methodology and national camp structure. Results were visible in the 2023 women's World Championships at home with India winning four gold medals including that of Nikhat and Lovlina. India returned with three medals from the men's World Championships. However, the performance of men's boxers dropped at the 2023 Asian Games and the first Olympic qualifiers in Italy in March this year — both offering quota places for Paris. It was now Dunne's turn to quit 17 months into his job and with the Olympics in sight. Suddenly a crisis was looming large. Four women boxers had qualified from the Asian Games but the men were left with only one chance to make it to Paris.

It was now the turn of foreign coach Dmitrij Dmitruk, who was brought in by Bernard, to take charge of the team barely four months before the Paris Games. He was to be assisted by head coach CA Kuttappa who was also part of the Tokyo campaign. Not just coaches, three strength and conditioning experts too were changed during the period.

"All facilities were given to the coaches but the system of training is to be faulted," said Bhatt, "Sparring partners were reduced in the camp and there was no variety in sparring. The new selection system introduced (evaluation process) could not quite evaluate the performance of our boxers."

He also believed tactics were lacking. "You try to stick to your style and not get drawn into the opponent's game . There was a lack of planning in the ringside. When we go into the ring we should have Plan A and Plan B and adapt accordingly."

Dronacharya Awardee coach Shiv Singh was of the view that BFI should have had an expert committee to monitor the progress at the national camp. "We always had this process when training used to be monitored but that did not happen. You can't leave everything to foreign coaches. The coach left midway at a crucial stage."

"One boxer trained in Shilaroo in the build-up with his personal coach, others went to Germany. Who was monitoring the training?"

One of the major issues that boxing experts noticed was poor fitness levels, especially in the all important third round.

"The fitness levels of our boxers were not up to mark. We struggled in the third round, some of them were not even able to stand properly and were falling over their opponents," said Bhatt.

Singh pointed out that there was a lack of individual-specific training, and also that of understanding between coach and player.

"Individual skills specialisation and perception — a lot of work has to be done in these areas. For example, Lovlina is a very good boxer. Her natural style is that she punches and moves back. Here she was punching, clinching and holding. Same goes for Nikhat. She wasn't playing her natural style against the Chinese boxer. Ring strategy was missing. Nishant Dev fought from long range and he dominated in the first round against the Mexican. But then he came into medium and close range going to multiple attacks, trying to match the Mexican who is a fighter."

There was also the case of Parveen Hooda, who qualified in the 57kg category but was later suspended by the international federation due to whereabouts failure. Eventually, Jaismine Lamboria qualified in her place, but crucial time was wasted.

Move all coaching centres to better planned areas: Report

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NEW DELHI: Moving coaching institutes to "better-planned areas" in the city, a complete overhaul of the city's ageing drainage system, and strict enforcement of rules regulating basement use – these were among some measures recommended by a magisterial probe into the July 27 deaths of three civil service aspirants at Old Rajendra Nagar-based Rau's IAS Study Circle following flooding in its basement.

The report also castigated officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), Delhi Fire Services (DFS) and the coaching institute as it outlined series of lapses and oversights that led to the tragedy.

In the August 6 report submitted to revenue minister Atishi, the district magistrate (DM) of central Delhi G Sudhakar recommended seven measures, of which five pertain to improving drainage system, including removal of illegal and unauthorised constructions on storm water drains, sewage drains and barrel drains on priority.

The other two measures are the strict enforcement of guidelines regarding misuse of basements for educational purpose and the "gradual shifting" of coaching institutes to well-planned areas in Rohini and Narela. The report recommended revamp of old and damaged drains, de-silting of overflowing drains, and identification of stretches where waterlogging occurs due to road design or topography.

"Identification of stretches of roads must be made where there is waterlogging due to road design or topography for taking corrective action for proper alignment of roads vis-à-vis the drains on priority by the road-owning agencies," Sudhakar stated in the report. MCD had earlier said that the profile of road from Shankar Road to Pusa Road is "saucer-shaped", with the lowest point in front of Rau's Coaching Institute and during peak rains, water accumulates in the 200-foot stretch.

On July 25, three UPSC aspirants — Shreya Yadav, Tanya Soni, and Nivin Dalwin — died after a library in the basement of the coaching centre flooded, reportedly leading to the failure of the single biometric entry and exit points.

The magisterial probe also outlined alleged lapses by officials of MCD, DFS and the coaching institute. These violations range from the builder, architect, and building owners applying for construction of a building for "office/business" instead of educational buildings to issuance of completion-cum-occupancy certificate without obtaining the fire safety certificate.

The report added that MCD building authorities failed to inspect and seal the basement which was being "misused" as a library since September 2021. In addition, the report says that the fire department granted a fire safety certificate last month, concealing the misuse of basement as a library in violation of the building by-laws.

Stakeholders on shifting institutes

On the recommendation that coaching institutes be shifted to other areas, stakeholders said that small and large centres should be treated differently. They added that schools can also be used in the evening as coaching units. Earlier, MCD Ashwani Kumar also said there is a high demand of such centres in Delhi. "We should also identify spaces for people to open coaching centres legally... It is a requirement of the city..."

Keshav Aggarwal, president, Educators' Society, a union of coaching centres, said the larger coaching industries and smaller units should have different norms. "Even the city master plan has a provision of using school and college infrastructure for operating coaching centres in evening shifts but this was never implemented. Schools and colleges have enough space to run multiple units in the evening and this will also act as a revenue-earning medium for schools," he said.

Aggarwal added that larger coaching centres in coaching hubs may be gradually shifted but infrastructure needs to be set up in the form of dedicated zones in places such as Greater Noida and Faridabad. "Around 80% of students at coaching centres come from outside Delhi. Shifting can only be possible in areas which also have residential space provisions. For smaller tuition centres with 50-60 students, norms regarding safety and minimum space be fixed so that they can operate legally... Coaching centres became legal in 2007 but rules have still not been made clear," he said.

Vaibhav Singh Chauhan, 26, from Lucknow, said most students residing in Old Rajendra Nagar side with the idea of a coaching hub being planned in the outskirts of Delhi. "It's a welcome step because the housing rent will be cheaper. The rent paid by owners of coaching centres for the space will also be less, which will also reduce the fees charged from us," he said.

Sealing drive to continue

Meanwhile, MCD mayor Shelly Oberoi undertook a review of the sealing drive against coaching centres and the sanitation system during the monsoon season. Oberoi said she has directed officials to continue the sealing drive. "We are conducting a survey to identify coaching centres and other properties violating rules across all zones. I have directed officials to issue notices to coaching centres and property owners for misuse of property and violation of building by-laws... and take sealing action," Oberoi said. MCD has sealed 122 properties operating in basements till August 7.

DM gives 7 recommendations

Five of the report's seven recommendations pertain to the drainage system. The report has also highlighted lapses by civic agencies and the coaching institute

WHAT THE REPORT SUGGESTED

- Strictly enforce rules on misuse of basements for educational purpose
- Shift coaching centres to well-planned areas in Rohini and Narela
- Remove encroachments and illegal constructions on drains
- Revamp old and damaged drains
- Regularly desilt drains
- Overflow in drains to be checked and desilted immediately
- Identify roads vulnerable to waterlogging due to design or topography

LAPSES

1. Architect, owners, builder circumvented process by applying online for 'office/ business' instead of educational centre
2. Completion-cum-occupancy certificate issued without fire safety certificate
3. MCD failed to inspect and seal basement being misused as library since 2021
4. Fire dept should not have granted safety certificate concealing misuse of basement in violation of building by-laws



Officials of CBI and Delhi Police at Rau's IAS Study Circle on Thursday. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT


Arvind Kejriwal

COURT EXTENDS CUSTODY OF KEJRIWAL IN CBI CASE TILL AUG 20

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NEW DELHI: A city court on Thursday extended the judicial custody of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal till August 20 in the case registered by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) over alleged irregularities in the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy of 2021-22.

Kejriwal was produced before special judge Kaveri Baweja through videoconference as his judicial custody came to an end on Thursday.

The 55-year-old AAP convener was initially apprehended by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on March 21, hours after the Delhi high court denied his request for interim protection from arrest. He was later taken into custody by the CBI on June 26 from Delhi Rouse Avenue court and sent to judicial custody on June 29.

On July 30, the CBI filed its fourth supplementary charge sheet, naming Kejriwal an accused in the case, alleging him to be one of the key conspirators. The charge sheet is currently pending consideration before the court and has been listed for a hearing on August 12.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court granted interim bail to Kejriwal in the ED case on July 12, but he remains in jail as he was arrested by the CBI as well.

On June 20, Kejriwal was granted bail by a trial court in the case registered by ED, but the Delhi high court ordered a stay on the bail on June 25. He was granted interim bail to campaign for the Lok Sabha elections.

100 vehicles gutted in fire at police warehouse

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NEW DELHI: Nearly 150 vehicles were gutted in a fire at the "malkhana (storage area)" of Sonia Vihar police station on Thursday morning, fire department officials said. There was no injury reported in the incident.

According to a fire department official, the department received a call about the blaze at 5.15am and it took eight fire tenders up to 7.50am to douse the blaze.

The fire official said that all the vehicles were case properties and some of them had remained parked there for years.

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Top court to decide on Sisodia bail pleas today

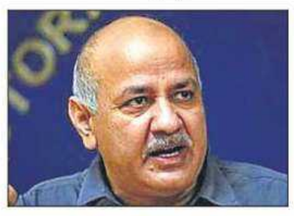
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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Friday will pronounce a decision on the bail pleas filed by former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in the Delhi excise policy case, probed separately by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Enforcement Directorate (ED).

A bench of justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan will be deliver the verdict at 10.30am on whether Sisodia is entitled to be released on bail, more than 16 months after his arrest in February 2023, at a time when the trial in both the CBI and ED cases is yet to begin.

The agencies had argued that the petition was not maintainable as Sisodia was required to first approach the trial court. The order was reserved on Tuesday.

This is the third time that Sisodia has approached the top court for bail. Last year, on October 30, the top court refused to grant him bail but kept a window open by allowing him to revive his bail plea if the trial fails to conclude in the next six to eight months or proceeds at a snail's pace.


Manish Sisodia

As the trial failed to begin in six months, Sisodia sought bail on the grounds of delay, but the Delhi high court rejected his plea on May 21. He approached the top court in June when ED told a vacation bench that it would be filing its complaint (or charge sheet) by July 3. Recording this submission, the court refused to go into the merits of the petition. Last month, Sisodia filed his third plea for bail, taking a second shot against the high court order of May 21.

After hearing elaborate arguments by senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, and additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju for the investigating agencies, the bench raised serious doubts over the possibility of the trial ending soon.

CBI had listed 493 witnesses and 57 accused, while the ED case had 224 witnesses and 40 accused. Raju submitted that the matter was at a crucial stage and nearly eight to 10 witnesses, who are working under the Delhi government, could be influenced as they have turned approvers, and recorded statements against the accused, following which they have allegedly been threatened by some of the accused.

Singhvi told court that in matters of personal liberty, courts have weighed in favour of individual freedom, and by delaying trial, the petitioner's right to speedy trial guaranteed under Article 21 of Constitution stood violated.

While investigation agencies said the delay was due to frivolous applications by Sisodia and other accused, the court had its doubts as the October 30 decision only intended delay in trial without attributing it either by accused or prosecution.

NOIDA MURDER: KIN OF DEFENCE OFFICER SUSPECT 'PRO' HIT JOB

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NOIDA: A day after a 67-year-old retired defence official, Hari Prasad, was shot dead on a park bench in Greater Noida West, his family members said his wallet and gold ring were not stolen, and only his old mobile phone was missing, raising suspicions of a professional hit job, even though they believe neither he nor they had any personal or professional enemies.

Police said Prasad, who was from Agra, lived in Stellar Jeevan Society with his son, Praveen Kumar, who works in Central Bank of India in Delhi. Prasad was seated on a roadside park bench near his housing society, when the killer came from behind and shot him in the neck at point blank at 12.30pm.

Praveen Kumar said, "We suspect the killers were professionals. We came to know that his wallet carrying ₹9,000 cash and a gold ring were intact on his person, but his five-year-old smartphone worth ₹10,000 was stolen," said Kumar,

Prasad was posted in Agra from where he retired in 2015 as a senior auditor in the controller of defence, pension department.

{ PET HEALTH CARE } TO OPEN THIS MONTH

NDMC wraps work on 'modern vet hospital'

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NEW DELHI: The New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has completed the construction work of a modern veterinary hospital in Moti Bagh, a facility equipped with advanced modern imaging facilities, operation theatres, and audio-visual consultation rooms among other features. The three-storey hospital is likely to be opened this month, senior NDMC officials said.

NDMC vice-chairman Satish Upadhyay said that the new hospital, located near Bidhan Chandra Vidyalaya, will also have portable colour doppler ultrasound and hematology analysers. "The hospital is likely to be opened this month," he added.

Upadhyay said the project was started in 2022 with an aim to provide a wide range of modern medical services under one roof for stray and pet animals. "The complex is expected to cater to the needs of over 150-200 animals daily. It will also have sterilisation facility". Treatment of stray animals will be done for free, officials said.



The hospital will have several advanced features. SANCHIT KHANNA/HT

HT visited the facility on Wednesday, and found that the testing work for the lifts was being carried out along with clean-up and installation of examination lights in operation theatres. Workers were also seen unloading the new equipment.

The building has been built on an area of 420 sqm and has an earthquake-resistant frame structure. It also has a rainwater-harvesting system, solar-panel equipped rooftop, fire-fighting sprinkler system, and a sewage treatment plant.

"The ground floor of the building will consist of consultation rooms, OPD, cattle and monkey pond along with parking area. The first floor will house X-Ray rooms, dark room, operation theatres, surgical and recovery OPD, consultation rooms, treatment and injection room. The second floor will consist of meeting and audio-visual consultation room, rooms for medical superintendent, doctors and staff ," an official said.

The new hospital has been built in place of an existing veterinary hospital run by NDMC. The official said "doctors from the old hospital will be moved to the new facility and the old site will be used to set up a new multispeciality hospital".

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Fast winds and light to moderate rainfall across the Capital on Wednesday and Thursday helped disperse pollutants, improving Delhi's air quality. SANJEEV VERMA & RAJ K RAJ/HT PHOTOS

Delhi breathes year's cleanest air

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NEW DELHI: The Capital breathed its cleanest air in nearly a year on Thursday, with the 24-hour average air quality index (AQI) recorded at 53, which was only three points short of the "good" air category, according to the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB). This was the best air quality in the Capital since September 10, 2023, when an AQI of 45 (classified as "good") was recorded, according to CPCB data.

Meteorology department officials said Delhi was helped by good wind speed, up to 30kmph, and moderate showers over the past 24 hours. Forecasts show AQI is likely to remain "satisfactory" (up to AQI of 99) till Sunday, with light to moderate showers expected to continue in the region.

Experts said there is generally a washout effect during monsoon, with strong winds helping disperse gases too. "This improved air quality is mainly due to incessant rain during monsoon. This also provides a breather and the cleanest air of the year, before the winter pollution starts to impact Delhi again," Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director, research and advocacy, the Centre for Science and Environment, said.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the Safdarjung weather station, which is representative of Delhi's weather, recorded 23.8mm of rainfall from Wednesday morning to Thursday evening.

Most other stations in Delhi recorded moderate rain till Thursday morning. The Najafgarh weather station, however, recorded heavy rainfall, of 87.5mm, in the same period.

The IMD has forecast light rain on Friday, with light to moderate showers. A yellow alert is in place for the weekend.

Mahesh Palawat, vice president at Skymet Meteorology, a private weather forecasting company, said no significant change in weather is expected till Sunday, with Delhi to add more to its monthly rainfall total. "Light to moderate rain will continue, with skies remaining overcast. This should help air quality too," he said.

Till 5.30pm on Thursday, Delhi recorded total rainfall of 138.1mm, against the monthly average of 233.1mm for August.

Forecasts by the Centre's early warning system, meanwhile, said the air quality would remain "satisfactory" till August 11 due to more rainfall.

Weather in a nutshell

53 is the best AQI of 2024 so far

45 was the last best AQI, recorded on Sept 10, 2023

23.8mm of rainfall recorded till Thursday evening

34.1°C was the max temperature

24.4°C was the min temperature



Residents struggled to navigate their way on the service roads of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway. Motorists, meanwhile, were stuck in traffic on the main carriageway of the highway. PARVEEN KUMAR/HT

Gurugram inundated, traffic backlog on Delhi expressway

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GURUGRAM: Nearly three hours of continuous rainfall in Gurugram on Thursday morning led to severe waterlogging and traffic snarls, especially on the Narsinghpur stretch of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway, Basai, and the Golf Course Extension Road.

Traffic congestion was also reported from the National Highway 48 (NH-48), on stretches going towards Delhi and Sohna Road. Traffic on NH-48 between Kherki Daula and Rajiv Chowk came to a virtual standstill as knee-deep water accumulated in the area.

IMD officials said that Gurugram received rainfall of 24.1mm in the last 24 hours. They added that heavy rainfall is likely to occur in Gurugram, Nuh, Jhajjar, Faridabad and Rohtak on Saturday too.

Gurugram recorded a maximum temperature of 31.5 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 25 degrees Celsius on Thursday. The air quality index (AQI) of the city was 81.

Residents said children in colonies connected to NH-48 were unable to go to schools as most roads in the low-lying area were submerged.

Rakesh Yaduvanshi, a resident, said, "I could not go to office and opted to work from home since it is difficult to cross the stretch and one would need a boat to reach the main road."

Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) officials said five water pumps have been installed at Narsinghpur. "Our team is swiftly responding to waterlogging concerns. Pumps have been deployed at Narsinghpur, Khandsa Chowk, Rajiv Chowk, and Sector 67 to pump out accumulated water. Personnel are engaged in removing blockages from drains," an official said.

13-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN GGM POND TRYING TO RESCUE CATTLE

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GURUGRAM: A 13-year-old boy drowned in Gurugram after he entered an overflowing pond to rescue his cattle on Wednesday, police said on Thursday.

Investigators identified the deceased as Ajay Kumar, a student of Class 8 at a government school in the village.

According to police, the incident took place at Harinagar Duma village in Farrukhnagar at about 1pm on Wednesday. The cattle had wandered to the outskirts of the village while grazing. The minor boy reached the pond to find several of them inside the waterbody.

Sandeep Kumar, public relations officer of Gurugram Police, said that though Kumar didn't know how to swim, he entered the waterbody in an attempt to rescue his cattle.

"The usually dry pond having a depth of nearly 80 feet was overflowing with rainwater. The boy could not fathom the depth of the pond and went to the deep side of it. His feet then got stuck in mud and he drowned," the officer said. A person who was near the pond with his flock of sheep spotted the boy drowning and raised an alarm, he said, adding that police were informed of the incident. An inquiry under Section 194 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita is underway in the case. Compensation of up to ₹1.5 lakh is expected to be granted to the family of the deceased.

{ DPS NOIDA SECTOR 132 }

Pvt school's 'only veg tiffin' circular leads to outrage

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THE PRINCIPAL SAID PARENTS WERE URGED NOT TO SEND NON-VEG ITEMS IN TIFFINS AS THEY 'GET SPOILED QUICKLY'

NOIDA: A private school in Noida Sector 132 issued a circular to parents on Wednesday requesting that they not send any non-vegetarian food in their children's lunch tiffins. The circular on Thursday drew outrage from a section of parents who said the school is trying to police their children's food choices, even as a few supported the move and said school was "no place" for non-vegetarian food.

Supriti Chauhan, principal of Delhi Public School, in Noida Sector 132, who issued the circular, said the school urged parents to refrain from sending non-vegetarian items in the children's tiffin as such "items get spoiled quickly due to hot and humid weather conditions".

"We have written to the parents requesting that students refrain from bringing non-vegetarian food items to school. This is not a diktat, but only a request. We issue such a circular every year and this year's is nothing new. There is no ban, no directive, no advisory...only a respectful request," clarified the principal on Thursday.

The circular lists "two key considerations" for the request.

"Health and Safety: Non-vegetarian food, when cooked in the morning for lunchtime consumption, can pose serious health risks if not stored and handled properly, and we prioritize our students' well-being," states the circular. It reads, "Inclusivity and Respect: Our school values diversity and promotes a culture of inclusivity. By maintaining a vegetarian food environment, we ensure all students feel respected and comfortable, regardless of dietary preferences or restrictions, while eating their meals together."

Manoj Kataria, founder of the Gautam Budh Nagar Parents Welfare Society, said, "Each student has different food habits... A request to avoid non-vegetarian food restricts choices of parents for children." But a few parents supported the move. Pallavi Rai, a parent, said, "Educational institutions are just like temples for children, and eating non-vegetarian food there is not advisable. Since most students in that school are vegetarians, hence the circular is a good step."

Dharmveer Singh, district inspector of schools, said if a parent has an objection to circular, they can report the matter to education department. "Since the circular 'requests' parents to avoid non-vegetarian food and does not issue a mandate as such, the matter will not be taken up by the department suo motu," he said.

LG nod to prosecute IAS Udit Prakash Rai

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor (LG) VK Saxena on Thursday granted sanction for the prosecution of IAS officer Udit Prakash Rai for allegedly forging the signatures of the chief secretaries of Delhi and Andaman & Nicobar administration on his Annual Performance Appraisal Reports (APAR) during different periods of his posting between 2017 and 2021. The LG has also recommended the case to the ministry of home affairs (MHA) for further action, officials from the LG secretariat said.

A criminal case of forgery under Sections 465 (forgery) and 471 (using as genuine a forged document or record) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) was registered against Rai at IP Estate police station, on the complaint of special secretary (vigilance), Delhi government, after the case came to light in 2022. According to the Department of Vigilance, Rai in his APARs also allegedly forged the signatures of his then reporting authorities, including principal secretaries of various departments in Delhi as well as Andaman & Nicobar Islands.

"During the investigation, it came to light that Udit Rai allegedly deliberately filled his APARs manually and not online, through the SPARROW Portal, citing technical glitches. However, during inquiry, two officers denied having reviewed the APARs of Rai and confirmed that the signatures on his APARs were forged. Even the FSL report confirmed that the specimen signatures and handwritings of these two officers did not match with those on Rai's APARs," said an official from the LG secretariat.

The official added that due to the seriousness of the matter, the LG had earlier recommended disciplinary and criminal action against Rai, who is now posted in Mizoram and is under suspension. Since Rai is posted outside Delhi, his case was not required to be routed through the National Capital Civil Service Authority (NCCSA), the official added.

"It may be noted that Rai is under suspension in another corruption matter wherein he was charged with taking graft money from an engineer in the Delhi Agriculture Marketing Board, while serving as its vice-chairman," the official said.

Rai has also been charged with allegedly demolishing a heritage structure for construction of his official residence in Jal Vihar, Delhi, while he was serving as the chief executive officer of the Delhi Jal Board.

Udit Raj did not respond to requests for comment.

CBI arrests ED official for accepting ₹20L bribe

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NEW DELHI: The Central Bureau of Investigation on Wednesday arrested an assistant director of the Enforcement Directorate (ED) while he was allegedly extorting ₹20 lakh from a Mumbai-based jeweller, officials said on Thursday.

Sandeep Singh, an officer from the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), is posted at ED headquarters in Delhi as assistant director, Investigation Unit 1. He was allegedly caught redhanded by a CBI team from the Lajpat Nagar area at 11.30pm on Wednesday.

ED has also registered a case against Singh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act and has taken action to place him under "immediate suspension" and repatriate him to his parent department, it said. It also carried out joint raids with CBI on Thursday at Singh's office.

According to CBI's FIR, which names Singh and "unknown others", based on the complaint of Vipul Harish Thakkar (the jeweller from Mumbai), verification done by the sleuths revealed that a "criminal conspiracy was hatched by Sandeep Singh with others to obtain undue advantage from the complainant of ₹20 lakh... for not arresting his son Nihar Thakkar in the matter being investigated by ED".

ED said that it is conducting a money laundering probe against certain entities based on multiple FIRs of Delhi, Uttarakhand and Bengaluru Police.

"In this case, search action was conducted and completed on August 4. During this action, Sandeep Singh, Assistant Director, ED acting as the 'search warrant authorized officer' had searched the residential premises in Mumbai of an individual under investigation," the ED statement added.

Vipul Thakkar, ED added, is the owner of M/s VS Gold, an entity that was suspected to be part of money laundering.

"The search was uneventful. Singh is not investigating officer of this case. But he represented himself as an investigating officer and allegedly accepted bribe for favouring accused though he was in no way connected with the case," ED said.

Two die by suicide at Metro stations

NEW DELHI: Two men died by suicide at Metro stations on Thursday. In the first incident at 10.15am, a 50-year-old man jumped onto the Metro tracks at the Yamuna Bank Metro station. In the second incident at the Surajmal Stadium Metro station at 1pm, a 49-year-old man jumped from the platform onto the road below. HTC

Facilitation centre for Punjabis at T3

NEW DELHI: The Punjab government is going to start a 24x7 facilitation centre at Terminal 3 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport for Punjabis — whether they are residents of Punjab or residents of Delhi — with the objective to provide assistance to NRIs and other passengers, officials aware of the development said on Wednesday. People can get help with flights, lost items, taxis or transport to Punjab Bhawan, officials said. HTC

Atishi inspects upcoming school

NEW DELHI: Education minister Atishi on Thursday inspected the ongoing work of a new school in Mandawali, Patparganj named Sarvodaya Kanya/Bal Vidyalaya, one of 14 schools being built in Delhi. The school is set to be a four-storeyed building with 64 rooms, smart classrooms, two libraries, four labs and other facilities. HTC

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3 held for death threats to Vasant Vihar businessman

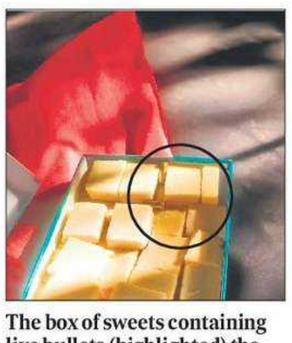
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NEW DELHI: With the arrest of one man from Dubai and two criminals in Delhi, police say they have solved a case in which a businessman in Vasant Vihar was sent bullets and a threat letter in March. Police said the prime suspect, the former top official of a major Indian textile brand, sent threats to the businessman over a dispute between the two.

A web of blackmailing and threats, police said, started when the former chief commercial officer of Raymond Ltd, Rajesh Gogna, terminated the contract of a vendor identified by police as Deepak Sateeja, a resident of Vasant Vihar, who received the threat letter.

After the termination, Sateeja reportedly blackmailed Gogna that he will tell to the latter's family about some "illicit affairs" that Sateeja had "helped arrange" for Gogna, police said.

In response, police said, Gogna contacted a man in Dubai, event planner Ali Zaidi, to help threaten Sateeja. Zaidi, in turn, told a man, Saif Ali Khan in Delhi, to hire two men to deliver a threat letter and live bullet cartridges to Sateeja's house.



The box of sweets containing live bullets (highlighted) the victim received. HT PHOTO

Three people have been arrested in the case, said deputy commissioner of police (southwest) Rohit Meena, but refrained from sharing further details.

The events in the case came to light on March 13, when Sateeja said that he and his wife spotted a package wrapped in a red cloth outside their house, but ignored it. The next day, they noticed that the package was now inside the compound of their house. "On March 15, his gardener brought the red package to him at 11.24am. When Sateeja unwrapped the cloth, he found it contained a box of sweets along with a handwritten threat note and two live cartridges," said a senior officer.

A case under Section 506 (criminal intimidation) of the Indian Penal Code and Arms Act was registered. When police looked at the CCTV footage of the area, they spotted two men who came and dropped off the package on a motorcycle. "They were identified. The first arrest was made within three days of the incident," the officer said.

Saif Ali Khan, 29, resident of Fatehpur Beri, was arrested first on March 18. He told police that he was contacted by Ali Zaidi, who asked him to send the threat on the directions of Gogna. "Khan said that he then hired two men – Azam Khan and Rizwan Khan – to carry out the job," the investigator said.

Azam was then arrested on April 25 from Fatehpuri Beri.

A lookout circular was issued by the home ministry against Dubai-based Zaidi to nab him as he tried to enter Delhi. On July 1, police said, Zaidi came to India and was arrested at the airport.

Police said Sateeja was a vendor for Raymond's for several years but Gogna terminated his services a few months before the incident. "Sateeja was upset and blackmailed Gogna that he will share details of his affairs with his family. So to teach Sateeja a lesson, Gogna planned the threat to him," the officer said.

Gogna, meanwhile, has been evading arrest and seeking anticipatory bail, police said. Gogna's advocate Moni Cinmoy said: "He has been falsely implicated."

An official of the firm where Gogna worked said: "Gogna was suspended on March 18 (three days after registration of case) for allegations of irregularities and illegalities committed by him. The company has nothing to do with the incident."

IIT's Abu Dhabi campus to start UG courses this Sept

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IIT-D WILL HOST ITS 55TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION ON AUGUST 10, WHEN IT WILL ALSO HONOUR 10 OF ITS ESTEEMED ALUMNI

NEW DELHI: The Abu Dhabi campus of the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, will commence its first undergraduate programmes in September 2024, officials aware of the matter said on Thursday, adding that plans are afloat for setting up a permanent campus in Abu Dhabi.

IIT-Delhi will host its 55th annual convocation on August 10 (Saturday), wherein the institute will also honour 10 of its esteemed alumni during the Alumni Awards 2024 — the Distinguished Alumni Award and the Graduates of Last Decade (GOLD) Award. Hari S Bhartia, founder and co-chairperson of the Jubilant Bhartia Group and an alumnus of IIT Delhi from the 1979 batch, will be the chief guest at the event.

Over 2,600 students will receive their degrees on Saturday, and of the total graduating students, 25% are women, officials said. More than 475 awardees at the convocation will be PhD graduates, marking a 35% increase from the previous year. Twenty-eight international students will also receive their degrees, the officials added.

At the Abu Dhabi campus, classes for two undergraduate programmes – Computer Science & Engineering and Energy Engineering – will begin in September, and each programme will comprise 30 students.

"Of the 60 students, 20 will comprise those who have qualified the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE-Advanced) 2024 and 40 will be admitted through a new entrance test being introduced," said an IIT official, asking not to be named.

Among the 40 students who clear the new entrance test — the Combined Admission Entrance Test (CAET) — 20 seats will be allocated to UAE nationals and 20 to international students and expatriates in the UAE.

While infrastructural requirements such as laboratories and hostel facilities are ready on the new campus, faculty recruitment will be done at a later stage. At present, faculty from IIT-Delhi will be teaching the new batch.

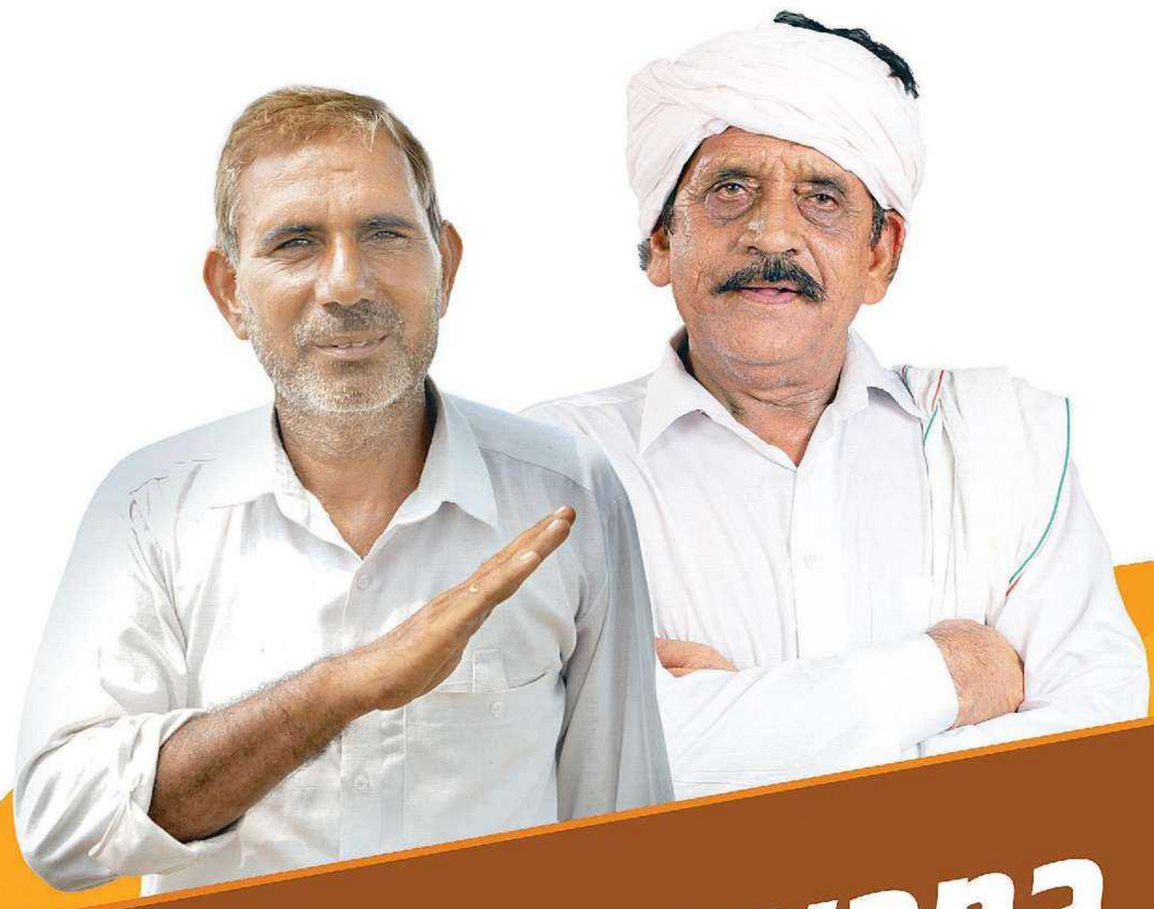
The institute also announced the launch of some new academic programmes for the academic year 2024-25, including an MA in culture, society, and thought, an MSc in biological sciences and an executive MBA.

Officials also said that the admission of students with disabilities at IIT-Delhi has grown in recent years.

"About 26 students with disability enrolled in the UG programme in 2023 and this year, 32 students have enrolled. This is due to the efforts of the university to enhance accessibility and increase inclusivity on campus," said a second IIT official.

Rangan Banerjee, director, IIT-Delhi, on Thursday also spoke about strengthening relationships between students and faculty. "Initiatives like academic progress group, where specific on-campus accommodation is provided to students who need extra assistance have been some steps taken by IIT-Delhi to help students," Banerjee said.

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2 areas on Yamuna plains concretised: CPCB to NGT

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NEW DELHI: Concretisation and encroachments have been recorded at Surghat and Baansera on the Yamuna floodplains; while at the same time, illegal structures are being removed from other spots, such as the Vasudev ghat and the Millennium Bus Depot, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) informed the National Green Tribunal (NGT).

Referring to Surghat, which lies between the Wazirabad barrage and the Old Railway Bridge, CPCB in its report dated August 6 said there were multiple concrete structures on site, with the Delhi Development Authority's (DDA) plan to de-concretise 50% of this area yet to commence.

"DDA has prepared a proposal for de-concretisation of Surghat in consultation with INTACH, the agency suggested by an expert committee in a report of October 2015. As per the recommendations of the experts in 2015... Surghat needs to be made more natural. The proposal or plan is yet to be implemented," said CPCB in its report, highlighting that several permanent structures, such as bathing pools for men and women, administrative buildings, separate changing rooms for men and women, generator rooms and local kiosks, have come up.

A boundary wall with barbed wires is erected to separate the river and the ghat, and pathways for approaching the ghat are also tiled surfaces, the report said.

CPCB inspected the Yamuna floodplains for six major projects this July, following the NGT's directions, after the green tribunal took suo motu cognisance of a media report in April, and asked the CPCB to submit a detailed report on the status of projects and encroachments.

CPCB said that Baansera, developed by DDA as an eco-friendly bamboo park, was found to have a casting yard belonging to PWD next to it. The casting yard was erected by PWD for the construction of the Barapullah Elevated Corridor Phase-III project and has a 12-foot-wide concrete road as well. "The casting yard and concrete approach road...exist at the site. DDA has asked PWD to vacate the land, de-concretise the area and handover back the land to it," CPCB said in the report.

At Vasudev ghat, CPCB said the ghat and pathways were being built with red stones, comprising umbrellas and elephant statues with concrete at the base. "Geo-satellite images of the site for 2013 and 2023 illustrate that the floodplain with some structures in 2013 are now free from those structures in 2023," the report said.

Bhim Singh Rawat, a Yamuna activist and member of the South Asia Network on Dams, Rivers and People (SANDRP), said this appeared to be more of a formality from CPCB, than any conclusive action. "The body has simply made its observations, but fails to clarify the fact that any concretisation on the floodplains is illegal. These encroachments should be removed," he said.

DDA and PWD did not respond to requests for comment.

NGT issues notice to Noida agencies in road berms case

NOIDA: The National Green Tribunal (NGT) has issued a show-cause notice to authorities for failing to enter their response in an ongoing case regarding concreting of road berms in Noida and Greater Noida, despite repeated directions from the tribunal, and asked the CEOs of Noida and Greater Noida to appear before it and explain why action should not be initiated against them for non-compliance.

The authorities' failure to respond infuriated the tribunal, which earlier directed them to take steps to prevent the practice of concreting road berms. A case was filed in May 2022 by environmentalist Vikrant Tongad. The case will now be heard on August 9. MARIA KHAN

3 held for duping banks by posing as govt staff

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NEW DELHI: The crime branch of the Delhi Police on Thursday said it arrested three members of a gang that duped banks by impersonating government employees, opening salary accounts using forged documents, and then obtaining loans before fleeing with the money after paying instalments for a few months.

At least four members of the syndicate, including its mastermind, are still absconding, police said.

Among the three arrested men, 42-year-old Vinay Aggarwal impersonated an employee in the finance department of the central government, the crime branch said, and identified the other arrested people as Kuldeep Singh, 35, and Sunil Kumar, 43. All three worked as loan agents with various private banks before becoming a part of the racket, investigators said.

DCP (crime) Satish Kumar said the arrests came following an investigation into a cheating and forgery case registered at the crime branch police station in 2022.

"The case was registered based on a complaint of a financial institution that was duped of ₹30 lakh through three loans disbursed against salaried accounts of three government employees, who later turned out to be imposters," he said.

HC grants anticipatory bail to tutor in rape case

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court has granted anticipatory bail to a home tutor in an alleged rape case, noting that the physical relations between the petitioner and prosecutrix had continued for about two years before the FIR was lodged.

Allegations of blackmail and threats to disseminate the complainant's photographs have not been substantiated, as the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report is still pending.

"Considering the totality of facts and circumstances, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, in the event of arrest, the petitioner be admitted to bail on furnishing a personal bond of ₹50,000 with one surety in the like amount," the bench of Anoop Kumar Mendiratta said.

An FIR was lodged on a statement of a woman, who alleged that she appointed the accused as a tutor for her children.

According to the complaint, the petitioner established physical relations with woman against her will, on the pretext of marrying her.

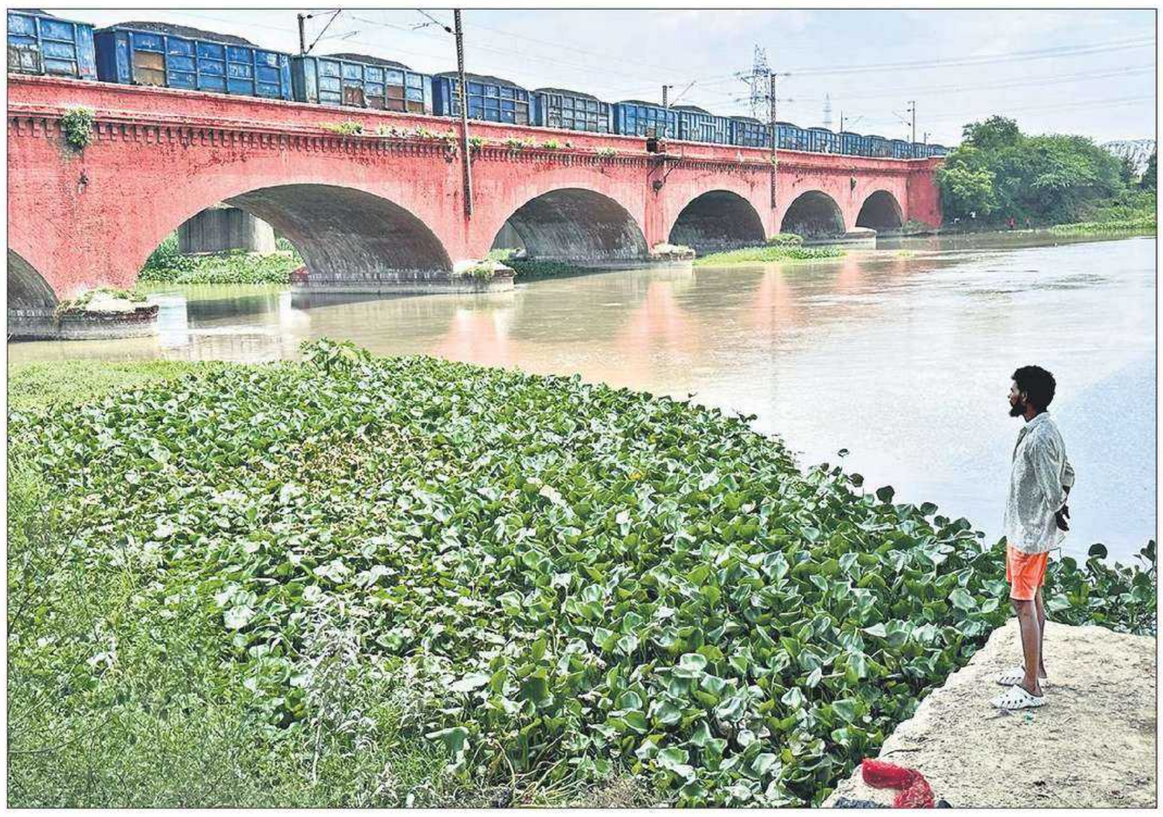
The complainant further alleged that she paid the petitioner ₹ 7 lakh towards his studies, for completing his MBA, but he married someone else in 2021.

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The other river

On a lesser-known feature of the capital region

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On googling for it, the first search result is of a military base, along with news links to events in Bangladesh—Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina fleeing the country, her flight landing at the aforementioned base.

Hindon Air Force Station is next door to Delhi, in zila Ghaziabad, and takes its name from the region's lesser-known river. This is because the Hindon is overshadowed by the Yamuna. To many Delhiwale, even the great Yamuna is experienced merely as a bottleneck to be endured during the long commutes. (For a long time, the poetic term 'Yamuna-paar' was abused by ignorant snobs to refer to what they imagine was the less posh side of the city, across the river.)

The Yamuna in Delhi is nevertheless a character. The Hindon is barely registered. Its past though is traced to the ancient days of the Mahabharat, as well as to the nation's contemporary history—clashes against the British unfolded in many locales along the riverside during the 1857 war of independence.

Originating from UP's Saharanpur, the Hindon flows between the Ganga and the Yamuna, enters the capital region through Ghaziabad, goes onwards to Noida, where, after traversing 400 kilometres from its source, the river meets its sangam in the Yamuna.

In Ghaziabad, the Hindon passes under a red-brick edifice, which is among the most beautiful railway bridges in the megapolis. The six arches evoke the world of Roman aqueducts. A board by the rail tracks displays the bridge's length (488 meter), but is silent on the year of its built.

During the peak winter, the misty kohra wafts under these red arches, looking like swollen white clouds.

This monsoon afternoon, parts of the arches are bearing stubbles of wild bushes, along with clumps of moss. The brownish water underneath is shimmering under the pale daylight, weedy with green "jungli ghaas that gives purple flowers," says the beedi-smoking Ravi. The young man spends all his days catching fish in the Hindon, some of which "I cook and eat."

Soon, a goods train enters the bridge, its coal-filled blue wagons clanking heavily over the arches. Ravi continues to gaze at the slow-moving Hindon. See photo.

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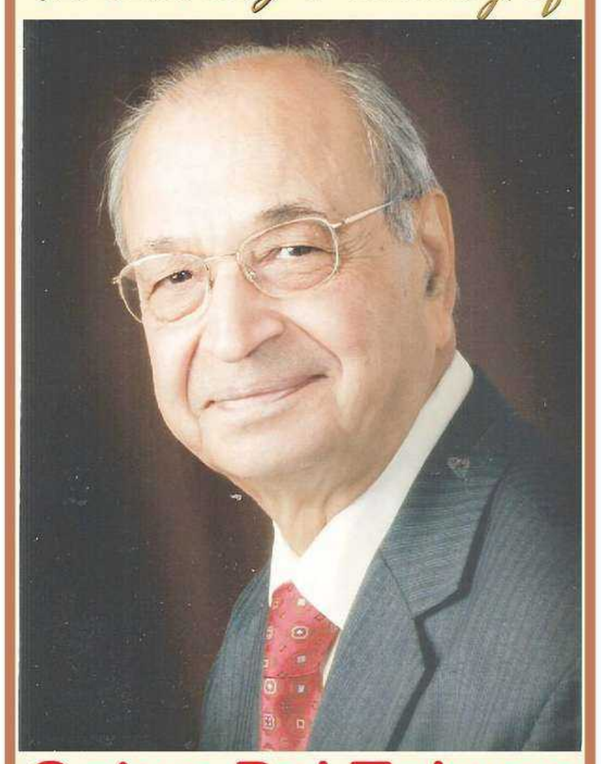
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Her last rites and prayers were held in Noida. She is survived by her sons, Vic Mankotia and Vishal Mankotia.

In Grief : Mankotia Families

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

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Indian players celebrate the team's bronze medal victory. ANI

the last time you could say that about Indian hockey?

"You can say Indian hockey is back, yes," Manpreet, who captained the team in Tokyo, said. "In the last four years, our performances have only gone up. We've medalled in the Olympics, Asian Games (2023, gold) and the Commonwealth Games (2022, silver)."

It wasn't all an upward joyride, though.

The Tokyo delight met with unexpected sorrow at the home World Cup last year, in which India finished a lowly ninth. It took down coach Graham Reid, and in came Fulton a little over a year ago. He put a solid, structured defence at the forefront of the playing style, brought in some fresh players and made the boys hike on the Cape Town Table Mountain and in the Swiss Alps in the company of adventurous Mike Horn for a three-day pre-Olympic camp "to become a team".

The team's Pro League form in the build-up phase this year was iffy, the 5-0 series thrashing by Australia a touch worrisome. But it was all building up for this. In the team Fulton trusted. And in Fulton the team did.

"That's the number one thing to rely on — trust," Fulton said. "We pushed through those tough times in Australia and the Pro League. We came here as underdogs. No one expected us to be in the top four."

They did so beating Australia — some time to turn it around, isn't it? — and taking down England playing with 10 men for more than 40 minutes. Germany in the semi-final was a little downer, before they picked themselves up for a fight to repeat the Tokyo medal.

Spain would be no pushovers, and they showed that after India had the upper hand for much of the first quarter on Thursday. A foul inside the circle earned Spain a penalty stroke, which Marc Miralles converted in the 18th minute. So solid was the Spanish defence that India hadn't earned a single penalty corner (PC) until late in the second quarter. With 20 seconds to go, Manpreet did, and up stepped dragflicker Harmanpreet to slot it home. India's top scorer of this Olympics, Harmanpreet got his 10th strike three minutes into the second half to banish his quiet World Cup memories at home.

Typically for Indian hockey, tense moments were reserved for the end. And it was that man again, Sreejesh, keeping it all under control with his saves, a crucial one coming off a PC with just over a minute to go.

As the clock ran down, the rush of that medal feeling returned. In Tokyo it felt a bit out of the blue. In Paris it was much more familiar.

"This medal is equally big for us," Manpreet said. "To back up the show in Tokyo with another medal here, it's a big deal!"

CHOPRA'S SILVER TOUCH

landed at 89.45m -- his farthest since his personal best of 89.94m in 2022 — to fling him up to second. That Chopra felt the tremors of the Nadeem throw was evident in his gesture walking back towards the crowd. He pressed both his arms downward to indicate he is around and kicking, before rotating his right index finger to say there is more to come. The humble champion's competitive juices had been stirred.

Chopra couldn't get close to Nadeem, however, not even to his second throw of the night. The third was way off his lofty standards, and Chopra chose to step over the line. The fourth had him fall and pip over the line again, although even that landed below the 85m mark. The subsequent throws too weren't anywhere close to the gold. And so, silver it was.

In the swirl of wavering fortunes, sporting and otherwise, of Indian athletes at these Games, there was one soothing presence.

You just knew he'd be there for the final. Because he's that good. He did what he does in a quality qualification round — one and out, into the final with a no-drama throw of 89.34m.

You just knew he'd be there in the medal hunt come the final. Because he's that good.

In a sport where bodies can break and throws can fluctuate wildly — take, for instance, German breakout teen Max Dehning who didn't even make it to the Olympics final in a season in which he breached the 90m-mark — Chopra has been the epitome of constancy.

Since the end of the 2021 season on which he drew curtains as the Olympic champion, 32 of Chopra's legal throws have gone beyond 85 metres. Through all those elite meets criss-crossing the world and camping abroad for most of the year, Chopra has not once finished below the top three. Unreal consistency. Real class.

You just knew he'd bring that to Paris too. Because he's that good.

Notwithstanding this season being rather slow and steady. The Indian only competed in only three meets coming into the Games, one among them a quick pitstop to flex his arm the country as a mere formality. The other two — the season opener at the Doha Diamond League and the Paavo Nurmi Games in June — had been spaced out and the adductor issue had to be carefully looked after.

And yet, you just knew he'd turn up and do it. Because he's that good.

Noida DCP, SHO transferred over extortion claims

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GREATER NOIDA: A deputy commissioner of police and a station house officer of the Gautam Budh Nagar police were transferred for their alleged inaction in a case of extortion involving a trainee sub-inspector (S-I) of police.

The trainee S-I was arrested on charges of extorting ₹7,000 from a cab driver and verbally abusing him earlier this month, senior officers said on Thursday, adding that the S-I has been dismissed from service.

Gautam Budh Nagar Police commissioner Laxmi Singh said Central Noida's deputy commissioner of police Suniti has been relieved of her charge for not acting against the trainee S-I despite knowing about the matter for two days.

"DCP Central Noida Suniti has been relieved from her post on Wednesday for not taking any action for two days and also for hiding the incident from her senior officers. Shakti Mohan Avasthy has been appointed as the new DCP of Central Noida," said the police chief.

Three other officers — Bisrakh police station house officer Arvind Kumar, Gaur City-1 outpost in-charge Ramesh Kumar and sub inspector Mohit — were suspended for not acting on a complaint by the cab driver, Singh said.

"Under-training S-I Amit Mishra has been dismissed from service under Rule 8(2)(b) of UP Subordinate Police Officers Punishment and Appeal Rules, 1991," added the commissioner.

According to senior GB Nagar police officials, the matter came to fore when cab driver Rupesh Tomar approached the police commissioner directly with a complaint that Mishra, who was posted under Bisrakh police station area, allegedly abused him and extorted money from him, following which she instructed assistant commissioner of police (city-2) Rajeev Kumar Gupta to investigate the matter. The probe found the allegations to be true, police said.

"Mishra is accused of abusing and robbing ₹7,000 from cab driver Rupesh Tomar, who resides in Baghpat. Two of Mishra's associates, Ashish Awasthi and Abhinav Singh, have also been named by the complainant," said Gupta.

HC orders Tihar officials to stamp out manual scavenging in prison

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NEW DELHI: The Delhi high court on Thursday directed the Delhi government to consider increasing the number of washrooms in the Tihar jail complex and to renovate toilets in a phased manner within four months.

A bench of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Tushar Rao Gedela directed the Aam Aadmi Party government to, forthwith, install septic tanks in the jail and jail authorities to provide protective gear to inmates for cleaning washrooms.

"Public Works Department (PWD) is directed to carry out inspection of all the washrooms within two weeks and in case any renovation is required, proposal to be moved within a period of further two weeks. Renovation to be carried out in a phased manner," the court said in the order.

> PWD is directed to inspect washrooms in 2 weeks... move proposal for renovation... in further 2 weeks
> **DELHI HIGH COURT**

The court was responding to a plea filed by Anuj Malhotra seeking directions to the Delhi government to take action against manual scavenging in Tihar jail and for implementation of the provisions of the Employment of Manual Scavengers and Construction of Dry Latrines (Prohibition) Act, 1993. The petition said inmates were being forced to remove human excreta from toilets and septic tanks with bare hands or brooms and were being made to work without protective gear. Malhotra's petition alleged an acute shortage of clean and cold drinking water for inmates.

CONG DEMANDS CBI PROBE INTO GHAZIPUR DEATHS

NEW DELHI: A delegation of the Delhi Pradesh Congress Committee (DPCC) with state chief Devender Yadav met LG VK Saxena at Raj Niwas on Thursday demanding a CBI probe into the deaths of a mother and child who drowned in the Ghazipur drain in east Delhi.

Yadav said that during an hour-long discussion with the LG, Congress raised several pressing issues and submitted a memorandum. "(Probe into) deaths at Ghazipur due to the neglect should be expedited, and the real culprits responsible should be brought to book," Yadav said, adding the LG listened to the issues raised by the Congress leaders, and assured them of positive action. HTC

LG calls for more traffic cops on roads

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NEW DELHI: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena held a meeting to review the worsening traffic situation in the Capital on Thursday and directed the traffic police to increase visibility and presence of personnel on roads, ensure adherence to bus lanes, and deploy dedicated teams at congestion points, officials from the LG secretariat said.

Saxena met officials from the transport department and the city traffic police and expressed concern over illegal parking on roadsides and flyovers, especially by buses, apart from increasing pollution caused by vehicular emission, the officials added.

"Traffic police shall constitute joint teams with the transport department to check overloading of commercial vehicles and overcrowding of passenger buses. Traffic police shall identify vulnerable points of traffic congestion and deploy dedicated teams to ensure smooth flow of traffic on those roads," according to a statement issued by the LG office. The Delhi Traffic Police, which was earlier directed to put together a system where challans can be issued on WhatsApp, was directed to expedite the process, the LG secretariat said.

"This will provide timely information about the challans to violators and provide them with the facility to pay challan anywhere and anytime. It will also increase the rate of realisation of challans," the official added.

The official added that two long-term projects were also reviewed by the LG — he asked the transport department to submit the plan to shift ISBT Kashmere Gate and present an action plan to implement Parking Policy along with the MCD and traffic police.



{ MUDA CASE }

Fresh complaint filed against CM Sidda, wife

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Siddaramaiah

BENGALURU: Amid a raging political row over the alleged irregularities in the Mysore Urban Development Authority (MUDA) land allotment case, an RTI activist has filed a fresh complaint against Karnataka chief minister Siddaramaiah, his wife and several other government officials, accusing them of forging documents to illegitimately claim land and receive undue compensation.

The complaint, filed by RTI activist Snehamayi Krishna from Mysuru under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955, (PCR) in the MLA/MP Court in Bengaluru, accused Siddaramaiah of misusing his position and collaborating with officials to acquire 3.16 acres of land at Devanur-Kesare in Mysuru.

According to the complaint, this land was later used to obtain 14 plots in the Third and Fourth Stages of Vijayanagar, Mysuru, by fabricating documents.

Besides Siddaramaiah, the complaint named other officials, including the Mysuru deputy commissioner, tehsildar, and sub-registrar, as people involved in the alleged fraudulent activity. The complaint underscores that the CM and his associates supposedly created fake documents to support their claims, thereby manipulating the MUDA allotment process.

MUDA case is related to getting alternative land in the upmarket area against the existing land in some remote corners of the city. Opposition parties have alleged that the size of the MUDA alternative site is worth ₹3,000 crore, in which Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi is also a beneficiary. The CM has rejected the charges, saying MUDA illegally formed a layout on the four acres of land his wife owned in Kesarur on Mysuru outskirts without acquiring it.

J&K parties call for immediate assembly polls during EC meet

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SRINAGAR: A delegation of the Election Commission (EC) met representatives of different political parties in Srinagar on Thursday as it began its two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir to review the preparedness for the first assembly polls in the Union territory (UT) since 2014, people aware of the matter said.

A three-member team of chief election commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar and election commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and SS Sandhu held separate deliberations with leaders across party lines at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Convention Centre (SKICC) as it began the process to decide the schedule for the crucial polls. During the meetings, representatives of different parties urged the poll body to hold the elections at the earliest and ensure a level playing field. "We told the EC members that some concrete decision should come out of the meeting. We requested them (the EC) to ensure a level playing field without any bias," National Conference leader Nasir Aslam Wani said.

The restive Union territory has been without an elected government since June 2018, when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) withdrew support to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP)-led coalition government, leading to the imposition of President's Rule and dissolution of state assembly. In August 2019, the Centre revoked Article 370 of the Constitution which gave special status to the erstwhile state into two UTs— J&K with an assembly and Ladakh without one.

On December 11 last year, the Supreme Court upheld the revocation of Article 370, but directed EC to conduct polls for the 90-member J&K legislative assembly by September 30, 2024, and asked the Centre to restore statehood to the region "as soon as possible".

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah said that the National Conference has presented its viewpoint to the Election Commission. "We have conveyed our views to the Election Commission, expecting early notification to kick-start the election process," Abdullah said.

PDP leader Khursheed Alam, who was part of the party's delegation that met EC, said the people of J&K should have the right to elect their own government.

"The county believes in democracy, so we should have elections immediately. We told the EC members about how the Amarnath pilgrimage was held peacefully, and a large number of people participated in the Lok Sabha polls as well," he said.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, J&K recorded a voter turnout of 58.46%, the highest in 35 years. The BJP won two seat, the NC two and an independent won one. The heightened political activity in the region comes against the backdrop of a surge in terror attacks in the Jammu region, prompting the country's political and defence brass to review the security situation in J&K. Political leaders said that they urged EC to ensure adequate security arrangements are made to ensure smooth polling.

"We urged them to hold elections at the earliest and ensure that the security issues of political leaders are addressed," Congress's J&K vice-president Ghulam Nabi Monga said.

Former BJP legislator and senior party leader Surinder Ambardar said they focused on the "security and administrative concerns" of parties during their meeting with the EC team.

"We told the EC that assembly elections haven't been held for a long time in J&K and they should be held immediately," he said.

After meeting representatives of political parties, the EC delegation held a meeting with deputy police commissioners and senior superintendents of police (SSPs) of all 20 districts on the security situation in J&K.

On Friday, the commission is scheduled to hold meetings with J&K chief secretary Atul Duloo and director general of police (DGP) RR Swain as part of the process to decide the poll. The three-day visit will culminate on August 10 at Jammu where EC will hold a review meeting with enforcement agencies.



An Election Commission of India delegation, led by chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar, and election commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and Sukhbir Singh Sandhu reaches Srinagar. ANI

Statehood may be restored in October, says Athawale

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir's statehood maybe restored and assembly elections may take place there in October, the Union minister of State for Social Justice and Empowerment Ramdas Athawale said on Thursday.

"Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in Maharashtra, Haryana, and Jharkhand perhaps in October. So the announcement on the restoration of statehood and conducting the elections could perhaps take place in October," Athawale said at a press conference in Srinagar.

He appealed to the people to come out to vote in large numbers when the election takes place.

"I congratulate the people of Jammu and Kashmir for voting in large numbers in the Parliamentary polls. Jammu and Kashmir is progressing well and record-breaking voting should take place in the assembly elections," the MoS said. HTC

{ 18% GST ON INSURANCE }

FM asks states to take up GST issue in council

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NEW DELHI: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday asked members of Parliament to take the lead in exempting medical and life insurance from the Goods and Services Tax by asking their respective state finance ministers to take up the matter in the GST Council, and also hinted at more income-tax reforms aimed at benefiting the middle class by the next budget.

Replying to a debate on appropriation and finance bills in Rajya Sabha, she said, prior to the launch of the GST regime in 2017 the tax was levied by every state on insurance premia. Highlighting the decision-making process of the apex federal body on indirect taxes, Sitharaman said the Council is represented by finance ministers of states, who have two-third say in any matters while the Centre has one-third votes. Her reference was to the service tax on insurance premia that continued from the pre-GST days.

"Parliament cannot bypass the GST Council," she said asking MPs to mobilise finance ministers of their respective states to take up the matter at the Council if they genuinely want to exempt GST on insurance premium and help the middle class. "Hon'ble Members, who protested with placards here, I want to ask [them] -- did they write letters to their own finance ministers...," she said asking members to raise the issue in the right forum rather than politicising the issue. "Make sure, the next GST Council meeting takes this up," she said asking MPs to persuade FMs of their respective states to act in the Council.

Participating in the dabate, TMC MP Derek O'Brien suggested that in the GST Council, if the majority vote was with NDA, then why not the levy has been reduced.

To this, the minister said her endeavour was to take all decisions in the Council with consensus. Barring one issue (related to lottery), all decisions of GST Council were taken on the basis of consensus. Health and life insurance premiums attract 18% GST. HT learns that the GST rate rationalisation committee, which meets later in August could consider lowering this rate.



Nirmala Sitharaman

After her feisty hour-long reply in the Upper House, the process of parliamentary approval for the Budget 2024-25 was completed and Rajya Sabha returned the relevant money bills to Lok Sabha. The House also returned the Jammu and Kashmir Appropriation Bill to the Lower House. During her reply, Sitharaman said the budget was aimed at improving the lives of people.

She refuted the Opposition's charge that the budget was anti-middle class. Addressing the chair, she said: "Sir, compared with very many developed economies, which have actually increased tax rates... we have actually reduced the burden on middle class substantially."

The finance minister recalled her budget announcement regarding a comprehensive review of the Income-Tax Act, in continuation of the government's efforts of make tax regime "simpler", "equitable" and "easy" to comply. She said tax officials have been given a timeframe of six months for the same. "We should have a simplified version which, after due consideration, will obviously be brought to this House and Members will be. briefed on it and the approval will be sought," she added.

Sitharaman said the current Budget mark the continuity of government's economic policies. "The Union Budget this year balances several overriding imperatives, growth, employment generation, capital investment, and fiscal consolidation."



Abhishek Banerjee

SUMMONS NEED NOT DISCLOSE IF A PERSON IS CALLED AN ACCUSED: ED

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NEW DELHI: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Thursday told the Supreme Court that Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee cannot be told whether he is being called as an accused, witness or a suspect while issuing summons to him in the illegal coal mining scam.

Responding to a petition filed by Banerjee, the nephew of West Bengal chief minister Mamata Banerjee, challenging the ED summons of September 2021 requiring him and his wife Rujira to appear in Delhi, ED said that Section 50 of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) allows any person to be summoned without making out a difference whether the person is to be examined as an accused or suspect.

Appearing for ED, additional solicitor general (ASG) SV Raju said, "To say that the summons are bad because you were not told whether you are a suspect or an accused is hardly relevant. It is not supposed to be told." He referred to Section 50, under which summons were issued to Banerjee. The section says, "The Director, Additional Director, Joint Director, Deputy Director or Assistant Director shall have power to summon any person whose attendance he considers necessary whether to give evidence or to produce any records during the course of any investigation under the Act."

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, who appeared for the TMC MP, told the court that PMLA does not provide for the procedure of issuing summons and once this is the case, then the procedure under the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC) will apply. According to him, Section 160 of CrPC requires the police officer to summon a witness at the place of residence.

As the arguments remained inconclusive, the court permitted ED to continue its submissions on August 13.



Jagdeep Dhankhar returned post-recess. ANI

RS Chair leaves House briefly amid stir, Oppn walkout over Phogat

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NEW DELHI: Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar excused himself from presiding over the House for a brief interval on Thursday while expressing anguish over the conduct of the Opposition, which staged a walkout in protest after not being permitted to raise the issue of disqualification of wrestler Vinesh Phogat from the Paris Olympics.

While Dhankhar accused the Opposition of being indecorous toward the Chair, lawmakers of at least 14 Opposition have written to him, complaining that his decisions have been "unilateral and unprecedented". "With a heavy heart, I am not running away from my oath, but given what I witnessed today, I find myself incapable of continuing to sit here for some time," Dhankhar said before excusing himself. He returned post-recess to preside over the House after meeting floor leaders of several opposition parties, including the Congress, TMC, BJD, and CPI.

The stand-off began when opposition lawmakers sought to discuss Phogat's disqualification under Rule 267, which permits the House to suspend business and take up an issue of importance, but Dhankhar did not allow it.

Leader of Opposition Mallikarjun Kharge said the House should have a discussion on the issue and know "who is behind" it (the disqualification).

When the Chairman did not relent, TMC MP Derek O'Brien rose to demand a discussion on the notice given by his party, but was reprimanded by Dhankhar. As uproar continued, Opposition parties staged a walkout. Leader of the House JP Nadda also condemned the behaviour of Opposition members.

Congress alleges denial of entry to delegations meeting Rahul

NEW DELHI: Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi met a delegation of the Right to Food campaign and All India Fishermen Congress at the Parliament reception as the party claimed they were not given a pass to enter the House. "It is our right to meet anyone but they (government) are not allowing us. I had spoken about farmers, the speaker said in the House that they are not being stopped. Now, these people have been stopped again. There is an issue of fishermen and also, people from child welfare had come," he said.

Rlys dismiss Congress's post on 'eco-friendly engines'

NEW DELHI: Railways officials on Thursday dismissed a post by the official account of Kerala Congress that said: "Green color engines are new class of eco-friendly engines meant for ploughing fields. Technocrat @AshwiniVaishnaw's latest introduction to the marker! Visuals from Solapur (sic)." The Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of Solapur, however, said no such incident had taken place in Solapur division and it was a 2022 incident. ".. please do not post such misleading posts. These should not weaken the morale of 12 lakh employees...," he said.

NIA CHARGE SHEETS FOUR IN SRINAGAR TERROR ATTACK

NEW DELHI: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has filed a charge sheet against four terrorists, including a Pakistan-based handler of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) for the killing of two labourers from Punjab in Jammu and Kashmir's Srinagar in February this year, officials said. The attack, the agency said, was done by LeT and its offshoot The Resistance Front.

According to the charge sheet, Adil Manzoor Langoo, a terrorist belonging to the outfit, had allegedly opened fire on two workers—Amritpal Singh and Rohit Masih—on February 7 at Shalla Kadal area of Srinagar, killing Singh on the spot and critically injuring Rohit Masi, who succumbed to his injuries later.

Apart from Langoo, NIA has named Ahran Rasool Dar alias Tota, Dawood, and their Pakistan-based handler Jahangeer alias Peer Sahab in the charge sheet, said officials. HTC

Uddhav calls on Delhi CM's family



Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray, along with his son Aaditya Thackeray and party leader Sanjay Raut, meets Delhi chief minister and AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal's wife Sunita Kejriwal, in New Delhi on Thursday. AAP leaders Raghav Chadha and Sanjay Singh are also seen. PTI

{ DRESS CODE IN MUMBAI COLLEGE }

SC to hear plea on hijab ban at pvt college today

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court will hear on Friday a plea filed by a group of college students against a Bombay high court judgment that upheld a ban on wearing hijab, niqab, burqa, caps and similar attire at a private college in Mumbai.

A bench comprising justices Sanjiv Khanna and PV Sanjay Kumar will take up the plea following a frequent request by the petitioners' lawyer, advocate Abiha Zaidi, for an expedited hearing due to the term examination that began on Thursday.

On Thursday morning, Zaidi mentioned the matter before Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dhananjaya Y Chandrachud, expressing the predicament of students who would not be able to sit for their tests due to the instructions on the dress code. The CJI informed that the matter was already assigned to a bench that would hear it on Friday.

The case involves NG Acharya & DK Marathe College in Mumbai, which prescribed a dress code prohibiting students from wearing hijab, niqab, burqa, stoles, caps and similar items on campus.

Nine female students challenged this dress code before the Bombay high court but to no avail. On June 26, a Bombay high court bench of justices AS Chandurkar and Rajesh S Patil refused to entertain the students' plea, stating that the dress code's enforcement was limited to the college premises and did not otherwise affect the petitioners' freedom of choice and expression.

Wildlife nods spiked in 2023; Nicobar plan to cost over ₹81K crore

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NEW DELHI: No objections were raised by the tribal communities against the Great Nicobar project during the "statutory period" for such feedback under the law, the Union government has submitted in Parliament, a position that could be significant against the backdrop of Tribal Council of the Indian Ocean island announcing it had rescinded its permission for a controversial plan to carry out large-scale projects.

The Union environment ministry also said the total cost is pegged at ₹81,834.22 crore, around ₹7,000 crore more than envisaged in the project plan.

Responding to a separate question, the ministry also submitted that wildlife clearances increased nearly three times in 2023-24, compared to 2022-23, with 125 such projects recommended in Ladakh alone in 2023-24. Such clearances are required for projects in wildlife-rich areas.

The second response was to a question by Ahilesh Prasad Singh, Congress MP from Bihar, in which minister of state for environment, Kirti Vardhan Singh informed the house that 421 project proposals were recommended by the Standing Committee of the National board for Wild Life (SCNBWL) that is chaired by Union minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in 2023-24. This number was 144 in 2022-23; 149 in 2021-22; 85 in 2020-21 and 71 in 2019-20.

Of this, 125 wildlife clearances were for Ladakh last year, 1 in Andaman and Nicobar; 27 in West Bengal;12 in Andhra Pradesh; 53 in Telangana; 32 in Maharashtra.

Great Nicobar Project to cost over ₹81,800 cr

The total estimated project cost for the port, airport, power plant and trunk infrastructure for township for the Holistic Development of Great Nicobar Island in Andaman and Nicobar Islands project is ₹81834.22 crores which includes the estimated budget for wildlife conservation plan, compensatory afforestation, tribal welfare plans, conservation and mitigation measures during construction and operation of port, airport, township and power plant and the monitoring program.

In the information provided by the project proponent, Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation, available on ministry's Parivesh website, the cost stated was ₹75000 Crore.

Responding to a question by Nadimul Haque, MP from AITMC, Kirti Vardhan Singh, said the chairman of the Tribal Council, Campbell Bay, Little and Great Nicobar were duly consulted during the meeting held on 13.8.2022 and no objections were raised during the statutory period prescribed in the



Estimated cost of Nicobar project is ₹81834 crore.

Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

HT reported on April 14, 2023 that the Tribal Council of Little and Great Nicobar had in November 2022, withdrawn the no objection certificate given for diversion of land in August that year— roughly half of which is tribal reserve land — for the controversial Great Nicobar Township and other infrastructure projects. In another letter dated August 20, 2022, the Council had also requested the UT administration to facilitate the relocation of the Nicobarese of Great Nicobar Island to their pre-2004 Tsunami villages at the earliest.

HT reported on July 29 that Members of the Tribal Council, requesting anonymity, said they are yet to receive a response from the government on the withdrawal of the NOC as well as the request for relocation.

"The inhabitants of the region were duly represented at the public hearing through the Andaman Adim Janjati Vikas Samiti(AAJVS) whose views were also considered. It was also noted that the only habitation of Shompens or Nicobarese in the project area is at New Chingen, Rajiv Nagar and the Administration is not proposing displacement of any tribal habitations. Further, due consultation with the tribal experts including Anthropological Survey of India (AnSI) has also been conducted in order to ensure the safety, protection, welfare and well-being of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in the wake of Holistic Development of GNI project. Further, as per the condition of Environmental Clearance one of the Committee is exclusively prescribed to oversee the welfare and issues related to Shompen and Nicobarese," the response said.

On Thursday, Congress leader, Jairam Ramesh also raised the matter in Rajya Sabha. "I asked the Minister for Environment, Forest, and Climate Change about the Great Nicobar Mega Infra Project in Parliament today. The project envisions a calamitous destruction of forests -- home to the Shompen tribe, and a vast array of wildlife -- on Great Nicobar Island, for a project that has not gone through the due process of environmental consultations with all stakeholders. The planned compensatory afforestation is no substitute whatsoever for the loss of natural forests," Ramesh wrote on X adding: "Previously -- in view of the numerous violations of due process, legal and Constitutional provisions protecting Tribal communities, and the project's disproportionate ecological and human cost -- we had demanded an immediate suspension of all clearances."

Union environment minister, Bhupender Yadav responded saying all regulations have been followed to issue environmental clearances to the project. "We consulted experts, decided area for compensatory afforestation, consulted scientific institutions like the Zoological Survey of India and Botanical Survey of India." Haque had sought details of the environmental and financial impact of the Great Nicobar project whether it is a fact that the Tribal Council of Nicobar Island has withdrawn its 'no objection' given in 2022, if so, the details thereof whether Government has held consultations with the original inhabitants of the region.

KHEDKAR MOVES DELHI HC SEEKING ANTICIPATORY BAIL, HEARING TODAY

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NEW DELHI: Probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar has approached the Delhi high court, days after the city court denied her anticipatory bail in a case registered for fraudulently availing attempts in the UPSC exam by faking her identity.

Her plea, seeking anticipatory bail, is listed before a bench of justice Subramonium Prasad on Friday.

Khedkar has been accused of faking her identity for availing attempts in the UPSC examination beyond the permissible limit. On August 1, the city court had rejected her bail noting that her custodial interrogation was required to unearth the conspiracy since she defrauded the UPSC and snatched the lawful rights of aspirants with benchmark disabilities.

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WAQF BILL

government of violating the right to freedom of religion. Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav said the bill was being introduced to appease the BJP's hardcore supporters. "What is the point of including non-Muslims in Waqf boards when this is not done in other religious bodies?" Yadav asked.

"This is a draconian law and a fundamental attack on the Constitution," Congress leader KC Venugopal said. He said people taught the BJP a lesson — in the Lok Sabha polls — for its divisive politics. "It is a direct attack on freedom of religion....Next you will go for Christians, then Jains," he said.

Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)-Sharadchandra Pawar MP Supriya Sule said her party opposed the bill as it was against a particular community. "Look at what is happening in Bangladesh, there is so much pain. It is the moral duty of a country to protect minorities," she said. "The government should clarify the intent and the timing of the bill. We object, withdraw this bill. Let's discuss it and then bring a bill that is fair and just," she demanded.

All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen chairperson Asaduddin Owaisi said that the House did not have the competence to make the amendments. "It is a grave attack on the basic structure of the Constitution as it violates the principle of judicial independence and separation of powers," he said.

The draft bill proposes sweeping changes in the regulation and governance of India's waqf boards, which manage Islamic charitable endowments. Waqf is the permanent dedication of movable or immovable properties for religious, pious or charitable purposes as recognised by Muslim law.

The bill proposes to rename the Waqf Act as the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 2024. The most controversial provision is a proposal to induct non-Muslims in the central waqf council, state waqf boards and waqf tribunals, calling for such bodies to become "more broad-based", with representation of Shia, Sunni, Bohra, Agakhani, and other Muslim communities, along with non-Muslims. The proposed legislation mandates that two members of the central waqf council as well as waqf boards will be women (a provision also present in the 1995 act), besides also making it compulsory to appoint two non-Muslims as the bodies' members.

In the House, the BJP defended the bill and attacked the Congress.

"Some people have captured waqf boards and this bill has been brought to give justice to ordinary Muslims," Rijiju said.

Countering the Opposition's allegation that there was no consultation before the bill, Rijiju said consultations took place at "official level, political level, with state government representations and consultation happened across the nation." Rijiju said that a total of 872,000 waqf properties are listed on the WAMSI portal and their market value is much higher than what the Sachar Committee found.

"The Sachar committee also recommended that the waqf board needs women representation in it, secretary at joint secretary level, and that a Class I officer should be in it. We are following the committee recommendations," he said.

In 2005, a seven-member panel headed by former Delhi high court chief justice Rajinder Sachar was formed by the then Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to study the social, economic and educational condition of Muslims in India.

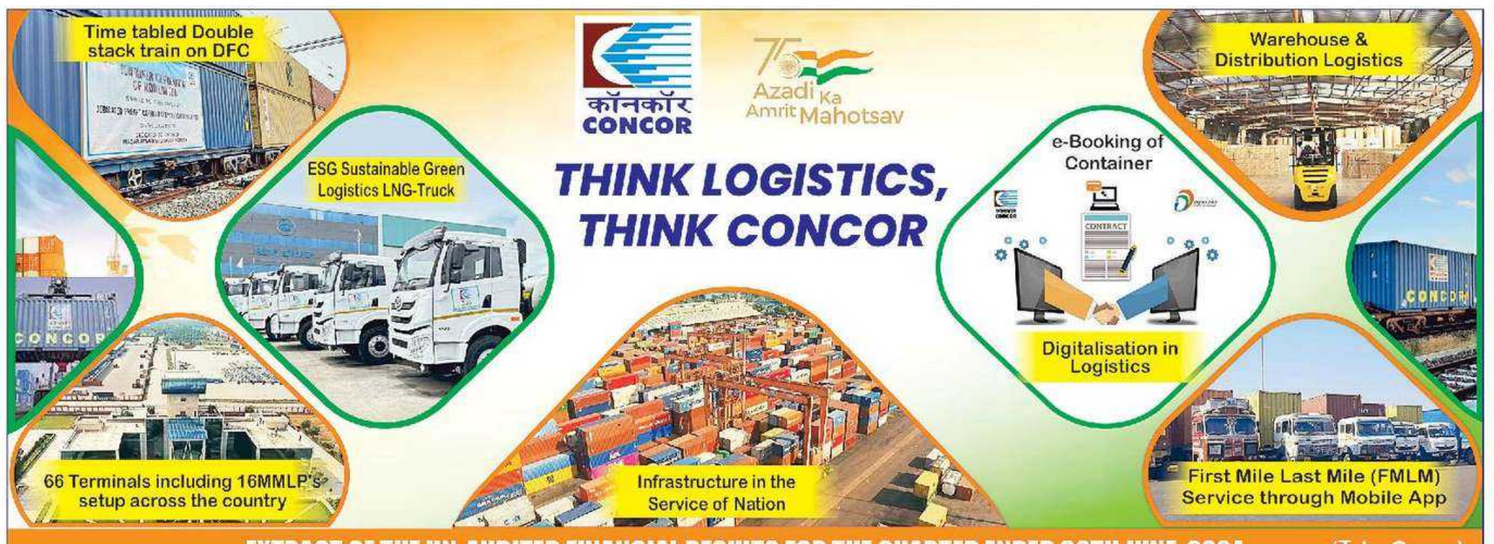
Rijiju agreed to send the bill to a JPC, after which the introduction of the bill was passed via a voice vote, "We are not running away anywhere. So, if this has to be referred to any committee, I would like to speak on behalf of my govt — a joint parliamentary committee be formed, this bill be referred to it, and detailed discussion be held..."

Before Rijiju's speech, key NDA allies Janata Dal (United) and Telugu Desam Party also expressed their support for the bill but the latter said that it would not mind the bill being sent to JPC.

Union minister and JD(U) leader Rajiv Ranjan 'Lalan' Singh said that the bill was brought to make the functioning of waqf boards transparent.

He also criticised the Opposition for drawing parallels between waqf boards and temples, questioning their understanding of the differences between these institutions. "Here an example of Ayodhya is being given... Can you not differentiate between a temple and an institution? This is not an attempt to interfere with mosques. This law is for the institution, to make it transparent..."

TDP member GM Harish Balayogi said that his party would not mind if the bill was sent to a parliamentary panel. "I appreciate the concern with which the government has brought this bill...If wider consultations are required to remove misconception, wrong information being sent, and to educate the purpose of the bill, we have no problem sending it to the select committee," he added.



EXTRACT OF THE UN-AUDITED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE, 2024 (₹ in Crore)

S. No.	Particulars	STANDALONE RESULTS			CONSOLIDATED RESULTS		
		FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED	FOR THREE MONTHS ENDED		FOR TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
		30-JUNE- 2024 (Un-Audited)	30-JUNE- 2023 (Un-Audited)	31-MARCH- 2024 (Audited)	30-JUNE- 2024 (Un-Audited)	30-JUNE- 2023 (Un-Audited)	31-MARCH- 2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from Operations	2,097.07	1,919.34	8,632.49	2,103.13	1,922.84	8,653.41
2	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period (before Tax, Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items and Share of net profit/(loss) of joint ventures)	341.28	321.19	1,641.62	347.11	318.95	1,638.49
3	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period before tax, Share of net profit/(loss) of joint ventures(after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	341.28	321.19	1,634.48	347.11	318.95	1,638.49
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax (after Exceptional and/or Extraordinary items)	255.35	244.12	1,230.79	259.42	245.19	1,262.09
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income (after tax)]	257.03	251.51	1,237.57	260.85	252.55	1,268.64
6	Equity Share Capital	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65	304.65
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year			11,507.69			11,518.56
8	Earnings Per Share (of ₹ 5/- each) (for continuing and discontinued operations) -						
	1. Basic (₹)	4.19	4.01	20.20	4.26	4.02	20.71
	2. Diluted (₹)	4.19	4.01	20.20	4.26	4.02	20.71

The Standalone and Consolidated Financial results of the Company for the quarter ended June 30, 2024 have been reviewed by Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in its meeting held on August 8th, 2024. The statutory auditors of the Company have carried out limited review of the above results for Quarter ended June 30, 2024.

Note:-The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarter ended Financial Results for June 30, 2024 filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the Quarter ended Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges Websites www.nseindia.com, www.bseindia.com and on company's website www.concorindia.co.in

For & on behalf of the Board of Directors

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Date: 08th August, 2024

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TENDER NOTICE

IREL (India) Limited, Rare Earths Division invites tender for the following item/job description:

Item/job description	Availability of tender in GEM Portal
Supply, installation and commissioning of ICP OES	09.08.2024 1400 Hrs.

For details visit the following website: **gem.gov.in**, **www.irel.co.in**/tender-information, **https://eprocure.gov.in/cppp**

Any corrigendum/extension to above tenders shall be hosted in above website only.

Date: 09.08.2024

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Notice Inviting Bid (10/2024-25)

Bids for collection of user fee on "Bhawi-Pipar-Khimsar (SH-86C) Length Km. 97.00" are invited from interested bidders upto 11.00 AM on 14.08.2024.

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in**) of the state. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is **₹ 3.09 Cr.**

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Applications are invited from : i) Full Time Sponsored Teachers/ Technical Staff of Technical Institutions/Official of State DTEs/BTEs, ii) Professionals from Industry/Other Organizations, iii) Engineering Graduates aspiring to be teachers for the following programmes :

Master of Engineering (M.E.) Programmes :

1.	Civil Engineering (Construction Technology and Management)
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4.	Mechanical Engineering (Manufacturing Technology)

All the above programmes are approved by AICTE, New Delhi

Prospectus/Brochure-2024 containing details about Eligibility, Programme Structure, Reservation Policy, Application Format etc. can be downloaded from institute website: www.nitttrchd.ac.in. Last Date of Receipt of Applications by email at **me.admissions@nitttrchd.ac.in** is **26th August, 2024 by 5.00 PM** **DIRECTOR**

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No. : F.1 (R-300)/JMRC/DC/SB-04/ 2024-25/06/2939 Date : 08/08/2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

JMRC invites open competitive bids from domestic eligible bidders for Licensing for Station Branding/Semi Naming Rights of Metro Stations in following bids:

RFP No.	For Metro Station	UBN
F.1(R-298)/JMRC/DC/SB-05/2024-25/07 dt: 06.08.2024	Vivek Vihar	JMR2425SLOB00059
F.1(R-299)/JMRC/DC/SB-06/2024-25/08 dt: 06.08.2024	Shayam Nagar	JMR2425SLOB00060
F.1(R-247)/JMRC/DC/SB-04/2024-25/06 dt: 08.08.2024	New Aatish Market	JMR2425SLOB00064
F.1(R-300)/JMRC/DC/SB-07/2024-25/09 dt: 08.08.2024	Chandpole	JMR2425SLOB00063

Pre-bid conference scheduled at 11:30 Hrs on 14/08/2024 at above said office address. All prospective bidders are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting. The last date of submission of bids is 02/09/2024 by 14:00 Hrs. Please visit JMRC website **www.jaipurmetrorail.in** or **http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/jmrc**, SPP Portal **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or e-Procurement portal **(eproc.rajasthan.gov.in)** for all Clarifications/amendments/corrigendums.

Raj.Samwad/C/24/3575 **Director (CA), JMRC**

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NIT No. 2024-UAD-361579-1/MPGMC/19/24X9/1/PHE/2024 Gwalior, Date : 02.08.2024

जनसम्पर्क RO क्रमांक 369 **Notice Inviting Tender** दिनांक 07-08-2024

On behalf of Gwalior Municipal Corporation, M.P. online percentage rate bids for the following work are Invited on portal http://www.mptenders.gov.in from registered Contractors and competent firms.

Description of Works	Probable Amount (in Rs.)	Completion Period (In Days)
Survey and Design of Distribution network for water supply from RCC Overhead tanks/Ground Level Service Reservoirs/Sump-wells including Providing, Laying, Testing and Commissioning of pipelines to be laid under this contract in different DMAs (District Metering Areas) of Nagar Nigam workshop within RCC Overhead tanks/ Ground Level Service Reservoirs/Sump-wells in different Dakshin Vidhansabha.	2,83,73,399.00	180 days continuesley (24 Hours Day & Night) i/o Rainy Season

Interested bidders can view the NIT of portal **http://mptenders.gov.in.** The bid document can be purchased only on online from dated **02.08.2024** to **30.08.2024** and can be submitted **30.08.2024** up to 5.30 PM.

Executive Engineer,
Water Supply, Gwalior Municipal Corporation, Gwalior



'No update on her plan': MEA on ex-PM Hasina's India stay

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NEW DELHI: India said on Thursday that it is up to former Bangladesh premier Sheikh Hasina, who resigned and fled Dhaka on Monday, and is currently in the Indian Capital, to decide her future plans, even as it called for the speedy restoration of peace and stability in the neighbouring country amid reports of continuing violence. An interim government headed by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took over on Thursday.

The interests of the people of Bangladesh are paramount for India, and is the responsibility of authorities in Dhaka to ensure the well-being of all Bangladeshi citizens, including members of minority communities, external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal told a regular media briefing.

The remarks came amid mounting speculation about Hasina's plans, including her reported efforts to travel to the West, especially after the UK effectively ruled out the possibility of giving her asylum. External affairs minister S Jaishankar informed Parliament on Tuesday that the deposed premier had sought approval to come to India "for the moment".

Responding to several questions about Hasina's travel plans, Jaiswal said: "As far as former prime minister Sheikh Hasina is concerned, we don't have an update on her plans. It is for her to take things forward."

Noting that Jaishankar had explained that approval for Hasina to come to India was given at short notice, Jaiswal added, "The situation is still evolving as far as Bangladesh is concerned. It would not be appropriate for me to comment on her plans."

The remarks were an indication that Hasina is expected to remain in India for some more time. People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that Hasina – who has been moved from Hindon airbase, where she arrived in a Bangladesh Air Force aircraft on Monday, to an undisclosed safe location – would take a call on her travel plans. Though Hasina has been talking to Indian interlocutors, she has given no inkling so far about where she intends to go, the people said. They added that the Indian side is in touch with key Western partners to discuss this matter.



Sheikh Hasina had fled to India on Monday.

Hasina was accompanied by her sister Sheikh Rehana, a British citizen, when she fled Dhaka and reportedly planned to travel to London from India. However, the UK has effectively ruled out such a possibility, pointing out its Immigration Rules have no provision for a person to be allowed to travel to Britain to seek asylum. It is also not possible for a person to apply for asylum from outside Britain.

In the wake of reports that the US too would not let her in, it is understood that Hasina is considering other destinations, such as Finland, where she has relatives, or a West Asian country.

It is understood that Hasina's status figured in a phone conversation on Thursday between Jaishankar and his British counterpart David Lammy. There was no official readout on the discussion, though Jaishankar said on X that he and Lammy talked about "the situation in Bangladesh and West Asia".

When Jaiswal was asked about attacks on Bangladesh's Hindu minority and their homes and temples, he acknowledged that there had been a surge in violence and attacks since the fall of Hasina's government. "We want to make it clear that it is the responsibility of every government to ensure the well-being of all its citizens. We hope for early restoration of law and order in Bangladesh. This is both in the interests of the country itself, and for the larger region as a whole," he said.

The Indian side is monitoring the status of Bangladesh's minorities and has noted initiatives taken by groups and organisations to ensure the protection and well-being of these communities, he said. However, Jaiswal reiterated Jaishankar's assertion that India will remain deeply concerned till law and order is fully restored.

"One thing I would like to emphasise...as far as...the government and people of India are concerned, for us the interests of the people of Bangladesh is foremost in our minds," he said.

India is also in constant touch with Bangladeshi authorities to ensure the safety and security of Indian missions, its personnel and Indian nationals in the neighbouring country.

"As a close friend of the people of Bangladesh, we want restoration of peace and stability...as soon as possible so that normal life can begin, so that we can take the interests of the people of Bangladesh and our own interests forward," Jaiswal said.

Hope for early return to normalcy, and safety of Hindus, PM tells Yunus

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NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday offered his "best wishes" to Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, who was sworn in as the head of Bangladesh's interim government, and urged him to ensure the "safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities".

Yunus, 84, will head a 16-member advisory council or caretaker administration that will run the country till elections are held. Yunus returned to Bangladesh from France three days after former premier Sheikh Hasina's government was toppled by a student-led uprising.

"My best wishes to Professor Muhammad Yunus on the assumption of his new responsibilities," Modi said in a post on X.

In a reflection of India's concerns about attacks on Bangladesh's minority communities, Modi said: "We hope for an early return to normalcy, ensuring the safety and protection of Hindus and all other minority communities." He added, "India remains committed to working with Bangladesh to fulfill the shared aspirations of both our peoples for peace, security and development."

The Indian side has said it is monitoring the status of Bangladesh's minority communities following reports of attacks on their homes, businesses and places of worship since Hasina resigned and fled to India on Monday.

Muhammad Yunus

Bangladesh under Hasina was a central pillar of India's "Neighbourhood First" policy and benefited from billions of dollars poured into development projects and initiatives to bolster physical and energy connectivity. Hasina also forged close ties with Modi and travelled to India twice in June to attend his swearing-in ceremony and then for a state visit to boost bilateral ties.

Hasina also took several steps to address India's security concerns related to the northeastern states, including cracking down on anti-India militant groups that had established bases in Bangladesh, and granted transit rights that improved connectivity between eastern India and the landlocked northeastern region.

The Indian side said on Thursday that it is for Hasina to decide on her future plans, an indication that she might remain in the country for some more time.

People familiar with the matter said on condition of anonymity that taking forward bilateral ties will depend on steps taken by the caretaker administration headed by Yunus, who has been critical of the Indian government for its close ties with Hasina.

INS Tabar on the Thames



Indian Navy's frontline frigate, INS Tabar, arrives at the London harbour on Wednesday for a four-day visit. INS Tabar, a stealth frigate built for the Indian Navy in Russia, is commanded by Captain MR Harish with approximately 280 personnel on board. PTI

UGC releases SOPs to roll out credit system

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NEW DELHI: The University Grants Commission (UGC) has released the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the implementation of the National Credit Framework (NCrF), setting out the number of hours classroom learning, practical work and experiential training that will amount to one credit.

The guidelines are part of the NCrF, currently being tested as a pilot in some schools. The framework allows transfer of credits, facilitating multiple entries and exits in education and skilling system, and will apply from school to PhD level.

According to the NCTF guidelines, one credit is awarded for one hour of lecture, teaching, or tutorial per week. Alternatively, two hours of practical or field work per week, or three hours of experiential learning per week, can also be equated to one credit.

Over the course of a semester, one credit corresponds to 15 hours of theoretical instruction, 30 hours of practical work or lab sessions, or 45 hours of experiential learning.

"The NCrF SOP, notified by the UGC, marks a significant step towards our shared vision of a dynamic, inclusive, lifelong education system that empowers learners with relevant skills and knowledge for the 21st century," said UGC Chairman M Jagadesh Kumar.

The NCrF sets a total of 1200 notional (estimate of hours required to complete classes, homework, etc) learning hours per year across these educational sectors, with 40 credits awarded upon successful completion. Students can earn additional credits by taking extra courses and projects.

The framework was approved by the Centre in April last year under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, with a High Level Committee being formed shortly afterwards.

The NCrF provides multiple entry and exit points, which means that if a student wishes to halt their studies for some time they can do so, and resume provided they have enough credit points. This also means that a student wishing to switch to some other institute, vocation, or even a grade may do so provided they have enough credit points corresponding to the rules.

The core courses and NCrF levels from a student's previous program will need to be mapped to the new program. If core courses align, transfers should be seamless, but if there is a mismatch, the receiving institution may still accept the student but must provide a bridge course to address any gaps.

UGC chief Kumar also said that he hopes the framework would enhance transparency and flexibility in education and contribute to providing skilled manpower to support India's economic growth.

However, some academics raised concerns about the implementation of the new framework. Mithuraaj Dhusiya, a member of the Delhi University Academic Council, said the SOP will "complicate" things further as "having so many conditions takes away the focus from the main degree."

"There is a limited number of credits as a part of curriculum and minimum number of credits to get to next year. These guidelines will take away time from the core courses as students will be burdened and will not end up learning anything. This structure will complicate things further," Dhusiya said.

Key guidelines

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1,200 escaped prisoners could enter India: BSF

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KOLKATA: Over 1,200 prisoners, including terrorists, have escaped jails in Bangladesh in the days since its former premier Sheikh Hasina resigned, and could attempt to force their way into India with weapons, the country's security agencies have informed the Border Security Force (BSF), said people aware of the matter.

Several officers of the Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) have been inducted to maintain law and order in the strife-torn country, weakening security on the border, the people said.

Senior BSF officials said the heightened security risks have prompted border forces of both countries to open communication channels at different levels and have discussions several times a day, sharing information in real-time to keep infiltrators from entering India.

A BSF officer, requesting anonymity, said, "Information is being exchanged at all levels of both forces, such as commandants, nodal officers, frontiers IGs and other ranks, information is being exchanged." During the conversations, BGB officials have been asked to immediately alert their BSF counterparts about any escaped convicts moving towards the 4096-km border.



Security has weakened on the border after BGB officers were inducted to maintain law and order in strife-torn Bangladesh. PTI

The border is porous at many places. In south and north Bengal frontier, the border is a field separated by barbed wires. At other places, water bodies divide the two countries. It is through these sections, smuggling of cattle, gold, drugs, medicines, and fish eggs take place.

Violent protests have wrought Bangladesh for weeks now, with over 300 killed, forcing Hasina to abdicate and escape the country for India in dramatic circumstances early on Monday. Her resignation quelled the protests but attacks against Hasina supporters and loyalists have continued since then, prompting several people to flee towards bordering nations.

Between Wednesday and Thursday, there were at least four instances at the North and South Bengal frontiers of Bangladeshi residents trying to enter India. "For now, the message from our government is clear: No person should be allowed to enter no matter what they say," they said.

"BGB informed us about prisoners escaping from five jails — Narsingi, Sherpur, Satkhira, Kushtia and Kashimpur," said the BSF officer quoted above. They also informed BSF that 400 prisoners who fled from Narsingi jail have surrendered, though many others, including from the Jamaat-E-Islami and Hefazat-e-Islam still missing.

India has also been informed that many police personnel who fled their posts fearing persecution could also try to enter the country. "Many BGB personnel have posted in urban areas of Bangladesh where there is violence. We suspect that criminals and terrorists who escaped prisons may try to sell their stockpiles of weapons in India. There are also policemen who have left their stations and are missing. They could flee to India for safety temporarily," the second BSF officer said.

The officials also said that residents of villages, as well as supporters of the Awami League and the party's politicians are trying to enter India for safety. One such incident was reported at the Darshana immigration point in Bangladesh's Chaudanga on Thursday. Two Awami League politicians — one a local councillor of the Rajshahi City Corporation ward council and another the party's general secretary, was detained by the BGB at the Darshana ICP check post when they were trying to escape using fake documents.

BSF RESCUES 17 WORKERS NEAR TRIPURA BORDER

KOLKATA: At least 17 Indian nationals, who were working on a road project in Bangladesh, were brought back to India by the Border Security Force (BSF) after coordinating with the Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB), the force said on Thursday.

The workers were unable to return after the immigration counters in Akhaura, Bangladesh, near the Tripura frontier, was closed. After the force received a distress call about violence in the area around the camp where the men had taken shelter on Wednesday night, BSF officials asked BGB personnel to open the counters and arrange for immigration personnel temporarily. "The workers of this company were trapped and sent us a SOS. Initially police had started manning the immigration in Bangladesh but they were also attacked, so they too fled, and the offices were shut," said Patel Piyush Purshottam, inspector general of Tripura frontier. "

BSF officers said they are now trying to bring back seven more workers of the company and are in talks with the BGB.

Himachal under 'orange' alert for heavy rain on August 10-11

SHIMLA: The Met office here issued an 'orange' warning on Thursday for heavy to very rainfall, accompanied by thunderstorm and lightning, at isolated places in Himachal Pradesh during the weekend. It also warned of a low to moderate flash flood risk in isolated parts of Sirmaur, Chamba, Shimla, Kullu and Mandi districts in the next 24 hours amid an active monsoon current in the state. Since 5:30 pm on Wednesday, Shillaroo recorded the highest rainfall at 86.4 mm, followed by Baggi (76.6 mm), Sundernagar (64.2 mm), Mandi (60.2 mm), Gohar (57.4 mm), Jogindernagar (53 mm), Pandoh (50 mm), Palampur (48.8 mm), Dharamshala (38 mm), Kufri (24 mm), Kangra (22.6 mm), Dhaulakuan (22 mm), Narkanda (20 mm) and Manali (15 mm).

India calls for de-escalation and restraint in West Asia

NEW DELHI: India on Thursday expressed "extreme concern" about the situation in West Asia and called for de-escalation and restraint against the backdrop of a potential Iranian response to alleged Israeli involvement in the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran. Concerns have mounted across West Asia about the possible Iranian response to the killing of Haniyeh and to Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr in Beirut. "The situation in West Asia is of extreme concern to us. There are around 3,000 Indian nationals in Lebanon, there are 10,000 people in Iran. Our embassies there have issued advisories for people to be alert," external affairs ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

NIJJAR MURDER TRIAL POSTPONED FOR FOURTH TIME

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TORONTO: Four Indian nationals arrested in connection with the killing of Khalistani terrorist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in Canada briefly appeared before a court in British Columbia on Wednesday as the trial against them got adjourned for the fourth time.

The Surrey provincial court postponed the proceedings in the case on the request of the Crown, the prosecutor, which continued to deal with procedural matters pertaining to review of case material.

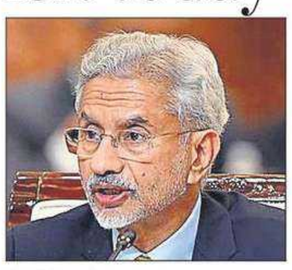
The defence has received about 10,000 pages of disclosure and will get a similar number in a week, Crown prosecutor Louise Kenworthy told the Surrey provincial court Judge Mark Jetté, adding the entire process could "take some months more", as reported by weekly newspaper *Surrey Now-Leader*.

The court adjourned the proceedings till October 1 in the case which has strained India-Canada relations. Nijjar was murdered in the parking lot of a gurdwara he headed in Surrey on June 18 last year.

EAM to begin 3-day Maldives visit today

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NEW DELHI: External affairs minister S Jaishankar will make an official visit to the Maldives during August 9-11 to strengthen the bilateral partnership and to explore new avenues for cooperation after ties were hit by Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu's efforts to move his country closer to China.



S Jaishankar

The Maldives is India's "key maritime neighbour and an important partner" in New Delhi's "neighbourhood first" policy and the vision of SAGAR or Security and Growth for All in the Region, the external affairs ministry said while announcing the visit on Thursday.

The visit will be the first by Jaishankar to the Maldives in his second term as the foreign minister, and it follows Muizzu's recent trip to India for the swearing-in of the new cabinet in June. Jaishankar last visited the Maldives in January 2023.

"The visit is aimed at strengthening the close partnership between the two countries and to explore avenues to enhance the bilateral relationship further," the ministry said.

Ties took a hit last year after Muizzu, who came to power in a presidential poll on the back of an "India Out" campaign, demanded the removal of over 80 Indian military personnel deployed in the Indian Ocean archipelago to operate two helicopters and an aircraft used mainly for medical evacuation and humanitarian relief operations. India replaced the military personnel with civilian experts earlier this year. Muizzu also took a range of steps to reduce the Maldives' dependence on India for food security and healthcare and also signed a raft of agreements with China.

After Bengal crash, Rlys eyeing uniform rules to curb accidents

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NEW DELHI: The Indian Railways will do away with separate, zone-wise rules for train drivers across the country in favour of a uniform regulation to minimise the possibility of accidents, said officials aware of the matter, as part of a slew of decisions taken in the wake of the Kanchanjunga crash that killed 10 people.

The Railways will also add the Kavach safety system on all railway lines with automatic block signalling (ABS), which has been installed at 4,111 kilometres of railway lines till October 31 last year.

Further, the Railways has also ordered 2,300 walkie-talkies for train driver, in sync with a suggestion made by the Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS) in its preliminary investigation report published on July 11.

The train accident took place around 8.55am on June 17, around 10km from New Jalpaiguri station in north Bengal, when the Kanchanjunga Express was rammed by a goods train.



Ten people died after the Kanchanjunga Express rammed into a goods train in north Bengal on July 17. ANI

CRS termed the episode an "accident in waiting" and blamed systemic failures in managing train operations within automatic signal zones and insufficiently trained railway personnel.

Railways minister Ashwini Vaishnaw told HT on Wednesday, "The CRS made crucial suggestions in the report after the Kanchanjunga Express accident and suggested that the Railways should have unified subsidiary rules (SR) across all the zones.

The Indian Railways has two types of rules: General Rules (GR) and Subsidiary Rules (SR). SR are framed according to individual zones. A former railways official requesting anonymity said that General Rules for operation of railways were framed in 1984. "Since then, with the modernisation of the signalling system and movement of trains, it is imperative to revisit and thoroughly revise GRs," they said.

Pak's proxy war, Ladakh border row key security challenges, says CDS

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NEW DELHI: Chief of defence staff General Anil Chauhan on Thursday said that the proxy war waged by Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir whose sudden escalation is being witnessed in areas to the south of Pir Panjal range, and the prolonged border dispute with China in eastern Ladakh are among the security challenges faced by India.



General Anil Chauhan

"These are two major security challenges that we face. Instability in our neighbourhood is another cause for concern for us," Chauhan said at the Ammo India 2024, a conference organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

A strong military backed by a strong defence industrial sector is a sine qua non of the nation state, he said. "For a large nation like India with a plenitude of security problems, it can't remain dependent on imports for warfighting and sustenance especially when the global security environment is in a state of flux."

"The global arms industry is grappling with a widening gap between demand and supply. The reliance on imports to bridge this gap is becoming a necessity for most nations, highlighting global interdependence in defence supplies," he said.

The disruptions have presented an opportunity to the India defense ecosystem to ramp up its defence manufacturing capabilities so that the country transcends from being an importer to an exporter of military hardware, Chauhan added.

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AIIMS-Central Armed Police Forces Institute of Medical Sciences Center (AIIMS-CAPFIMS Center) Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068

Advertisement Notice No.- SR-AIIMS (CAPFIMS)/2024

Date: 29.07.2024

Recruitment to the post of Senior Residents for AIIMS - CAPFIMS Center, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi-110068

Online applications are invited from Indian Citizens as per Govt. of India Residency Scheme, for the tenure posts of Senior Residents for a maximum period upto 3 years for AIIMS-CAPFIMS Center, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi. **The details are given below:**

Date of Online Registration of Applications	
Registration Opens on	29th July, 2024
Registration Closes on	12th August, 2024 (upto 5.00 p.m.)
Date of CBT Examination (Stage-I)	25th August, 2024 (Sunday) in Delhi/NCR
Duration & Timing of Exam	1 ½ hr. (10.00 AM to 11.30 AM)
Result of Stage-I CBT Examination	28th August, 2024
Date of Interview (Stage-II)	31st August, 2024
Final Result & Joining	1st week of September, 2024

Important: For detailed information etc. please visit the website **www.aiimsexams.ac.in**. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will be uploaded on the website only.

CBC 17112/11/0026/2425 Sd/- **ASSISTANT CONTROLLER (EXAMS)**

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES NEW DELHI

Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (NORCET) 7
Notice No. 82/2024 Date: 01.08.2024
www.aiimsexams.ac.in

Online Application is invited for the Nursing Officer Recruitment Common Eligibility Test (NORCET) 7 for the recruitment of Nursing Officer posts at Level 07 in the Pay Matrix pre-revised Pay Band-2 of Rs.9300-34800 with Grade Pay of Rs.4600/-, Group-B for AIIMS New Delhi and other AIIMS as per available vacancies in the respective Institutes.

The On-line applications can be done through AIIMS web site www.aiimsexams.ac.in from 01.08.2024 to 21.08.2024 up to 5:00 P.M.

Eligibility Criteria for appearing in NORCET

Essential Qualification

I
a. B.Sc. (Hons.) Nursing / B.Sc. Nursing from an Indian Nursing Council/state Nursing council recognized Institute or University **OR** **B.Sc.** (Post-Certificate) / Post-Basic B.Sc. Nursing from an Indian Nursing Council/State Nursing council recognized Institute/ University.
b. Registered as Nurses & Midwife with State / Indian Nursing Council

OR

II
a. Diploma in General Nursing Midwifery from an Indian Nursing Council/State Nursing council recognized Institute / Board or Council
b. Registered as Nurses & Midwife in State / Indian Nursing Council.
c. Two Years' Experience in a minimum 50 bedded Hospital after acquiring the educational qualification mentioned above as applicable for all Participating AIIMS.

Remarks - The required two years of experience as in above is as an essential criterion and to be valid, the experience shall must be acquired after obtaining Essential Qualification, i.e. after completing residency period of the course, declaration of result & registration with State/Indian Nursing Council.

Age Limit: For all AIIMS: Between 18-30 Years. (As per detail on Age relaxation given in General Conditions subject to age Relaxation as per Recruitment rules of respective Institutes/Hospitals.)

All age shall be counted on the last date of closing of application form.

APPLICATION FEES:

A) General/OBC Candidates - Rs.3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand only)
B) SC/ST Candidates/EWS - Rs.2400/- (Rupees Twenty-Four Hundred only)
C) Persons with Disabilities - Exempted

The candidate can pay the prescribed application fee through DEBIT CARD/CREDIT CARD/ NETBANKING. Transaction / Processing fee, if any, as applicable, will be payable to the bank by the candidate.

Application fee once remitted shall not be refunded under any circumstances.

Applications without the prescribed fee would not be considered and summarily rejected.

Application Fees of SC/ST candidates who appear in the Examination will be refunded after declaration of results in due course of time after verification SC/ST certificate to be uploaded at a later stage.

Online (CBT) for Stage I: NORCET Preliminary, Date: 15th September, 2024 (Sunday),
Online (CBT) for Stage II:NORCET Mains, Date: 4th October, 2024 (Friday)

Please visit AIIMS website www.aiimsexams.ac.in to apply online & for latest information.

CBC 17112/11/0028/2425

भारतीय अन्तर्देशीय जलमार्ग प्राधिकरण INLAND WATERWAYS AUTHORITY OF INDIA

(Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India)
A-13, Sector -1, Noida – 201301 (U.P.), Phone: 0120 – 2544036 & 2574050

Brief Employment Notice No. IWAI-17011/2/2024-ADMIN RECTT Dated 08/08/2024

Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) invites on-line applications from Indian Nationals for filling up of following vacancies by DIRECT RECRUITMENT at IWAI Headquarters, Noida and Regional Offices / Sub- Offices as per details given below.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: - Only online applications will be accepted. Application received through any other mode shall stand rejected automatically.

The opening date and closing date for receipt of online applications are as under:

Opening Date of Application: 16/08/2024 Closing Date of Application: 15/09/2024

Sl. No.	Post Code	Name of Post	Pay Level of the Post	Maximum age Limit	Total Vacancies	Category						
						UR	OBC	EWS	SC	ST	PwD	EXSM
1	01/24	Assistant Director (Engg.)	Level-10 (Pay Range) 56100-177500)	35	2	UR – 1 (Mechanical) OBC – 1 (Civil)						
2	02/24	Assistant Hydrographic Surveyor (AHS)	Level-10 (Pay Range) 56100-177500)	Not exceeding 35 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	03//24	Licence Engine Driver	Level–6 (Pay Range) 35400-112400)	Not exceeding 30 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	04/24	Junior Accounts Officer	Level–6 (Pay Range) 35400-112400)	Not exceeding 30 years	5	1	2	1	1	-	1*	-
5	05/24	Dredge Control Operator	Level–6 (Pay Range) 35400-112400)	Not exceeding 30 years	5	2	1	1	1	-	-	-
6	06/24	Store Keeper	Level–4 (Pay Range 25500-81100)	Not exceeding 25 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	07/24	Master 2nd Class	Level–4 (Pay Range 25500-81100)	Not exceeding 35 years	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
8	08/24	Staff Car Driver	Level-2 (Pay Range 19900-63200)	Not exceeding 30 years	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-
9	09/24	Master 3rd Class	Level-2 (Pay Range 19900-63200)	Not exceeding 30 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	10/24	Multi Tasking Staff (MTS)	Level-1 (Pay Range 18000-56900)	Between 18 and 25 years	11	2	4	3	1	1	2*	-
11	11/24	Technical Assistant (Civil/ Mechanical/ Marine Engineering/ Naval Architecture	Level-6 (Pay Range) 35400-112400)	Not exceeding 30 years	4	UR-2 (1- Civil & 1-Mechanical) OBC-1 (1-Marine Engineering) ST-1 (1-Naval Architecture)						

(*) If PwD candidate is selected, will be adjusted against the quota as per his/her category.

Physical Requirements and Suitable Category of Benchmark Disability:

Post	Physical Requirement	Disability suitable for the job
Junior Account Officer	S, ST, MF, RW, SE, C	c) - OA, OL,BL, BA, OAL, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, MDy, SD (without N/L Df), SI (without N/L Df) - **01 Post**
Multi Tasking Staff (MTS)	S, ST, W, MF, RW, SE, C	a) - B, LV – **01 Post** c) - OA, OL,BL, BA, OAL, CP, LC, Dw, AAV, MDy, SD (without N/L Df), SI (without N/L Df) – **01 Post**

Abbreviations used for physical Requirement:
S- Sitting, ST= Standing, W= Walking, MF= Manipulation by Fingers, RW= Reading & Writing, SE= Seeing, C= Communication
Abbreviations used for categories:
B= Blind, LV= Low Vision,
OA= One Arm, OL= One Leg, BL= Both Leg, BA= Both Arm, OAL= One Arm and One Leg, CP= Cerebral Palsy, LC= Leprosy Cured, Dw= Dwarfism, AAV= Acid Attack Victims, MDy= Muscular Dystrophy, SD/SI (without N/L Df)= Spinal Deformity / Spinal Injury (without Neurological / Limb dysfunction).

Interested candidates possessing requisite qualifications and experience may submit applications online using link, which shall be available in the IWAI website i.e. **www.iwai.nic.in**; w.e.f 16/08/2024. Last date for payment of Application Fee and submission of online application is 15/09/2024 (23:59 Hrs.).

Detailed advertisement shall be available on IWAI website **(www.iwai.nic.in)** on 16/08/2024.

Sd/-
SECRETARY

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	MUNICIPAL CORPORAITON GURUGRAM	PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT (PMC) FOR THE BALANCE WORK OF RE-DEVELOPMENT OF SHREE MATA SHEETLA DEVI SHRINE MAIN CAMPUS, GURUGRAM, HARYANA	02.08.2024 16.08.2024	EMD 5 LACS	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9914544004 ee6@mcg.gov.in
2.	MUNICIPAL CORPORAITON GURUGRAM	PROVIDING AND LAYING OF 600 MM I/D RCC NP3 SEWER LINE FROM ESIC HOSPITAL TO MAIN PUMPING STATION DHANWAPUR AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROAD BY BM BC IN WARD 14 ZONE 1 UNDER MC GURUGRAM	05.08.2024 16.08.2024	1.49 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9914544004 ee6@mcg.gov.in

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

RO NO. 13/2025/60/28709/I/19/7

Office of the Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Meerut Circle Meerut

Address: Apar Ayaukt Udhyog Campus, Suraj Kund Road Meerut

Letter No. 749 /RED/SE/PIU-BPT/Tender /2024-25 Dated 30-07-2024
(Name of Authority Inviting Bids)

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (NIT)

On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh on the basis of e-procurement notice issued by Chief Executive Officer UPRRDA Lucknow vide his letter number 1480/T-194(1)/UPRRDA/2024 dated 10.07.2024 the Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Meerut Circle Meerut invites the percentage rate bids, in electronic tendering system, for Periodic Renewal of road under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana for the following work including their maintenance for five years from the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD/UP RED, in appropriate class (A as per limit) or equivalent category in CPWD/ MES/ P&T/ Railways and other State Govt. and Central Govt. Departments. Non-registered bidder s may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sl. No	District	Package no.	Name of the work	Estimated Cost excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)		Total Cost excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)	Period of Completion	Bid Security (Rs. Lakh)
				Periodic Renewal	Maintenance cost (for 5 years)			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Baghpat	UP 0807R	DY Road (Baraut) To Bijwara Via Badawad (Rajwaha Patri) (old package UP -0857)	399.23	75.11	474.34	Six Month Including Rainy Season	9.49

Note- In Anticipation of financial approval from appropriate authority

1. Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement : 22.08.2024 from 11.00 am
2. Start Date of Time of Availability of Bid Document for download and submission on web site : 22.08.2024 from 12.00 pm onwards.
3. Date, Time and Place of prebid meeting : 24.08.2024 at 12:00 pm, at the Office of Superintending Engineer, Rural Engineering Department Meerut Circle Meerut, Apar Ayaukt Udhyog Campus, Suraj Kund Road Meerut.
4. Last Date/time for receipt of bids through e-procurement : 30.08.2024 at 04:00 pm
5. Date/Time for opening of bids through e-procurement : 31.08.2024 at 12:30 pm
6. Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission : The bid document is available online and should be submitted online in www.pmgsytendersup.gov.in

(R.K. Verma)
Superintending Engineer,
Rural Engineering Department,
Meerut Circle-Meerut

UP-218142, Dt. 06.08.2024
Website : www.upgov.nic.in

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) DIVISION Pulwama
NOTICE INVITING TENDERS(for Road work/bridges/Buildings)

TWO COVER SYSTEM (above Rs. 2.50 Crores)

NIT No:- 34 //RnB/Pul /2024-25/3457-67 **Dated:- 07.08.2024**

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on **%age basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/ Doc. (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (In Rs)	Time of Completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor	Position of AAA	Position of TS
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1.	Construction of indoor stadium at Sirnoo Pulwama	449.68 lacs	5500/-	2% of Advt. cost	24 Months	31 .08. 2024 at 11.00 A.M	AAY Class	86-DDCP of 2023 Dated. 17.08. 2023	CE(R&B) SK/ TS/18 of 2024-25 Dated 04.07. 2024

Major Head of Account = District capex 2023-24
Position of Funds = Approved.
Project Authority = PW(R&B) Department south Kashmir.

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	07.08.2024
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 09.08.2024,10.00 A.M to 30.08.2024, 2.00 P.M
3.	Date, Time and place of pre-bid meeting	08.08.2024 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama/Shopian .
4.	Bid submission Start Date	09.08.2024 From 10.00 A.M
5.	Bid Submission End Date	30.08.2024 up to 2:00 P.M
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids (Online)	31.08.2024 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of the Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama/Shopian
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids (Online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per below schedule:
2. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of **Treasury Challan/Receipt(Under MH-0059 PWD) in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama [Tender Inviting Authority] (The Date of Treasury Challan/ EMD should be between the date of Start of Bid and Bid Submission End Date) and EMD (2% of advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG** pledged to Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama/ Shopian (Tender receiving Authority).
3. **All the Bidders have to submit Earnest Money/Bid Security (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/ FDR/BG. Non submission of Earnest Money/Bid Security shall render the bidder as Non-responsive.**
4. The 1st lowest responsive (Successful) Bidder has to produce an amount equal to 5% of contract as Performance Security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG in favour of Superintending Engineer R&B Circle Pulwama/ Shopian (Tender receiving authority) within 15 Days after the date of receipt of letter of acceptance and shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond DLP.
5. The Earnest Money Deposit (EMD@2% of Advertised Cost) in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG of the successful Bidder shall be released after receiving Performance security @5% of the allotted cost in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG and same shall be released after successful completion of Defect Liability Period (DLP) of the work.
6. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Website **www.jktenders.gov.in** and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial-bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online in the Office of **Chief Engineer PWD (R&B) South Kashmir. The date for same shall be intimated separately.**
7. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a **period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**
8. The earnest money/performance security shall be forfeited, If:-
   a) Any bidder/ tenderer withdraw his bid/ tender during the period of bid validity or makes any modifications in the terms and conditions of the bid.
   b) Failure of Successful bidder to furnish the required performance security within specified time period before issue of letter on intent.
   c) In case contractor fails to execute the agreement within 28 days after fixation of contract.
10. Any typographical error if found in the BOQ/BOQs, will be rectified as per original estimate/DPR/SSR whichever is appropriate and will be paid accordingly.

No.: 34//RnB/Pul /2024-25/3457-67
Dated:- 07.08.2024

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No. SE/O&M/NIT-UJN03/8906 **Ujjain, Dated : 08.08.2024**

NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Online tender is invited for work as per tender specification given below :-

TS No.	Particulars	Tender value (Approx.) (In Lacs.)	Last Date of Online Submission of Bid	Due Date of Online Bid Opening
UJN03	Construction of New 33/11 KV Substation on Semi-Turnkey Basis at Mochikheda Division Mahidpur, District Ujjain	30.80	02.09.2024 Upto 15:00 Hrs.	03.09.2024 At 15:00 Hrs.

Note : Pre-bid Meeting will be held at The STC, 2nd Floor Maxi Road Freeganj MPPKVVCL Ujjain on **14.08.2024 from 03:00 PM** onwards. For further information visit our website **http://www.mpwz.co.in** or portal **https://www.mptenders.gov.in**

M.P. Madhyam/115817/2024 **S.E. (O&M)**

Western Railway - Ratlam Division

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT : E-TENDERING NOTICE

No. : W/623/5/1/NIT, Date : 05.08.2024

The Divisional Railway Manager (WA) RATLAM for and on behalf of the President of India invites "Open Tender" through e-tender on website **www.ireps.gov.in** the details are as under :-

Sr. No. : 1, **E-Tender No. :** RTM-2024-25-72, **Name of Work :** Sehore Station - Providing apprach road, goods office room, widening of goods platform, cover shed on goods platform, drain, ladies rest room with wash room etc. work including with electrical work in connection with development of goods shed with various amenities at. **Approx Value :** ₹ 16,50,38,898.41, **Earnest Money to be deposited in Rs :** ₹ 9,75,200.00, **Completion period :** 18 Months, **Similar Type of Work :** Any Steel Fabrication Work, **Date of uploading on website :** 05.08.2024, **Date of Opening of Tender :** 09.09.2024. **Sr. No. :** 2, **E-Tender No. :** RTM-2024-25-77, **Name of Work :** Maksi - Bhopal Section - Annual repair and Maintenance of bridges in ADEN Sehore Section. (For Two Year), **Approx Value :** ₹ 1,69,24,800.00, **Earnest Money to be deposited in Rs :** ₹ 2,34,700.00, **Completion period :** 24 Months, **Similar Type of Work :** Any Civil Engineering work, **Date of uploading on website :** 05.08.2024, **Date of Opening of Tender :** 09.09.2024. Detailed tender notice, eligibility criteria and terms and conditions are available at website **www.ireps.gov.in**. Cost of tender form is NIL.

ADM/5/1/172 **Divisional Railway Manager(W/A) Ratlam Division, WR**

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Government of Jammu and Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER PMGSY (JKRRDA) JAMMU

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDERS

e-NIT No:-CEJ/PMGSY/778 of 2024-25 Dated:- 05.08.2024

Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Jammu on behalf of The Government of Jammu & Kashmir, invites e-tenders on %age Above/Excess (+) OR %age Below/ Less (-) basis (i.e. on Percentage-Rate Basis) from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K U.T. Govt, CPWD, Railways or equivalent and other State/U.T. Govts up to **1700 Hrs. on 20.08.2024** for each of the following works including their maintenance for five years from the date of completion on **OMMAS**.

S.No.	Name of the Work/Package No.	Name of the PIU	Constt. Part (Rs. In Lacs)	Maintt. Part (Rs. In Lacs)	Total (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Documents (Rs. In Lacs)	Bid Security (EMD) @2% of total cost rounded to the nearest thousand (Rs. In Lacs)	Time Allowed for completion	Call of tender	Time and date of opening of technical bids	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1.	(i) Balance work for Construction of Road from Hasplote to Dhok, Stage-I, Package No. JK12-98, Block- Thanamandi, District-Rajouri (Length-10.00 kms). **Adv. Cost inclusive of GST-Rs. 102.61 Lacs** (ii) Balance Work for Construction and Maintenance of Road from Hasplote to Dhok, Stage-II, Package No.JK12-331, Block- Thanamandi, District-Rajouri (Length-10.00 kms) **Adv. Cost excluding maintenance but inclusive of GST-Rs. 294.86 Lacs**	**Thathri Budhal**	397.47	49.40	446.87	0.055	8.94	10 Months	1st	22.08.2024 1100 Hrs.	Any registered contractor with State/U.T. PWD/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works
2.	Construction and Maintenance of road from L027-Kanthan to Sawalakote Part-II, Package No:- JK14-637, Regular PMGSY (Batch-I, 2018-19), Stage-II, Block Arnas, District Reasi (Length - 26.760 Kms) **Adv. Cost excluding maintenance but inclusive of GST-Rs. 1452.62 Lacs**	**Mahore**	1452.62	116.20	1568.82	0.11	31.37	16 Months	1st	22.08.2024 1100 Hrs.	Any registered contractor with State/U.T. PWD/CPWD/ Railways or equivalent qualifying eligibility criteria as provided in the Standard Bidding Documents can tender for the works
3.	Balance work for upgradation of road from L058 Hidyal Chowk to Bhera via Hergadi, Package No. JK04-635, PMGSY-II Batch-I 2019-20, Block:- Kishtwar, District Kishtwar. Length -4.150 Kms **Adv. Cost excluding maintenance but inclusive of GST-Rs. 263.23 Lacs**	**Kishtwar**	263.23	34.79	298.02	0.055	5.96	09 Months	1st		

1. (a) The Bidding document can be downloaded from the website **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in** from 1855 Hrs on 07.08.2024 to 20.08.2024 upto 1700Hrs.
   (b) The Bids shall be deposited **ONLINE ONLY** in electronic format on the website **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in** from 1000 Hrs on 09.08.2024 to 1700 Hrs. on 20.08.2024.
   (c) Pre bid meeting will be held on 08.08.2024 at 1200 Hrs.
   (d) Technical Qualification Part of Bids will be opened online at 1100 Hrs on 22.08.2024.
2. The date and time of opening of Financial Bids shall be notified on Web Site **http://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in**.
3. For Complete information refer to the bidding document
4. For further details kindly visit our website **https://pmgsytendersjk.gov.in**

Sd/-
No:-CEJ/PMGSY/8954-9028 **Chief Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Jammu**
Dated:- 05.08.2024 **For and on behalf of The Government of Jammu and Kashmir**

DIP-J-3974-24

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA
Public Works Division, Pune - 411 001
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E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 25 FOR 2024-2025

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Pune - 411 001 invites bids for following work from Registered as well as unregistered Contractor who full filling the qualifying criteria in **B-1 Tender Format** as per G.R. No. Maharashtra Government, Public Work Department G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 27/9/2018 and G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-8/Bldg-2 dt. 20/5/2021 and G.R. No. CAT/2017/Pra.Kra-08/Bldg-2, dt. 31/08/2023 and Misc-2022/Pra.Kar-104/Bldg-2 dt. 28/06/2024.

Bids document can be downloaded from website **https://mahatenders.gov.in.** Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

Name of Work	:-	NIT Comprises following Works Estimate Cost.
Estimate Cost	:-	As per following Table

1.	Rs. 3,18,19,046/-	3.	Rs. 3,90,49,273/-	5.	Rs. 1,19,85,027/-	7.	Rs. 2,10,88,919/-
2.	Rs. 4,77,20,366/-	4.	Rs.10,36,32,498/-	6.	Rs. 1,76,44,526/-	8.	Rs. 2,49,89,729/-

Period of Sale of Tender Document	:-	Dt.09/08/2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to dt, 23/08/2024 @ 18,00 hrs.
Pre-bid Meeting For Work No.1 to 4	:-	Dt.16/08/2024 @ 12.00 hrs. In the Office of The Chief Engineer, P. W. Region, New Central Building, Pune -1.
For Work No. 6 to 8	:-	Dt.16/08/2024 @ 15.00 hrs. In the Office of The Superintending Engineer, P. W. Circle, Old Central Building, Pune -1.
Period of online Submission of Tender	:-	Dt. 09/08/2024 @ 10.00 hrs. to dt. 23/08/2024 @ 18.00 hrs.
Period of online Tender opening	:-	Dt. 27/08/2024 @ 10.00 hrs. (If Possible)

The detailed Tender Notice can be is available on

1. **Web - www.mahapwd.gov.in (Only Tender Notice)**
2. **https://mahatenders.gov.in** (Any changes in the NIT will be Corrigendum's published on above website)
3. Notice Board@ o/o Executive Engineer, P. W. Division, Pune, Central Building, Pune -1.

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Sd/-
(Surendrakumar Raghunath Katkar)
Executive Engineer,
Public Work Division,
Pune 411 001.

{ BUDDHADEB BHATTACHARJEE } 1944-2024

'He was Bengal's Renaissance man'

Prakash Karat



Former West Bengal chief minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee passed away on Thursday. PTI

Just before the Emergency, in 1974, I had gone to Kolkata because our Student Federation of India's head office was there at that time. In the Youth Federation Office, I found a young man in his kurta-pajama sitting at a desk and writing away furiously.

It was my first sight of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee.

Years later, Bhattacharjee epitomised an era of communist politics in West Bengal, which has now ended with his passing away. Bhattacharjee was, as a person and a leader, someone who touched various aspects of life and society in West Bengal. He was no ordinary communist cadre. He was also a person with literary accomplishments. And he made a distinctive contribution to the development of cultural institutions and cultural life in West Bengal as well.

Bhattacharjee the administrator, the chief minister, and the long-time minister of the Left Front government is of course the most well known and most public aspect of his political life.

But for us, we were more or less of the same generation. We both came into the Central Committee of the CPI(M) in 1985 so we saw him as a party cadre, a party organiser and a party leader who started this work in the student movement and then the youth movement, and then he came into the leadership of the party in West Bengal as a state committee and state secretariat member.

What was so distinctive about him was his capacity to be totally devoted to his work. He was dedicated to what he had to do and the responsibilities assigned to him. But at the same time, he had a certain detachment to see the larger picture. And as you know, he developed not just as a party functionary, but had active interest and passion for literature.

He carried this tradition in West Bengal of being a Renaissance man. Personality-wise, he represented everything that was progressive, democratic, secular in West Bengal and its cultural traditions. Within that framework, he was also a loyal party worker and a leader. He also tried to implement the party's understanding of how the Left Front government should function with all the limitations of a state government.

He was also groomed by the first generation of party leaders. Let's not forget he became a minister at a time when Jyoti Basu was the chief minister and Pramod Dasgupta was the party state secretary. And that's a period when the CPI(M) also had to work out how to function in the state government after getting a majority in the assembly within a set up where the real powers were with the Centre. Of course, it was something that leaders of an earlier generation such as Harkishan Singh Surjeet or EMS Namboodiripad had worked it out. Bhattacharjee was able to carry that forward later as a minister and as chief minister. So that's one of the unique aspects of his career.

I think it's a misnomer to think that Bhattacharjee was the one who brought the industrialisation policy in West Bengal. Industrial policy decision was made under the Jyoti Basu government, which was also discussed in our party Central Committee to adopt new things such as the role of private sector. But he took it forward.

What he planned to do or aim to do was not something that was not within the party's policy framework. Problems cropped up in its implementation but the fact is that he was carrying on what had already been worked out in the party.

All through my long association, I remember the snippets we shared. I'm not that well versed in the field of literature. I have read classics but he would be up to date with modern literature. Once he told me, "You should read (Jose) Saramago." He said he's a Portuguese writer who had won the Nobel Prize at that time and told me to read the novel Blindness. He was the one who would tell us about new books, new literary works. As a person, he had much wider interests than many of us.

Prakash Karat is the former general secretary of CPI(M)

(AS TOLD TO SAUBHADRA CHATTERJI)

SC SLAMS MP OVER ARREST OF SCHOOL MANAGEMENT FOR INCREASING FEES

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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Thursday pulled up the Madhya Pradesh government for arresting principals and the management of top schools in Jabalpur for increasing fees and selling textbooks at higher prices, and said that rounding up persons for such actions cannot be permitted.

Granting a week for the state to take instructions on whether any criminal offence was made out which necessitated their arrest, a bench led by justice BV Nagarathna said, "You cannot round up people for all this. Please advise your government. This kind of a thing cannot go on. Things are changing now."

The matter has been kept for further hearing on August 20.

The order was passed on petitions filed by the principals and chairpersons of the schools, including the bishop of Church of North India (CNI), Jabalpur diocese, after their bail pleas were rejected by high court on July 9.

Wondering how criminality was made out for increasing fees and price of textbooks, the bench said, "Only two things have been alleged that they are selling books at a higher cost and charging high fees. What is criminal offence?"

The petition by the bishop Ajay Umesh Kumar James said that by virtue of being bishop, he became the ex-officio chairperson of 11 schools falling under the diocese. The Christ Church School, against which one of the 11 FIRs were filed by the state, was one such school. He claimed he joined in July 2023 while offences alleged were of 2017-18. Being a senior citizen aged 58 years, he claimed to be in custody since May 27 for offences of cheating and forgery.

Senior advocate Siddharth Luthra and advocate Pragati Neekhra, appearing for the bishop, said, "At the most this is a case of copyright. I have been in jail for over two months." The court told the state: "Find out why they are being proceeded against and why the complaint against them was filed."

ASG KM Nataraj, appearing for the state, told the bench that he had not seen all the petitions.

The court directed him to go through them and prepare a comprehensive chart laying down the relevant facts before the next date of hearing.

School van driver molests girl in MP, held

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BHOPAL: The driver of a private school van has been arrested for allegedly molesting a three-and-half-year-old girl in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh, police said on Thursday.

The incident occurred on July 29 and it came to light after the girl, a kindergarten student of IPS Academy School in Machal, informed her grandmother about it, Indore rural superintendent of police (SP) Hetika Vatsal said.

"The girl used to travel to the school in the van. After the incident on July 29, the girl returned home crying and informed her grandmother that the van driver misbehaved with her. Soon after the girl fell ill and did not go to the school for the next few days," the SP said.

THE GIRL'S FATHER ALSO DEMANDED ACTION AGAINST ADMINISTRATION OF IPS ACADEMY SCHOOL, MACHAL FOR NOT ACTING ON HIS COMPLAINT

On August 3, the grandmother had gone to drop off the girl to the bus stop, but the minor started running away from the van after seeing the driver. "When asked, the girl told her grandmother that the driver touched her inappropriately after removing her clothes and inserted fingers in her private parts," the officer said.

The grandmother informed the girl's father about the incident. "He went to the school with the girl and lodged a complaint with the administration. He also filed a complaint at the Betma police station," he added.

On Thursday, the accused van driver, 38-year-old Satyendra Tiwari, was arrested after the girl identified him from among a set of photos of all male school employees. The accused has been booked for rape under BNS and relevant sections of the Pocso Act.

Meanwhile, the girl's father also demanded action against the school management, saying it did not take cognisance of his complaint against the driver.

School director Ramnarayan Dwivedi said the management will cooperate with the police investigation. "On Saturday, the father of the girl along with some people created ruckus at the school. I was not present in the school," Dwivedi said. "We want fair investigation in the matter. This is the first time in 11 years that the school has been operational that such a grave complaint has been filed against an employee of the school."

SECTION OF BRIDGE OVER THE GANGA COLLAPSES IN BIHAR

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KATIHAR: A section of an under-construction bridge over the Ganga collapsed in Katihar district of Bihar on Thursday, officials said, adding no casualty was reported in the incident.

The small bridge, officials said, was being built by the rural works department to connect the Bakiya Sukhaye panchayat area to Katihar town.

"The construction of the bridge started recently. Two pillars of the small bridge collapsed," district magistrate Manesh Kumar Meena said. "There might have been an increase in the river current, because of which the two pillars collapsed. The matter is being examined."

The minister in-charge of Katihar district, Niraj Kumar Singh, said it was not appropriate to call it the collapse of an under-construction bridge. "The construction started recently and only two pillars collapsed. The NDA (National Democratic Alliance) government in Bihar has already made it clear that strict action will be taken against the officers and contractors if operational or fully constructed bridges collapse," Singh added.

Bihar has witnessed a slew of bridges, big and small, collapse in different parts of the state over the last two months, prompting the government to suspend 15 engineers.

Vedanta fined ₹71cr in Odisha for illegal dumping of fly ash

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BHUBANESWAR: The Odisha State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) has imposed a ₹71 crore penalty on Vedanta Limited for illegally dumping over 711,000 tonnes of fly ash — a byproduct of coal combustion — across Jharsuguda, Sambalpur and Sundargarh districts without prior approval, in violation of environmental rules.

In a letter to the company's whole-time director sent on Wednesday, the SPCB member secretary said the penalty was levied as environmental compensation of ₹1,000 per tonne on the unutilised ash, as per the Union environment ministry's Fly Ash notification provisions on Environmental Compensation of Pollution charges.

"The regional offices of the State Pollution Control Board in Rourkela, Jharsuguda and Sambalpur have received numerous public complaints and letters from district administrations regarding the unauthorised dumping of fly ash without prior permission from the Board," said the show-cause notice, seen by HT. It estimated that about 7.11 lakh (711,000) tonnes of unauthorised fly ash was disposed of by Vedanta's unit at various locations.

7.11 LAKH TONNES OF FLY ASH WAS DISPOSED OF ILLEGALLY BY VEDANTA: SPCB

The SPCB said the non-compliances were "gross violations" of consent conditions and directives issued under the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981. Vedanta has been given 15 days to respond to the show cause notice. The SPCB also directed the company to submit a detailed action plan for removing the dumped solid waste and rejuvenating the affected sites.

A Vedanta spokesperson said the company is currently reviewing the notice and will communicate with the concerned authority within the stipulated timeline.

The show-cause notice followed inspection reports from district officials, who found illegal dumping of fly ash on hundreds of acres of farmland over the past four months, since April 8. Locals in the three districts have been protesting the alleged dumping, saying the ash is causing respiratory problems and eye irritation, forcing them to stay indoors.

K'TAKA ANNOUNCES ₹50L AID, JOB TO WIFE OF SLAIN COP

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BENGALURU: Karnataka home minister G Parameshwara on Thursday announced an ex gratia of ₹50 lakh and a government job to the wife of a police sub-inspector who died under suspicious circumstances earlier this month.

"We cannot bring him back but it is my duty to console the family. It is a loss to me as well. He was an honest officer from the Dalit community who came up after a lot of struggle," Parameshwara said after visiting the bereaved family at Somanal village in Koppal district.

Though police are yet to ascertain the cause of the death, suspecting it to be a case of suicide, Congress legislator Channareddy Tannur and his son Pampanagouda have been booked on the complaint of the sub-inspector's wife, who accused the father-son of harassing her husband and driving him to suicide.

"We have offered his wife, who is an engineering graduate in Electrical stream, in our department but she has asked for a job in the Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company (GESCOM). I will discuss this with the chief minister," Parameshwara said. "Our department and the state government have decided to give ₹50 lakh to the family as a special grant."

He also dismissed the demand for a CBI probe.

TENDER NOTICE
Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Gujarat, Abhilekhagar Bhavan, Sector-17, Gandhinagar

Directorate of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Gujarat invites interested Bidders to participate in the bidding process for the following works:

"Selection of Construction and Maintenance Agency on DBOT Basis for Devayat Bodar Memorial at Uparkot Fort, Junagadh Gujarat."

Please note that the Bid Documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tender.nprocure.com**. from 09th August 2024. Further the last date of submission of Online Bid is 30th August 2024 by 18.00 hrs. The Last date for submission of hard copies of the document is 31st August 2024 by 18:00 hrs. Evaluation of Preliminary Qualification criteria will be announced later. For further details please contact 079-23256730/40.

Director
INF/725/2024-25 **Director of Archaeology & Museums**

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Letter No. 695 **Date Extension Notice- 02** Dated 07.08.2024

Due to unavoidable reasons, the Date of Submission & opening of the e-NIT No. 07/EE/PCM-DKP/TN/2024-25 invited by the office of the Executive Engineer Project Civil Maintenance-Dakpathar is being extended as below:
Last Date & Time for submission of bids on e-portal Upto 17:00 hrs of 04.09.2024
Last Date & Time for Submission of hard Copies Upto 11:00 hrs of 05.09.2024
Date & Time of Opening of bids on e-portal at 11:30 hrs of 05.09.2024
Other Terms & Condition will remain same.
Information regarding Addendum/Corrigendum/Cancellation etc. of tender may be obtained from the website.
Full & Further Details of tender can be seen from the e- procurement portal "**https://uktenders.gov.in**".

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E-TENDER FOR THE FOLLOWING WORKS ARE INVITED:-

NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/50 & 80 MVA Trf./24-25/06 Date: 09.08.2024	Procurement of 50 MVA & 80 MVA Power Transformers.
NIT No.: CE(P)/WBSETCL/132kV Isolator/ 24-25/07 Date: 09.08.2024	Procurement of 132 kV Isolator of different ratings.

Bid documents can be downloaded from 09.08.2024, 03:00 P.M. and bids shall be submitted online up to 04:00 P.M., 06.09.2024. Visit the following websites:- www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbsetcl.in for details. ICA- T13603(3)/2024

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Principal Chief Engineer, Konkan Railway Corporation Ltd., invites Open Tender in Single bid system through E-Tendering on IREPS portal from eligible contractors for the following work. **Name of Work:** Supplying and stacking of 50 mm size Pakur variety machine crushed track ballast for Jayanagar (India) to Kurtha (Nepal) Railway section. **Tender Notice No.: KR-W-1-58-2024-14. Estimated Cost:** Rs. 1,60,89,904/- excluding GST. **Closing Date/Time: 23.08.2024** up to **15:00** hrs for submission of online Offers/Bids. **Completion period:** Three months including monsoon. Manual offers shall not be accepted. Please visit **https://ireps.gov.in** website for details / participation. Corrigendum / addendum will be hosted in this website only.

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ई–निविदा सूचना

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है, कि विभिन्न औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत विकास/अनुरक्षण/उच्चीकरण कार्यो हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों/नगर निकायों में कार्यरत फर्मों/ठेकेदारों से ई–निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसको अपलोड करने की समयसीमा निम्नवत् है–

1. **क्रम सं0 1 पर अंकित कार्यो की निविदा दिनांक 09.08.2024 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 29.08.2024 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं, जिन्हें दिनांक 30.08.2024 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे खोला जायेगा (पूर्णकालिक)**
2. **क्रम सं0 2 व 3 पर अंकित कार्यो की निविदा दिनांक 09.08.2024 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 20.08.2024 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं, जिन्हें दिनांक 21.08.2024 को पूर्वान्ह 11.00 बजे खोला जायेगा (अल्पकालिक)**

निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शपथपत्रों की मूल प्रतियों निविदा प्रपत्रों में उल्लिखित दिनांक तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकेंगी। ई–निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत् है:–

क्रमांक	कार्य का नाम	कार्य की लागत रू0 (लाख में)
1.	Construction of Development of CFC Building at I.A. Sikandrabad Distt. Bulandshahar	241.08
2.	Upgradation and Maintenance of Grill, Kerb stone and Construction of footpath along road for sector C-8 Rotary to Bhagat Songh Chowk at I.A TDS City Distt. Ghaziabad	227.47
3.	Upgradation of footpath & Kerb Stone along Road at I.A. Baghpat	137.29

नोटः– निविदादाता अपनी निविदाओं में समस्त कर सहित दरें अंकित करें। जी0एस0टी0 अलग से देय होगा।
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist. Nanded
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.09/ 2024-25

Online Tender (e-tender) in **B-2** form for the in Nanded District total 01 (One) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded (Phone No.02467-222658) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System. From the registered contractor in appropriate class of Public works Department of Maharashtra State. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra. e-tender portal **https://mahatenders.gov.in/** on sub portal **www.mahapwd.gov.in** as under.

Note :-
1) Details of the tender documents are available on e-tendering **https://mahatenders.gov.in/** and **www.mahapwd.gov.in** website of the Government of Maharashtra.
2) If there are any changes in the tender notice, then the information will be display on the website.
3) Executive Engineer, Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist. Nanded has reserved the right to accept or reject tenders.

Sd/-
Prashant Nilkanth Kore
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पत्र सं. WB-74-W-O/Works/NIT/X, दिनांक : 05.08.2024, मंडल रेल प्रबंधक, इंजीनियरिंग उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिए एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमों के अंतर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रों में निविदा निम्न कार्यों के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। **(1) ई–निविदा सूचना संख्या 2024–25** : 97, **कार्य का नाम व स्थान**: Strengthening of loop line by conversion of SWR to LWR 52 Kg in the section of SSE/PW/MKN, SUJH, DNA & MTD in th Jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/East. **अनुमानित लागत**: ₹ 3,45,31,742.38/–, **बयाने की राशि**: ₹ 3,22,700.00/– निविदा सूचना संख्या 97 of 2024-25 निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 23.08.2024 को 15.00 बजे तक है। वेबसाइट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है– www.ireps.gov.in 920-DK/24

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पुरातत्व व वस्तुसंग्रहालये संचालनालयाच्या, अधिपत्याखालील सहाय्यक संचालक, पुरातत्व विभाग, महाराष्ट्र शासन, नाशिक हे प्राचीन व ऐतिहासिक वा तत्सम वारसा वास्तुंची जतन दुरुस्ती कामाचा पुरेपूर अनुभव असलेल्या ठेकेदारांकडून निविदा ब–1 प्रारुपात खालील जतन दुरुस्ती कामाचे प्रस्तावासाठीची टक्केवारी निविदा मागवित आहे.

अ.क्र.	कामाचे नाव	सुरक्षा ठेव	निविदा किंमत
1.	कदमवांडे गढी, तोरखेडा, ता. शहादा, जि. नंदुरबार असंरक्षित स्मारकाचे जतन दुरुस्ती काम करणे.	रुपये 3,67,000/–	रुपये 2,360/–

http://mahatenders.gov.in या वेबसाईटवर ई–निविदा प्रसिद्ध करण्यात आली असून निविदा फॉर्म, कामाच्या अटी व शर्ती इत्यादी सविस्तर माहिती वेबसाईटवर दिलेली आहे.

(अ. ना. गोटे)
सहाय्यक संचालक,
पुरातत्व विभाग, महाराष्ट्र शासन
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OPPN MPs RAISE RISING AIR FARES, SAFETY CONCERNS AS LS DISCUSSES AVIATION BILL

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NEW DELHI: Opposition lawmakers on Thursday raised several pressing concerns regarding the country's civil aviation sector — including skyrocketing air fares and inadequate safety measures — during a debate on the Bharatiya Vayuyan Vidheyak, 2024 in the Lok Sabha.

The government, however, defended the bill, which seeks to replace the 90-year-old Aircraft Act, saying it would address the current discrepancies in the law and help the industry grow.

The bill was introduced in the Lower House on July 31 with an aim to "regulate various aspects of the aviation industry, including the design, manufacture, maintenance, operation, and sale of aircraft".

Taking part in the debate, Congress lawmaker Kishori Lal highlighted the lack of funding for the Hindustan Aeronautics Institute, saying it hasn't received grants since 2015. The Amethi MP also raised concerns about aviation safety, noting that three aircraft have crashed in his constituency since 2019.

RJD MP Abhay Kumar Sinha flagged high airfare prices, saying flyers were suffering due to significant price variations for same distances, with fares ranging from ₹10,000 to ₹15,000.

IUML lawmaker Abdussamad Samadani highlighted last-minute flight cancellations by airlines, urging the civil aviation minister to address this issue as it causes significant inconvenience to passengers.

The bill has also come under sharp criticism over its title, with some opposition MPs calling it attempt at Hindi imposition on non-Hindi regions.

Defending the bill in the House, civil aviation minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu underscored the need for the new legislation, saying the Aircraft Act, 1934 has become outdated due to its numerous amendments over the years.

He explained that the 1934 law had undergone 21 amendments, resulting in ambiguities and contradictions, particularly regarding the powers and functions of internal organisations such as the regulator DGCA.

BUDDHADEB DIES

Condolence messages for the Communist Party of India (Marxist) leader poured in from all over, cutting across the political divide, as millions of citizens mourned the death of Bhattacharjee who is survived by his wife Mira and child Suchetan.

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

"This is an extremely sad moment for us. I have known him for several decades. We met on many occasions. I offer my condolences to members of the CPI(M) party and all his followers," said chief minister Mamata Banerjee, the architect of the downfall of the Left Front's 34-year-long regime in Bengal.

In September 2000, the maverick Jyoti Basu retired as independent India's then longest serving chief minister (Sikkim's Pawan Chamling later broke that record). Bhattacharjee, the successor, was widely seen as the CPI(M)'s poster boy yearning to change the face of archaic bureaucracy in the corridors of the British-era secretariat, the Writers' Buildings, and alter the image of party cadre.

Easier said than done, many of Bhattacharjee's critics said in hushed tones as the transition took place.

Eleven years later, when Bhattacharjee lost by 16,770 votes to Manish Gupta - his first home secretary who joined the Trinamool Congress after retirement - in his home constituency of Jadavpur, the veteran communist was virtually reduced to a tragic hero.

But that is not why Buddha Babu, a thoroughbred Bengali gentleman identified by his spotless white dhoti-kurta and Kolhapuri chappals and his love for Latin American literature and Tagore's works, will possibly be remembered for.

Often criticised by fellow comrades for trying to play an apostle of the industry, the man who always stood his ground embraced a rough ride no Left leader experienced during Bengal's Left Front regime. Critics may argue that he failed to live up to the expectations of the masses but Bhattacharjee didn't hesitate to set up acid tests for himself.

By sounding the slogan "Krishi amader bhitti, shilpo amader

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bhobishyot" (agriculture is our foundation, industry is our future) at back-to-back Left rallies during his 10-year tenure, Bhattacharjee showed his determination to revive industries in a state where strikes and militant trade unionism were seen as the order of the day.

In 2005, he signed a number of MoUs, including one with the Salim Group of Indonesia for a multi-crore special economic zone which was later to become part of the Petroleum Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region (PCPIR). The second project was Ratan Tata's long cherished dream – the ₹1 lakh car for the common person.

But politics at the grassroots and simmering anger over the acquisition of farmland emerged as Bhattacharjee's main challengers.

The government chose Nandigram in East Midnapore for the proposed PCPIR. The assembly standing committee on commerce and industries, headed by then Congress MLA Sudip Bandopadhyay, gave its nod after a spot visit. With the CPI(M) in complete control of the three community blocks, the party thought acquiring land would be easy.

That the local CPI(M) gave Writers' Building incorrect feedback became apparent when a notice issued by the Haldia Development Authority turned thousands of people against the party. Before the government could get a grip on the situation, Nandigram turned into a war zone.

A police force sent to Nandigram on March 14, 2007 was supposed to restore the rule of law but the local party thought it would be wise to send some armed cadre to counter the agitators. Fourteen deaths later, Bhattacharjee had no option but to accept "moral responsibility" before fuming Left Front partners.

At Singur, the government managed to acquire the land promised to Ratan Tata but the boundary wall built around the factory site was targeted with bombs and shovels by angry farmers. Tata Motors employees had to be provided with round the clock police cover. Tata Motors moved out of Singur in 2008.

Kolkata added to the chief minister's agony. The death of Rizwanur Rahman, a 30-year-old man on September 21, 2007 rocked the city after allegations surfaced that he was targeted by the police for marrying the daughter of an undergarments baron.

On November 10, 2007, the focus shifted to Nandigram again. While the chief minister was waiting for Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) contingents to arrive, armed CPI(M) cadres stormed Nandigram, leaving a trail of blood. "They were paid back in their own coin", Bhattacharjee said, trying to defend his party, only to admit a few days later in Delhi that he should not have sounded like the "party's chief minister."

In November 2007, army had to be deployed in Kolkata and curfew imposed in parts of the city after some Muslim groups demanded the ouster of Bangladeshi writer Taslima Nasreen for some alleged sacrilegious remarks in her book, Dwikhondito. Nasreen left for Gujarat. Later, she dropped those pages from the book and alleged that the Bengal government pressured her to leave. The civil society received another jolt.

From being a leader of the Students Federation in 1963 to heading an industry savvy government, the protégé of legendary Marxist Pramod Dasgupta survived many crises, including a year-long exile from politics following strong differences with Jyoti Basu in August 1993.

But Bhattacharjee could not survive Singur, Nandigram and the fallout of his very own judgement.

The worst criticism came from his old cabinet colleague Abdur Rezzak Molla who emerged victorious in 2011 and later joined the Trinamool Congress. "One who can't even handle a non-venomous water snake should not have touched a cobra", Molla told the media in a non-discreet reference to Bhattacharjee's land acquisition methods. "He was not alone. There were people with him. Nobody thought about the poor people. The result of all that is here for everybody to see," Molla told the media.

In 1977, Bhattacharjee was picked to head the information and public relations department when the first Left Front government came to power in Bengal. The reason, argue Bhattacharjee's fellow comrades, was his "intellectual" image.

He was the only CPI(M) leader who advocated the need for nuclear energy in the country. Bhattacharjee's comments in front of a galaxy of industry stalwarts in 2008 assumed significance as general secretary of his own party, Prakash Karat, vehemently opposed the Indo-US nuclear deal.

Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
MUMBAI

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INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN BIDDING PROCESS FOR NON-AERO CONCESSIONS AT CSMI AIRPORT

Mumbai International Airport Limited (**"MIAL"**) invites parties to participate in the competitive bidding process for **Passenger Services** Concessions at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport ("CSMIA"), Mumbai.

Parties are requested to visit the website: (https://csmia.adaniairports.com/ ➔ Business ➔ Tenders) to download the application form for purchase of RFP documents

Please check the website for the deadline for submission of Application.

CONSTRUCTION & OPERATION OF GATI SHAKTI MULTIMODAL CARGO TERMINAL

Tender No.: C9RNYGCTKDKN320242; dated: 05-08-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: **Name of work:** Construction & Operation of Gati Shakti MultiModal Cargo Terminal (GCT) to be set up entirely on Railway Land. **Advertised Value:** ₹35,25,51,790.01; **Earnest Money:** ₹3,52,55,200.00. **E-tenders will be closed at** 16:00 hrs. on 11-09-2024. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**.

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E-AUCTION NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Eastern Railway, Lucknow invites E-Auction for following work. **Admin Unit/Zone:** Lucknow-NER-Division-Commercial/North Eastern Railway, **Auction catalogue No./Lot no.** LJN-FSLR-RSLR, **Catalogue Published on-** 05.08.2024 at 15:53 Hrs, **Auction Start (All Lots):** 21.08.2024 at 13:00 hrs, **Auction close Date/Time-** 21.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs, **Auction Type:** Close Ended, **Website particulars where complete details of auction can be seen by registered bidders:** E-Auction Module of www.ireps.gov.in

Assistant Commercial Manager, CPRO/C-98 Lucknow

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CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS

E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No: PCMM/CLW/HWH/E-Procurement/24/49 Dated: 05.08.2024 PCMM/CLW/HWH on behalf of the President of India invites electronic bids from established reliable manufacturer for supply of the followings. The following E-Tender/s is for supply of materials for manufacture of Electric Locomotive. The Prospective/likely suppliers are requested to look up the website **www.ireps.gov.in** for detailed instructions please. These are E-Tenders; only electronic offer bids shall be accepted. **Sl. No.; Tender No.; Description of Stores; Quantity.; Due On; Tender Cost** are as follows: **[263]; 14242520A;** i) Spring Loaded Switch-2; ii) Spring Loaded Switch For Pantograph/VCB/Hotel Load; iii) Spring Loaded Switch For Head Lights; iv) Spring Loaded Switch For Head Light Intensity; V) Spring Loaded Switch For Compressor. All above to CLW Specn. No. CLW/ES/3/0075/B. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-) : 5% percentage, Item Category: Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender /Documents; 26/08/2024;** ₹0.00. **[264]; 14242663;** i) Set of Bracket For WAG-9HC LOCO For Panel Section; ii) Set of Bracket For WAG-9HC Loco For Non Panel Section: iii) Set of Brackets (Consisting of 8 Items) For Dankuni, All To CLW Spec. No. CLW/ ES/3/0121/H (set detail attached) [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %age, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender /Documents; 26/08/2024;** ₹0.00. **[265]; 14242588A;** Tract/Brake Effort Meter Bogie To CLW SPEC. No. CLW/ES/3/0071. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %age, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Documents; 23/08/2024;** ₹0.00 **[266]; 14242563;** BUZZER OVER SPEED/FIRE ALARM/VIGILANCE WARNING TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0078/C. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %age, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Documents; 24/08/2024;** ₹0.00. **[267]; 14242951A;** CAB ACTIVATING KEY SWITCH TO CLW SPECN.NO. CLW/ES/3/0074. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %age, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Documents;03/10/2024;** ₹0.00. **[268]; 14242589A;** SOCKET HAND LAMP TO CLW SPECN. NO. CLW/ES/3/0082. [Quantity Tolerance (+/-): 5 %age, Item Category : Normal, Total PO value variation Permitted: Max 8 lacs]; **As Per Tender/ Documents; 26/08/2024;** ₹0.00. **[269]; 23245119;** Supply Of Base Mounted Feeder Pillar in Sheet Steel Enclouser (of Thickness 1.5MM in All Side With Suitable Locking Arrangement in Front Door) Outdoor Type Fitted With All Components Such As Incoming Feeder: 400A, 415V, 50 Hz MCCB Four Pole. TPN Copper Bus Bar Size 40 X 6 MM. Multifunction Meter (Volt, Amp, Hz) With Current Transformer, Phase Indicating Lamp and Outgoing Feeder TPN 200A, 415V Porcelain Type Fuse And Grip 50 Hz 2 WAY=6NOS. and TPN 100A, 415V Porcelain Type Fuse And Grip 50Hz 4 WAY=12 Nos. Incoming Cable Entry Hole Dia 52MM and Outgoing Cable Entry Hole Dia. 32MM. Make/Brand: 1) Panel: Jai Champion/L&T/ Schneider/Havells/ ABB or similar. 2) MCCB: L&T/Schneider/ Havells/ABB or similar. 3) Porcelain KIT-KAT: Jai Champion/L&T/ Schneider/Havells/ABB or similar. 4) Multifunction Meter: L&T/ Schneider/ Havells/ABB or Similar. 5) Indicating Lamp: L&T/Schneider/Havells/ABB or similar 6) C.T: KAPPA or similar, HSN Code 8537; **As Per Tender/ Documents; 03/09/2024;** ₹ 0.00.

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E-TENDER CORRIGENDUM-1

The pre-bid clarifications of the E-Tender for "Appointment of consulting firm for Advisory support of Consultant for preparation and filing of Tariff Petition for the control period FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 for Deemed ISTS elements of PTCUL" against Tender Specification no. PTCUL/E-Tender/C&P-II/ARR-05/2024-25 has been uploaded on e-tender website and the last date of submission of the e-tender is extended upto **23.08.2024 15:30 Hrs**. For more details please visit the e-tender website www.uktenders.gov.in (tender id no. 2024_PTCU4_73893_1) and for e-tender corrigendum notice our website www.ptcul.org. All other terms and conditions shall remain same.

For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

RO 1425/HQPU/PTCUL Date : 07.08.2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)

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GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

No. 783 **Date: 02.08.24**

SHORT TERM NIT No. 11/2024-25
INVITATION OF BIDS FOR TOLL COLLECTION

Bids for collection of user fee on "**Ajeetgarh to Chala section of SH-13, Bidasar to Jasrasar section of SH-20, Singhana to Buhana - Haryana Border section of SH-13B**" under RSHIP Tranche-1, Package-04/II are invited from interested bidders upto 11.30 AM on 12.08.2024.

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is **Rs. 11.95 Cr**.

UBN No.: PWD2425SLOB03774

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CIDCO
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TENDER NOTICE

Construction of Kondhane Dam and its allied works using Roller Compacted Concrete Technology at village Kondhane, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra.

CIDCO of Maharashtra Limited through the process of E-tendering invites **"ON LINE"** Item rate percentage bid from experienced prospective bidders fulfilling the mandatory eligibility criteria, registered with CIDCO Ltd. or with Central Govt., or with State Govt. of Maharashtra and its undertakings in appropriate class & Category, who have completed work of similar nature whose details shall be available on https://mahatenders.gov.in from 13/08/2024 at 17.01 Hrs. :

1. Name of Work: Construction of Kondhane Dam and its allied works using Roller Compacted Concrete Technology at village Kondhane, Tal. Karjat, Dist. Raigad, Maharashtra. 2. C.A. No: 01/CIDCO/EE(WSP)2024-25 **3. Tender Processing Fee:** Rs. 70,800.00 (including 18% GST (Non-Refundable))

Bid Documents along with Bidding Programme will be available on the website https://mahatenders.gov.in from 13/08/2024 at 17.01 Hrs.

Superintending Engineer (Water Supply)
CIDCO/PR/165/2024-25

CIN - U99999 MH 1970 SGC-014574
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1. Proclamation of sale:- 09.08.2024. 2. Sale to be effected on:- 09.09.2024. 3. Report on:- 30.09.2024.

HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH AT SHIMLA-171 001

PROCLAMATION OF SALE

(Order XXI, Rule 66 of CPC, Schedule-1, Appendix-E, Form 29)

Ex. Pet No. 27 of 2010 **in Civil Suit No. 30 of 2002.**

H.P. State Industrial Development Corporation Ltd. **Decree Holder**

Versus

M/s Him Air Products (P) Ltd. and others. **Judgment-Debtors.**

Notice is hereby given that under Rule 64, Order XXI of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, an order has been passed by this Hon'ble Court for the sale of the attached property mentioned in the annexed schedule, in satisfaction of the claim of the decree-holder in the suit mentioned in the margin, amounting with costs, and interest up to date of sale to the sum of **Rs. 4,42,18,901/-** (Four Crore Forty two Lac Eighteen thousand Nine Hundred and One only) **which has come to be Rs. 18,35,05,055/-** (Eighteen Crore Thirty Five Lac Five Thousand and Fifty Five only) **along with interest as calculated till 09.07.2019**. "The sale will be made by public auction, and the property will be put up for sale in the lots specified in the schedule. The sale will be of the property of the Judgment-Debtors above named as mentioned in the schedule below and the liabilities and claims aching to the said property, so far as they have been ascertained, are those specified in the schedule against each lot".

In the absence of any order of postponement, the sale will be held by **The Collector, Solan Distt. Solan, H.P.** at the monthly sale commencing at **where the property situate** on at 10 O'clock. In the event, however, of the debt above specified and of the costs of the sale being tendered or paid before the knocking down of any lot, the sale will be stopped.

At the sale the public generally are invited to bid, either personally or by duly authorized agent. No bid, by, or on behalf of the Judgment-Debtors above mentioned, however, will be accepted, nor will any sale to them be valid without the express permission of the Court previously given. The following are the further:

CONDITIONS OF SALE

1. The particulars specified in the schedule below have been stated to the best of the information of the Court, but the Court will not be answerable for any error, mis-statement or omission in this proclamation.
2. The amount by which the biddings are to be increased shall be determined by the Officer conducting the sale. In the even of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the lots shall at once be again put up to auction.
3. The highest bidder shall be declared to be the purchaser of any lot; Provided always that he is legally qualified to bid, and provided that it shall be in the discretion of the Court or officer holding the sale to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate to make it advisable to do so.
4. For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the officer conducting the sale to adjourn it subject always to the provision of rule 69 of order XXI.
5. In the case of moveable property, the price of each lot shall be paid for at the time of sale or as soon as after the officer holding the sale directs, and in default of payment the property shall forthwith be again put up and resold.
6. In the case of immovable property, the person declared to be the purchaser shall pay immediately after such declaration a deposit of 25 percent of the amount of his purchase money to the officer conducting the sale, and in default of such deposit the property shall forthwith be put up again and resold.
7. The full amount of the purchase-money shall be paid by the purchaser before the Court closes on the fifteenth day after the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the fifteenth day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the fifteenth day.
8. In default of payment of the balance of purchase-money within the period allowed, the property shall be re-sold after the issue of a fresh notification of sale. The deposit, after defraying the expenses of the same may, if the Court thinks fit, be forfeited to Government and the defaulting purchaser shall forfeit all claim to the property or to any part of the sum for which it may be subsequently sold.
9. **Assessed value of the land and building is Rs. 299.26 lacs, realizable value is 236.78 lacs and distress value is 204.22 lacs.**
10. **The reserved price of the property as Rs. 2.7 Crores per Hon'ble Court order dated 14.03.2022**

Given under my hand and Seal of the Court, this **16th day of July, 2024.**

Sd/- **Deputy Registrar (Judicial)**
High Court of Himachal Pradesh

Schedule of property:- (List of immovable is Property Attached herewith) at Shimla-1.

DPR HP-0273

RAIL COACH FACTORY KAPURTHALA

Notice for Invitation of Tender (NIT)

Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer/Shell acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders against Tender No. - **RCF-SAS-LWSCN(AB)-2024 Closing Date/Time 02/09/2024 at 15:00 Hrs** Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender documents cost and earnest money, only through payment modes available on IREPS Portal like net banking, debit cards, credit cards etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR etc. are not allowed. **A. Tender No.: RCF-SAS-LWSCN(AB)-2024. B. Name of Work/Service: LWSCN- Amrit Bharat Coach Shell activities as per scope of work. C. App. Cost:** Rs. 39,61,360/- (Rs. Thirty Nine Lakh Sixty one Thousand Three hundred Sixty only). **D. Tender Doc. Cost:** Rs. 3,000/-. **E. Earnest Money:** Rs. 79,200/- (Rs. Seventy Nine Thousand Two hundred only.). **F. Completion Period:** 1 Year for 80 Shells. **G. Tender Closing Date & Time: 02/09/2024** at 15:00 hrs. **H. Tender Opening Date & Time: 02/09/2024** after 15:30 hrs. **I. Website particulars:** www.ireps.gov.in. **J. General & Special Conditions and instructions to tenderers: 1.** The tenderer should upload proof of registration with the Employees Provident Fund Organization under "Employees Provident Fund and Miscellaneous Provisions Act-1952." A copy of code number allotted by the Organization should be uploaded with the tender documents. If the code number is awaited, the copy of application (self attested) for allotment of registration number should be uploaded with the tender documents. **Without above, the tender will be summarily rejected. 2.** Security/Earnest Money Deposit: The bid must be accompanied by a sum of **Rs.79,200/-** as earnest money deposited in cash or in any of the forms as specified, failing which the bid will not be considered. However, EMD will be exempted for DIPP registered firms.

Dy. CME/Shell

On behalf of the President of India, Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/Production, Rail Coach Factory Kapurthala is inviting open e-tender, based on single packet system from eligible and capable tenderers through Indian Railways portal www.ireps.gov.in for the under mentioned work on prescribed tender format. **1. Open E-Tender No.:** RCF-KXH-DYCEEP-2024-25-05. **2. Name of Work:** Complete wiring work including handling and installation of equipments in LSCN Coaches. **3. Place of work:** Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala. **4. Approx. cost:** Rs. 24,76,980/- (Rs. Twenty Four Lakh Seventy Six thousand nine hundred eighty only). **5. Cost of tender documents:** Free of cost. **6. Earnest money:** Rs. 49,500/- (Rs. Forty Nine Thousand Five Hundred only). **7. Quantity of Coaches:** 90 Nos. **8. Period of completion:** 12 months. **9. Availability of Tender Documents for Viewing & downloading:** (From **08.08.2024** (11:00 Hrs) to **30.08.2024** (11:00 Hrs) on Website **www.ireps.gov.in**). **10. Date & Time of closing of tender:** 30.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. **11. Date & Time of Opening of tender:** 30.08.2024 at 12:00 Hrs. **12. Validity of tender: 1.** 60 days from the date of opening of tender. **2.** Participation by Association of Partnership (AOP)/Joint Venture (JV) firms are not allowed for this tender. **3 (a)** Advance to contractor is not applicable. **(b)** Purchase preference clause is not applicable. (c) Price variation clause is not applicable. **13. Website particulars:** www.ireps.gov.in. **Eligibility Criteria and Credentials:** Eligibility Criteria and Credentials of Bidders for Apply / Installation including Handling, Testing, Commissioning of Readymade Cable Harness in LHB AC/ NON AC Coach Variants and Other Special Coaches at RCF. The following Eligibility Criteria including Credentials for Apply/ Installation, Testing, Commissioning of Readymade Cable Harness(es) in LHB AC/NONAC Coach variants & Other Special Coaches being manufactured at RCF, shall be applicable: 1.0 **Similar Nature of Work:** (Not Applicable). **2.0 Technical Eligibility Criteria:** (Not Applicable). **3.0 Special Technical Criteria:** 3.1 **Class "A" Electrical Licence:** Bidder shall have valid **Class'A'** Electrical License issued by the Competent Authority. **4.0 Financial Eligibility Criteria:** (Not Applicable). **Note: 1.** for submission of electronic offers, bidders will have to get themselves registered one time on irepsnwebsite, online without any payment. **2.** Bidders are required to obtain the class III digital signature certificate with company name from certifying authorizes, as per the list available on website **www.cca.gov.in. 3.** Helpdesk details: **helpdesk.ireps@cris.org.in** Phone: **011-23370704,24102855. 4.** The tender notice is also available on web-site **www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in.**

Dy. CEE/EP

R.O. No. 54-M/2024-25 **Dated: 08.08.2024**

Government of Punjab
Tender Notice Reference No. E-tender No. MCB/2024-25/010

No. 641 **Date: 7.08.2024**

The Municipal Corporation, Bathinda invites e-tenders on double bid system.

Sr. No.	Item Description	Estimate Amount (In lacs)	Closing Date & Time
1.	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning and Annual maintenance of 50 TPD Construction and Demolition waste (C & D waste) processing plant in Bathinda	To be quoted by the bidder	23.08.2024 03.00 PM

Note:- Any corrigendum(s) to the Tender Notice shall be published on **www.eproc.punjab.gov.in** website only.

Sd/- **Corporation Engineer**
36490 **Municipal Corporation, Bathinda**

बिहार लोक सेवा आयोग
15, नेहरू पथ (बेली रोड), पटना-800001

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM/TRD, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the President of India, invites E-tender for the following works. **(1) Tender No.:** 04-TRD-JU-ETENDER-24-25R **Name of work:** Outsourcing of maintenance of OHE under JOR, MBNL and DQN OHE cum PSI depot over Jodhpur Division for a period of two years. **Approximate Cost of work:** ₹ 30107007.22/- **(2) Tender No.:** 05-TRD-JU-ETENDER-24-25R **Name of work:** Outsourcing of maintenance of PSI assets under JOR, MBNL, DQN OHE cum PSI depot in SMR-BLDI section and DNA, DIA and SUGH OHE cum PSI depot in DNA-RTGH section over Jodhpur Division for period of 2 years. **Approximate Cost of work:** ₹ 15777742.00/- **(1) Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website:** http://www.ireps.gov.in **(2) Date & time of closing of e-tender:** 30.08.2024 upto 15.00 Hrs. **(3) Date & time of opening of e-tender:** After 15.00 Hrs on 30.08.2024. 918-DK/24

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RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT IN TINSUKIA DIVISION

E-Tender Notice No. N-2024-25-TSK-NIT-08 Dated: 07-08-2024. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **E-Tender No. N-2024-25-TSK-T-08. Name of work:** Reliability improvement by means of replacement of Low Insulation Quad Cable on condition basis with 48F OFC in the section of Chabua-Dibrugarh Town-Sibsagar Town of Tinsukia Division. **Tender Value:** ₹2,18,72,126/-. **Earnest Money:** ₹2,59,400/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender: 15.00** hrs.of **29-08-2024 & opening at 29-08-2024** after **15.00** hrs. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website **www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr. DSTE/GS/Tinsukia
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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RAJASTHAN STATE HIGHWAYS AUTHORITY, JAIPUR
GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN

No. F.7(540)/SHA/PPP/2020-21/D-78B **Date: 02.8.24**

SHORT TERM NIT No.12/2024-25
INVITATION OF BIDS FOR TOLL COLLECTION

Bids for collection of user fee on "**Kherli-Pahari section of SH-22 in the State of Rajasthan**" under RSHIP Tranche-1, Package-01/II are invited from interested bidders upto 11.30 AM on 13.08.2024.

Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state. The estimated value of Annual Remittance is **Rs. 2.99 Cr.**

UBN No: PWD2425SLOB03782

Sd/- **(V. L. Dhankhar)**
Member (WC&O)
RSHA, Jaipur
Email: ho.rsha@rajasthan.gov.in
Tel: +91-141-2223547

Dipr/c/7090/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC1524

E-TENDER NOTICE

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India invites in **Single stage Two packet system** open tender on prescribed forms on line (E-Tendering). Tender offer can be submitted online up to **12.00** hours of **10.09.2024**, on website **http://ireps.gov.in.** The details of the tenders are as under:-

Description of work : Request for Proposal (RFP) for Appointment of General Consultant for unit of Chief Project Manager/ Construction/Agra/ North Central Railway

Approx Cost	Earnest Money in Rs.	Completion Period
Rs. 2.40 Crore (App.)	2,70,300/-	36 Months including harvest & monsoon period

Date of opening : 10.09.2024, Validity : 120 days ● **Note:** For complete details and submission of tender please see Indian Railway's website **http://www.ireps.gov.in.** **1408/24 (AS)**

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY G20

E-Tendering Tender Notice

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

E-Tender No.: JHS-ENGG-E-2024-159	Approx Cost : 5172700.00

Description of work : Supply of potable drinking water in the section of ADEN/MBA & ADEN/BNDA under the jurisdiction of Sr. DEN/E/Section for 2 years.

Earnest Money : 103500.00, Date of closing Tender : 30.08.2024 at 15:00 hrs., Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 24 Months. • Tender on line can be submitted up to **15:00** hrs on **30.08.2024.** • For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1413/24 (D)**

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Standard Bidding document for PMGSY
PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA (PMGSY)

e-Procurement Notice

The Superintending Engineer, 3rd Circle HPPWD., Solan on behalf of invites percentage rate bids in electronic tendering system for construction of Bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the Nalagarh Division of districts of Solan 3 Nos. of packages with estimated cost as given below from the eligible contractors registered with HPPWD/CPWD/P&T, Railways/other state Govt./ Central Govt. agencies. Non-registered bidders may submit bids; however, the successful bidders must get registered in appropriate class with appropriate authorities before signing the contract.

Sr. No.	Package No.	Estimated cost
1.	HP-11-168A	275.45 Lacs.
2.	HP-11-166A	453.64 Lacs.
3.	HP-11-167A	354.85 Lacs

Date of release of Invitation for Bids through e-procurement: **09.08.2024**.

Availability of Bid Documents and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and should be submitted online in **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**. The bidder would be required to register in the web-site which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have a valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities. The bidders are required to submit:-

(a) Receipt of cost of bid submitted,
(b) Receipt of bid security deposited online and
(c) Original affidavit regarding correctness of information furnished with bid document as per provisions of Clause 4.4B (a) (ii) of ITB **with Executive Engineer, Nalagarh Division, HPPWD, Nalagarh** on a date not later than three working days after the opening of technical qualification part of the Bid, either by registered post or by hand, failing which the bids shall be declared non-responsive.

Last Date/Time for receipt of bids through e-procurement:- 06.09.2024

For further details please log on to **www.pmgsytenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer
3rd Circle HPPWD, Solan
On behalf of CE (SZ)
HPPWD Shimla
(Designation and address of Authority Inviting bids)

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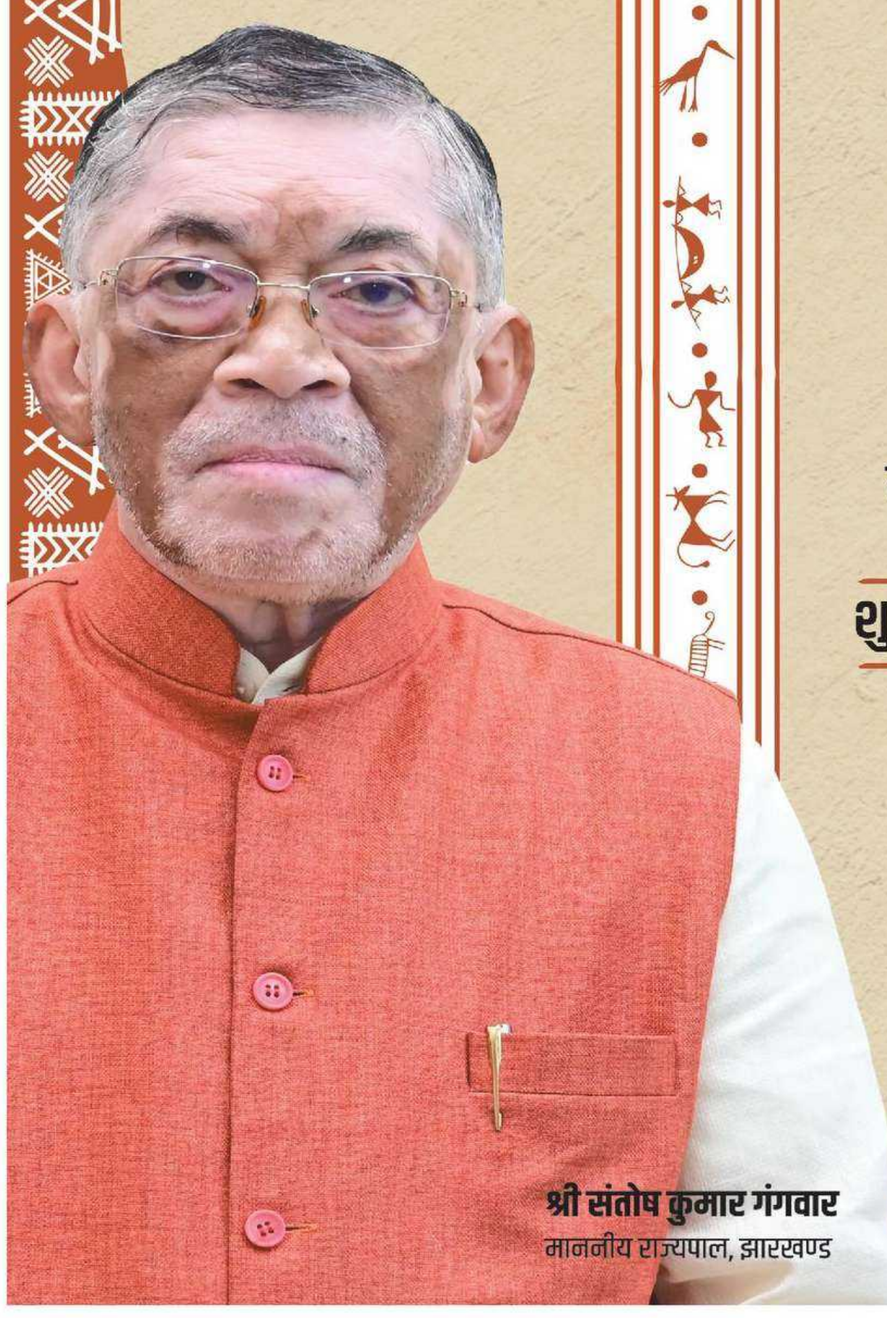
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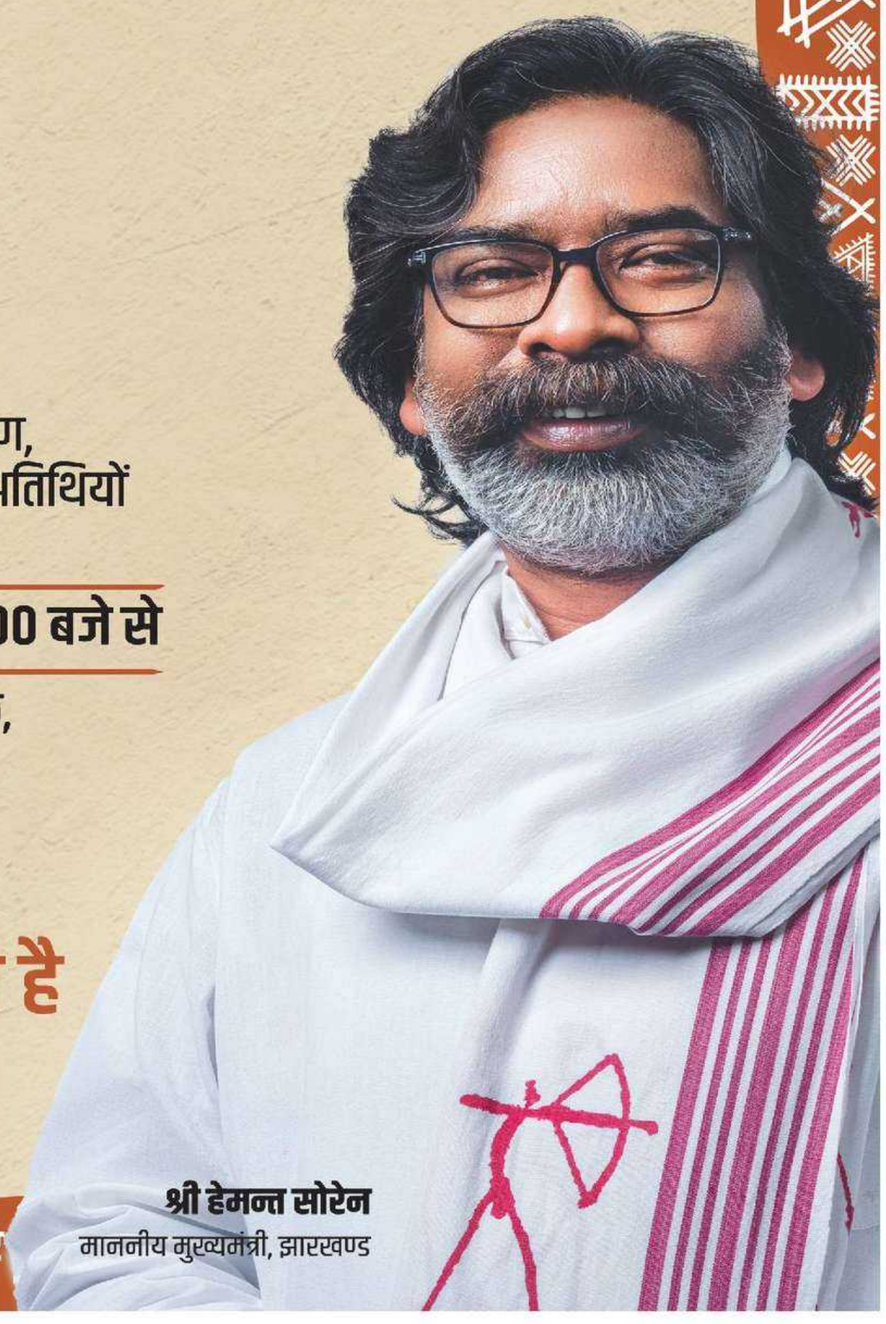
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{ OUR TAKE }

MPC waits for US Fed to cut

Until the Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, a reduction in policy rates in India can potentially trigger capital flight or put pressure on the rupee

That the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) would not reduce policy rates on Thursday was widely known. However, the fact that it has retained its policy stance at withdrawal of accommodation suggests that the hawks within the MPC continue to hold sway. Both the policy rate and policy stance setting have seen two dissensions in the last two MPC meetings.

Are these rational decisions? There are good reasons to argue that they are. The benchmark inflation rate continues to be above RBI's target of 4%, and it is expected to remain there until the quarter ending June 2025, the latest period for which MPC has made its forecasts. A 7.2% GDP growth forecast for 2024-25 does not call for any drastic measures to boost economic momentum. Macroeconomic stability and, more importantly, policy commitment to preserve it have become all more the important in a world plagued by geopolitical tensions and growing concerns about a slowdown if not a recession in the world's largest economy.

But it is eminently possible to build an alternative set of arguments as well. The reason inflation is still above RBI's target is food prices. This is largely a result of seasonal supply-side disruptions rather than excess demand in the economy and, therefore, makes higher interest rates pretty much redundant in controlling them. With seasonal shocks becoming increasingly frequent and unpredictable in food markets, it can very well be the case that food inflation will continue to frustrate inflation aligning with target on a long-term basis. Does this mean interest rates will continue to be where they are?

Nobody expects this to be the case, and most independent analysts are expecting MPC to start reducing rates from either its October or December meeting. This underlines the importance of the (tacitly unacknowledged) exogenous factor in MPC's thinking and decisions. Until the US Federal Reserve cuts interest rates, a reduction in policy rates in India can potentially trigger capital flight or put pressure on the rupee. To be sure, this constraint on economic policy in emerging markets like India is systemic in nature and cannot be wished away in the name of asserting autonomy.

Fortunately for India, this systemic constraint has come at a time when the economy is not doing too badly. Of course, this does not undermine the larger challenge of making demand broad-based, which is essential for a sustained revival in private investment and, therefore, overall growth.

Phogat's legacy lies beyond her medals

Vinesh Phogat's Olympic dream lies in tatters, but her status as an athlete has never been higher. Her fight against the system — in wrestling as well as outside — has been heroic, winning her many admirers. Her run to the final of the 50-kg category in women's freestyle at the Olympics ended in disqualification after she failed her second weigh-in. But before the shock exit had come an affirmation of her class as a wrestler. She beat Japanese legend Yui Susaki, who had never been defeated on the international circuit. The win sent shockwaves around the wrestling world, more so because of how difficult Phogat's journey to the Olympics has been.

In January 2023, she was out on the streets protesting against the then Wrestling Federation of India president, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. Then she had knee surgery and finally a change of her weight class. Each of these challenges could have derailed her, but her heart was set on Olympic glory. That was not to be, but Phogat has shown us that she is much more than an athlete. For girls all over the country, she is an inspiration, someone with integrity, and without fear — a rarity in a country where most sportspeople prefer to toe the line.

The disqualification seems to have pushed her to retire from wrestling, but surely, given what the world has seen of her character, there is more to come from Phogat outside the ring.

Sub-quotas: Rational, yet hard to implement

Unless there is a Punjab-like policy that divides the quota 50-50 for two roughly equal sized broad groups, Bihar's story tells us that sub-quota decisions will be politically rather than empirically driven



The stamp of a stigmatised social identity doesn't disappear easily with economic mobility HT ARCHIVE



Ashwini Deshpande

BR Ambedkar, chairman of the drafting committee of the Constitution and India's first law minister, outlined, with characteristic eloquence, the key challenge facing the new Republic — the superimposition of formal equality (one person, one vote) on a society with substantive inequality, most starkly evident in the hierarchy of the caste system. How does a nation move from equality-in-law towards equality-in-fact?

The answer was to carry forward the system of quotas that certain British territories and princely states had instituted allowing for the entry of untouchables, the most stigmatised *jatis* at the bottom of the caste hierarchy, into higher education and public employment.

Accordingly, untouchability was abolished legally, and certain *jatis* and tribes were identified as eligible for India's reservation system, a policy of compensatory or positive discrimination due to the wide range of social and economic disabilities on account of marginalisation, discrimination and especially the stigma of untouchability. These are the Scheduled Castes and Tribes, or the SC-ST.

Given the salience of the reservation policy, on paper supported by the entire political spectrum, one would have expected successive governments to track outcomes, introduce self-liquidating features where needed, and add new features. In other words, make the policy malleable for maximum benefit, keeping in mind the larger goal of moving towards equality-in-fact, or substantive equality.

Surprisingly, or perhaps not surprisingly, this has not happened. However, researchers have tried to gauge the impact of reservations on various outcomes. The big picture verdict is that it has benefitted SC-STs as a whole.

The latest Supreme Court verdict has tried to uncover two main layers within the policy. One, have some *jatis* benefitted more than others? If yes, do we need to subdivide the SC quotas into sub-quotas for *jatis*?

Unfortunately, authoritative official *jati*-level data are not available. The Socio-Economic and Caste Census (SECC) of 2011 did not release *jati*-level information. The national census is severely delayed. Thus, we must triangulate data from different surveys and ethnographic accounts to get a sense of *jati*-level progress on key indicators, without any direct data on the proportion of different *jatis* within SC-reserved seats. This makes it hard for us to gauge if the progress (or the lack thereof) of a jati on key indicators like educational attainment, government employment or income is due to the reservation policy, or not.

It is entirely plausible that access to reservations has been uneven. Indeed, this is not the first time that the subdivision of the SC quota, or quota-within-quota, is sought to be introduced. We have examples from two states, Punjab and Bihar.

The Punjab government in 1975 divided the SC quota into two halves: 50% for the relatively backward Mazhabi Sikhs/Balmikis/Churahs within SCs, and the remaining 50% for the more successful Ad Dharmis/Ravidasis/Ramdasi Sikhs/Chamars. There are claims about how this increased representation of the former group into government employment, but not via official data.

Bihar created a category of "Mahadalits" (more *dalit* than the Dalits), where initially all but four of the 22 SC *jatis* were designated as such. Nitish Kumar established a Mahadalit Vikas Mission and introduced schemes for housing, education, and loans. Over time, the four remaining castes clamoured for inclusion in the new category; thus Bihar is back to square one, i.e., all SCs are now Mahadalit.

The moral of these stories is that a) quotas-within-quotas could be entirely justified, provided there is systematic tracking of *jati*-level outcomes, and b) given that reservations produce tangible benefits even for a small minority, there will be a clamour to get into the preferred sub-category, unless there is a Punjab-like policy that divides the quota 50-50 for two roughly equal-sized broad groups. Bihar's story tells us that these decisions will be politically rather than empirically driven.

The Court judgement notes empirical data, and "reasonable" grounds that will be subject to judicial scrutiny, avoiding the perils of "micro-classification", would be needed to convert the idea of a sub-quota into actual policy. Given that there is no sign of the national Census on the horizon, and there is no tracking of reservation benefits at the *jati* level, it is difficult to see how this judgement will get converted into a fair and actionable policy.

The second issue in the court verdict is about families that are economically well-off so that they don't need protective discrimination. The majority opinion recommends a creamy layer exclusion be applied to SC-STs, as it is applied to Other Backward Classes.

The affirmative action policy has quotas as well as monetary benefits (scholarships or freeships), or relaxation (e.g., lower fees). The income criterion can be used to decide on eligibility for the monetary component to keep the monetary benefits for those who genuinely need it.

However, for quotas, especially in employment, there is no evidence that for historically stigmatised groups, improvement in class status necessarily reduces discrimination, whether in access to jobs, housing or even in the marriage market. Despite untouchability being abolished, covert and overt instances of untouchability persist. As elsewhere in the world, the stamp of a stigmatised social identity doesn't disappear easily with economic mobility. Rohith Vemula's tragic end brought home the fact that for beneficiaries, access to institutional spaces does not naturally translate into acceptance and accommodation.

Reservations have helped in creating a Dalit middle class, which over time can reduce stigma and gradually set the stage for creamy layer exclusion in the future. However, we are not there yet.

The Supreme Court's concern with differential access within the beneficiary groups is not an invalid one, in principle. But where is the empirical evidence that we need to decide on the merits of each case?

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Buddhadeb Bhattacharya: A composite of contradictions



Shikha Mukherjee

Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, West Bengal's last Communist chief minister (2000-2011), was a contradictory composite of dreamer and doer, liberal and Communist, poet and politician. He was a success and a failure. Even when he withdrew from public life, for health reasons, he was a leader and a powerful presence in West Bengal's politics.

He was the Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM)'s "tallest leader," an inspiring presence who, even in his isolation, electrified the masses. In 2019, the CPM-Left Front held a large public rally at Kolkata's sprawling Brigade Parade Grounds. Bhattacharya was not billed as a speaker, because his health did not permit it. But he came, pulled by the need to stand in solidarity. His arrival stirred the crowds; everyone wanted to see him. He sat in the car and soaked in the spirit of the massed audience. It was his first public appearance after three years, and his last.

In 2011, when the CPM-led Left Front was comprehensively, if not humiliatingly, defeated by Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress, and Bhattacharya lost his Jadavpur seat, few held him responsible for the spectacular failure; his party, the organisation's leadership, the rot that had penetrated deep into the structure were all blamed, and the popular perception was that it was a punishment richly deserved. Bhattacharya became a tragic victim of his party's misdemeanours.

The defeat pushed Bhattacharya to retreat from public life and party work. He eventually gave up his party positions and retired into semi-isolation as a member of the CPM. Why Bhattacharya lost even his own seat in the 2011 elections is a puzzle. The party he led lost the elections for reasons that were internal to it and the alienation from both the rural and urban voter bases. He had tried to stem the rot and failed. Banerjee's challenge and her call for *poriborton* (change) had created an alternative political pole, raising expectations of an end to the exhausted Left Front era.

Bhattacharya had big plans for his beloved West Bengal. He set out in 2001, after winning a strong mandate from the people for his first full term as chief minister, to deliver on his promise of a rapid transformation of the state and its reinvention as an investment, industrial and cultural destination.

From being a supercilious anti-capitalist, he consciously changed tack. He was transparent about it, too. He said for West Bengal, its future, and to fulfil the aspirations of its young, educated millions, he would do what was needed to make change happen. In his memoirs, Bhattacharya reveals that he pondered over the ideological dilemma, studied China's changed trajectory after Deng Xiaoping's One Country, Two Systems formulation, and then was convinced by Amartya Sen, who cautioned him against "viewing globalisation as a monster." He pointed to "the positive outcomes that globalisation could produce."

There was a feverish urgency in his efforts between 2001 and about midway through his second term which ended in 2011. His slogan — Do It Now! — captured the spirit that moved him. It captivated the young and the old, those who had grown bitter and frustrated by the slowness of change, the driblets of investment in industry, and the political activism that clogged streets and made Kolkata very different from the other state capitals. His push to bring about a transformation in West Bengal was as much a reaction as a deeply felt responsibility.

In his impatience and impetuosity, Bhattacharya did not take into account the peculiarities of West Bengal. Former finance minister and economist Ashok Mitra was brutally clear-eyed; he said that the state had turned insular, and alienated itself in self-imposed isolation. Bhattacharya could not gauge the extent of the resistance that his dreams and ambitions triggered. The Singur-Nandigram resistance and the use of state violence and the CPM's enforcers to quell it was his undoing.

His enthusiasm to jump onto the liberalisation reforms bandwagon to fast forward West Bengal's economic reconstruction destabilised the networks of cross-cutting interests that had supported the CPM and the Left Front. He alienated the trade unions, upset the Muslim voters, and challenged the idea of the Left with its strong opposition to corporates, global capital, and comfort in old equations. It created the space for Banerjee to succeed after decades of fighting the CPM and losing every time. It did not help that the CPM as an organisation was going through a leadership crisis and that his policies were too different; the central leadership of the party rejected his plans and criticised his policies. While Bhattacharya was above criticism, his actions were not.

Bhattacharya was an ardent idealist, a Communist with impeccable credentials. He was sincere, he was honest, and his life was simple, if not austere. He was an intellectual, a playwright, author, poet and practical politician. He was a film buff, a cultured Bengali who loved poetry, the arts, literature and the streets as a space for public protests. He drank tea and smoked incessantly. He was private but very publicly engaged. In his passing, an era has ended.



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Quit India Movement and the question of violence

The Quit India Movement, also known as the August *Kranti* (Revolution), was a pivotal chapter in India's freedom struggle. But, every now and then, it is at the centre of a debate on whether it was a non-violent or a violent movement. Mahatma Gandhi's speech on August 8, 1942, the eve of the movement's launch, has its own place in history. An excerpt from the speech goes: "Here is a mantra, a short one, that I give you. You may imprint it on your hearts and let every breath of yours give expression to it. The mantra is: 'Do or Die'. We shall either free India or die in the attempt; we shall not live to see the perpetuation of our slavery. Every true Congressman or woman will join the struggle with an inflexible determination not to remain alive to see the country in bondage and slavery. Let that be your pledge."

It is clear Gandhi*ji*, let alone direct violence, never even hinted at any form of provocation. This call for non-violent resistance was unique at a time when humanity was engulfed in the fire of World War II. The All India Congress Committee passed the Quit India resolution on August 8, 1942. By the following night, top Congress leaders had been arrested. Thanks to their arrests, an action plan for the movement could not be prepared and communicated. The relatively young leadership of the Congress Socialist Party (CSP) became active but had to work underground. Jayprakash Narayan (JP) wrote two long letters while in hiding to guide the revolutionaries, and to explain the character and mode of action of the movement.



Prem Singh

Despite facts to the contrary, viceroy Lord Linlithgow alleged that the Congress had tried to overthrow British rule through armed resurrection during the movement. Ram Manohar Lohia wrote a long letter from jail to the viceroy on March 2, 1946. The letter brings out the brutal and conspiratorial character of British imperialism during the Quit India Movement. After playing an underground role in the movement for 21 months, Lohia was arrested in Bombay on May 10, 1944. He was first imprisoned in Lahore Fort, and then in Agra. He suffered inhuman torture at the hands of the British police in Lahore. He was released in June 1946. In the interim, his father passed away, but Lohia refused parole on a matter of principle.

In his letter, Lohia refuted Linlithgow's accusations and spoke about the latter's administration committing horrific atrocities on unarmed participants. He said that the British suppression of the movement led to many Jallianwala Bagh-like incidents, but the people of India persevered non-violently for their freedom. He wrote, "If we had planned an armed insurrection and our crowds were asked to resort to violence, believe me, Linlithgow, Gandhi*ji* would today have been securing a reprieve for you from the free people and their government."

Confronting the viceroy over the barbarism of his administration, he wrote, "You talk of fascist reprisals; your men have raped and killed wives of patriots you could not seize. Yes, the time will soon be ripe for you and your people to face this evidence." In those moments of distress, Lohia was still filled with hope that the sacrifices of tens of thousands of Indians during the movement will be paid for, and wrote, "But I am not unhappy. It has ever been the destiny of India to suffer for others and to take man away from his erring path. The history of the unarmed common man begins from the Indian Revolution of August 9." He further clarified, "We are curious about the future. Whether you win or the Axis, there will be gloom and darkness all around. There is a glimmer of hope. Free India might be able to bring this war to a democratic termination."

JP's two letters to "the soldiers of freedom" were written in December 1942 and September 1943. In both his letters, especially in the first, he raised, and deliberated upon, the question of violence-non-violence at length. He slammed the British government, saying it did not have the right to weigh in on what was the method the people of India used to fight for their freedom. He said that at the core of the Quit India Movement was the resolve not to kill or hurt.

He wrote, "To create hurdles for the British Raj, to overthrow it by paralysing it by every non-violent means, is the basic mantra of that program and 'you can do everything within the realm of non-violence' is our pole star."

How a non-violent movement was made possible amidst a raging World War certainly demands serious analysis, if only to give those intellectuals who fixated on the Indian role in violence in 1942 a much-needed perspective.

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Yunus sworn in as B'desh's interim leader

A key question now is when Yunus calls for elections for this nation of over 170 million people. The opposition is pushing for elections within the next 90 days

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DHAKA: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus, 84, took the oath of office as head of Bangladesh's interim government on Thursday after an uprising prompted former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to step down and flee to India.

The key tasks for Yunus now are restoring peace in Bangladesh and preparing for new elections following weeks of violence in which student activists led an uprising against what was considered Hasina's increasingly autocratic 15-year rule.

Bangladesh's President Mohammed Shahabuddin administered the oath to Yunus for his role as chief adviser, which is the equivalent to a prime minister, in presence of foreign diplomats, civil society members, top businessmen and members of the former opposition party at the presidential palace in Dhaka. No representatives of Hasina's party were present.

Sixteen other people have been included in the interim Cabinet with members drawn mainly from civil society and including two of the student protest leaders.

Salehuddin Ahmed, a former Bangladesh Bank governor, was sworn in as an adviser. Asif Nazrul, a law professor and one of the new advisers, said that the new administration will "ensure justice for all deaths during the police crackdown on student protests".

The Cabinet members, along with Yunus as interim leader, were chosen in discussions this week among student leaders, civil society representatives and the military.

Hasina quit on Monday after several chaotic weeks that began in July with protests against a quota system for government jobs that critics said favoured people with connections to Hasina's party.

But the demonstrations soon grew into a bigger challenge for Hasina's 15-year rule as more than 450 people including students were killed amid spiraling violence.

Yunus, who was awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for his work developing microcredit markets, was in the French capital for the 2024 Olympics when he was chosen for the interim role, and returned home earlier on Thursday to tight security at the airport in Dhaka.

'Bangladesh is a family'

In his first comments after his arrival from Paris, he told a news briefing that his priority would be to restore order. "Bangladesh is a family. We have to unite it," Yunus said, flanked by student leaders. "It has immense possibility."

"Today is a glorious day for us. Bangladesh has created a new victory day. Bangladesh has got a second independence."

Yunus called for the restoration of order after weeks of violence that left hundreds dead, calling on citizens to guard each other, including minorities who came under attack.

"Law and order is our first task... We cannot take a step forward unless we fix the law and order situation," he said.

"My call to the people is if you have trust in me, then make sure there will be no attacks against anyone, anywhere in the country. Every person is our brother... our task is to protect them," Yunus said.

Overnight into Thursday, residents across Dhaka carried sticks, iron rods and sharp weapons to guard their neighbourhoods amid reports of robberies.

Communities used loudspeakers in mosques to alert people that robberies were occurring, and police remained off duty. The military shared hotline numbers for people seeking help.

The quick move to select Yunus came when Hasina's resignation created a power vacuum and left the future unclear for Bangladesh, which has a history of military rule, messy politics and myriad crises.

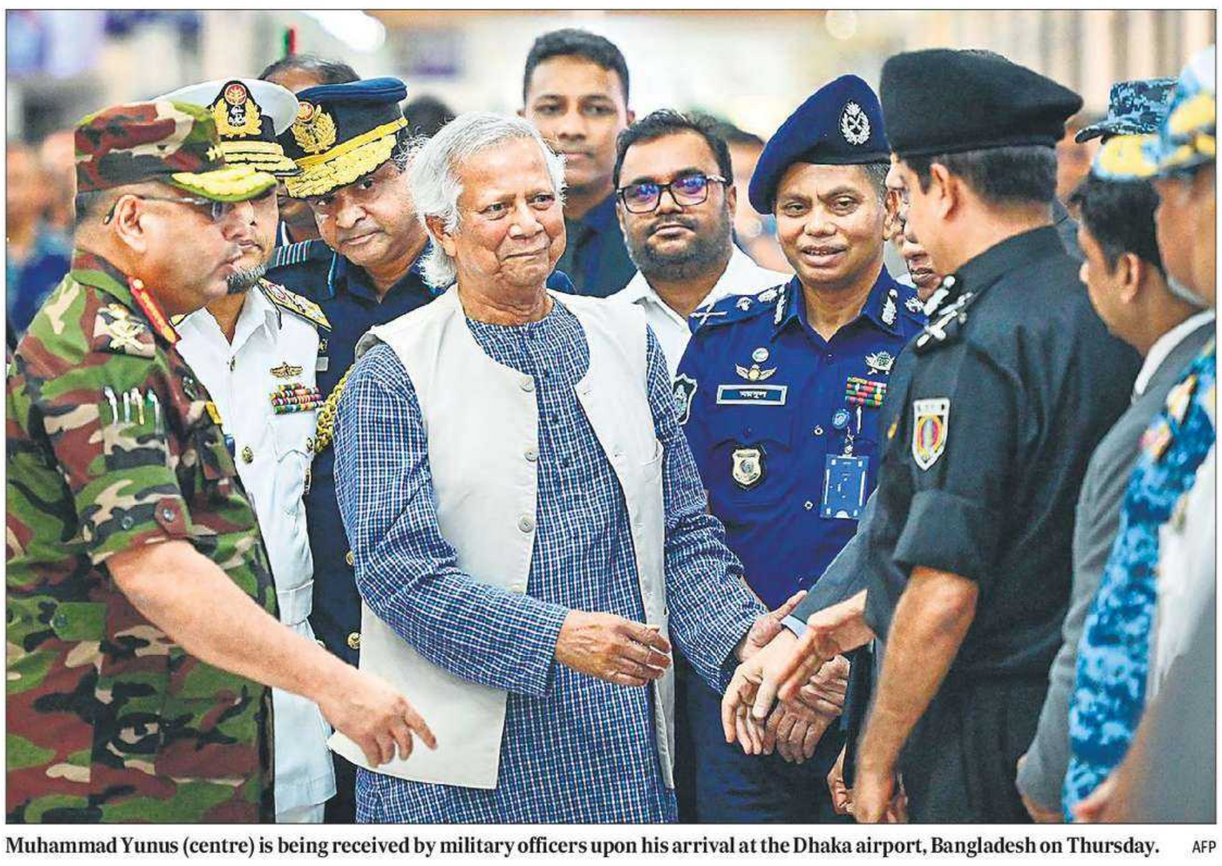
Economic challenges

Having an elected government in place is key for Bangladesh, which is seeking more funds from creditor countries like China and the International Monetary Fund, to arrest a decline in reserves.

Bangladesh's foreign exchange reserves fell to $20.5 billion at end-July from $21.8 billion a month earlier as the protests and curfews saw much of the economy ground to a halt, particularly the garment exports sector.

Despite the uncertainty, the Dhaka stock index headed for the biggest advance this week in at least a decade while the local currency has remained stable at around 117.5 per dollar as investors look for more cues on stability.

S&P Global Ratings, which downgraded Bangladesh's credit score deeper into junk in July, was more cautious, saying the political crisis will further hurt growth, the fiscal performance and foreign exchange reserves.



Muhammad Yunus (centre) is being received by military officers upon his arrival at the Dhaka airport, Bangladesh on Thursday. AFP

> We think the interim government will play a vital role in establishing long-term peace and political stability in Bangladesh.
>
> **MATTHEW MILLER,** US State Dept spokesperson

2 student leaders join the Cabinet



Asif Mahmud, Nahid Islam

DHAKA: Student leaders Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud, who led the protests that toppled Prime Minister Sheikh, have become advisers of the interim government.

Islam, a resident of Banasree in Dhaka, got admitted to the sociology department of Dhaka University in the academic year of 2016-17. Mahmud, a resident from Cumilla, is a student of the department of linguistics of 2017-18 academic year.

They led the student-led movement for quota reform in government jobs. As the movement turned violent and many students were killed, the protesting students launched a-one point movement for the resignation of the Sheikh Hasina-led government.

More than a dozen members of Muhammad Yunus' Cabinet, who are titled advisers, not ministers, took the oath, on Thursday. Others included a former foreign secretary and a former attorney general, an environmental lawyer, and prominent rights activist Adilur Rahman Khan who was sentenced to two years in jail during Hasina's rule.

Senior advocate of the Supreme Court, Md Asaduzzaman has been appointed as the new attorney general. President Md Shahbuddin appointed him to this post. AGENCIES

Hasina will be back once democracy is restored: Son

KOLKATA: Sheikh Hasina, who quit as prime minister and fled Bangladesh, will be back in the country as soon as democracy is restored, his son Sajeeb Wazed Joy said on Thursday and blamed Pakistan's intelligence agency, ISI, for fuelling the ongoing unrest in the country.

In an interview with PTI, Joy said although 76-year-old Hasina would definitely return to Bangladesh, it is not yet decided whether she will be back as a "retired or active" politician.

He also asserted that the members of the Sheikh Mujib (Sheikh Mujibur Rahman) family will neither abandon its people nor leave the beleaguered Awami League in the lurch.

He expressed gratitude to PM Narendra Modi and his government for protecting his mother and appealed to India to help build international opinion and exert pressure for the restoration of democracy in Bangladesh. PTI

Austria foils Islamic State-linked plot to attack Taylor Swift shows

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VIENNA: An Austrian teenager arrested over an alleged plot to strike Taylor Swift shows in Vienna had built explosive devices for his attack and had pledged loyalty to Islamic State (IS), authorities said on Thursday. The 19-year-old man, who has North Macedonian roots, made a full confession in custody, Austria's general director for public security Franz Ruf told a news conference.

Investigators searching the main suspect's home in Ternitz, Lower Austria, about an hour's drive south of Vienna, found chemical substances, manuals on how to prepare explosive devices, knives, and material promoting the IS group.

The suspect, whose name was not given, was planning a lethal assault among the estimated 20,000 "Swiftie" fans set to gather outside Ernst Happel Stadium, said national intelligence head Omar Haijawi-Pirchner.

"He wanted to carry out an attack in the area outside the stadium, killing as many people as possible using the knives or even using the explosive devices he had made," Haijawi-Pirchner said, adding there were no explicit threats to other concerts.

Two other Austrian youths aged 17 and 15 were also detained on Wednesday over the foiled plot. Authorities painted a picture of the main suspect as having self-radicalised, transforming his appearance and sharing Islamist propaganda online. He quit his job on July 25, telling people he had "big plans", Ruf said.

One neighbour told Austrian broadcaster Puls24 that he kept himself to himself and had grown a "Taliban beard".

Swift's three concerts in Vienna, due to start on Thursday for a soldout 65,000 audience each, were cancelled, to the consternation of fans, many of whom had travelled far.

US broadcaster ABC cited law enforcement and intelligence sources as saying Austrian authorities had received information about the Swift concert threat from US intelligence.

Taylor Swift's UK concerts to go ahead

British police said there was nothing to indicate that a planned attack on a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna would have any impact on her return next week to Wembley Stadium, London, for her five final shows in Europe.

Her record-breaking Eras tour came to Britain in June, with shows in Edinburgh, Liverpool and Cardiff, before she visited London for three nights, with the now-prime minister, Keir Starmer, and members of the royal family in the crowd.

She will return to Wembley on August 15 for five nights before heading back to North America for her final dates of Eras tour.



The view outside of Happel stadium after Taylor Swift's (inset) three concerts this week were cancelled in Vienna, on Thursday. REUTERS, AP

ISRAEL CANCELS ACCREDITATION OF NORWEGIAN DIPLOMATS TO PALESTINIAN AREAS

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OSLO/CAIRO: Israel on Thursday revoked the accreditation of eight Norwegian diplomats working as representatives to the Palestinian Authority, drawing a sharp response from Norway's foreign minister who called it "an extreme act".

Israeli foreign minister Israel Katz said the decision to revoke the diplomats' status was made in response to what he described as Norway's anti-Israeli conduct, including its recognition of a Palestinian state.

"Norway conducts a one-sided policy on the Palestinian issue, and will therefore be removed from the Palestinian issue," Katz said in a statement.

40 die in Israeli strikes

Israeli forces stepped up airstrikes across the Gaza Strip on Thursday, killing at least 40 people, Palestinian medics said, in further battle with Hamas-led militants as Israel braced for potential wider war in the region.

Since October 7, at least 39,699 Palestinians have been killed and 91,722 injured in Israel's devastating air and ground war in Gaza, the Gaza health ministry said in an update on Thursday.

US polls: Biden, Harris warn of Trump threat to democracy

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DETROIT: President Joe Biden said on Wednesday he is "not confident" Donald Trump would concede peacefully if he loses the US election, as the Republican's rival Kamala Harris warned a Trump victory would usher in a lawless administration set on curtailing Americans' freedoms.

Trump has been impeached twice and indicted twice over various alleged attempts to cheat in the 2020 election — which he still has not acknowledged he lost — and was convicted of 34 felonies over a hush money scheme to deceive voters in 2016.

His false claims of widespread fraud in 2020 preceded the storming of the US Capitol — and the wounding of more than 100 police officers — by a violent mob determined to prevent the certification of his defeat. "If Trump loses, I'm not confident at all," Biden told US network CBS after he was asked if he expected a peaceful transfer of power in 2025.

"He means what he says. We don't take him seriously," Biden warned. "He means it."

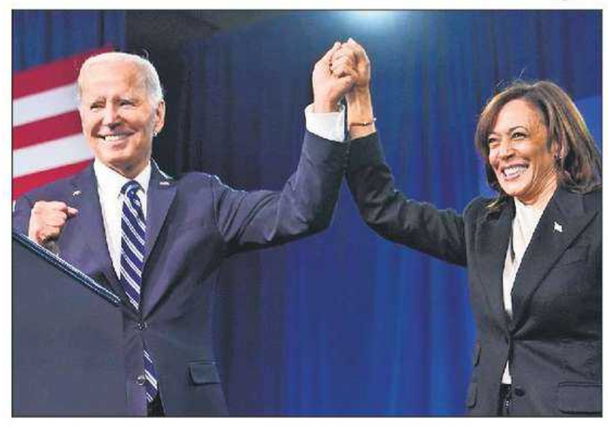
The president's remarks, which air fully on Sunday, came soon after Harris had sounded the alarm over Trump's conduct in the opposite scenario — victory for the 78-year-old billionaire. Speaking to a crowd in Eau Claire, Wisconsin as part of a multi-day tour of swing states, she used the former president's own words — as well as his felony convictions — to argue that a second Trump term would be a disaster for America.

She pointed to his vow to be a dictator "on day one," his threats to weaponise the justice department against his political enemies and his 2022 comment demanding the "termination" of constitutional provisions over his 2020 election defeat.

"Someone who suggests that we should terminate the constitution of the United States should never again have a chance to stand behind the seal of the president of the United States," Harris said, exhorting Americans to reject the "chaos, fear and hate" of Trumpism.

Harris reprised the theme hours later at a rally in Detroit, where she called herself and her new running mate, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz, "joyful warriors" in the White House battle.

The 59-year-old vice-president was on day two of a blitz of the most closely-fought election battlegrounds as she seeks to capitalise on a surging excitement since she replaced Biden atop the Democratic ticket in July. Harris and Walz will take their double act to further stops through Saturday in racially diverse "Sun Belt" states Arizona and Nevada.



President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris AP

Strong quake hits southern Japan

TOKYO: A powerful earthquake with a magnitude of 7.1 shook southern Japan on Thursday but no major damage was reported and only relatively minor tsunami waves lashed the coast. AFP

Tunisian prez replaces PM

TUNIS: Tunisian President Kais Saied sacked his PM Ahmed Hachani without explanation on Wednesday and replaced him with social affairs minister Kamel Madouri. AFP

OceanGate operator sued

WASHINGTON: The family of French deep-sea explorer Paul-Henri Nargeolet has filed a $50 million lawsuit against the operator of the submersible that imploded during a dive to the Titanic last year, killing him and four other people. AFP

Second hottest July breaks 13-month record streak: EU

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BRUSSELS: Last month was the second hottest July for the planet on record, breaking a 13-month period when each month was warmest, which had been in part fuelled by the warming El Nino weather pattern, the European Union's (EU) Copernicus Climate Change Service said on Thursday.

The month was 1.48°C above the pre-industrial reference of 1850-1990, Copernicus said in a monthly report, while the last 12 months were 1.64°C above the pre-industrial average due to climate crisis.

Copernicus attributes the high temperatures largely to greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuel-based industries and noted that oceans not normally impacted by El Nino saw an unusual rise in temperatures.

"This El Nino has ended but this magnitude of global temperature rises, the big picture is quite similar to where we were a year ago," Julien Nicolas, a climate researcher with Copernicus, told Reuters. "We are not done with temperature records causing heatwaves ... We know this long-term warming trend can be with a very high level of confidence related to the human impact on climate."

Above-average temperatures were recorded in southern and eastern Europe, the western United States, western Canada, most of Africa, the Middle East, Asia and eastern Antarctica.

Near or below-average temperatures were seen in northwestern Europe, western Antarctica, parts of the US, South America and Australia.

Global sea temperatures remain at near record highs with this July only 0.1°C below July last year, ending a 15-month consecutive new record streak.

> 'Climate crisis is fuelling rise in night-time temperatures'
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> **PARIS:** Human-induced climate crisis is significantly increasing the number of hot nights for nearly one in three people around the world, a global analysis said on Thursday.
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> High night-time temperatures can become dangerous if they prevent the human body from cooling off and recovering from daytime heat. The World Health Organization (WHO) recommends keeping room temperature at or below 24°C during the night — a threshold above which sleep can be uncomfortable.
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> This is especially important for vulnerable people, such as babies, the elderly and people with chronic health conditions, according to the WHO.
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> But burning coal, oil and gas which releases climate-warming emissions into the atmosphere is fuelling a rise in nights above 25°C, according to Climate Central, an independent group of scientists and climate communicators. AFP

{ SPACE MISSION } ISSUES HAVE CROPPED UP IN STARLINER AIRCRAFT

Nasa astronauts may return from ISS in Feb '25

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WASHINGTON: Nasa officials said on Wednesday that the two astronauts delivered to the International Space Station (ISS) by Boeing's Starliner could return on SpaceX's Crew Dragon in February 2025 instead if Starliner is still deemed unsafe to return to Earth. The US space agency has been discussing potential plans with SpaceX to leave two seats empty on an upcoming Crew Dragon launch for Nasa astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams, who became the first crew to fly Boeing's Starliner capsule to the ISS in June.

The astronauts' test mission, initially expected to last about eight days on the station, has been drawn out by issues on Starliner's propulsion system that have called into question the spacecraft's ability to safely return them to Earth as planned.



Indian-origin astronaut Sunita Williams (right) breaks into an impromptu dance as she enters the ISS on June 7. PTI

Thruster failures during Starliner's initial approach to the ISS in June and several leaks of helium — used to pressurise those thrusters — have set Boeing off on a testing campaign to understand the cause and propose fixes to Nasa, which has the final say. But the results of those tests have done little to quell concerns about

Starliner's safety and stirred disagreements and debate within Nasa about whether to accept risk with Starliner or make the decisive call to use Crew Dragon instead.

Using a SpaceX craft to return astronauts that Boeing had planned to bring back on Starliner would be a major blow to an aerospace giant that has struggled for years to compete with SpaceX and its more experienced Crew Dragon.

Early on Tuesday morning, Nasa, using a SpaceX rocket and a Northrop Grumman capsule, delivered a routine shipment of food and supplies to the station, including extra clothes for Wilmore and Williams.

Starliner's high-stakes mission is a final test required before Nasa can certify the spacecraft for routine astronaut flights to and from the ISS. Crew Dragon received Nasa approval for astronaut flights in 2020.

Starliner development, developed under the same Nasa programme, has been set back by management issues and scores of engineering problems. It has cost Boeing $1.6 billion since 2016, including $125 million from Starliner's current test mission, securities filings show.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Vinod Kumar, S/o: Khem Chand, R/o: 25-A/72, Gali No.16 Pandav Road Vishwas Nagar Shahdara, Delhi. Age: 54 Years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: Shallow, Wearing: White color baniyan and Black Short. who was found at Dr. Headgewar Hospital, Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 91A. dt. **27.07.2024** has been registered at **PS: Farsh Bazar, Delhi.**

Any person having any information or clue about the above deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone nos.

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Ph. 8586015415

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General Public is hereby informed that one Girl (depicted in the photo) namely **KIRAN D/o** Suresh Sihani **R/o** H.No. 210/A, Sandip Chaudhary ka Makan, Doongar Mohalla, Farsh Bazar, Shahdara, Delhi, **Age**-16 Years, has been reported missing since 26.06.2024 at about 7.00 PM from her Residence vide **DD No. 348/2024, U/s 363 IPC, Dated 26.06.2024** registered at **Police Station Farsh Bazar, Delhi**. Her physical description is as under:

Sex: Female, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Height:** 4'11" **Identification Mark:** Scar Mark near left eye, **Clothing:** Violet Frock, Black Lower & Chunni and Blue Slipper in her feet..

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing Girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing Girl, please inform to the following.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** S/o **Unknown, R/o Unknown**, age about 50 years. He was found Dead at Main Road Footpath Opposite Bholanath Market Near Pul Dufferin Kashmiri Gate, **Delhi**. on 04.08.2024 at 6:50 PM In this regard **DD No.** 67A, Dt. 04.08.2024 has been lodged at **P.S. Kashmiri Gate, Delhi.** His physical description is as under.

Sex: Male, **Age:** about 50 years, **Height:** 5'7" **Complexion:** Wheatish. **Wearing:** Black Pant & Grey Shirt. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:-

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, R/o: Unkmown, Age: 50 Years, Height: 5'6", Face: Long, Complexion: Fair, Wearing: Black Check Shirt and Orange color Half Pant. who was found at foothpath, near Tara Apartment Bus Stop, New Delhi. In this regard a case DD No. 13A. dt. **30.07.2024** has been registered at **PS: Chittranjan Park, Delhi.**

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Ph. 8750870830

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Bharat Dhingra Prop. of M/s J.P. Interprises, care of Fashion, A Family Outlet, Main Market, Kachey Quarter, Sonipat, Haryana-131001, R/o** Gali No. 7, Aderesh Nagar, Near Shanti Vidhya Peeth Sonipat, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **CT No. 10396/2018, U/s 138 NI Act,** registered at P.S.: Rajinder Nagar, Delhi and the warrant has been returned writing upon it that the said accused **Bharat Dhingra** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Bharat Dhingra** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Bharat Dhingra** accused **CT No. 10396/2018, U/s 138 NI Act,** registered at P.S.: Rajinder Nagar, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **21.11.2024.**

By Order
Sh. Nitish Kumar Sharma
MM-01, NI Act, Room No. 201,
Court Biilding Annexe-II
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi

DP/10159/CD/2024
(Court Matter)

PROJECT MANAGER CONSTRUCTION UNIT UTTARAKHAND PEYJAL NIGAM

R.K. TENT HOUSE ROAD, Ist FLOOR IN VIDHYA COMPLEX, KUSUMKHERA HALDWANI DISTT.- NAINITAL

Letter No. 1265/Nivida/110 Dated : 08.08.2024

E-Tender Notice

1. Name of the work : Construction of Proposed Veterinary Hospital at Nainital.
2. Estimated Cost : Rs. 67.62 (Excluding GST)
3. Period of Completion : 12 Month
4. Date and Time of availability of Bid documents in the portal : 09.08.2024 (17:00 hrs)
5. Online Bid submission: End Date : 29.08.2024 (17:00 hrs)
6. Date & Time of Technical Bid Opening : 31.08.2024 (12:00 hrs)
7. Name and Address of the Officer inviting bid: Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, Haldwani.
8. Pre-bid meeting details (if required) Date & Place : 13.08.2024 (11:00 hrs) Project Manager, Construction Unit, Uttarakhand Peyjal Nigam, R.K. Tent House Road, Ist Floor in Vidya Complex, Kusumkhera, Haldwani Nainital.
9. For further details, details of subsequent Amendment/ correction documents etc. may be obtained from the e-Procurement portal www.uktenders.gov.in

PROJECT MANAGER

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age**: Approx. 35 years, **Height:** 5'5" **Complexion:** Wheatish, **ID Mark:** Tattoo of P.N. on left hand **Wearing:** Baniyan only was found unconscious on ramp at NSP Pink line gate no. 1. he was taken to BJRM hospital where his MLC was got prepared and he was declared brought dead there. In this regard, a **DD No. 30A Dt. 06.08.2024 U/s 194-BNSS, 2023** has been lodged at PS Netaji Subhash Place Metro, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in BJRM Mortuary, Delhi for 72 Hours.

The Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far. Any, person having any information or clue about this person may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Netaji Subhash Place Metro, Delhi
DP/10494/Metro/2024 **Ph. : 011-20871254, 9868876523**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified male namely **Tanu, S/o: Unknown, R/o: H.No. 32, B-Block Devli, Delhi was found on 03.08.2024 at 11PM from AIIMS Hospital vide MLC No. 5111/24.** In this regard **DD No. 112A dated 03.08.2024** has been lodged at Police Station, Tigri, New Delhi. Identification of unidentified dead body is as under:

Name : Tanu, Age: 24 Years, Height: 5'7", Built : Thin, Face : Long, Wearing :Green T-Shirt & Half Black Jeans, Identification Mark: Tattoo namely Rishab, Rash & Sanam on Right Hand.

If anyone have any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be inform undersigned.

Web: http://cbi.nic.in, Email: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641 Fax: 011-24368639

SHO
Police Station, Tigri, New Delhi
Ph.: 8750870834 9868458426

DP/10448/SD/2024

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, UDIT Baliyan # 1/51, Sec-2, R.Nagar, Sahibabad (201005) resident am changing my old passport surname from Baliyan to Balyan for consistency of records. Dt. 05/08/24

I, ARAJU is legitimate daughter of No. 2895507X Rank Hav, Name Khubi Ram Presently residing at VPO-Mitnol, Teh. Hodal, Distt. Palwal have changed my name from Araju to Aarju vide affidavit No. WBG2024H73 dated 07.08.24 Notary Hodal, Palwal for all future purposes.

I UJJAWAL Mishra W/o Parveen Kumar R/o C-548, Gali No-45, Mahavir Enclave, Part-3, D.K. Mohan Garden, N D-110059 has changed name after marriage in to Mrs Ujjawal Bhardwaj

I HAVE changed my name from Ashok Kumar Singh to Ashok Kumar Singh Munda S/o Late Chetan Singh Munda, R/o 568/498, Kailashpuri, Alambagh, Lucknow, UP-226005, for all future purposes.

I, VENKATARAMAIAH F/o No. 16119990H NK Roopeshwar V R/o Vill-Robertsonpet, PO-Robertsonpet, Teh-KGF, Dist-Kolar, Karnataka-563122, declare that I have change my name from Venkataramaiah to Venkataramaiah N for all future purposes vide Public Notary Delhi affidavit dt 08-08-2024

I, RAJINI W/o Prem Kumar Garg R/o C-151, Omaxe City, Sector-15, Bahadurgarh, Jhajjar, Haryana-124507 have changed my name from Rajini to Preeti Garg for all future purposes.

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KOREAN MNC	1.04 L	BIM, USA	5.45 L
BANDHAN BANK	1.96 L	VLCC	6.35 L
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CHANGE OF NAME

I, LALIT Kumar Nagpure S/o Dharam Singh Nagpure, resident of House No. C-758, JVTS Garden, Chhattarpur Extension, New Delhi-110074, have changed my name from Lalit Kumar to Lalit Kumar Nagpure and shall hereafter be known as Lalit Kumar Nagpure, for all future purposes.

I, MANJEET Kaur Bagga, W/o Dalip Singh, R/o B-2/73, Sector-16, Rohini, North West Delhi, Delhi -110089, have changed my name from Manjeet Kaur to Manjeet Kaur Bagga for all future purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MEHAK Panesar D/o Opinder Singh Panesar and W/o Aakash Khanijo, residing at K10/51 DLF Phase-2 Gurgaon-122002 have changed my name to Mehak Kaur Khanijo post marriage vide Affidavit No. 55AA925844 dated 07.08.2024 Sworn before notary Suman, Haryana.

I RANDHIR Alias Randhir Singh S/O Sh. Rana Pratap Singh R/O A-20, SRKD, Kalkaji Mandir New Delhi - 110019. Have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Randhir Singh.

CHANGE OF NAME

IT IS for general information that Siva Kumaran Nair S/o N Padmanabha Pillai R/O SNCO Mess, AF Stn Palam, Delhi Cantt, South West Delhi, Delhi-110010 declare that name of mine has been wrongly written as Padmanabha Pillai Siva Kumaran Nair in my service record. The actual name of mine is Siva Kumaran Nair

I DHANANJAY Kumar S/O Sudarshan Ram R/O E-230 Reselment Colony, Vikas Nagar, Uttam Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi - 110059 have changed my name from Dhanjay Kumar to Dhananjay Kumar for future.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NARESH Kumar Khanna S/O Jagdish Lal Khanna R/O C-1/133 Kashav Puram New Delhi-110035 have changed my name to Naresh Khanna for all future Purposes

I, NO. 15728133L Nk Rajesh M R/o Vill-Chalavara, PO-Chalavara, Dist-Palakkad, Kerala-679505, declare that I have change my son name from Ivaan M to Ivaan Aadish M for all future purposes vide Public Notary Delhi affidavit dt 06-08-2024

CHANGE OF NAME

I HITHERTO known as B Rajakumar S/o VR Balasundaram employed as GSO-1 RVS (RM) in the Dte Gen RVS, QMG's Branch, IHQ of MoD (Army), West Block-3, RK Puram, New Delhi-110066 residing at P-17/5, Tarapore Officers Enclave, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070 and his permanent home address is M-107/8, 29th Cross Street, Besant Nagar, Chennai-600090 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Balasundaram Rajakumar.

I, K Chinnammulu W/o JC-313485L Sub Ganapathi Rao Bandapu R/o Vill-Anantagiri, PO-Venkatapuram, Dist-Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532220, declare that I have change my name from K Chinnammulu to Chinnammalu Bandapu for all future purposes vide Public Notary Delhi affidavit dt 08-08-2024

BHAGWATI PRASAD S/O SH. Ram Chandra R/o RZ-26P/123,Gali no-36 Indra Park Palam Colony New Delhi-110045 also at RZ-125, KH.NO-419 UGF Kailashpuri D.D House, New Delhi-110045 my name is written as Bhagavati Prasad in my service record and Bhagwati Prasad in my aadhar

I, REENA W/o No. 6499330X NK Suresh Kumar P R/o Vill-Koliyacodu, PO-Koliyacodu, Dist-Trivandrum, Kerala-695607, have changed my name Reena to Reena Peter vide affidavit dated 03-08-2024 before Delhi Norty Public.

I, PAWAN Kumar S/o Sh. Kamal Kant Pathak R/o 193, 3rd Floor, Block-3, Sec-2, Rajendra Nagar, Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, UP-201005 have changed my name from Pawan Kumar to Pawan Kumar Pathak for all future purposes.

I HITHERTO known as Hitesh son of Ved Parkash residing at 481, Gali No-2, Surya Enclave, Fatehabad, Haryana 125050 have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as Hitesh Arora.

I, POOJA Hasija W/o Shri Vikas Hasija R/o Flat No.802, 8th Floor, Orion Tower, Omaxe Heights, Sector-86, Faridabad-121002 have changed my name from Puja Hasija to Pooja Hasija for all future purposes.

I, SANGEETA Gairola D/o Sh. Jagat Ram R/o G-330, Gali No.5, G Block, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi-110042 have declare that my name is wrongly written in my documents Sangeeta instead of Sangeeta Gairola. Both names belong to one & the same person. My actual & Correct name is Sangeeta Gairola for all future purposes.

LOST & FOUND

I, VINITA Dhawan D/O Lt. Kanta Marwah Inform to General Public That I Lost my Two HDFC Fixed Deposit (a) FDR No : CP/1597336 (b) FDR NO : CP/1616284 at Gurgaon in The Month Of April An F.I.R has also been Lodged For the same (a) FIR NO : LR No:1926541/2024 (b) FIR NO : LR No:1924677/2024 . If Anyone Finds the above Fixed Deposit Receipts. Please Contact : 9246621811

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SECRETARY, ICAI

LOST & FOUND

I, PRAMOD Kumar S/o Sh. Mangal Dutt Sharma R/o G1/1503, 15th Floor, Supertech Echo Village-1, Gr. Noida West (U.P) have lost my original Allotment Letter of Flat No.B-20, Block-02, First Floor, Kendriya Vihar, Sector-51, Noida, issued by CGEWHO Reg. No. NAB0133. If found Please Contact: 7763932929

WE, AKM Systems Pvt Ltd. having registered office at 1st Floor, The Great Eastern Centre, Behind IFCI Tower, 70 Nehru Place, New Delhi-110019, owner of Flat No. E-0406 in the residential project Godrej Aria situated at Sector-79, Gurgaon-122051, have lost original ABA (Apartment Buyer Agreements) along with endorsement letters entered between wonder City Pvt Ltd and Manpreet Singh which later endorsed to AKM Systems Pvt Ltd by builder. Original allotment letter of E-0406 is lost as well. If found by Finder please contact Mr. Umesh Malhotra at our registered which is given above.

I, SUDHANSHU Shekhar Priyadarshi S/o Shri Girija Nandan Singh R/o H-301, Park View 2, Sector 49, Gurgaon, have lost original Payment Receipts and Allotment Letter in respect of Villa No. 3 Emaar Palm Drive Sector 66, Gurgaon. Finder may cont. at address above.

I, ABHISHEK Dilip Dave S/o Sh. Dilipbhai Bachubhai Dave R/o 11, Dheeraj Apartment, New Juhu Versova Link Road, D.N. Nagar, Andheri West, Azad Nagar, Mumbai, Maharasht. Have lost original property document of Flat No. B-61, Plot No. - 8B, Sector-11, 6th Floor, in the name Modest Ketki Co-operative Group Housing Society, (M.K. Apartment) lost document agreement to sell dated 31/5/2011, agreement between Ranbir Singh Khandwalia S/o Sh. Ganga Bishan Khandwalia R/o 283/3, DDA Flats, LIG, Paschim Puri, New Delhi between Mrs. Sushma W/o Mr. Mukesh Kumar R/o VPO, Amberhai, Sector-19, Dwarka, New Delhi - 110075 Certificate No. (Section 60), Registration No. 5746 in Book No. 1, Vol. No. 5924, Page - 45 to 49 dated 02/06/2011, Sub Registrar IX. Finder may please contact at above address or Mob. 9892438002

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TENDER NOTICE

The HIMHIT CGHS ltd., Plot No.-8, Sec-22, Dwarka, ND-77 Invites Percentage Rate Tender from the approved and eligible contractors in two bid system for the work "Rehabilitation and retrofitting of damaged beam, column and slab of building" Estimated Cost: Rs. 4.1 Cr. Earnest Money: Rs.10,00,000/-, Tender Cost: Rs. 5,000/- (Non-refundable) Completion Time: 18 Months Last date of submission of bid on or before 31.08.2024 & opened on next day at 11:30 am. The tender document can be obtained from the Society Office. Email ID: himhitcghs@gmail.com Contact No.: +91-93196-35426

TENDER NOTICE

Tender notice for Horticulture services for residential complex of Kendriya Vihar-II Sector-82, Noida is available on the website: www.noidakv2.com or contact Ph No. 0120 4984693 Mobile No. 8851156661. Date of start of issue of tender forms 09 Aug. 2024 to 17 Aug. 2024 (10:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs on working days) . Last date for submission of tender 19 Aug. 2024 till 17:00 hours.

Secretary
Kendriya Vihar-II A.O.A

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under Instruction from RCS, Know all that Vandana Sikka/LR's D/o V.M. Sikka R/o 52/33, Old Rajinder Nagar Delhi & R/o 1937/147, Tri Nagar Delhi, as per record available is a member of Sant Tulsi Das Co-Operative Group Housing Society Ltd at Plot No 14, Sec-14 Rohini, Delhi 85 vide Membership no.267 Her appearance is required at RCS Section 7/86/2022. It is hereby, She is called upon either appear in the Society office and above noted case at RCS. The next date is 27.08.2024. This is the final apportinity being given to her. A clear 15 days is provided from the dated of this notice publication.

-President-

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership of Residential House No. 1327, Sector 9, Faridabad, Haryana, in respect of 100% share in death case.

Sh. Suraj Parkash Kathuria S/o Late Sh. Chamman Lal was the owner of the Residential House No. 1327, Sec- 9, Faridabad, Suraj Parkash Kathuria S/o Late Sh. Chamman Lal has expired on 12.12.2021 left behind the legal heirs 1. Suraksha Kathuria (Wife) 2. Hemant Kathuria (Son) 3. Ashu Sareen (Daughter) 4. Priti Dhawan (Daughter). He has not executed any registered & un registered will.

Suraksha Kathuria Wio Late Sh. Suraj Parkash Kathuria R/o H.No. 1327, Sector-9, Faridabad, Haryana intends to apply for transfer of the said property in her favour in death case being legal heir.

If any person is having objection against the transfer of said property, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate officer, HSVP Faridabad alongwith supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Otherwise the Estate officer may transfer of the House No. 1327, Sector-9, Faridabad as per HSVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any.

Suraksha Kathuria W/o Late Sh. Suraj Parkash Kathuria

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Anuj Chechi S/o Dhanpat Chechi R/o 645, Sec-51, Urban Estate, Gurugram, Haryana declare that my father Sh. Dhanpat Chechi has died on 02.06.2024 at 645, Sec-51, Gurgaon and he had left behind the following legal heirs.:-

1) Asha Rani- 46 Yrs (Wife)
2) Anuj Chechi-24 Yrs (Son)
3) Arun Chechi-22 Yrs (Son)

There are no other legal heirs of my mother except the above mentioned legal heir. If anyone is having any objections regarding this, then he/she can raise objections within 30 days from the date of publication in the office of Tehsildar, Wazirabad, Haryana

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject:- Transfer of ownership in respect of residential Plot No.667, Sector-2, in Urban Estate Palwal, Haryana in Death Case.

Smt. Saroj Talwar W/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Talwar R/o H.No. B/68, NIT, Faridabad, Haryana-121001, who was the owner/allottee of 100% share of the subject cited property as per record of Haryana Sahri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), Faridabad, Haryana. Smt. Saroj Talwar W/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Talwar has died on dated 13.01.2024 and Smt. Saroj Talwar W/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Talwar has no registered or un-registered will, leaving behind legal heirs namely (1) Chaman Lal Talwar (Husband Expired) (2) Omesh Talwar (Son) (3) Monica Hans (Daughter) (4) Sonia (Daughter).

Now **Sh. Omesh Talwar S/o Late Sh. Chaman Lal Talwar R/o House No. B/68, NIT, Faridabad, Haryana-121001,** intend to apply for the transfer of 100% share of the said property in his favour being the legal heirs. If any person is having any objection against the transfer of ibid/above house/property, he/she can submit objections in writing to the Estate Officer, Haryana Sahri Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP), Faridabad, Haryana along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice, otherwise the Estate Officer, HSVP, Faridabad, Haryana may accord permission to transfer of the said property as per HSVP policy and may not entertain subsequent claim, if any.

Legal Heir- Omesh Talwar

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, Nidhi Rana Walia D/o Late Sh. Padam Singh Rana R/o B-302 The Residency, Ardee City Sector-52 Gurugram Declare that my father Late Sh. Padam Singh Rana had expired on 10.10.2019 & he had left behind the following legal heirs:

1. Kamal Rana (Wife)
2. Nidhi Rana Walia (Daughter)
3. Shellie Rana Singh (Daughter)
4. Rachna Rana (Daughter)
5. Ashu Kumar (Daughter)

There are no other legal heirs of my father except the above mentioned. If anyone having any objection regarding this, he/she can raise objection within 30 days from the date of publication in the office of Tehsildar, Wazirabad,Gurugram, Haryana.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Surrender Of Certificate. Of Registration As An Investment Adviser:-

I,Neeraj Jain, have initiated the process of surrendering my SEBI registration certificate as an Investment Adviser with registration number INA 100009196 and BASL membership Certificate no. N/A and that if anyone has any grievances, they can lodge them at Scores.sebi.gov.in within 30 days of the date of the notice.

Neeraj Jain, H. No. 326, Sector 21A Faridabad, Haryana-121001 Date-Place - Faridabad, Haryana

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is for the information of the general public that Flat No. 436-P/MIG, HBC, PH-II, Palwal was transferred/allotteed in the name of **Om Prakash Chawla S/o Faggu Ram Chawla** R/o 436-P/MIG, HBC, PH-II, Palwal vide allotment letter No. 6160 dt. 30.11.1993. Now Joint allottee/ transferee/sale deed holder **Om Prakash Chawla S/o Faggu Ram Chawla** has been expired on 12.03.2024. Now **Krishan Kumar S/o Lt. Om Prakash Chawla**. R/o 436-P/MIG, HBC, PH-II, Palwal has submitted the documents for the transfer of the allotment of the above mentioned house due to the death of the allottee/transferee being his/her legal heirs. Now by the present public notice, it is informed to all public in general that in case anybody the objection to the above said trans **Krishan Kumar S/o Lt. Om Prakash Chawla**. He/She can file the objection within 30 days from the publication of the notice, after that necessary action for the transfer of the above mentioned house will be taken by this office as per rules and no objection will be entertained after 30 days from the date of publication of this notice.

Estate Manager, Housing Board, Haryana, Sec-7A, Faridabad

PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: Transfer of ownership in respect of in respect of Ground Floor, area 255 sq feet, of House 3A/77, NIT 3, Faridabad, upon the death of Shri Om Prakash, son of late Shri Khem Chand, R/o 3A/77, NIT, Faridabad. Shri Om Prakash, who was the owner of the above cited property, as per record had died intestate on 17.11.2018 leaving behind only three legal heirs namely 1. Indu (wife), 2. Himanshu (son) and 3. Puneet Mirg (son). There is no other legal heir of the deceased Shri Om Prakash. Now 1. Indu (wife), 2. Himanshu (son) and 3. Puneet Mirg (son) intend to apply for the transfer of above said Ground Floor of House No. 3A/77, NIT, Faridabad in their favour being the legal heirs of the deceased. If any person is having objection against the transfer of ibid plot/house, he/she can submit objections in writing to the ZTO, MCF NIT, Faridabad, along with supporting documents within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Otherwise the ZTO, MCF, NIT Faridabad may sanction mutation of the property as per their policy and may not entertain subsequent claim if any.

Legal heirs Indu, Himanshu & Puneet Mirg

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public at large that **Sh. Shermadevi Ramaswami Balasubramanian (S.R. Balasubramanian)** is the co-owner of Property Ground Floor, Basement No. 1 and Basement No. 3 on Plot No. 94, Block-5, Eros Garden, Surajkund Road, Faridabad and G-224, DLF Park Place, Sector-54, Phase-5, Gurgaon, Haryana, who died on 25.11.2017 leaving behind Uma Balasubramanian (Wife), Shyam Balasubramanian, Sirram Balasubramanian (Sons). The legal heirs Uma Balasubramanian (Wife), Shyam Balasubramanian, Sirram Balasubramanian (Sons) intends to transfer the Property ID of the said property in their names. Therefore all persons having any claims/ objections in respect of said flat as and by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, maintenance, inheritance, possession, tenancy, occupation, lease, lien, easement, license or otherwise howsoever are here

RBI maintains status quo on repo rate

MPC retains its 7.2% and 4.5% projections for 2024-25 GDP growth and inflation

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NEW DELHI: The monetary policy committee (MPC) of India's central bank decided to maintain status quo on both the policy rate and the stance of monetary policy with a majority of four votes against two.

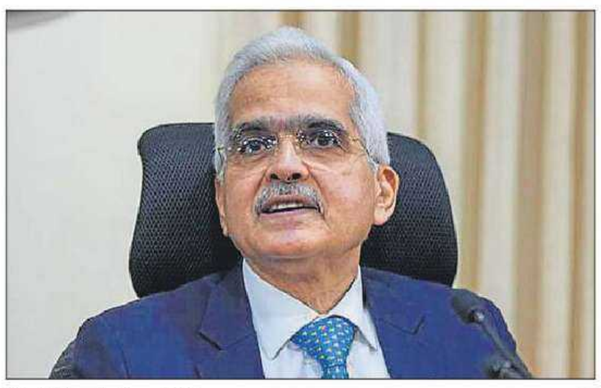
The current policy setting, Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday following what was the MPC's 50th meeting, has created an environment where "inflation and growth are evolving in a balanced manner and overall macroeconomic conditions are stable" even as there was "more distance to cover (on inflation reduction)".

The MPC also laid to rest any ideas that RBI is considering decoupling inflation-targeting with food inflation, an idea the Economic Survey released by the ministry of finance in July had mooted. "The public at large understands inflation more in terms of food inflation than the other components of headline inflation. Therefore, we cannot and should not become complacent merely because core inflation has fallen considerably", Governor Das said in his written statement. "Risks from volatile and elevated food prices remain high, which may adversely impact inflation expectations and result in spillovers to core inflation", the MPC resolution warned.

Thursday's MPC decision means that the policy rate will continue to be at 6.5% at least until October which is when the MPC will meet next. The rate has not changed since February 2023, which means borrowers including those who have taken home loans, will have to put up with the burden of high rates for some more time.

Analysts are divided about whether MPC will cut rates in its October or December meeting but expect some reductions in the current fiscal year. While Nomura economists expect a rate cut from October onwards, Barclays said "updated quarterly inflation projections (are) reducing the likelihood of an October cut".

MPC has retained its 7.2% and 4.5% projections for 2024-25 GDP growth and inflation, which were made in the June meeting. Its growth forecast is higher than the 6.5-7% projected by the Economic Survey released in July, which the finance ministry had described as a more conservative approach than RBI's.



Shaktikanta Das, RBI governor PTI

To be sure, MPC has made a small downward revision to its growth forecast for the quarter ending June 2024 from 7.3% in June to 7.1% in August. The change was attributed to "updated information on certain high frequency indicators which show lower than anticipated corporate profitability, general government expenditure and core industries output".

Latest growth projections for the quarters ending June 2024, September 2024, December 2024 and March 2025 are now 7.1%, 7.2%, 7.3% and 7.2% respectively.

Quarterly inflation projections for September 2024, December 2024, March 2025 and June 2025 are now 4.4%, 4.7%, 4.3% and 4.4% respectively. The MPC made a downward revision to its September quarter inflation forecast and upward revision to its March 2025 inflation forecast compared to its June meeting.

While MPC's decision to hold rates unchanged was widely expected, there was some debate on whether or not the policy stance would see a pivot to neutral.

" MPC reiterates the need to continue with the disinflationary stance, until a durable alignment of the headline CPI inflation with the target is achieved", the MPC resolution said while underlining that "enduring price stability sets strong foundations for a sustained period of high growth".

In addition to highlighting continued volatility from food prices, the MPC resolution also spoke about "indications of core inflation bottoming out", while Governor's statement underlined the need for watching out for the impact of revision in milk prices and mobile tariffs. The resolution took comfort in "strength of investment demand, steady urban consumption and rising rural consumption" holding up domestic growth while being hawkish on inflation.

The Governor's statement also flagged some financial stability concerns apart from the usual growth and inflation commentary. It called on banks to "focus more on mobilisation of household financial savings through innovative products and service offerings", which is in keeping with RBI's concerns around an elevated credit deposit ratio.

The statement also flagged potential risks from higher lending in certain segments of personal loans including top-up housing loans. "It is noticed that the regulatory prescriptions relating to loan to value (LTV) ratio, risk weights and monitoring of end use of funds are not being strictly adhered to by certain entities", Das said, warning that "such practices may lead to loaned funds being deployed in unproductive segments or for speculative purposes".

"Rains have gone from deficit to surplus over the last fortnight, and temperatures have cooled. If this sustains, food inflation could fall quickly from October onwards, opening up the space for monetary policy easing. We expect two RBI rate cuts of 25 basis points each in the current cycle, one in 4Q2024 and the other in 1Q2025, taking the repo rate to 6%. Given that growth is strong, we believe there will be an easing cycle, but a shallow one", Pranjul Bhandari, Chief India Economist at HSBC said in a research note. One basis point is a hundredth of a percentage point.

Data privacy rules in limbo, tech cos antsy

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NEW DELHI: A year after Parliament passed a new law to guard the digital data of Indian citizens, technology companies at the vanguard of the transformation are getting restless. The reason: The government is yet to issue rules under the new law, preventing them from taking decisive calls on projects involving data localization and cross-border data transfer, and hiring compliance officer.

Companies are now reaching out to the government to expedite rules under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, three people aware of the matter said.

"It's been confusing—the implementation of the DPDP Act and its rules have played out in India for nearly a decade, in various forms," said an executive from a top multinational technology firm. "Since being notified in Parliament, the expectation was that by end-2024, compliance would be enforced, providing clarity for tech firms. However, this process has been delayed by another year or two, which isn't ideal for a sound regulatory environment."

The DPDP Act was notified last year but rules under the law are yet to be finalized.

Another executive emphasized the importance of releasing the DPDP rules to avoid regulatory ambiguity. "Tech firms catering to global markets already comply with Europe's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For India to attract investments, a clear legislative structure is needed at the earliest. The lack of it may impact smaller firms more than larger ones," he noted. A senior official with the ministry of electronics and information technology assured that the rules would be published "within the coming weeks".



The delay has caused issues within tech firms in India. ISTOCKPHOTO

The impending rules are expected to outline specific compliance requirements, timelines, and penalties for non-compliance. However, the delay in their publication has forced companies to adopt a wait-and-watch approach, hindering their ability to adopt data protection measures fully.

"The final draft will be published for public consultation, followed by any necessary alterations. Once finalized, there will be clearly defined compliance periods for companies," the government official explained.

Consequently, most stakeholders, including the three executives cited above, expect the on-ground impact of the DPDP Act, 2023, to manifest only from 2026.

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Supratim Chakraborty, partner at law firm Khaitan & Co., highlighted the challenge of doubling key roles in anticipation of compliance.

"Many personnel within companies have been put on double roles, with a projection to become a data privacy officer (DPO) when the law gets enforced. With this delay, many such employees are looking to grasp other roles within the company while essentially being on the sidelines, while others are in a limbo with their job profile," Chakraborty said.

Foreign carriers eye India's talent pool for cabin crew

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NEW DELHI: Foreign airlines spreading their wings in India are dipping into the local talent pool for cabin crew, at a time of abundant skilled professionals and growing outbound travel sentiment among Indian travellers.

While upcoming airline Riyadh Air has started hiring from India, Turkish Airlines is set to induct Indian talent under its first recruitment drive in the country for cabin crew.

Saudi has also stated its intent to have more Indian employees in its aircraft, as it plans to expand services in the world's fastest growing aviation market.

"We have started the process of recruiting cabin crew in India. This is our maiden recruitment drive here and we are hopeful of conducting more such drives in the future, as we see India as an important market for us. While cabin crew are rotated across flights, a set of Indian talent will help us in facilitating a better customer engagement on the aircraft which are carrying a large number of Indian travellers," a Turkish Airlines executive said.

As per data from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Turkish Airlines carried 130,732 passengers to and from India in the March quarter of 2024, or more than 1.3% share of the total traffic carried by the foreign carriers operating in the country.

Saudi Arabia's upcoming airline Riyadh Air, which expects to launch commercial flight operations next year, expects to utilize the Indian talent pool as it sees Indian aviation market as an important segment for its international expansion. The airline aims to launch operations to India within the first 12 months of its launch.

"India will be a significant opportunity for us and it will be important for us to partner with a large Indian carrier as well. We look for the right people with the right experience. For aviation workforce, we are looking at both gender diversity as well as nationality. We have firmed up plans to conduct a recruitment drive for cabin crew in India. We will conduct more such drives here as we launch operations," Adam Boukadida, chief financial officer at Riyadh Air said.



The closure of two major airlines has also resulted in availability of skilled aviation talent in India. MINT

Industry executives said the closure of two major airlines—Jet Airways and Go Air—in less than five years has also resulted in availability of skilled aviation talent in India, who can be attracted with better remuneration packages.

"South Asia is a large supplier of the workforce in Saudi Arabia like it is in other parts of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC). We get a lot of résumés from India, and there is a belief that there are two happening aviation markets—India and Saudi Arabia. So, there are a lot of Indian airline professionals who are saying, may be we can look at Saudi Arabia. Not just us, others such as Riyadh Air and Flynas are also getting the resumes," Sanjiv Kapoor, executive vice president-strategies, Saudia Group told *Mint* earlier.

Saudia carried 373,220 passengers to and from India in the March quarter, and occupied nearly 4% share in the total traffic carried by foreign carriers to and from India of 9.2 million passengers.

"We see this trend as a strategic move driven by multiple factors," said Pragya Priyadarshini, vice-president at Primus Partners.

New SBI chairman has his task cut out

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THE 59-YEAR-OLD SETTY WILL TAKE CHARGE ON OR AFTER AUGUST 28 FOR A 3-YR TERM

MUMBAI: Challa Sreenivasulu Setty is poised to take over as chairman of the State Bank of India (SBI), inheriting a banking giant with a strong balance sheet. Even then, an industry-wide deposit slowdown, which has caught the attention of regulators, and rising loan delinquencies present a complex scenario for the incoming leader.

Setty, currently managing director overseeing SBI's subsidiaries, global markets, and technology, will take charge on or after August 28 for a three-year term, according to a government notification. The 59-year-old will succeed Dinesh Khara, who was elevated as chairman in October 2020 and received a year's extension in October 2023.

SBI, India's largest bank, is grappling with a widening funding gap. Its loan book expanded by a robust 15.4% year-on-year, outpacing deposit growth of 8.2% in the June quarter. This disparity is more pronounced than the industry average, where deposits grew 11.1% and non-food credit 17.4% during the same period. Non-food credit excludes loans to the Food Corporation of India.

The sector is also navigating choppy waters regarding unsecured loans, necessitating higher provisions. At SBI, the Xpress Credit product—an unsecured loan offering—saw higher delinquencies in the June quarter. While a few other retail loan categories also saw an increase in gross bad loan ratios from March through June, the gross non-performing asset ratio for Xpress Credit rose by 20 basis points to 0.97% on a portfolio of ₹3.5 lakh crore.

During an analyst call on 3 August, Khara attributed these delinquencies to delays in salary payments in certain states. However, not everyone is convinced by this explanation. "Surprised that due to some delay in payments from state governments, many customers moved to a 90-day bucket in a single quarter," noted Suresh Ganapathy, managing director and head of financial services research at Macquarie Capital, in an email to clients on August 5.

Despite these challenges, analysts are optimistic about SBI's future under Setty's leadership, especially given the lender's healthy balance sheet.

"Some potential focus areas are likely to be improving the current account deposit market share, growing the SME segment faster, mobilizing more overseas deposits, reducing the cost-to-income ratio, and enhancing capital adequacy," said Rikin Shah, a banking analyst at IIFL Securities.

'Google, Meta struck secret deal to lure teenagers to Instagram'

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NEW DELHI: Tech giants Google and Meta struck a secret deal to target teenage users on YouTube with advertisements for Instagram, a report by the *Financial Times* said on Thursday, disclosures that could reignite concerns on how social media companies target a vulnerable age group.

According to documents and people familiar with the matter, Google worked on a marketing project for Meta that was designed to reach 13 to 17-year-old YouTube users with adverts promoting Instagram, Meta's photo and video app. This campaign deliberately targeted a group of users labelled as "unknown" in Google's advertising system, which the company knew skewed towards under-18s, the report stated.

The project disregarded Google's own rules that prohibit personalising and targeting ads to under-18s, including serving ads based on demographics. It also has policies against the circumvention of its own guidelines, or "proxy targeting".

"Big Tech companies cannot be trusted to protect our kids," said Republican senator Marsha Blackburn, the *FT* reported. "They once again have been caught exploiting our children and these Silicon Valley executives have proven that they will always prioritise profit over our children."



Google worked on a marketing project for Meta, designed to reach 13 to 17-yr-olds. GETTYIMAGES.

The Instagram campaign was already in development when Meta co-founder Mark Zuckerberg made a dramatic appearance before US Congress in January, where he apologised to the families of children who had been victims of sexual exploitation and abuse on his platforms.

The companies worked with Spark Foundry, a US subsidiary of French advertising giant Publicis, to launch the pilot marketing programme in Canada between February and April this year. It was then trialled in the US in May, with plans to expand it further to international markets and to promote other Meta apps such as Facebook. When contacted by the *Financial Times*, Google initiated an investigation into the allegations. The project has now been cancelled, the *FT* said, citing a person familiar with the decision.

"We prohibit ads being personalised to people under-18, period. These policies go well beyond what is required and are supported by technical safeguards," Google said, adding that no registered YouTube users known to be under 18 were directly targeted. However, the tech giant did not deny using the "unknown" loophole, saying it would "take additional action to reinforce with sales representatives that they must not help advertisers or agencies run campaigns attempting to work around our policies."

Meta said it disagreed that selecting the "unknown" audience constituted personalisation or a circumvention of any rules, adding that it adhered to its own policies as well as those of its peers when advertising its services.

FMCG firms report slower growth in June quarter

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NEW DELHI: India's fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) industry reported a sharp drop in volume growth in the food and non-food categories in the June quarter, largely due to a slowdown in sales of packaged foods such as salt, flour and oil, consumer intelligence company NielsenIQ (NIQ) said.

FMCG volumes grew 3.8% year-on-year in the June quarter, slowing down both sequentially and from a year earlier, NIQ said in its quarterly update on the sector released Thursday. Volumes increased 7.5% in the June quarter last year.

Rural growth outpaced urban demand for the second consecutive quarter, according to NIQ.



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The numbers, however, reflected weakening consumer demand due to broader macroeconomic headwinds, NIQ said.

"The Indian FMCG industry growth has been steady, reflecting its resilience and adaptability. The sector experienced a 4.0% value growth in Q2 2024, attributed to relaxed consumption patterns. This deceleration in volumes is largely due to macroeconomic headwinds. While rural volume growth at +5.2% continues to outpace the 2.8% growth in urban areas, both regions experienced softer consumption this quarter," said Roosevelt Dsouza, head of customer success–India at NIQ.

Overall, the sector reported a 4% jump in value growth and a 0.2% jump in price-led growth. The data suggests that companies did not rely on excessive price hikes to derive growth in the June quarter. However, the numbers are a drag in comparison to the year-ago period.

In the June quarter of 2023, the industry reported a 12.2% jump in value growth; volumes grew 7.5% while price-led growth stood at 4.4%. Last year, companies had increased prices to counter accelerating inflation. However, the price hikes have since eased. NIQ follows a calendar year. Rural volumes grew at a faster clip in the June quarter, broadly reflected in the trends reported by several large consumer goods makers in their quarterly earnings. Urban volume growth eased from 10.5% reported a year ago.

"I think overall the rural is coming back. If you ask me, it's a large long-term impact happening. Inflation going down, elasticity of demand working very well. As inflation goes down, price premium goes down, more traction happens in Discretionary & Staples... that's what is given and that is getting built up by good harvest, normal monsoon, government initiative of putting in a lot of infrastructure, more employment opportunities, MNREGA outlay going up... new schemes being announced by the government. So I think all that is leading to a better sentiment. And this better sentiment generally leads to better consumption," Mohit Malhotra, Dabur India's chief executive officer said during the company's earnings call.

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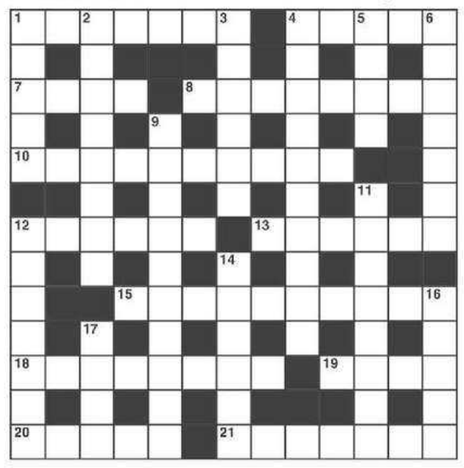
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4 Stop a nice man showing alarm (5)
7 Ruinous price for a ring (4)
8 Approve the head's portrait (8)
10 Uncalled-for correspondence (4,6)
12 Sign of a pressing need? (6)
13 Translating Proust may produce it (6)
15 He should know one port from another (4,6)
18 Shut up (8)
19 Inventor of the telephone - or part of it (4)
20 South Africa is initially mentioned in the paper (5)
21 Photographed out of doors? (7)

DOWN

1 Estimated trade turnover (5)
2 European felled with a mighty blow (8)
3 Creates a vacancy (6)
4 Now is the time to be generous (7,3)
5 Nominally Christmas (4)
6 Take commission away from the bank employee (7)
9 A fashionable quality (10)
11 Don't see so much that's immaculate (8)
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14 Point has a need to be put differently (6)
16 Managed to get straight in line (5)
17 Love to drink up after work (4)

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1 Chivalrous (7)
4 Lustrous dark brown fur (5)
7 Confidential assistant (4)
8 Attractive (8)
10 At very close range (5-5)
12 Venerable (6)
13 Disc-playing needle (6)
15 Behaving as expected (4,2,4)
18 Having dramatic effect (8)
19 Find fault pettily (4)
20 Relative intensity (5)
21 Mischief (7)

DOWN

1 Understanding (5)
2 Rented rooms (8)
3 Confused state (6)
4 Total inactivity (10)
5 Hat's projecting edge (4)
6 Absorb attention of (7)
9 In one continuous period (2,1,7)
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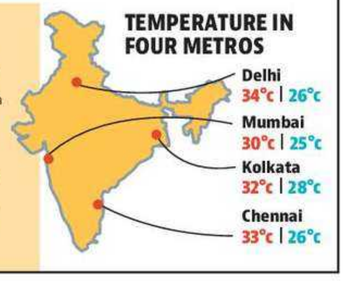
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Sunrise: Saturday at 05:47 a.m.
Moonrise: Friday at 09:50 a.m.
Moonset: Friday at 09:46 p.m.

TEMPERATURE IN FOUR METROS



Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited

(CIN: U85310UP2018SGC102425) (A Government of U.P. Undertaking)
Address: SUDA Bhawan, 7/23, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow. Website: www.upmsc.in E-Mail: gm.scm@upmsc.in, Contact No.: 0522-2838102

GEM Tender for CMC Of Equipment - Walk In Cooler

Uttar Pradesh Medical Supplies Corporation Limited, Lucknow invites tender on GeM Portal from eligible and qualified Bidders to provide CMC services for Walk in Cooler at UPMSCL Central District Drug Warehouse Lucknow . The schedule of Tender activity is as here under:

S.N.	Description of Item for tender	Equipments Name as on GeM	Tender Reference No.	Commencement of Downloading of Tender Document	Date & Time of Pre-Bid Meeting	Last Date & Submission of Online Bids	Date & Time of Opening of Technical Bids	Technical Evaluation Result	Date & Time of Opening of Financial Bid	Financial Evaluation Result
1.	CMC of Equipment	Walk In Cooler -2 Number	GEM/20-24/B/ 5260140	07.08.2024	12.08.2024 Time 4.00 PM in conference Hall of UPMSCL HQ, Lko.	28.08.2024 up to 05:00 PM	28.08.2024 up to 05:30 PM	To be declared on GeM Portal	To be declared on GeM Portal	To be declared on GeM Portal

The details of tender notice are given on GeM Portal & UPMSCL website **www.upmsc.in**. Kindly check GeM Portal & UPMSCL website for any detail & updates.

Managing Director, UPMSCL

Department of Medical Health & Family Welfare, Uttar Pradesh

NOTICE INVITING BID CAD-792

Odisha State Medical Corporation Limited (OSMCL)
In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Unit — III,
Bhubaneswar -751 001

Tel. : (0674) 2380950, **Website** : www.osmcl.nic.in , **Email** : drugs-osmcl@gov.in

Letter No. 5581 **Date 07.08.2024**
Bid Ref. No.: OSMCL/2024-25/ OTH-DHS-I/06 **Date: 08/08/2024**

Online Bids through **e-Tender portal** (https://tendersodisha.gov.in) are invited from eligible bidders for **supply of Insecticides and Larvicides as per the particulars mentioned below :**

Sl. No.	Particulars	Date and time	
1.	Date & time of release of bid	08/08/2024, 3 PM	
2.	Date & time for submission of queries by E-Mail id - drugs-osmcl@gov.in	12/08/ 2024, up to 5:00 PM	
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		14/08/2024, 3 PM	03/09 /2024, 6.00 PM
4.	Date & time for submission of Tender Documents, Tender Document Fee and EMD amount as per section-IV of tender document	Start Date & Time	End Date & Time
		04/09/2024, 10 AM	11/09/2024, 11.00 AM
5.	Date & time of online Technical bid opening	11/09/2024, 11:30 AM	
6.	Date of Opening of Price Bid	To be informed to the qualified bidders	

The bid document with all information relating to the bidding process including cost of bid document, EMDs, Prequalification criteria and terms & conditions are available in the websites: www.osmcl.nic.in and https://tendersodisha.gov.in The Authority reserves the right to accept / reject any part thereof or all the bids without assigning any reason thereof. All notice will be published in the OSMCL website www.osmcl.nic.in. Hence the bidders are requested to visit OSMCL website www.osmcl.nic.in time to time for any published notice against the tender

SD/-
Managing Director,
OSMC Ltd., Odisha

OIPR - 10112/13/0005/2425

Government of Odisha, e- Procurement Notice B-161
INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

Bid Identification No. C.C.E.Dkl.(R&B) 03/2024-25
Email Id-sedklpwd@gmail.com

Letter No. 1575 /Dt. 07.08.2024

The Chief Construction Engineer, Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in double cover system to be received in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Repair & Rehabilitation of Bridge works as detailed below:

1. Name of the work : Repair & Rehabilitation of Bridge works
2. No of works : 01 (One) No
3. Estimated Cost : Rs.1.74 crore (as given in column No. 03 of table)
4. Cost of tender paper : Rs 10,000.00
5. Class of contractor : 'B' Class & 'A' Class (as given in column No. 07 of table)
6. Period of Completion of work : 06 (Six) (as given in column No. 08 of table)
7. Date and time of availability of bid Document in the website : From Dt.16.08.2024 to 5.00P.M.of Dt.30.08.2024
8. Date of opening of bid : Dt.31.08.2024 at 11.30 A.M

The bidders have to participate in ONLINE biding only further details can be seen from the e-Procurement Portal: www.tendersodisha.gov.in. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer
Dhenkanal (R&B) Circle, Dhenkanal

OIPR - 34132/11/0004/2425

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA O-183
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL
E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in , Phone : 06764 - 236404
Tender all Notice for Building work in Odisha
Bid Identification No. Building Online AGL- 06/2024-25
No. 2102 // Dt. 7/8/24 //

1. Name of the work : Building work
2. Total No. of work : 1 No.
3. Estimated cost : Rs.105.87 Lakh Approx
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Period of completion. : 12(Twelve) Calendar Months
6. Other details.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Building-Online -AGL-06/2024-25	16.08.24 at 10.00 A.M	30.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M	29.08.24 up to 1.00 P.M	31.08.24 at 11.00 AM	Will be intimated separately

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website www.tendersorissa.gov.in

Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

OIPR - 25180/11/0007/2425

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ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION - 2024 (OJEE - 2024)

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING OJEE WEB COUNSELLING FOR 2024-25

No: OJEE/375 **Date: 08.08.2024**

This is for the information of all concerned that OJEE Web-Based Counselling Process for **Integrated MBA and Pending process for LE Pharmacy** is going to start from **9th August, 2024 (Friday)** .

Interested candidates having valid OJEE 2024 Rank (OJEE conducted during May 2024) are advised to visit OJEE websites (www.ojee.nic.in / www.odishajee.com) and see the detailed **Counselling Schedule and the process** for these courses.

They are further advised to carefully go through the documents **"Counselling Brochure" and "Step-by-Step Procedure"**, available in the website to get other detailed information about the entire counselling process. The process of Integrated MBA will be as per the schedule only.

Sd/-
Chairman, OJEE
ODISHA

OIPR - 44026/11/0006/2425

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA O-184
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, ANGUL
E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in , Phone : 06764 - 236404
No. 2111 // Dt. 7/8/24 //
e-Procurement Notice for Maintenance work in Odisha

1. Name of the work : Maintenance work
2. Total No. of work : 1 No.
3. Estimated cost : Rs. 106.39 Lakh
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Period of completion. : 03(Three) Calendar Months and Five years routine maintenance
6. Other details.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No	Availability of tender On-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul	Maintenance Online - AGL-07/ 2024-25	16.08.24 at 10.00 A.M	30.08.24 up to 5.00 P.M	29.08.24 up to 1.00 P.M	31.08.24 at 11.00 A.M	Will be intimated later on

For detailed Notice inviting Tenders, Please visit to the website http://www.pmgsytenders.gov.in

Chief Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Angul

OIPR - 25180/11/0008/2425

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E- Tender Notice

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

E-Tender No.:JHS-TD-TENDER-2024-06, **Description of work:** Provision and extension of OHE at 26 coaches washing pit line at steam loco shed in connection with Development of terminal attention facilities for Train Sets at VGLJ station of Jhansi division.

Approx Cost (₹) : ₹ 3833824.33 | **Earnest Money/Bid Security (₹)** : ₹ 76700.00

E-Tender No.:JHS-TD-TENDER-2024-07, **Description of work:** OHE modification work in connection with provision of 12M wide FOB at Dabra (DBA), Morena (MRA) and Bhind (BIX) station of Jhansi division under Amrit Bharat Station Development Scheme.

Approx Cost (₹) : ₹ 11788038.90 | **Earnest Money/Bid Security (₹)** : ₹ 209000.00

E-Tender No.:JHS-TD-TENDER-2024-08, **Description of work:** OHE modification work in connection with provision of 12M wide FOB at Banda (BNDA), Mahoba (MBA) and Chitrakutdham Karwi (CKTD) station of Jhansi division under Amrit Bharat Station Development Scheme.

Approx Cost (₹) : ₹ 7933004.53 | **Earnest Money/Bid Security (₹)** : ₹ 158700.00

E-Tender No.:JHS-TD-TENDER-2024-09, **Description of work:** OHE modification work in connection with provision of 12M wide FOB at Lalitpur (LAR), Orai (ORAI) and Datia (DAA) station of Jhansi division under Amrit Bharat Station Development Scheme.

Approx Cost (₹) : ₹ 14789942.74 | **Earnest Money/Bid Security (₹)** : ₹ 224000.00

Date of closing Tenders : 30.08.2024 15.00 pm, **Date of completion /period from issue acceptance letter.:** 09 Months, Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs on 30.08.2024, For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **1417/24(DG)**

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

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Govt. of Bihar

NORTH BIHAR POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED

(Registered Office: VidyutBhawan, Bailey Road, Patna –800021)
A Govt. Of Bihar Undertaking
(DEPARTMENT OF Planning & Engineering)
CIN:-U40109BR2012SGC018920
[Notice InvitingTender]
(Through e-procurement mode only -www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

Online tender is being invited by Chief Engineer, (Planning &Engg) for Turn Key Contract for Design, Engineering, Construction, Testing and Commissioning of one Nos. of 33/11 KV New PSS along with associated 33 KV and 11 KV lines under State Plan as detailed below:-

Sl. No	NIT No	Name of PSS	Capacity	Name of Block	District	Estimated Cost Inclusive of GST (In Crore)	Cost of EMD (In Lacs)	Cost of BOQ/ Tender Document (In Rupees)	Bid Process -ing fee (In Rupees)
1	54/PR/NBPDCL/ 2024	Bastaul	2X10 MVA	Pranpur	Katihar	14.55	29.10	100000+ GST @18% =118000	As per actual

The Time line for the above tender is as follows:

Bid Submission Start Date:-	28.08.2024 , 11:30 Hrs onwards
Bid Submission Due Date:-	18.09.2024, up to 17:00 Hrs
Physical DOC submission End Date as allowed in the Tender Document	19.09.2024, up to 17:30Hrs
Techno-Commercial Bid Open Date:-	20.09.2024, 11:30 Hrs Onwards
Date of Opening of Price Part:-	To be notified after techno-commercial bid evaluation
Pre-Bid Discussion	
Pre-bid Query Submission Type:-	Through email: ceplanningnbpdcl@gmail.com
Pre-bid Discussion Date:-	03.09.2024 , 12:30 Hrs
Venue Details:-	Conference hall 4th floor , Vidyut Bhawan-3 , Bailey Road , Patna - 800021

The RFP documents can be downloaded from website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in .

The Bank detail of NBPDCL is being provided here under:

- **Name of Beneficiary A/c: NBPDCL Capital A/c**
- **Bank A/c No: 0352101042058**
- **IFSC Code: CNRB0000352**
- **Name of Bank: Canara Bank**
- **Branch: South Gandhi Maidan, Patna**

For further details please visit website **state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

PR- 05591 (Ni Ni) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार। **Chief Engineer (P&E)**

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./ AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1.	HARYANA STATE FEDERATION OF COOP. SUGAR MILLS LIMITED	PURCHASE OF CAUSTIC SODA FLAKES	CLOSING DATE 22.08.2024	75 LACS	Haryanasugarfed.org.in	9888455724 haryanasugarfed@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

RO No. 13/2025/40/28729/I/19/7

GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE

SR. No.	NAME OF BOARD/ CORP./ AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT/ EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/ EMAIL
1.	HARYANA SCHOOL SHIKSHA PARIYOJNA PARISAD	CONSTRUCTION OF PHYSICS, CHEMISTRY, BIOLOGY LABS IN GSSS PUTHI MANGAL KHAN,GSSS DHANA KHURD, GSSS SULTANPUR AND 3 NOS ACR IN GHS MNC HANSI BLOCK HANSI-1 DISTT. HISAR + 1 WORKS	02.08.2024 12.08.2024	1.94 CRORES	www.hsspp.in	9467807464 civilbranchssa3@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in

RO No. 13/2025/40/28731/I/19/7

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Ltd., Patna

(A Govt. of Bihar Undertaking)
2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Bihar, Patna
Phone: -+91 612 2283289, Fax: - +91 612 2283289
Mail: md-bmsicl-bih@nic.in, bmsiclinfra@gmail.com
www.bmsicl.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

N.I.T No.-BMSICL/Infra/12/2024
(Through E-Procurement Mode Only)

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Ltd (BMSICL), Patna invites Tender through e-procurement process from Firms/Contractors of repute registered in any class under any State Govt./Central Govt./PSU's of State/Central Govt. However, they will have to get register in Suitable class in BMSICL after issue of LOA and before the agreement.

2. Name and Scope of Work:

The Scope of work under this work includes Civil works construction with Internal/External plumbing & sanitary works, electrical works (LT & HT), site development, boundary wall, sewerage treatment plant, fire detection, fire alarm and suppression, CCTV, landscaping, Medical/Non-Medical Furniture etc.

Sl. No.	Name of work	BOQ Amount (In Rs. Crore)	Earnest Money (In Rs. Lakhs)	Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.)	Bid Processing Fee	Period of Completion
1-	Construction of 200 Bedded District Hospital at District Nawada, Bihar	99.31	109.31	11,800/-	As Per e-Proc2	18 months

3. Tender Schedule:

Sl No.	Activity	Date & Time
1.	Bid Submission Start Date	From 19/08/2024 on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
2.	Bid Submission Last Date	Up to 09/09/2024, 05:00 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
3.	Pre-Bid Meeting Date & Place	On 22/08/2024, 11;00 AM in 3rd Floor Conference Hall of BMSICL, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Bihar, Patna
4.	Physical document (Original Affidavit & Payment Receipt) Submission End Date	Up to 10/09/2024, 03:00 PM in the office of BMSICL, Patna (2nd & 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar, Patna)
5.	Technical Bid Opening Date	10/09/2024, 03:30 PM on https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6.	Financial Bid Opening Date	To be announced later
7.	Tender Bid Validity	120 Days (As Per SBD Provision)

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**
PR- 005717 (B & C) 2024-25

G.M. (Project)
BMSICL, Patna

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

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, पी–2, सैक्टर–ओमेगा–1, ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्ध नगर, 201308 (उ.प्र.)
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइटः www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांकः– वाई0ई0ए0/GM(P)/2024/940 दिनांकः 08.08.2024

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासित/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यों का कम से कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती है। ई–प्रीक्योरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्या : वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2024/939 दिनांक 08.08.2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी0ओ0क्यू0) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी/परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ0डी0आर0/सी0डी0आर0/बैंक गारन्टी/एन0एस0सी0 के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	Patri dressing, Kerb stone repairing and white wash on central verge of 45mtr. And 100mtr. Wide road in sector-24, YEA WC-04	रु. 12.22 लाख
2	Providing and laying interlocking tiles and brick drain in Village-veerampur yea Wc-06	रु. 38.04 लाख
3	Construction of 2nos. tubewell with rising main for OHT in sector-16, YEIDA WC-01	रु. 109.31 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 13.08.2024 से 23.08.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 28.08.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

क्रम सं0	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
4	Re-Development of 45mtr. Wide road and RCC drain in sector-29 (part-A), YEA WC-04	रु. 644.00 लाख
5	C/o Balance 60m wide road both side Carriageway and Service road between pocket-A, B, C, D and Q, R, S in Sec-20 yea Wc-02	रु. 820.25 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक 13.08.2024 से 28.08.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 29.08.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे खोली जायेगी।

1. निविदा प्रपत्र उत्तर प्रदेश इलैक्ट्रानिक्स कारपोरेशन की वेबसाइट **http://etender.up.nic.in** पर देखे जा सकते हैं। इच्छुक ठेकेदारों से अनुरोध है कि वे नियमित रूप से उक्त वेबसाइटों को देखते रहें क्योकि निविदाओं के सम्बन्ध में कोई बदलाव अथवा अतिरिक्त सूचना वेबसाइट पर ही उपलब्ध करायी जायेगी।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/हाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफ़रोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण

प्रथम तल, कॉमर्शियल कॉम्प्लेक्स, पी–2, सैक्टर ओमेगा–1, ग्रेटर नौएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर–201308 (उ.प्र.)
Toll Free No.18001808296 वेबसाइट : www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com

पत्रांकः वाई.ई.ए./भूलेख/848/2024 दिनांकः 07.08.2024

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India's players celebrate after winning the men's hockey bronze medal match against Spain at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium on Thursday. India beat Spain 2-1.

REBIRTH, SET IN BRONZE

India's tactics of defence late in the playoff give Spain many chances, but they hold on in the end

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India tottered in successfully defending a lead in the last quarter against Spain before sealing their second successive Olympic Games hockey bronze medal. A 2-1 triumph in the play-off is a sign of India narrowing the gap with the elite hockey nations after slumping to terrible lows in the past few decades.

It is also India's second successive Olympic medal, something they had not achieved since 1972 Munich, making amends for the disastrous performance in the 2023 World Cup at home, when they failed to make the quarter-finals and questions were asked about the status of India among the top nations.

Bronze wasn't the colour of a hockey medal India used to relish in the bygone days. When India first came back with bronze from Mexico 1968, it was akin to a national disaster, next only to the final India had lost in Rome 1960.

But Indian hockey has seen such lows that this second successive Olympic medal is a huge success and worthy of being hailed. Ending the 41-year medal eclipse at Tokyo spurred Indian hockey, but this achievement under Harmanpreet Singh's captaincy promises resurgence.

HT IN PARIS

Surprisingly for a team that pushed reigning World champions Germany close in the semi-finals, India were over-cautions against Spain, whom they were expected to push into a corner. While India were feeling the pressure of winning a medal, to match Tokyo, Spain played a relatively more open game and their fine trapping caused early problems for India.

It was a terrible foul of a stick-check on top of the circle – when several defenders were covering the striker's view of the goal – that conceded the penalty stroke to see India slump behind in the 18th minute. Spanish captain Marc Miralles duly converted.

Not rattled

India were not rattled, and that showed the strength in their belief. Two penalty corner conversions by Harmanpreet (30th, 33rd minutes) put India where they ought to have been. But then began the tale of missed chances. The strikers began spraying the shots wide and began holding on to the ball. Also, four other penalty corners failed to land on target.

Come the last quarter and India decided to fall back and defend the lead. In the end, they virtually abandoned the desire of even venturing into rival territory.

It is difficult to argue with a winning team. On Thursday, when India retained the bronze they earned at Tokyo, not many would like to question the wisdom of falling back to defend for the entire last quarter. That India adopted this strategy against an outfit like Spain, in its current status, seemed to betray their confidence despite being ahead.

Falling back to defend against Great Britain when down to 10 players was one angle of a defensive strategy.

Trying it again in the last quarter of the semi-final against Germany had an element of desperation. But when this got adopted for the third successive fixture, and that too against Spain, it was a sign of confusion as well.

Playing half-press in such manner and packing the entire 25-yard territory is a strategy teams occasionally use to frustrate all-out raids on their citadel, but India seemed to have made it an elementary plan in the bronze medal match.

India's defence benefitted from the return of Amit Rohidas after he sat out the semis due to the red card he got against Great Britain. He also did well to take the sting out of the Spanish penalty corners, which India were very generous in conceding. With goalkeeper PR Sreejesh producing a sparkling show in his farewell match for India, Spain found it tough to breach the citadel.

A worrisome feature of the Indian defence in the closing stages of the match was that they occasionally kept pushing the ball back to the Spanish players, who kept persisting in all-out raids.

Even when required to pass time, elementary strategy is to keep possession, which was not India's frequent choice in the last few minutes — and that resulted in conceding three penalty corners in the last two minutes.

Just one shot past the tired defence and India's game-plan could have been shattered. It was incredible that India held on to clinch the bronze medal without having to go through a shootout.

India coach Craig Fulton was delighted to win a medal, but said the colour was not satisfactory. "We're not happy where we are. We wanted the one above and we didn't get it. But this is the next best thing," said the South African. "We're proud of our ability to get up after the disappointments.'

Fulton said the match against Spain was tough. "It was a tough game, man. It really was tough. Spain threw everything at us. It was beautiful to finally get the result we got."

India's hockey medals at the Olympics

Year	Venue	Gold	Silver	Bronze
1928	Amsterdam	1		
1932	Los Angeles	1		
1936	Berlin	1		
1948	London	1		
1952	Helsinki	1		
1956	Melbourne	1		
1960	Rome		1	
1964	Tokyo	1		
1968	Mexico City			1
1972	Munich			1
1980	Moscow	1		
2020	Tokyo			1
2024	Paris			1

India's scorers at Paris 2024

Player	Goals
Harmanpreet	10
Abhishek	2
Vivek Sagar Prasad	1
Sukhjeet Singh	1
Mandeep Singh	1



- India won successive Olympic medals in hockey for the first time in 52 years
- Harmanpreet was the highest scorer of the tournament with 10 goals
- This is India's 13th medal in hockey at the Olympic Games



The Indian team poses after their victory over Germany in the bronze medal playoff at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics. India won 5-4.

'Kids should want to be like Sreejesh'

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PARIS: When PR Sreejesh told the world that the Paris Olympics will be his last international tournament, teammate Manpreet Singh posted on Instagram promising they'd do something special for him. What did that farewell gesture look like for Sreejesh?

"Winning matches — that's the best thing that we as a team can achieve, and that's the best thing my teammates can give me," Sreejesh had told HT before India's opening game.

After the only win that mattered for a medal was sealed, Manpreet turned towards Sreejesh, his fellow four-time Olympian, and bowed. Moments later, breaking away from the huddle, each player and member of the support staff did the same. Sreejesh stood, both his arms spread aloft and wide. And then he sat, on the top left bar of the goalpost.

Tokyo then. Paris now.

"This one is for him," Manpreet said. For Indian hockey's most thankless servant manning the goal, wrapping a second Olympic medal around his neck was an apt way to walk into the sunset. More so because at various points over the last couple of weeks, it was his assuring presence and audacious saves that kept the light on the Indian campaign here.

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Think of that game against Great Britain and those quick reflexes on which India clung on to. Think of this game against Spain when, with a minute and eight seconds to the clock, his right foot thwarted a Marc Miralles dragflick to keep the 2-1 scoreline and the bronze.

Walking out in the baking Thursday afternoon sun as the early bird among his teammates on the turf, Sreejesh stood at the centre line, then sat inside his little box of excellence, and took a moment to soak it all in.

"That was my home for the last 24 years. I never lived my life outside that," Sreejesh said. "So I didn't know what was going to happen to me next.

"Before we entered, Harman told me, '*bhai, koi puche toh bata dena aapka last match hai. Aur hum khelenge bhi aise* (if someone asks you, tell them it's your last match, and we'll play like one too)'."

And there was Sreejesh. For one last time in an international match. For one last time flaunting "India" on his chest in print and in spirit. For one last time wearing his heart on his sleeves and yelling out cries of instructions — in a language best described as colourful — for the defence on his lips.

"Earlier, I would use a lot of MC-BC on my players," Sreejesh said. Next to him, Harmanpreet Singh covered his face and laughed, wondering how casually Sreejesh could slip in something like that. "Gradually, I directed all my scolding towards my goal."

Colourful perhaps best sums up Sreejesh, the goalkeeper and person. Through a phase of lull in Indian hockey through the last decade, the boisterous man from the backwaters of Kerala was the guiding force. He remained the team's leader — with the official tag for quite a while and even without it —, its loudest (at times, most critical) cheerleader and the drop-of-a-hat dancer.

The constant. A colourful constant. Sreejesh has never been short of motivation himself all through his international hockey ride that he strapped up for in 2006. Irrespective of the job — goalkeepers are seldom remembered for their umpteen saves, but scrutinized heavily for that one costly miss. Irrespective of the age — well into his thirties, Sreejesh had the vision of a hawk, the reflexes of a cat, the hunger of a lion. "*Na jaane kitne saves kiye honge*," Manpreet said.

The constant. A clinical constant. One that the Indian team will undoubtedly miss once it gets back on the competitive turf after the Olympics. "Of course, everyone will miss him. You will miss him," coach Craig Fulton said.

Fulton, in all those busy celebratory moments on the turf, took a moment to walk towards Sreejesh and capture a selfie taking out his phone. Sreejesh then walked towards the goal, the Tri-colour draped around his shoulder, and tapped the bar with his stick. For the one last time. As an India goalkeeper. And that is how Sreejesh would like India to remember him.

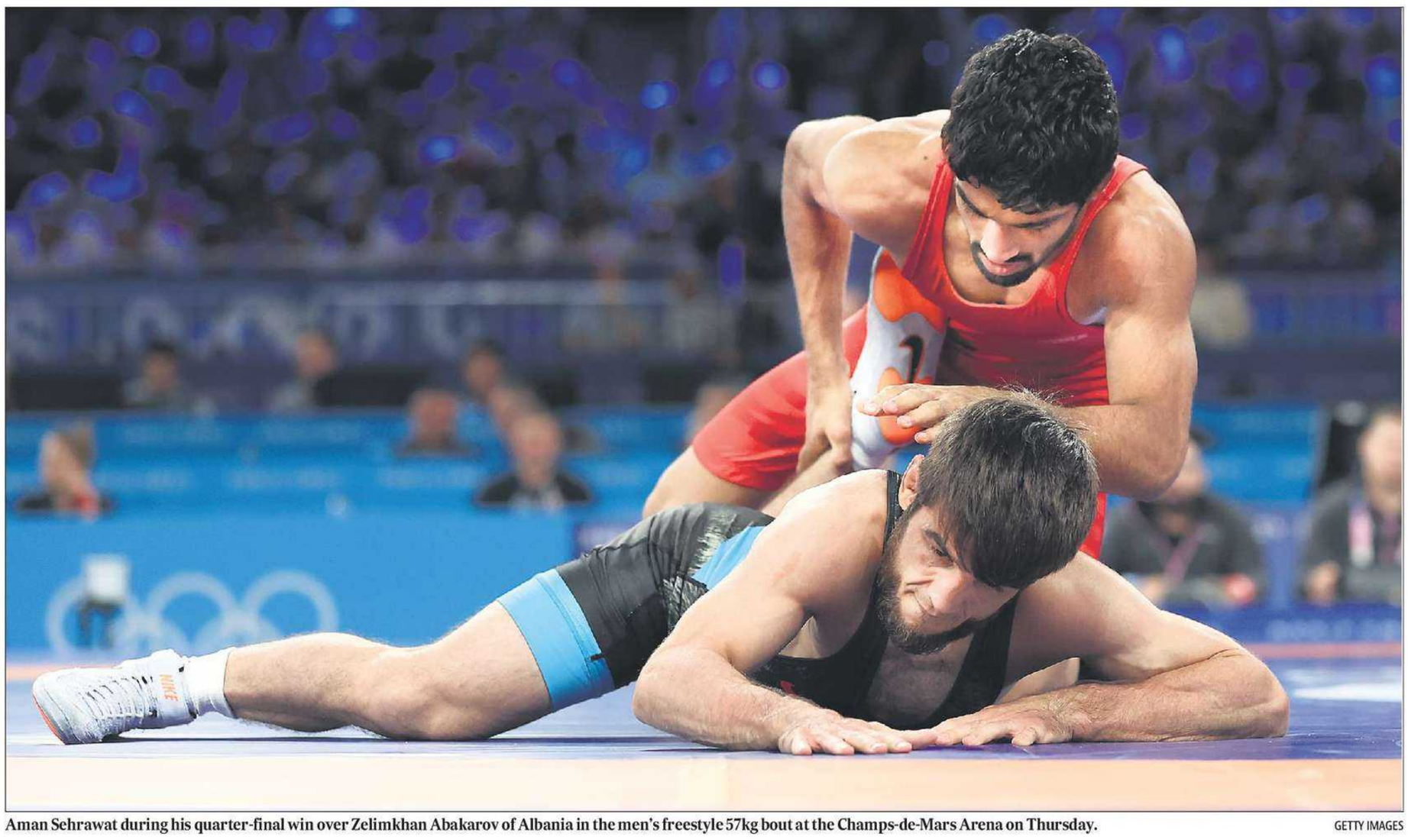
As a keeper. A colourful keeper. "I want people to remember me as a good person who always had a smiling face. And for the youngsters and kids, when they pad up and step on to the hockey field, they should feel I want to become a keeper like Sreejesh," he said. "That will be a great honour for me."



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Aman Sehrawat during his quarter-final win over Zelimkhan Abakarov of Albania in the men's freestyle 57kg bout at the Champs-de-Mars Arena on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

Aman bulldozed in semi-final, to battle for bronze in playoff

The 21-year-old Asiad bronze medallist was blanked 10-0 by Japan's Rei Higuchi in the 57kg semi-final

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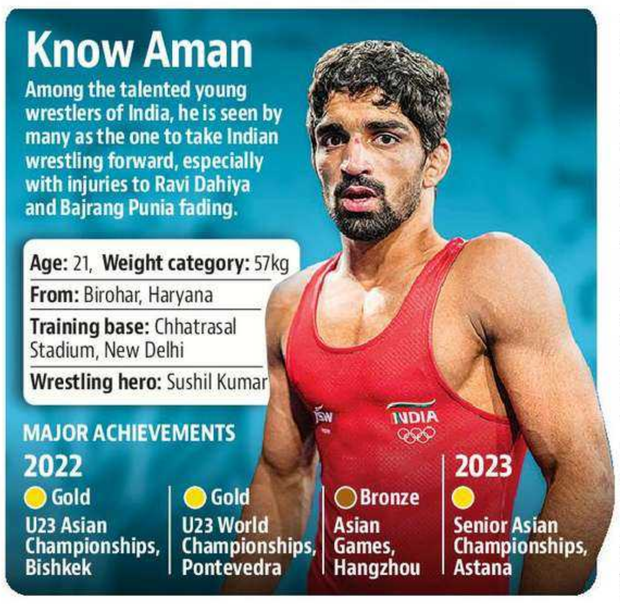
NEW DELHI: Two minutes and 14 seconds is all it took for the stony-faced Rei Higuchi to end Aman Sehrawat's maiden Olympics campaign at the Champ-de-Mars Arena, in Paris on Thursday night.

Higuchi, a double World Championship medallist (gold at 2022 Worlds in 61kg and silver in 2023 in 57kg) and the Rio Olympics silver medallist, handed Aman a 10-0 thrashing in the 57kg semi-final that left the 21-year-old Indian shell-shocked as he slowly trudged off the mat, failing to launch a single attack and coming short in defence. The strong and slippery Japanese was always going to be a tough proposition for Aman, primarily because of the distinct wrestling philosophies of the two nations. Indian wrestlers rely on endurance, Russians lean on power, and the Japanese trust pure speed.

A product of the famed Nippon Sports Science University in Yokohama that serves as the training base of some of Japan's and world's finest lower-weight wrestlers -- such as four-time 50kg world champion Yui Sasaki, two-time defending world champion Akari Fujinami (53kg), and 57kg world No.1 and Paris top seed Tsugumi Sakurai -- Higuchi has long been coveting an Olympics gold. The 28-year-old failed to make the cut for Tokyo Olympics after failing to make the weight in the 57kg division-- he weighed 50gm over -- at the Asian Qualifier in Almaty in April 2021.

On Thursday, with another overweight disqualification having rocked the wrestling arena, Higuchi went about his business with a calm that was at once clinical and intimidating. The top-seed stunned Aman within the first 30 seconds with a four-point throw. He could have accrued a few more but Aman's ground defence held up. Higuchi followed it with another two-point throw before Aman somehow wriggled out.

The Japanese soon zoned in on Aman's right leg and brought him down in a constrictor-like grip. Two points safe, he rolled Aman with an underhook to secure a dominating 10-0 win to sail into the final. Aman, meanwhile, will fight for a bronze medal against Puerto Rican Darian Cruz on Friday.



Earlier in the day, Sehrawat sailed into the semis with consecutive wins via technical superiority. Before he left for Paris, Sehrawat had listed the 2022 Belgrade World Championships gold medallist Zalimkhan Abakarov as one of the two wrestlers he was wary of along with Russia's defending Olympics champion Zavur Uguev. While Uguev is not competing in Paris, Abakarov's threat loomed over the 2023 Asian champion when they met in the quarter-final.

Having used the first minute struggling to get past each other's defences, the Albanian was put on the passivity clock. He was unable to score in the stipulated 30 seconds, meaning Aman won the first point. Aman then got the 31-year-old's left leg to take him down and grab two more points. He was however unable to roll his opponent over, but still led 3-0 at the end of the first period.

Aman came out flying in the second, attacking Abakarov's right leg in one burst of energy. He calmly moved to the controlling position and applied four consecutive fiteles, or leg laces, on his bewildered opponent to race to an 11-0 result.

Just last month, Aman had lost 11-1 to Higuchi in the final of the Budapest Ranking Series. So, he knew what was coming his way. But he still couldn't do anything about it. Aman's coach at Delhi's Chhatrasal Stadium, Lalit Kumar, believed his ward needed to stick to the techniques he employed against the Albanian to go one-up against the Japanese.

Abakarov appealed for a review, lost and an additional point was awarded to Aman, swelling his scoreline to 12-0 for a dominant win by technical superiority. "Aman was in great form earlier in the day. The win over Abakarov was very significant and was a great confidence booster," the Dronacharya awardee said.

"My only instructions to Aman was to stay low and go on early attacks. Against the Japanese, he shouldn't have let him run away with points. If you allow that, you don't have a choice but to go on early attacks which leaves you open to mistakes," he said.

The medal rounds, including the repechage, will be contested on Friday. Sehrawat is fighting in a weight category where India won a silver at the 2021 Tokyo Olympics through Ravi Dahiya.

Earlier, Aman got his campaign off to a flying start, beating North Macedonia's Vladimir Egorov 10-0 inside four minutes. The Asian Championships gold medallist and the Asian Games bronze medallist was resolute in his defence and assertive in attacks.

Having worked on his attacking game in the build-up to the Games, he launched a fine all-round attack, notching up six points in the first period before returning 30 seconds later to effect two more throws and run away to a technical superiority win.

Anshu out

In the women's 57kg class, Tokyo Olympian Anshu's Malik campaign ended in the opening round with a 2-7 loss to double Olympics medallist USA's Helen Maroulis. The American, a seven-time World Championships medallist, lost her semi-final to Japan's Tsugumi Sakurai to end Anshu's hopes of vying for a bronze through the repechage.

It has been an underwhelming campaign from Indian wrestlers in Paris, having failed to win a single medal match so far. The contingent will hope for Aman to break the duck on Friday.

Diksha T14 with Aditi after double bogey on the 18th

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NEW DELHI: Aditi Ashok shot a one-under-71 and Diksha Dagar an even-par round to be tied 14th at the halfway mark of the women's golf competition in the Paris Olympics at the Le Golf National on Thursday.

Aditi, who was on the verge of a bronze at the 2021 Tokyo Games before finishing fourth by one shot, remained one spot lower than where she ended on Day 1 after an even-par 72.

On Thursday, the 26-year-old Bengaluru golfer, who is playing in her third Olympics after finishing 41st on debut in Rio 2016, began shakily with bogey on the third and fifth holes, but then sank four birdies in a row, from the sixth to ninth, to get to 2-under on the turn.

Aditi's best shot was a 41-foot birdie on the seventh, followed by a 10-footer for birdie on the par-3 eighth. However, birdies dried up on the back nine and a bogey on the par-4 12th hole, where her short par putt stopped inches short of the hole.

Diksha Dagar, 23, who is in her second Olympics, was overnight tied 7th after a 71 on Day 1 that saw her solid round marred by bogeys on the last two holes, was bogey-free till the 17th hole like on Thursday. Birdies on the third and the par-3 11th took her to 3-under for the tournament.

But all the good work was once again spoiled by a double-bogey on the par-5 18th hole, picturesque yet tricky with the water hazard guarding the green. She ambitious second shot landed flush in the bush between the green and the water. After taking a drop, Diksha's next shot flew into the greenside bunker, off which her chip shot came too hot leading to a two putt.

The Indian pair was seven shots behind Switzerland's leader Morgane Metraux, who was eight-under for the tournament after carding a six-under 66. China's Yin Ruoning shot a second round 7-under 65 – the best round of the day – to be a shot behind. New Zealand's Lydia Ko, bronze medallist in Tokyo three years ago, was two shots adrift at third after a 67.



Aditi Ashok reacts after a double bogey on the 18th. AP

Defending Olympic champion Nelly Korda was tied-12 at two-under.

The US world No.1 enjoyed a hot streak to be six-under after 15 holes, only to drop three shots in the next two holes before finishing with a birdie on the final hole.

Although world No.1 Scottie Scheffler shot a final day 62 to win the men's gold medal, the course holds its challenges, and if Aditi and Diksha can string together two strong rounds, they can rise into contention. Aditi, with all the experience gained since her Tokyo heartbreak, including her current season on the LPGA Tour, will hope to find the birdies, especially on the back nine that has proved challenging for most of the field.

In the men's golf held first, Shubhankar Sharma finished one-under for the tournament to finish T-40 while Gaganjeet Bhullar ended at T-45.

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Women's Round 2
- Diksha Dagar T14 (-1)
- Aditi Ashok T14 (-1)

WRESTLING
Men's freestyle 57kg (semi-final)
Aman Sehrawat lost 0-10 Rei Higuchi (JPN)
Women's freestyle 57kg (Round of 16)
Anshu Malik lost 2-7 to Helen Maroulis (USA)



ATHLETICS
Women's 100m hurdles repechage
Jyothi Yarraji 16th overall, failed to make semis

Appeal by Vinesh to be heard today

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IT IS LEARNT THAT THE INDIAN SIDE, WHICH WAS SET TO BE REPRESENTED BY PRO BONO LAWYERS, MAY NOW HAVE AN ESTABLISHED LAWYER TO PLEAD FOR VINESH'S CASE

PARIS: Vinesh Phogat's appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to overturn her disqualification and last place finish from the 50kg weight division of the Paris Olympics will be heard on Friday.

"It will be heard at 9am Paris time," said an official.

The appeal was filed late on Wednesday evening to overturn Vinesh's disqualification for being 100 grams overweight on the morning for her final weigh-in and seek a shared silver. On Wednesday night, the 50kg final went ahead as per schedule, with American Sarah Hildebrandt, whom Vinesh was supposed to face, winning the gold. It was expected that the hearing will take place on Thursday but it has now been pushed by a day. It is learnt that the Indian side, which was reportedly set to be represented by pro bono lawyers, may now have an established lawyer to plead for Vinesh's case. The CAS has set up an ad hoc division, led by president Michael Lenard of the US, in Paris to hear cases during the course of the Olympics. It is located within the Paris judicial court in the 17th arrondissement. Hearing a separate case on Thursday, the division dismissed an application filed by Spaniard David Sanchez Lopez. Most of the cases filed during the course of the Olympics have been dismissed.

On Wednesday, the Indian contingent had again taken their case to the United World Wrestling. IOA president PT Usha and Wrestling Federation of India chief Sanjay Singh had met UWW head Nenad Lalovic at the Wrestling House in Paris.

The Indian group had pleaded that a wrestler's results from the day on which the athlete met the weigh-in requirements should not be disqualified. The UWW promised to "discuss the suggestion at an appropriate platform but it could not be done retrospectively", the UWW said.

The gruelling task of cutting weight

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BENGALURU: 100 grams — that's how much a deck of playing cards or a box of 100 paper clips weigh. Vinesh Phogat was disqualified and lost an Olympic medal by that much. The Indian — who became the country's first female Olympic finalist wrestler — was 100 grams over the stipulated 50 kg during the weigh-in on Wednesday morning.

Cutting weight is among the most gruelling processes that athletes competing in contact sports like wrestling and boxing go through. They switch to a brutal little to no food or water ahead of weigh-ins.

According to chief medical officer of the Indian contingent Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala, Vinesh was found to be 2.7 kg above the allowed weight at the end of her semi-final. She was seen skipping rope in a sauna suit after her semi-final bout on Tuesday night.

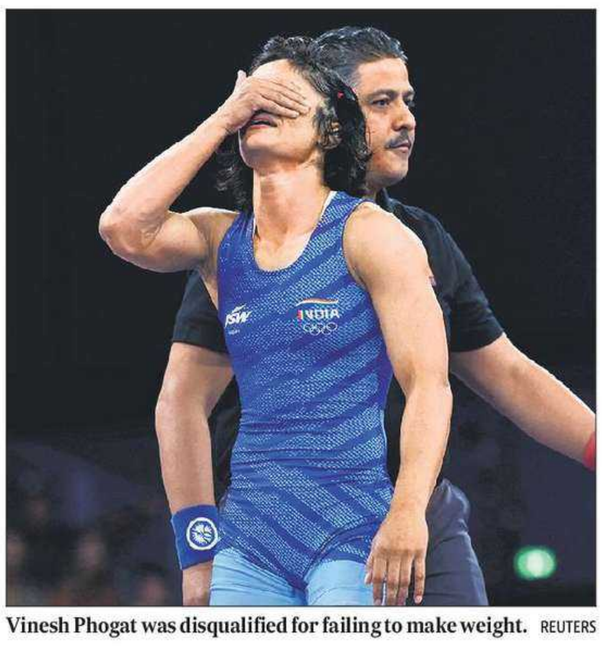
Sauna suits are designed to induce sweating and accelerate water loss from the body. Her team tried running a sauna all night, making her exercise, chopping her hair off, but Vinesh was still 100 grams above the permissible weight in her competition category during weigh-in on the morning of her final. "I've seen professional boxers struggling to cry because there's just no more water in the body even for tears," says Nikhil Latey who's worked closely with Indian Olympic athletes as a sports science and rehab expert,

"Once they've lost all the water they can, sometimes they even chew gum to generate saliva and then spit it out to lose that final 10-20 grams."

"During weight cutting, athletes sometimes just dab their mouths with water to get the psychological feeling of quenching their thirst. Coaches wait with sandwiches and whatever else the athlete eats so that as soon as the weigh-in is done they can just hog."

Usually, Latey says it's normal to go into a competition a 1.5 kgs above the required weight and shed that just ahead of the first weigh-in. "If you sleep covered in a blanket you can lose around 400 gms, because of the sweat. Then you empty your bowels, do jogging in the morning. Once you've finished your weigh-in you have your breakfast and your weight goes back up by another kilo and a half. The process gets a little harder with age."

In 2019, Vinesh visited Latey's sports science lab in Mumbai to get her Vo2 and lactate levels checked. "She was coming off a break then and her numbers weren't good for an elite athlete. She just looked at me and said, *main wapas aaungi* (I'll be back). She returned after a couple of weeks and the numbers were spectacular. I haven't met an athlete with a work ethic like Vinesh's."



Vinesh Phogat was disqualified for failing to make weight. REUTERS

Mary Kom's former coach Chhote Lal talks of the time the six-time women's world boxing champion and Olympic bronze medallist had to lose two kilograms on the morning of the weigh-in for a 2018 tournament.

"We reached Poland around 3am. She was around 2 kgs above her required weight (48kg). Mary rested for a bit and by 5am I was in her room. I usually wouldn't get any sleep before her weigh-ins. There's just too much tension. The weigh-in was around 7 am. She did skipping rope for 30 minutes then rested for a couple of minutes, then again jumping rope for another 30 minutes, then some shadow boxing. We'd cover her up with blankets sometimes to get her to sweat. During the 2018 World Championships in Delhi between semifinal and final, *humne 2.5 kg ka wazan toda* (did a 2.5 kg weight cut). Mary would cry at times but she'd do everything as told."

Their bodies wrung dry of water, and running on little or no food, athletes can become irritable, suffer from mood swings and struggle to focus during weight cuts. In some cases, they can even get dizzy and collapse.

"They're going to get angry with you over little things, snap at you during weight cuts but as a coach you have to understand it's the body playing tricks on the athlete's mind and keep them motivated and the mood light."

During his time as chief India wrestling coach Gian Singh Sehrawat says he would round up wrestlers the evening before the weigh-in.

"We'd know which wrestlers have more to lose and so we'd chase them right from the evening. We'd get them to jog wearing thick, hooded sweatshirts so that they sweat. A few sips of water or some lemon tea is all they'd get. We would check their rooms before they went to bed to make sure there was no food at all anywhere in their sight."

The United World Wrestling tweaked rules in 2017, provisioning for competition and weigh-ins over two days instead of one. Coaches agree it's harsh on the body to make weight twice. The UWW's rationale is they want wrestlers to compete in their natural weight category.

"When you have to do a 2 kg or so weight cut, you have to lose water," says Latey, "You can't lose anything else. In Vinesh's case since she's dropped to a much lower weight category than what's supposed to be her walkaround weight, it's unlikely her body was carrying much water. So, there's that much less to lose.

He added: "When you're fighting three bouts a day your body has to be in shape because as the rounds progress, your opponents are getting tougher. It's a tough call. There's some amount of strategy plus luck needed. You have to make sure your athlete is in a position to make weight the next day but also be strong enough to win today's bouts."

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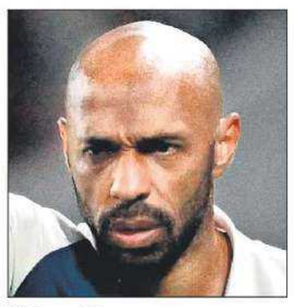
Coach Henry takes pride in France's run ahead of another final vs Spain

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PARIS: Win or lose the men's football final on Friday, Thierry Henry says the Paris Olympics have been a triumph for France.

"When we decide to be together, we are unstoppable, no matter the outcome of a match or sport. And that, I think we needed after what happened a little before the competition," Henry said on Thursday.

The show of unity witnessed at the Games has been in contrast to the division created during France's recent elections when the country looked set to usher in its first far-right government since World War II. A coalition of the French left eventually took the most seats, but it came after political uncertainty when National Rally appeared poised to win.



Thierry Henry. AFP

Henry, coach of the France team, did not make specific reference to the political environment, but his pride at his country's reaction was clear ahead of his team's gold medal match against Spain at Parc des Princes. France and Spain also played each other in the European Championship final last month.

"As I often say, when we know how to come together, to unite, we are still not bad. And then we have a beautiful country," he said.

Henry was a World Cup and European Championship winner with France as a player. Now he has the chance to add Olympic gold to his resume and perhaps put himself in the frame for top coaching jobs beyond the Games.

It was suggested to him that he could emulate Novak Djokovic, who completed a full set of major titles by winning gold in the men's tennis singles in Paris. "I can't compare myself to a guy like that," the Arsenal great said. "It's up to them (the players) to make sure that we can go and win gold. But did I ever think I was going to be part of an Olympic team? Never."

The gold medal would be Henry's first major honour in a coaching career that is still early in its development.

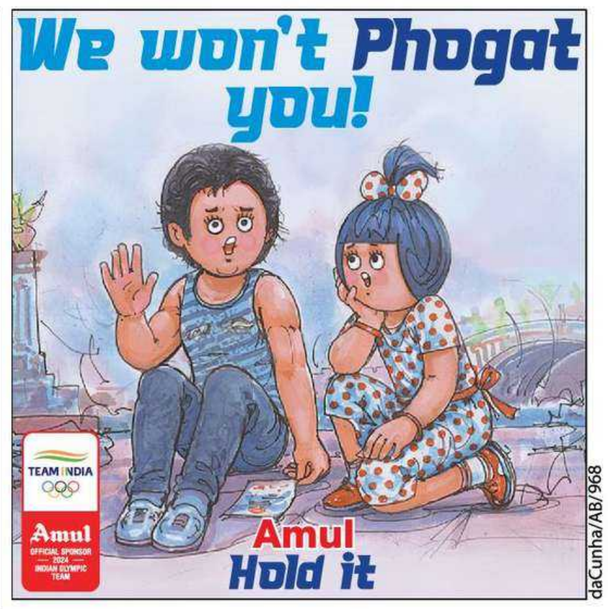
He won the World Cup on home soil as a player in 1998. Gold in France would be extra special, he said, because his family will be watching in the stadium, adding: "maybe that's what was missing."

For a man who often seemed guarded during his playing career, Henry let his emotion out after the dramatic extra time win against Egypt in the semi-finals. "I never had my kids at a stadium looking at me with my team.... because when I got my kids, I was almost at the end of my career. So having them around is something I never felt before, never experienced. And I experienced a lot," he said. "The possibility to see my kids, sharing that moment with me and everybody in France, that beats everything for me and it's the Olympic games in your country."

El Bakkali defends gold in 3000m steeplechase

PARIS: Morocco's Soufiane El Bakkali retained his Olympic 3000m steeplechase title on Wednesday to become just the third Arab to win double gold as world record holder Lamecha Girma suffered a worrying fall.

El Bakkali timed 8min 06.05sec for victory with American Kenneth Rooks taking silver in 8:06.41 and Kenya's Abraham Kibiwot claiming bronze (8:06.47). Ethiopia's Girma was left prone on the track after falling at a hurdle before being eventually taken off in a stretcher. Girma was taken to hospital, according to a source at the Ethiopian athletics federation, but was not undergoing surgery. El Bakkali became the second man to successfully defend his Olympic steeplechase title after Volmari Iso-Hollo of Finland did so at the 1936 Berlin Games. AFP



HALL SHOWS GRIT TO WIN 400M TITLE, ENDS USA'S 16-YEAR DROUGHT

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PARIS: Quincy Hall on Wednesday became the fourth fastest 400m runner in history when he captured Olympic gold in 43.40sec to end a 16-year drought for the USA in the event and declared it was "grit" that got him over the line.

The 26-year-old lunged at the line to pip Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith, who set a new European record of 43.44sec, with Zambia's Muzala Samukonga taking bronze in 43.74sec.

For the first time ever, five athletes went below 44 seconds in the same race.

Hall is the first American man to win the one-lap event at the Olympics since LaShawn Merritt in Beijing in 2008.

"I don't give up, man," said Hall. "I just got grit. I grind. I got determination.

"Anything that I can think of, that's what gets me to that line. I think of all the hurt, all the pain."

Hall, who said he thought of his two daughters as he crossed the line, said the grit came from the conditions in which he had studied as a young man.

"That's where that grit comes from," he said.

"When you have no food, you got to get your own food. No cafeteria, no study hall, none of that."

Hall timed his run perfectly, coming from nowhere to just get the better of Hudson-Smith, who had led off the bend and looked set to become the first British winner of the title since Eric Liddell at the Paris Olympics a century ago. "It means a lot," said Hall, who was only a bronze medallist at last year's world championships. "Last year I told you guys I was going to get a better medal this year.



