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# Wrap up RG Kar probe by Sunday or else we'll call CBI, CM tells cops

**Timeframe Set After Meeting Victim's Family**

**Sanjib Chakraborty & Tamaghna Banerjee | TNN**

Kolkata: Kolkata Police has time till Sunday to wind up the RG Kar rape-murder probe, failing which Bengal govt will hand over the probe to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

**▶ EDIT PAGE: How Unsafe Are Our Hospitals**

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee gave this ultimatum to the local police force after talking to the 31-year-old doctor's parents at their Sodepur home on Monday. Banerjee, speaking to the media after a 45-minute

## 'PROSECUTION TO SEEK CAPITAL PUNISHMENT'

**What police say**

▶ Assistant super, who called victim's parents saying their daughter had died by suicide, summoned

▶ Seven docs, four of them who had dined with the victim a little after midnight on Thursday, have recorded statements

▶ More than 60 people questioned

▶ Two people in viral audio clip, contents of which suggest more than one person was involved, have been summoned

▶ Prime suspect Sanjoy Roy suspended, his police-issue motorcycle seized, and inquiry completed against him



Chief minister Mamata Banerjee speaks after meeting the victim's family in Sodepur on Monday

nute interaction with the family, also spoke of their suspicion of an "insider role". "There were nurses and others around. I still do not understand how this incident took place. The parents have told

me that they suspect the involvement of an insider. I have told the police that if there is any suspicion against anyone — be it the doctor's friends or the first caller (who informed the family of the incident) —

they should be questioned."

The chief minister, expressing shock at the "brutality of how she was killed", repeated her promise that prosecution would demand capital punishment.

The CM, while saying she had nothing against a CBI probe, reminded everyone of the central agency's lack of success in taking the big cases to their logical conclusion. "I do not have any issue with a CBI takeover but their success rate is low," she said, referring to the Tapasi Malik murder case (2006), the Rizwanur death case (2007) and the Santimiketan Tagore Nobel prize medal theft case (2004).

KP seniors, within hours of the CM's deadline, increased the number of officials assigned to the SIT probing the case; the core unit, supervising the probe, was expanded from seven to 13, with a team of 150 officers working in three shifts to complete the probe.

**▶ 'Can arrest more', P 4**

## Nationwide govt hosp stir hits OPD services, surgeries

Govt hospitals across the country on Monday experienced significant disruptions in outpatient services and routine surgeries as resident doctors staged protests against the RG Kar rape-murder. The protest highlighted the growing outrage within the community over the gruesome incident. Outside Bengal, Delhi hospitals were the most affected. A spokesperson of the Federation of All India Medical Association told TOI that more hospitals were likely to join the protests and suspend OPD and elective surgeries from Tuesday to demand a CBI inquiry into the incident and urgent implementation of a central law to prevent violence against healthcare workers. **P 11**

hin 48 hours and the second time within a month.

Soon after news broke of Ghosh being rehabilitated at another govt hospital in the city, tension broke out on the CNMC campus, with students and interns locking up the principal's room and the entrance gate to the administrative block. Before taking charge as RG Kar as principal, Ghosh had served as a medical superintendent cum vice-principal (MSVP) of CNMC.

Health department sources told TOI there were "efforts till the last minute" to ensure Ghosh stayed on in his post and the decision to rehabilitate him was not unanimous.

**▶ Call to sack Ghosh, P 2**

## RG Kar principal Sandip Ghosh resigns in morning, rehabilitated at CNMC by evening

**Protests Erupt At New Destination**

**Sumati Yengkhom | @timesofindia.com**

Kolkata: After three days of sustained pressure that saw the medical fraternity speaking in one voice against him, RG Kar Medical College principal Sandip Ghosh resigned on Monday, only to be rehabilitated within four hours as the principal of Calcutta National Medical College (CNMC). The health department appointed former vice-chancellor of West Bengal University of Health Sciences, Suhrita Paul, as principal of RG Kar. Paul, till Monday, was posted at Swast-



CNMC doctors locked the administrative block gate and the principal's office on Monday night to prevent Ghosh (inset) from taking charge

hya Bhawan as an officer on special duty (OSD).

Accusing Ghosh of trying to cover up the brutal rape-murder at RG Kar; protesting junior doctors and students had since Friday been demanding his removal, with the ri-

der that he not be assigned any administrative post in any medical college. The controversial principal, who took charge at RG Kar in mid-2021, was shunted out of the hospital twice. But, each time he was reinstated — the first time wit-

## Govt to bring fresh broadcast bill draft after consultations

**Deadline For Suggestions Pushed To Oct 15**

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

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

Sources in the ministry denied any such move and said there would be further consultations on the bill.

### 1ST DRAFT CAME IN NOV

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

— I&B ministry on X

▶ A draft was first placed for comments last Nov

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

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

**▶ Remit expanded, P 6**

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

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

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

### FULL CIRCLE

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

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

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

**▶ 'Long-term investors', P 13**

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

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

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

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

**▶ Discuss Bangladesh, P 11**

## 7 die, 16 injured in stampede at Bihar temple

Patna: At least seven people, including six women, were killed on Monday and 16 injured in a stampede at Baba Siddheshwar Nath Temple in Bihar's Jehanabad, reports Sheezan Nezami.

A clash between a flower vendor and a group of kanwariyas near the temple on Barabar Hills led to the stampede a little past midnight amid large crowds on Shrawan's fourth Monday. "The vendor fled after the stampede. Police have launched a manhunt," Jehanabad DM Alankrita Pandey said.

**▶ 'Not enough cops', P 9**



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## Police to quiz RG Kar asst super, first caller with 'suicide' msg

Call Seven Docs On Monday

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Kolkata: Police said on Monday that they have summoned R G Kar Hospital assistant superintendent who had called the victim's parents to inform that their daughter had "died by suicide".

The victim's father had reiterated on Sunday that the family was first informed by a

### SIT EXPANDED

The main SIT, which had seven members from the homicide section of DD and Tala PS, will now have a 13-member core team with DC (1st battalion) joining the probe. In all 150 people in three shifts will assist the SIT

The team will go through entire last month's footage from the chest medicine dept to ascertain if the victim ever had a spat with his colleagues, including



Cop posting at the hospital on Monday

doctors, jr doctors, nurses, interns and other staff

Cops said they have

decoded crucial information from the mobile phones of both victim and accused

Police on Monday expanded their rape-and-murder probe to include hospital doctors and staffers.

Seven doctors — four among them had dinner with the victim a little after Thursday midnight — have recorded their statements with police on Monday. Apart from the four, three other doctors had either met the four or spoke to them at length. The food delivery boy who had served them

dinner will also be questioned.

After speaking with additional police commissioner Muralidhar Sharma on Sunday, the victim's family also reiterated their concerns to CM Mamata Banerjee and Kolkata Police commissioner Vineet Goyal on Monday.

After this it has been decided that the SIT team will go through an entire last month's footage from the chest medicine department and the call record dump to ascertain if the victim ever had a spat or argument with her colleagues, including doctors, junior doctors, nurses, interns and other staff. Most importantly, everyone from the administration will be examined, said a senior SIT officer.

After the CM's seven-day deadline, the SIT has also been expanded. The main SIT, which had seven members

from the homicide section of detective department and Tala police led by DC (DD) special, will now have a 13-member core team with DC (1st battalion) joining the probe. "Hundred and fifty persons in three shifts will assist SIT. They are not part of SIT. They will assist SIT in each shift. The main SIT will have 13 members, and these are auxiliary members," said an officer. The ambit of questioning has now crossed 60 people, said sources.

Forensic experts collected samples from seminar room on Monday and cops claimed they have decoded crucial information from mobiles of both victim and accused Sanjay Roy. Roy was questioned all through Monday night and sources claimed this will continue. Others present on different floors of the building will also be questioned. Police will also record statements of cops and civic volunteers on duty at that time.

Cops said 15, who posted about this incident on Facebook, will be served notice.

## Audio surfaces, adds grist to 'others involved' mill

**Tamaghna Banerjee & Sumati Yengkhom** | TNN

### UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

- How could someone of the build of Sanjay Roy throttle and suffocate a woman at the same time while raping her
- How could one person execute an entire crime in half an hour
- Why did the hospital authorities initially tell the parents that it was a case of suicide
- How could no one hear her scream if she was tortured by only one person

Kolkata: A viral audio that is being shared over social media and instant messaging platforms since Sunday night has raised fresh questions about who else may be involved in the brutal rape and murder of the second year PGT doctor at R G Kar Hospital early on Friday.

TOI, however, couldn't confirm the authenticity of the contents of the audio.

While cops arrested a 35-year-old civic volunteer, Sanjay Roy, in less than 24 hours after the crime came to light and stressed that only one person was responsible, the viral audio — purportedly a phone conversation between an intern of the same hospital and a PGT doctor of another hospital — has raised fresh concerns.

The conversation in the audio starts with the PGT asking the intern to tell him the real story behind whatever has come up in the public forum in this case, to which the intern says the whole movement is staged and is apparently controlled by the prin-

cipal and his subordinates.

"It feels good that outsiders are doing so much depending on us. But, we are not sustainable by ourselves. He (Sanjay Roy) has been made a scapegoat. With that the authorities wanted us to forget it. But, they don't know that IQ is there, that it is not possible for him to do," the intern is heard saying.

The intern goes on to say that the post-mortem report shows that the injuries on the

woman are not the work of one person but at least two or three, to which the PGT asks: "Who could it be? What do you suspect?"

The intern replies that it is the work of another intern with a considerable political background.

"His family is quite high-ranking. I can't take the name. That will be my problem. It's sad that my own batchmate has done it. So many games are being played to protect him," he is heard saying.

While CP Vineet Goyal had stressed that involvement of multiple people was a rumour and asked protesting students not to pay heed to it, multiple forensic sciences officials TOI spoke to said throttling needs two hands and smothering one.

In the audio, the intern is heard pleading the PGT to garner support from outside.

"Don't expect anything from RG Kar where the accused is hiding, where nothing is being addressed in general body meeting, where the principal comes and says why would she sleep there at night?" he is heard saying.

### RG KAR HORROR

"hospital assistant superintendent" that their daughter had "died by suicide". The family had also claimed that the 31-year-old PGT was under "mental pressure" and suspected an "insider role".

## Doctors' anger continues to rage on campuses & beyond

**Sumati Yengkhom** | timesofindia.com

Kolkata: Anger continues to rage on medical campuses across Kolkata, districts and beyond. Sandip Ghosh's resignation from the post of principal at R G Kar Medical College did not break ice with the protesting resident doctors, interns and house staff. In fact, they have decided to intensify their agitation as they are not convinced with the course of investigation in the rape and murder of a second-year PGT doctor.

Medical college campuses in Bengal have been on unrest since Friday after news of the PGT doctor's gruesome rape and murder spread like wildfire across the country. The protest that began on the R G Kar campus was soon replicated by junior doctors across the country.

"Our demand was not only for the resignation of the incumbent principal Sandip Ghosh but also that he does not occupy any administrative post in any medical college. But he was appointed the principal of CNMC hours after his resignation. Our protest will be on until all our demands are met," said a PGT doctor at R G Kar Medical College.

Students and junior doctors from different medical colleges, including IPGIMER, Medical College, CNMC and NRS, marched to R G Kar Medical College on Monday evening. A general body meeting was being held till late into the night chalking out the next course of action.

"There were promises of beefing up security after the Paribaha Mukherjee incident at NRS Medical College. Now a PGT gets ra-



(Above) Junior doctors protest at AIIMS Kalyani and (left) at NB Medical College Hospital on Monday



ped and murdered in the very hospital she was on duty. Where is our security? We will not rest this time till we are convinced about the security measures," said a junior doctor at R G Kar Medical College.

Even as the health department has cancelled leaves of senior faculty members and posted them in OPD and emergency duties, the absence of junior doctors is affecting hospital services.

The Resident Doctors' Association (RDA) of AIIMS Delhi joined the Federation of Resident Doctors' Association (FORDA) in its nation-wide strike on Monday

morning, suspending all elective and non-essential services, including OPDs and patient wards.

Ten govt hospitals in Delhi have begun an indefinite strike, halting all elective services on Monday. Maulana Azad Medical College, RML Hospital, Lady Hardinge Medical College, VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital, Deen Dayal Upadhyay Hospital, GTB, IHBAS, Dr Baba Saheb Ambedkar Medical College and National Institute of TB and Respiratory Diseases Hospital are participating in the strike, which began at 9 am.

Resident doctors of the Post-graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) Chandigarh on Monday held a protest.

Hundreds of resident doctors on Monday suspended their regular work and staged a peaceful rally in Jammu. Resident doctors in Maharashtra announced an indefinite strike from Tuesday.

## Medicos come together, accuse outgoing RG Kar head of tampering with evidence

**Sumati Yengkhom** | timesofindia.com

Kolkata: Doctors of IMA (West Bengal) and the Joint Platform of Doctors (JPD) have charged the outgoing R G Kar Medical College principal with destruction of evidence. They have demanded criminal proceedings against outgoing principal Sandip Ghosh for the alleged tampering of evidence. They said that he was a shame for the medical fraternity.

The brutal rape and murder of a woman PGT doctor at the star-named medical college has prompted the two organisations with doctors across different political affiliations to collaborate for the first time in voicing their concern and seek justice.

The allegations of tampering of evidence raised by the doctors include the hospital administration's first reaction to discard the case as suicide, asking why the PGT had gone inside the seminar room alone, letting of many intrude into the crime scene.

"People in the R G Kar administration must have informed the principal about the incident before calling in the police. Who had instructed the assistant super to call the PGT's parents and inform that she has ended her life instead of calling it an unnatural death? And why was the crime scene not sealed immediately to preserve evidence," said head-and-neck onco-surgeon Sourav Datta, chairman of the R G Kar IMA West Bengal Action Committee.

The doctors also alleged the Kolkata Police CP of issuing con-

### DEMAND FOR CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS

- Allegations of tampering of evidence and misleading information
- The hospital dispensation first tried to brush the rape and murder as suicide
- Multiple people were allowed into the crime scene before the arrival of cops and forensic experts
- Attempts were also made to insinuate that the woman PGT had psychological problems
- The fraternity demanded criminal proceedings against outgoing principal Sandip Ghosh
- Demand for judicial inquiry under a sitting judge



Students protest at R G Kar on Monday

Why isn't the CCTV footage and the post-mortem report being shared? Is there an attempt to conceal something to save someone?

Abhik Ghosh | IMA WEST BENGAL

R G Kar Hosp emerges as headache for health dept

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fusing statements on the possible number of people involved in the crime. They demanded the detailed PM report to be brought out for other forensic experts to analyse it.

"And, how can the R G Kar administration bring in a forensic medicine faculty from another medical college (NRS Medical College) to be part of the three-member postmortem team? This had to be done by the health department. Why due procedure was not followed?" asked Dr Hiralal Konar, questioning the legality of the postmortem team itself.

"Why isn't the CCTV footage

and the postmortem report being shared? Is there an attempt to conceal something to save someone?" said ENT surgeon Abhik Ghosh of IMA West Bengal.

Various audio clips are also in

### 'SHAME FOR MED FRATERNITY'

circulation regarding the R G Kar incident.

"We want the administration and the investigating agency to come with the truth swiftly to put the social media trial to rest," said ENT surgeon Arjun Dasgupta of

JPD. The doctors also appealed to the government to begin criminal proceedings against the outgoing R G Kar principal. "We appeal to the state health department officials to identify people who are backing him and their motive," said public health specialist Anirban Dalui of IMA-West Bengal.

Public health specialist Dwaipayan Mazumdar, an R G Kar alumnus and member of IMA-Bengal, called people from all sections of the society to come together and take this movement to the magnitude of the Nirbhaya movement.

## No politics please, students slam door on parties, netas

**Tamaghna Banerjee, Poulami Roy Banerjee & Subhojyoti Kanjilal** | TNN

Kolkata: In a rare show of resistance, students, doctors and even the family members protesting against the brutal rape and murder of the PGT doctor at R G Kar Medical College and Hospital last week, have managed to keep out involvement of any political party in their organised as well as impromptu

The girl was my batchmate at R G Kar. I walked the stretch seeking justice for her. Had it been organised by a political party, I would have stayed away

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protests so far. Starting from Friday after the horrific incident had come to light, students of R G Kar Medical College, while staging protests against hospital authorities, cops and demanding justice for their colleague, have put up a brave resistance against all political parties alike despite all of them making an attempt to hijack the issue by sending top-ranked functionaries to the hospi-



Students and doctors protest at R G Kar Hospital on Monday

tal with party banners to join the issue.

"From day 1, we have maintained our stand. We don't want to politicise this issue. We are not here for any personal gain but are protesting to seek justice for our friend and batchmate. We also want to make the place safer for our fellow juniors and colleagues. Allowing political parties' entry to our platform will dissolve the very reason for the protest," said a second-year PGT doctor at R G Kar who has been at the helm of the protests since Friday.

In fact when a large team of BJP supporters armed with saffron flags and led by Agnimitra Paul had approached the R G Kar main gate on Friday, the students pushed

them back. Similar pushback operations continued through Saturday and Sunday when CPM and Congress had tried to join in.

Another post-graduate trainee doctor at R G Kar said, "We don't want support from any political party because we want justice against this brutal incident."

When Kamduni protesters and popular BJP faces Tumpa and Mousumi Kayal visited the girl's home at Sodepur, the family refused to entertain them while pleading before them not to do politics over the issue. "No politics please" was also the slogan at all doctors' and citizen forums' rally from College Square to R G Kar Hospital on Monday.

(With inputs from Sanjib Chakraborty)

## Doctors appeal to govt to sack Ghosh from service

**Sumati Yengkhom** | timesofindia.com

Kolkata: On Monday morning, announcing his resignation, Sandip Ghosh said, "My resignation was desired by the students. I felt this was the wish of the entire state. I hope now the students and junior doctors will return to work. The insults I have endured over the past few days, and what my family and kids have endured, have made me ashamed as a father. Therefore, I am resigning. I hope you all stay well," adding, "Not only am I resigning as principal, but also from my professorship. I am leaving my govt job."

However, his resignation from the medical education service was not accepted and he was appointed principal of CNMC with immediate effect in place of Ajay Ray, who was made an OSD at Swasthya Bhavan.

The turn of events prompted doctors' organisations to intensify their demand for Ghosh's ouster from govt service. "We appeal to the CM to sack him so that he does not find an administrative post in any medical college," said onco-surgeon Sourav Datta at a press conference by IMA West Bengal and Joint Platform of Doctors. "His rehabilitation is a kind of reward," said Sajal Biswas, general secretary, Service Doctor Forum.

Ghosh said he was "being defamed on social media" and that the deceased was like his daughter. "I have always been outspoken and outspoken people have more enemies. I have always followed directives. When I speak frankly, it is politicised. But I have always worked as a human being. Words are being put in my mouth for political games. Opposing groups have taken this up for political play. I have never played such games. I am a govt employee," he said.

## Now, CNMC erupts over Ghosh's return as principal

**Sarthak G** | timesofindia.com

Kolkata: Students, interns and junior doctors of Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital staged a stir on the campus against the return of their former medical superintendent cum vice-principal (MSVP) Sandip Ghosh as their principal on Monday. There was tension on the CNMC campus as the students and interns locked the principal's room in the evening to dissuade him from taking charge.

Ghosh stepped down as principal at R G Kar Medical College following widespread protests over the incident of a trainee doctor's rape and murder on the campus. As soon as it became public that Ghosh's resignation was not accepted and he would take over as the new principal of the CNMC, the students erupted in protests, remaining firm that they would not allow him to enter the campus and assume charge.

Around 500 students, interns and junior doctors of CNMC marched to R G Kar Medical College and Hospital in protest against the govt's decision. Some of them returned to the CNMC campus in

### STIR BY STUDENTS, JUNIOR DOCS



Students and junior doctors stop a senior doctor's car from entering the CNMC campus on Monday

Under no circumstances, we will allow him an entry into the CNMC campus. We are getting ready to start a bigger protest until the decision is changed

**Ambarish Roy** | STUDENT

We want to send forth the message to the govt that none of us supports the decision of his return to the CNMC as principal

**Aminul Mallik** | JUNIOR DOCTOR

the evening and held a meeting where it was decided that they would keep vigil on the campus day in and day out to keep Ghosh at bay.

TOI visited the CNMC campus on Monday evening and found that students and interns had shut the gate of the administrative block that houses the boys' hostel. The agitating students blocked the entrance of this block with two bikes and even refused

entry to a woman doctor's car, which was sent for parking on the hostel campus.

Akash Roy, an agitating student, told TOI: "We have had a very bitter experience with Ghosh when he was our MSVP and after the brutal rape and murder on R G Kar campus, we don't want him at CNMC as our principal. We will leave no stone unturned to prevent him from entering the campus."

# Civic volunteer got cops shifted, harassed women

## Plaints Start Pouring In After Arrest Of Rape-Murder Accused

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Kolkata: A police inquiry against Sanjay Roy, the civic volunteer accused of rape and murder of the PGT student at R G Kar, has led to multiple allegations against him, ranging from extortion, intimidation and even threatening women. The inquiry also found that Roy used to get 5 litres of fuel free daily to use a police motorcycle for his personal work. The motorcycle with a police sticker was seized on Monday.

It has come to the fore that Roy is a part of the Police Welfare Board's 14-member central committee member, whose "disapproval" could lead to the transfer of police officers. DC (Home Guard) Parthasarathi Biswas confirmed that the accused had been suspended and an inquiry initiated against him.

He was found guilty on at least two occasions — once when he assaulted his pregnant wife in 2022 and when he misbehaved with a lady doctor a few weeks ago — but he was never censured.

Emboldened by Roy's arrests, the complaints have now started to surface. On Monday, a woman reached Lalbazar to complain that Roy used to harass her over the phone. The torture had started three months ago. The woman had come to RG Kar hospital with her child for treatment. At that time, the accused introduced himself to her and under the pre-

### MEMBER OF POLICE WELFARE BOARD



A file photo of Sanjay Roy from one of his wedding albums

#### THE ALLEGATIONS

- > Extortion
- > Corruption
- > Intimidating women

#### POSITION & ENTITLEMENT

- > Was member of the Police Welfare Board's 14-member central committee
- > Was given a police motorcycle and provided five liters of fuel daily

#### ACTION TAKEN

- > Suspension
- > Enquiry completed, action awaited
- > Motorcycle seized

We do not even know if he had a valid appointment letter

#### ONE OF HIS DMG UNIT COLLEAGUES

text of buying medicine, he took the prescription and obtained the woman's number from it. Since then, the accused has been putting pressure on her to meet him. It is alleged that when she refused to meet, the accused threatened and intimidated her in various ways.

"My daughter had informed her husband about it. Her husband even went to the hospital one day but could not find Roy. Sometimes the accused kept his phone switched off but he never stopped calling," said the complainant's mother.

The other complaint against Roy involves police

transfers. According to an officer, such was his "influence" that it is suspected that he played an active role in at least six transfers from the Tala police station and Shyambazar police outpost in the past few weeks.

A senior officer said on the fateful night, Roy had entered the RG Kar chest medicine department, claiming that he was there to meet a Reserve force cop admitted there. "We now know that Roy spent a considerable time at the trauma centre as he would act as a tout in arranging beds and ambulances," said a police source. He always wore a KP T-shirt

### 3 petitions in HC seek CBI probe

Kolkata: At least three writ petitions were filed in Calcutta High Court on Monday praying for a CBI investigation or a judicial probe into the rape and murder of the postgraduate trainee at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital.

Kaustav Bagchi, counsel for a petitioner, wanted court directive for removal of the principal and the superintendent. Both were, however, transferred later in the day. Counsel Jhuma Sen for another petitioner wanted a court-monitored judicial probe.

Counsel Phiroze Edulji referred to the Hetal Parekh case in which security guard Dhananjay Chatterjee was hanged to death. He said there was no direct evidence against Chatterjee and there should not be a repeat of that in the RG Kar case. A division bench of Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya allowed filing of the petitions. It is likely to take up the petitions for hearing on Tuesday. **TNN**

his bike.

A section of cops though said Roy was never allotted in the fourth battalion nor was he officially shifted to the welfare cell. "We do not even know if he had a valid appointment letter," claimed another civic volunteer from the DMG, Roy's parent unit.

Kolkata Police already has a police welfare cell headed by an ACP. It remains unclear, a senior officer said, what the role of a separate Police Welfare Board is.

# Security upgrade at RG Kar, more cops, illumination of dark stretches

Tamaghna Banerjee & Sukhomoy Sen | **TNN**

Kolkata: Significant changes — better illuminated hospital stretches, more cops at the police outpost, a fresh audit of CCTV cameras and more uniformed security guards at all entry-exit points — have come into force at RG Kar Medical College & Hospital following the brutal rape and murder of a PGT doctor at the hospital on Friday.

The changes came into effect a day after police commissioner Vineet Goyal as well as senior officials of the state health department laid down a slew of measures for all govt hospitals to make them safer for women doctors, staffers and patients' families.

On Monday, TOI had written about two particularly desolate stretches — one behind the emergency building and another beside the mortuary next to the doms' quarter — both patients' as well as hospital staffers complain of "a feeling of insecurity, especially at night". Multiple liquor bottles were found strewn there.

On Tuesday, both the stretches were found cleaner and security guards were seen making rounds of those areas with authorities promising to install high power lights there. TOI also found hospital staff installing new tube lights, replacing the defunct ones near the internal pharmacy and multiple spots inside and outside the buildings.

"We have also increased the number of policemen at the outpost. We are trying to depute more female officers wit-

### HELPLINE LAUNCHED FOR WOMEN SAFETY

- > Better illumination of hospital stretches
- > More cops at the police outpost
- > Fresh audit of CCTV cameras
- > More uniformed security guards at all entry-exit points
- > More female officers within the hospital premises
- > A new toll free number — 18003455678 — that students as well as female relatives of patients can call in case of emergency



Pockets of insecurity dot govt hospital campuses, say docs, staff & patients' kin

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hin the hospital premises. We are also reaching out to the students and will circulate a new toll free number — 18003455678 — that students as well as female relatives of patients can call in case of emergency," said a senior officer at Lalbazar.

Another officer said they had asked the hospital authorities to conduct a

fresh audit of the CCTV cameras within the campus, identify those operational and those needing immediate maintenance.



"We will help them set up meetings with private players if needed so that they can step up the surveillance system at the earliest," said an officer.

# Don't move alone on campuses at night: Sr docs caution nurses, female staffers

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Kolkata: The rape and murder of a PGT doctor at RG Kar Hospital has prompted senior doctors and nurses to issue unofficial safety advisories over WhatsApp groups, asking women doctors and nurses to refrain from moving

alone on their respective hospital premises at night. The advisories also asked the young doctors and staff to move in groups post 11pm. They were asked to avoid staying alone in desolate rooms of the hospitals. They were also advised to ensure the do-

### ADVISORIES SENT ON WHATSAPP

ors are bolted while resting off duty. "In case one cannot travel in a group, we have asked them to be accompanied by security guards," said a senior nurse at SSKM Hospital.



Nurses on night duty have been asked to avoid desolate areas

At NRS Hospital and Calcutta Medical College and Hospital — which have large unmanned stretches, mostly desolate after 10pm — female students have been instructed to avoid such spots and walk along populated portions of the hospital. Security

guards have also been asked to make frequent rounds of such desolate areas and ensure women doctors or nurses do not have to tread alone. Similar advisories have also been charted for residents living in hostels within or outside the hospital campus.

"Female students and nurses have been asked to ensure doors and windows are bolted and check if the entry-exit gates are properly closed. We realise it was a one-off incident at RG Kar, but there is no harm in taking precautions and ensuring safety," said a doctor at NRS Hospital.

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### STUDENTS ACROSS CAMPUSES STAND BY DOCTORS



Students of Calcutta, Jadavpur and Presidency University bring out rallies in support of the agitating doctors

# No respite for patients, CM directs secy to review cease-work effect

Poulami Roy Banerjee, Tania Bhattacharjee & Sritama Chandra | **TNN**

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

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee on Monday held a meeting with NS Nigam, principal secretary of health department, to review the effect of cease-work by junior doctors. The CM asked Nigam to deploy as many doc-

### TREATMENT TAKES A HIT

Officials at two departments turned down our requests and asked to bring our son, who is suffering from brain haemorrhage, on Tuesday



Sheikh Ajjbar | BURDWAN RESIDENT



Kamlesh Yadav | BARRACKPORE RESIDENT

I was asked to visit the OPD instead of the emergency ward with my son, who had fractured his hand. I got appointment for next Monday

While a senior health department official said all govt hospitals had been directed to ensure services remain unaffected, TOI teams witnessed a contrasting scene on various hospital campuses.

Fourteen-year-old Sheikh Raju — who had suffered a brain haemorrhage — was lying on his mother's lap as officials at two SSKM Hospital departments allegedly turned down his family mem-

bers. Sheikh Ajjbar, the boy's father, said an official informed them that the sole doctor who was attending patients at the ENT department had left. Instead, they were asked to come the next day, the father claimed. Kamlesh Yadav (40) of Barrackpore was also found running from one part of the hospital to another seeking appointment for an orthopaedic as his son sat motionless holding his fractured right hand. Afsia Khatun, an 11-month-old baby from Goalpotha with a high fever, was refused admission to the emergency department due to the protest. However, some emergency services, like cancer treatment, were ongoing. TOI spoke to the families of two cancer patients who said there was no disruption.



# Rahara RKM 3rd among colleges; JU, CU ranks dip

## IIT-Kgp 6th In Overall Category

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**Kolkata:** Jadavpur University (JU) has slipped from the fourth position to the ninth among the top-100 universities in the country in the National Institutional Ranking Framework 2024 (NIRF 24). Calcutta University (CU), which was in the 12th position last year, has slipped to 18th.

IIT-Madras tops the NIRF 24 in the overall category and IIT-Kharagpur bagged the sixth spot this year. Last year, IIT-Kharagpur was at the seventh position. JU has ranked 17th and CU is placed at the 26th position.

This year, NIRF introduced a new category — state public university — where JU bagged the second position and CU was placed fourth.

### NIRF RANKINGS

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| <b>Overall category   IIT-KGP at 6th</b>   | <b>Top 100 colleges   Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College at 3rd, St Xavier's College at 6th, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira, Howrah at 17th, Ramkrishna Mission Residential College at 24th, Midnapore College at 32nd, Scottish Church College at 88th, Bethune College at 91st, IIM-Kolkata 5th among mgmt schools, WBNUJS 4th among law universities</b> |
| <b>Top 100 univs   JU at 9th, CU at 18th</b>   |  |
| <b>Top 50 state public universities   JU at 2nd, CU at 4th, Burdwan University at 36th</b> |  |

Interim JU VC Bhaskar Gupta said, "The university has gone through a tumultuous time without a VC. In spite of that, we are among the top-10 universities and the credit goes to our teachers, students and staffs. I am confident we will perform better next year." A senior professor hinted that JU slipped because of poor performance in the regional diversity category.

Interim CU VC Santa Datta Desai said, "We are taking it as an achievement that came when we are continuously fighting against several hurdles on and off campus. All the

stakeholders contributed to achieve this rank."

In the ranking of colleges, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College has earned the highest position in the state, ranking third all over the country, jointly with St Stephens's College, followed by St Xavier's College at sixth, Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira at 17th and Ramakrishna Mission Residential College at 24th.

Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, Rahara, principal Swami Kamalasthananda said, "We are happy to have bagged the

joint third position across the country. This achievement was possible because of the efforts of our stakeholders."

St Xavier's College principal Father Dominic Savio said, "This recognition of our efforts is a confirmation that our progress is going according to plan. These rankings are important as they measure and reward, and also provide us the yardstick, incentive and the structure to prepare for the future."

Among the top five institutions in law, West Bengal University of Juridical Sciences, Kolkata, has come fourth. IIM-Calcutta came fifth among the management schools across the country. Among the top-100 engineering institutes, IIT-Kharagpur has earned the fifth spot, followed by JU at 12th, down from last year's 10th, IEST Shibpur at 49th and NIT Durgapur at 44th. The list of top-50 research institutes is headed by IISc Bengaluru, with IIT-Kharagpur bagging the 5th rank, JU the 21st, CU the 36th and IISER, Kolkata, the 38th spot.

## KMDA to hire firm to oversee upkeep of N Kol bridges

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**Kolkata:** The Kolkata Metropolitan Development Authority (KMDA) plans to engage an agency to oversee the carriage-way and structural restoration of all seven bridges over canals in north Kolkata as and when required for five months.

The bridges include Chitpore Bridge over Circular canal, Old Durgapur Bridge connecting Ultadanga with VIP Road over Kestopur canal, Salt Lake slip bridge over Kestopur canal, Chaulpatty Bridge over Beliaghata canal, Ultadanga steel foot bridge over Beliaghata Khal, Manikata steel bridge over Town Head Cut canal, Bagmari Bridge over Circular canal in Manikata.

The selected agency would need to frequently monitor and maintain the bridges, and on failing to do so penal action could be levied.

KMDA is also in the process of taking up maintenance work of Maa flyover, including resurfacing the carriage-way stretches and urgent repair of the Sealdah flyover carriage-way.

## Now, vehicle owners can switch to BH number plates

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A file pic of a BH series number plate. Introduced in 2021, the BH series aims to facilitate seamless vehicle movement across India, eliminating the need for re-registration when changing states

**Kolkata:** The Bengal govt has extended the option of Bharat (BH) series registration to registered vehicles, subject to specific criteria. This move follows a directive from the ministry of road transport and highways (MoRTH), issued on March 18, 2024, advising state authorities to permit BH series registrations for vehicles that meet the necessary conditions.

The BH series, introduced in 2021, aims to facilitate seamless vehicle movement across India, eliminating the need for re-registration when relocating to another state. This initiative has been beneficial for govt employees, private sector workers and defence personnel who frequently move between states.

Since Jan 5, 2022, the West Bengal Transport Department has been allowing new vehicle registrations under the BH series. With the latest directive, vehicle owners can now convert their existing registrations to the BH series by applying online and fulfilling the required criteria, sa-

id a recent notification issued by transport secretary Saumitra Mohan.

One of the key aspects of this conversion is the adjustment of taxes. Vehicle owners opting for the BH series must pay tax at the specified rate, and any excess paid under the regular series will be adjusted accordingly. However, refunds for the residual tax amount will not be allowed under the provisions of the West Bengal Motor Vehicles Tax Act, 1979.

The transport department has emphasized that vehicle owners must meet all conditions outlined in the MoRTH notification to con-

vert their registrations. Additionally, the retention of the original registration number will be permitted according to the guidelines issued on Oct 3, 2023.

Vehicle owners can apply for the BH Series either through the MoRTH's Vahan portal or via authorized automobile dealers. Once approved, the BH series registration number is generated randomly. The cost of obtaining a BH series number plate is based on the vehicle's invoice value, with rates ranging from 8% to 12% of the vehicle cost. There are additional charges for diesel vehicles and reductions for electric vehicles.

## JU ragging death: PP to re-inspect spot of fall

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**Kolkata:** A local Peco court has allowed public prosecutor Bivas Chatterjee, along with the case IO and Jadavpur PS OC, to again inspect the spot on the Jadavpur University main hostel campus where the first-year JU student fell last year. However, the court made it clear that no hostel boarder can be disturbed or questioned. Three crucial witnesses to the case are set to be examined on Aug 27.

The court also denied bail to one of the 12 accused.

The defence advocate submitted that the accused is innocent and has been falsely implicated in this case, and that he has been in custody for a long time. "Two witnesses have already been examined.

## JU plans to boost security at hostels

JU is planning to strengthen security at its hostels and has decided to deploy more security personnel at the different buildings. The university is also mulling the option to install CCTV cameras in the hostel corridors. Registrar Snehamanju Basu said, "We plan to increase manpower in the hostels so that security can be beefed up. A project report is being prepared to see how many personnel we need to ramp up security. The report will be sent to the govt to seek financial assistance." Sources said JU has plans to deploy skilled security personnel at the hostels. Basu also asked hostel superintendents to meticulously maintain log books with arrival and departure times. TNN

There is no chance of him absconding and no bail petition is pending before any higher forum. Thus, we pray for bail of the accused in any condition," he said.

The special PP in-charge drew attention of the court to multiple pages of the case diary showing involvement of the accused, Ankan Sarkar, in

commission of the alleged offence and raised objection against the prayer for bail.

"The case is very serious in nature. The bail prayer of this accused was rejected on earlier occasions and there is no new ground for considering the prayer for bail of the accused person today," the court stated.

## KMC to get ₹500 cr for flood mgmt

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**Kolkata:** The Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) is set to receive a Rs 500 crore grant from the Centre, as part of a disaster management scheme, to develop an effective flood management system for the city. An intimation from the Centre reached the civic headquarters last week.

The KMC sewerage and drainage department plans to restore water bodies, set up flood monitoring and warning system, modernize the drainage pumping stations and dredge the city's outfall canals to offer Kolkatans relief from waterlogging.

According to a KMC sewerage and drainage department official, the civic body plans to make the best use of

the allocated funds.

"We have made an elaborate plan to give citizens relief from waterlogging. The funds will help us in building an infrastructure which will not only combat deluge but also be environment friendly," said the official.

Sources said the funds will be used to restore two 'jheels' in

Kudghat, and restore several ponds in

the Bansdroni-Garia belt and some areas off Bypass. "We have made a plan for restoration of 'jheels' and ponds, especially in the low-lying areas that will have a capacity to absorb 346 million litres of storm water. We will also create a green zone around the restored water bodies as part of an environment improvement plan," said an official.

## Man moved HC after being denied more than 30 days' leave

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**C**ounsel for a single father — a govt school teacher who had moved Calcutta High Court because he had been denied more than 30 days' paternity leave — argued in court that childcare leave should be equally distributed among both parents.

The counsel also referred to an observation of a coordinate bench of Calcutta High Court in another case.

### SINGLE DAD SEEKS CHILDCARE LEAVE

"It is noteworthy that the conception of a family arises out of equal contributions from both parents and the outcome must not therefore be treated as a liability of the mother or father alone..." the bench had said.

Counsel for the state told the court that the benefit granted to women employees — 730 days' childcare leave — was not yet available for men.

## Congress leader, ex-MMiC Pradip Ghosh passes away

**Kolkata:** Congress leader and former MMiC of KMC Pradip Ghosh passed away at a city nursing home on Monday. Ghosh, 75, had been suffering from age-related ailments for a few years. His son Sajal said the last rites will be performed on Tuesday.

KMC functionaries expressed grief over the death of Ghosh, who had handled several portfolios including MMiC (health and slum development), opposition (Congress) leader and chairman of KMC accounts committee.

Tarak Singh, MMiC overseeing the KMC sewerage and drainage department, said he had a long association with Ghosh as Congress workers and later shared the KMC platform. "I remember when we used to take part in political movements together. Sometimes we worked under different political identities, but the friendship continued," said Singh.

Sajal Ghosh, a BJP councillor, said it will be difficult for him to match his father's performance as a political leader. "I will continue to serve my voters the way my father served them," said Ghosh. TNN

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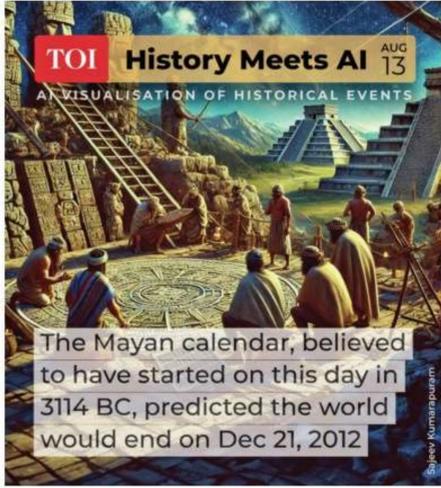
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**ON WORLD ELEPHANT DAY, MODI SAYS COMMUNITY EFFORTS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT THE GENTLE GIANTS**

**WILL ENSURE WAQF BILL DOES NO INJUSTICE TO MINORITIES, SAYS MAHA DY CM AJIT PAWAR**



**The Mayan calendar, believed to have started on this day in 3114 BC, predicted the world would end on Dec 21, 2012**

## Donations from deceased make South heart transplant topper

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

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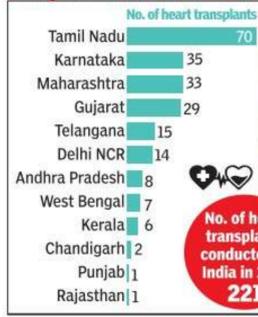
New Delhi: Southern states lead in heart transplants, according to data shared by National Organ & Tissue Transplant Organisation (Notto). In 2023, 221 heart transplants were carried out across India. Of these, Notto data show that a maximum of 70 were carried out in Tamil Nadu, followed by Karnataka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



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

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

### TN, K'TAKA LEAD WAY



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SUV hits kanwariyas near Bagdogra, teen among six killed

Roshan Gupta | TNN

Darjeeling: A group of kanwariyas was run over by a speeding SUV near Bagdogra on NH-31 early on Monday, killing at least six of them and leaving seven injured.

Among those who died was a 17-year-old boy, a civic volunteer and four others from two villages under Phansidewa block. The injured seven included two kanwariyas, the car driver and four occupants of the vehicle. They have been admitted to North Bengal Medical College and Hospital. Two pilgrims had a miraculous escape.

The kanwariyas said the 10 of them had left home at 5am and were on their way to Jungle Baba Temple in Bagdogra to perform 'jalabhishek' of Lord Shiva when the SUV hit them from behind.

Haridas Burman, a kanwariya and a resident of Houdijote, said, "We were going in a line and six of us were walking in front. There were two in the middle and I was at the back along with a friend. Suddenly, an SUV struck the six men from behind. All of them were killed on the spot. The vehicle must have been tra-

**The kanwariyas said the 10 of them were on their way to Jungle Baba Temple in Bagdogra when the SUV hit them from behind**

velling at over 80 km/hr and it also hit 14 pillars before veering off the road."

Police have identified the deceased as Govind Chowdhury, Amlesh Chowdhury and Himesh Roy Chowdhury — all residents of Gokuljote — and Kanak Burman, Pranab Roy and Prahlad Roy from Houdijote.

Burman said Govind, Amlesh and Himesh belonged to the same family. Prahlad was a civic volunteer posted at Kawakhali as a traffic guard. "Prahlad was supposed to join in duty after the puja but lost his life. Himesh was a Class X student," he added. Police said the incident occurred around 6am on NH-31. "According to preliminary investigations, it seems the driver lost control of the vehicle as he fell asleep. However, we are yet to ascertain the cause," said a senior police officer.

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

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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

The report — 'Women and Men in India 2023' — projects that the proportion of individuals under 15 years of age will decrease from 2011 to 2036, likely due to declining fertility rates. In contrast, the proportion of the population aged 60 years and above is anticipated to substantially increase during this period. India's population in 2036 is expected to be more feminine compared to 2011, as reflected in the sex ratio which is projected to increase from 943 (per 1,000 males) in 2011 to 952 by 2036, highlighting a positive trend in gender equality, said the report.

The report attempts to bring a comprehensive view of the situation of women and men in India and provides data on a range of topics such as population, education, health, participation in economy and in decision making. It presents data disaggregated by gender, ur-

ban-rural divide, and geographical region, which helps to understand the disparities that exist between different groups of women and men. It includes key indicators as derived from published official data of different ministries, departments and organisations.

"Gender statistics play a crucial role in promoting and measuring gender equality. They provide benchmarks for progress, making visible the similarities and differences between men and women," said the report.

The report said that from 2016 to 2020, age-specific fertility rate (ASFR) in the age group of 20-24 and 25-29 has reduced from 135.4 and 166.0 to 113.6 and 139.6, respectively. The ASFR for the 35-39 age group during this period has increased from 32.7 to 35.6 which shows that after settling in life, women are thinking of expansion of family. Adolescent fertility rate was 33.9 for illiterate population against 11.0 for the literate in 2020. This rate is considerably lower for even those who are literate but without any formal education (20.0) as compared to illiterate women, re-emphasising the importance of imparting education to women, said the report.

## Clip of woman scrubbing pistols leads to arms bust

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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

Last week, a 17-second video went around on social media in this region, around 60km from Gwalior. It shows a woman cleaning two 'kattas' with a brush and soap water, while two lay on the floor along with a tumbler. An infant can be heard wailing in the background as a man asks her to add

more detergent. Police verified the video, identified the woman and raided the house Friday night. The woman's husband, Shakti Kapoor Sakhwar, and father-in-law, Biharilal, were captured while trying to escape with a cache of weapons. The raid led to the seizure of several pistols of 315 and 32-bore from Shakti. Materials and machinery used for illegally producing weapons were found in the house.

An FIR was filed against the father-son duo under the Arms Act Saturday. Police presented them before Ambah court. Biharilal was remanded in jail while Shakti was placed in police remand for a day. Cops have interrogated Shakti to uncover the full extent of the illegal arms distribution network and identify collaborators.

## 'Mothermonials': Going Beyond Fair and Tall

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

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

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

Pallavi Mehta, 20, says:

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

Soha Ali Khan

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

Twinkle Khanna

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sania Mirza

22.4% look for common values.

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

## Smuggler from B'desh shot by BSF in Malda

Malda: A Bangladeshi smuggler was killed in retaliatory fire by BSF along the India-Bangladesh border in Malda on the intervening night of Sunday and Monday, the Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) said.

The deceased smuggler has been identified as Abdullah — a resident of Rishipara village in Bangladesh's Chapainawabganj. The smugglers had crossed into India to take a consignment of bidi leaves. Challenged by a jawan at Chandnichak border outpost, 5-6 smugglers attacked the BSF man with sharp weapons. He fired a round in self-defence. Soon, a second jawan came to his aid and fired, forcing the smugglers to retreat.

Forces searched the area and recovered six bundles of bidi leaves. Abdullah was taken to the govt hospital in Mahesil where he died during treatment. ANI

## SC junks ED plea against HC's NDTV compounding order

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday dismissed the Enforcement Directorate's plea challenging a Bombay High Court order that allowed New Delhi Television (NDTV) to pursue compounding proceedings for alleged violations of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (Fema) before the Reserve Bank of India.

A bench of justices Abhay Oka and Augustine George Masih said that there was no need to interfere with the HC's order, which had allowed the compounding application to be decided in accordance with the law.

Compounding refers to the process of voluntarily admitting the contravention, pleading guilty and seeking redress. TNN

## Remit expanded from OTT to social media

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The proposed legislation, aimed to overhaul the regulatory framework governing broadcasting services in India, has raised concerns over treating independent news creators as broadcasters. Originally, the remit was to be limited to OTT platforms and digital news, but it was later expanded to social media accounts as well, according to reports.

Besides, there has been criticism of the consultation process as discussions were limited to a select group of stakeholders who were given the draft. The expansion of the scope was seen in the context of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, where news social media platforms played a major role.

The draft bill, which was expected to introduce changes to content regulation, had been under scrutiny from stakeholders, like media organisations and industry experts.

## IED blast kills tribal woman in Chhattisgarh

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

The victim, Kavasi Sakki, was out grazing cattle when she stepped on a pressure-activated IED in Dabbamarka village in Kistaram region, a Maoist hotspot close to Chhattisgarh-Odisha-Andhra Pradesh tri-junction, around 500km from Raipur. Villagers heard the explosion and rushed to help, but Kavasi was dead by then. Police were informed, and her body was taken for autopsy. Maoists claim they use IEDs to target security personnel, but they plant these deadly devices in areas frequented by villagers. TNN

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

Sanjay Dutta | TNN

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

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

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



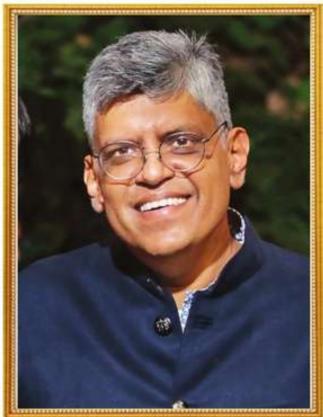
Once fully ready, the Kudankulam nuclear plant will be the largest in India, with a capacity of 6,000 MW

dia's nuclear capability. The Kudankulam nuclear power project is located 650 km south of Chennai, in the Tirunelveli district. It is based on the Russian pressurised heavy water reactor technology, and will be the largest nuclear power project in the country. Currently, two units with a cumulative capacity of 2 GW are operational. India currently has nuclear power capacity of 7 GW and plans to nearly double it to 13 GW by 2029 as part of clean energy transition plans.

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# Soros-backed plot by oppn to destabilise India, says BJP

Party Claims 43% of Rahul's Assets In Stocks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** BJP on Monday slammed Congress and other opposition parties for endorsing Hindenburg's attack on Sebi and questioning the resilience of the Indian stock market and alleged that this was part of the plan to destabilise India backed by currency speculator George Soros. "After being rebuffed by the people of India, the Congress party, its allies and the toolkit gang have conspired together to usher in economic anarchy and instability in India. Hindenburg report is released on Saturday, there is



BJP MP Ravi Shankar Prasad addresses a press conference at the party office on Monday

uproar on Sunday so the capital market is destabilised on Monday. India is globally seen as a safe, stable and promising market," senior BJP functionary Ravi Shankar Prasad said at a press conference. He said Congress and other opposition parties had de-

veloped "pathological hatred" for PM Narendra Modi and were trying to destabilise the country at the behest of Hindenburg, which has Soros as its main investor. Emphasising that the currency speculator, who has been funding protests in different parts of the world, Prasad said, "Today we want to raise some issues. Whose investment is there in Hindenburg? Do you know this gentleman George Soros who regularly runs propaganda against India... He is the main investor there. In their pathological hatred for Narendra Modi, the Congress party has developed hatred for India itself." What further elevated the mood was Rahul Gandhi's post on X where he talked about "significant risk in Indian market" in view of Hindenburg's charge of nexus

between the market regulator and Adani group. BJP social media head Amit Malviya drew attention to Rahul's assets as disclosed in his LS nomination papers to say the leader of opposition was getting good returns on his investments in the market. He claimed that Rahul was raising a scare to drive investors out of the market. "If he is so convinced about the compromised nature of our markets, why is he personally invested? He holds 43% of his total declared assets in the Indian stock market. That is a lot of faith in the Indian markets. As on March 15, 2024, he owned shares worth Rs 4.3 crore, held mutual funds totalling up to Rs 3.8 crore and had invested Rs 15 lakh in gold bonds," Malviya said.

# Congress seeks Sebi chief's resignation, transfer of Adani probe to CBI or SIT

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**New Delhi:** Congress on Monday demanded the resignation of Sebi chairperson Madhabi Buch and urged the Supreme Court to transfer the Adani probe to CBI or a special investigation team "given the likelihood of Sebi's compromise". Reiterating its demand that a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) be convened without delay to investigate the full extent of the scam, Congress leaders threatened to launch a nationwide stir with INDIA bloc parties if its

JPC demand was not met. The party also rejected BJP's allegation that Congress and its leader Rahul Gandhi were trying to create "economic anarchy in the country and destabilise the market". Congress general secretary **Jairam Ramesh** told TOI that it was "not even worth responding to such patetically puerile posturing". Commenting on Sebi's statement on Sunday, Congress said the regulatory body had sought to project an "image of hyperactivity" by citing the large number of sum-

mons issued, letters and emails sent out and documents examined. Ramesh described these as tactics to divert attention from the core issues involved. Pointing out that the SC had directed Sebi in March last year to "expeditiously conclude the investigation", the party said, "The fact is that Sebi's seeming inability to close two of its 24 investigations delayed publication of its findings for over a year." Ramesh alleged that "this delay conveniently allowed the

prime minister to navigate an entire general election without addressing his role in facilitating his close friend's illicit activities". "The illusion that the Sebi chairperson and her husband had separated their finances has been shattered by the revelation that after joining Sebi, she transacted in the fund from her personal email account on Feb 25, 2018," Ramesh claimed. "Clearly, no institution is sacrosanct in Amrit Kaal. Did the Sebi chairperson recuse herself from the Adani investigations?" he asked.



# Man who took over as fire dept chief after Guj blaze caught taking bribe

**Rajkot:** In yet another blot on Rajkot Municipal Corporation's fire department, Anti-Corruption Bureau Monday caught the in-charge chief fire officer accepting Rs 1.8 lakh bribe to grant an NOC for fitting fire-fighting equipment. Anil Maru had demanded a total of Rs 3 lakh. Maru's arrest comes just 45

days after he took charge, following the arrest of then chief officer Ilesh Kher and deputy chief fire officer Bhikha Theba. Cops had arrested them for their negligence in allowing TRP Game Zone to operate without mandatory fire safety approvals. As many as 27 people died in the inferno May 25. Theba is also facing a DA case. **TMN**

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**  
For extending investigative facilities on radiological (CT scan & MRI) and other investigations

**Notification No. : HG/MED/Tie-Up/CT & MRI/CGHS/2024**

Chief Medical Superintendent, Orthopaedic Hospital, 222-Church Road, Eastern Railway, Howrah-711108 is inviting applications for **Expression of Interest (EOI)** from interested diagnostic centers/hospitals for extending investigative facilities on radiological (CT scan & MRI) and other investigations to Railway patients of Orthopaedic Hospital/Howrah for three years. **Last date and time of receipt of application is on 14.09.2024 upto 14.00 hrs.** The details are available in Eastern Railway's website: [www.ee.indianrailways.gov.in](http://www.ee.indianrailways.gov.in) under Division Howrah – Department – Medical. Chief Medical Superintendent, Howrah

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City: U40109W20075GC133473, www.wbsecl.in

**WBSECL invites e-Tender as follows:**

**NIT No.: DM/BKPD/TECH/NIT/2024-25/02, Dt.: 07.08.2024 of the Divisional Manager, Barrackpore Division, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹ 11,75,896/- for the work of 'Laying of 33kV 3x400 sq.mm. XLPE cable and dismantling of existing 33kV overhead line with allied works at Titagarh Bazaar (Rail Crossing) under Barrackpore Division, WBSECL, Dist. – North 24 Parganas'. ICA-T139393/2/2024**

For details, visit <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> & [www.wbsecl.in](http://www.wbsecl.in)

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

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

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Purchase Cell-2) GGSSTP, Rupnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024\_POWER\_124926\_1 for Maintenance of Switchyard & Transformer Yard Areas (22 Areas Approximately) at 220KV Sub-Station, 66KV Sub-Station, GGSSTP, 2x850KW Micro hydro Project and transformer Yard Areas of 4x210 MW Units, GGSSTP, Rupnagar.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 08.08.2024 onwards.

**Note:-** Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in>  
RTP-86/24, DPR/PB:76155/12/3287/2023/36607

**KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER**

**ABRIDGED NIT**

The CME (SWM), KMC invites e-tender online works contract basis two bid system for following work:

**NIT No. : KMC/SWM-I/MNNTTCV/2024-25**

Name of work: Maintaining, repairing, mobilizing the compartmentalized Tri-Cycle Vans using for the collection of segregated Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation (KMC) on works contract basis for a period of 2 years. Total cost including taxes, levies, GST as applicable in (Rs.): To be quoted by the bidder. Earnest Money: 2% of the quoted amount. Work period: 2 years. Last date and time of submission of bid (online): 09.09.2024 (2 p.m.). Tender (Technical Proposal) will be opened on: 11.09.2024 (2 p.m.). The bid forms and other details are available on and from 14.08.2024 (2 p.m.) from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> & [www.kmcgov.in](http://www.kmcgov.in)

388/24-25

**ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED VIDYUT SOUDHA-VIJAYAWADA**

**NIT No.:G10001651**

APGENCO invites Online tenders for "Outsourcing the services for Maintenance and Up keeping works pertaining to Civil Operation Division/MHE/Jalapur and O&M division, Machkund for the period from 01.09.2024 (or from actual date of commencement of the work) to 31.03.2026"

**Bid Start date & time:** 09.08.2024 at 05:30 PM  
**Bid Submission closing date & time:** 23.08.2024 at 3.00 PM  
For further details visit <https://tender.apgenco.gov.in>  
Phone (08864-294192)

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DPR No.3115PP/CI/ADVT/11/2021-22 Dt.12/08/2024

**KONKARNI RAILWAY CORPORATION LIMITED**  
(A Government of India Undertaking)

**OPEN E-TENDER (SINGLE PACKET SYSTEM) INVITATION NOTICE**

**Name of Work:** Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 25 KV, 50 Hz, Single phase, Traction Overhead Equipment for construction of 4 lane Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Rawanford, Madgaon in the state of GOA. **Notice No. KRCCOEL/ROB-RETI/17A/24 Dt. 13/08/2024. Completion Period:** 6 (Six) Months. **Estimated Cost:** ₹ 2,06,28,714/- excluding GST. **Bid Security:** ₹ 2,53,200/- **Last Date & time for Online Submission Of Tender:** 03/09/2024 up to 15.00 Hrs. **Opening of Tender:** On 03/09/2024 at 15.30 Hrs. **Amendments / Corrigendum if any,** would be uploaded on IREPS website only. **Submission of Tender Documents:** Through IREPS. Manual Tender Documents shall not be accepted.

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited**  
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Sagaridhri Thermal Power Project  
P.O. Monirgram, P.S. Sagaridhri, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

**Notice Inviting E-Tender**

Ref. No.: WBPDDL/Tend-Adv/24-25/Sa/PP/CC-2200 Date: 05.08.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDDL/SgTPP/NIT/E2747/23-24 Dated: 18.01.2024

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, SgTPP, WBPDDL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three (03) Part bid system for "Biennial Operation and Maintenance Contract of 3.5 MW Rooftop Solar PV Plant (BOSCH Make), SgTPP". **Tender Document Download Start Date:** 14.08.2024 at 10.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 06.09.2024 upto 10.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Jaydeep Kundu, Senior Manager (CO), Mobile: 8336903930, E-mail: [jaydeep@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:jaydeep@wbpdcl.co.in)  
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**ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED**  
(A Govt. of Assam Public Limited Company)

**E-Tender**

TENDER EVENT NO: Assam Power Distribution Company Ltd/Long/Coal from CIL/24-25/ET/RFQ/89  
for purchase of 500 MW Thermal (Coal based) Power on Long Term basis

**Start of Event : 09.08.2024 (10:00 Hrs)**  
**Event close Date : 23.09.2024 (15:00 Hrs)**  
**TOE start date : 23.09.2024 (15:30 Hrs)**

Bidders need to login to Deep Portal of "www.mstcecommerce.com" website to participate.

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# As rain batters HP, 197 roads shut, power hit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

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

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

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

Chandigarh-Manali highway was reopened at 9 Mile in Mandi, but only one-way traffic was allowed, as



A vehicle struggles through a waterlogged road in Jaipur

landslide debris made it difficult to run traffic.

According to officials, a stretch of the highway near Pandoh started caving in and NHAI officials inspected it on Monday. In Kinnaur, another landslide at Nigulsari blocked NH-5 on Monday afternoon, apart from five other roads in the district.

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

# Not enough cops were deployed, says RJD MLA

Continued from P 1

According to SP Arvind Pratap Singh, people at the front started moving back after the clash, leading to a stampede on a staircase where many fell. "Most of the victims were in their 30s and 40s," the SP said.

The DM denied allegations of police lathicharge. "The temple sees a massive turnout of 50,000 to 1 lakh devotees on Somvati. We allow batches of 5,000 devotees at a time. All precautions were in place," Pandey said.

According to the DM, a

committee of officials will carry out a probe. "The committee has been asked to submit its report in three days," he said. CM Nitish Kumar described the deaths as "extremely painful" and announced ex gratia of Rs 4 lakh for the kin of the deceased.

Local RJD MLA Kumar Krishna Mohan alleged that enough police had not been deployed. "If it was so, the situation could have been contained with just injuries, not deaths," he said. Mohan called for oxygen cylinders to be provided at large gatherings to prevent similar tragedies.

# ASG draws SC attention to 2 orders on accused moving HC for relief

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

The three-judge benches of the SC in their judgments of 2014 and 2017 had said if any accused wanted to challenge an order of the trial court, then they would have to move the SC directly.

In doing so, the SC had followed an earlier judgment that had cancelled illegal allocation of 2G spectrum to private parties on a first-come-first served basis. The intent of the court was to prevent accused in both 2G scam and coal scam from impeding the trial process by moving the HC and had kept only the forum of SC open for them.

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

## Industry Meet & Manak Manthan on Ferro Alloys

IS 1170: 1992, IS 1171: 2011, IS 1470: 2013, IS 1110: 2023

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On 14th August, 2024

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# 'Will be missed by many friends': Sonia condolees Natwar's death, writes to his wife

New Delhi: Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi condolees the passing away of former external affairs minister Natwar Singh saying that he made "important contribu-

tions to national affairs" and that he will be missed by "a wide circle of friends".

In a letter to Singh's wife Heminder Kumari, Sonia said, "He has been your life's companion and losing him

must be painful for you."

Referring to Singh, she said that "he had a full life with diverse interests. He was active in many spheres and made



important contributions to national affairs in his professional career."

Singh (94) passed away on Saturday night after a prolonged

illness, family sources said. He breathed his last at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram, where he had been admitted for the past couple of weeks, they said.

During his long life, Singh wore many hats from diplomacy to politics. Singh was a member of Congress's "charmed circle", since he joined politics and became an MP and minister in 1984, after a rich life as diplomat. **TNN**

**CORRIGENDUM**

**Assam Skill University Project (ASUP)**

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

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

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

**Metro Railway, Kolkata**

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

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Any addendum/corrigendum will be posted on the website.

**CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS**  
Chanakyaपुरi, New Delhi - 110021

**Industry Consultation for CCTV systems in Rolling Stock of IR-Locomotives (CVRS with RDAS), Coaches (CCTVSS) & EMU/MEMU.**

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

The discussion will be focused on the following items:-

1. Security auditing & testing of Camera by STQC in compliance with Gazette Notification dated 6 March, 2024 issued by MEF.
2. Comprehensive Security auditing & testing of NVR/RU and RDAS
3. Technical specifications/requirements for CCTV surveillance system
4. Any other issues to be highlighted by OEMs of CCTV camera/NVR.

OEMs of CCTV Surveillance system are hereby invited to participate in the above meeting.

CRIS/New Delhi

IN THE COURT OF THE LD. DISTRICT DELEGATE AT ALIPORE  
5th CIVIL JUDGE SR. DIVISION  
Act XXXIX Case No. 53 of 2024

IN THE GOODS OF  
**NAW RATAN PUROHIT**, Son of Late Bal Chand Purohit, residing at 6/1, Bijoy Mukherjee Lane, P.S. - Bhowanipore, Kolkata - 700025. ...Deceased

AND  
**AMEETA PUROHIT**, wife of Late Naw Ratan Purohit, residing at 6/1, Bijoy Mukherjee Lane, P.S. - Bhowanipore, Kolkata - 700025

IN THE MATTER OF,  
By Order  
Susanta Saha  
Sheristadar  
District Judge's Court  
Alipore, South 24 - Pgs

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Date: 19, 20, 21, 22, 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug 24  
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**NOTICE**

**District : South 24 Parganas**  
**In the Court of Ld. District Delegate at Alipore**  
Act XXXIX Case No. 10 of 2022

IN THE GOODS OF:  
**Smt. Sikha Bajaj**, daughter of Mr. Dileep Bajaj and Late Saroj Bajaj of "Juthika Apartment" Flat No. B4, 11/1, Sunny Park, P.S. - Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700 019. (Since Deceased)

AND ...Deceased

In the matter of:  
**1. Kabir Bajaj Ahmed**, son of Mr. Irfanuddin Ahmed and Late Shikha Bajaj, residing at "Juthika Apartment", Flat No. B4, 11/1, Sunny Park, P.S. - Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700 019.

**2. Master Rehan Bajaj Ahmed (minor)**, son of Mr. Irfanuddin Ahmed and Late Shikha Bajaj, residing at "Juthika Apartment", Flat No. B4, 11/1, Sunny Park, P.S. - Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700 019, represented by his next kin/father and natural guardian Mr. Irfanuddin Ahmed, son of Late Ahasanuddin Ahmed, residing at 27, Beniapur Road, 2nd Floor, P.S. - Entally, Kolkata - 700 014.

...Applicants

WHEREAS as the mentioned applicant has filed an application before the aforesaid court under the provision of Indian Succession Act, 1925 for succession certificate in respect of her deceased mother, Shikha Bajaj, daughter of Dileep Bajaj and Late Saroj Bajaj at "Juthika Apartment", Flat No. B4, 11/1, Sunny Park, P.S. - Ballygunge, Kolkata - 700 019, in respect of an amount of Rs. 35,58,68,518.95 (Rupees Thirty Five Crores Fifty Eight Lakhs Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Eighty and Ninety Five Paise) only + interest if any thereon lying the Demat Accounts and various bank account.

Notice hereby given that any person having any interest in the estate of the deceased abovenamed may appear in the court of Ld. District Judge (5th Civil Judge Sr. Division) at Alipore within 30 days from the date of paper publication either in person or through their Ld. Advocate. In default the application will be heard and determine in exparte in accordance with law.

BY ORDER  
Sd/-  
Sharistadar  
District Judge's Court  
Alipore, South 24 Pgs.

**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  
**EASTERN RAILWAY**

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR COOPERATIVE TRAINING (NCCT)**  
(An Autonomous Society Promoted by Ministry of Cooperation, Govt. of India)  
3, Sri Institutional Area, August Kranti Marg,  
Hauz Khas, New Delhi-110016

**Announcement for Extension of date for submission of applications.**

This has reference to the advertisement dated 14.07.2024 for filling up one post of Director, VAMNICOM Pune on contract basis initially for a period of 3 years. The last date for submission of applications has now been extended to 22.08.2024 (midnight). For more details please log on to NCCT website <https://ncct.ac.in>

Deputy Director (Pers.), NCCT, New Delhi

**CANCELLATION OF MALDA TOWN - KHATIPURA - MALDA TOWN SPECIAL TRAIN FOR ONE TRIP**

Due to operational reasons, 03409/03410 Malda Town - Khatipura - Malda Town Special Train will remain cancelled for one trip on the dates mentioned below :- 03409 Malda Town - Khatipura Special - Date of Cancellation (JCO) : 15.08.2024 (Thursday) and 03410 Khatipura - Malda Town Special - Date of Cancellation (JCO) : 16.08.2024 (Friday). Inconvenience is regretted.

Chief Passenger Transportation Manager  
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ADVERTORIAL

**DEAR WEEKLY LOTTERY**

**₹1 CRORE WON BY MUMBAI RESIDENT**

in the draw held on 16.06.2024. Her winning ticket number is **89B 09555**. She has submitted her prize-winning ticket along with the prize claim form to Nagaland State Lotteries. "It was a delightful moment for me and to my family members when we hear the good news of winning One Crore rupees of prize money from Dear Lottery. Being a senior citizen, money helps in many ways to lead our life in a better way. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Dear Lottery for this great opportunity," said the winner.

Smt. NAINA DEVI DEVICHAND MEHTA from MUMBAI, MAHARASHTRA has won Rs. 1 Crore as first prize in Dear Weekly Lottery

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TUBERCULOSIS AND RESPIRATORY DISEASES**  
(An Autonomous Institute under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, Govt. of India)  
Sri Aurobindo Marg, Near Qutab Minar, New Delhi-110030

No. : I/12396/2024 Dated : 12.08.2024

**SHOW CAUSE NOTICE**

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

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

**MORNING RUSH**

UPI bandh ho gaya! Khatam!

National Bank is putting curbs on all private bank accounts!  
Home verification of PAN Cards to start soon.

Ministry of IT keh rahi hai online scams badhenge.

IS UPI FINISHED?

IN WITH THE NEWS, OUT WITH THE NOISE.

Scan to find out.

Advertisement No. 11/2024  
Government of India  
Public Enterprises Selection Board  
invites applications for the post of  
**Director (Operations)**  
in  
**Gliders India Limited (GIL)**  
Last date of submission of application by applicants is  
**06<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (by 3:00 PM)**  
Last date of forwarding of applications by the Nodal Officers to PESB is  
**17<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (by 3:00 PM)**  
For details login to website  
<https://pesb.gov.in>

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**

**FOOD & SUPPLIES DEPARTMENT**  
**DIRECTORATE OF RATIONING**  
Indicative advertisement for FPS(Ration) Dealership

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

| Sl. No. | Notice No. & Date & V.ID                                    | Sub-Control     | Sub-Area       | Date of Publication in Official Website | Location of Vacancy   |
|---------|---|-----------------|----------------|---|---|
| 1       | F/173/R/VACANCY/2024 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160002)         | Kolkata (North) | Amherst Street | 01.08.2024                              | Keshab Chandra Sen Street, Keshab Residency, Ward No.37 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Raja Ram Mohan Sarani, P.S-Amherst Street, PIN : 700009.   |
| 2       | R/179/RO/BNP/VACANCY/F/2024 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160202)  | Kolkata (North) | Beniapukur     | 01.08.2024                              | Lohapool, Near Lohapool Autostand, Ward No.65 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Cirayap, P.S-Karaya, PIN:700017.                                     |
| 3       | M/103/RO/COSP/VACANCY/R/2024 Date 09.07.2024 (202324160405) | Kolkata (North) | Cossipur       | 29.07.2024                              | Hare Krishna Sett Lane, Near Mukta Dhara Sintehe Cultural Centre, Ward No.2 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O - Sintehe, P.S- Sintehi, PIN : 700050. |
| 4       | M/98/RO/COSP/VACANCY/R/24 Date 18.06.2024 (202224160401)    | Kolkata (North) | Cossipur       | 29.07.2024                              | Tikiapara, Dum Dum Road, Near Sintehi Corus Club, Ward: 02 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O -Cossipore, P.S-Sintehi, PIN : 700002.                  |
| 5       | RO(P)/203/R/V/2024 Date 23.07.2024 (202324160103)           | Kolkata (North) | Beliaghata     | 31.07.2024                              | Moulana Abul Kalam Azad Road, Azad Palace, Ward: 31 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Kankurgachi, P.S-Phoolbagan, PIN : 700054.                     |
| 6       | RO(P)/204/R/V/2024 Date 23.07.2024 (202324160104)           | Kolkata (North) | Beliaghata     | 31.07.2024                              | Narkeldanga North Road, Opposite of Turbi Khatal, Ward: 29 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O. & PS: Narkeldanga, PIN:700011.                         |
| 7       | RO(P)/102/R/V/2024 Date 19.06.2024 (202224160102)           | Kolkata (North) | Beliaghata     | 31.07.2024                              | Joramandir Bazar, Beliaghata Main Road, Ward: 33 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O. & PS: Beliaghata, PIN:700010.                                    |
| 8       | I/217 Date 26.06.2024 (202224160908)                        | Kolkata (North) | Muchipara      | 31.07.2024                              | Arupota Road, Arupota Pragati Sangha, Ward: 58 under Kolkata Municipal Corporation, P.O-Dhapa, P.S-Pragati Maidan, PIN : 700105.                            |

Applications in prescribed proforma (Form-A-I) alongwith other requisite documents and receipt of deposition of application fee of Rs. 1,000/- should be submitted to the office(s) of the Deputy Director of Rationing of the concerned sub-control(s) or by online through the official website (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) within 45 days from today.

For details, please visit official website of the Department (<https://food.wb.gov.in>) or contact the office(s) of the Deputy Director of Rationing of the concerned sub-control(s).

ICA-N388(2)/2024  
Sd/-  
Director of Rationing  
West Bengal

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
 Tender ID 2024\_WBP\_731143  
 1 DATED- 09/08/2024 Work  
 Title: SERVICING/ REPAIRING  
 & OTHER CHARES FOR THE  
 WORK / JOB FOR M&M  
 BOLERO /MAXX SUPRO  
 (AMBULANCE) VEHICLES for  
 the financial Year 2024-2025 Bid  
 Closing Date: 21/08/2024 at  
 16.00 Hrs. For more details Log  
 on to: [www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in)  
 Sd/-  
**Superintendent of Police**  
**Bankura**  
 Memo No-487(2)/AD/VOIC/BNK  
 Dt-12.08.2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER**  
 A1. Development of Marketing  
 Infrastructure, towards providing  
 facilities to the wholesalers and farmers  
 for wholesale business of various types  
 of vegetables (Construction of 10 Nos.  
 Auction Shed, 4 Nos. Cattle Shed,  
 Concrete Pavement & Deep Tubewell) at  
 Principal Market Yard, Balarampur, Dist-  
 Purulia vide NIT No. WBSAMB / CEO / 28  
 / 2024 - 25 Dated 08-08-2024 bearing  
 Tender Id:- 2024\_WBSAMB\_730718.1.  
 The last date for submission of Tender is  
 on 12-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A2.  
 Improvement of Marketing  
 Infrastructure (Construction of 3 Nos.  
 Market Shed, Internal Road, Drain and  
 Electrical Works) of English Bazar  
 Principal Market Yard under Malda  
 District vide NIT No. WBSAMB / CEO / 29  
 / 2024 - 25 Dated 08-08-2024 bearing  
 Tender Id:- 2024\_WBSAMB\_730734.1.  
 The last date for submission of Tender is  
 on 12-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A3.  
 Infrastructure Development work at  
 Sub Market Yard, Pamra (Construction of  
 Stall cum Godown with allied works),  
 Dist. Purba Bardhaman vide NIT No.  
 WBSAMB / CEO / 30 / 2024 - 25 Dated  
 08-08-2024 bearing Tender Id:-  
 2024\_WBSAMB\_730749.1. The last date  
 for submission of Tender is on 12-09-  
 2024 up to 12.00 Noon. A4.  
 Construction of additional works of Sufal  
 Bangla Outlets in front of office of the  
 Commissioner, Medinipur Division vide  
 NIT No. WBSAMB / CEO / 26 / 2024 - 25  
 Dated 06-08-2024 bearing Tender Id:-  
 2024\_WBSAMB\_730702.1. The last date  
 for submission of Tender is on 30-08-  
 2024 up to 12.00 Noon. The detail  
 information regarding e-NIT will be  
 available on the  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/-Chief  
 Executive Officer, West Bengal State  
 Agricultural Marketing Board. ICA-113943(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**e-TENDER NOTICE**  
 e-Tender is invited by the Executive  
 Engineer, Alipore Division, PHE Dte. On  
 behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide  
 Ref. No. WBPHE/EE/NIE/32/AD/2024-  
 2025 and Tender ID :-  
 2024\_PHE/227411\_1 to 20 for sinking of  
 big dia. Tubewell by D.R. Rig method  
 for different Water Supply Schemes in  
 Kalkwip, Patharpratima, Namkhana  
 Block for implementation of J.M. under  
 Kalkwip Sub-Division of Alipore  
 Division, PHE Dte. Details will be  
 available in the website  
[wbtenders.gov.in](http://wbtenders.gov.in) The last date for  
 submission of tender is 03.09.2024 upto  
 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer,  
 Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte.  
 ICA-113946(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 Tender is invited by CMOH & Member  
 Secretary Dist. Health & Family Welfare  
 Samity Dakshin Dinajpur, from reputed  
 firms for "Electrical Installation Works  
 for Site Preparation at Chaloon PHC SC,  
 Karanjabari SC, Manikore SC under  
 Gangarampur, Hariampur, Kushmandi  
 Block, Dakshin Dinajpur" Memo No :-  
 DHFWS/DD/NIE/2278 Dated:-  
 07.08.2024. Technical Bid Opening Date  
 of the above mentioned e-Tender No:  
 23/08/2024 at 02:00 PM. For Detail,  
 Please visit the website  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) or the Office of  
 the CMOH & Member Secretary Dist.  
 Health & Family Welfare Samity Dakshin  
 Dinajpur ICA-113924(3)/2024

**SOUTH 24 PARGANAS ZILLA PARISHAD**  
**NIT - 17 of 2024-25 for**  
**e-Tendering**  
 e-Tenders are invited by the District  
 Engineer for supply of 1 (one) no.  
 Harse Van of Bolero City pick up at  
 Harindanga GP, Falta PS under  
 South 24 Parganas. Last date of  
 online submission of Tender  
 Document : up to 2:00 PM on  
 27.08.2024. Details informations  
 may be obtained from the  
 website : [zps24pgs.wb.gov.in](http://zps24pgs.wb.gov.in) &  
[wbtenders.gov.in](http://wbtenders.gov.in)

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**TENDER NOTICE**  
 I. WBSDB/EE/CE/II/NIT-04(e)/2024-25  
 II. WBSDB/EE/CE/II/NIT-05(e)/2024-25  
 e-tender is invited by the Executive  
 Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-1,  
 Sundarban Development Board from the  
 reliable bonafide resourceful  
 contractor for the Construction of  
 Bridge in Sagar & Kalkwip, Block of  
 South 24 Pargana, West Bengal. Details  
 may be had from the office of the  
 EE/CE-II/SDB on working days during  
 office hours or in website  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Publishing  
 date: 13.08.2024 at 18.00 hrs. Bid  
 submission start Dt: 14.08.2024 at 11.00  
 hrs. Bid submission end Dt: 03.09.2024  
 at 15.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer,  
 Civil Engineering Division No-1,  
 Sundarban Development Board.  
 ICA-113921(3)/2024

**Government of West Bengal**  
**Notice Inviting e-Tender**  
 Tender ID 2024\_WBP\_731077  
 1 DATED- 09/08/2024 Work  
 Title: SERVICING/ REPAIRING  
 & OTHER CHARES FOR THE  
 WORK / JOB FOR WATER  
 CANNON for the financial Year  
 2024-2025 Bid Closing Date:  
 21/08/2024 at 16.00 Hrs. For  
 more details Log on to:  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in)  
 Sd/-  
**Superintendent of Police**  
**Bankura**  
 Memo No-487(2)/AD/VOIC/BNK  
 Dt-12.08.2024

**BIDHANNAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**  
**POURA BHAVAN, BIDHANNAGAR**  
 e-Quotation/EOI have been invited for:  
 i) NIT No. : 564/PWD(BMC), Dated :  
 12.08.2024 of Tender ID :  
 2024\_MAD\_732515\_1 to 2 for "Supply  
 of Lawn Mower & Brush Cutter  
 Machine for BMC". Last Date of Bid  
 Submission : 22.08.2024 up to 15:00  
 Hrs. Bid Opening Date : 24.08.2024  
 after 15:30 Hrs.  
 ii) EOI No. : 567/PWD(BMC), Dated :  
 12.08.2024 of Tender ID : 2024\_MAD\_732750\_1 for "Engagement of  
 Consultant for Upgradation of GD  
 Market & GD Samaj Kakashya,  
 Sector-III, under BMC". Last Date of  
 Bid Submission : 02.09.2024 up to  
 15:00 Hrs. Bid Opening Date :  
 04.09.2024 after 15:30 Hrs.  
 Corrigendum, if any will be published in  
 Website & Office Notice Board only.  
 For details, please follow  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in), Office  
 Website ([bmcwb.gov.in](http://bmcwb.gov.in)) & Office  
 Notice Board.  
 Sd/-  
**Executive Engineer, SWM**  
**Bidhannagar Municipal Corporation**

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
**Tender Notice No.: ELD-125-WC-**  
**OT-04-24, Date: 08.08.2024.** E-  
 tender is invited by the Sr. Divisional  
 Electrical Engineer (TRD), Eastern  
 Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Yatri  
 Niwas, near Howrah Station,  
 Howrah-711101 for the following  
 work. **Tender No. : ELD-125-WC-**  
**OT-04-24. Name of the work with**  
**its location :** Supply, erection,  
 testing & commissioning of 25 AC  
 OHE for shifting of ladder at Howrah  
 End (X-over point no. 57A/B, 56,  
 53A/B, 52A/B) to increase CAL/CSR  
 of UP line 2 to accommodate full  
 length Goods train at Khana in  
 Howrah Division of Eastern Railway.  
**Approx. cost of the work : ₹**  
**1,18,27,564. Cost of tender form:**  
**Nil. Earnest Money/Bid Security**  
**to be deposited: ₹ 2,09,100.**  
**Completion period of the work:**  
 12 (Twelve) months from the date  
 of issue of LOA. **Tender closing**  
**date & time:** 15.00 hrs. on  
 30.08.2024. **Opening of tender:**  
 Tender will be opened any time after  
 closing of tender. Tenderers may  
 visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
 for full details/description/specification  
 of the tenders and submit their bid  
 online. Manual offers are not allowed  
 against this tender and any manual  
 offer if received shall not be accepted  
 and will be summarily rejected.  
 (HW-219/2024-25)  
 Tender Notices are also available at website:  
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**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
 NIT No. -WBSDB/EE/CE/II-  
 NIT-04(e)/2024-25  
 e-Tenders are invited by the Executive  
 Engineer, Civil Engineering Division No-4,  
 Sundarban Development Board from the  
 reliable bonafide resourceful  
 contractors for Construction of concrete  
 Road, in Sundarban Region (South 24  
 Parganas, West Bengal). Details may be  
 seen from the Notice Board of the office  
 of the EE/CE-II/SDB on working days  
 during office hours or in website:  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) or  
[www.wbtenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtenders.gov.in) Publishing  
 date: 14/08/2024. Bid submission  
 start Dt: 15/08/2024 at 16.00 hrs. Bid  
 submission end Dt: 30/08/2024 upto  
 16.00 hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Civil  
 Engineering Division No-4, Sundarban  
 Development Board. ICA-113938(3)/2024

**EASTERN RAILWAY**  
**Tender No.: LLH-Comp-Railnet-**  
**Ethernet, dated: 08.08.2024.** Dy.  
 CME/P, C&W Workshop, Eastern  
 Railway, Liliuah, Howrah-711204  
 invites open E-Tender in single  
 packet system for the following work.  
**Name of the work:** Railnet  
 Connectivity at various departments  
 of Liliuah Railway Hospital and Admin  
 Building through Ethernet cable.  
**Advertised Value:** ₹ 23,33,869.  
**Earnest Money:** ₹ 46,700. **Tender**  
**Document Cost:** ₹ 0. **Tender**  
**Closing Date and time:** 28.08.2024  
 at 17.00 hrs. **Bidding Start Date:**  
 14.08.2024. **Date and time of**  
**uploading tender:** 07.08.2024 at  
 15.34 hrs. **Validity of Offer:** 120  
 Days. **Period of Completion :** 60  
 days. Website particulars from where  
 tender paper can be downloaded:  
[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). Bidders will be  
 able to submit their original/revised  
 bids upto closing date and time only.  
 Manual offers are not allowed  
 against this tender and any such  
 manual offer received shall be  
 ignored. (MISC-131/2024-25)  
 Tender Notices are also available at website:  
[www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
 Follow us at: [@EasternRailway](http://EasternRailway)  
[easternrailwayheadquarter](http://easternrailwayheadquarter)

**S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER**  
 For and on behalf of the President of India,  
 the Chief Engineer (CONJ), South Eastern  
 Railway, Garden Reach, Kolkata-700043  
 invites E-tender for the following work.  
 Following tender has been uploaded on  
 website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). The tender will  
 be closed at 12.00 hrs. on due date.  
**e-Tender Notice No.: 4419-GRC-CE-C-**  
**I-39-2023, Date: 10.08.2024. Brief**  
**Description of work:** Supply & plantation  
 in Railway Land along the Track within  
 Railway Boundary, wherever Adequate  
 Land width is available in connection with  
 the Hatia-Bondamunda doubling project  
 under jurisdiction of Dy. Chief Engineer  
 (Con), Ranchi, South Eastern Railway.  
**Approx. Cost:** ₹ 2.28 Crore. **Bid Security:**  
 ₹ 264,000. **Completion Period:** 6 months,  
 Maintenance period 36 months. **Closing**  
**Date:** 03.09.2024. Interested tenderers  
 may visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
 for full details/description/specification of  
 the tenders and submit their bids online. In  
 no case manual tender for this item will be  
 accepted. **N.B.:** Prospective bidders may  
 regularly visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)  
 to participate in all other tenders. (PR-473)

On behalf of President of India, Senior  
 Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer,  
 S. E. Railway, Adra, Pin-723121, West  
 Bengal invites following e-tender with  
 closing date & time of tender is  
 29.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. Details are  
 available at website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
**Tender Notice No.: Snt\_e\_Tender-**  
**ADA\_24\_25\_13, Date: 10.08.2024.**  
**Name of the work:** S&T works in  
 connection with (i) Miscellaneous works  
 of Signalling for augmentation of Safety  
 in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway.  
 (ii) S&T work in connection with  
 construction of new 16 bedded Running  
 Road at Bankura. (iii) Signalling work for  
 shifting of cross over point no. (24A &  
 24B) at Kantadih Station of Adra Division.  
 (iv) S&T work in connection with  
 Recapping and replacement of existing  
 2 nos. 18.3 mtr. girders by IRS Type  
 Girder of Bridge no. 394 UP (2X18.3 mG)  
 & 392 UP (2X18.3 mG) each between  
 Kantadih-URA stations in Chandri-Asansol  
 section of Adra Division. (v) S&T in  
 connection with cable shifting for  
 Construction of RUB/Subway for  
 elimination of Manned LC Gate KA-159  
 between Madhukunda-Burnpur section  
 by cut & cover method in Adra division.  
 (vi) S&T in connection with cable shifting  
 for Recapping and replacement of existing  
 girders of span no. 1 & 22, each of 30.5  
 mtr. of Bridge no. 520 DN (2X30.5mG)  
 KM 314/30-6 between Damodar-  
 Madhukunda stations in Chandri-Asansol  
 section of Adra Division. (vii) S&T Detailed  
 Estimate for Improvement of drainage at  
 LC No. BR-43 and LHS No. 260B, 263A  
 & 285A in Adra Division. (viii) Shifting of  
 S&T cables from Sick Line, Bhujdih of  
 Adra Division. **Tender Value:** ₹  
 2,24,31,707.88.

On behalf of President of India, Senior  
 Divisional Signal & Telecom. Engineer,  
 S. E. Railway, Adra, Pin-723121, West  
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 30.08.2024 at 11:00 hrs. Details are  
 available at website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in).  
**Srl.No.: 1. Tender Notice No.: Snt\_e\_Tender-**  
**ADA\_24\_25\_10, Date:**  
**10.08.2024. Name of the work:** Provision  
 of New Electronics Interlocking system,  
 Indoor & Outdoor Signalling & Telecom  
 work in connection with siding works at  
 Bero station in Adra Division. **Tender**  
**Value:** ₹ 6,83,06,060.35. **Srl.No.: 2.**  
**Tender Notice No.: Snt\_e\_Tender-**  
**ADA\_24\_25\_12, Date: 10.08.2024.**  
**Name of the work:** Provision of New  
 Electronics Interlocking system, Indoor  
 & Outdoor Signalling & Telecom work  
 in connection with Charra Goods yard at  
 Charra station in Adra Division. **Tender**  
**Value:** ₹ 5,71,50,774.06. (PR-475)

# Coercive steps if NCAHP Act not enforced in 2 months: SC

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



The SC bench expressed concern over illegal healthcare institutes

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

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

# SC nixes lawyer's plea on I-T assessment of US funds

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

Appearing for Dutta, senior advocate C U Singh and advocate Sachit Jolly, endeavoured to show to a bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud and justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that these were declared as income and made subject to I-T assessment and hence there was no suppression of information. For the I-T dept, SG Tushar Mehta and advocate Zohab Hossain gave details of the evidence collected by the dept in the case. The dept

said LIFE received Rs 22 crore from EarthJustice in the last five years as professional fee. "Funds made available by EarthJustice are apparently being used for objects other than approved objects of LIFE and for activities such as for litigation against coal power plants in India routed through Ritwick Dutta who is the managing trustee of LIFE in the garb of professional fees," it said.

Though EarthJustice was not part to any litigation handled by Dutta, he got nearly Rs 5 crore as professional fees. "Emails recovered explained that Earth Justice was transferring funds to Dutta, not for purpose of receiving any professional legal services, but to carry out various ground level activities to halt and disrupt implementation of thermal power projects in India," it said.

# 'Dig trench to reach Gyanvapi sanctum sanctorum'

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

The litigant, advocate Vijay Shankar Rastogi, said, "ASI used ground-penetrating radar (GPR). However, its radar failed to provide any tangible results, especially about the garbhagriha of the Hindu temple comprising a very tall Shivaling and artesian well, which is buried under the floor beneath central dome of the mosque."

**Krishna Janmabhoomi case adjourned:** Allahabad HC adjourned hearing in the Krishna Janmabhoomi-Shahi Idgah dispute as some of the documents of the suits were not exchanged between the two litigant parties. #

# Aadhaar Act norm goes beyond scope of statute, HC told

Subrata Chatteraj | TNN

**Kolkata:** The Joint Forum Against NRC on Monday challenged in Calcutta High Court the constitutional validity of Regulation 28A under Aadhaar Act, 2023, on the grounds that the regulation went beyond the scope of the statute. A division bench of Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmay Bhattacharyya directed the forum's counsel to serve a notice on the govt pleader and fixed the next hearing on Aug 22.

Regulation 28A talks about deactivation of certain Aadhaar numbers in which the visa validity of a foreign national in India has expired. It also talks about deactivation of Aadhaar numbers upon satisfaction that the foreign national doesn't fulfil the requirements for his/her entry or stay in India. Jhuma Sen, the forum's counsel, said that the second part of the regulation travelled well beyond the scope and ambit of the Aadhaar Act, which focuses on targeted subsidies, benefits and rights of Aadhaar cardholders and not on citizenship or foreign nationality. "I fully agree that having an Aadhaar number has nothing to do with citizenship,

The objects and reasons of the Act, particularly section 9 of the Aadhaar Act, clearly says so. But the regulation goes beyond the ambit of the Act. The 'satisfaction' clause mentioned in Regulation 28A needs to be proved," she submitted.

Sen argued that Centre didn't even follow procedure laid down under Regulation 29 underlining a field inquiry before deactivating Aadhaar numbers. In her support, she showcased the CM's letter to the PMO, **HEARING ON AUG 22**

which made it clear that no field inquiry was undertaken before deactivating Aadhaar numbers. Sen also submitted that Centre, in its affidavit to the court, only referred to an advisory issued by it on Feb 28, 2018, advising states to sensitize law enforcement agencies to take prompt steps to identify illegal migrants. Sen's submission was in response to the Unique Identification Authority of India's point. Its counsel had referred to Section 28A of the Foreigners Act, 1946, which provides that UIDAI may deactivate Aadhaar numbers of foreign nationals if they do not fulfil the requisites of his/her entry into or stay in India.

# Sedition law has not changed with BNS: Justice Lokur

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**Kolkata:** Section 150 of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita was no different from the earlier sedition law, retired Supreme Court judge Justice Madan B Lokur said on Monday.

While IPC Section 124A, which had criminalised sedition, was repealed when the new criminal laws came into force on July 1, BNS Section 150 introduced a broader offence covering acts that endanger sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.

Speaking at a conference on open prisons, prison reform and the impact of new criminal laws, Justice Lokur said the objective should be "bail and not jail". He reiterated the points raised by CJI DY Chandrachud, who had flagged the hesitation by lower court judges in granting bail. "If a person is entitled to bail, they should be given bail... We have to go back to the principle of bail and not

jail," he said. Justice Lokur further said overcrowding in prisons was a major problem, and 75% of prisoners were undertrials.

The former SC judge highlighted the implementation of the open prison concept in Rajasthan, where prisoners with good behaviour for five years are considered for the facility. It helps with rehabilitation as they live with their family and can generate employment. Sanganer Open-Air Camp is one such exemplary model.

Bengal also has four open prisons. However, according to founder of Prison Aid and Action Research (PAAR) Smita Chakrabarty, these are considerably smaller with fewer inmates. Unlike the ones in Rajasthan, prisoners are not allowed to live with their families and prison authorities look for jobs for them. "In an open prison, dignity and liberty is the incentive," Chakrabarty said, and appealed to state govt to expand the system.

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
 "Invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease of Iron ore"

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10(B) of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and in accordance with the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 notified thereunder, as amended from time to time notified thereunder, the Government of Goa has identified 03 (Three) Mineral Blocks of iron ore mineral for electronic auction and hereby invites tenders for the purposes of grant of Mining Lease.

Accordingly financial bids are invited in digital format only and technical bids are invited both in digital and physical format from eligible bidders. Eligibility conditions, date and time for participating in the electronic auction are provided in the Tender Document. Detailed Tender Documents along with timelines, notifications, updates and other details for the e-auction process for the mineral blocks are available in electronic form only and can be downloaded from the website of MSTC Limited: (<https://www.mstcel.commerce.com/auction/home/mc/in/index.jsp>) Interested and eligible bidders can register themselves on the above website. On successful registration, eligible bidders will obtain login ID and password necessary for participation in the e-auction process. Model Tender Document and Mineral Block Summary are available free of cost on the website of MSTC Limited.

Last date for purchase of Tender Document after payment of tender fee on website of e-auction platform provider is Tuesday, September 24, 2024 or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time) and the last date for submission of the bid is Friday, October 04, 2024 or before 17:00 hours (Indian Standard Time).

**List of Mineral Blocks for Auction**

| Sr. No | Name of the Block                        | Mineral  | District  | #Price of Tender Document |
|--------|--|----------|-----------|---------------------------|
| 1      | Block X-Onda Mineral Block               | Iron Ore | North Goa | 5,00,000.00               |
| 2      | Block XI- Curpem- Sulcorna Mineral Block | Iron Ore | South Goa | 5,00,000.00               |
| 3      | Block XII- Codli Mineral Block           | Iron Ore | South Goa | 5,00,000.00               |

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**Notice Inviting Tender**  
 Tender is invited for Construction & Commissioning of new 33 KV lines under Electric Supply Circle, Ramgarh, Jharkhand on Turnkey basis.

| Sl. No | NIT No.            | Description  | Estimated value (incl. GST Rs.) (In Crs.) | EMD Value (Incl. GST) (Rs. In Lacs.) | Tender Cost (Incl. GST) (In Rs.) | Downloading of Tender Document | Pre-Bid Meeting     | Last date of sale of Tender Document | Last Date of submission of Tender Document | Date of Opening of Tender |
|--------|--------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| 1      | 74/PRJ/BVN/2024-25 | Construction & Commissioning of 03 (three) Nos. of New 33 KV lines under Ramgarh Circle for Connectivity from Sikra (Gola) Grid.     | 12.58                                     | 25.16                                | 11,800                           | 13.08.24                       | 20.08.24 at 3:00 PM | 04.09.24 Up to 05:00PM               | 04.09.24 Up to 06:00PM                     | 09.09.24 at 05:00PM       |
| 2      | 75/PRJ/BVN/2024-25 | Construction & commissioning of 03 (three) Nos. of New 33 KV lines under Ramgarh Circle for Connectivity from Katiya (Pattaru) Grid. | 14.20                                     | 28.40                                | 11,800                           | 13.08.24                       | 20.08.24 at 3:00 PM | 04.09.24 Up to 05:00PM               | 04.09.24 Up to 06:00PM                     | 09.09.24 at 05:00PM       |

Further details against the above Tender can be obtained from website <http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in> and may be contacted on Mobile No. 7004815844 & NIC helpline No. 0651-2400178. Submission of bid document fee and EMD will be accepted through online mode only and receipt of the same should be submitted to the office of undersigned on or before 04.09.2024.

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Sd/-  
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 (An Autonomous body under Department of Information Technology & e-Governance, Govt. of Jharkhand)  
 Ground Floor, Engineer's Hostel - I, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi, Jharkhand  
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**Notice Inviting Tender**

| # | Item                                | Description   |
|---|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Project Title                       | Empanelment of Consultants for e-Governance Initiatives in Government of Jharkhand  |
| 2 | Name of Purchaser                   | Jharkhand Agency for Promotion of Information Technology (JAP-IT)   |
| 3 | Contact Person, Address and Email   | The CEO, JAP-IT, Ground Floor, Engineers hostel 1, Near Golchakkar, Dhurwa, Ranchi-834004.Tel:0651-2401044, Email: <a href="mailto:japit_doit@rediffmail.com">japit_doit@rediffmail.com</a>   |
| 4 | Selection Method                    | • Tenders for this contract will be assessed in accordance with technical & financial qualification.<br>• Technical bid of those bidders shall be opened who qualify in Pre-Qualification Bid.<br>• Financial bid of those bidders who qualify in Technical Bid by scoring above 70% shall be opened. |
| 5 | Date of download of tender document | 13/08/2024 at   |

# Rape-murder triggers nationwide stir in hosps

## OPD, Surgeries Hit As Govt Docs Ask For CBI Probe

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Govt hospitals across the country on Monday experienced significant disruptions in outpatient services and routine surgeries as resident doctors staged protests against the rape and murder of a PGT doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. The protest highlighted the growing outrage within the community over the gruesome incident. Outside Bengal, Delhi hospitals were the most affected.



Resident doctors protest at AIIMS Delhi on Monday

protest from Tuesday onwards," said Faima founder Dr Manish Jangra. Meanwhile, hospitals said they are preparing plans to ensure patient services are minimally affected by the strike. The administration of AIIMS Delhi, which saw nearly 80% reduction in elective surgeries and 35% fall in admissions on Monday, said it has prepared a contingency plan to ensure critical and other patient care services do not get affected.

In UP, protests were held at King George's Medical University, Kalyan Singh Super Speciality Cancer Institute and Ram Manohar Lohia Institute of Medical Sciences. Tying black ribbons on their

hands and holding placards, the protesting doctors demanded a thorough probe and security for medical staff in hospitals.

Maharashtra State Association of Resident Doctors announced a strike starting Tuesday, halting all services except emergency care. In Chandigarh, over 100 elective surgeries were halted and OPD services were impacted as resident doctors at PGI went on indefinite strike.

Doctors in several other states joined the strike. Meanwhile, Indian Medical Association has shot off a letter to Union health minister JP Nadda seeking urgent action to make hospital premises safe.

# Politics over RG Kar rape. CM has done everything possible: Kunal

TNN & AGENCIES

New Delhi/Kolkata: The rape-murder of a 31-year-old PGT doctor at RG Kar Medical College Hospital on Monday triggered a political controversy pitting Trinamool Congress against BJP, with Congress also wading in.

Speaking on the opposition protests, Trinamool former Rajya Sabha MP Kunal Ghosh said, "Whatever happened is horrible and condemnable. CM Mamata Banerjee has done what could have been done, and even today she has personally spoken to the victim's kin. She has even set a seven-day deadline for police to trace any other culprit and said she would hand over the probe to CBI, if police can't solve the case. The CM wants capital punishment, fast track trial. What else can she do? Protests... yes, everyone has a right... but what is this agitation against? What hasn't been

done? A culprit was arrested within 24 hours."

"The crime is despicable. But what have they (BJP govts) done in the past while dealing with such ghastly crimes? The bodies disappeared," Ghosh added.

BJP demanded CBI inquiry in the case, alleging that state govt was covering up the investigations to protect the "real culprit". "Mamataji, what is happening in Bengal under your rule? A female doctor was raped, the limit of brutality was crossed. Will there be a fair investigation there? Today, doctors from all over the country are on strike. Mamataji, in your govt, we already know what happens to the opposition during elections. Will you say the same about the misbehaviour with the doctor daughters there?" questioned BJP senior Ravi Shankar Prasad at a press conference in Delhi.

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Prasad added, "What is happening in Bengal is the horrifying truth of govt terror. We demand a CBI inquiry. Mamataji, you repeatedly run away from the CBI. At least give justice after this brutal murder of a dead doctor." Meanwhile, Congress senior Priyanka Gandhi Vadra on Monday urged the Bengal govt to take strict action and ensure justice.

In a post in Hindi on X, Priyanka said on Monday, "The incident of rape and murder of a trainee doctor in Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College is heartbreaking."

The Congress general secretary said safety of women at the workplace was a big issue in the country and concrete efforts were needed for this.

"I appeal to the state govt to take immediate and strict action in this case and ensure justice to the victim's family and fellow doctors," Priyanka posted.

# BJP, RSS discuss attacks on Hindus in B'desh

Continued from P 1



The meeting, a periodic interaction between the netas, came ahead of a crucial coordination meeting of RSS in Palakkad, Kerala, from Aug 31 to Sept 2.

Sources said the senior BJP and RSS functionaries also discussed other issues, including attacks on Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh, an issue on which the saffron fountainhead has expressed concern and the PM has also asked the interim govt to ensure safety of Hindus in the neighbouring country.

Sources said "RSS consent" will be crucial to nominate the next party president for which the process should have started by now as JP Nadda is also holding charge of the minis-

tries of health and chemicals & fertilisers in the Modi cabinet.

As a large number of functionaries, who had long stints in crucial party posts, have been inducted into the Union govt, the party and RSS decision-makers are said to be exploring someone from a "grassroots politics" background for the next BJP chief.

There is also speculation that the next party president could be a woman or an OBC.

BJP has never had a woman president and passing the baton to a woman is said to be an ideal call in view of the implementation of women's quota in Parliament and state assemblies likely before Lok Sabha polls in 2029.

# Chocolate — the universal passport which has no barriers

Dr Hemant Thacker

The single most ubiquitous symbol of celebration, festivity, affection and relationship, one which is universally accepted and acknowledged among all race groups and cultures, is 'chocolate'. This brownish, mud-coloured token is a favourite across all age groups — whether little 'gattu' or 'nannu-dadu', a small bite is still savoured across the board.

It's time to now put this under the medical microscope. Chocolate is the solid bar made by combining cocoa liquor with cocoa butter and varying quantities of sugar or sweetening agents. The cocoa beans from the Theobroma cacao tree provide the basis and the terms cacao and cocoa are often used synonymously.

Cacao products, especially the unsweetened and unprocessed powder and nibs, are excellent sources of several minerals like iron, selenium, chromium, magnesium, manganese, etc. etera. The medicinal benefit is imparted by the high concentration of flavanols (beneficial plant compounds), which have an-

tiioxidant, heart-protective, anti-cancer benefits, besides other positives.

Notably, cacao products contain tryptophan, an amino acid that the body uses to make serotonin, a compound that produces brain relaxation. Notwithstanding all this, chocolate is high in calories, especially because of the saturated fats and sugar content. Of course, you can partially circumvent this by choosing dark chocolate (containing at least 70% cacao) and alternately

sweetened cacao products to minimise the caloric gain and avoid dental decay. Really, the difference between cacao (bitter) and cocoa (to love and have grown up on, is in the stage of processing. After the harvesting of cacao pods they undergo fermenting, drying, roasting, extracting and finally grinding to make cacao powder (the cocoa butter is separated from the cocoa liquor to finally grind).

Taking a leaf out of this, newer innovations have started adding ashwagandha, turmeric, beetroot and other nutraceuticals, while maintaining a high standard of cacao

is bitter and when additives are added and processed, the medicinal value dwindles but the bitter taste too disappears.

Innovations of today use honey with high cacao content to retain the flavonoids and health attributes without taking away from the taste.

In fact, research has shown that chocolates existed in 400 AD and after a systematic electronic database search using several sites of available data since then, the positive effect of cacao on triglycerides was remarkably favourable. The collection of data from Kuna Indians in Panama, who had a history of regular consumption of cocoa (3 cups of 10 oz of daily beverage), showed a low incidence of hypertension and cardiovascular disease. However, when these very Indians migrated and went elsewhere this benefit dropped probably because of low consumption.

What comes to you beautifully wrapped and what you place in your mouth is a mixture of liquor and butter in different proportions. Cacao

purity to their chocolates, thus 'having the cake and eating it too'. Modern manufacturers want you to eat chocolates the way we were years ago, with no remorse or guilt after the munch, like children. I recently picked up a brand that had these ayurvedic additives along with flavours of rose and cardamom, which made the binge interesting, therapeutic and less guilty, whilst satisfying the taste buds.

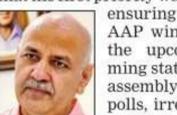
So the adage that chocolates are for children can now also wear a pharmacy garb and still adorn the dessert hat. Cocoa in any form, whether beverage, nibs or even beans, in moderate proportions can and does provide benefit whilst not taking away the pleasure. If Audrey Hepburn in 'My Fair Lady' wanted 'lots of chocolates' for many reasons, only 100 gm of 'Chandu Chocolate Champion' can give you the gold tinge in health benefits from natural sources, whilst sweetening your palate.

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# Sisodia: Priority to ensure AAP wins assembly elections

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New Delhi: Former Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia said on Monday that his first priority was ensuring AAP wins the upcoming state assembly polls, irrespective of the responsibilities assigned to him by the party.



In his first interview after his release on bail from Tihar Jail, where he spent 17 months as an accused in the case of alleged irregularities in formulation and implementation of the now-rescinded excise policy and on money laundering charges, Sisodia told TOI that it was for the party to collectively decide if his utility was more in govt or party.

Sisodia said by amending Govt of NCT of Delhi Act last year after Supreme Court gave Delhi govt control over 'services' matters, the central

## Kavitha, Nair urge SC to grant them bail

Citing SC's ruling that delay in trial and long incarceration are grounds to grant bail in money laundering cases, Bharat Rashtia Samithi (BRS) leader K Kavitha and AAP communications-in-charge Vijay Nair told the top court that they too should be granted bail as the same relief was granted to co-accused Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia, reports Amit Anand Choudhary.

govt gave more powers to the LG than the elected dispensation and governance in the capital was stalled now. "Any party that wins the 2025 Delhi assembly polls will face the same problem and fight these battles with LG," Sisodia said, adding that there was no chasm between bureaucrats and ministers and officials were, in fact, scared of LG.

# UP teacher, missing for 10 yrs, found doing maths on soil at Petrapole

Sanjib Chakraborty | TNN



Police took the help of Ham radio operators to reunite Amit Kumar Prasad (centre) with his family

Petrapole: The tense India-Bangla Petrapole border in North 24 Parganas, where both Bangladeshi and Indian citizens have gathered due to the turmoil in the neighbouring country, was witness to an unusual event recently. Last week, locals found a man in his early 40s, in ragged clothes, solving mathematical problems on wet soil with a stick under a tree near Petrapole Bazar. Locals alerted the police.

Upon investigation, it was found that the man, who seemed mentally unstable, was Amit Kumar Prasad, a mathematics teacher from UP's Gorakhpur who had been missing for over a decade.

Local police, with the help of Ham radio enthusiasts, reunited Prasad with his family on Monday. His father Gama Prasad came to Petrapole police station with his relatives from Bargo in Gorakhpur on Monday, marking an end to years of search for his son.

His family members said Prasad used to teach mathematics in a school in his hometown for several years before going missing. Gama Prasad said, "Besides teaching at school, my son taught mathematics to more than 250 students from underprivileged families in at least five neighbouring villages for free. He loved mathematics since childhood and started teaching early. But, later he suffered from a mental illness and went missing. We looked for him for years but all was in vain. We never expected to see him alive after so many years."

Parimal Roy, a local Ham radio operator, told TOI, "He was found solving mathematical equations on wet soil with a broken branch. When some locals asked him about his identity he didn't reply and went to the riverbank and continued solving equations." When locals continued to question him, he told them to leave him alone in Hindi. After that, they informed the cops.

Ambarish Nag Biswas, secretary of WBRC (West Bengal Radio Club), told TOI, "Police contacted WBRC to help them locate Prasad's family. I spoke to the man and circulated his photo in the network of Ham radio operators across India to start a search for his family. We got in touch with his father. Our member Rudraprasad Ghosh and a local social activist, Kalyan Biswas, informed Utpal Saha, IC Petrapole, to reunite Prasad with his family." "We are happy the family finally got back their son. They have taken him home," said Saha.

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# Min pulls up J'khand officials on NH work delay

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

The minister chaired two review meetings of NH projects in Jharkhand and UP.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath was present in the meeting and sought more NH stretches in the state. Adityanath said that considering its population, UP should get an additional 11,500 km of NH.

**Centre for Railway Information Systems**  
Tender No. 01245255  
Subject: Supply of Renewal of Software Subscription and Support Renewal of IBM Products and IBM OEM Man Days as per Schedule of Requirement. Date of Closing: 05.09.2024 (Thursday) at 15:30 hrs. Tender Documents can be downloaded from website www.ireps.gov.in. For future modification/extensions please see www.ireps.gov.in

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
TENDER NOTICE  
Niet No-CMOH/CBR/2024-25/SAMATI/25 (2nd Call)  
E-Tender is hereby invited for Printer and Laptop repairing under DH&FW Samiti, CoB for details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.coachbehar.gov.in & www.wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- CMOH & Secretary, DH & FW Samiti, CoB ICA-113930(4)/2024

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

**CENTRE FOR RAILWAY INFORMATION SYSTEMS**  
Tender No. 01245256 Subject: Supply of Software Subscription and Support of Radhat products and OEM Man Days as per Schedule of Requirement. Date of Closing: 04.09.2024 (Wednesday) at 15:30 hrs. Tender Documents can be downloaded from website www.ireps.gov.in. For future modification/extensions pl. see www.ireps.gov.in

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
PWD TENDER/QUOTATION NOTICE  
Executive Engineer, P.W.D., Kolkata Electrical Division, invites e-tender for the work of Installation & Testing of Lightning Protection System for Bowbazar PS under Ialbaraz Electrical Section. Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EEKED/ENIQ-2117/24-25. Tender id: 2024.WBPWD.730398-1. Bid submission end date is 21.08.2024 upto 12:00 PM. Details of Tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available at website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Kolkata Electrical Division. ICA-113930(2)/2024

**WATER CORPORATION OF ODISHA**  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WATCO  
Ground Floor, Unnati Bhawan Near Satyanagar Fly Over Bridge, Bhubaneswar-751001, Odisha, India  
Telefax: +91-674-2391444 • E Mail: ceowatcoodisha@gmail.com  
EOI Identification No. CEO, WATCO-06-24/25 Dated: 09.08.2024  
WATCO No. 4909 Dated: 09.08.2024

**NOTICE INVITATION OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR FINANCIAL MODULE, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR INCORPORATION IN THE BID DOCUMENT OF AREA-XIII OF CHENNAI METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD.**  
Water Corporation of Odisha (WATCO), a state PSU invites financial module, environment impact assessment Report and the required documents for incorporation in the bid document of Area-XIII of CMWSSB. The proposal for the above work is invited from the interested firms having their office in Chennai and Bhubaneswar in prescribed format so as to reach to the undersigned on or before 20.08.2024 by 5.00 PM. For detail enquiry, the firms may visit our website www.watcoodisha.in. The management reserves the right to accept / reject the application without assigning any reason thereof. Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, WATCO OIPR-13194/11/0011/24-25

**Government of Odisha**  
Department of Social Security & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities  
No. 6039 /SSEPD  
SSEPD-DA6-MISC-0023-2022 Dt.08.08.20324  
Expression of Interest for Providing/Managing Services for Recovery Centres for Drug Addicts under Disha Scheme  
SSEPD DA6 MISC 0023-2022. Date: 07.08.2024  
The EOI aims to select successful agency to act as Programme Implementing Agency (PIA) that will be responsible to provide/manage services as outlined at scope of work. The details of scope of work, eligibility criteria and submission of details can be downloaded from website http://www.ssepd.gov.in Last date and time for submission of the EOI documents by speed post/Registered post/courier hand in all working days up to Dated: 06.09.2024. This EOI does not entail any commitment on the part of SSEPD Deptt. Govt. of Odisha either financial or otherwise. SSEPD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds. The EOI will be evaluated based on the information provided. Sd/- Director, SSEPD OIPR-46001/11/0010/24-25

**BIJU PATNAIK UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY, ODISHA ROURKELA**  
No. BPUT/XII/CAPGS/Furniture/104/2022/5398 Date: 09.08.2024  
EXTENSION OF TENDER CALL NOTICE FOR DIFFERENT LABORATORY OF CUPGS, BPUT, ROURKELA  
Sealed Tender (two bid System) were invited from the reputed and experienced agencies/Firms for supply of laboratory items for different departments of CUPGS, BPUT, Rourkela. The detail Tender available in the website i.e www.bput.ac.in.  
Sd/- REGISTRAR OIPR-1059/11/0011/24-25

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
Re-e-Tender (2nd Call) Notice  
Vide Memo No: MSD-MCH/PR/2279/24 Date: 09.08.2024  
Re-e-Tender (2nd Call) is invited by the Principal, Murshidabad Medical College & Hospital for Purchasing Medical Books for Central Library. For Detail, Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in & www.msdmch.org or the Office of the Undersigned, Sd/- Principal Murshidabad Medical College & Hospital Berhampore, Murshidabad (3)/2024 ICA-113952(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
ABBREVIATED TENDER NOTICE  
WBW/EE/MED/ENIT-07/2024-2025 (SI NO. 01 & SI NO. 02)  
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, online tender is invited by the undersigned for 02 (Two) nos. of works under Metropolitan Electrical Division, I&W Dte., Govt. of West Bengal. Bid Submission End Date: 20.08.2024 at 17:00 P.M. Other details will be available from the notice board of office of the undersigned on working days and also from website www.wbiwd.gov.in and http://wbhealth.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Electrical Division, I&W Dte., Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-113929(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
NOTICE INVITING TENDER  
Bid reference No. WBMSCL/NT/EE(C)-04/017/2024, Dated - 08/08/2024  
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for Setting up of a Basic Skill Lab and a Computer Assisted Learning (CAL) Unit for Govt. Medical College & Hospital under Government West Bengal, Tamluk. Last date of submission of bids (online): 28/08/2024 up to 03.00 P.M. The tender documents can be downloaded from www.wbmscl.gov.in. A bid submission end date of 28/08/2024 at 10 A.M. Clarification requests, if any, please call 033-40340435. Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL & Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of W.B. ICA-113941(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
E-TENDER NOTICE  
e-Tender is invited by the undersigned for the work "Up gradation of one Elevator (G+8) from Manual to auto Door Operation with each landing door & cage door of existing Building-II and repair and replacement work for Lifts (G+9) installed at Andul Building-In the Campus of Sales Tax Building." Tender No: WBPWD/EE/10/IR/KCE/II of 2024-25. Bid submission end date 30.08.2024 up to 02.00 PM. Website: http://www.pwdwb.in for details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum if any will be published only on the website. Sd/- B.Mandal, Executive Engineer, PWD Kolkata Central Electrical Division. ICA-113961(3)/2024

**KMDA TENDER NOTICE**  
e-NIT No. 165/2024/KMDA of 2024-2025 (3rd Call)  
e-Tender is invited by the Superintendent Engineer, East Circle, W&S Sector, KMDA, Block-C, 2nd floor, Unnanyan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from eligible and resourceful contractors, for the work, Name of Work, Tender Amount, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, Design, drawing & construction of 2 nos. R.C.C. Inze overhead reservoir of 600cu capacity each, including guard room, boundary wall (2.4 mtr. height), R.C.C approach road, masonry drain, land development in Ward no 2 & in Ward no 23 in connection to the project 'Augmentation & Strengthening of Urban Water Supply Scheme of South Dum Dum Municipality under District North 24 Parganas, West Bengal under AMRUT 2.0 on Turn-key basis. Rate to be quoted, Rs.772,500/-, 365 Days. Last date & time of Online Bid submission: 04/09/2024 upto 18.45 hrs. for details contact the above office or visit both websites. www.kmda.wb.gov.in www.wbtenders.gov.in ICA-113927(3)/2024

**PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited**  
(Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)  
Corporate Identification Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813  
Website : www.pspcl.in (Contact number 9646117606)  
E-Tender Enquiry No: 109/MM-I/BMC-336(B)/O&M/GHTP/2024 dated 09/08/2024  
Dy. Chief Engineer, Mechanical Mtc. Circle-I/GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat invites E-tender for Capital/Major overhauling of Furnace Pressure Parts, Air Pre-Heaters and Wind Box & Burner System of Unit-2 (210 MW, OEM-BHEL) at GHTP, Lehra Mohabbat on Lump sum rates. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 12/08/2024 from 03:00 PM onwards. Note: Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at https://eproc.punjab.gov.in GHTP-66/24, DPR/Pb. : 76155/12/2385/2023/36605

**Special Train between Sealdah and Malatipatpur**  
To clear extra rush of passengers during Weekend & National Holiday, 03101/03102 Sealdah-Malatipatpur-Sealdah Special train will run as per following abstract timings, date of run, stoppages and composition :-  
Sealdah-Malatipatpur (03101) (03102) Malatipatpur-Sealdah Special  
Day Arr. Dep. Stations Arr. Dep. Day  
14.08.24 - 23.50 ↓ Sealdah 02.00 - 16.08.24  
02.35 02.40 Kharagpur 22.25 22.30  
15.08.24 06.55 07.00 Cuttack 17.40 17.45 15.08.24  
09.35 - Malatipatpur ↑ - 15.15  
The above special train will also stop at Andul, Balasore, Bhadrak, Bhubaneswar and Khurda Road stations enroute in both directions. Date of run: 03101 From Sealdah on 14/08/2024 (Wednesday) = 1 trip and 03102 From Malatipatpur on 15/08/2024 (Thursday) = 1 trip. Composition: Sleeper Class - 16 and SLRD - 02 = 18 coaches. Category: Mail/ Express. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager  
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**HUGH JACKMAN REVEALS HE ATE 6,000 CALORIES A DAY DURING INTENSE TRAINING FOR 'DEADPOOL & WOLVERINE'**

**PAMELA ANDERSON ADMITS SHE QUIT HOLLYWOOD TO DITCH PLAYBOY IMAGE: 'I'M NOT THAT PERSON ANYMORE'**



## Bangladesh is experiencing a student-led revolution: Yunus

**Says Resignations Of Officials Close To Hasina Legal**

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh was experiencing a "student-led revolution" after the ouster of PM Sheikh Hasina, the country's new interim leader Muhammad Yunus told a group of journalists Sunday night. "This is a revolution, a student-led revolution," the Nobel laureate told a news briefing on Sunday. "There's no doubt about (that) because the business of the whole government collapsed."

Yunus, 84, arrived back in Bangladesh from Paris Thursday after he was called by the student leaders of the protests to steer democratic reforms. "I said, 'I respect you, I admire you. What you have done is absolutely unparalleled,'" he said. "Because you ordered me to do this, I take your order," Yunus said he told them.

Yunus also said that the high-profile resignations of authorities close to Hasina are legal after student leaders who organised protests against Hasina's govt issued ultimatums for them to quit. "Legally... all the steps were taken," Yunus said. The country's chief justice, five justices and central bank governor have all resigned in the past few days.

Yunus said a key priority of the interim govt is to restore the independence of the judiciary. He called former chief justice Obaidul Hassan "just a hangman".

The interim government is expected to announce a new election, but it is not clear when it will be held. AGENCIES



Bangladeshi police resumed duty on Monday, ending a weeklong strike

**Army chief: Soldiers to return to barracks as police resume work**

**Dhaka:** Bangladesh's army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman said on Monday that soldiers will return to barracks once the police resume normal operations, as he met and reviewed the security situation with the interim govt head Muhammad Yunus after police officers agreed to call off their strike and return to work.

On Monday, General Zaman said there is improvement in the law and order situation in the country. "If the situation continues to improve, all regular forces will carry out their counter-terrorism operations," he was quoted as saying by the United News of Bangladesh news agency. Underlining that 30 crimes against minority communities have been committed in 20 districts of the country, he called upon the political parties to shun violence and do politics for the people.

According to sources from the chief adviser's office, Yunus expressed his satisfaction

**Interim govt chief to meet minority group heads today**

**M**uhammad Yunus will hold a meeting with heads of the country's minority communities in Dhaka Tuesday following continuing attacks and acts of vandalism, especially against Hindus, being reported across the country. Addressing media Monday, Abul Faysz Muhammad Khalid Hossain, an Islamic scholar currently serving as the advisor for religious affairs in the interim govt, said the current establishment believes in communal harmony and condemns the attack on minorities. He promised that miscreants will be punished and a hotline will be launched to report any attack on anyone's home. IANS

**Businesses hit by cash supply drought: Report**

**B**usinesses in Bangladesh are facing a liquidity crunch as the central bank has capped the withdrawal of cash from banks at 2 lakh taka (approximately Rs 1.4 lakh) amidst uncertainty in the country, a media report said on Monday. The central bank decided this due to security concerns as police are yet to return to work fully. Meanwhile, two central bank deputy governors, Kazi Saidur Rahman & Md Khurshid, and the head of the Financial Intelligence Unit, Masud Biswas, resigned Monday following directives from the interim govt. The bank's adviser Abu Farah Md Nasser also resigned. AGENCIES

## Won't tolerate religious violence, B'desh assures India

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**T**his (Bangladesh objecting to Hasina staying longer in India) is a hypothetical question. There is no reason for that. Why should relations with a particular country be affected if someone stays there?" Hossain said. His statement is seen as reassuring for India as Western countries dither on offering Hasina asylum. BNP has already cautioned India against hosting her indefinitely.

How the interim govt may finally want to deal with Hasina remains open to specula-



Protesters demand accountability & trial against ex-PM Hasina in Dhaka

tion to land here after fleeing, don't come in the way of likely efforts to rebuild its relationship with ex-PM Khaleda Zia's BNP. India has had a rocky past with BNP because of the rivalry between Zia and Hasina.

At his meeting with foreign diplomats, including Indian high commissioner Pranay Kumar Verma, Hossain reiterated that violence against any religious or ethnic group wouldn't be tolerated. The assurance comes amid India demanding that the interim govt ensure safety of minority communities, particularly Hindus. Bangladesh's home adviser

Sakhawat Hossain said the interim govt was contemplating declaring a three-day Durga Puja holiday for Hindus in an apparent outreach to the community. "Durga Puja is their biggest festival... Even if that (his proposal) doesn't happen, there should at least be a two-day holiday. With just a single day off, those with jobs cannot participate," Sakhawat said.

Among those who attended the meeting was Chinese ambassador Yao Wen, who said political change was an internal matter of Bangladesh and it wasn't China's policy to interfere in any country's affairs.

each other of starting a fire on the grounds of Europe's largest and now Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine on Sunday, with both sides reporting no sign of elevated radiation. The UN's IAEA nuclear watchdog, which has a presence at the vast six-reactor facility, said its experts had seen strong, dark smoke coming from the northern area of the plant following multiple explosions.

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## Ready for attacks by Iran or its proxies in W Asia as soon as this week: White House

**Pentagon Orders Deployment Of Guided Missile Sub To Region**

**Washington:** The US has prepared for what could be significant attacks by Iran or its proxies in West Asia as soon as this week, White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said on Monday.

Kirby said the US had increased its regional force posture and shared Israel's concerns about a possible Iranian-backed attack after Iran and Palestinian Islamist group Hamas accused Israel of carrying out the assassination of a Hamas leader in Tehran last month. "We share the same concerns and expectations that our Israeli counterparts have with respect to potential timing here. Could be this week," Kirby told reporters.

Israel has been braced for a major attack since last month when a missile killed 12 youngsters in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights and Israel responded by killing a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut. A day after that operation, Haniyeh, the political leader of Hamas, was assassinated in Tehran, drawing Iranian vows of retaliation against Israel.

"We obviously don't want to see Israel have to defend itself against another onslaught, like they did in April. But, if that's what comes at them, we will continue to help them defend themselves," Kirby said.

The Pentagon said on Sunday that defence secretary Lloyd Austin had ordered the de-



**CALLS FOR GAZA TRUCE GROW:** Int'l pressure mounted Monday for a truce in Gaza, with Britain, France and Germany issuing a joint plea for an end to fighting between Israel and Hamas with 'no further delay'. The call came a day after Hamas urged mediators to implement a truce plan presented by US Prez Joe Biden instead of holding more talks

**Israeli min told US a large-scale Iranian attack expected: Report**

**Washington:** Israeli defence minister Yoav Gallant told US defence secretary Lloyd Austin on Sunday that Iran was making preparations for a large-scale military attack on Israel, Axios reporter Barak Ravid said in a post on X, citing a source with knowledge of the call. In a statement on Monday, Gallant's ministry confirmed the call took place overnight. It said Gallant and Austin discussed operational and strategic coordination and the Israeli military's readiness in the face of Iranian threats.

On Friday, an Iranian Revolutionary Guards deputy commander was quoted as sa-

ployment of a guided missile submarine to West Asia. While the USS Georgia, a nuclear-powered submarine, was already in the Mediterranean Sea in July, according to a US military post on social media, it was a rare move to publicly announce the deployment of a submarine. In a statement after Austin spoke with his Israeli counterpart, the Pentagon said Austin had ordered the Abraham Lincoln strike group to accelerate its deployment to the region. REUTERS

**Israel PM, def min trade barbs over 'aim' of Gaza war, exposing govt rift**

**Jerusalem:** Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu traded barbs with his defence minister Monday, underscoring the deep internal splits that continue to plague the govt as the war in Gaza risks spilling out into a wider regional conflict.

Following Israeli media reports quoting defence minister Yoav Gallant dismissing Netanyahu's war aim of total victory against Islamist movement Hamas in Gaza as "nonsense", Netanyahu's office put out a statement rebuking Gallant. "When Gallant adopts the anti-Israel narrative, he harms the chances of reaching a hostage deal," the statement said.

It said Israel's war aim remained "total victory", with the elimination of Hamas and the release of the remaining hostages seized by Hamas-led gunmen on Oct 7 last year. "This is the clear directive of PM Netanyahu and the security cabinet, and it obligates everyone — including Gallant," it said. The public reprimand of Gallant, who has repeatedly clashed with Netanyahu and the nationalist-religious parties in his coalition, was the latest episode of internal strife that has persisted since the govt took office in 2022.

**Hamas armed wing says one Israeli hostage killed**

The spokesperson for Hamas' armed al-Qassam Brigades, Abu Ubaida, said Monday that one Israeli hostage was killed by his guard and two other women captives were seriously wounded in two separate incidents in Gaza. REUTERS

## Ex-ISI chief Faiz Hameed in military custody: Army

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

**Islamabad:** A former chief of Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence, Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd), has been taken into military custody and field court martial proceedings initiated against him over allegations of corruption and misuse of authority. Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), Pakistan army's media wing, said Monday.

This is the first time in the country's history that a court martial has been initiated against a former ISI chief. Hameed, who served as ISI chief from June 2019 to Oct 2021, was widely believed to be close to jailed former PM Imran Khan's govt.

The arrest, said ISPR, was ordered by Supreme Court on a petition filed by the owner of a private housing society in Islamabad accusing the former spymaster of torturing him and his family, and robbing them of their properties and valuables. Hameed has also been accused of multiple violations of the Pakistan Army Act after retirement.

"Complying with the orders of Supreme Court of Pakistan, a detailed court of inquiry was undertaken by Pakistan Army to ascertain the correctness of complaints in the Top City (ho-

using society) case made against Lt Gen Faiz Hameed (Retd)," the military said.

The management of Top City had accused Hameed of orchestrating a raid on its offices and residence of its owner, Moez Khan. As per the petition, filed in May 2017, Pakistan Rangers and ISI officials had taken away valuables, including gold and diamond ornaments and money, in connection with a purported terrorism case.

Consequently, according to ISPR, appropriate disciplinary action has been initiated against Hameed under provisions

of the Pakistan Army Act. "In addition, multiple instances of violation of Pakistan Army Act post-retirement have also been established," ISPR said.

Hameed came into the global spotlight when he was filmed drinking tea in the lobby of a Kabul hotel shortly after Taliban took over Afghanistan in 2021, forcing the former ruler, Ashraf Ghani, to flee. His transfer out of his ISI post had become a bone of contention between Imran and then army chief Gen Qamar Javed Bajwa which ultimately ended in Imran's ouster from office in April 2022. Hameed had sought early retirement from army in Nov 2022.

## Putin: Kyiv incursion a bid to stop our offensive but we will carry on

**Moscow:** President Vladimir Putin said Monday that Ukraine's biggest attack on Russian territory since the start of the war was aimed at improving Kyiv's negotiating position ahead of possible peace talks and at slowing the advance of Russian forces. Ukrainian forces rammed through the Russian border last Tuesday in a surprise attack and swept across parts of Kursk region.

Putin, in his most detailed public remarks on the incursion to date, said Ukraine "with the help of its Western masters" was trying to improve its position ahead of possible talks. He questioned what negotiations there could be with an enemy he accused of firing indiscriminately at Russian civilians and nuclear facilities. "The main task, of course, is for the defence ministry to squeeze out, to knock out the



Putin and Russian Armed Forces chief Valery Gerasimov attend a meeting with security officials

enemy from our territories," Putin said, adding that Russian forces were accelerating their advance along the rest of the 1,000-km main front. "The enemy will certainly receive a worthy response," he added. Putin also said he expected further Ukrainian attempts to destabilise the western border.

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelensky said the war was now coming back to Russia. He

said Ukraine's assault was a matter of security for Ukraine and that Kyiv had captured areas from where Russia launched strikes. His top commander, Oleksandr Syrskyi, said Ukraine now controlled 1,000 sq km of Russian territory.

The acting governor of Kursk, Alexei Smirnov, said Ukraine controlled 28 settlements in the region, and the incursion was about 12km deep and 40km wide. In Kursk region alone, 121,000 people had already left or been evacuated and another 59,000 were in the process of being evacuated. In Belgorod region, which borders Kursk, thousands of civilians were also evacuated.

Ukraine forces in Kursk were trying to encircle Sudzha, where Russian natural gas flows into Ukraine, while battles were under way near Korenevo and Martynovka. REUTERS

## Ukraine & Russia trade charges over N-plant fire

**M**oscow and Kyiv accused each other of starting a fire on the grounds of Europe's largest and now Russian-occupied Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine on Sunday, with both sides reporting no sign of elevated radiation. The UN's IAEA nuclear watchdog, which has a presence at the vast six-reactor facility, said its experts had seen strong, dark smoke coming from the northern area of the plant following multiple explosions.

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## Man held after stabbing in London, 11-year-old in hosp

**London:** A man stabbed an 11-year-old girl and her mother in London's bustling theatre district Monday before being arrested, police said, adding that there was no indication the attack was terrorism-related.

The attack occurred shortly before noon outside a tea shop



A cop stands guard at the attack scene in London's Leicester Square

in Leicester Square, a magnet for tourists with its shops and theatres. Workers from nearby shops leapt to the assistance of the victims. Officers arrived within four minutes and arrested the attacker, police said.

The girl was treated at hospital, and her life is not in jeopardy, police said. Her mother, 34, had less serious injuries.

The suspect is 32, and police said that they don't believe he knew the victims. "An urgent investigation is ongoing and detectives are working to establish the details around exactly what happened," Metropolitan Police detective chief superintendent Christina Jessah said.

The stabbing occurred during a recent rise in knife crime in Britain, which is on edge after days of violence as crowds spouting anti-immigrant and Islamophobic slogans clashed with police. The disturbances have been fuelled by right-wing activists who spread misinformation about a mass stabbing that killed three girls at a Taylor Swift-themed event. It was not clear if Monday's attack had any link to the unrest. AP

## Trump meltdown over crowd size raises fears of mental decline

**Faces Calls to Rejig Strategy As Poll Says Harris Now More Trusted To Handle Eco**

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

**Washington:** Concerns about Donald Trump's mental state is rising in America after the former president falsely accused his rival Kamala Harris of using artificial intelligence to generate fake photos of crowds at her rallies. There are also growing fears about the future of democracy in the US after Trump used his demonstrably false allegation to demand Harris be disqualified from running for White House because using AI to fake photos constituted "election interference."

Trump's mental fitness erupted on Monday after he endorsed a conspiracy theory by a MAGA follower about "fake crowds" at Harris events, which even Republicans acknowledge have been generating surprising energy and enthusiasm, and which have reportedly rattled the former President.

"Has anyone noticed that Kamala CHEATED at the airport? There was nobody at the plane, and she 'A.I.'d it, and showed a massive 'crowd' of so-called followers, BUT THEY DIDN'T EXIST!" Trump wrote on Truth Social, reposting a fan's theory, alleging, "She's a

CHEATER. She had NOBODY waiting, and the 'crowd' looked like 10,000 people! Same thing is happening with her fake 'crowds' at her speeches."

"This is the way the Democrats win Elections, by CHEATING — And they're even worse at the Ballot Box. She should be disqualified because the creation of a fake image is ELECTION INTERFERENCE. Anyone who does that will cheat at ANYTHING!" Trump added.

Hundreds of Harris followers and independents who attended the airport reception and her rallies responded by posting videos and photos showing crowds at different angles to counter the charge even as political veterans, including Republican stalwarts, cringed



A protest group marches in San Francisco on Sunday

at Trump's meltdown. Many are expressing fears that he is already laying the groundwork to contest a prospective electoral defeat as he did in 2020, his latest salvo coming after he raised doubts about whether Harris' ascent to the nomination replacing Biden is constitutional

by likening it to a "coup." Some of his MAGA followers have also questioned whether Harris is eligible to run for White House — because she was born to foreign students when they were not US citizens and is therefore an "anchor baby."

Even Republicans on the moderate spectrum are aghast at the direction Trump is taking, amid calls for him to be disciplined and on-message to take on an incumbent vice-president with the handicaps that comes with being in office. While many are urging him to recalibrate, other never-Trumpers are saying his current state is reflective of a "mental decline" that comes from being a "malignant narcissist" and a "sociopath." Democrats are also cal-

ling on the media to hold him to the same level of scrutiny as they have held President Biden to.

The turnaround for the worse for Trump, described by a headline that said "trontrumper is now an also-ran," is underscored by a Financial Times poll that says more Americans now trust Harris to handle the US economy than Trump.

Amid panicked calls to recalibrate his campaign and draft new advisors and strategies, Trump will be sitting down for a "live conversation" on Monday night with Elon Musk, now an openly pro-Trump partisan, said the event will be "Entertainment Guaranteed," while the Trump team said it will be the "interview of the century."

## DAILY PLANET



A drone view of a park transformed into a replica of Vincent Van Gogh's 'Starry Night', featuring fields of lavender, shrubs, and lakes connected by an array of paths, a project that mirrors the celebrated artwork in a natural setting in Visoko, Bosnia and Herzegovina

**In Taliban's Af, shop mannequins are all decked up but they remain faceless**

In Afghanistan's capital, shop windows display dazzling ball gowns and three-piece wedding suits — with the face of each mannequin covered. The morality police have asked stores to hide the mannequins' faces and photographs of models, according to a clothes seller in Kabul. "It makes the display ugly," said the 22-year-old, but "doesn't affect sales".

When Taliban swept back to power in Aug 2021, it imposed its austere interpretation of Islamic law, including an edict against depicting human faces. "The environment must be Islamic," said the Kabul salesman. Women's dresses come in bright colours, some styles leaving shoulders exposed or with plunging necklines — almost all sparkling with sequins. The dresses are bought to be worn only in private, at gender-segregated weddings or engagement parties. The heads of the mannequins are wrapped in plastic, foil or black bags. The rule is enforced nation-

wide by teams from ministry for the propagation of virtue and prevention of vice. Dressed in long white jackets, they visit Kabul's stores multiple times each week. Customers and sellers seemed unfazed by the eerie, headless figures.

**Smoking aircraft forces runway closure in Japan**

A report of white smoke coming from a landing Singapore Airlines plane forced a runway at Japan's Narita airport to close temporarily on Monday, officials said, though responders found no signs of fire and no one was injured. The plane was carrying 276 passengers and crew members, local media said. The flight reported the smoke to the airport after landing. Pieces of tyre were found on the runway, the spokesman said, adding that there was no further information to offer about the incident.

## AROUND THE WORLD

With a record 22 Oscars from 59 nominations, Walt Disney holds the most Academy Awards ever

The Times of India is the world's largest-selling English daily



## Qatar Uses Most Energy Per Capita

Qatar had the highest per capita energy consumption in 2023 at 817GJ. Almost all of the country's energy consumption is derived from natural gas, of which the country has abundant reserves

Source: Visual Capitalist

### Top Energy Consumers (gigajoules per capita)



## Net direct tax collection grows 23% to ₹6.9L cr

**New Delhi:** Net direct tax collection grew 22.5% to about Rs 6.9 lakh crore as of August 11 this fiscal, driven by personal income tax mop-up, govt data showed on Monday. The mop-up includes personal income tax collection of Rs 4.5 lakh crore and corporate tax collection of Rs 2.2 lakh crore. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) fetched Rs 21,599 crore, while other taxes (which include equalisation levy and gift tax) earned Rs 1,617 crore. AGENCIES



## JSW Steel gets nod to invest \$120m in Oz cr

**New Delhi:** JSW Steel said its board has approved a proposal to acquire up to 66.7% economic interest in Australian company M Res NSW HCC for \$120 million. The investment would be made through its wholly-owned subsidiary JSW Steel (Netherlands) BV. AGENCIES

## Ola Elec shares surge 20% for 2nd day

**Bengaluru:** Ola Electric Mobility's share price rose 20% to close at Rs 109 apiece on Monday reaching the upper circuit limit for the second straight day since its public debut. The IPO was priced at Rs 76 per share. Ola Electric is expected to announce its Q1 results on Wednesday. TNN

## HC doesn't admit PIL by Swamy against Axis

**Mumbai:** The Delhi HC has declined to admit a public interest litigation filed by BJP leader Subramanian Swamy on the Max Life Insurance deal, Axis Bank said. The court declined to admit the PIL as it did not involve disadvantaged individuals, a key criterion. TNN

## Voda Idea Q1 loss narrows to ₹6,432cr

**New Delhi:** Vodafone Idea on Monday said its loss for the June quarter narrowed to Rs 6,432 crore, mainly on the back of 4G subscriber additions. The telecom firm said it is in midst of expanding 4G coverage and capacity and launching 5G, after the recent fund-raise. AGENCIES

## Deposit-taking HFCs to see tighter norms

**Mumbai:** RBI has tightened norms for deposit-taking housing finance companies and brought them on a par with non-banking finance companies. The new norms increase liquidity requirements, restrict deposit mobilisation based on credit rating and restrict branch opening. The revised rules also now allow HFCs to participate in derivatives pertaining to interest rate, currencies, and credit risks. RBI had begun the process of harmonising regulations of HFCs and NBFCs in 2020 and had said that it would progress in a phased manner to avoid disruption.

# Retail inflation falls to near 5-year low of 3.5% in July

## At 4.2%, Industrial Output Growth Slows To 5-Mth Low In June

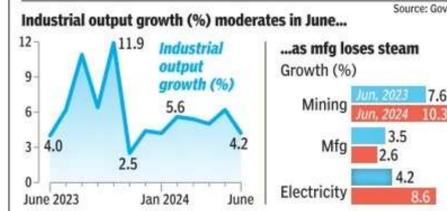
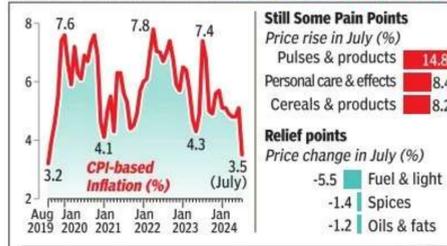
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**New Delhi:** Retail inflation softened to a near 5-year low in July, led by a moderation in vegetables, fruits and spices and the impact of a statistical high-base effect, bringing much-needed relief from the stubborn price pressures witnessed in the past few months and triggered hopes of a cut in interest rates in the second half of the fiscal year.

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

The retail inflation data, which was released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) on Monday, brought some cheer as price pressures appeared to have eased. Retail inflation, as measured by the consumer price index (CPI), slowed to a 59-month low of 3.5%, lower than the 5.1% in June and below the 7.4% recorded in July

### Retail Inflation In RBI's Comfort Zone



last year. Rural inflation was at 4.1%, while urban was at nearly 3%. The food price index was at 5.4%, lower than the 9.4% in June.

The food and beverages inflation moderated to a 13-

month low of 5.1% after remaining above the 7% mark for the past eight months. The key driver of the easing was vegetable inflation, which softened to 6.8% in July from 30% in June, but month-on-month vegetab-

le prices rose.

"Aided by pick-up in rainfall since early-July 2024, the cumulative sowing of kharif crops exceeded the year-ago level by 1.4% as on Aug 12, 2024. The IMD's expectations of above normal rainfall during Aug-Sept, amidst the likely development of La Nina conditions at end-Aug 2024, augurs well for kharif crops, although we remain watchful of the episodes of heavy rainfall and flooding across some states that could harm the standing crops and impact perishable prices during this period," said Aditi Nayar, chief economist at ratings agency ICRA.

She said that with all of the 22 essential commodities reporting an easing in their year-on-year inflation rates till Aug 10, as per the department of consumer affairs data relative to July 2024, the food and beverages inflation print should ease further in the ongoing month, dampening the headline retail inflation to 3.4% in Aug 2024. "Nevertheless, the trajectory of perishable prices remains a key monitorable in the near-term," said Nayar.

## Berger Paints to invest ₹2k cr in 2 plants in Bengal, Odisha

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**Kolkata:** Berger Paints will invest around Rs 2,000 crore in two greenfield projects, one in Bengal and the other in Odisha, aiming to expand its overall production capacity by around 25-30%. Berger's production capacity stands at around 1 lakh million tonnes per month.

Speaking at Berger Paints India's 100th AGM on Monday, company chairman Kuldip Singh Dhingra told shareholders: "We continued our journey towards augmenting our capacities. Our upcoming greenfield project at Panagarh, Bengal is progressing well. We are in the process of receiving all necessary approvals and construction activity is about to start. We expect commissioning by end-2025." The company will set up an

### Berger's production capacity stands at around 1 lakh million tonnes per month

integrated manufacturing unit in Odisha's Khurda, expected to be commissioned in mid-2027.

In a press meet after the AGM, Berger MD and CEO Abhijit Roy said the company planned to close down the manufacturing facility at its Howrah unit and shift it to Panagarh. The Howrah unit was the oldest functioning paint factory in India and would be transformed into an R&D centre. "Some workers at the Howrah factory will be relocated to the Panagarh unit. Some of them will be given VRS," Roy said. He added that the

Panagarh facility would be an industrial and construction chemical-based plant. The company's capital investment would be around Rs 600 crore and around Rs 1,400 crore for the plants in Bengal and Odisha, respectively, Roy added.

Dhingra pointed out that the Odisha unit would be built on 80 acres of land allotted by the Odisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation. The company planned to use advanced production technology at the facility to manufacture paints, intermediates and allied products.

The company is also planning to double its turnover to Rs 20,000 crore by FY29. "It took us almost 100 years to touch Rs 10,000 crore and another Rs 10,000 crore is expected in the next six years," Roy said.

## Sundram Fasteners' chief's daughter to trim holding co stake

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**Mumbai:** Sundram Fasteners' chairman Suresh Krishna's eldest daughter, Preethi Krishna, is planning to sell a part of her stake in the holding company of the auto components maker. The move by US-based Preethi (59), a fourth-gen member of the storied TV Sundram Iyengar clan, is being seen as a step towards exiting the family business.

Preethi's share will be bought by her father, mother Usha Krishna, and two sisters — Arathi Krishna and Arundathi Krishna — consolidating their interests in the holding company: TVS Sundram Fasteners. To finance the transaction, the four will sell Sundram Fasteners shares worth Rs 400 crore to institutional investors like West Asian funds. Once the share-purchase transaction is concluded, Preethi's stake in the holding company will fall to 14-15% from 20%. Suresh, Usha, Arathi and Arundathi too currently own 20% each in the holding company, which in turn holds 48% of Sundram Fasteners, which has a market value of Rs 28,000 crore.

Sources said the four family members through TVS Sundram Fasteners will sell 1.5% stake of Sundram Fasteners via a block deal to foreign investors for Rs 400 crore. The share-sale is to finance another transaction between them and Preethi at TVS Sundram Fasteners, they added. The quartet will buy a part of Preethi's stake in the holding company as she wants to reduce her interest in the unit.

## To check fraud, Centre & Bengal roll out GST Suvidha Kendras

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**Kolkata:** Bengal has become the first state in which Centre and state have come together to roll out biometric-based Aadhaar authentication centres for GST registration. The formal roll-out was started on Aug 5.

This is aimed at checking GST frauds which are happening through fake GST registration and fake input tax credit (ITC) demand. Central GST authorities feel that going forward,

the Bengal model could be replicated in other states.

A GST official pointed out that after introduction of the Aadhaar-based detection system, applications for GST registrations had dropped by 23% in Gujarat

**32 LOCATIONS** (which was the first state to set up GST Suvidha Centres). In Bengal, GST Suvidha Kendras have been set up at 32 locations, covering all districts. Of these centres, 12 are operated by central GST authorities while 20

are run by state GST authorities. Commenting on the step, Sharwan Kumar, chief commissioner of CGST, Kolkata zone, said, "This initiative will significantly prevent issue of fake invoicing and availing of inadmissible ITC, thus help create level playing field for genuine tax payers."

Since Aug 5, more than 800 registration applications have been received at Suvidha Kendras for biometric verification and as many as 450 verifications have been successfully completed.

# CEO pay in IT zooms... at times over 1,000 times median salary

Shilpa Phadnis & Veena Mani | TNN

**Bengaluru:** The disparity between CEO and employee compensation in the IT industry continues to expand. Data from the past five years for select large companies shows that only IBM has seen a narrowing of the gap between CEO pay and the median employee remuneration. Accenture, Infosys, Wipro, and HCL have experienced a widening of this gap, reflecting the sharp increase in CEO compensation and particularly the value of their stock grants.

The issue has received little attention from shareholders in India. Infosys founder NR Narayana Murthy has previously indicated that a fair CEO remuneration would be about 25 to 40 times that of the lowest level

### DISPARITY: CEO Vs OTHER EMPLOYEES

| CEO compensation as multiple of median employee remuneration | 2019             | 2020 | 2021 | 2022  | 2023 | 2024                  |
|--|------------------|------|------|-------|------|-----------------------|
| David Rowland (interim) / Julie Sweet, Accenture CEOs**      | 298              | 402  | 473  | 653   | 633  |                       |
| Virginia Rometty / Arvind Krishna, IBM CEOs                  | 319              | 354  | 347  | 271   | 312  | Follows calendar year |
| Brian Humphries / Ravi Kumar Cognizant CEOs                  | 514              | 414  | 575  | 571   | 556  |                       |
| Rajesh Gopinathan / K Krithivasan, TCS CEOs*                 | 262              | 214  | 326  | 396   | 427  |                       |
| Salil Parekh, Infosys CEO*                                   | 396              | 502  | 689  | 872   | 627  | 677                   |
| Abidali Z Neemuchwala / Thierry Delaporte, Wipro CEOs*       | 689              | 495  | 896  | 1,006 | 916  | 1,702                 |
| C Vijayakumar, HCL CEO*                                      | Data unavailable |      | 253  | 707   |      |                       |

\*Financial years / \*\*Accenture follows Sept-Aug FY

employee. But in his own company now, CEO Salil Parekh's compensation is nearly 700 times that of the median remuneration in the company (compared to that of the lowest level employee, it would be significantly

more). And that figure has risen sharply since 2019. Wipro has witnessed a substantial increase in the remuneration of the CEO compared to that of its employees. Former Wipro CEO Thierry Delaporte's com-

penation was \$20 million, which meant his salary was 1,702 times more than that of the median remuneration of Rs 9.8 lakh in the 2023-24 financial year.

Within a single year, the ratio between HCL CEO C Vijayakumar compensation and the median employee remuneration widened to 707 in 2023-24, from 253.1.

Accenture chief executive officer Julie Sweet's compensation in the 2023 fiscal was \$31.5 million, 633 times that of the median salary of an Accenture employee, which was \$49,842.

The report noted that stock awards accounted for approximately 70% of total CEO compensation in 2023. The median value of stock awards increased by 10.7% to \$9.4 million in 2023, significantly contributing to the overall rise in total compensation.

# Sensex shrugs off H'burg charge, Adani stocks dip

## Selling in Adani Group Cos Not As Sharp As During Jan-Feb 2023 After First Report

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**Mumbai:** In volatile trades on Monday, the sensex closed a marginal 57-point lower at 79,649 points as investors on Dalal Street mostly discounted US short-seller Hindenburg Research's report that alleged conflict of interest on part of Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch while investigating alleged wrongdoings by Adani Group.

While the latest Hindenburg report didn't have much impact on the broader market, stock prices of some of Adani Group companies witnessed selling on Monday. However, the selling was not as sharp as during Jan-Feb 2023, after the publication of Hindenburg's first report that had alleged serious corporate malfeasance against Adani Group, which the it has denied.

After Hindenburg released its report on Saturday, there was apprehension among investors that the market may react negatively to the report, just like it had done when the first report was published in Jan 2023. However, as some market veterans had reasoned that Hindenburg's second report had no surprise element and hence unlikely to impact investor

sentiment, the markets, after a negative start in the new week, recovered quickly.

According to Vinod Nair of Geojit Financial Services, the market's initial trajectory "was eclipsed" by the contro-

Nair said that there are some upside risks to the market, "given firm oil prices and volatility in food inflation". Market players don't see any negative fallout from the Hindenburg report.

### Group Mcap Down ₹20K Cr To Under ₹17L Cr

FMCG Co's Stock Falls Most, Ports Biz Mcap Takes Biggest Hit

|                 | Market cap (₹ cr) | Mcap change (₹ cr) | % change |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Adani Ports     | 3.25L             | -6,696             | -2       |
| Adani Energy    | 1.19L             | -4,562             | -3.7     |
| Adani Ent.      | 3.59L             | -3,967             | -1.1     |
| Adani Total Gas | 92k               | -3,849             | -4       |
| Adani Wilmar    | 48k               | -2,073             | -4.1     |
| Adani Power     | 2.66L             | -1,755             | -0.7     |
| ACC             | 43k               | -683               | -1.5     |
| Sanghi Ind.     | 2,329             | -51                | -2.1     |
| NDTV            | 1,308             | -42                | -3.1     |
| Ambuja          | 1.57L             | 862                | 0.6      |
| Adani Green     | 2.85L             | 3,152              | 1.1      |

versy generated by Hindenburg's report on Sebi chairperson. "However, the market tried to ignore these noises, taking positive cues from global markets. Moreover, the domestic market is anticipating ease in CPI inflation (came in at a multi-month low after markets closed), which is going to be further supported by a good monsoon."

On Monday, foreign funds were big sellers with a net outflow figure of Rs 4,681 crore, BSE data showed. However, domestic funds were aggressive buyers and recorded a net inflow of Rs 4,478 crore.

On Monday, Adani Wilmar was the worst hit and closed 4.1% down, while flagship Adani Enterprises ended 1.1% lower (see graphic).

# Higher returns & secrecy draw rich to offshore funds

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On Aug 10, US-based short-seller Hindenburg Research released a report that said Sebi chairman Madhabi Puri Buch and her husband Dhaval had investments in offshore investment funds which were used by Vinod Adani, brother of billionaire Gautam Adani, to invest in



ISLAND INVESTORS

### TOI Explains

Adani Group's stocks. Here's an explainer on offshore funds, their structure and tax implications:

**What's an offshore fund?** An offshore fund is like a mutual fund that collects money from people and invests the same abroad. Most Indians invest in offshore funds that are based in Cayman Islands, Bermuda and Cyprus, which offer huge advantages. Some funds are also based in finance hubs like Singapore and Mauritius.

**Why invest in such funds?** These funds offer better returns than traditional invest-

ments, and diversification across asset classes and geographies. Tax havens also provide a high level of secrecy of investments and investors.

**How do Indians invest?** There are specialised fund houses and wealth managers who help rich Indians invest in such funds. There is no minimum investment amount but usually, each person needs to invest at least \$100,000 in these funds. A resident Indian can invest up to \$250,000 per person per annum through RBI's liberalised remittance scheme route. An NRI can invest money from abroad without any limit.

**What are the fees like?** Most offshore funds charge fees in the 2-20 or similar models. This has two parts. The initial charge is 2% of the va-

lue of the assets on an annual basis. Then comes the 20% carry. Here, say the fund says it would generate an annual return of 10%. Anything above that 10% rate of return, 20% of that would be charged by the offshore fund, while the balance would remain with the investor. While the 2% annual fee is an industry standard, the 20% carry could vary depending upon the asset class, the investment region, among other factors.

**The tax implications?** It depends upon the tax status of the investor. Also, on how the returns — capital gains and/or dividend — are taxed in the hands of the investor at his place of residence.

**Can an investor influence fund's decision-making?** In most pooled funds, in which there is a large number of investors, such influence is not allowed. However, such influence could be used in offshore funds that are investment holding companies in which there's only one investor who could be an individual, an institution or a family office.

# We're long-term investors, not for quick bucks: Mittal

From P 1

But to my mind has a much brighter future ahead and they need to be following their strategy, if I may say, even more boldly...

We are not in this for making a buck or looking at stock markets up or down. We are long-term telecom investors," Bharti Enterprises chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal said during a call, adding that investment offered synergies. Flanked by his son Shrawin, Bharti Global MD, he pitched it as a strategic deal which was in line with strengthening India-UK ties and offered opportunities on AI, 5G and core engineering.

Once the transaction is completed, Bharti will own more stake than Deutsche Telekom's 12%. The deal follows Mexican magnate Carlos Slim's 3.2% acquisition in BT two months ago.

Despite slower growth opportunities, it marks Bharti's big foray into a developed country market with the group having so far focused on Afri-

ca, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Seychelles in addition to the home market. "Growth in Europe and the UK is bound to be much... So, growth is very small, 1-2% a year... But the revenue is pretty large, \$25 billion of current revenues, and \$10 billion in EBITDA... can we create more efficiency, can the free cash flows increase over a period of time..." he said.

Mittal said that his group zeroed in on BT from other options that were on the table and indicated that it may opt for more acquisitions in future. "We got this opportunity to buy a very important block of shares. It is very difficult to buy such stock in the market. It takes a long time and there are uncertainties of pricing... here was a block with a willing seller who moved in to make this offer and we quickly decided to take the same," he said.

Mittal said the stability in the Indian business in recent months, which came after some large investments and intense competition, had given the group "the courage to look

at the opportunity" and the Indian operations will not be impacted in any way by the investment. BT and British authorities welcomed the transaction as did Indian authorities. "...the wheel has come full circle since 1997 when British Telecom acquired a 21% stake in Bharti Airtel. This acquisition is testimony to the growing strength of India as we march towards Viksit Bharat under the inspirational leadership of PM Modi. We thank UK Prime Minister @Keir\_Starmer and Foreign Secretary @DavidLammy for their continued support in strengthening business ties between the two countries," commerce & industry minister tweeted.

In the past, stake acquisition in companies such as BT has attracted security concerns in the UK and Goyal's tweet suggested that the British govt may be on board. By Mittal's own admission, the transaction marks a departure from his usual style of being "an operator". Instead, his group is not seeking a board seat, at least for the moment.





## A thought for today

I have to do what's right for me & focus on my mental health...not jeopardise my health & well-being. That's why I decided to take a step back

SIMONE BILES (TOKYO 2020)

## Factor Of Four

Maharashtra heads for polls with all players battling questions. But the test is sharper for regional parties

The soon-to-be-held state elections in Maharashtra, Haryana, Jharkhand and likely J&K, will witness cut-throat contests no less brutal than Lok Sabha fights. Lok Sabha results were a timely reminder to the political class that no party can bank on past performance and no party, in today's multi-party reality, can fight alone at the national level. State-level issues dominated both campaign and candidate performance. The upshot is, ahead of assembly elections, particularly in Maharashtra, where the stakes are the highest for all parties involved, especially the four regional ones (two Senas, two NCPs), much of everything has muchly been said.

**Tricky lotus lines** | For BJP, as the single party that is in office in Haryana and majority player in Maharashtra, the stakes are high not only as incumbent, but also in how the party is perceived after the knock it took in LS polls. In Maharashtra, how Mahayuti (Shinde Sena, BJP and NCP), in office, emerged from LS polls is notable. CM Shinde, who lacks a statewide presence, viewed his haul of 6 of 15 seats contested as victory, while Fadnavis, under whom BJP won 9 of 28 seats it contested, offered to resign over the party's tally. Perennial deputy CM Ajit Pawar, who recently lamented over missing out on CM-ship, holds his not being made CM as the factor responsible for his inability to rally all of NCP to his side.



**Where's what matters** | As Pawar Jr paddles furiously to line up his ducks in a row, the change in balance of power post LS has all three Mahayuti parties claiming credit for a slew of pre-poll measures - dole for men and women, free this and that. There's little, so far, by way of addressing Maharashtra's severe rural crisis, the Maratha quota mess or the jobs question.

**Vague party lines** | Whether opposition MVA (UBT-Sena, Congress, NCP-SP) will be able to carry to the assembly election gains of its LS performance is also iffy. Congress suffered a jolt when its MLAs cross-voted in biennial polls to 11 seats of the legislative council. Uddhav is yet to articulate his own brand of Sena politics that's removed from Shinde's. Sharad Pawar is reeling in MLAs from nephew's NCP, but not everyone's taking the bait. The drama of party lines and party loyalties remains unresolved for both Senas and NCPs. The Maharashtra contest will be as fascinating as its impact on national politics.

## Mind &amp; Body

Elite athletes' mental health deserves more attention than it gets. Paris Olympics was a reminder

With curtains coming down on the Paris Olympics, there's much analysis about the performance of Indian athletes. But one aspect of the Games that has changed over the years is the extreme scrutiny of athletes via social media. India's Avinash Sable, who represented the country in the 3000m steeplechase at Paris, recently highlighted social media abuse as having a big impact on athletes' well-being.

**All in the mind** | Being a high-performance athlete requires considerable mental fortitude. But the mental health aspect of sports is only just getting recognised. The issue came to prominence at the Tokyo Games when US champion gymnast Simone Biles pulled out of multiple events citing a case of 'twisties' - a temporary loss of spatial awareness. For Paris, a psychiatrist and a sports psychologist accompanied the Indian Olympic contingent for the very first time.

**Not just about performance** | While sports psychologists have been part of training of elite athletes for a while, the focus till now has been on performance enhancement. It's only after the pandemic-hit Tokyo Games that overall mental well-being of athletes became a priority. Plus, stereotypes about that elite athletes aren't supposed to show 'weakness'. Which is why it was refreshing to see Viktor Axelsen, the men's badminton gold medallist at Paris, get emotional and say, "If men cannot cry, what kind of world do we live in?"

**The human touch** | Just as social-media trolling won't end, athletes too will continue to get impacted by cyber-chatter. Australia's female break-dancer Rachael Gunn was the target of internet mockery over her Paris performance. While she has strongly defended herself, others can easily break. English cricketer Jonathan Trott stepped away from the game over mental health. Another former English batsman Graham Thorpe recently took his own life after struggling with depression. Elite athletes need much more systemic support to ensure their mental well-being.

## Bestsellers by machine

So wrote Dahl 70 years ago, so it's happening now

Anupam Srivastava



As redundancy caused by artificial intelligence stares in the face of humanity, the first ones to go will be writers. They deserve this fate, along with their readers.

Roald Dahl's short story, *The Great Automatic Grammatizator*, heralded the end of original writing 70 years ago. In it, books written by a machine became a roaring success even if some were of poor quality and not 'respectable'. In the real world, success is all the respect that one needs. The one who wields the power of the pen is not the writer. The columns belong to celebrities and 'important people', with the pieces often written by 'ghostwriters' who are banished to a state of non-existence by the powerful. The bylines are fake, and as hollow as the angst the 'authors' claim to possess and display like their designer clothes.

A visit to the bookstore would further confirm the demise of original writing. The writers 'are departed', and have 'left no addresses', to rephrase Elliot. Beneath fancy covers lie words that are clichéd, the turns of phrase forced and insufficient to breathe life into dead prose. Even poetry as *vers libre* is a heap of broken sentences without rhythm or rhyme and indistinguishable from the mass of words littered in the literary purgatory. Plagiarists continue to thrive and, when caught, claim they were 'inspired', while editors reject great books that are sent to them.

The final actors in this tragic drama are readers - essentially OTT devotees who sometimes pick up a book when they cannot watch their favourite show. They are decision-making gods who dip into gossipy tales to keep up, take a break, or turn pages without reading, like lip-syncing singers who hide behind smoke jets, flames and other special effects to remain undisclosed to their audience.

It will be a nemesis of sorts for the world to lose its ability to create original writing since it has disrespected writers and artists for so long. Like everything beautiful, writing must die and be replaced by synthetic and perfect prose and poetry so well that few would notice the difference. In a utilitarian world, the purpose of writing is to inform and self-project, not awaken, reveal, or rouse. AI will take this vestigial aspect of writing out and make it fit for our times.

## US Recession? Good News For India

If Fed starts cutting rates, it will increase room for rate cuts here, which are necessary because our economy is still more than a year behind where it would have been if not for the pandemic

Neelkanth Mishra



Over the past two years, consensus on US economy had shifted from anticipating a 'hard landing' (that is, a recession) to a 'soft landing': that inflation would be contained without much of a growth sacrifice. Some observers hailed this as 'immaculate disinflation'.

This has been challenged by recent economic data. Despite a slight fall, unemployment claims are well above the lows of Jan, and new job openings have slowed. In July, the unemployment rate rose to 4.3%, the highest in 3 years, and the ISM manufacturing PMI, an important bellwether, fell to a 9-month low, to a level rarely seen outside recessions.

Recession fears are back: Google Trends shows searches for 'recession' in US are up 9 times since mid-July to the highest in 2 years. A large part of the jump in stock-market volatility can be attributed to other factors, like some unwinding of the Yen carry trade, but recession fears have played a major role. Market expectations of rate cuts by the US Fed have risen significantly, as many believe these will be necessary to moderate the economic slowdown.

In particular, July's labour data triggered the 'Sahm Rule'. Discovered by Claudia Sahm, a former Fed economist, this rule states that a recession is probably underway if the average unemployment rate over the past 3 months has risen by half a percent from its low point over the previous 12 months.

The underlying logic is simple - when unemployment rises by this quantum, it triggers a self-reinforcing cycle; it hurts incomes and therefore consumption, triggering more layoffs, and so on. Over the past half-century, this rule would have correctly predicted all US recessions.

At first glance, such fears seem premature. US economy is slowing but is far from recessionary. It is the only large economy where GDP is above its pre-pandemic path. Nowcast estimates for this quarter's GDP growth in US economy were recently raised to 2.9%, from 2.6% earlier. Consumption remains steady, wage growth on average is above inflation, home prices are still rising, and layoffs have not started yet.

Even after the increase in July, the unemployment rate is still below 'normal'. Further, a large part of the

rise in unemployment has been due to more people joining the workforce (including due to a rise in immigration), with the labour force participation rate the highest this century.

But much of that is backward-looking, and financial markets tend to price in recessions or recoveries several months before they appear. Let alone 'nowcast' estimates, built on a relatively narrow set of

significant part of the growth surprise over the past two years was due to an expansion in the federal fiscal deficit. An increase in fiscal deficit boosts growth, a falling fiscal deficit is a drag on growth, and high but unchanged deficits have no impact on growth.

The fiscal impulse in US was a strong 5% of GDP around this time last year. As the deficit could not rise further, this impulse has slowed sharply to nearly zero this quarter and is likely to be in negative territory in the next few months.

Over the past two years, the pain from higher interest rates in US had been offset by the rise in fiscal deficits. Even if the deficit does not shrink to sustainable levels immediately, the absence of a positive impulse is likely to show up in weaker growth.

For example, a guinea pig (economy) that gets a growth inhibiting injection (higher interest rates) but also a growth enhancing injection (higher fiscal deficit) may not see a change in growth. But when growth boosters are stopped, its growth would slow down.

The Fed is now likely to start cutting interest rates, but a complete rate normalisation will take several quarters at least, and the impact of cuts appears with long and variable lags.

Separately, as US fiscal deficits were 'pro-cyclical' (high deficits when growth was already strong), slowing growth would push deficits higher, and thus, despite the Fed's rate cuts, yields on US gov bonds and the cost of borrowing may not fall as much.

In our view, a growth slowdown is likely, but it is too early to call for a precipitous decline. The slowdown

should be orderly if monetary easing can reduce the risk of accidents in financial markets. Volatility in the markets, though, is likely to remain elevated, as growth expectations are recalibrated, and upgrades to US growth forecasts are replaced by downgrades.

A US slowdown would affect the Indian economy too, through weaker exports. However, if there are no accidents in financial markets, easier global financial conditions, as the Fed cuts rates and potentially restarts quantitative easing, should provide Indian policymakers room to ease policy. This is necessary because despite strong growth, India's economy is still more than a year behind where it would have been if not for the pandemic.

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indicators, even reported quarterly GDP growth can see significant revisions. The first estimate for the March 2001 quarter, for example, showed 2.0% growth, but the final one a 1.3% decline, showing that it was the first quarter of a recession.

Such large revisions are not normal, but some cooling of the economy is to be expected. In our view, a

## The Kolkata Horror: How Unsafe Are Our Hospitals

A doctor's rape-murder has led to calls for a central law to protect health workers. Many states already have a stringent law in place. And absent in this conversation is the risk faced by women patients

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The rape and murder of a resident doctor, in Kolkata, has put the spotlight on the safety of women in hospitals. Doctors are now protesting across India, asking for a central law to protect healthcare workers, citing rising attacks. However, is it the lack of a specific law that is responsible for attacks on health workers and healthcare facilities?

The petition being circulated by protesting doctors provides an insight into why a law alone might not provide the necessary safety. It cites the case of a nurse who was attacked in Surat, in March 2022, by an emergency ward patient with an iron table and had to get three stitches. "The nurse filed an FIR and the person was booked under the Indian Penal Code 332. But there is no further information on any action taken by the hospital or by the police," states the petition.

If convicted under IPC 332, which deals with violence causing hurt to a public servant from his/her duty, the punishment is imprisonment up to three years and/or fine. It is a cognizable offence, which means the accused can be arrested without a warrant. It is non-bailable and it is non-compoundable (a provision usually applied for heinous crimes), which means that court proceedings will continue even if the victim and the accused reach a settlement privately.

Thus, the law applied was strong. That there was no further info on action taken suggests either inadequate follow-up by the hospital or the usual tardiness of the justice system. Both these problems would persist even with a new central law, as the difficulty seems to be with implementation more than the law itself.

A majority of states have already adopted a law - Medicare Service Persons And Medicare Service Institutions (Prevention of violence and damage/loss to property) Act - that punishes violent perpetrators,

with some variations. However, research has shown that even in these states less than 10% of cases pursued under this law reached the court after charges were filed. Would a new law change this?

While the petition talks about safety for all health workers, there isn't a fraction of the outrage against the horror at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital when such attacks target nurses or lower-level hospital staff. There have been several horrific incidents of rape and murder of nurses where the fight for justice has



been left to their families.

In the health system, female nurses are the most vulnerable. They are subject to verbal, physical and sexual abuse by everyone from co-workers to patients and their attendants. They have no special law to protect them. They only have recourse to the general laws protecting all women in the workplace.

Consider a further twist. In four out of five cases of sexual assault in hospitals reported in 2024, the victims were female patients. In the last 10 years, there have been almost two dozen cases reported from

across India of female patients being sexually assaulted in hospitals. Do patients have recourse to a special law to protect them from violence inside the health system?

Is there a special law to protect women subjected to obstetric violence, which includes abusing and slapping a woman in labour, the prevalence of which most doctors would attest to? Is there a special law to protect patients and their families from the financial assault of being overcharged? There isn't. They use the same sections of the law as available to the general population to seek justice within the same sluggish justice system that health workers struggle with.

Patients are probably the least empowered in a health system and they do not have an organised group to protest on their behalf. No lobby has taken to the streets for patients' safety or basic rights. There are plenty of studies on the violence faced by health workers, but hardly any on the violence patients face, often by those supposed to care for them. This asymmetry has a significant effect on the sense of victimhood among health personnel, deflecting it from systemic ills.

Violence against health workers has been documented globally and it is estimated that the likelihood of assaults against health workers is four times greater than that against professionals in general workplaces. Has there been a similar study on whether patients seeking healthcare are more likely to face violence than consumers of any other service? Is there a more vulnerable category in the health system or in any service delivery system than sick patients and their families?

Studies addressing violence in health facilities have identified several risk factors, including understaffed emergency departments, lengthy waiting times for patients, poor quality of healthcare services and of communication. While these factors increase the risk of violence for health workers, they could mean risk of much suffering or even death for patients.

## Calvin &amp; Hobbes

HOW MANY BOARDS WOULD THE MONGOLS HOARD, IF THE MONGOL HORDES GOT BORED?



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The smallest minority on earth is the individual. Those who deny individual rights cannot claim to be defenders of minorities.

Ayn Rand

## Meditation Is All About Dedication And Diligence

Sant Rajinder Singh

People from all parts of the world practise meditation to realise its physical, mental, and emotional benefits. Doctors advise their patients to meditate to help them deal with many physical ailments. Research has shown the role of meditation in slowing down brain waves, which makes us feel calmer and helps with many stress-related illnesses. Meditation involves focusing our attention, which helps with concentration and thus increases our productivity and efficiency in all spheres of life. Many people meditate for emotional gains so they can improve their relationships. We focus on these physical, mental and emotional gains because living at the level of our physical senses, we take ourselves to be our body, mind and emotions.

There is another reason for which we should meditate, and that is for spiritual gains. This is because our true nature is spirit, and the spirit, being a part of God, is everlasting. Thus, any gains experienced at the spiritual level are also everlasting. As such, it is our soul that we should focus on nourishing while we are in this body. We should meditate to realise our true nature and discover our relationship with the Creator. Meditation is a simple process for which we sit still and concentrate within to experience inner treasures. There is a typical problem that people throughout the world have while trying to meditate. That is: how to keep one's attention in meditation without being distracted by thoughts?

Our minds are active and restless and do not like to be still to focus on the wonders within. Distractions from the mind include trying to tell us we have more important things to do than to meditate, engaging us in anger, lust, greed, attachment, and ego through its need to fulfil desires, or making us dwell on the past or anticipate the future.

There are two switches for our attention: one is the switch to be attuned to our soul and the other is to be attuned to our mind. The solution for the thoughts that the mind sends us is to be able to separate what thoughts are of God and the soul, and what thoughts are of the mind. We need to learn to be vigilant when the mind is pulling a trick to distract our attention either in meditation or throughout our day.

When we have a goal that we really want to attain, nothing can stop us from trying to achieve it. Whether we want to win at sports, reach our financial goals, lose weight, or improve our relationships, we spend time working to achieve success. We put in the time and effort. It is the same with meditation. We have within us a gateway to peace, joy, and happiness. However, to access these treasures we need to meditate, by sitting in silence and staying focused to enjoy them.

We need to set our priorities. When we want to study for an exam, we set aside time and focus only on that. Similarly, when we set a time for our meditation, we focus only on meditation for that period. We then allot time for other activities through the rest of the day. This helps us preserve our meditation time only for that purpose.





"These were sensational Olympic Games from start to finish. Or dare I say: Sensational Games! Dear French friends, you have fallen in love with the Olympic Games. And we have fallen in love with all of you."

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Tom Cruise Sprinkles Stardust On Dazzling Closing Ceremony As France Celebrates Successful Staging Of The Olympics

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Paris: France bid a reluctant farewell on Monday to an "enchanted" fortnight of Olympic sport as athletes headed home from Paris praising a dazzling edition of the Games that has breathed new life into the biggest show on earth. Hollywood star Tom Cruise delivered stardust at the closing ceremony on Sunday evening — and a link with the next Games in Los Angeles — by abseiling into the national stadium. The 'Mission Impossible' star descended on a wire in front of 71,500 spectators, grabbed the Olympic flag and jumped onto a motorbike, to the delight of thousands of dancing athletes and awe-struck fans. The final act of the Paris Olympics brought relief that an event foreshadowed by worries about terror attacks, strikes or protests had passed off with barely a hitch. But there was also sadness that two weeks of high-spirited celebration had come to an end. "Keep the flame alive," urged the front-page headline of France's biggest sports newspaper, *L'Equipe*, which featured new

national swimming hero Leon Marchand and urged French people to maintain the spirit "of this enchanted fortnight". At the Athletes' Village in northern Paris, bleary-eyed athletes were packing their bags after a late night, with the French capital's two main airports braced for a huge influx of travellers and sports equipment. Magda Skarbonkiewicz, a Team USA fencer, said she would return home filled with memories of competing inside the Grand Palais, one of the historic venues used around the French capital. "It's such an iconic venue and just nothing like I've ever seen before," she said. "It's amazing to see so many people care about fencing the way the French people do." During Sunday night's closing ceremony, which stressed the Olympics' core message of peace and cooperation, International Olympic Committee (IOC) president Thomas Bach praised the Paris Games for being "sport at its best". Observers had seen Paris 2024 as essential for the Olympics brand as a whole,

coming after a Covid-affected edition in Tokyo and a corruption-tainted version in Rio de Janeiro in 2016. Around 9,000 athletes flooded into the Stade de France on Sunday night for a show that featured music from French electro act Air, guitar band Phoenix, Belgian singer Angele and the Cambodian rapper VannDa. "We knew you would be brilliant, but you were magic," Paris 2024 organising chief Tony Estanguet told the crowd during a triumphalist speech. He said the Games had transformed "a nation of implacable complainers" into "unbridled supporters who don't want to stop singing". Much of the media commentary has focused on the uplifting impact of the Games on the generally morose national mood. Just weeks before the Olympics, snap elections called by President Emmanuel Macron delivered a hung parliament and a historic number of seats for the far-right National Rally party. "The Paris Games offered the capital and the entire country more than two weeks of fervour and happiness that were so unexpected and appreciated given that they came after a political period dominated by the sad passions of decline and xenophobia," said an editorial in *Le Monde*. "For 17 days the stereotype of the in-

different, grumpy Frenchman went missing," wrote sports writer Owen Slot in the *Times* newspaper, adding that Paris had "made the Olympic Games look more beautiful than ever before". The closing spectacle marked the beginning of the four-year countdown to the LA Games, and American gymnastics icon Simone Biles joined Los Angeles mayor Karen Bass as the Olympic flag was formally handed over. The ceremony followed 17 days of drama-filled sporting action lit up by Biles, American sprinter Noah Lyles, Pakistan's javelin king Arshad Nadeem and casual Turkish shooter Yusuf Dikec, who has become an Internet sensation. They also featured a damaging gender row about two female boxers, Imane Khelif of Algeria and Taiwan's Lin Yu-ting, who both went on to win gold. The last day of sporting action saw the United States pip China for top spot in the battle for medals after the US women's basketball team squeezed past France 67-66 to clinch the last gold of the Games. The win — the eighth consecutive Olympic women's basketball title won by the USA — ensured the Americans finished level with China on 40 golds each. The USA however finished on top of the overall medal table with a total of 126 medals, with China in second place on 91. AFP



HERO MODE: Tom Cruise (clockwise from left) rides a bike after being lowered on to the Stade de France; the Golden Voyager adds sheen; the Olympic rings and fireworks light up the Paris sky

## Memories of a lifetime for Manu and Reetika

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Paris: Manu Bhaker fuelled India's hopes at the Olympic Games by bagging two bronze medals, so it was only fitting that the youngster came back from Delhi to carry the flag along with bronze winner and retiring hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh as the curtains came at the stroke of midnight here at the Stade de France. Manu, who won third place in women's 10m air pistol and team events and narrowly missed another third place in the women's 25 pistol final, enjoyed every moment of the three-hour long spectacle in front of more than 71,500 spectators, who filled the stands hours in advance for the program, that started with a musical performance followed by the entry of flagbearers from 205 delegations. Sreejesh and Manu walked in dressed in the official team colours with 'India' glittering in golden bold letters on the back as loud applause rang from the hundreds of Indians who had taken their seat for the closing ceremony. "It was an unforgettable moment and I'll always cherish this day," Bhaker said. "The 22-year-old added that it was "such a great honour to carry the national flag". Manu's only disappointment was that she couldn't capture some of the treasured moments on her mobile phone. "Manu lost her phone when she returned to Delhi. She put it in airplane mode and left it on her seat and forgot to take it with her after landing in Delhi. It was a big loss as it was the same phone that was gifted to her by the official sponsor at the Tokyo Games," sources told TOI. "A complaint was lodged with the carrier and we searched in the lost-and-found items. But Manu's mobile was not there," sources added. Sreejesh, meanwhile, had no such problems and he was seen clicking away after



STAR STRUCK: Wrestler Reetika Hooda poses with Cuban legend Mijain Lopez

they took turns to wave the national flag. Wrestler Reetika Hooda was among the lucky few in the Indian contingent who got to stay back to be part of the closing ceremony. "I felt very good to represent my country in front of such a large audience. It was a bitter sad moment for me as I missed out on a medal," said Reetika, the first Indian wrestler to qualify in the women's heavy-weight category. For Reetika, the big moment was not to watch Hollywood star Tom Cruise take the Games flag to Los Angeles but to meet and greet Cuban wrestling legend Mijain Lopez. Lopez won his first gold at Beijing in 2008 and he retired here after winning his fifth straight gold in the men's Greco Roman 130-kg category. "I'm not even a big fan of Bollywood, so Hollywood is very far," she said with a smile. "But to meet and pose for a picture with Lopez sir was a priceless moment," she told TOI.

## Diving champ Daley feels it's 'right time' to retire

London: Former Olympic gold medalist Tom Daley said on Monday it was the "right time" to retire as Britain's most successful diver walked away from the sport following the Paris Games. Daley, who won five Olympic medals during his decorated career, revealed the decision to call time on the sport during an interview with *Vogue*. The 30-year-old bowed out after winning silver in the Olympic men's synchronised 10m platform in France, having clinched gold in the same event at the Tokyo Games.

"I have to make the decision at some point, and it feels like the right time. It's the right time to call it a day," Daley said. Daley emerged as the star of British diving after first competing at the Olympics in the 2008 Beijing Games aged just 14. He won bronze at the 2012 Olympics in London in the 10m platform, as well as bronze in the men's synchronised 10m platform in Rio 2016. Daley had effectively retired after his gold medal success in Tokyo, before deciding to return for a fifth Olympics in



order to compete in front of his two children. He decided ahead of the event that he would stop diving competitively once he stepped out of the pool in Paris. "It feels very, very surreal. I felt so incredibly nervous going into this, knowing it was my last Olympics," he said. "There was a lot of pressure and expectations. I was eager for it to be done. It was emotional at the end." AFP

## IRISH OLYMPIAN WIFFEN HOSPITALISED AFTER SEINE SWIM

Paris: Irish double medal-winning Olympian Daniel Wiffen said on Monday he had "rushed" to hospital in Paris with a stomach bug two days after taking part in the marathon swimming in the Seine river. The 800m swimming champion and 1500m bronze medalist was meant to be carrying the Irish flag during Sunday's closing ceremony, but did not appear. "I'm incredibly disappointed," Wiffen wrote on X. "I rushed to hospital as I was very unwell with a bug that I am being treated for." Wiffen took part in the men's 10km marathon swim. He did not link his illness to the water quality. AFP

## Off-beat stories

In every Summer Games, many unique sports make it to the programme. Paris also had several fringe disciplines which added their own flavour and colour to the Games. Hindol Basu gives you the lowdown...

### SKATEBOARDING

Skateboarding made its debut appearance at the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo. There are two different skateboarding disciplines at the Olympics: park and street. With male and female categories open for both disciplines, there are a total of four skateboarding events at the Games. Park skateboarding takes place on a varied course combining bowls and bends, to help the athletes gather speed and perform tricks mid-air. In the park events, athletes compete in three 45-second runs and are judged on their ability to use the surfaces to gain height and perform a wide range of tricks in preliminary rounds and finals. The street competition takes place on a 'street-like' course with stairs, handrails and other obstacles to resemble the urban environments where skateboarding started out. Street competitions see athletes compete in two 45-second runs, performing just five tricks per run in a competition of preliminary rounds and finals.



### SURFING

Surfing made it onto the Olympic programme for the Tokyo 2020 Games and made a return to Paris 2024. The picturesque surfing spot of Teahupo'o in Tahiti was venue for the surfing competition. Surfers perform manoeuvres and tricks on a wave that are scored by five judges based on the

variety, type and difficulty of the tricks. Surfers are also judged on their speed, power and flow (the way in which a surfer seamlessly connects their moves from one to the next). Shortboards are the surfboards of choice for the Olympics. Smaller than longboards, shortboards are faster and more manoeuvrable.



### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain bike made its Olympic debut at the Atlanta 1996 Olympics with individual races for men and women. French and Swiss athletes have regularly finished on the Olympic podium, combining for 16 of the 42 medals awarded in the discipline. The sport at the Olympics involves two cross-country mountain bike events: one for women and one for men. Riders set off from the same starting line and contest multiple laps around a loop on mountainous, rough terrain that tests their technique, endurance, and stamina. Races feature a mass start and, in general, multiple laps. Riders take one to two hours to complete an intense course full of twists and turns, covering tens of kilometres during the event.



### 3X3 BASKETBALL

Considered to be the number one urban sport in the world, 3X3 basketball has its roots in street basketball — a creative variation of the indoor game with a less formal structure. Evolving from outdoor courts to the Olympics, 3X3 basketball has been structured over the years by the International Basketball Federation (FIBA), the governing body responsible for developing basketball. 3X3 basketball is played on one half of a basketball court where two teams of three players compete. Both teams attack and defend the same hoop, depending on who has possession of the ball. The winner is the team with the highest score at the end of 10 minutes or the first team to reach 21 points. The three-point line in conventional basketball serves as the two-point line in 3X3 basketball, with shots made outside the line earning two points and those inside it one. It was at the 2020 Olympics that the first-ever 3X3 Olympic titles were won.

### SPORT CLIMBING

Climbing also debuted at the Tokyo Games. Climbing's addition, along with skateboarding and surfing, was part of a movement to expand the programme to include more urban sports. Climbing is broken down into three disciplines: bouldering, speed and lead. Bouldering: Athletes ascend a 4.5-metre wall without ropes in a limited period of time and in the fewest attempts possible. Lead: Climbers go as high as they can on a 15-metre wall in six minutes in a single attempt. Speed: A race against the clock, climbers scale a 15-metre wall with a five-degree incline.

### BREAKING

Breaking is an urban dance style that originated in the United States in the 1970s. With roots in hip-hop culture, breaking first took form in the lively block parties in the Bronx borough of New York, and is characterized by acrobatic movements, stylised footwork, and the key role played by the DJ and the MC (master of ceremonies) during battles. International competitions were first held in the 1990s, popularising the dance form both among hip-hop communities and the general public along the way. The breaking competition at Paris Olympics comprises two events — one for men and one for women — where 16 boys and 16 girls faced off in solo battles. Athletes used a combination of power moves — including windmills, the 6-step and freezes.



## GALLERY

## Stokes doubtful for SL Tests

England captain Ben Stokes is doubtful for his side's three-match Test series against Sri Lanka after he suffered a suspected hamstring injury while playing in a domestic match on Sunday. Stokes pulled up sore when attempting a quick single while playing for the Northern Superchargers against the Manchester Originals in England's The Hundred competition at Old Trafford and was forced to leave the field, as per the ICC.

## Bangladesh team leaves for Pak Test series

The Bangladesh cricket team left for Pakistan on Monday for the two-match Test series, starting in Rawalpindi on Aug 21. Bangladesh Cricket Board on Sunday announced a pace-heavy squad as Mushfiqur Rahim, Taskin Ahmed and Shakib Al Hasan returned to side.

## Southee to lead NZ: Tim Southee will captain New Zealand's 15-man squad for their trip to face Afghanistan and Sri Lanka next month.

**Atletico sign City striker Alvarez:** Atletico Madrid signed striker Julian Alvarez from Manchester City on Monday in a deal reported to be worth up to 85 million euros (\$93 million). Spanish reports say Atletico will pay 75 million euros for the forward, with potentially 10 million more in bonuses.

**Bengal champions:** Bengal won the junior boys' national football championship Tier 1 for Dr. B.C. Roy Trophy, defeating Odisha 2-0 in the final in Narainpur, Chhattisgarh, on Monday. This was Bengal title No. 18. Striker Subhodip Sardar, who had scored the winner in the team's semifinal win over Punjab, put Bengal in front in the second minute of the contest. The prolific striker then sealed the deal with his second goal of the match in the 72nd minute.

## ACTION TODAY

**FOOTBALL:** Durand Cup: Mohammedan SC vs Indian Navy, 4 pm; Rangdajied vs Nepal Army, 7 pm (Sony); **TENNIS:** ATP Toronto final, 5 am (Sony)

## Anwar signs for East Bengal

Kolkata: India defender **Anwar Ali** is now an East Bengal FC player.

Sources confirmed on Monday that the central defender has signed a long-term deal with Emami East Bengal FC, thus completing his dramatic switch from Mohun Bagan SG.

Details of his contract are yet to be announced. With the AIFF's players status committee (PSC) granting him the NOC, Anwar landed in the city on Sunday night to a massive reception accorded to him by the red-and-gold supporters at the airport. The 24-year-old is likely to be unveiled during East Bengal's sports day ceremony at the Khudiram Anushilan Kendra on Tuesday. The PSC is slated to give its final verdict on the issue on Aug 22.

Last season, Anwar joined Bagan on a four-year loan agreement with Delhi FC. When the defender sought a permanent deal, Bagan management looked unwilling to get into any negotiation, forcing him to approach the AIFF players' registrations department. East Bengal came into the picture and eventually signed him. **TNN**

## Top stars for Duleep

Surya, Rahul, Axar And Pant Expected To Be Part Of Four Teams

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**Bengaluru:** The Duleep Trophy, once a showpiece event on the domestic calendar, has over the years lost its sheen. The red-ball contest that began in the 1961-62 season has undergone a lot of changes, going from a five-zone tournament to a competition with teams chosen by BCCI selectors to a pink-ball contest.

This season, the tournament is set to regain some of its lost lustre with the domestic season opener set to feature the cream of Indian cricket.

With 10 Tests scheduled over the next four months, starting with a two-Test series against Bangladesh next month, the regulars and those returning from injuries will test their form in the tournament beginning on September 5.

Among those who are expected to be part of the four teams—India A, B, C and D—are Suryakumar Yadav, KL Rahul, Axar Patel, Rishabh Pant and Ravindra Jadeja.

There is no clarity on the participation of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli. Both haven't played a red-ball domestic competition in a long time. While Kohli last featured in a Ranji Trophy match for Delhi against Uttar Pradesh



Rishabh Pant (right) and Suryakumar Yadav's presence will help the tournament regain its lost lustre

in 2012, Rohit hasn't played after turning up for the Gautam Gambhir-led India Blue in the 2015-16 edition of the Duleep Trophy. Pacer Jasprit Bumrah is expected to give it a miss along with R Ashwin, while Mohd Shami's participation is subject to him clearing fitness tests.

The return of the big guns is in line with BCCI's new outline,

which mandates all India team regulars to play domestic cricket when not on national duty.

**Bengaluru to host one match:** In anticipation of their participation, one of the two matches of the opening round has been moved from Anantapur to Bengaluru.

Originally, the Rural Develop-

ment Trust Stadium and ACA ADCA ground in Anantapur were set to host all the matches. Last week, the Karnataka State Cricket Association was sounded out by the BCCI to prepare to host one match. One of the primary reasons cited was the logistic issues in Anantapur, which does not have an airport. Bengaluru (215km) and Vijaynagar airport in Ballari (135km) are the nearest airports.

If the Indian team regulars decide to play, the BCCI does not want to put them through the travel rigmarole.

Confirming the shift to M Chinnaswamy stadium, KSCA president Raghuram Bhat, told TOI, "We were alerted by the BCCI last week and we have confirmed our willingness to host one match starting on September 5."

In terms of pitch preparedness, it will be a race against time for the venue, which will host the 33-match KSCA Maharaja Trophy T20 tournament from Aug 15 to Sept 1. But Bhat was confident the facility would be match-ready.

"Maharaja T20 tournament will have no bearing on the Duleep Trophy match. We have enough resources to be ready for it," he remarked.

The four-team tournament is scheduled from Sept 5 to 22.

## EB juggernaut rolls on

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Kolkata:** There's no stopping East Bengal FC in the CFL Premier Division this season.

Bino George's unbeaten brigade edged past Bhawanipore SC 1-0 in a top-of-the-table clash thanks to Jesin TK's early penalty on Monday, taking sole control of their group and virtually sealing a place in the Super Six stage.

Both East Bengal and Bhawanipore came into the match with 19 points each. But George's home team was handed an early chance to go in front when Bhawanipore defender Madan Mandi stopped Mohammed Roshal's run with a tackle inside the box, forcing referee Tanumoy Sarkar to point to the spot.

Jesin didn't make the mistake of beating the rival goal-



East Bengal FC's Jesin TK (left) vies for the ball with a Bhawanipore SC player on Monday

keeper from the spot in the 7th minute. Jesin—who also scored in his Durand Cup debut against Downtown Heroes last week—has now emerged as the league's leading scorer

with 8 goals.

The result also meant that Bhawanipore suffered their maiden loss this season, thus leaving East Bengal as the solitary team to remain unbeaten. With 22 points from 8 matches, George's team comfortably moved into the top of Group B, three points ahead of Bhawanipore and Calcutta Customs.

While defending champions Mohammedan Sporting and fellow challengers Mohun Bagan SG are struggling to make a mark, East Bengal youngsters seem to be in a dream run, without conceding a goal in their past five matches.

East Bengal need a win in their remaining 4 matches to clinch their passage to the championship round as one of the top three teams from the group.

## Thorpe took his own life: Family

London: Graham Thorpe's wife

Amanda has revealed the former England cricketer took his own life after battling depression and anxiety for several years.

Thorpe was hospitalised in May 2022 and declared "seriously ill". Amanda has now revealed in an interview with The Times that the former Surrey player attempted suicide two years ago before taking his own life earlier this month.

"Despite having a wife and two daughters whom he loved and who loved him, he did not get better. He was so unwell in recent times and he really did believe that we would be better off without him and we are devastated that he acted on that and took his own life," Amanda Thorpe told The Times.

"For the past couple of years, Graham had been suffering from major depression and anxiety." **AFP**

## Saha ready to play as a batter only

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

**Kolkata:** **Wriddhiman Saha** has made himself available for all the three formats of the game in the upcoming domestic season, on his return to Bengal. The veteran player is set to join Bengal's pre-season practice later this week after deciding to return 'home'. Saha had represented Tripura for the past two seasons after a fall-out with a Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) official. A happy CAB president Snehasish Ganguly felt Saha's return, along with Sudip Chatterjee's, will help Bengal fill up the void after former skipper Manoj Tiwary called it quits at the end of last season.

"I am happy to be back and will contribute to the best of my abilities," Saha said on Monday. The veteran wicketkeeper-batter, who has always put the team before self, is ready to play in any capacity. With youngster Abhishek Porel shining behind the stumps for Bengal and also in the IPL for the Delhi Daredevils, Saha is ready to give the youngster his space. "Abhishek jo-



ined us (senior Bengal) after being part of India U-19 World Cup squad and I had told the then Bengal coach Lalji (Arun Lal) to give him more opportunities. So if the team management feels right, I have no objection in him keeping wickets. I will play as a batter," Saha stated.

Approaching the twilight of his playing days, the 39-year-old Saha is not looking too far ahead. Although the IPL mega auction is scheduled later this year, Saha is not focussing on that. "I could have quit playing some formats to focus on IPL only. But that's not my plan. All I can say is that when I retire I will do it from all formats of the game at the same time," the Siliguri boy said.

Saha, who has played 40 Test matches, which is just three less than Bengal legend Pankaj Roy, also sounded content with his India career. "I have never played the game thinking of achieving milestones. So numbers have never mattered to me," he said.

## Destroyer to lead the challenge

Khatin Haidermota

**Kolkata:** Patrick Quinn-trained Destroyer looks good to lift the Awesome One Cup at the RCTC here on Tuesday. The son of Abaq has a good mock race under his belt and will have Hindu Singh doing duty in the saddle. The likely threat will come from the last outing

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winner Clifford with apprentice S Saba in the saddle.

**Kolkata selections**  
2.30pm: 1. Oromelo 2. Aretha 3. Primo Victoria. 3pm: 1. Global Influence 2. Raffaello 3. All Time Legend. 3.30pm: 1. Sativur 2. No Worry 3. Main Street. 4pm: 1. Bibury 2. King's Retreat 3. Norwegian Wood. 4.30pm: 1. Destroyer 2. Clifford 3. Stockbridge. 5pm: 1. Xtravagant Star 2. Embankment 3. Tres Bien. **Day's Best:** Sativur. **Good Double:** Global Influence & Bibury.

**Masato looks a cinch:** There is no looking beyond Prasanna Kumar-tutored Masato in the

Mysore Colts Trial Stakes at Mysuru on Tuesday.

## Mysuru selections

1.45pm: 1. D Fighter 2. Deemed To Fire 3. Eco System. 2.15pm: 1. Mastery 2. Hero Of The East 3. Dornish. 2.45pm: 1. Vandan 2. Nishk 3. The Angel Power. 3.15pm: 1. Queen Star 2. Facets Of Life 3. Dalhouse. 3.45pm: 1. Nevada Gold 2. Athulya 3. Mystic Bond. 4.15pm: 1. Masato 2. King's Battalion 3. Ranquelino. 4.45pm: 1. Ravishing Form 2. Mystic Divine 3. Moonlight Queen. 5.15pm: 1. Reap The Bounty 2. D Golden Cup 3. Sweeter Than Honey. **Day's Best:** Masato. **Good Double:** Nevada Gold and Ravishing Form.

## Siddharth bags Million:

Srinivas Reddy-trained Siddharth claimed the Bhagyanagar Million at Malapark on Monday.

## Hyderabad short results

(With Inter-Venue Dividends)  
1: (4-2-7) White Pearl 1; Voice Of A Dream 2; London Bell 3. 2: (7-4-5) Nav Lakhaa 1; Blue Label 2; Reining Queen 3. 3: (5-2-6) Espionage 1; Calista Girl 2; N R I Skypower 3. 4: (7-4-5) Priceless Prince 1; Flying Fury 2; Golden Unicorn 3. 5: (11-0-5) Sopranos 1; Classical 2; Dyanooosh 3. 6: (1-3-5) Siddharth 1; Truth 2; High Command 7: (5-2-4) Midsummer Star 1; Malibu 2; Amyra 3. **Jackpot:** Rs 17,603 (c). Rs 5,281. **Mini Jackpot:** Rs 10,910 c/o. **Treble:** (1) Rs 38 (11) Rs 4,825.

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# IIT-M and IISc retain top NIRF slots; Hindu springs surprise

## DU Jumps To 6th From 11th Position In Univ Category

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**New Delhi:** Indian Institute of Technology-Madras continues to shine in the National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF), securing the top spot in both the overall and engineering categories for the sixth and ninth consecutive years, respectively. Similarly, Indian Institute of Science Bangalore retains its position as the best university for the ninth year in a row.

However, in a surprising turn, Hindu College has unseated Miranda House, ending its seven-year streak as the top college. St Stephen's College, after a two-year absence from the top 10, has made a comeback, sharing the third position with Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Centenary College, West Bengal.

NIRF, launched by the education ministry in 2015, outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources," "Research and Professional Practices," "Graduation Outcomes," "Outreach and Inclusivity," and "Perception".

In NIRF 2024, IITs and IISc continue to dominate across various categories, much like

## DEGREES OF EXCELLENCE

| NEW CATEGORIES                              |      |   |   |
|---|------|---|---|
| State Public University                     | 2024 |   |   |
| Anna University, Chennai                    | 1    |  |   |
| Jadavpur University, Kolkata                | 2    |   |   |
| Savitribai Phule Pune University            | 3    |   |   |
| OPEN UNIVERSITIES                           |      | Skill Universities  |   |
| IGNOU, Delhi                                | 1    | Symbiosis Skills & Prof University, Pune  | 1 |
| Netaji Subhash Open University, Kolkata     | 2    | Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal   | 2 |
| Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Open Univ, Ahmedabad | 3    | Bhartiya Skill Devpt University, Jaipur   | 3 |

they do in global rankings. IIT-Bombay has been ranked as the top institute for innovation, while IISc Bangalore leads in research.

The overall category, a core component of the India rankings, is overwhelmingly dominated by IITs. Eight of the top 10 institutions are IITs, with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Delhi at seventh place and JNU at tenth. Notably, there has been minimal change in the top 10 over the past five years, except for AIIMS entering and BHU dropping out in 2022.

While IIT-Madras, IISc, and IIT-Bombay claim the top three spots in the overall category, Manipal Academy of Higher Education, ranked 11th, is the highest-ranked private university. Seven private universities feature in the top 25 of this category.

The ninth edition of NIRF was released on Monday. The number of higher

education institutions participating rose from 3,565 in 2016 to 10,845 in 2024. The rankings now encompass 16 categories and subject domains, up from four in 2016. NIRF assesses institutions based on five broad parameters: teaching, learning and resources; research and professional practice; graduation outcomes; outreach and inclusivity; and perception.

In the university category, DU made significant progress, jumping from 11th to 6th place. DU also has six colleges in the top 10 and 26 in the top 100. IISc, JNU, and Jamia Millia Islamia are the top three universities. Three private institutions — Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham, and Vellore Institute of Technology — are among the top 10, with nine private universities in the top 20 overall.

Siksha 'O' Anusandhan, Bhubaneswar, improved its ranking to 14th in the univer-

sity category and made it into the top 25 overall, emerging as the top ranked HEI in Odisha. It also retained its position in the top 10 dental sciences institutions in the country, ranked 9th nationally.

Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan, while releasing the rankings, said that knowing the quality, performance and strengths of an academic institution "is a right of students and parents. Therefore, all the 58,000 HEIs in the country must come under the ranking and rating framework".

The ranking report noted that most research activity is concentrated within the top 100 institutions across various categories, though it also pointed out that many general degree colleges are increasingly active in research and publications. However, it highlighted a significant challenge: the majority of faculty with doctoral qualifications are concentrated in these top institutions, leaving others at a disadvantage. The report underscored the critical role that mentorship during doctoral training plays in preparing faculty for teaching careers in higher education.

In the college category, 63 of the top 100 institutions are from Tamil Nadu (37) and Delhi (26). Nine IITs are in the top ten list for engineering colleges with IIT-Madras being at the top for the ninth consecutive year in the category. IIT-Delhi and IIT-Bombay also retained their second and third spot respectively. NIT-Tiruchirappalli is the only non-IIT in the top ten list.

## SC junks PIL seeking probe into UGC-NET cancellation

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**New Delhi:** Pan-India examinations have of late been witnessing an uncanny trend of getting vetted by the SC, which on Monday refused to entertain a PIL seeking a probe into hurried cancellation of UGC-NET on June 19 following certain social media messages about question paper leak.

A PIL petitioner through senior advocate Devashish Bharka told a bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud, and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra that the CBI has now given a report that the social media messages about alleged leakage of question paper were fake ones. "UGC did not even check the veracity of the claims and hurriedly cancelled the Jun 18 test a day later," he said.

The CJ-led bench said nearly 9 lakh students are appearing for the UGC-NET examination. "We are not in a perfect world. If we entertain this petition, it will result in utter chaos and create uncertainties for 9 lakh candidates. Sometimes, we (the courts) should exercise restraint. We are just 10 days away from the exam. Candidates must have prepared hard to appear in the examination," the bench said.

Refusing to intervene with the UGC-NET examination, now scheduled for Aug 21, for determining the eligibility of candidates for 'assistant professor' as well as 'junior research fellowship and assistant professor' in universities, the bench said the govt might have decided to cancel the UGC-NET exam on June 19 as at that time it was facing the controversy over alleged question paper leak in NEET-UG and did not want to give rise to another controversy.

## ON GUARD AHEAD OF I-DAY



Ahead of Independence Day, Army carries out a security check near the Line of Control in J&K's Rajouri district on Monday even as police arrested eight suspected associates of terrorists for their alleged involvement in providing logistical support in the recent attacks in the Kathua-Bani-Kishtwar belt, including the ambush on an Army patrol in the remote Machedi forest on July 8 that killed five soldiers

## Convict kills guard, flees Hazaribag hosp

Abhijit Sen | TNN

**Hazaribag:** A prisoner serving life imprisonment for murder and rape escaped from Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College and Hospital in Hazaribag, Jharkhand, after killing the cop who was deployed to guard him early on Sunday. Shahid Ansari, from Chasnala in Dhanbad, was undergoing treatment at the hospital for an injured leg.

SP Arvind Kumar Singh has alerted police stations in Dhanbad, Hazaribag and Giridih districts to track Ansari's escape route. Raids are on to locate the fugitive. A Dhanbad court had convicted Ansari in 2019. He had been serving life sentence in Hazaribag Central Jail. The SP said early morning when everyone was asleep, Ansari, who is in his late 40s, attacked havaladar Chouhan Hem-

**Ansari attacked havaladar Chouhan Hembram with a saline bottle stand and strangled him to death with a saline tube before escaping**

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A case has been registered with Hazaribag Sadar police station. Jee-tendra Kumar Singh, superintendent of Hazaribag jail, said the prisoner was referred to Rajendra Institute of Medical sciences, Ranchi. It referred him to AIIMS-Delhi. Jail authorities were asked to shift Ansari to Sheikh Bhikhari Medical College and Hospital as it has security provisions, said Vinod Kumar, hospital medical superintendent.

## Odisha ex-DG's son, convicted in rape case, dies of cancer

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

Bitti had been granted bail by Supreme Court on Mar 31, 2017, in connection with the rape case. But on June 5 this year, he was asked to surrender before the police following the Rajasthan govt's zero tolerance policy for crime against women. His cancer was diagnosed on Oct 3 last year. "Bitihotra was under treatment for stomach cancer. While undergoing treatment, he died on Sunday night," said AIIMS-Bhubaneswar superintendent Dilip Parida.

## At 41L, Jan-May foreign tourist arrivals up 9%

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**New Delhi:** Between Jan to May this year, 40.7 lakh foreign tourists have visited the country as compared to 37.3 lakh during the same period last year, registering a growth of 9.1%. Foreign exchange earnings for the same period till May were Rs 1.1 lakh crore as compared to Rs 88,441 crore last year, registering a growth of nearly 22.5%.

The data was shared by govt in response to a written question in Lok Sabha during the monsoon session of Parliament. The govt has also shared findings of a study to assess the impact of the pandemic on the tourism sector at the peak of the pandemic and the measures tak-



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ing the same period were Rs 17,762 crore as compared to Rs 17,206 crore in May 2023 registering a growth of 3.2%.

He said the trend highlighted indicate a positive impact on the overall economic growth and development of the tourism sector in the country. "The data shows

a consistent increase in FTAs and (FEEs) suggesting a robust and expanding tourism industry," he said.

The minister also shared data for the last three years that shows that while in pandemic year 2021 the number of foreign tourist visitors to India stood at 10.5 lakh it shot up to 85.9 lakh in 2022 and provisional data for 2023 shows that over 1.9 crore foreign visitors came to India.

The minister went on to list the steps that the govt took to rejuvenate the tourism and hospitality sector ranging from a loan scheme to support tour operators, travel agents, tourist transport operators to launching 'Dekho Apna Desh' initiative to encourage citizens to travel within the country."

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