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PEOPLE'S PARLIAMENT, ALWAYS IN SESSION



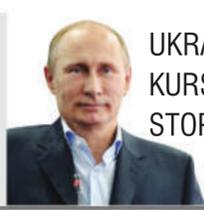
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SENSEX 79,648.92

NIFTY 24,347.00

₹ vs \$ 83.96

GOLD 72,070

SILVER 82,500

BRENT CRUDE (IN \$) 80.34

WEATHER

Generally cloudy sky. Light to moderate rain / thundershower very likely to occur. Maximum and Minimum Temperature most likely to be around 33°C & 28°C respectively.

RAINFALL: 0.0 mm

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

Max. 92% Min. 67%

TEMPERATURE

Max: 33.5°C (+1.1) Min: 28.0°C (+1.2)

SUN RISES

05:13 hrs 18:11 hrs

MOON RISES

22:43 hrs 11:35 hrs

Full Moon on 19 August

THUMBNAILS



Kanwaris wait in a queue to offer prayers at Kashi Vishwanath Temple on the fourth Monday of Sawan month, in Varanasi on Monday. ■ ANI

India's retail inflation softens: Breaching 5 per cent in June, the retail inflation rate in India softened drastically in July. According to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Monday, retail inflation or Consumer Price Index in July was at 3.54 per cent. In June, taking a departure from the moderation it witnessed in the past months, it rose to 5.08 per cent, pushed by rising food prices. In July, there was a sharp decline in the year-on-year inflation rate based on the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is the lowest in the last 59 months. (PC10)

CM vows CBI probe if no headway by Sunday

Amid massive protests, the principal of R.G. Kar Medical College resigned on Monday

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Monday that the probe in the alleged rape and murder of the trainee doctor of Kolkata-based R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital will be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) if the Kolkata Police is unable to complete the investigation by next Sunday. A special investigation team (SIT) of Kolkata Police under the direct supervision of the joint commissioner (crime) of the city police Murlidhar, is currently probing the case. "If the police are unable to complete the investigation by next Sunday, then the responsibility of the investigation in the case will be handed over to the CBI," the Chief Minister told media persons after meeting the family members of the victim. The Chief Minister's statement came just a couple of hours after the Kolkata Police issued a public appeal earlier in the day through social media urging the public to have faith in the investigation being carried out by the SIT of the city police. She had



earlier also made a statement that if the family members of the victim and the protesting junior doctor and medical students of R.G. Kar insist on a central agency probe, she will not have any objection to that. City police commissioner Vineet Kumar Goyal, too, reiterated the CM's statement on the matter. While affirming that the probe will be handed over to CBI, if the ongoing police investigation in the matter is not

completed by next Sunday, the Chief Minister also said on Monday she had taken this decision despite being aware that the success rate of CBI in investigation is not satisfactory. "I am aware of the success rate of CBI. They are yet to resolve the case of the Nobel Medal theft of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. Still in this matter, the charge of the investigation will be handed over to the CBI for the sake of public satisfaction," she



said. The CM also said that she has instructed the city police to file the charge sheet within the next three to four days, move a fast-track court in the matter and if necessary, make an appeal for capital punishment for the guilty. "The person who committed such a crime does not deserve any mercy," she added. She also expressed solidarity towards the protesting junior doctors and medical students. "Their demands are justified and I express my full solidarity towards them," the Chief Minister said.

Amid massive protests over the rape and murder of a trainee doctor on the campus, the principal of Kolkata-based R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital, Dr Sandip Ghosh, on Monday resigned, appealing to the protesting medical students and house staff to withdraw their demonstrations. Amid the growing anger and outrage over the rape and murder of a Kolkata doctor, doctors across many hospitals of the country have joined the protests and halted elective services, demanding that the perpetrators of heinous crimes be brought to book. The Federation of Resident Doctors Association (FORDA) on Monday wrote to the Union Home Minister and announced the nationwide halting of elective services in hospitals to express solidarity with the doctors of Kolkata's R.G. Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Congress, toolkit gang together to usher in economic anarchy: BJP



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The BJP on Monday launched a sharp attack on Congress and its allies over the latest Hindenburg report, saying "they have conspired together to usher in economic anarchy and instability in India".

In its report, the US-based short seller alleged that "Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore entities used in the Adani money siphoning scandal".

Reacting to the Hindenburg Research report against Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch, senior BJP leader said, "Following their third consecutive defeat, the Congress party, INDI Alliance, and their supporters are struggling to come to terms with Modi Ji's (Prime Minister Narendra Modi) third term as Prime Minister of India."

Addressing a press conference at party headquarters here, Ravi Shankar Prasad said, "After being rebuffed by the people of India, the Congress party, its allies, and

its closest allies (i.e. the toolkit gang) have conspired together to usher in economic anarchy and instability in India."

"They are plotting to disrupt India's economic stability. The Hindenburg report's release sparks a coordinated effort to rattle the capital market," he added.

Pointing out that following an investigation under the Supreme Court's jurisdiction, the SEBI had served a notice to Hindenburg in July, he lamented that rather than submitting a response in its defence, Hindenburg released this report, which lacks any credible basis.

The senior BJP leaders said India has received record numbers of FIIs and FPIs. The country has emerged as a safe, secure and promising market. "However, disregarding every achievement of the country, the Opposition is hellbent on spreading negativity all around," Prasad said.

"We must remember that today, there are crores of small investors in India. If India's stock market is disrupted, small investors will be troubled," Prasad said.

India steps up maritime patrolling to prevent illegal intrusion from Bangladesh

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In view of recent developments in Bangladesh, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) has beefed up security along the International Maritime Boundary Line to prevent any illegal intrusion in India.

"The ICG has aptly positioned operational units for robust surveillance in the region and to foil any attempts at illegal migration through sea routes. Surface surveillance has been enhanced along the Indo-Bangladesh International Maritime Boundary Line or IMBL by Offshore Patrol Vessels (OPVs) and Fast Patrol Vessels (FPVs). Layered surface surveillance has been instituted by additional FPVs. All units at sea have been advised to monitor/Board all fishing boats and undertake positive identification of Indian fishermen," a press release from the ICG said on Monday.

ICG Deputy Director General Anupam Rai was quoted as saying by a news agency that the security has been bolstered to address any potential threats.

"After the political unrest in Bangladesh, Indian Coast Guard has enhanced its



patrolling and surveillance along the international maritime boundary line. "To prevent any hostile act and illegal intrusion we have beefed up the security, positioned two to three ships...Sunderban Creek areas are being patrolled by our air cushion vessels and interceptor boats," he said.

He further detailed that the Sunderban Creek areas are being closely monitored with air cushion vessels and interceptor boats. The Indian Coast Guard's coastal surveillance radars at Haldia, Paradeep, and Gopalpur are operating around the clock, scanning the close coasts of India for any signs of illegal activity.

"Till now no illegal activity has been seen but we have very specifically told our ships

to board all fishing boats or any vessels that are close to the Indo-Bangladesh International Maritime Border Line (IMBL) or in the creek areas," he added.

Meanwhile, the Border Security forces have also tightened security along the Indo-Bangladesh international border in response to the ongoing crisis in Bangladesh.

Deployment at border outposts has also been increased, and all surveillance equipment is being utilized to ensure effective monitoring.

The Ministry of Home Affairs has formed a committee, led by the Additional Director General (ADG) of the BSF Eastern Command, to monitor the situation at the Indo-Bangladesh Border (IBB).

Excise policy: Delhi CM Kejriwal challenges his arrest by CBI in SC

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has filed a petition in the Supreme Court challenging his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation in the excise policy case and has also filed a bail plea.

The Delhi High Court had earlier dismissed his petition challenging the arrest and advised him to seek bail from the trial court. While dismissing Kejriwal's plea challenging his arrest, the HC stated that the prosecution has explained that, respecting his position as CM of NCT of Delhi, the police treaded with trepidation and caution and proceeded to collect the evidence from other persons suspected to be the accused. Consequently, extensive investigations were

carried out across India to ascertain the entire web of conspiracy involving numerous persons. In his plea to the Delhi HC, CM Kejriwal stated that he is the National Convenor of a National Political Party (Aam Aadmi Party) and the sitting CM of Delhi, who is being subjected to "gross persecution and harassment for wholly mala fide and extraneous considerations."

The court noted that the Investigating Agency has further explained that it is only after sufficient material was collected against the petitioner over one and a half years, that they sought the sanction for prosecution of the petitioner, which was granted on April 23, 2024. The reasons for not proceeding immediately against the petitioner after registration of the FIR are

thus well explained by the CBI and do not reek of malice. The court further said "it is correct and true" that the petitioner herein is not an ordinary citizen of this country but is a distinguished holder of the Magsaysay Award and a convenor of the AAP. "The control and influence that he has over the witnesses, is prima facie borne out by the fact that these witnesses could muster the courage to be witnesses only after the arrest of the petitioner, as highlighted by the Special Prosecutor. Also, it establishes that the loop of evidence against the petitioner was closed after the collection of relevant evidence after his arrest. No malice whatsoever can be gathered from the acts of the respondent," the court observed.

Population of India expected to reach 152.2 cr by 2036: Report

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NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

The population of India is expected to reach 152.2 crore by 2036, with a slightly improved female percentage of 48.8 per cent as compared to 48.5 per cent in 2011, as per the publication titled 'Women and Men in India 2023' released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Monday. The proportion of individuals under 15 years is projected to decrease from 2011 to 2036, likely due to declining fertility, it said.

According to the report issued by the Ministry, conversely, 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 the 2011 population, as reflected in the sex ratio which is projected to increase from 943 in 2011 to 952 by 2036, highlighting a positive trend in gender equality," it said.

The Ministry, while referring to the Women and Men in India 2023, said, "It is evident that from 2016 to 2020, Age Specific Fertility Rate in the age group of 20-24 & 25-29 has reduced from 135.4 and 166.0 to 113.6 and 139.6 respectively. The ASFR for the age 35-39 for the above 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 whereas 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 reemphasizing the importance of imparting education to women," it said.

Skirmish between Indian, Chinese troops in Durbuk Sector

SP SHARMA
JAMMU, 12 AUGUST

Skirmishes between the Indian and Chinese troops were reported on Monday morning in the Burtse area near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in the Durbuk Sector of Ladakh.

Sources said sticks were used freely by both sides during the confrontation that took place at 4 am.

The trouble started with the Chinese troops reportedly burning two RCC huts on the Indian side of the LAC. This was followed by a faceoff between the Indian and PLA troops of China.

The area where the confrontation took place comes under the 81 Infantry Brigade, sources said.

The minor skirmishes took place near the LAC pillar point

The trouble started with the Chinese troops reportedly burning two RCC huts on the Indian side of the LAC.

12 while an Armoured Battalion was being replaced from the area. Tension has been prevailing between the Indian and Chinese Armies since June 2020 when soldiers of both sides were engaged in a physical confrontation in the Galwan valley. The clashes resulted in the death of 20 Indian soldiers, including a colonel.

Thereafter, India and China have held at least 20 rounds of military talks and 13 rounds of foreign office led discussions but there is no letup in the tensions.

Elephants linked to India's culture & history: PM Modi

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NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday reiterated India's commitment to provide everything possible to ensure elephants get a conducive habitat where they can thrive.

Modi appreciated the wide range of community efforts to protect elephants on the occasion of World Elephant Day.

He also highlighted the elephants' value and their importance to "our culture and history". The prime minister has expressed appreciation for the rise in elephant numbers over the years.

Every year August 12, is celebrated as World Elephant Day across the globe to reaffirm mankind's collective



pledge to conserve one of the most iconic species on the planet. In a post on X, Modi said, "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."

Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav expressed pride over the increased number of elephant reserves in the last 10 years.

In a post on X, Yadav said, "On #WorldElephantDay,



3 pvt hospitals roped in for cleaning, security of Durgapur SD hospital

Durgapur SD Hospital officials were also present at the high-level meeting chaired by the state panchayat minister

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE DURGAPUR, 12 AUGUST

State panchayat minister and Durgapur East MLA Pradip Majumdar has announced that three private super speciality hospitals have been roped in to provide the facilities management services like cleaning and security.

"We have requested three private super speciality hospitals, Mission Hospital, Sana Hospital and Health World Hospital to provide the cleaning operations and security management of sub-divisional hospital of Durgapur and they have agreed to our request," said Pradip Majumdar.

Kabi Dutta, the chairman of the Rogi Kalyan Samity of Sub-Divisional Hospital in Durgapur has given the pro-

posal to the three private super speciality hospitals for cleaning and providing the security.

"The basic difference between the government hospital and the private hospital is the cleanliness and we have emphasized the need to keep the SD Hospital in Durgapur as clean as in private hospitals. We have paucity of funds and the three private hospitals of Durgapur have come forward to help us in providing maintenance and operations works in cleaning and security," said Kabi Dutta.

He further added the local industries have been urged to provide facilities and upgrades in the Durgapur SD Hospital and already one company has come forward to set up an oxygen plant and 100-bed ICU in the Durgapur SD Hospital.

"Many such initiatives are



being taken. Not only patients from the Durgapur sub-division gets admitted for treatment here but even patients from the surrounding districts also come for treatment at the SD Hospital," he added.

Besides the chairmen of the three private hospitals of Durgapur, Dr Satyajit Bose, Partha Pobi and Dr Arunangshu Ganguly, the SDM of Durgapur and superintendent

of Durgapur SD Hospital were also present at the high-level meeting chaired by the state panchayat minister on the issues of development.

The Durgapur SD hospital has taken these initiatives at a time when the entire health sector in the country is rocked by the rape and murder incident of a junior doctor in RG Kar Medical College Hospital, which is ranked as one of

Top brass of Asansol Durgapur police review security at district hospital

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE ASANSOL, 12 AUGUST

The top cops from Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate (ADPC) have visited the Asansol District and Superspecialty hospital and reviewed the security system on campus.

The cops held meetings with the doctors and other hospital staff and also inspected the hospital campus.

Biswajit Naskar, assistant commissioner of police (Central-1), inspector Koushik Kundu, inspector in-charge of Asansol South police station visited the hospital today.

the top medical colleges in

The CP of Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate, Sunil Kumar Choudhury, has directed to review the present security system of the hospital and take steps, sources said.

They had a long meeting with deputy super Debdeep Mukherjee and took notes. Later, they inspected the old building, new building campuses of the largest state government hospital in West Burdwan district.

Sources said that the ADPC has also sought fresh proposals to further strengthen the police camp with more and further requirements of the district and super speciality hospital.

the state currently.

Doctors welcome CM's deadline for police probe

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 12 AUGUST

Medical professionals here have expressed their support for chief minister Mamata Banerjee's decisive action in the investigation of the rape and murder of a lady doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

CM Banerjee has set a Sunday deadline for the police to identify and apprehend the culprits involved. If the police fail to do so, the case will be handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), despite its lower success rate, according to the chief minister.

"We welcome the chief minister's statement. It will add urgency to the police investigation. The culprits must be brought to justice by any means," said Dr Sengupta, echoing the sentiments of the medical community.

In response to the incident, junior doctors at North Bengal Medical College and Hospital (NBMC&H) staged a demon-

stration outside the emergency department, demanding the immediate arrest of those responsible.

Their protest was supported by doctors from the Indian Medical Association (IMA) Siliguri and other organizations, who joined in solidarity.

Similar demonstrations were held by junior doctors at other medical colleges across north Bengal, including in Malda, protesting the horrific incident at R G Kar Medical College.

Dr Sengupta, dean of NBMC&H, assured that despite the agitation, medical services were not significantly disrupted. "No services were hampered due to today's protest and cease work by junior doctors. However, there were minor delays due to the temporary shortage of manpower," he explained.

The outrage has also sparked demonstrations from various student organizations across other districts in north Bengal.

Bengal PDS case: Enforcement Directorate tracks role of over 60 small ration dealers

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Enforcement Directorate (ED) officials probing the ration distribution case in West Bengal, have been able to track a network of at least 60 small dealers who were directly involved in the alleged scam.

The dealers allegedly had contacts with former food & supplies minister Jyotipriya Mallick who is currently in judicial custody in connection with the case.

According to sources, first these ration dealers procured grain from farmers bypassing the official procurement route at prices lower than the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and then sold the same products at premium prices in the open market



instead of selling them through the Public Distribution System (PDS).

Sources said the ED has also been able to track some account numbers reportedly linked to Mallick and some of his close associates, where money was deposited from the accounts of these small ration dealers regularly.

The ED suspects that

these deposited amounts were commissions paid by the small ration dealers for the illegally-earned profit.

They made money by selling foodgrain meant for the PDS in the open market or to corporate entities engaged in selling packaged rice and wheat.

Sources added that the ED officials have got infor-

mation about these dealers from the documents seized from the office of a chartered accountant known to be a close confidant of the arrested minister.

Recently, Trinamool Congress' block president from Deganga in North 24 Parganas District, Anisur Rahaman aka Bidesh and his brother Alif Nur alias Mukul, also known as close confidants of Mallick, were taken into custody by the ED.

Both are to be presented at a special court of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in Kolkata on Monday afternoon.

Both are cousins of businessman Bakibur Rahaman, the first to be arrested in connection with the PDS case.

CELEBRATING HISTORY



175 years celebration of Bethune Collegiate School at Nazrul Mancha on Monday.

Memorandum to Prez on violence against Hindus in Bangladesh



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 12 AUGUST

A memorandum was submitted to the President of India, today, through the sub-divisional officer (SDO) in Siliguri, to protest against the ongoing violence targeting the Hindu minority in Bangladesh.

The protest was organised by members of the Hindu Suraksha Mancha, who took out a rally from Baghajatin Park and marched to the SDO office on Hill Cart Road. The rally condemned the barbaric attacks on the Hindu community in Bangladesh and called for immediate action to protect their rights and safety.

Participants expressed deep concern over the escalating violence and urged both the Bangladeshi government and the international community to intervene.

In their memorandum, the protestors demanded swift justice for the victims and stressed the importance of safeguarding religious freedom and human rights.

They called for those responsible for the atrocities to be held accountable and for measures to be implemented to prevent further violence against the Hindu minority.

The memorandum requested the President to send a strong message to Bangladesh, urging the Union government to initiate immediate and decisive steps to halt the atrocities being com-

mitted against Hindus.

It reminded the interim government in Bangladesh of its duty to protect all citizens, regardless of class, creed, or religion. The memorandum warned that if the violence is not swiftly curbed, it could escalate further, leading to potential retaliation from the minority community.

The protestors expressed their shock and dismay at the violence, which they described as a deliberate and premeditated attack on the Hindu minority, rather than a political movement. They recounted the horrific acts of torture, arson, looting, rape, and murder that have been inflicted on the Hindu community in Bangladesh, likening the situation to genocide.

"We, the members of Hindu Suraksha Mancha, are appalled by the terror unleashed on Hindus in Bangladesh, which has escalated into nothing short of genocide. This is not a revolution against any government but a pre-planned attack on the Hindu community, exploiting the absence of a stable government in the country," said a spokesperson from the Mancha.

The memorandum highlighted the dire situation faced by women and children, who are being subjected to unspeakable violence without any intervention from law enforcement or the military in Bangladesh.

Hospital gives voice to voiceless

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Recently, an interactive session, "Embrace Compassion - Giving a Voice to the Voiceless," was held in the city. The event highlighted the extraordinary efforts of hospitals in providing care and shelter to injured, abandoned and abused animals across the state.

Chhaya Animal Hospital hosted the event, which was attended by Dilip Doshi, former India spinner; Mr. Raju Bharat, CMD, Kenilworth Hotels, GaurangJalan, filmmaker, Bickram Ghosh,



tabla maestro, Alokanda Roy, dancer and social activist, Debasis Kumar, MLA; and other personalities.

The event brought together animal lovers, caregivers & supporters from civil soci-

ety and government to learn about the hospital's comprehensive services and its impact since its inception in 2008. The hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including 66 well-ventilated kennels, an operation theatre, and solar-powered amenities, ensuring optimal care for over 100,000 animals to date.

Sharda Radhakrishnan, founder trustee of Chhaya, said, "Our goal has always been to offer a safe haven for street animals in need and to provide them with the care they deserve," she said.

Gang-rape in Burdwan: Three arrested

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BURDWAN, 12 AUGUST

In a gang-rape case, police have arrested three youths from within the Burdwan police station area, today.

A 22-year-old girl, while on her way to Shravani Mela along the Burdwan-Nabadwip Road with her friend, was stopped by the culprits and they dragged her to a place away from the road.

They first fastened her friend with a tree, robbed cash from him and then raped the girl in front of him on 7 August afternoon. The family members of the victim lodged a complaint with the police on 9 August and the girl's medical examinations were made at the Burdwan Medical College and Hospital and her statements were recorded.

Based on the versions of the victim girl and her friend, the key witness, three youths identified as Sajal Ghatol, Tapas Pundit and Bikram Malik were nabbed from Shaktigarh last night and were forwarded to court today.

100kg hashish seized from E Burdwan



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BURDWAN, 12 AUGUST

A car with blue bacon was intercepted by the police in East Burdwan today.

The white sedan was bearing a forged 'police' sticker, too. Yesterday, too, the police had seized 50kg of hashish from a van carrying a consignment from Odisha.

Two persons on board, Biswajit Singh of Behala, Kolkata and Sunil Bera of Asanbona, Jhargam, were arrested and 100kg of hashish was recovered from their possession. A police team, acting on tip-off, was patrolling on the road and intercepted the speeding car near Sports Authority of India stadium on NH-2B (Burdwan-Suri Road) in the early morning today. Aman-

deep Singh, SP, East Burdwan, said, "After yesterday's haul, we'd gathered a tip-off that on Monday morning a second consignment was on the way."

The detained persons told police that they had received the consignment in Kharagpur from a middleman who'd procured the packets from Keonjhor, Odisha the other day. The police came to know that the accused were assigned to handover the consignment to a trader in Guskara village town in East Burdwan.

On Sunday morning, at Palsit toll plaza in Memari, police had seized 50kg of hashish from a van and four persons, including a woman were detained. The consignment was meant for a Birbhum based receiver, the police said.

Road mishap claims six devotees

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE SILIGURI, 12 AUGUST

Six devotees of Lord Shiva were killed and several others injured after a car allegedly lost its control and mowed down them near Bagdogra, this morning.

The devotees were on their way to Jangli Baba temple, travelling along the left pavement of national highway 31, near Muni tea plantation.

A car, reportedly from Sikkim, lost control and struck more than eight devotees.

The vehicle then over-

turned and fell into a roadside gorge. The driver and others in the car allegedly died on the spot.

Local residents rushed to the site and rescued the injured, bringing them to North Bengal Medical College and Hospital (NBMC&H).

Six of the devotees were pronounced dead on arrival. Among the eight devotees, two sustained serious injuries and are currently receiving treatment.

According to Dr Sandeep Sengupta, dean of NBMC&H, the two injured are now out of danger following a CT scan.

The victims included three members of a family, Gobinda Choudhury, Amaresh Choudhury, and Himesh Choudhury, a Class X student.

The others, who lost their lives were identified as Prallad Roy, Kanak Barman, and Pranab Roy, all residents of nearby villages.

Local political leaders have extended their support to the grieving families.

The sabhadhipati of Siliguri Mahukuma Parishad visited the hospital and assured the families of the injured that arrangements for better treatment would be made if necessary.

Serampore IMA condemns brutal act at R G Kar

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HOOGHLY, 12 AUGUST

The Serampore IMA branch has strongly condemned the brutality inflicted on a lady doctor at R G Kar Hospital.

The Serampore IMA president Dr Pradeep Das said, the entire medical fraternity is shocked. It is beyond imagination that a lady doctor on-duty in a renowned hospital in the capital city of West Bengal was brutally raped and killed. If such brutal torture on a lady doctor can take place in R G Kar Hospital, then doctors serving in district hospitals and rural hospitals can also become victim of anti-social activities. The lack of appropriate safety and security in the hospital with advanced infrastructure is a matter of great concern. The incident has proved that the law and order situation in the state has collapsed. Moreover, it is very astonishing that the hospital authority is trying to cover up the fact by giving the incident a colour of suicidal case.

The IMA Serampore is going to observe a pen down on 15 August and take out a rally, condemning the act of heinous crime and brutally inflicted on a lady on-duty doctor.



Police urges public to have faith in its probe team

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

In the face of growing unrest among the medical fraternity in particular and the common people over the second-year postgraduate student's death, the Kolkata Police, on Monday issued a public appeal requesting all concerned to have faith in the Special Investigation Team's (SIT) probe.

In the appeal issued in Bengali and English on the Facebook wall of Kolkata Police, the authorities have assured the public that the probe is proceeding well, and the city police will do whatever it takes to file an early charge sheet and ensure a speedy trial.

The appeal by the police comes amid widespread claims by protesting medical students, junior doctors and even medical experts that preliminary autopsy findings suggest that the alleged rape and murder cannot be the handiwork of a single individual and more people were involved in the heinous act.

Till now, the cops have arrested a civic volunteer, Sanjay Roy in connection with the case.

As per the appeal by the police, the probe is being conducted with utmost integrity, honesty and transparency.

"However, it has come to our notice that several factually incorrect and unverified claims are being widely circulated on social media. We urge everyone not to share or believe any so-called 'facts' of the case, because they are nothing but unfounded rumours. Not only do they obstruct the investigation and cause even more distress to the bereaved family, but also hinder the course of justice. We are committed to ensuring a thorough investigation, and the rampant spread of misinformation will only make our job more difficult," the public appeal has read.

It goes on to say: "To the students who are seeking justice, we hear you, and we share your pain. We are in active dialogue with you and are fully dedicated to ensuring swift justice. We assure the public that our investigation is proceeding in the right direction, and we will do whatever it takes to file an early charge sheet and ensure a speedy trial.

Justice will be served, and we will not rest until it is done."

R G Kar principal resigns in face of protests

Students also demanded not to rehabilitate Prof Ghosh in any administrative portfolio, apart from a judicial probe

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KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Finally, under the pressure of the agitating medical students, interns and postgraduate trainee (PGT) doctors at state-run government medical colleges across the state, Prof (Dr) Sandip Ghosh, principal of R G Kar Medical College Hospital resigned.

At the hospital, a second-year PGT doctor of chest medicine department was raped and murdered on Friday night in the seminar hall on the third floor of the nine-storey emergency building.

The agitating junior doctors and students, who have ceased work in emergency wards and OPDs at most of the state-run teaching hospitals in the state, have threatened to intensify their protests, demanding the government not to rehabilitate Prof Ghosh in any administrative portfolio, under health department anywhere across the state.

The agitators have also demanded judicial inquiry to probe the incident at the premier teaching hospital.

Today, Prof Ghosh submitted his resignation taking "moral responsibility".

While speaking to reporters after meeting parents of the victim at her Sodepur residence, chief minister Mamata Banerjee said, "The principal has himself tendered resignation today. His family members are also worried about him. We have told him okay, you won't need to work and we have transferred him elsewhere."

"There is a conspiracy to remove me from my position," Ghosh told the media today at R G Kar Medical College Hospital, adding, "I never



R G Kar principal Dr Ghosh transferred to CNMCH

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Prof (Dr) Sandip Ghosh, principal of the state-run R G Kar Medical College Hospital, has been transferred to the Calcutta National Medical College Hospital (CNMCH) in the same post on Monday evening, hours after he resigned from the state government service in the health department, early this morning.

Prof (Dr) Suhita Pal, officer-on-special-duty (OSD) at Swasthya Bhaban and

former vice-chancellor of the West Bengal University of Health Sciences, was made the principal of R G Kar Medical College Hospital.

Prof (Dr) Ajay Roy, CNMCH principal, who is scheduled to retire by September, has been made OSD, replacing Prof Pal.

High drama followed the resignation of Prof Ghosh, an orthopaedic surgeon, throughout the day today because Swasthya Bhaban had not accepted his resignation that he submitted to the health department.

asked what the doctor was doing at the seminar hall. A dirty politics is being played over the unfortunate incident."

Police have arrested a civic volunteer of Kolkata Police, Sanjay Roy, who was allegedly at the hospital on Saturday morning. The PGT at the teaching hos-

pital's chest medicine department was found dead with multiple injuries on Friday morning, hours after she had retired to a seminar hall in the building.

She had gone there as there are no resting rooms for the junior doctors posted at the teaching hospitals, the agitators alleged.

Doctors show solidarity in national capital

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Doctors of several government hospitals, including the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, Ram Manohar Lohia (RML) Hospital and Safdarjung Hospital staged a protest in the capital on Monday, demanding justice for the woman postgraduate trainee (PGT) doctor who was allegedly raped and murdered at R G Kar Medical College Hospital last week.

The demonstration was held as part of the nationwide protest called by the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) India seeking justice for the woman PGT doctor.

Earlier, the FORDA said as a mark of solidarity with the colleagues of R G Kar Medical College, it announced a nationwide halting of elective services in hospitals starting from Monday.

The AIIMS Resident Doctors' Association held the demonstration at its campus demanding immediate transfer of the investigation of the case to Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and resignation of responsible authorities of the R G Kar Medical College for the alleged



Federation of Resident Doctors Association (FORDA) members hold placards as they call for a nationwide strike demanding justice for the alleged sexual assault and murder of a female postgraduate trainee doctor of Kolkata R G Kar Medical College, at Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi on Monday. ■ ANI

failure to protect the dignity and life of the on-duty female doctor.

Besides this, the AIIMS RDA demanded adequate compensation to the victim family and immediate implementation of the Central Protection Act (CPA) or a similar law to ensure the protection of doctors across the country.

On Sunday, the Association held a candle march in solidarity with the victim and demanded justice for her.

Former AIIMS RDA president Dr Vinay Kumar in a post on X, wrote, "Residents doctors from AIIMS New Delhi came out of AIIMS campus and sitting on the

road, to support nationwide agitation due to the inaction by Mamata Banerjee government at R G Kar Hospital."

Appeal people to back the protest, he said, "I appeal public to support this as it was crime on human body not just on doctor."

The AIIMS in a statement said, "In view of the resident strike on 12 August, administrative rounds were conducted to find out the status of various patient care services. Emergency services are running heavier than normal with all residents attending to their duties and backed up by their respective faculty. The Emergency OPD census

till noon is 224." The premier institute said ICUs are functioning as per normal with all residents attending to their duties.

On OPD, the AIIMS said, "The total registration of OPD patients on 12 August was 4053 as against the average of 6,500 in the main hospital on Mondays. A total of 203 admissions have been done against an average of 280 by noon. Elective admissions have been suspended but emergency admissions are being done."

Surgeries in OTs are restricted to vital elective cases and emergency cases only, it added.

Doctors at the RML Hospital staged protest. Holding placards, they shouted slogans demanding CBI probe over the matter.

One of the protesting doctors said, "The culprits should be hanged. All the authorities should resign immediately."

Talking to a news agency FORDA India president Dr Aviral Mathur said, "This incident is condemnable. Everyone should condemn this." "We demand CBI probe into this incident. We demand compensation (for the victim). We don't want patients to suffer. Our demand should be addressed," he said.

The KP, on the other hand, has also transferred an assistant commissioner of police, who was in charge of security at the teaching hospital.

Prof Ghosh's tenure in R G Kar Medical College Hospital has been marked with alle-

gations of large scale corruption.

He was reportedly transferred to Murshidabad from R G Kar Medical College in September 2023 but returned to his old position within a fortnight.

SIT questions 4 docs who had dinner with victim

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

The Special Investigation Team (SIT) of Kolkata Police, formed to probe the Friday's rape and murder case of the 31-year-old postgraduate trainee (PGT) doctor of chest medicine department at R G Kar Medical College Hospital, interrogated four other junior doctors on Monday, who had dinner with the victim at the incident spot.

According to the ongoing initial investigation conducted by police, the PGT victim along with four other junior doctors had dinner together at the hospital and later she went to sleep inside the hall at midnight. They had ordered the food through an online delivery system.

The SIT members interrogated the junior doctors

Sources at Lalbazar said, the SIT investigators interrogated the junior doctors, including reportedly three doctors and one intern of the R G Kar Hospital to know details of chronological events till the dinner was over

for more than a couple of hours today at Lalbazar.

Civic volunteer Sanjay Roy, a resident of Sambhuanth Pandit Street in the southern part of Kolkata, has been arrested so far in this case. He has been remanded to police custody by a court.

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including reportedly three doctors and one intern of the R G Kar Hospital to know details of chronological events till the dinner was over.

The investigators also wanted to know whether the four medical professionals had noticed any abnormal and suspicious happening during the night on Friday.

The SIT is also looking for the delivery man, who had supplied food to the doctors, including the victim.

Vineet Kumar Goyal, commissioner of police, standing beside the chief minister at Sodepur told reporters, "We have created a helpline number. If anyone wants to share names of other suspects in the case can do so through this number. We will keep their names secret."

Trinamul slams NCW ex-chief for comments on doc death

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Former National Commission for Women (NCW) chief Rekha Sharma, on Monday, demanded President's Rule in state after the rape and murder of the postgraduate trainee in Kolkata's state-run hospital.

Sharma said, "A police volunteer committed the rape and murder of a woman inside a hospital. If a doctor isn't safe even in a hospital, where can they be safe? Women are not secure in West Bengal. This is yet another incident that highlights the lack of safety for women in West Bengal - a state where the Chief Minister herself is a woman."

Demanding the case to be transferred to the CBI for further probe, Sharma



said the police had significantly delayed their response in this case and that the accused should have been arrested on the very first day.

The ruling Trinamul Congress has reacted strongly to the comments of the former NCW chief asking her to first look into her past

records. "Rekha Sharma should be the last one to speak on the safety of women. During her tenure as NCW chief she was deeply biased, maligned Opposition-ruled states and turned a blind eye to crimes committed in BJP-ruled states."

"How can one forget her

role in Sandeshkhali? She was one of the main conspirators and sold the dignity of Sandeshkhali for Rs 2,000 so that her masters in BJP can reap political benefits," said Trinamul national spokesperson Dr Shashi Panja, slamming Rekha Sharma.

Party spokesperson Dr Riju Dutta posted on his X handle: "Do you even check before posting any stuff on social media or for the sake of pleasing your masters you just vomit filth. Stop playing victim politics."

Why don't you ask your Malik to resign for the international shame he has brought to our nation by remaining mum on Manipur and siding with rapists against our Desh Ki Betis. Rapists Recruiter like you shouldn't be talking of women's safety. Period!"

Doctors intensify strike work across state hospitals

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

Hospital services in government medical colleges across West Bengal were disrupted on Monday as students, interns, and postgraduate trainee (PGT) trainee doctors threatened to intensify their ongoing cease-work programme in both outpatients departments (OPDs) and emergency wards demanding immediate judicial inquiry to probe rape and murder of a woman PGT doctor of chest medicine department at R G Kar Medical College Hospital.

Over the past three days, junior doctors had been attending to emergency duties, but from Monday morning, they have ceased even those responsibilities in most of the teaching hospitals starting from R G Kar Hospital, epicenter of the trouble rocking the nation, Medical College Hospital (MCH), NRS Hospital, SSKM Hospital, Calcutta National Medical College Hospital (CNMCH), College of Medicine and Sagar Dutta State General Hospital in the city and others in districts.

Different doctors' forums, students' organisations and civil society brought out protest processions in different parts of the city showing solidarity to the agitating interns, junior doctors and PGTs.

"We want an immediate impartial judicial investigation into the murder of our col-



Junior doctors hold placards as they protest against the alleged killing and rape of a doctor in R G Kar Medical government hospital, in Kolkata on Monday. ■ SNS

league. Why should we wait till Sunday? We want justice and exemplary punishment to those who are involved in the heinous crime," the protesting doctors and students at the R G Kar Medical college

Hospital said. "We want capital punishments for culprits and compensations for the family of the murder victim. We demand the government must not give any administrative portfolio

to Prof Sandip Ghosh in the health department," they said, shouting slogans "no safety, no duty."

They would continue their strike until their demands are met.

"We are dissatisfied with the current police investigation and will continue our protest until justice is served and the state ensures foolproof security for all doctors and healthcare workers," said a protesting

junior doctor from R G Kar Medical College and Hospital.

A senior health department official at Swasthya Bhaban said that senior doctors, including medical officers have been asked to attend patients in emergency wards in all government medical colleges till the crisis is over.

"We are making appeal to the agitating junior doctors and PGTs to exempt emergency services from their protest programmes considering the plight of critical patients," the official said requesting anonymity.

The body of the woman post-graduate trainee was found inside a seminar hall of the hospital on Friday morning. A civic volunteer was arrested on Saturday in connection with the crime.

The Federation of Resident Doctors' Association of India (FORDA) has endorsed the strike and called for a nationwide halt of elective services on Monday, informing the Union health ministry of their decision.

The West Bengal Doctors Forum has also appealed to chief minister Mamata Banerjee for an impartial inquiry committee to investigate the rape and murder of the doctor. Additionally, they have demanded increased security for doctors and health workers across the state and capital punishment for the perpetrator.

Cong's Alka Lamba speaks out on Kolkata doc's murder



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

In the wake of the recent rape and murder of a female doctor in Kolkata, All India Mahila Congress President, Alka Lamba on Monday slammed rising crimes against women in the country.

Slamming the audacity of the perpetrators amid the growing anger and outrage in the country, she said, "There is no fear, no dread."

"How can they have the courage to rape a medical student and then murder her within the college premises? Such confidence indicates that the criminals believe they are untouch-

able," she said. Lamba criticised chief minister Mamata Banerjee for her repeated assurances of justice and said such assurances will not bring the girl back to life.

"Our daughter will not return. It is deeply frightening that a gang-rape involving a doctor has taken place. I want to know how justice can be served. To make a real impact, focus on preventing such crimes from occurring anywhere, whether in Delhi or West Bengal," the Congress leader said.

Lamba added, "There is a demand to transfer the investigation to the CBI. But how many cases have been successful in the past?"

Rahul Gandhi following China's orders, says Union Minister Bandi Sanjay

AGENCIES HYDERABAD, 12 AUGUST

Questioning the alleged silence of Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on the unrest in Bangladesh, Union Minister of State for Home Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Monday alleged that he was following China's orders.



Alleging that Rahul Gandhi was not opening his mouth

on the ongoing repression in Bangladesh, he said the Leader of Opposition was implementing China's designs.

Talking to media persons during the Tiranga rally in Karimnagar, he said the Congress leader was "speaking the language of his uncle Sam Pitroda".

Bani Sanjay said the Con-

gress party created a wedge between people in the name of caste, religion and region and divided the country by adopting the policy of minority appeasement.

He alleged that as a result of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's anarchy and ill-advised policies, lakhs of people lost their lives and crores became homeless.

Wayanad landslides: Body parts recovered in massive search ops

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KALPETTA, 12 AUGUST

The extensive search operations, involving the public and the victims' relatives, to find the people who are still missing in the landslides that hit Churalmala and Kandakkai areas in Wayanad on July 30, continued on Monday.



Two body parts were recovered from Munderi and Kottupara near Chaliyar river during the search. A human skull and another body part were recovered near the Soolichippara waterfalls. The remains were taken first to the Nilambur district hospital and then to Kalpetta.

The search operation teams include police, fire and rescue teams, volunteers, youth groups, public and survivors. The search is concentrated in six zones, including Mundakkai, Chooralmala, Punchirimattam, and along the Chaliyar River, with special

teams deployed in Soolichippara and Kanthanpara. The Authorities have included four members from each relief camp to aid in locating and identifying missing individuals. Cadaver dogs are being used to find bodies trapped under debris. In this connection, a special camp to retrieve official documents of the landslide survivors who lost everything, was launched in the disaster-hit areas in wayanad on Monday.

Meanwhile, state Revenue Minister K Rajan said that the DNA test results of those who

died in the disaster, but were not identified, started being available since Monday. Last week a mass burial of unidentified bodies and numerous body parts took place and each of the graves has been numbered. The survivors will be able to identify their near and dear ones after the DNA results are received.

Revenue Minister Rajan further said the government will ensure the temporary rehabilitation of those staying in the camps in the month of August itself.

The Minister said that the government has a clear plan

for the rehabilitation of the victims of the Wayanad disaster and there is no need to worry in that regard. The first step is to transfer the victims temporarily to rented houses and government quarters providing with household appliances, he said.

In this connection, the Kerala Bank on Monday decided to write off all the loans disbursed from its Chooralmala branch, considering the exceptional situation in landslide-hit areas in Churalmala and Mundakkai in Wayanad.

The bank will write off loans of borrowers from the Chooralmala branch who lost their lives, homes, and properties in the disaster. This comes as a relief for those affected by the massive landslides and lost their way of life. Though the volume of loans disbursed from the Kerala Bank's Churalmala branch is unclear, the loans availed by the individuals in the area may come to a tune of Rs 29 crores.

TENDER

Kamarhati Municipality
Memo No - 289/KM/PW/24-25

1, M.M. Feeder Road, Rathhala, Kolkata-56
Date: 12.08.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for Purchase of One Mahindra Dead Body Carrier Van at Kamarhati Municipality area under BEUP Fund.

Tender ID No. - 2024_MAD_732369_1
NIT No. - WBMAD/KM/PW/BEUP/NIT-39(e)/23-24 (3rd Call)
Bid submission start date: 13.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid submission end date: 27.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid opening date: 29.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.

N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website <http://wbenders.gov.in> this advertisement is also given <http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org>.

Chairman
Kamarhati Municipality

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. PRYJ-Sig-20-2024-25 Date: 08-08-2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Senior Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer/Coordination/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite E-TENDER on prescribed form for the following works up to 12.00 hrs. on 02.09.2024. The details of the Tender is as under:-

SN: 1a. Tender No. : PRYJ-Sig-20-2024-25, Name of Work: Telecom work in connection with construction of type V duplex quarter at Loco colony, Prayagraj, construction of multi-disciplinary training institute at Subedarganj, Concealing of S&T cables in SM rooms of division, and regrading of Bridge No 05 UP and Down at KM-792 by 12-24.

Approx. Cost of work (₹) : 66,03,134/- Bid Security (₹) : 1,32,100/-
Cost of Tender Form (₹) : 0/- Completion Period : 06 months
Date of Closing of tender : 02.09.2024

(2) Availability of tender form : Tender forms are available on www.irps.gov.in 21 days prior to date of opening of the tender. (3) Time date & place of opening of tender : Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj on or after pre determined date at 12.30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day. 14/2724 (MG)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway CPONCR

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय

ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची

अति अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
PR-327643 REO (24-25).D

पत्रांक- अति अल्पकालीन ई-पुनर्निविदा संख्या-25/RE/2023-24/RWD/EE/RANCHI दिनांक-

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1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि-14.08.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय-20.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय-22.08.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, राँची।
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पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय, गुमला

(गुमशुदा की तलाश)

सर्व सहायण को सुचित किया जाता है कि पीड़िता मुस्ता टोप्यो, उम्र 14 वर्ष की 2024 इंडीयन टोप्यो ग्राम पुष्पी, थाना जारी, जिला गुमला (झारखण्ड) जो माह अप्रैल 2014 में अंतिम बार रोहताक (हरियाणा) में देखा गया था। जिसके संबंध में अहनु थाना कांड सं 14/21 दिनांक 28.08.21 दर्ज कर खोजबीन की जा रही है। जिसका रंग सावला, शरीर सामान्य, बाल काला, भाषा सादरी एवं हिन्दी बोलती है। इनकी खोजबीन हेतु जनता का सहयोग अपेक्षित है। उपरोक्त सूचना को सार्वजनिक किया जाना आवश्यक है।

अतः सभी जन सहायण से अनुरोध है कि उपरोक्त लापता लड़की के बारे में कोई पहचान/जानकारी मिलने पर पुलिस अधीक्षक का कार्यालय गुमला या निम्नांकित मो 90 पर संपर्क कर इसकी सूचना दे सकते हैं।

1. पुलिस अधीक्षक गुमला - 9431706376
2. पुलिस उपअधीक्षक (गु) गुमला - 9471182113
3. अनुमण्डल पुलिस पदाधिकारी गुमला - 9431706202
4. थाना प्रभारी, अहनु - 8986604606

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JALPAIGURI MUNICIPALITY

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

The Executive Officer, Jalpaiguri Municipality invites e-tender on Online mode as per given NIT. The tender details as given below:

WBMAD / JM / Water Works / eNIT No. 06 / 2023-24 (2nd Call) Sl. No. 1 & 2.

Bid submission end date extended up to: 19-08-2023, 5-00 p.m.

Details of e-NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Officer
Jalpaiguri Municipality

Kamarhati Municipality

Memo No - 291/KM/PW/24-25

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited by the Chairman, Kamarhati Municipality, North 24 Parganas for different work within Municipal area under 15th Fin, 14th Fin & 5th SFC Fund.

NIT No. - WBMAD/KM/PW/15th Fin/NIT-30(e)/23-24 (3rd Call)
Tender ID No. - 2024_MAD_732769_1,2
Bid submission start date: 13.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid submission end date: 20.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid opening date: 22.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.

N.B: For details and any other information, please visit Govt. website <http://wbenders.gov.in> this advertisement is also given <http://Kamarhatimunicipality.org>.

Chairman
Kamarhati Municipality

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(Department of Rural Electrification)

Emergent Short E-Tender Notice

(Through e-procurement mode only www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)

Online emergent short e-tender is invited by General Manager (RP), JBVNL for Electrification of un-electrified/partial electrified Habitation/Tolas/Households of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) and contiguous to PVTG of Jharkhand State on fully turnkey basis under RDSS for following Electric Supply Area of JBVNL, as detailed below:-

Sl. No.	Name of Package (District)	NIT No.	Estimated Cost (In Rs.)	Bid Security (EMD) (In Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Tender) + processing fee (In Rs.) including GST
1	Dumka	67/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 34,64,68,728.00	Rs. 69,29,375.00	Rs. 29,500
2	Medininagar	68/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 26,53,75,495.00	Rs. 53,07,510.00	Rs. 29,500
3	Ranchi	69/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 13,74,13,192.00	Rs. 27,48,264.00	Rs. 29,500
4	Jamshedpur	70/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 8,34,93,787.00	Rs. 16,69,876.00	Rs. 29,500
5	Hazaribagh	71/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 4,22,03,518.00	Rs. 8,44,070.00	Rs. 29,500
6	Giridih	72/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 3,04,14,534.00	Rs. 6,08,291.00	Rs. 29,500
7	Dhanbad	73/PR/JBVNL/2024-25	Rs. 7,38,075.00	Rs. 14,762.00	Rs. 29,500

Date of publish of tender notice & RFB: 12.08.2024
Last date of online submission of tender: Upto 16:00 Hours (IST) of 19.08.2024
Deadline for Submission of Bid in Hard Copy: Upto 16:00 Hours (IST) of 19.08.2024
Date of opening of technical & commercial Part: After 16:00 Hours (IST) of 20.08.2024

Date of opening of price part will be notified after technical bid Evaluation. The tender documents will be available at www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in. Tender Fee and EMD will be received through online mode only. Bidders can use internet banking facility for faster processing of tender fee and EMD. Alternatively, Bidders can use NEFT/RTGS challan generated for the tender from jharkhandtenders.gov.in portal and upload payment evidence / details along with bid documents.

Refund will only be issued to the originated bank account used for the payment of Tender Fee and EMD. So, Bidders are advised NOT to close Bank Account used for online payment (NEFT/RTGS) of tender fee and EMD.
No Hard copy/physical copy is required to be submitted for tender opening/Evaluation. However, Department may ask original documents for verification before award of contract.

स्वीडित एव एडमिशन में कर्ज बचारे। कृपया अपनी सिकरिली को 18003406570(सील सेन्टर) पर रज करवाये।

Sd/-
General Manager (RP)
PR 332584 Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd(24-25).D

झारखण्ड सरकार, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांडा, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301

ई- अतिअल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा सं 06/R2/2024-25/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH दिनांक :- 10.08.2024 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह द्वारा निम्नविषयक के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

1. कार्य का नाम :-

क्र. सं.	आईटीईटी फ़ाइल संख्या / पैकेज संख्या	कार्य का नाम	प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपया में)	अंश में	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कॉल संख्या
1.	RWD/GIRIDIH/4 7/2023-24	बागोडीह रोड से नौमासिघा तक पथ निर्माण कार्य। (लंबा-1.000 कि०मी०)	98,95,900.00		अनदानव लेख पंचानवे हजार नौ सौ रूप मात्र	06 माह तृतीय

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि- 14.08.2024
3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय- 21.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय- 23.08.2024 अपराह्न 3.30 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पदनाम एवं पता- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समाहरणालय भवन, पपरवाटांडा, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301
6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं-06532-225381
विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग,
कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह
PR 332570 REO (24-25)_D

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER

e-Tenders are invited vide e-NIT No.: 05 / KCK-II PS / 2024-25, Dated: 12-08-2024, by the EO, Kaliachak-II PS, Malda on behalf of Kaliachak-II PS, Govt. of West Bengal. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in / www.malda.gov.in for details. Last date of tender submission: 22-08-2024 up to 15-00 hours respectively.

Sd/- E.O.
Kaliachak-II PS, Malda

e-TENDER NOTICE
Chairperson, Jalpaiguri Municipality invited Corrigendum Notice vide Tender ID No.
1) (2024_MAD_721572_1)
2) (2024_MAD_721722_1)
3) (2024_MAD_722237_1)
4) (2024_MAD_722466_1)
5) (2024_MAD_722477_1)
6) (2024_MAD_722491_1)
7) (2024_MAD_722513_1)
The above mentioned tenders estimated amount below Rs. 10 lakh so I.T. Return, ESI and EPP registration paper documents not required.

Chairperson
Jalpaiguri Municipality

MORE TENDER ADS ON PAGE 5 & 13

कार्यालय, जिला परिषद, राँची (अभियंत्रण शाखा)

अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
टेंडर रिफ्रेंस नम्बर-DOPR/DE/Ranchi/ 10/2024-25

S.No	योजना का नाम	स्वीकृत राशि (रुपये में)	अवधन की राशि	परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि
1	2	3	4	5	6
01	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास मद्रस्ता इलाकिया अरबिया शौरा, चान्दी, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
02	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास आडिगल अकादमी ऑफ नर्सिंग एडुकेशन, दलावली चौक, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
03	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास इमारत पब्लिक स्कूल, लाम्पा रोड, पिरका नगरी, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
04	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास जामिया इलाकिया मद्रस्ता, ग्राम-रामगंज, पंचायत-रामगंज, प्रमण्डल-रामगंज, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
05	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास इंदरीस मेडिकल हॉस्टल, जोसाताला रोड, बरियानु, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
06	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास जलजोहर पारा मेडिकल कॉलेज, ब्रामे, माण्डर, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह
07	50 रीयया अल्पसंख्यक छात्रावास दारुलउलूम इलाकिया मद्रस्ता, जाडी बानापीली, राँची।	3,12,51,800.00	6,25,500.00	10,000.00	18 माह

नोट :-कॉल ई-टेंडर ही स्वीकार होगी।
1. अधिक जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।
2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि-20.08.2024
3. ई-निविदा की प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय-21.08.2024 से 28.08.2024 अपराह्न 5.00 बजे तक।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि-29.08.2024 को 5.00 बजे अपराह्न।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता-जिला अभियंता, जिला परिषद, राँची।
6. निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं-7739519093
7. निविदा मुद्रण एवं अवधन की राशि का ई-मुद्रातन विवरण खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अवधन की राशि चार्ज होगी। अन्य खाता को चार्ज कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आवधिकारी होगी।
8. Form of Bid एवं Bill of Quantity में दर भिन्न रहने पर संबंधित निविदादाता का निविदा अमान्य समझा जाएगा।
9. निविदा अर्बन बीड प्रकृति से होगा।
10. इस निविदा में जिला परिषद, राँची/भवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड राँची में निश्चित समुचित श्रेणी के संदर्भक ही मांग लेगे।

जिला अभियंता,
जिला परिषद, राँची।
PR 332562 (Panchayati Raj) 24-25 (D)

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER THROUGH E-BIDDING

E-tenders are invited experience & Eligible Contractors for hiring of new vehicle capacity 01 ton pick-up/utility vehicle for each FOC attending HT/LT maintenance, FOC work, D.O. TMC works & Revenue realization work i.e. RC/DC work for continues 24 Hrs. 03 shifts round the clock 8 hours to 16 hours, 16 hours to 24 hours and 0 hours to 8 hours along with 02 extra drivers, as per terms & conditions enclosed. Each shift consisting of 01 driver, vehicle should be commercial tax paid vehicle capacity 01 ton pick-up/utility vehicle along with ladder not below than TATA ACE. Reliever for driver in each shift will be provided by the contractor. All running expenditure of vehicle will be borne by contractor. Mobile charges will also be borne by the contractor. The contract work will be as per guidelines of CSPDCL. The New ladder pick-up 01 ton vehicle will be hired for a period of 03 years. Normally the period of contract will be 3 Years on the monthly rate basis. The CSPDCL reserves the right to extend the term of contract period for further 1.5 years at the same rate, terms & condition on mutual understanding between CSPDCL & contractor.

S. N	Tender No.	Name of work	Value of contract	EMD Amount	Last date & Time of submission of bids	Due date of Opening
1.	TR-2024_40 RFX No. 8100038711	EE City Dn. East, CSPDCL Raipur for 04 numbers FOC- Civil line, Daldal Seoni, Shankar Nagar & Amasoon Raipur	13040500/-	130500/-	12.08.2024 upto 1:30 PM	02.09.2024 upto 2:00 PM
2.	TR-2024_41 RFX No. 8100038712	EE City Dn. West, CSPDCL Raipur for 04 numbers FOC- Changorbahata, DD Nagar, Lakhenagar & Tikarapara Raipur	13040500/-	130500/-	12.08.2024 upto 1:30 PM	02.09.2024 upto 2:00 PM
3.	TR-2024_42 RFX No. 8100038714	EE City Dn. South, CSPDCL Raipur for 04 numbers FOC- Purenna, Rawanbahata, Agriculture College & Deopari Raipur	13040500/-	130500/-	12.08.2024 upto 1:30 PM	02.09.2024 upto 2:00 PM
4.	TR-2024_43 RFX No. 8100038715	EE City Dn. Central, CSPDCL Raipur for 04 numbers FOC- Ganj, Budhapara, Nayapara & Shastri chowk Raipur	13040500/-	130500/-	12.08.2024 upto 1:30 PM	02.09.2024 upto 2:00 PM

Details of Tender, Technical Specifications, Terms and Conditions etc are available on our website www.cseb.gov.in, www.cspdcl.co.in and ebidding/cjsr.cspdcl.co.in. Last date and time of submission of bid is on 02.09.2024 up to 01:30 P.M. and due date of opening is on 02.09.2024 at 02:00 P.M. The Tender document can also be downloaded from CSPDCL's official website mentioned above. The cost of required Tender fee (which is non refundable) of Rs. 5000/- including GST and EMD for each tender may be deposited by online through e-bidding.

(M.K. Verma-89373680)
Superintending Engineer
City Circle-I, CSPDCL: Raipur
41117-3

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tendering Tender Notice

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

E-Tender No.:	JHS-ENGG-HQ-2024-164
Approx Cost	18286596.33
Earnest Money	241900.00
Date of closing Tender	03.09.2024 at 15:00 hrs.

Description of work : Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi - Construction of 8 units RB II Staff quarters in lieu of Dilapidated RB I quarters in west colony Jhansi.

Date of Completion/period from issue acceptance letter : 12 Months.
Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 03.09.2024. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website www.irps.gov.in 1429/24 (D)

North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @northcentralrailway CPONCR

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice

Tender Notice No. 6320242025 Dated: 08.08.2024

Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites the following E-Tender on prescribed form for the following works up to 13:30 hrs. on 04.09.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:

SN: 1- Tender No.: 153, Name of Work: Construction of Knowledge development centre at GMC Yard under ADEN/HQ/CNB.

Approx Cost of Work (₹):	45,56,904.56	Earnest money (₹):	91,100.00
Completion Period:	04 Months	Date of Opening of tender:	04.09.2024

Similar work for Eligibility Criteria : Nil

SN: 2- Tender No.: 154, Name of Work: Pre and post lamping track measurement survey using Trimble Gado Vorsys trolley system between CNB-RRH Section under ADEN/Line/CNB.

Approx Cost of Work (₹):	55,13,258.64	Earnest money (₹):	1,10,300.00
Completion Period:	04 Months	Date of Opening of tender:	04.09.2024

Similar work for Eligibility Criteria : Engineering survey of Railway Line/Roadway

SN: 3- Tender No.: 155, Name of Work: Kanpur-Panki- Stabilisation of cess on high embankment on IIR line under ADEN/Line/CNB.

Approx Cost of Work (₹):	4,55,42,246.18	Earnest money (₹):	3,77,700.00
Completion Period:	12 Months	Date of Opening of tender:	04.09.2024

Similar work for Eligibility Criteria : Earth work in formation

Note:-(1) Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. on 04.09.2024. (2) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.irps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening i.e. 04.09.2024. 1419/24 (MG)

North central railways

Hindenburg report: Cong takes jibe at SEBI, reiterates demand for JPC

Jairam Ramesh alleged that SEBI's inability to close two of its 24 probes delayed the publication of its findings

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

The Congress on Monday took a jibe at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) in the wake of Hindenburg Research report against its Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and reiterated demand for the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) over the matter.

The US-based short seller, on Saturday, alleged that "Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore entities used in the Adani money siphoning scandal."

The couple in a joint statement on Sunday, dismissed the Hindenburg report as an attempt at "character assassination" following SEBI's recent enforcement action and show cause notice issued to the US-based short seller.



Congress general secretary in-charge of Communications Jairam Ramesh said,

"In its 11th August 11, statement on the on-going investigations into certain financial transactions of the Adani Group, the SEBI has sought to project an image of hyperactivity, stating that it has issued 100 summonses, issued 1,100 letters and emails, and examined 300 documents containing 12,000 pages. This must have been very exhausting, but it diverts attention from the core issues involved. Actions matter, not activities."

Claiming that on 14th February, 2023 he had written to the SEBI Chairperson urging SEBI to "play its role as the steward of India's financial markets on behalf of the crores of Indians who have faith in the fairness of India's financial markets, Ramesh said, "I never received a reply."

Referring to the Supreme Court (SC), he said, "On 3rd March, 2023, the SC directed SEBI to expeditiously con-

clude the investigation into allegations of stock manipulation and accounting fraud against the Adani Group within two months."

"Now, 18 months later, SEBI has revealed that a critical investigation, likely regarding whether Adani violated Rule 19A relating to minimum public shareholding, remains incomplete. The fact is that the SEBI's seeming inability to close two of its 24 investigations delayed the publication of its findings for over a year," the MP said.

Attacking Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Ramesh said, "This delay conveniently allowed the PM to navigate an entire general election without addressing his role in facilitating his close friend's illicit activities. Despite the Adani Group's claims of receiving a 'clean chit', SEBI has reportedly issued show-cause notices to several

Adani companies concerning these allegations."

"However, the slow pace of these investigations, especially compared to the swift 'justice' that the PM's investigative agencies usually deliver to opposition leaders, remains inexplicable. Moreover, recent revelations raise disturbing questions about SEBI's integrity and conduct in investigating the Adani Mega Scam," he said.

Referring to the recent Hindenburg report, the parliamentarian said, "SEBI, long considered a trustworthy global financial market regulator, is now under scrutiny. It is shocking to discover that SEBI Chairperson and her husband invested in the same opaque Bermuda- and Mauritius-based offshore funds where Vinod Adani and his close associates, Chang Chung-Ling and Nasser Ali Shaban Ahli, also invested."

Secretary, DEA says nothing further to add on Hindenburg-SEBI issue

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Ajay Seth on Monday said that the government had nothing further to add on the Hindenburg-SEBI issue.

"Sebi has given a statement. The Chairperson has also made a statement... There is nothing further to be added by the government," Seth said while addressing the media.

However, Union Minister Giriraj Singh said Hindenburg Research has defamed the country in alliance with Congress and the "strict action" will be taken against the US short-seller.

The Minister also came down heavily on Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Jairam Ramesh.

"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. These people are enemies of the country,



Now strictest action will be taken against Hindenburg," Singh said.

Calling Gandhi 'Bade Baap Ka Beta', the minister said: "Rahul does not know anything about the state and direction of the nation", and cautioned that the countrymen should "beware" of such people who try to create confusion and fear.

Notably, the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Sunday demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) inquiry into the charges against Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chief Madhabi Buch

in the latest Hindenburg report.

The Congress leader issued a stark warning regarding the integrity of India's stock market following the latest allegations made by Hindenburg.

Hindenburg on Saturday launched a broadside against markets regulator Sebi chairperson Madhabi Buch, alleging she and her husband Dhaval had stakes in obscure offshore funds used in the alleged Adani money siphoning. A day later, in a joint statement, the SEBI chief and her husband thrashed all the allegations made by the US short-seller.

Centre issues guidelines for Implementing 'Model Solar Village' under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

The Centre has notified the scheme guidelines for implementation of 'Model Solar Village' under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

Under the scheme component 'Model Solar Village', emphasis has been laid on creating one Model Solar Village per district across India, with the goal of promoting solar energy adoption and enabling village communities to become self-reliant in meeting their energy needs. A total financial outlay of Rs 800 crore has been allocated for this component, providing Rs 1 crore per selected Model Solar Village. In order to be considered a village under the competition mode, a village must be a revenue village with a population size above 5,000 (or 2,000 for special category states). The selection process



involves a competitive mode where villages are assessed on their overall distributed renewable energy (RE) capacity installed on 6 months after the declaration of the potential candidate by District Level Committee (DLC).

The winning village in each district, with the highest RE capacity, will receive a central financial assistance grant of ₹1 crore. The implementation of this scheme will be done by State/UT Renewable Energy Development Agency under the supervision of District

Level Committee (DLC), ensuring that selected villages transition effectively to solar-powered communities, serving as models for other villages across the country.

The government approved the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana on 29 February with the aim to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity. The scheme has an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore and is to be implemented till 2026-27.

Pawan Khera questions Centre over lack of Intelligence on B'desh turmoil

AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

On Monday, Congress' National Spokesperson Pawan Khera posed questions to the Centre over the turmoil and subsequent political crisis in neighbouring Bangladesh.

The senior Congress leader asked why the Centre was caught unaware on the coup in the neighbouring nation and why the Indian government did not have Intelligence inputs regarding the possibility of the students' movement leading to the violent overthrow of the Bangladeshi government.

He also asked what the government was doing to safeguard Hindus and other minorities in the embattled nation.

Speaking about former Bangladesh Prime Minister



Sheikh Hasina's current sojourn in India after fleeing from her nation, Pawan Khera said, "The Government should know what to do regarding this matter. How did such a major coup happen in Bangladesh which is our neighbouring country and the government which has been in power for 11 years had no information about it?"

"Surprisingly, this government had no Intelligence inputs about what was going

to happen in a neighbouring country before the crisis took place."

He urged the Union government to be transparent about the measures it has taken for the safety of Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. Bangladesh was rocked by nationwide protests over job quotas.

Following the students' agitation that turned violent after police firing led to many casualties, Sheikh Hasina

resigned as the country's Prime Minister and fled.

Following her resignation, Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin dissolved the Parliament and an interim government, headed by Nobel peace laureate and noted economist Muhammad Yunus, was sworn in.

The Bangladesh Army Chief said that the situation across the country was improving significantly and normalcy would return soon, even as Muhammad Yunus slammed the attacks on minorities and asked for them to stop.

The Congress spokesperson also talked about the launch of climate-resilient seeds by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and accused him of engaging in lip service rather than taking solid steps towards farmers' welfare.

2 corporators booked for thrashing municipal officer

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, 12 AUGUST

Two women Corporators and their family members allegedly thrashed the Chief Municipal Officer (CMO) of Amarwada in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh after alleging that the CMO did not invite them to a Laadli Behna Sammelan.

The police registered an FIR against nine persons including the two Corporators on the complaint lodged by the CMO following the incident. According to information, Corporator Deepa Suryanashi of Ward 6 and Corporator Sanotshi Vanshkar of Ward 4 of the Amarwada Municipality reached the 'Laadli Behna Sammelan' at Amarwada yesterday and alleged that they were not formally invited to attend the event.

BJP leader arrested for misbehaving, intimidating Madhya Pradesh CM's OSD

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BHOPAL, 12 AUGUST

A BJP leader, who is a member of the MP BJP working committee, was arrested on charges of creating, creating ruckus, and misbehaving with an Officer on Special Duty (OSD) to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav at a party function at Bhopal.

According to sources, the incident occurred during a function at the 'Atal Behari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis' here.

BJP Working Committee Member Hirendra Bahadur Singh allegedly hurled abuses and threatened the Institute's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Lokesh Sharma over some issue. Sharma is an OSD to MP CM Dr Yadav.

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According to Kamlu Nagar police station Inspector Nirupa Pandey, a complaint was lodged against Hirendra Bahadur Singh in connection with the incident on Saturday.

The police served a notice to Singh after registering a case and subsequently arrested him.

He was sent to judicial custody. Singh was charged for abusing, threatening and trying to disrupt a government official from performing his duties.

Natwar Singh made important contributions to national affairs, says Sonia Gandhi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) Chairperson on Monday condoled the death of Former External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh and said he made important contributions to national affairs.

In a condolence letter addressed to Singh's wife Heminder Kumari Singh, Gandhi wrote, "Dear Hem,

I was sorry to learn that Natwar passed away. He has been your life's companion and losing him must be painful for you."

Recalling Singh's contribution, the former Congress president said, "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."

The CPP Chairperson added, "I send my sincere condolences to you and your family."

The former External Affairs Minister passed away on Saturday in Gurugram following an illness. Singh, a former diplomat, served as Minister of External Affairs during the UPA regime in 2004-05.

He made his political debut from Bharatpur in

Rajasthan in the early eighties, where he contested the Lok Sabha elections and was elected to Parliament.

Singh was sworn in as a cabinet minister in 1985. He was born in Bharatpur, Rajasthan, and joined the Indian Foreign Service in 1953. The veteran politician was fond of writing and authored several books. He was also awarded the Padma Bhushan.

Five college students die in road accident in TN: Five students of a private engineering college lost their lives when an MUV had a head-on collision with a truck in Tamil Nadu.

Wonder why Raj Thackeray is trying to target me: Sharad Pawar

AGENCIES PUNE, 12 AUGUST

Nationalist Congress Party (SP) President Sharad Pawar on Monday expressed surprise over Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray's (r/s) towards him and refuted the latter's allegations.

Two days ago (August 10), Raj Thackeray had launched a broadside against Sharad Pawar alleging he was fuelling casteist politics and along with former Chief Minister and Shiv Sena (UBT) President Uddhav Thackeray, was attempting to foment riots in the state ahead of the Assembly elections in October.

Simultaneously, the MNS

chief had avoided mentioning the ruling MahaYuti alliance leaders, but patted Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) President and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar for never speaking about caste politics and having a clean political image on this front.

"I don't understand why he (Raj Thackeray) uttered my name two-three times that day... I have no such record and I would never go down such a route... I never did it and don't intend to in future. He further claimed that I was trying to obstruct his vehicle. But, when I travel to several places even my car was blocked by some persons, so shall I be blamed for it now," said a miffed Pawar Sr.

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Bank Scrutiny

The recent recommendations by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) for India to strengthen scrutiny on the bank accounts of politically exposed persons (PEPs) signify a crucial step in combating corruption and enhancing transparency within the financial system. While India has made commendable strides in aligning with global anti-money laundering standards, the FATF's focus on domestic political figures underscores the persistent vulnerabilities that need to be addressed. Politicians and government officials wield significant influence, and their financial transactions are often intertwined with their public duties. This proximity to power can make them susceptible to bribery, corruption, and other illicit activities. By implementing stricter checks on the bank accounts of PEPs, India would be taking a proactive approach to mitigate these risks.

The FATF's call for more rigorous monitoring of the sources of funds in these accounts and requiring senior bank managers to approve new accounts for PEPs reflects the need for heightened vigilance. Historically, India has implemented stringent banking checks on foreign political figures, recognising the potential risks they pose. However, the FATF's emphasis on domestic PEPs highlights the importance of not overlooking similar risks within the country's borders. Corruption is not a problem unique to foreign entities; it is deeply rooted within the domestic political landscape as well. By enhancing scrutiny on local politicians and their families, India can ensure that its financial system is not being exploited for personal gain by those in positions of power. The timing of these recommendations is particularly significant. With state elections on the horizon, the issue of political accountability is more pressing than ever. The public's trust in the political system is eroded when there are perceptions of financial impropriety among those in power. By adopting the FATF's recommendations, India has an opportunity to rebuild this trust and demonstrate its commitment to clean governance.

However, the challenge lies in balancing the need for transparency with the potential for misuse of these regulations. There is a risk that enhanced scrutiny of PEPs could be weaponised for political purposes, targeting opponents or dissenting voices. To prevent this, it is essential that the implementation of these measures is done with utmost fairness and impartiality. The FATF's recommendation for senior bank managers to approve new accounts for PEPs is a step in the right direction, as it introduces an additional layer of oversight that can help prevent abuse. India's high level of compliance with anti-money laundering laws, as recognised by the FATF, is commendable. However, the areas of compliance identified by the FATF, including the scrutiny of domestic political figures, should not be overlooked. Addressing these gaps is essential for India to maintain its standing as a responsible member of the global financial community. By implementing more rigorous checks on the bank accounts of PEPs, India can take a significant step towards reducing corruption and ensuring that its financial system remains robust and transparent.

Quake warning

Last week's earthquake in southern Japan, while not catastrophic, has reignited widespread fears of the "Big One" - a term that has become synonymous with a potential seismic disaster of unprecedented scale. The magnitude 7.1 quake was quickly followed by a warning from Japan's meteorological agency, a first in the country's history, indicating an increased risk of a major earthquake. This has left many in Japan, a nation well-acquainted with the power of earthquakes, wondering whether this could be the precursor to the long-dreaded event. Japan's position on the Ring of Fire makes it one of the most seismically active regions in the world, experiencing multiple earthquakes each year. Most of these tremors are minor, causing little or no damage. However, the memory of past disasters, such as the 2011 earthquake and tsunami that claimed over 18,000 lives, looms large in the collective consciousness. The focus now, however, is on the Nankai Trough, a seismic zone off Japan's Pacific coast that has been the site of several devastating earthquakes over the centuries. Experts warn that there is a high probability of another massive quake occurring in this area within the next few decades. The issuance of the recent alert has sparked debate about the effectiveness and accuracy of earthquake prediction. While advancements in seismology have allowed for more sophisticated monitoring of seismic activity, the ability to predict exactly when and where a major earthquake will strike remains elusive. The alert was not based on concrete evidence that a large quake was imminent, but rather on a statistical increase in the likelihood of one occurring. This has led some to question the value of such warnings, arguing that they may cause unnecessary panic without providing actionable information.

Yet, despite the uncertainty surrounding earthquake predictions, the alert has served as an important reminder of the need for preparedness. In a country like Japan, where the risk of natural disasters is a constant reality, being ready for the worst-case scenario is not just advisable - it's essential. The response to the alert, from local governments inspecting evacuation shelters to individuals checking their emergency supplies, underscores the importance of maintaining a state of readiness. While some may criticise the alert as overblown or premature, it has nonetheless had the positive effect of galvanising the public to take precautions. In a region where the consequences of a major earthquake could be catastrophic, even a small increase in preparedness can make a significant difference. The lesson here is clear: while we may not be able to predict earthquakes with precision, we can and must be ready to respond when they occur. Ultimately, the alert serves as a sobering reminder of the ever-present threat posed by Japan's volatile geology. It is a call to action for both authorities and citizens alike to ensure that they are as prepared as possible for the next major seismic event - whether it comes tomorrow or years from now.

The System Gamed

Cost-cutting, apathy and plain laziness inspire us to keep aside our native intelligence, and rely on dumb machines for even the most crucial tasks. The results are often terrifying; crores of rupees are credited to a wrong bank account or some daily wagger receives an income-tax recovery notice for hundreds of crores of rupees, or worse, a poor man is not able to collect his subsidised rations. Add to it, certain savvy individuals who know how to capitalise on human weaknesses, as also the system's loopholes, and you have a perfect recipe for a massacre of innocents

As we advance into the digital age of the Anthropocene Epoch, decision-makers place more and more reliance on computer programs, to the exclusion of common sense, and their own good judgement. Often a computer decides a human's bona fides, and even his identity. The computer's decision is final; there is no way you can second guess, argue with, or convince a computer. Many of us have faced this situation; you are standing in a queue for something, and if for some reason the machine rejects your case, the human attendant can only express his helplessness, and politely ask you to come some other day.

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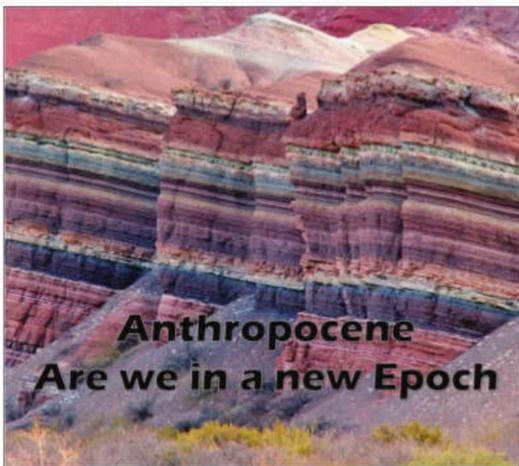
According to RBI's Annual Report for FY 2023-24 the number of bank frauds saw almost a 200 per cent increase over FY 2022-23, going up to 36,075 from 13,564. Sadly, cybercrime has reached endemic levels; as a result, police and other authorities simply ignore 'small' cyber-crimes, leaving the common citizen high and dry.

The above tally does not include cases where a person's email or Facebook account was hijacked, and the hijacker sent requests to that person's relatives and friends for money. It also does not include cases where someone pretending to be a police or customs officer extorted money from people by threatening to implicate them in some crime.

Then, the charade of the Nigerian prince offering gullible people a share in his inheritance is a recurring theme. To top it all, there are Russian hackers who launch ransomware attacks on targets as diverse as hospitals and dairies, paralysing their computer systems, asking victims to cough up millions of dollars, to have their computers reactivated.

BlackSuit, the most notorious of the lot, typically demands ransoms ranging from US \$1 million to US \$10 million, with payments in Bitcoin, and has collectively sought over US \$500 million, with the highest individual demand reaching US \$60 million. The day one scam is busted, another takes its place.

All such scams operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, with almost a third of internet users in India reporting cyber



threats. It would appear that there are a number of young men whose only vocation is cybercrime. According to reports, classes offering training in cybercrime have sprung up, in places like Jamtara and Nuh.

Yet, cybercrime is only the tip of the iceberg, the real problem is our penchant to adopt shortcuts to game the system. Recently, we witnessed widespread cheating in a medical entrance examination, where exam hackers adopted methods that could not have been imagined even by James Hadley Chase. No wonder, before entering the examination hall, students are frisked in ways that would do the Gestapo proud.

The medical entrance examination, mentioned above, was not an aberration, the National Testing Agency cancelled/postponed some equally prestigious examinations, on suspicions of paper leak. Again, this is the prevailing trend, with recruitment examinations in all States being afflicted by paper leaks.

The nadir was reached when it was revealed that a candidate had faked multiple disabilities and used a fake income certificate to get into the Indian Administrative Service - the crème-de-la-crème of the Indian bureaucracy - leaving UPSC, the granddaddy of examining bodies, red faced.

UPSC's embarrassment was multiplied manifold when it was revealed that many others had also adopted similar stratagems to get into premier services. To cover up, the UPSC issued a press release that concluded: "The UPSC has deservedly earned the trust and credibility of a very high order from the public, especially the candidates." Simultaneously, the UPSC Chairman, who had a residual tenure of five years, resigned, leaving the bewildered public to draw their own conclusions.

The root cause of such shenanigans is the dire unemployment situation in India.

According to the Harvard Business Review: "India is in an employment crisis ... Less than half of the 950 million working-age population is actually employed, compared to 70 per cent in other emerging markets." Bleak as this statistic is, the reality is worse. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey, some half of all those workers are self-employed, a category that includes "unpaid helpers in family enterprises," which could cover family and friends who help out for no compensation.

Just 32.7 per cent of working-age women participated in the workforce in 2023. On top of this, a study of 388,000 college graduates by the educational testing services firm Wheelbox found that only 51.25 per cent were "employable," as measured by a skills-assessment test. These are significant problems for a country in which 40 per cent of the population is younger than 25 years old and an economy that is deeply dependent on domestic consumption.

Such findings are reflected in a number of other private studies, notably by CMIE, Forbes and Citigroup. Anecdotal evidence also validates such findings; it is repeatedly seen that lakhs of well-educated youth apply for some few unskilled jobs; an advertisement for 60,000 constables in UP, had 50 lakh applicants. Sadly, the recruitment examination was cancelled after a paper leak. The desperation of Indian youth to get employment can well be imagined; they are willing to become cannon fodder in the wastelands of Russia or in the Badlands of Iraq or pay lakhs to immigrate unlawfully to some Western country.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Senior citizens

SIR, This refers to your editorial "Silent Betrayal" (August 8). The modernization and urbanization of India have brought significant socio-economic changes, including a troubling paradox affecting the country's senior citizens.

As you said, despite a cultural heritage that venerates the elderly, many senior citizens find themselves abandoned by their families. This shift has profound physical, mental, social, and economic implications.

Physically, many elderly individuals face neglect, inadequate medical care, and poor living conditions, leading to deteriorating health and increased vulnerability to chronic illnesses.

Mentally, the abandonment results in profound loneliness, depression, and a loss of dignity and self-worth. The tradi-

tional respect for aged persons has diminished, and many youngsters now view protecting senior family members as a burden, contributing to the rise in old age homes.

This shift has significant social, economic, and personal impacts.

Socially, it erodes family values and weakens generational bonds. Economically, it places a financial burden on institutions and results in the loss of valuable experience from the workforce. It leads to a loss of cultural heritage and increased stress for younger generations.

To address this issue, society must implement awareness campaigns, intergenerational programmes, and stronger legal protections for the elderly, alongside economic measures such as robust pension schemes and support for caregivers.

Yours, etc., Narayanan Kizhumundayar, Thrissur, 8 August.

HEMMED IN

SIR, The situation in Bangladesh is, to say the least, very worrying for India. When people of a country prefer to banish the memory of their founding father, Mujibur Rehman, and bring down his statues like Saddam Hussein's in Baghdad one needs to question the sanity of these individuals. The rioters also went to the Bangabandhu Mujibur Rehman museum and ransacked it destroying some of the exhibits. These trends are dangerous since with other foreign countries like India the intensity of such protests may be more virulent and violent.

Anti-India sentiment has been building up in Bangladesh for long and seen even on the cricket field. When the people of a country are ready to erase the memories of their own people who got them freedom, they are unlikely to be grateful to India that participated wholeheartedly in the freedom struggle

against the tyrannical regime of Pakistan. Apart from the anti-India sentiment that has been rising in Bangladesh, the ascendancy of radical Islamic sentiments is also seen.

India which already has to contend with an Islamic Pakistan must consider the likelihood of an Islamic Bangladesh. Thus India will be hemmed in by an aggressive China, an uncertain Nepal, two Islamic nations and uneasy southern neighbours such as the Maldives and Sri Lanka. India's North East that has reasonably stabilised except for Manipur will in all likelihood see an increase in insurgency within states that border Bangladesh. The Hasina government had helped India by discouraging insurgent camps in its territory and also conducting joint operations against the. The policy of the new government has to be seen. China also has been trying to increase its influence in South Asia which is

BIG BAD WOLVES

SIR, From Charles Perrault came the first warnings, Girls should stay strictly on the known path Girls should be taught never to talk to strangers If a girl strays, well, one knows the aftermath. There are wolves everywhere in the big bad world Wolves always ready to pounce on women and girls, Little Red Riding Hood was eaten, her grandmother too. If you analyse the tale, only one truth unfolds. 'Little Red Riding Hood' after all is a rape-warning The fairy tale is one of cautioning and taboo, BUT along with teaching girls not to risk themselves, Shouldn't the wolves be disciplined and tamed too?

Yours, etc., Tania Chakraverty, Kolkata, 12 August.

another challenge for our foreign policy. India's foreign policy pundits will have their hands full.

Yours, etc., S Kamat Mysore, 9 August.

GLORIOUS DEFEAT

SIR, Vinesh Phogat's loss can best be described by the oxymoron "a glorious defeat". Vinesh's empty-handed return from the Paris Olympics is a classic example of "Man proposes, but God disposes", a phrase in Thomas Kempis' book, *The Imitation of*

Christ. It is lamentable that the sporting climax of one of the best female wrestlers of all times, both on and off the mat, was unexpected and inglorious. But the nation will treat her as a gold medalist without a gold medal. Ernest Hemingway's line best exemplifies her situation - "But man is not made for defeat. A man can be destroyed but not defeated." Vinesh, however, stands neither destroyed nor defeated.

Yours, etc., Avinash Godbole, Dewas, 9 August.

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ASIAN VOICES

Why I remain hopeful despite Thailand's fragile democracy

In Thailand, politics often prove stranger than fiction. Having won the majority of seats in last year's general elections, my party and I now find ourselves entangled in legal battles rather than governing as mandated by 14 million voters. The Thai elite, through their institutionalized counter-majoritarian mechanisms, have accused us of attempting to overthrow the state.

This sweeping charge stems from our proposal to amend Thailand's lese-majesté law, hoping to prevent its exploitation as a tool to silence political opponents and instill fear in critics. On August 7th, the Constitutional Court is set to rule without further investigation or seeking my appearance. A guilty verdict would lead to the dissolution of Thailand's largest political party and potentially ban me, along with many colleagues, from politics for life.

Yet, while a cursory glance suggests Thai democracy faces a grievous threat, hampering our constituents' aspirations for a better country, a closer inspection offers glimmers of hope.

Firstly, Thai citizens are increasingly recognizing that political uncertainty breeds economic stagnation, with judicial overreach as the likely culprit. This realization was not as prevalent before the current round of instability.

Once one of Asia's tigers with an

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economy dubbed "Teflon," Thailand's political problems did not significantly affect its economic attractiveness. However, those days are long gone, with Thailand being the worst performer among ASEAN's six largest economies in the first quarter of 2024. Public disagreements between the embattled Prime Minister and the Governor of the Bank of Thailand over interest rates have dampened economic confidence.

Thailand's growth engines, led by tourism and private consumption, are sluggish; agricultural and industrial production and exports are contracting, while household and corporate debts continue to rise. Our economic problems are structural, attributable to a loss of competitiveness in human capital and a failure to transition from manufacturing to digital technology.

Amid economic hardship, average Thai voters have also been robbed of their political choice through hyper-legalism, while the government faces legal hurdles that leave their fate in limbo. The silver lining is that people are increasingly equating their economic plight with political underhandness, and rightly so.

Secondly, pressure is now mounting on the ultra-conservatives who have maintained tight control over political and economic life, through largely undemocratic means, and demands for accountability from the powers-that-be are growing. The pattern of party dissolutions has persisted for two decades, with our predecessor, the Future Forward Party, being the latest casualty in 2020.

The attempt to dissolve the Move Forward Party is thus not an isolated power play. These consistent and devious efforts by undemocratic elites to maintain power show they are unable to earn it through people's trust and confidence. Each time, the cost of resorting to political shenanigans to retain power becomes higher. Thai citizens are fed up with the old tricks, but they might not manifest their anger through street battles. Instead, it will be through the ballot boxes.

OCCASIONAL NOTE

WIDE sympathy will be felt with the Hon. Mr. Bhupendra Nath Basu, who has been compelled by illness to resign his office as Member of the Bengal Executive Council. His long connexion with the public life of Bengal and intimate knowledge of the needs of the province, together with the special experience he had gained during his membership of the Secretary of State's Council, made Mr. Basu an ideal successor to the Maharajah of Burdwan, and promised considerably to strengthen a Government not too conspicuous for debating ability in the Legislative Council. His successor, the Maharajah Bahadur of Nadia, is a prominent and popular figure in Hindu society. He has enjoyed some experience of local affairs, and was a member of the Legislative Council from 1920 to 1923, but did not seek re-election in November last. His selection for the difficult and responsible office of Executive Member is doubtless intended as a recognition of the zemindari interest, and may have been inspired to some extent by an appreciation of the ability which the Maharajah of Burdwan, a representative of that class, brought to public affairs. If the Maharajah of Nadia develops anything like the same capacity as his predecessor, Lord Lytton's choice will be more than justified.

NEWS ITEMS

UNIVERSITY FOR BIHAR

PROTEST MEETING AT BHAGALPUR

A PUBLIC meeting of the citizens of Bhagalpore was held to-day to consider the Government proposal to construct buildings for a residential university at Phulwari (Bihar) at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs. The meeting called upon members of the Council to oppose the proposal when the Minister of Education asked the Legislative Council to sanction a grant of Rs. 50 lakhs for the residential university. The meeting were of opinion that the primary education was of much greater importance than a residential university.

THE MAILS

THE outward P and O. mail steamer Kaiser-i-Hind with mails from London of July 24 arrived at Port Said on July 30 and left there the same day. The B. I. S. N. steamer Malda which left London on July 18 arrived at Port Said on July 30 and left there the same day.

HOOKWORM CAMPAIGN

SUGGESTED SANITATION MEASURES

In reviewing the progress of the campaign against hookworm in the city and presidency of Madras for 1923, Dr. Tirumaliah, the Director, observes that out of 20,790 persons examined for infection, 16,563 or about 80 per cent, were found to harbour hookworm and these came from every part of the presidency, showing the widespread nature of the infection. In the plantation areas conditions were still worse. In one estate, namely Castle-croft, every labour man examined was found infected. Eighty per cent. of school children in the city of Madras and 77.5 per cent. of other residents were affected by the worm. Investigations so far showed that the western districts seemed more heavily infected than the eastern. Very little work among females was reported during the year and the Director suggests the appointment of female practitioners for work among them. The Director deplores the poor state of rural sanitation which resulted in a vast amount of soil pollution, rendering the prevention of infection extremely difficult. The only means in the circumstances towards a reduction of this widely prevalent and insidious malady is, says the Director, mass treatment, that is, the treatment of a large section in all places, which will reduce the amount of infection reaching the soil, which again will automatically reduce the chance of infecting human beings.

BRITISH SUGAR BEET

MAGNATES OPPOSED TO SUGGESTED SUBSIDY

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) Sugar magnates are up in arms against Mr. Philip Snowden's proposal to subsidize, to a greater extent than already suggested, the sugar beet industry in the United Kingdom. Sir Leonard Lyle, (C. Epping) chairman of Messrs. Tate and Lyle, discussing the question declared that it would meet with vigorous opposition from British sugar refiners who would object to assistance being given to Home sugar producers in treating the article in its latest stages.

India's challenges amidst Sheikh Hasina's travails

HARSHA KAKAR

A chapter in Bangladesh's history has ended. The family which led the fight for freedom from the shackles of Pakistan and headed it for most part of its democratic phase will no longer have any role in its future. Sheikh Hasina's departure from Dhaka, amidst the rising violence, marks the end of the family's presence in the country. Images of a protestor urinating on Mujibur Rehman's statue, and of others displaying the former PM's undergarments, project the hatred the nation bore towards the family.

Sheikh Hasina fled into India seeking refuge, after the army refused to curb protests by violent means. She had barely 45 minutes to tender her resignation and leave. This is not the first time she has sought refuge in India. In 1975, when her father Mujibur Rehman was assassinated, Sheikh Hasina and her family lived in India. She stayed in New Delhi for six years, a favour she never forgot. She was then the daughter of the PM and happened to be in Germany when her father was assassinated in Dhaka and hence her life was spared.

This time she is the PM who was dislodged, a major difference in the two scenarios. Her confidence that India would not disappoint her was valid. She was received by the National Security Advisor and subsequently the External Affairs Minister met her. She is currently lodged in a safe house in New Delhi while she decides where she wishes to go. She no longer possesses a diplomatic passport and therefore would need a visa from the nation she wishes to take refuge in. India would definitely play a role in her future movement.

On her arrival in India, Dr Jaisankar mentioned, "At very short notice, she requested approval to come to India." He added that the government will give her time to decide her future. The Indian government claimed she was in shock and would need time to recover. During her stay in India she would continue being treated as a state guest, accorded relevant protocol as also protection.

Her immediate family includes a son, Sajeeb Ahmed Wazed, based in the US, and a daughter, Saima Wazed, who is the South East Asian regional director for the World Health Organization, currently based in Delhi. There were reports that the US has revoked Hasina's visa implying she cannot travel there.

For her, the UK would be an ideal first option. Her sister, Sheikh Rehana, who fled with her from Dhaka, is a British citizen, thus moving there does make sense. Sheikh Rehana's daughter, Tulip Siddiq, is the sitting Labour Member of Parliament as also Economic Secretary to the Treasury and City Minister.

Media reports mention UK officials stating that under their immigration law there is no provision for those outside the UK to claim asylum or temporary refuge. They also mentioned, "those who need international protection should claim asylum in the first safe country they reach (in this case, India) - that is the fastest route to safety." The British Foreign Secretary added fuel to the Bangladesh crisis by demanding a "UN-led investigation into the events of the past few weeks," implying it supports the overthrow of Sheikh Hasina.

Multiple options are under consideration for her future stay. These include a few states in West Asia as also in Europe. She, as also the gov-



ernment of India, would be working together to find a suitable destination for her in the coming days. India will not be her final destination.

For India, according her asylum would also not be ideal, despite close ties between her and the Indian government. Her security concerns would severely limit her movements. Further, once the new government is sworn in, post elections, there would be demands for her extradition to face charges on her decisions in her final days in power leading to large number of casualties, as also corruption. Some accusations could also be fabricated. She would become a pawn in the on-going political games within the country.

Alternatively, as happened in Pakistan, their army prevented the government from prosecuting General

Musharraf, enabling him to live his life in Dubai. This could be repeated in Bangladesh. This would depend on how the army hierarchy is aligned in the future.

Mohamad Yunus, heading the interim government in Bangladesh, stated that it would not be right for her to continue staying in India. The Bangladesh Supreme Court Bar Association President has already made demands for Sheikh Hasina and her sister to be arrested and returned to the country to face charges. In case she remains in India, New Delhi would deny permission for her extradition, which could mar Indo-Bangla relations. India and Bangladesh have inked an extradition treaty in July 2016 aimed at "expeditious extradition of fugitive criminals

between the two countries." Refusing to adhere to the treaty would send a message that India is taking sides.

Rejecting any demand for her return could also fan anti-India sentiments in Bangladesh, which India would not desire. The Jamaat-e-Islami, which is strongly anti Hasina could lead these protests, impacting normalisation. Further, in some time-frame, Bangladesh could request for an Interpol notice against her.

New Delhi has hosted the Dalai Lama in the country for decades, despite the 1962 war and regular Chinese demands for handing him over. Since 1992, it has hosted the family of late Afghan President Mohammad Najibullah. The family has been provided a safe house and a monthly stipend. Recently, India began changing its policies due to geopolitical considerations.

New Delhi refused to accept former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, when he fled the country in July 2022. Rajapaksa flew to Maldives and thence to Singapore from where he returned to Sri Lanka in September the same year. India also denied safe havens for members of the Ashraf Ghani government in Afghanistan, when the Taliban took over the country post the US withdrawal in August 2021.

These are still early days. It will take time for Bangladesh to stabilize and for the interim government to consider demanding her extradition. While New Delhi cannot officially claim it is seeking options for asylum for Sheikh Hasina, it would be utilizing its diplomacy to find a suitable location for her. The faster it does so, the better.

(The writer is a retired Major-General of the Indian Army.)

Insanity of vanity in Pakistan

SHAUKAT AHMED

In a country where opportunities are scarce and the dreams of many crushed by adversity and obstacles, Arshad Nadeem's Olympic triumph reverberates with a message far more profound than the accolade itself.

It is a clarion call to Pakistan, urging it to dream beyond limitations and believe in the possibility of greatness, no matter how distant it may seem. Nadeem's triumph offers a rare moment of collective national pride, validating the aspirations of an entire country through the extraordinary achievement of one man.

Yet, in the wake of such a monumental victory, a curious and somewhat disheartening spectacle unfolded on social media. A day after Nadeem's gold medal win, a widely circulated video captured Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif watching the event on television. In the video, a member of his political party could be heard repeatedly attributing Nadeem's success to the PM's vision — a statement as perplexing as it was disingenuous.

Here was a man who had clawed his way to the top through sheer talent and hard work, achieving the seemingly impossible against all odds and entirely on his own. And yet, in the corridors of power, there was an attempt to co-opt his victory, to somehow claim it as a product of strategic vision and foresight. It was a moment that laid bare the vanity and self-importance that so often taint the higher echelons of power and which perfectly encapsulated the disconnect between Pakistan's

political leadership and the realities of its people.

This disconnect is not merely an isolated incident; it is a pervasive issue that runs deep within the fabric of Pakistan's political landscape. While there can be no doubt that the PM, like all Pakistanis, was genuinely elated by Nadeem's victory, the fact that his subordinates felt the need to make it about his vision speaks volumes about the state of leadership in the country. The role of a political leader should be that of a custodian of the people's trust, working tirelessly to create conditions for their success.

Instead, what we often witness is a grotesque inversion of this ideal, where leaders, surrounded by sycophants, begin to see themselves as monarchs. Their egos, inflated by the constant praise of those who seek to curry favour, appear to be almost addicted to the flattery that blinds them to the true needs of the people they are meant to serve.

If you've ever had the opportunity of visiting a Pakistani political leader, especially one in power, you might be forgiven for thinking you've accidentally stumbled into a royal court rather than the office of a public representative. The experience is nothing short of a modern-day reenactment of a Mughal durbar. As you enter the room, you're greeted by a sea of obsequious followers, all vying for the leader's attention, each more eager than the last to prove their devotion and loyalty. The leader sits at the centre of it all, basking in the glow of adoration, every bit the king without a crown. And should you find yourself identified by the leader as someone of importance, a

torrent of sycophancy cascades upon you as well.

In this world, proximity to power transforms even the most indifferent observer into an object of reverence. You start to wonder — was there a recent constitutional amendment that turned politicians into royalty? The scene is so absurd that it's almost comical — until you remember that these are the people running the country.

This vanity on display is not just an amusing quirk; it's a symptom of a much deeper problem. When leaders begin to believe in their own infallibility, bolstered by a chorus of adulators, they lose sight of their true purpose: to serve the public.

Contrast this with leadership in the world's most influential countries. While politicians in Pakistan wield significant power within their own context, it pales in comparison with the global impact and authority of officeholders in these developed nations. Yet, in these countries, there is no pomp, no retinue of yes-people fawning over every word. Instead, leadership is recognised as a responsibility, rooted in accountability to those who have entrusted their hopes and dreams to them. The trappings of authority are often set aside in favour of humility and accessibility, with a conscious effort to demystify the office and remind the public that these leaders are merely their servants.

The self-adulation and pretentiousness that often characterise Pakistan's political class are not just confined to the corridors of power; they have, regrettably, evolved into a national mindset. Across all fields—whether in politics, business,



media, or any domain wielding significance or power — there seems to be a constant need for reaffirmation through public displays of importance. This culture of vanity pervades society, creating a vicious cycle where the appearance of success is valued more than the substance of achievement.

Arshad Nadeem's Olympic victory serves as a powerful reminder of what can be achieved through determination and hard work. As a nation, there is much to be learned from his example. Greatness is not about the adulation of others; it is about perseverance, humility, and an unwavering commitment to one's goals.

The world does not need to be told to recognise greatness — it instinctively knows when it has witnessed something extraordinary. In

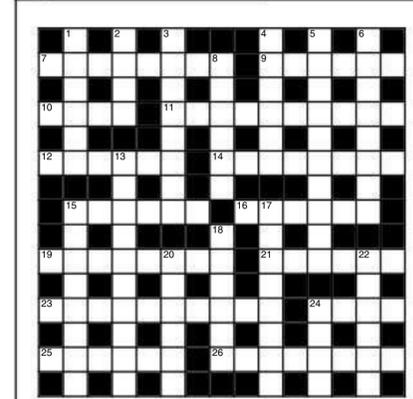
the purity of true achievement, there is no need for orchestrated praise. It stands tall, unassisted and unadorned, for the world to see.

Nadeem's remarkable achievement is a lesson in the power of authentic greatness to inspire, uplift, and unite. Perhaps, in celebrating this moment of triumph, we can begin to move away from the culture of pretentiousness that has long held us back and embrace a future where leadership is defined not by vanity, but by service — where the focus shifts from superficial exhibitionism to genuine service. It is in the quiet strength of sincere purpose, rather than in the clamour of self-promotion, that leaders find their greatest impact.

Dawn/ANN.

CROSSWORD

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

ACROSS: 7 Small nuclear missile might be loud (8); 9 Drink with old women in field (6); 10 Maybe Henry is Upper-class twit (4); 11 Beer by oneself, say, with international plate of food (10); 12 Mike shot porn, ultimately, to get filthy lucre (6); 14 Caught a bird by playing metal (4-4); 15 Polish nationalistic abandons language (6); 16 Argue about borders for another import tax (6); 19 Organisation of great day for the Allies captured in an instant (8); 21 Clown dignified for a few weeks in summer (6); 23 Bath routine adopted by swimmer taking off left shoe (10); 24 Salt water not originally needed to make cheese (4); 25 Garment made of cloth - large article (6); 26 Creature finally released near to entrance of Regent's Park? (8); DOWN: 1 Piece of poetry by Antipodean soldier unfinished after street evacuated (6); 2 Priest with time to drink cool beer (4); 3 Cancels orders, action regularly carried out by sergeant (8); 4 Forces simple changes (6); 5 Anxious Spooner's providing Welsh footballer with honour (4-6); 6 Happening to commit foul at snooker, pocketing green initially (5,3); 8 Shots in the arm working to stop spasms (6); 13 Resort to cornmeal crackers (5,5); 15 Paper hat worn in the corner of school? (8); 17 Possible life of intellectual nut: scratching head, getting close to nonsense instead of answer (8); 18 Hostel laments accepting obsolete experimental coin (6); 20 Offending Queen with tirade (6); 22 Second child loves snowmobile (6); 24 Play live with American tenor (4)

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

Tripura enforces tighter controls amid Bangladesh crisis

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE AGARTALA, 12 AUGUST

In light of the escalating unrest in neighboring Bangladesh, the Tripura police have implemented stringent measures to maintain law and order within the state, particularly in the West Tripura district and the capital city of Agartala.

These measures include restrictions on public gatherings, rallies, and a crackdown on inflammatory content shared via social media platforms.

The decision comes as authorities aim to prevent any spillover of instability from Bangladesh into the Indian border state.

Superintendent of Police (SP) West Tripura, Kiran Kumar, stated that the Tripura State Rifles (TSR) and Border Security Force (BSF) have intensified joint patrols along the India-Bangladesh border.

The increased surveillance is designed to thwart any potential cross-border intrusions and ensure that the situation remains peaceful in Tripura.

"Given the unstable situation in Bangladesh, we are taking all necessary precautions to maintain peace and order in our region," Kumar told local media.

As part of these efforts, the Tripura police have also focused on curbing the spread of provocative content on social media, which could incite unrest.

Two individuals have already been arrested for disseminating inflammatory audio messages, and authorities are actively identifying others involved in similar activities.

Kumar stressed the importance of maintaining social harmony and warned that anyone found spreading or forwarding such content could face legal action.

WhatsApp group administrators, in particular, have been urged to exercise caution in monitoring the content shared within their groups.

In a move to further prevent any escalation of tensions, the police recently denied permission for a rally organized by a Hindu group protesting against attacks on minorities in Bangladesh.

The denial is part of a broader strategy to avoid any actions that could exacerbate communal tensions or lead to unrest in the region.

National Space Day to celebrate Chandrayaan-3 Mission success

India the fourth country to land on the Moon & the first to do so near the south pole of the Moon

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

The government has declared August 23 as "National Space Day" to celebrate the remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission, which accomplished safe and soft landing of the Vikram Lander and deployed the Pragyaan rover on the lunar surface near the South Pole.

This historic achievement places India among an elite group of space-faring nations, making India the fourth country to land on the Moon and the first to do so near the south pole of the Moon. This achievement is being celebrated across the country during July and August to inspire the younger generation in the field of Space Science and Technology.



Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj Rajiv Ranjan Singh will grace an event to celebrate "National Space Day" at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi on Tuesday. To commemorate the

remarkable success of the Chandrayaan-3 Mission, the Department of Fisheries is organizing a series of seminars and demonstrations on "Application of Space Technologies in Fisheries Sector" in coastal States and UTs under the guidance

of Dr. Abhilash Likhli. These seminars and demonstrations are being organized across 18 locations, covering topics such as Space Technology in Fisheries - An overview, the Communication & Navigation System for the marine domain,

space-based observation and its impact on improving the fisheries sector.

The Indian fisheries sector plays a vital role in the nation's economy, providing sustenance, employment, and economic opportunities, especially in rural areas. With an extensive coastline stretching 8,118 km, a vast Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covering 2.02 million square km, and abundant inland water resources, India showcases a rich and flourishing fisheries ecosystem.

Space technologies can significantly enhance Indian marine fisheries management and development. Some of the technologies like Satellite Remote Sensing, Earth Observations, Satellite based Navigation System and GIS, Satellite Communication, Data Analytics and AI etc., brought transformative changes in the sector.

Another SP leader arrested in UP on charge of attempt to rape

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 12 AUGUST

After Moeed Khan, who has been allegedly involved in a gang rape case in Ayodhya, another Samajwadi Party leader, from Kannauj, has been arrested on charge of attempt of rape.

According to police, Nawab Singh Yadav, former block chief and representative of Dimple Yadav, has been arrested on the charge of attempt to rape on late Sunday night.

Sources said the SP leader attempted to rape a minor girl who had come with her aunt to seek a job in a degree college. The police arrested him on the spot on a complaint of the victim and sent him to jail.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Amit Kumar Anand said the 15-year-old girl had come to the SP leader's college with her aunt to seek a job where the accused tried to rape her.

On receiving the information, the police arrived on the spot and arrested



him. However, the accused leader denied the charge calling it a conspiracy hatched against him. The victim's mother and aunt, who were earlier in the Samajwadi Party, have now joined the BJP.

As soon as the information about his arrest spread on Monday morning, a large number of Nawab Singh Yadav's supporters reached the police station with a demand for his release. CO Sadar Kamlesh Kumar, along with the police force, chased away the crowd from the police station. After this the accused SP leader was sent to jail.

Manipur militant groups announce boycott of Independence Day with statewide shutdown

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE IMPHAL, 12 AUGUST

Several banned militant groups in Manipur have declared a boycott of Independence Day celebrations on August 15, announcing a state-wide shutdown in protest against what they describe as the oppressive integration of Manipur into the Indian Union.

The call for a boycott has been spearheaded by the Coordination Committee (CoCom), an umbrella organization representing six banned insurgent groups, which has urged the people of Manipur to abstain from participating in any Independence Day activities.

In a statement released by CoCom, the organization announced a total shutdown in the state from 1:00 AM to 6:30 PM on August 15.

The group accuses the



Indian government of implementing repressive policies in Manipur, which they claim have led to persistent violence and instability in the region.

Adding to the call for a boycott, the Socialist Revolutionary Party (SOREPA) has also announced a general strike from 5:00 AM to 5:00 PM on August 15, aligning with CoCom's protest.

Furthermore, the Alliance for Socialist Unity Kangleipak (ASUK) has joined the movement, urging residents of Manipur to hoist black flags in place of the national tri-

color, symbolically designating the day as a "black day" to express their dissent.

Security forces in Manipur are on high alert as Independence Day approaches, with concerns that the shutdown and protests could lead to disruptions or violence.

The state government has urged citizens to participate in the celebrations, emphasizing the importance of national unity and the progress made since independence.

Assam police foils illegal entry attempt by Bangladeshi nationals at Karimganj border

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GUWAHATI, 12 AUGUST

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said on Monday that the state's security forces successfully thwarted an attempt by four Bangladeshi nationals to illegally cross the border into India through Karimganj district.

The individuals, identified as Motiur Seikh, Mushiur Mullah, Tania Mullah, and Rita Mullah, were intercepted by the police at approximately 1:30 am at the zero point of the India-Bangladesh border.

In a statement posted on his X account, Sarma commended the Assam police and Border Security Force (BSF) personnel for their prompt response, emphasizing that their vigilance played a critical role in preventing the unauthorized



entry.

He reiterated that the security forces remain on high alert 24/7, especially in light of recent developments in Bangladesh that have raised concerns about potential cross-border infiltrations.

This incident comes on the heels of another event on August 10, when a group of 10 to 15 Bangladeshi nationals reportedly attempted to forcibly enter the Indian vil-

lages of Bhogdanga and Faushkarkuti in Dhubri district. These villages are of strategic importance, as they are nearly encircled by Bangladesh and are situated in the vulnerable "chicken neck" corridor—a narrow stretch of land connecting India's northeastern states with the rest of the country.

The Assam Police has heightened security along the Indo-Bangladesh border, issuing a high alert to prevent any illegal crossings.

The BSF, serving as the first line of defense, works in close coordination with the Assam Police, which acts as the secondary line of defense. Karimganj district, which shares a 110-kilometer-long border with Bangladesh, presents unique security challenges, particularly along its four-kilometer river boundary, which remains unfenced. However, the majority of the border is secured with fencing to deter illegal crossings.

The district also hosts an Integrated Check Post (ICP) in the Sutarkandi area, facilitating trade between India and Bangladesh. However, due to recent unrest and security concerns, export-import activities have been temporarily halted, impacting local businesses.

1.40 crore students and teachers pledge to make Uttar Pradesh drug-free

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 12 AUGUST

After cracking down on the drug mafia in Uttar Pradesh through extensive police and administrative operations, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is now focusing on raising awareness among children to keep them from falling into the trap of drug abuse.

In this effort, approximately 1.40 crore students and teachers from council schools took a pledge on

Monday morning to make Uttar Pradesh drug-free. The oath taking ceremony took place at all the council schools at 9 am.

State Basic Education Minister (Independent Charge) Sandeep Singh stated here that, "Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanathji, 1.40 crore students and teachers across all council schools in the state were administered the oath to stay away from drugs all their lives and to make

the state drug-free. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanathji has been actively working on this initiative, having launched the 'Drug-Free State, Empowered State' campaign, with all state departments playing a vital role in its implementation."

It is worth mentioning here that the UP government previously formed the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) on the instructions of CM Yogi and launched a series of crackdowns on drug deal-

ers. The government's action against drug mafia resulted in numerous arrests and the seizure of large quantities of narcotics substances.

It is important to note that the Yogi government is paying special attention to the weaker sections of society in its efforts to achieve the goal of a 'Drug-Free State, Empowered State.' The government is closely monitoring individuals who use drugs or intoxicants, urging them to quit and warning them

about the harmful effects of drugs on their health, families, and society.

Meanwhile, the Yogi government is consistently implementing measures to enhance the quality of education and overall development of students in council schools. Under the leadership of Basic Education Minister (Independent Charge) Sandeep Singh, the Basic Education Department is taking proactive steps to achieve this goal.



LEISURE

10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Agriculturist (6)
 - 4 Fluid-filled sac (4)
 - 8 Long-lasting (7)
 - 9 Adorn (5)
 - 10 Measuring stick (5)
 - 11 Light automatic rifle (7)
 - 12 Financial aid for a pupil (11)
 - 16 Drinking vessel (7)
 - 18 Surpass (5)
 - 20 Quickly (5)
 - 21 Liberate (3,4)
 - 22 Enticement (4)
 - 23 Blood vessel (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Felt or velvet hat (6)
 - 2 Rustic (5)
 - 3 Trade stoppage (7)
 - 4 Alcoholic drink (5)
 - 5 African language (7)
 - 6 Commercial goods (11)
 - 7 Surrender (4)
 - 13 Choral work (7)
 - 14 Vehicle (7)
 - 15 Attractive (6)
 - 16 Small duck (4)
 - 17 Turn aside (5)
 - 19 Abrupt (5)

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD

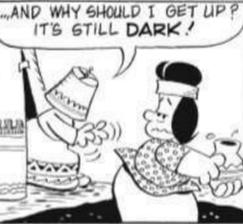
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 - 8 Cornnote
 - 9 Abode
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 - 21 Notable
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 - 16 Salsa
 - 17 Dear
 - 19 Libel

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BEETLE BAILEY/Mort Walker



RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



DADDY DAZE/John Kovalski



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- Ambulance**
FD Block Association (Amb) 9830452536, 9830181286
Happy Calculators 24400160
City Point Nurses Centre 2567-4113, 9831142623
People's Relief Committee 2280-4943/9444
- 24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery**
BOC India Ltd. 9831277777
- Blood Banks**
Ashok Laboratory 24720333
Central Blood Bank 23510619
- Life Care** 2284-6940
Peoples Blood Bank 2455-5164/5557
RK Mission Seva Pratisthan 2475-3636/39
- Police/Fire**
Lalibazar (Police Control Room) 22143230
S. P. (North 24-Pgms) 25423005
S. P. (South 24-Pgms) 2479-3333/1311
Bhawani Bhawan 24791761/5, 24791933
Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293;
- Howrah** 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285
- Civic Services**
Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000
Water: 2543-1602
- Calcutta Telephones**
Changed Number Announcement 1951,1952,1953
- Taxi Refusal**
SMS 575756: Complaint and registration
- Police Toll Free No.** 1073
Transport Deptt. No. 6451-6718
- CESC Fault Reporting**
1912 and 4403-1912
- Trains**
Howrah Station Old Complex 1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2638-7412/3542/2581 (manual).
Sealdah: 2350-3535/3537
Shalimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that no row, no column and no 3x3 box contains the same number. The difficulty level increases through the week.

Leaders of France, Germany and Britain endorse calls for cease-fire in Gaza

The statement was signed by French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer



ASSOCIATED PRESS
ISRAEL, 12 AUGUST

The leaders of France, Germany and Britain have endorsed calls for a cease-fire in Gaza, the return of scores of hostages held by Hamas and the "unfettered" delivery of humanitarian aid.

In a joint statement released Monday, they endorsed the latest push by the United States, Qatar and Egypt to broker an agreement to end the 10-month-old Israel-Hamas war.

The mediators have spent months trying to get the sides to agree to a three-phase plan in which Hamas would release the remaining hostages captured in its Oct. 7 attack in

exchange for Palestinians imprisoned by Israel and Israel would withdraw from Gaza.

"The fighting must end now, and all hostages still detained by Hamas must be released. The people of Gaza need urgent and unfettered delivery and distribution of aid," the statement said.

It was signed by French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

The statement also called on Iran and its allies to refrain from any retaliatory attacks that would further escalate regional tensions after the killing of two senior militants last month in Beirut and Tehran.

Israeli strikes killed 142 people over past 48 hours, Palestinian Health Ministry says



AGENCIES
DEIR AL-BALAH, 12 AUGUST

The Palestinian Health Ministry in Gaza says Israeli strikes over the past 48 hours have killed 142 people and wounded 150 others.

The fatalities announced on Monday bring the Palestinian death toll in Gaza to 39,897 since the start of the war, according to the ministry. It says over 92,000 people have been wounded.

The ministry does not say how many of the dead and wounded were com-

batants.

The Health Ministry, part of the Hamas-run government, maintains detailed records and its casualty figures from previous wars have largely matched up with those of independent experts, the United Nations and even Israel's own figures.

The war began when Hamas launched a surprise attack into Israel on Oct. 7. Palestinian militants killed some 1,200 people, mostly civilians, and abducted around 250 others.

Around 110 hostages are still being held in Gaza after most of the rest were released during a cease-fire in November. Israeli authorities believe around a third of the remaining hostages are dead.

Hospital in southern Gaza receives bodies of 13 people

AGENCIES
DEIR AL-BALAH, 12 AUGUST

A hospital in southern Gaza has received the bodies of 13 people, including a child, who were killed in apparent Israeli strikes on Khan Younis.

The strikes came as Israel has ordered mass evacuations from Gaza's second-largest city in recent days, saying Palestinian militants are firing rockets from the area. Khan Younis suffered heavy destruction earlier this year during a major Israeli air and ground offensive.

An Associated Press journalist counted the bodies at the nearby Nasser Hospital and saw funeral prayers being held Monday morning.

The dead include a medic who was killed along with



two others in a strike on his house, according to the hospital records.

The Israeli military says

it tries to avoid harming civilians and accuses Hamas of putting them in danger by fighting in dense, residential areas. The army rarely comments on individual strikes,

which often kill women and children.

Former DG ISI Faiz Hameed taken into military custody for misusing authority: Reports



AGENCIES
ISLAMABAD, 12 AUGUST

Pakistan's former director-general of inter-services intelligence Faiz Hameed (Retd) has been taken into military custody following an inquiry into complaints made against him in the Top City housing scheme case, Dawn News reported citing the army's media wing on Monday.

The inquiry, conducted by the Pakistan Army in compliance with Supreme Court orders, found sufficient grounds to initiate disciplinary action against Hameed

under the Pakistan Army Act. According to the press release issued from the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), "complying with the orders of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by the Pakistan Army, to ascertain the correctness of complaints in the Top City Case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)."

"Consequently, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd), under provisions of the Pakistan Army Act," the release added.

Further, ISPR said, "Multiple instances of violation of the Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established. The process of Field General Court Martial has been initiated and Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd) has been taken into military custody," the ISPR further said.

The ISPR further said, "The military had reportedly formed an inquiry committee in April to investigate allegations of misuse of authority against the former spymaster and head of the Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI), as per Dawn News.

As per the media reports, the committee was formed

by the military as a gesture of self-accountability and would be headed by a serving major general.

They had said the committee was formed in the light of directives of the Supreme Court and the Ministry of Defence.

A controversy surrounding Top City, a private housing scheme, has led to a formal inquiry into allegations against former ISI chief, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed.

The housing scheme's management accused Hameed of orchestrating a raid on the owner's offices and residence.

Following a Supreme Court directive in November 2023, the owner, Moez Khan, was advised to seek redressal through the relevant authorities, including the Defence Ministry.

The newly constituted inquiry committee will prepare its report in the light of its findings and present it to the relevant authorities, the reports said.

Russia's Putin says Ukraine's incursion into Kursk is an attempt to stop Moscow's eastern offensive

AGENCIES
KYIV, 12 AUGUST

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Monday that the Ukrainian army's incursion into the Kursk region, which has caused more than 100,000 civilians to flee and embarrassed the Kremlin, is an attempt by Kyiv to stop Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region and gain leverage in possible future peace talks.

Russian forces are still scrambling to respond to the surprise Ukrainian attack after almost a week of fierce fighting, but Putin insisted Moscow's army will prevail.

Speaking at a meeting with top security and defense officials, Putin said the attack

that began Aug. 6 appeared to reflect Kyiv's attempt to gain a better negotiating position in possible future talks to end the war.

He argued that Ukraine may have hoped to cause public unrest in Russia with the attack, adding that it has failed to achieve that goal, and claimed that the number of volunteers to join the Russian military has increased because of the assault. He said the Russian military is driving on with its eastern Ukraine offensive regardless.

"It's obvious that the enemy will keep trying to destabilize the situation in the border zone to try to destabilize the domestic political situation in our country," Putin said.

Stalls/Outlets at Stations over Sealdah Division Under 'One Station One Product' Scheme

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah hereby invites application in sealed packet (single) and in prescribed format from Individuals, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Marginalized or weaker sections of society etc. dealing with indigenous products for participation in "One Station One Product" Scheme at 84 nos. stations over Sealdah Division.

Salient features of the scheme:- (1) Tenure of the project: (i) 30 days starting from 30.08.2024. Chandpara, Hator, Bidyadharpur, Piali, Taldi, Mallikpur, Jaynagar Majlipur, Lalgola, Krishnapur, Bhagwanigola, Cossimbazar, Chakdaha, Payradanga, Brace Bridge, Nangi, Titagarh, Jagdadi, New Alipur (Kolkata), Kailnarayanpur Jn., Birnagar, Taherpur, Habibpur, Aranghata, Badkulla, Bagula, Majhdia, Banpur, Gede, Ballygunge Jn., Dhakuria, Madhyamgram, Murshidabad, Berhampore Court, Barupur Jn., Phulia, Shantipur, Namkhana, Deula, Dhamua, Diamond Harbour, Sangrampur, Harua Road, Canning, Kalikapur, Gocharan - 30 days starting from 31.08.2024. Taki Road - 30 days starting from 02.09.2024. Majerhat, Park Circus - 30 days starting from 05.09.2024. Lake Gardens, Tollygunge, Akra, Santoshpur, Komagata Maru Budge - 30 days starting from 06.09.2024. Dhubulia - 30 days starting from 07.09.2024. Hasnabad, Subhasgram - 30 days starting from 10.09.2024. Dakshin Durgapur, Netra, Sondalia, Champahati, Ghutiani Sharif, Magrahat-30 days starting from 12.09.2024. Bongaon Jn., Agarpara - 30 days starting from 13.09.2024. Bhasila, Malaitpur - 30 days starting from 14.09.2024. Baharu, Kakdwip, Basirhat, Dakshin Barasat - 30 days starting from 15.09.2024. Champakpur - 30 days starting from 17.09.2024. Muragacha, Beldanga, Bethudahari, Debagram, Rejnagar, Plassey - 30 days starting from 22.09.2024. New Garia - 30 days starting from 24.09.2024. Gobardanga, Thakurnagar, Ashoknagar Road, Durganagar, Bisharpara Kodaliya - 30 days starting from 27.09.2024. (2) **Token Registration Fee:** Rs. 2000/- only inclusive of GST for the allotment period of 30 days for each stall. (3) **Infrastructure:** (i) Stalls/Outlets shall be provided by Railways. (ii) A maximum of 20 units of electricity per One Station One Product outlet shall be permitted for one spell of 15 days as basic facilitation subsumed in the registration charges. For additional units of electricity over and above the limit of 20 units, the applicable charges shall apply on actual basis. (4) **Submission of applications:** Within 15:00 hrs. of 26.08.2024. Applications in the letterhead of the organization/plain white sheet of paper along with photocopy of document (as mentioned in Eligibility Criteria) addressed to the Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Room No.44, Kaiser Street, Kolkata-700014 to be submitted in sealed envelope at designated place in the Office of Station Master/ Station Manager of concerned station. In case of receipt of more than one application: Open lottery/public draw of lots to be done for selection at respective stations at 16:00 hrs. on 26.08.2024. Name of station with identified products, eligibility criteria for participation & supporting documents and EOI documents along with the detailed terms & conditions can be downloaded from the official website www.er.indianrailways.gov.in and also can be seen at the Notice Board in the Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Sealdah.

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah

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Metro Railway, Kolkata

Thakurpukur & Behala Bazar Stations to become "No Booking Counter Station"

With the approval of the Competent authority, it has been decided to issue/recharge Tokens and Smart Cards through ASCRMs only, at two stations viz. Thakurpukur & Behala Bazar in Purple Line w.e.f. 15.08.2024 onwards. These two stations will be functional as "No Booking Counter Station".

Dy. Chief Operations Manager/Commercial

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CANCELLATION OF MAITREE EXPRESS

As per message received from Bangladesh Railways, 13110 Dhaka-Kolkata Maitree Express (JCO 14.08.2024) and 13108 Kolkata-Dhaka Maitree Express (JCO 14.08.2024) will remain cancelled. Inconvenience to be caused to the passengers is deeply regretted.

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager
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Research & Development Section
Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati
Guwahati-781039, Assam

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HOS (R&D)

Hiranmaye Energy Limited
(A Company under Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process vide NCLT Order dated January 02, 2024). [CIN : U40105WB2008PLC125220]

Registered Office: Plot No. X1-2&3, Block-EP, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091

Notice to Purchaser of Electricity from Hiranmaye Energy Limited regarding Monthly Fuel Cost Adjustment (MFC)

Consequent upon increase in effective coal cost with respect to last approved fuel cost in MYT order for FY2024-25, Monthly Fuel Cost Adjustment (MFC) in terms of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2011 read with relevant order, and computed in accordance with the Fuel Surcharge Formula contained in the above Regulations, is applicable from July 2024 at Twelve (12) Paise per kWh. Recovery of MFC will be effected from the purchaser of electricity from Hiranmaye Energy Limited. Annual reconciliation of MFC will be carried out as per the afore-stated Regulations.

Place: Kolkata
Date: 13.08.2024

Bimal Kumar Agarwal
Vice President (Accounts & Finance)

REGULATION OF TRAINS FOR POWER & TRAFFIC BLOCK OVER HOWRAH DIVISION

For shifting of Point No. 63B towards Bardhaman end due to inadequate cross over length, Traffic & Power Block will be necessary on down Howrah-Bardhaman Cord-1 at Janai Road Station limit on 14.08.2024 (Wednesday). Consequently, the trains will be regulated as under:

- Diversion of Train : 12370 Kumbh Express will be diverted via Bardhaman-Bandel-Howrah on 14.08.2024 (Wednesday).
- Cancellation on 14.08.2024 (Wednesday) : From Bardhaman: 36812 & From Howrah : 36811
- Controlling on 14.08.2024 (Wednesday) - 13148 Dn Bamanhat-Sealdah Uttarbanga Express will be controlled for 30 minutes enroute.

Note: 1) The block will start after passing of 12510 Guwahati-SMVT Bengaluru SF Express from Janai Road (23:56 hrs.) 2) After Cancellation of block first train will be 22308 Dn Bikaner-Howrah SF Express.

Special Note : Special or Late Running trains & any further newly introduced train/Parcel train/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diverted suitably enroute during block. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of stations. Inconvenience is regretted.

Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

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Bansdroni, Kolkata - 700040

Appendix-IV [See Rule-8(1)] Annexure F
POSSESSION NOTICE
(for immovable property)

Whereas
The undersigned being the authorised officer of the Bank of India Bansdroni Branch under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 29.05.2024 calling upon the borrower Dr Dipankar Sarkar and Paromita Sarkar to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs.2,16,29,850.21+UCI (in words Rupees Two Crores Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and paise Twenty One Only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 8th day of August of the year 2024.

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Bank of India, Bansdroni Branch for an amount Rs.2,16,29,850.21 (Rupees Two Crores Sixteen Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty and paise Twenty One Only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

ALL THAT self-sufficient Flat, at First floor, on the Western side, measuring about 900 sq. ft. built up area along with the proportionate share and interest in the land under the G+3 storied building along with car parking at the premises no.255/1, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Road (also known as 2/1, Naktaala Govt. Scheme), Kolkata-700047, District 24 Pgs(S), Title Deed No. 02863 for the year 2017 standing in the names of (1) Sri Dipankar Sarkar, son of Late Samarendra Nath Sarkar and (2) Smt. Paromita Sarkar, wife of Dr. Dipankar Sarkar.

Bounded: On the North: 48 ft. wide KMC road; On the South: Property under LOP No. 2. On the East: 20 ft. wide KMC road; On the West: 243/1, N.S.C. Bose Road.

Date: 09.08.2024
Place: Kolkata

Sd/- Authorized Officer
Bank of India

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of missing person Kamlesh Kumar, Son of Bhuvaneshwar Yadav of Vill - Lalpur, PO+PS - Mohanpur, Dist. Gaya, Bihar, 824232, who has been missing since 05.07.2024 from Metro Gali on Motisi Street, Kolkata - 700013. Description of this missing person is: Age - 23 Years, Height - 5'2", Complexion - Fair, Built - Slim, Wearing - Red Colour Shirt and Black Pant. Peculiarity if any - Mentally Disabled, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C., Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001. (Telephone No.033 - 2214-1835, 9874902710). ICA-D1382(3)/2024

By Order
Registrar
District Consumer Disputes
Redressal Commission,
Kolkata, Unit-1

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of missing person Mintu Das @ Mantu Das, Son of Dipak Das of 43/A/2, Narkeldanga North Road, PS - Narkeldanga, Kolkata - 700011, who has been missing since 14.07.2024 from his residence. Description of this missing person is: Age - 28 Years, Height - 5'8", Complexion - Fair, Built - Medium, Wearing - Orange Colour Full T-Shirt, Half Pant Bright Colour, Peculiarity if any - Mentally Challenged, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C., Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001. (Telephone No.033 - 2214-1835, 9874902710). ICA-D1381(3)/2024

Form No. 3
[See Regulation-15 (1)(a)] / 16(3)
DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, KOLKATA (DRT 3)
8th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building, 42-C,
Jawahar Lal Nehru Road, Kolkata-700071

Case No.: OA/575/2017

Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993.

Ext. No.: 4616

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
VS
MD HAKIM MUJIB AND ORS

To,
(1) MD HAKIM MUJIB AND ORS
VILL-CHOUHPUR, PO-SUSSHAN, PS-BARASAT, North Twenty Four Parganas, WEST BENGAL-743423
(2) SARIFULL MULLA
VILL-GHOSHAPUR, PO SASHAN, PS BARASAT NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL-743423
(3) ATUAR RAHMAN
VILL-POLTADANGA, PO-SANDALIA, PS-BARASAT NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL-743423
(4) DIN MAHAMMAD
VILL-CHOUHPUR, PO-SUSSHAN, PS-BARASAT NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL-743423
(5) MD FAUKUR JAMAN
VILL-CHOUHPUR, PO-SUSSHAN, PS-BARASAT NORTH TWENTY FOUR PARGANAS, WEST BENGAL-743423

SUMMONS

WHEREAS, OA/575/2017 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/Registrar on 22/07/2024.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 1818500/- (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed).

In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/ or other assets and properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 25/11/2024 at 10.30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 26/07/2024.

Sd/-
Registrar-In-Charge
Kolkata Debts Recovery Tribunal-3

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of missing person Aslam Ail, Son of Lt Md. Saghir of 83/A/H/25, Beliaghata Road, Kolkata - 700037, who has been missing since 10.06.2007 from his residence. Description of this missing person is: Age - 40 Years, Height - 5'8", Complexion - Shyama, Built - Medium, Wearing - Blue Coloured Lungie, Peculiarity if any - Mentally Challenged, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C., Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001. (Telephone No.033 - 2214-1835, 9874902710). ICA-D1380(3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED

This is the photograph of missing person Md. Arifat @ Arkat, Son of Md. Jumman of G-246/1, Dhankhety, Kolkata - 700024, who has been missing since 14.01.2024 from his residence. Description of this missing person is: Age - 16 Years, Height - 5', Complexion - Medium, Built - Medium, Wearing - Yellow and white Jacket, Black Colour Hat & Black Trousers. Peculiarity if any - Mentally Disabled, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C., Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001. (Telephone No.033 - 2214-1835, 9874902710). ICA-D1379(3)/2024

THUMBNAILS

Super egg & milk biscuits: To encourage egg and milk consumption among children, ITC Sunfeast introduced its latest product innovation, Sunfeast Super Egg & Milk Biscuit, with 'Goodness of Protein'. The biscuit has been carefully crafted by ITC's product development team to ensure children derive nutrition along with delicious melt-in-the-mouth experience with a super crunch. The Sunfeast Egg & Milk Biscuits will be available across South and East India at a price point of Rs 5, Rs 10 and Rs 30.

Aadhar Housing Finance growth of 21pc: Aadhar Housing Finance Ltd, announced its financial results for the quarter ended 30th June 2024. With a stellar first quarter performance, the Company is poised for a strong growth year ahead. Some of the highlights for quarter 1, FY25 are, assets under management (AUM) grew by 21 per cent to Rs 21,726 crore as of 30 June from Rs 17,947 crore as of 30 June 2023. Total number of loan accounts as of 30 June reached 2,74,000+. Profit after tax increased by 37 per cent in Q1 FY25 to Rs 200 crore from Rs 146 crore in Q1 FY 24.

Tata Motors disrupts the mid-SUV segment with India's first SUV Coupe: Defining a new era of SUV design, Tata Motors, India's leading automotive manufacturer, today, officially launched the Curvv.ev and showcased the Tata Curvv. Built on 5 key pillars of 'Shaped to Stun', 'Shaped for Grandeur', 'Shaped for Performance', 'Shaped for Innovative Technology' and 'Shaped for Absolute Safety', the Curvv marks the Company's entry into the highly competitive mid-size SUV segment.

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STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Benchmark indices ended marginally lower on Monday amid the high volatile session due to the Hindenburg report on the SEBI chief.

Sensex and Nifty 50 gained back all of the ground they had lost earlier and continued to rise due to encouraging trends in international stocks and new inflows of foreign

money. Sensex ended lower by 56.99 points or 0.07% at 79,648.92 level while the Nifty 50 closed at 24,347.00 level, down 20.50 points or 0.08%.

On BSE, nearly 280 stocks touched 52-week high including Voltas, Jubilant Foodworks, Oil India, Ajanta Pharma, Glenmark Pharma, Coromandel International, Lupin, Muthoot Finance, Colgate Palmolive, GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals, Inox Wind,



GRM Overseas, Stove Kraft, among others.

On Nifty50, shares of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (2.59%), Hero MotoCorp Ltd (2.15%), Axis Bank Ltd (1.80%), JSW Steel Ltd (1.53%) and Divi's Laboratories Ltd (1.46%) ended as top gainers.

Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (2.33%), NTPC Ltd (2.16%), Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd (1.76%), Britannia Industries Ltd (1.59%), and Adani Enterprises Ltd (1.46%) were among the laggards.

Among the sectors, Nifty Realty, Metal, Oil & Gas, Consumer Durable, IT ended in while PSU Banks, Auto, FMCG, and Media ended in red. Nifty Pharma ended flat.

On the broader market front, the Nifty Midcap 100 closed up 0.27%, while the Nifty SmallCap 100 closed 0.19% higher, both outperforming benchmark indices. The fear gauge index, the India VIX closed 3.47% higher.

Shares of railway PSUs surged as the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by PM Modi approved eight projects of Ministry of Railways with a total estimated cost of Rs 24,657 crore on Friday.

The projects, covering 14 districts, will be implemented in Odisha, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Bihar, Telangana, and West Bengal with the construction of 64 new stations.

India's retail inflation softens and aligns with RBI's 4pc target



AGENCIES NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Breaching 5 per cent in June, the retail inflation rate in India softened drastically in July. According to data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Monday, retail inflation or Consumer Price Index in July was at 3.54 per cent.

In June, taking a departure from the moderation it witnessed in the past months, it rose to 5.08 per cent, pushed by rising food prices.

In July, there was a sharp decline in the year-on-year inflation rate based on the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is the lowest in the last 59 months.

Year-on-year inflation rate based on the All India Consumer Price Index (CPI) number is 3.54 per cent (Provisional) for the month of July, 2024. The corresponding inflation rate for rural and urban is 4.10 per cent and 2.98 per cent, respectively.

Food inflation for July 2024 is the lowest since June

2023. Year-on-year inflation rate based on All India Consumer Food Price Index (CFPI) number is 5.42 per cent (Provisional) for the month of July, 2024. The corresponding inflation rate for rural and urban is 5.89 per cent and 4.63 per cent, respectively.

Rising food prices continued to be a headache for Indian consumers with the inflation rate in the food segment almost doubling year-on-year in June.

The food inflation had almost doubled to 8.36 per cent in June, versus 4.63 per cent of 2023.

Food prices continue to remain a pain point for the policymakers in India, who wish to bring retail inflation to 4 per cent on a sustainable basis. But today's inflation data shows the inflation has aligned with the intended target.

Annual retail inflation in May was at a 12-month low of 4.75 per cent, marginally down from 4.83 per cent in April. The retail inflation or

Consumer Price Index, in December last year was 5.7 per cent, and since was moderating.

The retail inflation in India was in RBI's 2-6 per cent comfort level but was above the ideal 4 per cent scenario.

Inflation has been a concern for many countries, including advanced economies, but India has largely managed to steer its inflation trajectory quite well. The eased month-on-month retail inflation, barring June, came on the heels of RBI having maintained the status quo in the repo rate for the ninth straight occasion.

Barring the recent pauses, the RBI has raised the repo rate by 250 basis points cumulatively since May 2022 in the fight against inflation. Raising interest rates is a monetary policy instrument that typically helps suppress demand in the economy, thereby helping the inflation rate decline. The repo rate is the rate of interest at which the RBI lends to other banks.

Market shows resilience post-Hindenburg report, indicates investors' confidence

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Even after the higher anticipations that the market will react brutally towards the Hindenburg report over SEBI chief, it showed resilience on Monday.

The stock markets during mid-trading, shrugged off concerns raised by the recent Hindenburg report.

Despite opening with a slight dip, both the BSE Sensex and Nifty 50 indices managed to recover during mid-day trading, moving into positive territory, indicating investor confidence and market strength.

Trading day began with a cautious sentiment with the markets opening lower. The Nifty 50 index started at 24,320.05, down by 47.45 points or 0.19 per cent, while the BSE Sensex saw a more significant drop, opening at 79,296.67, down by 409.24 points or 0.69 per cent.



The markets quickly recovered from this initial decline, with both indices bouncing back into the green as the trading session progressed.

Notably, the recovery highlights the market's resilience and the broader investor sentiment that appears to be largely unaffected by the Hindenburg report.

Interestingly, even stocks of the Adani Group, which were expected to be the most

affected, showed only minor fluctuations, reinforcing the market's dismissal of the report.

SEBI had also urged investors to remain calm and conduct thorough research before reacting to the Hindenburg Research report.

Investors should remain calm and exercise due diligence before reacting to such reports. Investors may also like to take note of the disclaimer in the

report that states that readers should assume that Hindenburg Research may have short positions in the securities covered in the report," the SEBI said in a statement.

On Sunday, in a joint statement, the SEBI chief and her husband thrashed all the allegations made by the US short-seller.

Specifically on the 2015 investment, the duo said, "The investment in the fund referred to in the Hindenburg report was made in 2015 when they were both private citizens living in Singapore and almost 2 years before Madhabi joined SEBI, even as a Whole Time Member."

"The decision to invest in this fund was because the Chief Investment Officer, Anil Ahuja, is Dhaval's childhood friend from school and IIT Delhi and, being an ex-employee of Citibank, JP Morgan and 3i Group plc, had many decades of strong investing career," it added.

HR leaders expect moderate growth, substantial job creation



RITWIK MUKHERJEE KOLKATA, 12 AUGUST

The Indian job market is set to navigate a multifaceted path as we move forward. While this inclusive strategy is commendable, it is imperative to complement these efforts with robust training and development programs to ensure employees are adequately equipped to excel in these cutting-edge roles. That's what HR and staffing experts feel. Going by a recent survey, while the majority of HR leaders (62 per cent) expect moderate growth this financial year, indicating steady expansion across various sectors, a smaller segment (8 per cent) is anticipating substantial job creation, particularly in thriving industries. This optimistic outlook is largely driven by the rapidly evolving tech sector, where innovations and digital transformation are fuelling a heightened demand for skilled professionals. These figures notwith-

standing, 15 per cent of leaders are bracing for a potential downturn, influenced by economic uncertainties and global trends. Additionally, 15 per cent foresee a stable job market, reflecting a cautious optimism amidst these varied predictions. This complex landscape highlights the necessity for businesses to effectively navigate India's evolving employment scenario in the country, if the study by Biz Staffing Comrade Pvt Ltd, a leading name in the HR realm, is to be believed.

Compensation strategies are equally nuanced. The same survey reveals a wide range of salary adjustments, with 54 per cent of the top leaders reported their organizations offering increments between 5 per cent and 10 per cent, and 38 per cent providing increments between 10 per cent and 15 per cent. While these figures indicate a commitment to employee welfare, the 8 per cent of

leaders reported companies offering increments below 5 per cent are treading on perilous ground. In a tight labour market, competitive compensation is crucial for attracting and retaining top talent. These organizations risk losing valuable employees to competitors offering more lucrative packages. Therefore, the road ahead is undoubtedly challenging, but it also presents immense opportunities. Organisations that can successfully adapt to the changing dynamics of the workforce, invest in employee development, and create a culture of innovation will emerge as leaders. There is no doubt whatsoever that the key to success lies in building a resilient and adaptable workforce, equipped with the skills and mindset to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

Mind you that the predicted surge in AI and Machine Learning has created a dual-edged challenge: immense opportunity and acute talent

scarcity. And to bridge this talent gap, organisations are implementing a multifaceted approach, including upskilling their workforce, tapping into referral networks, and expanding recruitment horizons to less saturated talent pools such as tier II and tier III cities. There are many experts, who think that the confluence of economic uncertainty and technological acceleration has transformed the HR landscape into a complex and dynamic terrain. Overall, one can expect a critical role of HR in navigating these turbulent waters. It's no longer sufficient to be a mere administrative function; HR must evolve into a strategic partner. By understanding the evolving talent landscape, anticipating future trends, and implementing data-driven strategies, HR leaders can create a competitive advantage.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Suraiya Parvin, W/o. SK. Hasibul Islam, residing at Vill.: Rupdaypur, P.O.: Panskura R.S., P.S.: Panskura, Dist.: Purba Medinipur. That my (Suraiya Parvin), husband SK. Hasibul Islam & Hasibul Shekh is the same and one identical person as per affidavit (No. 3206/24) before the Court of 1st Class Sub-Divisional Executive Magistrate at Tamluk on 01-08-24.

I, TARIQUE Mohammad, son of Mohammad Rafique, holder of Indian Passport No. Z3799291, issued at Dubai on 17-10-2017, permanent resident of 2A Dr Biresh Guha Street, P.O.: Circus Avenue, Kolkata-700017 and presently residing at Flat No. 601, 4, Solaire Building, Al Nahada Second, Dubai UAE, do hereby change my name from Tarique Mohammad to Mohammad Tarique, with immediate effect vide affidavit before 1st Class Judicial Magistrate Kolkata dated: 01-08-24.

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Major wildfire rages out of control on fringes of Greek capital

By mid-morning, the fire was burning mainly on two separate fronts, with some parts in particularly difficult to reach areas on a mountain northeast of Athens

ASSOCIATED PRESS ATHENS, 12, AUGUST

in Greece, which also recorded its warmest winter ever.

Hundreds of firefighters backed by more than 30 water-dropping planes were battling a major forest fire raging out of control Monday on the northern fringes of the Greek capital.

By mid-morning, the fire was burning mainly on two separate fronts, with some parts in particularly difficult to reach areas on a mountain northeast of Athens.

Authorities were faced with "an exceptionally dangerous fire, which we have been fighting for more than 20 hours under dramatic circumstances," Kikilias said.

The fire department said 670 firefighters, backed by 27 teams specially trained to tackle wildfires and including



more than 80 members of the armed forces, were battling the flames. More than 180 vehicles were deployed, while more than 30 water-dropping planes and helicopters were providing aerial support.

A children's hospital, a military hospital, two monasteries and a children's home were evacuated early Monday, while evacuation orders were issued for more than a dozen areas, including Marathon

and several Athens suburbs. Three Athens hospitals were put on heightened alert to treat any potential injuries.

Local media reported two firefighters were slightly injured, while several civilians were treated in hospitals for smoke inhalation.

Authorities in nearby suburbs opened at least one sports hall and were providing rooms in hotels for evacuees, while yet more suburbs were put on standby for potential evacuation.

The police department said 380 police officers with 77 vehicles, 36 motorcycles, three buses and four vans were assisting in the evacuations, and by mid-morning

had helped move more than 250 people away from the path of the flames. It posted a video on its social media channels showing police officers carrying elderly people in their arms out of houses and to waiting vehicles, against a backdrop of a night sky turned red from the flames and smoke.

The fire sent a blanket of smoke over the center of the Greek capital, darkening the sky. It began Sunday afternoon about 35 kilometers (22 miles) from Athens and was fanned by strong winds that quickly drove it out of control.

Taiwan gov't reports increased Chinese activity near territory

AGENCIES TAIPEI, 12 AUGUST

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defence (MND) said that it detected nine Chinese military aircraft and nine naval vessels, and three of the aircraft entered its Air Defence Identification Zone from 6 am (local time) on Sunday to 6 am (local time) on Saturday.

Of the nine Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA), three aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait and entered Taiwan's southeastern and southwestern Air Defence Identification Zone (ADIZ). Taiwan's MND said that it has monitored the situation and responded accordingly.

In response to China's military action, Taiwan sent aircraft and naval ships and deployed

coastal-based missile systems to monitor PLA activity.

In a post on X, Taiwan's MND said, "9 PLA aircraft and 9 PLAN vessels operating around Taiwan were detected until 6 a.m. (UTC+8) today. 3 of the aircraft crossed the median line of the Taiwan Strait. This latest incident adds to a series of similar provocations by China in recent months. China has increased its military activities around Taiwan, including regular air and naval incursions into Taiwan's ADIZ and military exercises near the island."

On Sunday, Taiwanese MND said that eight Chinese military aircraft and eight naval vessels were operating from 6 am (local time) on Saturday to 6 am (local time) on Sunday.

T E N D E R

Metro Railway, Kolkata E-Tender Notice No.: 07/24-25 dt.: 12.08.2024 for procurement of stores. E-Tenders for following items have already been uploaded in www.ireps.gov.in with all details.

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EASTERN RAILWAY The following E-tender is invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (General)/Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd Floor, Remote Control Building, Eastern Railway, Kolkata-700 014 in connection with the following work: Tender No.: ELEG-OT-1129-2024-25, Date: 08.08.2024. Particulars of the work: Power supply arrangement work: Sealdah Division: Provision of 01 no. lift at Cossimbazar station.

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18 people reported missing in Balochistan, five dead bodies found in second half of July

AGENCIES QUETTA, 12 AUGUST

As Balochistan continues to face a dire situation with enforced disappearances, 18 individuals were reported missing in the last weeks of July this year, with five dead bodies found, The Balochistan Post stated in its bi-weekly report.

Enforced disappearances in Balochistan, an issue that has persisted for more than twenty years, for which, Baloch nationalists, activists, and human rights groups have been regularly accusing Pakistani intelligence agencies and security forces of carrying out these abductions and extrajudicial killings.

evidence provided by these organizations, the Pakistani government denies any involvement. Over this period of the second half of July 2024, 18 individuals were reported missing, four were released, and five dead bodies were discovered.

in connection with the Baloch Raaji Muchi (Baloch National Gathering) in Gwadar and other areas. These detainees, who include women, children, the elderly, and men, number in the hundreds, with estimates suggesting over 500 people may have been abducted. The exact figures remain unclear due to a partial blackout of mobile networks.

Iran, European Council discuss resumption of nuclear talks

AGENCIES TEHRAN, 12 AUGUST

Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian and Charles Michel, the president of the European Council, have exchanged views on the resumption of the talks on the revival of a 2015 nuclear deal.

In a phone call on Sunday, the two sides discussed bilateral ties as well as the regional and international issues of common interest, including the promotion of multilateralism in the world and developments in Gaza, Xinhua news agency reported, citing a statement published on the website of the Iranian President's office.

On the resumption of the nuclear talks between Iran and the other parties to the deal, Pezeshkian said the existence of trust and safeguarding bilateral interests were the basis for an agreement.

He added that should both sides fulfil their commitments and help build mutual trust, in addition to reviving the nuclear deal, other bilateral issues could be discussed.

Pezeshkian highlighted the necessity to establish a multilateral world order, saying the US "policies towards and pressures on



countries such as Iran and its bids to deprive them of their rights and interests were aimed at preventing the establishment of a new world order as well as the restoration of stability and calm to the world".

Iran had always supported ensuring peace and stability in the world and for all peoples and maintained that any trend or movement in any part of the world that jeopardized those values should be stopped, he added.

On the developments in Gaza, Pezeshkian said through enforcing "double standards, the United States and some Western countries had emboldened Israel in its perpetration of acts of

terror and heinous crimes" in the Palestinian coastal enclave and West Asian countries, having further compromised peace and security in the region and the world.

The European Council president, for his part, expressed willingness for the resumption of the nuclear talks, hoping for the start of effective interaction between the European Union and Iran based on safeguarding mutual interests and removing obstacles to the expansion of bilateral cooperation.

He also voiced the European countries' interest in improving the level of ties with Iran.

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Typhoon Maria wrecks havoc in Japan

AGENCIES TOKYO, 12 AUGUST

Typhoon Maria on Monday made landfall in the northeast Japanese prefecture of Iwate, unleashing record-breaking rainfall and severe disruptions across the Tohoku region.

The fifth typhoon of the year caused a severe tropical storm, landing around 8:30 a.m. local time, reported Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), warning of continued heavy rains and strong winds, particularly on the Pacific side of Tohoku, the country's northeast region.

In the 48 hours leading up to Monday morning, Kuji City in Iwate received 450 millimetres of rain, while Otsuchi Town saw 255.5 millimetres, both the highest recorded since data collection began, reports Xinhua news agency.

Transportation has been severely impacted by the storm. Japan Airlines and



All Nippon Airways have cancelled over 80 flights, mainly connecting Tohoku with Tokyo and Osaka.

East Japan Railway Company reports potential delays on the Tohoku, Yamagata, and Akita Shinkansen lines, and has suspended operations on some local lines. Road travel is also affected, with sections of the Tohoku and Joban Expressways likely to be closed due to the ongoing downpour.

With more rainfall expected, especially along the coast of the Sea of Japan, landslide risks are escalating in Iwate and surrounding areas, according to the JMA.

The role of transaction banking in streamlining educational funding and scholarships

VAIBHAV TAMBE

Transaction banking has been of great importance to financial institutions as it aids digitally-backed seamless operations by managing a wide range of banking services that involve transactions of varying kinds for businesses, public enterprises, and educational institutes. With a focus on easing educational funding and scholarships, transaction banking can help optimise processes, ensuring efficient distribution and management of capital.

How does transaction banking simplify processes regarding educational funding?

1. Enhanced fund disbursement: Transaction banking offers automated payment systems which can manage bulk disbursement requests error-free. Given the rising demand among Indian students to seek education overseas, educational institutions need to ensure that their payment systems are

robust to provide a safe and secure environment while dealing with bulk disbursements. For educational institutions, it translates to seamless transfer of scholarship funds directly to students' accounts in a real-time and safe environment.

2. Heightened security: Transaction banking services follow strong security protocols to protect the stakeholders' interests and funds against fraud. A crucial element for risk-free disbursement of scholarship funds, which are majorly targeted by fraudulent activities. Secure banking systems ensure that funds reach the intended recipients without any potential risks.

3. Improved financial management: Providing centralised platforms to

help institutional users manage all their financial transactions, transaction banking services let educational institutions optimally have a tab on the allocation, distribution, and monitoring of scholarship funds, hence reducing the margin of errors in former manual processes. Transaction banking also provides all-inclusive reporting tools to help educational institutions with detailed reports on fund usage. These reports help audit and maintain compliance with financial regulations.

How transaction banking supports financial inclusion

1. Ease of banking services: Transaction banking service providers partner with educational institutions to provide bank accounts for students,

which enables the students, especially the marginalised ones, to manage their finances optimally and receive scholarship funds directly to their accounts. Several transaction banks also sensitise students with vital financial information on managing their finances, budgeting, and planning for future expenses.

2. Online banking: As mobile and online banking increasingly have become a mainstay in the financial world, students can access their funds anytime and anywhere. This convenience is of great benefit for students who may find it difficult to access physical bank branches. Transaction banks leverage intuitive banking platforms for students to have easy access. These platforms are equipped with features like transaction histories, budgeting

tools, etc.

Simplifying partnerships and innovations

1. Educational institutions partnerships: Transaction banks partner with educational institutions to develop customised financial solutions that are beneficial for both the institution and the students. These solutions include customised scholarship disbursement schedules, specialised accounts, and dedicated support services. Transaction banks often engage in R&D to innovate financial products and services that increase the efficiency of educational funding.

2. Leveraging technology: Using blockchain technology, transaction banking has great potential to grow transparency and the security of funds. Blockchain technology ensures that all transactions are recorded in an encrypted environment, hence bringing down the risk of fraud. In terms of AI and ML, artificial intelligence and machine learning algorithms can help us understand large amounts of data to identify trends and patterns in the educational funding sector.

Transaction banking, hence, keeps playing a critical role in helping optimise educational funding and scholarships by providing reliable, optimal, automated, and innovative financial services. Through automated payment systems, robust security measures, better financial management tools, and support for financial inclusion, transaction banking is here to ease the roadblocks that many students undergo while exploring educational institutions and managing their funds effectively.

The writer is the founder & CEO of TransBnk

Strathclyde Business School is offering master's scholarships for international students

Strathclyde Business School, Glasgow, is now offering a number of master's scholarships for January 2025. Candidates must be deemed international for fee status, and scholarship awards will be to the value of £9,000 to £12,000, depending on the subject area and course fee.

The scholarships will be awarded on merit, rather than financial need, to candidates who demonstrate in both their scholarship application and their master's programme application excellent academic performance (current and/or previously gained), any relevant extra-curricular or professional experience and career development and who will contribute to the overall academic, cultural and experiential profile of the programme cohort.

Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis from early August 2024 onwards, and the final deadline for consideration of applications will be 4 December 2024. Please do not submit duplicate applications, as all forms and statements submitted will remain under consideration.

Key facts
Number of schol-

Value: Varies by course fee - Between £9,000 and £12,000

Deadline: 4 December 2024

Helps with: Tuition fees

Subject eligibility - Accounting & finance, economics, entrepreneurship, human resource management, marketing, business, hospitality & tourism, management, management science, data analytics

Eligibility:
- Candidates must be self-funded (i.e. not in receipt of any funding from any other scholarships, employer sponsorship, etc.) and already hold an offer of a place on an SBS MSc programme for the January 2025 intake and also be deemed international with regards to fee status.

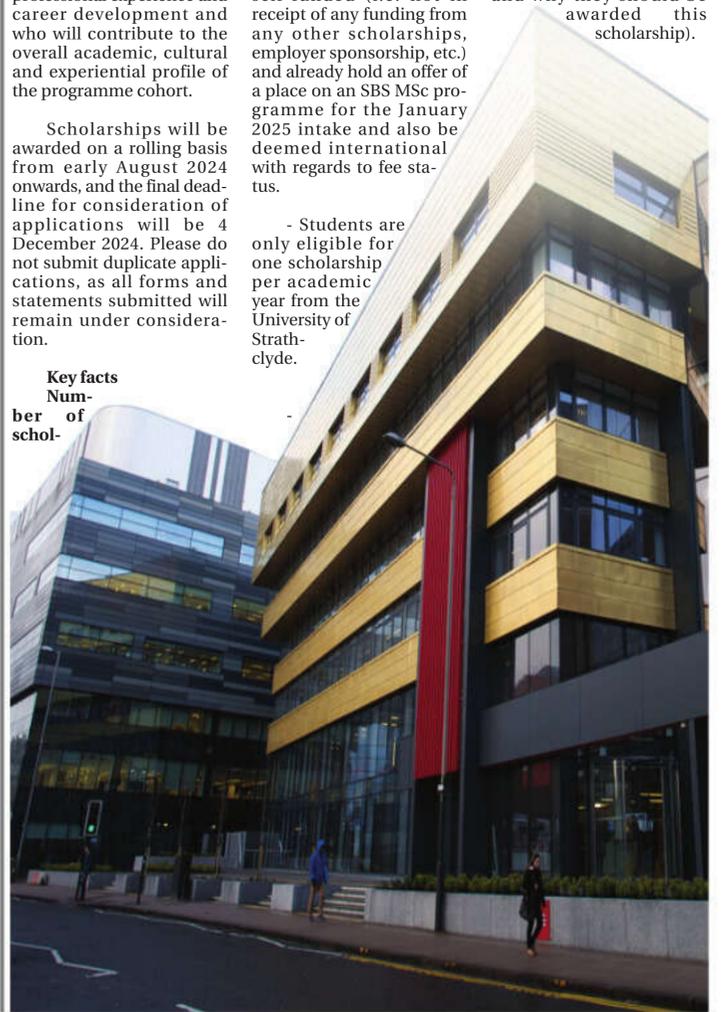
- Students are only eligible for one scholarship per academic year from the University of Strathclyde.

Online and blended learning programmes are not eligible for these scholarships.

- Scholarships will be awarded on a rolling basis from August 2024 onwards, and the final deadline for consideration of applications will be 4 December 2024.

-Strathclyde Business School's decision on awarding scholarships is final.

Candidates interested in applying should provide a maximum 1000-word statement demonstrating their ideas, experience, and future career plans (including their reasoning for joining their chosen programme and why they should be awarded this scholarship).



Students' Space

I was five

The night was so cold. I had to layer five blankets to get the perfect thickness to keep out the cold. I wore socks to bed, even though I despised them, and I put on a long-sleeved shirt on top of the short sleeved one. All of these were done to keep out the cold. Now that it's 8 a.m. in the morning and I have no socks on, the mountains of five blankets have reduced to no blanket at all. Sometime during the night I took off the long-sleeved shirt and the socks and put the AC on the lowest temperature. And still somehow I am drenched in sweat. It is crazy how a tub of vaseline petroleum jelly is rock solid—so hard that it is physically impossible to get any product out—one moment and the next moment it's practically water. Even chapsticks are jelly in this weather, and chapstick is not supposed to melt in the container. It is that hot! It's more than a microwave.



few months. The only thing that makes sense in this weather is the fact that school's out and I am home the entire day.

"Would you check on the plants in the greenhouse, dear?" my mother asks me, washing her hands. I stand in front of the table,

eyes wide. I shake my head slowly. "No way, I just woke up," I say, backing away slowly. I live in a desert, and a greenhouse is a curse, and I do not want to experience that. I am 16 now. I was a child once. I was 5 years old when I saw trees outside the last time, trees growing outside without much effort or

even care. If cacti were exotic then, the most basic of mango trees is exotic now. I have once heard stories about how people kept cool breeds of animals as pets—a Samoyed dog maybe. But now we have foxes and baby camels, and people from the past would say keeping these animals as pets would

be amazing, but so are fluffy white dogs, big ones. The greenhouse during the day is hell; it's a furnace; it is probably worse than that. At night the greenhouse feels nice, and it is cold at night.

I was five when I saw the roads, trees lining the streets, and cool air in the morning. Now the roads are

dusty with sand everywhere, along with cacti plants.

I was five when I saw big trees with trunks. I am sixteen, and all I see now are short, stubby objects with spikes. I am sixteen and Calcutta is now a desert.

Oishiki Bhattacharjee,
Class XII

Vivacious Vocabulary

DAEDAL

Adjective
Pronunciation: Dae-dal
Meaning: Artistic, intricate skill
Example: The musician surprised the crowd with his daedal melody
Synonym: Intricate, sophisticated

ECOCIDE

Noun
Pronunciation: Ee-koh-side
Meaning: Destruction of the environment by human actions
Example: Excessive carbon emission is one of the biggest reasons behind ecocide
Synonym: Ecological devastation, biosphere collapse

FACILITATIVE

Adjective
Meaning: Providing assistance or help
Example: The state incorporated facilitative changes in their economical structure
Synonym: Make easy, make smooth, encourage, advance

GABBLE

Verb
Pronunciation: Ga-bl
Meaning: Talk rapidly in an unintelligible manner
Example: She was anxious in front of the individual and started to gabble
Synonym: Nonsense speech, talking foolishly

HARRIED

Adjective
Pronunciation: Hah-reed
Meaning: Feeling stressed due to being overworked
Example: The staff felt harried due to continuous phone calls
Synonym: Devastate, agitated, flustered

IRIDESCENT

Adjective
Pronunciation: I-ruh-deh-snt
Meaning: Luminous colours that change when seen from different angles
Example: Today, the colour of the ocean was an iridescent ice-blue
Synonym: Shimmery, sparkling, gleaming

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India will win at least 25 medals at Paralympics: PCI chief coach Satyanarayana

Satyanarayana said that the government, corporates and media have been an excellent support to Paralympians

AGENCIES
PARIS, 12 AUGUST

The Paralympic Committee of India (PCI) chief coach cc said that India will win at least 25 medals at the ongoing Paris Paralympic Games, starting from August 28.

After the sporting extravaganza that was the Paris Olympics, the sporting action will continue with the Paris Paralympics from August 28 onwards till September 8 onwards.



Speaking to ANI, Satyanarayana said, "Paris Paralympics will start from August 28. We are going to have a very strong contingent of 84 members. For the first time



in history, we are sending players for 11 sports. Definitely, India will win more medals than the last Paralympics. This time, not less than 25 medals. Last time, we had

just won five gold medals. We want to change the colour of medal this time and increase the tally. Most athletes are doing fine performance-wise."

Satyanarayana said that the government, corporates and media have been an excellent support to Paralympians.

"This is what I tell everyone, start winning medals, support will come. Once, in 2008, we had zero medals, then one silver, then four, then 19 in subsequent editions. A big change is coming

up and the government has been supporting us big time. They have shown no discrimination between Olympics and Paralympics sport," he added.

PCI chief coach said that he is in Paris to help athletes get used to the climate and conditions. He urged the sports lovers to support the athletes by catching them in action live.

"I urge everyone to support us, because that earns us a medal more than our practice," he concluded.

UTT 2024: Injured Sreeja ruled out, Nithyashree comes in as replacement



AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Commonwealth Games gold medalist, Sreeja Akula has been ruled out of the upcoming

Ultimate Table Tennis 2024 season due to a "stress fracture". Sreeja, who was part of the Indian team that participated in the Paris Olympics, will be replaced

by Nithyashree Mani in the Jaipur Patriots franchise.

The U19 Youth National Champion Nithyashree Mani will be making her UTT debut for the Jaipur Patriots.

"I'm sorry to share that I have been diagnosed with a stress fracture and on my doctor's advice, I'll need to rest for six weeks, which unfortunately means I won't be able to participate in UTT 2024," Akula said in a statement.

Akula was drafted by newcomers Jaipur Patriots in their first pick of the player draft. She will be replaced by U19 Youth National Champion and UTT debutant Nithyashree Mani.

The 26-year-old made history as the first Indian to win a singles title at the WTT Contender level by clinching the top spot at the WTT Contender Lagos. Additionally, she made a strong impression at the 2024 Olympic Games, reaching the pre-quarterfinals in women's singles and the quarterfinals in the women's team event in Paris.

She also won a gold medal at the 2022 Commonwealth Games and a double gold medalist at the 2019 South Asian Games.

The upcoming season of the league is scheduled to be held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai from August 22 to September 7 and will feature eight teams for the first time and a total of 48 players, including 16 foreigners.

Anisimova overcomes Navarro, makes first WTA 1000 final in Toronto



AGENCIES
TORONTO, 12 AUGUST

Amanda Anisimova advanced to her first WTA 1000 final after defeating world No.15 Emma Navarro 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in the semifinals of the Canadian Open.

Ranked No.132, Anisimova became the lowest-ranked Canadian Open finalist in 40 years. She will meet defending champion Jessica Pegula in

an all-American final.

Anisimova's win over Navarro was her fourth Top 20 win of the week, coming off victories over No.3 Aryna Sabalenka, No.12 Anna Kalinskaya and No.10 Daria Kasatkina.

Wind proved once again to be a challenge for the players but it was Anisimova who handled it better out of the gates. She broke in the second game of the match

at love and cruised to a 6-3 opening set over Navarro. Anisimova's serve was on fire and the 22-year-old captured 93 per cent of first serve points in the set.

In the second, the players traded breaks in the third and fourth games before Navarro settled down and went ahead 4-2. After taking the following game as well, Anisimova called the trainer onto the court for some issues

with blisters on her right foot. Navarro then close out the set at 6-2 to even the match.

The third set produced some lengthy games early on and Anisimova would break for a 2-1 and later 5-2 as she rediscovered her rhythm and really took control of the points. She won the match 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 to make the finals of a WTA 1000 tournament for the first time in her career.

T E N D E R

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-TENDERS are invited by the Pradhan Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Nadia. NIT No: 22/15th FC/2024-25/SWARUPGANJ. Dated: 31/07/2024. Last date of application: 20/08/2024 at 5 PM. Technical Bid open: 22/08/2024 at 5 PM. For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in>

Sd/- Pradhan Swarupganj Gram Panchayat, Swarupganj, Nadia.

CORRIGENDUM

All the interested bidders are hereby informed to see the corrigendum related to the tender (NIT No: 251/E-Tender/NTTM1/2024-25) (Tender ID: 2024_GCETS_717592_1) in wbenders.gov.in.

Sd/- Officer-in-Charge

GORKHALAND TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION

W.B.S.R.D.A. DARJEELING DIVISION

NOTICE INVITING eTENDER

On behalf of the Principal Secretary, Gorkhaland Territorial Administration, Four (4) Nos. tender are invited by the Executive Engineer, Darjeeling Division, WBSRDA through e-tendering (details can be sought at [www.wbenders.gov.in](https://wbenders.gov.in)).

Date of publishing of tender on website: 13-08-2024.

Tender Ref. No.: 5 of 2024-25.

E-AUCTION NOTICE (Water affected stock of food grains (Maize and Rice))

E-Auction forms are invited for disposal, strictly on "As is Where is" basis, on Kg Basis Water affected stock of food grains (Maize and Rice) belonging to Sakshya Distillery Limited, Salvage materials can be inspected at J-355, Dakshin Shmia, P.O. Changail, Kharagpur, Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal, between 13/08/24 to 20/08/24 after taking prior appointment from Mr. SS Tomar - 9932212002. E-Auction to be held on 21/08/24. For E-Auction forms, Contact Mr. Neeraj Sadana at Mob: 8434340000. E-Auction Insights Private Limited (Auctioneers) Address: 148, Street #11, Bhaktira Enclave, Near Gurudwara Sahib Malomajra, Tehsil and District Patiala, Punjab-147001 or for more details email to us - info@eauctionbharat.com. Last date for submission of E-auction form is 20/08/24 before 05.00 PM.

SILIGURI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

e-Tender Notice

07 (seven) Nos. e-Tender Notice vide

- (1) NIT-13/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024
- (2) NIT-14/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25 dt. : 05-08-2024
- (3) NIT-15/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024
- (4) NIT-16/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024
- (5) NIT-17/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024
- (6) NIT-18/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024 and
- (7) NIT-19/WBMAD/SMC/PW/24-25, dt.: 05-08-2024

is / are hereby invited from reliable, resourceful, bona fide, eligible contractors. For details please visit: <https://wbenders.gov.in> or the Office Notice Board of SMC. Corrigendum or addendum if issued will be published only on website.

Sd/- Commissioner, SMC

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: Jhansi-Kanpur section:- Construction of limited height subway in lieu of LC No. 173, 174 & 185 (3 No.) and construction of road from LC 177 to 176 under ADENI/CNB jurisdiction.

E-Tender No.	Approx. Cost	Earnest Money
JHS-ENGG-C-2024-158	₹ 180966450.91	₹ 954800.00

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.irps.gov.in.

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North central railways @ C/PRONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

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परिवहन मार्ग, चौमू हाउस, जयपुर।

ई-बोली सूचना

निगम द्वारा निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु ऑन लाइन ई-बोली आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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निविदा प्रपत्र हेतु आवेदन/कागजपत्री करने की अवधि- 07.08.2024 समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे से 29.08.2024 समय प्रातः 11.00 बजे तक ई-बोली सूचना का विवरण <https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in>, <http://transport.rajasthan.gov.in/rarc> तथा <http://pppp.rajasthan.gov.in> पर देखा जा सकता है।

राज संवा/री/24/3661 विद्यमान संख्या 92/2024-25 कार्यकारी निदेशक(प्रशासन)

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 ADENI/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.irps.gov.in.

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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, N743L, 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.irps.gov.in. 2. Tender can only be submitted through web portal www.irps.gov.in up to 15:00 Hrs. on date 30.08.2024. 1431/24(ADM)

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Notice Inviting Application for Engagement of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA)

Notification No.: C-669/STBA/ADRA/2024/03 **Date:** 09.08.2024

For and on behalf of President of India the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Adra invites tender for Appointment of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) at below mentioned category station over Adra Division as per the following schedule:

Sr. No.	Station Name	Category	No. of UTS Counters (Round the Clock)	Amount of Earnest Money	Security Deposit	Location Code
1	Ramkanali	NSG-6	01	2,000/-	10,000/-	RKI

Rate of commission beyond sales turnover of Rs. 1 Lakh which is to be quoted in the application: 4%. **Value:** Commission based. **Cost of Application form:** Nil. **Location for engagement of STBAs:** Ramkanali station in between Beromuradi stations over Adra Division/South Eastern Railway. **Application form with Terms & Conditions available:** The application form will be available at Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office, Adra from 10.30 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. on working days from 09.08.2024 to 10.09.2024 or can be downloaded from www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in. **Application submission date & venue:** 10.09.2024 between 10.30 hrs. to 13.00 hrs. at Sr. D.C.M. office/Adra. **Date & Time of opening of Tender Box:** 10.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs. or subsequent day if the day is a holiday or a closed day for unforeseen reasons. **Description of work:** Sell of unreserved ticket, platform ticket and season ticket. **Eligibility criteria of the Applicant:** For detailed information please visit www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in (PR-471)

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra

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West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited
(WBFDCL), KB-19, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106.

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

The undersigned invites NIQ as follows:

NIQ No.	Name of Project	Bid Submission Start Date	Last Date of Bid Submission
02/29-48/24-25	Hiring of one air-conditioned wooden mechanized boat on monthly hire basis for package tours from Godkhali / Jhorkhali to different parts of Sunderbans.	13.08.2024	03.09.2024

Details of NIQ can be seen at www.wbenders.gov.in and www.wbfdcl.com

Sd/- DM, BFO, WBFDCL

E-auction notice for Pay & Use and Miscellaneous Static Services contracts over Kharagpur Division

e-Auction Notice No.: KGP/PnU-MSS/2024/6 **Date:** 09.08.2024

For & on behalf of the President of India, the Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur Division, South Eastern Railway invites e-Auction for:

Operation and Maintenance of AC waiting hall at Kharagpur under Pay & Use Category. **Auction Catalogue No.:** PnU-KGP-WRL-24. **Auction Date:** 19.08.2024. **Auction Start/Close time:** 15.00 hrs. & 15.30 hrs.

Operation and maintenance of AC waiting hall at Shalimar, Cloak Room at Shalimar, Pay & Use toilets at 11 numbers of station (viz. Balichak, Radhamohanpur, Haur, Kolaghat, Uluberia, Bauria, Sankrail, Andul, Maurigram, Ramrajatala & Dasnagar) and Pay & Use toilet at Jaleswar. **Auction Catalogue No.:** PnU-KGP-WRL-24. **Auction Date:** 21.08.2024. **Auction Start/Close time:** 15.00 hrs. & 16.00 hrs. respectively.

Operation and maintenance of Rail Coach Restaurant at Digha and Rail Coach Restaurant at Shalimar. **Auction Catalogue No.:** KGP-RCR-02. **Auction Date:** 27.08.2024. **Auction Start/Close time:** 14.30 hrs. & 15.10 hrs.

Installation, maintenance and operation of Water Vending Machine at Shalimar (1 no.), Mecheda (1 no.), Panskura (1 no.), Kharagpur (2 nos.), Baleswar (2 nos.), Midnapore (2 nos.), Ghatsila (1 no.), Jhargram (1 no.), Jaleswar (1 no.), Hijli (1 no.) stations over Kharagpur Division for a period of 05 (five) years vide **Catalogue No.:** KGP-WVM-24-03. **Auction Date:** 23.08.2024. **Auction Start/Close time:** 14.30 hrs. & 17.00 hrs. respectively, which are notified in the <https://www.irps.gov.in/website>. Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details and related information about the E-Auction notice. For enquiries/clarifications if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

(PR-472) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur

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JOHNNY GRAVE TO STEP DOWN AS CRICKET WEST INDIES CEO

Cricket West Indies has announced that Johnny Grave will step down as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO) at the end of October 2024. Grave has been in the position since February 2017, and under his tenure, West Indies hosted the 2018 Women's T20 World Cup, 2022 Men's U19 World Cup and 2024 Men's T20 World Cup. "It has been an absolute privilege to have been CEO of CWI since February 2017. Having just hosted a successful T20 World Cup and delivered significant surpluses for CWI for the third consecutive year, I do feel it is the right time for me and my family to seek a new challenge."

For more updates

www.thestatesman.com

THUMBNAILS

Destroyer for Cup: The awesome One Cup is the feature event in a card of six races framed for tomorrow here. Among 11 runners taking part in the 1,400m event for horses in Class 1, Destroyer appears to be home and dry. Hindu Singh rides this Patrick Quinn trained colt. Selections: OROMELO 1, Primo Victoria 2. 3.00 p.m.: GLOBAL INFLUENCE 1, Raffaello 2. 3.30 p.m.: SATIVUR 1, Main Street 2. 4.00 p.m.: KING'S RETREAT 1, Norwegian Wood 2. 4.30 p.m.: DESTROYER 1, Stockbridge 2. 5.00 p.m.: SEA SALT CAMEL 1, Tres Bien 2. Day's best: Destroyer. GAUTAMI BANERJEA

Australia's Marnus Labuschagne 'retires' bat used in 2023 World Cup final against India: Australian batter Marnus Labuschagne on Monday retired the bat that he used to score the match-winning half-century in the ICC Cricket World Cup final against rivals India at Ahmedabad in November last year. Labuschagne, one of the backbones of the Australian batting line-up, shared the picture of his bat on social media. The bat looked in really bad shape after very noticeable wear and tear.

Paris - Another story of near misses as India's wait for double digits in Olympics continue

India returned with mere six medals - a silver and five bronze - after sending 117 athletes to the Paris 2024 Olympics

TRIDIB BAPARNASH
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Some would say the fourth-place finishes were near misses, some would lament at an athlete missing out a medal for being overweight by mere 100 grams, some would complain of a tough draw, but what actually matters for the country that aims to host the 2036 Olympics and become a sporting powerhouse, is the fact that it finished a lowly 71st in the eventual medals tally.

In all, India returned with mere six medals - a silver and five bronze - after sending 117 athletes to the Paris 2024 Olympics. This was one short of India's best ever tally of seven medals won in Tokyo, including a gold.

Manu Bhaker won the first medal for India at the Paris Games by bagging a bronze and became the first Indian woman to win an Olympic shooting medal. She then created history by becoming the first Indian to win two medals at a single edition of the Olympics after she clinched a mixed team 10m air pistol bronze with Sarabjot Singh.

Swapnil Kusale added a

third medal in shooting to make it India's biggest haul in a sport in a single edition of the Olympics.

The Indian men's hockey team matched their Tokyo 2020 success with the bronze in Paris while Neeraj Chopra became the most successful individual Olympian after he claimed a silver medal in the javelin throw event. Later, Aman Sehrawat became India's youngest Olympic medalist when he won bronze in wrestling.

India left Paris with more heartbreaks than cheers, after having missed out on six potential medals, most by a whisker, with the athletes finishing fourth in their respective events. This included Lakshya Sen in badminton men's singles event, weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and Manu Bhaker in women's 25m Pistol shooting event, who could have bagged her third medal at the Games.

Legendary shuttler and team's mentor Prakash Padukone had rightly pointed out that athletes need to take responsibility, a point that evoked mixed emotions with several top athletes criticising him.

"We were contenders for 3



medals. So, at least, one I would have been happy. I am personally disappointed. But, having said that, this time, the government, the SAI and the foundations, the TOPs, everybody have done their bit. So, I have nothing against it... I

don't think anybody could have done anything more than what the government has done, the Sports Ministry, TOPs has done. It's high time the players also need to take some responsibility," a visibly dejected Padukone told the

media after the badminton contingent returned empty-handed.

"All these years we could say there were not enough facilities or encouragement. But, I think this time, it's only better. Especially the top 30 players, I am not just talking about badminton. Across all sports, the top 30-40 who had chances of winning medals, were given whatever they wanted. Sometimes, even if they were unreasonable demands, they have been met," he added.

The sports ministry on its part had agreed to provide the Paris Olympics-bound athletes with all facilities, and spent crores on training, overseas exposure trips, provided the lion's share of the funds to eight high-priority disciplines, hired foreign coaches, nutritionists, mental conditioning experts, sports scientists, and the list goes on, then why shouldn't the athletes take responsibility?

Besides badminton, the boxing contingent also drew a blank. In the run-up to the Games, one contingent other than Neeraj that promised to return with medals was the boxers, but it was a flop show

in Paris despite boasting of big names in the squad. The archery unit — one of the eight high-priority disciplines, that is yet to win an Olympic medal, came agonisingly close to winning one in the mixed-team event.

Coming to wrestling, Vinesh Phogat's disqualification ahead of a historic final also added to India's woes, although the 21-year-old Aman's bronze medal ensured India's returns from the sport continued in every edition of the Summer Games since 2008. The debutant managed to shed 4.6kgs in 10 hours prior to his men's freestyle 57kg bronze-medal bout, unlike three-time Olympian Vinesh Phogat, who used all desperate measures but missed the second weigh-in on the day of her women's 50kg gold-medal bout by a mere 100 grams. In certain sporting disciplines, it is a given fact that the athlete (read wrestler in this context) has to work hard to keep his/her weight below the respective weight class.

While Vinesh has appealed for a joint silver medal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), the verdict of the case is expected to be announced by August 13.

Meanwhile, the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) that found its Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala and his team targeted for the Vinesh Phogat saga, has issued a strong statement in its defence with IOA President PT Usha, saying, "The responsibility of weight management of athletes in sport like wrestling, weightlifting, boxing and judo is that of each athlete and his or her coach and NOT that of the IOA-appointed Chief Medical Officer Dr. Dinshaw Pardiwala and his team."

Continuing the misery, another wrestler Antim Panghal, who starved for 48 hours to be eligible for the 53kg bout, was ousted even before she could make the medal rounds. Rubbing salt to the wounds, the wrestler left the Indian contingent embarrassed after trying to facilitate her sister's entry into the Athletes Village through her accreditation card.

As the Games drew to a close late Sunday, back home, there is need for serious introspection into where we actually fell short of that magical double digit mark. Over to LA 2028, with a hope to reach the mark, can we?

Carlos Alcaraz eyes year-end No. 1 after dominant season

AGENCIES
NEW YORK, 12 AUGUST

After a remarkable season that saw him clinch back-to-back Grand Slam titles and secure a silver medal at the Paris Olympics, 21-year-old Carlos Alcaraz is now setting his sights on a new target: finishing the year as the top-ranked player in the world.

As he gears up for the Cincinnati Open, Alcaraz enters the tournament just 450 points behind Italy's Janik Sinner in the ATP Live Race To Turin, positioning him tantalisingly close to his goal of ending the year as the No. 1 player.

"Obviously, being No. 1 is a goal every time that I am [behind] and the race is an important ranking for me. At the end of the year, if you end the race No. 1, in the rankings [it is] quite similar, so you're going to end the No. 1," Alcaraz said to ATP.

"So I'm really focused on that. I'm focused on going to every tournament, thinking about playing great tennis,



doing a good result just to get better in the race, and this year, ending the year as No. 1 is one of my main goals right now. So I'm looking forward to doing it and let's see," he added.

With 20 wins out of his last 22 matches, Alcaraz is in scorching form, having defeated nine of the ten Top 20 players he has faced during this stretch. Yet, the Spaniard remains grounded, acknowledging that not all of these victories were achieved while playing his best tennis.

"Probably most of the matches I won, I won them without playing great tennis. But the way that I approach every match, I stay there strong mentally in some situations, and I'm really, really happy about that," Alcaraz

admitted. One of the defining moments of Alcaraz's season came during the Paris Olympics, where he battled his way to the final only to lose in a heartbreaking gold-medal match to Novak Djokovic. Needing time to regroup, he took a brief holiday with his brother and close friends, stepping away from the sport to clear his mind.

"I just needed a few days without thinking about tennis," he reflected. Upon his return to the practice courts in Cincinnati, Alcaraz felt recharged and ready to continue his pursuit of the No. 1 ranking.

As the second seed at the Cincinnati Open, Alcaraz is set to face either Gael Monfils or Alexei Popyrin in his opening match.

"I'm excited to play here again. I'm really happy to be back. Obviously, great memories from last year. This is a tournament that I love playing, and yeah, excited to start the tournament," he said.

Shakib Al Hasan committed to play all remaining Tests this year, says chief selector

AGENCIES
DHAKA, 12 AUGUST

Bangladesh chief selector Gazi Ashraf Hossain said that veteran all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has confirmed his availability for all remaining Tests of the year. Bangladesh are slated to play eight Tests in 2024, starting with a two-match series against Pakistan.

Following the conclusion of the Pakistan tour, Bangladesh are scheduled to play two Tests each against India, South Africa and West Indies respectively.

Previously, the former captain remained sceptical of his participation in the Test series against India and had only made him available for the Pakistan tour.

"Probably at the end of July we talked to Shakib and there were discussions with me regarding his fitness. During the Zimbabwe series, we wanted to understand his short-term plans. We have a busy schedule with eight Test matches by December. He assured us that he would play all the Tests and



attend all practice sessions before each series. He is expected to join the team around August 14 or 15," Cricbuzz quoted Ashraf as saying to reporters at Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium on Monday.

The chief selector defended Shakib's selection for the Pakistan series despite playing only four of the eight Tests Bangladesh played in the last two years. Ashraf highlighted the former captain's adjustability to different formats and his reputation as one of the best all-rounders in the world. Moreover, while his teammates have been practising at home, the star all-rounder will join the squad from Canada, where he has been participating in the Global T20 League.

Jadeja, Axar, Gill among others directed to play in Duleep Trophy: Report

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

Ahead of the two-match Test series against Bangladesh, BCCI has directed the top national team players, including KL Rahul, Shubman Gill, R Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Axar Patel, Shreyas Iyer, and Yashasvi Jaiswal, to take part in Duleep Trophy, either partially or fully.

According to the Cricbuzz report, India captain Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli have been given the option to choose whether or not to participate.

Hardik Pandya is expected to be the only notable absentee among the top international players, as he has stepped away from red-ball cricket. However, despite being consistently overlooked for international assignments, selectors are likely to include Ishan Kishan in one of the four squads. Jasprit Bumrah will be exempted from domestic duties, and Mohammed Shami, who is still recovering from surgery, is also unlikely to participate in the competition, the report



said. This decision was made collectively by the BCCI and selectors, with input from new coach Gautam Gambhir. An exemption for Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli was explained by a source, who noted that the two star players are overworked. "It's up to them whether or not to play," the report quoted a source as saying.

Rohit last appeared in a domestic match in 2021, while Kohli has not featured in a national-level game since 2015.

The inclusion of international players in domestic competitions aligns with the BCCI's efforts to address the issue of players skipping

domestic matches. Last year, the board notably excluded Shreyas Iyer and Ishan Kishan from the central contract list as part of this policy.

The four-team Duleep Trophy, a multi-day first-class competition, will be held in a league format with no knockout games, concluding on September 22.

The Karnataka State Cricket Association has confirmed that the Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru will host the first of six four-day red-ball matches, starting on September 5. Although Anantapur in Andhra Pradesh is the designated venue for the multi-day tournament, this particular game has been relocated to Bengaluru.

Cricket's return to Olympics will be beneficial to the game: Ponting

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 12 AUGUST

With cricket set to make a return to Olympic fold after 128 years at the Los Angeles edition in 2028, former Australia captain Ricky Ponting said that it's a positive step towards the growth of the game.

"It can only be a positive thing for our game. I've sat on various committees over the last 15 or 20 years, and it's always been on the top of almost every agenda - how do we get the game back into the Olympics? And finally, it's there," Ponting said on The ICC Review.

"It's only four years away. I think it also gives cricket a chance to break into the grassroots level in the US," he added.

The only time cricket featured previously in the Olympic Games was way back in 1900, with two teams - Great Britain and France - participating, and the former winning gold.

"The thing about the Olympic Games, it's not (about) the host nation. It's about the audience that it opens up. The Olympic Games being viewed by so many people all around the world, it just opens up completely different audiences to our game that's seemingly growing on a daily basis anyway. It can only be a real positive thing for the game," he said.

Ponting maintained that while the infrastructure and qualification pathways would still need to be figured out but, with its inclusion, the game is moving in the right direction overall.

"Facilities and infrastructure and those things are going to be key, and how many (participating) teams they actually decide on. I think it's only six or seven teams that they're talking about, so qualification is going to be at a premium - how you actually qualify to get into the Olympic Games."

"So all those are things to

think about, (but) I'm really excited about where the game's headed and the growth of different markets that we're seeing emerge."

In June this year, the USA jointly hosted the T20 World Cup with the West Indies, and received a lot of flak due to the dangerous pitches in one of the three venues. Eventual champions India played all its group stage games in New York where the drop-in pitches were criticised by cricket pundits across the world.

Cricket at LA28 will be played in the T20 format, with both men's and women's teams set to feature, and the organisers still have four years to prepare proper pitches to avoid similar backlashes from the fraternity. Cricket's return to Olympics will be beneficial to the game: Ponting

New Delhi: With cricket set to make a return to Olympic fold after 128 years at the Los Angeles edition in 2028, former Australia captain Ricky Ponting



said that it's a positive step towards the growth of the game.

"It can only be a positive thing for our game. I've sat on various committees over

the last 15 or 20 years, and it's always been on the top of almost every agenda - how do we get the game back into the Olympics? And finally, it's there," Ponting said on

The ICC Review.

"It's only four years away. I think it also gives cricket a chance to break into the grassroots level in the US," he added.