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LG sanctions prosecution of IAS officer for 'forgery'

LG VK Saxena has granted sanction for the prosecution of IAS officer Udit Prakash Rai for allegedly forging signatures of the chief secretaries of two UTs on his appraisal reports. Raj Niwas officials said Saxena had also recommended the case to the MHA for action. The ex-CEO of DJB, Rai, was suspended last year. He was accused of alleged razing of a heritage structure and building a big bungalow for Rs 6cr. **P 5**

CBI arrests sr ED official over bribe

CBI has arrested an assistant director of ED after catching him allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 20 lakh. ED also filed a case against him and started a money laundering probe. **P 17**

ASI says Vidisha temple is a mosque

Controversy is brewing around Vijay Surya Mandir in MP's Vidisha, where Hindus seeking to perform puja were barred and told by ASI that the site was 'Bijamandal Mosque'. **P 15**

No non-veg please, requests NCR school

PS in Noida Sec 132 has sent a circular, requesting parents not to send non-vegetarian food students' lunch boxes. As it kicked up a row, the principal said it was just a "request". **P 11**

Neeraj adds silver to hockey's back-to-back Olympic bronze

Javelin Gold First Medal For Pak In 32 Years

TIMES AT THE GAMES
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Paris: Star athlete Neeraj Chopra won India's sole silver medal in the Paris Games with a season's best throw of 89.45m in javelin on a day the hockey team had snatched its second successive Olympic bronze.

While Chopra became the first Indian to win an Olympic gold and a silver in athletics, the event was dominated by Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, who won gold with a massive throw of 92.97m. He secured Pakistan's first Olympic medal since 1992.

Earlier, the hockey team beat Spain 2-1 in the bronze medal match. It turned out to be a scintillating encounter. Spain scored first. India hit back with two quick goals. The 4th quarter saw Spain put relentless pressure. They earned two penalty corners in the 59th minute and two in the last minute. Indians defended with all their might and ensured a win.

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INDIA'S 1ST SILVER AT PARIS, NEERAJ'S 2ND OLY MEDAL

Defending champ Neeraj Chopra settled for silver in javelin after Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem killed the contest with a monster throw of 92.97m. He won gold with an Olympic record. This is Pak's first Oly medal in athletics and the 3rd medal ever outside of hockey. Chopra, favoured to win gold, looked a bit off-colour but still secured silver with a throw of 89.45m in his only valid try.



Neeraj Chopra

HOCKEY GETS 4TH BRONZE

The 2-1 win against Spain gave India their 4th Olympic bronze in hockey, 2nd in last 2 Games. Overall, they have won 13 hockey medals, including 8 gold & 1 silver.

India have bagged hockey medals in two consecutive Olympics after 52 years. Skipper Harmanpreet scored both goals for India against Spain. He finished as top-scorer in the competition with 10 goals.



'No strength to go on': Vinesh bids goodbye to wrestling

Vinesh Phogat, disqualified for being overweight by 100 grams, announced retirement from wrestling on Thursday. In a post, originally in Hindi, Phogat said: "My courage is broken. I don't have any more strength now. Goodbye Wrestling, 2001-2024." Vinesh also moved the Court of Arbitration for Sport against her disqualification. CAS is likely to rule on it in a day or two.

Haryana CM Nayab Singh Saini announced that Vinesh would be given the honour, rewards and facilities meant for Olympic silver medalists. **P 29**

Sehrawat to fight for bronze today

India's lone male wrestler at the Games, Aman Sehrawat, eked out two wins in 57kg freestyle wrestling before losing his semifinal bout to Rie Higuuchi of Japan. He will now fight Cruz Darian Toi of Puerto Rico for bronze on Friday. **P 27**

With allies backing, waqf bill tabled, sent to joint parl panel

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New Delhi: The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which aims to drastically change the Waqf Act and has attracted resistance from opposition parties and Muslim bodies, was referred to a joint parliamentary committee on Thursday for scrutiny after govt cleared its first stress test in Lok Sabha by getting support of 'secular' NDA allies—TDP & JD(U).

Soon after tabling the bill, it was minority affairs minister Kiren Rijju who proposed to send the bill for further parliamentary scrutiny despite the majority arrayed in favour of the bill. The draft law seeks to introduce oversight on the powers of Waqf Boards, which in the current scheme of things can declare any property to be a Waqf asset.

SC sets up panel to review nod to U'khand hydel projects

New Delhi: Supreme Court Thursday directed setting up of a high-powered committee of the Cabinet secretary, secretaries of ministries of jalshakti, power and environment & forests along with chief secretary of Uttarakhand to reconsider the expert panel's report recommending approval for 28 hydro power projects, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

It questioned Centre's decision not to accept the report, and to allow only seven of the projects without gi-

NDA HAS NUMBERS

BJP's allies TDP & JD(U), which are wary of appearing insensitive to Muslim causes, set to guarantee passage of bill in LS once bill is cleared by House panel. TDP (16 MPs) and JD(U) (12) together add 28 MPs to BJP's 240 along with 7 of Shinde-led Sena and 5 of Chirag Paswan's LJP. Govt is comfortably placed in RS too.

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Centre waives local trials for advanced fgn drugs, vaccines

New Delhi: In a move that could help expedite the launch of cutting-edge therapies in India, the Centre has decided to waive local trials for drugs and vaccines that are more advanced than current standards and have been approved in US, UK, Japan, Australia, Canada and EU. These can be launched in Indian market directly, subject to approval from CDSCO, India's top drug regulatory body, according to an executive order issued by govt, reports Durgesh Nandan Jha. The waiver is also likely to be accorded to drugs for rare diseases, gene and cellular therapy products, new drugs used in pandemics and for special defence purpose.

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RBI holds repo rate for 9th time in a row at 6.5%

RBI has kept policy rates unchanged at 6.5% for the 9th time in a row, citing strong demand and the need to maintain inflation's declining trajectory. At the monetary policy panel meet, members voted 4:2 for a status quo. RBI governor Shaktikanta Das retained FY25 growth forecast at 7.2% & inflation forecast at 4.5%. "We need to remain vigilant to ensure inflation moves sustainably towards the target." **P 19**

IN THE COURTS

SC to deliver verdict on Friday on former deputy CM Sisodia's bail plea in corruption, laundering cases related to excise policy. **P 3**

Woman awarded 20-yr RI for gang rape of Dalit girl in Amroha in July 2016. Main accused gets life term. **P 18**

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Rains Cause Chaos for School & College Students as their Notes Get Soaked & Smudged

The annual monsoon season has once again made its dramatic entrance, causing widespread disruption throughout the city. While the rains bring much-needed relief from the summer heat, they also bring a host of problems, particularly for the city's students. This year, the torrential downpour has wreaked havoc on the notes and study materials of school and college students, leading to frustration and anxiety as they struggle to keep up with their academic commitments.

A Deluge of Problems

With the city's infrastructure struggling to cope with the incessant rains, waterlogged streets and flooded homes have become a common sight. For many students, the commute to and from school or college has become a treacherous journey. However, it is not just the travel that has been affected—the rains have also taken a toll on their

study materials. Many students have reported that their notes, textbooks, and assignments have been damaged or destroyed by water.

"I had kept my notes on the dining table, thinking they would be safe there," said Anjali Mehta, a college student from Andheri. "But the rainwater seeped in through the window and soaked everything. Months of hard work just got washed away in a matter of minutes."

Schools and Colleges Respond

In response to the widespread damage to study materials, schools and colleges across city are taking measures to support their students. Many institutions have extended deadlines for assignments and are providing digital copies of notes and textbooks wherever possible.

"We understand the challenges our students are facing due to the rains," said school Principal R. Sharma. "We are encouraging them to use online resources and are offering additional support to ensure their academic progress is not hindered."

Community Support

Parents, teachers, and community members are also stepping up to help students recover from the loss of their study materials. Social media platforms are flooded with posts offering help, with people sharing digital notes and textbooks, and organizing study groups to help those affected.

"We have formed a neighbourhood study group where we share notes and help each other with assignments," said Priya Deshmukh, a high school student. "It's comforting to know that we are not alone in this and that we can rely on each other during these tough times."

Looking Ahead

With the rains expected to continue for several more weeks, the spirit of resilience and people of the city remains strong. Students are finding ways to adapt and overcome the challenges posed by the monsoon, demonstrating that even in the face of adversity, the pursuit of education remains unwavering. As we navigate this monsoon season, the

experiences of the city's students highlight the importance of preparedness and community support in mitigating the impact of natural events on everyday life. For now, the city's students will continue to brave the rains, armed with umbrellas, plastic covers, and a determination to keep their academic dreams afloat.

No More Smudged Notes! Nataraj Gelix Gel Pen Revolutionizes Note-taking for Students

In the fast-paced world of academia, where every word counts and clarity is the key, Nataraj Gelix pens have emerged as the ultimate game-changer for students across the globe. With their innovative design and advanced ink technology, these pens are setting a new standard in note-taking

excellence, ensuring that smudged notes are now a thing of the past. Gelix pens, crafted by the renowned stationary brand Nataraj, boast a unique feature that distinguishes them from conventional writing instruments: waterproof ink.

This revolutionary ink formula dries almost instantly upon contact with paper, forming a protective barrier that prevents smudging, even when exposed to water or moisture. For students who frequently find themselves caught in unexpected rain showers or hastily jotting down notes during a coffee spill, Gelix pens offer peace of mind and unparalleled reliability. "I used to worry about my notes getting ruined during rainy days or when I accidentally spilled water on my desk," shares Priya Sharma, a third-year student at a local university. "Since switching to Nataraj Gelix pens, I haven't had to re-write a single page due to smudges. It's made my study sessions much more efficient." The ergonomic design of Gelix pens ensures a comfortable writing experience, making them ideal for marathon study sessions and last-minute exam preparations.

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"Nataraj Gelix pens have become an essential part of our academic toolkit," remarks Professor Rahul Khanna, who teaches economics at a prestigious college. "They not only help students stay organized and focused but also reflect their commitment to excellence in their academic pursuits."

In conclusion, Nataraj Gelix pens have redefined note-taking standards with their waterproof ink and the smudge-free performance, making them an indispensable tool for students striving for the excellence in their academic journey.

Nataraj Gelix Gel Pen: A Must-Have for Exam Season

As exam season approaches, students across the country are gearing up for long hours of study and intense preparation. While textbooks, notes, and practice papers are essential, there's one tool that is becoming

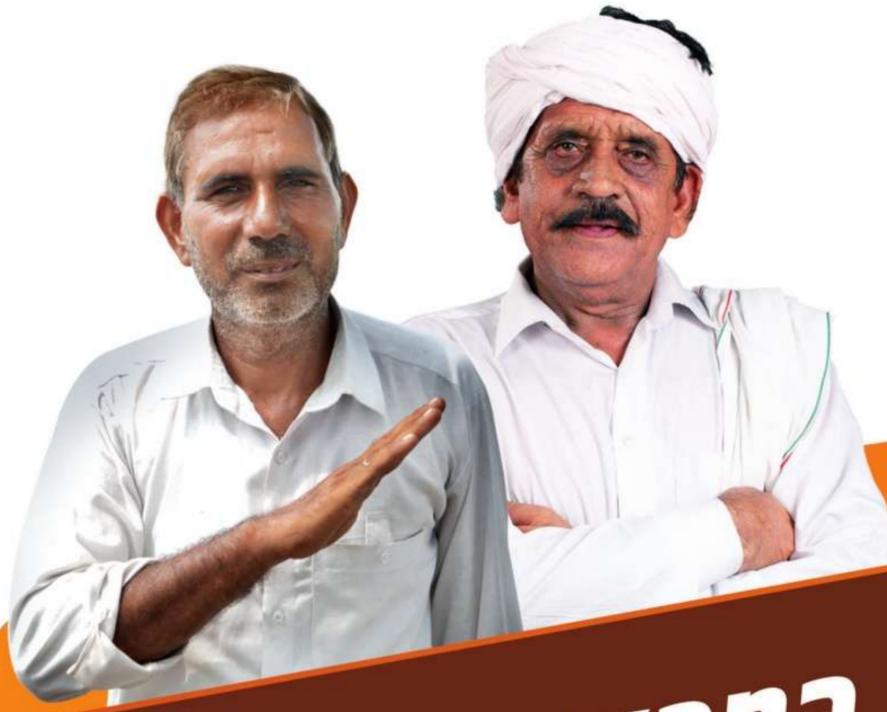
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River Froths, But Pollution Not To Blame

Unusual Phenomena During Monsoon, Presence Of Water Hyacinth & Biomass Cited As Reason

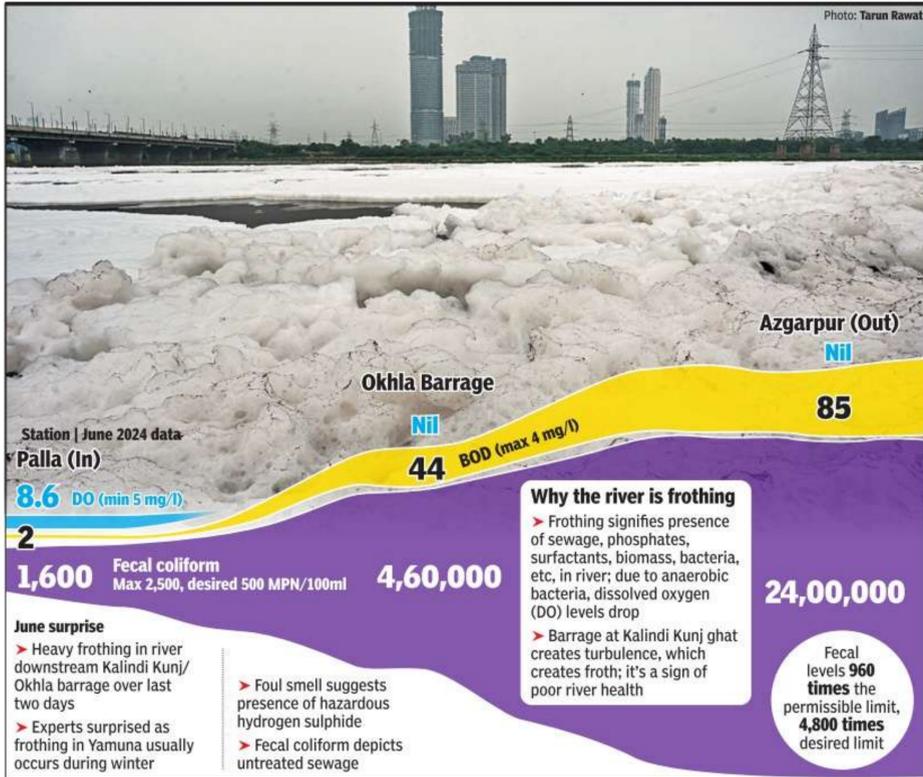
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New Delhi: With the stink of rotten eggs and a blanket of white froth, the Yamuna downstream of Kalindi Kunj has again exhibited the extent of problem its water is beset with. What is unusual is that the froth formation has happened in the monsoon with its warmer temperature when in the past, the white on the water surface was observed around Chhath and Dussehra festivals, both in the cooler months. But for once, experts have discounted pollution as the cause of the foaming.

The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI) and Delhi Jal Board, assigned the task of studying the froth formation and suggesting long-term solutions for this, have identified the presence of water hyacinth and biomass as the reasons for the froth. A team of TERI scientists and officials of DJB and the UP irrigation department, inspected the river on July 26. Neither TERI nor DJB attributed the froth to pollution.

In its report to Delhi govt, a copy of which is with TOI, TERI, which is also conducting a long-term study of the frothing in the Yamuna, said, "The primary factors contributing to the sudden foam formation at Kalindi Kunj include the disturbance of the sludge bed, high turbulence at the barrage due to increased discharge and the added load of organics from rain-water runoff."

The report explained that with the onset of the monsoon water level in the river rose and this was also accompanied by runoff from urban areas carrying a huge amount of organic content into the water. Further, to manage the water level at Okhla Barrage, gates numbered 23, 25 and 26 were opened, result-



ing in a water discharge rate of 6,916 cubic feet per second, significantly higher than the usual flow rate of 350-400 cubic feet per second maintained at the barrage.

"The upstream section of Okhla barrage is extensively covered with water hyacinth. The decomposition of these plants produces biomass that typically settles on the riverbed. This biomass is high in concentration of bio-surfactants which, when agitated, exhibits a foam stabil-

ity almost as high as typical anionic surfactants," the report said. "The sudden agitation upstream of Okhla Barrage has disrupted the biomass bed, which contains high concentrations of bio-surfactants formed from the decomposition of water hyacinth plants, resulting in the sudden frothing downstream of the barrage."

DJB also reported to Delhi govt that hyacinth had spread up to a kilometre upstream of Okhla Barrage and that the

froth wasn't confined to the river but had also spread to the river bank. The DJB report added, "The sudden addition of organic contaminants during the rainy season by way of surface wash-off, mixing/overflowing of drains, etc., and heavy turbulence near the barrage are likely the main reasons for frothing."

While pollution has been absolved as the reason for the un-riverlike whitening of the Yamuna, there is, however, no doubt that the river is in a po-

or condition. In the July assessment of the Yamuna conducted by Delhi Pollution Control Committee, there was an improvement in the faecal coliform measured at Palla, where the Yamuna enters the city. From 1,600 most probable number (MPN) per 100ml in June, it dipped to 920MPN/100ml. At Okhla Barrage, the figure was 35,000 units against 2,20,000 in June, while at Azgarpur, where the river exits the city, the reading was 1,60,000MPN/100ml against 24,00,000 a month earlier. While this indicated a huge improvement, the levels were still 10 to 64 times higher than the permissible standard of 2,500MPN/100ml and 48 to 320 times higher than the desirable limit of 500MPN/100ml.

The biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) at Palla in July dropped to 2mg/l from 2.5 in June; at Okhla, it was 40mg/l against 50 a month earlier and at Azgarpur 80 against the previous 85mg/l. The acceptable level of BOD, which indicates dissolved oxygen demand for aquatic life, is 4mg/l or below.

DJB is in the process of upgrading its sewage treatment plants for the past two years, increasing the processing capacity by 50% in at least eight plants and enhancing treatment to ensure that BOD and total suspended solids were less than 10 units, ammonia less than five units, and faecal coliform below 500MPN/100ml.

Meanwhile, politics has roiled the Yamuna waters. AAP accused Uttar Pradesh and Haryana for the frothing. A party statement said, "This problem occurred due to excessive industrial waste released in UP and Haryana that entered Delhi through the Yamuna. The Centre should direct the UP and Haryana govts to immediately ban such polluting industries."

Delhi BJP spokesperson Praveen Shankar Kapoor retorted, "AAP leaders should also know that comparatively clean river water comes from Haryana at Palla, travels across Delhi and enters UP in a highly polluted state. It is the lack of sewage treatment plants in Delhi that is responsible for polluting the Yamuna."

As reported earlier, the high-level committee on the Yamuna constituted by the National Green Tribunal hasn't met since February.

Concretisation mars floodplain revamp at Surghat, Baansera

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New Delhi: Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) has said in a report submitted to National Green Tribunal that it found concretisation at Surghat and Baansera on the Yamuna floodplain.

However, many concrete structures were found to be removed from Millennium Bus Depot and Qudsia Ghat too.

CPCB inspected six projects on the floodplain following an NGT order. The Tribunal had taken suo-motu cognizance of a media report on the encroachment.

In a report dated Aug 6, CPCB sa-

id civil structures like separate bathing pools for men and women, an administrative building, separate changing rooms for men and women, a generator room, and local kiosks had come up at Surghat.

A boundary wall with barbed wires was erected to separate the river and the ghat. The pathways for approaching the ghat were laid with tiles.

"As per the recommendations of the experts in their report on 'Flood Plain Development Yamuna River' dated Oct 2015, Surghat needs to be made more natural. The proposal of deconcretisation was prepared by DDA in consultation with IN-

TACH and the proposal is yet to be implemented. As per a proposed plan, 50% of the present concretised area will be replaced by permeable surfaces," CPCB said in its report. The total Surghat area from Wazirabad Barrage to Old Railway Bridge is across 66 hectares.

CPCB said that at Baansera, advertised by DDA as an eco-friendly bamboo park, a casting yard was present. The yard belonged to a PWD project for the construction of the Barapullah Elevated Corridor Phase-III project. A 12-foot-wide concrete road was built by PWD for this purpose.

"The casting yard and a concrete approach road exist at the site. DDA

has asked PWD to vacate the land, deconcretise the area and hand it back to DDA," the report said.

The report added that another casting yard mentioned in the NGT order belonged to DMRC and had existed on the eastern bank of the floodplain between Wazirabad Barrage and the Signature Bridge since 2012.

At Millennium Bus Depot construction was done during the Commonwealth Games. The land was previously under the possession of DTC and had been transferred to DDA in 2022. The structures that were part of the depot have already been removed. "The geo satellite images of the site illustrate the flo-

odplain structures in 2021 but were removed in 2022. The roads which were utilised for the movement of buses in the Millennium depot exist at the site," the report said.

Qudsia Ghat is laid with red stone along the river. "The pathways are also constructed with red stone. The chhatris and elephant statues have their bases resting on concrete structures. However, the satellite images illustrate that the floodplain with some structures in 2013 is now free of those structures in 2023," said the report. At Asita East, CPCB said 300-metre pathways are covered with paver blocks and the rest is of natural earth.

Why B'desh unrest is giving nightmares to auto-part traders

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New Delhi: The political unrest in Bangladesh is taking a toll on the auto-parts business in the city. Traders in markets like Kashmere Gate and Karol Bagh who export spares to Bangladesh are uncertain about sales because of the possibility of not receiving payments for goods already sent and those in transit.

The Chamber of Trade and Industry said that two-wheelers and four-wheelers of the same brand are sold in India and Bangladesh, making sales in auto parts possible. Items worth Rs 1,000 crore are exported from Delhi to the neighbouring country every month. But as Brijesh Goyal, national convener, CTI, pointed out, "The ongoing crisis has put the trade volume at risk, leaving traders uncertain about the future of their businesses."

Vishnu Bhargava, former president of the Automotive Parts Merchants' Association and distributor for auto parts of prominent Indian brands, revealed that the population of Indian brand vehicles is significantly high in Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Bhargava, who deals in Mahindra auto parts, said, "Our business suffered during the political unrest in Sri Lanka. It took time for us to get new orders, and now the situation in Bangladesh has increased our worries about losses. We

are refusing new orders, but what about those that we have already consigned?"

Equally anxious was Ajay Gupta, a Karol Bagh auto spares businessman for 20 years. Things had become worrisome even before the events of the last few days, he claimed. "In the last two decades, we didn't come up against such uncertainty as now. With our recent consignment by road stuck in Bangladesh in Benapole on the West Bengal border, we now have to pay the damage charges to the transport company," fretted Gupta. "Not just that, there have been instances when goods have been received by the customers as per bank information but there have been no responses to our queries on mail on receipt of consignment even after internet services were restored in Bangladesh. We can only hope we do not face losses."

Tense businessmen are in touch with exporters in Kolkata, Jaipur and Ludhiana and they will all band together to find solutions if the uneasy situation persists.

Praveen Khandelwal, Chandni Chowk MP, claimed his research team was assessing the impact of the political crisis on markets. "Not just auto parts, India also supplies coffee, spices and confectionery items to Bangladesh. But we currently can only wait and watch. Only after a govt is formed there can we pursue the matter at some level," he said.

Games criminals play: How 'Titli Kabutar' has become latest headache for city's cops

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New Delhi: It's not just hardened criminals like Lawrence Bishnoi or Himanshu Bhu who are giving a tough time to city cops. Delhi Police is now grappling with issues involving 'butterflies' and 'pigeons' too. A moniker for satta (betting) rackets, the 'Titli Kabootar' games and their organisers seem to have become the latest headache for the police force.

Last week, cops busted two such modules in central Delhi and arrested two dozen people from whom Rs 2.2 lakh in cash was seized, besides 39 mobile phones, 46 diaries, 13 calculators, eight pens and three markers. Police also seized numerous charts of 'Titli Kabootar', banners and sets of playing cards.

So, what is Delhi's own version of the roulette, and why is it bothering the cops? "This satta game is somewhat like roulette. There is a chart on the counter of the shop. It has pictures of titli, bhanwara, diya, sun, pigeon. The players put money on the picture of their choice. The game owner takes out a chit. If the player's picture comes out in the chit, he is given 10 times the amount of money put in," explained an officer.

The 'Titli Kabutar' game has different names in different areas. It is also known as 'Panti-Pakoli' or 'Pappu Play' and is mainly played in India, Nepal and Bangladesh. At so-

me places, it's also called 'Titli-Bhanwara'. While the winner is supposed to get 10 times the amount he has put in if his chosen picture surfaces, in reality, it does not happen so easily, said a cop. "Money is actually given to one or two people in the crowd who are, in fact, the game owner's men. This way, the players get cheated and lose money," he revealed.

According to retired officers, these games were earlier an attraction in fairs organised

in the villages. As they became popular, gamblers started using it as a tool to make money in an organised manner.

Another similar satta game that gamblers in the city engage in is 'Table Coupon'. In this game, there are many slips with photographs and the results are declared immediately on the spot. These games start around 10 in the morning and continue till late in the night. While most of them are run through small set-ups at locations like a rear of a market complex or an isolated lane or even on footpaths, there are bigger set-ups too. These rackets involve more organisers and players as well as a bigger location, like a hall at a farm or a house. The masterminds of these rackets are often dangerous criminals who use the satta rackets to fund their network.

OF BUTTERFLIES AND PIGEONS

A moniker for satta (betting) rackets, the 'Titli Kabootar' games and organisers seem to have become a headache for city cops

Why the menace

- Petty crimes emanate from betting/satta rackets
- Law and order issues prevalent in such areas
- Players—a majority of whom are petty criminals—indulge in violence after loss or win
- Recovery of money by organisers also leads to clashes and corruption
- Very often, these games are believed to be played under the protection of police
- Satta of large-scale paves way for crimes like money laundering

What law says on gambling

Delhi Police Gambling Act

Gaming | It includes wagering or betting

Instruments of betting/gaming | Any article used or intended to be used as a

Common gaming house | It means a house or room or tent or enclosure or vehicle or vessel or any place in which instruments of gaming are kept or used for gaming purposes

means or subject of gaming | Document used as a record or register or evidence of gaming, the proceeds of gaming, and any winning of prizes in money or other form

3 months' imprisonment and ₹ 500 fine for players found gaming with cards, dice, counters, money or other instruments

A POLICE OFFICER SAYS

The issue is that such rackets are breeding grounds and havens of criminals. Not only do they provide a platform for accumulation of criminal elements, they also pave the way for corruption in police

The issues arise when either people make huge losses or accuse the organisers of cheating them. In that case, many tip off the cops who then conduct a raid. At times, some who lose are in possession of weapons or are habitual criminals and try to take on the organisers. Things also go awry when the organisers try to recover money from a player who has lost or try to counter an outraged player. If shots are fired, trouble brews.

A former satta organiser narrated how gang wars among organisers are a serious problem as they lead to bloodshed on the streets. The collusion of cops with organisers has been an old problem for the Delhi police brass.

"The issue is that such rackets are breeding grounds and havens of criminals. Not only do they provide a platform for accumulation of criminal elements, they also pave the way for corruption in police, from whom protection is expected in lieu of bribes," said another senior officer.

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DDA okays EWS flats at Narela for Kali Bari Marg jhuggi dwellers

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New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has approved the allocation of 104 flats for economically weaker sections (EWS) in Narela for the residents of jhuggis on Central Public Works Department (CPWD) land on Kali Bari Marg.

The CPWD land was earlier designated for the expansion of the Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Mother and Child Care Hospital. For the rehabilitation of the jhuggi dwellers here, the hospital, through the ministry of housing and urban affairs (MoHUA), earlier approached DDA to make housing available.

"The CPWD land was encroached upon by the JJ cluster dwellers but allotted to RML Hospital for construction of a hospital for maternal and childcare by the land and development office. The hospital, through MoHUA, approached us for providing houses to them for their rehabilitation. In response, we agreed to offer EWS flats available at Pocket V Sector G-7, Narela, to the people living in the JJ Cluster," an official said.

After the decision, the jhuggi dwellers were asked to obtain and submit eligibility forms to proceed with the allotment.

"Thereafter, DDA, along with RML Hospital, informed the allottees to collect their allotment letters. A camp was set up in RML Hospital for the purpose. While these developments are in progress, recently, we tabled the matter in the DDA's meeting chaired by LG VK Saxena, wherein a formal nod was given

to go ahead with the allocation process," the official said.

The approval will help in the expeditious completion of the hospital. The move would also enable JJ dwellers move to a modern flats with all basic amenities, the official added.

DDA claimed that the allotted flats are in good condition and have two rooms, a kitchen, bathroom, toilet and a balcony. "All civic amenities are available in the vicinity. Besides, bus service is available from the allotted pocket in Narela.

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In fact, the houses in Narela have all modern and civic facilities with well-developed infrastructure."

For the rehabilitation of JJ cluster dwellers in Delhi, DDA had introduced the 'Jahan Jhuggi Wahin Makan' scheme earlier, an in-situ rehabilitation project. In Nov 2022, it had allocated 3,024 newly built EWS flats at Kalkaji, which were designed to rehabilitate slum dwellers in the area.

The authority is working on its second in-situ project at Jailorwala Bagh, where 1,675 flats are being constructed. DDA's third in-situ development project, the Kathputli Colony redevelopment, is also under way, with plans for 2,800 flats in 14-storey towers for slum dwellers.

SC verdict on Sisodia's bail plea today

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court will deliver its verdict on Friday on AAP leader Manish Sisodia's bail plea in corruption and money laundering cases against him in connection with the now scrapped Delhi excise policy of 2021-22.

A bench of Justices BR Gavai and K V Viswanathan reserved its order on Aug 6 when senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, appearing for Sisodia, said the politician should be granted bail as per SC's earlier order in which it had said that if the trial was delayed, then he could seek bail. Referring to the order, Singhvi said the trial was yet to begin in the case.

Additional solicitor general S V Raju, appearing for CBI and ED, however, blamed Sisodia for the delay in trial and had told the bench that he filed multiple applications in the trial court due to which proceedings got delayed. His submission was opposed by Singhvi who said the applications were not frivolous and filed for access to documents.

While rejecting Sisodia's bail plea, the SC had said, "In view of the assurance given at the bar on behalf of the prosecution that they shall conclude trial... within next six to eight months, we give liberty to the appellant, Manish Sisodia, to move a fresh application in case of change in circumstances, or in case the trial is protracted and proceeds at a snail's pace in the next three months."



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Form Teams To Ensure Smooth Traffic Flow: LG

'Speed Up Issuance Of Challans To Motorists On WhatsApp'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena on Thursday directed traffic police to expedite the process of issuing challans to motorists on WhatsApp.

In a meeting with special commissioners of police (traffic), LG VK Saxena also emphasised increasing the visibility and presence of traffic police personnel on city roads and the deployment of dedicated teams to ensure smooth vehicular flow at vulnerable points of traffic congestion.

Raj Niwas officials said LG had started reviewing the traffic situation in the capital on a fortnightly basis with special commissioners of traffic (Zone I and II) and the commissioner of transport. In the meeting on Thursday, LG expressed concern over illegal parking on roadsides and flyovers, especially by buses, which cause inconvenience to commuters and compromise road safety, apart from increasing pollution caused by vehicular emissions, they added.

Officials said the traffic police were earlier directed to ensure putting in place a system where traffic challans are issued on WhatsApp. "He directed the special traffic commissioners to expedite the process. This will provide timely information about the challans to violators and provide them with the facility to pay the fine anywhere and anytime," said an official. "It will also increase the rate of realisation of challans," he added.

Saxena also directed the traffic police to enhance the sensibility and presence of personnel on roads. He also urged the traffic police to constitute joint teams with the transport department to check the overloading of commercial vehicles and the overcrowding of passenger buses.

He also directed the installation of AI-based automatic



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number plate recognition cameras to fetch information on traffic violations and consequent issuance of challans through SMS and WhatsApp and realisation without human interface.

Saxena also called for integrating the requirements of traffic police in this project for better coordination amongst the transport department and traffic police and to avoid duplication of work by both departments. He also asked the officials to submit a plan to shift ISBT Kashmere Gate to decongest traffic.

LG also asked the officials to conduct a drive to impound illegal e-rickshaws plying on roads without valid registration, which cause congestion and impact passenger safety, said an official.

"He also directed the transport department, along with MCD and traffic police, to present an action plan to implement the parking policy and called for joint drives to ensure compliance with PUC certification and enforcement. LG also directed for special drives to be carried out for bus lane enforcement, especially on Ring Road, Airport Road, and the national highway stretch with zero tolerance for deviation," said a Raj Niwas official.

Why e-scooter project for last-mile connect has failed to spark interest

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New Delhi: Delhi govt's plan on share e-scooter and cycle service for last-mile connectivity has failed to take off. According to officials, two tenders issued in the past year and a half did not elicit the interest of possible concessionaires. The feedback indicated that private companies were hesitant to participate in the scheme because the tenders lacked any provisions for compensation for theft or traffic fines.

To boost last-mile connectivity, Delhi govt launched a pilot share system for e-scooters and e-cycles in Dwarka sub-city in Jan last year.

Under the plan, 3,000 e-vehicles were to be deployed at 90 high footfall locations, such as Delhi Metro stations, bus depots, markets, malls and educational institutions in three phases. The move was aimed at providing cost-effective and eco-friendly mobility solutions to the city's residents.

While 1,500 vehicles were to be launched in the first phase, the second would introduce another 750 vehicles, while 750 would be inducted in Phase II, on the condition that they were for long-term hire or rental.

BRAKES ON PLAN

➤ Last year, Delhi govt announced a public e-scooter and e-cycle sharing facility to increase sustainable last-mile connectivity

➤ It was planned for 150 locations across the city

➤ Dwarka was chosen for pilot

➤ The plan was to add 1,500 vehicles in the first phase, another 750 in second phase and 750 vehicles more in the third

➤ While 60% of the vehicles were to be high- and low-speed e-scooters, 40% were to be e-cycles



Two tenders were unsuccessful due to the lack of interested concessionaires

Feedback indicated that private companies were hesitant to participate because of lack of compensation for theft or traffic fines

Govt officials revealed that private players did show some interest in the pre-bid meeting but did not take part in the tender process. After the failure of the first tender, a second was issued in Sept last year, but that too did not attract participants.

Another official disclosed that some private players also wanted some clauses altered and options given to

them to introduce vehicles of their choice in the two-wheeler and cycle segment. "Unlike in the past when traffic police issued challans, in the online system one can easily escape the burden of paying the fine within a stipulated time. This was a concern that was expressed," an official pointed out.

In the second tender, bidders were accordingly given

some flexibility to operate EV variants based on demand. While 60% of the e-vehicles in the scheme were to be high- and low-speed e-scooters, 40% were to be e-cycles. But the result wasn't successful. E-scooters can travel around 60km on a single charge.

It had been decided that after the rollout of Phase I, the timeline for implementation on the road for Phase II would be four months, another four months for Phase III, followed by a year-long period for operations and maintenance. The estimated cost of the project was Rs 18 crore.

The plan was for users to be charged on a per-minute rate, subject to a minimum usage of 10 minutes. There was to be a cap on user charges to ensure affordability for users. As per the plan, commuters were supposed to be given options to travel using integrated tickets, which would have also applied to buses and Delhi Metro.

Senior officials said that they are planning to give a fresh push to the idea after re-laxing some of the tender criteria. "We are thinking along the line of compensating the concessionaire in case of losses after they execute the project for a certain period. This is all, however, only being planned," said one official.

Househelp, priest & his brother among accused in south Delhi doctor's murder

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Police on Thursday filed a chargesheet in the case of a 63-year-old doctor's murder in his home in south Delhi's Jangpura three months ago.

Police have named three persons as accused. Among them is a domestic help.

They were charged under sections of murder, robbery and criminal conspiracy.

According to the police, the primary motive behind the murder was robbery, which was planned by seven people. Four are absconding and are suspected to be in Nepal.

Sources said that the chargesheet was filed at Saket court. More than 30 witnesses, including neighbours and family members, were examined by the police.

The police have charged Basanti, Akash and Himanshu under sections of murder and robbery. "Basanti was working at the house of Dr Yogesh Chandra Paul as the help for 25 years. Of the other two, Himanshu was working as a priest at Hardwar's Birla Ghat. Akash is his brother," a police officer said.

Law enforcement officials have said that three fugitive accused persons have been identified as Varsha, her spouse Bhim, and Vishnu Roop, who also goes by the alias Sai.

An unknown person, also accused, is absconding.

Police sources said that on the day of the murder (May 10), three of the accused had followed Dr Paul when he was returning from his clinic. They entered one by one. The video evidence captured two suspects trailing the victim and accompanying him into the residence. Subsequently, a third suspect was observed entering the apartment after a brief interval. The accused then tied up Dr Paul, but when he started screaming, they strangled him with the dog's leash and gagged his mouth with a piece of cloth. They then broke open the locks of almirahs.

The murder came to light after his wife returned from work.

The police mentioned in the chargesheet that the reason behind the murder was that they suspected the doctor had kept a huge amount of money in his house.

The help, during questioning, revealed that her existence had been one of hardship and she desired to live her remaining years in luxury.

Over time, she noticed the doctor's wealth and, knowing this, informed her acquaintances of his financial status.

Some of these people have a history of criminal activity.

The four accused, who are on the run, were the main people involved in the killing.

Saxena sanctions prosecution of IAS officer for 'forgery'

File photo



A former CEO of DJB, Udit Prakash Rai was suspended by MHA in July last year. He was accused of razing of a heritage structure and building a huge bungalow for Rs 5 crore in south Delhi's Kilokri area

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has granted sanction for the prosecution of IAS officer Udit Prakash Rai for allegedly forging the signatures of the chief secretaries of two union territories on his annual performance appraisal reports. Raj Niwas officials said Saxena had also recommended the case to the ministry of home affairs for further action.

The former chief executive officer of Delhi Jal Board, Rai, was suspended by the home ministry in July last year. He was accused of the alleged razing of a heritage structure and building a huge bungalow for Rs 5 crore in south Delhi's Kilokri area, a 2007-batch IAS officer, also faced charges of allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 50 lakh from an executive engineer during his term as the vice-chairman of Delhi Agricultural Marketing Board.

Rai could not be contacted for a comment.

According to officials, the IAS officer allegedly forged the signatures of his reviewing authority—the chief secretaries of Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Delhi—between 2017 and 2021. A criminal case of forgery was registered against him at IP Estate Police Station on the complaint of the special secretary (vigilance) of Delhi govt.

Officials added that during his posting as a district magistrate in Andaman and Nicobar administration, Rai allegedly forged the signatures of his the then reporting authority and principal secretary (revenue) SCL Das and the then review-

ing authority and chief secretary Anindo Majumdar in his annual performance appraisal reports for the period April 1, 2017 to Oct 8, 2017 and Oct 9, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

For the period April 1, 2019 to July 30, 2019, Rai allegedly forged the signatures of his the then reporting authority and principal secretary (revenue) Vikram Dev Dutt and the then reviewing authority and chief secretary Chetan Bhushan Sanghi there.

When transferred to Delhi, Rai was posted as director (education) in Delhi govt. Officials said in his successive annual performance appraisal reports for the period Aug 31, 2020 to March 31, 2021, Rai allegedly forged the signatures of his reporting authority, H Rajesh Prasad, the then principal secretary (education), and the reviewing authority, Vijay Kumar Dev, the then chief secretary of Delhi.

"Rai deliberately filled his appraisal reports manually and not online, citing technical glitches. During the inquiry, Majumdar and Dev denied having reviewed the appraisal reports of Rai and confirmed that their signatures were forged. Even the FSL report confirmed that the specimen signatures and handwritings of Majumdar and Vijay did not match with those on Rai's appraisal reports," said an official.

The official said the matter was earlier placed before LG and due to its seriousness, he had recommended initiating disciplinary and criminal action against Rai. Since Rai was posted in Mizoram when he was placed under suspension last year, his case was not required to be routed through NCCSA.

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Air control system to be installed in RRTS underground stations

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New Delhi: An advanced environmental control system is being installed in the underground stations of RRTS to ensure continuous fresh air circulation for a comfortable and pleasant travel experience.

The system has been designed to meet air quality standards.

It is being installed at all four underground stations on the Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor — Anand Vihar in Delhi, and Meerut Central, Bhaivali and Begumpal in Meerut.

The stations are being constructed below the ground at depths ranging from 8 metres to 23 metres.

"This ECS system features energy-efficient Air Handling Units (AHUs) designed to meet high air quality standards. It includes electronically commutated (EC) motors that minimise energy loss and ensure reliable performance, enhancing overall energy efficiency. Also, there will be strategically placed ultraviolet-C (UVC) lights to combat airborne infections," said an official of National Capital Region Transport Corporation



FAST TRACK: The entire RRTS corridor is expected to become operational by 2025

(NCRTC), which is executing the project.

"NCRTC has planned efficient water-cooled chillers having high-performance capability to provide optimum comfortable temperature and freshness inside the stations. It will also maintain the humidity level in the station, ensuring a comfortable and cosy ambience for commuters," the official added.

To ensure optimal air quality for Namoo Bharat passengers, CO2 sensors are installed at the station's public areas to monitor its levels. "A logic controller

analyses this data and regulates fresh air intake levels as and when necessary, ensuring proper ventilation. We have also adopted various new-age tools to strategically plan the environment control system. These advanced tools help to prevent the formation of hot or cold spots within the stations, optimising station layout and infrastructure design. Rigorous AC load assessments will ensure desired passenger comfort with minimum energy consumption," an official said.

In Meerut, underground MRTS stations at Meerut Central and Bhaivali pose additional challenges due to their longer lengths and shorter platforms of around 75 metres for metro trains. These stations accommodate four tracks—two for Meerut metro and two for Namoo Bharat trains to pass through.

At Anand Vihar RRTS station, NCRTC has introduced an innovative solution for the placement of ECS fans. "Instead of the conventional parallel placement, these fans are installed perpendicular to each other. This unique configuration effectively addresses the challenge of space constraints," an official said.

₹470Cr Research Funding For IIT-D Amid Placement Woes

4,000 Research Papers Published Last Year, Says Director

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New Delhi: Indian Institute of Technology Delhi has secured Rs 470 crore in research funding this year and is now prioritising giving back to society by promoting research that will make a difference to the lives of people, its director Rangan Banerjee said on Thursday.

He also announced that 2,600 students would be graduating at the convocation scheduled for Saturday, including 475 PhD scholars of whom 200 are women.

Responding to a TOI question on the challenges that the institute faces in producing quality research that can influence the lives of people, Banerjee said the focus is on quality research and added that IIT-D published 4,000 research papers last year, which has helped improve its global rankings.

Naresh Bhatnagar, dean (R&D), said that the central govt had granted funds for large projects since 2017 and IIT-D hadn't had to drop a project for shortage of funds. "With the increasing emphasis on research, we are now in a phase of transition where we are promoting research that can make a difference to society at large," Bhatnagar added.

The Industrial Research & Development unit at IIT-D sanctioned 299 sponsored research projects worth Rs 352.2 crore and 349 consultancies worth Rs 32.1 crore in the past year. Further, the Foundation for Innovation and Technology Transfer at the institute sanctioned 81 projects (research, technology development and consulting) valued at Rs 52.6 crore.

The endowment fund has grown, with pledges reaching Rs 445 crore and realised contributions touching Rs 277 crore.

However, IIT-D saw an almost 5% dip in placements this year compared with last year. While 1,514 students applied for



Banerjee said IIT-D had been approached by several countries and educational institutions, but had declined because it did not yet have the full wherewithal for such projects

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placements last year, only 1,287 emerged successful. This year, of the 1,940 who applied, 1,215 received offers through campus placements. This implies that around 620 students did not apply for placements, with the director explaining that this was because many of them opted for higher studies or had other plans.

On the PhD front, there has been a 10% increase in the number of candidates but the placement was abysmal at a mere 1%. This has prompted the institute to lay more emphasis on PhD placements now onwards.

IIT-D also started its offshore campus in Abu Dhabi earlier in the year. It plans to commence its first undergraduate programmes there from Sept. These will be in computer science and engineering and energy engineering. The planned intake of 60 students in the two undergrad programmes — 30 in each — will consist of 20 students who qualify JEE (Advanced) 2024 and 40 students who get through a new entrance test called the Combined Admission Entrance Test (CAET).

Of the 40 to be selected through CAET, 20 seats will be allocated for UAE nationals and 20 seats for expatriates in the UAE, including Indians, and international students.

Asked if the institute had plans to open similar satellite campuses in other global hotspots, Banerjee said IIT-D had been approached by several countries and educational institutions but had declined because it did not yet have the full wherewithal for such projects.

122 coaching centres, libraries in basements sealed so far

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has identified as many as 248 coaching centres, libraries and schools running illegally from basements. Of these, 122 had been sealed to date, an official said.

The action came after three UPSC aspirants died due to drowning inside a basement library of a coaching centre running in Old Rajender Nagar area. Mayor Shelly Oberoi on Thursday said that building bylaws would be strictly followed and action taken across the city.

Oberoi reportedly directed officials to continue taking action against coaching centres that were violating building bylaws across zones. She also directed them to issue notices to coaching centres and property owners for misuse of property and violation of building bylaws and take sealing action. "Mayor has ordered a survey to identify coaching centres and other properties violating rules in basements across zones. She emphasised that MCD was committed to strictly enforcing building bylaws and ensuring the safety of students and citizens," an official said.

The mayor directed strengthening of the sanitation system during the monsoon season. Officials were directed to identify garbage vulnerable points in all zones, eliminate them, and carry out beautification. Officials were directed to take necessary steps to improve sanitation in all zones, deploy additional sanitation workers in the areas, and enforce strict action against the concessionaires concerned to ensure proper cleanliness in their respective zones.

A magisterial probe conducted in the Old Rajender Nagar incident has blamed officials of MCD's building and works departments for allowing the running of a library from the basement of the building and for encroachment on stormwater drains.

As per the rules, only specific activities are allowed in basements in residential areas and a library or a coaching facility is not one of them.

Man gets 20 yrs' RI for raping minor

Gurgaon: A youth was awarded 20 years of rigorous imprisonment (RI) by a Panipat court on Tuesday for kidnapping and raping a minor girl two years ago. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 75,000 on the convict.

The accused abducted the girl, who was then 17 years old, from her house in Gurgaon in Jan 2022 and kept her in captivity for months. She managed to escape and reach home after three months. The minor was found to be pregnant as a result of the sexual assault. On the recommendation of doctors, the pregnancy was terminated. During the trial, the court considered the statement given by the survivor and the medical report as key evidence and found the accused guilty. TNN

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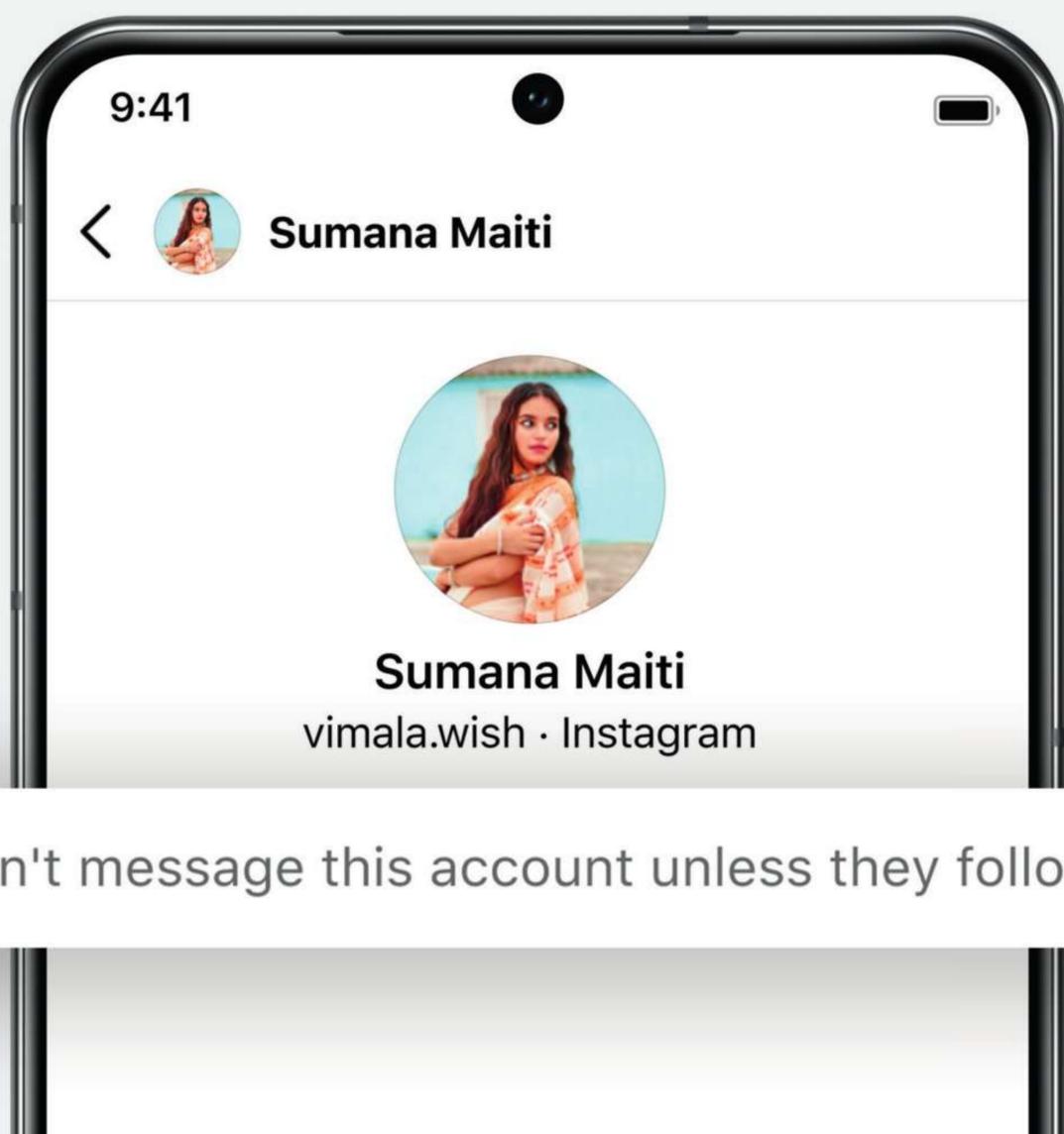
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FIR mandatory in cases of alleged fake encounters: HC

New Delhi: An FIR has to be mandatorily registered whenever a person is killed in an allegedly fake encounter by police, Delhi High Court said. Justice Neena Bansal Krishna rejected a petition by the State against a sessions court order refusing to interfere with a magistrate's direction on registration of an FIR

against a Delhi Police raiding team following the death of a person who suffered a gunshot injury during a chase. The court noted that since the deceased, Rakesh, had five other "blunt force" injuries besides the firearm injury on his lower back, it had to be established whether he was mercilessly beaten up. **PTI**

2 labourers die at CP construction site

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two labourers died after heavy tiles fell on them at a construction site in Connaught Place on Thursday. Police registered a case after discovering "negligence" on the part of the contractors. The deceased were identified as Bholu and Vijay, natives of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh.

A senior police officer stated that the incident occurred around 6:30 pm. A team from the local police station was formed and they reached the spot and initiated an investigation. The two injured labourers were taken to a hospital, where one was pronounced dead upon arrival, and the other succumbed to his injuries shortly thereafter.

According to the police investigation, the incident occurred at a residential construction site where the labourers were in the process of re-laying a stack of tiles. "The stack comprised more than 30-40 tiles, and due to an imbalance, they toppled onto the workers," the officer said.

The investigation, as per police, exposed a glaring absence of adequate safety measures for the workers at the construction site. The officer added that "there were no safety arrangements in place for the labourers."

A case has been registered in connection with the incident at the nearest police station.

Another officer said that they had previously communicated with NDMC and highlighted instances of "negligence" observed during the construction process. TOI did not get a response from NDMC over this.

Project-Wise Nod For MCD Projects 'Nixed'

Key Panel's Formation May Make Idea Redundant

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New Delhi: A day after the lieutenant governor called for the speedy formation of key panels in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi pending for over a year-and-a-half, no progress was reported in this regard on Thursday. Many important projects are waiting for the nod of these committees, mainly the Standing Committee. Four days ago, the Supreme Court decreed that LG held the power to nominate aldermen and this was taken to mean that the process of forming the ward committee and Standing Committees would begin.

In a separate matter related to poor solid waste management, the Supreme Court had also directed the secretary of the Union environment ministry to convene a meeting of officials of Delhi govt and MCD to work out an immediate solution.

According to sources, urban development minister Saurabh Bhardwaj called a meeting of MCD officials on Monday, where it was decided that a project-wise nod would be given for all big projects that otherwise would go for clearance to the Standing Committee.

"We submitted in the court that projects related to the



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hiring of an agency for door-to-door waste collection, biomineral of legacy waste, expansion of waste-to-energy plants, etc., could not be implemented in the absence of the missing Standing Committee, which finalises the payment rate and agency for such projects. The same argument was placed before the minister in the meeting," said a govt official. "With this in mind, it was decided that project-wise nod would be given instead of increasing the financial power of the commissioner." The official added that this development had raised hopes that pending work could finally be executed. However, the official added that after the apex court's verdict on aldermen and Delhi govt's law department submitting that the way for forming the Standing Committee

tee was, it appeared that "there is no clear need for the govt to give project-wise nod". The official said, "The existing circumstances are really confusing for us because so many projects are held up due to uncertainty in MCD. We are keeping our fingers crossed that the Standing Committee is formed so that hiring a new agency for better waste management can be initiated."

TOI did not receive any comments on this from Bhardwaj or the MCD commissioner. In the affidavit submitted to the Supreme Court, MCD had stated that the city generated 11,000 tonnes of waste every day and the existing waste processing plants could only handle 8,000 tonnes, with the rest continuing to be dumped at the exhausted landfills in Ghazipur and Bhalswa.

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Court seeks ATR in cheating case

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New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday sought an action taken report from the station house officer of Bharat Nagar police station on an application seeking registration of an FIR against seven people, including three police officers of North West district.

Seeking the action taken report on Sept 30, the court of judicial magistrate first class Apoorv Bhardwaj asked the officer to find out whether the investigation revealed the commission of any cognisable offence against the accused persons and whether the police took any action. "If yes, whether any FIR has been registered and the status of the investigation and if no cognisable offence has been made out, whether the complainant has been informed accordingly," the court asked.

Dharmesh Mehta, the complainant, a businessman who resides in Ashok Vihar with his family, alleged in his complaint that four people known to him and his family defrauded him of more than Rs 1 crore by breaching his trust.

The counsels for the complainant, Sanjay Sharma and Karan Sachdeva, further alleged that when the complainant approached the local police station, subordinate police officers said that a senior officer had given "protection" to those individuals and no action could be taken against them. The plea sought registration of an FIR against the accused for "various penal offences, including cheating, criminal intimidation, criminal breach of trust, public servant disobeying law with intent to cause injury to a person, and public servant disobeying direction of law with intent to save a person from punishment."

The complainant also alleged that despite dialling helpline number 112 to report the offence, police did not take any action. He said that one of the accused was using the police protection granted to him to threaten him.

'15 months on, Centre yet to okay MPD4'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The central govt is yet to approve the Master Plan Delhi 2041 even 15 months after the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) sent the plan cleared by the authority.

The housing and urban affairs ministry told Lok Sabha on Thursday that DDA has prepared the draft Master Plan for Delhi (MPD)-2041 as an extensive modification to the current Master Plan. "...the proposal of the draft MPD-2041 has been approved by DDA in its meeting held on Feb 28, 2023. Thereafter, DDA has forwarded the proposal to the ministry (MoHUA) on April 13, 2023 for approval of Govt of India for issuance of final notification of MPD-2041."

In a written reply to a question on the hindrances faced in the execution of land pooling policy and the steps taken, the ministry said the main constraints faced during implementation of the policy are pooling of a minimum 70% developable area in a sector; lack of contiguity and lack of formation of consortium. "DDA, after consultation with various stakeholders has submitted a proposal to the govt to amend the Delhi Development Act, 1957, which includes mandatory land pooling to facilitate smooth implementation of land pooling policy in Delhi," the ministry said.

It said the ministry has allowed issuance of provisional notice for formation of consortium, even where "contiguity" condition is not met to facilitate the policy. Accordingly, DDA has issued provisional notice for formation of consortium in respect of 15 sectors.

Court extends judicial custody of CM till Aug 20

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Thursday extended the judicial custody of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal till Aug 20 in a corruption case registered by CBI in alleged scam in the formulation and implementation of the now-scraped Delhi excise policy 2021-22.

The court extended Kejriwal's custody after he was produced before the court through video conference.

The court is likely to consider a supplementary chargesheet filed by the CBI against Kejriwal in the case on Aug 12.

On July 29, the CBI concluded its investigation into the alleged scam and filed its final chargesheet against Kejriwal and others. Prior to this, the agency had submitted one main chargesheet and four supplementary chargesheets in the case, which also implicated former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, Telangana MLC K Kavitha, and other individuals.



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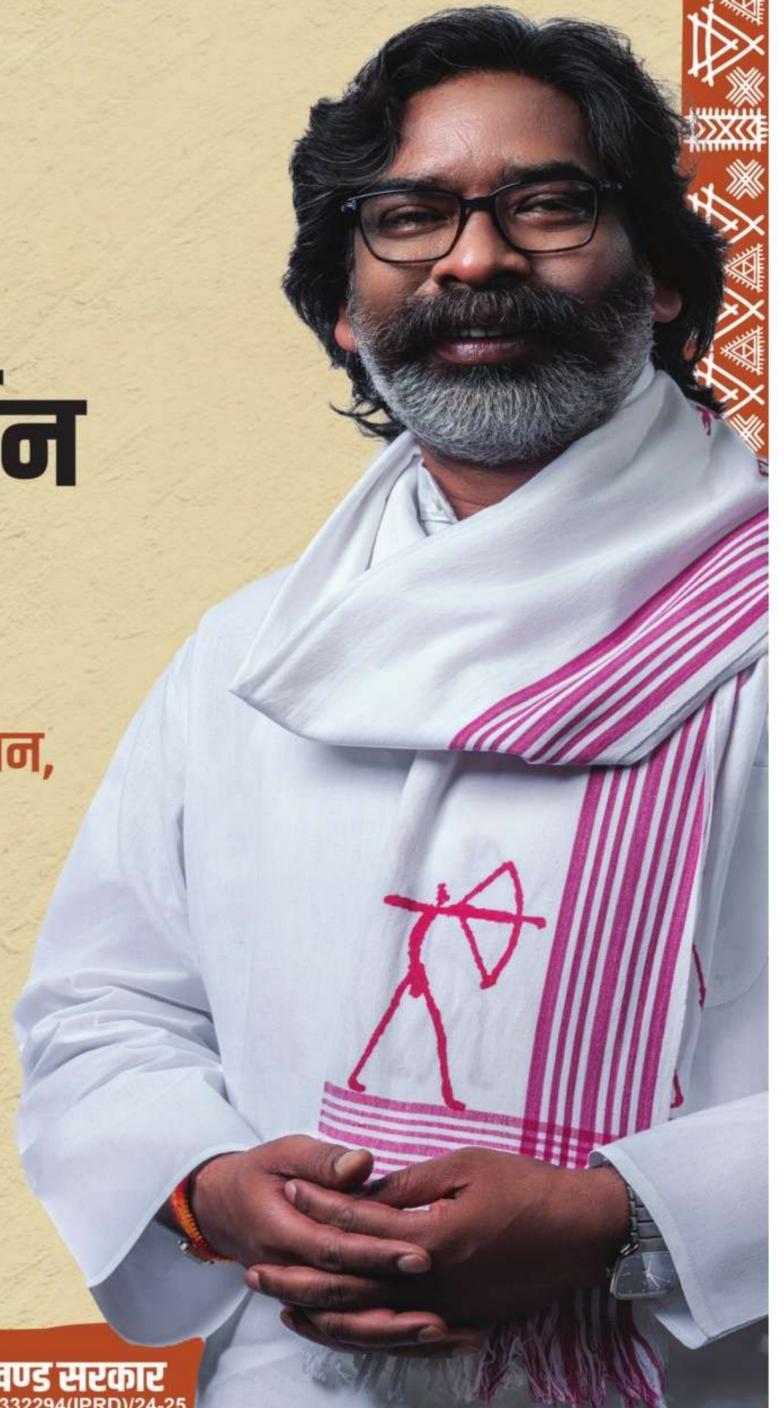
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Noida School Stirs Row With 'No Non-Veg In Tiffin' Circular

Cites Hygiene & Respect; No Ban, Just A Request, Says Principal

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Noida: A private school has sent parents a circular that cites "health and hygiene, and respect and inclusivity" to request them not to send non-vegetarian food in students' lunchboxes.

The circular, sent on Wednesday to parents by Delhi Public School in Sector 132, drew criticism from parents and students for its "interference" with dietary practices and also the logic it gives to discourage one kind of food.

"We are writing to respectfully request that students do not bring non-vegetarian food items to school..." the circular says.

It cites "two key considerations". The first - under the subhead 'Health and Safety', says that non-vegetarian food may get spoiled "when cooked in the morning for lunchtime consumption" and "can pose serious health risks if not stored and handled properly".

The second subhead - 'Inclusivity and Respect' - underlines that the school "values diversity and promotes a culture of inclusivity" but goes on to add that by "main-

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taining a vegetarian food environment, all students feel respected and comfortable".

Parents said they did not understand the connection the circular makes between respect and non-veg food, besides overlooking the fact that any food can go bad when cooked in the morning and consumed late in the day, stored in a lunchbox all the while in hot and humid weather.

"My kid always complains about eating vegetables. The notice mentions 'respect' and 'diversity'. I don't get how one's food choice can disrespect others. No one is forcing vegetarians to consume non-vegetarian items, or restricting them in their food choices, then why should such things be imposed on non-vegetarians," a parent, whose son studies in the primary section of DPS, asked.

Another parent, whose daughter also studies in the primary section, said chil-

dren said they don't mind eating vegetarian food on some days of the week, but that's out of choice and not by compulsion. "I respect the concerns of my friends who are vegetarian, and while eating, I maintain a distance from them," said a student of a senior class at DPS.

Asked about the controversy, DPS principal Supriti Chauhan said the circular was just a "request". "The school wants to provide a diverse environment and teach that sharing is caring. During lunchtime, students share their food with their friends. If the food gets stale, then it will affect their health. That's why the circular was issued," Chauhan told TOI.

Education department officials in Noida said parents could file a complaint if they objected to the circular. "In case a parent has an objection and their grievance is not heard by the school, they can take up the matter with the education department. Since the circular simply requests parents and does not issue a mandate regarding food choices, the matter is not highly concerning," said Dharmveer Singh, district inspector of schools.

But there were some who supported the school and said that "education institutes are like temples for children". "Eating non-vegetarian food is not advisable in that. And a majority of students here are vegetarian. That's why it is a good step," a parent said. Her 14-year-old son studies in DPS. On Thursday, some stu-

HC tells Delhi govt to renovate toilets in all jail complexes within 4 months

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Thursday directed Delhi govt to renovate and repair toilets in all jail complexes in the capital within four months after inspecting their condition.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela took into account a report filed by "inspecting judges of Tihar Jail" and pointed out that the state of washrooms was far from satisfactory, with cleaning work being done by some inmates voluntarily. It was also highlighted before the court that inmates often have to wait for

hours to access the toilets.

The court asked the authorities to hire adequate manpower to clean washrooms in each jail complex and also pay minimum wages fixed for unskilled labour to those inmates who are voluntarily doing the cleaning work.

Its order came on a PIL alleging manual scavenging in Tihar Jail. The petitioner's counsel alleged that human excreta was being cleaned by inmates with bare hands. However, the inspection report submitted to the court denied any manual scavenging in the jails in the national capital.

"Everyone is denying manual scavenging. The place needs repair, renovation and remodelling. We will direct that PWD is directed to carry out a thorough inspection of all jail complexes with regard to the condition of the washrooms. If any renovation is required, suitable proposals be moved. Entire renovation will be completed within four months," the high court ordered even as it clarified that renovation work will be carried out in a phased manner so that some toilets remain available for use at all times.

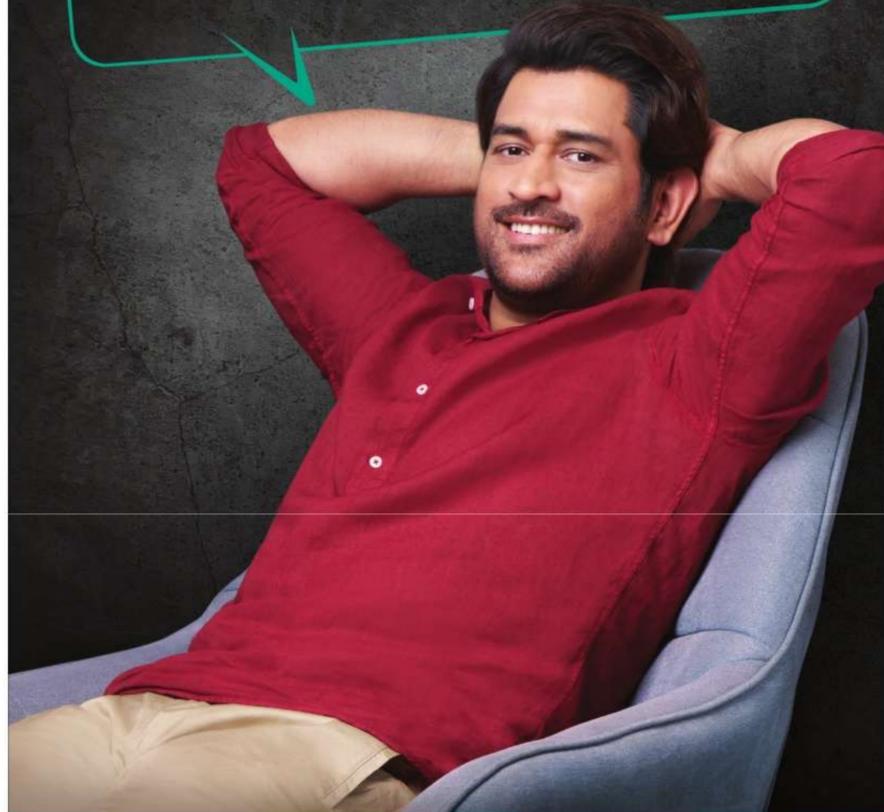
If septic tanks are required, they shall be constructed

immediately and if necessary, the number of toilets must also be increased, the court stated.

"Delhi govt is directed to appoint manpower for cleaning washrooms in each jail complex. Govt may even consider taking assistance from NGOs or employing people on a contractual basis. DG prisons and jail superintendents shall ensure that proper cleaning gear, including masks, boots and toiletries, is provided," it said.

The court asked govt to file an action taken report in eight weeks and listed the matter for further hearing in Oct.

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A twisted tale of kidnapping gone wrong done right

CINEMA OF THE WEEK

Aliya Basu Gayab Hai (Thriller) ★★★★★
Cast: Vinay Pathak, Raima Sen, Salim Diwan
Direction: Preeti Singh
Duration: 1 hour 43 minutes
Language: Hindi (A)

Aliya Basu (Raima Sen), a daughter of a wealthy businessman, finds herself kidnapped by two goons. But what starts as a simple case of kidnapping for ransom, soon turns into a diabolical game of greed and betrayal.

This twisted thriller revolves around just three characters whose actions define their fate. Vikram Singh (Vinay Pathak) and Deepak Kumar (Salim Diwan) hatch what they think is a fool-proof plan. They abduct Aliya Basu, the daughter of a rich business tycoon and take her to an undisclosed location, hoping to get a hefty ransom for her release. But do they really know who Aliya is beyond her last name? Clearly, it's a hurriedly put together plan and the men are in for a rude surprise. Revealing anything more than this about the plot would be equal to giving away the spoilers.

Let's just say director Preeti Singh and writers J Blakeson and Gibran Noorani lace a seemingly straightforward story with unexpected twists and turns that are also unpredictable. And that remains the biggest



highlight of this modest budget thriller that often leaves its viewer guessing about what will happen next. While the story is restricted between just three central characters, it ends up exploring a range of possibilities between them. Singh keeps her cards close to her chest till the very end unraveling the layers, with one twist at a time.

Vinay Pathak as the more dominant bad guy and the mastermind of the crime does most of the heavy lifting. The actor, who is known for his effortless comic timing, is equally good here

as a dangerous kidnapper, who isn't sure of what he is capable of. Raima Sen is convincing and effective in her role of a beleaguered woman trapped in a very uncomfortable situation. But the actress does rise to the occasion when it comes to showing the strength of her character. Salim Diwan, with all the shades of his character had a huge scope to perform. However, the actor doesn't go beyond a few expressions to convey the range of his character. Surprisingly, it works in his favor as his character is a mix of gullibility and danger. While the entire film revolves around the kidnapping of Aliya Basu, a little more contextual fleshing out with some backstory of each character would help the audience connect better with the overall premise. The background score complements the proceedings while the lack of any unnecessary detours like songs helps maintain the pace of this taut thriller.

Aliya Basu Gayab Hai may not revolutionize the thriller genre, but it certainly knows how to play its cards right. With a tight plot, unexpected twists, and strong performances, the film keeps you on the edge of your seat minus the unnecessary theatrics or bloodshed. It's a smart, suspenseful ride that proves even a modestly scaled thriller can pack a punch.

— Ronak Kotecha

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It Ends with Us (Drama, Romance)

★★★★
Cast: Blake Lively, Justin Baldoni, Brandon Sklenar, Hasan Minhaj, Jenny Slate
Direction: Justin Baldoni
Duration: 2 hours 10 minutes
Language: English (A)

Based on Colleen Hoover's bestseller, the love triangle-drama follows florist Lily Bloom (Blake Lively), as she embarks on a new life journey in Boston to get over a lingering past trauma. A chance encounter with the charming Ryle Kincaid (Justin Baldoni) makes her optimistic about love and happiness but there's more to him than meets the eye.

While grappling with her new life, she stumbles upon her first love, Atlas Corrigan (Brandon Sklenar) and childhood memories come rushing back. Some precious, some best left forgotten. Making choices lie at the heart of this tale. As the story oscillates between past and present, you discover the life that Lily envisions for herself and the life she wants to leave behind. You don't need to be Sherlock to guess what



'It' stands for in the title. The buck stops with you. You can put an end to generational trauma when you decide to not tolerate the disrespect that's normalised in the family. No matter how passionate the love, domestic violence should be off limits and a deal breaker. Anubhav Sinha's Hindi film Thappad drove this point home.

Actor-director Justin Baldoni makes a faithful adaptation that's melancholic,

triggering, empowering, sexy and reflective. Despite the predictable story, events unfold like a slow burn thriller. Good-looking men are often tactfully used in cinema to show a mirror to our bias towards outer beauty. Women lusting for You's Penn Badgley being an ideal example. Baldoni smartly navigates and explores this aspect, never forgiving or trivialising the violence, nor misinterpreting it as passion but it all feels a tad soapy. This is emotionally heavy and certainly not a breezy watch.

Blake Lively anchors this film and sadly falls short of doing justice to the most important character - Lily. A story this layered, deserved a much stronger actor who doesn't wander around like a spectator in their own story. Despite her gorgeous lively presence, she is extremely limited as an actor and that strips the film of its depth. It all feels a tad superficial because her performance is unable to evoke deep emotions, empathy or strength.

The gaze feels like it's a bit too obsessed with Blake's beauty than her ability to bring a character to life. If you don't look for relatability, you won't mind watching this one more for the glamour than the substance.

— Renuka Vyavahare

RATING SCALE

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AQI 53: Delhi experiences its cleanest air day after 333 days

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New Delhi: Rain and strong winds helped Delhiites breathe the cleanest air on Thursday when the Air Quality Index read 53, at the lower end of the 'satisfactory' range, after a gap of 333 days.

A lower AQI than this was recorded on Sept 10 last year when it was 45, which qualified as 'good' air.

Experts said Delhi saw light rain on Thursday while moderate rain was recorded on Wednesday. Apart from the capital, several parts of Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have seen showers for the past few days.

The rain washed out pollutants, while strong winds aided in their dispersion. Parts of Delhi reported strong winds up to 20 kmph on Thursday, India Meteorological Department's data shows.

Anumita Roychowdhury, executive director for research and advocacy at Centre for Science and Environment, said: "This is the result of intense and persistent rainfall during the monsoon months. This provides a breather before winter pollution builds up. This is the time to recalibrate action strategy for more sustained improvement in air quality."

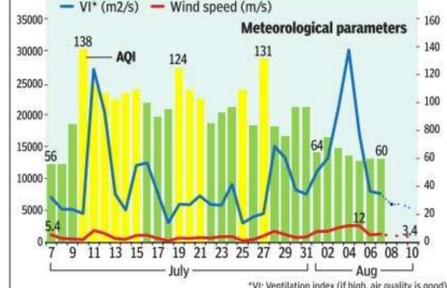
Though the capital experienced the lowest AQI on Thursday, it is yet to record a 'good' air day (when AQI is 50 or below) this year. Experts said in Delhi, monsoon months are the cleanest as meteorological conditions help disperse pollutants. However, after the monsoon is over and winter sets in, the

RAIN, STRONG WINDS HELP

AQI on Aug 8

- 53 in satisfactory category
- Rain in Delhi and adjoining areas and strong winds help clean air quality

- A lower AQI than Thursday was seen on Sept 10 last year at 45, in good category
- Experts say pollution will bounce back after monsoon is over



pollution soars.

Dipankar Saha, former head of Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) air laboratory, said: "Even rain is unable to help Delhi meet the national ambient air quality standards on most days in the monsoon season. On Thursday, PM10 was the lead pollutant, which shows that dust was high on a rainy day. Agencies have to work on the ground to cut down pollution at the source level."

CPCB's data shows that between Jan 1 and Aug 8, Delhi saw 85 days when AQI was in the range of 201 and 500. However, the number of such days was lower last year during the same period as AQI surpassed 200 on 80 days.

The air quality of Delhi is likely to stay in the 'satisfactory' category till Aug 11, according to Air Quality Early Warning System (EWS), which is the forecasting body under the Union ministry of earth sciences.

On Thursday, some parts of Delhi saw light rain. Safdarjung and Lodhi Road logged 2.8mm and 2.7mm, respectively, between 8.30am and 5.30pm. Najafgarh got 87.5mm till 8.30am on Thursday. Palam got 41 mm between 8.30 am and 8.30 pm.

Light rain is likely on Friday, and light to moderate showers are predicted from Saturday to Monday as the monsoon trough is expected to oscillate. IMD has issued a 'yellow' alert (be aware) for rain from Saturday to Monday.

The maximum temperature rose to 34.1 degrees Celsius, while the minimum temperature stood at 25.4.

Nepalese man held in visa fraud

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A 28-year-old Nepalese man was arrested by IGI Airport police on Aug 5 for allegedly arranging a counterfeit Hong Kong visa for a compatriot using an Indian passport.

Deputy commissioner of police (IGI Airport), Usha Rangani said: "The arrest followed the deportation of Sabina Gurung, a 27-year-old Nepalese woman who had fraudulently acquired an Indian passport in 2018 with fake documents. Gurung was stopped upon her arrival at IGI Airport from Hong Kong, where her entry was denied due to the fake visa. During interrogation, the woman revealed she sought better opportunities abroad and was advised by friends that an Indian passport would ease her travel compared with a Nepalese one."

The officer added, "In 2018, a Nepalese rela-

The woman was advised by friends that an Indian passport would ease her travel compared with a Nepalese one

tive secured an Indian passport for her using fake documents. Later, she paid Rs 1 lakh to agent Sunil Thapa for a Hong Kong visa. She travelled to Hong Kong in Dec 2023 and returned in Jan 2024. In Sept 2024, Thapa arranged another fake Hong Kong visa for her, but she was denied entry upon arrival due to the counterfeit visa. Following an investigation, Thapa was located and arrested in Delhi."

Thapa admitted to planning the fraud alongside his associates, targeting individuals seeking overseas opportunities. Police are continuing to investigate the case to identify additional suspects.

2 die by suicide at 2 metro stns

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Two men died of suicide at two different Delhi Metro stations on Thursday. The first incident took place at Yamuna Bank metro station on the Blue Line, where a 50-year-old man jumped onto the tracks around 10.15 am. The man succumbed to his injuries.

Police said that after the incident, the man was immediately taken to Lal Bahadur Hospital where he was declared dead. A suicide note was found in his pocket. "He wrote in the note that his health was not good and that he was unable to earn any money. He said no one was to be blamed for this," said a police officer.

A DMRC official said that during this period, metro services were impacted for around 15 minutes on the section between Yamuna Bank and Vaishali/Noida City Centre.

The second incident occurred at Maharaja Surajmal Stadium metro station on the Green Line, where a 49-year-old man jumped from the platform wall onto the road below. Though some people and CISF personnel stood below the wall holding a blanket, the man could not be saved. "When the man was spotted climbing the wall of the platform, we asked him not to jump. We stood below with a bomb blanket, but the man still suffered injuries and died later at the hospital," said a CISF official.

A video of the incident shows a CISF official attempting to convince the man not to jump. However, the latter does not pay heed to his requests.

Police suspect that the man was having some family issues. "No suicide note was found. The man's family has been informed and further investigation is underway," said a senior police officer.

Meanwhile, in a separate incident, a woman also fainted at a platform at Yamuna Bank metro station and she was rushed to the hospital for medical assistance.

After 'Naya Ghaziabad', a plan for 'Gr Ghaziabad'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ghaziabad: The council of ministers has vetoed a proposal to merge the Loni and Khoda civic bodies with Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation (GMC) as part of 'Greater Ghaziabad'.

A tiny village, Mohidpur, which is currently part of Noida because of an "anomaly", will also be included in GMC. Officials said the proposal about the merger was sent by the Meerut divisional commissioner to the state govt on Nov 25 last year.

This Aug 5, Amitabh Srivastava — deputy secretary to the town and country planning department — sought suggestions from the ministers' council about the plan. The 'Greater Ghaziabad' plan will pave the way for all-round development, be it roads, water supply, sewer network and installation of lights.

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Woman alleges sexual assault by lawyer in his chamber

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A woman alleged that she was sexually assaulted by a lawyer in a chamber in Tis Hazari court on the pretext of providing a job.

The woman told cops that she was in a desperate need for a job due to her family's financial constraints. Her sister had given her the lawyer's number. After failing to reach him over the phone, she messaged him on WhatsApp. Subsequent conversations led to the woman being invited to his chamber, where the lawyer inquired about her family and asked her to visit again after a few days.

He allegedly sent her good morning and good night messages on WhatsApp. On July 27, he called her to his chamber and forced himself upon her. When she resisted and shouted for help, the lawyer threatened her. He allegedly gave her money. "He threatened me not to tell anyone, gave me Rs 1,500, and told me to leave quietly, threatening to kill me. I went home crying and told my aunt everything," the complainant said.

The woman, fearing for her life, did not report the matter immediately. However, she eventually mustered the courage to file a complaint with the police. Based on her complaint, a case has been registered at Subzi Mandi police station. Police said that they are investigating her claims. So far no arrest has been made.

Trainee SI held for extorting ₹7k from cab driver in Noida

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Noida: A trainee sub-inspector was arrested after he allegedly extorted Rs 7,000 from a cab driver along with two accomplices near Gaur City on Aug 2.

The DCP (central Noida) was removed from post while the SHO and a sub-inspector of Bisrakh police station and the local chowki in-charge were suspended for not taking action against Amit Mishra, the trainee SI. Mishra was shunted too.

In his complaint to the police commissioner, cab driver Rupesh Tomar said he was ferrying a woman from Delhi to Gaur City when Mishra and two others — Ashish and Abhinav — stopped him near his destination around 1am. Clad in police uniform, Mishra allegedly approached Tomar and abused him. When the woman pleaded she was just a passenger and was getting late, the cop asked her to get out of the car and head home on her own.

When Mishra was done checking the cab's papers, he and the two others started frisking him. They pulled out a wad of notes from the cab's pocket and started counting it.

There was Rs 7,000 — what Tomar had earned after a day's hard work. When he pleaded with Mishra that it was all the money he had, the

trio returned him a 500-rupee note and asked him to leave. That was not the end of the ordeal for the cabbie.

Tomar alleged he went straight to Gaur City-1 police outpost, but the cops there did not register a complaint. Instead, he was asked to go to Bisrakh police station, citing jurisdictional tangles. Here, too, no one heard him out.

The latest BNS rules allow a person to register a complaint anywhere, irrespective of the area where the crime has taken place.

Three days later — on Aug 5 — Tomar submitted a written complaint with police chief Laxmi Singh. A preliminary investigation found his allegations against the trainee SI to be true.

On Aug 7, Rajeev Kumar Gupta, assistant commissioner of police-2, submitted a complaint at Bisrakh police station. A case was registered against Mishra, Ashish and Abhinav under sections 309 (4) (robbery), 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) and 352 (Intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace).

Police are looking for Ashish and Abhinav and two others, Jerry and Prince, who were believed to have alerted Mishra about the approaching cab.

Shakti Mohan Avasthy, DCP (crime), has replaced Suniti as the DCP (central Noida).

280 impounded vehicles gutted at police pit, 4th such incident this yr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: In the fourth such incident of fire this year, 280 vehicles were gutted at a police vehicle pit in northeast Delhi's Wazirabad on Thursday. Cops are probing foul play due to the recurring nature of these cases at the "malkhana".

An officer from Delhi Fire Service said, "We received information from the local cops that some vehicles had caught fire at 5.15 am on Thursday. Immediately, 12 fire tenders were dispatched to the site and 72 firefighters were deployed. On reaching the spot, the firefighters found that approximately 150 four-wheelers and 210 two-wheelers had caught fire."

"They were able to extinguish the fire in 2.5 hours while the cooling continued throughout the day," the officer added.

The officer further said, "Seized vehicles and their parts were kept in the area, which is spread over 500 sq yards. Luckily, we were able to control the fire in time. The presence of flammable substances in the vehicles contributed to the rapid propagation of the flames."

While elaborating on the cause of these recurring fires, DCP (Northeast



Just six days ago, more than 120 vehicles were gutted in a similar incident

Delhi) Joy Tirkey stated, "This pit witnessed fire incidents during the summer due to a car's battery exploding due to the heat. The cause of fires in other months is still under investigation."

The DCP added, "Over 1 lakh vehicles that were seized are in this pit, all rendered unusable. We are trying to ascertain the reason behind such recurring fire incidents in this very pit."

This is the fourth such fire to break out at the Wazirabad police academy's "malkhana (storage area)" since Jan this year. It is estimated that 950 vehicles have been gutted in these incidents. In July, 300 vehicles were destroyed in a fire at this yard; in a similar case in Jan, over 250 vehicles were gutted. On Aug 2, more than 120 four-wheelers and two-wheelers were gutted.

'Misuse of power': Jamia suspends ex-officiating VC

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Jamia Millia Islamia officiating vice-chancellor Mohammad Shakeel has suspended his predecessor Eaqbal Hussain with immediate effect over alleged charges of "misuse of power" in a case involving the selling of a land on which the university has pre-emptive right, an official order on Thursday said.

The university has initiated an inquiry against Hussain, who was serving as the faculty of law at the university, which is likely to be headed by a sitting or retired judge of the High Court, it said.

While the inquiry is pending against Hussain, he has been barred from visiting the faculty of law

and the office of the estate officer until further orders.

There was no immediate response on the suspension and allegations by Hussain.

"...The officiating vice-chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia, in terms of powers vested in him under statute 37(1) of the statute of university, hereby places professor Eaqbal Hussain, Faculty of Law, JMI, under suspension with immediate effect, pending inquiry against him on the matter," the order read.

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Online Bids are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-III, R&B Sector, KMDA, 3rd floor, Block-D, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from bonafide, reliable, experienced & resourceful firms / individuals/contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, New Construction of road with 25 m span steel composite bridge for providing and alternative connectivity road (besides the Anandpur road) between Chowbagha road and E.M. By pass over T.P Canal. Tender ID - 2024 - KMDA - 728256 - 1, Rs.6.30-e.869/-, Rs.12.61.937/- [Online through e-Procurement System of Govt. of W.B.], 270 days. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 04.09.2024 upto 14.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. (KMDA-372) www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtdenders.gov.in ICA: 113671(3)/2024

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ई-निविदा सूचना सं 01-ईएमओडी/00/मेट/2024-25 ई-टेंडर, चार माह की वैधता हेतु, दो भागों में, भाग-1 व भाग-2 अर्थात् निविदा विवरण के अनुसार आमंत्रित किया जाता है। निविदाकरण संख्या: 01 पर अंतिम निविदाओं के प्रातः होने वाले जाने की दिनांक व समय 10.09.2024, 14.00 बजे एवं 11.09.2024 14.00 बजे है। निविदाकरण संख्या (1), कार्य का नाम विकीरिया पाक, मेट स्थित मुख्य अभियन्ता (पापे-परिचय) मुख्यालय "परिचय भवन" के वार्षिक जायदादी सुरक्षण कार्य के सम्बन्ध में। निविदा प्रपत्र ई-प्रोक्वोरमेंट वेबसाइट <http://etender.up.nic.in> से ही खीकार किये जायेंगे। उक्त निविदा से सम्बन्धित विवरण यथा तकनीकी विनिर्देशक, कार्यविधि, धरोर गणित, निविदा प्रपत्र की लागत इत्यादि एवं किसी प्रकार के संशोधन, परिवर्तन, शुद्धि पत्र हेतु <http://etender.up.nic.in> अथवा www.upptcl.org पर लागिन करके साइट पर देखा जा सकता है एवं प्राप्त किया जा सकता है। अधिप्राप्ती अभियन्ता: "राष्ट्र हित में विकसली बचाव"। पत्रांक 594 दिनांक 07.08.2024

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice: 01-12-2024
Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer/ Construction North Eastern Railway/ Lucknow for and on behalf of the President of India, invites "OPEN" e-tender for the following work:
Tender No.: 01-12-2024, Description of work: "Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz ac Single Phase OHE Electrification of Nanpara-Nepalganj Road (19.71 RKM) Rail line and 25 KV Traction Sub-Station, SP/SSP in Bahraich-Nanpara-Nepalganj Road section in connection with "Gauge conversion of Bahraich-Nanpara-Nepalganj" (\$6.15 km)" Approx. Value (in Rs.): ₹ 20,48,99,301.16, Earnest Money: (Rs.): ₹ 11,74,500/-, Cost of Tender Form: NIL, Completion Period: 12 Months.
• Date & Time of closing of E-Tender 27-08-2024 at 15:00 Hrs.
Note:- Manual offers are not accepted against this tender and any such manual offer received, shall be ignored. For full details and submission of bid, kindly visit the official website of Indian Railway i.e. <http://www.reps.gov.in>
• In case any disparity arises between Hindi and English version of tender notice, English version will hold good and will be followed.
CPRO/Viduyt-104. Lucknow
Never travel on roof and foot boards.

House help steals ₹1L cash, watches in Gzb: A domestic staffer allegedly stole around Rs 1 lakh in cash along with 30 watches and other valuables from the house of a doctor in Abhay Khand-1, Indirapuram on Tuesday. The staffer had pretended to be the mother of a house help that the doctor had previously hired through an advertisement on Facebook. An investigation has been initiated, cops said. **TNN**

14 new schools being built: Atishi

Sitharaman criticises Delhi govt's liquor policy, AAP hits back

New Delhi: Education Minister Atishi on Thursday said that 14 new govt schools were being built in the city. In a digital press conference, he said education had been the biggest priority for Arvind Kejriwal's govt. If there is only one govt in the whole country which spends 25% of its budget on education, then it is Arvind Kejriwal's govt, he said. "In 2015, there were 24,000 rooms in Delhi govt schools. That is, since the country's independence in 1947 till 2014, so many govt came, but could build only 24,000 rooms in the schools. On the other hand, Arvind Kejriwal's govt built 22,711 rooms in just 10 years from 2015 to 2024. According to AAP, new classrooms and academic blocks are being built in schools which had a shortage of classrooms. Currently, 1,541 new rooms are being built in Delhi govt schools. These are being built in areas, including Rohini, Sunder Nagar, Mustafabad, East Vinod Nagar, Dwarka, Mayur Vihar, Jharoda Kalan, Kirari, Seemapuri, Maidan Garhi, Raghuvar Nagar, Tagore Garden. **TNN**

Delhi Sheila Dikshit: "Where is that sack-full of evidence?" Sitharaman said. She further sought to know why AAP was not using that evidence. Responding to FM's comments, AAP later claimed that it had brought in a new transparent system with the aim to curb black marketing and sale of spurious liquor, and introduced policy reforms in form of the new excise policy. It said: "It's to be noted that Delhi govt collected the highest ever revenue under this policy. In BJP-led states, people have died due to spurious alcohol, while big liquor mafias, operating with impunity, are selling alcohol at exorbitant prices." He claimed that BJP was scared of "the honest work" of Arvind Kejriwal govt. "That is why they have constantly tried to crush it," it added.

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Thursday lashed out at AAP asking how much loss the Delhi exchequer had incurred due to the party's "fautly liquor policy". FM was responding to charges levelled by AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh, including on alleged huge haircuts taken by financial institutions in cases undergoing insolvency resolution process. FM elaborated on the benefits of the insolvency resolution system and asserted that the process was transparent. The AAP MP was not present in House when FM was responding. In her reply to the discussion on Finance Bill in Rajya Sabha, Sitharaman also recalled how allegations of corruption were made by AAP against the former chief minister of

₹13cr assets of Lulu 'aide' attached in Ggn, says ED

New Delhi: In a money laundering case involving Amit Katyal, an alleged close associate of former railways minister Lulu Prasad, the Enforcement Directorate on Thursday said it has attached properties worth over Rs 113 crore of Katyal and his Krishi Realtech Pvt Ltd and Brahma City Pvt Ltd in Gurgaon, Delhi and Mumbai. The attached properties include 70 acres of land in Sector 63 & 65 at Gurugram villages of Nangli Umarpur, Ullahwas, Maidawas; five flats in Krishi Province Estates, seven flats in Krishi Florence Estate at Gurugram held in the names of benami directors and two flats in Mumbai, held in benami company, a farmhouse at Jona-pur, Delhi, and commercial property in Delhi, besides fixed deposits of Rs 27 crore. "Amit Katyal was found to have parked the proceeds of crime in the names of companies and key individuals, including close relatives," the agency said.

DERC gets two pro tem members after 5 mths

New Delhi: After a wait of almost five months, the power department of Delhi govt has finally issued an order for the appointment of two pro tem members to Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission. The names of the two members - Ram Naresh Singh and Suresh Babbar - had been short-listed by a Supreme Court-appointed three-member selection committee in March. Their appointment was stalled initially because of the implementation of the model code of conduct and later due to the arrest of CM Arvind Kejriwal. Since the file related to the selection of the two candidates could have been sent to the lieutenant governor only by the chief minister, sources said govt was left with no other option but to inform Supreme Court about the impasse. A senior Delhi govt official said the opinion of the solicitor general was taken on the matter and, following his advice, govt moved the apex court. After the SC nod, the power department of Delhi govt came out with the order to appoint the two pro tem members. "In compliance with the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India vide order dated 06.11.2023 in writ petition (civil) no. 1222/2023 and recommendations of the selection committee dated March 11, 2024, the LG of the National Capital Territory of Delhi is pleased to appoint the following two persons i.e. one person each for the two positions as pro tem members of Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission - Ram Naresh Singh - Suresh Babbar," the power department said in its order. While Singh is an electrical engineer and last served as the chairman of Damodar Valley Corporation, Babbar was posted as executive director (finance) in Delhi Transco Limited. DERC comprises a chairperson and two members. The apex court had in Aug last year appointed retired justice Jayant Nath as pro tem chairperson. The two posts of members had been lying vacant since the same month.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
Tender Reference No. WBPHED/EE/MD/NIT-24/2024-2025
Vide NIT No. 2024-2025
Date: 01.08.2024
Tender ID: 2024-2025
Last date for submission of Technical and Financial Bid (online): 27.08.2024 upto 5:00 P.M. Tender invited by the undersigned for different type works of different PWSS under Malda Division, P.H.E. Dte. All details available in website <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in> and www.wbphed.gov.in.
ICA-113703(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref. No. 13/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024-PHEW_725193_1 to 20 for Land development, Construction of Boundary wall, Pump house, Pipe carrying structure, FHCT Platform, approach road, Laying of pipeline, etc. for different PWSS in different blocks under SWD-I, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of tender is 24/08/2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113699(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. from the reputed, bonafide, financially sound & experienced agency / firm for the work of "WORKS RELATED TO PWSS" against following NIT No. :- 14/ALD/2024-2025. Details will be available in the website <http://www.wbtenders.gov.in>.
ICA-113706(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender being invited by the NMD-II, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of WB vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/MD/NIT-07 of 24-25, ID: 2024-PHEW_725999_1 to 4, S/D/I of electro/mechanical works at different PWSS. Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.wbphed.gov.in. The last date of submission of tender is 23.08.2024 upto 17.00 hours. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Northern Mechanical Division-II, PHE Dte. ICA-113704(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tenders are invited by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Division-I, PHE Dte. vide Ref. No. 14/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024-PHEW_726009_1 to 44 for Land development, Construction of Boundary wall, Pump house, Pipe carrying structure, FHCT Platform, approach road, Laying of pipeline, Development and laying testing etc. for different PWSS in different blocks under SWD-I, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of tender is 24/08/2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Division-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113703(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Circle, PHE Dte. vide Ref. No. 15/2024-2025/EE/SWD-I/WBPHED and ID: 2024-PHEW_726685_1 to 3 for No. 1 of Laying of Balance UPVC Pipes under Asuti-II & Chatta GP PWSS, Addl. work for laying dist. system of Zone-I at Joynaraj-II Block & Construction of platform and bridge for Ramkrishnaraj PWSS in Joynaraj-I Block of South 24 Parganas District. Details will be available in the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in>. The last date for submission of tender is 09/09/2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Sd/- for Superintending Engineer, South 24 Pgs. W/S Circle, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113709(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, NWS-D-I, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Reference No. WBPHED/05/EE/NWS-D-I OF 2024-2025 and ID: 2024-PHEW_726330_1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 for (1) Deployment of Security Guard in different blocks under SWD-I, (2) Engagement of Laboratory Personnel for Day to Day Water Testing at Mangal Pandey, Mirzapur Division, P.H.E. Dte. and (3) Engagement of Laboratory Personnel for Day to Day Water Testing at Mangal Pandey, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://wbtenders.gov.in) and www.wbphed.gov.in. Bid submission closing date is 01/08/2024 from 06:30 P.M. to 01:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, NWS-D-I, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113703(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of CMOH(Bishnupur, DH&FWS)
Memo No. DHFWS/BHD/972, DATE: 05.08.2024 of and Tender ID 2024_HFW_728586_1. e-Tender is hereby invited for the "Notice Inviting E Tender For Hiring Vehicle By The Cmoah And Secretary, District Health And Family Welfare Sait, Bishnupur Health District" Bid submission closing date: 21/08/2024 at 05:00 pm. Other details may be seen from the website: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and www.bankura.gov.in. ICA-113694(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of CMOH(Bishnupur, DH&FWS)
Memo No. DHFWS/BHD/974, DATE: 05.08.2024 of and Tender ID 2024_HFW_728586_1. e-Tender is hereby invited for the "selection of the agency for distribution of free spectacles to beneficiaries under SES and Presbyopia under NPCB & VI programme for BISHNUPUR Health District". Bid submission closing date: 21/08/2024 at 05:00 pm. Other details may be seen from the website: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and www.bankura.gov.in. ICA-113698(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the undersigned on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. NIT No. WBPH/EE/MD/NIT-2024-25 (GR-TO III) and Tender ID: 2024-PHEW_729107_1 to 3 for different works. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in. Last date for submission of tender is 27.08.2024 upto 3.00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113656(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
WBVNF/DIR/ENIT/02-2024-2025 & Memo No. 7M-11877/02-2024-2025 of the State Commandant. WBVNF Directorate, Kalyani, Nadia. Online rate are being invited on behalf of the Inspector General of Police & State Commandant, West Bengal National Volunteer Force Directorate, P.O.- N.S.S., Kalyani, Nadia, West Bengal through e-tendering from eligible Contractor/Govt. Agencies/ Firms for supply of KITS & UNIFORMS for WBVNF Organization for the financial year 2024-2025. Bid documents/ specification as well as allied terms & conditions will be available online from 12.08.2024. For submission of e-tender, please refer detailed NIT on: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> e-tender portal. Prospective bidders are advised to regularly scan through e-tender portal for any amendments etc. if any, will be notified on the portal only and separate advertisement will not be made for this. ICA-113664(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. for NIT No. WBPH/EE/05/HUG/2024-25 related to Miscellaneous works under Divisional Engineer, Hooghly. Bid submission closing date is 20.08.2024 upto 03.00 P.M. & Opening Date is 23.08.2024 upto 11.00 P.M. For details corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender log on to: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-113710(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice of CMOH(Bishnupur, DH&FWS)
Memo No. DHFWS/BHD/974, DATE: 05.08.2024 of and Tender ID 2024_HFW_728586_1. e-Tender is hereby invited for the "selection of the agency for distribution of free spectacles to beneficiaries under SES and Presbyopia under NPCB & VI programme for BISHNUPUR Health District". Bid submission closing date: 21/08/2024 at 05:00 pm. Other details may be seen from the website: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and www.bankura.gov.in. ICA-113698(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Executive Engineer, Kolkata South-I Division, Housing Directorate, Inviting Sealed Tender on behalf of Governor of West Bengal, Ref: NIT No. 2024-25 (GR-TO III) and Tender ID: 2024-HSD_729988_1. Last Date of Submission 21.08.2024 Up to 05.00 P.M. For details please visit wbtenders.gov.in or contact in the Office of the Executive Engineer in any working day. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kolkata South-I Division, Housing Directorate. ICA-113643(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Corrigendum of ABRIDGED e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT-03/EE/PMO/PHED OF 2024-2025
Due to unavoidable circumstances in connection with the 03/EE/PMO/PHED OF 2024-2025 which are invited vide memo No. 979/PMO dt.20.06.2024 the following change have been made:- Current bid submission end date (online): 05-08-2024 upto 11.00 Hrs. Technical Bid opening date (online): 07-08-2024. NEW Bid submission end date (online): 20-08-2024 upto 11.00 Hrs. Technical Bid opening date (online): 22-08-2024. For details please visit website <https://wbtenders.gov.in> and office of the undersigned. Tender ID: 2024-PHEW_69711_1. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Purulia Mechanical Division, PHE Dte., Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-113653(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER e-NIT No. WBVNF/EE/SMD/ENIT-07/2024-25
Circulated vide memo No. 527, Dated- 06.08.2024
Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, South Dinajpur Irrigation Division from the eligible, bonafide Contractors having requisite credential for (01) One lot of work. Last date & time of submission of bid electronically is on 27/08/2024 till 17:00 Hrs. IST. Details of e-NIT are available in the office of the undersigned during office hours of any working day or at website www.wbiwd.gov.in & URL <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. (M, Kumar), Executive Engineer, South Dinajpur Irrigation Division, Baitala Park, Balurghat. ICA-113633(4)/2024

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

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PHED TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, Northern Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte., Siliguri on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal invited e-Tender for "WBPHED/EE/NMD/NIT No. 08 of 2024-25" for (07) seven nos operation and maintenance works having Tender ID: 2024-PHEW_729516_1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100. The Tender Documents are available in sealed envelope from 07.08.2024, 4.00 PM to 23.08-2024, 2.00 PM. For details visit on <https://wbtenders.gov.in>. The tender is also visible at departmental website: www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, NMD PHE Dte. ICA-113694(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Superintending Engineer, Western Electrical Circle, P.W.D. invites online e-Tender for the work of Triennial Comprehensive Maintenance, Supervision of 1 no. 160KVA DG set installed at C and DST Lab, Burdwan Medical College, Purba Bardhaman under the Jurisdiction of BMC Electrical Sub-Division(SEC-II) (Electrical Work). e-NIT No. WBPHW/SEWC/BE/ND/04-2024-25, Tender ID: 2024-WBPWD_729189_1. Bid submission start date (online): 08.08.2024 from 04:00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 14.08.2024 upto 03.00 A.M. Corrigendum if any will be published on website only. Details of N.I.O. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- S.K. Biswas, Superintending Engineer, P.W.D., Western Electrical Circle. ICA-113646(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Corrigendum of ABRIDGED e-NOTICE INVITING TENDER NIT-03/EE/PMO/PHED OF 2024-2025
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
S.E. NBCC-II, P.W.D. Deptt., Jalpaiguri, invites online e-tender for the work of - 1. Repair and Renovation of Jalpaiguri Polytechnic Institute Estimated Amount:Rs.115,08,856.00 Tender ID: 2024-PWD_729296_1. Tender No: WBPHW/EE/SMD/NIT/2024-25 Bid submission start date (online): 12/08/2024 from 04:00 P.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 02/09/2024 upto 05:00 P.M. Technical Bid opening date (online): 04/09/2024 at 05:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: <http://wbtenders.gov.in> Sd/- SE, PWD, NBCC-II, Jalpaiguri. ICA-113691(4)/2024

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vaidya Bhawan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091
CIN : U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsecd.in
WBSEDC invites e-Tenders as follows:
1) NIT No. ZMS/SGE/Tender/2024-25/18, Dt: 05.08.2024 of the Zonal Manager, Siliguri Zone, WBSEDC. Estimated Cost ₹ 21,24,000/- for "Call for Biennial day-to-day maintenance work related to civil electrical & other miscellaneous works for Zonal Administrative Building, Zonal Testing Building, Zonal Store, ZCC & SCADA Building of Siliguri Zone, WBSEDC".
2) NIT No. ZMS/SGE/Tender/2024-25/17, Dt: 05.08.2024 of the Zonal Manager, Siliguri Zone, WBSEDC. Estimated Cost ₹ 14,64,626.70 for "Repair & renovation of Siliguri Zonal Testing Office Building and Siliguri Zonal Testing Lab on the premises of Power House Complex, WBSEDC, 2nd Mile, Sevoke Road, Siliguri-734001".
For details, visit <https://wbtenders.gov.in> & www.wbsecd.in
WBSEDC invites Tender as follows:
NIT No. ZMS/SGE/Tender/2024-25/19, Dt: 05.08.2024 of the Zonal Manager, Siliguri Zone, WBSEDC. Estimated Cost ₹ 17,19,984/- for "Day-to-day sweeping, cleaning, guarding & gardening of Administrative Building (Ground Floor to 3rd Floor and garden), Power House Complex, WBSEDC, Siliguri on biennial rate contract basis. ICA-113658(2)/2024
For details, visit www.wbsecd.in

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CIN : U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsecd.in
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WBSEDC, a Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise, engaged in the business of Distribution and Hydro Generation of Electricity invites "REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) from reputed Companies/Firms as Investment Advisors" for Four Term Benefit Trust Fund (CPII/GPI/Pension/Gratuity) for the financial years 2025, 2026 & 2027 on a non-discretionary basis. Interested Companies/Firms may submit their offer in sealed envelope to the AGM (F&A), Corporate Terminals (CIN: WBSEDC) Floor (F-Block), Vaidya Bhawan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700091. Last Date of Submission: 30.08.2024 (1 PM). For detailed scope of work, interested Companies / Firms may visit the Company's website: www.wbsecd.in. ICA-N380(2)/2024
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Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2160 Date: 01.08.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/EE3058/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Life enhancement for Power House Roof of Stage-II (Unit #5 & 6) KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 12.08.2024 at 11:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 10.09.2024 at 15:30 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Subhasis Das. Telephone No.: 8336904051. E-mail: cc_ktps@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-113681(3)/2024

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Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTPP/CC-2195 Date: 05.08.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/BKTPP/NIT/EE3234/24-25
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Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2161 Date: 01.08.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/KTPS/NIT/EE3058/24-25
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Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Santalidh Thermal Power Station
P.O. Santalidh Thermal Plant, Dist. - Purulia, Pin - 723146
Notice Inviting E-Tender
Ref. No.: WBPDCL/Tend-Adv/24-25/STPS/CC-2186 Date: 05.08.2024
NIT No.: WBPDCL/STPS/NIT/EE349/24-25
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, STPS, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Procurement of Various Rollers at CHP for F.Y.24-25 under CHP (MM), STPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 09.08.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 23.08.2024 at 14:00 Hrs. Contact Person: Mr. D. Biswas, Senior Manager (Purchase), STPS. Mobile No.: 8336904045. E-mail: dbiswas@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: <https://wbtenders.gov.in> ICA-113635(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL MEDICAL SERVICES CORPORATION LIMITED
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Swasthya Sathi, GN-29, Sector V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091
Memo No: WBMSCL/PROC/ 4829 Date: 06.08.2024
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting electronic bids for procurement of equipment/item for the Sub-Centre (SC), Primary Health Centre (PHC), Block Public Health Unit (BPHU) and Urban Primary Health Unit (UPHU) of the State of West Bengal under 15th Finance Commission as per details indicated in the table below:

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2.	Footal Doppler (8171)	WBMSCL/NIT-453/2024	31.08.2024 upto 05:00 PM	3 rd call of bid Reference No.: WBMSCL/NIT-611/2023 Date: 16.10.2023
3.	Suture Needle Curved (31580)	Dated -		
4.	Suture Needle Straight-10 (31580)	06.08.2024		

Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in. The tender document may also be downloaded from the websites www.wbhealth.gov.in and www.wbmsc.gov.in
Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Joint Secretary, H& FW Dept. ICA-113613(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
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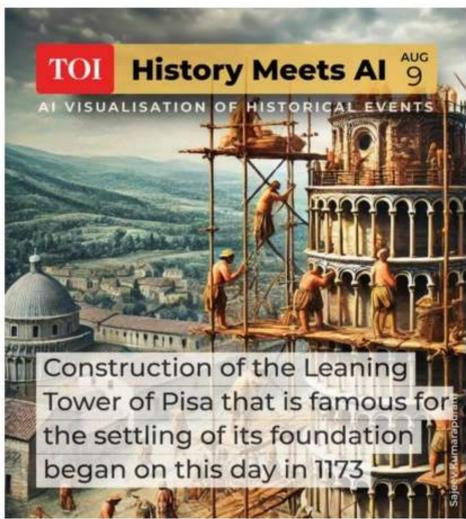
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e-Tenders are invited by Commissioner of Police, Kolkata from Bonafide Dealers / OEM/ Traders having experience in Supply & Maintenance of Colour Photo Lab and Live Telecast Articles for use of Back Pack Section, DD of Kolkata Police. Last date of submission of tender is on 21.08.24 up to 3 P.M. The NIT Document and other details are available in the website <https://www.wbtenders.gov.in> & <https://www.kolkatapolicenotice.com>. Sd/- for CP, Kolkata ICA-113637(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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Govt set to have RS numbers for waqf bill in Nov-Dec sitting

NDA Will Be 2 Shy Of Majority In House Of 237

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New Delhi: Govt may not face difficulty in getting the Waqf (Amendment) Bill passed in Rajya Sabha when it comes up for consideration in the next Parliament session in Nov-Dec as NDA is expected to have adequate numbers in the Upper House by then.

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In addition to the alliance's wins in elections to 12 Rajya Sabha seats on Sept 3, govt will also have the advantage of nominated members if it gets the four vacant seats filled before the next session. The four nominated member seats fell vacant last month.

Four more nominated members on board means govt may not need the support of BJP-friendly parties such as AIADMK (four members) to reach the majority mark in the Upper House. The NDA tally, along with six existing nominated mem-



Apart from election to 12 RS seats slated for Sept 3, NDA will also have the advantage of nominated members if it fills the four vacant seats

bers and two independents, is expected to reach 117 after the upcoming polls — just two short of the majority mark of 119 in the House of 237, factoring in eight vacancies including four each from Jammu & Kashmir and the nominated category. If govt fills the four nominated seats, the House strength will be 241 and the majority mark will be 121. Since nominated members invariably go with govt, NDA's strength will increase from 117 to 121—the exact majority mark.

BJP has 87 members in the Upper House. This number will increase to 94 with party candidates expected to win in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Tripura, Assam, Maharashtra and Bi-

har. Its allies may win in Bihar and Maharashtra. The Sept 3 polls will also work for Congress as the party will get one seat in Telangana, taking its tally to 27—two more than what it needs to retain the leader of opposition post in Rajya Sabha. With 26 members now, leader of opposition Mallikarjun Kharge's fate hangs by a thread.

Ten of the 12 seats going to polls on Sept 3 fell vacant as sitting BJP, Congress and RJD members from seven states were elected to Lok Sabha while one member each from Telangana and Odisha resigned and switched over to other parties.

In Telangana, Bharat Rashtra Samithi member K Keshava Rao resigned and

Prominent Muslim bodies urge govt to withdraw bill

Prominent Muslim organisations have demanded that govt withdraw the proposed amendments to the waqf bill and engage in a detailed consultation with all stakeholders, including religious leaders and waqf management bodies.

The presidents of both factions of Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind put out strong statements opposing the amendments. Maulana Mahmood Madani, president of one of the JUH factions expressed his fears saying that the amendments are "detrimental to the protection of waqf properties".

Jamaat-e-Islami Hind (JIH) president Syed Sadatullah Husaini too registered his opposition to the proposed amendments alleging that they are "aimed at diminishing the autonomy and integrity of waqf properties and the communities they serve." TNN

joined Congress while BJD member from Odisha Mamata Mohanta quit and joined BJP.

Pune business family's Mumbai mansion buy sets tongues wagging

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: A cryptic announcement by Pune-based industrialist Yohan Poonawalla and his wife Michelle on Thursday about a property acquisition in south Mumbai has set tongues wagging in the city's real estate market.

A spokesperson representing the couple said they purchased a mansion in the most coveted and exclusive area of Cuffe Parade in south Mumbai. The standalone property, spanning approximately 30,000 square feet, joins a prestigious collection of mansions in the area that are typically priced between Rs 400 crore and Rs 750 crore.

Despite persistent queries from TOI, the spokesperson refused to divulge the name of the mansion the Poonawallas bought. However, sources in the property market speculated that it could be the early 20th century heritage property Taraporewala Mansion where the writer Mulk Raj Anand once lived. Sources

said the ground-plus-three-storey property was on sale for several years but added its price could be in the range of Rs 100 crore to Rs 150 crore only.

"MYP Design Studio, under Michelle Poonawalla's creative helm, will orchestrate the transformation of this architectural gem into the opulent Poonawalla Mansion, the couple's secondary residence,



Mansions in Cuffe Parade are typically priced between Rs 400 crore and Rs 750 crore. However, the price of the Poonawalla property could be Rs 100 crore to Rs 150 crore only, sources said

their primary home being Poonawalla House in Pune. This project marks a new chapter in the couple's illustrious journey, promising a harmonious blend of historic grandeur and contemporary luxury," said a press release.

The couple plans to showcase Michelle's art collection from renowned artists as well as her own art and oil.

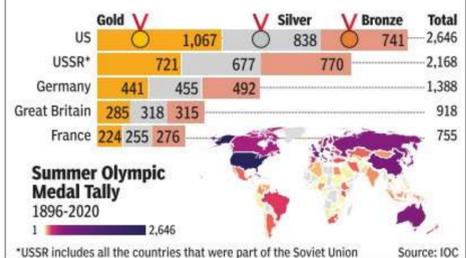
Banker 'plotted' murder for ₹90L FD

An 82-year-old retired BSNL engineer with strained family ties and living alone was killed in Kerala's Kollam, allegedly by the manager of private local bank where he had a Rs 90-lakh FD and four others, this May in a hit-and-run accident that police now claim was orchestrated by the suspects. Manager Saritha (45) and the others have been arrested over C Pappachan's murder. Police say they hatched the conspiracy on the understanding that no one would come to claim the money if Pappachan died. The others held accounts executive Anoop (37), employees Maheen (47), Hashif Ali (27) and Animon (44), an alleged contract killer. They have been remanded in judicial custody for 14 days after being booked under Section 103 (murder) and Section 61 (criminal conspiracy) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Pappachan was hit by a car while cycling near Kollam's Asramam Ground. The car sped off and passers-by took him to hospital, where he was declared dead. Police suspected murder after scanning the crash footage.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers **Richa Gandhi**

US' scorching record at the Summer Games

US has been the dominant force at the Summer Olympics with the highest overall medal count. Since the inaugural Games in 1896, American athletes have won 2,646 medals, including 1,067 gold, the erstwhile USSR, Germany (including East & West previously), Great Britain, and France are the other countries in the top 5



'Jai Hind' to replace 'good morning' in Haryana schools from Aug 15

Chandigarh: From the coming Independence Day, daily greetings in Haryana schools will acquire a patriotic flavour. Instead of "Good Morning", students will greet each other and their teachers with "Jai Hind", reports **Munieshwar Sagar**.

The directorate of school education has issued instructions to all education officers at district and block levels, principals and headmasters to replace "Good Morning" with "Jai Hind" from Aug 15. State govt has decided to replace the greeting to "inculcate a deep sense of patriotism and national pride" in students. "Before the hoisting of the national flag on Independence Day, the instructions should be implemented," the department emphasised, adding that greeting each other with "Jai Hind" will ensure "the students are inspired every day with the spirit of national unity and respect for the rich history of our country".

Detailing the history of the slogan, the department said it was coined and popularised by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, when he formed the Azad Hind Fauj to fight against British rule. After Independence, the slogan was adopted as a greeting by the country's armed forces, symbolising their continued commitment to the sovereignty and security of the nation, it pointed out. The department reasoned that the new greeting will also promote discipline and unity among students, and will remind them daily "of their identity as Indians and their potential contribution to the future of the country".

ASI statement sparks mandir-masjid row

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Bhopal: After Bhojshala, a new controversy has emerged in Madhya Pradesh, this time around the ancient Vijay Surya Mandir in MP's Vidisha that is managed by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI). Pictures of this temple had gone viral some time ago for its uncanny resemblance to the new Parliament building.

For decades, Hindu devotees have observed religious rituals outside the site on Nag Panchami. This year, however, Hindu groups sought permission to enter the premises and hold puja on Aug 9.

District collector Buddhesh Vaishya forwarded their request to ASI, which responded by citing a 1951 gazette notification categorizing the site as 'Bijamandal Mosque'. The collector then denied permission for worship, sparking outrage among Hindu groups.

They oppose ASI's classification of the site as a mosque, asserting that it has been a place of Hindu worship since 1972. The Vijay Surya Mandir / Bijamandal

mosque site — around 60km from Bhopal and barely 10km from Sanchi Stupa — has had a tumultuous history. The ASI-Bhopal circle website says the mosque was constructed on ruins of a Hindu Temple, and one of the inscriptions found on the pillars says it was a temple of Goddess Charchika.

It is believed to have been built in the 11th-12th Century to honour the Sun God. The temple suffered significant damage during Mughal rule, particularly under the reign of Aurangzeb, after which it was repurposed as a mosque in the 17th Century. However, under Maratha rule, the mosque was relocated, and the site fell into disrepair, say locals.

In 1934, the discovery of the temple ruins sparked a movement, led by Hindu Mahasabha, for its preservation. Since then, the temple has been opened for worship only once a year, on Nag Panchami.

To address tensions in 1965, the then CM, Dwarka Prasad Mishra, established a separate Idgah for Muslims. Muslim representatives refrained from speaking to media.

Odisha plans India's 1st univ for the blind

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Bhubaneswar: India's first international university for the blind will come up in Odisha, providing education and technical courses, officials said on Thursday.

India has over 50 lakh blind people and Odisha is home to over 5.2 lakh, including 2 lakh young population. "We need a comprehensive and exclusive university for them to cater to their educa-

We are planning to set up a campus to provide education to students from Class IX onwards from India and abroad, said an Odisha govt official

tion and training needs," said Sannayashai Behera, a blind deputy secretary of Social Security and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (SSEP) department.

Named after Bhima Bhoi, a blind poet and 19th century social reformer, the university will have a centre of excel-

lence on technology, besides schools for higher education.

A delegation from Japan's University of Tsukuba, a famous special school for the blind, met SSEPD officials on Thursday. "We will soon send a proposal to CM Mohan Charan Majhi for approval. The Japan delega-

tion will also meet him on Friday," said Behera.

The plan includes accessible residential facilities with an advanced digital lab on the varsity campus.

SSEP principal secretary Bishnupada Sethi said, "We are planning to set up a campus to provide education to students from Class IX onwards from India and abroad. We will provide vocational courses like acupuncture and physiotherapy, besides policy research."

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NIT Agartala invites applications from Indian Nationals to fill the vacant positions of **Assistant Professors (Grade-I & II)**. This is an extension update to the recruitment notice for Assistant Professor vacancies at NIT Agartala, vide reference Nos. F.NITA.2(521-Estt)/2022/Vol III/734, dated 22/04/2022 & No. F.NITA.2(545-Estt)/2022/6445, dated 07/12/2023.

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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Online applications are invited from the eligible candidates for appointment to the post of **Assistant Professor** on purely contractual basis in the Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development (Industrial Waste Management) of the University. Advertisement and other details are available on the University's Website www.cuh.ac.in. Any corrigendum, addendum, etc. will be uploaded on the University's website only. The last date for applying online is **27-08-2024**.
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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person(s) **Zubair Khan**, S/o: Sarfaraz Khan, R/o: H. No. 313/101 K 2nd Floor Tulsī Nagar Inder Lok, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 501/2018, U/s 25 A Act, P.S.: Bhajanpura, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused person(s) **Zubair Khan** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person(s) **Zubair Khan** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person(s) **Zubair Khan** of FIR No. 501/2018, U/s 25 A Act, P.S.: Bhajanpura, Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before 03.10.2024.

By Order
Pankaj Rai
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Room No. 73, North East District
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PUBLIC NOTICE GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR THE ALLOTMENT OF WHOLESALE LICENSE OF IMFL (L-1) AND COUNTRY LIQUOR (L-13) FOR THE YEAR 2024-25 IN ALL THE DISTRICTS OF THE STATE.

The applications are hereby invited for grant of wholesale license of IMFL in the form of L-1 and Wholesale license of Country Liquor in form of L-13 for all the excise districts in the State. The Wholesale license of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted to the applicant amongst the retail outlet allottees/licensees of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) respectively. The L-1 and L-13 licenses shall be granted on the basis of quota contribution of Indian Made foreign Liquor (L-2) and Country Liquor (L-14A) (of the policy year 2024-25), amongst the applicant allottees/licensees of retail zones within an Excise district. The quota contribution for the purpose of grant of L-1 & L-13 licenses shall be calculated on the basis of retail liquor zones allotted as on 12.08.2024 for receiving such applications for grant of L-1/L-13. The L-1/L-13 license(s) shall be granted only to those eligible applicants who apply for the License(s) within the date fixed/extended by the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana. The Excise Policy provides that the Excise and Taxation Commissioner may invite applications for such number of L-1/L-13 licenses as he may deem fit. The Excise and Taxation Commissioner may also conduct the process of allotment in multiple rounds of inviting applications. Next round of allotment of L-1 and L-13 Licenses will be initiated after the completion of seventh round.

The number of wholesale licenses of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) in the district for which the applications are being invited in seventh round shall be as under:-

Sr. No.	District Name	Count of new proposed L-1 license 2024-25	Count of new proposed L-13 license 2024-25
1	Ambala	1	1
2	Bhiwani	1	1
3	Faridabad	2	1
4	Fatehabad	0	1
5	Gurugram (East)	2	1
6	Gurugram (West)	1	1
7	Hisar	2	2
8	Jagadhari	1	1
9	Jhajjar	3	2
10	Jind	1	1
11	Kaithal	1	1
12	Karnal	3	2
13	Kurukshetra	1	1
14	Mewat	1	1
15	Narnaul	1	1
16	Palwal	2	1
17	Panchkula	1	1
18	Panipat	1	1
19	Rewari	2	3
20	Rohtak	2	2
21	Sirsa	2	2
22	Sonepat	2	2
	Total	33	30

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted in accordance with the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. The Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on the official website of the department www.haryanatax.gov.in.

The application may be submitted in the office of the DETC (Excise) concerned on or before 12.08.2024. The application shall be forwarded by the DETC (Excise) alongwith his recommendation to the Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana, immediately.

The quota contribution shall be taken up to 12.08.2024.

The licenses for wholesale outlets of IMFL (L-1) and Country Liquor (L-13) shall be granted subject to the provisions of Haryana Excise Act, 1914, rules framed thereunder and as per the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25.

Excise and Taxation Commissioner
Haryana, Panchkula.

Issued through DPR/Haryana/Adv. No. 28736/08.08.2024

India calls for restraint, de-escalation in West Asia

The situation in West Asia is of extreme concern to India, govt said citing that there are around 3,000 Indian nationals in Lebanon and 10,000 people in Iran. It also called for restraint and de-escalation. "Our embassy is there. They have issued advisories for people to be cautious; and given the situation, we would continue to call for de-escalation and call for restraint because that is the need of the hour," said MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal. West Asia is reeling under increasing tensions since the killing of Hamas' Ismail Haniyeh last week. **TNN**

Notice for Inviting Tender (NIT)

DIF/HR/2024/2032 Bhopal, Date: 08/08/2024
Selection of Agency for Providing Support Consultant for Directorate of Institutional Finance, Government of Madhya Pradesh

For detailed scope of work and other terms and conditions, please refer to the tender document available at <https://mptenders.gov.in>. Interested Agencies who qualify per the criteria mentioned in the tender document, may submit their proposals online through the <https://mptenders.gov.in> only latest by 03/09/2024 till 03:00 PM.

Any update, corrigendum, addendum, etc. shall be made available only at the MP Tenders portal.

Sd/-
(Commissioner)
DIF, BHOPAL

G-14768/24

B-156 E-mail ID: cebuidings_orissa@yahoo.co.in
cebuidings@rediffmail.com
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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF (CIVIL), ODISHA NIRMAN SOUDHA, UNIT-V, BHUBANESWAR INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB)

File No-B-IV-H (H&D)-119/2023 Lr. No.- 31664 Bhubaneswar, the 7th Aug., 2024
Invitation for Bids
Bid Identification No. C.E. (B) - 05/2024-25

- The Chief Engineer, Buildings, Odisha, Bhubaneswar, on behalf of Governor of Odisha, invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE only, for the works, (1) Construction of Trauma Care Unit and New SDH Building at Rairakhol, Sambalpur, (2) Construction of CHC Building at Berhampur in Cuttack District, (3) Construction of CHC Building at Bindhanima in Cuttack District, (4) Construction of CHC Building at Kanpur in Cuttack District, (5) Construction of CHC Building at Kodala in the district of Ganjam, (6) Construction of CHC Building at Patrapur in Ganjam, (7) Construction of CHC Building at Khalkote in Ganjam, (8) Construction of 50 Bedded Critical Care Block at MC&H Balasore, Odisha as detailed below.
- Nature of work : Building works
- No. of work : 08 Nos.
- Bid Cost : Rs. 10,000/- (each)
- Class of Contractor : 'A' / Special / Super Class
- Availability of Bid Documents in the website : From dt. 20.08.2024 to 17.00 Hours of dt. 05.09.2024.
- Date of Opening of Bid : Dt. 06.09.2024 at 11:30 AM.

The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website: <https://tendersodisha.gov.in>. Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website only.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer (Buildings),
Odisha, Bhubaneswar
OIPR-34117/11001324-25

MINERAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT DIRECTORATE OF GEOLOGY AND MINING, MADHYA PRADESH 29-A Khanij Bhawan, Arera Hills Bhopal Phone and fax 0755-2551795 Email: geology.dgm@mp.gov.in

No-8599/Auction-13/Geology/F.No.-13/2024-25 August 08, 2024

Notice Inviting Tender

Government of Madhya Pradesh in exercise of the powers conferred by Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, invites tender from the eligible bidders for the e-auction of major minerals in the state. Eligibility conditions, timelines, terms, and conditions etc. for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/index.jsp>) from August 09, 2024.

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above e-auction portal. The bidders can participate in the bidding only after online purchase of the Tender Document on payment of the Tender fee from the above e-auction portal. Any revision, clarifications, addendum, corrigendum, time extensions, etc. to the tender document will be hosted on the above e-auction portal only and no separate notifications shall be issued in the press. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summaries are available free of cost on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited website (<https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/index.jsp>).

The block specific Tender documents are available for purchase on the e-auction portal of MSTC Limited (<https://www.mstccommerce.com/auctionhome/mlc/index.jsp>). The pre-bid conference would be organised in hybrid mode on Thursday, August 29, 2024. The venue, time and link for virtual mode shall be notified separately on the MSTC portal. Last date for purchase of Tender Document, on the e-auction platform is Monday, 16 September, 2024, and the last date for submission of the bid is Monday, 23 September, 2024, on or before 17:00 hours (IST). The bidders shall note that financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format.

Sr. No.	Name of the Block	District	Mineral	ML/ CL	Price of Tender Document without GST (in Rs.)
First Attempt Blocks					
1	Pipariya Dyandas Limestone Block	Damoh	Limestone	ML	5,00,000
2	Dedli B Limestone Block	Dhar	Limestone	ML	5,00,000
3	Naganwat Badi & Choti (Block-D) Manganese Block*	Jhabua	Managnese Ore	CL	25,000
4	Kauhari Diamond Block	Satna & Panna	Diamond	CL	5,00,000
5	Bagda- Sawarsa Basemetal Block	Dewas	Basemetal	CL	5,00,000
6	Jalka (S.E.) Bauxite and Aluminous Laterite Block	Dindori	Bauxite & Aluminous Laterite	CL	2,00,000
7	Tantar Bauxite and Aluminous Laterite Block	Dindori	Bauxite & Aluminous Laterite	CL	5,00,000
8	Gagarwada Agarwara Limestone Block	Khargone	Limestone	CL	5,00,000
Second Attempt					
9	Papra Kokahansar Diamond Block*	Satna	Diamond	CL	5,00,000
10	Khari Takari Limestone Block	Dhar	Limestone	CL	5,00,000
11	Nandiya Agarwara Manganese Block	Khargone	Manganese Ore	CL	5,00,000
12	Chuli-Barora Limestone Block	Sidhi	Limestone	CL	25,000
13	Parihasi Basemetal Block	Singrauli	Basemetal	CL	5,00,000
14	Baranjh-Pakkatola Bauxite Block	Anuppur	Bauxite	CL	5,00,000
15	Byodhar Gold and Basemetal Block	Singrauli	Gold & Basemetal	CL	5,00,000

Note: * Mineral Blocks being put up for auction in accordance with section 10A2D of the Act

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Geology and Mining
Madhya Pradesh

G-14769/24

Autopsy report reveals 4 holes in skull of tiger, raises MP poaching fears

Bhopal: MP forest department is aflutter after initial postmortem of a tiger revealed four holes in its skull, indicating gunshot injuries, reports P Naveen.

The skull has been sent for ballistic tests. The carcase was found on July 14 in Ratapani wildlife sanctuary. Three of its paws and three canines

were missing. The skull was found the next day, and immediately there was suspicion it had been shot by poachers.

On July 20, two suspects were arrested and two guns were seized. They have not been charged with the tiger's death yet. An analysis of the tiger's wounds show multiple "penetrating head trauma".

DGP: 1,650+ arrests under UP's 2020 anti-conversion law

Lucknow: As many 1,682 people were arrested and 835 cases registered in UP till July 31 under the state's anti-conversion law since it came into effect in 2020, DGP Prashant Kumar said Thursday, reports Pathikrit Chakraborty.

A total of 2,708 people have been named in the cases under the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act. Most of the cases were filed in Ghaziabad, Ambedkarnagar, Bhadohi, Saharanpur and Shahjahanpur. "We have filed chargesheets in almost 98% cases, which is about 818 cases, while 17 are still under probe," Kumar added. He warned that "those who offer allurement, inducement, and adopt illegal means for conversion would not be spared". He asserted that no innocent person was "harassed".

Other officers said 124 persons were let off after it was found that they had no role in conversions. "Seventy others have surrendered in court," one officer said. The cops have till now secured conviction in four of the cases. In one case, the police attached the properties of an accused in Sitapur who has been on the run. Another suspect was sentenced to five years in Amroha.

In yet another case, a Muslim woman, a resident of Lucknow, lodged an FIR on July 6 accusing her husband of "lovejihad".

A couple visiting Sitapur with tourists from Brazil was booked for allegedly forcing people to convert to Christianity.

Meanwhile, govt-aided SHUATS in Prayagraj, has landed in trouble with Fatehpur police lodging an FIR against eight of its officials, including V-C and two pro vice-chancellors, under anti-conversion law.

राष्ट्रीय गतिशील दिव्यांगजन संस्थान
National Institute for Locomotor Disabilities (Divyangjan)
(दिव्यांगजन सहायक विभाग, सामाजिक न्याय एवं अधिकारिता मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)
(Department of Empowerment of PwDs (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Govt. of India)
प्री. टो. रोड बंगलूरु, कोलकाता 700090 / B.T. Road, Bon Hooghly, Kolkata-700090
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web: www.nioh.nic.in

No. RECRUIT-CONTRACT-2024/2971/ESTT/NILD/820 Date: 29.07.2024

EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION
Eligible Indian Nationals are hereby informed to appear for the selection to the following posts purely on contract basis in the Institute. The selection will be held on 24-08-2024, 06-09-2024 & 11-09-2024 at 10.00 a.m. onwards. Candidates should report at the venue 01 hours before the scheduled date and time. The details of the post as under:-

No.	Name of the Posts/No. of Posts
Date of selection on 24-08-2024 at NILD, Kolkata	
01	Senior Resident (Orthopaedic)-01 (03 years tenure post)
02	Senior Resident (PM&R)-01 (03 years tenure post)
03	Orthopaedic Surgeon (Consultant)-01
Date of selection on 06-09-2024 at NILD, Kolkata	
04	Clinical Tutor (Occupational Therapy)-02 (03 years tenure post)
Date of selection on 11-09-2024 at NILD, Kolkata	
05	Clinical Tutor (Prosthetics & Orthotics)-01 (03 years tenure post)

For details of advertisement & application format log in to www.nioh.nic.in

Sd/-
Director
CBC 38113/11/0006/2425

भारतीय विज्ञान शिक्षा एवं अनुसंधान संस्थान बरहमपुर
IISER INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH BERHAMPUR
An Autonomous Institution of the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India

(Short advertisement for recruitment of faculty position on direct recruitment)
No. IISERBPR/DOFA/2024/2 Dated: 08.08.2024

Opening date for submission of application: 1000 hrs. of August 12, 2024
Closing date of submission of application: 1700 hrs. of September 11, 2024
Crucial date for calculation of age/qualification/experience: September 11, 2024

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Berhampur is a premier autonomous institution of National Importance established by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Govt. of India (GoI) for promotion of high-quality science education and research in the country. IISER Berhampur was set up as the 7th IISER by Govt. of India in 2016 under NITSER Act, 2007.

The Institute invites applications through online from eligible candidates for the following positions:-

The details of the posts are as under:

S. No.	Position	Department	Vacancy with category	Area of Specialization
1	Professor	Chemical Sciences	01 (UR)	Synthetic Organic Chemistry, Bio-organic Chemistry
2	Assistant Professor-G-1	Earth & Environmental Sciences **	02 (UR-1, SC-1)	Environmental Chemistry, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, Structural Geology, Economic Geology
3	Assistant Professor-G-1	Computer Sciences	01 (OBC/NCL)	Environmental Chemistry, Hydrogeology, Geochemistry, Structural Geology, Economic Geology
4	Assistant Professor-G-1	Biological Sciences	01 (ST)	Immunology, Ecological Sciences, Structural Biology, Animal Physiology, Neuro Biology.

* Applicants who have Ph.D. in Geological Sciences or PhD in Chemistry and related areas having appropriate experience may apply for environmental chemistry specialization.

Horizontal reservation of prescribed 4% for PwBD candidates as per the relevant Act & instructions of the Govt. of India as applicable are to be made.

Note: Please visit Institute website www.iiserbpr.ac.in for submission of application and full text of the advertisement for all other details regarding educational qualification, experiences and other eligibility criteria. The detail advertisement as posted on our website will regulate the recruitment of the above posts.

Registrar

NAGAR NIGAM MORADABAD

Pili Kothi, Jalkal Compound, Moradabad-244001 (U.P.)

Ref.: -165/PA-2/CE/NNM/2024-25 Dated: 07/08/2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice
Chief Engineer, Nagar Nigam Moradabad invites percentage-rate bids on <http://etender.up.nic.in> from eligible bidders for the following package under the CM-GRID scheme

Sl. No.	Nagar Nigam	Package No.	Included Roads	Length of Road (km)	86/PA-2/CE/NNM/2024-25 Date 18-06-2024		Total Estimated Cost of Work (Rs. In Lakh)	Earnest Money Deposit (Rs. In Lakh)	Duration of Construction (in Months)	Tender Fee Including GST
					Estimated Cost Excluding GST (Rs. Lakh)	Const. Maintenance For 5 Years				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	Moradabad	MBD/CMG 01	Chaudhary Charan Singh Chowk to Chiriyā Tola	1.5	2043.83	40.92	2084.75	31.30	15	41300.00/-

Timeline:

S.No.	Event	Date & time
1	Availability of tender document on E-Tendering portal	10-08-2024, 12:00 PM
2	Pre-bid meetings	14-08-2024, 03:00 PM @ 3rd Floor URIDA, Sector-7, Gomti Nagar Extension, Lucknow-226002.
3	Last date of uploading the tender document on E-Tendering portal	23-08-2024, 03:00 PM
4	Opening of tender (technical bid)	23-08-2024, 03:30 PM

Any Corrigendum/addendum or any other additional information related to the tender will be available in website/E-tendering portal i.e. <http://etender.up.nic.in>

Chief Engineer Nagar Nigam Moradabad
Jal Kal Comp, Pili Kothi, Moradabad (U.P.)

CORPORATE BUZZ

HUDCO inks pact with RITES to boost urban development

Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) and RITES Limited signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to establish a strategic partnership aimed at advancing infrastructure and urban development projects across India. This collaboration marks a significant step forward for both organisations. The MoU was officially



signed by Dr Sukanya Ghosh, Executive Director (Consultancy Services) HUDCO, and Pankaj Chaudhary, Chief Strategy Officer RITES Limited, in the presence of Sanjay Kulshreshtha, Chairman and Managing Director HUDCO, and Rahul Mithal, CMD RITES Limited, and other senior officials. The document establishes a collaborative framework that allows both organisations to take up a comprehensive range of consultancy and fee-based projects. HUDCO will extend finance for a variety of infrastructure projects,

while RITES will leverage its consultancy expertise to support projects funded by HUDCO.

Parliamentarian applauds 'The Cottage'



Taking out time from the ongoing Parliament session, Member of Parliament Anil Desai visited 'The Cottage' on August 1, 2024. He appreciated the variety of gift options curated by the Central Cottage Industries Corporation Ltd from the offerings of artisans and weavers for PSUs, corporates, ministry officials, etc. He also discussed options to increase sales from Maharashtra with Manoj Lal, Managing Director, The Central Cottage Industries Corporation Ltd.

Uganda sub-station dedicated to the nation

President of Uganda H.E. Yoweri Kagame Museveni and Vice President of Uganda, H.E. Jessica Alupo dedicated Nebbi and Arua substations built with POWERGRID as PMC to the nation in presence of the Cabinet Minister of Energy, Ruth Sentamano Nankabirwa, MPs and top officials from UETCL. Dr Yatindra Dwivedi, Director (Personnel), and Sanjay Kumar Gupta,



Head (International Business), represented POWERGRID at the ceremony and congratulated the Government of Uganda.

IGDTUW welcomes students

Excitement was in the air at Indira Gandhi Delhi Technical University for Women (IGDTUW) as it welcomed its new postgraduate and PhD students on Orientation Day, held on August 5, 2024. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Anu Singh Lather, congratulated the students and said, "It's a pleasure to be here with you all



today. As young women, you have the power to shape the future and make a difference in any field you choose. Dream big, set your goals high, and work hard to achieve them." The day included speeches from key figures such as the vice chancellor, chief guest, deans, heads of departments, registrar, librarian, hostel warden, and the training and placement officer. It concluded with a campus tour, allowing the new students to explore their new home and get acquainted with their surroundings.

ICG conducts medical evacuation of fisherman

In a medical evacuation operation at midnight on August 7, 2024, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) ship evacuated a 21-year-old Indian fisherman from IFB Sengalamma (Tamil Nadu registered) who had sustained thirty per cent second-degree burn on left arm and left leg, 183 km east of Kakinada. On receipt of information, ICG ship Samudra Paharedar

was immediately diverted for assistance. Meanwhile, ICG Station Kakinada was alerted to arrange necessary medical assistance to the patient. Medical officer onboard Samudra Paharedar provided initial medical treatment to the patient. After stabilizing the patient, the ship transferred the patient and the attendants to the ICG ship C-430 for onward passage to Kakinada. On reaching there, the patient was transferred to Government Hospital Kakinada for further medical care.

APPOINTMENT

HS Upadhyay takes over as CPRO of Northern Railway: On August 5, 2024, Indian Railway Traffic Service (IRTS) officer of 2007 Civil Services batch, Himanshu Shekhar Upadhyay, took over as Chief Public Relations Officer of Northern Railway. Prior to this, he was serving as Chief Public Relations Officer of North Central Railway, Prayagraj. Upadhyay received his early education from Almorā and later on post graduated in Economics from Allahabad University. He has worked in many important positions for North Central Railway, including Divisional Operations Manager, Jhansi; Senior Divisional Operations Manager (General) /

CBI arrests ED asst director for accepting ₹20 lakh bribe

Agencies Had Conducted Joint Raids On Officer

Rajshekhhar.Jha
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ED has now initiated a money laundering case against him

New Delhi: CBI has arrested an assistant director of Enforcement Directorate in connection with an alleged bribery case. The accused, identified as Sandeep Singh, was apprehended while accepting a bribe of Rs 20 lakh, the agency said. Subsequent to CBI's raid, ED initiated a money laundering probe against its officer and registered a case against him. CBI and ED had jointly raided the officer's office and house. Singh has been placed under suspension and is being repatriated to his parent department from ED.

Singh, who was attached to the headquarters investigative unit of the agency in Delhi, was allegedly trying to extort money from a jeweller who was under investigation by ED. The probe found that Singh was not even the investigating officer of the case in which he was taking the bribe. "He was requisitioned for the limited purpose of

conducting the search at the target premises. However, Singh represented himself as the investigating officer and allegedly accepted the bribe for favouring the accused, though he was in no way connected with the case being investigated," CBI said. The jeweller filed a complaint with CBI, prompting the agency to initiate an investigation. CBI teams placed Singh's phone under surveillance and gathered evidence of the alleged bribery before carrying out a trap operation. Singh was caught by CBI in Delhi around 11.30 pm on Aug 7 along with cash worth Rs 20 lakh, which he had allegedly extorted from the individual under investigation by ED. "A handwritten complaint, dated Aug 6, was submitted by one Vipul Harish Thakkar, levelling allega-

tions against Sandeep Singh, assistant director, and Alok Kumar Pankaj, enforcement officer (EO), ED HQ, investigation unit-1, New Delhi. Verification of the complaint, conducted in the presence of independent witnesses, prima facie unveiled an act of criminal conspiracy allegedly orchestrated by Singh in collusion with unidentified accomplices," CBI's FIR said. In a statement, ED said, "Taking immediate cognizance of this incident and following the policy of zero tolerance towards corruption, ED has initiated criminal action against Sandeep Singh under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. An ECIR is registered against him and a search operation conducted at his residence on Aug 8 under the provisions of PMLA by ED so as to gather evidence of his criminal activities."

CoBRA jawan hurt in Jharkhand Maoist blast: A 30-year-old CoBRA jawan was hurt in a Maoist IED blast during an operation at a village in Jharkhand's West Singhbhum on Thursday. The jawan was airlifted to Ranchi for further treatment. TNN

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER
For and on behalf of President of India, the Chief Electrical Engineer (Project), South Eastern Railway, 11 Convent Lane, Bellaghatta, Kolkata-700015 invites e-Tender for the following work. e-Tender Notice No.: SER-OHE-SINI-PRR-MURI-2x25KV, Dated: 08.08.2024. Name of work and its location: Design, supply, erection, testing and commissioning for up gradation of Electric Traction System from 1x25 KV to 2x25 KV traction system for Sini-Purulia-Muri section of Adra/Ranchi/Chakradharpur division of South Eastern Railway to meet 3000 MT loading target. Completion period of the work: 24 months from date of issue of LOA. Approximate cost of the work: ₹ 111,53,77,750.30. Bid Security: ₹ 57,26,900. Cost of tender document: Nil. Validity of offer: 90 days from the date of opening of tender. Last date of receiving queries: 26.08.2024. Pre bid meeting: 28.08.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Physical submission of original Bank Guarantee (if applicable) for Bid security: 23.09.2024. Date & Time for submission of the tender and opening of tender: (1) Last date of Submission up to 14.00 hrs. on 24.09.2024. (2) Tender will be opened at 15.00 hrs. on 24.09.2024. Website particular where complete details of tender can be seen: www.ireps.gov.in. (PR-464)

ANNEXURE- III
NORTH EASTERN INDIRA GANDHI REGIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH & MEDICAL SCIENCES, MAWDI/ANGDIANG, SHILLONG-793018
No. NEIGR-E.II/4/2012/PL.II Dated the 23rd July 2024
CORRIGENDUM
Refer to Advt. F.No.U.12012/15/2024-NE dated 05.06.2024 relating to recruitment of the post of Financial Advisor on deputation basis published in newspapers on 05.07.2024 & Employment News dated 13th-19th July, 2024. All correspondence and queries may be communicated to Director, NEIGRIHMS, Shillong by email at ar-academic@neigrhms.gov.in or contact Recruitment Section at Phone No. 0364-2538020, 0364-2539216.
The detailed advertisement & Proforma of application can be downloaded in the Institute's website www.neigrhms.gov.in
Sd/-
Deputy Director (Admn),
NEIGRIHMS, Shillong.
CBC 17119/11/0003/2425

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 Earned 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 @ CPONCR

Teen 'shoots' self using dad's rifle, cops to probe: A 16-year-old boy died after he allegedly shot himself in the head with his father's licenced rifle at his home in Mahad, Raigad district on Thursday. Prima facie, an accidental death case was registered at Mahad city police station. According to Raigad SP Somnath Garge, the boy's father said his son was disturbed over the past few days. Garge said there will be further probe in the case. TNN

Notice Inviting Expression of Interest
(RIL/E&P/EOI/2024/01)
(Under International Competitive Bidding)

Reliance is India's largest private sector company, with a consolidated revenue of ₹ 10,00,122 crore (US\$ 119.9 billion), cash profit of ₹ 1,41,969 crore (US\$ 17.0 billion) and net profit of ₹ 79,020 crore (US\$ 9.5 billion) for the year ended March 31, 2024. Reliance's activities span hydrocarbon exploration and production, petroleum refining and marketing, petrochemicals, advanced materials and composites, renewables (solar and hydrogen), retail and digital services. Currently ranked 86th, Reliance is the largest private sector company from India to be featured in Fortune's Global 500 list of 'World's Largest Companies' for 2024.

Reliance Industries Limited (RIL), as operator, on behalf of itself & its co-venturer BP Exploration (Alpha) Limited invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from reputed and experienced Contractors/ Vendors for following categories, for Deep-water Block No. KG-DWN-98/3 (KG-D6) in East coast of India:

Category Number	Category Description
OAM/KGD6/2024/1	Equipment, Materials & Services (incl. Administrative related services) for Operation and Maintenance of Onshore & Offshore facilities including FPSO

Interested Contractors/Vendors are requested to visit our website www.ril.com (E2B> Suppliers> E&P Notices for EOI) for further details on the above and submit their EOI through e-mail on deveoirresponse.eandp@ril.com, on or before 30 August 2024. Subject of the mail should mention "RIL/E&P/EOI/2024/01" along with category number. For documents size beyond 10 MB, Contractors/Vendors should request RIL through e-mail to provide FTP link for uploading EOI documents.

Address for Communication
Chief - Supply Chain Management,
Reliance Industries Limited, Petroleum Business (E&P),
Reliance Corporate Park (RCP),
Building No 11, 'A' Wing, Second Floor,
Thane-Belapur Road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai - 400 701, India.
Email: deveoirresponse.eandp@ril.com
CIN: L17110MH1973PLC019786



Jio JIO FINANCIAL SERVICES LIMITED
(formerly known as Reliance Strategic Investments Limited)
Regd. Office: 1st Floor, Building 4NA, Maker Maxity, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai - 400051
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CIN: L65990MH1999PLC120918

NOTICE FOR THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMPANY
FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (POST LISTING) AND INFORMATION ON E-VOTING

Notice convening the First Annual General Meeting (Post Listing) ("AGM") of the Company, scheduled to be held in compliance with applicable circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and the Securities and Exchange Board of India, through Video Conferencing ("VC") / Other Audio Visual Means ("OAVM") on Friday, August 30, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. (IST), and the standalone and consolidated audited financial statements for the financial year 2023-24, along with Board's Report, Auditors' Report and other documents required to be attached thereto, have been sent on Thursday, August 8, 2024, electronically, to the members of the Company. The Notice of the AGM and the aforesaid documents are available on the Company's website at www.jfs.in and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, that is, BSE Limited ("BSE") and National Stock Exchange of India Limited ("NSE") at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively, and on the website of Company's Registrar and Transfer Agent, KFin Technologies Limited ("KFinTech"), at https://evoting.kfintech.com.

The documents referred to in the Notice of the AGM are available for inspection electronically by the members from the date of circulation of the Notice of the AGM. Members seeking to inspect such documents can send an e-mail to jfs.agm@jfs.in.

Remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM:
The Company is providing to its members, facility to exercise their right to vote on resolutions proposed to be passed at AGM by electronic means ("e-voting"). Members may cast their votes remotely on the dates mentioned herein below ("remote e-voting"). The Company has engaged the services of KFinTech as the agency to provide e-voting facility.

Information and instructions comprising manner of voting, including voting remotely by members holding shares in dematerialised mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email address has been provided in the Notice of the AGM. The manner in which (a) persons who become members of the Company after despatch of the Notice of the AGM and holding shares as on the Cut-off Date (mentioned herein); and (b) members who have forgotten the User ID and Password can obtain / generate the User ID and Password, has also been provided in the Notice of the AGM.

The remote e-voting facility will be available during the following voting period:

Commencement of remote e-voting: 1:00 p.m. IST on Sunday, August 25, 2024
End of remote e-voting: 5:00 p.m. IST on Thursday, August 29, 2024

The remote e-voting will not be allowed beyond the aforesaid date and time and the remote e-voting module shall be forthwith disabled by KFinTech upon expiry of the aforesaid period.

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNICAL TEACHERS TRAINING AND RESEARCH
Deemed to be University (Under Distinct Category)
SECTOR-26, CHANDIGARH-160 019
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)
Advertisement No. NITTR/Academic Cell/239/2024
ADMISSION NOTICE
M.E. PROGRAMMES for the Academic Year 2024-25
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)
2. Electrical Engineering (Instrumentation & Control)
3. Electronics and Communication Engineering (VLSI Design)
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.nittrchd.ac.in. Last Date of Receipt of Applications by email at me.admissions@nittrchd.ac.in is 26th August, 2024 by 5.00 PM
DIRECTOR

Vacancy Announcement
Trust for Advancement of Agricultural Sciences (TAAS), IARI Pusa, New Delhi, 110012, needs the services of fresh MSc/Ph.D. in Agricultural Extension /Agri Economics/Agronomy for one year. The primary task is to provide technical support to the recently initiated TAAS program "Agricultural Extension Platform for South Asia (AEPISA)". The gross moderate emolument package proposed is INR 30,000 per month. Interested candidates may provide a brief CV with details of qualifications and experience on taasriar@gmail.com by 31st August, 2024. Computer skills and English language proficiency is needed in the project work. The candidates residing in NCR Delhi would be preferred.

Admission Open through CUET Merit GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
BS in Packaging Technology (4 years UG Course)
MS in Packaging Technology (2 years PG Course)
Affiliated to GGSIP University, Delhi
For Admission Visit - https://ipu.admissions.nic.in/
Last Date for Submission of Application - 20th August, 2024
Call : 7416564129, 9486173794, 9310601300
E-mail : tneiipdelhi@iip-in.com, iipdelhi@iip-in.com

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण
प्रथम चरण, कॉम्प्लेक्स, सैक्टर-ओमेगा-1 (पी-2), ग्रेटर नोएडा, जनपद गौतमबुद्धनगर-201308 (8090)
Toll Free No. 18001808296 वेबसाइट: www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com
पत्रांक: वाई.ई.ए./मूलेख/842/2024 दिनांक: 07/08/2024
सार्वजनिक सूचना
सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि राजस्व ग्राम धनौरी, परगना दनकौर, तहसील व जिला गौतमबुद्धनगर के 473.2033 हेठ भू-अर्जन के साथै दिये जाने वाले 07 प्रतिशत आबादी भूखण्डों के पात्र भूस्वामियों को आवंटित किये जाने वाले भूखण्डों का ब्ला यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के समाकक्ष में दिनांक 16.08.2024 को किया जाना प्रस्तावित है।
उक्त भूखण्डों से संबंधित कृषक दिनांक 16.08.2024 को यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के समाकक्ष में उपस्थित होने का कष्ट करें।
यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लानिंग/हाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवरुद्ध है। सामान्यतः इस प्रकार की खरीदफोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनी/इंजर् के आमक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

भारतीय समुद्री विश्वविद्यालय
INDIAN MARITIME UNIVERSITY
(A Central University, Government of India)
Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2008
Advt. No. IMU-HQ/R/NT/2024/01 Dated : 09.08.2024
Advertisement for Recruitment of Non-Teaching Posts
The Indian Maritime University invites applications from eligible and interested candidates for the following posts on Direct Recruitment basis. Interested candidates may apply through online from the link available at https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/recruitment The details are as follows:-

Sl. No.	Post Code	Posts	No. of Posts	Mode of Recruitment	Reservation	Horizontal Reservation	Pay as per 7th CPC
1	NT-01	Assistant	15	Direct Recruitment	UR-7, OBC-NCL-4, SC-2, ST-1, EWS-1	a. Ex-servicemen - 03 posts	Pay Matrix Level-4 of 7th CPC
2	NT-02	Assistant (Finance)	12		UR-9, SC-2, EWS-1	b. P.w.D - 01 post (Blindness and low vision / Deaf and Hard of Hearing)	

Indicative place of posting: The vacancies are at HQ, Chennai and at other Campuses- Mumbai, Kolkata, Vizag, Kochi and Chennai.
The vacancies stated above are tentative and are subject to change. IMU reserves the right not to fill up any of the posts advertised (or) cancel the recruitment at any stage.
For further details regarding eligibility criteria: Age, Educational Qualifications, Experience, etc., please visit https://www.imu.edu.in/imunew/recruitment
Important dates:
Opening date for submission of online application: 09.08.2024
Closing date for submission of online application: 30.08.2024
REGISTRAR

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/ NET BANKING. 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

Bodies of 3 Hmar men bore bruises, says autopsy report, fuels 'fake encounter' buzz

Guwahati: Postmortem and inquest reports of three Hmar individuals, who Assam Police said were militants killed in a "crossfire" between cops and another group of militants on July 16 in Cachar district, have revealed that besides bullet marks, their bodies also showed injuries from the impact of a blunt force. The reports have fuelled allegations of fake encounter, reports Prabin Kalita.

Alleging torture & extrajudicial killing, family of the deceased had filed a writ petition and demanded an independent inquiry by CBI. State govt has denied custodial death allegations. Hearing the families' plea on Wednesday, a division bench noted that the petitioners had no objection to taking custody of the bodies to perform their last rites. The case will be heard next on Sept 10.

Man chokes sis to death on busy road, bystanders film it

Meerut: A 26-year-old man allegedly choked his 17-year-old sister to death in full public view at a village in Meerut, as villagers, stopping to witness the crime, made videos of the incident until she was dead. According to cops, the accused was allegedly infuriated by his sister's stubborn behaviour to marry her paramour from another religion which led him to commit the crime, reports Krishna Chaudhary.

SP (Meerut rural) Kamlesh Bahadur said, "The incident took place in Nangla Shekhu village in Incholi area of Meerut on Wednesday. We've arrested accused Mohd Haseen, who strangled his sister following a heated altercation. An FIR was registered against him under BNS section 103 (murder), among others, following a complaint by his mother."

SHO (Incholi), Yogendra Singh, added, "The victim was in a relationship with a man from a different community, much to the unhappiness of her family." On Wednesday, the siblings were engaged in a heated argument as the minor tried to go to her lover's place.

The accused, who works in a private firm in Ghaziabad, first assaulted her, causing her to faint. He then carried her on his shoulder from their home to a bustling village road and choked her there.

"We found that onlookers were too busy taking photographs and filming the act on their phones, instead of trying to stop the crime," the SHO said.

Haryana selects tainted official for govt jobs panel

His Marks Were Raised In 2001 Hiring Test

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@timesofindia.com

Chandigarh: BJP govt in Haryana Wednesday posted Vatsal Vashisht, a chargesheeted officer in 2001-batch HCS recruitment scam, as officer on special duty (OSD) in Haryana Staff Selection Commission (HSSC).

The order, handing over charge to Vashisht, who is at present serving as secretary of Haryana Right to Service Commission, was issued by Haryana chief secretary. As per the order, he has been posted as OSD in HSSC in addition to his present duties.

In July 2023, state vigilance bureau (now anti-corruption bureau), had submitted a challan against Vash-

isht along with other HCS officers before a Haryana court in connection with the alleged scam. As per the chargesheet, Vashisht, who was selected to HCS (executive branch), was given 507 marks of 750 in the written exam & 92 out of 100 in interview (599 out of 850).

The probe by ACB had revealed that in the English and English essay exam, 29 extra marks had been awarded to Vashisht by examiner JC Kappan by cutting/overwriting. Similarly, in History of India, nine extra marks had been awarded to him by examiner Maheshwari Prasad.

Thus, his marks were increased by 38, without which he would not have been eligible to appear for interview and would not have been selected to any post, as the cut-off for the interview was 489, according to the probe.

As OSD, Vashisht will be working in commission in planning & execution of these recruitment.

13-year-old girl swallows pin, docs retrieve it from her lung

Navi Mumbai: A 13-year-old girl from Rajapur in Maharashtra's Ratnagiri, narrowly escaped fatality after accidentally swallowing a pin. Doctors retrieved the pin, ensuring its sharp end doesn't puncture the lung lobe, reports Vijay Singh.

Kriti Kumar (name changed), a school-going girl, ingested the pin by mistake while holding it in her mouth to wear her scarf. She was immediately taken to a hospital in Ratnagiri, where she underwent an endoscopic procedure to check if the pin was in the stomach. However, it could not be seen, raising suspicion that the pin was in the lungs.

Pulmonologist Dr Shahid Patel said, "The child came in an emergency, but she was stable and her X-ray disclosed that the pin was lodged in the lower lobe of the left lung."

The girl was immediately taken up for emergency bronchoscopic removal of a foreign body. The pin was removed after a 50-minute procedure and the child was discharged the same day.

ODISHA UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AND RESEARCH
Techno Campus, Ghatikia, P.O. - Mahalaxmi Vihar
BHUBANESWAR-751029 ODISHA, INDIA
Advt. No OUTR/DCSE/2024-25/03, Dated 06.08.2024.
E-TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR SETTING UP A
"CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE ON DIGITAL MANUFACTURING"

Tenders are invited from the reputed registered agencies / OEMs for setting up a "Centre of Excellence on Digital Manufacturing" for Skill Development, Research & Consultancy at OUTR, Bhubaneswar. Details regarding the eligibility criteria, terms and conditions and formats for submission of tender may be downloaded from the website <https://tenderodisha.gov.in>. The last date and time of submission of e-Tender documents through online mode is 05.09.2024 up to 6.00 P.M. The undersigned reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason thereof.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR
OIPR-16005/11/0025/24-25

Bihar Gram Swaraj Yojna Society
Panchyati Raj Department
4th floor, New Secretariat, Vikas Bhawan, Patna - 800001 Tel: 0612-2219175
Email:- spm.proc.bgsys@bihar.gov.in, Website: www.bgsys.bihar.gov.in & <https://state.bihar.gov.in/biharprd/CitizenHome.html>
Reference: BGSYS/SPRC/CB/Exposure/1118/2024/435

Notice for Cancellation of published RFE for Empanelment Of agencies for exposure visit (PRIs/functionaries/officials or related stakeholders for BGSYS) under RGSA

Tender Name: Online RFE through e-proc for Empanelment Of agencies for exposure visit (PRIs/functionaries/officials or related stakeholders for BGSYS) under RGSA.

e-Proc Tender No. : 63600
e-tender (NIT) Reference No. : BGSYS/SPRC/CB/Exposure/1118/2024/323
Published Date : 04th of July 2024, on Newspaper
Date of Issue of Tender : 03rd of July 2023,

Notice for Cancellation

Due to unavoidable reason "RFE through e-proc for Empanelment Of agencies for exposure visit (PRIs/functionaries/officials or related stakeholders for BGSYS) under RGSA " stands cancelled. The notice for cancellation may be seen on PRD website <https://state.bihar.gov.in/biharprd/CitizenHome.html>, e-Proc 0.2 portal <https://www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in/BELTRON>, & BGSYS website: www.bgsys.bihar.gov.in

Himanshu Kumar Rai, IAS
(CEO cum Project Director)

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

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

CAD-797
INTEGRATED TRIBAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY, PANPOSH
Tel.No.- 0661-2501011, Fax - 2501011, e-mail- itdapan@nic.in
No.1922 / Date : 08.08.2024

e-Tender Notice Bid Identification No. ITDAPAN-01/2024-25

The Project Administrator, ITDA, Panposh on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Percentage Rate bids in online mode for Construction of the work detailed below.

1. Number of works	: 03 (Three)
2. Nature of work	: Civil Construction work
3. Class of Contractor	: B & A, D & C
4. Period of completion	: 6 (Six) and 11 (Eleven) calendar months
5. Estimated cost	: Rs. 15,09,665/- & Rs. 2,83,35,730/-
6. Date & time of online availability of details of this notice and the Tender Documents	: 09.08.2024 to 02.09.2024 upto 5.00 PM. in the Site www.tendersosssa.gov.in and in the office of the P.A, ITDA, Panposh (on working days).
7. Last date of receipt of online Bid	: 02.09.2024 upto 5.00 PM.
8. Mode of submission of Tender documents.	: The documents should be uploaded through online.
9. The date of opening of Bids received on-line	: 03.09.2024 at 11.00 am in the office of the P.A, ITDA, Panposh.
10. Designation and address of the authority inviting Bids	: Project Administrator, ITDA, Panposh.

The bidders have to participate through online bidding only.

Sd/-
Project Administrator,
ITDA, Panposh.
OIPR-19056/11/0003/24-25

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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-44026/11/0006/24-25

CAD-792
NOTICE INVITING BID
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 drugs-osmcl@gov.in	12/08/2024, up to 5:00 PM
3.	Date & time of Online bid submission	Start Date & Time : 14/08/2024, 3 PM End Date & Time : 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 : 04/09/2024, 10 AM End Date & Time : 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 in time to time for any published notice against the tender.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OSMCL Ltd., Odisha
OIPR-10112/11/0006/24-25

जाहिर नोटीस		
सहायक संचालक, पुरातत्व विभाग, सदनिका क्र. जी - 4 / 1 वी, जी-4/2, शिवकीर्ती शासकीय अधिकारी वसाहत, चोरपट्टी, पुणे - 411001		
खाली नमुद वस्तुचे दरपत्रक पुरवठा दारांकडून मागविण्यात येत आहे. वस्तुचे दर नमुद करताना प्रत्यक्ष वस्तुचे किंमत (सर्व करांसह) व वाहतुकीच्या खर्चासह भरण्यात यावी. तरी खालील वस्तुचे दरपत्रक जाहिरात प्रसिद्ध झाल्यापासून दोन दिवसांच्या आत या कार्यालयास पाठविण्यात यावे.		
Sr. No.	Description	Quantity Unit
1	Providing and supplying of Commercial Water Purifier - Technical Specifications Dimensions 525 x 425 x 1450 mm, Weight 60 kg, Rated Power 130 Watts +/- 10%, Power Supply (Input Voltage) 24 V DC & 48 V DC, OPERATING VOLTAGE 170-230 VAC - 50 Hz, Storage Capacity 50 litres	1.00 Nos
2	Providing and supplying of E Toilet (bio Toilet) Single - Technical Specifications Material Steel, Size 4 x 4 x 8.6 Feet, Built Type Modular, Shape Rectangular, Surface Finish Colour Coated	1.00 Nos
3	Providing, Supplying and Installation of WAGHNAKH at Pratapgad Fort Size- Length-2m, Width -1.21 m, Height-0.88m Detail as per drawing Attached	1.00 Job
4	Providing, Supplying and Installation of 3D Model of Pratapgad Fort in Basalt Stone Size-Length-1.55m, Width - 1m, Height-0.75m Detail as per drawing Attached	1.00 Job
5	To Conduct the aerial & Terrestrial LiDAR Survey for FORT Pratapgad and 3D BIM Modeling	1.00 Job
6	For Setting up Virtual Reality Zone Setup at Fort Pratapgad- VR headset-4Nos, Screens (for mirroring of VR Content-4 Nos, VR Content production (as per theme), Furniture (4 Viewer + 2 Waiting + 2 Operator), fabrication work, Electrical Work etc	1.00 Job
7	Providing and fixing Basalt stone flame brush finish with carving, painting and engraving work size of stone 2'X3' complete (For Signages).	1.00 Nos
8	Providing and fixing stainless steel dustbin with supporting of stone pillar of both side as per the guidelines of unisco Architect and Consultants.	1.00 Nos
9	Providing and fixing Basalt stone SIMPLE BENCH as per the guidelines of unisco architect and consultant.	1.00 Nos
10	Slope Protection (Rocky Surface) - Design, Supply, and Installation of ETA/EAD certified rhomboidal high tensile steel SWK (Steel Wire Knot) Wire Rope Net, having minimum longitudinal tensile strength of 220 KN/m, PANEL SIZE - Nominal mesh (mm) - 300x300, Warping rope diameter(mm) - 8, Panel dimensions (m) 3.0 to 6.0, WIRE CLIP- Material - Zn 95% / Al 5% alloy (A class), Diameter (mm)-3.5, Wire breaking load (N/mm2)-900, Tearing breaking force (KN)-26, Warming rope Diameter (mm)-8 to 10, Designation-6X7+ WSC, Tensile strength (N/mm2)-1960, Corrosion protection- Standard (Zn, B class), Advanced (Zn, A class), Plus (Zn 95% / Al 5%, A class) EN 10244-2, Minimum punching load (KN)- 311 ±40, Maximum deflection (mm)- 226 complete	1.00 Sqm
11	Supply and installation of fully grouted rock anchors (tensile strength equivalent to Fe500), in a designed grid pattern of 2.0 m x 2.0 m, up to a maximum depth of 8 m, Self Drilling Anchor Outer Diameter-32mm, Inner Diameter-21.5mm, Min Yield Load 230 kN, Min Ultimate Load 280 kN, Min Elongation 8 %, Weight 3.5 (+15%) Kg/m, Thread Type ISO 10208, Type of Steel-EN 10083-1, Options of Anti-Corrosion- Epoxy Coating, Hot Dip Galvanization	1.00 Nos
12	Providing and fixing Window With Iron Bars and Plank Shutters (0.90 m. x 1.20 m.) with frame of 75 mm. x 87.5 mm section and plank shutters double leaf as per detailed specifications and drawings or as directed including the best quality and well-seasoned Moulmein teak, to be properly framed and mortised together, vertical planks of 25 mm. (1") thick and 13.10 cm. (5 1/2") width connected together by 3 horizontal ledges of 25 mm (1") thick and 7 cm., (2 3/4") width screwed across the back of the window, the boards to be planed, tongued and grooved, 18 mm. diameter round or 18 mm. square iron bars passed through a central rail and fixed vertically at 75 mm. (3") centre to centre in to the head and sill of the window frame, 50 mm. x 6 mm. central, top and bottom iron flats each leaf to be hung with 2 iron butt hinges 100 mm. with screws, handle 100 mm., 3 lower bolts 10 mm. dia. & 150 mm. length and pair of hooks & eyes 150 mm. all of iron etc. complete	1.00 Piece
	Brass Hinges	1.00 Piece
	Brass Handles - 150 mm	1.00 Piece
	Brass Aldrop - 300 mm	1.00 Piece
	Brass Tower bolt - 250 mm, 10 mm dia	1.00 Piece
	Brass Tower bolt - 200 mm, 10 mm dia	1.00 Piece
	Brass Tower bolt - 150 mm, 10 mm dia	1.00 Piece
	Brass Hooks & eyes - 150 mm	1.00 Piece
	Iron bars - 18 mm	1.00 Piece
	Ironn Flats, Tops, Central & Bottom - 50 mm x 6 mm	1.00 Piece
13	Providing and fixing corrugated galvanised iron sheets of 1.31 mm mm thick (18 Gauge) for roofing without wind tiles including fastening with galvanised iron screws and bolts, lead and bitumen washers fixing at the height, all leads and lifts directed as per Engineer in Charge, as per drawing etc. complete. (Weight of 10.526 Kilogram/sq.m.).	1.00 Kg
14	Providing and fixing Monier clay flat roof tiles, colour coated with prepared surface, pattern and profile as directed. With length 420 mm width 330 mm with maximum battern spacing 345 mm and minimum battern spacing 320 mm with laying pattern as straight or cross bond with minimum overlap 75 mm. as per detailed specifications and drawings or as directed including the best quality of regular shape and uniform size, free from twist or other imperfection and must ring clearly when struck, the tiles shall be laid fair and square and breaking joints, etc. complete	1.00 No.
	Monier Country pot tiles	1.00 No.
15	Providing and fixing Monier Ridge Tiles as per detailed specifications and drawings or as directed including the best quality Mangalore pattern ridge tiles, sound, thoroughly well burnt throughout, of regular shape and uniform size, free from twist or other imperfection and must ring clearly when struck, set dry with joints pointed with mortar, the whole being rendered perfectly secure and water-tight and watering etc. complete.	1.00 No.
16	Providing Brick Masonry First Class in superstructure of first quality bricks of size 9" x 8" x 2" in lime mortar 1:1:2, as per detailed specifications and drawings or as directed including the bricks to be of uniform size, moulded on tables, thoroughly well burnt and sound, ringing clearly when struck with trowel, the bricks to be soaked in water for 12 hours before used, the bricks are to be laid flush in mortar in such bond as directed, as far as possible, bricks of uniform colour are to be selected for the face work when it is not to be plastered, the joints are not to exceed 9.5 mm. (3/8"), no bats or half brick to be used in the work, racking out joints where pointing or plastering to be done, striking joints where no pointing or plastering is to be done, preparing the lime mortar in lime miller, scaffolding, watering and all masonry work when handed over to be perfectly clean and free from all mortar stains etc. complete.	1.00 Cum
17	Providing and fixing Basalt stone flame brush finish with carving, painting and engraving work size of stone 2'X3' complete (For Signages).	1.00 No.
18	Providing and fixing stainless steel dustbin with supporting of stone pillar of both side as per the guidelines of unisco Architect and Consultants.	1.00 No.
19	Providing and fixing Basalt stone SIMPLE BENCH as per the guidelines of unisco architect and consultant.	1.00 No.
20	Providing and fixing cast iron fascia as per drawing and design for the heritage structure at the roof end level, including cast iron fascia pre moulded of size 25mm thk and 300mm height each peice of 1.5m length of weighing min. 10 Kg per peice including fixing at the edge of purlins with fasteners, hooks, to fix the entire assembly at the location including preventing coat and oil paint as approved colour and shade. Complete.	1.00 Rmt
21	Providing and fixing railing using cast iron balustrades (at least 0.30 wide X 0.80 m in height) with wooden handrails as per drawing and design suitable to the historic structure, using at least 10 kg per balustrades with first sort Burma teak wood hand rails to be carved in min. 80 X 80 mm section to be fixed at the location using necessary joinery inclusive of polish and wood guard application to wooden handrails, etc. all complete.	1.00 Sqm
22	Providing and fixing Signages of various sizes using 12mm thk marine waterproof ply with teakwood moulding all around with frame 40 X 25mm as per approved design, including with sticker of directional statutory information signages as per approved design and matter fixed at the location.	1.00 Sqm
23	Providing and laying new Bharat tiles Heritage collection flooring as per design under supervision of expert, in mortar mix with non abrasive chemide adhesive, including mirror polish to the surface, etc. complete flooring	1.00 Sqm
24	Chemical & Physical restoration of historic ceramic tile mural works - scientific restoration of glazed ceramic tile mural works using traditional technique for the broken, missing, deteriorated parts of the mural in desired size & shape for making and fixing using national and/ or international standards etc. complete. Using appropriate coating for longevity for the restored mural surfaces.	1.00 Sqm

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Woman gets 20-yr RI for 2016 kidnap, gang-rape of Dalit girl in UP village

Amroha: An additional district and sessions judge sentenced a man to life imprisonment and two others, including a woman, to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment under SC/ST Act for their involvement in kidnapping and gangrape of a Dalit girl in 2016 in a village in UP's Amroha Dehat. The court also imposed a collective fine of Rs 1.2 lakh on the three convicts, reports Harveer Dabas.

The incident took place on July 10, 2016, when the main convict, accompanied by a neighbour, visited the survivor's house, on pretext of asking for water. When the survivor, then 19 years old, opened the door, the convicts gagged her and forced her into a car where two men were present.

The convicts then drove the girl to a sugarcane field where they threatened her with a knife and a licensed revolver. The following morning, a woman living near the sugarcane field, took the survivor to her house and held her hostage. The convicts then raped her again. The woman arranged for the survivor to be sold to a man from Punjab for Rs 3 lakh.

Special public prosecutor Manoj Kumar Saxena said the survivor was scheduled to be sent with the man from Punjab on July 12. However, under pressure from the convict's family, he brought her back from the woman's house, beat her in front of them, and threatened to kill them all if they reported the crime.

Despite the survivor's police complaint, no action was taken initially. Only when SP intervened, a case was registered against five accused. They were subsequently arrested and jailed but were released on bail in 2017.

HC calls out 'ghost' FIR filed in UP 3 years after complainant's death

Prayagraj: Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. "Ghosts" seem to prowl Uttar Pradesh police files when the complainant was dead three years before FIR filing, the Allahabad HC observed in one such bizarre matter, reports Rajesh Kumar Pandey.

The paranormal parable did not end there in the cheating case filed with Kushinagar police. The investigating officer was shown duly "recording" statement of the dead man and even filing a chargesheet against the accused. Justice Saurabh Shyam Shamsery was left more baffled when the files showed the complainant had even signed the vakalatnama (affidavit) "on Dec 19, 2023" when he had died in 2011. The FIR was lodged in 2014.

"It appears that all the proceedings are undertaken by a ghost," Justice Saurabh Shyam Shamsery said, unable to take the surreal saga anymore during a hearing on Aug 6. The HC quashed the proceedings and ordered Kushinagar SP to probe the IO's conduct in the case.

"It is strange that a dead person has not only lodged an FIR but has recorded his statement before the IO and, thereafter, a vakalatnama has also been filed on his behalf," Justice Shamsery said.

The FIR was filed at Kotwali Hata police station of Kushinagar. Shabd Prakash, the complainant mentioned, had died on Dec 19, 2011. This was corroborated by his official records, including the death certificate, and testimony of his wife.

Man convicted of wife's murder on testimony of 12-year-old daughter

Lucknow: Concluding a murder trial within a year, a court in UP's Sultanpur held a 37-year-old man guilty of killing his wife after his daughter gave a statement against him. The quantum of punishment will be announced on Aug 12, reports Pathikrit Chakraborty. The man allegedly strangled his wife to death inside their SUV when they were travelling on Purvanchal Expressway on Aug 13, 2023. He was about to douse his 12-year-old daughter and five-year-old son in petrol and set them ablaze when a police patrol spotted them.

The girl's statement in court played a crucial role in proving the man's guilt. Police chargesheet states that the man was frustrated and had an "inferiority complex" as his wife had a huge fan following on Instagram. "Her followers were from Lucknow and used to visit her in my absence," the man had said.

Waqf bill bats for deprived Muslims, says govt; oppn claims interference

'Changes Futuristic In Intent To Rid Law Of Archaic Clauses'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lashing out at the opposition for criticising the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, Union minority affairs minister Kiren Rijiju on Thursday said the Waqf management was captured by some strong Muslim communities at the cost of minor groups like Bohras, Pasmandas, Ahmedias and Aghakhans, and changes to the law would provide justice to them as well as to Muslim women and children.

The bill's introduction in Lok Sabha was met with vociferous criticism from the opposition which termed it an attempt by BJP to create a polarising issue against Muslims with an eye on the coming Maharashtra and Haryana elections.

The Mussalman Waqf (Repeal) Bill, 2024, related to the Waqf bill for scrapping of the old Act, was also introduced.

Rijiju said the Waqf (Amendment) Bill did not seek to interfere in the religious affairs of Muslims nor was it anti-Muslim as alleged by the opposition.

He said it was futuristic in its intent to rid the law of archaic provisions and for bringing the 'statute of limitations' into force, which would bar any person from being able to lay ancestral claim dating back 500 years to a property and getting it declared Waqf asset.

Congress's K C Venugopal and Gaurav Gogoi, SP's Akhilesh Yadav and Mohibullah Nadwi, DMK's Kanimozhi,



Minority affairs minister Kiren Rijiju said important changes proposed in the bill were as per the Sachar panel's suggestions which were accepted by the previous UPA govt

mittee that was constituted and accepted by the former Congress govt.

Venugopal said the bill was unconstitutional and should not be allowed.

Allowing non-Muslims to be members of Waqf Boards was an attack on the Muslim religion and their faith, he said, adding that it was designed keeping in mind the forthcoming elections in Maharashtra and Haryana.

"This House doesn't have the competence to amend this Act," Asaduddin Owaisi said, adding that Waqf properties were not public properties.

Bandyopadhyay and Kanimozhi, too, called it violative of Articles 25 and 26 of the Constitution. While Bandyopadhyay reminded the chair that land being a state subject, the bill was "un-constitutional, divisive and against federalism", Kanimozhi said the bill was against Muslims and minorities.

Premachandran said the Waqf (Amendment) Bill was intended to disempower Waqf Boards as it would be for the collector or the govt to certify whether a property was a Waqf property or not. "They are removing Section 104. Then, removing Section 40 means that there is no need for Waqf Boards. Waqf Boards become totally powerless. It means that they are dismantling the system," the RSP functionary added.

RSP's N K Premachandran, AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi, NCP's Supriya Sule, Trinamool's Sudip Bandyopadhyay and Kalyan Banerjee and Mian Altaf of NC among others said the bill violated Articles 25-26 of the Constitution and was BJP's attempt to interfere in the religious affairs of Muslims, besides being outside the legislative competence of the govt and Parliament.

They also warned that it would not withstand judicial scrutiny.

Rijiju gave a point-wise rebuttal to their arguments, stating that important changes suggested in the bill were as per the suggestions of Sachar Com-

UP man trampled to death by elephants: A 45-year-old man who entered the Dudhwa Tiger Reserve forest area to collect wild mushrooms was killed by elephants in UP's Lakhimpur Kheri. **TNN**

Forces dismantle Ulfa-I transit camp in Tinsukia ahead of I-Day: Assam Police and Assam Rifles Wednesday dismantled Ulfa-I's temporary transit camp at Tinkopani reserve forest in Tinsukia district on Assam-Arunachal Pradesh border. The forces found several empty food packets with Myanmar tags at the abandoned camp. **TNN**

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1.	15/D.G.M.(E/M)/Sr.M(E/M)-I/E.T./2024-25	Providing Lighting arrangement at Sector 136, Noida	Rs. 138.51

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1.	09/DGM(E&M)/S.M./E/M-III/2024/25	Const. of 33/11 KV Sub-station Sector-75, Noida.	Rs. 1405.64
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1	HSMB SIRSA	CONSTRUCTION OF LINK ROAD FROM CHAKAN TO SADIWALA (D-11927) + 1 WORKS	07.08.2024 21.08.2024	4.63 CRORES	https://etenders.hry.nic.in	9416178720 sensma.hsmb23@gmail.com

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NOTICE OF 71st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Notice is hereby given that 71st Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Members of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (the Company) will be held on Friday, 30th August, 2024 at 10.30 hrs IST through Video Conferencing (VC) / Other Audio Visual Means (OAVM) to transact the business as mentioned in the AGM Notice, in compliance with all applicable provisions of the Companies Act, 2013 ('the Act') and the rules made thereunder and Securities and Exchange Board of India (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015 read with various circulars issued by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) and by SEBI (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Circulars"). Members will be able to attend the AGM through VC / OAVM or view live webcast at www.evoting.nsdl.com.

2. As per the aforesaid MCA and SEBI circulars, electronic copy of the AGM Notice & the Explanatory Statement thereto, included as a part of the Annual Report of the Company for the Financial Year 2023-24, has been sent through electronic mode on Thursday, 8th August 2024 to all those Members whose email IDs are registered with the Company and/or Depositories. The Annual Report for the Financial Year 2023-24, including the AGM Notice, is also available on the Company's website at www.bharatpetroleum.in, on the website of National Securities Depository Limited (NSDL) at www.evoting.nsdl.com and on the website of the Stock Exchanges, i.e. BSE Limited and National Stock Exchange of India Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com respectively.

3. Since the present AGM is being held through VC / OAVM pursuant to the MCA Circulars, the facility to appoint proxies by the members will not be available.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REMOTE E-VOTING AND E-VOTING DURING AGM

4. Members are being provided with the facility to cast their votes on all Resolutions as set forth in the Notice convening AGM using electronic voting system (e-voting). The Company has engaged the services of NSDL to provide e-voting facility. Members may cast their votes remotely, using the electronic voting system on the dates mentioned below. Further, the facility for voting through electronic voting system will also be made available at the AGM and members attending the AGM through VC / OAVM who have not cast their vote(s) by remote e-voting and are otherwise not barred from doing so, will be eligible to vote at the AGM. The members who have cast their votes by remote e-voting prior to the AGM may also attend / participate in the AGM through VC / OAVM but shall not be able to cast their votes again. The voting rights of members shall be in proportion to the equity shares held by them (in physical or dematerialized mode), in the paid-up equity share capital of the Company as on Friday, 23rd August, 2024 (cut-off date). Member whose name is appearing in the register of members or in the register of beneficial owners maintained by the depositories as on the cut-off date only can vote at the AGM or by remote e-voting.

5. The remote e-voting period commences on **Sunday, 25th August, 2024 at 9.00 am and will end on Thursday, 29th August, 2024 at 5.00 pm. Remote e-voting shall not be allowed beyond 5.00 pm on Thursday, 29th August, 2024.** During this period, the members may cast their vote electronically. The remote e-voting module shall be disabled by NSDL thereafter. Once the votes on a Resolutions have been cast by the member, the member shall not be allowed to change it subsequently.

6. The manner of remote e-voting and e-voting at the AGM by members holding shares in dematerialized mode, physical mode and for members who have not registered their email addresses is provided in the Notice of the AGM. The information on the manner of registering / updating email addresses is also provided in the Notice of the AGM, which is available on the Company's website on the following link: <https://www.bharatpetroleum.in/bharat-petroleum-for/investors/Financial-Performance/Annual-Reports.aspx>

7. Any person, who acquires shares of the Company and becomes a member of the Company after the Notice has been sent electronically by the Company and holds shares as on the cut-off date i.e. Friday, 23rd August, 2024, may obtain the User ID and Password by sending a request to evoting@nsdl.com or bpcl@dsr-cid.in. However, if he / she is already registered with NSDL for remote e-voting, then he / she can use his / her existing User ID and Password for casting the votes.

8. In case of any queries / grievances pertaining to facilities for e-voting, members may refer to the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and the e-voting user manual available under download section on www.evoting.nsdl.com or 022-48867000 or send a request to NSDL at evoting@nsdl.com to Ms. Pallavi Mhatre, Manager, NSDL, 4th Floor, 'A' Wing, Trade World, Kamala Mills Compound, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai 400013.

9. Members are requested to carefully read all the Notes set out in the Notice of the AGM and in particular, instructions for joining the AGM, manner of casting vote through remote e-voting or through e-voting during the AGM.

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Date: 08.08.2024
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Oppn crossing all limits, says irate Dhankhar, leaves House

Not Allowed To Raise Phogat Issue, Oppn Walks Out Of House

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The fraught relationship between Rajya Sabha chairperson and the opposition came to the fore once again on Thursday, with Jagdeep Dhankhar leaving the House for some time after an uproar and walkout by MPs not allowed to raise wrestler Vinesh Phogat's disqualification from the Olympics.

Accusing the opposition parties of "always challenging" him, Dhankhar said they were "crossing all limits" to create "anarchy" in the House and disrespecting the prestige of the Chair. Cautioning Derek O'Brien in particular for "shouting at the Chair", he said the Trinamool neta would next time be "shown the door".

Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge sought to raise Phogat's disqualification, wanting to know "who is behind it", as soon as proceedings began after tabling of the listed papers on Thursday. Dhankhar, however, disallowed it. He then told O'Brien, who was up on his feet, that his conduct



Dhankhar leaves the House on Thursday after accusing the opposition of disrespecting the prestige of the Chair

was unbecoming. "You (O'Brien) are shouting at the Chair. Your conduct is ugliest in the House. I condemn your actions. Next time I will show you the door," he said.

Opposition parties then staged a walkout. "We have seen the dark days... the ugliest phase of democracy during Emergency... It starts with a challenge to Parliamentary institutions," Dhankhar said. "They (opposition parties) think they are the only ones whose hearts are bleeding. The entire nation, from

the President to the PM to myself and others, is feeling the pain because of our girl (Phogat)," he said, adding the opposition's bid to "politicise" and "monetise" the matter was the "greatest disrespect" to the wrestler herself.

Leader of the House J P Nadda also condemned the opposition's disrespect for the Chair and democratic traditions, saying it simply did not have "solid" issues to discuss. The entire country is behind Phogat, who was described as "champion of champions"

even by PM Modi, he added.

Expressing anguish that he was not getting the desired support from the opposition to run the House despite his efforts, Dhankhar said, "They are not challenging me. They are challenging the chairperson's post... they think that the person who is sitting on this Chair is not capable."

"I am not running away from the oath. But what I have seen today, the way a member has behaved, the way the opposition bench has behaved, I am not finding myself in a position to sit here for some time," Dhankhar said, adding he was leaving the House "with a heavy heart".

Deputy chairperson Harivansh then chaired the zero hour proceedings. Returning to the Chair around mid-way into the question hour, Dhankhar said, "I left my seat to introspect. Having witnessed (the scene)... which I found was unprecedented, and indigestible." He announced he has called a meeting of floor leaders at 1.30 PM to discuss the matter.

Will be tough to cooperate with India if it helps our enemy Hasina: BNP

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New Delhi: Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), the main rival of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League party, is clearly unhappy with India hosting the ousted Prime Minister after she fled Dhaka and arrived here on Monday.

Veteran BNP functionary Gayeshwar Roy, who was a minister in the BNP-led govt in 1991, and is a member of the party's standing committee, its highest decision-making forum, told TOI from Dhaka, "BNP believes Bangladesh and India must have mutual cooperation... Indian govt will have to understand and behave in a manner which follows that spirit. But if you help our enemy then it becomes difficult for that mutual cooperation to be honoured. Our former foreign minister (in the Hasina govt) said here before the last elections that India will help Sheikh Hasina's return to office. Sheikh Hasina's liability is being borne by India... Indian and Bangladesh people don't have issues with each other. But should India promote one party and not the entire country?" Roy was replying to questions that BNP is perceived to have anti-India bias.

Asked about reports of alleged attacks on Hindus and the perception about BNP being anti-minority, Roy said, "A perception has been created that BNP is anti-Hindu. BNP is made up of people from different communities



Functionaries of Students Against Discrimination take the oath of office as Bangladesh's new interim govt was sworn in on Thursday

in Bangladesh and stands for all religions. I have been a minister in this party's regime and am ranked high enough in the BNP's highest decision-making forum. BNP is a nationalist party but we believe in the individual rights of all communities."

"When I was a minister in 1991, I started the system of donations for Durga Pujas and no govt after that has stopped the policy; it is still on. It is our party's govt that did it," he added. On the concern about terrorist elements targeting India using Bangladesh, Roy said, "It is a perception again. Not the truth. India has helped in getting our Independence... we cannot be against India."

"We are a smaller country, we need India for many things including medical facilities, many other goods for our people, but the revenue that India earns from Bangladesh is on these accounts are also

not a small amount," he said.

Asked about BNP's equation with Jamaat-e-Islami, Roy made it clear "it's not an ideological relationship. It is tactical support, which has to do with electoral politics."

"Awami League was in an official alliance with the Jamaat. From 2018 to 2024 we (BNP) had no relations with the Jamaat. There was Left, there was right, but there was no Jamaat with us. Sheikh Hasina took the Jamaat on board. Later she created Hefazat-e-Islam group to counter Jamaat. Today the same Hefazat is on the streets against Awami League. Jamaat believes in elections," he said.

On the new interim govt formation process, Roy said "since the students wanted Dr Mohammad Yunus as the leader and a non-political govt as an interim arrangement, BNP did not suggest any names from the party".

HC to J'hkhand: Take action against illegal B'desh migrants

Ranchi: Jharkhand HC Thursday directed the state govt to take immediate action against illegal Bangladeshi immigrants entering through the Santhal Parganas in the state, reports Chandrajit Mukherjee.

While hearing a PIL, a division bench of acting chief justice Sujit Narayan Prasad and Justice Arun Kumar Rai said Bangladesh is, at present, "politically unstable."

The bench ordered the director of Intelligence Bureau, DG of BSF, chief election commissioner and DG of UIDAI to be made parties in the case.

The HC suggested that govt should conduct sudden inspection of Aadhaar cards and voter ID to identify bona fide residents of the state. These drives will help identify illegal settlers and deter others from trying to enter India, it added.

HC also said that Centre and state govt should work together to tackle the problem of illegal immigration. The case would next be heard on Aug 22.

The petition, filed by Daniel Danish, said immigrants from Bangladesh have entered Jharkhand and many have solemnized marriages in tribal community and settled down after buying land in the state.

1,734 sq km of forests lost to devpt activities in 10 yrs: Govt

New Delhi: Govt Thursday informed RS that nearly 1,734 sq km of forest area has been lost in the country in the last 10 years due to development activities but land has also been acquired for compensatory afforestation during the period and the overall forest cover has increased by around 21,762 sq km in 2021 compared to 2011.

Data shared by environment minister Bhupendra Yadav shows that highest diversion of forest land for non-forestry purposes during 2014 and 2024 was reported from MP, followed by Odisha, Telangana, Gujarat and Arunachal Pradesh. "Whenever Centre accords approval for use of forest land for non-forestry purposes, cost of compensatory afforestation and net present value of the land is realised from user agency as per the norms. Moreover, additional mitigation measures such as soil and moisture conservation works, catchment area treatment plans and wildlife management plans, are also stipulated as per the requirement," Yadav added.

Lalu meets widow of Shahabuddin in bid to mend ties

Patna: RJD chief Lalu Prasad held a closed-door meeting with Hena Shahab, widow of former Siwan don Mohammad Shahabuddin, Wednesday evening, reports Manoj Chaurasia. The meeting is seen as a desperate effort by RJD leadership to mend frayed relations and secure her support ahead of 2025 assembly polls, focusing on the Muslim vote in Bihar.

RJD's performance was lacklustre in the recent LS elections, partly due to discontent among minority voters. Muslims make up approximately 17% of the state's population.

Sources said Lalu, accompanied by his younger son Tejashwi, visited party MLC Binod Jaiswal's residence for a private meeting with Shahab. The discussions, lasting over an hour, focused on persuading her to join the party ahead of the assembly elections.

Speaker's rights curtailed, says Akhilesh, draws Shah's attack

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah Thursday objected to remarks made by Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav, who claimed that the rights of the Lok Sabha Speaker are being curtailed.

"This is an insult to the Chair. The rights of the Speaker do not belong to the opposition only, but to the whole House. Don't speak in a roundabout way. You are not the protector of the Speaker's rights," Shah said.

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla also asked Akhilesh Yadav to refrain from commenting about the Chair. Shah's reaction came in response to Yadav alleging that the rights of the Speaker are being curtailed and the opposition would have to fight for him. The Kannauj MP was addressing LS during the debate on Waqf (Amendment) Bill when he



Amit Shah and SP chief Akhilesh Yadav in Lok Sabha on Thursday

said, "Your rights and our rights are being curtailed. I had told you that you are the judge of democracy. I have heard that some of your rights are being snatched and we'd have to fight for you."

Birla later told Yadav that he and other members of the House must not comment on the Chair. "I expect that no personal remarks are made on the Chair," he said.

Opposing the legislation, Yadav said it has been

introduced as part of a well-thought-out politics. "When there is a democratic process for election, why nominate people? No person from outside the community is part of other religious bodies. What is the point of including non-Muslims in Waqf bodies?" he said.

Yadav added that BJP has brought this legislation to appease some hardline supporters after its setback in the Lok Sabha election.

Is PMLA review plea 'appeal in disguise'? SC to examine

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Supreme Court, while fixing a batch of petitions seeking review of its 2022 order on validity of various provisions of Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002, has observed whether review petition is an appeal in disguise.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant, C T Ravikumar and Ujjal Bhuyan asked whether review proceedings would partake the character of an appeal even if a judgment was "gravely erred". "Can this partake character of appeal? It is to be seen," the bench said.

The issue is of significance because of limited jurisdiction of review hearing which can be entertained only in case of error in verdict.

The petitioners are seeking re-examination of the apex court's July 27, 2022, order which upheld the stringent regime prescribed for

money laundering offences and vast powers enjoyed by the Enforcement Directorate, allowing the agency to arrest people and conduct search and seizure even when no complaint has been filed, making statements made before the agency admissible in court while also putting the burden on the accused to prove his innocence.

Interestingly, within a month of the order, the

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court decided to re-examine the verdict and issued notice to the central government in Aug 2022. It said "at least two of the issues raised in the instant petition require consideration".

In a shot in the arm for the anti-money laundering agency, a bench of Justices A M Khanwilkar, Dinesh Maheshwari and C T Ravikumar had validated the twin bail conditions as per

which the accused could be granted bail only if there were reasonable grounds for the court to believe that he was not guilty and was unlikely to commit an offence while on bail.

The provisions, which set the bar for bail very high in PMLA cases, was declared invalid by a two-judge SC bench in 2017 on the ground of being discriminatory but was reintroduced in the law a year later. In the 2022 order, however, a 3-judge bench court justified the twin conditions by saying they were also part of other laws which had stood the test of time and constitutional validity.

The court had also said that it was not mandatory for ED to provide a copy of Enforcement Case Information Report, the equivalent of FIR in PMLA cases, to the accused, and it was enough if ED disclosed the grounds of arrest at the time of arrest.

Dist judges retiring as HC judges get ₹15k-25k as pension. How will they survive, asks CJI

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Thursday expressed grave concern over the pittance of pension—between Rs 15,000 and Rs 25,000—received by retired HC judges, who were appointed as HC judges after spending their entire life in the district judiciary.

These concerns were expressed by a bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud, and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra after amicus curiae K Parameshwar sought early resolution of the issues relating to pensions of district judges, who get appointed as HC judges. The amicus had been advo-



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cating upward revision of the pension commensurate with the dignity of district judges.

With both attorney general R Venkataramani and solicitor general Tushar Mehta present before the bench, CJI Chandrachud made an impassioned request to the top law officers to use their good offices for a satisfactory resolution of the vexed issue.

When the AG said the govt

needed some time to ponder over the issue which has multiple dimensions including huge financial burden, the CJI said, "I see your predicament. But look at the persons from district judiciary who after being appointed as HC judges have a tenure of less than four to five years. They get a pension of Rs 15-25,000. Their tenure in the district judiciary is not counted. We have a slew of petitions by such retired HC judges."

"To get a pension of Rs 15-25,000 after spending the entire life in the judiciary is no social security for them. Look at the profile of such retired HC judges. They, except a few who can be counted on

fingertips, do not return to practice nor do arbitration work after retirement. My earnest appeal to both of you (AG and SG) to sit down with the concerned officials (of the ministry) and examine the issue to arrive at a reasonable solution," the CJI said.

Though the AG reiterated that the issue involves multiple aspects, the SG said he and the AG would surely examine the issues involved regarding the pension. The CJI said, "We do understand the financial implications. But as the Supreme Court, we must also discharge our duties as the guardian of the judiciary," he said and posted the matter for hearing on Aug 27.

Biren says Delhi agencies trying to reimpose Afspa in valley

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Guwahati: Manipur CM N Biren Singh Thursday informed the legislative assembly that various central agencies were pushing for reimposing Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, in the valley districts of the state since violence broke out in May 2023.

Responding to a call attention motion on "the long-standing demand" for removal of Afspa from Manipur moved by Naga People's Front's Leishnu Keishing, the CM said agencies were pressing for Afspa's reimposition "due to the evolving situation in valley districts".

"We were at a point of demanding Afspa's removal from the hill districts, but it was questioned whether the situation in valley could be managed," Biren said, adding, "There is significant pressure for reimposition of Afspa in the valley."

The CM said he explained to the agencies that the unrest was a result of emotional responses to the violence and assured that he would address the situation gradually. On the difficulties brought about by Afspa, Biren stressed the need for a compassionate relook at its imposition. He also highlighted his long-standing resistance to Afspa, both in his capacity as a scribe and as a public figure.

Wanted bizman baffles agencies by filing for relief in J&K court

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New Delhi: A writ petition was filed in the J&K high court last week by ex-president of Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI) Mubeen Shah seeking quashing of an FIR filed against him in 2020 for making threatening social media posts against non-locals settled in Kashmir. Shah has been on radar of the Indian security agencies for allegedly instigating violent protests in 2016 against the killing of terrorist Burhan Wani and was detained under PSA after the nullification of Article 370 in J&K, before relocating to Turkey soon after his release.

The agencies and J&K police — baffled how Mubeen, who hails from Buchwara, Srinagar and is currently living in Malaysia, managed to seek relief from the court while being ensconced in foreign country with a lookout circular issued against him — are now verifying how the advocates are in touch with him and how he has signed the vakalatnama.

'Safe but don't know for how long. We keep crying in fear'

AKM Moinuddin

Dhaka: Reports of targeted attacks on religious and ethnic minorities have sparked fear among Hindus in Bangladesh, with many saying Thursday they feel safe for now but are uncertain about how long this will last despite calls by Nobel laureate and interim govt head Muhammad Yunus, alongside student leaders, to restore peace in the nation.

A teacher who graduated from Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology expressed his anguish. "I was never involved in politics. No one in our family is involved in politics. But we have much love and respect for our nation's founding father Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. How could you do that? My eyes are filled with tears," he said. For safety reasons, he chose not to disclose his name or location.

A Hindu architect shared stories of suffering coming in from relatives. "We're safe, but don't know how long we will remain safe. We keep crying in fear of attacks," he said, revealing that an aunt's house had been attacked. He expressed reservations about the situation improving: "We can't stand up. I have doubts."

He lamented the destruction at Bangabandhu Memorial Museum at Dhanmondi in Dhaka and the defacement of Bangabandhu's murals and statues. "It hurts me. I feel heartbroken. I never thought such things would happen.



Indian workers stranded in Bangladesh return via Tripura on Wednesday

Students form QRTs to 'protect' minorities

Amid reports of attacks on minorities, some students have formed quick reaction teams (QRT) to address 'SOS' calls, reports Kalyan Das. The step was taken on a call given by sociology student Nahid Islam, one of the leaders of the uprising. "Bangladesh is for everyone. It is the foremost duty of us, students, to ensure nobody is harmed," said Islam addressing a gathering in the capital.

My friends abroad used to appreciate Bangladesh and its massive development." Another minority community person, a govt employee, said his family and relatives were safe but traumatised & living in fear. Regarding expectations from interim govt, they urged patience but emphasised the need for "iron-clad" protection for minorities in the meantime.

Cultural activists also voiced their concerns, demanding security and justice. Popular folk singer and cultural activist Rahul Ananda's 140-year-old rented house in Dhaka was vandalised and set ablaze Aug 5. In response, artists and activists gathered under the banner "Shilpa, Sthapana O Shilpangan Dhongsher Biruddhe Obosthan"

(Stand Against Destruction of Art, Architecture, and Cultural Spaces) & held a protest rally. Transparency International Bangladesh condemned the attacks on homes, places of worship, and businesses belonging to minorities. "It is disheartening and disappointing that we have to demand protection of religious minorities and state assets amidst the unprecedented victorious moment of the movement where hundreds shed blood to demand equality, harmony, and equal rights of everyone," TIB executive director Iftekhar Zaman said.

European Union's heads of mission in Dhaka also expressed concern about the attacks on places of worship and members of religious, ethnic, and other minorities.

Cong institutes performance review system for its LS MPs

MP Congress gets roasted over '11-6' notice

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New Delhi: Putting stress on performance and participation in Parliament, Congress is learnt to have instituted a system to assess its LS MPs. It has told members that a keen eye is being kept on them and they should live up to the expectations of their large support base that elected them.

LoP in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi chaired a meeting of party MPs Thursday in which they were informed about the performance assessment, which places premium on their showing in the House.

The party management is said to have told the members that they should attend and participate in the proceedings, raising issues, pushing back against the govt where required, and speak effectively. It was conveyed that their performance was being monitored and those who make effective speeches will be given more opportunities in future.

Interestingly, the Gandhian asked members' views

on the speeches they thought were impactful. When some names were offered, he looked into his personal list and said that their names matched. A special mention was made about former Punjab chief minister Charanjit Channi. Jharkhand MP Sukhdeo Bhagat, the two Manipur MPs Arthur Alfred and Bimol Akoijam, and Punjab member Raja Warring, besides a couple of other MPs.

Sources said the MPs were given instructions to stay close to people and raise their concerns in the House. Given that a large part of Congress contingent are first term MPs, the members were encour-

aged that they have the talent and should not worry about mistakes, adding that they would be guided as required.

"Rahul Gandhi has created a structure where performance is being assessed. Members have to participate and perform. Every MP has been voted by a constituency of 18-20 lakh voters, they should not hesitate," a functionary said.

Sources said given the system put in place, all members are being given a chance to speak, and 80 MPs have already participated once since the inaugural session when an elaborate debate was held on the motion of thanks to the President's joint address.

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Female (depicted in the photo) name **Unknown** residence and family is **Unknown** age Approx 45-50 years. She was found dead on Dt. 07.08.2024 Near KM Pole No. 7/31 to 7/33G Up Line GZB Side ANVT Delhi, DD No. 06A & 10A, U/s: 194 BNSS, has been lodged at **P.S. Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi**. Dead body has been preserved for 72 Hours in the Mortuary of GTB Hospital.

Her physical description is as under.
Sex: Female, **Age:** 45-50 years, **Height:** about 5'11" **Face:** Crush, **Built:** Strong, **Complexion:** Wheatish. **Identity Mark:** a Tattoo Mark on Left & Right Hand. Any person having information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address and telephone number:- **S.H.O PS: Anand Vihar Railway Station, Delhi. DP/10483/Rly/2024 Ph No.: 8920710535, 8750871314**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that one unidentified dead body of male **Unknown**, S/o: **Unknown**, R/o: **Unknown**, Age: about 35-40 years, Height: 5'6", Complexion: **Shallow**, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Long, ID: **Head injury & Ankle injury**, Wearing: **Purple color shirt and Black Color jeans Pant** who was found at **KM pole No.15/24-26, DN Line near Kirari Fatak Nangloi Delhi**. In this regard a case **DD No. 33-A dated 06.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S. Sarai Rohilla RLY Station, 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. **Sd/- SHO DP/10473/RLY/2024 Ph. 9355065950**

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) name: **Unknown**, residence and family is **Unknown** about 55 years of age was found dead at **Shop No. 5008, Jaisav Palace, Hauz Qazi, Delhi on 02.08.2024 at 08:22 AM**. In this regard a vide **FIR No./DD No. 13-A, Dated 02.08.2024** has been lodged at **PS Hauz Qazi, Delhi**. The dead body was preserved for 72 Hrs in MAMC Hospital Mortuary.

His physical description is as under:-
Sex: Male, **Age:** About 55 years, **Height:** 5' 6" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Thin, **ID Mark:** A mole on chest & right cheek, **Wearing:** Orange colour towel.

Any person having any information or clue about the deceased may kindly inform to the undersigned on the following address or telephone numbers:- **SHO Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> PS: Hauz Qazi, Delhi E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-23210414, 23212482 Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 DP.: 9868387868 Fax No.: 011-24368639 Mob/10475/CD/2024**

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is hereby informed that this person namely **Bharat Kumar S/o Lekhraj R/o Khargupura, Teh. Atrauli, P.S. Barla, District Aligarh, (U.P.) Age: 25 years, Height: 5'7", Built: Medium, Face: Long, Complexion: Wheatish, Identification:** A Mussa on upper lips, wearing white colour shirt & black colour pant has been missing from **New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi** since 07.06.2024. In this regard a **DD No. 48A dated 21.06.2024** has been lodged at **P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi**.

Any person having any information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following. **SHO : P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, New Delhi Ph. : 011-23363622, 958894053, 8750871303, 8750871305, DP/10511/Rly/2024**

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Closing Date and Time: 04.09.2024 at 3:00 p.m.
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1. For details and making on-line bids, visit website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class III-b digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.coi.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close for at 14.25 Hrs. and tenders will be opened at 14.30 hrs on due date. Tender for Sr. no. 1 to 10 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. no. 11 to 17 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.

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CORRIGENDUM: 1. Tender No.: 13245149, Due Date to be read as "20/08/24" instead of "05/08/24"; 2. Tender No.: 05241551, Due Date to be read as "09/08/24" instead of "02/08/24"; 3. Tender No.: 14241002A, Due On 20.08.2024. Regarding: Terms & conditions: Additional terms & Conditions incorporated.; 4. Tender No.: 17241114, Due Date to be read as "20/08/24" instead of "06/08/24"; 5. Tender No.: 12241215A, Due Date to be read as "28/08/24" instead of "21/08/24"; EMD to be read as "519020" instead of "89770", Quantity to be read as "77438" instead of "13394"; 6. Tender No.: 05231141B, Due Date to be read as "14/08/24" instead of "07/08/24", Quantity to be read as "1584 Set" instead of "1022 Set", Eligibility to be read as "Set of Pipe Sealing Kit For Lavatory of LHB AC Coaches, As Per Drawing: MPLPS/LHBAC Version 3, Packing Instruction: As Per Standard Packing. It Should Be Ensured That Item Should Not Rub During Transportation. The Item Should Be Packed With Adequate Strength. Transit Damage, If Any, Shall Be At The Cost Of Supplier. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]" instead of "Set of Pipe Sealing Kit For Lavatory of LHB AC Coaches, As Per Drawing: MPLPS Klbac Version 3 Installation And Commissioning Inclusive and Follow ICF/MD/SPEC-355 Issue Stat.US:01 REV:00 Date 11/08/2018 With Amendment Nos. 2 Dated 03/01/2022, Packing Instruction: As Per Standard Packing. It Should Be Ensured That Item Should Not Rub During Transportation. The Item Should Be Packed With Adequate Strength. Transit Damage, If Any, Shall Be At The Cost Of Supplier. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery]"; 7. Tender No.: 17231585A, Due Date to be read as "20/08/24" instead of "09/08/24";
No. 55-S/2024-25 Date: 08.08.2024

KOLHAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KOLHAPUR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
TENDER NOTICE NO. 29

Online tenders through E-Tendering system are invited from contractors for Proposed Infrastructure development for 100 E Buses at KMT workshop for Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur, 416002 Dist. Kolhapur, Maharashtra. The detailed tender notice can be downloaded from the e-tendering website www.mahatenders.gov.in. Date of tender submission from 09/08/2024 09.30 AM to 16/08/2024 at 3.30 PM. Tender Opening Date 20/08/2024 at 4.00 pm.
Date 08/08/2024
sd/-
City Engineer
Kolhapur Municipal Corporation

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 system 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.

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड
(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उद्योग)
कार्यालय अजीमगढ़, विद्युत विभाग मकान, रोशनबाद, हरिद्वार
दूरभाष: 01354-239734

ई-निविदा सूचना
अधोहस्ताक्षरकर्ता द्वारा अनुभवी / प्रतिष्ठित निविदाकर्ता जो आयकर, उत्तराखण्ड राज्य वैद्य जीएफएसटी, इंगीण्टिंग, इंप्रूवमेंट, श्रम विभाग में पंजीकृत एवं विद्युत सुरक्षा विभाग, उत्तराखण्ड शासन द्वारा निर्गत वर्ष 2024-25 हेतु मान्य 'ए' क्लास लाइसेंस प्राप्त ठेकेदारों से हस्ताक्षरयुक्त / मोहबन्द ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. ई-निविदा संख्या- विविगम(हो)-25 / 2024-25
2. ई-निविदा संख्या- विविगम(हो)-26 / 2024-25

उपरोक्त निविदा की विस्तृत जानकारी, शर्त एवं निर्धारित प्रश्न उत्तराखण्ड प्रोक्रियर्स पोर्टल www.uktenders.gov.in पर देखें।
पत्रांक: 896/विविगम(हो)/2024-25/टी-2 दिनांक: 08/08/2024 अक्षीक्षण अविगता
"राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचाव" टोल फ्री नं 1800-418-0405

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in Mobile No. 96461-22067

E-Tender Enq. No. 550/P-1/EMPW-12752 Dated 07.08.24
Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_125092_1 for the work of operation of D.M. Water Treatment plants and Chemical Dosing system of Stage-II and III of GGSSTP, Rupnagar, as per scope of work. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 07.08.24/11.00AM onwards.

Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
RTP-8324, DPR/Pb.-76155/12/3266/2023/36506

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact number 9646122219)

Tender Enquiry No. QW-326/PO-W Dated 08.08.2024
Chief Engineer/Stores & Workshops Organization, Sarabha Nagar, PSPCL, Ludhiana, invites E-tender of 93000 no. Stay Sets manufactured from M.S. Round 16mm and M.S. Channel 75x40mm (L/W) conforming to IS: 2062/1992 (with latest editions) Grade-A quality along with MS Plate 3x100x100mm and sectional details as per IS: 1732/1989 for M.S. Round and as per IS: 808/1989 for M.S. Channel with Red Oxide Primer. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.08.2024 from 2.00 pm onwards.

NOTE:- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
D-559/24, DPR/Pb.-76155/12/3266/2023/36506

MADHYA PRADESH JAL NIGAM
(A Government of Madhya Pradesh Undertaking)
'B' Arera Hills, Bhopal-462004, Phone : 0755-2579034, 2579874
Web. : mpjalnigam.mp.gov.in, E-mail : mpjalnigam@mp.gov.in, CIN-U41000MP2012SGC028798
Bhopal, Dated : 07.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam (MPJN) intends to engage Supervision & Quality Control Consultants (SQC) for Multi Village Drinking Water Supply Schemes (MVDWSS) under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) in Madhya Pradesh on man-month basis through Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method.

Bids are invited online through Madhya Pradesh Government E-Procurement Portal.

NIT No.	Name of the Scheme	PIU	Total Villages	PAC (Rs. Cr.)	Duration (months)	EMD (Rs. Lakh)	Document Fee (Rs.)
14	Lavkushnagar & Bijawar	Chhatarpur	377	4.72	24	4.72	15,000

Interested bidders can view/download/purchase the bid document online from M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal from 08.08.2024, 17:30 Hrs. Bidding process dates mentioned as critical dates on M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal will be applicable. Corrigendum/Addendum in NIT, if any, would be published on portal only and not in newspapers.
M.P. Government E-Procurement Portal - <https://mptenders.gov.in>
M.P. Madhyam/115816/2024
MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA STATE MEDICAL SUPPLIES CORPORATION LIMITED
No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Purank Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079.
Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmcsl@gmail.com

No:HFWK/MSMCL/EQPT/KSAPS/BSE/TND/11/2024-25(IND-0156) Date: 07-08-2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1) Tender Notification No: HFWK/MSMCL/EQPT/KSAPS/BSE/TND/11/2024-25 (IND-0156), Date: 07.08.2024.
Nationwide Tender is invited through E-Tendering system under KTFP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tenders:
1) Tender for Supply of Blood Storage Equipments Under Karnataka State Aids Prevention Society Programme.
The tenders who have registered under e-Procurement department may participate through e-tendering system.
Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website: <https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in> from 07.08.2024. The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tender. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.
Sd/- Managing Director
KSMCL, Bengaluru.

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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

Tender No.	Scope of work	Due date
242513 002653	Supply, Erection and Commissioning of Wet Lime Based Flue Gas Desulphurisation System for 1 X 125 TPH AFBC Boiler under RSPS#2 at TNPL Unit-I.	09.09.2024
242513 002591	TNPL Copier A4-70 GSM & A4-80 GSM 10 Reams Carton Lid and Tray	22.08.2024
242513 002592	Procurement of Sodium Sulphate for Unit - I	22.08.2024
242513 002608	Procurement of CS Pipe, Solf Flanges & Elbows.	22.08.2024
242523 001640	Cross Linker for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II.	26.08.2024
242523 001641	ASA Sizing Chemical for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II.	27.08.2024
242523 001642	To Run Oxidizing Biocide Program including bolout on package cost basis for Board Machine (CCK) of TNPL Unit-II.	24.08.2024

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242513002591 - purchase.packing@tnpl.co.in
242513002592 - purchase.rawmat@tnpl.co.in
242513002608 - purchase_engspares@tnpl.co.in
242523001640, 1641, 1642 - purchaserm_u2@tnpl.co.in

Corrigendum if any will be issued in TNPL Website and NIC Portal only. Detailed requirements, Period, Terms & conditions, Tender fee, EMD, etc., are available in the tender document which can be downloaded from website: <https://tntenders.gov.in/nicgep/app>
DIPR/2854/Tender/2024 TNPL - Maker of bagasse based eco-friendly Paper

IRCON INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
(A Govt. of India Undertaking)
Website: www.ircon.org CIN: L45203DL1976GO008171

e-Procurement Notice
e-Tender No.: IRCON/2060/GR/PE-TENDER/24-25/Gevra-Pendra/BSP-66 Dated:08.08.2024
e-Tender for and on behalf of Chhattisgarh East-West Railway Limited (CEWRL) is invited from bidders meeting qualifying requirements for the work of "Construction of Bridge No. 1C, 2C, 2D, 3C, 3E, 15D, 20B and 16 for connectivity of Jamshidpur Augmentation work & Dipka Siding to CEWRL Main Line in connection with the construction of New BG Electrified Double Railway Line for Chhattisgarh East West Rail Corridor from Gevra Road (Km 0) to Pendra Road (Km 135) in the state of Chhattisgarh over South East Central Railway."

Estimated Cost of the work ₹ 21,27,31,200.63/-
Last Date & Time of Bid Submission 29.08.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. (IST)
For further details, visit website <https://etenders.gov.in/eprocurement>. Corrigendum, if any, would be hosted only on the website. Chief General Manager/CIVICORP
1st Floor, The ARK, Link Road, Opposite Zudo, Bilaspur, Chhattisgarh-495011

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
"Vidyt Bhawan" Near ISBT Crossing, Saharanpur Road, Maja, Dehradun-248002
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675, Tel. No.: 0135-2642711

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-I/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_PTCUL_4_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 +91-8899899000
RO 1425/HQ/PTCUL Date : 07.08.2024 Superintending Engineer (C&P-II)
"Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation"

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT, SAWAI MAN SINGH HOSPITAL, JAIPUR
(Sawai Man Singh Road, Tonk Road, Jaipur, Rajasthan 302 001)
(Phone 0141-2518308, 0141 2565647, Email: ms.smshospital@gmail.com)
No.1566/Store/SMS/MH/2024 Jaipur dated, the 31/7/24

Notice Inviting Bid
Bids for two years rate contract for procurement of Biochemistry Reagents and Kits are invited from interested bidders up to 05.09.24 at 5.00 PM. Other particulars of bid may be visited on the procurement portal (<http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.raj.nic.in>) of the state.
UBN.No.MCJ2425GLRC00023 Sd/-
Medical Superintendent
DIPR/CT/043/2024 M.S. Hospital, Jaipur

In the High Court of Judicature for Rajasthan at Jodhpur
D.B. Special Appeal (Writ) No. 32/2024
in
S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11242/2023

Appellants :- Jd.V.V.N.L. & Ors. **Respondents :-** Bhsansali Dyeing & Ors.

VERSUS

This appeal has been filed against common judgement dated 09/11/2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court, at Jodhpur in S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11242/2023 titled Bhsansali Dyeing Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. and 4111 connected writ petitions.

The Hon'ble Court vide order dated 23/07/2024 has directed publication of the present notice so as to enable any of the writ petitioners whose writ petition came to be decided vide order dated 09/11/2023 passed by the Hon'ble High Court, at Jodhpur in S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 11242/2023 titled Bhsansali Dyeing Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. and 4111 connected matters to join the present appeal in case such writ petitioners decide to do so.

Notice is hereby given to all the parties who were writ petitioners in 411 writ petitions decided along with the S.B. Writ Petition No. 11242/2023 titled bhsansali Dyeing Vs. State of Rajasthan & Ors. to join the present appeal in case any such writ petitioners intend to do so.

Any writ petitioner intending to join may appear in person or through Advocate in the court on 03/09/2024. Given under my hand the seal of this 07 day of 08/2024.

Registrar
Raj.Samwad/C/24/



CONTRAPUNTO

A man will commit almost any wrong only to build a great, gloomy, dark-chambered mansion, for himself to die in, and for his posterity to be miserable in

—NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

Citizen Vinesh

Rarely does a rare sportsperson become a star without winning. And her story is not over

To the podium finishers, belong the laurels. But then there is Vinesh Phogat. Goldless, medalless, she has got India buzzing like the bee's knees. The public gaze on her life story is not new. It intensified as she stormed into the Olympic wrestling final, the first Indian woman to do so. Then grew upon her weighted disqualification. Instead of dimming her story arc, her losses have had a habit of lifting it higher. Will this pattern endure?

Of course, it is routine to lose in sports. Most Olympians will lose in Paris too. There are Indians who will return having been in painful touching distance of bronze. In archery, shooting, badminton, weightlifting. Maybe Vinesh's had more than her fair share of injuries. But the hits to her elbows and knees are only one part of what's riveting about her biography. What's made this Olympian stand out in India, is the battle she has fought outside the ring, and not for herself either. In the fight against sexual harassment, the odds are far more leaden. Many Indians cannot imagine themselves taking on such odds, anymore than an Olympic challenge. But they can appreciate the courage of someone who takes on both, with a kind of reckless heroism. It is also an inspiration for others to climb their own hills.



Conspiracy theories that have grown around her disqualification do suffer from ignorance, about wrestling's rules. This is a country where most sports conversation is about cricket, after all. But the doubting is also related to the institutional response to the wrestlers' anti-sexual-harassment protests, how harshly police were set upon them. There was even opacity in the processes where Vinesh had to transition from the 53kg to 50kg class. That the sports minister has given Parliament details about how much money govt has spent on her training and an MP translated her disqualification into a "lesson for all of us" to keep our weight in check, are scrambling responses to an antsy public sphere.

The power of this story is indivisible from how Vinesh looks and her words. Whether it is protesting, attacking, celebrating, healing, her images have ineffable pull. But so does the tweet announcing her retirement, or how she flayed Indian society for normalising sexual abuse and harassment. It is reminiscent of Muhammad Ali's eloquence: "You my opposer when I want equality." But like him, her decriers are also legion. They will have a say in shaping her story too. The fight is on.

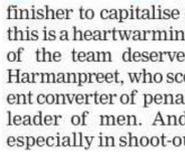
Captain & Goalie

Harmanpreet & Sreejesh best exemplified the spirit of our bronze-winning hockey team

Forty-four years ago in Moscow, India had prevailed over Spain 4-3 in a nerve-jangling final to claim its eighth Olympic gold. The two sides were contesting for a different metal in Paris yesterday. But nothing seemed to have changed. The intensity, the nerves, the desperation — everything was evident once more as Harmanpreet Singh-led India won 2-1 in another pulse-pounding game. For the second time in a row, India has won the bronze in the Olympics, and this one couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

In the past few days, India has endured a string of misses and misfortunes. In Paris, there have been more fourth-spot finishes than ever before, not to forget the tragic disqualification of wrestler Vinesh Phogat, a national heartbreak. The bronze, coming after a week without medals, will bring a degree of joy to millions invested in the national sport.

Teamwork was the key to India's victory. In every match, every member played his heart out. Defeating Great Britain, despite playing with 10 men for the larger part of the game, says a lot about the team's commitment. Overpowering Australia for the first time in Olympics since 1972 showed they had gotten over a major mental block. Had they converted their chances and displayed more self-belief, India might have even defeated Germany in the semis. What the team lacked was a quality finisher to capitalise on the umpteenth field goal chances. Nonetheless this is a heartwarming success story that must be relished. Two pillars of the team deserve special mention: Harmanpreet and Sreejesh. Harmanpreet, who scored 10 of the team's 15 goals, wasn't just an efficient converter of penalty corners and a solid defender, but also a true leader of men. And custodian Sreejesh's heroics in all games, especially in shoot-outs, will always be missed but never forgotten.



Let's fake it

If everything and everyone becomes spurious the bogus becomes the bona fide

Jug Suraiya



Employees of an accredited university in Rajasthan have reportedly hit upon a money-making scheme by handing out fake degrees to students in return for cash.

If this lucrative business catches on, and other institutions follow suit, it might lead to a scenario as envisioned in Second Opinion.

Rajesh is an up-and-coming executive in an MNC. The time comes when he has to go for a medical check-up with the company doctor, the result of which will determine whether his annual contract with the organisation will be extended. Rajesh undergoes his tests and the results show that he's failed to meet the required parameters for him to remain in the company's employ.

Desperate, Rajesh asks the doctor to change the report from negative to positive, for a monetary compensation. The medic complies and Rajesh hands in the falsified report to the company's CEO to get a job extension.

However, after a while, Rajesh's conscience begins to bother him and he returns to the doctor and asks for the earlier, negative report to submit to the CEO.

The doctor hands the negative report to Rajesh and says, Here you are, but they're both the same, you know. Confused, Rajesh asks, How can both be the same when the first is real and the second is a fake?

Smiling reassuringly, the doctor explains: The reports are the same because they're both fakes. They're both fakes because I'm a fake. I'm not a real doctor but a fake doctor, having bought my fake doctor's degree from a fake medical college.

Bemused by this revelation, Rajesh goes to the CEO and confesses that the medical report he's submitted was a fake of another report which was also a fake. Not to worry, says the CEO. You see, I'm also a fake, a fake CEO who landed this job on a fake MBA degree.

What a coincidence, says Rajesh. I got my job thanks to a fake diploma from a fake online training institute!

The moral of the story being that if everyone and everything is fake then the fake becomes the real. And vice versa.

HOUSE THAT FAIR?

Reinstating indexation option only for pre-budget real estate sales doesn't help those selling later. Middle class will be hit. Home ownership is not like other assets

Indranil Sen Gupta



The govt's decision to withdraw budget's proposed increase in long-term capital gains (LTCG) tax on real estate must be welcomed. But, as the move is limited to property deals executed before budget day (July 23), transactions after that cut-off date will invite higher tax liability than before. And therein lies the rub.

In India, real estate is special, as it constitutes a large part of household wealth. Given a limited equity culture, property is seen as a hedge against inflation, in terms of both capital value and rentals. While it would be ideal to tax all asset classes at the same rate, which was the logic behind the budgetary proposal, there is no gainsaying that a one-size-fits-all policy does not always work in our complex world. Societies often have relative preferences for particular assets based on social mores that cannot be ignored when it comes to taxation.

Beyond the psychological comfort of having a roof over one's head, property is seen as a hedge against inflation, whether in terms of capital value or rental yield

How it will work | With govt now offering sellers a choice between the old and new regimes, Delhi will apply the lower of the two tax liabilities for properties purchased before July 23. Suppose one had bought a property for ₹100 in 2002 and sold it for ₹400 now. Under the old regime, the seller could claim inflation indexation of 3.63 times from 2001-02. The capital gains levied would broadly work out to ₹7.4, as it would be imposed at 20% on the ₹37 inflation-adjusted capital gains. Under the new regime, the tax liability would rise to ₹37.5, ie, at 12.5% of the entire capital gains of ₹300, with indexation done away with.

It's a relief that the budget's tax proposal for immovable property is not going to be implemented retrospectively. As real estate is likely the single largest investment most Indians make, it is important to provide stable tax rules that ensure clear risk-adjusted rates of return.

Future deals less rewarding | Yet, with indexation benefits no longer available for prospective deals, the new tax regime will impact the public's dream of home ownership by raising the capital gains tax outgo. It is only for periods of a big jump in home prices along with very low inflation that the new tax regime would be similar to, or lower than the old one. Given that property prices typically jump like that once in years, the new capital gains tax liability will exceed that under the old regime over longer periods.

This also begs the question, will raising taxable capital gains not encourage transactions in cash? Authorities will surely have to block evasion by raising official property rates. Property tax rates may also need to be adjusted to avoid additional burden on those not selling.

Capital gains tax objectives | So, why does something like this happen? Capital gains taxation swings between equalisation across asset classes to provide a level-playing field and enabling state incentives/support for investment

a particular asset. The first choice is based on the apprehension that discretion in capital gains taxation, in particular, can favour a group, possibly for some consideration for rentier income. But there's a lot to be said about the second preference, as one size does not really fit all cases in our complex world. There is good reason for govt to support investment in certain assets for some economic, or even, social purpose. In any case, residential investment by the public is a key driver of growth.

What sets reality apart | So, what's so special about real estate? *Roti, kapda aur makaan* (bread, clothing and housing) is surely the Indian dream. Beyond the psychological comfort of having a roof over one's head, property is seen as a hedge against inflation, whether in terms of capital value or rental yield. Till the 1970s, the Indian middle class aspired to build a 2-3 storey house that provided a place to live, a rental income to get by and capital appreciation to tide over the rainy day. With urbanisation pressure leading to the emergence of apartment living, middle class Indians often try to buy multiple flats to replicate the same model.

Should we encourage the public to limit property's utility to a place to stay and shift their balance net worth to financial assets? Not necessarily. Property has returned 9-10% a year, including for rental yield in the past 18 years. This outstrips the 6-7% bank fixed deposit rates. Equities yield a higher return of pre-tax 12-14% but not without risks. Just as importantly, it is hardly feasible for many Indians to invest in stock markets, especially in old age, as financial literacy is still quite limited.

In any case, residential housing investment is as powerful a driver of growth as any financial asset. Its forward linkages to multiple sectors such as cement, steel, chemicals, paints, etc often translate into a higher employment potential. Thus, unlike gold, there is no macro imperative to push homeowners towards financial assets for the sake of economic growth.

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'Live Up To What Parliamentary Stands For'

Lok Sabha Speaker writes on the criticality of discipline and decorum in legislatures, for both proper conduct of business and health of democracy

Om Birla



Legislatures have a sacrosanct responsibility of oversight, law making and ensuring financial accountability. Over the decades, there has been a manifold increase in roles and responsibilities of legislatures, especially in a developing country like ours. Ensuring discipline and decorum in legislatures has assumed critical importance for orderly and seamless conduct of business of the House and for virtuous outcomes and success of our parliamentary democracy.

When disruption in legislatures becomes a regular feature, it not only results in loss of taxpayer money, but also projects a negative image of legislatures, which can lead to erosion of faith in these institutions. Lack of discipline and decorum in legislatures cannot augur well for the health of our parliamentary democracy.

The All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC), apex body of presiding officers of legislatures in the country, has played an important role in the evolution of Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in our legislatures. Through dialogue and discussion, it has come up with solutions to complex problems.

At a Nov 2001 conference, AIPOC deliberated on discipline and decorum in Parliament and state and UT legislatures. A resolution and a code of conduct for members were unanimously adopted. In 2000, with AIPOC's efforts, an ad hoc Ethics Committee was constituted, which became a permanent standing committee of Lok Sabha in 2015. Its recommendations have a significant bearing on conduct of members.

Parliamentary decorum encompasses a set of rules, conventions, and etiquette governing behaviour of members within the legislative chamber. Key aspects

relate to respect for the chair and fellow members; relevance of speeches and questions to matter under discussion; orderly conduct; refraining from interrupting other members, creating commotion, or engaging in other disruptive behaviour. Members should use appropriate and dignified language in the House.

Rules and standards of conduct for Lok Sabha members are provided in Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha, directions issued by Speaker under Rules of Procedure, and rulings from the Chair. The Handbook for Members and Practice & Procedure of Parliament serve as guides on desirable conduct. Members are expected to be well conversant with these

effective and constructive utilisation of time allocated for legislative and other businesses of the House.

The Lok Sabha Speaker is entrusted by the Constitution, rules of procedure and conduct of business, and by parliamentary tradition, with wide-ranging powers and responsibilities. Speaker is not only looked upon as moderator and facilitator of sittings, but also vested with authority to help frame sound rules and promote practices, customs and conventions that create a healthy parliamentary culture.

Given his wide and onerous responsibilities, Speaker is also vested by Lok Sabha with disciplinary powers. Maintenance of discipline and decorum in the House is a delicate duty.

For instance, Speaker can intervene when a member makes an unwarranted or defamatory remark by asking him/her to withdraw the offending remark and even order its expunction. Speaker may also order a member guilty of disorderly conduct to withdraw from the House and name a member for suspension if such member disregards or questions the Chair's authority and persists in obstructing proceedings.

In no situation should the authority of the Chair be questioned or his/her instructions disregarded. Speaker is final arbiter of all questions arising in the legislature's precincts. Members should regard the Chair not as an individual but as a supreme institution, a living embodiment of the authority of Parliament.

Elected members are looked up to by people of this country, especially youth, as their role models. Therefore, the conduct of legislators should be dignified, orderly, exemplary and beyond reproach. Upholding parliamentary decorum is critical for the edifice of parliamentary democracy and its supreme democratic institution. Parliamentarians and legislators are, thus, bound by the spirit of the Constitution to maintain high standards of conduct in the houses of legislature.



rules and guidelines. There are also parliamentary customs and conventions based on past precedents.

Extent and amplitude of the words "conduct of a member" have not been defined exhaustively. It's within the powers of the House in each case to determine whether a member has acted in an unbecoming manner or in a manner unworthy of an MP.

Articles 105 and 194 of the Constitution outline the powers, privileges, and immunities of Parliament and its members. These enable Parliament and its members to discharge their responsibilities without fear or hindrance. Members should use them for smooth,

Calvin & Hobbes



Sacredspace



How can you prove whether at this moment we are sleeping, and all our thoughts are a dream; or whether we are awake, and talking to one another in the waking state?

Plato

Politics And Ethics Must Be Welded Into A Unit

Sumit Paul

"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men," the historian and moralist, who was otherwise known as Acton, expressed this opinion in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton in 1887.

What's happening in Bangladesh is the quintessence of what Acton observed more than a century ago. Despotism is always accompanied by corruption of morality and a sharp decline in ethics. But we tend to explain these observations only in the context of politics and political power, thus limiting the scope and ambit of power. Power in any field has a debilitating influence on the person who wields it and those who are at the receiving end of it.

Humans are hungry for 3Ps: Power, pelf and popularity. Since joining

politics gets you these 3Ps quickly and on a silver platter at that, politics and absolute power often go hand in hand. Politics, everywhere and in all eras, has been a rather murky sphere.

Plato's political philosophy argues that in a system, in which everyone has a right to rule, all sorts of selfish politicians who care nothing for the people but are only motivated by their own personal desires can attain power. Power, particularly political power, is highly seductive. Politicians might suffer from Fiefdom Syndrome and also from a sort of pontificating superiority complex, which can be so overwhelming that they cannot part with it. The unbridled power enjoyed by the influential folks is so addictive that they want to perpetuate it despite having a lurking doubt that one day it

might be snatched from them.

Power and politics have a flame and a moth connection. A moth is well aware that the flame will consume it. Yet, it cannot hold itself back from drawing to it and getting burnt to ashes. Likewise, politicians are aware that political power will eventually be their undoing. Power that gets you instant popularity and pelf cannot be done away with so easily. That's the reason politicians are so fond of defending their enviable positions. British PM Herbert Henry Asquith would say that totality of anything could be dangerous. Though there's no denying that there have been morally upright politicians in all countries and ages who stuck to exalted human values, they have been few and far between.

When the public challenges dubious

politicians and their reigns, widespread chaos is a natural outcome. Political chaos invariably gels with religious frenzy in modern times because politics and religion get along very well. We mustn't forget that in the past 10 years in Bangladesh, murders of atheists and rationalists by the fanatics were given Nelson's eye by the just-topped govt.

Politicians nurture religionists and ultimately get the boot by the latter. Religion is a tool for all the politicians. The unfortunate happenings in Bangladesh should serve as lessons to all politicians that the state and faith must never be mixed up. What we can learn from the mayhem and coup in Bangladesh is that a politician can be hoisted with his own petard, and following unethical ways will sooner or later boomerang. Politics and ethics may appear to be poles asunder, but they can be welded into a scrupulous unit for the survival of a democracy.



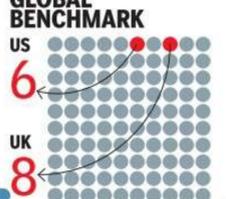
THE SPEAKING TREE

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of ease of doing business compared to peers

Source: Ministries

63 CURRENT
TOP 10 TARGET 2030

TOP 5 TARGET 2047



Vedanta puts \$2.5bn steel business sale on hold: Report

Vedanta has put a plan to sell its steel business on hold after a \$1 billion share sale gave the company more breathing room with its finances, and as environmental and regulatory concerns deter potential bidders, reports Bloomberg. Vedanta has been working on a sale of the business, which includes iron-ore and manganese mines, to raise about \$2.5 billion to help reduce the group's debt load. Vedanta's fundraise last month has eased some debt pressure. **BLOOMBERG**



Leather target: \$50bn exports by 2030

New Delhi: Commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal on Thursday asked the leather and footwear industry to target \$50 billion in exports by 2030. He also asked the industry to take advantage of various free trade agreements and focus tapping global markets. **AGENCIES**

Biocon Q1 profit up 6x at ₹660cr

New Delhi: Biotechnology firm Biocon on Thursday said its consolidated profit after tax rose over six-fold to Rs 660 crore in the first quarter ended June 2024, on account of a one-time gain from the collaboration between Biocon Biologics and Eris Lifesciences. **AGENCIES**

NSE investor strength goes up to 10 crore

New Delhi: The NSE on Thursday said its unique registered investors have crossed the 10 crore mark, with the latest 1 crore addition taking place in just five months. The investor base has seen more than 3-time jump in the last five years, it said. **AGENCIES**

StanC exits Protean eGov Tech, sells stake

New Delhi: Standard Chartered Bank has exited Protean eGov Technologies by selling its entire 3.1% stake for Rs 225 crore through an open market transaction. Protean eGov is one of the key IT-enabled solution companies in India. **AGENCIES**

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₹3 lakh cr worth of textiles and apparels, including handicrafts, were exported in FY24, up by 1%



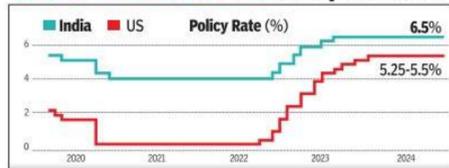
RBI holds repo rate for 9th time in a row at 6.5%
Says Need To Maintain Inflation's Declining Trajectory

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI on Thursday decided to keep policy rates on hold for the ninth consecutive time, citing strong demand and the need to maintain inflation's declining trajectory. The central bank said that there is a need to remain vigilant amid the backdrop of "large and persistent" supply side shocks in food items.

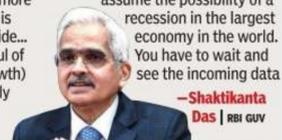
The six-member monetary policy committee voted 4:2 to keep the repo rate — the rate at which the central banks lends to banks — at 6.5% and to continue focusing on withdrawing accommodation to align inflation with the target while supporting growth. "Growth remains resilient, inflation has been trending downward and we have made progress in achieving price stability; but we have more distance to cover. The progress towards our goal of price stability has been uneven

'It's For Banks To Decide On Deposit Rates'



On Slow Deposit Growth...
I am not suggesting that people should not go for equity markets and put more deposits in the banks. It is left to the people to decide... Banks need to be mindful of this (slower deposit growth) because it can potentially create some structural challenges...

On US Recession Fears...
Based on a month's unemployment data you cannot assume the possibility of a recession in the largest economy in the world. You have to wait and see the incoming data



due to large and persistent supply side shocks, especially in food items. We need to remain vigilant to ensure that inflation moves sustainably towards the target, while supporting growth. This approach would be net positive for sustained high growth," Das said in a statement after the meeting of the monetary policy committee. Although the policy maintained a status quo in terms

of action, many read the governor's statement as hawkish. Particularly his comments cautioning banks on growing credit faster than deposits. Das asked banks to beef up household deposit mobilisation by leveraging their branch network and through innovative service offerings. Das retained the growth forecast for FY25 at 7.2% but cut down the forecast for QFY25 to 7.1% from 7.3% earlier due to updated information on high-frequency indicators, which show lower than anticipated corporate profitability, general government expenditure and core industries output. The governor also retained the inflation forecast for FY25 at 4.5% even as he tweaked quarterly forecasts.

According to RBI, the slowdown in deposits is partly because of a winding down of precautionary savings that households have built up during Covid when avenues were limited.

RBI gov cautions against gold, home loan top-ups

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: RBI governor Shaktikanta Das has cautioned lenders against aggressively growing personal loans by offering top-ups on existing home and gold loans. The governor said that some entities are not adhering to regulatory limits on some loans which risked being used for speculative purposes.

Das warned that the banking system could hit by structural liquidity issues if bank deposits continue to trail loan growth. "Alternative investment avenues are becoming more attractive to retail customers and banks are facing challenges on the funding front with bank deposits trailing loan growth. As a result, banks are taking greater recourse to short-term non-retail deposits and other instruments of liability to meet the incremental credit demand," said Das.

The governor said that "banks must focus on mobili-

Consumer Optimism Weakens: Survey

One-year ahead expectations compared with current situation

	May-24	Jul-24	Change
Economic situation	33.5	26.1	↓
Employment	34.3	26.8	↓
Price level	-68.4	-74.3	↓
Income	50.7	49.1	↓
Spending	73.9	75.6	↑
Consumer Confidence Index	124.8	120.7	↓

sation of household financial savings through innovative products and service offerings by leveraging their branch network". Das's comments on personal loans and concerns on credit growth outstripping deposit growth comes at a time when personal loans have emerged the fastest growing segment, rising 25% year-on-year to 54.8 lakh crore as of June-end. Within this, housing is growing at 36% (18.2% excluding HDFC merger impact). Unsecured personal loans grew 15% year-on-year as of end-June 2024. Das cautioned banks against high growth in certain segments of personal loans particularly those used for consumption purposes. He called upon lenders to assess and calibrate their underwriting standards as well as post-sanction monitoring of loans.

Sensex drops 582 pts on global mkt weakness

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Volatility on Dalal Street continued on Thursday with a negative bias despite RBI maintaining a status quo on rates as weakness in global markets affected sentiment in the domestic market.

At close of the day's trading, the sensx was down 582 points at 78,886 points with Infosys, Reliance Industries and L&T impacting the index the most. On the NSE, the broader Nifty lost 181 points to close at 24,117 points.

Foreign funds remained net sellers in the stock market for the fifth consecutive session while domestic funds were net buyers, data from BSE and CDSL showed.

According to Ajit Mishra of Religare Broking, Indian markets struggled to maintain Wednesday's recovery, ending over half a percent lower due to weak global cues. After an initial dip, markets witnessed volatility and closed near the day's low. "The ongoing global uncertainty is making market participants cautious, and short-term relief seems unlikely," Mishra wrote in a note to investors.

Among the 30 sensx stocks, 23 closed lower.

Rupee dips by 2p to close at 83.97/\$

Mumbai: The rupee consolidated in a narrow range and settled for the day lower by 2 paise at 83.97 against US dollar on Thursday, after RBI kept the benchmark interest rate and stance unchanged for the ninth straight policy meeting.

Forex traders said weak domestic markets, surge in crude oil prices and foreign fund outflows weighed on the rupee. However, a decline in the US dollar index prevented the local unit from declining sharply. **AGENCIES**

LIC looks to acquire health insurance co
CEO Mohanty Says Co Plans Acquisition This Fiscal To Foray Into Health Business

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: LIC plans to take the acquisition route to get into the health insurance business, said MD & CEO Siddhartha Mohanty.

During the announcement of the company's financial results for the first quarter, Mohanty said that the company is looking at an acquisition during the current financial year. "Rather than set up a vertical for insurance, we felt that we can acquire a company which will allow us to start selling health insurance across the country," said Mohanty.

LIC has over 14.1 lakh agents, which is among the largest agency force among insurance companies worldwide. According to sources, most of the corporation's agents are already distributing health insurance for other private companies as regulations permit an agent to work for life and non-life companies. These agents are expected to switch to selling LIC products.

Industry sources said that health insurance is increasingly becoming a 'pull' product, with many young buyers actively seeking coverage. This presents an opportunity for agents to engage with potential customers.

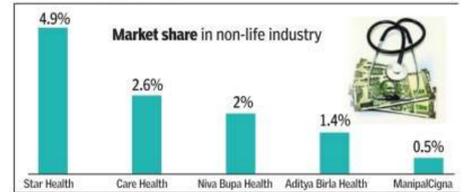
Therefore, the availability of health insurance is expected to benefit the life insurance business as well.

At present, there are five established standalone health insurance companies — Star Health & Allied Insurance, Niva Bupa, Aditya Birla Health Insurance, Care Health Insurance and ManipalCigna Healthshare, while it dominated the group business with a 76.6% share.

Total premium income for the quarter increased by 15.7% to Rs 1,13,770 crore, compared to Rs 98,363 crore in the same quarter last year. The individual business premium grew by 7.04% to Rs 67,192 crore, while the group

business premium rose by 30.9% to Rs 46,578 crore. The value of new business for the quarter grew by 23.7% to Rs 1,610 crore, and the VNB margin improved by 20 basis points to 13.9%. LIC's assets under management increased by 16.2% year-over-year, reaching Rs 54 lakh crore. Additionally, LIC's solvency ratio improved to 2, up from 1.9 in the previous year. The overall expense ratio decreased by 98 basis points to 11.9%, reflecting improved operational efficiency.

5 ESTABLISHED HEALTH INSURERS



At 3.8%, FMCG growth in June qtr slowest in a year
Muted Demand In Rural & Urban Mkts: Study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Demand for soaps, hair oil, shampoo, packaged atta and other FMCG products remained muted in the June quarter with the slowdown more pronounced in urban markets.

The FMCG industry recorded a volume growth of 3.8% during the quarter, the lowest in over a year, data released by NielsenIQ on Thursday showed. This compares with a volume growth of 7.5% the sector had seen in the year-ago quarter and 6.5% in the preceding (March) quarter.

NielsenIQ India's head of customer success Roosevelt Dsouza attributed the deceleration in volumes largely to macroeconomic headwinds. "Our hypothesis is that unemployment is rising, highest in (month) June 2024," said analysts at NielsenIQ.

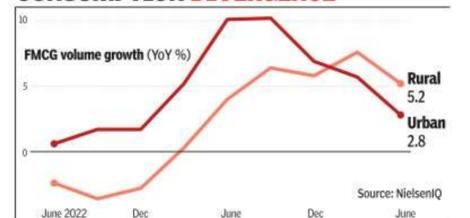
While rural volume growth continues to outpace the growth in urban areas, both regions experienced softer consumption in the quarter. Urban volume growth declined to 2.8% in the June quarter from 5.7% in the March quarter.

Rural consumption growth at 5.2% in the April-June period is lower than the 7.6% growth it recorded in the previous quarter. Consumption of staples like packaged salt, packaged at-

ta, palm oil as well as personal care and home care categories took a hit across both markets as consumers tightened purse strings. In rural regions, high contributing

decent monsoons and start of festivities later this month should further help rural consumption. FMCG companies, which have been grappling with te-

CONSUMPTION DIVERGENCE



categories like laundry and utensil cleaners within homecare witnessed slow consumption, NielsenIQ said. Value growth for the industry stood at 4% in the June quarter, lower than 12.2% in the year-ago period and 6.6% in the previous quarter.

Rural consumption still fared better than its urban counterparts because of the price cuts that several companies took in the earlier quarters to fuel demand in rural regions. Also, firms like Dabur and Nestle have been heavily expanding their rural coverage, bringing more people within the fold of branded consumption, said independent consultant Akshay D'souza, adding that

pid growth largely on the back of rural slowdown, have been betting on good monsoons to spur demand.

Volume growth in the food category stood at 2.4% in the June quarter compared to 4.8% in the Jan-March period. In the non-food segment, volume growth was at 7.6% in the quarter, a drop from 11.1% in the March quarter with the decline steeper in urban. India's largest consumer goods company HUL had last month said that while on a two-year CAGR (compound annual growth rate) basis, urban is still growing ahead of rural, growth in rural has started to pick up with the regions outpacing urban in the last couple of months.

'India's 3 richest families together worth S'pore GDP'
Combined Wealth At \$460Bn, Ambanis Top List With \$309Bn Value: Study

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: At \$460 billion, business interests of the country's three wealthiest families' put together are worth as much as Singapore's GDP.

With Rs 25.8 lakh crore (\$309 billion), Ambani family ranks first in the Barclays Private Clients Hurun India most valuable family businesses list. They are followed by the Bajaj family, headed by Niraj Bajaj, which comes second with Rs 7.1 lakh crore, while the Kumar Mangalam Birla-headed Birla family ranks third with Rs 5.4 lakh crore.

The list does not include Adani family as they are first-

124 BIZ FAMILIES WORTH OVER \$1BN



Adani family (₹15.4L cr) has not been included in the Barclays Private Clients Hurun India most valuable family businesses list as they are first-generation entrepreneurs

generation entrepreneurs. The first-generation entrepreneurs list is led by Adanis — their business interests are valued at Rs 15.4 lakh crore, followed by Poonawalla family, who manage the Serum Institute of India, valued at Rs 2.4 lakh crore. The Divi family, overseeing Divi's Laboratories, stands third with a valuation of Rs 91,200 crore. Business families in the 2024 list control a total value

of \$1.3 trillion, exceeding the combined GDP of Switzerland and the UAE. To qualify for the list, a family business must have a minimum value of Rs 2,700 crore. In total, 124 families on the list have a net worth of at least \$1 billion.

In terms of share price growth since inheritance, the Benu Bangur family leads with a 571-fold increase, followed by the Taparia family with a 387-fold growth, and the Dharmal Agarwal family with a 316-fold rise. Additionally, 75% of the companies on the list are publicly traded. Haldiram Snacks is the most valuable unlisted company in India, with a valuation of Rs 63,000 crore. The

list also notes that 15 companies are led by women, while 53 are managed by professional CEOs. Of the companies featured, 85% sell physical products, with 53% being consumer-facing and 47% focused on B2B services.

The Gadgil family, with their six-generation-old jewellery business PN Gadgil & Sons valued at Rs 3,900 crore, and the Wadia Group, led by Nusli Wadia and valued at Rs 1,28,900 crore, top the list of long-standing family businesses. The Burman family, with their FMCG company Dabur India, and the Shriram family, who established DCM Shriram, have both been in business for five generations.

US court rejects Byju's lenders' plea to block BCCI settlement

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: A US court has rejected a plea by Byju's overseas lenders through which they sought to block the settlement between the troubled startup and cricket governing body BCCI, approved by an Indian court. The Delaware Bankruptcy Court refused to interfere with proceedings in another country's judicial system. The settlement between BCCI and Byju's which was approved by the Chennai bench of NCLAT last week, related to a dispute over non-payment of Rs 159 crore in dues that Byju's owed to the cricket governing body. The NCLAT order effectively

quashed insolvency proceedings against Byju's, putting the company back under the control of founder and CEO Byju Raveendran.

In a statement, Byju's said that the US court's decision recognised that granting lenders the requested relief would be an extraordinary and unjustified move.

"The Delaware Bankruptcy Court's decision effectively puts an end to Glas' (Glas Trust Company) represented the foreign lenders) attempts to forum shop. Glas had tried and failed to settle the settlement between BCCI and one of the promoters of Byju's before the NCLAT in India, prompting them to approach

the Delaware Court for the same relief. In its latest order, the Delaware Court had upheld the principle of comity and thwarted Glas' attempt to usurp the jurisdiction of the Indian courts," said Rishabh Gupta, legal counsel for Byju's.

Raveendran's brother and company board member Riju Ravindran used his personal funds raised through the sale of his shares in Byju's parent Think & Learn (between May 2015-January 2022) and liquidation of his personal assets in India to clear BCCI's dues. Byju's lenders had argued in NCLAT that the payment of operational creditor (BCCI) over financial creditors violates the provisions of the IBC code.



STEVE MARTIN DECLINES TO PLAY TIM WALZ ON 'SNL', SAYS 'NOT AN IMPRESSIONIST': 'PICKED BECAUSE I HAVE GRAY HAIR AND GLASSES'

CATE BLANCHETT SAYS 'NO ONE GOT PAID ANYTHING' TO FILM 'LOTR', A BLOCKBUSTER: 'I BASICALLY GOT FREE SANDWICHES'



Bangladesh has got independence for second time, must protect it: Yunus

Nahid Islam & Asif Mahmud, Leaders Of Student Protests, In Caretaker Govt

AKM Moinuddin
Dhaka: Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus took the oath of office as head of Bangladesh's interim government on Thursday. Prez Mohammed Shahabuddin also administered oath to 13 members of the advisory council, which includes key organisers of Anti-Discrimination Student Movement — M Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud Sajib Bhuiyan. In their mid-20s, the two led the protests that resulted in the fall of Sheikh Hasina's govt.

The council includes women's rights activist Farida Akhtar, professor of Islamic history and Hefazat-e-Islam's deputy chief AFM Khalid Hossain, Grameen Telecom trustee Nurjahan Begum, freedom fighters Sharmeen Murshid and Farooq-e-Azam, Chittagong Hill Tracts Development Board chairman Supradip Chakma, National Institute of Mental Health and Hospital's psychiatry professor Bidhan Ranjan Roy, and former foreign secretary Tuhid Hossain.

Also serving are Bangladesh Bank's former governor Salehuddin Ahmed, Dhaka University professor Asif Nazrul, human rights activist Adilur Rahman Khan, ex-attorney general AF Hassan Arif, Bangladesh environmental lawyers association chief executive Syeda Rizwa

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PAKISTAN DIALS BANGLADESH



na Hasan, and former election commissioner Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hossain.

Roy, Chakma, and Farooq e Azam, a naval commando awarded the Bir Pratik for bravery in the 1971 independence war, could not take the oath as they were outside Dhaka.

Yunus, who had been in Paris for the Olympic Games, returned to Dhaka on Thursday via Dubai, where he was gree-

ted at the airport by army chief Gen Waker-Uz-Zaman, senior officials, student leaders, and civil society members. "Today is a day of our pride," Yunus said emotionally at a press conference at the airport. "We have got independence for the second time. We have to protect this independence," he added, referring to the ouster of ex-PM Sheikh Hasina as the country's "second independence". Yunus told the

public: "If you have faith in me and trust me, then ensure that there will be no attack anywhere in the country. This is our first responsibility. If I can't do it and you do not listen to me, I don't have any utility here."

Bangladesh has been rocked by deadly unrest in recent weeks. At least 232 people have been killed in Bangladesh in violence that erupted following the fall of Hasina govt Monday, taking the death toll to 560 since anti-quota protests first started in mid-July. Following the fall of Hasina's govt, several police stations were attacked, forcing officers to evacuate due to the threat of further violence. In response to Yunus's call, police returned to work Thursday.

Yunus expressed gratitude to the youth behind the movement, underscoring the need to save the country from violence and move forward on the path shown by the students. "The student protesters had saved the country, he said, adding: "Whatever path our students show us, we will move ahead with that." Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Khaleda Zia expressed optimism that Yunus will successfully lead interim govt. The optimism stems from Yunus's successful anti-poverty campaign through the Grameen Bank, which has been replicated across continents.

Ready to work with Bangla interim govt: US

AKM Moinuddin

Dhaka: The US on Thursday expressed its readiness to collaborate with the interim govt in Bangladesh, which it believes will be crucial in fostering long-term peace and political stability in the country. "We understand Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus has agreed to lead Bangladesh's interim govt. We stand ready to work with the interim government," US state department spokesperson **Matthew Miller** said in Washington DC.

He emphasised the importance of democratic principles. "As you heard the secretary (Antony Blinken) say yesterday, any decisions that the interim govt makes should respect democratic principles, rule of law, and the will of the Bangladeshi people," Miller said.

The US also voiced concern over reports of attacks, deaths, and human rights abuses in recent weeks. "We urge all parties to refrain from further violence. We call for full accountability of all perpetrators of violence," the spokesperson said.

'Stolen valour': A battle rages over military records of Walz & Vance

JD Says Kamala's Veep Pick Quit Nat'l Guard To Avoid Iraq Posting; Dem Supporters Mock His Own Non-Combat Media Relations Role

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Circular fire has erupted in the US political arena over military service of its vice-pres candidates, with both Democrats and Republicans accusing their opposition nominees of "stolen valor".

It all began when Republican veep candidate JD Vance's resume listed his military service, including a deployment in Iraq, burnishing a ticket where its presidential nominee Donald Trump is said to have skipped enlistment pleading bone spur problems. When Democrats announced Minnesota governor Tim Walz as their veep candidate, he and his supporters talked up his 25 years with the National Guard, the US reserve military force.

That's when the verbal firefight began. "As a marine who served his country in uniform, I went to Iraq honorably when asked. When Tim Walz was asked... he dropped out of the army and allowed his unit to go without him," Vance lashed out. "What's bothers me about Tim Walz is this stolen valor garbage. Do not pretend to be something that you're not."

Cue for Walz supporters to dig into Vance's deployment, which showed that much of his service in the Marine Corps, including six months in Iraq, was as a media relations officer. "Talk about Stolen Valor. JD Vance was a combat correspondent who created Marine press releases and spent his 6 months in Iraq, in a NON COMBAT role, babysitting journalists," one critic wrote.

Vance supporters in turn accused Walz of misrepresenting his service to suggest he had been deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan in active combat,



COMBATING MACHOISM: JD Vance was on active duty with the Marine Corps from 2003 to 2007 during the Iraq War, but did not serve as a frontline combatant.



(Right) Tim Walz served a total of 24 years in various units and jobs in the Army National Guard before retiring in 2005

'Speaking now': Harris shuts down disrupters

When a group of pro-Palestinian protesters first interrupted V-P Kamala Harris at a rally in Detroit on Wednesday, she smiled, with a gentle corrective. "I am speaking now." But as the disruption continued, her patience ran thin. "You know what?" she said, with the sudden force and resolve of a parent in the driver's seat who has had it. "If you want Trump to win, then say that. Otherwise, I'm speaking." As the crowd roared, Harris stayed silent, jaw set, eyes fixed. The stare-down was the latest reminder of how Harris has been able, with an almost theatrical flair, to turn efforts to undermine and rattle her into her own political weapons. She also takes particular umbrage at being interrupted. During 2020 debate with then-VP Mike Pence, she objected to his repeated bids to cut into her responses. Her left hand went up, palm facing Pence. "Mr. Vice President, I am speaking. I am speaking," she said. When it happened again, she smiled at him: "Mr. V-P, I am speaking." NYT

producing clips of veterans confronting his staff on the matter when he was running for Congress. Walz supporters say he had quit National Guard to run for office before the deployment was announced and he never directly claimed to have been in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Military service is a big deal in the US. Two-thirds of presidents — 31 out of 46 by one estimate — have served in the military in some capacity. The salience of military service has decreased in recent years. Four of last five presidents, Clinton, Obama, Trump, and Biden, did not serve in the military. The last prez to do so was

George W. Bush who had a sketchy stint with the Air National Guard. Like Vance and Walz, he too appeared to be a reluctant serviceman, writing in his memoir that he was willing to serve his country but preferred to do so as a combat pilot rather than "an infantryman wading across a paddy field". Political scientists say voters are now comfortable with electing people who haven't served in the military. Some of this, they surmise, has to do with the decline in the importance of foreign policy, particularly for MAGA voters whose "America First" approach disdains fighting wars abroad.

Zero tolerance for anyone spreading anarchy, warns Pak army chief

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan army chief General Asim Munir said Thursday that the act of spreading anarchy in the country was the "greatest sin", alluding to the turmoil in Bangladesh that led to ex-PM Sheikh Hasina resigning and fleeing the country. "If anyone tries to spread chaos in Pakistan, by God, we (army) will stand against them," General Munir said at a national convention. "Whoever doesn't adhere to the Shariah (Islamic law) and the Constitution, we don't consider them Pakistanis."

He also took a jibe at India, wondering aloud where were "those who used to say that they drowned the two-nation theory in the Bay of Bengal". "No power in the world can harm Pakistan because it was created to last, and it will exist till eternity," the military chief declared.

He blamed mostly social media for instances of anarchy in the region, suggesting further curbs could be clamped as online campaigns criticising Pakistan's powerful military gain traction. Munir termed Kashmir an "incomplete agenda" involving Pakistan and India.

UK aid agency office in B'desh ransacked

Naomi Canton

London: The regional office of a Catholic relief organisation in Bangladesh has been stormed and ransacked by a mob which is now illegally trespassing in its compound. The Khulna office of Caritas Bangladesh was stormed on Tuesday amid the breakdown of law and order that gripped Bangladesh following the resignation of former PM Sheikh Hasina. Catholic aid agencies, Catholic Agency For Overseas Development, partners with Caritas Bangladesh to deliver agricultural projects.

Phil Talman, programme coordinator for Bangladesh at London-based CAFOD, told TOI: "About 40 to 50 people attacked the compound and the office. They wrecked and looted the place and some stayed, occupying the land looking like they are not going to move. It seems as if they want to claim the land. None of the staff was hurt." He said no police came and the staff, many of whom are Christian, had a narrow escape. He added they have not gone back yet as the trespassers haven't left yet.

Ready to join politics, I'm already at forefront: Hasina's son

'Mom Not Seeking Asylum In Any Country, Will Return To B'desh When Polls Declared'

Rohit Khanna | timesofindia.com

As attacks on Awami League leaders continued in Bangladesh, Sajeb Wazed Joy, son of former PM Sheikh Hasina, said he is ready to enter politics. Joy had earlier said he had no intention of joining politics.

Talking to TOI over phone from his residence in Washington, DC on Thursday, Joy said, "I will do whatever it takes to save the party and its workers. If there is a need for me to join politics, I will not refrain from that. My mother would have retired from politics after the current term. I never had any political ambition and was settled in the US. But the developments in Bangladesh in the past few days show that there is a leader-

ship vacuum. I had to get active for the sake of the party and I am at the forefront now."

His statements came after Khaleda Zia was released from house arrest and her son Tariq Rahman, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party's acting chairman, is returning to Dhaka.

Speaking on the day that an interim govt led by Nobel Prize winner Md Yunus took charge of Bangladesh, Joy said, "I am sure the Awami League will take part in the election and we might even win. We have the largest supporter base in Bangladesh." Claiming his mother has no plan of seeking asylum in any country, he said, "For the time being, she is in India. She will go back to Bangladesh the

moment the interim govt decides to hold an election in the country. I am thankful to PM Narendra Modi for saving my mother's life at such short notice."

On Thursday, Joy's sister Saima Wazed also made it clear she will continue in her role as the WHO regional director. "Heartbroken with the loss of life in my country Bangladesh that I love. So he-artbroken that I cannot see and hug my mother during this difficult time. I remain committed to my role as RD WHO," she wrote on X. In a later post, she wrote, "To everyone who has shown concern: as much as I would love to see Ma, I don't want to compromise her whereabouts in any way."

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UK riots halted by communities, police but country remains on alert

London: British police remained on alert on Thursday after a heavy security presence, rapid arrests and displays of unity by people across Britain on Wednesday prevented a repeat of widespread rioting involving racist attacks targeting Muslims and migrants.

After police deployed in force and thousands of anti-racism protesters took to the streets on Wednesday evening, threats of widespread gatherings by far-right anti-immigration groups did not materialise. But the govt said it was still cautious after days of riots triggered by false online posts wrongly identifying the suspected killer of three young girls in a July 29 knife attack in Southport as an Islamist migrant.

Police said a further potential 20 gatherings and three counter-gatherings were planned for Thursday. "We're going to continue the strong policing response, making sure that there are additional police officers ready to respond," interior minister Yvette Cooper told reporters. More than 480 people have



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been arrested across the country so far, with nearly 150 charged. Dozens have already been sentenced with cases fast-tracked through the justice system. London Commissioner Mark Rowley said many of those arrested had criminal backgrounds.

For PM Keir Starmer, a former chief prosecutor, it is the first major test of his premiership since winning a July 4 election. Rowley dismissed suggestions the riots were political. "Any suggestion they're patriots, or they've got a cause... is nonsense," Rowley said. "They're criminals."

Several thousand people from anti-racism groups gathered in Walthamstow, north London, on Wednesday following threats to an immigration advice centre there. Others protected mosques and hotels housing asylum seekers that were among other targets. Rowley hailed a "successful" night that had gone "very peacefully" apart from a few criminal incidents.

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Starmer, who met with police and community leaders in Birmingham on Thursday, said Wednesday was "much better than expected". No large far-right gatherings were reported Wednesday. REUTERS

Austria cancels Swift gigs after terror plot busted; 3 teens held, planned suicide op, had IS ties

Vienna: An Austrian teenager arrested over an alleged plot to strike a Taylor Swift concert in Vienna planned to carry out a suicide attack that would have caused a "bloodbath" and had vowed loyalty to Islamic State, 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 said.

He swore allegiance to the IS chief on the internet and had chemicals, machetes and technical devices at his home in the town of Ternitz in preparation for an attack, Ruf added. The suspect was planning a lethal assault among the estimated 20,000 "Swiftie" fans set to gather outside Vienna's Ernst Happel Stadium, said national intelligence head Omar Hajjawi-Pirchner. Two other Austrian youths aged 17 and 15 were detained Wednesday over the reported plot. "The main perpetrator has confessed that he was supposed to carry out a suicide attack with two accomplices," said Austrian Chancellor Karl

Nehammer. "The suspects actually had very specific and detailed plans... to leave a bloodbath in their wake."

Authorities said the main suspect had 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 said the suspect had kept to himself and had grown a "Talbiban beard". The 17-year-old suspect had been given a job with a company a few days ago that was providing services at the stadium, according to security officials. Event organiser said it has cancelled Swift's 3 concerts in Vienna, due to start Thursday.

Swift is scheduled to perform at London's Wembley stadium in five concerts between Aug 15 and 20. London mayor Sadiq Khan said that while he understood Vienna's reasons for cancelling, "We're going to carry on." He said authorities are prepared for shows there following lessons learned from a 2017 attack at an Ariana Grande gig in Manchester that killed 22.

DAILY PLANET



NEW BANKSY ARTWORK 'STOLEN' IN LONDON: A new Banksy artwork depicting a wolf on a satellite dish in London was removed, possibly stolen, less than an hour after it was unveiled by the elusive street artist on Thursday. The piece was the fourth animal-themed artwork that Banksy had installed across London this week. The wolf silhouette was located on the roof of an empty shop in Peckham. Photos from the scene show a person climbing up a ladder to retrieve the satellite dish while another holds the ladder for them. Further images show an individual walking off with the piece of art

Aus & NZ locked in a battle of tongue in cheek after Maori words are removed

The removal of basic Maori phrases meaning "hello" and "New Zealand" from a Maori lunar year invitation to an Australian official was not a snub of the Indigenous language by New Zealand's govt, PM Christopher Luxon said Wednesday, seemingly joking that it instead reflected the "incredibly simple" language required when speaking to Australians. New Zealanders enjoy a friendly rivalry with their closest neighbour, often calling Australians stupid. "In my dealings with Australians, it always pays to be incredibly simple and clear and use English," Luxon said. Ripostes between lawmakers across the Tasman have precedent: A New Zealand leader, Rob Muldoon, quipped in 1980s that New Zealanders who migrate to Australia "raise the IQ of both countries". On Thursday, a smiling Australian PM Albanese responded to Luxon with a favourite Australian joke — that no one can understand the NZ accent. "Sometimes though we do

speak a different language and that's when we both think we're speaking English."

Catalan separatist returns to Spain, only to vanish

Police launched a manhunt in Barcelona on Thursday for ex-Catalonia leader and fugitive **Carles Puigdemont**, a celebrated campaigner for Catalan independence who made a sensational return to Spain and an equally sensational getaway from a rally in the city. After finishing his speech, Puigdemont went backstage and vanished. A police hunt created traffic chaos in the city and near the border with France. Catalan police arrested one of their own officers on charges of aiding his getaway, suspecting Puigdemont used the officer's car.

Stuck Boeing Starliner astronauts may fly home on SpaceX in '25: Nasa

For weeks, Nasa has played down problems experienced by Starliner, a Boeing spacecraft that took two astronauts to the ISS in June. But Wednesday, Nasa officials admitted the issues might be more serious than first thought and that the astronauts might not return on the Boeing vehicle, after all. The agency is exploring a backup option for the astronauts, Suni Williams and Butch Wilmore, to instead hitch a ride back to Earth on a

spacecraft built by Boeing's competitor SpaceX.

The astronauts' stay in orbit, which was to be as short as eight days, could be extended into Feb 2025. The announcement adds more embarrassment for Boeing, an aerospace giant that has billions of dollars of aerospace contracts with the US govt and builds commercial jets that fly all around the world. Nasa and Boeing is had ma-

intained that the crew members who launched with Starliner on its first crewed test flight were not stranded in space. Williams and Wilmore have spent two months aboard the orbital outpost while engineers continue to analyse data about the faulty performance of several of Starliner's thrusters when it approached for docking, as well as several helium leaks.

Boeing's testing so far has shown that four of Starliner's jets had failed in June because they overheated and automatically turned off, while other thrusters re-fired during tests appeared weaker than normal because of some restriction to their propellant. Ground tests in July at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico have helped reveal that the thrusters' overheating causes a teflon seal to warp, choking propellant tubes for the thrusters and thereby weakening their thrust.

AROUND THE WORLD

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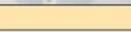


IS AI RESHAPING THE WORLD?

AI-driven personalisation is key to a more inclusive Web

Currently, the world wide web (www) provides the same experience to everyone. However, as we strive for a more inclusive and accessible future, the Web can evolve to deliver content that aligns with users' cognitive and sensory needs. This transformation is possible with AI's immense potential to provide personalised experiences at a large scale. In an era where software can surpass the human understanding of the Web, transformer-based models can significantly enhance personalisation based on interests and preferences. Envision a future where Web

browsers seamlessly integrate large language models (LLMs) to understand the multisensory needs of each user. For instance, research and anecdotal evidence indicate that neurodivergent individuals prefer to process information through images, diagrams, videos, and minimal text. Similarly, older adults will find webpages with larger fonts, simplified layouts, and minimal navigation to be more accessible and user-friendly. With generative AI, it is possible to adapt webpages to cater to the needs of diverse users. How do we implement this? Web browser providers can embed personal LLMs within their web browsers or use a third-party solution so that their web browsers can understand individual user preferences and their intellectual and sensory preferences.



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DATA SCIENCE

Data science is the interdisciplinary field that extracts insights and knowledge from structured and unstructured data. It involves techniques such as statistical analysis, machine learning, and data visualization to uncover patterns, trends, and relationships within large datasets. The goal of data science is to leverage data to solve complex real-world problems, drive decision-making, and generate business value. Data scientists use a combination of technical skills, domain expertise, and analytical thinking to transform raw data into actionable intelligence. By blending mathematics, computer science, and subject-matter knowledge, data science has become an essential discipline for organizations seeking to gain a competitive edge in an increasingly data-driven world.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED

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Data is the new oil, learn to mine it for a resilient career

As companies increasingly rely on data to drive their strategies and operations, the demand for skilled data scientists is expected to soar. Added to this, the government's push for digitalisation is generating massive amounts of data, creating a demand for skilled professionals to analyse and extract actionable insights.



Pankaj Vyas | CEO & MD, SIEMENS TECHNOLOGY & SERVICES

Young professionals in data science should cultivate both technical and analytical competencies. Mastery of programming languages such as Python and R is foundational, while a strong grasp of data interpretation, statistics, and probability is crucial for uncovering meaningful insights. Developing expertise in ML algorithms and the ability to build and validate predictive models are also critical.

Jacob Joseph | VP, DATA SCIENCE, CLEVERTAP

Technical skills aside, it is incumbent that young data science engineers master effective communication skills, critical and strategic thinking, collaboration, and adaptability. With the advancements in AI, technology can assist with technical tasks. But as a data scientist, it is also essential to hone your soft skills like asking the right questions, interpreting insights, and forecasting trends.



Gautam Goenka | VP, SOFTWARE ENGINEERING & SITE HEAD, UPIATH

The exponential growth in available data, coupled with the increasing reliance on data-driven decision-making, fuels demand for skilled professionals who can extract valuable insights. With applications expanding across sectors and a persistent skills gap, AI and Data Science offers a robust career path.

Debdoot Mukherjee | CHIEF DATA SCIENTIST, HEAD OF AI AND DEMAND ENGINEERING, MEESHO

You should master a blend of technical and soft skills. On the technical side, proficiency in programming languages such as Python, R, and SQL is crucial, along with familiarity with data manipulation tools and frameworks like Hadoop, Spark, and SQL databases.

Rajesh Chopra | SENIOR VP, DATA & SERVICES, SOUTH ASIA, MASTERCARD

You should deep dive into ML algorithms and statistical modeling. Data Science is an interdisciplinary field that requires a granular understanding of data, statistics, and the business domain. Understand the nitty-gritty of your domain, deep-dive into core business problems, and then create meaningful narratives of your data.



Boobesh Ramadurai | VP, MARKETING ANALYTICS, LATENT VIEW

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data contracts to ensure the quality and trustworthiness of data used to build AI models. Furthermore, organisations will need to become modular enterprises capable of adapting quickly to changing market dynamics. In this dynamic environment, data scientists with strong problem-solving skills and who continuously learn will be invaluable assets.

What to master
As data science continues to evolve, young engineers must master a blend of technical and soft skills to succeed. Proficiency in programming languages such as Python, R, and SQL is crucial, along with familiarity with data manipulation tools and frameworks like Hadoop, Spark, and SQL databases. "Mastery of machine learning algorithms, statistical analysis, and AI concepts is crucial," emphasises Debdoot Mukherjee, chief data scientist and head of AI and demand engineering at Meesho. "This includes a strong grasp of probability theory, advanced mathematics, and understanding of various deep learning architectures and their real-world applications."

Developing strong analytical skills, business acumen, and the ability to communicate effectively with stakeholders are equally important. "The ability to align data science with business objectives is vital," stresses Mukherjee. "This involves developing a strong metrics orientation, honing data-driven problem-solving skills, and effectively communicating complex insights to non-technical stakeholders to drive actionable outcomes." Rajesh Chopra, senior vice president of data & services for South Asia at Mastercard, echoes the importance of soft skills: "Beyond technical skills, competencies in project management, analytical thinking, and problem-solving are highly valued. Data scientists should be adept at interpreting complex data, making data-driven decisions, and managing projects efficiently."

In the past 18 months, Infosys has infused AI into seven work streams within the company

HOW TO BUILD AN AI-FIRST FIRM

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Infosys is one of the world's biggest IT services companies, and today it's increasingly trying to develop and sell AI solutions to the world. In the company's latest annual report, chairman Nandan Nilekani writes that as the company works towards that, "We must learn from applying AI to ourselves, be it in creating an AI-first enterprise or in accelerating the massive talent amplification that's now needed."

So, how much has it applied AI to itself? How much of an AI-first company is Infosys today? We spoke to chief technology officer (CTO) Mohammed Rafee Tarafdar to understand this.

Rafee says they started the AI-first journey about 18 months ago, targeting seven work streams. Here we look at the progress and impact in each of those streams.

Software engg, migration, modernisation

Infosys developers today use an off-the-shelf code assistant. Rafee says the company is one of the largest users of Microsoft Copilot. In addition, they developed 12 other code assistants based on specialised AI models. "In areas where nothing was available out of the box, we took largely open-source models and we fine-tuned these using the code and data we had. For example, we built a specialised model for our Fincade banking product, where, let's say we have a UI design, then looking at the UI design, it can automatically generate code end-to-end. We created fine-tuned models for Oracle, SAP implementation, for Cobol modernisation," he says.

In one case, they reduced the model footprint so much that developers could run it using their laptop CPU instead of an expensive cloud resource. Close to five million lines of code have been generated to date using code assistants.

Rafee says the productivity benefit in coding and testing varies between 10 and 30%. "We have also seen it improves code quality sig-

REAL POWER COMES FROM CONFIGURING DIFFERENT MODELS, TOOLS

Challenges, and how to overcome them

Among the biggest challenges in implementing AI is that regulations around responsible AI are still evolving. The regulations are also fragmented - different countries have different AI regulations, and in some countries like the US, different states have regulations. For a global company, how do you make sure that you know you are tracking every single thing? We have had to put a significant amount of effort and time in order to understand what can or cannot be done, what controls need to be put in place.

Secondly, the AI field is evolving very fast. There are new techniques and models that come up every other week. So, some of the choices you make will decide whether they become a challenge or not. At Infosys, we decided early on that we will be poly AI, which means we will not get tied to any one model. That has helped us well because as



Every day brings new advances in large language models from a dizzying set of actors all pushing for greater innovation. These range from very large models which need massive computing infrastructure to small ones that can run locally on the phone. The real power of AI will come from configuring all the different models and tools to get the best solutions. This is not very different from previous generations of technology.

Nandan Nilekani | CHAIRMAN

nificantly by improving testability, reducing vulnerabilities, helping reduce a lot of tech debt," he says.

Internal experience & processes

This involves building AI assistants for different functions - sales or customer facing teams, HR, etc - by pooling the necessary knowledge base and enabling questions to be asked. Sales teams can use these assistants to quickly find the relevant information, such as case studies or past work, to respond to customers. In HR, if someone



Mohammed Rafee Tarafdar (sitting extreme left) with part of his team

soon as a model comes, I can very quickly deploy and test it on our AI cloud, see whether it makes sense, whether the cost based on tokens or otherwise makes sense, and then I can change as required.

Thirdly, the challenge is change management. AI is very probabilistic, it is predicting. When it predicts, a lot of times, you find that for the same question, you

get different responses, or initially when you roll out, the quality of AI predictions or responses is not that great. As an end user, I need to understand that this will not be very good on day one, but as I keep using it, as I keep feeding more information, it will improve over time. Educating and enabling that change is a challenge.

—Mohammed Rafee Tarafdar, CTO

Learning

Infosys's learning platform Lex has been fully GenAI-enabled. It allows the learner to ask questions, and then it probes the learner on her understanding of the concept, and gradually helps build the fundamentals of the concept. It also teaches concepts by providing analogies from other more familiar domains.

Rafee says they have even created over 6,000 content courses using GenAI. "Creating courses used to take us weeks, now it has come down to days," he says.

ENABLING ENTERPRISES TO CONNECT TO ONDC

Shayak Mazumder, Archana Mazumder, and Angad Singh Ahluwalia's Adya.ai aims to drive ONDC (Open Network for Digital Commerce) adoption among enterprises through their suite of AI-powered applications.

Shayak's career journey is remarkable. Despite qualifying for both IIT and NDA, he chose a career in the Indian Navy, becoming one of the youngest officers specialising in nuclear biological chemical warfare and helicopter operations. After retiring in 2012, he established a chain of budget hotels and restaurants in Goa.

Archana, Shayak's wife, started her career under ad guru Prahlad Kakkar before setting up her own TV ad production house, Roe Creation. Angad began his career in FMCG marketing with MNCs including Heineken Asia Pacific and General Mills Singapore, managing brands like Haagen-Dazs, Guinness, and Heineken.

In 2016, Shayak and Archana together started a platform called Eunimart to accelerate growth for e-commerce players. A market downturn in the US forced the closure of Eunimart in 2023. And that's when the trio decided to start Adya.

Adya.ai's flagship platform, Aatmanirbhar Technology



Adya team

Marketplace (ATMA), helps to streamline the ONDC app creation process. It's a WordPress-like solution. ATMA supports four domains - retail, logistics, education/jobs, and financial services - and provides customisable buyer, seller, grievance management, and financial reconciliation apps. With options for cloud, server, and integration choices, enterprises

can quickly deploy white-labelled, branded apps. ATMA has successfully launched 20 enterprise apps in six months.

"The launch of ATMA AppStudio, in collaboration with Google Cloud Marketplace, will further facilitate innovation and growth by reducing app deployment timeline from 12 months to just 24 hours," says Shayak.

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Bottlenecks on the road to utopia

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As AI continues to revolutionise the way we live and work, the rapid advancement of these models faces significant bottlenecks. The progress of AI hinges on overcoming challenges in energy consumption, hardware efficiency, and the intricate complexities of scaling models. These barriers are prompting a global race among tech giants, researchers, and governments to find solutions that could shape the future trajectory of this tech.

Insatiable energy demand

One of the most pressing issues is the immense energy required to power AI systems. As models become more sophisticated, they demand exponentially more computational power. For instance, training a state-of-the-art language model like GPT-4 requires megawatts of energy, equivalent to the consumption of a small town. This energy hunger not only raises concerns about sustainability but also limits the accessibility of AI development to organisations with deep pockets. As the world grapples with climate change, the AI industry faces mounting pressure to inno-

vate more energy-efficient algorithms and hardware solutions.

The GPU conundrum

In tandem with energy concerns is the challenge of hardware limitations. The chips that power AI, predominantly GPUs (Graphics Processing Units), are being pushed to their limits. While companies like Nvidia have made strides in developing more powerful chips, the current pace of innovation may not be enough to keep up with the escalating demands of next-generation AI models. The industry still faces a critical need for more powerful, efficient, and scalable hardware solutions.

Data problems galore

The availability and quality of data also present significant challenges to AI advancement. As AI models grow more complex, they require vast amounts of diverse and high-quality data to train effectively. However, acquiring such data is no small feat. Many industries are reluctant to share data due to privacy concerns and regulatory restrictions. This scarcity of accessible data creates a significant bottleneck, limiting the scope and performance of AI models.

Lin's tough journey through gender row takes her to boxing final in Oly

Paris: Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting called it "a tough journey" after winning again Wednesday at the Paris Olympics to ensure that the two boxers at the centre of a major gender controversy are into their respective finals.

A day after Algeria's Imane Khelif reached the 66kg women's gold-medal match, Lin claimed a unanimous points decision victory over Esra Yildiz Kahraman at 57kg in her semi-final.

After the decision came through, the Turk made an X sign with her fingers to the crowd, just like another of Lin's beaten opponents had in a previous bout. Kahraman declined to say afterwards what it meant.

In most cases, males have both an X and Y chromosome, while females have two X chromosomes.

Lin and Khelif both fought at the Tokyo Olympics three years ago but there was no controversy at the time and neither won a medal.

Both were disqualified from last year's world championships after failing gender



TAKE THAT: Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting (left) in action against Turkey's Esra Yildiz Kahraman



NOT AMUSED: Esra Yildiz Kahraman gestures in protest after the bout

eligibility tests, but were cleared to compete in Paris.

"The feeling of entering the gold-medal match is one of gratitude to myself for making it this far," said the 28-year-old Lin.

"After going out in the first round of the Tokyo Olympics, it's been a tough journey to reach the finals."

A former two-time world champion, Lin was given a warm reception as she entered the arena at Roland Garros, usually home to Grand Slam tennis but hosting the

closing stages of the Olympic boxing. The top-seeded Taiwanese enjoyed a clear height advantage over the more compact Kahraman and used her reach to pick off her Turkish opponent, who tried to make it a close-quarters brawl.

Having won the first round, Lin snapped Kahraman's head back early in the second round, to ooohs from the 15,000-capacity Court Philippe-Chatrier.

Ooohs turned to boos when Lin hit the back of the Turk's head.

With two rounds in the bag, Lin just had to avoid serious trouble in the third, and she did that, the two fighters greeting each other at the bell and again as the Taiwanese exited the ring.

Lin also bowed to three sides of the stadium, to cheers and applause from the crowd. She faces Poland's Julia Szeremeta on Saturday for gold following her third victory in the French capital.

By reaching the title decider Lin is assured of at least silver. AFP

Kusale returns to a hero's welcome

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Pune: Swapnil Kusale got a hero's welcome after his arrival from the Paris Games here on Thursday.

Kusale, who had become the first Indian shooter to win an Olympic medal (bronze) in 50m rifle 3 positions event in Paris, was received by thousands of supporters and budding athletes at the Shiv Chhatrapati sports complex in Balewadi.

"My dream is not fulfilled yet as I wanted to win gold. I was not satisfied with the bronze when I saw the score after my last shot, but the fact that I finished on the podium made me make peace with the result," Swapnil said after a felicitation programme organised by the Gun For Glory academy.

The Kolhapur shooter said the crowd cheering for him in Chateauroux pushed him to finish among the medals after he slipped to sixth position in the final.

"I was down in the final but the crowd sitting behind me were rooting for me. That motivated me a lot and I tried to shoot good scores so that the crowd could cheer louder for me than the other countries' supporters," Kusale added.

Kusale spoke about the sacrifices his parents made in his journey from an aspiring shooter to an Olympic medalist. "My parents did so much for my tra-



Olympic medalist Swapnil Kusale during a roadshow in Pune on Thursday

ining. They sold our piece of land and took loans but never let me know about these things," he added.

His coach Deepali Deshpande, who was present too, said the medal was a result of Swapnil's discipline and hard work.

"You cannot achieve anything if you don't have discipline. It starts from following the civic rules and etiquette, and the habit of following rules make you excel in sport. Swapnil follows a strict discipline and has regards for rules," she said.

Henry hoping to cap 'dream run' with gold

Paris: Thierry Henry admits he doesn't want to wake up from his Olympic dream as his France team look to top off their campaign by winning gold in the men's football final against Spain on Friday. "I think it's going to be difficult waking up. Every night I watch and get goosebumps when I see guys win," the 46-year-old France coach, who won the World Cup and European Championship as a player, said on the eve of the game in Paris.

"When we manage to come together we are a beautiful country, and I think we needed this after all that happened just before the competition."

France came into the Games mired in a political crisis with the far right at one point threatening to win power in legislative elections last month.

But it has shaken that off with a successful Olympics in which the host nation sits high up the medals table.

The likes of swimmer Leon Marchand and judo star Teddy Riner have helped lead France to a record medal haul, and Henry's team are guaranteed



IN A ZONE: Thierry Henry

at least silver after beating Egypt in the semi-finals to make it to Friday's showdown with Spain.

"This is a special event because normally you don't think about finishing second or third but for me the story is a success and now let's make it better," Henry said.

France's chances in the Olympics on home soil were hit by their failure to secure the services of superstar striker Kylian Mbappe and several other players who Henry hoped to include in his squad. AFP

WITH RUSSIA MISSING, CHINA DOMINATE ARTISTIC SWIMMING COMPETITION, RUN AWAY WITH GOLD

Saint-Denis: China took gold in the artistic swimming team event Wednesday night at the Paris Olympics, with the United States getting silver and Spain taking bronze.

China dominated in the absence of Russia, which had won every gold medal in artistic beginning with the 2000 Sydney Games. China finished with 996.1389 points, ahead of the Americans' 914.3421 and Spain's 900.7319. It was the first U.S. medal in the sport since 2004.

It was a big medal for China, and also a step forward for the sport, which changed its name from synchronized swimming several years ago to update its image. Some swimmers still call it "synchro." "There is attention to the sport that has never happened before," said Adam Andrasko, who heads USA Artistic Swimming. "This is an absolutely different sport."

The smiles, the makeup and hair gelatin remain, but this is no longer the water ballet beneath flowery rubber caps that your grandparents watched. Wednesday's acrobatic routines, after technical and free routines on Monday and Tuesday, put female athleticism on full display: power, endurance, and energy. AP

May have different personnel for playing on turners: Rohit

Colombo: India may adopt a 'horses-for-courses' policy after failing to counter the spin-friendly conditions here which led to their first series defeat to Sri Lanka in ODI cricket in 27 years.

Aspirited Sri Lanka used conditions to their advantage as their spinners bamboozled the Indian batters on slow and turning pitches to register a 2-0 win in the three-ODI series following a 110-run loss in the final game.

"I don't see there is a lack of effort in how we want to try and play different shots. You saw some of these guys played reverse sweep, paddle and all that—that is not the nature of their batsmanship," Rohit told the media after his team were shot out for 138 in pursuit of 249 in the third ODI here on Wednesday.

"We have to be very clear with how we want to play and how to keep that momentum towards us, when you play out pitches like this. We fell short now, thrice I would say, even (in) that (first) game that was tied.



WORRIED? Rohit Sharma

"We have to let the players know that this is what we want and if we have to be a little different in terms of choosing the personnel, we have to do that, unfortunately. We will try and see how we can be a good team in all kinds of conditions," the Indian skipper said.

Rohit said Indian batters were not "brave enough consistently" and didn't have individual plans in place for dealing with the spin challenge.

"When I say brave, it doesn't mean that the guys were not brave enough. You got to be brave enough consistently. You got to be brave

enough on slightly challenging pitches where you are trying to take on the bowlers, trying to play different shots. Again, it all comes down to individual plans," he said.

"Everyone needs to understand that this is my plan and this is how I am going to play. If that pitch suits your plan, good enough. Try and take them on. If it doesn't, then what are the options? Come down the track, push for a single and all that kind of things. The basics of batsmanship on slow pitches..."

Talking about Sri Lanka batters, Rohit said: "They were very consistent with their sweeps. They were taking their chances of playing that sweep shot. Not a lot of runs were scored down the ground," the Indian skipper said in comparison. They didn't use their feet as much as we were expecting them to do. It was basically sweeping the ball and piercing that deep square leg and deep mid-wicket fielder and that is something we failed to do as a batting unit," he added. PTI

GALLERY

Nadal says he will not compete at the US Open

Rafael Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion, will not compete in the US Open, he said Wednesday, with the 38-year-old Spaniard adding he did not feel he could perform at his best. "I don't think I would be able to give my 100 percent this time," Nadal posted on X, formerly Twitter. "Hi all, writing today to let you guys know that I have decided not to compete at this year's US Open, a place where I have amazing memories," Nadal posted.

Jamari fancied in Bangalore races: Jamari should claim the Maharaaja's Gold Cup at the Bangalore races on Friday. Selections: 1st race: Golden Starlet 1, Mega Success 2, Loving Pearl 3. 3rd race: E-bote 1, The Gallery Time 2, Smile of Beauty 3. 4th race: Disciple 1, Charukala 2, Elegant Time 3. TNN/AGENCIES

What forced you to only allow 7 hydel projects: SC to Centre

ASG: Ministries Differed On Remaining 21

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A bench of Justices B R Gavai, Prashant Kumar Mishra and K V Viswanathan said the expert panel comprised members from various fields and govt did not give any reason for not accepting the report. The bench said it cannot question the decision but can certainly examine the decision-making process.

"You have to satisfy that the report was duly considered and reasons were given to accept or reject the report. What compelled you to only allow seven projects? When an expert committee was appointed on the direction of the court then you have to show reasons for not accepting it," the bench told addi-



The Tapovan Vishnugad Hydropower Plant in Joshimath, one of the seven projects that had been approved

tional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, who was appearing for the Centre.

Bhati told the bench there were differences of opinion among different ministries—power and environment & forests on one side and jal shakti on the other—and there was consensus on only seven projects due to which they were approved. Besides, she added, these projects were at an advanced stage of construction.

The hydro power projects in the state came under judi-

cial scrutiny after the 2013 floods. Taking suo motu cognisance, SC had banned further construction of all such projects. Taking into account the huge investments made by companies in seven projects, SC had asked the Centre to appoint an expert committee to study the environmental and ecological impact of the projects. The seven projects were Tehri Stage II (on Bhagirathi river), Tapovan Vishnugad (Dhauligangan river), Vish-

nugad Pipalkoti (Alaknanda), Singoli Bhatwari and Phata Buyong (Mandakini), Madhyamaheshwar (Madhyamaheshwar Ganga) and Kaliganga II (Kaliganga).

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Rethink on trials to ease entry of breast cancer, leukaemia drugs

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USA, UK, Japan, Australia, Canada and EU have strong regulatory mechanisms in place for drug approval. Local trials were required in most cases until now, among other reasons, to rule out any potential difference in the safety and efficacy of drugs on Indian population. A top health ministry official said such differences can affect 0.1 to 0.2% of the population.

"For that, we did not want to deprive the rest of the patients/population who may be needing those medicines, hence this decision," the official said. "There have been multiple instances in the past when reputed firms postponed or faced delays in launch of a new drug that had been already approved in major markets such as the EU because they couldn't undertake or complete local trials. Govt order will do away with this need," he added.

One of the examples of drug categories that may benefit from govt decision is Chimeric antigen receptor (CAR) T-cell therapy that are already approved in the US for treating leukaemia. They might get speedy approval for use in India as well. Sacituzumab govitecan, used to treat breast cancer that has spread in the body, isn't available in India currently. With this new govt policy, this drug may soon find a way into the Indian market. Dr P Raghu Ram, founding director of Hyderabad-based KIMS—Ushalakshmi Centre for Breast Cancer Diseases, said.

Dr Pooja Sharma, project lead, patient advocates for Clinical Research (PACER), said local clinical trials were earlier considered an important part of the drug regulatory process in India to ensure that genetic, metabolic and other local differences may be factored in while giving approval.

Dr Sharma said this will not mean any increased risk because the regulator will ensure post marketing monitoring through surveillance and post marketing clinical trials.

A neta whose popularity can't be measured by votes

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It is a measure of Buddhadeb Bhattacharjee's success that every party in Bengal now has to swear by industrialisation and make it a point to present itself as an industry-friendly entity wooing investors.

In both his failures and redemption, Bhattacharjee can claim kinship with the original Perestroika man of communism: Mikhail Gorbachev. The Soviet leader tried to restructure his nation and his party but, ultimately, presided

over the USSR's break-up. And, much like Bhattacharjee, Gorbachev found solace in history being much mellow in judging his efforts than the people he once led. And, for both, redemption came before their death.

Bhattacharjee tried to move his state away from the falling returns of subsistence agriculture and use the surplus skilled manpower to build a robust growth path through industries. He also okayed contract farming and invited private investments in agricultural infrastructure (for processing and packaging farm produce and

increasing production). Govts in the state and the Centre took all these cues much later.

Bhattacharjee also wanted his party to come out of its over-dependence on the crippling handhs and, instead, create a positive work culture. And, unlike many of his CPM colleagues, Bhattacharjee genuinely strived to break his party's hegemony in educational institutions and public life. In all these, as much as in everything else, his efforts to steer CPM in a different direction may have come too late.

It would, however, be a mistake to measure Bhattacharjee's popularity only by votes. Yes, he lost in his own assembly constituency, Jadavpur, in 2011 when his party lost office. But many credit him—and his election rally in evidently frail health—for his party winning back the prestigious seat five years later (though it lost Jadavpur again in 2021).

And, in an age when self-aggrandisement is the norm among politicians, he earned respect—if not votes—by going into a retired life fit for both a Bengali bhadralok and a communist apparatchik.



Bengal may have voted him out of office but, in that forced retirement, Bengal discovered in him one more of its icons: a frail old man, wearing a pyjama, happy being away from public glare, leading a peaceful, retired life that would be the envy of many richer in wealth.

All this while, he wrote two books—Phire Dekha and Phire Dekha II—where he made some observations on his tenure as CM, the role of the opposition and also the role of the governor. Bhattacharjee, while reflecting on the Singur-Nandigram days leading to the Tatas moving out of Bengal, wrote: "It was an irreparable damage to the state. Sometimes I wonder where I made the mistake. Was it land acquisition itself or was it the process of land acquisition? Was I too soft on the opposition? We will take lessons from that experience."

Bengalis may not have found him fit for the chief minister's office but his pottering around a modest govt flat—in a not-too-well-to-do Palm Avenue neighbourhood after retirement—reassured them: politics was not all knavery and a politician could also be a bhadralok.

Bill addresses complaints that waqf boards could arbitrarily declare any property theirs

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Govt offering to get the legislation examined by a parliamentary panel, which would comprise members of the two Houses belonging to major political parties, is seen as reflecting the recognition of the sensitive nature of the Bill, which has been dubbed "communal" by Muslim bodies and politicians, and appears to be aimed at warding off controversies sparked by contentious legislations; for instance, the one brought for farm sector reforms.

Rijju's announcement also came as a surprise because the support for the legislation from BJP's "secular" allies TDP and JD(U), which are wa-

ry of appearing to be insensitive to Muslim causes, guaranteed passage of the law which has done away with the provision requiring CEOs and members of Waqf Boards to be Muslims. Instead, it has brought in district magistrates as an oversight on the crucial decision on whether a particular property is to be declared a Waqf asset.

The bill also makes cases related to Waqf properties subject to the 'statute of limitations', thus addressing the complaint that the boards could arbitrarily declare any property, no matter how old, as belonging to waqf.

Defending govt amid protests from opposition, TDP's G M Harish Balyogi said his party believes that registra-

tion of property as proposed in this Bill would help poor Muslims & women by bringing transparency. "Purpose of donors needs to be protected. But when the purpose and power get misused, it becomes responsibility of govt to bring in reforms and introduce transparency," he said.

JD-U's Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan', animal husbandry and panchayati raj minister, dismissed opposition's charges as an attempt to mislead people and said the legislation aimed to bring transparency in the functioning of Waqf Boards. Referring to a comparison drawn by Congress with the Ayodhya and Guruvayur temple boards, the JD(U) functionary said the analogy was incorrect as

PM's message to Yunus comes amid targeted violence against Hindus

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India remains committed to working with Bangladesh to fulfil the shared aspirations of both our peoples for peace, security and development," Prime Minister Narendra Modi said.

The PM's message to Yunus to protect Hindus and other minority communities came amid violence which has seen them being targeted and their properties and temples destroyed

by violent mobs.

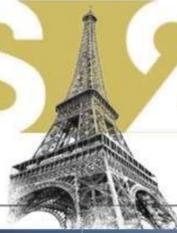
Foreign minister S Jaishankar and his ministry had raised the campaign against minority communities but Modi went far beyond in making a reference to "Hindus", who have borne the brunt of a systematic campaign of violence that appears to have been organised by radicals and known anti-India forces.

Also, unlike in the case of Jaishankar who briefed Parliament in the immediate wake of Sheikh Hasina's re-

signation and when no govt was in place in Dhaka, Modi's message was aimed at Yunus as the head of the interim govt.

Leader of opposition Rahul Gandhi too congratulated Yunus for his new assignment, while emphasising the importance of fast restoration of peace and normalcy. "Congratulations to Professor Muhammad Yunus on being sworn in as head of Bangladesh's interim govt. A swift restoration of peace and normalcy is the need of the hour," Gandhi said.





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Wrestler Loses Semifinal To Rio Olympics Silver Medallist, To Fight For Bronze Today

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Paris: Young wrestler Aman Sehrawat raised hopes of a gold medal as he stormed into the semifinals of the men's 57kg freestyle event in style. But he was stopped on his tracks in the semis by vastly experienced Japan's Rei Higuchi at the Champ-de-Mars arena here on Thursday. The defeat, though, won't stop Aman from fighting for the bronze on Friday.

The 21-year-old, the lone Indian wrestler in the men's section, was full of confidence ahead of his evening bout after posting two big wins to race through the pre-quarters and quarterfinals.

In the opening bout of the day, he had Vladimir Egorov of North Macedonia on the backfoot soon. At the end of the first period, the wrestler was leading 6-0 on technical points and it soon became 10-0 in the second period. The victory was awarded to the Indian on technical superiority.

In the quarterfinal, Sehrawat lined up against Albanian Zelimkhan Abakarov and the result was another stunning victory much to the delight of the Indian contingent, who were still in a shock after Vinesh was disqualified for being 100g overweight. This time the verdict was 12-0 in the

Indian's favour as he rattled up the points over the two periods.

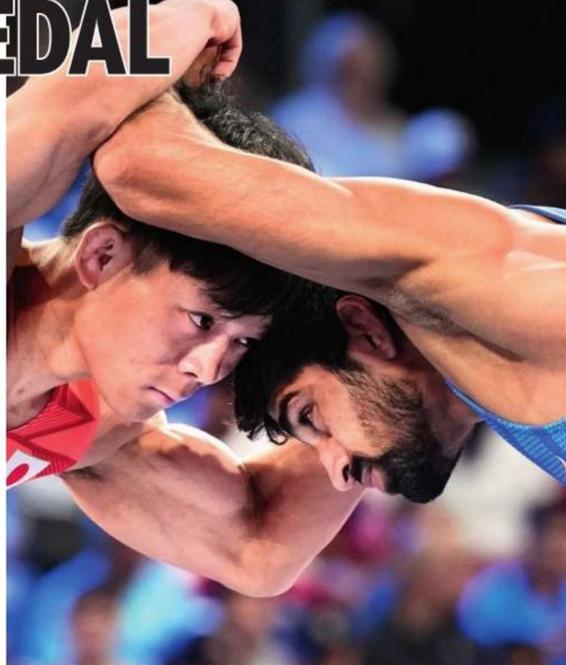
The first period saw an even contest till the Indian took a 3-0 lead. The start of the second period was even more one-sided as he reeled off the points pinning down his opponent and turning him over repeatedly. It earned another technical superiority win for Sehrawat.

A former India coach called it an extraordinary performance by the Indian against Abakarov, a former world champion, who was born in Russia but later took Albanian citizenship in 2021.

"It was a super fight by Aman. He had lost to Akbarov at the Senior World Championships. It was the qualifying tournament for the Olympics and he had lost 0-10. Today, Aman was in fine form as he took revenge," the coach told TOI after watching the Indian in action. Akbarov contested the last two points awarded to the Indian but the referee was unmoved.

But Sehrawat's fine show came to an end against the Japanese who ensured the Indian's defeat in the first period itself. Sehrawat tried his best but it was not enough to trouble the vastly experienced Higuchi who won the Olympic silver medal at the Rio Games and the World Championship in 2022. "It was a slow bout. Aman lost as he failed to stop any of the attacks by the Japanese," the coach added.

On Friday, Sehrawat will get a chance to clinch a medal when he



WAY TOO GOOD: Japan's Rei Higuchi (left) and Aman Sehrawat fight their 57kg freestyle wrestling semifinal bout on Thursday

takes on Darian Cruz of Puerto Rico for the bronze. Cruz is also an experienced wrestler having won the bronze at the Pan American Games.

Anshu loses in pre-quarters

In the women's 57kg bout, India's Anshu Malik's campaign ended in

the pre-quarters as she lost to USA's Helen Louise Maroulis 2-7. In what was a rematch of the 2021 Worlds final in Oslo, Norway where the Indian settled for the silver, the 32-year-old American, Rio winner and Tokyo bronze medallist, asserted her supremacy in Paris too.

JYOTHI'S CAMPAIGN ENDS, FINISHES 16TH IN 100M HURDLES REPECHAGE ROUND

Paris: Asian Games silver medallist Jyothi Yarraji's Paris Olympics campaign came to end after she finished 16th in the women's 100m hurdles repechage round, here on Thursday. Yarraji clocked 13.17s, to be placed fourth in her heat, behind South Africa's Marione Fourie (12.79), Netherlands' Maayke Tjin-A-Lim (12.87), Viktoria Froster of Slovakia (12.88).

Only the top two hurdlers in each repechage heat advanced to the semifinals. There were a total of three heats and Yarraji was placed in heat 1.

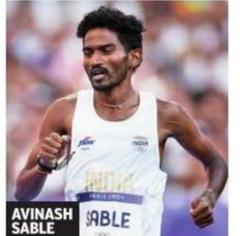
Yarraji, an Asian champion, clocked 13.16s in the first round to rank 35th overall and make the repechage round.

Yarraji holds the Indian record with a timing of 12.78 seconds. She first broke the women's 100m hurdles national record after clocking 13.23s in Cyprus in May 2022 and has improved it several times since then. The current record stands at 12.78s which she achieved in Chengdu, China in August 2023.

The 24-year-old hurdler then matched it at the Motonet GP Jyväskylä athletics meet in Finland in May 2024, where she missed Paris Olympics qualification mark by just 0.01 seconds. She qualified for the Paris Games on the basis of her ranking. ¶¶

Don't ridicule us for not winning: Sable

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Paris: National record holder Avinash Sable, who settled for the 11th place in the men's 3000m steeplechase final, took a swipe at trolls and critics who are ridiculing Indian athletes and felt it will take time for the country's top stars to create a bigger impact on the world stage.

"There are some people who are posting messages on social media against our athletes. I felt bad reading them. The top athletes from our country are here and they are lampooned about their performances. I saw athletes sitting next to me, reading those and then they were going into depression. They are thinking how can you represent your country if you are ridiculed like this. Some people are saying our athletes are coming last among all these athletes competing here, but then we are competing against the world's best and trying hard," Sable said.

"There is no enjoyment for athletes while training abroad. Some people think that we are spending government money and going on a tour and having a gala time. But that is not the case. For the last 4-5 months I kept away from my family and friends and trained and I know how tough it is. You are returning from the ground after midnight and then you are cooking your own food. I was training in

Colorado Springs, USA in Jan and Feb where the temperature was below 0 degrees. We train because of the altitude and facilities there. And also we get the right group of athletes to train for long-distance events.

"If anyone thinks that we are enjoying abroad then let me tell you that there is no enjoyment. No one wants to come here to lose. I request all of you to support our athletes," he said.

'Didn't understand the tactics'

Sable, who had clocked his best time of 8:09.91 in Paris last month, said Wednesday night's race was on till the last lap. "This time I had come fully prepared and had the confidence but I didn't understand their tactics. I was in the lead and then the Ethiopian (Samuel Firewu) took the lead, I thought he was setting the pace but did the opposite and slowed down the race. I didn't get that. Then I thought that at the last kilometre, others would make a move. But no one did and the race was on till the last lap."

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BITTERSWEET SILVER

Neeraj Chopra's Season-Best Not Enough To Defend Javelin Title As Nadeem Settles Issue With Monstrous Second Throw In Final

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Paris: It was hot and humid at the Stade de France on Thursday night. The air was still, and heavy with anticipation. Not the best of conditions for an athlete to give his best. But that would have been the last thing on Neeraj Chopra's mind.

He came here with the tag of the defending javelin throw champion. "It gives you motivation. Helps you focus better on your performance." Just two days ago, Chopra got his second-best throw ever at this arena, 89.94m, during the qualification. "Don't go by this throw. Final *atag cheez hai* (final is a different thing)," he had said.

It was different. Very different. The Indian, who had topped the qualifications, started with a foul. So did Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem, Neeraj's challenger and a friend on the circuit. But that was not a worry for these two sub-continental heroes.

They went top of the chart on their second try. Nadeem set an Olympic re-



NEERAJ CHOPRA

cord with a huge throw of 92.97m. It was a sensational throw, almost unbelievable. The javelin kept soaring and soaring before it fell to a huge roar in the stadium. The earlier record stood at 90.57m. He had just gone way, way ahead of the others.

Neeraj managed 89.45m on his second try to be second on the list, 3.52m behind the Pakistani. He indicated with his right hand that it was not where he wanted to be at. There was a lot of catching up to do, for him and the others.

Nadeem's third throw was around 88m. He looked satisfied as he pumped his fist. He knew he had done his best. Neeraj fouled his third throw. It was a weak one anyway. The Indian usually gets his best throws on his initial tries. Three gone. So, could he improve now? Had Nadeem's throw put extra pressure on him?

The other challengers — Anderson Peters of Grenada, Jakub Vadlejch of Czech Republic, Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago and Germany's

Julien Weber — were just behind Neeraj after four attempts. In the third spot was Vadlejch with 88.5m.

The script could still change. The gold looked to have been secured by the Pakistani in his safe vault. The competition was in his pocket. It was about the other two medals.

Neeraj fouled his fourth and fifth throws too. Out of five attempts, he had managed just one valid throw. It was very uncharacteristic. He was still second on the list, but there was a throw

left and he could be upstaged.

At this stage, it was Pakistan gold, India silver. Not many would have predicted this before the event. Nadeem is a World Championship silver medalist and has crossed the 90m-mark often in his career. He had chosen this venue, this stage to get a throw he would have often dreamed about.

Neeraj fouled his sixth and final throw too. He raised his hands to thank the crowd. Nadeem then went for his final throw. It again went like the first

MAN FOR THE BIG MOMENTS

Neeraj Chopra's medal-winning throws compared to the nearest rival...

Throw distance in metre

Year	Event	Gold	Silver
2024 Paris Olympic 2024	Gold: Arshad Nadeem	92.97	Silver: Neeraj Chopra 89.45
2023 Asian Games	Gold: Neeraj	88.88	Silver: Kishore Jena 87.54
2023 World Championships	Gold: Neeraj	88.17	Silver: Nadeem 87.82
2022 World Championships	Gold: Anderson Peters	90.54	Silver: Neeraj 88.13
2020 Tokyo Olympics	Gold: Neeraj	87.58	Silver: Jakub Vadlejch 86.67
2018 Asian Games	Gold: Neeraj	88.06	Silver: 82.22 Liu Qizhen
2018 Commonwealth Games	Gold: Neeraj	86.47	Silver: 82.59 Hamish Peacock

one, just short at 91.79m. He then went down on his knees to thank God.

Chopra was looking to become the fifth athlete in the history of the Games to defend the men's javelin throw Olympic title. He failed to do that but with the silver here, he has gone a step ahead of other Indian Olympians.

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Paris: It was a roller-coaster last two weeks in Paris, but in the end at Yves du Manoir, everything fell into place. When a shot at gold was lost following a narrow defeat to Germany, things could have fallen apart. But Harmanpreet Singh's boys were not ready to brood. They knew a bronze would mean a lot more than a mere consolation. A hungry Spain was in their way, but India were on a mission.

The bronze victory shows how well India have travelled in the past few years, how good they are. Ten of this bunch were there on the podium in Tokyo. They knew what was needed of them. They knew how to keep emotions in check. They knew how to win it. This team is special.

The Indians celebrated and soon got into a huddle, holding each other tight. Then the victory lap began. They first lifted Sreejesh, playing his farewell match, high in the air. The crowd roared its approval. Sreejesh has been the star performer of this team here, along with skipper Harmanpreet Singh.

When the match began, in the first quarter, Spain made the first attack but were foiled easily. India took time to settle down and were soon running at their rivals. A good chance went begging in the 6th minute. Mandeep Singh raced into the circle from the left and passed to an unmarked Sukhjeet, who hit it out.

In the ninth minute, skipper Harmanpreet Singh's reverse hit from the left of the Spanish circle hit Gurjant Singh on the head, but thankfully there was no serious injury. India attacked towards the end of the quarter in waves, entered the circle but failed to make it count. Surprisingly, both teams failed to earn a penalty corner.

The second quarter started with a blow for India. In the 18th minute, Spain moved inside India's circle, Manpreet fouled Gerard Clapes and the umpire pointed to the penalty stroke spot. Spain's skipper Marc Miralles slotted it past Sreejesh. Spain earned two back-to-back PCs in the 20th minute but were denied by Indian defenders.

The intensity levels had gone up. Spain



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52 India have bagged medals in two consecutive Olympics after 52 years

13 Total Olympic medals won in hockey (8 gold, 1 silver, 4 bronze)

ACTION REPLAY! Sreejesh (above) sits on the crossbar as Indian team members celebrate their win

INDIA	2
Harmanpreet Singh 30-pc, 33-pc	
SPAIN	1
Marc Miralles 18-ps	

STATS THE WAY

India	Goals/Shots	Spain
2/10	Goals/Shots	1/15
20	Shooting Efficiency (%)	7
0/4	Field Goals	0/5
2/6	Penalty Corner	0/9
0/0	Penalty Strokes	1/1
49	Possession (%)	51
2	Green Cards	0

INDIANS IN ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: Women's 4x400m relay Rd 1 (2.10pm); Men's 4x400m relay Rd 1 (2.35pm)
GOLF: Women's Rd 3: Aditi Ashok, Diksha Dagar (12.30pm onwards)
WRESTLING: Men's 57kg repechage bronze medal match: Aman Sehrawat vs Darian Cruz (Pur) (9.45 pm onwards)

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Golden age of hockey can return: PM

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New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and home minister Amit Shah were among prominent leaders who joined the country-wide celebrations over Indian hockey bronze.

PM Modi spoke to the team members on phone and said their back-to-back Olympic medals not only ended the drought of several years but has also ignited hope of the revival of the glorious days of Indian hockey. "You have not only broken the trend of defeats but your performance makes me confident about revival of the golden glory of Indian hockey," said the PM as he spoke to Harmanpreet Singh, whom the PM referred to with his popular nickname 'Sarpanch'.

Modi then spoke to goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who played a crucial role in India's medal win. PM Modi recalled how 10-member India triumphed over Great Britain in the quarter-final match, a feat, he said, that will be cherished by generations to come and an example for the youngsters. Modi also urged the retiring Sreejesh to contribute in building the team in future. Home minister Shah said that the achievement of the team has raised the pride of the Tricolour.

'Wanted my son to retire with an Olympic medal'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kochi: Olympian Sreejesh Road in Pallikara, a quiet neighbourhood of Kochi, suddenly came to life on Thursday evening. A swarm of relatives, friends, and media personnel had descended on the home of Pallikara's most famous son, PR Sreejesh. They were expecting a second successive bronze medal from the Indian hockey team, and Sreejesh and his

mates didn't disappoint. As the final hooter sounded at the Yves du Manoir in Paris with the scoreline reading 2-1 in India's favour against Spain, the Sreejesh household erupted in joy. Sreejesh's father, P Raveendran, who had to sell his cow to buy the first hockey kit for Sreejesh, stood up with folded hands and in prayers. "I wanted him to retire with an Olympic medal around his neck. That wish has been fulfilled," Raveendran said.

His mother, Ushakumari, wept tears of joy, while his wife, Aneehya, also turned emotional. Anticipating a historic moment, Sreejesh's elder brother, Sreejith, had flown down from Canada with his family to celebrate the occasion. Sreejesh's kids, Anushree and Sriyansh, along with their friends and neighbours, were busy lighting sparklers and bursting crackers. About half an hour after India's win, the moment they were waiting for

arrived as a beaming Sreejesh appeared on a video call. "I couldn't hear what he said. But I am very happy for him. I had presented him a pendant with a hockey stick and a ball before he flew to Paris. He wore it while he played every match. It proved to be a lucky charm," Aneehya told TOI, taking a bit of credit for Sreejesh's achievement. And now their wait begins, the wait to welcome home the country's hero.

TWO OF A KIND: Sreejesh (below) & Harmanpreet

al carries that special sheen. It will stay in the heart forever.

Dutch win gold in shootout

Meanwhile, the Netherlands beat Germany 3-1 in a shootout after a 1-1 draw in regulation time to win the gold medal in men's hockey, with Duco Telgenkamp firing home the final penalty shot past goalkeeper Jean-Paul Danneberg.

The goalpost was my home for the last 24 years: Sreejesh

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Paris: PR Sreejesh had a few moments of introspection when he sat inside the goal at half time. But at the end of 60 minutes at Yves du Manoir on Thursday, he was on top of the goalpost all over again. It was deja vu — the keeper had relived those winning moments that he had

experienced in Tokyo three years ago. As he stepped down to take off his international hockey pads and passed on the mantle to the next generation — a brilliant chapter in Indian hockey came to an end. "A coach once told me that when you retire people should say 'why' and not 'why not'. Everybody is asking me why now, so I think this is the

right time," Sreejesh said when asked whether he would reconsider this decision. "It (the goalpost) was my home for the last 24 years. And I never lived a life outside that and I didn't know what's going to happen next. During the warm-up I just wanted to recollect all the memories — the day I put on the pads for the first time, the day I entered the Indian camp for the first time back in 2002," Sreejesh added. "Over the years I changed myself,

I used to be an aggressive keeper and shout at my defenders. But when I became the super senior, I could not do the same to my juniors, so I began talking to my post. "Even after the Argentina match, I asked 'what have you done to me'. So when you take out all your frustrations, it helps you to get back to your normal self." Skipper Harmanpreet said the team will miss their talismanic keeper.

10 Goals scored by skipper Harmanpreet Singh in Paris, the highest by any player



ONE FINAL TIME! Family members celebrate Sreejesh's feat at his home in Pallikara, on the outskirts of Kochi

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INDIA'S PARIS MARKERS

15	Goals scored
12	Goals conceded during the competition
3	Field goals scores
53	Penalty corners earned
9	Penalty corners converted
3	Goals via penalty strokes

WRESTLE MANIA OVER AFTER HEARTBREAK

Battered Mentally By Her Unfortunate Disqualification, Resilient Vinesh Cannot Get Up One More Time

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New Delhi: Another twist was added to Vinesh Phogat's dramatic story when the wrestler, on Thursday morning, announced her retirement from the sport after a heartbreaking exit from the Paris Olympics.

Vinesh's decision followed her unfortunate disqualification for failing to make the required weight during the weigh-in on Wednesday morning ahead of her women's 50kg gold medal bout against the eventual winner, USA's Sarah Hildebrandt.

Vinesh was on the cusp of scripting history after becoming the first Indian woman wrestler to qualify for the finals of an Olympic. She had a great chance to win an unprecedented gold as she has a better head-to-head record against Hildebrandt. Vinesh had floored Tokyo Olympics champion Yui Susaki of Japan in her opening bout.

However, the 29-year-old was found to be overweight by just over 100 grams during the weigh-in, leading to her disqualification from the event. Taking to social media site 'X', Vinesh wrote: "Mother, wrestling beat me, I lost. Your dream and my courage are all broken. I don't have any more strength now. Goodbye wrestling 2001-2024. I will forever be in your debt." The post was addressed to her mother Premalata.

People will talk about her fearless approach and tactical acumen which fetched the three-time Olympian two World Championships bronze medals, three Commonwealth Games titles and gold at the Asian Games and Asian Championships.

She has been a fighter throughout her storied career despite innumerable setbacks suffered during her journey. At Rio 2016, she was a favourite to finish on the podium but was stretchered off the mat writhing in pain after suffering an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) tear in her right knee. In Tokyo, she entered the



Abhinav Bindra meets Vinesh at the Village on Thursday

Olympics as the reigning world No. 1 in her 53kg weight division and was the top seed. But a shock defeat to Belarus' Vanesa Kaladzinskaya in the quarters again brought her Olympic dreams crashing down. Vinesh would later reveal her struggles with depression and thoughts of suicide engulfing her mind after the then Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh calling her a 'khatta sikka' upon her return from Tokyo.

Los Angeles 2028 is still far away and Vinesh will be 33 by then. Vinesh is an emotional person and her retirement decision is impulsive. She may return to the mat in future.

Vinesh's uncle and family patriarch, Mahavir Phogat said he will ask the wrestler to reconsider her decision. "She is naturally dejected. The gold medal was hers but she got disqualified. The whole nation is with her and everyone wants her to continue wrestling. She can still make the country proud in Los Angeles. We will try to make her revisit her decision," said Mahavir of her niece.

Former Indian women's wrestling team coach, Vinod Kumar, said he will try to convince her to take the decision back. "I have known Vinesh since childhood. She is not the one who easily gets bogged down by the tough surroundings around her. I know she will come back stronger. She is a champion."

"MOTHER, WRESTLING WON AGAINST ME, I LOST. YOUR DREAMS AND MY COURAGE ARE BROKEN. I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO GO ON ANYMORE. GOODBYE WRESTLING 2001-2024. I WILL FOREVER BE INDEBTED TO ALL OF YOU. PLEASE FORGIVE ME."
(Translation of Vinesh's note on X, addressing her mother Premalata)



ANTIM STARVED FOR 48 HOURS TO LOSE WEIGHT AHEAD OF BOUT

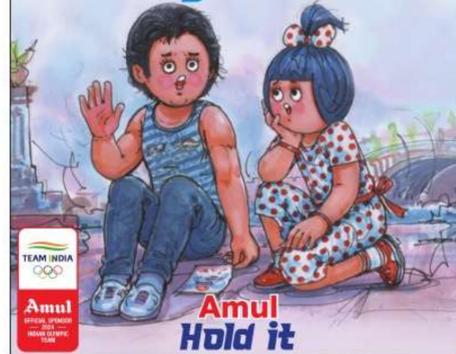
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New Delhi: Barely hours after Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the Paris Olympics came another shocker for the Indian wrestling camp - Antim Phangal, touted as a probable medal winner in the women's 53kg division, - crashed out after suffering a humiliating 10-0 defeat against Turkey's Zeynep Yetgil in her opening bout on Wednesday.

It has now come to light that Antim starved herself for 48 hours ahead of her bout to pass the weigh-in. Antim didn't eat a morsel of food and had minimum water intake, leaving her body weak and completely dehydrated.

Antim was overweight ahead of her bout and wanted her masseur and dietician, sister Nisha, to manage her meal intake. Since Nisha was staying outside the village as she wasn't part of the official contingent, Antim was virtually left on her own to manage the weight. The starvation left Antim bereft of energy when she took the mat against Yetgil and it was no surprise that she lost tamely.

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ROLLERCOASTER CAREER

BORN IN AUG 1994 IN BALALI, HARYANA.

Was introduced to wrestling at a very young age by her uncle Mahavir Singh Phogat—the father of Geeta and Babita.

GOLD IN CWG: Her first major title came at the 2014 CWG—a gold in the 48kg category.

ACL INJURY IN RIO OLYMPICS: At her first Olympics in 2016, her medal hopes were dashed by an ACL tear in the right knee during the quarterfinals. It took her five months to recover after surgery.

GOLD RUSH: Fully recovered, she grabbed golds at 2018 Commonwealth Games and Asian Games respectively in the 50kg category.

MOVING UP A CATEGORY: Moved to the 53kg category and won her maiden bronze at 2019 Worlds.

TOKYO GAMES LOSS: At the Tokyo Olympics, she was the top seed but lost in the second round.

HARDSHIPS
After that she went through many hardships. WFI suspended her for refusing to train with teammates and not wearing an official Indian kit at the Olympics.
Soon after the suspension, she revealed two reasons for her below-par show at the Olympics. First one was the concussion she suffered in

MEDAL HAUL

World Championships:

Bronze in 2019, 2022

Asian Games: Bronze in 2014, Gold in 2018

Commonwealth Games: Gold in 2014, 2018, 2022

2017. It always came back whenever her head struck on anything. Second was going through depression in 2019 and how it led to many sleepless nights.
Suffered an elbow injury during the 2021 Worlds trials but returned to action in 2022 and clinched bronze at the Worlds and gold at Commonwealth Games.
Her 2023 Asian Games preparations are interrupted by an elbow surgery. After recovery, her Asian Games hopes are dashed by a knee injury she suffered during training and requires surgery.

THE PROTEST

In 2023, she also became the face of the protest against alleged sexual harassment by the then WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh against women's wrestlers.

HISTORY AND THEN DISAPPOINTMENT

Became the first woman wrestler to enter Olympics final but on the cusp of history, she was disqualified from competing in the final of the 50kg freestyle final for being just 100 grams overweight.

Did Vinesh's support team mishandle weight issue?

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New Delhi: Vinesh Phogat's heartbreaking disqualification from the Paris Olympics hours ahead of her final bout has led to questions regarding what could have gone wrong in her weight management which resulted in India missing out on a possible gold medal.

The chief medical officer (CMO) of the Indian contingent, Dr Dinshaw Pardiwala, informed that her support staff comprising her personal coach from Hungary, Woller Akos, physio Ashwini Jiwan Patil, the nutritionist and the dietician did everything possible to bring Vinesh's weight down to the required level. Still, the wrestling fraternity is asking questions regarding the coaching team's failure to achieve the desired weight before the weigh-in on Wednesday morning.

It's been learnt that her team estimated that Vinesh's weight would hover between 51.5-52kg after her semifinal bout on Tuesday evening, which they could have cut comfortably.

Former India hockey captain Viren Rasquinha, CEO of Olympic Gold Quest (OGQ), the NGO which has been sponsoring and supporting Vinesh since 2018, informed in a statement that one cannot practice weight management in advance as constant weight control for wrestlers puts their health at severe risk and hampers training which is better at an optimum weight as per medical advice.

"Generally, post the morning weigh-in, wrestlers have a recovery meal to regain strength and your weight immediately bounces back by 2-3 kgs depending on your regular weight. Vinesh's regular weight is 55kg. On Aug 6 evening after the semis, Vinesh weighed in at 52.7kg. Post the semis, she did not have any water or food and immediately started on the plan for losing weight for the next day's weigh-in which was scheduled for the morning. When Vinesh made weight on Day 1, she had to have a planned recovery meal post weigh-in to regain some strength. Her weight went up due to rehydration. This is also because weight loss is mainly by dehydration. So, the challenge was to lose that 2.7kg by 7:15 am the next morning (about 12 hours). Her semifinal bout got over around 7pm Paris time," Rasquinha said.

"Vinesh and the team did everything possible to bring the weight down," added Rasquinha who ruled out any possibility of sabotage.

IOA seeks time to appoint lawyer; CAS hearing rescheduled for Friday

Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has sought more time from the Court of Arbitration for Sports (CAS) to appoint a lawyer in Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification. The hearing was originally scheduled for Thursday evening Paris time. But upon IOA's request, it has now been rescheduled for 10 am Paris time (1:30 PM IST) Friday.

'Hooda's RS offer a political stunt'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Uncle of Vinesh Phogat, Mahavir Phogat, dismissed Congress leader Bhopinder Singh Hooda's proposal to send Vinesh to Rajya Sabha as a "political stunt" recalling instances where his daughters, wrestlers Babita and Geeta, were denied their due when Hooda served as Haryana CM.

"This is a political stunt. Today, Hooda said that Vinesh should be sent to the Rajya Sabha, but why was Geeta Phogat not sent to the Rajya Sabha during his govt?" questioned Mahavir, who pointed out that in the 2010 CWG, Babita won silver, and Geeta clinched the gold, and the Hooda govt was in power. According to Mahavir, his daughters should have been appointed as DSPs, but the Hooda govt didn't allow it to happen. "When the CWG were held in 2005 and 2010, Babita Phogat won the silver medal, and Geeta Phogat won the gold medal. She was the first Indian wrestler to win the Commonwealth gold medal. After that, in 2012, Geeta became the first woman wrestler to qualify for the Olympics."

The legal move: The Delhi High Court as it heard a plea filed by Vinesh and fellow wrestlers against the office bearers of the Wrestling Federation of India. After a brief hearing, the HC listed for Sept 12 a petition by Bajrang Punia, Phogat, Sakshi Malik, and her husband Satyawart Kadian challenging the elections held for WFI leadership last year. Appearing for the wrestlers, senior advocate Rahul Mehra asserted that the WFI was being "manned by proxies" and objected to the presence of the current president Sanjay Singh at the Oly Village.

That was not on my bingo card of chaos, says wrestler who was slated to fight Vinesh

American wrestler Sarah Ann Hildebrandt, who won the Olympics 50kg gold medal bout from which Vinesh Phogat was disqualified for being overweight, says she was prepared for chaos on the morning of the summit clash but not the kind that unfolded. "I prepared for chaos, but that was not on my bingo card of chaos," said Hildebrandt, who defeated Cuban Yusneylis Guzman Lopez who replaced Phogat in the final, to claim the coveted gold.

The 30-year-old Hildebrandt did not spot Vinesh at the time of weigh-in and for a while, thought that the Indian had forfeited. "(Vinesh) wasn't at weigh-ins, so I was in my head like, 'Oh my gosh, this might be a possibility.' Then, we get the news that she didn't make weight, and we were under the impression that it was a forfeit. So, there was a lot of celebrating," she recalled.

"It was very strange, like 'Oh my god, I just won the Olympics.' Then an hour later, they were like, 'You did not win the Olympics.' I'm like, 'Oh, this is very weird.' So there had to be a reset. I took a nap, woke up, and it was like a fever dream." PTI

HALL OF FAME

American Quincy Hall produced one of the great Olympic performances to become the fourth fastest man ever in the 400m

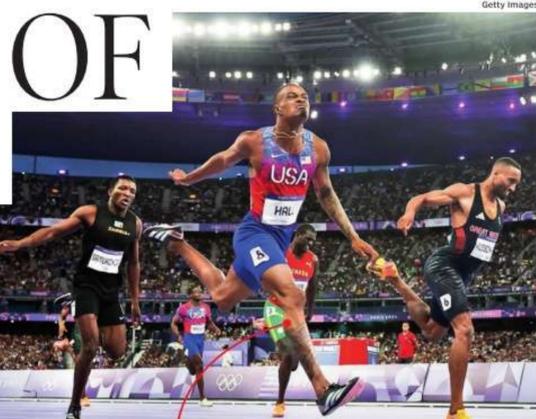
Saint-Denis: As the flash of red, white and blue streaked past one sprinter—then the next, then the next—the American man delivering the latest out-of-nowhere comeback on the track said he had one thing going through his mind: "Get home, son! Get home, son!"

Quincy Hall got home in first, then fell to the ground and did snow angels.

Just another routine day in a come-from-behind kind of Olympics for the USA Hall reeled in three runners down the stretch of the 400-meter final Wednesday to deliver another heart-stopping win for his country at the Stade de France. He finished in 43.40 seconds, beating Britain's Matthew Hudson-Smith by .04 seconds; they are now the fourth- and fifth-fastest men in history at the distance.

"I've got determination," Hall said. "That's what got me to that line. A lot of hurt, a lot of pain."

Things did not look good for Hall with 100 meters to go. Things looked bad for Hall, a 26-year-old who starred at South Carolina and who breeds



1 Hall is the first American since LaShawn Merritt in 2008 to capture gold in the one-lap race that the country dominated for decades before that. He joins the likes of Michael Johnson, Jeremy Wariner and Lee Evans among the champions the United States has produced in the most tactical sprint on the track programme

them all, then thrust his chest out to beat the Brit. Hall fell to the ground and scissored his arms and legs back and forth—snow angels in 80-degree weather on the bright purple track. "I just wanted to keep doing what my coach told me to do, just keep driving and keep driving and get home," Hall said.

Wilson, 16, in line to be youngest male to compete for US track team

Quincy Wilson is in line to race for the Americans in the men's 4x400-meter relay on Friday, which would make the 16-year-old the youngest male to compete for the U.S. track team. The youngest U.S. male in Olympic track was Arthur Newton, who ran the steeplechase in 1904 at age 17. AP

El Bakkali retains steeplechase title as Girma has a bad fall



Saint-Denis: 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 stretchered off.

Girma was taken to hospital, accord-

2 Moroccan El Bakkali became the second man to successfully defend his Olympic steeplechase title after Volmari Iso-Hollo of Finland last achieved the feat at the 1936 Berlin Games

ing to a source at the Ethiopian athletics federation, but was not undergoing surgery. Girma clipped the third-last hurdle with his knee and plunged head first into the track. After receiving medical treatment, he left the arena on a stretcher with his neck secured by a brace. AFP

A GOOD DAY, MATE! AUSSIE KENNEDY SOARS OVER MOON TO POLE VAULT GOLD

Nina Kennedy bounced off the pole vault mats and punched the air once, twice, three times. She ran over to the Olympic crowd and took another three swings at the air. Aussies in the stands flew the flag, shook green-and-gold banners and held up yellow inflatable kangaroos.

Kennedy didn't know at that stage she would deliver Australia an 18th gold medal at the Paris Games—a national record for the Olympics. That was just the celebration for clearing the height to take the lead.

Kennedy clinched the victory a bit later Wednesday when Tokyo Olympic gold medalist Katie Moon failed to clear 4.95 meters after a three-hour final.

Then the emotions took over. Kennedy raced back to her supporters in the crowd and the tears flowed as she hugged friends, family and discus throw bronze medalist Matthew Denny, who just happened to be walking back after his final to join the group. Then Kennedy sprang back across the track, hopping with delight.

A man in the crowd yelled: "What did you just do?" Well, delivering Australia's fourth gold medal on Day 12 helped surpass the country's previous record total of 17 golds for a Summer Games—set at the 2004 Athens Olympics and in Tokyo three years ago. The Australians moved from 14 to 18 gold medals in about six hours, while most of the country Down Under was sleeping.

"I didn't know that, that is just insane," Kennedy said after being told of the record haul. AP



NINA KENNEDY

MASKED SHOT PUTTER RAVEN STILL MAKING AN IMPACT

Saint-Denis: Who was that masked person? It was Raven Saunders, of course—the theatrical American shot put standout who uses the pronouns they and them and brings their own distinctive style to every meet they attend.

Saunders qualified for the Olympic final Thursday, wearing a full-faced black mask and gold-hued sunglasses. Their hair was dyed neon green on one side and purple on the other. Saunders had gold grills covering their upper and lower teeth, along with long fingernails on their left hand that were bedazzled and in Team USA colours and the letters H-U-L-K. This is Saunders' alter ego once the shot put starts flying. AP

FRENCH RUNNER FINOT PROPOSES TO HER BOYFRIEND WITH AN OLY PIN

Saint-Denis: Rarely has an Olympic pin contained so much love. When French runner Alice Finot got down on one knee and proposed to her boyfriend after her Olympic steeplechase race, she attached a "Love is in Paris" pin on his shirt. "I told myself that if I ran under nine minutes, knowing that nine is my lucky number and that we've been together for nine years, then I would propose," Finot said. Finot finished fourth in 8 minutes, 58.67 seconds and then ran over to the stands where she found her boyfriend, Spanish triathlete Bruno Martinez.



Golden Sharon quenches thirst with Seine water

Paris: Sharon van Rouwendaal paid little heed to concerns about bacterial infections when she drank a bit of Seine water on the way to Olympic gold on Thursday in the women's 10km marathon swim along the famous river in Paris.

The water quality was approved by Games organisers in the early hours to allow the race to go ahead on time, though pollution issues had proved a headache during the triathlon events, with the men's race postponed by 24 hours.



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3	AUS	18	14	11	43
4	FRA	13	18	21	52
5	GBR	13	17	21	51
6	KOR	12	8	7	27
7	JPN	12	7	13	32
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