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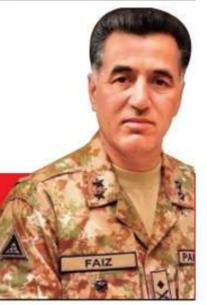
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Wrestler Vinesh Phogat is expected to return to Delhi from Paris Oly village on Tuesday, the same day ad hoc division of CAS will announce its decision on her plea that she be given a silver medal

An 11-year-old girl and her mother stabbed at the busy Leicester Square in central London. Police arrest the attacker, say there is no indication that stabbing is terror-related, P 22

US defence secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered deployment of a guided missile submarine to West Asia, says Pentagon, as the region braces for possible attacks by Iran & allies after killing of Hamas and Hezbollah senior members, P 22

Ex-ISI chief Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (retd) has been taken into military custody & field court martial proceedings initiated against him over allegations of corruption & misuse of authority, says Pak army's media wing, P 22



Prisoner kills policeman, flees J'khand hospital

Dhanbad's Shahid Ansari, a prisoner serving life imprisonment for rape and murder, fled a Hazaribag hospital early Sunday after killing a policeman who was guarding him. Ansari, who was undergoing treatment, attacked havaldar Chouhan Hembram with a saline bottle and then strangled him with a saline tube. **TNN**

Tribal woman killed in Maoist IED blast

A 27-year-old tribal woman was killed in a Maoist IED explosion in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district Sunday, a day after Naxals had apologised for the death of two minors in IED blasts. Six civilians have been killed and nine injured in Maoist IED blasts in Bastar division this year. **TNN**

Arms racket busted after gun-wash clip

A viral video of a woman scrubbing country-made pistols in soap and water has led to a major firearms bust near MP's Morena. Police raided a house in Ganeshpura village and arrested the woman's husband and father-in-law. A large cache of illegal pistols and semi-finished arms was seized. **P 11**

Fgn tourist traffic up, forex nos. grow

Over 40 lakh foreign tourists have visited India from Jan to May this year as compared to 37.3 lakh during the same period last year, a y-o-y growth of 9.1%. Foreign exchange earnings for the same period were Rs 1.08 lakh crore compared to Rs 88,441 crore last year. **FLAP OPP**

Stir in govt hosps across country against Kol rape

OPD, Surgeries Hit As Docs Ask For CBI Inquiry

New Delhi: Govt hospitals across the country on Monday experienced significant disruptions in outpatient services and routine surgeries as resident doctors staged protests against the rape and murder of a doctor at R G Kar Medical

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College and Hospital in Kolkata. Hospitals in Delhi and Kolkata were most affected as the two cities emerged as the epicentres of the protest.

The doctors have demanded a CBI inquiry and urgent implementation of a central law to prevent violence against healthcare workers. **TNN**

► **35% fall in admissions, P 19**

OFFICER CLAIMED SUICIDE BY DOC

► Police have summoned an assistant superintendent who had allegedly called slain PG trainee doctor's family and informed them that their daughter had 'died by suicide'

► Doc's father had said Sunday the officer was the first to call them Aug 9, the day the trainee doctor was found dead in hosp

► Family also claimed that their 31-year-old daughter



Doctors protest outside R G Kar Hosp in Kolkata on Monday

had been under 'mental pressure' and that they suspected an 'insider role'

RG Kar principal quits, gets another posting

RG Kar principal Sandip Ghosh resigned Monday after accusations of covering up the incident. However, Ghosh was reassigned as the principal of Calcutta National Medical College within four hours of resigning. **P 19**

Finish probe by Sun, Mamata tells police

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee on Monday told police to finish their probe by Sunday, failing which the case would be handed over to CBI. Mamata gave the ultimatum after meeting the doctor's parents at their home. **P 19**

Retail inflation in July at 5-yr low of 3.5%

Led by a moderation in prices of vegetables, fruits and spices and the impact of a statistical high-base effect, retail inflation in India softened to 3.5% — a near 5-year low — in July, bringing much-needed relief from stubborn price pressures witnessed in the past few months and triggering hopes of a cut in interest rates in the second half of the fiscal year.

Separate data showed industrial output growth, as measured by Index of Industrial Production (IIP), moderated to a five-month low of 4.2% in June from the seven-month high of 6.2% as manufacturing sector slowed, while mining recorded a double digit expansion during the month. **P 21**

3 students die in Noida e-way car accident

Three college students died after their car crashed into a unipole on Noida Expressway on Monday morning, reports Avishek Kumar. Ishan Kashyap (22), a B.Tech student at a private college in Bengaluru, was dropping his brother Aaryan (19) and his friend Vinay Upadhyay (23) to Asian Law College in Sector 125 when they met with the accident at 7.30am.

Ishan possibly lost control as the car clocked around 100kmph, police said. Such was the impact that the car's front portion was badly mangled and the engine was pushed back to the front seats. The three injured youths were rushed to hospital but were declared dead on arrival. **P 9**

Govt to bring fresh broadcast bill draft after consultations

Deadline For Suggestions Pushed To Oct 15

New Delhi: The information and broadcasting ministry Monday extended the deadline for comments and suggestions on the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill till Oct 15 and said it would issue a revised draft based on consultations that began last Nov.

The statement from the ministry, posted on its X handle, on the contentious set of proposals came amid reports that the draft was being withdrawn and that it had asked all stakeholders to return physical copies given to them between July 24 and 25.

Sources in the ministry denied any such move and said there would be further con-

1ST DRAFT CAME IN NOV

Ministry is holding a series of consultations with stakeholders on draft bill. Additional time is being provided to solicit comments till Oct 15, 2024. Fresh draft will be published after detailed consultations

► A draft was first placed for comments last Nov

► Bill aims to overhaul rules governing broadcasting services. Has raised concerns over treating independent news creators as broadcasters

► Bill raised concerns, P 13

sultations on the bill. The draft was placed for comments last Nov and multiple suggestions were received from stakeholders, including associations, ministry said, adding that a series of consultations was being held. **TNN**

Bharti acquires 24.5% of UK's BT Grp in \$4bn deal

New Delhi: Bharti Global, the international investment arm of Bharti Enterprises, on Monday announced the acquisition of a 24.5% stake in iconic BT Group plc from Altice UK, which will make it the largest shareholder in the company that once owned 21% in Bharti Airtel.

Bharti has already acquired 9.9% in the UK's top fixed and mobile communications provider through a market deal. Based on BT's current market value, entire transaction — which is subject to regulatory approvals, including security clearance — is estimated at \$4 billion. The deal adds

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► Once BT deal transaction is complete, Bharti will own a bigger stake than Deutsche Telekom's 12%

► Bharti's BT deal is its 1st big foray into a developed country market. Ironically, BT Grp once owned 21% in Bharti Airtel

to the list of marquee British firms and brands acquired by Indian entities, including Jaguar Land Rover, Corus and Tetley by Tata, BSA by Mahindra Group and Hamleys by Reliance Brands. **TNN**

► 'Long-term investor', P 21

Hasina's prolonged stay in India won't hurt our ties with Delhi: Bangladesh

AKM Moinuddin & Sachin Parashar

Dhaka/New Delhi: Bangladesh's ties with India under the stewardship of the new interim govt in Dhaka won't be affected even if deposed PM Sheikh Hasina remains New Delhi's guest for an extended period of time, foreign affairs adviser Md Touhid Hossain said Monday. His remarks can give the beleaguered Awami League chief some breathing space and be seen as reassuring for India. Hasina was initially understood to have sought refuge in India "only for the moment".

Quitting of officials close to Hasina legal: Yunus

Muhammad Yunus, head of Bangladesh's interim govt, said Monday the high-profile resignations of authorities close to Sheikh Hasina are legal after student leaders issued ultimatums for them to quit. "Legally... all steps were taken," Yunus said. The country's chief justice, five justices and central bank governor have all resigned in the past few days. Yunus also said the country had experienced a "student-led revolution", adding, "I respect you (students). I admire you". On Tuesday, Yunus will hold a meeting with representatives of minority communities following attacks, especially against Hindus. **P 22**



"Bilateral relations are a much larger issue. Friendship is based on mutual interest," Hossain said. "We will always strive to maintain our good relations (with India),"

he said after meeting foreign diplomats in Dhaka to brief them about the situation and efforts to restore law and order.

► 'Won't tolerate violence', P 22

RSS, BJP netas in 5-hr huddle over selection of party chief

New Delhi: Senior BJP members have held detailed consultations on the party's future course and who should succeed J P Nadda whose extended tenure as president has also ended, reports Akhilesh Singh.

Although details of the five-hour meeting held at the residence of defence minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday were not available, sources said there was a thorough discussion on who should be the next working president or the full-time president in view of the looming assembly polls.

Besides Singh, home minister Amit Shah and BJP general secretary (organisation) B L Santhosh attended the deliberations. RSS was represented by its number two, general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale, and joint general secretary Arun Kumar. **TNN**

► Woman or OBC face? P 24

7 die, 16 injured in stampede at Bihar temple

Patna: At least seven people, including six women, were killed Monday and 16 injured in a stampede at Baba Siddheshwar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad, reports Sheezan Nezami. Locals said a clash between a flower vendor and a group of kanwariyas near the temple on Barabar Hills sparked the stampede a little past midnight amid large crowds on Shrawan's fourth "Somvati" (Monday), considered among the most auspicious in the month.

► Vendor fled, P 24

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SUNRISE 5.50AM (WED) MOONRISE 2.32PM (WED)

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Resident Docs Off Duty To Protest For Safety, Patients In For Lengthy Wait

KOLKATA DOC'S RAPE: Services Affected At Govt Hosps; Trauma, Emergency Services On

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New Delhi: Patients visiting AIIMS and the 10 other govt hospitals in the city on Monday had a tough time after resident doctors went on an indefinite strike to protest against the rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata. Her body had been discovered on Friday morning last week.

Many patients endured lengthy waiting times in the hospital's OPDs, while others returned home without seeing a doctor or scheduling their surgeries. However, the trauma and emergency sections weren't affected.

Prince, 24, a patient from Muzaffarnagar who had come to AIIMS for a follow-up for acute pneumonia, was unable to meet his doctor and returned home with a new appointment date. "I was treated in the hospital for 10 days before being discharged. Today, I was to have met the doctor for a follow-up but am returning without doing so," he stated.

According to the AIIMS administration, while emergency services and ICUs operated



As resident doctors protest on Monday, 80% of the elective surgeries and OPD services at AIIMS were affected, senior doctors at many hospitals also said services were hit



Photos: TOI & Jatin Kumar

normally with all residents reporting for duty, the strike had a significant impact on other services. Surgeries were limited to vital elective and emergency cases, resulting in an 80% reduction of the number on a typical Monday. Radiological investigations saw a 40% decrease, admissions dropped by 35%, laboratory

services were reduced by 25% and outpatient departments saw a 20% decline. In other hospitals too, patients waited indefinitely for consultations. At Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, Shahnaz Begum of Badayun in UP, was at the orthopaedic department for pain that unable to stand rendered her or sit comfortably. On reaching doctor's room No. 58 for

her appointment, the guard told her he wasn't sure whether the doctor would be on duty. "I decided to wait. It's 1.30pm and no one has turned up," Begum said. The lack of clarity regarding the availability of doctors left her and many other patients frustrated and distressed.

However, the administration of RML Hospital asserted that they had devised a contingency plan to address the planned indefinite strike and had taken measures to ensure uninterrupted patient care services. All faculty members have been told their leaves have been cancelled and dispensary visits have also been suspended. To maintain the smooth functioning of the hospital, duties in the OPD and wards have been assigned on a roster basis.

Anand Mehta went to Lady Hardinge Medical College to schedule an appointment for gall bladder stone surgery. However, because of the ongoing strike, he was unable to secure a date for his procedure and had no choice but to return home empty-handed. According to senior

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New Delhi: Out of 1,367 waterbodies in Delhi, 656, or 48%, have been located on the ground while 635 have vanished as they have been encroached upon, according to the data compiled by Wetland Authority of Delhi and the revenue department. However, the process of ground-truthing for 76 waterbodies is underway.

The latest data was shared with Integrated Drains Management Cell (IDMC), which reviewed the status of drains and waterbodies in its recent meeting. To revive these waterbodies, the revenue department is assigning one official to each waterbody. These officials will be required to conduct inspections of the waterbodies every two weeks and will bear the responsibility for their upkeep.

TOI in April had reported that Delhi govt added 322 waterbodies to its record, taking the total number to 1,367. In Aug 2021, Wetland Authority of Delhi listed 1,045 waterbodies under the jurisdiction of 16 different agencies for restoration. However, no wetland in Delhi has been notified so far for legal protection.

"After the addition of 322 waterbodies, a ground-truthing survey is being conducted. Of the total 1,291 waterbodies ground-truthed, 656 exist on the ground," said an official who took part in the review meeting.

He said the official assigned to a waterbody will visit it every fortnight to ensure its proper maintenance. "The official concerned will make entries in the revenue record on the condition of wetlands, including encroachment," he added.

A plan is being prepared for the rejuvenation of waterbodies and work will start after all

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officials are assigned, he said. A district-level committee has also been constituted to track and revive the waterbodies. "Public participation for operation and maintenance activities is also being explored," the official further said.

According to the data, southwest Delhi has 330 waterbodies recorded on paper, but only 216 were located during the survey. Similarly, in north Delhi, only 135 waterbodies were discovered through ground-truthing against 249 listed.

In south Delhi, 78 of the 190 listed waterbodies were found. In northwest Delhi, 97 waterbodies were located out of the 130 listed while work is underway for 30 others. In east Delhi, only six of the 50 waterbodies recorded on paper were found.

According to Diwan Singh, an environmental activist, "In 2011-12, we had conducted a survey of 183 waterbodies in southwest Delhi. We found that there was significant encroachment. No concrete steps have been taken to resolve the issue of non-existent or encroached wetlands so far. All such waterbodies should be reclaimed by govt agencies."

Singh added, "The main function of a waterbody is to prevent floods and recharge the groundwater. The city's drainage system cannot accommodate the sudden heavy downpour and, hence, waterbodies are required to absorb the surplus water."

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HC to check plea on no sodomy clause in BNS

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Monday agreed to examine a plea challenging the exclusion of a provision in the new penal law, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), relating to punishment for the offence of 'unnatural sex' and 'sodomy'. The plea was mentioned for urgent listing before a bench of acting chief justice Manmohan and justice Tushar Rao Gedela, which said it would be heard on Tuesday if everything was found in order by the afternoon. Seeking the court's intervention, the lawyer submitted that BNS excluded any provision equivalent to Section 377 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), due to which every person, especially the LGBTQ+ community, would be affected. Section 377 of IPC punishes non-consensual unnatural sex between two adults, sexual activities against minors, and bestiality. BNS, which replaced the Indian Penal Code (IPC), came into force on July 1, 2024. While Section 377 of IPC earlier prescribed a punishment of life imprisonment or ten years in jail for voluntarily engaging in "carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman, or animal," it was later read down by the Supreme Court as far as criminalising consensual sex between same-sex persons was concerned. However, the apex court had made it clear that the "provisions of Section 377 will continue to govern non-consensual sexual acts against adults, all acts of carnal intercourse against minors, and acts of bestiality."

Give govt building for Asha Kiran inmates: HC to MCD

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New Delhi: Overcrowding is a "serious problem" in the govt-run Asha Kiran shelter home, Delhi High Court said on Monday, asking MCD to hand over one of its vacant buildings to house inmates. "It is needed immediately. That's the priority. This is really urgent, and it can't wait," a bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela observed, directing MCD to hand over a building in Narela of its nursing college and hostel to the department of social welfare. HC invoked its special powers to fast-track the process, which would otherwise remain pending till MCD's standing committee convenes and approves the decision. Noting that against a capacity of 570 persons, more than 920 inmates were stay-

ing at the shelter home, the bench underlined that new premises are immediately required to decongest the centre while approval of the standing committee will take considerable time as it is yet to be constituted. It is the second time in recent months that the absence of a standing committee has forced HC to step in and pass directions. It had earlier ordered the MCD commissioner to sanction funds above Rs 5 crore to ensure textbooks and uniforms reach students enrolled in the corporation schools for the current academic year. The Asha Kiran shelter home, which is for intellectually disabled persons, had recently witnessed the death of 14 inmates. During the hearing on Monday, the secretary of the social welfare department informed HC that several inmates had been shifted to another shelter home and

most of the vacancies of medical/non-medical staff have been filled up. The department, in its status report, submitted that vacancies for health staff had been filled except for two clinical psychologists as the Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS) does not

have any persons who can be currently deployed. It, however, assured the court that "such action shall be completed by the director of IHBAS within a period of 30 days". Appearing before HC, the secretary said the govt has also decided to shift 20 women foreign detainees at the shelter home to another centre operated solely by the Foreigners Registration Office (FRRO) within a week. Relocation will also lead to the Delhi Police and supplementary staff vacating the Asha Kiran premises, he contended. HC then recorded the submissions and asked the MCD commissioner to hand over the building of the nursing college and hostel to the department of social welfare so that after a few renovations, about 200 inmates of Asha Kiran home can be housed there. It noted that the department has agreed to purchase the building and the price will be de-

termined by MCD, which will convey it in due course. The court had earlier asked the secretary of the department to act with alacrity in taking urgent steps for the recruitment of staff, including doctors, for the Asha Kiran shelter home. It was earlier informed that there were 12 vacancies in the medical cadre and positions were vacant in the non-medical cadre as well. HC is hearing a public interest litigation (PIL) seeking the constitution of an independent committee headed by a retired high court judge to probe the incident.

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The high court called overcrowding at Asha Kiran a serious problem

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Multi-Level E-Bus Depot To Push Green Drive In Capital

First Such Facility In India, Says Govt; Pvt Vehicles To Gain Too

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New Delhi: Delhi govt plans to construct India's most expansive multi-level electric bus depot, spread over five acres, in Vasant Vihar. In addition to its primary purpose of housing and maintaining electric buses, the depot, consisting of ground and four floors, will offer a range of amenities, including charging stations for private vehicles.

The project will be launched on Tuesday, said transport minister Kailash Gahlot. "We are taking the first step towards creating India's first, and one of the largest, multi-level electric bus depots at Vasant Vihar. Once completed, this state-of-the-art, smart and sustainable electric bus depot will stand out as a modern-day landmark, both visually and functionally, in the history of India's public transport infrastructure," he said.

The depot, the minister added, will have dedicated space for charging of private electric vehicles. The sales of



An artist's impression of the depot, which will come up at Vasant Vihar

private electric cars have witnessed a jump in the past two years, data has shown. In 2021, 1,526 private electric cars were sold in the capital. The figure rose to 3,114 in 2022 and 5,800 in 2023.

Commercial electric cars have also seen a huge boost in sales. In 2021, 426 electric commercial cars were sold, which increased to 2,515 in 2022 and 2,453 in 2023.

A senior govt official said the project will be based on public-private partnership

(PPP) mode. Some sections will be used for property development, which means there could be other amenities, he added.

Besides this, another depot will be developed in Hari Nagar, which will also have space for property development, including restaurants and commercial shops. "The depot at Hari Nagar will also be a multi-level one," said the official.

Once the projects are completed, the depots at Hari Nagar and Vasant Vihar will

be able to accommodate more than 330 and 400 buses, respectively, he said. The facilities will house govt offices as well, he added.

According to officials, the depots are designed with a vibration isolation system by using steel helical springs, ensuring that there is no vibration when a vehicle moves, and a 45-degree angle so that the maximum number of vehicles can be parked.

DTC operates 4,536 buses, including 2,966 CNG buses and 1,570 electric buses, while cluster bus service by Delhi Integrated Multi-Modal Transit System operates 3,147 buses, including 2,747 CNG and 400 electric buses.

The official said that the projects are important as Delhi govt has decided to purchase only electric vehicles, for which infrastructure needs to be readied. "Besides buses, we are also exploring the possibility of using EVs only for other official purposes," he added.

After CNG, the switch to electric vehicles is the biggest transition for the national capital.

Tihar to CM: Letter to LG on flag hoisting was a breach of rules

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Tihar authorities have told chief minister Arvind Kejriwal in a letter that his letter to the lieutenant governor, informing him that minister Atishi would hoist the national flag on Independence Day, was an "abuse of privileges" granted to him under the Delhi Prison Rules.

The superintendent of Tihar's central jail number 2, where Kejriwal is lodged, citing provisions of the Delhi Prison Rules, 2018, and advised Kejriwal in a communication to "desist from any such impermissible activity" or his privileges would be curtailed. The superintendent informed him that his letter to the LG was not sent.

No immediate reaction was available from AAP. Arrested by ED in an excise policy-linked money laundering case, Kejriwal has been in Tihar since April.

In the communication to Kejriwal, the jail superintendent said the chief minister can write only to his family, close friends or those connected with his case. "From a bare reading of the above rules, it is clear that your communication does not qualify in the permissible communication which can be sent outside the prison... Your letter dated 06.08.2024 has not been sent to the addressee but has been filed," the communication read.

The jail official also took exception to the sharing of the contents of the letter with the media and said that it amounted to abuse of privileges. While asking him to desist from such actions, the jail superintendent said, "... failing which, I shall be constrained to invoke the provisions of Delhi Prison Rules, 2018, to curtail your privileges."

The letter cited Rule 588, which states that the contents of all letters written by prisoners shall be limited to private matters. As per Rule 620 (vii) of Delhi Prison Rules, 2018, which the jail official cited in his communication to Kejriwal: "No letter shall be delivered to or be sent by a prisoner until the superintendent has satisfied himself that its transmission is not objectionable."

Delhi govt's annual Independence Day programme is held at Chhatrasal Stadium where the chief minister addresses the gathering. Earlier, in a letter to LG VK Saxena, Kejriwal had suggested Atishi should do the flag-hoisting. Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said that it was regrettable that 10 years later, once again, Kejriwal was determined to make the Delhi Independence Day celebrations controversial due to his obstinacy. "A few days ago, AAP's social media ecosystem spread the news that chief minister

Rai claims Atishi will hoist flag as per CM's wish, BJP cries foul

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: AAP minister Gopal Rai on Monday instructed the general administration department to arrange for his cabinet colleague Atishi to hoist the national flag on Independence Day.

Rai said that the directive was issued as Kejriwal had requested that she should take over the flag-hoisting at Chhatrasal Stadium on Aug 15.

"I had a meeting with chief minister today. He desires that minister Atishi hoist the flag on Aug 15 at the Chhatrasal Stadium event. All the necessary arrangements be made accordingly," he said. Earlier, in a letter to LG VK Saxena, Kejriwal had suggested Atishi should do the flag-hoisting.

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Arvind Kejriwal had written to lieutenant governor VK Saxena, stating that Atishi would hoist the national flag," he said. "Today, a circular from a Tihar Jail superintendent has come to light, making it clear that whether it is chief minister Kejriwal or any other prisoner, they are only allowed to send letters from jail concerning their personal and family matters. They are not permitted to issue any government directives," he said.

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Road rage: Defence min official assaulted over the right of way

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An assistant section officer in the Union ministry of defence was allegedly assaulted by two men following an altercation over giving way his vehicle near Safdarjung Development Area.

The complainant told police that the incident occurred on Aug 6. "I was coming from my office on Africa Avenue on my motorcycle around 5.05 pm. At the RK Puram metro traffic light, a Tata 407 vehicle was parked incorrectly

The assailants reportedly got out of their car and attacked the complainant again before fleeing. A passerby recorded the assault, and the complainant obtained a copy of the video

ly. Another vehicle, a Hyundai Verna with Haryana registration, occupied by two men aged 20 to 26, was parked parallel to the mini truck, blocking the way," he said.

The men in the Verna were allegedly abusing the driver and helper of the mini truck. When the complainant asked them to make

way, they began to abuse him as well. Although he initially ignored them and managed to leave, they allegedly followed him, attempting to hit his bike with their car.

"They again attempted to hit me and threatened to kill me. During rush hour, they caught me at the Rose Garden gate near Safdarjung Development Area. They brutally beat me. I fell, and they fled. Due to traffic, their car got stuck. I called the police at 5.17 pm and informed them about the assailants. The men responded by threatening to find me and teach me a lesson," the complainant said.

The assailants reportedly got out of their car and attacked the complainant again before fleeing. A passerby recorded the assault, and the complainant obtained a copy of the video. He was taken to Safdarjung Hospital, where he was found to have injuries and swelling to his neck, head, and chin. An X-ray revealed a fractured scapula.

LG reviews working of new criminal laws

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor V K Saxena on Monday reviewed the implementation of the three new criminal legislations in the capital and stressed the need to remove all hurdles at the earliest. Apart from senior officers of all departments concerned, Delhi home minister Kailash Gahlot was also present at the meeting. Law minister Atishi was away due to a medical emergency in her family.

The three criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)—came into effect on July 1, 2024, replacing the colonial-era IPC, Code of Criminal Procedure, and Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

The LG's office, in a statement, said that Saxena directed officials of all stakeholder departments—home, Delhi Police, Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), National Informatics Centre, and directorate

of prosecution—to come up with specific timelines for completing various projects that are in the pipeline relating to the implementation of the new laws. Among other issues, the training of nodal officers appointed by the Delhi govt's health department on how to use MedLEaPR, the new web portal for medico-legal cases, was also discussed. "The procurement of mobile forensic vans for police and FSL and the necessary infrastructure for providing video conference facilities at 691 courts in Delhi was also deliberated upon. LG has directed the departments to expedite the process and ensure transparency in the procurement process," said an official.

"The filling of vacancies for 165 contractual junior scientific assistants, who will be deployed at crime scenes by FSL, was also discussed. LG directed FSL to maintain total transparency in the recruitment process and also asked them to take the necessary steps for their regular appointment."

Deal with hurdles, focus on work, Sisodia advises MLAs

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Manish Sisodia, the former deputy chief minister who was in jail for 17 months, appealed to MLAs to focus on the politics of work even in the face of adversity ahead of the upcoming assembly elections on Monday.

At a meeting in chief minister Arvind Kejriwal's residence with party MLAs, Sisodia discussed preparations for the elections and his padyatra starting on Aug 14. "It was decided in the meeting that we will go to every assembly (constituency) on foot and tell the people of Delhi, the reality of BJP's politics of stopping the work of Delhi and breaking the parties," AAP functionary Sandeep Pathak said. The assembly elections are due in Feb next year.

Among those present were the CM's wife Sunita Kejriwal, national general secretary (organisation) Pathak, Delhi state convener Gopal Rai, cabinet ministers Saruab

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"In the history of independent India, AAP is the first party to focus on which attacks are being made one after the other. They have even put top leaders of the party in jail. BJP people must also be thinking that after freedom fighters, for the first time such people have come who are neither breaking nor bowing down," Sisodia said.

Sisodia told information from each MLA about the work done in their assembly segment and the work that is under way. Sources said Sisodia's responsibilities until the assembly elections will be focused on party matters rather than govt affairs. AAP functionaries feel that Sisodia serves as a representative figure, allowing them to convey the message that BJP is utilising govt agencies to target AAP.

In the meeting, there was a discussion on Delhi's works being stopped through a conspiracy by BJP, said an AAP functionary. Due to BJP's "Delhi ke kaam roko abhiyan" (Stop Delhi's works Mission), the people of Delhi have had to face a lot of trouble, a party functionary said.

Pathak said: "BJP's attempt to break and buy AAP is never going to succeed. Even if BJP succeeds in its conspiracy with other parties in the country, breaking AAP is not only difficult, but impossible." Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva said, "Whenever Sisodia goes, people will question him about the liquor policy scam, but he will not be able to answer," he said, adding that he will have to answer for the waterlogging crisis too.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, N.H. Division-IX, P.W.(Roads) Directorate, Matigara invites online percentage rate e tender for the works: i) "Emergent roadwork" of potholes and repairing of damaged surface at different stretches in between 7.00 km to 11.00 km of NH-55 (new NH-110) under N.H. Division - IX, in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2024-2025 amounting to Rs.14,17,600.00 wide NIT No. 3 (eTender) Id: 2024_NH_730832_1 and 2024_NH_730832_2 respectively of 2024-25 of EE/NHD-IX; Bid submission closing date (online): 22-08-2024 upto 17:00 hrs. Details of NITs and Tender documents may be downloaded from the web portal: <https://wbenders.gov.in> and for any other queries please contact through email: nhdixdivision@wbenders.gov.in or Corrigendum if any and other information regarding bid evaluation will be published/ sent in/through e-portal only. Sd/- EE/NHD-IX, Matigara, Siliguri. ICA-113965(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

A3. Development of Marketing Infrastructure towards providing facilities to the wholesalers and farmers for wholesale business of various types of vegetables (Construction of 10 Nos. Auction Shed, 4 Nos. Cattle Shed, Concrete Pavement & Drainage) at Principal Market Yard, Balarampur, Dist. Purulia vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE/28/2024-25 Dated 08-08-2024 bearing Tender Id: 2024_WBSAMB_730718-1. The last date for submission of tender is on 12-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A3. Improvement of Marketing Infrastructure (Construction of 3 Nos. Market Shed, Internal Road, Drain and Electrical Works) of English Bazar Principal Market Yard under Malda District vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE/29/2024-25 Dated 08-08-2024 bearing Tender Id: 2024_WBSAMB_730734-1. The last date for submission of tender is on 30-08-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A3. Infrastructure Development work at Kalina-I Krishna Bazar (Construction of Wholesale Vegetable Market with allied works), Dist. Purba Bardhaman vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE/30/2024-25 Dated 08-08-2024 bearing Tender Id: 2024_WBSAMB_730765-1. The last date for submission of tender is on 12-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A5. Construction of additional works of Safal Bangla Outlets in front of office of the Commissioner, Medinipur Division vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CE/26/2024-25 Dated 06-08-2024 bearing Tender Id: 2024_WBSMB_730702-1. The last date for submission of tender is on 30-08-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the <https://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/-Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board. ICA-113943(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL NOTICE INVITING TENDER

West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for Setting up of a Basic Skill Lab and a Computer Assisted Lab at Tamralipta Govt. Medical College & Hospital under Government West Bengal, Tamluk. Last date of submission of bids (online): 28/08/2024 up to 03.00 P.M. The tender documents can be downloaded from <https://wbenders.gov.in> and for any other queries please contact through email: nhdixdivision@wbenders.gov.in or Corrigendum if any and other information regarding bid evaluation will be published/ sent in/through e-portal only. Sd/- EE/NHD-IX, Matigara, Siliguri. ICA-113965(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WR&DD e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I) Kalyani (A-I) Division invites e-Tender for Pipe Line and other works at BCKV, Kalyani, Nadia, Const. of PH and other works at 247N, Jhoshmal HTW under Ranaghat-I (A-I) Sub-Division, Lifting and Lowering of Vertical Subline, Submersible Pump Motor assembly of DTW, HDWT Installation and Rewinding and repairing of Submersible Motor of different capacities and make with repairing of Submersible Pump Bowl Assembly at Chudaha (A-I) and Ranaghat (A-I) Sub-Division under Kalyani (A-I) Division, Kalyani, Nadia during 2024-2025 & Installation of 70 no new Clustered (7/6) LDW (Solar) (Depth 100m) of size 150.MM x 100 MM NB. With PVC Pipes and PVC Ribbed Screen at Ranaghat-I Block under the jurisdiction of Kalyani (A-I) Division, Nadia under SARASARI MURPHYMAANTRI (Core Sector) 2024-25, vide e-NIT no WBWRDD/EE (A-I)/Kalyani(A-I) e-NIT 02, 03 & 04 of 2024-25. Tender ID:- 2024_WRDD_732238_1 to 2, 2024_WRDD_732262_1 to 2 & 2024_WRDD_732266_1 to 5 Last Dropping date 27.08.2024 & 29.08.2024 upto 10.00 A.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website <https://wbenders.gov.in> Sd/- (HIMANGSU SEKHAR MAJUMDAR) Executive Engineer (A-I) Kalyani (Agriculture) Division ICA-113950(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE

I. WBSDB/EE/CE/II/ NIT-04(e)/2024-25 e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-II, Sundarban Development Board from the reliable bonafide resourceful contractors for the Construction of Bridge in Sagar & Kaldowig, Block of South 24 Pargana, West Bengal. Details may be had from the office of the EE/CE/II/SDB on working days during office hours or in website <https://wbenders.gov.in> Publishing date: 13.08.2024 at 18.00 hrs. Bid submission start Dt.: 14.08.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Bid submission end Dt.: 03.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-II, Sundarban Development Board ICA-113921(3)/2024

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Cops freeze ₹4L stolen via fraud SMS link

Gurgaon: City police have successfully frozen Rs 4 lakh that a person lost on July 26 after clicking on an SMS link to receive reward points.

Cyber Crime South police station received the complaint on July 27 through the Ministry of Home Affairs complaint portal. A case was filed under Section 318 (cheating) of BNS and relevant sections of the IT Act. TNW

MCD tries to optimise use of Tehkhand plant

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi has taken steps to optimise the usage of its leachate treatment plant at the engineered landfill in Tehkhand in southeast Delhi. According to civic officials, the recently built leachate plant has the capacity to treat 10 kilolitres of leachate every day, but only receives 10-20 kilolitres daily at present.

MCD has, therefore, decided to construct two storage tanks each capable of 60,000 litres of leachate at the Ghazipur landfill. Leachate, which is the liquid generated during the natural decomposition of waste, collected there will be transported to Tehkhand in vehicles provided by MCD's electrical and mechanical dept.

"The engineered landfill at Tehkhand is primarily utilised for the disposal

of ash generated by the incineration of garbage at waste-to-energy plants. There is, therefore, a minimal amount of leachate generation from this activity," explained an official. "In contrast, at the Ghazipur landfill, leachate generation is at least 300 kilolitres per day because fresh municipal waste amounting to 1,500 tonnes is dumped there daily."

Under the plan, a provision will be made for the regular supply of leachate generated by the trash in Ghazipur to be channelled to storage tanks through drains created on the periphery, legacy waste. "The storage tanks will be erected at the corner of the landfill in space reclaimed through biomining. The tank capacities have been kept high to allow storage even when the transportation is delayed," said an official. "The collected liquid will be transported to the Tehkhand plant. To save transpor-

ation costs, we can transport the leachate every alternate day."

After processing at the leachate treatment plant, the product will be used for irrigation of a 6.2-acre plantation around the Tehkhand landfill. The excess quantity can also be utilised in green areas elsewhere.

The collection and transport of leachate will help reduce its percolation into the soil, thus polluting both the ground soil and groundwater at the Ghazipur landfill.

The Tehkhand engineered landfill, built at a cost of Rs 42.3 crore, was inaugurated in March and has the capacity to handle 10 lakh tonnes of waste. It has a peripheral boundary wall to keep the flyash in check and wide roads that allow trash carriers to approach with ease. This new municipal facility will serve as a dump for the next seven years.

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Recruitment on (i) By deputation and (ii) By deputation (including short term contract)
The Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), Govt. of NCT of Delhi, invites applications for the following posts that are to be filled on (i) By deputation and (ii) By deputation (including short term contract):

(A) By deputation: Applications from eligible officers/Officials, working in the Central/State Government/Autonomous Bodies/Statutory Bodies/PSUs:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	Level of Post	Eligibility	Number of Posts
1	Additional Director (Scientific)	Level-13	Eligibility mentioned in the circular available at DPCC website.	1
2	Senior Scientist-L-I (Scientist-D)	Level-12		1
3	Senior Scientist-L-I (Scientist-C)	Level-11		2
4	Environmental Engineer	Level-11		12
5	Principal Private Secretary- PB3	Level-10		2
6	Section Officer	Level-8		1
7	Assistant Section Officer	Level-7		7
8	Steno Grade I	Level-7		3
9	Scientific Assistant	Level-6		1
10	Senior Lab Assistant	Level-4		2
Total				32

(B) By deputation (including short term contract): Applications from eligible officers/Officials, working in the Central/State Government/Union Territory/Recognized Research Institute/Autonomous Bodies/Statutory Bodies/PSUs:

S. No.	Name of the Post	Level of Post	Eligibility	Number of Posts
1	System Analyst	Level-11	Eligibility mentioned in the	

10-day deadline for evacuating Paradiso tower in Gurgaon

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Gurgaon: District town and country planning (enforcement) department has issued notices to residents of Tower J in Chintels Paradiso society in Sector 109 after the tower was declared unsafe for habitation. They have been given a 10 days' timeline, failing which they will be held responsible for harms due to any untoward incident.

The action follows an earlier order from the district magistrate of the disaster management authority, which mandated the evacuation of the tower due to safety concerns. District town and country planning department has asked Chintels management to ensure that the flats are vacated by the allottees without delay. The urgency of the order is underscored by the assessment that declared Tower J as unsafe for habitation.

The directive stems from ongoing concerns about the structural integrity of the building after a tragic incident on Feb 10, 2022, when the floor of the drawing room on the sixth floor of Tower D in the same society collapsed to the first floor, resulting in the deaths of two women.

In the wake of this disaster, the district administration commissioned IIT Delhi to conduct a comprehensive structural audit of all the towers in the society.

The findings of this audit led to towers D, E, F, G, H, and now J, being declared unsafe for occupancy. While five of these towers have already been evacuated, eight families continue to reside in Tower J. Towers A, B, and C are currently deemed safe.

7 held In GST Refund Fraud Worth Crores

GST Officer, 3 Advocates Among Arrested

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New Delhi: Blowing the lid off a massive GST fraud racket, the anti-corruption branch (ACB) of Delhi govt has arrested seven people, including a now suspended GST officer, three advocates, two transporters and a proprietor of fake firms, for their alleged involvement in the scam.

The fraudulent GST refunds granted to fictitious firms amounted to about Rs 54 crore, with forged invoices totalling Rs 718 crore discovered during the investigation. Nearly 500 non-existent firms were found to be engaging in business activities, including the export of medicines and medical items, solely on paper to claim fraudulent GST refunds, officials said Monday.

ACB has identified glaring procedural lapses and

malpractices on the part of the arrested GST officer, resulting in a substantial loss to the exchequer.

According to ACB chief, joint commissioner Madhur Verma, fraudulent GST refunds were being approved without verification of input tax credit, causing a direct loss to the govt exchequer.

"Input tax credit has been taken against fake invoices amounting to Rs 718 crore. In the case of 15 firms, there was neither Aadhaar authentication at the time of registration nor physical verification of the firm. Five firms were found registered under the same PAN/email ID/mobile number, which was used for multiple GSTIN registrations," Verma said.

"Forged expressway bills for carrying items and goods receipts were used in refund applications. Twenty-three out

of 96 fake firms are being run by the same group of offenders, i.e., accused advocates using common email IDs and mobile numbers," Verma added.

ACB also detected rotation of refund amounts through multiple bank accounts to benefit the accused advocates and their family members. Around 1,000 more bank accounts emerged during the screening of 127 bank accounts, directly related to fake firms, their employees and their family members.

According to officials, a suspicious pattern of firm migrations led to a full-blown probe into a potential GST scam.

The accused GST officer, Babita Sharma, was transferred from Ward No. 6 to Ward No. 22 on July 26, 2021. She was found to have approved 53 firm migration requests in a short span, raising red flags.

A physical verification of these firms on Sept 23, 2021, revealed that all 53 firms were non-existent and non-functional. This prompted a preliminary inquiry, led by Vivek Aggarwal, additional commissioner (trade and taxes) on Oct 5, 2021. The inquiry's findings led to the case being referred to the ACB on Dec 6, 2021.

The ACB said it had registered a case under the Prevention of Corruption Act and IPC sections related to cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

The other accused were identified as Raj Singh Saini, Narender Kumar Saini, Mukesh Saini, Manoj Goyal, Surjeet Singh and Lalit Kumar. They are advocates, proprietor and transporters by profession.

WHAT PROBE REVEALS

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➤ 23 out of 96 fake firms are being run by the same group of offenders—accused advocates using common email IDs and mobile numbers

➤ Screening of 127 bank accounts of these firms leads ACB to 1,000 more connected accounts



GST officer Babita Sharma is among the arrested.

Boy drowns in N Delhi lake

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: An 11-year-old boy drowned in north Delhi's Shakti Sarovar Lake after he and three other minors went there to bathe.

Deputy commissioner of police (North) Manoj Kumar Meena said, "The incident occurred when four boys, aged 11 and 12, went into the lake. Two of the boys found them-

selves in deep water and struggled to stay afloat. Meanwhile, the other two boys managed to return to safety."

The DCP added, "Despite efforts by locals to rescue the drowning boys, one of them was pulled from the lake unconscious and was later declared dead at Burari Hospital. The other boy was rescued and is currently receiving medical attention."

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I Am Proud Party Stayed United When Entire Leadership Was Under Attack

After his release from jail, former deputy CM of Delhi Manish Sisodia spoke to Atul Mathur on a host of issues related to his incarceration, his role in AAP in view of the upcoming Delhi assembly polls, equation with bureaucrats and governance in Delhi. Excerpts:

You spent 530 days in jail. How did you cope and what were your thoughts in prison?

It was a much longer stay in jail than I had expected. If you are in politics, being jailed is not something unexpected. Anyone speaking out against a tyrannical govt should be prepared for it. I was in jail for 530 days on fake charges...but these fights give positive results. In jail, I used to have mood swings, sometimes after watching the news on TV, or due to the fate of my own case, or because of the general political discourse in the country. Incidents like the Hathras stampede and wrestlers' protest disturbed me. I was in jail when the elections were going on. I felt like a soldier of King Rukmi (a character in Mahabharata who was not taken by either side and watched the war from the fence) who could not fight the war and felt restless. Imagine the emotions of a warrior who has been confined or isolated when the war is on. I lived that life. It was painful.

How has your family—wife and children—coped?

It was quite tough for my son and wife. My son had just gone abroad for studying and we had no inkling that this was going to happen. My wife suffers from multiple sclerosis and her condition deteriorated when I was in jail. She is facing new complications now. She has really suffered a lot. I had never imagined that my wife would have to pay for my political fights.

You have been released at a time when chief minister Arvind Kejriwal is in jail. Both AAP govt and party are in a flux. How do you plan to

bring both back on track?

I am so proud that I belong to a party which stayed united and in high spirits even when the entire senior leadership was under attack. Such difficult times can break one's resolve. But the volunteers and leaders stood their ground and didn't let governance or the party get affected. Both gave their best performance.

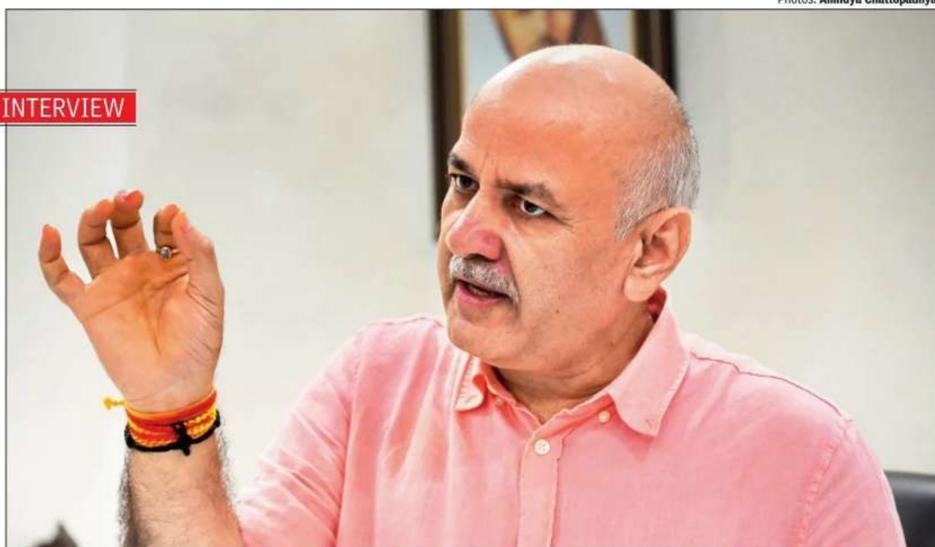
Are you going to be inducted into govt anytime soon? If yes, what will be your role—deputy CM, CM or acting CM till Arvind Kejriwal is released on bail?

I have no personal thoughts on this. I have just come out and am trying to understand a lot of things. The fact is that the elections are just a few months away and I will discharge whatever role is assigned to me. If the party or Arvind ji decide that I should join govt, I will. My first priority is winning this election. Whether my role will be required in the party or in govt, will be a collective decision.

Delhi assembly polls are months away. In the absence of the CM, neither any cabinet meeting, nor any major policy decision has been taken in the past five months. How do you plan to take governance forward?

As far as my understanding about governance goes, there is not much need to hold regular cabinet meetings to take policy decisions. Under the transaction of business rules, the ministers are capable of taking important decisions. And, as per the new Act, LG has got certain powers now. This is unconstitutional but it's a law. It all depends on LG now. If he wants some work in govt to be done, he can easily get it done. And if he wants to stop any work, he

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can give the excuse that the CM is not there.

How confident are you that CM Arvind Kejriwal will be out of jail soon?

Under our constitutional framework, the Supreme Court can play the role of a lawmaker. If an institution, central govt in this case, misuses its powers or makes a wrong law, Constitution empowers the other institution to check and balance it. Whenever the central govt misuses its powers, SC safeguards the rights of the affected states or individuals. It has happened in my case and I am sure it will happen in Arvind ji's case too. He will be out soon.

Is Sunita Kejriwal going to get a bigger role in the party?

There has been no discussion in the party on that. We are part of one family. I have seen her working as a bright officer and as a good life partner to Arvind ji; I have seen her as an individual who is well-educated, well-read, well-behaved and mature; and I saw her on TV as a seasoned speaker in the absence of her husband, echoing his voice in the political vacuum. People are emotionally connected with Arvind ji, and when she says that she has come to deliver his message, people listen to her. She has played this role very well in the past few months.

In the last year or so, especially after the central govt brought an ordinance to bring services under LG and later

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enacted a law, the chasm between the elected dispensation and bureaucracy has widened. You are known to have a good equation with bureaucracy. How do you plan to bridge this gap?

I was in jail when the SC order on the 'services' matter was delivered. It was an order establishing democracy. But they killed the guiding principles of democracy by bringing the ordinance and later amending the law. Bureaucrats in Delhi are not suffering because AAP ministers are doing anything wrong. They are suffering because there is no democracy left in Delhi. You cannot call it a democracy when people elect a govt but the central govt-appointed LG threatens the officers, transfers them or does not let them work. This is not AAP vs bureaucracy in Delhi. Anybody who thinks the weakening of democracy does not affect him, Delhi is a classic example. Most bureaucrats are good. I know them personally. But whenever democracy is murdered, people suffer. Even if you bring another party to govern Delhi, it also will be affected. Our govt did a lot of work in

the last five to seven years, but everything has been stalled now in the name of the new law. LG is known only for stopping the work of people of Delhi. Officers are not scared of us. They are scared of the LG.

If AAP is elected again in the 2025 assembly polls, how are things going to be different vis-a-vis your govt and the Centre? You will have to function under the same law.

Any party that wins the election will have to fight these battles.

What are the major works that you would like to see done in Delhi before the city gets into election mode?

In my absence, a lot of developmental work has been done in Delhi, which, if fast-tracked and not obstructed by the LG, will immensely benefit people. A number of new schools were being built, but they have now instituted an inquiry into the construction of classrooms. We are now pushing for construction of new classrooms and completing other school projects. I would

like the construction of three new hospitals to be completed. Three have already been built. As I said before, it's a big achievement that even in this crucial time, construction of schools and hospitals did not stop. A lot of work has been done in the transport sector. A number of e-buses have been inducted into the fleet. Delhi has more than 7,500 buses now which is the highest ever. Of this, 2,000 are e-buses, which means we are fighting pollution as well. The work to provide better and cheaper electricity and water is already on. People of Delhi want all these works to be speeded up.

In your speech at the party office on Saturday, you called upon all opposition parties to join hands against BJP. Are you hinting at a possible alliance with Congress in Delhi for the assembly polls given the fact that the state unit is not at all keen and is giving statements against AAP and Delhi govt?

When I said all parties should come together and fight the dictatorship, it did not mean only that they should join hands to contest elections—I meant it for every cause. And if there is a need, they should contest the elections together...If the entire opposition joins hands today, Arvind ji will be out of jail within 24 hours. In the recent Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls, people have given voice to the opposition. The entire opposition should be together to question the govt on the Hindenburg report.

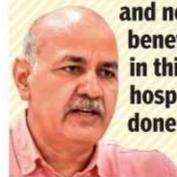
Why do you think BJP swept the Lok Sabha polls in Delhi despite AAP's campaign to turn the election into a referendum on the arrest of AAP leaders, including the CM?

Different narratives play out in Lok Sabha elections and assembly polls. That was not a mandate against AAP. If we had more time, we would have probably communicated the illegality of Arvind ji's arrest better. We have seen in the past elections that people vote for one party in national elections and for a different one in assembly polls.

We saw a couple of your sitting MLAs and a few municipal councillors join BJP in the last 2-3 months. How are you going to prevent defections?

As Bashir Badr said, *kuchh to majbooriyan rahi hongi, yunhi koi bewafa nahi hota* (There would have been some compulsions for sure. One is not unfaithful without a reason). Someone was raided by ED, some have cases pending in ACB. Cases have been registered against a number of AAP MLAs and leaders but 99.9% did not buckle under pressure and stood strongly. That is the power of AAP. I suffered a lot, my family suffered, but I didn't break.

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Why Mayur Vihar Is Getting More Rain

'Variance Depends On Local Factors, Including Green Cover, Urbanisation'

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MONSOON METER: Many areas in the city received sporadic rain on Monday

New Delhi: On Monday, until 8.30 am, SPS Mayur Vihar in east Delhi recorded 58 mm of rainfall, while Safdarjung, the city's base weather station, received 29.8 mm. This isn't the first time Mayur Vihar has recorded more rainfall than other stations this monsoon season. Met officials attributed the variation in rainfall intensity to local factors and weather systems.

From 2.30 pm to 8.30 pm on Saturday, SPS Mayur Vihar reported heavy rainfall of 66 mm, making it the only station to receive significant rain in that day. In contrast, Safdarjung recorded just 16.8 mm during the same period. On Aug 1, Mayur Vihar logged a maximum rainfall of 147.5 mm, with 142 mm falling in six hours, including 89.5 mm within a single hour. India Meteorological Department (IMD) categorised this as 'extremely intense' showers. Meanwhile, Safdarjung recorded 107.6 mm of rainfall over nine hours on the

same day.

Met officials noted that Mayur Vihar has been receiving more rainfall than other stations due to local factors, including the position of the monsoon trough and cyclonic circulation.

RK Jenamani, a senior

scientist at IMD, said, "The distribution of rainfall varies depending on factors like the location of the monsoon trough and the direction of cyclonic circulation. Areas closest to the monsoon trough receive more rainfall. Local topography also plays an

important role."

Another Met official highlighted that rainfall distribution varies depending on atmospheric and geographical conditions. "Local factors, including urbanisation and green cover, influence rainfall patterns. Open spaces

with green cover are likely to receive more rain than highly concretised areas. Mayur Vihar is relatively greener and closer to the Yamuna," the official said.

On July 26, the Ridge observatory in north Delhi and Delhi University saw heavy precipitation of 99 mm and 93.5 mm, respectively, while Safdarjung recorded moderate rainfall of 39.4 mm.

A similar variation in rainfall was observed on July 28 when Pusa received 58 mm of rainfall, while Safdarjung recorded none. The intense rainfall in Pusa led to flooding in nearby areas, and three students died after being trapped in the flooded basement of a coaching centre in Old Rajender Nagar.

IMD director general M Mohapatra told TOI on July 29 that this wasn't a localised weather event. "Convective cloud cells were moving across the city, causing different intensities of rain at different times in various areas. We cannot call the rain at Pusa a local activity. It was monsoon rain," Mohapatra said.

Online station for clean Yamuna: Govt has initiated the process of setting up 32 online monitoring stations along the Yamuna and open drains flowing into it to access realtime data on pollutants entering it. PTI

Inspect schools for better basic facilities: Atishi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Education minister Atishi on Monday directed all deputy directors of education (DDEs) to inspect at least five schools in their district every week and submit a weekly report.

During their inspection, all DDEs have been told to check for basic facilities in schools, such as availability of drinking water, toilets, lights, cleanliness, availability of good quality desks, school infrastructure (doors, windows, boundary walls, room ceilings), safety of children, student-classroom ratio, etc.

The move comes after there were reports of students sitting on the floor in Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Dilsad Garden. She immediately ordered disciplinary action against the principal of the school.

Atishi instructed all DDEs to take immediate action if they found any problem during the school inspection. "The priority is to provide better facilities and education to children in Delhi govt schools. Any form of negligence will not be tolerated," Atishi said.

She warned officials, saying if such a situation was found again at any school in the future, strict action would be taken.

City sees more than avg rainfall for June-Sept, Aug count already up

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New Delhi: The cumulative rainfall in the city exceeded the long period average (LPA) for June-Sept on Monday. The capital recorded 13mm of rainfall till 5.30pm, taking the net rainfall since June to 648.3mm, higher than the LPA for Delhi of 640.4mm. In 2023, the rainfall recorded in the corresponding four-month period was 660.4mm.

This also makes Aug the third consecutive monsoon month when the city recorded over 200mm of rainfall. So far, the precipitation in Aug has measured 201.2mm, while the normal expected for the month till date was around 96mm. The average expected rainfall for the month of Aug is 233.1mm.

Meanwhile, several areas of the city saw sporadic rain

on Monday, even as the weather department had issued a yellow alert for light to moderate rain. The base weather station at Safdarjung recorded 13mm of rainfall between 8.30am to 5.30pm on Monday, while Palam recorded 10.8mm. Among the other stations, Lodhi Road recorded 13.9mm of rainfall, Ridge 1.2mm, Anand Nagar 9.4mm, Delhi University 0.5mm, Pusa 3.5mm, Narela 7mm, Najafgarh 31.5mm, Pitampura 0.5mm and Mayur

Vihar, 0.5mm.

While the India Meteorological Department hasn't issued any colour-coded warning for rain or thunderstorms for Tuesday, no significant rise in temperature is expected. IMD expects a generally cloudy sky and light rain with thunders-torms. However, the department has issued a yellow alert for Wednesday, warning of light to moderate rain.

The weather analysts expect sporadic rain to continue in the city. "There is a cyclonic circulation over northwest Madhya Pradesh and the monsoon line of trough is near Delhi, so for the next three to four days there are chances of rain as the trough will remain within the Indo-Gangetic plain," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman, climate change and meteorology, Skymet.

The maximum temperature logged at the base station of

Safdarjung was 31.6 degrees Celsius on Monday, three below normal though a shade higher than Sunday's 31 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature was 24.8 degrees Celsius, two notches below normal against 26 degrees Celsius a day earlier.

The Met department expects the maximum and minimum temperatures on Tuesday to hover around 33 degrees and 26 degrees Celsius and on Wednesday around 32 degrees and 27 degrees Celsius.

With the rain, the city's air quality improved. The air quality index on a scale of 0 to 500 was 56 in the 'satisfactory' category against 69 a day earlier.

NCRTC, railways join hands for better travel: NCRTC has collaborated with Indian Railways to promote the 'One India - One Ticket' initiative. It aims to help passengers to book and travel using both the Indian Railways and the RRTS services, a statement said. PTI

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Hindu College Grabs Top Spot In National Ranking

6 DU Colleges Among Top 10 On NIRF List, Stephen's Goes Up

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi University's six colleges were ranked among the top 10 colleges in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) released by the ministry of education on Monday with the elite Hindu College securing the top position.

It replaced Miranda House, which was at the top spot last year.

Miranda House and St. Stephen's College secured the second and third ranks, respectively, while Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College secured the fifth rank and Kirori Mal College and Lady Shri Ram College for Women stood at the ninth and tenth ranks, respectively.

Hindu College principal Anju Srivastava told TOI that this is a fitting tribute to the college's founding fathers as it has come at a time when the college is celebrating its 125th years.

Krishna Dassji Gurwale established the college in the historic Kinari Bazar (Chandni Chowk) in 1899.

Srivastava said that the NIRF rankings were encouraging for the faculty, alumni, students and management.

"We are working all the time to ensure that our students get the best possible education and grow up to become responsible citizens who contribute to the development of the na-

HOW DU COLLEGES FARED

College	2024 rank	2023 rank
Hindu College	1	2
Miranda House	2	1
St Stephen's College	3	14
Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College	5	6
Kirori Mal College	9	9
Lady Shri Ram College for Women	10	9



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We are working all the time to ensure that our students get the best possible education and grow up to become responsible citizens

tion. Research and internships have been our major focus areas as the very face of education is changing. Being placed

at number one among all colleges in the country is a great recognition of our hard work," she said.

The rankings also placed IIT Delhi as the second-best institute in the country in the engineering category. IIT Delhi is also among the top three institutes in the research category and ranks fourth among the country's top five management institutes. In the overall category, IIT Delhi has bagged the 4th position while Jawa-

harlal Nehru University (JNU) has secured the tenth spot.

"We are happy that IIT Delhi continues to be one of the top institutions in the country for engineering, management and research. This is a recognition of the high-quality education and research of industrial and societal relevance by the institute. I would like to congratulate all the faculty, students and staff on this achievement." Vivek Bawa, dean of planning and head of the ranking cell, said.

Among the top universities of the country, JNU is placed second, followed by Jamia Millia Islamia on the third spot and Delhi University which has been ranked sixth in the category.

AIIMS Delhi has also emerged as the top medical college in the country while National Law University, Delhi, has been ranked second among law institutes. IGNOU has ranked at the top among open universities in the country.

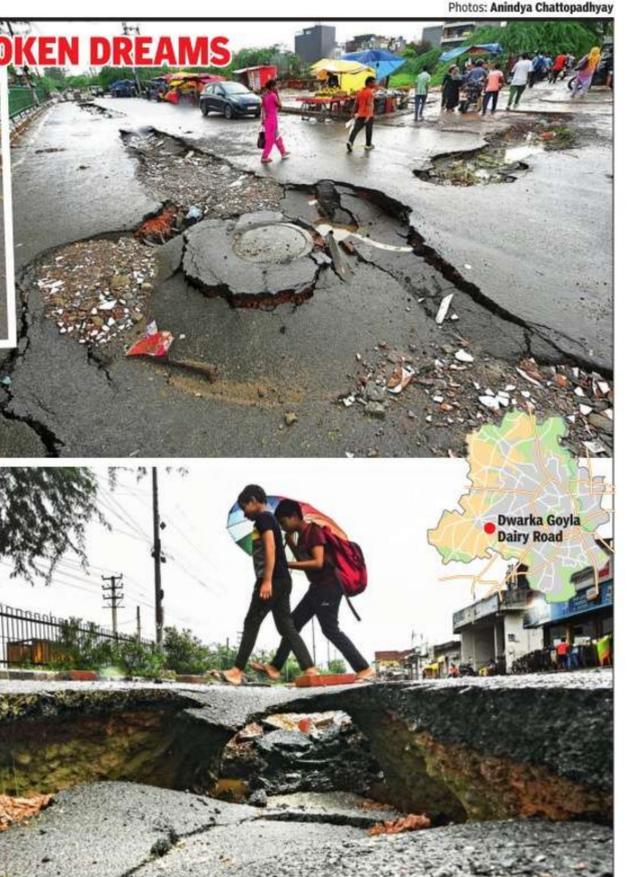
Indian Agricultural Research Institute is ranked at the top among agriculture institutes while Maulana Azad Institute of Dental Science is ranked third among the top dental colleges this year.

"Each college tries its best to educate its students and improve its rankings. We work all through the year and not just for the rankings," Srivastava said.

BOULEVARD OF BROKEN DREAMS



The Dwarka Goyla Dairy Road caved in after incessant rain on Sunday evening. A commuter had a close shave when his car got stuck in the sinkhole in Dwarka Sector-19. The approximately 2km road connects Dwarka to Najafgarh and Gurgaon. Residents said it was repaired around the Lok Sabha elections. A senior PWD official said: "Primarily, it seems to be a shoddy job of road restoration after DJB laid a sewer line. Road quality control and the DJB vigilance teams will be sent to the site on Tuesday morning to ascertain the facts." He added that the road was "under the jurisdiction of PWD. Stern action will be taken against whoever is responsible for this poor job."



AUD staff alleges unfair treatment, discrimination; VC calls meeting

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New Delhi: Serious allegations of caste and gender-based discrimination, procedural lapses, a fall in institutional integrity and punishment transfers have surfaced in confidential written representations, memorandums and charter of demands submitted by Ambedkar University Delhi Faculty Association (AUDFA) to the university's vice-chancellor, Anu Singh Lather.

The VC has convened an urgent meeting on Friday in this regard.

TOI has seen a copy of a memorandum on "Representation on harassment cases and unfair transfers" that AUDFA submitted to the VC on Aug 2, as well as a letter sent to the AUD chancellor (LGV K Saxena), director of higher education (Delhi) Bhupesh Chaudhary and members of board of the management of the university, along with Lather, on Aug 1. These were followed by a charter of demands on Aug 7, an updated version of one submitted on April 30 this year.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, long-serving university professors told TOI that at AUDFA's general body meeting in July, several alarming reports of harassment at the workplace had emerged, with two cases raising eyebrows over the administration's handling of grievances.

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duct by a university dean, who she claimed forcefully seized her mobile phone on two occasions. She also alleged the administration showed "disregard for her medical condition" following a leg fracture, which was exacerbated by her transfer, thereby affecting her medical condition and mental peace.

"Despite raising these issues with concerned authorities, no corrective measures were taken. Instead, it appears that they have supported the punitive actions of the dean, further compromising her dignity and well-being," AUDFA president Kanwal Anil wrote in a letter to the VC on Aug 2, pointing out the treatment reflected an environment where questioning authority and whistleblowing resulted in harsh reprisals.

In the second case, another professor brought to the administration's notice problematic instances of gender- and caste-based discriminatory behaviour of another dean of the university. She approached the university's Equal Opportunity Office and Internal Complaint Committee where, according to AUD-

FA, she was met with delays and glaring procedural lapses and distortion.

AUDFA, in its Aug 1 letter to the chancellor VC, director of higher education (Delhi) and members of board of the management, said the professor was "anxious that the higher administration must not manipulate and distort the procedure of EOO and ICC and its institutional functioning at AUD under the pressure of the accused dean and BoM member to shield the accused, thereby sanctioning his misdeed".

The letter said instead of receiving a response from the management based on the principle of gender justice, social justice and robust institutional functioning, the professor received "institutional punishment" for speaking up.

When contacted, the university administration said the agitating professors are focusing on issues that have already been resolved. The VC, it further said, will hold discussions with all stakeholders, including AUDFA members, at the meeting on Aug 16, and will be able to comment on the imbroglio only after that.

However, AUDFA members denied any cooperation on the part of the administration so far and said they would not budge until the professors have been given free and fair treatment. They also claimed they had sought an appointment with the VC after submitting the charter of demands in April, but their request wasn't considered.

Ahead of I-Day, Delhi BJP starts its tiranga yatra

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Ahead of Independence Day, Delhi BJP has started a "tiranga yatra", with members reaching out to residents and urging them to hoist the tricolour in their homes as a mark of respect to freedom fighters.

On Monday, the party organised a meeting in Krishna Nagar Assembly, which was led by Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva and Union minister of state for corporate affairs Harsh Malhotra.

Malhotra said the "Har Char Tiranga" campaign is an effort to maintain the unity and integrity of the country. "The tricolour teaches us to unite and move forward together. Therefore, to make this campaign successful, all residents should hoist it in their homes for the nation," he added.



A series of rallies will be held across the city

The party is also adding representatives from local RWAs and business organisations in the campaign, said a senior functionary.

Sachdeva said till Independence Day, a series of tricolour rallies are being conducted across the city. The tricolour "symbolises our dedication to the nation and the spirit of national service and it is our duty not to compromise on its dignity", he said.

The rally, he added, was "a reminder of the sacrifices made for the honour and pride of the country, and an opportunity to pay tribute to them". "Hoisting the tricolour in every home will ensure respect and gratitude for our freedom fighters," he said.

A party functionary said party members and officials will go door to door, interacting with residents and addressing various issues. "With assembly elections on the horizon, the tiranga yatra also serves as a platform for BJP to spread its message and connect with voters," he added.

Drain cleaning not done, point out Rau's coaching centre basement co-owners

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Four co-owners of a basement of a coaching centre in Old Rajender Nagar where three UPSC aspirants died due to flooding last month pointed to lack of maintaining drains before a Delhi court on Monday.

They said that when an agency does not act, it is also to blame. The court of principal district and sessions judge Anju Bajaj Chandra was hearing their bail plea. Advocate Amit Chadha, mentioning a hearing in Delhi High Court about the case, told the court that a senior official of Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) admitted that the drains were not cleaned. The counsel said that MCD officials know "everything" and do "nothing".

The court, questioning the flooding of the basement, asked why the persons responsible for the "weak gate" of the coaching centre were not being held account-

table. "We have heard of flyovers falling. If the contractor uses substandard material, then it is a natural consequence," the court said.

The counsel for the owners said that one cannot go by sentiments. "For two-and-a-half years, the institute was being run in the building and we have to go by the laws and facts of the case today," he said.

The counsel said that at best, a case of negligence can be filed against the co-owners and not a case of "culpable homicide not amounting to murder" under Section 105 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. He said that the co-owners did not have the knowledge that the aspirants would drown. "Knowledge is when a person knows he is doing something illegal... There has to be direct proximity," Chadha said.

He added that the property is commercial and was being used for coaching. "The accused persons are only landowners. They never told Rau's to use the basement as a li-

brary," Chadha said. The counsel also said that the accused voluntarily went to the police and did not try to escape.

CBI, opposing the submissions of the co-owners, said: "Just for monetary purposes, you gave a basement for commercial use. You were getting Rs 4 lakh per month as rent and the lives of three innocent people were taken away." The court asked CBI whether water logging happened repeatedly and if that was the case, if the owners had "knowledge". The agency then read a complaint filed by a student in MCD, saying that an "accident" can take place in the basement.

CBI implied that the co-owners were aware of the waterlogging as they lived just 500 metres away. Advocate Abhijeet Anand, appearing for one of the victims — Nevin Dalwin from Kerala — questioned if the co-owners shouldn't take some responsibility as within ten minutes of rain, waterlogging happened on the road.

Man arrested for defamatory post on X, granted bail

New Delhi: The Intelligence Fusion and Strategic Operations (IFSO) unit of Delhi Police arrested a man for putting up a defamatory post on social media.

The accused was identified as Nadeem Ali. Inquiry revealed that he had uploaded five to six posts on X and said that "India also needs a civil war". He was later granted bail.

The bail copy read that Ali was arrested on Aug 10 on the basis of a tweet from March 24, which he had deleted within 10 minutes. Counsels of the accused submitted that Ali was managing social media accounts of an MLA.

A complaint was filed at IFSO and during probe he was arrested. As the FIR was registered after a considerable lapse of time, the court did not deem it appropriate to keep the accused in custody.

"Nadim is granted bail on furnishing a bail bond of Rs 10,000, with one surety," the order copy read. He was also told to provide his contact details to the investigating officer and cooperate in the investigation of the case. **TNN**

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Adopted at 2, Dutch woman now searches for her roots in India

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New Delhi: Priya was just two years old when she was adopted by a Dutch couple in 1979. Raised in the quiet town of Goes in the Netherlands, she grew up with a sense of something missing, a lingering question that bugged her: who was she before the adoption?

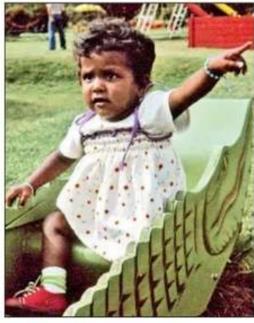
Priya has spent the last 47 years of her life questioning who she is, and the last two decades trying to find the woman who birthed her. Her Dutch parents named her Irene Priya Cornelia Bruijn, the Priya in it being her given name in India, but she now prefers to be called just Priya for its connection with the country of her birth.

TOI spoke to Priya about her quest to uncover the truth about her biological origins, during which she has encountered a labyrinth of conflicting information and missing documents. The journey has been fraught with bu-

reaucratic indifference and dismissive attitudes of officials who told her, "You should not be so ungrateful. Be satisfied with the life that you have."

Different agencies narrated contradictory tales: one claimed her mother was unable to care for her due to her unmarried status, another suggested mental illness led to her abandonment, while yet another spoke of her mother being left destitute by her father's death. Each revelation, true or not, deepened Priya's resolve to reclaim her real identity.

The absence of documents, such as her birth certificate, the document of surrender and the medical records required for adoption, has compounded the mystery surrounding her past. Her struggles with thalassaemia have also been exacerbated by the lack of a comprehensive medical history, causing further difficulties with her healthcare in the Netherlands. She has now approa-



THE QUEST FOR ANSWERS: Priya has spent the last 47 years of her life questioning who she is, and the last two decades trying to find the woman who birthed her

ched a city court on the matter. Priya revealed to TOI, "Growing up, I was the only person of colour in entire Goes town. My parents decided to have 'the talk' with me and told me that I was adopted when I was just five years

old. But it left me feeling lost and disconnected. The colour of my skin was often a big burden. At school, I was isolated, the only person of colour in a sea of people who seemed so different from me. I never truly felt like I belonged,

and the constant need to hide my true self was exhausting. Racism wasn't just something I read about — it was my everyday reality, shaping my sense of self."

Her son Nirmal, now 18 and of Dutch-Indian heritage, reflects on his own identity struggles. "How am I supposed to be sure of who I am when my mother still questions her own identity?" he asked. "Sure, navigating life as a mixed-race child in a predominantly white province is challenging, but knowing the pain my mother has faced for 47 years makes my own struggles even heavier. It breaks my heart to see her wrestling with this uncertainty."

Pleuntje Irene De Gues, who once believed she was rescuing a child in need, now is remorseful about the act, claims her adoptive daughter. Priya said her Dutch mother felt she was doing the right thing by adopting the girl and giving her a loving home, but is now unable to shake off the fee-

PRIYA'S SON SAYS

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in 2000 during a trip to India. While everyone else in the travel group was there for a carefree adventure, Priya's journey had a more profound reason — she was searching for her biological parents. She was the only person of colour in our travel group, standing out in a way that highlighted the depth of her personal mission."

He continued, "As we got to know each other, fell in love and married, my focus has been on helping Priya reconnect with her Indian roots rather than making her conform to a Dutch identity. I deeply want to meet Priya's biological parents to understand the world she came from, hoping it might bring her the closure and connection she has long sought."

Anjali Pawar, an advocate assisting Priya, told TOI, "We are committed to fighting this case because the conflicting narratives suggest that Priya, like many international adoptees, may also be a victim of child trafficking."

Kavitha, Nair seek bail, claim parity with Sisodia, Kejriwal

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New Delhi: Citing Supreme Court's ruling that delay in trial and long incarceration are grounds to grant bail in money laundering cases, Bharat Rashtara Samithi (BRS) leader K Kavitha and Aam Aadmi Party communications in-charge Vijay Nair told the top court that they too should be granted bail as the same relief was granted to co-accused Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia.

Their petitions were listed before two different benches but their lawyers relied on the same ground to seek relief and brought to the court's notice the recent verdict in Sisodia's case in which he was granted bail in both corruption and money laundering cases being probed by CBI and ED respectively. Kavitha, who has been in custody for five months, has sought bail in both CBI and ED cases from the SC but Nair, in custody for 23 months, is seeking bail in the PMLA case as he has already got bail from the trial court in the CBI case.

Pleading for relief for Kavitha, advocate Mukul Rohatgi told a bench of Justices B R



BRS functionary K Kavitha

Gavai and K V Viswanathan that SC had recently granted bail to Sisodia and Kejriwal on the ground of delay in trial and she should also be granted relief as the trial had not started against her and she had spent five months in custody.

Agreeing to hear her plea, the bench issued notice to CBI and ED and posted the matter for Aug 20 after Rohatgi sought an early date. The daughter of former Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Rao was arrested by ED on March 15 and then by CBI on April 11. She has been accused of being a key member of the 'South Group', which allegedly bribed AAP in return for changing the excise policy in the national capital. Her bail plea was dismissed by a trial court as well as Delhi High Court.

Dismissing her plea on July 1, the HC had said that probe in the case was at a crucial stage.

Nair's bail plea came up for hearing before a bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti. His lawyer, senior advocate Abhishek Manu Singhvi, who successfully fought legal battles for Kejriwal and Sisodia, also relied on the SC's order in those cases and sought bail. He contended that Nair's case was on a higher footing as he had spent 23 months in custody and had already been granted bail in the CBI case. After a brief hearing, the court issued notice on his petition.

Stringent provisions under Prevention of Money Laundering Act prescribe that an accused can be granted bail only if the court is prima facie satisfied that he is not guilty and that he is not likely to commit any offence while on bail. But while granting bail to Sisodia on Aug 9, the SC held that long incarceration and delay in trial could be grounds to release an accused on bail.

On July 12, the SC had granted interim bail to Kejriwal in a money laundering case but he remains in jail because he has not been given bail in the corruption case and his plea is pending in the SC.

Aug 27 hearing for additional chargesheet

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday deferred the hearing on the supplementary chargesheet submitted by Central Bureau of Investigation against CM Arvind Kejriwal and five other accused to Aug 27.

The case was deferred after CBI informed the court of special judge Kaveri Baweja that it has to obtain prosecu-

The case was deferred after CBI informed the court that it had to obtain prosecution sanction against Kejriwal

tion sanction against Kejriwal. The chargesheet pertains to alleged irregularities in the formulation and implementation of the now-scrapped Delhi Excise Policy 2021-22.

On July 29, CBI concluded its probe 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 deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia, Telangana MLCK Kavitha and other individuals.

Car crashes into pole on Noida e-way, three college students die

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Ghaziabad: Three college students — two of them brothers — died after their Tata Tiago crashed into a unipole on the Noida Expressway on Monday morning.

Police said B.Tech student Ishaan Kashyap (22) was dropping his brother Aaryan (19) and his friend Vinay Upadhyay (23) to Asian Law College in Sector 125 when the accident occurred.

Ishaan and Aaryan, whose father Sunil Kashyap is a junior engineer in Noida Authority, lived in Palm Olympia in Gaur City. Vinay, the son of a businessman, was from Barola.

Bhupendra Singh, the SHO of Sector 126 police station, said Ishaan had offered to drop his brother to college when the accident occurred near Mayour School in Sector 126 around 7.30am. "We are still investigating, but it seems Ishaan failed to control the car and crashed into the advertising pole off the road," he added.

The impact of the crash suggested that the Tiago might have clocked 100kmph



WRECKED: The impact of the crash suggested that the car might have clocked 100kmph when it rammed the pole

when it rammed the pole. "Yes, the airbags had inflated, but they were hardly of any use at such speed. The front portion of the car was badly mangled," Singh said.

Such was the impact of the collision that the engine was pushed back to the front seats. "After some passersby dialled 112, a team was dispatched to the spot from Sector 126 police station. The three injured youths were brought out of the car and rushed to a nearby hospital, where they were declared

dead on arrival," the SHO. TOI reached out to the two families, but they were too traumatised to speak.

Ishaan, according to police, studied B.Tech at a private college in Bengaluru and had come home on vacation a few days ago. "On Monday morning, he insisted he would drop off his brother to college. On the way, they picked up Vinay from Barola," Singh said.

No case was registered till late on Monday evening as the family members did not

AN OFFICER SAYS

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approach police. The mangled car was towed away from the expressway using a hydraulic crane.

According to data sourced from traffic police, Noida reported 558 accidents in the first six months of this year. A total of 460 people suffered injuries and 227 lost their lives in these accidents.

During the corresponding period last year, 541 accidents claimed 202 lives and led to 420 injuries.

On July 15, three persons died and nine were injured after two vehicles taking them home from a wedding collided and one of them overturned in Greater Noida's Ecotech 3 area.

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Extract of Statement of Unaudited Financial Results for the quarter ended 30th June 2024

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		(Unaudited)	(Audited)	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
(I)	Revenue From Operations	67,656.33	64,731.16	66,738.76	2,66,445.84
(II)	Net Profit for the period (before Tax and Exceptional items)	15,768.31	17,173.21	15,512.77	64,121.04
(III)	Net Profit for the period before Tax (after Exceptional items)	15,768.31	17,173.21	15,512.77	64,121.04
(IV)	Net Profit for the period after Tax (after Exceptional items)	15,768.31	17,173.21	15,512.77	64,121.04
(V)	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [comprising Profit for the period after tax and Other Comprehensive Income after tax]	15,891.43	17,290.87	15,581.38	64,524.82
(VI)	Paid up Equity Share Capital (Face Value of Rs. 10/- Per Share)	1,30,685.06	1,30,685.06	1,30,685.06	1,30,685.06
(VII)	Other Equity Excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet	3,77,037.04	3,61,100.61	3,31,698.13	3,61,100.61
(VIII)	Net Worth	5,07,722.10	4,91,785.67	4,62,383.19	4,91,785.67
(IX)	Paid up Debt Capital/Outstanding Debt	40,70,310.55	41,20,321.01	41,00,999.03	41,20,321.01
(X)	Debt Equity Ratio	8.02	8.38	8.87	8.38
(XI)	Earning Per Share (of Rs. 10 each)				
	- Basic (Rs.)	1.21	1.32	1.19	4.91
	- Diluted (Rs.)	1.21	1.32	1.19	4.91

Notes:

- The above financial results have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved and taken on record by the Board of Directors at their respective meeting held on 12th August 2024.
- The above is an extract of the detailed format for the quarter ended 30th June 2024 financial results filed with the stock exchange under Regulation 33 & Regulation 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the quarter ended 30 June 2024 financial results is available on the website of the stock exchanges (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and the website of the Company (https://irfc.co.in).
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BETWEEN: BAKARY DARBOE (AS PARENT OF MUHAMMED DARBOE) AND 8 OTHERS

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AND

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1st DEFENDANT

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 - Regulate the sale and distribution of medicines and related products;
 - Regulate the approval and registration system for medicines and related products within or imported into and intended for use in The Gambia; and
 - Prescribe the standards of quality of products manufactured or imported into The Gambia.
- Declaration that the 4th Defendant failed in their duties to:
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 - Exercise oversight duties over the 3rd Defendant in making sure that medicines and related products on the market are safe for public consumption.
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Asola sanctuary to get 2 German shepherds to control smuggling and unruly elements

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New Delhi: The Delhi forest department is procuring two German shepherd puppies to raise a dog squad at Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary. Officials said the dogs were being inducted to add muscle to their existing teams that control smuggling and unruly elements in the forest area. "The procurement of dogs is under process. "The project has been sanctioned, and we have all the necessary permissions from top officials. We have decided to get two German shepherd puppies and train them as they grow to guard forest areas. Our primary aim is to use the squad to combat smuggling, bootlegging, and control unruly elements making their way into the sanctuary," said a forest department official. Officials pointed out that they aim to procure the puppies through an authorised breeder or through a govt channel. A trainer for the dogs will be hired on a temporary basis. "We are planning to hire trainers who will train the dogs

bootleg liquor, mostly country liquor, through the forest area on stolen vehicles or on foot. We look forward to controlling this with the help of the dog squad. Although poaching isn't currently a threat to the sanctuary, we still see it as a potential threat, so the dogs will be trained to handle such situations as well," said the official, adding that unlike earlier, the squad will be put in order soon. In Aug 2022, the forest department had decided to develop a dog squad to assist them in wildlife-related crimes and had written to the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau (WCCB) to seek help in procuring, handling, and training the dog squad. At that time, officials aimed to procure a Belgian malinois breed dog, but the plan did not materialise.

AN OFFICIAL SAYS

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in guarding the forest and apprise forest guards on how to handle the dogs in the future. When the dogs mature, our forest guards will know how to handle and take care of the guards," said the forest official. According to the forest department, while poaching is not currently an issue in Asola, smuggling of liquor across the Haryana border is a major concern. "It's a low-risk, high-return job for them. The smugglers often smuggle or

DJB focuses on 191 spots where sewer overflows

New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has identified 191 points in the city where sewer lines integrate with stormwater drains. Residents have often complained about sewer water overflowing during the monsoon season. The board is currently engaged in tapping the points where sewage enters the stormwater drain. The work involves diverting sewage to the nearest sewage treatment plant (STP) for proper treatment before it enters the river. According to DJB, existing STPs are unable to handle sewage in some areas. Many slums have narrow lanes that make it challenging to install sewer connections. While the total installed capacity of all STPs is 712 million gallons per day (MGD), current treatment is only 612MGD. Another initiative by DJB is the development of 'Decentralized STPs' in unauthorised colonies where land and other constraints exist. Approximately 318 unauthorised colonies have been assessed for this requirement. Work has been completed in seven colonies and is in progress in 140 colonies. For 161 colonies, a no-objective certificate is still awaited from the forest department. "There has been a problem of sewer overflow in our area for several days. The lanes are a living hell, with mosquitoes and a foul smell forcing us to keep the doors shut," said Purshottam Kalra, a resident of Peeragarhi. **ANI**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, PHE Dte. On behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHE/EE/NIT-32/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID : 2024.PHE/27411.1 to 20 for sinking of big dia. Tubewell by D.R. Rig method for different Water Supply Schemes in Kakdwip, Pathpratima, Namkhana Block for implementation of J.J.M. under Kakdwip Sub-Division of Alipore Division, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 03.09.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T13946(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

NIT No. 09 OF EE/NACD-II OF 2024-2025 is hereby invited for various works. Last date of submission: 23/08/2024 upto 16:00 p.m. For Nit documents & other details visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Nadia Arsic Civil Division-II, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T13944(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

NIT NO-CMOH/CBR/2024-2025/GEN/26(3rd Call)

E-Tender is hereby invited for various Stationery items under DH&FW Samiti, CoB for details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.coohbeha.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Secretary, DH & FW Samiti, CoB ICA-T13934(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER/QUOTATION NOTICE

Executive Engineer, PW.Dte., Kolkata Electrical Division, invites e-tender for the work of "Installation & Testing of Lightning Protection System for Bobbar PS under labazar Electrical Section." Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE/ED/ENIG-21/74-25. Tender id : 2024.WBPWD.731398.1 Bid submission end date is 21.08.2024 upto 12.00 P.M. Details of Tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available at the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PW.Dte Kolkata Electrical Division. ICA-T13959(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No. 16/SE/EC/W&S/KMDA of 2024-2025 (2nd call)

E-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, East Circle, W&S Section, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Tender Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Design, drawing & construction of 2 nos R.C.C. line overhead reservoir of 600cum capacity each, including guard room, boundary wall (2.4 mtr. height), R.C.C. approach road, masonry drain, land development in Ward no. 2 & in Ward no. 23 in connection to the project "Augmentation & Strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of South Dum Dum Municipality under District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal under ANRUT 2.0 on Turn-key basis". Rate to be quoted, Rs./72,500/-, 365 Days, Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 04/09/2024 upto 18:45 hrs., for details contact the above office visit both websites. (KMDA-400) www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA-T13927(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

Tender is invited by CMOH & Member Secretary, Dst. Health & Family Welfare Samity Dakshin Dinajpur, from reputed firms for "Electrical Installation Works for Site Preparation at Chaloon PHC SC, Karanjabari SC, Manikore SC under Gangarampur, Harirampur, Kushiandhi Block, Dakshin Dinajpur" Memo No :- DH&WS/DD/NIT/2278 Dated:- 07.08.2024. Technical Bid Opening Date of the above mentioned e-Tender No: 23/08/2024 at 02:00 PM. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in or the Office of the CMOH & Member Secretary Dst. Health & Family Welfare Samity Dakshin Dinajpur ICA-T13925(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for the work "Up gradation of one Elevator (G&B) from Manual to auto Door Operation with each landing door & cage door of Annex Building-II and repair and replacement work for Goods Lift (G+9) installed at Annex Building-II in the Campus of Sales Tax Building." Tender No: WBPWD/EE/10/IR/TKCED/II of 2024-25. Tender ID : 2024.WBPWD.731398.1 Bid Submission end date: 30.08.2024 upto 02.00 PM. Website: http://www.wbtenders.gov.in for details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum, if any will be published only if available at the website: Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Kolkata Central Electrical Division. ICA-T13959(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Re-Tender Notice

Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide N.I.T.No. 04/HZRM/2024-2025 Date: 12.08.2024, Last date of submission of Bid: 21.08.2024 upto 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website https://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Secretary Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise) Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985GG039154 Sagaridhri Thermal Power Project P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagaridighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender Ref. No.: WBPDC/L Tend-Adv/24-25/SqTP/CC-2200 Date: 05.08.2024 NIT No.: WBPDC/L SGTP/NIT/E2747/23-24 Dated: 18.01.2024

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SqTPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Biennial Operation and Maintenance Contract of 3.5 MW Rooftop Solar PV Plant (BOSCH Make), SqTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 14.08.2024 at 10.00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 06.09.2024 upto 10.00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, Senior Manager (CC), Mobile: 9336903930, E-mail: jkundu@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit : https://wbtenders.gov.in ICA-T13937(3)/2024

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WBSECL invites e-Tender as follows:

NIT No.: DM/BKPD/TECH/NIT/2024-25/02, Dt.: 07.08.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Barrackpore Division, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 11,75,896/- for the work of 'Laying of 33kV 3Cx400 sq.mm. XLPE cable and dismantling of existing 33kV overhead line with allied works at Titagarh Bazaar (Rail Crossing) under Barrackpore Division, WBSECL, Dist. - North 24 Parganas'. ICA-T13933(2)/2024

For details, visit https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsecl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

E-tender of following work has been invited by the ADF, North 24 Parganas under the Directorate of Fisheries, WB:

Establishment/ District	Tender Reference No. / NIT No.	Bid Submission Start and End Date	Name of the Work / Scheme
Assistant Director of Fisheries, North 24 Parganas	WBDF/AD/N24P/SG/ NIT_05/2024-25	14-08-2024 to 30-08-2024	Dealting of Existing Water Body of Boonoghly FC, Ltd, North 24 Parganas

Other details may also be seen at https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Director of Fisheries, West Bengal ICA-T13923(3)/2024

West Bengal State AIDS PREVENTION & CONTROL SOCIETY Swasthya Bhawan, 1st Floor, Wing B, GN-29 Sector-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata 700091

NOTICE

Online BIDS are invited vide no. HFW-28014(99)/2/2018-CST /E-NIT- 06 dated: 12.08.2024 for procurement various Registers / Card related to patient care of ART Centres / Link ART Centres / Paediatric Centre of Excellence / Centre of Excellence of West Bengal. The Tender documents and other details may be viewed at e-tender portal by opening E-procurement platform https://wbtenders.gov.in. As well as other amendments & corrigendum also available in above website.

Sd/- Controller of Finance

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

FOOD & SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT

DIRECTORATE OF RATIONING

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Applications are invited from (a) an individual permanently residing in the concerned sub-area where vacancy occurs, (b) registered partnership firm, (c) registered Co-operative Society and (d) Sangha or Mahasangha of Self-help Groups working within concerned sub-control where vacancy occurs for filling up 8(Eight) vacancies of Fair Price Shop Dealers as detailed below on the terms and conditions as mentioned in the respective notices duly published in the Official website on the dates mentioned hereunder:

Sl. No.	Notice No. & Date & V.ID	Sub-Control	Sub-Area	Date of Publication in Official Website	Location of Vacancy
1	F/173/R/VACANCY/2024 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160002)	Kolkata (North)	Amherst Street	01.08.2024	Keshab Chandra Sen Street , Keshab Residency, Ward No.37 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Raja Ram Mohan Sarani, P. S-Amherst Street, PIN : 700009.
2	R/179/RO/BNP/VACANCY/F/202 4 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160202)	Kolkata (North)	Beniapukur	01.08.2024	Lohapool, Near Lohapool Outstand, Ward No.65 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Circus Avenue, P. S-Karaya, PIN:700017.
3	M/103/RO/COSP/VACANCY/R/2 024 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160405)	Kolkata (North)	Cossipur	29.07.2024	Hare Krishna Set Lane ,Near Mukta Dhara Sintehe Cultural Centre, Ward No.2 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O - Sintehe, P. S-Sinthi, PIN : 700050.
4	M/98/RO/COSP/VACANCY/R/24 Date 18.06.2024 (202224160401)	Kolkata (North)	Cossipur	29.07.2024	Tikiapara, Dum Dum Road ,Near Sintehe Corus Club, Ward: 02 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O -Cossipore, P. S-Sinthi, PIN : 700002.
5	RO(P)/203/R/V/2024 Date23.07.2024 (202324160103)	Kolkata (North)	Beliaghata	31.07.2024	Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Road, Azad Palace, Ward: 31 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O -Kankurgachi, P. S-Phoobagan, PIN : 700054.
6	RO(P)/204/R/V/2024 Date23.07.2024 (202324160104)	Kolkata (North)	Beliaghata	31.07.2024	Narkeldanga North Road, Opposite of Turbi Khatol, Ward: 29 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O. & PS: Narkeldanga, PIN:700011.
7	RO(P)/102/R/V/2024 Date19.06.2024 (202224160102)	Kolkata (North)	Beliaghata	31.07.2024	Joramandir Bazar, Beliaghata Main Road, Ward: 33 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O. & PS: Beliaghata, PIN:700010.
8	I/217 Date26.06.2024 (202224160908)	Kolkata (North)	Muchipara	31.07.2024	Arupota Road, Arupota Pragati Sangha , Ward: 58 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O -Dhapa, P. S-Pragati Maidan, PIN : 700105

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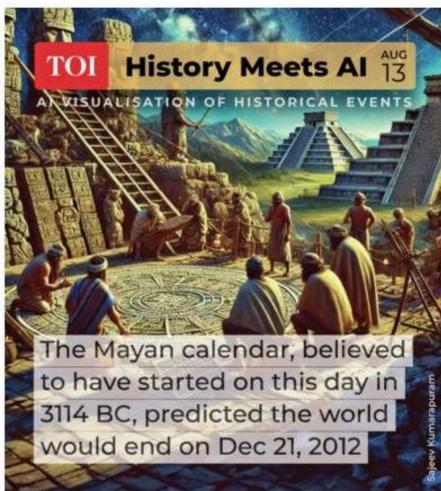
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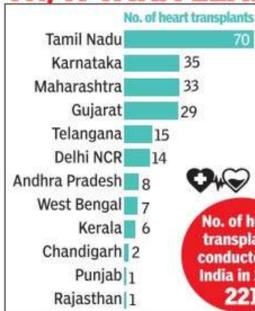
Donations from deceased make South heart transplant topper

Of 1,099 Donations In '23, 252 Were In T'gana & 178 Each In K'taka & TN

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New Delhi: Southern states lead in heart transplants, according to data shared by National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (Noto). In 2023, 221 heart transplants were carried out across India. Of these, Noto data show that a maximum of 70 were carried out in Tamil Nadu, followed by Karnataka (35), Maharashtra (33), Gujarat (29) and Telangana (15). Delhi-NCR

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No. of heart transplants conducted in India in 2023: 221

TIMES VIEW: Data shows that while the number of deceased donations in the South and the West show a substantial uptick, other regions are lagging behind. Laggard states must find out what makes these states more successful in their endeavours and adopt those practices. An inter-state meet on the subject would help.

nors, doctors say, few can undergo a heart transplant. Private hospitals charge anywhere between Rs 20 to 25 lakh for a transplant. Govt hospitals perform the life-saving procedure for a fraction of the cost, but the wait list is too long.

Dr Sudhir Gupta, assistant professor of forensic medicine at AIIMS, said, "In India, certain amendments to Human Organ Transplant Act, 1994 are required to enhance cadaver-heart-retrieval. This may include making it mandatory for hospital ICUs to declare all brain deaths and register them with an online central organ registry for better coordination of cadaver heart donation, retrieval and transplantation."



witnessed only 14 transplants, according to the govt report. Officials attribute the higher number of heart transplants in South India to an increase in harvesting from the deceased.

India recorded a total of 1,099 deceased donations in 2023, with the highest number (252) reported in Telangana, followed by Tamil Nadu and Karnataka with 178 each, Maharashtra with 148, and Gujarat with 146, an official stated.

A heart transplant is a surgery to remove a damaged or

diseased heart and replace it with a healthy donor heart. While the liver and kidney can be donated by living donors, the heart must be donated by someone who is brain-dead and is on life support, also referred to as a 'deceased donor'.

According to Dr Y K Misra, head of cardiac sciences and chief cardiovascular surgeon at Manipal Hospitals, southern states get considerably more deceased donations hence most patients requiring a heart transplant go

there and get enrolled. "Some of these states also provide free of cost medications to heart recipients," he added.

The first successful heart transplant in India took place at AIIMS in 1994. Since then, number of such transplants have grown multi-fold but, doctors say it remains a fraction of the actual requirement.

Nearly 10% of total number of heart patients suffer from end-stage heart failure which may necessitate a transplant. But due to scarcity of do-

Popn to hit 152.2cr by 2036, sex ratio will improve to 952: Govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: By 2036, India's population is expected to reach 152.2 crore, with a slightly improved female percentage of 48.8% as compared to 48.5% in 2011, a report published by the ministry of statistics and programme implementation (MoSPI) showed on Monday.

The report — 'Women and Men in India 2023' — projects that the proportion of individuals under 15 years of age will decrease from 2011 to 2036, likely due to declining fertility rates. In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 60 years and above is anticipated to substantially increase during this period.

India's population in 2036 is expected to be more feminine compared to 2011, as reflected in sex ratio which is projected to increase from 943 (per 1,000 males) in 2011 to 952 by 2036, highlighting a positive trend in gender equality, the report said.

The report offers a comprehensive view of the situation of women and men in India, providing data on population, education, health, economic participation, and decision-making. It presents gender-disaggregated data across urban-rural divides and regions, highlighting disparities. Key indicators are derived from published data of various ministries, departments, and organisations.

"Gender statistics play a



The proportion of under-15 is set to decrease while the 60+ population will substantially increase, 'Women and Men in India 2023' report stated

crucial role in promoting and measuring gender equality. They provide benchmarks for progress, making visible similarities and differences between men and women," it said.

The report said that from 2016 to 2020, age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) in the age group of 20-24 and 25-29 has reduced from 135.4 and 166.0 to 113.6 and 139.6, respectively. ASFR for 35-39 age group during this period has increased from 32.7 to 35.6 which shows that after settling in life, women are thinking of expansion of family.

Adolescent fertility rate was 33.9 for illiterate population against 11.0 for the literate in 2020. This rate is considerably lower for even those who are literate but without any formal education (20.0) as compared to illiterate women, re-emphasising the importance of imparting education to women, said the report.

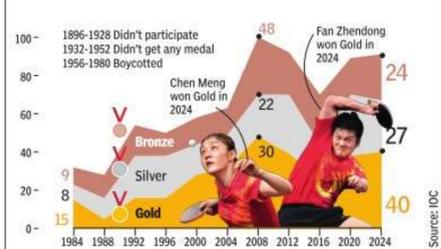
Odisha ex-babu in anti-graft net

Vigilance wing of Odisha govt Monday unearthed moveable and immovable properties worth more than Rs 16 crore in the possession of Tara Prasad Mishra, who retired as chief engineer (roads and buildings), reports **Riyan Ramanath**. The properties, which are disproportionate to his known sources of income, include gold ornaments weighing 2.5kg, two high-end luxury cars, 10 high-value flats, seven plots, and premium brand watches. Of the two cars, one is worth Rs 1.5 crore. These were discovered following raids at nine places owned by Mishra, mostly in Bhubaneswar. Most of these assets are in the names of Mishra and his family members. It also came to light during the raids that Mishra spent Rs 80 lakh from benami accounts on his daughter's education. He also possessed several antique pieces from Southeast Asian countries, which were on display in the living room of one of his flats. This is the sixth top govt officer — and the first retired one — to come under vigilance scanner in DA cases in Odisha recently.

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers Atul Thakur

China's Olympics Dominance

Although China dominates the recent Olympics, its overall tally of 727 medals is lower than those of the USA (2,772), Germany (1,294) and GB (983). Amid civil war and Japanese occupation, China first participated in 1932. In the next 3 editions, it couldn't win a medal. Because of a dispute with IOC over Taiwan, China withdrew from the next 6 games and didn't participate in the Moscow Games



India, Russia eye ₹10k cr N-fuel deal, local production

Sanjay Dutta | TNN

New Delhi: India and Russia are working on a deal worth Rs 10,500 crore for the supply of nuclear fuel and core components to Kudankulam nuclear power plant's two new units coming up with Moscow's help, people in the know said.

The deal envisages Russian nuclear fuel company TVEL JSC supplying to the dept of atomic energy the initial loads and subsequent five reloads for units 3 and 4 of the Kudankulam N-power project along with control rods and fuel assembly inspection tool set from 2025 to 2033.

The people cited above said New Delhi is also looking at the possibility of forming a joint venture with Rosatom, the state-run parent of TVEL, for manufacturing the nuclear fuel for the plant in India — which will be a boost for India's nuclear capability.

The Kudankulam nuclear power project is located 650 km south of Chennai, in the Tirunelveli district of Tamil Nadu. It is based on the Russian pressurised heavy water reactor technology, and will be the largest nuclear power project in the country with



Once fully ready, the Kudankulam nuclear plant will be the largest in India, with a capacity of 6,000 MW

a capacity of 6,000 MW once all six units are completed. Currently, two units with a cumulative capacity of 2 GW are operational. India currently has nuclear power capacity of 7 GW (gigawatts) and plans to nearly double it to 13 GW by 2029 as part of clean energy transition plans. India and Russia last year signed an agreement on the construction of the last two units of the Kudankulam project. TVEL provides nuclear fuel to 76 energy reactors in Russia and 14 countries of Europe and Asia, helping these installations to produce more than 400 billion units of electricity annually. The company includes enterprises specialised in the fabrication of nuclear fuel, uranium conversion and enrichment and production of gas centrifuges.

Clip of woman scrubbing pistols leads to major arms bust

Bhopal: A social media video of a woman scrubbing country-made pistols in soap and water has led to a major fire-arms bust, barely 18km from Morena district headquarters in MP. Police raided a house in Ganeshpura village and arrested the woman's husband and father-in-law. A large cache of illegal pistols and semi-finished firearms was seized.

Last week, a 17-second video went around on social media. It shows a woman cleaning two 'kattas' with a brush and soap water, while two lay on the floor along with a tumbler. An infant can be heard wailing in the background as a man asks her to add more detergent.

Police verified the video, identified the woman and raided the house Friday night. The woman's husband, Shakti Kapoor Sakharwar, and father-in-law, Biharilal, were captured while trying to escape with a cache of weapons. The raid led to the seizure of several pistols of 315 and 32-bore from Shakti. Materials and machinery used for illegally producing weapons were found in the house. An FIR was filed against the father-son duo under the Arms Act Saturday. Biharilal was remanded in jail while Shakti was placed in police remand for a day. TNN

FESTIVAL OF BONDS



A girl shops for rakhis in Nagpur on Monday ahead of Raksha Bandhan

Dig trench to reach Gyanvapi sanctum sanctorum: Plaintiff

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Varanasi: The plaintiff in the original Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi dispute suit has demanded digging of a trench for an additional survey of the mosque to reach what he referred to as "the sanctum sanctorum of Aadi Vishweshwar temple where a tall Shivaling and artesian well are buried under its central dome".

The litigant, advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi, in case No. 610/1991 Swayambhu Lord

Vishweshwar vs Anjuman In-tejamia Masjid (Gyanvapi mosque management committee), completed his argument Monday before a fast-track court in support of additional ASI survey of the mosque.

After this, FTC of civil judge Prashant Kumar Singh fixed Aug 21 as next date of hearing and asked AIM to file its reply by then, Rastogi told TOI. Regarding the points he raised during his arguments at FTC, Rastogi, who is contesting as next friend of the deity,

HC adjourns Krishna Janmabhoomi case

Allahabad HC Monday adjourned hearing in the matter of Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute as some of the documents of the suits were not exchanged between the two litigant parties. Earlier on Aug 1, the court had held that the suits are maintainable, rejecting objections of the Muslim side and had fixed August 12 for framing of issues. On Monday, when the matter was taken up at 2 pm, it was said that pleadings have not been exchanged in some of the suits. On this, HC adjourned the hearing till next date, which will be fixed later. PTI

said, "During court-mandated survey in suit No. 18/2022 Rakh Singh and Others vs UP State and Others, ASI had covered only the portion on plot 9130 despite the fact that Gyanvapi mosque exists on three plots — 9130, 9131, and 9132". "ASI used ground-penetrating radar and other modern

techniques. However, its radar failed to provide tangible results, especially about the garbhagriha (sanctum sanctorum) of Hindu temple comprising a tall Shivaling and artesian well, which is buried under floor beneath the central dome of mosque," he claimed.

The cellars through which garbhagriha can be accessed are closed with walls, he said, adding that as removing those walls is unsafe for the structure, ASI should reach underground by creating a trench.

Can't arrest Puja Khedkar till Aug 21, Delhi HC tells police

New Delhi: Delhi HC Monday granted interim protection from arrest till Aug 21 to former IAS probationer **Puja Khedkar**, accused of cheating and wrongly availing OBC and disability quota benefits to join service. Justice Subramonium Prasad issued notices to Delhi Police and UPSC on her anticipatory bail plea. "...the court is of opinion that the petitioner be not arrested till next date of hearing," HC said, adding that Khed-



kar shall cooperate with the probe. It listed the case for further hearing on Aug 21. HC asked the police and UPSC to explain why her custody is required in the case when allegations are of "false representation" in a document. "Why do you need her custody? The case appears to be of false representation by her in her form... Where is the question of anybody else being involved that would require her custody?" the HC remarked. TNN

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TRAIN OF EVENTS



1922 | Violence in Chauri Chaura, Gorakhpur, on Feb 4, forces Mahatma Gandhi to call off the Non-Cooperation Movement. Ramprasad Bismil opposes Gandhi at Congress's convention in Gaya (Bihar) in Dec. Bismil meets Sachindra Nath Sanyal to float Hindustan Republican Army

1923 | First meeting of HRA held in Kanpur

Oct 1924 | National convention of HRA held. Members embrace forced contribution formula to fund activities and operations

1925 | Members think about scaling up operations. Decide to undertake train holdup

Aug 7, 1925 | Group reaches Lucknow, puts up at Chhedilal Dharamshala

Aug 8, 1925 | First attempt to execute plan fails. Team returns to base

Aug 9, 1925 | Revolutionaries execute Kakori train action

Aug 10, 1925 | Kakori Action makes headlines

Aug 14, 1925 | Investigation begins

Aug 26, 1925 | First arrest made

April 6, 1927 | Judgment pronounced. Members lodged in different jails

Dec 7, 1926 | Ashfaqullah Khan arrested

Dec 17, 1927 | Rajendranath Lahiri hanged

Dec 19, 1927 | Bismil, Roshan Singh & Ashfaqullah hanged

April-June 1927 | Many revolutionaries proceed on hunger strike; demand they should be treated as 'political prisoners'

Feb 27, 1931 | Chandrashekhar Azad shoots self

Design: Anant Pal

A TRAIN HOLD-UP THAT TURNED WHEELS OF FREEDOM STRUGGLE

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It was in the first week of Aug, exactly 99 years ago, when a group of 10 young men checked into Chhedilal Dharamshala in Aminabad, Lucknow, with a plan up their sleeves. They reached Charbagh railway station for a final recce and then returned to their base.

On Aug 8, they reached the Kakori station on foot but as soon as they reached the platform, they saw the 8 Down train zipping away.

Some of them argued in sheer disbelief that it was "not their train", even one of them saying, "A train in India could not be so regular".

However, a smarter one rushed to the platform reception and broke the bad news that it was their train, leaving the members sulking. They were late by 10 minutes.

Team leader Ram Prasad Bismil was quick to realise that the task in their hand was too different from the regular village hold-ups they were used to and required precision and synchronization to a degree of which the group was not fully capable. They retreated to their base and improvised the plan.

The next day (Aug 9), they decided to take no chances and left Lucknow to reach the previous station and boarded the train.

On Day 1, they missed the train by 10 min and had to abort their plan. On day 2, they decided not to take any chances. TOI takes you down memory lane to a historic event that took place 99 years ago



HEROES ALL: Revolutionaries involved in Kakori Train Action (from 1-17) Jogeshchandra Chatterjee, Premkrishna Khanna, Mukundilal, Vishnusharan Dublisch, Sureshchandra Bhattacharya, Ramkrishna Khatri, Manmathnath Gupta, Rajkumar Sinha, Thakur Roshan Singh, Ram Prasad Bismil, Rajendranath Lahiri, Govindcharan Kar, Ramdulare Trivedi, Ramnath Pandey, Sachindranath Sanyal, Bhupendranath Sanyal and Pranvesh Kumar Chatterjee

rushed towards the engine while another headed to overpower the guard and take charge of the railway treasury. Carrying Germany-made Mauser pistols, they were quick to overpower the guard who was made to lie down on his belly. Two men stood on each side of the railway line while another group pushed out the heavy iron safe carrying railway collections from the stations on the route. Two of them who carried a huge hammer and chisel got into action on the safe.

Passengers were being told in Hindustani that the men did not intend to harm them and that they were only after govt property. They were asked neither to come out of the carriages nor to protrude their necks from inside the compartments. From time to time, bullets were sent flying to ensure cooperation from passengers.

Everything was progressing as planned. After some time, the men trying to break open the safe felt the need for a bigger hammer. Fearing

that the plan would be foiled if the safe did not open, the well-built Ashfaq handed over the Mauser to his young fellow Manmathnath. He took up the hammer and began to work with full force. Just at this time, when they imagined success was round the corner, the rumbling of an approaching train was heard. The highlight of the other train left them with questions... Could they have got the news of a train hold-up? Has there been foul play or betrayal? What if it was a military train?

The possibilities left them chilled to the marrow. A few minutes later, commitment to the cause took over and all decided to face what may come. Ram Prasad came close to the point of action and said it could be the usual Punjab Mail passing by.

He told Ashfaq and others to drop the hammer for a while and told others to conceal their weapons and lie low. With the terrific speed of the train and its deafening clackety clack, the group's bad dream had passed by. The rumbling of the train grew

fainter while Ashfaq's patient clang captured the air.

Soon, a big hole had been made in the armour of the safe. They took the bags and collected them on a bed sheet. The operation was over and orders for retreat were given. To mislead the passengers, including some British Military officers, the group dispersed in a manner to give the impression of running away from Lucknow, but they detoured and entered the city from the overcrowded Chowk market. On the way to Lucknow, they had taken cash and thrown the bags in ditches filled with rainwater. In Lucknow, the booty was kept at a safe place known only to Ram Prasad. The weapons also went to prearranged concealing places.

Thereafter, the group disintegrated. Some went to hideouts and others lay low in common places like parks. At dawn, newspaper hawkers were heard announcing on the top of their voices - 'Sensational Train Hold-Up at Kakori' - confirming the success of their nationalist effort.



WITNESS TO HISTORY: Railway station at Kakori near Lucknow

Note: Stories are based on descriptions of the event given in: *'They Lived Dangerously - Reminiscences of a Revolutionary'* by Manmathnath Gupta. Kakori Case Diary references (courtesy: UP State Archives). Ram Prasad Bismil's autobiography

In the first decade of the 20th century, nationalist movement in India developed two factions - moderates and extremists. While the moderates followed the method of persuasion, extremists believed in reclaiming the nation even by force. Preferred to be known as revolutionaries, the extremists pushed their cause under the banner of Anushilan Samiti (established in 1902 by Satish Chandra Bose and Barrister Pramathanath Mitra in Kolkata). On the face of it, the Samiti was an organization of youth, but in reality it nurtured radical thoughts in utmost secrecy. In 1915, Mahatma Gandhi returned to India and five years later launched the non-cooperation movement which drew people from diverse walks of life. But then the course changed. *Shailvee Sharda* traces the journey of the historic event.

CHAURI CHAURA TRAMPLES CAUSE

This mass movement, launched by Mahatma Gandhi on Aug 1, 1920, for right to self-governance evoked massive response from people. However, Gandhi decided to call it off following an attack on a police station in Chauri Chaura in Gorakhpur (Feb 1922) in which 22 policemen were burnt alive.

Many revolutionaries involved in the Kakori Train Action, who were also a part of Gandhi's movement, started losing faith in non-violent methods. Ram Prasad Bismil and his associates had even opposed Gandhi during the Gaya Congress meeting of 1922.

CHARTING REVOLUTIONARY PATH

Bismil decided to form a revolutionary organisation which later came to be known as Hindustan Republican Association (also Hindustan Republican Army) which sought to overthrow the British rule through armed struggle. Bismil met Sachindranath Sanyal (veteran of Anushilan Samiti) in Allahabad and decided to form HRA. Soon, a pamphlet titled 'Revolutionary', drafted by Bismil was published which laid out the goals and the philosophy of the association.

THE CHALLENGES

Manmathnath Gupta, a revolutionary who later wrote a first-hand account of the times in HRA in a book, 'They Lived Dangerously - Reminiscences of a Revolutionary' touched upon the organisation's need for funds to fuel its work. "Within a few months, the party had grown into a huge organisation and it required money to feed various lifestyles. Whole-time workers - professional revolutionaries - had to be supported by the party," he wrote opening the chapter (number 12) 'Forced Contributions'.

"Besides the funds required for the up-

Fulcrums & Facets Of Kakori Train Action



A portrait on the famous Kakori Train Action, on display in Lucknow

keep of the whole-time revolutionaries, the party had other important items of expenditure. The travel of emissaries entailed a good deal of money. The party often used messengers for important communication because it was known that the letters were being censored. Books and pamphlets bought or published by the party cost a lot. The greatest item was of course buying arms through national and international smugglers. As there was no war going on, now we could not expect donations of arms from foreign powers (such as German friends)," he wrote.

FORCED CONTRIBUTIONS

For funds, revolutionaries resorted to 'forced contributions' which was a sophisticated term for 'dacoities for funds and absconding for avoidance of arrests' to fuel the movement. In Gupta's words: "It was proposed to bring into use the method known as forced contributions in the jargon of Irish and Indian revolutionaries. Forced contribution as a method had been practiced by revolutionaries of Bengal long ago. Force contribution implies that a moneyed man, unwilling to contribute to party funds is made to contribute by force. In plain English, it means robbing but with a purpose such as in wars killing is done with a purpose. I did not like the word forced. Anyway the constitution of the party said that the method would be used to finance the party."

GOING BIG

Over time, the group felt the need to conduct bigger hold-ups involving banks or trains.

Barring Ashfaqullah, all others were in unison. Thus, the seeds of Train-8 hold up were sown. Ultimately the project fructified.

WHAT BRITISH RECORDS SAY

According to the chargesheet lodged by the British police, the then station master at Charbagh railway station informed the Charbagh police station about the robbery in the 8 down train. "The train known as 8 down train from Hardoi to Lucknow had been stopped between Alamnagar and Kakori by the pulling of the communication cord and that dacoits had removed the cash safe from the train, broken it open and abstracted the cash and that they had fired guns during the dacoity," the chargesheet read. "The 8 down train was due to arrive at Charbagh at 7.45pm but arrived on Aug 9, 1925, at 8.37 pm.

The state master met the train and found that the safe which had contained all the cash receipts from all railway stations from Jatghar to Kakori excluding those at which there is a government treasury amounting all together to Rs 4,679 1/6 was missing," the charge sheet read.

A special train was sent to the scene of dacoity. Two sub-inspectors, Sajjad Ali and Khurshed Ali Khan, with constables, and one Syed Jan, the brother-in-law of a man Ahmad Ali who was missing when the train arrived at Lucknow, returned by this train to Kakori. They found the empty safe and the dead body of Ahmad Ali lying beside the line about a mile from Kakori station in the direction of Alamnagar. In his book, Manmathnath - who par-

ticipated in the action - recalled that he was taken aback by newspaper reports claiming that three passengers, including one European, were killed in Kakori Action. "Later, the report was proved to be false. No Englishman was killed. An Indian passenger was killed. Despite the warnings, one passenger Ahmed Ali had come out of his compartment to see if his newly wed bride was safe and was killed by flying bullets," wrote Gupta.

THE INVESTIGATION

The incident challenged the British might and its handling had to be exemplary. On Aug 14, an investigation into the case was launched. One RA Horton - who at that time was assistant to the deputy inspector general, investigation branch, criminal investigation department - was made in charge of the investigation. Horton stated in evidence that he formed the idea that the dacoity was the work of revolutionaries from the manner of its commission, the speech, appearance and clothing, and the kind of weapons used by them.

ARRESTS, TRIAL & PUNISHMENT

According to records, at least 40 people were arrested from different parts of UP between Sep 1925 and Jan 1926. While Manmathnath Gupta, Ram Dulare Trivedi and Govind Charan Kar were the first ones to be nabbed on Sep 26, 1925, Mukundilal was the last one to be picked on Jan 19, 1926. The police had declared Ashfaqullah and Chandrashekhar Azad as absconders. While Ashfaq was arrested on Dec 7, 1926, Azad ended his life in an encounter with the British police officer in Allahabad.

Legal defence for the arrested revolutionaries was provided by Govind Ballabh Pant, Mohan Lal Saxena, Chandra Bhanu Gupta, Ajit Prasad Jain, Gopi Nath Srivastava, RM Bahadurji, BK Chaudhury and Kripa Shankar Hajela.

The cause of Kakori revolutionaries was upheld and supported by the likes of Motilal Nehru, Madan Mohan Malaviya, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Lala Lajpat Rai, Jawaharlal Nehru, Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi, Shiv Prasad Gupta, Shri Prakash and Acharya Narendra Dev. After the trial, the judge pronounced death sentence to Ram Prasad Bismil, Rajendra Nath Lahiri, Roshan Singh and Ashfaqullah besides sending Sachindranath Sanyal to life imprisonment (later sent to Port Blair Cellular Jail) and giving jail terms ranging from 14 years and five years. On Dec 17, 1927, Lahiri was hanged while the others were hanged on Dec 19, 1927.

MEN ON MISSION

THE PATRON | Sachindranath Sanyal

Born | April 3, 1890 Native | Varanasi, UP



A follower of Anushilan Samiti, he founded its Patna chapter in 1913. He was an associate of Rash Behari Bose - a key participant of the Ghadar Party. In 1912, the names of Bose and Sanyal figured in the case of attack on Viceroy Harding. He was sent to Port Blair Cellular Jail for anti-British activities. Upon his return in 1922, Sanyal and Bismil came together to form HRA. In Kakori Action, he was sent to Naini jail. In 1937, he came out and resumed revolutionary work. Later, was sent to Gorakhpur jail where he died

THE MASTERMIND | Ram Prasad Bismil

Born | June 11, 1897 Native | Shahjahanpur, UP



A student of Genda Lal Dixit - the 'Drona' of freedom fighters - Ram Prasad Bismil was named in the Mainpuri Case of 1918 which is believed to have served as the base for Kakori Train Action. In 1923, Bismil was named dist organiser of HRA. In this way, he was the mastermind of the case. He was also an author and poet who wrote with pen names 'Ram', 'Agyat' and 'Bismil'. He was arrested on Sep 26, 1925, and was executed on Dec 19, 1927, in Gorakhpur Jail when he was just 30

THE HERO | Ashfaqullah Khan

Born | Oct 22, 1900 Native | Shahjahanpur, UP



Joined freedom movement in 1918. Later, he came in touch with Ram Prasad Bismil. He was a poet who wrote with pseudonym 'Hasrat'. During Kakori Action, when Lahiri halted the train, Ashfaq, Bismil, and Azad entered the train and overpowered the guard to loot British treasury bags (containing approximately Rs 4,600) and escaped to Lucknow. He remained at large for over a year and fled to Nepal only to return to Kanpur. Arrested in Dec 1926, he was lodged in Faizabad Jail and sentenced to death when he was 27

THE FACILITATOR | Rajendranath Lahiri

Born | June 29, 1901 Native | Lahiri Mohanpur, Pabna district, Bengal



Lahiri pulled the chain of the passenger train to execute the act. His father and elder brother were also associated with Anushilan Samiti of Bengal. He studied history at BHU where he came in touch with Sachindranath Sanyal, co-founder of HRA. He was an expert bombmaker. Jailer of Gonda jail asked Lahiri as to why he exercised when the death was a few days away. Lahiri, then 26, said he could not change his routine for fear of death. Annoyed by the 'audacity', the jailer hanged him two days before the assigned date

THE FLAGBEARER | Chandrashekhar Azad

Born | July 23, 1906 Native | Unnao, UP



He was just 15 when he joined Non-Cooperation Movement. He also went to jail for it but after the movement was called off, he joined HRA. After Kakori Action, Azad remained elusive. After the death of main functionaries of the HRA, he kept his organisation's flag high and also reorganized it as HSRA and joined the plan to avenge the death of Lala Lajpat Rai, undertaken by Bhagat Singh and others. He shot himself during an encounter with a British officer in Allahabad

INCIDENTAL ACCOMPLICE | Thakur Roshan Singh

Born | Jan 22, 1892 Native | Shahjahanpur, UP



Born in a Thakur family, Roshan Singh actively participated in Non-Cooperation Movement of 1921-22 and went to jail. After his release from Bareilly central jail, he joined HRA in 1924. Though it is said that he did not take part in the Kakori Action, he helped in the execution of the case. According to records, he was involved in the Bamrauli dacoity in Dec 1924 and the British officials used the Kakori case to nab him. The fact that he made the supreme sacrifice for the nation remains unchallenged. He was hanged in Allahabad Jail at 35

OTHERS ON BOARD



> Three revolutionaries were awarded life imprisonment. One of them was **Sachindranath Bakshi**, a founding member of HRA. He got associated with Varanasi chapter of Anushilan Samiti in 1922



> Born in Varanasi, **Manmathnath Gupta** was 13 when he joined HRA. He was just 14 when convicted in Kakori case and was jailed for 14 years. After his release, he started writing against the British



> **Govind Charan Kar** had come especially to execute the conspiracy. A member of HRA, he was arrested on Sep 26, 1925

> **Mukundilal Lal**, a native of Etawah, was in the team which conducted the loot. He was arrested in Varanasi on Jan 17, 1926 and was lodged in Bareilly jail

> **Har Govind, Sachindranath Biswas and Damodar Swarup** were arrested and later released



> **Ramnath Pandey and Pranvesh Kumar Chatterjee** were jailed for four and three years, respectively

BJP, Cong Continue To Trade Charges Over Hindenburg's Attack On Sebi

Soros-backed oppn plot to destabilise India: BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP on Monday slammed Congress and other opposition parties for endorsing short-seller Hindenburg's attack on Sebi and questioning the resilience of the Indian stock market and alleged that this was part of the plan to destabilise India backed by controversial currency speculator George Soros.

"After being rebuffed by the people of India, Congress, its allies and the toolkit gang have conspired together to usher in economic anarchy and instability in India. Hindenburg report is released on Saturday, there is uproar on Sunday so the capital market is destabilised on Monday. India is globally seen as a safe, stable and promising market," former Union minister and senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said at a presser.

He said Congress and other opposition parties had developed "pathological hatred" for PM Narendra Modi and were trying to destabilise the country at the behest of Hindenburg, which has Soros as its main investor. Emphasising that the currency speculator, who has been funding protests in different parts of the world, Prasad said, "Today we want to raise some issues. Whose investment is there in Hindenburg? Do you know this gentleman George Soros who regularly runs propaganda against India... He is the main investor there. In their pathological hatred for Narendra Modi, the



STAYING STRONG: The BSE building in Mumbai

Congress party has developed hatred for India itself."

The attack was amplified by Union ministers Jyotiraditya Scindia and Giriraj Singh and came amid a palpable sense of satisfaction in BJP circles over Sensex dodging the crash it suffered after Hindenburg fired its first attack on the Adani group last year.

What further elevated the mood was Rahul Gandhi's post on X where he talked about "significant risk in Indian market" in view of Hindenburg's charge of nexus between the market regulator and Adani group. Party circles, which were surprised by Rahul's comment and interpreted it as part of the "plot" to create chaos, happily pointed out that Sensex's resilience on Monday showed that investors had rebuffed the "opposition's scare tactic".

Interestingly, BJP social media head Amit Malviya drew attention to Rahul's as-

sets as disclosed in his Lok Sabha poll nomination papers to say the leader of opposition was getting good returns on his investments in the market. He claimed that Rahul was raising a scare to drive investors out of the market.

"If he is so convinced about the compromised nature of our markets, why is he personally invested? He holds 43% of his total declared assets in the Indian stock market. That is a lot of faith in the Indian markets. As on March 15, 2024, he owned shares worth Rs 4.3 crore, held mutual funds totalling up to Rs 3.8 crore and had invested Rs 15 lakh in gold bonds," Malviya said.

"Rahul Gandhi's movable assets grew by 59% over 2019. This was made possible because the Indian economy, despite all odds, performed very well. But he is fear mongering and dissuading retail investors from participating in wealth creation," he added.

Cong seeks Sebi chief's ouster, CBI probe into Adanis

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New Delhi: Congress on Monday demanded the resignation of Sebi chairperson Madhabi Buch and urged the Supreme Court to transfer the Adani probe to CBI or a special investigation team "given the likelihood of Sebi's compromise".

Reiterating its demand that a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) be convened without delay to investigate the full extent of the scam, Congress leaders threatened to launch a nationwide stir with INDIA bloc parties if its JPC demand was not met.

The party also rejected BJP's allegation that Congress and its leader Rahul Gandhi were trying to create "economic anarchy in the country and destabilise the market". Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh told TOI that it was "not even worth responding to such a patently puerile posturing".

Commenting on Sebi's statement on Sunday, Congress said the regulatory body had sought to project an "image of hyperactivity" by citing the large number of summons issued, letters and emails sent out and documents examined. Ramesh described these as tactics to divert attention from the core issues involved.

Pointing out that the SC had directed Sebi in March last year to "expeditiously

conclude the investigation", the party said, "The fact is that Sebi's seeming inability to close two of its 24 investigations delayed publication of its findings for over a year." Ramesh alleged that "this delay conveniently allowed the prime minister to navigate an entire general election without addressing his role in facilitating his close friend's illicit activities".

"The illusion that the Sebi chairperson and her husband has been shattered by the revelation that after joining Sebi,



she transacted in the fund from her personal email account on Feb 25, 2018," Ramesh claimed. "Clearly, no institution is sacrosanct in Amrit Kaal. Did the Sebi chairperson rescue herself from the Adani investigations?" he asked.

Speaking to reporters, party general secretary K C Venugopal said, "The PM's silence on the matter amounts to destruction of credibility. Don't try to threaten Rahul Gandhi with an ED notice. We will strongly oppose such diversionary tactics."

Will do our best to give elephants a conducive habitat, says PM

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday emphasised on the importance of community efforts to protect elephants and underlined commitment of his govt to ensure secure habitat for jumbos.

"World Elephant Day is an occasion to appreciate the wide range of community efforts to protect elephants. At the same time, we reaffirm our commitment to doing everything possible to ensure elephants get a conducive habitat where they can thrive. For us in India, the elephant is linked to our culture and history, too. And it's gladdening that over the last few years, their numbers have been on the rise," said Modi.

His remarks came amid reports of a large number of cases of human-animal conflict in the country that resulted in 2,829 human casualties due to elephant attacks in the last five years. India during the period also lost 528 elephants due to unnatural causes including electrocution, train accidents, poaching and poisoning.

Habitat loss and fragmentation of habitats are generally cited as the major reason for human-elephant conflicts in the country which is home to 60% of the Asian elephant population. The country has nearly 30,000 wild elephants and about 3,600 captive ones. Environment minister Bhupendra Yadav too pitched for public participation in jumbo conservation. TNN

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The legislation, to overhaul the regulations governing broadcasting services, has raised concerns over treating

independent news creators as broadcasters. The remit was to be limited to OTT platforms and digital news, but was later expanded to social media accounts as well, reports said. TNN

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Bitti Mohanty, convicted of raping German woman, dies of cancer

Bhubaneswar: Bitihotra Mohanty, who was convicted for raping a German national in Alwar, Rajasthan, in 2006, died at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar on Monday. Son of former Odisha DG Bidyaa Bhusan Mohanty, the 41-year-old Bitti was undergoing treatment for stomach cancer.

Bitti had been granted bail by Supreme Court on Mar 31, 2017, in connection with the rape case. But on June 5 this year, he was asked to surrender before the police. His cancer was diagnosed on Oct 3 last year. Bitti's parents had moved the SC to grant him relief on the ground that he is undergoing treatment for cancer. But the apex court had rejected the plea. TNN

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'Will be missed by many friends': Sonia condoles death of Natwar

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi on Monday condoled the passing away of former external affairs minister Natwar Singh saying that he made "important contributions to national affairs" and that he will be

missed by "a wide circle of friends". In a letter to Singh's wife Heminder Kumari, Gandhi said, "he has been your life's companion and losing him must be painful for you."

Referring to Singh, she said that "he had a full life with diverse interests. He was active in many spheres and made important contributions to national affairs in his professional career."

"He will be missed by a wide circle of friends. I send my sincere condolences to you and your family," the former Congress chief said.

Singh (94) passed away on Saturday night after a prolonged illness, family sources said. He breathed his last at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram, where he had been admitted for the past couple of weeks, they said.

During his long life, Singh wore many hats from diplomacy to politics. Singh was a member of the Congress "charmed circle", since he joined politics and became an MP and minister in 1984, after a rich life as diplomat. He was close to Indira Gandhi, Rajiv Gandhi, and then to Sonia Gandhi. But the dominant and defining chapter of his life came with the Volcker Report and the allegations about his having benefitted from the "oil for food" programme of the UN by using his acquaintance with then Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein.

Singh left the govt and the party, and quickly turned into a pariah.

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MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
NOTIFICATION
New Delhi, the 2nd August, 2024

S.O. 3083(E).-Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 1469(E) Dated: 18/03/2024, published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Sub-section (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/four-laning, etc.), maintenance, management and operation of No. Yet to be Assigned in the stretch of land from Km 5.8 to Km 16.9 Western side spur of Rampur Rudrapur section connecting NH-24 to NH-87 bypassing Rampur town in the district of RAMPUR in the state of UTTAR PRADESH.

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "Navbharat Times (Hindi)" and "The Times of India (English)" both dated 30.04.2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

Now, therefore, in compliance of sub-section (3) of Section 3G, the Competent Authority hereby invites all the landowners or persons interested in the land being acquired under these proceedings to submit their claims in respect of the land mentioned in the Schedule given here-in-below within a period of 15 days from the date of publication of this Public Notice in the office of the Competent Authority ADM(LA) Collectorate Campus, Rampur.

All the persons interested [owner of the lands and other interested person(s)] in the lands specified in the Schedule given below are hereby called upon to submit their claims in the said land (their share, area of land, any assets attached thereto e.g. structures/ trees etc.) and state the nature of the respective interest in such lands along with relevant records. The said landowners or persons interested therein shall also furnish the particulars of their Bank Accounts to which they would like their compensation amount to be credited. The claims may be submitted in the following indicative format:

Name of Village / Town	Name of the Landowner/ interested person	Field Survey No.	Area of land in his share	Any structures/ trees/ tube-well attached to the land	Name of the Bank & Branch in which he/she holds the account	Particulars of the Bank Account No. & IFSC Code of the Bank Branch

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This has reference to the advertisement dated 14.07.2024 for filling up one post of Director, VAMNICOM Pune on contract basis initially for a period of 3 years. The last date for submission of applications has now been extended to 22.08.2024 (midnight). For more details please log on to NCCT website <https://ncct.ac.in>
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E-Tender No.	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
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Date of Closing tender: 06.09.2024 at 15:00 Hrs. **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 12 Months. *Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 Hrs. on 06.09.2024. *For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 1414/24 FA

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Prebid Meeting: 03.09.2024 at 15:00 Hrs.

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1. E-Tender Document will remain available on government e-portal etender.up.nic.in	13.08.2024 to 03.09.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.
2. Pre bid Conference	21.08.2024 at 12:00 Hrs.
3. Last Date of e-submission of Form (Technical/Financial)	03.09.2024 upto 15:00 Hrs.
4. E-Tenders Technical Bid Opening on	03.09.2024 at 16:00 Hrs.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl **NAINSI**, D/o: Sh. Ghaniram, R/o: Village - Machari, Distt. - Hamirpur, U.P., Present Add.: Baby Ka Makan, Gali No. 3, Pocket 14, Sec - A5, Narela, Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 15 Years, Height: 47", Complexion: Fair, Build: Medium, Face: Long, Identification Mark: A Mole mark below Lower Lip, Wearing: Maroon Colour Suit & Salwar and Slippers in Feet has been missing/kidnapped from the area of P.S. - Narela, Delhi since 05.08.2024. In this regard FIR No. 504/24, U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 05.08.2024 has been registered at P.S.: Narela, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about this missing/kidnapped girl. Please inform to the following.

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Woman (depicted in the photo) namely **GUDDI DEVI** W/o Sanni Mehto R/o H. No. 240, Leprocy Colony, Tahirpur, Delhi has been missing from her house since 28.07.2024 at about 9:00 am. In this regard a DD No. 51A Dated 29.07.2024 has been lodged at PS Nand Nagri, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this woman but no clue has come to light so far.

Her physical description is as under:-
Sex: Female, **Age:** 19 yrs., **Height:** 5' ft., **Complexion:** Fair, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Wearing:** Red Colour Suit Salwar and Blue Colour Chappal in her feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing woman may kindly inform to the following:-

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Boom in 'healthcare' institutions worrying: SC

Sets 2-Month Deadline For National & State Panels SC rejects lawyer's challenge to tax assessment of funds from US

Dhananjay Mahapatra
@timesofindia.com

New Delhi: Supreme Court Monday set a two-month deadline for Union and state govts to establish national commission and state councils under the three-year-old National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021 and said failure would force SC to take coercive action against concerned department secretaries.

A bench of C.J.D Y Chandrachud, and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra took Centre to task for not filing its affidavit in response to its Sept 22, 2023 notice on a PIL by Joint Forum of Medical Technologists of India.

The bench said mushrooming of institutions providing courses in allied and healthcare aspects of medical treatment is worrisome and absence of a regulatory body despite the enactment of a law, was even more inexplicable.

"Both Union and state govts have failed to discharge their duties," the bench recorded in its order and said, "Union and state govts shall take necessary steps for implementation of the 2021 Act by Oct 12. Failure to comply with the directions may force the apex court to take coercive steps for implementation of the law."

It asked Union health secretary to convene a meeting of all state health secretaries in two weeks to discuss the roadmap to be laid down for taking measures for implementation of the Act. It asked the states and UTs to file a status report on implementation of NCHAP Act with the Union ministry, which in turn would compile the data and place it before the court on Oct 12.

NCAHP Act was enacted on March 28, 2021, recognising the critical importance of human resources for health. The Act was part of the govt's attempt to provide universal health coverage, a mandate which is vitally dependent on an adequate and effective health workforce providing care at all levels in both the public and private sectors.

SC rejects lawyer's challenge to tax assessment of funds from US

New Delhi: In a setback to advocate Ritwick Dutta of 'Lawyers Initiative for Environment', SC Monday dismissed his challenge to I-T assessment of funds received by LIFE from US-based 'Earth Justice', which were camouflaged as legal fees but used for opposing thermal power plant projects in India, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.

Appearing for Dutta, advocates C U Singh and Sachit Jolly, endeavoured to show the SC bench that these were declared as income and made subject to I-T assessment and hence there was no suppression of information. They said that it was an attempt to

harass an environmentalist. For the I-T dept, SG Tushar Mehta and advocate Zohab Hossain gave details of evidence collected by dept. The dept said LIFE received Rs 22 crore from Earth Justice as professional fee. "Funds made available by Earth Justice are apparently being used for objects other than approved objects of LIFE and for activities such as for litigation against coal plants in India routed through Ritwick Dutta, the managing trustee of LIFE in garb of professional fees, for activities which cannot be considered professional services rendered by Dutta to Earth Justice," it added.

Gadkari pulls up J'khand babus over NH delay

New Delhi: Road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari Monday pulled up Jharkhand govt officials for delay in NH development works in the state due to contractors facing problems from miscreants and delay in land acquisition and forest clearances, reports Dipak Dash.



The Union minister chaired two review meetings of NH projects in Jharkhand and UP. While no minister from Jharkhand took part in the meeting, UP CM Yogi Adityanath, who was present in the second session, sought more NH stretches in the state considering its population.

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e-TENDER FOR SUPPLY OF DRUGS ON RATE CONTRACT BASIS FOR TWO YEARS

e-Tender for supply of 67 nos. of DRUGS for "Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana (PMBJP)" are invited by PMBI. Last date and time for submission of online bids against e-Tender no. PMBI/DRUG/RC-219/2024 dated 06/08/2024 for supply of drugs is 30/08/2024 up to 17:00 hours.

For detailed eligibility criteria, terms & conditions of the tender, please visit the websites <https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app> & <https://janaushadhi.gov.in>.

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NOTICE INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR FINANCIAL MODULE, ENVIRONMENT IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR INCORPORATION IN THE BID DOCUMENT OF AREA-XIII OF CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD.

Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO), a state PSU invites financial module, environment impact assessment Report and the required documents for incorporation in the bid document of Area-XIII of CMWSSB. The proposal for the above work is invited from the interested firms having their office in Chennai and Bhubaneswar in prescribed format so as to reach to the undersigned on or before 20.08.2024 by 5.00 PM. For detail enquiry, the firms may visit our website www.watcoodisha.in. The management reserves the right to accept / reject the application without assigning any reason therefor.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer, WATCO
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Government of Odisha
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SSEPD-DA6-MISC-0023-2022 Dt.08.08.2024

Expression of Interest for Providing/Managing Services for Recovery Centres for Drug Addicts under Disha Scheme
SSEPD DA6 MISC 0023-2022. Date: 07.08.2024

The EOI aims to select successful agency to act as Programme Implementing Agency (PIA) that will be responsible to provide/manage services as outlined at scope of work. The details of scope of work, eligibility criteria and submission of details can be downloaded from website <http://www.ssepd.gov.in> Last date and time for submission of the EOI documents by speed post/Registered post/courier/ hand in all working days up to Dated: 06.09.2024.

This EOI does not entail any commitment on the part of SSEPD Deptt. Govt. of Odisha either financial or otherwise. SSEPD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds. The EOI will be evaluated based on the information provided.

Sd/-
Director, SSEPD
OIPR-46001/11/0010/24-25

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय, मध्यप्रदेश भोपाल

क्रमांक- विशा /स्टर /2024-25 (297), दिनांक- 06/08/2024

निविदा सूचना का शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum)

विशेष शाखा पुलिस मुख्यालय को निविदा सूचना क्रमांक SB/STOR/2024-25 (211), Bhopal, Dated 24-06-2024 द्वारा Photo Identity Making System के क्रय हेतु ई-निविदा सूचना जारी की गई है। उपरोक्त आमंत्रित निविदा के माध्यम से क्रय किये जाने वाले उपकरण के समय-सारणी में "आंशिक संशोधन" के संबंध में "शुद्धि पत्र" (Corrigendum/ Addendum) जारी किया गया है जो website <https://mptenders.gov.in/nicgep/app> पर तथा विभाग की वेबसाइट www.mppolice.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।

Sd/-
उप पुलिस महानिरीक्षक,
मुख्यालय, म.प्र. भोपाल
दूरभाष क्र. -0755-2443654
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G-14876/24

Government of Odisha
Skill Development and Technical Education Department
Directorate of Technical Education & Training, Odisha
At-Killamaidan, PO-Buxibazar, Cuttack-753001
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NOTICE INVITING REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
To setup Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Mining with Drone Survey at Govt. Polytechnic, Deogarh under OMBADC districts of Odisha. NIT No. DTET/2024-25/ 11928 Date: 12.08.2024

Directorate of Technical Education and Training, Odisha (DTE&T) invites Request for Proposals (RFP) to setup "Centre of Excellence in Mining with Drone Survey" at Govt. Polytechnic, Deogarh under OMBADC districts of Odisha. The firms, those having experience in similar work can submit their Technical and Commercial proposals. The RFP document comprising of Eligibility Criteria, Instruction to Bidders, Scope of Work etc. can be downloaded from DTE&T website (www.dtet.odisha.gov.in) from 5 PM of 13.08.2024. Any addendum or corrigendum (if required) will be uploaded at DTE&T website mentioned above.

Sd/-
DTE&T, Odisha, Cuttack
OIPR-44008/11/0019/24-25

BIJU PATNAIK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ODISHA ROURKELA

No. BPUT/XII/CAPGS/Furniture/104/2022/5398 Date: 09.08.2024

EXTENSION OF TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT LABORATORY OF CUPGS, BPUT, ROURKELA

Sealed Tender (two bid System) were invited from the reputed and experienced agencies/Firms for supply of laboratory items for different departments of CUPGS, BPUT, Rourkela. The detail Tender available in the website i.e. www.bput.ac.in.

Sl	Name of Laboratories	Tender Notice No. & Date
1	Supply of Table and Stools for Chemistry & Physics Lab	BPUT/XII/CAPGS/Furniture/104/2022/4743 dt.18/07/2024
2	Tender for supply and installation of Partition Walls for various Labs of CUPGS, BPUT, Rourkela	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/61/2023/3709 dt. 18/07/2024
3	Tender for supply of 2.0 ton Inverter Split AC for simulation Lab of ECE Département, CUPGS, BPUT, Rourkela	BPUT/XII/CUPGS/55/2023/3710 dt. 18/07/2024

The following schedule is hereby notified all the above tenders due to some unavoidable reasons. The last date of submission bid through speed post on or before 23.08.2024 by 5.00 PM. Opening of Technical Bid : 27.08.2024 at 11.30 AM and opening of Financial Bid: will be notified in the University website. All the other condition shall remain unchanged.

Sd/-
REGISTRAR
OIPR-11059/11/0011/24-25

SC says need time to take a call, posts matter to Aug 19

Continued from P1

SC Aishwarya Bhati drew the court's attention to two orders passed by a two-judge bench led by Justice A S Oka asking coal scam accused to move the jurisdictional high court for relief, while refusing to entertain their pleas.

The three-judge benches of SC in their judgments of 2014 and 2017 had said if any accused wanted to challenge an order of trial court, then they would have to move SC directly. In doing so, SC had followed an earlier judgment that had cancelled illegal allocation of 2G spectrum to private parties on a first-come-first-served basis. The intent of the court was to prevent accused in both 2G scam and coal scam from impeding the trial process by moving HC and had kept only the forum of SC open for them.

Appearing for some accused, advocate Mukul Rohatgi said the right of accused, who are presumed innocent till pronounced guilty, could not be constricted by barring them from moving jurisdictional HC under Sec 482 of Criminal Procedure Code to appeal against orders of the trial court.

Though SC had taken care to stop accused from delaying trial by moving to court, the stay it granted on April 1, 2015, to summons issued by a trial court to former PM Manmohan Singh in the alleged irregular allocation of



SC said it would read the two judgments in coal scam cases & the subsequent orders of Justice Oka's bench and then hear the parties to decide whether any clarification is needed.

Talabira-II coal block in Odisha to Hindalco in 2005 has not come up for hearing even once in last decade.

On April 1, 2015, SC had stayed the appeals filed by Singh and five other accused. SC had said, "Since certain important substantial questions of law as well as constitutional validity of Section 13(1)(d)(ii) of Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, are raised in the instant petitions, we are of view that these matters require examination." SC had also stayed further proceedings in the case before the trial court.

The bench posted the matter for further hearing on Aug 19 and said it would have to read the two judgments in the coal scam cases and the subsequent orders of Justice Oka's bench and then hear the parties to decide whether any clarification is needed.

CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS
Chanakya Park, New Delhi - 110021

Industry Consultation for CCTV systems in Rolling Stock of IR-Locomotives (CVRS with RDAS), Coaches (CCTVSS) & EMU/MEMU. Industry Consultation Meeting on CCTV systems in Rolling Stock of Indian Railway-Locomotives (CVRS with RDAS), Coaches (CCTVSS) & EMU/MEMU is being convened at CRIS. The meeting will take place at Railway Club, SP Marg, New Delhi on 20th August 2024 (Tuesday) at 11.00 am.

The discussion will be focused on the following items:-

- Security auditing & testing of Camera by STOC in compliance with Gazette Notification dated 6 March, 2024 issued by MeIT.
- Comprehensive Security auditing & testing of NVR/VRU and RDAS
- Technical specifications/requirements for CCTV surveillance system
- Any other issues to be highlighted by OEMs of CCTV camera/NVR, OEMs of CCTV Surveillance system are hereby invited to participate in the above meeting.

CRIS/New Delhi

Truck crushes 5 kanwariyas, biker in Assam: A single truck was involved in serial crashes in Assam Monday, first crushing a bike rider to death and then mowing down five kanwariyas a few metres away. The truck driver and his helper were nabbed. TNN

UHHDC/Directorate of Industries Govt. of Uttarakhand
Patel Nagar Dehradun, 248001 | Ph. No. 0135-2728227
Website: www.doiuk.org, Email: mpr@doiuk.org

Letter No- 200/DI/06/HHU/2024-25 Dehradun Date: 12.08.2024

Appointment of Agency for Operation of Himadri Handloom Unit, Deenapani, Almora & Pataldevi, Almora.

UHHDC/Directorate of Industries invites bid from competent and financially sound agencies/firms for the operation of Himadri Handloom Unit, Deenapani, Almora & Pataldevi, Almora under Nanda Devi Society For Handloom And Natural fibers for a period of 05 years. The bidders must furnish complete information as per the procedure laid down in the bid document. Detailed bid document can be downloaded from website <http://uktenders.gov.in> on 13.08.2024 to 02.09.2024. Further any corrigendum regarding the bid shall only be published in website only. Interested bidders can only submit the complete bid document on e-tendering website www.uktenders.gov.in on/before mentioned due date i.e. 02.09.2024 and time 14:00 hrs. DG Industries

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Pathya Pustak Bhawan, Budh Marg, Patna - 800 001
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Notice inviting e-tenders on all India basis

Bihar State Textbook Publishing corporation intends to empanel OEM/Manufacturers of paper (Mills) to supply various GSM papers for Bihar for the Academic Year 2025-26. To meet the above, e-tenders, two bid systems are invited from only paper manufacturing mills having minimum production capacity of 1,00,000 M.T. per annum. These offers should reach to this office in electronic format on 30/08/2024 up to 4:00 pm. Blank tender forms will be available for download from 10/08/2024 at 11:00 am to 30/08/2024 up to 4:00 pm and Document upload & submit e-tender on or before 30/08/2024, 4:00 PM as per instructions given in tender document as well as at e-Portal at <https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in/EPSV2/Web/>.

1	Name of the work	Empanelment of OEM/Paper Manufacturing Mills for supply of various GSM papers for Bihar AY 2025-26
2	Tender Notice No	BSTBPC / E-Tender/ Paper Mills/AY2025-26/2978 Dt. 09.08.2024.
3	Tender Fee/EMD	1) Tender Document Fee (Non Refundable): Rs 11,800 to be paid online 2) Tender Processing Fee (Non Refundable) Rs 1,180/- to be paid online. 3) Paper Testing Charges (Non refundable) Rs 30,000/- + GST@18% through DD only. 4) EMD (Refundable): Rs. 1000000/- (Rupees Ten Lacs only) in the digital form OR BG issued by a Scheduled/Nationalised Bank in favour of Managing Director, Bihar State Text Book Publishing Corporation Ltd., Payable at Patna.
4	Online publication of bid document	10.08.2024, 17:00 Hrs
5	Date of Pre-Bid Meeting	16.08.2024, 15:00 Hrs in the Conference Hall of BSTBPC, Budh Marg Patna.
6	Tentative date of uploading/ publishing of pre bid clarification	On or before 20.08.2024, 16:00 Hrs
6	Last Date and time for Submission of bid.	30.08.2024, 16:00 Hrs in online mode.
7	Opening of Technical Bids	30.08.2024, 16:30 Hrs. If the due date happens to be a holiday, the bids will be opened on the next working day.
8	Opening of Financial Bids	To be notified later.
9	Address for Communication	The Managing Director, Bihar State Text Book Publishing Corporation Ltd, Pathya Pustak Bhawan, Budh Marg, Patna-800001

Bid document may be downloaded from the Websites <https://www.eproc.bihar.gov.in> or <https://www.bstbpc.bihar.gov.in>. Clarification on the bid document may be sought during pre bid meeting in writing or may be e-mailed on address textbookmd@gmail.com latest within 18:00 Hrs of 16.08.2024.

The Managing Director of the Corporation reserves the right to amend or withdraw any of the Terms and Conditions in the bid document or to cancel / reject all the tenders received without giving any notice or assigning any reason thereafter.

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

PR. No. 005874(B&C) 2024-25 Managing Director
Bihar State Text Book Publishing Corporation Ltd

नरो की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Rain disrupts HP life: 197 roads closed; water, power supply hit

Vehicle With 12 Washed Away, 1 Person Rescued

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kullu: Around 197 roads were closed, many areas plunged into darkness, and water supply schemes hit in Himachal Pradesh on Monday, as rains continue to lash the state through the day.

According to state emergency operation centre (SEOC), heavy rains and landslides forced 66 roads to stay closed in Shimla district, 58 roads in Sirmaur district, 33 in Mandi, 26 in Kullu, five in Lahaul-Spiti, apart from some more in Kinnaur.

Many areas plunged into darkness, as 211 distribution transformers regions (DTRs) were disrupted on Monday, with highest 118 DTRs reported in Una, which saw heavy rainfall and flash floods on Sunday. In all, 143 water supply schemes were affected throughout the state.

Chandigarh-Manali highway was reopened at 9 Mile in



Rescue teams are working on evacuating people from flooded areas in Rajasthan and provide them with food, water and medical aid

Mandi, but only one-way traffic was allowed, as landslide debris made it difficult to run traffic on both lanes.

Apoorv Devgan, deputy commissioner of Mandi, said keeping highway open at 9 Mile has become a challenge. "Heavy rains are causing frequent landslides there. We deployed workforce, through the day and night, to ensure the highway remains open. The district has suffered a loss of around Rs 160 crore during this monsoon," Devgan said.

According to officials, a stretch of the highway near

Pandoh started caving in and NHAI officials inspected it on Monday.

In Kinnaur, another landslide at Nigulsari blocked NH-5 on Monday, apart from five other roads in district.

Shimla Met office said the state received a total rainfall of 14.3mm on Monday, against the normal of 9.3mm. In the past 24 hours, Una recorded the highest rainfall at 94.5mm and Kullu the lowest rainfall at 5mm.

An SUV with 12 passengers was washed away in Una-Punjab border in Una's

Rain-related Raj incidents kill 20

Essential showers, especially in Jaipur and Bharatpur, have caused 20 deaths in rain-related incidents in Rajasthan since Sunday.

On Monday, two cousins from Sawai Madhopur drowned in Galta Kund in Jaipur. Rainfall ranging from 100mm to 258mm was recorded in Dausa, Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts. Heavy rains have disrupted normal life, with waterlogging at many places and low-lying areas inundated. Rescue teams are working round the clock to evacuate people from flooded areas and provide them with food, water and medical aid.

Met department has issued a red alert for Jaipur, Karauli and Sawai Madhopur districts, where heavy to extremely heavy rainfall is expected in the next 24 hours. TNN

flash flood on Sunday. While nine bodies were recovered, one person was rescued and two are still missing.

Deputy CM Mukesh Agnihotri visited flood-affected areas of Una on Monday.

Open at least 1 lane of NH at Shambhu: SC

New Delhi: Observing that national highway cannot be blocked for long and protesting farmers must not park tractors and other heavy equipment there, SC on Monday asked DGPs of Punjab and Haryana to sit together to chalk out a plan to open at least one lane of the highway at Shambhu Border which has been blocked due to farmers' protest, reports **Amit Anand Choudhary**.

Refusing to stay Punjab and Haryana HC order for judicial inquiry into death of a farmer during protest as pleaded by Haryana govt, court asked Punjab govt to appeal to protesting farmers to remove their vehicles from highway. It said it would form a panel to hold talks with the farmers to end the impasse. Court appreciated both the states for recommending apolitical names to the panel and said it will pass order on the next date of hearing.

13-yr-old found dead, note says 'teased by teacher, student'

Pradeep Gupta | TNN

Kalyan: A 13-year-old boy was found dead at his home in Kalyan on Sunday. A note purportedly written by him claimed that a teacher and a boy studying at his school had "instigated" him to "commit suicide".

The note further alleged that the accused duo would often tease him, eventually driving him to take the extreme step.

On Monday, the school said the accused teacher had been sacked after authorities learned about the alleged harassment.

A member of the school administration told TOI, "We are deeply saddened by the incident... we have told the teacher to leave." After the teacher was removed, her family approached school authorities defending her and refuting the

The accused teacher was sacked after authorities learned about the matter. Following her dismissal, her family approached the school authorities defending her and refuting the claims of harassment.

The boy, Vignesh Patra, was a Class 8 student. On Sunday, he was alone at home; his parents and sister had stepped out.

When his father got home at around 7pm, he knocked but got no response. On peeping inside through a window, he found his son dead, police said.

The father, with neighbours' help, broke open the door. Cops were informed. The boy was rushed to hospital, where doctors declared him "brought dead". His father has demanded

strict action against those "responsible for his son's death".

During inquiry, police found a note in the house. A case of accidental death has been registered for now, police said.

A senior police officer said the note provided no details of the alleged harassment. Before initiating further action, cops said they would record statements of the boy's parents, students from his class, and teachers to get details about the "harassment". Vignesh claimed he was facing,

CORRIGENDUM

Assam Skill University Project (ASUP)

In continuation of the Assam Skill University Project advertisement ref., No ASDM/ASUP/33/2022, the management has partially revised the ToR for the post of Senior Skill Manager, Procurement Executive and Communication Executive. Accordingly, interested applicants are requested to visit the ASU Website, <https://asu.ac.in> for detail corrigendum.

Further the last date of submission of application is extended till 20.08.2024, up to 5 p.m.

Ref No. ASDM/ASUP/33/2022 CEO, Assam Skill University Project
Janasanyog/DF/768/24/13-Aug-24

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



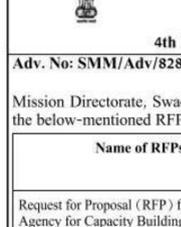
General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male named **Unknown, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown**, was found on 11.08.2024 at 7.45 AM, in front of SSI Service Road, Metro Pillar No. 137, R.U. Nagar, Jhangirpuri, Delhi. In this regard DD No.: 23A, Dated 11.08.2024, has been lodged at Police Station Mahindra Park, North-West Distt., Delhi

Identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:
Sex: Male, **Age:** about 30-35 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Black Shirt, Black Sandow Vest & Black Lower.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Mahendra Park,
North-West Distt., Delhi
DP/10672/NW/2024 Ph.: 8750870227, 9540510522

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General Public is hereby informed that one girl **Namely: Soniya, D/o: Sh. Naresh, R/O: Kharsa No. 427, Ground Floor, Bhagat Singh Park, Siraspur, Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 15 Years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Wheatish, Built: Thin, Wearing: Maroon Colour Suit & Salwar and Slippers in Feet** has been missing/kidnapped from her residence since 04.08.2024. In this regard FIR No. 6972/24, U/s 137 BNS, Dated: 05.08.2024 has been registered at P.S.: Samaypur Badli, Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone having any information about this missing/kidnapped girl. Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax: 011-24368639
DP/10684/ON/2024 Ph.: 9868592064, 7065036326

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P.S.: Samaypur Badli, Delhi

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POSTGRADUATE INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH CHANDIGARH
(CORRIGENDUM)
Ref: E-Tender Notice No. PI/EP/24-25/01
Following changes are made:-

Sr. No	Equipment/Item Name	Original Bid/ Submission Date	Revised Bid/ Revision Date	Original Bid/ Opening Date	Revised Bid/ Opening Date	Dept. Name
4	Online Examination (Computer Based Test)	13.08.2024	31.08.2024	14.08.2024	02.09.2024	Academic Section

All other details shall remain the same. Professor In-Charge (EP)

ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA:VIJAYAWADA
NIT No.:610001651
APGENCO invites Online tenders for "Outsourcing the services for Maintenance and Up keeping works pertaining to Civil Operation Division/MHE(Jt)/Jalapat and O&M division, Machkund for the period from 01.09.2024 (or from actual date of commencement of the work) to 31.03.2026"
Bid Start date & time: 09.08.2024 at 05:30 PM
Bid Submission closing date & time: 23.08.2024 at 3:00 PM
For further details visit <https://etender.apgenco.gov.in>
Phone (08864-294192)
Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (O&M)/LSHES
DIPR No.314692/CL/ADVTN/1/2024-22 Dt.12/08/2024

KONKAN RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of India Undertaking)
OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM)
INVITATION NOTICE
Name of Work: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz, Single phase, Traction Overhead Equipment for construction of 4 lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Rawanford, Madgaon in the state of GOA. Notice No: KR/CO/EL/ROB-RE/17A/24 Dtd: 13/08/2024. Completion Period: 6 (Six) Months. Estimated Cost: ₹ 2,06,28,714/- excluding GST. Bid Security: ₹ 2,53,200/- Last Date & time for Online Submission of Tender: 03/09/2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. Opening of Tender: On 03/09/2024 at 15.30 Hrs. Amendments /Corrigendum if any, would be uploaded on IREPS website only. Submission of Tender Documents: Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
(A Govt. of Assam Public Limited Company)
E-Tender
TENDER EVENT NO: Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd/Long/Coal from CIL/24-25/ET/RFQ/89 for purchase of 500 MW Thermal (Coal based) Power on Long Term basis
Start of Event : 09.08.2024 (10:00 Hrs)
Event close Date : 23.09.2024 (15:00 Hrs)
TOE start date : 23.09.2024 (15:30 Hrs)
Bidders need to login to Deep Portal of "www.mstcecommerce.com" website to participate.
Sd/-, Chief General Manager (Commercial & EE)
APDCL, 5th Floor, Bijulee Bhawan, Guwahati, Assam-781001
Please pay your energy bill on time and help us to serve you better!

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H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax: 0135-2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC02886, Website: www.ujvn.com
Letter No: 709 e-Tender Notice Date: 12/08/2024
Office of the (Executive Engineer (E&M), MB-II, Joshiyara Barrage, invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below:
Tender No. 05/EE(E&M)/MB-II/Barrage/2024-25
Name of work/supply/services etc. Annual Routine Maintenance of Electro-Mechanical and Hydro Mechanical Equipment of barrage including sweeping and cleaning for the year 2024-25
Estimated cost :Rs 34,76,382.00 Only + GST
Date of availability of bid document on website: 13.08.2024, 16:00 hrs
Last date for submission of bids on website: 03.09.2024, 16:00 hrs
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in"
"AVOID WASTEFUL USE OF ELECTRICITY" (Executive Engineer)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely Divesh Gupta @ Deva S/o Sh. Lalit Mohan R/o H.No. 531, Mukimpura, Subzi Mandi, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 748/2023 Dated 11.12.2023 U/s 323/324/342/365/506/427/34 IPC at PS: Kashmiri Gate, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Divesh Gupta @ Deva** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Divesh Gupta @ Deva** has absconded (or is concealing himself) to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Divesh Gupta @ Deva** of FIR No. 748/2023 Dated 11.12.2023 U/s 323/324/342/365/506/427/34 IPC of PS: Kashmiri Gate, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 21.09.2024.

By order
Chatinder Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate
Central District Room No.32,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi
DP/8763/N/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified male named **Unknown, S/O: Unknown, R/O: Unknown**, was found in unconscious state on 11.08.2024 in front of Way of Bhajanpura, below Wazirabad Flyover, Majnu ka Tila, Timarpur, Delhi. He was admitted to Trauma Centre Hospital Civil Lines at Delhi, where the doctor declared him dead during treatment on 11.08.2024 at 02.04 AM. In this regard FIR No.: 463/24, Dated 11.08.2024, has been lodged at Police Station Timarpur, North Distt, Delhi of identification of unidentified dead body of male is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 35 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Fair, **Injury Marks:** Head Injury, **Identification Mark:** Mole on neck left side, **Wearing:** Grey T-Shirt & Brown Pant.

If any one having any information or clue about this male deceased may kindly be informed undersigned.

SHO
Police Station Timarpur, North Distt., Delhi
DP/10688/N/2024 Ph.: 9311896686

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग

सर्कुलर नोट, राँची-834001

प्रेस विज्ञापित

झारखण्ड सहायक वन संरक्षक नियुक्ति परीक्षा के संबंध में संशोधित आवश्यक सूचना

झारखण्ड वन सेवा के सहायक वन संरक्षक के कुल-78 पदों पर नियमित नियुक्ति हेतु इच्छुक एवं अर्हताधारि भारतीय नागरिकों से विहित प्रपत्र में ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाने के निमित्त विज्ञापन संख्या-03/2024 का प्रकाशन दिनांक-25.07.2024 को किया गया था। विज्ञापन के विरुद्ध पूर्व निर्गत ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने हेतु निर्धारित तिथि में निम्नवत् संशोधन किये जाते हैं:-

1. ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र भरने हेतु तिथि एवं अन्य निदेश निम्नांकित हैं:-

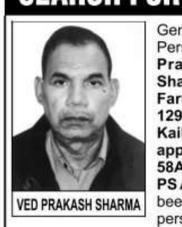
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| 1. ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की अंतिम तिथि | दिनांक-30.08.2024 (अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक) |
| 2. परीक्षा शुल्क भुगतान करने की अंतिम तिथि | दिनांक-02.09.2024 (अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक) |
| 3. प्रारंभिक परीक्षा की संभावित तिथि | दिनांक-22.09.2024 (अपराह्न 02:00 से अपराह्न 04:00 बजे तक) |

2. अनर्था ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ करने के पूर्व आयोग के वेबसाइट पर प्रदर्शित विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक एवं विस्तृत निर्देश का मूली-मांती अध्ययन कर लेंगे।

3. विज्ञापन से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी के लिए आयोग के Help Line No.-+919431301636, +919431301419 पर कार्य दिवस में पूर्वाह्न-10:00 से अपराह्न-5:00 बजे तक संपर्क किया जा सकता है।

हो/-
परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
PR 332501 Jharkhand Public Service Commission(24-25).D झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, राँची

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED



General public is hereby informed that this Person (depicted in the photo) namely **Ved Prakash Sharma S/o Bhagwan Dass Sharma R/o H. No. 205, Ismail Ganj Sani, Farukabad, U.P.** has been missing from 129, Rain Basera, Sant Nagar, East of Kailash, New Delhi since 24.07.2024 at approx. 4:30 pm. In this regard a DD No. 58A Dated 01.08.2024 has been lodged at PS Amar Colony, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far.

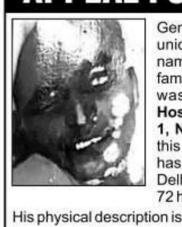
His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 65 years, **Height:** 5' ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Fat, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Blue Colour Shirt & Black Colour Pant and Black Shoes in his feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing person may kindly inform to the following:-

SHO
PS: Amar Colony, Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-26412194
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 8750870931
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/10291/SE/2024

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION



General public is hereby informed that an unidentified Male (depicted in the photo) namely **Ram Nawal Yadav**, residence and family is **Unknown** about 45 years of age was found dead at In Front Of AIIMS Hospital, Near Rest Room, Emergency No. 1, New Delhi on 16.06.2024 at 5:00 pm. In this regard a DD No. 57A Dated 16.06.2024, has been registered at PS Hauz Khas, New Delhi. The dead body has been preserved for 72 hours at AIIMS Hospital Mortuary.

His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** About 45 years, **Height:** 5' 7" ft., **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Pink Colour T-Shirt and Blue Colour Short Pant.

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 Khas, New Delhi
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in Ph.: 011-26867878, 26510077
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 Mob.: 8750870821
Fax No.: 011-24368639 DP/10634/SD/2024

Appeal for Identification



General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/O** Unknown, **R/O:** Unknown, **Age:** about 40-45 years, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Round, **Wearing:** Hospital Cloths, was admitted in Hindu Rao Hospital in unconscious condition vide MLC No. 5059/2024. During treatment he was declared dead by the doctors. In this regard DD No.128A

dated 08.08.2024 U/s 194 BNSS has been lodged at PS: Subzi Mandi, Delhi. The dead body has been preserved in mortuary Subzi Mandi for Identification for 72 hrs.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far. Any person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Subzi Mandi, Delhi
Ph.: 011-23823161
8750870126
DP/10637/N/2024

Department of Posts, India

O/o Chief Postmaster General, Delhi Circle, Meghdoot Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

Delhi Postal Circle has been striving to improve customer service. As a part of this endeavor, we are holding Dak Adalat which hears & looks into the complaints from users in Delhi relating to Mails, Counter Services, Savings Bank, Money Order, Ordinary & Registered Articles, Parcels, VP Articles, Speed Post, Foreign Mail Articles, Aadhar Card Registration & Updation, Common Service Center, India Post Payment Bank and Postal Life Insurance.

Dak Adalat will be held as per schedule given below. You may forward your grievance relating to Post offices only through an application, which should be reached by 08.09.2024, in duplicate with full address and telephone/mobile number, addressed to the Assistant Director (Public Grievances), Secretary, Dak Adalat, Telephone Number 20831040, O/o CPMG, Delhi Circle, Meghdoot Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

Venue: Committee Room, 3rd Floor, O/o CPMG, Delhi Circle, Meghdoot Bhawan, New Delhi - 110001.

Date & Time: 25.09.2024 (Wednesday) at 11:00 Hrs.

Last date of receipt of applications: 08.09.2024

Application received after 08.09.2024 will not be entertained. Delhi Postal Circle is committed to Customer Service.

CBC 06303/12/0002/2425 Sd/- Assistant Director (PG)

NORTHERN RAILWAY

TENDER NOTICE

Tender Notice No: 199/Elect/WLKO/Tender/01/2024 dated : 09.08.2024

For and on behalf of the President of India, the Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (W), Northern Railway Rolling Stock Workshop, Charbagh, Lucknow invites tender on prescribed form, as per following details given below:

Tender No.: 199/Elect/WLKO/Tender/01/2024, Name of Work: Fabrication, supply, fixing and commissioning of down shop lead (DSL) of Diesel shop of Rolling Stock Workshop Charbagh, Lucknow. Quantity : As per SOR, Estimated Cost of Work: Rs. 37,36,993/-, (In Words) : Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Three Only) inclusive GST @ 18%, Earnest Money : Rs. 74800/- (In Word) : Rupees Seventy Four Thousand Eight Hundred Only) accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. Cost of Tender Form: Zero (NIL). Period of Contract: 06 Months. Minimum eligibility : The tenderer must submit attested copy of valid Class 'A' Electrical contractor's License along with his offer. Date & Time for Submission of Tender: from 19.08.2024 to 02.09.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Date & Time for Opening of Tender: at 15:15 Hrs. on 02.09.2024.

The tender form may be submitted on the website www.ireps.gov.in from 19.08.2024 to 02.09.2024 (up to 15:00 Hrs.). Manual offers are not allowed against this tender, any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Contractors are allowed to make payment against this tender towards tender document cost and Earnest Money only through online payment modes available on IREPS portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand Draft, Banker's cheque, Deposit receipt, FDR are not allowed. The tender will be opened on specified date and time as above in the presence of firm's representatives. In case the above date is a holiday the tender opening would be conducted at the same times on the next working day. No post tender correspondence for submission of additional documents shall be entertained after opening the technical & commercial offers. Even suo-moto post letter of the tender shall be treated as NULL & Void.

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HIMACHAL PRADESH PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

e-Procurement Notice INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB)

1. The Executive Engineer HPPWD Jubbal Distt Shimla H.P on behalf of Governor of H.P invites the online bids on Percentage rate, in electronic tendering system, in 2 Cover System for the under mentioned work from the eligible and approved contractors/Firms registered with HPPWD Department.

Job No :- 1 Name of Work :- C/O Health Institution Level-II at Jhagra Nakra/ Tehsil Jubbal Distt. Shimla (H.P) (SH- C/O Building portion, WS and SI, Septic tank, Sock pit, Rain Harvesting tank, Bio Medical waste pit and site development. Estimated Cost (Rs.) :- 1567378 (Earnest Money (Rs.) :- 302000 Cost of Tender Form (Rs.) :- 5000 Time Allowed :- 12 month Class :- Class C

Tender document and other instructions can be downloaded or viewed online from the portal <https://hptenders.gov.in> by the firm/individual registered on the website which is free of cost.

Key Dates:

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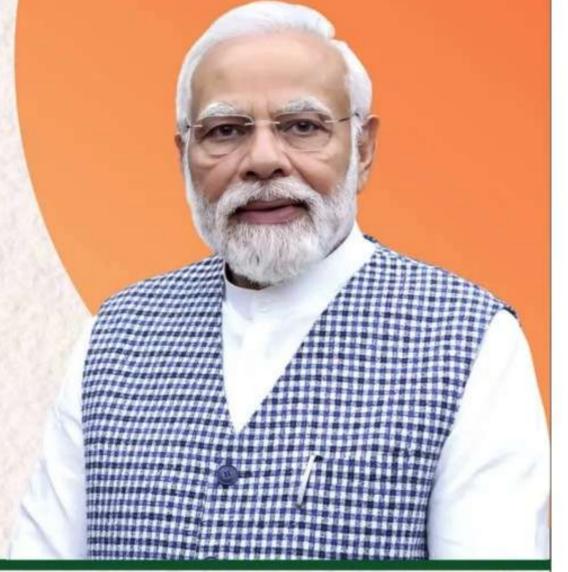


Govt. of Haryana



“सरकार का ध्येय है कि अब विकास कार्यों को और भी तीव्रता से संपन्न करवाना है, इसी श्रृंखला में राज्यभर में आधारभूत संरचनाओं को शीघ्रता से मजबूत किया जा रहा है।”

- नायब सिंह सैनी



“आज हमारी हर नीति, हर रणनीति- जनकल्याण से राष्ट्रकल्याण की है। जन अभियान से राष्ट्रनिर्माण की है।”

- नरेन्द्र मोदी

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Chief Minister

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one male Namely **Sonu Singh S/o Sunder Singh R/o A-92, GTB Colony Sector-23, Rohini Delhi**, has been missing /kidnapped from his house Delhi. since: 22.07.2024. In this regard, a case **DD No. 50A dt. 30.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi**. The description of the missing male is as under.



Sonu Singh

Age: 28 years, **Height:** 5'3", **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** T-Shirt and Lower and Green color Sport Shoes. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out him but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing male then please inform **P.S. Budh Vihar, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax No. 011- 24368639
DP/10377/RD/2024

Sd/-S.H.O.
Budh Vihar, Delhi
Tel No. 8750870326

Appeal for Identification

General Public is hereby informed that a male dead body **Name:** Unknown, **S/o** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** About 35 years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Round, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Sky Blue Shirt and Blue Pajama and Hair Black Color was found dead at Near Bansera Park Sarai Kale Khan, New Delhi on

07.08.2024. In this regard, **DD No. 47A dated 07.08.2024** has been lodged at PS Sun Light Colony, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this male but no clue has come to light so far.

Any, person having any information or clue about this male may kindly inform to the following.

SHO
P.S., Sun Light Colony, New Delhi
Ph. : 011-26347482
8750870928

DP/10694/SE/2024

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: LICENSING UNIT

1st Floor, Police Station Defence Colony, New Delhi
Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: adlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director, M/s Unity Buildwell Ltd., G-3, Aggarwal Corporate Tower, 23, Rajender Place, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 04 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ multiplex at Plot No. 23, Mangalam Place, Distt. Centre, Rohini, Sector-3, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director, vide this office letter No. 306/Joint CP/Lic.(Cinema) dated 08.05.2024 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

Notice is hereby given for information of general public that a cinema hall is being constructed at the earmarked site.
Given under my hand this 13th day of **August** 2024.

JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
LICENSING, DELHI

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1st Floor, Police Station Defence Colony, New Delhi
Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: adlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Sumit Gola, Authorized Signatory M/s Panch Tatva Promoters Pvt. Ltd., Unit No. 105, 1st floor, Vardhman Siddhart Shopping Plaza, LSC, Savita Vihar, Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 04 Nos. Screen Cinema/ Multiplex at Plot No. 34, Pocket/Block A-2, Paschim Vihar, Delhi

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Sumit Gola, Authorized Signatory, vide this office letter No. 495/ Jt. CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 29.07.2024 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE
LICENSING, DELHI

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES

(An Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)
Sri Aurobindo Marg, Near Outab Minar, New Delhi-110030

No. : I/12396/2024 Dated : 12.08.2024

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE

- WHEREAS**, Mohd. Iqbal Wani, S/o Sh. Manzoor Ahmad Wani, resident of New Colony Kanihama, Tehsil Beerwa, Dist. Budgam, P/o Magam, State – Jammu & Kashmir – 193401, while working as HMTS Sanitation in this Institute, is absent from his duty since 17.12.2018 without any prior information/ permission.
- AND WHEREAS**, an Inquiry under Rule 14 of the Central Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1965 was instituted against Mohd. Iqbal Wani, HMTS Sanitation and Sh. Vijay Bhatt was appointed as Inquiry Authority vide office order No. Adm.2/2019/HMTS(S)-98/2527-2528 dated 24.07.2019. The Inquiry was completed and Inquiry Authority had submitted his report on 01.12.2022.
- AND WHEREAS**, on a careful consideration of the Inquiry Report, the Disciplinary Authority has provisionally come to the conclusion that Mohd. Iqbal Wani, HMTS Sanitation, is not a fit person to be retained in service and accordingly proposes to impose on him the penalty of "Termination of Service" under Rule 11 of CCS (CCA) conduct Rules, 1965.
- AND WHEREAS**, a show cause notice No.2016 dated 10.12.2022, Reminder Show Cause Notice No.I/7428/2023 dated 11.01.2023 and Reminder Show Cause Notice No.I/9457 dated 21.09.2023 were sent by post at his known address calling upon him to submit his defense, if any, in writing against the penalty proposed. However, no reply to the said show cause Notice has been received till date.
- NOW THEREFORE**, Mohd. Iqbal Wani, HMTS Sanitation is hereby given a last opportunity of making representation on the penalty proposed above. Any representation which he may wish to make against the penalty proposed will be considered by the Disciplinary Authority. Such a representation, if any, should be made in writing and submitted to reach the Disciplinary Authority not later than **Ten Days** from the date of publication of this Notice.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: LICENSING UNIT

1st Floor, Police Station Defence Colony, New Delhi
Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: adlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director, M/s Unity Buildwell Ltd., G-3, Aggarwal Corporate Tower, 23, Rajender Place, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 05 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ multiplex at City Centre, Plot No. 4, Sector-12, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director, vide this office letter No. 938/Joint CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 01.11.2023 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Harjeet Singh Arora, Authorized Signatory, M/s Best Realty LLP, Office No. 201, Best Plaza, Plot No. H-8, Netaji Subhash Place, Pitampura, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 07 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ Multiplex at Plot Commercial Complex Plot Bearing No. A, adjoining to Block H, NSP Wazirpur, District Centre, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Harjeet Singh Arora, Authorized Signatory vide this office letter No. 321/Joint CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 14.05.2024 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director, M/s Aggarwal Plaza Pvt Ltd., G-3, Aggarwal Corporate Tower, 23, Rajender Place, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 02 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ multiplex at Multilevel Parking, Janakpuri West Metro Station, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Director., vide this office letter No. 932/Joint CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 30.10.2023 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: adlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Avinash Puri, Director, M/s Puri Buildwell Pvt. Ltd., Multiplex at PP City Centre, Plot No.3, Road No. 44, Pitampura, Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 06 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ multiplex at PP City Centre, Plot No.3, Road No. 44, Pitampura, Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Avinash Puri, Director vide this office letter No. 46/Joint CP/Lic.(Cinema) dated 04.04.2024 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: adlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Manas Modi, Director, M/s County Project Pvt. Ltd., Multiplex at Plot No. G-4, Netaji Subhash Place, Wazirpur, District Centre, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 04 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ Multiplex at Plot No. G-4, Netaji Subhash Place, Wazirpur, District Centre, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Manas Modi, Director, vide this office letter No. 48/Joint CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 04.04.2024 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

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PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact number 9646117606)

E-Tender Enquiry No: 109/MM-I/BMC-336(B)/O&M/GHTP/2024 dated 09/08/2024

Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Mtc. Circle-I/GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-tender for Capital/Major overhauling of Furnace Pressure Parts, Air Pre-Heaters and Wind Box & Burner System of Unit-2 (210 MW, OEM-BHEL) at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat on Lump sum rates. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 12/08/2024 from 03:00 PM onwards.
Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
GHTP-86/24, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/3285/2023/36605

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

E-Tender Enquiry No. 548/P-2/EMPW-12757 Dated 05.08.2024

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Rupnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_124926_1 for Maintenance of Switchyard & Transformer Yard Areas (22 Acres Approximately) at 220KV Sub-Station, 66KV Sub-Station, GGSSTP, 2x850KW Micro hydel Project and transformer Yard Areas of 4x210 MW Units, GGSSTP, Rupnagar.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.08.2024 onwards.
Note:- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>
RTP-86/24, DPR/Pb.: 76155/12/3287/2023/36607

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDERING NOTICE

Sr. DEE/TRD/Agra for & on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on-line only (e-Tendering) for the following work:

Tender No.: AGCTRD202411 **Period of completion:** Thirty Six months

Name of work: Comprehensive Maintenance Contract of Cummins make Diesel Engines (model: NT 855, N 743L, KTA 19R & VTA 1710L) of the Tower wagons of Agra division consisting of 'B', 'C' & 'D' Checks and Breakdown maintenance for a period of 36 months.

Approximate Cost: Rs. 3,80,95,018.65/- **Earnest Money:** Rs. 3,40,500/-

1. For full details & submission of the bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 2. Tender can only be submitted through web portal "www.ireps.gov.in" up to 15:00 Hrs. on date 30.08.2024. 1431/24(ADM)

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

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice

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

Description of work: Part-A: Gwalior: Improvement to Service buildings (Hospitals & other service buildings) at Gwalior station in ADEN/GWL sub division. Part-B: Construction of pathway at various stations/IBH/LC's gates along with wire fencing and concreting work at critical locations boxes of JHS division.

E-Tender No.	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENGG-N-2024-163	₹ 32585679.40	₹ 312900.00

Date of Closing tender: 04.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter:** 10 Months. * Tender online can be submitted up to 15.00 hrs. on 04.09.2024. * For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. 1430/24 FA

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SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that one girl Namely **Anisha Kumari D/o Shivaji R/o G-158, Gazipur, Delhi**, has been missing from her house since 07.08.2024. In this regard, a case **FIR/DD No. 313/2024 U/s 137 (2) BNS, dt. 09.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S. Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi**. The description of the missing girl is as under.

Age: 17 years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Cream color jeans pant and T-shirt and slippers in feet. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out her but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone has any information about the missing girl then please inform **P.S. Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi** at following Tel No./ e-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in and Website: <http://cbi.nic.in>, providing clue about the person.

Ph: 011-24368638, 24368641 **Sd/-S.H.O.**
Fax No. 011-24368639 **Patparganj Ind. Area, Delhi**
DP/10632/ED/2024 **Ph No. 011-8750870626**



Anisha Kumari

POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF UTTARAKHAND LTD.
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Enterprise)
Office of Chief Engineer (O&M), Kumaon Zone, 220KV S/S, Campus, Kamalaganja, Haldwani-263139
Corporate ID U40101UR2004SGC028675 Phone No. 7088117917

E-Tender Notice

Power Transmission Corporation of Uttarakhand Limited invites E-Tender of following work and the last date of submission of e-bid (Online/Offline) is **31.08.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.**

- Turfing work at 33KV switchyard of 132KV S/S, Sitarganj under O&M Division, PTCUL, Sitarganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/19/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_74520_1).
- Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 110 Volt TBS/400AH OPzS battery bank and battery charger at 132KV S/S, ELDECO Sitarganj and 132KV S/S, Sitarganj under O&M Division, PTCUL, Sitarganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/20/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_74522_1).
- Supply, erection, testing and commissioning of 220 Volt TBS/400AH OPzS battery bank and battery charger at 220KV S/S, Pantnagar under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Pantnagar against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/21/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_74523_1).
- Supply, erection and commissioning of 250KVA, 33/0.415KV station transformer at 132KV S/S, Sitarganj under O&M Division, PTCUL, Sitarganj against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/22/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_74525_1).
- Assistance in carrying out miscellaneous routine works for annual preventive maintenance of 220KV S/S, Jafarpur, 132KV S/S, Rudrapur and their associated transmission line under 220KV O&M Division, PTCUL, Jafarpur against E-Tender Specification No. CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/23/2024-25, TENDER ID (2024_PTC21_74526_1).

For more details please visit E-Tender Website www.uktenders.gov.in and E-Tender information is available at PTCUL Website www.ptcul.org. For any assistance on E-Tendering, please contact +91-8899890000

Chief Engineer (O&M)
LETTER NO. 1762/CE(O&M)/PTCUL/HLD/E-Tender Kumaon Zone
DATE: 12.08.2024 "Save Electricity in the Interest of Nation" PTCUL, Haldwani

OFFICE OF THE JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE: LICENSING UNIT
1st Floor, Police Station Defence Colony, New Delhi
Telephone No.: 011-26250595, E-mail: addlcp.lic-dl@nic.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Authorized Signatory, M/s Parsvnath Developers Ltd., 6th Floor, Arunachal Building, 19, Barakhamba Road, New Delhi has applied before the undersigned for grant of 'Provisional Certificate' for construction of 06 Nos. of Screen Cinema Hall/ multiplex at Netaji Subhash Place, Metro Station, Opposite Wazirpur District Centre, Pitam Pura, New Delhi.

Whereas, the Provisional Certificate has been granted to above mentioned Sh. Harsh Vardhan Bansal, Authorized Signatory, vide this office letter No. 934/Joint CP/Lic. (Cinema) dated 30.10.2023 under Rule 4 of Delhi Cinematograph Rules, 2008 and the Dy. Director (Bldg.) C&I, Delhi Development Authority, C-1, 1st Floor, Vikas Sadan, INA, New Delhi has also been informed vide this office letter as mentioned above.

Notice is hereby given for information of general public that a cinema hall is being constructed at the earmarked site.

Given under my hand this 13th day of August 2024.

JOINT COMMISSIONER OF POLICE LICENSING, DELHI

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that this Person (depicted in the photo) namely **Sanjay Kumar S/o Pura Ram R/o H. No. 89/3, Near Power Zone Zym, Shani Bazar Nala, Sangam Vihar, Band Road, New Delhi** has been missing/kidnapped from his residence since **26.06.2024 at 08:00 AM**. In this regard a **FIR No./DD No. 76A, Dated 30.07.2024** has been lodged at **PS Neb Sarai, New Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out this person but no clue has come to light so far. His physical description is as under:-

Sex: Male, **Age:** 25 years, **Height:** 5'6" feet, **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Medium, **Wearing:** Blue colour Shirt, dark blue colour Pant and black colour shoes in feet.

Any person is having information or clue about this missing/ kidnapped person may kindly inform to the following address:-

SHO
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **PS: Neb Sarai, Delhi**
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in **Ph.: 011-29551597, 29551326**
Tel. No.: 011-24368638/24368641 **Mob.: 7065569305**
Fax No.: 011-24368639 **DP/10323/SD/2024**



SANJAY KUMAR

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: **Khushi, D/o: Sh. Dilip, R/o: H. No. F-547, J.J. Colony, Raghuraj Nagar, Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'0", Complexion: Fair, Build: Normal, Face: Long, Identification Mark: Old Scar on Forehead, Wearing: Purple Colour Top, Blue Colour Jeans Pant and Dark Pink Colour Slippers in feet**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of **P.S. Rajouri Garden, Delhi**. In this regard **FIR No. 446/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 05.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Rajouri Garden, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing /kidnapped girl. Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **PS.: Rajouri Garden, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **DP/10579/WD/2024** **Ph.: 8569825600**



KHUSHI

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General Public is hereby informed that one girl Namely: **Rakhi, D/o: Sh. Rakesh, R/o: H. No. D-41, Vijay Vihar, Ph.-2, Rohini, Delhi, Sex: Female, Age: 16 Years, Height: 5'4", Complexion: Fair, Face: Round, Wearing: Dark Brown Colour Suit & Salwar and slippers in feet**, has been missing/kidnapped from the area of **P.S. Vijay Vihar, Delhi** since 15.07.2024. In this regard **FIR No. 0262/2024 U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated: 18.07.2024** has been registered at **P.S.: Vijay Vihar, Delhi**.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out the missing/kidnapped girl but no clue has come to light so far. If anyone have any information about this missing /kidnapped girl. Please inform to the following.

Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> **SHO**
E-Mail ID: cic@cbi.gov.in **PS.: Vijay Vihar, Delhi**
Fax: 011-24368639 **Ph.: 011-27521294, 011-27521295**
DP/10627/RD/2024



RAKHI

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Siraj, S/o: Mirajuddin, R/o: H. No. C-11, Central Bank Wali Gali, Near Khajoor Tree, Seelampur, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in Case **FIR No. 28187/17, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: Farsh Bazar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Siraj** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Siraj** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Siraj** accused of **FIR No. 28187/17, U/s 379/411 IPC, P.S.: Farsh Bazar, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **14.10.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Akhil Malik
Metropolitan Magistrate
DP/10123/SHD/2024
(Court Matter) Room No. 38, Karkardooma Court, Delhi

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P. C.

Whereas a complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Manjeet S/o Ujagar Singh R/o Vill.Chandera PS.Soro, Distt-Kasganj U.P.** have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence under **FIR. No. 33200/17 U/S 379/411/482 IPC.,** has been registered at **P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said, **Manjeet** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said, **Manjeet** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused, **Manjeet of under FIR. No. 33200/17 U/S 379/411/482 IPC., registered at PS. North Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **27.11.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Ebbani Aggarwal, MM,
DP/10520/RD/2024 Room No.107, 1st floor, Rohini Court, Delhi

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Executive Engineer Public Works Division Bhokar, Dist Nanded
E-TENDER NOTICE NO.10/2024-25

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

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

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Works Division
Bhokar Dist. Nanded
DGIPR/2024-2025/1851

Wrap up doc rape-murder probe by Sunday or case goes to CBI, Mamata tells Kol police

Parents Of Victim Suspect 'Insider Role', Says CM

Sanjib Chakraborty & Tamaghna Banerjee | TNN

Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee Monday told Kolkata Police to wind up investigations into rape and murder of a PG trainee doctor at state-run RG Kar Hospital by Sunday, failing which the probe will be handed over to CBI.

Mamata gave the ultimatum after meeting the 31-year-old doctor's parents at their home amid widespread protests in Bengal and elsewhere over the rape-murder on Aug 9 and two days after a police volunteer, Sanjay Roy (35), was arrested in the case.

Speaking after a 45-minute interaction with the family, the CM referred to their suspicions about an "insider role". "There were nurses and others around. I still do not understand how this incident took place. The parents said they suspect involvement of an insider. I told police that if there is any suspicion against anyone — be it the doctor's friends or the first caller (who informed the family of the incident) — they should be questioned,"

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The CM said. She expressed shock at the "brutality" of the murder, repeating her promise to seek capital punishment in the case.

Indicating her willingness for a possible CBI probe, Mamata couched it with a reminder about the central agency's alleged lack of success in taking big Bengal cases to their logical conclusion. "I do not have any issue with a CBI takeover but their success rate is low," she said.

Kolkata Police chief Vineet Goyal, who was with the CM when she met the doctor's

family, expressed confidence that the probe will be wrapped up "in the next four-five days". "We can make more arrests if needed and, even after that if the family is not satisfied (with the probe), whatever Madam (Mamata) has said will happen," Goyal said.

Mamata sought to underscore the message that govt had acted promptly. "RG Kar principal has resigned. We have removed the MS-cum-vice-principal and department head (chest medicine) as well as the assistant commissioner of police," she said.

Cops to quiz official who called woman's kin, said it was suicide

Dwaipayan Ghosh @timesofindia.com

Kolkata: Kolkata Police have summoned Tuesday an assistant superintendent of RG Kar Hospital who had allegedly called the slain PG trainee doctor's family and informed them that their daughter "died by suicide".

The doctor's father said on Sunday that the assistant superintendent of the chest medicine wing was the first to call them on Aug 9, the day the doctor was found dead.

The family had also claimed that their 31-year-old daughter had been under "mental pressure" and that they suspected an "insider role". So far, a Kolkata Police volunteer, Sanjay Roy (35), has been arrested in the case. On Monday, the probe was expanded to include hospital staff and doctors with police sources saying over 60 people had been questioned so far.

Seven doctors — four among them who had dined with the victim a little after Thursday-Friday midnight — have recorded their statements with police on Monday. The food delivery boy who had served them dinner



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will also be questioned.

SIT probing the case will go through all of last month's footage from the chest medicine department and call record dump to ascertain if the victim ever had a spat or argument with her colleagues, including doctors, nurses, interns and other staff. Most importantly, everyone from the administration will be examined, said a senior SIT officer.

The SIT itself has been expanded from seven officers to 13 in line with a Sunday deadline set by CM Mamata Banerjee to wrap up the probe. Police will also record statements of cops and civic volun-

teers on duty at that time.

As the investigations widened, it emerged that Roy, the arrested civic volunteer, faced multiple allegations, ranging from extortion, intimidation and even threatening women.

An internal inquiry also found that Roy used to get 5 litres of diesel free daily to use a police motorcycle for personal work. The motorcycle was seized Monday. Civic volunteers help cops in non-law enforcement roles and, while they are paid by the state, they are not officially part of the force. Despite this, Roy was reported to be involved in police transfers.

AIIMS-Delhi sees 35% fall in admissions

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A spokesperson of Federation of All India Medical Association (Faima) told TOI that more hospitals are likely to join the protests and suspend OPD and elective surgeries from Tuesday.

"Resident doctors from Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, Jharkhand and Gujarat, among others, will join the protest from Tuesday," said Faima founder Dr Manish Jangra.

Dr Jangra said the RG Kar incident is horrifying and as dastardly as the Nirbhaya incident of 2012. "We will continue our protests and escalate it further if an independent inquiry, preferably by CBI, and law to make hospital campuses more secure isn't ensured," the Faima founder said.

Meanwhile, hospitals said they are preparing plans to ensure patient services are minimally affected by the strike. The administration of AIIMS Delhi, which saw nearly 80% reduction in elective surgeries and 35% fall in admissions on Monday,

said it has prepared a contingency plan to ensure critical and other patient care services do not get affected. Delhi's RML Hospital, another central govt-run facility, also issued an order asking all HODs to submit an action plan in view of the strike by its resident doctors' association so that patient-care is minimally disrupted.

In Kolkata, the strike by junior doctors continued to affect functioning of govt hospitals across city, causing significant disruptions to patient care. There seems to be no immediate relief for patients in sight as governing bodies of all state medical colleges, who met at the R G Kar campus on Monday, decided to carry on with the agitation.

According to Federation of Resident Doctors Association (Forda), during the indefinite strike, all OPDs and operation theatres will remain shut and ward duties will not be provided. Emergency services, however, will continue to operate as usual, it added.

In Uttar Pradesh, protests were held at King George's Medical University, Kalyan

Singh Super Speciality Cancer Institute, and Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences. Tying black ribbons on their hands and holding placards, the protesting doctors demanded a thorough probe and security for medical staff in hospitals. Protests were also held in Maharan Laxmibai Medical College, UP University of Medical Sciences (Saifai), SN Medical College (Agra) and a hospital in Kanpur.

Maharashtra State Association of Resident Doctors announced a statewide strike starting Tuesday, halting all services except emergency care. In a statement, it said authorities must speed up formation of an expert committee for implementation of Central Healthcare Protection Act, improve security measures, including deployment of fully-functional CCTVs and well-equipped guards for better safety of healthcare workers, apart from providing quality hostels and proper on-call rooms for resident doctors.

In Chandigarh, over 100 elective surgeries were halted and OPD services were im-

pacted as resident doctors at PGIMER went on an indefinite strike. GMCH, Chandigarh doctors are set to join the strike from Tuesday.

Resident doctors in Jammu staged a peaceful protest, suspending their regular work to demand justice. Doctors in several other states, including Kerala, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Telangana, also joined the strike.

Meanwhile, Indian Medical Association has shot off a letter to Union health minister J P Nadda seeking urgent action to make hospital premises safe. It said hospitals across country should be declared as safe zones, just like airports. All major govt and private hospitals should have police camps and adequate security personnel, it added.

"We can never fathom out why our airports are safe zones with three-layer security while hospitals are given a pause. Neither do we understand why violence on airline staff and their work disruptions deserve special legislation while doctors and hospitals are expected to fend for themselves," IMA stated.

RG Kar principal quits, gets new posting in 4 hours

Sumati Yengkhom @timesofindia.com

Kolkata: Sandip Ghosh, principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, resigned Monday after three days of protests by junior doctors and students accusing him of covering up the rape-murder of a trainee doctor at the institution. However, Ghosh was reassigned as principal of Calcutta National Medical College (CNMC) within four hours of his resignation, sparking further unrest among students.

Suhritra Paul, ex-vice chancellor of West Bengal University of Health Sciences, was appointed as new principal of RG Kar. Paul had been serving as an OSD at Swasthya Bhawan. "My resignation was desired by students. I hope students & junior doctors will now return to work," Ghosh said, announcing his resignation. "I am also resigning from my professorship. I am leaving my govt job," he said. However, sources in Bengal health department said efforts were made until the last minute to keep Ghosh in his position. His resignation from medical education service was ultimately not ac-

TMC protecting main culprit: BJP

BJP on Monday demanded CBI inquiry into rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata, alleging that TMC is hindering probes to protect the "real culprit". Union minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, "Safety of students in Bengal is under question. Bengal has to take action against culprits." Party co-in-charge for Bengal Amit Malviya said in a video, "an intern is heard saying the principal is covering up to protect the real culprit, who has strong political ties". TNN

cepted, and by evening, he was appointed principal of CNMC, replacing Ajay Ray, who was reassigned as an OSD at Swasthya Bhawan. Protests against Ghosh began Friday, with students and junior doctors demanding his immediate removal. They insisted that he not be given any administrative role in any medical college. On Monday, Federation of Resident Doctors' Association called a nationwide strike, demanding improved security in public hospitals and a central agency investigation into the RG Kar crime.

SC dismisses ED plea challenging Bom HC order in NDTV case

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday dismissed ED's plea challenging a Bombay HC order that allowed NDTV to pursue compounding proceedings for alleged violations of FEMA before RBI. A bench of Justice Abhay Oka and Justice Augustine George Masih said that there was no need to interfere with the high court order, which had allowed the compounding application to be decided in accordance with the law. Compounding refers to the process of voluntarily admitting the contravention, pleading guilty & seeking redressal.

SC said that there was no need to interfere with the high court order, which had allowed the compounding application to be decided in accordance with the law

Bombay HC, in its 2018 order, set aside objections raised to the compounding proceedings by ED, which had earlier flagged the alleged FEMA violations and issued showcause notices to NDTV.

In Nov 2015, ED issued show-cause notices to the news organisation for allegedly flouting foreign exchange regulations while availing of overseas and foreign direct investment facilities to the tune of over Rs 2,000 crore. In March 2016, NDTV filed an application with RBI for compounding of the contraventions alleged in the showcause notices. TNN

'Mothermonials': Going Beyond Fair and Tall

Yashaswini Sri @timesofindia.com

In a refreshing twist on traditional matrimonial ads, the "Mothermonials" initiative launched on July 28, has sparked a wave of heartwarming stories that celebrate brides for their authentic selves. This AI-powered platform encourages mothers and families to craft personalised ads that go beyond superficial attributes, focusing instead on personalities, achievements, and ambitions.

The response has been overwhelming, with thousands of testimonies/entries flooding the website. These ads stand out for their creativity and honesty, offering a glimpse into the true essence of the women they describe.

Take Nikki Dimri's family, who playfully warns: "This ad may cause uncontrollable laughter and spontaneous adventure! Meet Nikki Dimri — a humble do-gooder with a heart for animals and a knack for baking. A stargazing daydreamer who excels at bargains, she'll charm you with her free spirit & captivating stories."

Pallavi Mehta, 20, says:

You guys know me as an actor, mother, author and fitness enthusiast. Imagine if people saw me as 5'3" fair woman? It reduces my achievements and hobbies to height, weight & colour. It would be such a massive blow to my confidence. This is what every woman is going through. All thanks to the matrimonial ads that only look at women through these superficial beauty tests.

We've climbed Mt Everest, sent Chandrayaan to Moon and even have apps to remind us to drink water. So much has changed over the years and yet the matrimonial ads and this marriage biodata still remain the same. If the questions are not changing, why not change the answers.

"Can you handle a loving leader laced with quirky naps? Here's Pallavi Mehta: a vibrant animal lover whose photography captures moments better than a cat in a lamp. This pottery whiz offers warm hugs, tech-savvy investor insights, and creativity lent with laughter!"

Suman Soni, 52, addressing her daughter's prospective partners, says: "Do you thrive on spontaneity and Excel spreadsheets? Suman Soni is your ideal backup dancer. A daydreaming perfectionist who gardens like a boss and games with joy."

These entries encourage matchmakers and suitors to look beyond outdated norms and embrace

the quirks and passions that truly define a person. Mothers, once pressured to conform to societal expectations, are now taking a bold stand for their daughters' individuality.

A survey conducted by Dove in association with TOI reveals that despite changing times, traditional ideals still hold sway with men, when it comes to choosing a life partner. The survey, which gathered responses from 5,766 men, found that: 76.7% consider height an important factor; 76% are drawn to a potential partner's complexion; only 18.6% value shared hobbies and just

Looking for a fair tall girl with an ideal weight of 64 kg: That was not a casting call for a production house but a matrimonial ad in a newspaper. It is unbelievable, yet it is still happening right in front of us to all the women we know and love. Let us not turn a blind eye to these beauty tests.

22.4% look for common values. These findings highlight the ongoing tension between progressive initiatives like "Mothermonials" and lingering societal norms. "Mothermonials", an initiative of Dove in association with TOI has captured the hearts of mothers and daughters across India.

India, Sri Lanka kick off 10th edition of 'Mitra Shakti' combat exercise

New Delhi: India and Sri Lanka on Monday kicked off their bilateral combat exercise 'Mitra Shakti' at Sri Lankan Army training school at Maduru Oya, with the aim to enhance interoperability and hone skills in counter-insurgency operations.

India is being represented by soldiers from the Rajputana Rifles in this 10th edition of the exercise, which will conclude on Aug 25. The Sri Lankan contingent, in turn, is from the Gajaba Regiment.

"The exercise will enhance the joint military capability of the two sides to undertake counter-insurgency operations in a sub-conventional scenario in a semi-urban environment," an officer said.

The tactical drills will include the response to a terrorist action, creation of a joint command post and an intelligence and surveillance centre, special helicopter operations, and small team insertions and extractions, apart from employment of drones and counter-drone systems.

"Mitra Shakti will enable the two sides to share best practices in tactics, techniques and procedures in conducting joint operations. It will facilitate developing interoperability, bonhomie and camaraderie between the two armies, enhancing bilateral defence relations and cooperation between the two countries," the officer added. TNN

Nepal to India: Won't let territory be used against neighbours

Kathmandu: The Nepali territory will not be allowed to be used for any activities against its neighbours, Nepali home minister Ramesh Lekhak said on Monday, assuring India that no such activity against the neighbouring country will be entertained by the nation.

The minister gave this assurance during his meeting with India's foreign secretary Vikram Misri, who paid a courtesy call on him to discuss matters of bilateral interest and concerns, a home ministry statement said.

"Acknowledging India as Nepal's important partner in security, infrastructure, energy, and water resources sectors, Lekhak expressed gratitude for India's contributions to enhancement of competency of Nepal's security forces and infrastructure development," the statement said.

minister said no activities against neighbouring countries would be entertained in the Nepali territory. Under-scoring the need for scaling up cooperation and collaboration between the two countries to combat cross-border crime including drug smuggling, Lekhak assured full security to Indians in Nepal.

Responding to this, the foreign secretary mentioned "support and cooperation from India for effective management of borders, combating trans-border crimes, and ensuring the security of the citizens of both countries", the statement said.

"GOI is committed to lending its support regarding strengthening Nepal's security and immigration administration," it said. Misri on Monday met his Nepalese counterpart Sewa Lamsal and others and discussed the steady growth of bilateral ties. TNN

NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tender through E-procurement System
Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the president of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
82245036	Infra Red Heating Cabinet with All Accessories as per PDF Attached specification.	1	06.09.2024

Note: 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for details. 2. No Manual offer will be entertained.
Tender Notice No.: 82245036/Med/Part-II Dated: 08.08.2024 2497/2024
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
Invitation of Tender through E-Tendering (E-procurement System)
Sr. DMM, Northern Railway, New Delhi-110001, for and on behalf of the president of India invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items.

Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
93245724A	A Supply and installation of satellite based mobile DTH auto tracking antenna (Trustat 500 or SR 1500 or similar hybrid phased array antenna) with shock Absorption Antenna base and power supply system and Antenna Set Top Box with one year subscription. Detailed specification for Satellite based mobile DTH (a) Satellite based mobile DTH auto tracking antenna (Trustat 500 or SR 1500 or similar hybrid phased array antenna) (b) Antenna Base with Shock absorption system for satellite based mobile DTH auto tracking antenna. (c) Power supply system rating 12 volts/ 15 Amps (Meanwell make or similar) (d) Set Top Box (DTH) with One year subscription.	06 No.	06.09.2024

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No.: Sr. DMM/NS/PL/93245724A/2024 Dated: 10.08.2024 2496/2024
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HARYANA STATE WAREHOUSING CORPORATION
BAY NO. 15-18, SECTOR 2, PANCHKULA (HARYANA)
E-Auction Notice
The Haryana State Warehousing Corporation has purchased 4.26 LMTs of Mustard during the Current Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2024-25 and intends to dispose of by way of e-Auction through online portal.
Interested parties are requested to please visit the URL : hswcauction.com from time to time and find out the locations of the material available for disposal and for other terms and conditions. The e-Auction will commence w.e.f. 19/08/2024.
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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
"Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease of Iron ore"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 notified thereunder, as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Goa has identified 03 (Three) Mineral Blocks of iron ore mineral for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease.

Accordingly, financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders.

Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (https://www.mstccommerce.com/auction/home/mc/in/index.jsp)

Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is Tuesday, September 24, 2024 or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time) and the last date for submission of the bid is Friday, October 04, 2024 or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time).

Sr. No.	Name of the Block	Mineral	District	#Price of Tender Document
1	Block X-Onda Mineral Block	Iron Ore	North Goa	5,00,000.00
2	Block XI- Curpem- Sulcorna Mineral Block	Iron Ore	South Goa	5,00,000.00
3	Block XII- Codli Mineral Block	Iron Ore	South Goa	5,00,000.00

The price of Tender Document for mineral block is exclusive of GST, GST is payable under Reverse Charge Mechanism. DI/ADVT/609/2024



A thought for today

I have to do what's right for me & focus on my mental health...not jeopardise my health & well-being. That's why I decided to take a step back

SIMONE BILES (TOKYO 2020)

Factor Of Four

Maharashtra heads for polls with all players battling questions. But the test is sharper for regional parties

The soon-to-be-held state elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and likely J&K, will witness cut-throat contests no less brutal than Lok Sabha fights. Lok Sabha results were a timely reminder to the political class that no party can bank on past performance and no party, in today's multi-party reality, can fight alone at the national level. State-level issues dominated both campaign and candidate performance. The upshot is, ahead of assembly elections, particularly in Maharashtra, where the stakes are the highest for all parties involved, especially the four regional ones (two Senas, two NCPs), much of everything has muchly been said.

Tricky lotus lines | For BJP, as the single party that is in office in Haryana and majority player in Maharashtra, the stakes are high not only as incumbent, but also in how the party is perceived after the knock it took in LS polls. In Maharashtra, how Mahayuti (Shinde Sena, BJP and NCP), in office, emerged from LS polls is notable. CM Shinde, who lacks a statewide presence, viewed his haul of 6 of 15 seats contested as victory, while Fadnavis, under whom BJP won 9 of 28 seats it contested, offered to resign over the party's tally. Perennial deputy CM Ajit Pawar, who recently lamented over missing out on CM-ship, holds his not being made CM as the factor responsible for his inability to rally all of NCP to his side.



Where's what matters | As Pawar Jr paddles furiously to line up his ducks in a row, the change in balance of power post LS has all three Mahayuti parties claiming credit for a slew of pre-poll measures - dole for men and women, free this and that. There's little, so far, by way of addressing Maharashtra's severe rural crisis, the Maratha quota mess or the jobs question.

Vague party lines | Whether opposition MVA (UBT-Sena, Congress, NCP-SP) will be able to carry to the assembly election gains of its LS performance is also iffy. Congress suffered a jolt when its MLAs cross-voted in biennial polls to 11 seats of the legislative council. Uddhav is yet to articulate his own brand of Sena politics that's removed from Shinde's. Sharad Pawar is reeling in MLAs from nephew's NCP, but not everyone's taking the bait. The drama of party lines and party loyalties remains unresolved for both Senas and NCPs. The Maharashtra contest will be as fascinating as its impact on national politics.

Mind & Body

Elite athletes' mental health deserves more attention than it gets. Paris Olympics was a reminder

With curtains coming down on the Paris Olympics, there's much analysis about the performance of Indian athletes. But one aspect of the Games that has changed over the years is the extreme scrutiny of athletes via social media. India's Avinash Sable, who represented the country in the 3000m steeplechase at Paris, recently highlighted social media abuse as having a big impact on athletes' well-being.

All in the mind | Being a high-performance athlete requires considerable mental fortitude. But the mental health aspect of sports is only just getting recognised. The issue came to prominence at the Tokyo Games when US champion gymnast Simone Biles pulled out of multiple events citing a case of 'twisties' - a temporary loss of spatial awareness. For Paris, a psychiatrist and a sports psychologist accompanied the Indian Olympic contingent for the very first time.

Not just about performance | While sports psychologists have been part of training of elite athletes for a while, the focus till now has been on performance enhancement. It's only after the pandemic-hit Tokyo Games that overall mental well-being of athletes became a priority. Plus, stereotypes about that elite athletes aren't supposed to show 'weakness'. Which is why it was refreshing to see Viktor Axelsen, the men's badminton gold medallist at Paris, get emotional and say, "If men cannot cry, what kind of world do we live in?"

The human touch | Just as social-media trolling won't end, athletes too will continue to get impacted by cyber-chatter. Australia's female break-dancer Rachael Gunn was the target of internet mockery over her Paris performance. While she has strongly defended herself, others can easily break. English cricketer Jonathan Trott stepped away from the game over mental health. Another former English batsman Graham Thorpe recently took his own life after struggling with depression. Elite athletes need much more systemic support to ensure their mental well-being.



Bestsellers by machine

So wrote Dahl 70 years ago, so it's happening now

Anupam Srivastava



As redundancy caused by artificial intelligence stares in the face of humanity, the first ones to go will be writers. They deserve this fate, along with their readers.

Roald Dahl's short story, *The Great Automatic Grammatizator*, heralded the end of original writing 70 years ago. In it, books written by a machine became a roaring success even if some were of 'poor quality and not 'respectable'. In the real world, success is all the respect that one needs. The one who wields the power of the pen is not the writer. The columns belong to celebrities and 'important people', with the pieces often written by 'ghostwriters' who are banished to a state of non-existence by the powerful. The bylines are fake, and as hollow as the angst the 'authors' claim to possess and display like their designer clothes.

A visit to the bookstore would further confirm the demise of original writing. The writers 'are departed', and have 'left no addresses', to rephrase Elliot. Beneath fancy covers lie words that are cliched, the turns of phrase forced and insufficient to breathe life into dead prose. Even poetry as *vers libre* is a heap of broken sentences without rhythm or rhyme and indistinguishable from the mass of words littered in the literary purgatory. Plagiarists continue to thrive and, when caught, claim they were 'inspired', while editors reject great books that are sent to them.

The final actors in this tragic drama are readers - essentially OTT devotees who sometimes pick up a book when they cannot watch their favourite show. They are decision-making gods who dip into gossipy tales to keep up, take a break, or turn pages without reading, like lip-syncing singers who hide behind smoke jets, flames and other special effects to remain undisclosed to their audience.

It will be a nemesis of sorts for the world to lose its ability to create original writing since it has disrespected writers and artists for so long. Like everything beautiful, writing must die and be replaced by synthetic and perfect prose and poetry so well that few would notice the difference. In a utilitarian world, the purpose of writing is to inform and self-project, not awaken, reveal, or rouse. AI will take this vestigial aspect of writing out and make it fit for our times.

US Recession? Good News For India

If Fed starts cutting rates, it will increase room for rate cuts here, which are necessary because our economy is still more than a year behind where it would have been if not for the pandemic

Neelkanth Mishra



Over the past two years, consensus on US economy had shifted from anticipating a 'hard landing' (that is, a recession) to a 'soft landing': that inflation would be contained without much of a growth sacrifice. Some observers hailed this as 'immaculate disinflation'.

This has been challenged by recent economic data. Despite a slight fall, unemployment claims are well above the lows of Jan, and new job openings have slowed. In July, the unemployment rate rose to 4.3%, the highest in 3 years, and the ISM manufacturing PMI, an important bellwether, fell to a 9-month low, to a level rarely seen outside recessions.

Recession fears are back: Google Trends shows searches for 'recession' in US are up 9 times since mid-July to the highest in 2 years. A large part of the jump in stock-market volatility can be attributed to other factors, like some unwinding of the Yen carry trade, but recession fears have played a major role. Market expectations of rate cuts by the US Fed have risen significantly, as many believe these will be necessary to moderate the economic slowdown.

In particular, July's labour data triggered the 'Sahm Rule'. Discovered by Claudia Sahm, a former Fed economist, this rule states that a recession is probably underway if the average unemployment rate over the past 3 months has risen by half a percent from its low point over the previous 12 months.

The underlying logic is simple - when unemployment rises by this quantum, it triggers a self-reinforcing cycle; it hurts incomes and therefore consumption, triggering more layoffs, and so on. Over the past half-century, this rule would have correctly predicted all US recessions.

At first glance, such fears seem premature. US economy is slowing but is far from recessionary. It is the only large economy where GDP is above its pre-pandemic path. Nowcast estimates for this quarter's GDP growth in US economy were recently raised to 2.9%, from 2.6% earlier. Consumption remains steady, wage growth on average is above inflation, home prices are still rising, and layoffs have not started yet.

Even after the increase in July, the unemployment rate is still below 'normal'. Further, a large part of the

rise in unemployment has been due to more people joining the workforce (including due to a rise in immigration), with the labour force participation rate the highest this century.

But much of that is backward-looking, and financial markets tend to price in recessions or recoveries several months before they appear. Let alone 'nowcast' estimates, built on a relatively narrow set of

significant part of the growth surprise over the past two years was due to an expansion in the federal fiscal deficit. An increase in fiscal deficit boosts growth, a falling fiscal deficit is a drag on growth, and high but unchanged deficits have no impact on growth.

The fiscal impulse in US was a strong 5% of GDP around this time last year. As the deficit could not rise further, this impulse has slowed sharply to nearly zero this quarter and is likely to be in negative territory in the next few months.

Over the past two years, the pain from higher interest rates in US had been offset by the rise in fiscal deficits. Even if the deficit does not shrink to sustainable levels immediately, the absence of a positive impulse is likely to show up in weaker growth.

For example, a guinea pig (economy) that gets a growth inhibiting injection (higher interest rates) but also a growth enhancing injection (higher fiscal deficit) may not see a change in growth. But when growth boosters are stopped, its growth would slow down.

The Fed is now likely to start cutting interest rates, but a complete rate normalisation will take several quarters at least, and the impact of cuts appears with long and variable lags. Separately, as US fiscal deficits were 'pro-cyclical' (high deficits when growth was already strong), slowing growth would push deficits higher, and thus, despite the Fed's rate cuts, yields on US gov bonds and the cost of borrowing may not fall as much.

In our view, a growth slowdown is likely, but it is too early to call for a precipitous decline. The slowdown should be orderly if monetary easing can reduce the risk of accidents in financial markets. Volatility in the markets, though, is likely to remain elevated, as growth expectations are recalibrated, and upgrades to US growth forecasts are replaced by downgrades.

A US slowdown would affect the Indian economy too, through weaker exports. However, if there are no accidents in financial markets, easier global financial conditions, as the Fed cuts rates and potentially restarts quantitative easing, should provide Indian policymakers room to ease policy. This is necessary because despite strong growth, India's economy is still more than a year behind where it would have been if not for the pandemic.

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Volatility in the markets is likely to remain elevated, as growth expectations are recalibrated, upgrades to US growth forecasts are replaced by downgrades

indicators, even reported quarterly GDP growth can see significant revisions. The first estimate for the March 2001 quarter, for example, showed 2.0% growth, but the final one a 1.3% decline, showing that it was the first quarter of a recession.

Such large revisions are not normal, but some cooling of the economy is to be expected. In our view, a

The Kolkata Horror: How Unsafe Are Our Hospitals

A doctor's rape-murder has led to calls for a central law to protect health workers. Many states already have a stringent law in place. And absent in this conversation is the risk faced by women patients

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The rape and murder of a resident doctor, in Kolkata, has put the spotlight on the safety of women in hospitals. Doctors are now protesting across India, asking for a central law to protect healthcare workers, citing rising attacks. However, is it the lack of a specific law that is responsible for attacks on health workers and healthcare facilities?

The petition being circulated by protesting doctors provides an insight into why a law alone might not provide the necessary safety. It cites the case of a nurse who was attacked in Surat, in March 2022, by an emergency ward patient with an iron table and had to get three stitches. "The nurse filed an FIR and the person was booked under the Indian Penal Code 332. But there is no further information on any action taken by the hospital or by the police," states the petition.

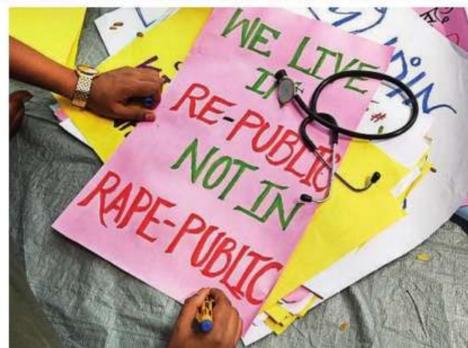
If convicted under IPC 332, which deals with violence causing hurt to a public servant from his/her duty, the punishment is imprisonment up to three years and/or fine. It is a cognizable offence, which means the accused can be arrested without a warrant. It is non-bailable and it is non-compoundable (a provision usually applied for heinous crimes), which means that court proceedings will continue even if the victim and the accused reach a settlement privately.

Thus, the law applied was strong. That there was no further info on action taken suggests either inadequate follow-up by the hospital or the usual tardiness of the justice system. Both these problems would persist even with a new central law, as the difficulty seems to be with implementation more than the law itself.

A majority of states have already adopted a law - Medicare Service Persons And Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of violence and damage/loss to property) Act - that punishes violent perpetrators,

with some variations. However, research has shown that even in these states less than 10% of cases pursued under this law reached the court after charges were filed. Would a new law change this?

While the petition talks about safety for all health workers, there isn't a fraction of the outrage against the horror at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital when such attacks target nurses or lower-level hospital staff. There have been several horrific incidents of rape and murder of nurses where the fight for justice has



been left to their families.

In the health system, female nurses are the most vulnerable. They are subject to verbal, physical and sexual abuse by everyone from co-workers to patients and their attendants. They have no special law to protect them. They only have recourse to the general laws protecting all women in the workplace.

Consider a further twist. In four out of five cases of sexual assault in hospitals reported in 2024, the victims were female patients. In the last 10 years, there have been almost two dozen cases reported from

across India of female patients being sexually assaulted in hospitals. Do patients have recourse to a special law to protect them from violence inside the health system?

Is there a special law to protect women subjected to obstetric violence, which includes abusing and slapping a woman in labour, the prevalence of which most doctors would attest to? Is there a special law to protect patients and their families from the financial assault of being overcharged? There isn't. They use the same sections of the law as available to the general population to seek justice within the same sluggish justice system that health workers struggle with.

Patients are probably the least empowered in a health system and they do not have an organised group to protest on their behalf. No lobby has taken to the streets for patients' safety or basic rights. There are plenty of studies on the violence faced by health workers, but hardly any on the violence patients face, often by those supposed to care for them. This asymmetry has a significant effect on the sense of victimhood among health personnel, deflecting it from systemic ills.

Violence against health workers has been documented globally and it is estimated that the likelihood of assaults against health workers is four times greater than that against professionals in general workplaces. Has there been a similar study on whether patients seeking healthcare are more likely to face violence than consumers of any other service? Is there a more vulnerable category in the health system or in any service delivery system than sick patients and their families?

Studies addressing violence in health facilities have identified several risk factors, including understaffed emergency departments, lengthy waiting times for patients, poor quality of healthcare services and of communication. While these factors increase the risk of violence for health workers, they could mean risk of much suffering or even death for patients.

Calvin & Hobbes

HOW MANY BOARDS WOULD THE MONGOLS HOARD, IF THE MONGOL HORDES GOT BORED?



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The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities.

Ayn Rand

Meditation Is All About Dedication And Diligence

Sant Rajinder Singh

People from all parts of the world practise meditation to realise its physical, mental, and emotional benefits. Doctors advise their patients to meditate to help them deal with many physical ailments. Research has shown the role of meditation in slowing down brain waves, which makes us feel calmer and helps with many stress-related illnesses. Meditation involves focusing our attention, which helps with concentration and thus increases our productivity and efficiency in all spheres of life. Many people meditate for emotional gains so they can improve their relationships. We focus on these physical, mental and emotional gains because living at the level of our physical senses, we take ourselves to be our body, mind and emotions.

There is another reason for which we should meditate, and that is for spiritual gains. This is because our true nature is spirit, and the spirit, being a part of God, is everlasting. Thus, any gains experienced at the spiritual level are also everlasting. As such, it is our soul that we should focus on nourishing while we are in this body. We should meditate to realise our true nature and discover our relationship with the Creator. Meditation is a simple process for which we sit still and concentrate within to experience inner treasures. There is a typical problem that people throughout the world have while trying to meditate. That is: how to keep one's attention in meditation without being distracted by thoughts?

Our minds are active and restless and do not like to be still to focus on the wonders within. Distractions from the mind include trying to tell us we have more important things to do than to meditate, engaging us in anger, lust, greed, attachment, and ego through its need to fulfil desires, or making us dwell on the past or anticipate the future.

There are two switches for our attention: one is the switch to be attuned to our soul and the other is to be attuned to our mind. The solution for the thoughts that the mind sends us is to be able to separate what thoughts are of God and the soul, and what thoughts are of the mind. We need to learn to be vigilant when the mind is pulling a trick to distract our attention either in meditation or throughout our day.

When we have a goal that we really want to attain, nothing can stop us from trying to achieve it. Whether we want to win at sports, reach our financial goals, lose weight, or improve our relationships, we spend time working to achieve success. We put in the time and effort. It is the same with meditation. We have within us a gateway to peace, joy, and happiness. However, to access these treasures we need to meditate, by sitting in silence and staying focused to enjoy them.

We need to set our priorities. When we want to study for an exam, we set aside time and focus only on that. Similarly, when we set a time for our meditation, we focus only on meditation for that period. We then allot time for other activities through the rest of the day. This helps us preserve our meditation time only for that purpose.



THE SPEAKING TREE

Qatar Uses Most Energy Per Capita

Qatar had the highest per capita energy consumption in 2023 at 817GJ. Almost all of the country's energy consumption is derived from natural gas, of which the country has abundant reserves

Source: Visual Capitalist

Top Energy Consumers (gigajoules per capita)

817
Qatar

603
Iceland

577
Singapore

539
UAE

India's Per Capita Consumption Is Just 10% Of That Of The US

277
US

120
China

27
India



Net direct tax collection grows 23% to ₹6.9L cr

New Delhi: Net direct tax collection grew 22.5% to about Rs 6.9 lakh crore as of August 11 this fiscal, driven by personal income tax mop-up, govt data showed on Monday. The mop-up includes personal income tax collection of Rs 4.5 lakh crore and corporate tax collection of Rs 2.2 lakh crore. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) fetched Rs 21,599 crore, while other taxes (which include equalisation levy and gift tax) earned Rs 1,617 crore. AGENCIES



JSW Steel gets nod to invest \$120m in Oz co

New Delhi: JSW Steel said its board has approved a proposal to acquire up to 66.7% economic interest in Australian company M Res NSW HCC for \$120 million. The investment would be made through its wholly-owned subsidiary JSW Steel (Netherlands) BV. AGENCIES

Ola Elec shares surge 20% for 2nd day

Bengaluru: Ola Electric Mobility's share price rose 20% to close at Rs 109 apiece on Monday reaching the upper circuit limit for the second straight day since its public debut. The IPO was priced at Rs 76 per share. Ola Electric is expected to announce its Q1 results on Wednesday. TNN

HC doesn't admit PIL by Swamy against Axis

Mumbai: The Delhi HC has declined to admit a public interest litigation filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on the Max Life Insurance deal, Axis Bank said. The court declined to admit the PIL as it did not involve disadvantaged individuals, a key criterion. TNN

Voda Idea Q1 loss narrows to ₹6,432cr

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea on Monday said its loss for the June quarter narrowed to Rs 6,432 crore, mainly on the back of 4G subscriber additions. The telecom firm said it is in midst of expanding 4G coverage and capacity and launching 5G, after the recent fund-raise. AGENCIES

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40%

of organised milk industry's revenue in India now comes from value added products like ghee, paneer, butter, curd, ice cream, cheese, yoghurt and whey

Tighter norms for deposit-taking HFCs

Mumbai: RBI has tightened norms for deposit-taking housing finance companies and brought them on a par with non-banking finance companies. The new norms increase liquidity requirements, restrict deposit mobilisation based on credit rating and restrict branch opening. The revised rules also now allow HFCs to participate in derivatives pertaining to interest rate, currencies, and credit risks. RBI had begun the process of harmonising regulations of HFCs and NBFCs in 2020 and had said that it would progress in a phased manner to avoid disruption.

Retail inflation falls to near 5-year low of 3.5% in July

At 4.2%, Industrial Output Growth Slows To 5-Mth Low In June

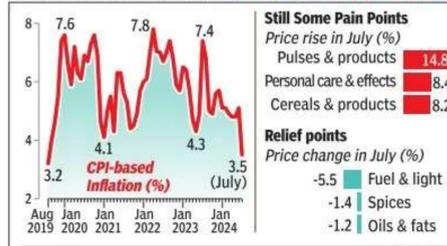
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New Delhi: Retail inflation softened to a near 5-year low in July, led by a moderation in vegetables, fruits and spices and the impact of a statistical high-base effect, bringing much-needed relief from the stubborn price pressures witnessed in the past few months and triggered hopes of a cut in interest rates in the second half of the fiscal year.

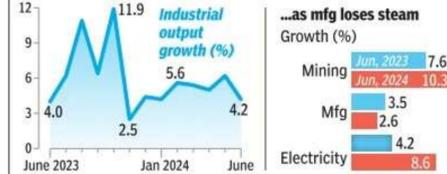
Separate data showed industrial output growth, as measured by Index of Industrial Production (IIP), moderated to a five-month low of 4.2% in June from the seven-month high of 6.2% as manufacturing sector slowed, while mining recorded a double digit expansion during the month.

The retail inflation data, which was released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday, brought some cheer as price pressures appeared to have eased. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), slowed to a 59-month low of 3.5%, lower than the 5.1% in June and below the 7.4% recorded in July

Retail Inflation In RBI's Comfort Zone



Industrial output growth (%) moderates in June...



last year. Rural inflation was at 4.1%, while urban was at nearly 3%. The food price index was at 5.4%, lower than the 9.4% in June.

The food and beverages inflation moderated to a 13-

month low of 5.1% after remaining above the 7% mark for the past eight months. The key driver of the easing was vegetable inflation, which softened to 6.8% in July from 30% in June, but month-on-month vegetab-

le prices rose.

"Aided by pick-up in rainfall since early-July 2024, the cumulative sowing of kharif crops exceeded the year-ago level by 1.4% as on Aug 12, 2024. The IMD's expectations of above normal rainfall during Aug-Sept, amidst the likely development of La Nina conditions at end-Aug 2024, augurs well for kharif crops, although we remain watchful of the episodes of heavy rainfall and flooding across some states that could harm the standing crops and impact perishable prices during this period," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ratings agency ICRA.

She said that with all of the 22 essential commodities reporting an easing in their year-on-year inflation rates till Aug 10, as per the department of consumer affairs data relative to July 2024, the food and beverages inflation print should ease further in the ongoing month, dampening the headline retail inflation to 3.4% in Aug 2024. "Nevertheless, the trajectory of perishable prices remains a key monitorable in the near-term," said Nayar.

Sensex shrugs off H'burg charge, Adani stocks dip

Selling in Adani Group Cos Not As Sharp As During Jan-Feb 2023 After First Report

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Mumbai: In volatile trades on Monday, the sensex closed a marginal 57-point lower at 79,649 points as investors on Dalal Street mostly discounted US short-seller Hindenburg Research's report that alleged conflict of interest on part of Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch while investigating alleged wrongdoings by Adani Group.

While the latest Hindenburg report didn't have much impact on the broader market, stock prices of some of Adani Group companies witnessed selling on Monday. However, the selling was not as sharp as during Jan-Feb 2023, after the publication of Hindenburg's first report that had alleged serious corporate malfeasance against Adani Group, which the it has denied.

After Hindenburg released its report on Saturday, there was apprehension among investors that the market may react negatively to the report, just like it had done when the first report was published in Jan 2023. However, as some market veterans had reasoned that Hindenburg's second report had no surprise element and hence unlikely to impact investor

sentiment, the markets, after a negative start in the new week, recovered quickly. According to Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services, the market's initial trajectory "was eclipsed" by the contro-

Nair said that there are some upside risks to the market, "given firm oil prices and volatility in food inflation". Market players don't see any negative fallout from the Hindenburg report.

Group Mcap Down ₹20K Cr To Under ₹17L Cr

FMCG Co's Stock Falls Most, Ports Biz Mcap Takes Biggest Hit

	Market cap (₹ cr)	Mcap change (₹ cr)	% change
Adani Ports	3.25L	-6,696	-2
Adani Energy	1.19L	-4,562	-3.7
Adani Ent.	3.59L	-3,967	-1.1
Adani Total Gas	92k	-3,849	-4
Adani Wilmar	48k	-2,073	-4.1
Adani Power	2.66L	-1,755	-0.7
ACC	43k	-683	-1.5
Sanghi Ind.	2,329	-51	-2.1
NDTV	1,308	-42	-3.1
Ambuja	1.57L	862	0.6
Adani Green	2.85L	3,152	1.1

versy generated by Hindenburg's report on Sebi chairperson. "However, the market tried to ignore these noises, taking positive cues from global markets. Moreover, the domestic market is anticipating ease in CPI inflation (came in at a multi-month low after markets closed), which is going to be further supported by a good monsoon."

On Monday, foreign funds were big sellers with a net outflow figure of Rs 4,681 crore, BSE data showed. However, domestic funds were aggressive buyers and recorded a net inflow of Rs 4,478 crore.

On Monday, Adani Wilmar was the worst hit and closed 4.1% down, while flagship Adani Enterprises ended 1.1% lower (see graphic).

Sundram Fasteners's chairman's daughter to trim holding co stake

Preethi Krishna's Move Seen As Step Towards Exiting Family Biz

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Mumbai: Sundram Fasteners's chairman Suresh Krishna's eldest daughter, Preethi Krishna, is planning to sell a part of her stake in the holding company of the auto components maker. The move by US-based Preethi (59), a fourth-gen member of the storied TV Sundram Iyengar clan, is being seen as a step towards exiting the family business.

Preethi's share will be bought by her father, mother Usha Krishna, and two sisters — Arathi Krishna and Arundathi Krishna — consolidating their interests in the holding company: TVS Sundram Fasteners. To finance the transaction, the four will sell Sundram Fasteners shares worth Rs 400 crore to institutional investors

like West Asian funds.

Once the share-purchase transaction is concluded, Preethi's stake in the holding company will fall to 14-15% from 20%. Suresh, Usha, Arat-

Preethi's share will be bought by her father, mother and two sisters

hi and Arundathi too currently own 20% each in the holding company, which in turn holds 48% of Sundram Fasteners, which has a market value of Rs 28,000 crore.

Sources said the four family members through TVS Sundram Fasteners will sell 1.5% stake of Sundram Fasteners via a block deal to foreign investors for Rs 400 crore. The share-sale is to finance another transaction between them and Preethi at TVS Sundram Fasteners,

they added. The quartet will buy a part of Preethi's stake in the holding company as she wants to reduce her interest in the unit.

Though Preethi is a director of Sundram Fasteners, she doesn't play an active role in the operations of the Chennai-based company as compared to her two sisters. Arathi (55) is the MD of Sundram Fasteners while Arundathi (50) is the joint MD.

Preethi is settled in the US and her 20% stake in TVS Sundram Fasteners is held through a trust, which is controlled by her husband, Ram Sundaram, a former Goldman Sachs honcho. Emails sent to Ram Sundaram and Suresh Krishna didn't elicit any reply.

At one point in time, Sundram Fasteners was part of the undivided TVS Group. Now the south-based conglom-

erate's diverse units are run by different family members as part of the business separation agreement between them. For instance, Suresh's first cousin Venu Srinivasan controls TVS Motor and Sundaram Clayton.

In a common holding company, which in turn holds a listed entity, the exit of a particular family member becomes tricky as it cannot happen without the consent of all the other shareholders of the holding company. This imposes liquidity concerns for the seller-shareholder, said a lawyer. However, the upside is that the entire shareholding is consolidated in the holding company and therefore, voting rights with respect to the listed entity can be exercised by one common shareholder i.e. the holding company, he said.

Higher returns & secrecy draw rich to offshore funds

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On Aug 10, US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research released a report that said Sebi chairman Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval had investments in offshore investment funds which were used by Vinod Adani, brother of billionaire Gautam Adani, to invest in



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TOI Explains

Adani Group's stocks. Here's an explainer on offshore funds, their structure and tax implications: **What's an offshore fund?** An offshore fund is like a mutual fund that collects money from people and invests the same abroad. Most Indians invest in offshore funds that are based in Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Cyprus, which offer huge advantages. Some funds are also based in finance hubs like Singapore and Mauritius.

Why invest in such funds? These funds offer better returns than traditional invest-

ments, and diversification across asset classes and geographies. Tax havens also provide a high level of secrecy of investments and investors.

How do Indians invest?

There are specialised fund houses and wealth managers who help rich Indians invest in such funds. There is no minimum investment amount but usually, each person needs to invest at least \$100,000 in these funds. A resident Indian can invest up to \$250,000 per person per annum through RBI's liberalised remittance scheme route. An NRI can invest money from abroad without any limit.

What are the fees like?

Most offshore funds charge fees in the 2-20 or similar models. This has two parts. The initial charge is 2% of the va-

lue of the assets on an annual basis. Then comes the 20% carry. Here, say the fund says it would generate an annual return of 10%. Anything above that 10% rate of return, 20% of that would be charged by the offshore fund, while the balance would remain with the investor. While the 2% annual fee is an industry standard, the 20% carry could vary depending upon the asset class, the investment region, among other factors.

The tax implications?

It depends upon the tax status of the investor. Also, on how the returns — capital gains and/or dividend — are taxed in the hands of the investor at his place of residence.

Can an investor influence fund's decision-making?

In most pooled funds, in which there is a large number of investors, such influence is not allowed. However, such influence could be used in offshore funds that are investment holding companies in which there's only one investor who could be an individual, an institution or a family office.

CEO pay in IT zooms... at times over 1,000 times median salary

Large IT Cos, Barring IBM, Have Seen Gap Widen Over The Years

Shilpa Phadnis & Veena Mani | TNN

Bengaluru: The disparity between CEO and employee compensation in the IT industry continues to expand. Data from the past five years for select large companies shows that only IBM has seen a narrowing of the gap between CEO pay and the median employee remuneration. Accenture, Infosys, Wipro, and HCL have experienced a widening of this gap, reflecting the sharp increase in CEO compensation and particularly the value of their stock grants.

The issue has received little attention from shareholders in India. Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy has previously indicated that a fair CEO remuneration would be about 25 to 40 times that of the lowest level employee. But in his own company now, CEO Salil Parekh's compensation is nearly 700 times that of the median remuneration in the company (compared to that of the lowest level employee, it would be significantly more). And that figure has risen sharply since 2019.

Wipro has witnessed a substantial increase in the remuneration of the CEO compared to that of its employees. Former Wipro CEO Thierry Delaporte's compensation was \$20 million, which meant his salary was

DISPARITY: CEO Vs OTHER EMPLOYEES

CEO compensation as multiple of median employee remuneration	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
David Rowland (interim) / Julie Sweet, Accenture CEOs**	298	402	473	653	633	
Virginia Rometty / Arvind Krishna, IBM CEOs	319	354	347	271	312	Follows calendar year
Brian Humphries / Ravi Kumar Cognizant CEOs	514	414	575	571	556	
Rajesh Gopinathan / K Krithivasan, TCS CEOs*	262	214	326	396	427	
Salil Parekh, Infosys CEO*	396	502	689	872	627	677
Abdali Z Neemuchwala / Thierry Delaporte, Wipro CEOs*	689	495	896	1,006	916	1,702
C Vijayakumar, HCL CEO*			Data unavailable	253	707	

*Financial years / **Accenture follows Sept-Aug FY

1,702 times more than that of the median remuneration of Rs 9.8 lakh in the 2023-24 financial year.

Within a single year, the ratio between HCL CEO C Vijayakumar compensation and the median employee remuneration widened to 707 in 2023-24, from 253:1.

Accenture chief executive officer Julie Sweet's compensation in the 2023 fiscal was \$31.5 million, 633 times that of the median salary of an Accenture employee, which was \$49,842. This median salary was actually lower than the \$50,512 in the 2019 fiscal. A report by executive intelligence platform Equilar finds that the median S&P 500 (largest listed companies in the US) employee earned \$81,467 in

2023, a 5.2% increase from 2022. Due to CEO pay increasing at a higher rate than the median employee, the CEO pay ratio increased from 185 in 2022 to 196 in 2023.

The report also noted that stock awards accounted for approximately 70% of total CEO compensation in 2023. The median value of stock awards increased by 10.7% to \$9.4 million in 2023, significantly contributing to the overall rise in total compensation.

In India, disclosure of pay ratios was mandated by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) in 2014. However, the regulations do not specify a computation methodology, allowing companies to use their own discretion in arriving at these numbers. Shri-

ram Subramanian, founder and MD of proxy advisory firm InGovern Research Services, says that over the past 10-15 years, these IT services firms have become large global companies. "Hence talent at senior levels becomes benchmarked to global levels, thus ensuring compensation is also benchmarked to global levels and growing at a rate greater than the rate at which the company grows. However, since the number of entry level employees has increased significantly, the compensation at entry levels has not increased. This is the main reason why the pay ratio will keep increasing. Shareholders are more interested in CEO compensation being largely variable and linked to performance metrics."

Subramanian also noted that the Occupy Wall Street movement in the US in 2008 saw the demand for disclosure of pay ratios. "In the US, labour unions and other organisations use this data for corrective bargaining. In India these numbers have not found significance or usefulness anywhere."

Phil Fersht, chief executive officer of IT research and advisory HIS Research, says that leadership in IT services firms is increasingly becoming a critical differentiating factor, particularly at the CEO level and the CEO's direct reports.

We're long-term investors, not for quick bucks: Mittal

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Brighter future ahead and they need to be following their strategy, if I may say, even more boldly... We are not in this for making a buck or looking at stock markets up or down. We are long-term telecom investors," Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said during a call, adding that investment offered synergies. Flanked by his son Shrawin, Bharti Global MD, he pitched it as a strategic deal which was in line with strengthening India-UK ties and offered opportunities on AI, 5G and core engineering.



Once the transaction is completed, Bharti will own more stake than Deutsche Telekom's 12%. The deal follows Mexican magnate Carlos Slim's 3.2% acquisition in BT two months ago.

Despite slower growth opportunities, it marks Bharti's big foray into a developed country market with the group having so far focused on Afri-

ca, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Seychelles in addition to the home market. "Growth in Europe and the UK is bound to be much... So, growth is very small, 1-2% a year... But the revenue is pretty large, \$25 billion of current revenues, and \$10 billion in EBITDA... can we create more efficiency, can the free cash flows increase over a period of time..." he said.

Mittal said that his group zeroed in on BT from other options that were on the table and indicated that it may opt for more acquisitions in future. "We got this opportunity to buy a very important block of shares. It is very difficult to buy such stock in the market. It takes a long time and there are uncertainties of pricing... here was a block with a willing seller who moved in to make this offer and we quickly decided to take the same," he said.

Mittal said the stability in the Indian business in recent months, which came after some large investments and intense competition, had given the group "the courage to look

at the opportunity" and the Indian operations will not be impacted in any way by the investment. BT and British authorities welcomed the transaction as did Indian authorities. "...the wheel has come full circle since 1997 when British Telecom acquired a 21% stake in Bharti Airtel. This acquisition is testimony to the growing strength of India as we march towards Viksit Bharat under the inspirational leadership of PM Modi. We thank UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer and Foreign Secretary David Lammy for their continued support in strengthening business ties between the two countries," commerce & industry minister tweeted.

In the past, stake acquisition in companies such as BT has attracted security concerns in the UK and Goyal's tweet suggested that the British govt may be on board. By Mittal's own admission, the transaction marks a departure from his usual style of being "an operator". Instead, his group is not seeking a board seat, at least for the moment.



HUGH JACKMAN REVEALS HE ATE 6,000 CALORIES A DAY DURING INTENSE TRAINING FOR 'DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE'

PAMELA ANDERSON ADMITS SHE QUIT HOLLYWOOD TO DITCH PLAYBOY IMAGE: 'I'M NOT THAT PERSON ANYMORE'



Bangladesh is experiencing a student-led revolution: Yunus

Says Resignations Of Officials Close To Hasina Legal

Dhaka: Bangladesh was experiencing a "student-led revolution" after the ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina, the country's new interim leader Muhammad Yunus told a group of journalists Sunday night. "This is a revolution, a student-led revolution," the Nobel laureate told a news briefing on Sunday. "There's no doubt about (that) because the business of the whole government collapsed."

Yunus, 84, arrived back in Bangladesh from Paris Thursday after he was called by the student leaders of the protests to steer democratic reforms. "I said, 'I respect you, I admire you. What you have done is absolutely unparalleled,'" he said. "Because you ordered me to do this, I take your order," Yunus said he told them.

Yunus also said that the high-profile resignations of authorities close to Hasina are legal after student leaders who organised protests against Hasina's govt issued ultimatums for them to quit. "Legally... all the steps were taken," Yunus said. The country's chief justice, five justices and central bank governor have all resigned in the past few days.

Yunus said a key priority of the interim govt is to restore the independence of the judiciary. He called former chief justice Obaidul Hassan "just a hangman".

The interim government is expected to announce a new election, but it is not clear when it will be held. AGENCIES



Bangladeshi police resumed duty on Monday, ending a weeklong strike

Army chief: Soldiers to return to barracks as police resume work

Dhaka: Bangladesh's army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said on Monday that soldiers will return to barracks once the police resume normal operations, as he met and reviewed the security situation with the interim govt head Muhammad Yunus after police officers agreed to call off their strike and return to work.

On Monday, General Zaman said there is improvement in the law and order situation in the country. "If the situation continues to improve, all regular forces will carry out their counter-terrorism operations," he was quoted as saying by the United News of Bangladesh news agency. Underlining that 30 crimes against minority communities have been committed in 20 districts of the country, he called upon the political parties to shun violence and do politics for the people.

According to sources from the chief adviser's office, Yunus expressed his satisfaction

Interim govt chief to meet minority group heads today

Muhammad Yunus will hold a meeting with heads of the country's minority communities in Dhaka Tuesday following continuing attacks and acts of vandalism, especially against Hindus, being reported across the country. Addressing media Monday, Abul Faysz Muhammad Khalid Hossain, an Islamic scholar currently serving as the advisor for religious affairs in the interim govt, said the current establishment believes in communal harmony and condemns the attack on minorities. He promised that miscreants will be punished and a hotline will be launched to report any attack on anyone's home. IANS

Businesses hit by cash supply drought: Report

Businesses in Bangladesh are facing a liquidity crunch as the central bank has capped the withdrawal of cash from banks at 2 lakh taka (approximately Rs 1.4 lakh) amidst uncertainty in the country, a media report said on Monday. The central bank decided this due to security concerns as police are yet to return to work fully. Meanwhile, two central bank deputy governors, Kazi Saidur Rahman & Md Khurshid, and the head of the Financial Intelligence Unit, Masud Biswas, resigned Monday following directives from the interim govt. The bank's adviser Abu Farah Md Nasser also resigned. AGENCIES

Won't tolerate religious violence, B'desh assures India

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This (Bangladesh objecting to Hasina staying longer in India) is a hypothetical question. There is no reason for that. Why should relations with a particular country be affected if someone stays there?" Hossain said. His statement is seen as reassuring for India as Western countries dither on offering Hasina asylum. BNP has already cautioned India against hosting her indefinitely.

How the interim govt may finally want to deal with Hasina remains open to specu-



Protesters demand accountability & trial against ex-PM Hasina in Dhaka

tion to land here after fleeing, don't come in the way of likely efforts to rebuild its relationship with ex-PM Khaleda Zia's BNP. India has had a rocky past with BNP because of the rivalry between Zia and Hasina.

At his meeting with foreign diplomats, including Indian high commissioner Pranay Kumar Verma, Hossain reiterated that violence against any religious or ethnic group wouldn't be tolerated. The assurance comes amid India demanding that the interim govt ensure safety of minority communities, particularly Hindus. Bangladesh's home adviser

Sakhawat Hossain said the interim govt was contemplating declaring a three-day Durga Puja holiday for Hindus in an apparent outreach to the community. "Durga Puja is their biggest festival... Even if that (his proposal) doesn't happen, there should at least be a two-day holiday. With just a single day off, those with jobs cannot participate," Sakhawat said.

Among those who attended the meeting was Chinese ambassador Yao Wen, who said political change was an internal matter of Bangladesh and it wasn't China's policy to interfere in any country's affairs.

Ready for attacks by Iran or its proxies in W Asia as soon as this week: White House

Pentagon Orders Deployment Of Guided Missile Sub To Region

Washington: The US has prepared for what could be significant attacks by Iran or its proxies in West Asia as soon as this week, White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said on Monday.

Kirby said the US had increased its regional force posture and shared Israel's concerns about a possible Iranian-backed attack after Iran and Palestinian Islamist group Hamas accused Israel of carrying out the assassination of a Hamas leader in Tehran last month. "We share the same concerns and expectations that our Israeli counterparts have with respect to potential timing here. Could be this week," Kirby told reporters.

Israel has been braced for a major attack since last month when a missile killed 12 youngsters in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and Israel responded by killing a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut. A day after that operation, Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, was assassinated in Tehran, drawing Iranian vows of retaliation against Israel.

"We obviously don't want to see Israel have to defend itself against another onslaught, like they did in April. But, if that's what comes at them, we will continue to help them defend themselves," Kirby said.

The Pentagon said on Sunday that defence secretary Lloyd Austin had ordered the de-



CALLS FOR GAZA TRUCE GROW: Int'l pressure mounted Monday for a truce in Gaza, with Britain, France and Germany issuing a joint plea for an end to fighting between Israel and Hamas with 'no further delay'. The call came a day after Hamas urged mediators to implement a truce plan presented by US Prez Joe Biden instead of holding more talks

Israeli min told US a large-scale Iranian attack expected: Report

Washington: Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant told US defence secretary Lloyd Austin on Sunday that Iran was making preparations for a large-scale military attack on Israel, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said in a post on X, citing a source with knowledge of the call. In a statement on Monday, Gallant's ministry confirmed the call took place overnight. It said Gallant and Austin discussed operational and strategic coordination and the Israeli military's readiness in the face of Iranian threats.

On Friday, an Iranian Revolutionary Guards deputy commander was quoted as an-

ouncing the deployment of a submarine to West Asia. While the USS Georgia, a nuclear-powered submarine, was already in the Mediterranean Sea in July, according to a US military post on social media, it was a rare move to publicly an-

Israel PM, def min trade barbs over 'aim' of Gaza war, exposing govt rift

Jerusalem: Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu traded barbs with his defence minister Monday, underscoring the deep internal splits that continue to plague the govt as the war in Gaza risks spilling out into a wider regional conflict.

Following Israeli media reports quoting defence minister Yoav Gallant dismissing Netanyahu's war aim of total victory against Islamist movement Hamas in Gaza as "nonsense", Netanyahu's office put out a statement rebuking Gallant. "When Gallant adopts the anti-Israel narrative, he harms the chances of reaching a hostage deal," the statement said.

It said Israel's war aim remained "total victory", with the elimination of Hamas and the release of the remaining hostages seized by Hamas-led gunmen on Oct 7 last year. "This is the clear directive of PM Netanyahu and the security cabinet, and it obligates everyone — including Gallant," it said. The public reprimand of Gallant, who has repeatedly clashed with Netanyahu and the nationalist-religious parties in his coalition, was the latest episode of internal strife that has persisted since the govt took office in 2022.

Hamas armed wing says one Israeli hostage killed

The spokesperson for Hamas' armed al-Qassam Brigades, Abu Ubaida, said Monday that one Israeli hostage was killed by his guard and two other women captives were seriously wounded in two separate incidents in Gaza. REUTERS

Ex-ISI chief Faiz Hameed in military custody: Army

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: A former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd), has been taken into military custody and field court martial proceedings initiated against him over allegations of corruption and misuse of authority. Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Pakistan army's media wing, said Monday.

This is the first time in the country's history that a court martial has been initiated against a former ISI chief. Hameed, who served as ISI chief from June 2019 to Oct 2021, was widely believed to be close to jailed for-

mer PM Imran Khan's govt.

The arrest, said ISPR, was ordered by Supreme Court on a petition filed by the owner of a private housing society in Islamabad accusing the former spymaster of torturing him and his family, and robbing them of their properties and valuables. Hameed has also been accused of multiple violations of the Pakistan Army Act after retirement.

"Complying with the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army to ascertain the correctness of complaints in the Top City (ho-

using society) case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)," the military said.

The management of Top City had accused Hameed of orchestrating a raid on its offices and residence of its owner, Moez Khan. As per the petition, filed in May 2017, Pakistan Rangers and ISI officials had taken away valuables, including gold and diamond ornaments and money, in connection with a purported terrorism case.

Consequently, according to ISPR, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Hameed under provisions

of the Pakistan Army Act. "In addition, multiple instances of violation of Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established," ISPR said.

Hameed came into the global spotlight when he was filmed drinking tea in the lobby of a Kabul hotel shortly after Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021, forcing the former ruler, Ashraf Ghani, to flee. His transfer out of his ISI post had become a bone of contention between Imran and then army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa which ultimately ended in Imran's ouster from office in April 2022. Hameed had sought early retirement from army in Nov 2022.

Putin: Kyiv incursion a bid to stop our offensive but we will carry on

Moscow: President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Ukraine's biggest attack on Russian territory since the start of the war was aimed at improving Kyiv's negotiating position ahead of possible peace talks and at slowing the advance of Russian forces. Ukrainian forces rumbled through the Russian border last Tuesday in a surprise attack and swept across parts of Kursk region.

Putin, in his most detailed public remarks on the incursion to date, said Ukraine "with the help of its Western masters" was trying to improve its position ahead of possible talks. He questioned what negotiations there could be with an enemy he accused of firing indiscriminately at Russian civilians and nuclear facilities. "The main task, of course, is for the defence ministry to squeeze out, to knock out the



Putin and Russian Armed Forces chief Valery Gerasimov attend a meeting with security officials

enemy from our territories," Putin said, adding that Russian forces were accelerating their advance along the rest of the 1,000-km main front. "The enemy will certainly receive a worthy response," he added. Putin also said he expected further Ukrainian attempts to destabilise the western border.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said the war was now coming back to Russia. He

said Ukraine's assault was a matter of security for Ukraine and that Kyiv had captured areas from where Russia launched strikes. His top commander, Oleksandr Syrskyi, said Ukraine now controlled 1,000 sq km of Russian territory.

The acting governor of Kursk, Alexei Smirnov, said Ukraine controlled 28 settlements in the region, and the incursion was about 12km deep and 40km wide. In Kursk region alone, 121,000 people had already left or been evacuated and another 59,000 were in the process of being evacuated. In Belgorod region, which borders Kursk, thousands of civilians were also evacuated.

Ukraine forces in Kursk were trying to encircle Sudzha, where Russian natural gas flows into Ukraine, while battles were under way near Korenevo and Martynovka. REUTERS

Ukraine & Russia trade charges over N-plant fire

Moscow and Kyiv accused each other of starting a fire on the grounds of Europe's largest and now Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine on Sunday, with both sides reporting no sign of elevated radiation. The UN's IAEA nuclear watchdog, which has a presence at the vast six-reactor facility, said its experts had seen strong, dark smoke coming from the northern area of the plant following multiple explosions.

Russian state news agencies, TASS and RIA, cited the country's nuclear energy company Rosatom as saying the fire was extinguished shortly before midnight Sunday. RIA, citing Rosatom, said a drone attack started the fire at the cooling tower, without providing proof. Ukraine's nuclear power firm Energoatom said one of the cooling towers and other equipment were damaged. REUTERS

Man held after stabbing in London, 11-year-old in hosp

London: A man stabbed an 11-year-old girl and her mother in London's bustling theatre district Monday before being arrested, police said, adding that there was no indication the attack was terrorism-related.

The attack occurred shortly before noon outside a tea shop



A cop stands guard at the attack scene in London's Leicester Square

in Leicester Square, a magnet for tourists with its shops and theatres. Workers from nearby shops left to the assistance of the victims. Officers arrived within four minutes and arrested the attacker, police said.

The girl was treated at hospital, and her life is not in jeopardy, police said. Her mother, 34, had less serious injuries.

The suspect is 32, and police said that they don't believe he knew the victims. "An urgent investigation is ongoing and detectives are working to establish the details around exactly what happened," Metropolitan Police detective chief superintendent Christina Jessah said.

The stabbing occurred during a recent rise in knife crime in Britain, which is on edge after days of violence as crowds spouting anti-immigrant and Islamophobic slogans clashed with police. The disturbances have been fuelled by right-wing activists who spread misinformation about a mass stabbing that killed three girls at a Taylor Swift-themed event. It was not clear if Monday's attack had any link to the unrest. AP

Trump meltdown over crowd size raises fears of mental decline

Faces Calls to Rejig Strategy As Poll Says Harris Now More Trusted To Handle Eco

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Concerns about Donald Trump's mental state is rising in America after the former president falsely accused his rival Kamala Harris of using artificial intelligence to generate fake photos of crowds at her rallies. There are also growing fears about the future of democracy in the US after Trump used his demonstrably false allegation to demand Harris be disqualified from running for White House because using AI to fake photos constituted "election interference."

Trump's mental fitness erupted on Monday after he endorsed a conspiracy theory by a MAGA follower about "fake crowds" at Harris events, which even Republicans acknowledge have been generating surprising energy and enthusiasm, and which have reportedly rattled the former President.

"Has anyone noticed that Kamala CHEATED at the airport? There was nobody at the plane, and she 'A.I.'d it, and showed a massive 'crowd' of so-called followers, BUT THEY DIDN'T EXIST!" Trump wrote on Truth Social, reposting a fan's theory, alleging, "She's a

CHEATER. She had NOBODY waiting, and the 'crowd' looked like 10,000 people! Same thing is happening with her fake 'crowds' at her speeches."

"This is the way the Democrats win Elections, by CHEATING — And they're even worse at the Ballot Box. She should be disqualified because the creation of a fake image is ELECTION INTERFERENCE. Anyone who does that will cheat at ANYTHING!" Trump added.

Hundreds of Harris followers and independents who attended the airport reception and her rallies responded by posting videos and photos showing crowds at different angles to counter the charge even as political veterans, including Republican stalwarts, cringed



A protest group marches in San Francisco on Sunday

at Trump's meltdown. Many are expressing fears that he is already laying the groundwork to contest a prospective electoral defeat as he did in 2020, his latest salvo coming after he raised doubts about whether Harris' ascent to the nomination replacing Biden is constitutional

by likening it to a "coup." Some of his MAGA followers have also questioned whether Harris is eligible to run for White House — because she was born to foreign students when they were not US citizens and is therefore an "anchor baby."

Even Republicans on the moderate spectrum are aghast at the direction Trump is taking, amid calls for him to be disciplined and on-message to take on an incumbent vice-president with the handicaps that comes with being in office. While many are urging him to recalibrate, other never-Trumpers are saying his current state is reflective of a "mental decline" that comes from being a "malignant narcissist" and a "sociopath." Democrats are also cal-

ling on the media to hold him to the same level of scrutiny as they held President Biden to.

The turnaround for the worse for Trump, described by a headline that said "Irontrumper is now an also-ran," is underscored by a Financial Times poll that says more Americans now trust Harris to handle the US economy than Trump.

Amid panicked calls to recalibrate his campaign and draft new advisors and strategies, Trump will be sitting down for a "live conversation" on Monday night with Elon Musk, now an openly pro-Trump partisan, said the event will be "Entertainment Guaranteed," while the Trump team said it will be the "interview of the century."

DAILY PLANET



A drone view of a park transformed into a replica of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night', featuring fields of lavender, shrubs, and lakes connected by an array of paths, a project that mirrors the celebrated artwork in a natural setting in Visoko, Bosnia and Herzegovina

In Taliban's Af, shop mannequins are all decked up but they remain faceless

In Afghanistan's capital, shop windows display dazzling ball gowns and three-piece wedding suits — with the face of each mannequin covered. The morality police have asked stores to hide the mannequins' faces and photographs of models, according to a clothes seller in Kabul. "It makes the display ugly," said the 22-year-old, but "doesn't affect sales". When Taliban swept back to power in Aug 2021, it imposed its austere interpretation of Islamic law, including an edict against depicting human faces. "The environment must be Islamic," said the Kabul salesman. Women's dresses come in bright colours, some styles leaving shoulders exposed or with plunging necklines — almost all sparkling with sequins. The dresses are bought to be worn only in private, at gender-segregated weddings or engagement parties. The heads of the mannequins are wrapped in plastic, foil or black bags. The rule is enforced nation-

wide by teams from ministry for the propagation of virtue and prevention of vice. Dressed in long white jackets, they visit Kabul's stores multiple times each week. Customers and sellers seemed unfazed by the eerie, headless figures.

Smoking aircraft forces runway closure in Japan

A report of white smoke coming from a landing Singapore Airlines plane forced a runway at Japan's Narita airport to close temporarily on Monday, officials said, though responders found no signs of fire and no one was injured. The plane was carrying 276 passengers and crew members, local media said. The flight reported the smoke to the airport after landing. Pieces of tyre were found on the runway, the spokesman said, adding that there was no further information to offer about the incident.

AROUND THE WORLD

With a record 22 Oscars from 59 nominations, Walt Disney holds the most Academy Awards ever



The Times of India is the world's largest-selling English daily



"These were sensational Olympic Games from start to finish. Or dare I say: Sensational Games! Dear French friends, you have fallen in love with the Olympic Games. And we have fallen in love with all of you."

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Tom Cruise Sprinkles Stardust On Dazzling Closing Ceremony As France Celebrates Successful Staging Of The Olympics

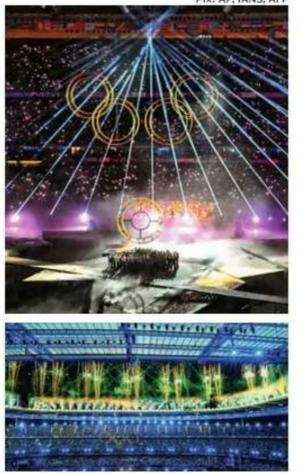
MISSION POSSIBLE!

Paris: France bid a reluctant farewell on Monday to an "enchanted" fortnight of Olympic sport as athletes headed home from Paris praising a dazzling edition of the Games that has breathed new life into the biggest show on earth. Hollywood star Tom Cruise delivered stardust at the closing ceremony on Sunday evening — and a link with the next Games in Los Angeles — by abseiling into the national stadium. The 'Mission Impossible' star descended on a wire in front of 71,500 spectators, grabbed the Olympic flag and jumped onto a motorbike, to the delight of thousands of dancing athletes and awe-struck fans. The final act of the Paris Olympics brought relief that an event foreshadowed by worries about terror attacks, strikes or protests had passed off with barely a hitch. But there was also sadness that two weeks of high-spirited celebration had come to an end. "Keep the flame alive," urged the front-page headline of France's biggest sports newspaper, *L'Equipe*, which featured new

national swimming hero Leon Marchand and urged French people to maintain the spirit "of this enchanted fortnight". At the Athletes' Village in northern Paris, bleary-eyed athletes were packing their bags after a late night, with the French capital's two main airports braced for a huge influx of travellers and sports equipment. Magda Skarbonkiewicz, a Team USA fencer, said she would return home filled with memories of competing inside the Grand Palais, one of the historic venues used around the French capital. "It's such an iconic venue and just nothing like I've ever seen before," she said. "It's amazing to see so many people care about fencing the way the French people do." During Sunday night's closing ceremony, which stressed the Olympics' core message of peace and cooperation, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach had praised the Paris Games for being "sport at its best". Observers had seen Paris 2024 as essential for the Olympics brand as a whole,

coming after a Covid-affected edition in Tokyo and a corruption-tainted version in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Around 9,000 athletes flooded into the Stade de France on Sunday night for a show that featured music from French electro act Air, guitar band Phoenix, Belgian singer Ange and the Cambodian rapper VannDa. "We knew you would be brilliant, but you were magic," Paris 2024 organising chief Tony Estanguet told the crowd during a triumphal speech. He said the Games had transformed "a nation of implacable complainers" into "unbridled supporters who don't want to stop singing". Much of the media commentary has focused on the uplifting impact of the Games on the generally morose national mood. Just weeks before the Olympics, snap elections called by President Emmanuel Macron delivered a hung parliament and a historic number of seats for the far-right National Rally party. "The Paris Games offered the capital and the entire country more than two weeks of fervour and happiness that were so unexpected and appreciated given that they came after a political period dominated by the sad passions of decline and xenophobia," said an editorial in *Le Monde*. "For 17 days the stereotype of the in-

different, grumpy Frenchman went missing," wrote sports writer Owen Slot in the *Times* newspaper, adding that Paris had "made the Olympic Games look more beautiful than ever before". The closing spectacle marked the beginning of the four-year countdown to the LA Games, and American gymnastics icon Simone Biles joined Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass as the Olympic flag was formally handed over. The ceremony followed 17 days of drama-filled sporting action lit up by Biles, American sprinter Noah Lyles, Pakistan's javelin king Arshad Nadeem and casual Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikec, who has become an Internet sensation. They also featured a damaging gender row about two female boxers, Imane Khelif of Algeria and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting, who both went on to win gold. The last day of sporting action saw the United States pip China for top spot in the battle for medals after the US women's basketball team squeezed past France 67-66 to clinch the last gold of the Games. The win — the eighth consecutive Olympic women's basketball title won by the USA — ensured the Americans finished level with China on 40 golds each. The USA however finished on top of the overall medal table with a total of 126 medals, with China in second place on 91. AFP



HERO MODE: Tom Cruise (clockwise from left) rides a bike after being lowered on to the Stade de France; the Golden Voyager adds sheen; the Olympic rings and fireworks light up the Paris sky

Memories of a lifetime for Manu and Reetika

TIMES AT THE GAMES
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Paris: Manu Bhaker fuelled India's hopes at the Olympic Games by bagging two bronze medals, so it was only fitting that the youngster came back from Delhi to carry the flag along with bronze winner and retiring hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh as the curtains came at the stroke of midnight here at the Stade de France. Manu, who won third place in women's 10m air pistol and team events and narrowly missed another third place in the women's 25 pistol final, enjoyed every moment of the three-hour long spectacle in front of more than 71,500 spectators, who filled the stands hours in advance for the program, that started with a musical performance followed by the entry of flagbearers from 205 delegations. Sreejesh and Manu walked in dressed in the official team colours with 'India' glittering in golden bold letters on the back as loud applause rang from the hundreds of Indians who had taken their seat for the closing ceremony. "It was an unforgettable moment and I'll always cherish this day," Bhaker said. "The 22-year-old added that it was "such a great honour to carry the national flag". Manu's only disappointment was that she couldn't capture some of the treasured moments on her mobile phone. "Manu lost her phone when she returned to Delhi. She put it in airplane mode and left it on her seat and forgot to take it with her after landing in Delhi. It was a big loss as it was the same phone that was gifted to her by the official sponsor at the Tokyo Games," sources told TOI. "A complaint was lodged with the carrier and we searched in the lost-and-found items. But Manu's mobile was not there," sources added. Sreejesh, meanwhile, had no such problems and he was seen clicking away after



STAR STRUCK: Wrestler Reetika Hooda poses with Cuban legend Mijain Lopez

they took turns to wave the national flag. Wrestler Reetika Hooda was among the lucky few in the Indian contingent who got to stay back to be part of the closing ceremony. "I felt very good to represent my country in front of such a large audience. It was a bitter sad moment for me as I missed out on a medal," said Reetika, the first Indian wrestler to qualify in the women's heavy-weight category. For Reetika, the big moment was not to watch Hollywood star Tom Cruise take the Games flag to Los Angeles but to meet and greet Cuban wrestling legend Mijain Lopez. Lopez won his first gold at Beijing in 2008 and he retired here after winning his fifth straight gold in the men's Greco Roman 130-kg category. "I'm not even a big fan of Bollywood, so Hollywood is very far," she said with a smile. "But to meet and pose for a picture with Lopez sir was a priceless moment," she told TOI.

Diving champ Daley feels it's 'right time' to retire

London: Former Olympic gold medalist Tom Daley said on Monday it was the "right time" to retire as Britain's most successful diver walked away from the sport following the Paris Games. Daley, who won five Olympic medals during his decorated career, revealed the decision to call time on the sport during an interview with *Vogue*. The 30-year-old bowed out after winning silver in the Olympic men's synchronised 10m platform in France, having clinched gold in the same event at the Tokyo Games.

"I have to make the decision at some point, and it feels like the right time. It's the right time to call it a day," Daley said. Daley emerged as the star of British diving after first competing at the Olympics in the 2008 Beijing Games aged just 14. He won bronze at the 2012 Olympics in London in the 10m platform, as well as bronze in the men's synchronised 10m platform in Rio 2016. Daley had effectively retired after his gold medal success in Tokyo, before deciding to return for a fifth Olympics in



order to compete in front of his two children. He decided ahead of the event that he would stop diving competitively once he stepped out of the pool in Paris. "It feels very, very surreal. I felt so incredibly nervous going into this, knowing it was my last Olympics," he said. "There was a lot of pressure and expectations. I was eager for it to be done. It was emotional at the end." AFP

IRISH OLYMPIAN WIFFEN HOSPITALISED AFTER SEINE SWIM

Paris: Irish double medal-winning Olympian Daniel Wiffen said on Monday he had "rushed" to hospital in Paris with a stomach bug two days after taking part in the marathon swimming in the Seine river. The 800m swimming champion and 1500m bronze medallist was meant to be carrying the Irish flag during Sunday's closing ceremony, but did not appear. "I'm incredibly disappointed," Wiffen wrote on X. "I rushed to hospital as I was very unwell with a bug that I am being treated for." Wiffen took part in the men's 10km marathon swim. He did not link his illness to the water quality. AFP

Off-beat stories

In every Summer Games, many unique sports make it to the programme. Paris also had several fringe disciplines which added their own flavour and colour to the Games. Hindol Basu gives you the lowdown...

SKATEBOARDING

Skateboarding made its debut appearance at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. There are two different skateboarding disciplines at the Olympics: park and street. With male and female categories open for both disciplines, there are a total of four skateboarding events at the Games. Park skateboarding takes place on a varied course combining bowls and bends, to help the athletes gather speed and perform tricks mid-air. In the park events, athletes compete in three 45-second runs and are judged on their ability to use the surfaces to gain height and perform a wide range of tricks in preliminary rounds and finals. The street competition takes place on a 'street-like' course with stairs, handrails and other obstacles to resemble the urban environments where skateboarding started out. Street competitions see athletes compete in two 45-second runs, performing just five tricks per run in a competition of preliminary rounds and finals.



SURFING

Surfing made it onto the Olympic programme for the Tokyo 2020 Games and made a return to Paris 2024. The picturesque surfing spot of Teahupo'o in Tahiti was venue for the surfing competition. Surfers perform manoeuvres and tricks on a wave that are scored by five judges based on the

variety, type and difficulty of the tricks. Surfers are also judged on their speed, power and flow (the way in which a surfer seamlessly connects their moves from one to the next). Shortboards are the surfboards of choice for the Olympics. Smaller than longboards, shortboards are faster and more manoeuvrable.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain bike made its Olympic debut at the Atlanta 1996 Olympics with individual races for men and women. French and Swiss athletes have regularly finished on the Olympic podium, combining for 16 of the 42 medals awarded in the discipline. The sport at the Olympics involves two cross-country mountain bike events: one for women and one for men. Riders set off from the same starting line and contest multiple laps around a loop on mountainous, rough terrain that tests their technique, endurance, and stamina. Races feature a mass start and, in general, multiple laps. Riders take one to two hours to complete an intense course full of twists and turns, covering tens of kilometres during the event.



SPORT CLIMBING

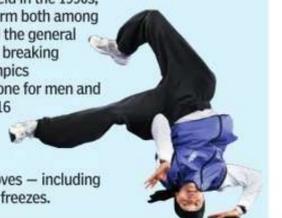
Climbing also debuted at the Tokyo Games. Climbing's addition, along with skateboarding and surfing, was part of a movement to expand the programme to include more urban sports. Climbing is broken down into three disciplines: bouldering, speed and lead. Bouldering: Athletes ascend a 4.5-metre wall without ropes in a limited period of time and in the fewest attempts possible. Lead: Climbers go as high as they can on a 15-metre wall in six minutes in a single attempt. Speed: A race against the clock, climbers scale a 15-metre wall with a five-degree incline.

3X3 BASKETBALL

Considered to be the number one urban sport in the world, 3X3 basketball has its roots in street basketball — a creative variation of the indoor game with a less formal structure. Evolving from outdoor courts to the Olympics, 3X3 basketball has been structured over the years by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the governing body responsible for developing basketball. 3X3 basketball is played on one half of a basketball court where two teams of three players compete. Both teams attack and defend the same hoop, depending on who has possession of the ball. The winner is the team with the highest score at the end of 10 minutes or the first team to reach 21 points. The three-point line in conventional basketball serves as the two-point line in 3X3 basketball, with shots made outside the line earning two points and those inside it one. It was at the 2020 Olympics that the first-ever 3X3 Olympic titles were won.

BREAKING

Breaking is an urban dance style that originated in the United States in the 1970s. With roots in hip-hop culture, breaking first took form in the lively block parties in the Bronx borough of New York, and is characterized by acrobatic movements, stylised footwork, and the key role played by the DJ and the MC (master of ceremonies) during battles. International competitions were first held in the 1990s, popularising the dance form both among hip-hop communities and the general public along the way. The breaking competition at Paris Olympics comprises two events — one for men and one for women — where 16 boys and 16 girls faced off in solo battles. Athletes used a combination of power moves — including windmills, the 6-step and freezes.



GALLERY

Nepal to train at NCA ahead of triseries

Kathmandu: The Nepal cricket team will train at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru as part of its preparations for the Cricket World Cup League 2 series to be held in Canada. Nepal will train at the NCA facility for two weeks before heading to Canada to play the tri-series, also involving Oman. They are currently at sixth place on the League 2 table.

Duleep Trophy first-round tie shifted to Bengaluru: Bengaluru: With some of the India regulars, except pacer Jasprit Bumrah and senior spinner Ravichandran Ashwin, likely to appear in the first round of the Duleep Trophy, the BCCI has decided to shift one of the opening matches from Anantapur to Bengaluru. The Duleep Trophy was earlier scheduled to kick-off with two sets of first round matches at Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh from Sep 5.

Sreeja out of UTT due to stress fracture: Table tennis star Sreeja Akula has been ruled out of the upcoming season of the Ultimate Table Tennis due to a stress fracture. The two-time national champion was slated to play for Jaipur Patriots but in a statement on Monday, Sreeja informed that she will need a recuperating period of six weeks.

Stokes suffers injury ahead of Lanka series: England captain Ben Stokes had to be helped off the field after suffering an injury while playing for Northern Superchargers in The Hundred domestic cricket competition, raising concerns he could miss the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

FOOTBALL: Durand Cup: Mohammedan SC vs Indian Navy, 4 pm; Rangdajied vs Nepal Army, 7 pm (Somy)
TENNIS: ATP Toronto final, 5 am (Somy)

Atletico break bank to get Alvarez

City Striker Joins Madrid Club In 6-Year Deal Worth Up To '\$93m'

Madrid: Atletico Madrid signed striker Julian Alvarez from Manchester City on Monday in a deal reported to be worth up to 85 million euros (\$93 million). "The club has reached an agreement with Manchester City for the transfer of the Argentine forward, who has signed a contract for the next six seasons," said Atletico in a statement.

Spanish reports say Atletico will pay 75 million euros for the forward, with potentially 10 million more in bonuses. The 24-year-old arrived at City for just £14 million (16 million euros) in Jan 2022



JULIAN'S STORY

- Signed as a youth player in 2016 at River Plate, where he won the Copa Libertadores. (54 goals in 122 games)
- Top scorer in the Argentinian league in the 2020/21 season with 18 goals.
- In 2022 he joined Manchester City.

Honours

- Two Premier League titles, the Champions League, FA Cup, European Super Cup and the Club World Cup, in which he was the top scorer with two goals.
- Across two seasons, he played 103 games and recorded 36 goals and 18 assists.

from River Plate, winning two Premier League trophies and the Champions League among other silverware.

Alvarez also helped Argentina lift the World Cup trophy in December 2022 and the Copa America in 2021 and 2024. "Today I say goodbye to this amazing club, with a lot

of emotion," Alvarez told City's club website. "These have been two very special years. During this time, I have grown and learnt a lot - both as a player and as a person."

Alvarez scored 36 goals for City in 103 appearances across all competitions. "He's incredibly loved by

the team for his behaviour but like I said many times for many players, he wants to leave and have a new challenge," said Manchester City coach Pep Guardiola last week.

Diego Simeone's Atletico have also signed Robin Le Normand and Alexander Sorloth as they reinforce heavily to compete with Real Madrid and Barcelona, following a disappointing fourth-place La Liga finish last season. AGENCIES

'Virat may play for another five years'

Rohit Too Has A Lot Of Cricket Left In Him: Harbhajan

New Delhi: Former India great Harbhajan Singh believes that Virat Kohli with his supreme fitness can easily survive the rigours of international cricket for another five years while Test and ODI captain Rohit Sharma will last at least another couple of years.

"Rohit can easily play for two more years. You never know with Virat Kohli's fitness, you can see him competing for five years. He is probably the fittest guy in the team," Harbhajan said.

"You ask any 19-year-old competing with Virat (on fitness), Virat will beat him. He is that fit. I believe Virat and Rohit have a lot of cricket left in them and it is entirely up to them. If they are fit enough, they are performing and the team is winning, they should continue to play. As simple as that," the man with 700 plus international wickets said.

Harbhajan believes that Test cricket is one format



where you need both of them.

"Red ball cricket, you really need these two guys to play a little bit more than what people are asking. You need experience in all formats whether its limited overs cricket and Test cricket. You need experienced cricketers to nurture the talent that is coming up.

"Selectors need to see, that if someone is not performing well, they should be dropped. Whether they are senior player or juniors. But as long as everyone is fit, they should be able

to get selected in the team."

He further said: "And if they are not contributing in any manner, whether its fitness or number of runs, then the time has come. They should be making way for the youngsters.

"At the end of the day, it's an individual decision and selectors are there to watch these steps as to who are capable to perform at what age. Obviously, they are considering all those factors before picking them." PTI

Sergi Roberto bids adieu to Barca after 14 seasons

Barcelona: Barcelona confirmed on Sunday captain Sergi Roberto has left the club after 14 seasons with the Catalan giants. The 32-year-old's contract expired at the end of June but no decision had been made on his future until now.

Midfielder Sergi Roberto came through Barca's La Masia academy and made his first team debut in 2010.

He was the unlikely hero of Barcelona's stunning 6-1 comeback to beat Paris Saint-Germain in the Champions League last 16 in 2017, netting the final and decisive goal after the French side won 4-0 in the first leg. "After 373 games, 25 trophies and an unforgettable goal, the footballer who arrived at La Masia at the age of 14 is leaving the club," said Barcelona in a statement.

Sergi Roberto netted 19 times for Barcelona and won two Champions Leagues and seven La Liga titles among other silverware. The Spain international played mostly as a right-back in recent seasons as well as filling in elsewhere when required. AGENCIES

Thorpe took own life: Wife

London: Graham Thorpe's wife Amanda has revealed the former England cricketer took his own life after battling depression and anxiety for several years, with police confirming Monday he had died following an incident on a railway line near his home.

Aged just 55, Thorpe's death earlier this month plunged the cricket world into mourning for the popular star. He enjoyed an impressive England career as an elegant batsman from 1993 to 2005, before spending 12 years in various coaching roles. But Thorpe was hospitalised in May 2022 and declared "seriously ill".

Amanda Thorpe has now disclosed, in an interview with The Times, that the former Surrey batsman attempted suicide two years ago before taking his own life. "Despite having a wife and

two daughters whom he loved and who loved him, he did not get better. He was so unwell in recent times and he really did believe that he would be better off without him and we are devastated that he acted on that and took his own life," Amanda Thorpe told The Times.

"For the past couple of years, Graham had been suffering from major depression and anxiety. This led him to make a serious attempt on his life in May 2022, which resulted in a prolonged stay in an intensive care unit."

An inquest into Thorpe's death is due to open at Surrey Coroner's Court in Woking, southwest of London, on

Tuesday, with the coroner having received a referral from the British Transport Police.

The force said: "Officers were called to Esher railway station at 8.26 am (local time) on 4 August to reports of a casualty on the tracks. Paramedics also attended, however sadly a person was pronounced dead at the scene. The incident is not being treated as suspicious."

A spokesperson for Surrey Coroner's Office said: "We can confirm that the Coroner has received a referral for a Mr Graham Thorpe from the British Transport Police. "A post mortem examination has been undertaken and Mr Thorpe's body released to his family."

The left-hander featured in 100 Tests and 82 ODIs for England, scoring over 9,000 runs for his country, including 16 Test hundreds. AGENCIES



GRAHAM THORPE

Scheffler gets tour's \$8m 'business' bonus

New York: Scottie Scheffler earned an \$8 million bonus by finishing No. 1 on the Comcast Business Tour Top 10 for the 2024 PGA Tour's FedEx Cup regular season.

It's the second No. 1 finish in three years for the 28-year-old World No. 1, who won six times on tour this season before capturing the gold medal at the Paris Olympics.

"It's been an incredible year for me both on and off the course, so to finish up the regular season by earning the top spot in the Comcast Business Tour Top 10 is an honour," Scheffler said. "Every year I try to perform and compete to the best of my abilities, so this award really represents the hard work put in throughout the course of the season with the support of my family and team."

Xander Schauffele finished second and earned a \$6 million bonus after claiming his first two major wins at the PGA Championship and The Open Championship. Rory McIlroy (\$4.8M) was third, with Collin Morikawa (\$4.4M) and Wyndam Clark (\$4M) rounding out the top five.

Scheffler's six victories included four signature events and his second grand slam win at The Masters. He was



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"Scottie Scheffler's season has been nothing short of incredible - including a historic back-to-back win at The Players Championship and now winning the Comcast Business Tour Top 10," said Eileen Diskin, chief marketing officer for Comcast Business. "We're excited to see him on top of the Leaderboard again along with all the elite athletes." AGENCIES



Athanaze secures draw for Windies

Port of Spain: West Indies batsman Alick Athanaze led home resistance as he fell agonisingly short of a maiden Test century but still did enough to help ensure a draw in the first Test against South Africa at the Queen's Park Oval in Port of Spain on Sunday.

South Africa set the West Indies a target of 298 to win the match after declaring their second innings before lunch on the final day in a bid to try and bowl out their hosts and win the first of the two-Test series.

BRIEF SCORES: South Africa 357 & 173-3 decl. (T Stubbs 68, T de Zorzi 45, A Markram 38; J Warrican 2-57) vs West Indies 233 & 201-5 (A Athanaze 92, K Carty 31, J Holder 31 n.o.; K Maharaj 4-88). AGENCIES

TIMES NATION

Speculation that BJP chief could be a woman or an OBC face

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The meeting, a periodic interaction between the netas, came ahead of a crucial coordination meeting of RSS in Palakkad, Kerala, from Aug 31 to Sept 2.

Sources said the senior BJP and RSS functionaries also discussed other issues, including attacks on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, an issue on which the saffron fountainhead has expressed concern and the PM has also asked the interim govt to ensure safety of Hindus in the neighbouring country.



Sources said 'RSS consent' will be key to nominate the next BJP chief, the process for which should have begun by now with Nadda holding 2 Union Cabinet portfolios

Sources said "RSS consent" will be crucial to nominate the next party president, for which the process should have started by now as Nadda is also holding charge of the Union ministries of health and chemicals & fertilisers.

As a large number of functionaries, who had long stints in crucial party posts, have been inducted into the Union govt, the party and RSS decision-makers are said to be exploring someone from a "grassroots politics" background for the next BJP chief.

There is also speculation that the next party chief could be a woman or an OBC. BJP has never had a woman president and passing the baton to a woman is said to be an ideal call in view of the implementation of women's quota in Parliament and state assemblies likely before Lok Sabha polls in 2029.

SC slams UP CMO for remission plea delay

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New Delhi: Taking exception to Uttar Pradesh chief minister secretariat not accepting and processing a file for premature release of a prisoner on the ground that the model code of conduct was in force during general elections, Supreme Court on Monday sought to know the name of the officer responsible for it as it had specifically ordered that the model code is not a hindrance in taking the decision.

The court had on April 10 asked UP to consider a permanent remission plea of a life term convict who had already spent more than 14 years in jail and granted it six weeks time. The matter came up for hearing after 12 weeks on July 7 but the state again sought time of two weeks, which was granted by SC with a warning that no further extension

would be granted and contempt of court proceedings would be initiated in case of non-compliance. SC was informed that jail authorities had favourably recommended the case of the petitioner.

SC also allowed the state to go ahead and take a decision irrespective of the model code being in place during the general election. As govt failed to take final decision, SC had on August 5 directed the principal secretary of the prison administration department of the state to remain present in the court through video conference.

When a bench headed by



TOUGH STAND

Justices Abhay S Oka and Augustine George Masih asked the secretary the reason for delay, he informed the bench that the file was sent to CM secretariat which refused to accept the file and sent it back. The court thereafter asked him to file his response on affidavit giving details of what happened and the name of the officer in CMO who refused to accept the file. The court said it may proceed against the officer for contempt.

SC noted it was not the first case where there had been delay in taking decision on premature release. In other cases also the court had said that such approach of the govt was not acceptable.

Advocate Pradeep Yadav, appearing for the life convict, submitted that the state govt's approach had been discriminatory as one accused Udaybhan Karvariya was granted remission after completing only nine years in jail.

Vendor fled after stampede, Bihar cops launch manhunt

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The vendor fled after the stampede. Police have launched a manhunt, Jehanabad DM Alankrita Pandey said.

According to SP Arvind Pratap Singh, people at the front started moving back after the clash, leading to a stampede on a staircase where many of them fell. "Most of the victims were in their 30s and 40s," the SP further added.

The DM has denied the allegations of police lathi charge. "The temple sees a massive turnout of 50,000 to 1 lakh devotees on Somvati. We allow batches of 5,000 devotees at a time. All precautions were in place,"

Pandey said. According to the DM, a committee of officials will carry out a probe. "The committee has been asked to submit its report in three days," Pandey said.

CM Nitish Kumar expressed condolences, terming the deaths as "extremely painful". He announced an ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh for the kin of the deceased.

Local RJD MLA Kumar Krishna Mohan alleged that enough police had not been deployed. "If it was so, the situation could have been contained with just injuries, not deaths," he said. Mohan called for oxygen cylinders to be provided at large gatherings to prevent similar tragedies.

'US woman tied to tree suffered financial crisis'

Navi Mumbai: The US national found chained to a tree in Sindhudurg last month is unmarried, and did not have a job here, her brother told Sindhudurg police, reports Umesh K Parida. Her mother used to send her money but stopped around six months ago, he added. Lalita Kai (49), who has been in India for the past 10 years and is said to be suffering from mental health issues, will be treated at Ratnagiri Mental Hospital for two more weeks.

The hospital superintendent Dr Sanghamitra Phule said, "Her visa expired in Feb. She was suffering from hallucinations and depression. Financial crisis paired with no job and expired visa aggravated her problems." Phule said that a duplicate passport is being obtained for her and efforts are on to send her back to the US.

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India, Russia eye ₹10,500cr N-fuel deal, local prodn

India and Russia are working on a deal worth about Rs 10,500 crore for the supply of nuclear fuel and core components to the Kudankulam nuclear power plant's two new units coming up with Moscow's help, people in the know said. New Delhi is also looking at the possibility of forming a joint venture with Russian state-run Rosatom for manufacturing the nuclear fuel for the plant in India — which will be a boost for India's nuclear capability. **P 11**

Bitti Mohanty, rape convict and son of ex-DGP, dead

Bitihotra Mohanty, who was convicted of raping a German national in Alwar in 2006, died at AIIMS-Bhubaneswar on Monday. Son of former Odisha DG Bitya Bhusan Mohanty, Bitti was being treated for stomach cancer. He had jumped parole in 2006 and was only rearrested after 7 years from Kerala. **P 13**

Fresh demand for digging at Gyanvapi

The plaintiff in the original Kashi Vishwanath-Gyanvapi dispute suit has demanded the digging of a trench for an additional survey of the mosque to reach what he referred to as "the sanctum sanctorum of Aadi Vishweshwar temple where a tall shivling and artesian well are buried under its central dome". **P 11**

Southern states lead in heart transplants

Southern states lead in heart transplants, according to National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation data. In 2023, 221 heart transplants were carried out across India. Of these, 70 took place in Tamil Nadu, followed by Karnataka (35), Maharashtra (33), Gujarat (29) and Telangana (15). Delhi-NCR witnessed only 14 transplants. **P 11**

5 engg students die in road accident

Five engineering students of SRM College near Chennai died and two of their classmates were injured after a lorry collided head-on with the car they were in in Tamil Nadu's Tiruvallur district on Sunday night. The car was completely smashed and police had a tough time extracting the bodies from the mangled heap of metal. **P 11**

Nepal: Won't allow anti-India activities

Nepali territory will not be allowed to be used for any activities against its neighbours, Nepal's home minister Ramesh Lekhak said on Monday, assuring India that no such activity against the neighbouring country would be entertained. The minister gave this assurance during his meeting with India's foreign secretary Vikram Misri. **P 19**

Mkts shrug off Sebi row as Cong, BJP slug it out

Adani Group Stocks Largely Unaffected

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid a political slugfest over the latest Hindenburg report, Dalal Street discounted the short-seller's charges against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, her husband Dhaval Buch

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and their alleged links with the Adani probe, closing 57 points lower in volatile trade.

Unlike Jan 2023, when the report on Adani group severely eroded the conglomerate's market cap, on Monday, the group's shares lost between 0.7% (Adani Power) and 4.1% (Adani Wilmar).

But three days after it was released, Congress used the report to attack the govt and

Recent revelations raise disturbing questions about Sebi integrity and conduct in investigating the Adani mega scam... At a minimum, the Sebi chairperson must resign to restore the regulator's integrity. The illusion that Sebi chairperson and her husband had separated their finances lies shattered by the revelation that after joining Sebi, she transacted in the fund from her personal email account on Feb 25, 2018. Clearly, no institution is sacrosanct in Amrit Kaal

—Jairam Ramesh | Cong

After being rebuffed by people of India, Congress, its allies and toolkit gang have conspired to usher in economic anarchy in India. Hindenburg report is released on Saturday, there's uproar on Sunday so that market is destabilised on Monday

Do you know this gentleman, George Soros, who runs propaganda against India?... He is the main investor (in Hindenburg). In their pathological hatred for Modi, Congress has developed hatred for India itself

—Ravi Shankar Prasad | BJP

reiterated its demand for a JPC probe. It threatened to launch a nationwide stir while seeking Buch's resignation.

BJP hit out at the opposition for endorsing the short-seller's attack, with Ravi Shankar Prasad alleging that it was part of a plan to destabilise India backed by currency speculator George Soros.

Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Giriraj Singh

too joined in. "This is a gang to defame the country, Rahul (Gandhi) and Jairam Ramesh. Hindenburg defames us. We will not tolerate this insult to the nation. Now, strictest action will be taken against Hindenburg," Singh said.

From the other side, Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh claimed that "no institution was sacrosanct in Amrit Kaal".

1st priority is to ensure AAP wins assembly elections, says Sisodia

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New Delhi: Former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia said on Monday that his first priority was ensuring AAP wins the upco-

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ming state assembly polls, irrespective of the responsibilities assigned to him by the party. He was responding to a question on whether he would be reintroduced into the Delhi govt and if so, in what capacity — as deputy CM or acting CM.

In his first interview after his release on bail from Tihar Jail, where he spent 17 months as an accused in the case of alleged irregularities in formulation and implementation of the now-re-scinded excise policy and on money laundering charges, Sisodia told TOI that it was for the party to collectively



Manish Sisodia

decide if his utility was more in govt or party.

Sisodia said by amending Govt of NCT of Delhi Act last year after Supreme Court gave Delhi govt control over 'services' matters, the central govt gave more powers to the LG than the elected dispensation and governance in the capital was stalled now. "Any party that wins the 2025 Delhi assembly polls will face the same problem and fight these battles with LG," Sisodia said, adding that there was no chasm between bureaucrats and ministers and officials were, in fact, scared of the LG.

Atishi to hoist flag at Chhatrasal on I-day

AP minister Gopal Rai on Monday said his cabinet colleague Atishi will hoist the tricolour at Chhatrasal Stadium on Independence Day as CM Kejriwal had requested that she should do the honours and wrote to the LG about it. BJP said CM was making the event controversial. **P 4**

Tihar DG: CM letter to LG breach of rules

Tihar authorities have told the CM that his letter to the LG was an "abuse of privileges" granted to him under the Delhi Prison Rules, warning him that they could be curtailed. The superintendent of central jail no. 2 informed Kejriwal that his letter to the LG was not sent. **P 4**

ED seeks clarity from SC on role of HCs in coal scam cases

New Delhi: A decade after Supreme Court cancelled illegal allotment of coal blocks, mostly by the UPA govt, Enforcement Directorate on Monday sought clarity from the apex court on its decision barring high courts from entertaining accused's appeals against trial court decisions, reports Dhananjay Mahapatra. Additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati told a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that two three-judge benches, in their rulings of July 2014 and July 2017, had barred accused from moving HCs against proceedings before the special CBI judge to expedite the trial.

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Adopted at 2, Dutch woman searches for her roots in India

Priya was just two years old when she was adopted by a Dutch couple in 1979. Raised in the quiet town of Goes in the Netherlands, she grew up with a sense of something missing, a lingering question that bugged her: who was she before the adoption? Priya has spent the last 47 years of her life questioning who she is, and the last two decades trying to find the woman who birthed her, reports Devanshi Mehta.

However, her quest to find her roots in India has been set back by bureaucratic indifference and dismissive attitudes of officials.

The absence of documents, such as her birth certificate, document of surrender and medical records, has compounded the mystery surrounding her past. **P 9**

'IIT-M INDIA'S BEST EDU INSTITUTE, HINDU NO. 1 COLLEGE'

OVERALL	2024	UNIVERSITY	ENGINEERING	2024
IIT-Madras	1	IISc, Bangalore	IIT-Madras	1
IISc, Bangalore	2	JNU	IIT-Delhi	2
IIT-Bombay	3	Jamia Millia Islamia	IIT-Bombay	3
IIT-Delhi	4	Manipal Academy, Manipal	IIT-Kanpur	4
IIT-Kanpur	5	Banaras Hindu University	IIT-Kharagpur	5
IIT-Kharagpur	6	University of Delhi		
AIIMS, Delhi	7	Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham	MEDICAL	
IIT-Roorkee	8	Aligarh Muslim University	AIIMS, Delhi	1
IIT-Guwahati	9	Jadavpur University	PGIMER, Chandigarh	2
JNU	10	Vellore Institute of Technology	CMC, Vellore	3
			NIMHANS, Bangalore	4
			JIPMER, Puducherry	5
			LAW	
			NLSIU, Bengaluru	1
			NLU, New Delhi	2
			Nalsar Univ of Law	3
			West Bengal National University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata	4
			Symbiosis Law School, Pune	5

COLLEGES	2024
Hindu College, Delhi	1
Miranda House	2
St Stephen's College, Delhi	3
RK Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, Kolkata	3
Atma Ram Sanatan Dharma College	5
St Xavier's College, Kolkata	6
PSGR Krishnammal College for Women, Coimbatore	7
Loyola College, Chennai	8
Kirori Mal College	9
Lady Shri Ram College For Women	10

IIT-M and IISc retain top NIRF slots; Hindu springs surprise

DU Jumps To 6th From 11th Position In Univ Category

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New Delhi: Indian Institute of Technology-Madras continues to shine in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), securing the top spot in both the overall and engineering categories for the sixth and ninth consecutive years, respectively. Similarly, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore retains its position as the best university for the ninth year in a row.

However, in a surprising turn, Hindu College has unseated Miranda House, ending its seven-year streak as the top college. St Stephen's College, after a two-year absence from the top 10, has made a comeback, sharing the third position with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, West Bengal.

NIRF, launched by the education ministry in 2015, outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

In NIRF 2024, IITs and IISc continue to dominate across various categories, much like

DEGREES OF EXCELLENCE

NEW CATEGORIES			
State Public University	2024		
Anna University, Chennai	1		
Jadavpur University, Kolkata	2		
Savitribai Phule Pune University	3		
OPEN UNIVERSITIES		Skill Universities	
IGNOU, Delhi	1	Symbiosis Skills & Prof University, Pune	1
Netaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata	2	Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal	2
Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open Univ, Ahmedabad	3	Bhartiya Skill Devpt University, Jaipur	3

they do in global rankings. IIT-Bombay has been ranked as the top institute for innovation, while IISc Bangalore leads in research.

The overall category, a core component of the India rankings, is overwhelmingly dominated by IITs. Eight of the top 10 institutions are IITs, with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi at seventh place and JNU at tenth. Notably, there has been minimal change in the top 10 over the past five years, except for AIIMS entering and BHU dropping out in 2022.

While IIT-Madras, IISc, and IIT-Bombay claim the top three spots in the overall category, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, ranked 11th, is the highest-ranked private university. Seven private universities feature in the top 25 of this category.

The ninth edition of NIRF was released on Monday. The number of higher

education institutions participating rose from 3,565 in 2016 to 10,845 in 2024. The rankings now encompass 16 categories and subject domains, up from four in 2016. NIRF assesses institutions based on five broad parameters: teaching, learning and resources; research and professional practice; graduation outcomes; outreach and inclusivity; and perception.

In the university category, DU made significant progress, jumping from 11th to 6th place. DU also has six colleges in the top 10 and 26 in the top 100. IISc, JNU, and Jamia Millia Islamia are the top three universities. Three private institutions — Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, and Vellore Institute of Technology — are among the top 10, with nine private universities in the top 20 overall.

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar, improved its ranking to 14th in the univer-

sity category and made it into the top 25 overall, emerging as the top ranked HEI in Odisha. It also retained its position in the top 10 dental sciences institutions in the country, ranked 9th nationally.

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, while releasing the rankings, said that knowing the quality, performance and strengths of an academic institution "is a right of students and parents. Therefore, all the 58,000 HEIs in the country must come under the ranking and rating framework".

The ranking report noted that most research activity is concentrated within the top 100 institutions across various categories, though it also pointed out that many general degree colleges are increasingly active in research and publications. However, it highlighted a significant challenge: the majority of faculty with doctoral qualifications are concentrated in these top institutions, leaving others at a disadvantage. The report underscored the critical role that mentorship during doctoral training plays in preparing faculty for teaching careers in higher education.

In the college category, 63 of the top 100 institutions are from Tamil Nadu (37) and Delhi (26). Nine IITs are in the top ten list for engineering colleges with IIT-Madras being at the top for the ninth consecutive year in the category. IIT-Delhi and IIT-Bombay also retained their second and third spot respectively. NIT-Tiruchirappalli is the only non-IIT in the top ten list.

SC junks PIL seeking probe into UGC-NET cancellation

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New Delhi: Pan-India examinations have of late been witnessing an uncanny trend of getting vetted by the SC, which on Monday refused to entertain a PIL seeking a probe into hurried cancellation of UGC-NET on June 19 following certain social media messages about question paper leak.

A PIL petitioner through senior advocate Devashish Bharka told a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the CBI has now given a report that the social media messages about alleged leakage of question paper were fake ones. "UGC did not even check the veracity of the claims and hurriedly cancelled the Jun 18 test a day later," he said.

The CJ-led bench said nearly 9 lakh students are appearing for the UGC-NET examination. "We are not in a perfect world. If we entertain this petition, it will result in utter chaos and create uncertainties for 9 lakh candidates. Sometimes, we (the courts) should exercise restraint. We are just 10 days away from the exam. Candidates must have prepared hard to appear in the examination," the bench said.

Refusing to intervene with the UGC-NET examination, now scheduled for Aug 21, for determining the eligibility of candidates for 'assistant professor' as well as 'junior research fellowship and assistant professor' in universities, the bench said the govt might have decided to cancel the UGC-NET exam on June 19 as at that time it was facing the controversy over alleged question paper leak in NEET-UG and did not want to give rise to another controversy.

ON GUARD AHEAD OF I-DAY



Ahead of Independence Day, Army carries out a security check near the Line of Control in J&K's Rajouri district on Monday even as police arrested eight suspected associates of terrorists for their alleged involvement in providing logistical support in the recent attacks in the Kathua-Bani-Kishtwar belt, including the ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest on July 8 that killed five soldiers

'Dead for a decade', UP teacher found doing maths at Petrapole

Sanjib Chakraborty | TNN

Petrapole: The tense Indo-Bangla Petrapole border in North 24-Parganas, where both Bangladeshi and Indian citizens have gathered due to the current turmoil in the neighbouring country, was scene of an unusual event recently.

Last week, locals found a man in his early 40s in ragged clothes solving mathematical problems with a stick on wet soil under a tree near Petrapole Bazar. Locals alerted police, given the situation. Upon probe, police found that the man, who seemed disoriented, was one Amit Kumar Prasad, a mathematics teacher from UP's Gorakhpur, who has been missing for over a decade.

Local police, with the help of Ham radio enthusiasts, reunited Prasad with his family on Monday. His father, Gama Prasad, came to the Petrapole Police Station with his



BSF personnel at Petrapole border

relatives from Bargo in Gorakhpur on Monday, marking an end to years of search for him. Family members said Prasad used to teach maths at a school in their home town for several years before he went missing.

Gama Prasad said: "Besides teaching students at the school, my son taught mathematics to more than 250 students from poor families in at least five neighbouring villages — free of cost. His love for mathematics began during childhood

and he started teaching early. Later, he suffered from a mental ailment and went missing. We looked for him for years, all in vain. We never expected to see him alive after so many years."

Parimal Roy, a Ham radio operator, told TOI: "Locals found him solving some mathematical equations on wet soil. When they asked him for his identity, he didn't reply and went further away to the riverbank and continued solving equations. He told them to leave him alone, in Hindi, after they persisted in questioning him, at which they informed the police."

Ambarish Nag Biswas, secretary of West Bengal Radio Club, told TOI: "Police contacted us to help locate Prasad's family. I spoke to the man and circulated his photo in the network of Ham radio operators across India to start a search for his family. Later, we got in touch with his father."

At 41L, Jan-May foreign tourist arrivals up 9%

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New Delhi: Between January to May this year, 40.7 lakh foreign tourists have visited the country as compared to 37.3 lakh during the same period last year, registering a growth of 9.1%. Foreign exchange earnings for the same period till May were Rs 1.1 lakh crore as compared to Rs 88,441 crore last year, registering a growth of nearly 22.5%.

The data was shared by govt in response to a written question in Lok Sabha during the monsoon session of Parliament. The govt has also shared findings of a study to assess the impact of the pandemic on the tourism sector at the peak of the pandemic and the measures tak-



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ing the same period were Rs 17,762 crore as compared to Rs 17,206 crore in May 2023 registering a growth of 3.2%.

He said the trend highlighted indicate a positive impact on the overall economic growth and development of the tourism sector in the country. "The data shows

a consistent increase in FTAs and (FEEs) suggesting a robust and expanding tourism industry," he said.

The minister also shared data for the last three years that shows that while in pandemic year 2021 the number of foreign tourist visitors to India stood at 10.5 lakh it shot up to 85.9 lakh in 2022 and provisional data for 2023 shows that over 1.9 crore foreign visitors came to India.

The minister went on to list the steps that the govt took to rejuvenate the tourism and hospitality sector ranging from a loan scheme to support tour operators, travel agents, tourist transport operators to launching 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative to encourage citizens to travel within the country."