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WEATHER

Generally cloudy sky. Light to moderate rain / thundershower very likely to occur. Maximum and Minimum Temperature most likely to be around 31° C and 27° C respectively.

RAINFALL: 23.4 mm

RELATIVE HUMIDITY
Max. 94% Min. 74%

TEMPERATURE
Max: 32.2° C (+0.2) Min: 29.4° C (+2.6)

SUN RISES 05:13 hrs

MOON RISES 12:31 hrs

SUN SETS 18:10 hrs

MOON SETS 23:25 hrs

Full Moon on 19 August

THUMBNAILS



Members of the Olympic bronze medal-winning Indian hockey team pose on their arrival at IGI airport, in New Delhi on Tuesday. nsns

Verdict in Phogat's case further postponed: The Ad-Hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration For Sport has given three more days to the Sole Arbitrator to announce her verdict in Vinesh Phogat's appeal against her disqualification by the IOC and UWW from the women's 50 kg freestyle final for being 100 gm overweight. The verdict will now be announced on 16 August at 9:30 IST.

HC transfers RG Kar investigation to CBI

CBI registers FIR after court's order, sending specialised team from Delhi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

Calcutta High Court on Tuesday ordered a CBI investigation into the rape and murder of a woman post-graduate trainee (PGT) doctor at the RG Kar Medical college and Hospital last Friday and asked police to hand over the case diary and other material related to the case to the Central agency forthwith.

Following the court orders, it is understood, the CBI has registered an FIR and a specialised team is being sent to the city from Delhi.

Earlier in the day, the division bench of Chief Justice TS Sivagnanam and Justice Hiranmoy Bhattacharya, hearing five PILs filed in connection with the rape and murder of the doctor, raised several pointed questions on the actions of police and the hospital authorities in the wake of the horrific incident.

"Even after five days there have been no significant conclusions which should have happened by



Doctors of NRS Hospital, Kolkata, on strike on Tuesday over the rape and murder of a colleague last Friday at RG Kar Hospital. nsns

now. Therefore, we are justified that there is every possibility that evidence will be destroyed. We deem it appropriate that the case must be transferred to CBI with immediate effect," the court said.

Chief Justice Sivagnanam, during the hearing, asked why an unnatural death was lodged at first instead of filing a murder case and why the hospital superintendent or principal did not lodge any complaint with police regarding the incident. The court came down heavily on Dr

Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of the state-run college, saying it was "disheartening" that he was not "proactive". The court also criticised the fact that the former principal was appointed in the same role in another college soon after he resigned and said he must be immediately relieved of his duties and sent on leave.

The bench ordered Kolkata Police to hand over the probe to the CBI with all relevant documents, including the case diary and CCTV footage it might

have seized with immediate effect. The court also asked the state government to furnish the progress report of investigation when the case is taken up for hearing after three weeks.

Meanwhile, junior doctors across the state continued their cease-work on Tuesday protesting the rape and murder of their colleague, even as the state government made an appeal to them to resume work and restore normal services in medical colleges and hospitals.

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Hindenburg report: Congress announces nationwide stir on 22 Aug, to gherao ED offices

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

Congress on Tuesday announced a countrywide protest on 22 August in support of its demand for the resignation of Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) Chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch in the wake of the Hindenburg Research report against her and for the formation of a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) to look into the matter.

The decision was taken at a meeting chaired by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge in the presence of Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi with the party's general secretaries, in-charges and Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) presidents at the party headquarters here.

Last week, the US-based short seller, Hindenburg Research, alleged that "Buch and her husband Dhaval Buch had stakes in obscure offshore entities used in the Adani money siphoning scandal". The couple dismissed the Hindenburg report.

The Congress meeting also discussed other several issues, including caste cen-



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MALLIKARJUN KHARGE

sus and alleged targeted attack on religious minorities in Bangladesh.

In a post on X after the meeting, the Congress chief wrote: "The shocking revelations of nexus between SEBI and Adani needs a thorough investigation. The money of small investors in the stock market can't be jeopardised. Modi government must immediately seek the resignation of SEBI chairperson and constitute a JPC in this regard."

Addressing a Press conference, Congress general secretary KC Venugopal while apprising about the meeting said: "Today we discussed about one of the biggest scam is happening in the country nowadays

i.e. Hindenburg revelations, the scam related to Adani and SEBI. We unanimously decided to have a nationwide agitation demanding two things. One is a JPC inquiry on Adani mega scam on which the Prime Minister is fully involved and in which the financial market regulation has now been found to have been severely compromised."

"There will be a massive national-level agitation on 22nd of August through out the country. In each state capital, we will gherao the Enforcement Directorate (ED) office. Thousands of Congress workers will gherao the ED office demanding SEBI chairperson has to be removed," he said.

Probe July killings and vandalism, punish culprits: Hasina

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

Deposed Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina has demanded that those involved in July "killings and vandalism" be properly investigated and the culprits be identified and punished.

In her first statement since leaving Bangladesh, Sheikh Hasina also urged people to observe the National Mourning Day on 15 August with due dignity and solemnity and "pray for the salvation of all souls" by offering floral garlands at Bangabandhu Bhaban. Sajeeb Wazed Joy, son of

Sheikh Hasina, released a statement on her behalf on his handle on X, which also said that Bangladesh has earned a place among the respected developing countries of the world but that "honour has been tarnished". "Since last July many fresh lives have been lost due to vandalism,

arson and violence in the name of agitation... My condolences to those like me who are living with the pain of losing a loved one. I demand that those involved in these killings and vandalism be properly investigated and the culprits be identified and punished accordingly," she said.

ED summons: SC reserves order on Abhishek's plea

PARMOD KUMAR
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

The Supreme Court on Tuesday reserved its order on Trinamul Congress leader Abhishek Banerjee and his wife Rujira Banerjee's plea challenging the Directorate of Enforcement's summons in alleged money laundering case relating to irregularities and wrongdoings in the recruitment of the teaching and non-teaching staff in government schools in Bengal.

A bench comprising Justice Bela M Trivedi and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma reserved the order on the conclusion of arguments by senior advocates Kapil Sibal, Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Zoheb Hossain who appeared for Abhishek Banerjee, his wife Rujira Banerjee and Directorate of Enforcement respectively.

Senior Advocate Sibal raised questions on the ED sending every summons to Mr Banerjee at his Kolkata residence whereas he lives in Delhi and showed to the court a chart whereby details of each summons sent to Mr Banerjee were exhibited.

The Trinamul Congress leader and MP has been summoned by the ED for questioning in cases including for the alleged irregularities in the recruitment in West Bengal schools.

The issue relates to the question whether the ED can summon an accused to appear before it in New Delhi while the predicate offence is within the jurisdiction of Kolkata.

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Mamata Banerjee
Chief Minister, West Bengal

Government of West Bengal

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Govt appeals to students, doctors to resume work

The state government urged the striking junior doctors and interns to resume work and restore normal healthcare services in medical colleges

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

As the agitating interns, junior doctors and postgraduate trainee (PGT) doctors on Tuesday stuck to their decision to continue ongoing cease-work in government medical colleges and hospitals, across the state demanding their safety and security while they are on duty, the state government has appealed against it.

The state government today appealed to the striking junior doctors and interns to resume work and restore normal healthcare services in medical colleges and hospitals for the welfare of common people.

Narayan Swarup Nigam, principal secretary in-charge of health, while speaking to reporters at swasthya Bhaban today reiterated that the state government is committed to a transparent investigation and strict punishment for



At a protest against the murder of a woman doctor of R G Kar Medical College by Shilpi Sangastrikit Karmi Budhujibi Manch. ■ MOUL MONDAL

the culprits.

Mr Nigam also emphasised that the state government upholds the dignity of the medical professionals.

In the last few days, services have been badly affected across the state due to the absence of the resident doctors. We are receiving complaints from patients regarding unavailability of timely emer-

gency care in some hospitals.

"We appeal to all the agitating doctors to consider the commitment of the state to proper investigation and also proper arrangements (for security of doctors). They must return to work," he said.

The state government upholds the dignity of the medical professionals and

requests that normalcy in patient services should also be restored immediately for the welfare of the people of the state, he added.

"The government condemns the extremely unfortunate incident that has happened at the R G Kar Medical College Hospital. We strongly condemn it and are fully committed to proper inves-



tigation," the principal secretary said.

"We will ensure the highest form of punishment for the culprit. The parents of the victim are being regularly updated on the progress of the investigation. Due to the promptness of police, the culprit was arrested within 12 hours of the incident," he added.

The protesting junior doctors at R G Kar Medical College Hospital, epicenter of country-wide agitation demanding justice for the rape and murder of the PGT doctor on Friday night, said that they would continue cease-work till the culprits are identified and get strongest punishments.

Veteran actress Aparna Sen, Miratun Nahar, academi-

cian, met the agitating doctors at R G Kar Medical College Hospital this afternoon and showed solidarity with them.

The CPM youth and student wing members, by Meenakshi Mukherjee have been staging dharna in front of the main gate of the hospital demanding exemplary punishment to the culprits involved in the incident.

They staged demonstrations inside the R G Kar Hospital premises and shouted slogans alleging that hospital authorities along with police are suppressing evidence by tampering with documents in the seminar hall where the incident happened.

Hours before the CBI inquiry was ordered by the high court on Tuesday afternoon, the hospital's PWD unit was found demolishing walls of the seminar hall in the name of renovation work, the agitating youth activists of SFI and DYFI alleged.

Healthcare services in gov-

ernment teaching hospitals across the state have been badly affected particularly in emergency wards owing to the state-wide cease-work programme organized by junior doctors and medical students.

Emergency patients have been denied admissions in emergency wards in many teaching hospitals after junior doctors and PGT who are main workforces in public health facilities stop work for the past four days. Two patients have already died on Monday at R G Kar Medical College Hospital and Berhampur Medical College Hospital, respectively allegedly without getting medical attention. The stir affected healthcare services as long queues of patients were seen at out-patient departments (OPDs) of all government hospitals since early this morning as senior doctors were substituting their junior counterparts to provide service to patients as much as possible.

DVC worker dies during inspection

BANKURA, 13 AUGUST

A contract labourer died while working at the coal handling unit of the Damodar Valley Corporation's Meja Thermal Power Station here on Monday night. Ananta Ghosh (49) was mangled in the conveyor belt roller while operating at Transfer Point-11 of the coal unit. The state factory inspector Animesh Pramanik incidentally was inspecting the plant when the mishap occurred, which irked the labourers. Only on last Thursday, four labourers, including an engineer were charred at the plant's unit 2 while carrying out maintenance work. Pramanik was holding an investigation on that incident too.

Pranik said, "This DVC unit was penalized and issued strictures on several occasions for its lapses in safety and security of workers. It's more shocking that yet another fatal accident occurred when I was holding an inspection."

NCC Kolkata B units celebrate I-Day

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13TH AUGUST

The NCC units of Kolkata B marked the 78th Independence Day with a grand celebration under the theme, Viksit Bharat.

The day's activities kicked off with a powerful nukkad natak at Princep Ghat and the NCC Institute, capturing the essence of India's journey towards becoming a Viksit Bharat (developed nation). This was followed by an Independence Day rally on a ferry across the Hooghly, symbolizing the country's unstoppable progress and the unity of its people.

A series of rallies were organized at significant locations such as Strand Road, Serampore, and Belur Math, culminating in a grand flag hoisting ceremony at the iconic Shahid Minar, Outram Road, and near the Victoria Memori-

al. The day also witnessed a poster-making competition and another street corner play at the NCC Institute. A blood donation camp at Belur Math was also held.

Inaugurating the celebrations, Brig Krishnendu Das, Group Commander, NCC Kolkata B, lauded the cadets for their dedication and highlighted the pivotal role they play in shaping a Viksit Bharat. He reminded the young leaders of tomorrow of the immense sacrifices made by freedom fighters and urged them to fulfill their duties towards society and the motherland with the same unwavering commitment.

The event concluded with a prize distribution ceremony where winners of the poster competition were honored with medals and trophies, symbolizing their contribution to India's bright future.

UN delegation discusses state model on diabetes control

KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee today held a meeting with UNICEF delegation, which had called on her at the state secretariat, Nabanna. Sources claimed the delegation discussed the West Bengal model for care for type 1 diabetes patients.

Later, Miss Banerjee on her X-handle wrote, "A high-level delegation of UNICEF met me today at Nabanna. They praise the West Bengal model of care for Type 1 Diabetes patients and are looking forward to greater collaboration with us in the Non-communicable Disease space for children.

Glad that they appreciate our performance and seek to work in intensive cooperation with us.

West Bengal is a model for countries!!"

I-DAY PREPERATION



Independence Day final rehearsals at Red Road in Kolkata was halted for a brief while due to heavy showers. ■ BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

Hawkers from Bengal in Odisha return after 'Bangladeshi' slur

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

Overcoming the trauma of being harassed and beaten after being labelled as 'Bangladeshi,' 35 workers have returned to Bengal from Odisha.

Earlier, chief minister Mamata Banerjee urged Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi for their safety and security and safe return to Bengal from Odisha, if they wish to. Yesterday evening, they came back to their villages in Hariharpara, Murshidabad. Despite being Indian citizens, they claimed they were beaten and driven out of Odisha with the 'Bangladeshi' tag. Even with valid Aadhaar cards, they are unable to work in Odisha. Several traders from Hariharpara in Murshidabad, after facing such harassment, have

finally returned to their villages.

On Monday evening, 35 hawkers from Shahzadpur, Malopara, Padmanabhpur, and Runkunpurin Hariharpara were forced to return home from Odisha. They alleged that the locals branded them Bangladeshis for speaking Bengali and even beat them up whenever they spoke their mother tongue. This incident of assault has spread on social media as well. After receiving this news, the Bengal administration took action and chief minister Mamata Banerjee spoke to Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi over phone about the issue, emphasizing the need to ensure the safety of Bengali workers.

However, the return of these workers from Hariharpara indicated that little has changed. One worker

from Hariharpara, Badruddin Sheikh, was in Berhampur, Odisha. For the past 15-16 years, he had been hawking clothes and plastic goods in various villages in Odisha. Like other hawkers, he too was beaten and labelled a Bangladeshi, despite showing his Aadhaar card, which was dismissed as "invalid" in that state. Fearing for his life, Badruddin has returned to his village. This incident has once again raised concerns about the safety of migrant workers from West Bengal. According to sources at the West Bengal secretariat, Nabanna, Majhi had assured her such incidents "would not be repeated". The state government is stated to be keen on bringing these migrants back, with sources quoting the CM as "promising them employment" in the state.

Kalyani University interim VC resigns amidst protests

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KRISHNAGAR, 13 AUGUST

The interim vice-chancellor (VC) of Kalyani University, Dr Amalendu Bhuiya, tendered his resignation on Monday evening following intense agitation by a section of students and non-teaching staff. The protesters, operating under the banners of the Sara Bangla Trinamul Siksha Bandhu Samiti and the Trinamul Chhatra Parishad, had locked the VC's office and staged a protest demanding his resignation.

The agitators accused Dr Bhuiya of failing to maintain educational standards at the university, leading to deterioration in the quality of education. They pointed to the absence of a recent visit from the National Assessment and Accreditation

Council (NAAC) and the university's failure to feature in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) rankings as evidence of the decline.

Dr Bhuiya, who had been appointed by chancellor C V Ananda Bose, the Governor of West Bengal, faced mounting pressure from the protesters who blamed him for the university's alleged shortcomings. In response to the escalating situation, Dr Bhuiya submitted his resignation to the chancellor.

"I have sent my resignation to the Chancellor," Dr Bhuiya confirmed, acknowledging the unrest and the demands for his removal. The resignation marks a significant moment for Kalyani University, which has been grappling with internal challenges and criticism over its performance.

Demand for flyover at Baidyabati railway crossing gets louder

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HOOGHLY, 13 AUGUST

A long standing demand for a flyover over Baidyabati railway level crossing is an absolute necessity, which the local residents have been demanding for a long time.

The Baidyabati railway level crossing gets congested during peak hours, vehicles following the GT road and vehicles from Delhi highway Baidyabati Road junction have to cross the Baidyabati railway level crossing to proceed ahead towards Chandannagar, Chinsurah, Bandel, the stretch of GT Road, proceeding from Baidyabati Chowmatha-GT Road junction towards Baidyabati. The railway level crossing has been illegally encroached, reducing the

width of GT Road. The uncontrolled movement of totos and autos on this stretch of GT Road is preventing smooth movement of the usual vehicular traffic.

In the morning hours, local trains pass through this level crossing in a span of few minutes duration and the long-distance trains too cross this level crossing. The gate of the level crossing remains closed for almost half-an-hour. This leads to pile up of vehicles, including school buses, public buses, ambulances, essential commodities vehicles. This pile-up also affects free movement of pedestrians.

The long-standing demand for a flyover at Baidyabati level crossing has remained unfulfilled.

President of All Bengal Citizens Forum Sailen Parbat

The railway level crossing has been illegally encroached, reducing the width of GT Road. The uncontrolled movement of totos and autos on this stretch of GT Road is preventing smooth movement of the usual vehicular traffic

said, "We have taken up the issue with the Eastern Railway. The authorities are also aware of the severe problem and are set to initiate work at Baidyabati railway level crossing as soon as the state government does its part, before the construction can start by the railways."

Jharkhand's indigenous art form gets preserved by Google

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

Banglanatok.com presented 73 assets and a new exhibit titled, Sohrai - The Wall Art of Jharkhand.

The exhibit showcases the vibrant world of murals, nurtured for centuries by the indigenous communities of Jharkhand. Sohrai painting, a traditional art form practiced by women from various indigenous groups, such as the Kumi, Santhal, Munda, Oraon, Agaria and Ghatwal, originates from a village in the Hazaribagh region of Jharkhand. This exhibit highlights the rich indigenous aesthetics and ancient motifs rooted in Mesolithic rock art found in the region. The Google Arts and Culture has come forward to preserve and promote the rare form of art.



One specially-curated virtual exhibit has been developed for online visitors. The digital story narrates the intricacies of the wall art, the rich natural landscape, where this tradition can be found, the craftsmanship of the indigenous artists and how the wall art is integral to the harvest festival.

The practicing communities paint the walls of their houses to show respect to the agricultural produce and livestock.

The digital exhibit on Sohrai aims to bring global visibility to this unique indigenous art form allowing a wider audience to appreciate its intricate

designs and historical significance.

Ananya, director and co-founder, Banglanatok.com, said, "The Sohrai art is a timeless legacy of the indigenous women and we thank Google Art and Culture for safeguarding efforts through promotion and awareness."

Students hurt as historic Hannah House in Serampore collapses

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
HOOGHLY, 13 AUGUST

Today evening at 4 pm, the partly-demolished historic Hannah House within the premises of Serampore Mission Girls High School collapsed, creating much panic among the students.

Six traumatized students were rushed to hospital. After their recovery they were handed over to their respective parents.

The headmistress of the Serampore Mission Girls High School, Sonali Chatterjee said, "Around 4 pm, while I was busy in office work, I was taken aback by a thundering sound and trembling of the school building. We rushed out and found a cloud of dust enveloping the entire school area. A large portion of the



partly-demolished historic Hannah House had collapsed. The primary section and some classes of senior sections are held at the back of the Hannah House."

The partly-demolished Hannah House is posing a great threat to the safety and security of the students. The school headmistress expressed her great concern on it, saying, "Had the incident taken place when the primary section was running

in full swing, hundreds of students would have been seriously injured. In rooms 11, 12 and 13, which are adjacent to the Hannah House and where the higher classes are held, today the girls were practicing cultural activities for the ensuing Independence Day in those rooms."

In 2023, a portion of the abandoned Hannah House was brought down by bulldozers. A storm of protests erupted and the demolishing work was stopped.

As headmistress, I have repeatedly drawn the attention of the local and district administration towards the dangerous state of Hannah House which is posing life threat to the primary section as well as higher section, but in vain, said the headmistress.

HC orders ex-principal of RG Kar medical college to go on long leave

The Bench questioned the apparent lack of empathy displayed by the former principal & criticised his swift reappointment

Kolkata doctor murder case: Family approaches HC for court-monitored investigation

KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

The family members of the woman doctor of state-run R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital, who was raped and murdered on the premises last week, approached the Calcutta High Court on Tuesday with the plea for a court-monitored probe in the case.

In the petition, the family members have raised doubts over the progress of the investigation and also claimed that several suspects have been kept out of the purview of the probe.

Hence, they have urged the court that only a court-monitored probe was necessary to reveal the truth. In fact, the protesting medical students, junior doctors, representatives of the medical fraternity and the public, in general, have since the beginning questioned the argument of Kolkata Police to date that the arrested civic volunteer Sanjay Roy was the only accused in the case.

Based on the preliminary autopsy report, members of the medical fraternity have claimed that from the nature of multiple injuries on the body of the victim, it was clear that the crime cannot be the handwork of a single individual and there were more partners in the crime. The Calcutta High Court has admitted the petition.

However, the date of the hearing is yet to be scheduled.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

The Calcutta High Court, on Tuesday, ordered Dr. Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, to go on a long leave following the brutal rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the institution.

The court's directive comes in the wake of Dr. Ghosh facing severe criticism for his mishandling of the incident and alleged remarks perceived as victim-blaming. Dr. Ghosh, who resigned from his position on Monday, saying the victim was "like my daughter", was reappointed within 24 hours principal of Calcutta Medical College and Hospital.

During the hearing of a clutch of petitions in the case, a division bench led by Chief Justice T S Sivagnanam



expressed deep concern over Dr. Ghosh's actions and the state government's response to the tragedy.

The bench questioned the apparent lack of empathy displayed by the former principal and criticised his swift

reappointment. "The Principal is the guardian of all doctors working there... if he doesn't show any empathy, who will show? He should be at home, not working anywhere..." the court observed, highlighting the moral responsibility that

comes with such a position. "How did he step down and then be rewarded with another responsibility?" the HC asked, adding, "No man is above the law."

Questioning the rationale behind Dr. Ghosh's reappointment, the court demanded transparency in his resignation. "If the principal stepped down owing 'moral responsibility', (it is) rather serious that he is rewarded, within 12 hours, with another appointment. This Principal will not function... let him go on long leave. Otherwise, we pass an order," the court stated.

The bench instructed the state police to submit its case diary by 2 pm and ordered Dr. Ghosh's resignation letter to be filed for review. It also questioned the state's apparent protection of Dr. Ghosh, stating, "...why do you protect (him)? Let him tell the truth...

something is missing here."

The trainee doctor was found dead inside the seminar hall of the hospital on Friday evening. Going by her autopsy report she was subjected to brutal torture before being raped and killed.

The assailant reportedly struck her with such force that her spectacles shattered, with glass shards reportedly piercing her eyes. This was the reason why her eyes were bleeding.

Additionally, the report indicates that the victim suffered multiple cuts on her hands and face, suggesting a desperate struggle.

The report also contained deeply disturbing details, revealing that the victim suffered a severe injury to her private parts, indicative of what has been described as "perverted sexuality" and "genital torture."

Doctors continue protest at CNMCH against new principal

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

Junior doctors, interns and postgraduate trainees (PGTs) of the state-run Calcutta National Medical College Hospital (CNMCH) continued to protest even on Tuesday against the controversial appointment of Prof Sandip Ghosh as their college principal.

In a major decision, late today evening, senior doctors have also decided to cease work in outpatient departments (OPDs) in both government and private hospitals and medical colleges across the state between 8 am to 4 pm on Wednesday showing solidarity with their agitating

juniors, said Dr Manas Gumta of Association of Health Service Doctors.

The agitating students-junior doctors at the CNMCH have made it clear today that they did not want the "garbage" of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, the reference to the ex-principal.

Sensing the arrival of Prof Ghosh to take charge of the principal at CNMCH, the agitating doctors and students on Monday evening locked the office of the principal and entrance of the hospital so that he can't enter there.

Under the pressure of the ongoing protest of junior doctors, interns and PGTs at the R G Kar Medical College

Hospital and other teaching hospitals in the state, the health department on Monday afternoon transferred Prof Ghosh to the CNMCH, hours before he tendered resignation as principal of R G Kar Medical college Hospital.

But his appointment as principal of the CNMCH was challenged in the high court on Tuesday.

The health department, this afternoon again brought back Prof (Dr) Ajoy Roy at CNMCH, whom Prof Ghosh had replaced on Monday afternoon.

The junior doctors have been protesting at the gates of the CNMCH since Monday when the state health depart-

ment issued a notification appointing Mr Ghosh as the principal of the teaching hospital, where he had earlier served as the medical-superintendent and vice-principal (MSVP).

On Tuesday, Trinamul leaders Swarnakamal Saha and Javed Ahmed Khan, emissaries of chief minister Mamata Banerjee, had to return from the hospital empty-handed after the protestors refused to budge from their stand.

"This is our second home. We are away from home. We don't want a guardian like him. How can you allow such a person here?" a female junior doctor was heard asking the two Trinamul leaders,

who were forced to return after more than an hour-long sloganeering of "go-back".

About 500 students, interns and doctors held a meeting on Monday night and decided to be on vigil against Prof Ghosh's arrival. A 31-year-old postgraduate trainee from the chest department at the R G Kar Medical College and Hospital was found murdered with brutal injuries across her body on Friday night.

Since then the Calcutta Police's special investigation team has arrested a civic volunteer Sanjay Roy, while many others, including interns and trainees who were at the ward on the night of the brutal attack.

SOLIDARITY



Doctors and staff at central government's Baisakhi (AF) Salt Lake CGHS Wellness Centre, including Dr Dipankar Samajpati, Dr Choudhury and staff at central government's Baisakhi (AF) Salt Lake CGHS Wellness Centre hold a pen-down and agitation in solidarity with the protesting doctors after the horrific rape and murder of a PGT at R G Kar Hospital, for justice. ■ SNS

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NOTICE

- Approval under regulation-86 of CERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 1999 and CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations 2019 for determination of Transmission Tariff from DOCOs to 31-03-2024 for Assets (09 nos) under Strengthening of OPGW network within ER Grid and Connectivity with Other regions in Eastern Region.
- The beneficiaries of the above mentioned Transmission system are: (i) Bihar State Power (Holding) Company Ltd, (ii) West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., (iii) Grid Corporation Of Orissa Ltd., (iv) Damodar Valley Corporation, (v) Power Department, Govt Of Sikkim, Gangtok, (vi) Jharkhand Biji Vitran Nigam Ltd., (vii) Jharkhand Urja Sancharan Nigam Ltd.
- Optic fibre line Length, Apportioned Approved capital cost (Rs. In Lacs), Date of Commercial Operation and Capital cost up to date of Commercial Operation (Rs. In Lacs)

Asset	OPGW Line Length (km)	Apportioned approved Capital cost (RCE) (Rs in Lakhs)	DOCO	Capital cost on DOCO (Rs in Lakhs)
Asset-I	67.639	304.33	23.03.2023	125.36
Asset-II	72.074	317.96	24.03.2023	133.51
Asset-III	87.080	395.18	13.04.2023	166.06
Asset-IV	51.995	240.74	06.06.2023	99.25
Asset-V	267.519	1481.92	14.10.2023	890.67
Asset-VI	180.45	794.35	18.11.2023	380.76
Asset-VII	105.00	391.90	13.01.2024	227.65
Asset-VIII	310.186	1329.34	23.01.2024	671.08
Asset-IX	74.125	315.01	25.01.2024	146.75

- The annual transmission tariff for the tariff period 2019-24 is summarized as below:

Asset/Tariff	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Asset-I	-	-	-	0.53	25.58
Asset-II	-	-	-	-	27.26
Asset-III	-	-	-	-	31.09
Asset-IV	-	-	-	-	16.31
Asset-V	-	-	-	-	79.46
Asset-VI	-	-	-	-	32.36
Asset-VII	-	-	-	-	10.34
Asset-VIII	-	-	-	-	28.29
Asset-IX	-	-	-	-	6.02

- A copy of the application made for determination of tariff is posted on the website of the applicant at www.powergrid.in
- The suggestions and objections, if any on the proposals for determination of tariff contained in the application be filed by any person, including the beneficiary before the Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3 & 4th floor, Chandrakol Building, Janpath, New Delhi - 110 001 (or other address where the office of the Commission is situated), with a copy to the applicant at the address of its corporate office within 30 days of publication of this notice.

Place: Gurugram
Date: 13.08.2024

Sd/-
General Manager (Commercial)

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
(A Government of India Enterprise)

Corp. Office : 'Saudamini', Plot No. 2, Sector-29, Gunpowder-120001, (Haryana) Tel : 0124-2571700-719
Reg. Office : B-9, Qutub Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai, New Delhi-110 016. Tel : 011-26560112, 26560121
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THUMBNAILS



Massive fire engulfs 'Dino Park' in Visakhapatnam: A massive fire broke out at the popular 'Dino Park' amusement center on RK Beach Road in Visakhapatnam, causing extensive damage to the facility. The fire that rapidly spread throughout the park is believed to have been caused by a short circuit. The incident occurred earlier today, sending thick plumes of black smoke billowing into the sky, visible from a distance. In video shared by a news agency, the Dino Park is seen engulfed in flames, with dark smoke swirling above the structure. The intense fire has completely gutted the park, leaving charred remains in its wake. Firefighters and police were rushed to the scene and managed to bring the blaze under control. The authorities have not reported any casualties so far, but an investigation is underway to confirm the exact cause of the fire and assess the full extent of the damage. More details are awaited. **SNS**

Adani: KTR slams Cong over double standards

Adani had signed 4 Memoranda of Understanding with the Telangana govt

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 13 AUGUST

BRS working president KT Rama Rao has called out the Congress for double standards over the nationwide protest called by the national party alleging a nexus between Adani and SEBI. He pointed out that the Congress government in Telangana led by the chief minister was keen on collaborating with the Adani group and wondered if the investor was bad for the country and how it could be good for the state. Adani Group had signed four Memoranda of Understanding with the Telangana government in January this year for an investment of over Rs12,400 crore at the sidelines of the World Economic Forum at Davos.

Taking to the microblogging site 'X' KT Rama Rao slammed the Congress for giving up conviction for convenience. He wrote, "Glad that the Congress has called for a nationwide protest in light of the Hindenburg Report on Adani-SEBI nexus



on Aug 22, but we at BRS see through their double standards. If Adani is wrong for India, why and how is he right for Telangana? Will Rahul Gandhi demand chief minister Revanth Reddy to roll back Adani's investments? Or is it just about convenience and not about conviction? BRS stands firm for Telangana's future - does Congress?" The BRS had claimed that while it had stopped Adani group from entering Telangana the Congress chief minister had welcomed him with the red carpet.

The chief minister, apart from entering into a deal with the Adani Group, had said that the state government was handing over the task of collecting power bills from consumers to the Adani group. The pilot project was supposed to begin from the Old City area prompting protests not only from the public but also from political allies like AIMIM. The chief minister who is currently in South Korea seeking investment is scheduled to return to the city tomorrow. Meanwhile, Leader of the

Opposition Rahul Gandhi came under fire from Andhra Pradesh BJP chief Daggubati Purandeswari for not speaking out on behalf of the Bangladeshi minority Hindu population who are allegedly facing brutality following the student unrest in the neighbouring country which forced Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina to flee her country. "Are Hindus considered less important or are the Congress party and its allies anti-Hindu?" wondered Daggubati Purandeswari.

TRAI asks telcos to stop promotional calls by unregistered telemarketers

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has mandated all Access Service Providers to stop voice promotional calls whether pre-recorded or computer generated or otherwise from all unregistered senders or Telemarketers (UTMs) using SIP/PRI or other telecom resources under Telecom Commercial Communication Customer Preference Regulations, 2018 (TCCCPR-2018), said Ministry of Communications on Tuesday.

The decision was taken with the aim to curb the increasing number of spam calls, as per the Ministry. In its directions issued by the TRAI to Access Service Providers, it asked that all promotional voice calls from the unregistered senders/Unregistered Telemarketer (UTMs) using Telecom Resources (SIP/PRI/other telecom resources) shall be stopped immediately. If any unregistered sender/Unregistered Telemarketer (UTM) is found to be misusing its Telecom Resources (SIP/PRI/other telecom resources) for making commercial voice calls in violation of the regulations



resulting into consumer complaints against any one or more number of resource indicators allocated to the sender - all the telecom resources of such sender shall be disconnected by the Originating Access Provider (OAP) for a period up to two years as per the provisions of the regulation 25 of the regulations, it said. Such Senders shall be blacklisted by the OAP for a period up to two years as per the provisions of the regulations, it added. "Information regarding blacklisting of the Sender shall be shared by the OAP with all other Access Providers on DLT platform, within 24 hours, who will, in turn, disconnect all the telecom resources given by them to that sender within the next 24 hours," the TRAI said.

It further said, "No new telecom resources shall be allocated to such sender by any Access Provider during the period of blacklisting as provided for in the regulations. All the unregistered senders/UTMs using SIP/PRI/other telecom resources to make commercial voice calls to the citizen shall be migrated to the DLT platform within one month of the issue of this Direction and submit compliance report within seven days thereafter." All Access Providers have been directed to comply with these directives and submit regular updates on the actions taken on the 1st and 16th of every month, the statement said. This decisive action by TRAI is expected to significantly reduce spam calls and provide relief to consumers, it said.

Former Andhra minister's son arrested in Agrigold land scam

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 13 AUGUST

The Anti-corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted raids at the property of former Andhra Pradesh minister and YSRC leader Jogi Ramesh and arrested his son Jogi Rajiv in connection with Agrigold land scam in which the latter is the prime accused.

property of the Agrigold were illegally sold off by its directors. The former housing minister is accused of having exploited his position to acquire 2300 square yards of land belonging to Agrigold in Ambapuram which were held by CID. He is said to have subdivided the land in plots and then sold it off to earn massive profit. There are also allegations that he threatened officials to get the registrations for such plots done illegally.

Last month Jogi Ramesh had voiced concerns that he may face arrest in connection with Agrigold land or the attack on TDP office, during the previous regime. A team of 15 ACB officials reached the residence of Jogi Ramesh at Ibrahimpatnam near Vijayawada at about 5:15 am. The team examined documents and records related to the land scam. Other family members of the former ministers too are involved in the scam, according to sources.

Allies to boycott Governor RN Ravi's 'At Home' on I-Day, DMK to play it safe

MC RAJAN CHENNAI, 13 AUGUST

Even as the ruling DMK is expected to play it safe, its alliance partners have announced a boycott of 'At Home' reception hosted by Governor RN Ravi on Independence Day at the Raj Bhavan here.

It is no secret that the Governor and the DMK government of MK Stalin are at loggerheads and there is no love lost between the two. Despite Ravi's tenure coming to an end on July 31, there is no official word till date on his extension or replacement. While the DMK is keeping silent on its participation, it is expected that the Chief Minister and a few of his cabinet colleagues would ensure their presence at the reception hosted by the Governor as



was the case last year. While all the allies of the DMK had boycotted it last time, Stalin attended it along with a handful of ministers. This year too, the Congress, Viduthala Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) of Thol Thirumavalavan, MP, CPI(M) and CPI, MDMK of Vaiko, MP, IUML, Manithaneya Makkal Katchi of MH Jawahirullah and Tamilaga Vazhvirimai Katchi (TVK) of P Velmurugan have all announced a boycott of the event.

"The Congress is boycotting the 'At Home' hosted by the Governor to register the opposition of the people of Tamil Nadu against his continuation in office. His term had ended on July 31 and the people want a replacement and not an extension to him. Since taking over the reins of the Raj Bhavan, he has been remaining a stumbling block to cripple the functioning of the popularly elected DMK government in the state. He is functioning as a tool of the BJP government at the Centre," TNCC president K Selvaparamthagai said in a statement. CPI(M) state secretary K Balakrishnan and his CPI counterpart R Mutharasan, in separate statements have denounced the governor functioning as an 'agent of the BJP'.

SWAYAM courses: Universities will soon be able to conduct examinations for students enrolled in SWAYAM courses in alignment with their regular academic calendar, sources at the UGC said on Tuesday. "This announcement will be part of the framework that the University Grant Commission will introduce in the coming days," they said. **ANI**

E-NIT NOTICE
The Chairman, Mal Municipality invited e-tender as per given NIT within Mal Municipality.
i) MM / C / Pathashree / 02 / 24-25 (3rd Call)
TENDER ID: 2024_MAD_733230_1
j) Last date of bidding (online): 05-09-2024 at 12:00 A.M. ii) Date of opening (online): 07-09-2024 at 12:00 A.M.
Details of which are available in the web portal www.wbtenders.gov.in & in the office of the undersigned during the office hours.
Swapan Saha
Chairman
Mal Municipality

TENDER
UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA
University of Calcutta invites the e-tender vide Ref. No. (E-Tender No. CE / ADM / 11 / 24 / 04 & Tender ID: 2024_CU_733383_1 & E-Tender No. CE / ADM / 11 / 24 / 05 & Tender ID: 2024_CU_733314_1), Dt. 12-08-2024. For details please visit: wbtenders.gov.in

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EASTERN RAILWAY
Following E-tender is invited online by Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building, near Railway Station, Howrah-711011 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those Registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work: [Under Sr.DEN/HQ/Howrah], E-tender No.: 157_2024-25, Date: 09.08.2024. Description of work: (i) Balance work for major Rehabilitation & repairing work at Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah. (ii) Renovation of all wash room, damaged floor/ceiling of indoor ward, kitchen, OT etc. at indoor building of Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah. (iii) Renovation all wash room, damaged floor/ceiling at OPD, X-ray, ICU, Drs. chamber etc. at outdoor building of Orthopaedic Hospital, Howrah. Approx. Cost: ₹ 3,02,18,765.38. Earnest Money: ₹ 3,01,100. Cost of Tender form: ₹ 0. Completion Period: 06 (six) months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tender online will be done on the next working day. Closing date and time of tender: 02.09.2024 at 14.00 hrs. The details of tender are available at website: www.ireps.gov.in. Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of EMD and TDC - payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Tender document cost, in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only. **NOTE** : Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-221/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.e.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
Dy.CME/Plant for Chief Workshop Manager, N. E. Railway, Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur, for and on behalf of Government of India invites tender through on-line E-OpenTender for the following work- S.No.1 E-Tender Notice No. & Name of the work: i) Tender No. "24-GKP-MWS-2024-25" "Dye Penetrant Test of ICF and LHB Coaches brackets of under slung components." Estimated cost (in Rs.): 3768768.00 Earnest Money (in Rs.): 75000.00 Last date of tender submission: Upto 11.00, Date : 03.09.2024 Cost of the tender forms - Zero Period of contract : 12 Months The details of above tenders are also available on Indian Railway website "http://www.ireps.gov.in" Dy.CME/Plant Gorakhpur
CPRO/Mech-52
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Notice Inviting Tender
The E-Bids is hereby invited on behalf of the Chairman, Ashokenagar Kalyanagar Municipality.
Tender ID: 2024_MAD_733503_1
Tender Reference Number: A.K.M/2305/2024-25
Bid Submission End Date: 28-Aug-2024 02:00 PM
for details, please see website at www.wbtender.gov.in.
Chairman
Ashokenagar-Kalyanagar Municipality

EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Auction Notice
Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Malda Town Office Building, PO-Jhaljhala, Dist-Malda, Pin-732102 (W.B.) (Auction Conducting Officer) invites e-auction catalogue on www.ireps.gov.in for Operation of Parking lots at Nathnagar (NAT), Sabour (SBO) and Nimitta (NILE) station over Malda Division. Auction Catalogue No.: Parking-2024-09. Auction Start: 24.08.2024 at 12.15 hrs. **SL.No.:** Lot No. & Station are as follows: 1; PARKING-MLDT-NAT-MX-21-22-2 & Nathnagar; 2; PARKING-MLDT-SBO-MX-35-23-1 & Sabour; 3; PARKING-MLDT-NILE-54-23-1 & Nimitta. Prospective bidders are requested to visit IREPS e-Auction module for further details. (MLD-77/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.e.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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EASTERN RAILWAY
Abridged Tender Notice No.: KPAPERS-OT-31-24-25, Dated: 10.08.2024. Dy. Chief Elect. Engineer, Kancharapara Workshop, Eastern Railway, Kancharapara, Pin-743145, 24-North Parganas, West Bengal invites e-tender for the following work: **Tender No.:** KPAPERS-OT-31-24-25. Description: Rehabilitation of SL-30 of electric locomotives, Quantity: 25 nos. **Tender Value:** ₹ 1,30,12,810 only inclusive of GST & all other charges. **Date & Time of opening of tender:** 02.09.2024 at 15.00 hrs. **Period of Completion:** 12 months. The tender document and other details can be obtained from the website: www.ireps.gov.in. The bidding for the tender is to be submitted through e-tendering on above website. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any manual offer if received shall not be accepted and will be summarily rejected. (MISC-134/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at website: www.e.indianrailways.gov.in/www.ireps.gov.in
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HC clears publication of report on issues faced by women in Malayalam film industry

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOCHI, 13 AUGUST

Kerala High Court on Tuesday dismissed the petition filed by Malayalam film producer Sajimon Parayil against the State Information Commission's (SIC) order to disclose the Justice K Hema Committee Report. Containing issues facing women in the Malayalam film industry. Dismissing the petition filed by Sajimon Parayil, a single bench of Justice VG Arun directed the state government to release the report within a week.

The Kerala government had constituted the Hema committee to study the issues faced by women in the film industry after a petition filed by 'Women in Cinema Collective' (WCC) in 2017. The Committee submitted its report to the government in 2019 but the state declined to make the report public despite several requests under the Right to Information Act. On July 5 this year, the State Information Commission directed the disclosure of the report after redaction of certain portions. The Commission had said that it was in the larger public interest that the report be made public. This was challenged before the High Court by Malayalam film producer Sajimon Parayil, alleging that only limited redactions has been ordered before disclosure of the report.

Tamil Nadi govt again slaps Goondas Act on YouTuber

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE CHENNAI, 13 AUGUST

Not even a week had passed after Madras High Court set aside the detention of whistle-blower turned popular YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar under the Goondas Act, but the Tamil Nadu government has once again invoked the same against him, now in a ganja case. The District Collector of Theni, RV Shajeevan passed the order to detain 'Savukku' Shankar @ A Shankar, late



on Monday on the recommendation of the Police Superintendent R Siva Prasad in a ganja case. With Shankar transferred to the Madurai Central prison from the Puzhala prison in Chennai, the detention order was handed over to the jail authorities.

TENDER
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, मवन निर्माण विभाग, मवन प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
शुद्धि पत्र
एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि मवन प्रमण्डल, बोकारो के अन्तर्गत ई-टेंडर रेफरेंस नं०-04/2024-25/EE/BCD/BOKARO, दिनांक-30.07.2024, पीआर नं०-331254 Building (24-25) के गुण संख्या-5, 6 और 7 को संशोधित करते हुए निविदा की तिथि बढ़ाई जाती है जो कि अब :-
वेबसाई पर निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 20.08.2024 11:00 बजे
बिड प्रारंभ की तिथि / समय :- 04.09.2024 11:00 बजे
निविदा खोलने की तिथि / समय / स्थान :- 05.09.2024 11:30 बजे
नोडल पदाधिकारी, ई० प्रोप्यूमेंट सेल,
मुख्य अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, मवन निर्माण विभाग, झारखण्ड, राँची।
कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, मवन प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
PR 332713 (Building) 24-25 (D)

कार्यालय जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग
अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या :- 14 / 2024-25 दिनांक 13 / 08 / 2024
मद का नाम :- पुनिस विभाग सुदृढीकरण मद
क्र.सं. योजना का नाम प्रारंभित राशि परिमाण विवरण का मूल्य अचयन की राशि योजना पूर्ण करने की तिथि
1 Construction of Potahat (64X27) 24 Beds-01 nos and Saptic Tank and Soak Pit- 01 nos in Bishnugarh P.S., Potahat (64X27) 24 Beds-01 nos and Saptic Tank and Soak Pit- 01 nos in Pandu Picket, Keredari P.S., Potahat (64X27) 24 Beds-01 nos and Saptic Tank and Soak Pit- 01 nos in T.P-6 Picket, Katkarnadag P.S., Potahat (64X27) 24 Beds-01 nos and Saptic Tank and Soak Pit- 01 nos in Churchu P.S., Potahat (64X27) 24 Beds-01 nos and Saptic Tank and Soak Pit- 01 nos in Chouparan P.S. of District - Hazaribag 15992946.00 10000.00 320000.00 नै.स.
1. वेबसाईट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि 21.08.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय 22.08.24 से 31.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने का स्थान- जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 02.09.2024 पूर्वाह्न 10:00 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता - जिला अभियन्ता, जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग।
6. निविदा शुल्क एवं अचयन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया का न्यूनतम सं०-06546 261406 ई-मेल - districtboardhazaribag@gmail.com
8. निविदा शुल्क एवं अचयन की राशि का ई-मुद्रातन जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अचयन की राशि जमा होगी। अगर खाता बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जमाबंदी आपकी होगी।
9. झारखण्ड पुलिस हाउसिंग कॉर्पोरेशन लिमिटेड, झारखण्ड, राँची के समुचित श्रेणी के अधीन निश्चित संवेदक ही इस निविदा में भाग ले सकते हैं।
10. निविदा की तारीख कार्यालय के सूचना पट्टे या www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है। जिला अभियन्ता, जिला परिषद, हजारीबाग
PR 332714 District (24-25), D

कार्यपालक अभियन्ता का कार्यालय, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गोड्डा
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
Short term Re e-Tender Reference No. - UNTIED/MID/GODDA/ F2-07/2024-25 Date-13/08/2024
1. विज्ञापनदाता का नाम :- कार्यपालक अभियन्ता, लघु सिंचाई प्रमंडल, गोड्डा।
2. वेबसाईट में ई-निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 20.08.2024
3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की तिथि एवं समय :- 29.08.2024 अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक
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BJP MP Jagdambika Pal appointed as chairman of Waqf Bill JPC

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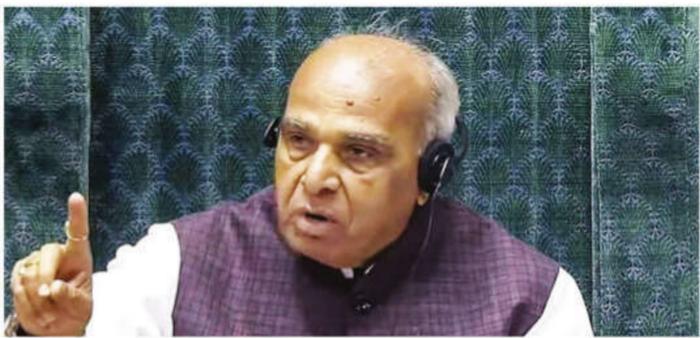
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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has appointed BJP MP Jagdambika Pal as the Chairperson of the Joint Committee on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

A 31-member JPC on the Waqf Amendment Bill was announced in the last session of Parliament following demands by Opposition parties.

The committee has a tight schedule to complete its task. It will submit its report to the Lok Sabha by the last day of the first week of the next session of Parliament. The committee will have its first meeting soon.

The Bill, seeking to make changes in the management of Waqf properties in the country, was introduced in the Lok Sabha amid a heated discussion.



The Opposition maintained the Bill would not stand judicial scrutiny as it encroaches upon fundamental rights of people and goes against the secular spirit of the Constitution.

Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju agreed to refer the Bill for study by a committee.

The 21 members of the

Lok Sabha on the committee are Mr Jagdambika Pal (Chairman), Mr Nishikant Dubey, Mr Tejasvi Surya, Mrs Aparajita Sarangi, Mr Sanjay Jaiswal, Mr Dilip Saikia, Mr Abhijit Gangopadhyay, Mr D K Aruna, Mr Gourav Gogoi, Mr Imran Masood, Mohamad Jawed, Mr Mohibullah, Mr Kalyan Banerjee, Mr A Raja, Mr Lavu Sri Krishna

Devarayalu, Mr Dileshwar Kamait, Mr Arvind Sawant, Mr Mahtre Balya Mama Suresh Gopinath, Mr Naresh Ganpat Mhaske, Mr Arun Bharti and Mr Asaduddin Owaisi.

The 10 Rajya Sabha members on the committee are Mr Brij Lal, Dr Medha Vishram Kulkarni, Mr Gulam Ali, Dr Radha Mohan Das Agrawal,

Dr Syed Naseer Hussain, Mohammed Nadimul Haque, Mr V Vijayasai Reddy, Mr M Mohamed Abdulla, Mr Sanjay Singh and Dr Dharmasthala Veerendra Heggade.

The quorum for a meeting of the JPC shall be one-third of the total number of the committee members.

The Rules of Procedure of the Lok Sabha governing other Parliamentary committees shall apply to the Joint Committee.

The Waqf Act, 1995, was enacted to provide for better administration of Auqaf properties and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

India and Australia have strongly condemned terrorism in all its forms and manifestations and emphasized the need for strengthening international cooperation to combat the menace in a comprehensive and sustained manner. They also condemned the use of terrorist proxies for cross-border terrorism.

The 14th meeting of the India-Australia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held last evening in New Delhi. Mr K.D. Dewal, Joint Secretary for Counter-Terrorism at the Ministry of External Affairs, and Mr Richard Feakes, Ambassador for Counter-Terrorism, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Australia, led the respective delegations

of experts to discuss the global counter-terrorism challenges and the ongoing counter-terrorism cooperation between the two countries.

The two sides exchanged views on the domestic, regional and global terrorism threat assessment. They discussed counter-terrorism challenges related to the use of new and emerging technologies by terrorists, misuse of the internet for terrorist purposes, radicalisation and terror financing, and the nexus between organised crime and terrorism, among other issues. The ongoing co-operation in counter terrorism is an important element of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, the MEA said. Meanwhile, the sixth India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue was

held this morning in Canberra. The Indian delegation was led by Ms. Muanpui Saiawi, Joint Secretary, Disarmament & International Security Affairs in the MEA and the Australian delegation was led by Ms. Sarah Storey, First Assistant Secretary in the Department of Defence. The two sides discussed ways to sustain a safe and secure maritime environment conducive for inclusive growth and global well-being.

They exchanged views on various topics of mutual interest, including the maritime security environment in the Indo-Pacific region, maritime domain awareness, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) coordination, regional and multilateral engagements and sustainable use of marine resources.

JD-U will not even win 20 seats in '25 Assembly polls: Prashant Kishor

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE PATNA, 13 AUGUST

Prashant Kishor, the chief of the Jan Suraj campaign on Tuesday said that the Janata Dal (United), led by Nitish Kumar, will struggle to secure even 20 seats in the upcoming 2025 Assembly elections.

"In 2015, the Grand Alliance government in Bihar was only formed because I supported Nitish Kumar. In the 2020 Assembly elections, Nitish's party significantly

declined, securing just 43 seats. The 2025 elections will result in an even more drastic outcome. The JD-U will be uprooted from Bihar politics along with the RJD," Prashant Kishor told media persons in Jamui district.

Kishor's remarks came in response to the statement of JD-U state president Umesh Kushwaha, who dismissed Kishor's political relevance, saying that "he is merely running an agency and is not a leader."

Kushwaha even denied acknowledging Kishor and his Jan Suraj campaign as significant players in Bihar's political landscape.

Kishor, in turn, intensified his criticism by asserting that the people of Bihar would eventually reject the leadership of Lalu Prasad Yadav, Nitish Kumar, and the BJP.

He also attacked the RJD, noting that the party has been issuing letters urging members not to leave.

The top leaders of RJD are appealing to workers that if they believe in the ideology of Lalu Prasad Yadav, they will not leave the party. "This is a sign that RJD leaders no longer find inspiration in Tejashwi Yadav and are only staying due to Lalu's legacy," Kishor said.

Kishor added that RJD would not be a significant factor in the 2025 elections, which he believes will primarily be contested between his Jan Suraj and the NDA.

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Island Fortification

India's strategic interests in the Indian Ocean have increasingly come into sharp focus, particularly in light of developments concerning the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC). The command, established as India's first tri-service theatre in 2001, has long been a critical component of the country's maritime strategy. However, the current infrastructure upgrades signal a significant shift in India's approach to securing its maritime frontiers, especially against the backdrop of growing Chinese activities in the region. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands occupy a unique geographic position, acting as a gateway between the Indian Ocean and the Pacific. Their proximity to the strategically vital Malacca Strait enhances their importance in regional security dynamics. Historically, these islands have been at the centre of India's efforts to counter Chinese influence in the Bay of Bengal and the broader Indian Ocean. The presence of Chinese infrastructure on Myanmar's Coco Islands, barely 50 kilometres away from the northernmost tip of the Andamans, has only intensified the strategic calculus.

The recent militarisation of the Coco Islands, allegedly supported by China, poses a direct challenge to India's security. Satellite images revealing extended runways, radar installations, and other military structures on the Coco Islands have raised alarm bells in New Delhi. Such developments suggest that China, through its deepening ties with Myanmar's military regime, is steadily expanding its reach into the Indian Ocean, potentially encircling India in its own backyard. India's response has been measured but resolute. The on-going upgrades to the ANC's infrastructure, including extending airstrips to accommodate larger military aircraft, enhancing naval jetties, and improving road connectivity, are clear indicators of India's intent to bolster its defensive and offensive capabilities in the region. These initiatives align with India's broader strategy of ensuring that it retains a strategic upper hand in the Indian Ocean, where control over vital sea lanes and choke-points like the Malacca Strait is crucial.

The significance of these upgrades cannot be overstated. For too long, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands were seen as a peripheral outpost, underutilised in India's strategic planning. The current developments represent a paradigm shift, recognising these islands as a central element of India's maritime security architecture. The enhanced military presence will not only deter potential threats but also reinforce India's position as a dominant power in the region. Moreover, these efforts are in line with India's Act East Policy, which seeks to deepen ties with Southeast Asian nations and assert its influence in the Indo-Pacific.

The Andaman and Nicobar Islands are poised to play a pivotal role in this policy, serving as a forward base for projecting power and maintaining stability in a region increasingly marked by competition and rivalry. As China continues to assert its presence in the Indian Ocean, India must ensure that its maritime assets are not only well-protected but also capable of responding to emerging threats. The developments in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are a crucial step in this direction.

Post-Olympic Reality

The Paris Olympics provided a much-needed morale boost for France, showcasing the nation's ability to host a global event with grace and precision. The world watched in awe as French athletes performed remarkably, and the nation collectively basked in the glow of international admiration. The Games temporarily masked the deep political challenges at home, allowing President Emmanuel Macron to capitalise on the momentary unity and pride. However, as the closing ceremony concluded, the reality of France's political landscape loomed large, reminding everyone that the celebrations were only a brief respite from the country's pressing issues.

Mr Macron's decision to call a snap legislative election before the Olympics, resulting in a hung Parliament, was a high-stakes gamble that has left the nation in a precarious position. The fragmented National Assembly is now at the heart of France's political gridlock, with no clear majority to guide the country forward. The task of selecting a Prime Minister who can navigate this divided landscape is daunting, with each political faction entrenched in its own agenda. Mr Macron's centrist vision is being squeezed from both sides, with leftist and far-right parties vying for influence in the absence of a decisive mandate.

The optimism and unity that the Olympics brought have quickly given way to the sobering reality of political manoeuvring and deal-making. The absence of a clear path forward has left many in France feeling disillusioned, as the joy of the games is replaced by the uncertainty of what lies ahead. The challenge for Mr Macron is to harness the goodwill generated by the Olympics and translate it into a political strategy that can bridge the widening gaps in French society.

The approval of the 2025 budget is one of the most immediate challenges. France is under pressure from both the European Commission and bond markets to reduce its deficit, a task made more difficult by the lack of consensus in Parliament. Whoever is chosen as Prime Minister will face an uphill battle to push through a budget that satisfies all sides, a near-impossible task given the current political climate. Mr Macron's political future hinges on his ability to navigate this crisis. While the Olympics provided a brief respite, they also highlighted the stark contrast between France's global aspirations and its domestic realities. The President must now demonstrate that he can lead the country through these turbulent times, finding common ground where none seems to exist.

The coming weeks will be crucial for Mr Macron as he attempts to contrive into a cohesive political strategy. If he can succeed in this endeavour, he may yet secure his legacy as a leader who not only delivered on the world stage but also guided his nation through one of its most challenging periods. However, the path forward is fraught with difficulty, and the risk of further political deadlock remains ever-present.

Carnival of power

Trump's supporters believe Joe Biden stole the election four years ago. Some believe Barack Obama is still running the country. There are still others who believe that leftwing activists, not Trump supporters, had attacked the Capitol in January 2021. In the post-truth world where lies have become the new truth, many other leaders have taken a leaf from Trump's book



Think Brazil, think carnival. The Rio carnival is widely believed to be the biggest party on our planet. Brazilian carnivals are the most popular and secular festivity in the world. The street parades are a rich, neatly interwoven mosaic of artistic prowess and complex social relations.

The carnivals of the Samba schools have become the biggest street extravaganza in the carnival's universe. Brazil's carnival is equivalent to America's Super Bowl Sunday, only with significantly more "wardrobe malfunctions". Carnival doesn't pretend to disguise Rio's social problems. In fact, it provides locals with a creative outlet.

Thiago Silva de Amorim Jesus of the Federal University of Spirito Santo says that through the carnival, the Brazilian people "invert, reverse and subvert the temporal and controlled daily order... reserving the right to create a new way of life in the carnival period."

Though more than 50 countries now organise carnivals, this street opera remains most vibrant in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Carnivals are loci of resistance but also assertion of power. The festivity represents alterity, but also a celebration of the grotesque, transgression and sacrilege. Everyone in the carnival is able to behave in a way that transgresses normal social rules. But carnivals are also a site for conviviality, pleasure and social cohesion.

During carnivals and street protests, the body becomes a site. You make your body speak. Bodies become walls to hold posters and slogans. The revellers use their bodies as a political and social act. At a time when governments are taking away the rights that nations gave to their citizens, the people claim streets as belonging to people, not just for cars.

Carnivals are not just festive celebrations; they are also cathartic tools to heal multiple wounds of societal excesses and

state depredations. Robert Stam of New York University says that a carnival is simultaneously "ecstatic collectively, the joyful affirmation of social change and dress rehearsal for utopia."

Over the years, carnivals have acquired a new character. They have now become "protestive", says John Jacob, Christian evangelist. Russian philosopher Mikhail Bakhtin says that carnivals have four traits: the familiar, the carnivalesque, the eccentric, and profanation. The carnival allows for blasphemy, obscenity, and a celebration of the earthly and bodied, rather than celebrations of heavenly deities. Foucault calls it "vile sovereignty".

Today, politics in many parts of the world is turning carnivalesque. Populist leaders and parties have understood the nature of the post-truth world in which there are only players and certain roles. Political and electoral campaigns and mobilisations have now entered the realm of the forbidden.

Derek Bower of Financial Times writes eloquently about "what Trump's carnivalesque rallies tell us about his 2024 campaign". Trump campaign rallies "blend the carnivalesque with the political." While some of his supporters are draped in the flags of their countries of origin, others are busy swaying to the tune of Dirty Dancing. When Trump arrives, the crowd roars and the loudspeakers blast out the songs of a certain kind.

Across the country, Trump's rallies are a blend of an evangelical revivalist meeting and carnival. This is what his supporters, "a basket of deplorables," want.

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years ago. Some believe Barack Obama is still running the country. There are still others who believe that leftwing activists, not Trump supporters, had attacked the Capitol in January 2021.

In the post-truth world where lies have become the new truth, many other leaders have taken a leaf from Trump's book.

Leaders like Putin, Erdogan, Bolsonaro and Modi follow a style of campaigns and governance that are carnivalesque.

Social movements and anti-globalisation movements increasingly became "protestivals". Populist leaders have hijacked the strategies of the protest and global justice movements.

They resort to a political discourse and extravagant pronouncements that don't conform to accepted conventions

and norms. Politics, like a carnival, is also a staged performance. Increasingly, the crowds gathered by the party or leaders use and display masks of their leaders.

Here the Latin American experience is quite instructive. The Zapatista leader, the balacava-clad, pipe-smoking Subcomandante Marcos symbolises what he calls "todos somos Marcos (we are all Marcos)."

Modi's cosplay masks convey a similar message. A mask is a collective cry for justice. It is a tool of transformation so as to play and assume roles in a broader social and political drama. But masks are also used to engage in masquerades.

Road shows have all the traits of a carnival. Even the kanwar yatra has acquired a carnivalesque character. In recent years, these have been co-opted by the ruling BJP.

Those revellers are anything

but anti-establishment. No doubt, they escape from harsh conditions of life for 10 days. The religious has become political of a certain kind.

During the Stalinist era, the Russian dictator was known for mocking and ridiculing his party comrades and ideological rivals. The state used the parodies and travesties in its exercise of power.

Some leaders and oppressive states celebrate the reversal of democratic order and legal norms through festive performances of their own transgression of power.

Leaders like Trump have benefited from their performative political style. Foucault calls it "arbitrary sovereignty." Such leaders castigate their rivals through lies and calumnies. Trump knows how to fact-check them as "fake news".

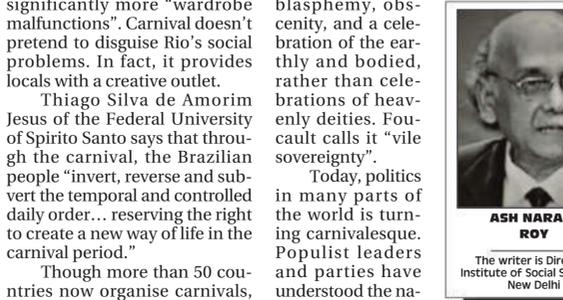
Trump's campaigns bank on insults and rants. By ridiculing his rivals, Trump frames them in a way that undermines their credibility as also perpetuates the "us-versus-them" polarisation. Others have sought to control the media and deny a level playing field to their political rivals.

Sarcasm and black humour are the traits of demagoguery. As Maya Vinokour, a scholar of Stalinism says, "you laugh at something to diminish it and as preparation for casting it down or destroying it."

The comedy in the hands of 'actor-leaders' can normalise the abnormal and lessen the monstrous and give their supporters a sinister kind of license. Trump has mastered this art.

The comic authoritarian style of the politics of Trump has allowed a threat to democracy to appear at best like a tasteless prank.

Like a carnival, populist politics is fast becoming grotesque, profane and vile. Given the growing trust deficits, the practitioners of carnivalesque politics are refashioning themselves as new tribunes of the people.



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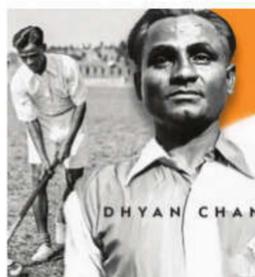
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Revive the golden era

SIR, India made its Olympic debut in hockey in 1928 at Amsterdam and won the gold medal. That was the beginning of a golden era, with India winning six consecutive Olympic gold medals from 1928 to 1956 and again in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics and the 1980 Moscow Olympics. India lost to Pakistan in the final in the 1960 Rome Olympics.

India did not win any medal in hockey between 1980 and the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. It ended the 41-year medal drought by winning a bronze at Tokyo, and



repeated it in Paris this year.

Major Dhyyan Chand, one of the greatest hockey players of all time, played a crucial role in India's early successes. He earned the nickname "The Wizard" for his exceptional dribbling skills and ball control.

The decline of Indian hockey can be attributed to several factors. The introduction of artificial turf posed a significant challenge. Indian hockey relied heavily on dribbling and individual skills, which became less effective on artificial turf.

Modifications in the rules of the game too affected Indians. There has been a shortage of artificial turf pitches and modern training facilities in India.

The rise of cricket, especially after India's 1983 World Cup victory, diverted public attention and resources away from not only hockey, but other sports too. Cricket is the most popular sport in India.

It enjoys massive viewership, sponsorship, and media coverage. While hockey has a glorious

history and remains the national sport, cricket's widespread appeal and commercial success have made it the dominant sport.

The history of Indian hockey is rich and illustrious; it must be revived as it deserves much more than a bronze medal.

We must create interest in hockey from grassroots level by introducing it in schools; identify talent and nurture it by providing modern facilities and training; increase the number of astro-turf fields to help players adapt; hire experienced foreign and Indian coaches in training centres, and organise several domestic championships.

Yours, etc., Dr O. Prasada Rao, Hyderabad, 11 August.

LIQUOR

SIR, This refers to today's editorial "Liquor ads" about surrogate advertising which involves a clever, misleading and deceptive tactic to undermine public health. The Centre is set to finalise regulations prohibiting both direct and surrogate advertisements of alcohol. This move is commendable.

The number of alcohol-related deaths in India per 100,000

SENSIBILITIES

SIR, Please refer to today's report "31-member JPC constituted to examine Waqf Bill". The introduction of the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, in the Lok Sabha has ignited an intense debate between the government and opposition parties.

The Bill, which seeks to reform the Waqf Act of 1995, has been presented by the government as a necessary step to usher in transparency and efficiency within the administration of waqf properties. The core of the controversy lies in the inclusion of non-Muslim members in the Waqf Boards and the transfer of certain decision-making powers from Waqf tribunals to district collectors.

Notably, the Waqf system plays a crucial role in maintaining the social and economic fabric of the Muslim community. Even if a reform is imperative, it must be undertaken with the utmost sensitivity and in consultation with all stakeholders. The essence of the matter lies in grasping the vulnerabilities and sensitivities on ground, rather than manoeuvring law and logic to force one's way through majoritarian sentiments. However, the Bill has been referred to a Joint Parliamentary Committee for scrutiny. It is expected that the JPC will propose a version that respects the religious rights of Muslims and upholds the tenet of federalism enshrined in the Constitution.

Yours, etc., Khokan Das, Kolkata, August 10.

population is 38.5. A World Health Organization report suggests that the figure for Indian males is as high as 63 compared to China's 29.6, while for Indian females the figure is 13.5 against China's 3.3.

It is unlikely that the high

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A law to fix Job-skills mismatch

The government and the private sector are taking another stab at addressing the worsening job-skills mismatch in the labor sector, a problem that has contributed to the high unemployment and underemployment in the country.

The Department of Education and the Private Sector Advisory Council (PSAC) signed last week a memorandum of agreement to pilot an enhanced work immersion program to increase the chances of senior high school students to find jobs when they graduate. Formed in July 2022 by President Marcos, PSAC is made up of the country's top business leaders who will advise the government on issues in key economic sectors.

The council put up the Private Sector Jobs and Skills Corp. as a non-profit, nonstock firm as its legal entity "to organize a well-coordinated government-industry-academe national movement to solve the jobs and skills mismatch problem in the country."

The latest agreement will include curriculum alignment to give more hours for students to learn skills that are in line with current industry standards, teachers training to effectively guide students, and job fairs and matching opportunities nationwide.

In short, the initiative seeks to bridge the gap between theoretical education and practical industry experience to make students more attractive to potential employers. The latest attempt at resolving the job-skills mismatch is worth noting in that it will involve a cross-section of industries.

Joining the activity are the Semi-

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conductors and Electronics Industries in the Philippines, IT Business Processing Association of the Philippines, Philippine Constructors Association, Confederation of Wearables Exporters of the Philippines, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Employers Confederation of the Philippines, iPeople through the National Teachers College, SM Group, and Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (Go Negosyo).

An initial 10 schools across the country are set to participate in the pilot program that will start in the 2024-2025 school year.

This is truly a very laudable and promising move, but what the country needs is a more permanent and unified solution to address the job mismatch problem, which has been hounding the labor sector for years.

As early as 2013, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) had been looking for ways to plug the gap between education and the jobs available in the market. Citing the favorable business climate at that time, then Tesda head and now Sen. Joel Villanueva said they needed to hear their concerns and solicit recommendations on how his agency can address the job-skills mismatch through policies and programs.

A classic example of the job-skills mismatch is provided in a 2015 study titled "The Consequences of Education Mismatch and Skill Mismatch on Employees' Work Productivity" by professors from the University of Santo Tomas. Booming in the early 2000s, it said the business process outsourcing industry was open to various degrees of educated individuals, with only minimum employment qualifications required such as a college degree, proficiency in English and computer literacy. "Most of the applicants took courses that were unrelated to the jobs applied to; therefore, the company tends to spend more on training and retraining newly hired employees to match their skills and the industry needs," it pointed out.

Olympic Games need to move on

TOM ARMBRUSTER

Greece has given the world two essentials - democracy and the Olympics. This year's Olympics thrilled us, surprised us, and moved us. Some of the moments were especially poignant. When German Olympic wrestler Frank Staebler left his shoes on the mat, respecting the traditional way a wrestler retires, it was hard not to feel that.

Given what the Olympics have contributed to the world, it's time to take them to countries that have never had a chance to host the Games. Enthusiasm for the Games is universal. Botswana declared a national holiday when runner Letsile Tebogo won the 200 meter gold medal this week. And yet, no African nation has hosted the Games, although individual events have taken place in Africa.

Small and developing countries successfully host regional sporting events. Cuba hosted the Pan Am Games. Every four years a Pacific Island nation hosts the Pacific Games. Mumbai hosts major international cricket matches and shows off its history.

Given the revenue from television and the influx of investment that comes with the Games, it's time to take this show on the road. Beyond Paris, and Los Angeles, to Cairo, Lagos, and Hanoi, all of whom have bid on the Games.

With a fund for developing countries, the resources could be found and the development gains could be game changing. There are plenty of international institutions that can help - the World Bank, African, Inter-American and Asian Development Banks, the United Nations Development Programme, and the U.S. Agency for International Development along with the International Olympic Committee.

With enough lead time, developing countries could integrate Olympic infrastructure into their national strategies. The development agencies know how to demand accountability, transparency, and integrity into the required infrastructure.

The United States has embassies in over 150 countries because the U.S. believes American interests are everywhere. We find a way to build the chanceries, provide security, and offer consular and diplomatic services around the world. Hotel chains, restaurants, and airlines are global.

The Olympic Games should not be reserved for rich countries. Only 23 countries have hosted, that is less than 12 per cent of the 193 accredited to the United Nations. The games in Paris were a smash hit, but France has hosted five times, Japan four, and the United States will host for the ninth time in Los Angeles.

I have had the honour to serve around the world as an American diplomat. Every country offered a



sport we could enjoy. In Finland it was cross country skiing, biking in Cuba, ice skating in Russia, horseback riding in Cuba, volleyball in Mexico and tennis in Tajikistan. Sports diplomacy is an integral part of the State Department's Public Diplomacy programme and hosting a former National Basketball Association coach was one of the highlights of my career. The kids loved him and it paid real diplomatic dividends as government officials saw

their kids learn basketball and life fundamentals from the pro coach. How many lives would be changed if the Games were held in India, South Africa, or Kazakhstan?

The popular TV show "Pimp My Ride" transformed used cars and made them shine. We have the creativity, resources, and imagination to help developing countries shine, and along the way build some goodwill in a way that only the Olympic Games can.

Imagine the Games held in the Middle East or anywhere where regional tensions could use a break. In the ring, on the track, and in the pool it is humanity and not ideology on display. The Olympic Games are where we see the best of us. It's time for the Olympic torch to showcase the rest of us.

(The writer is a retired U.S. Foreign Service Officer who has served in Finland, Cuba, Russia, Mexico, Tajikistan, and the Marshall Islands where he was Ambassador from 2012 to 2016.)

100 YEARS AGO

OCCASIONAL NOTE

FROM the controversy between Lord Jellicoe and the Admiralty indicated in the official narrative of the battle of Jutland, it may be gathered that the British Admiral waged the great sea fight in a manner open to expert criticism. Civilian readers cannot pretend to judge the technical points at issue. The man-in-the-street, however, will be quite content with the sequel at Scapa Flow. The official critics cannot, of course, avoid the imputation of wisdom after the event, while it must be acknowledged that Lord Jellicoe is the best possible witness as to the facts on which his tactics were based. The general impression doubtless will be that Lord Jellicoe must needs know more about the battle than any commentators, civilian or professional. The controversy, so far as it is to be taken seriously, may be regarded with the comfortable feeling that all's well that ends well. The saying that the best general is he who makes fewest mistakes is equally applicable to admirals. The British Fleet maintained its mastery of the sea; the enemy was reduced to helplessness and ultimate surrender. The Admiralty is hard to please if it is not satisfied with such a victory.

NEWS ITEMS

PESHAWAR OUTRAGE

VICTIMS' DEATH: MOSLEMS CONDEMN ASSASSIN

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
IN regard to the recent murderous attack on the two gunners at the Peshawar Zoo it is believed that no definite clue has been discovered as to the identity of the assailant. One of the victims has succumbed to his injuries but the other is now out of danger.

A mass meeting of the Moslems of Peshawar held on July 26 under the auspices of the Frontier Islamia Club gave expression to the sense of disgust and condemnation with which the attack is regarded by the whole Moslem community.

COTTON ADULTERATION

PROPOSED DELIMITATION OF AREAS

THE Madras Provincial Cotton Committee and the Director of Agriculture have recommended that, in order to stop the adulteration of cotton, the Cotton Transport Act of 1923 should be applied to this Province, and have submitted a draft of notification defining the limits of the Northern and Western Area, Tiruppur, Cambodia Area and Tinnevely Area, which in their opinion should be protected; that is, imports of cotton from outside can only be permitted into these areas under license. Before passing orders on these recommendations the Government will issue a notification inviting public opinion.

MR. GANDHI'S TOUR

MR. Muhammed Ali has just received a telegram from Mr. Gandhi stating that Mr. Gandhi will leave Ahmedabad on August 16, reaching Delhi on the morning of August 17. It appears that Mr. Gandhi had changed his programme and will arrive in Delhi earlier than was expected.

FLOODS IN SIND

SERIOUS SITUATION IN NAWABSHAH DISTRICT

HYDERABAD (SIND), AUG. 13.
THE Commissioner announces that in consequence of the abnormal rise of the Indus a serious situation has arisen in Nawabshah District. Water burst through the canal embankments in numerous places. The most serious breach occurred at Dad Main Canal. Floods have already spread over a great part of Moro Taluk and are advancing on a wide front. The Collector of Nawabshah has ordered the removal of Talukha Treasury. Mithiani is in great danger. The authorities are taking all possible measures.

CAPT. AND MRS. GEDDES

LONDON, AUG. 14.
THE funeral of Captain and Mrs. Geddes was very quiet. At Kensal Green, there was a small group of mourners, which included Captain Geddes's mother.

Kamala a truth stranger than fiction

PETER KASTOR

THE United States had its first Black president and its first female president over a half-century ago.

They were fictional, they were on screen, their names were Douglass Dilman and Leslie McCloud, and in the decades that followed there have been many others.

Yet none quite lines up with Kamala Harris, the Democratic presidential nominee in the 2024 election who is a biracial woman. Even after the United States elected a biracial president - Barack Obama - who has been the subject of two biopics, filmmakers have not created fictional equivalents. Nor have the presidents on screen been of South Asian descent.

Instead, almost all the presidents of color on American screens have been Black and they have been men, while almost all the female presidents have been white. While the representation on screen of most Black presidents avoided any discussion of race, the representation of women has uniformly focused on gender.

So as people engage in the inevitable discussion of the meaning of Harris' candidacy, it's high time to revisit those fictional presidents. Together they reveal how the presidency, in this case the fictional presidency, struggles with race and gender - just like the country at large.

And along the way, this may help create a watch list for people when they need a break from what promises to be a bruising presidential campaign.

The first Black president was Douglass Dilman, played by James Earl Jones in the 1972 film "The Man." "The Man" situated racial politics front and centre. Dilman is a reserved academic-turned-senator serving as president pro tem of the Senate before a series of freak accidents brings him to the presidency. He finds himself thrown into office facing doubts from

Black activists and vicious opposition from white politicians who will not accept his legitimacy. In the Oval Office, he tells his daughter: "I'm the wrong one. ... They were expecting a Black messiah."

But for every doubting Douglass Dilman, there are far more like Tom Beck, the president who must guide the United States through the risk of comet apocalypse in 1998's "Deep Impact." Played with cerebral gravitas by Morgan Freeman, Beck leads without a single reference to Blackness in particular or to race in general.

There's President Thomas Wilson in "2012," played by Danny Glover, in another tale of global annihilation. And President David Palmer in the TV series 24, a candidate turned president, played by Dennis Haysbert, who faces both assassination attempts and nuclear terrorism.

In all three of these representations, the president is usually the same: a strong, resolute, caring family man.

Leave it to the comedians to be the few who approached things differently.

Chris Rock drew on all his routines about black culture and white culture to construct Mays Gilliam, the D.C. councilman turned Hail Mary Democratic nominee in 2003's "Head of State." Jamie Foxx threw in a few oblique racial jokes in 2013's "White House Down," a movie which otherwise exists alongside 1997's "Air Force One" in the president-as-action-hero genre.

These family men and action heroes are a far cry from the various female presidents on screen.

The first - Leslie McCloud - predated Douglass Dilman by over a decade in the fictional timeline of presidents on screen. In 1964, "Kisses for My President" established the template that the story of female presidents was all about gender.

In this film, the focus is not on McCloud herself but rather the way

her husband, played by Fred MacMurray, struggles with the confusion and humiliations of being a man in the role of first lady. One poster for the film has him stuck wearing a woman's hat.

Whether comedy or drama, the fictional female presidents come to the White House with the same set of challenges.

They struggle to be both president and mother. Their husbands resent being in a woman's role. And above all else, the male politicians around them are disrespectful and distrustful. These movies not only predicted Hillary Clinton's candidacy but reflected the broader national conversation about women in the workplace.

Perhaps that is why one of the first made-for-TV movies on Lifetime - the self-proclaimed "Network for Women" - was "Majority Rule," in which Blair Brown played Gen. Catherine Taylor, a war hero turned president who must contend with the egocentric and condescending politicians who all want her job.

President Mackenzie Allen, - played by Geena Davis, faced the same challenges from 2005 through 2006 in the TV series "Commander in Chief."

Most recently, Kamala Harris' moment has also become Selina Meyer's moment, with people rediscovering "Veep," the 2012-19 TV series in which Julia Louis-Dreyfus plays a vice president who ascends to the Oval Office after the president resigns.

There is also another reason to watch "Veep" - as if there were not enough already: Laura Montez, who defeats Meyer in a chaotic election. Montez is among the few fictional presidents to break the mold of Black men and white women. Yet Montez remains a secondary character in "Veep," with only a few glancing jokes calling attention to the fact that she's Latina.

In the series finale - spoiler alert



- "Veep" returns to the familiar. Fast-forward several decades: At the funeral for Selina Meyer, a white female president whose story has always been told through gender and sexuality, the guests include Richard Splett, the former Meyer staffer who years later became president in his own right. As a Black president, Splett achieves the trifecta of bringing peace to the Middle East before enjoying an idyllic retirement with his beautiful wife.

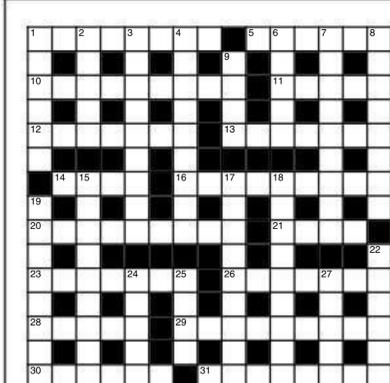
Meyer and Splett together have all the ingredients of a half-century of fictional presidents, with Montez, the Latina president, cast to the periphery.

Constance Payton holds the distinction of being the only on-screen Black female president. You can be forgiven if you've never heard of her, because her administration was brief. Alfre Woodard played Payton in the series "State of Affairs," which lasted for only 13 episodes in 2014-15.

In interviews, Woodard herself emphasized the dynamics of gender rather than race in playing this character. "Constance is, of course, a woman," Woodard said, "and Charleston (the

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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ill-sounding Italian's love for maple (8)
 - 5 Changed the heart of every cop at the end of Earth Day (6)
 - 10 Defy small wretched insect (9)
 - 11 Climbers limited by heaviness (5)
 - 12 Old call turns stomach: "At last, charge over the top!" (7)
 - 13 Oceanic shocker (7)
 - 14 Insignificant lake (4)
 - 16 Visualising one mother and her ruin in Gabon (9)

- 20 The gram we pulped into cereal foodstuff (9)
- 21 3 "not hard" for Rowan? (4)
- 23 Boggle at Herbie's entertaining tanned skin (7)
- 26/6 Worker under pressure (18 (4-3-5))
- 28 Regularly mined boron rocks that create pigment (5)
- 29 One that might be red after dance with singer (9)
- 30 Band has a Yankee swagger (6)
- 31 Instrument ray finds timber source (8)

- DOWN**
- 1 Plants found by southern borders (6)
 - 2 Columbia greeted traveller focused on sun (5)
 - 3 French man always in exam to achieve highest level (2,7)
 - 4 Myself, for example (9)
 - 6 See 26 Across
 - 7 Paranormal anti-green colour (9)
 - 8 Criticise house then move (8)
 - 9 Stuff from pharmacy sterilised liquid-filled cavity (4)

- 15 See Haley's wavy facial hair (9)
- 17 Give guns to Rashid to bag large ordinary animal (9)
- 18 Mostly surrounded by water (2,3,4)
- 19 Takes in Amazons' enemies? (8)
- 22 Sheep climbing over another for grass (6)
- 24 Scavenger's expression of contempt about money (5)
- 25 Minimally restrictive interconnected bone structures (4)
- 27 European married in Home Counties (5)

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

99,097 jobs created in Assam in past 3 years, says CM; sets new target

GUWAHATI, 13 AUGUST

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Tuesday said that his government has successfully created 99,097 jobs over the past three years.

According to Sarma, this achievement brings the state within 1% of its ambitious target of providing 1 lakh corruption-free government jobs.

In his announcement, Sarma highlighted the recent appointment of 1,127 youths to key positions in the Public Works Department (PWD) and Medical Education Departments, emphasising the government's commitment to transparency and integrity in the recruitment process.

"With today's additions, we have now reached 99,097 government jobs. We are moving steadily towards our goal of 1 lakh jobs. This is another step towards ensuring transparency and integrity in our recruitment process," the Chief Minister stated.

Looking ahead, Sarma also set an ambitious new goal for the state's employment efforts. He announced plans to create an additional 50,000 jobs over the next eight months, further reinforcing the government's dedication to reducing unemployment and fostering a fair and vibrant job market.

The Chief Minister's post on X urged citizens to "stay tuned for more updates," signalling ongoing efforts to enhance employment opportunities and strengthen Assam's economic future.

This latest development is part of a broader strategy by the Assam government to drive economic growth, improve public service delivery, and create sustainable job opportunities for the state's youth.

As Assam moves closer to its employment targets, the focus remains on ensuring that the recruitment process is transparent and inclusive, offering opportunities to a diverse range of candidates, Sarma added.

'India poised to become world's 3rd largest economy under PM Modi'

The progress aimed at bringing prosperity to 140 crore Indians: UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 13 AUGUST

India is steadily advancing toward becoming the world's third-largest economy under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, said Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Tuesday, adding that the progress is aimed at bringing prosperity to 140 crore Indians.

The Chief Minister made the statement while flagging off the 'Tiranga Yatra Bike Rally' under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign from his official residence. CM Yogi also extended early greetings for the 78th Independence Day.

The 'Tiranga Yatra Bike Rally', organised by the Bharatiya Janata Party Yuva Morcha Lucknow Mahanagar, was driven by strong national pride and drew thousands of enthusiastic participants.



The CM said, "Two years ago, during the Amrit Mahotsav celebrating India's Independence, we pledged the Panch Pran. In the Amrit Mahotsav year, through the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, we proudly displayed the tricolour, a symbol of India's pride and glory, in every home." CM Yogi highlighted that

in 2022-23, Uttar Pradesh made history by hoisting the tricolour at over five crore houses. The previous year, around four and a half crore houses proudly displayed the national flag. Responding to PM Modi's call, the Uttar Pradesh government is once again committed to reaching four and a half crore homes this year, he added.

CM Yogi expressed his gratitude to BJP officials and workers, acknowledging their vital role in supporting PM Modi's vision and spreading the tricolour—a symbol of India's pride—across every household in the state.

CM Yogi stated that in the past three days, enthusiastic workers from the Yuva Morcha have been leading

the Tiranga Yatra across Uttar Pradesh under the guidance of the BJP. The participation and enthusiasm displayed by students, businessmen, and various social-cultural organizations offer a glimpse of the emerging New India, he pointed out.

The tricolour represents 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'. Expressing his gratitude to the Yuva Morcha workers, the CM announced that the tricolour will be hoisted at every house from today until August 15.

He urged everyone to participate and help ensure that every state resident plays a crucial role in this initiative.

Earlier, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath walked from his residence, waving the tricolour and chanting 'Bharat Mata Ki Jai.' He called upon the people to embrace the spirit of nationalism, put the nation first, and commit to Panch Pran's resolutions.

'Khata Khat people divide society & spread chaos; have gone for a picnic again after polls'

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 13 AUGUST

Taking a jab at the opposition, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath remarked on Tuesday that the 'Khata Khat' people have once again disappeared for a 'picnic' as soon as the elections concluded.

Speaking at the appointment letter distribution event for 1,036 candidates selected through a fair and transparent recruitment process by the Uttar Pradesh Subordinate Service Selection Commission, the CM stated, "During the Lok Sabha elections in April-May, you might have heard about the 'Khata Khat' scheme. People were required to sign bonds of Rs 1 lakh each with a promise of receiving Rs 8,500 every month."

He continued, "Today, there is no sign of the 'Khata Khat' scheme people. As soon as the elections ended, they vanished for a picnic. When the election season arrives again, these same individuals will return to sow seeds of division and unleash chaos in society."

The Chief Minister emphasised that securing a government job in Uttar Pradesh today is possible without any recommendations or quid-pro quo. "For the past seven and a half years, our government has been issuing appointment letters to the youth in strict adherence to reservation rules."

Highlighting the differences in recruitment statistics between the previous and current administrations, the CM noted that between 2012 and 2017, the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Selection Commission completed appointments to 26,394 posts, with 13,469 positions filled by general candidates, 6,966 by OBC candidates, 5,634 by SC candidates, and 327 by ST candidates. The percentage of OBC candidates during this period was only 26.38%.

In contrast, under the current administration, the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Selection Commission has conducted 46,675 recruitments. Of these, 17,929 OBC candidates were selected, representing 38.41%. According to the Chief Minister, when combining OBC, SC, and ST



candidates, over 60% of the appointees under the double-engine government belong to these categories.

Yogi Adityanath stated that during the previous government, 19,312 candidates were selected between 2012 and 2017 through the Subordinate Services Selection Commission whereas under the double-engine government from 2017 to 2024, over 42,409 youth have been selected.

"Our government has issued appointment letters to these candidates in strict accordance with the reservation system established by the Constitution. Today, these individuals are actively contributing to the state's development. The recruitment process is now being conducted transparently and fairly," he added.

Issuing a stern warning, Yogi Adityanath stated that anyone who jeopardises the future of the state's youth under the double-engine government will face severe punishment, setting an example for the nation and the world. He added that those who are spreading rumours and misleading the youth.

Highlighting the significant changes since 2017, Yogi Adityanath remarked, "Previously, the youth of Uttar Pradesh faced an identity crisis, with the state's economy ranking sixth or seventh in the country. Today, when Uttar Pradesh youth travel to other states, they proudly identify themselves as being from Uttar Pradesh. The state's economy now ranks second nationally, showcasing the best economic progress compared to any other state."

Mayawati calls for JPC probe into Hindenburg issue

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE LUCKNOW, 13 AUGUST

BSP supremo Mayawati has suggested that the Centre initiate a high-level investigation or a JPC probe into the Hindenburg charges to restore its credibility.

The BSP president also took strong exception to the rape and murder of a doctor at a Kolkata hospital.

In a tweet on social media X on Tuesday, Mayawati said, "First the Hindenburg report regarding the Adani Group, and now the SEBI Chief is again in the news. The cycle of allegations and counter-allegations has reached a point where it is said to be affecting national interest."

"Despite the clarifications provided by Adani and SEBI, the issue remains unresolved and is on the boil. The issue impacts the Centre's credibility and extends beyond the debate between the government and the opposition. The central government



should have initiated a high-level investigation, such as a JPC or judicial probe, as it would have been more effective," she suggested.

In another tweet, Mayawati, commented on the rape and murder of a female doctor in Kolkata, calling the incident both sad and shameful. "The government should enhance security measures to prevent such heinous crimes and ensure that the culprits receive strict punishment."

Mayawati said this is a crucial national issue related to the safety and respect of women working in government, non-government, or any other sectors. She emphasised that everyone needs to be aware and vigilant.

Centre pushes for fast-tracking fencing along Myanmar border to ward off illegal migration

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE IMPHAL, 13 AUGUST

The Union Home Ministry has intensified efforts to accelerate the construction of a border fence along the Indo-Myanmar border in Manipur, a move seen as crucial in curbing illegal immigration and enhancing national security.

This push comes in the wake of growing concerns over the influx of illegal migrants and the security challenges posed by the porous border.

In the assembly session, Manipur BJP MLA Rajkumar Imo Singh stated that the Home Ministry has called for an expedited survey and alignment of the 243 km stretch of the Indo-Myanmar border in Manipur.

The urgency of the matter was underscored by Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, who shared this information during a session on the floor of the Manipur Legislative Assembly.



The Indo-Myanmar border, which stretches 1,643 km, is shared by the north-eastern states of Arunachal Pradesh (520 km), Nagaland (215 km), Manipur (398 km), and Mizoram (510 km).

The rugged terrain and dense forests along these borders have made them particularly vulnerable to illegal crossings, smuggling, and other transnational crimes.

In response, the Central Government has taken significant steps to identify and remove illegal migrants while also tightening control over the previously lax border movement.

The border fencing initiative, particularly in

Manipur, is part of a broader strategy to prevent unauthorized entry and to bolster the security apparatus in the region.

The urgency of the fencing project has also been reinforced by the recent decision to transfer certain paramilitary units that were seen as hindering ongoing peace efforts.

The situation has been further complicated by concerns raised by civil bodies and organizations in neighboring Nagaland.

A coalition comprising the United Naga Council (UNC), Naga Women's Union (NWU), All Naga Students Association Manipur (ANSAM), and Naga People's Movement for Human Rights (NPM-HR) recently submitted a memorandum to Home Minister Amit Shah.

The memorandum urged the repatriation of illegal migrants and fugitives from Myanmar, who have reportedly taken refuge in various parts of Manipur, particularly in Kamjong district.

Modi praises Arunachal Pradesh's patriotic zeal as thousands join Tiranga Yatra in East Kameng

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE ITANAGAR, 13 AUGUST

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday lauded the patriotic fervor of Arunachal Pradesh, particularly the enthusiasm displayed for the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' program, in response to a massive Tiranga Yatra held in Seppa, East Kameng district in the

frontier state. Prime Minister Modi's praise came after the successful event where a 600-foot-long tricolour was proudly carried through the streets of Seppa by over 2,000 students from various schools across the district.

The Tiranga Yatra, which took place as part of the nationwide 'Har Ghar Tiranga'

campaign, was a striking demonstration of national pride and unity.

The event was marked by the participation of key figures from the state, including East Kameng Deputy Commissioner Sachin Rana, Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister and local leader Mama Natung, MLA Seppa East Ealling Talang, and MLA Chayangtajo

Hayeng Mangfi. In his address to the gathering, Home Minister Mama Natung, who led the rally, spoke about the deep significance of the national flag and the core objectives of the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign.

Natung explained that the colours of the tricolour each hold a special meaning: saffron

stands for sacrifice and power, white symbolizes peace and truth, and green represents growth.

He urged every citizen to hoist the national flag at their homes as a display of patriotism and commitment to the nation.

Natung further revealed that the 600-foot-long tricolour had been specially brought

from New Delhi to inspire a sense of nationalism among the people of East Kameng.

He emphasized that this symbolic rally was not just limited to Seppa town but would also extend to adjacent areas, spreading the message of unity and patriotism throughout the region.

This year's event followed on the heels of another sig-

nificant moment in 2023 when East Kameng earned widespread acclaim for rallying a 300-foot-long national flag through the streets of Seppa.

The district's commitment to the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign has become a source of pride, reflecting the deep patriotic spirit of its people.

The Tiranga Yatra in Seppa, marked by the display of the massive 600-foot tricolour and the participation of thousands of citizens, stands as a testament to Arunachal Pradesh's deep-rooted patriotism and its ongoing efforts to strengthen national unity as India celebrates 77 years of independence, Minister added.

LEISURE

10 MINUTE CROSSWORD

10 Minute Crossword grid with clues for Across and Down.

- ACROSS: 1 Dull person (4), 3 Ram (3), 8 Behave wildly (3,4), 9 Disagreement (Informal) (3-2), 10 Culinary herb (5), 11 Extreme (7), 12 Medical instrument (11), 16 Hair cleaning product (7), 18 Prayer before a meal (5), 20 Skilful (5), 21 Travesty (7), 22 For instance (3), 23 Apartment (4). DOWN: 1 Scold (6), 2 Long-limbed (5), 3 Sleeveless garment (4,3), 4 Sudden fear (5), 5 Noiseless (6), 6 Sofa bed (6,5), 7 Region (4), 13 Type of play (7), 14 Fine brandy (6), 15 Monarch's stand-in (6), 16 Celebrities (5), 17 Savoury spread (4), 19 Be of use (5).

SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD with answers for Across and Down.

BEETLE BAILEY/Mort Walker



RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



DADDY DAZE/John Kovalski



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- Ambulance: FD Block Association (Amb) 9830452536, Happy Calcuttans 24400160, City Point Nurses Centre 2567-4113, People's Relief Committee 2280-4943/9444. 24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery: BOC India Ltd. 9831277777. Blood Banks: Ashok Laboratory 24720333, Central Blood Bank 23510619. Life Care 2284-6940, Peoples Blood Bank 2465-5164/5557, RK Mission Seva Pratishthan 2475-3636/39. Police/Fire: Lalbazar (Police Control Room) 22143230, S.P. (North 24-Pgns) 25423005, S.P. (South 24-Pgns) 2479-3333/1311, Bhowani Bhawan 24791761/9, 24791933, Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293. Howrah 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285. Civic Services: Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000, Water: 2543-1602. Calcutta Telephones: Changed Number Announcement: 1951,1952,1953. Taxi Refusal: SMS 575756: Complaint and registration. Police Toll Free No. 1073 Transport Deptt. No. 6451-6718. CESC Fault Reporting: 1912 and 4403-1912. Trains: Howrah Station Old Complex 1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2638, 7412/3542/2581 (manual), Sealdah: 2350-3535/3537, Shalimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

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Scrabble game board with words and scores.

SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and difficulty level.

THUMBNAILS

Heavy rainfall forecasted in Pakistan from 14 Aug: The Pakistan Meteorological Department (PMD) has forecast heavy rainfall activity from August 14-18 in most parts of the South Asian country, advising authorities and citizens to take necessary measures to avoid any untoward situation. Monsoon winds are expected to enter upper and middle areas of the country, said the weather department on Monday, adding that the rain spell would take place along with storms and lightning.

Vietnam could see special consumption tax doubled for alcohol by 2030: The special consumption tax rate could double or nearly double for beers and alcoholic beverages with alcohol content of greater than 20 degrees by 2030, according to the Vietnamese Ministry of Finance. The ministry on Tuesday proposed two options for the tax increase on beers and alcoholic beverages, reports Xinhua news agency, quoting Vietnam News. The first option will see the tax rate raised by over 5 per cent by 2026 with prices potentially increasing by 10 per cent compared to 2025.

Iran rejects European leaders' call to refrain from any retaliatory attacks

The European leaders also called for the return of scores of hostages held by Hamas

AGENCIES TEHRAN, 13 AUGUST

Iran rejected a call Tuesday by three European countries demanding it refrain from any retaliatory attacks that would further escalate regional tensions. Iran's president also told Britain's prime minister that Tehran considers retaliation against Israel over the July killing of Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh a right, and a way to discourage future aggression.

French President Emmanuel Macron, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer had issued a joint statement Monday endorsing the latest push by mediators Qatar, Egypt and the United States to broker an agreement to end the Israel-Hamas war. The European leaders also called for the return of scores of hostages held by Hamas and the "unfettered" delivery of humanitarian aid, and asked that Iran and its allies refrain from retaliation that would further escalate regional tensions after the late-July



killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran. "Such demands lack political logic, are entirely contrary to the principles and rules of international law, and represent an excessive request," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Nasser Kanaani said. The country's foreign ministry said Iran is decisive about defending its rights and does not need any permission to retaliate over the killing of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran, state-run IRNA news

agency reported. A Tuesday report by IRNA said President Masoud Pezeshkian, in a late Monday phone conversation with Prime Minister Keir Starmer, said that a punitive response to an aggressor is "a right of nations and a solution for stopping crimes and aggression." Pezeshkian said that the West's silence about "unprecedented inhumane crime" in Gaza and Israeli attacks elsewhere in the Middle East was "irresponsible" and encouraged Israel to put regional and global security

at risk. The report said the two leaders discussed ways for restoring peace and stability in the region and the world as well as improving bilateral relations, without elaborating. Israel has not confirmed nor denied its role in the July killing of Haniyeh, but Israel earlier pledged to kill him and other Hamas leaders over the group's Oct. 7 attack on southern Israel that sparked the war in Gaza. The assassination has sparked fears of a wider regional conflict and of a direct confrontation between Israel and Iran if Tehran retaliates. Iran does not recognize Israel and supports anti-Israeli militant groups including Hamas and Lebanon's Hezbollah. Israeli strikes kill 16 in Gaza. Israeli strikes in Gaza killed at least 16 Palestinians, including four women and seven children, and orphaned another four children, Palestinian medical officials said Tuesday.

US beefs up posture in Middle East

WASHINGTON, 13 AUGUST

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered a guided missile submarine to the Middle East and is telling the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier strike group to sail more quickly to the area, as the U.S. on Monday said it believes Iran or its proxies may launch a strike against Israel as soon as this week. The moves, announced by the Defense Department on Sunday, come as the U.S. and other allies push for Israel and Hamas to achieve a cease-fire agreement that could help calm soaring tensions in the region following the assassination of Hamas political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran and a senior Hezbollah commander in Beirut.

Top Ukrainian commander says his forces now control almost 390 square miles of Russia's Kursk

ASSOCIATED PRESS KYIV, 13 AUGUST



Ukraine's top military commander says his forces now control 1,000 square kilometers (386 square miles) of Russia's neighboring Kursk region, the first time a Ukrainian military official has publicly commented on the gains of the lightning incursion that has embarrassed the Kremlin.

Gen. Oleksandr Syrskiy made the statement in a video posted Monday to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's Telegram channel. In the video, he briefed the president on the front-line situation. "The troops are fulfilling their tasks. Fighting continues actually along the entire front line. The situation is under our control," Syrskiy said.

Russian forces are still scrambling to respond to the surprise Ukrainian attack after almost a week of fierce fighting, Russian President Vladimir Putin said the incursion, which has caused more than 100,000 civilians to flee, is an attempt by Kyiv to stop Moscow's offensive in eastern Ukraine's Donbas region and gain leverage in possible future peace talks. Zelenskyy confirmed for the first time that the Ukrainian military is inside the Kursk region. On Telegram, he praised his country's soldiers and commanders "for their steadfastness and decisive actions." He did not elaborate. The Ukrainian operation is under tight secrecy, and its goals remain unclear. The stunning maneuver that caught the Kremlin's forces off guard counters Russia's unrelenting effort in recent months to punch through Ukrainian defenses at selected points along the front line in eastern Ukraine. Speaking Monday at a meeting with top security and defense officials, Putin said the attack that began Aug. 6 appeared to reflect Kyiv's attempt to achieve a better negotiating position in possible future talks to end the war.

Donald Trump and Elon Musk talk about assassination attempt and deportations

ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK, 13 AUGUST



Donald Trump recounted his assassination attempt in vivid detail and promised the largest deportation in U.S. history during a high-profile return to the social media platform formerly known as Twitter — a conversation that was plagued by technical glitches. "If I had not turned my head, I would not be talking to you right now — as much as I like you," Trump told X's owner Elon Musk.

Musk, a former Trump critic, said the Republican nominee's toughness, as demonstrated by his reaction to last month's shooting, was critical for national security.

"There's some real tough characters out there," Musk said. "And if they don't think the American president is tough, they will do what they want to do." The rare public conversation between Trump and Musk, which spanned more than two hours Monday night and was overwhelmingly friendly, revealed little new about Trump's plans for a second term. The former president spent much of the discussion focused on his recent assassination attempt, illegal immigration and his plans to cut government

regulations. Still, the online meeting underscored just how much the U.S. political landscape has changed less than four years after Trump was permanently banned by the social media platform's former leadership for spreading disinformation that sparked the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on Congress and undermined the very foundation of the American democracy.

Such disinformation has thrived at X under Musk's leadership, although it was largely ignored during his conversation with Trump save for a passing Trump reference to a "rigged election." The session was intended to serve as a way for the former president to reach potentially millions of voters directly. It was also an opportunity for X, a platform that relies heavily on politics, to redeem itself after some struggles. It did not begin as planned.

With more than 878,000 users connected to the meeting

more than 40 minutes after the scheduled start time, the interview had not yet begun. Many users received a message reading, "Details not available." Trump's team posted that the "interview on X is being overwhelmed with listeners logging in." And once the meeting began, Musk apologized for the late start and blamed a "massive attack" that overwhelmed the company's system. Trump's voice sounded muffled at times.

Trump supporters were openly frustrated. "Not available???? I planned my whole day around this," wrote conservative commentator Glenn Beck. "Please let Elon know we can't join," billionaire hedge fund manager Bill Ackman posted. Ahead of the event, Musk posted on the platform that X was conducting "some system scaling tests" to handle what was anticipated to be a high volume of participants.

A ship in the Red Sea is targeted in a third attack by suspected Houthis

ASSOCIATED PRESS DUBAI, 13 AUGUST

A ship in the Red Sea came under attack at least three times Tuesday in an assault that included the use of a bomb-carrying drone boat, likely the latest in a campaign by Yemen's Houthi rebels over the Israel-Hamas war, officials said.

The attacks come as the rebels' main sponsor, Iran, weighs possible retaliation against Israel over the assassination of Hamas official Ismail Haniyeh in July, which has renewed fears of a wider regional war in the Middle

East. Already, the Houthi assaults have disrupted the \$1 trillion annual flow of goods through the maritime route crucial to trade across Asia, Europe and the Middle East, while also sparking the most intense combat for the U.S. Navy since World War II. The ship was first attacked as an explosive was detonated near it, the British military's United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations center said. Then a small vessel "acting suspiciously" flashed a light near the ship and came close, actions that were followed by a second blast, the UKMTO said.

Iraqi PM pledges to protect US-led coalition advisors

AGENCIES BAGHDAD, 13 AUGUST

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohammed Shia' al-Sudani has reaffirmed Iraq's commitment to preventing any

actions that could endanger the US-led coalition advisors tasked with helping Iraq fight the extremist IS militant group.

The prime minister made the remarks during a phone conversation with US Secretary

of State Antony Blinken late Monday night as the two sides discussed regional developments and efforts to bolster regional and international stability, according to al-Sudani's media office.

REGULATION OF ONE PAIR EMU TRAIN SERVICE BETWEEN HOWRAH & BARDHAMAN. In reference to the earlier notification regarding cancellation of trains due to Traffic and Power Block on Dn Howrah-Bardhaman Chord Line for the track maintenance work between Jaugram & Gurap stations, it is to be stated that, the track maintenance work has been cancelled on the intervening night of 15/16.08.2024. Hence, the train services, which were cancelled earlier for this block, will be restored and will run as per schedule. Now the block on Dn Howrah-Bardhaman Chord Line shifted to the intervening night of 14/15.08.2024 (Wednesday/Thursday) for the track maintenance work between Jaugram & Gurap stations over Howrah Division. Consequently, following arrangements in running of EMU trains have been made: Cancellation of EMU on 15.08.2024: From Howrah - 36811, From Bardhaman - 36812. Restoration of EMU on 16.08.2024: From Howrah - 36811, From Bardhaman - 36812. Special Note: Special or Late Running trains and any further newly introduced train/Parcel train/TOD during the block period, if any, will be controlled/diverted suitably enroute during block. Passengers are requested to follow the Public Address System of stations. Inconvenience is regretted. Divisional Railway Manager, Howrah

INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of missing person Md. Raj, Son of Sekh Aminuddin of Khatol Gali, Hatiana Purtopara, Kolkata - 700157, who has been missing since 24.06.2024 from Jin Masjid, Alad Husaini School, 23 Topia 2nd Lane, Kolkata - 700039. Description of this missing person: Age - 34 Years, Height - 5'5", Complexion - Fair, Built - Medium, Wearing - Yellow Colour Shirt and Black Colour Track Shoes, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C., Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001. (Telephone No.033 - 2214-1835, 9874902710). ICA-D1400(3)/2024

CANCELLATION OF BANDHAN EXPRESS. As per message received from Bangladesh Railways, 13129 Kolkata-Khulna Bandhan Express/13130 Khulna-Kolkata Bandhan Express (Both JCO 15.08.2024) will remain cancelled. Inconvenience is regretted. Chief Passenger Transportation Manager Eastern Railway. Follow us at: @EasternRailway | @easternrailwayheadquarter

Selection of Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Sewak (JTBS) over Sealdah Division. Notice No.: CW/JTBS/2024 Date: 08.08.2024. THIS IS NOT A RAILWAY JOB, IT IS AN AGENT. Applications are invited in the prescribed format for the following work: Name of work: Operating Contract of Jan Sadharan Ticket Booking Sewak (JTBS) for 03 (three) years, for issuance of computerized unreserved ticket through Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS) at nearby locations of following stations: Sl.No.; Station Name & Nos. Proposed JTBS are as follows: 1: Sealdah & 43. 2: Sonarpur Jn. & 57. 3: Barrackpur & 41. 4: Dum Dum Jn. & 41. 5: Naihati & 41. 6: Sodepur & 38. 7: Baruipur Jn. & 40. 8: Barasat Jn. & 40. 9: Belgharia & 40. 10: Subashgram & 37. 11: Shyamnagar & 40. 12: Bidhannagar Road & 40. 13: Habra & 40. 14: Madhyagram & 40. 15: Chakdaha & 30. 16: Ranaghat Jn. & 31. 17: Khardah & 30. 18: Canning & 31. 19: Kancharpara & 31. 20: Garia & 31. 21: Budge Budge & 31. 22: Agarpara & 30. 23: Dum Dum Cantt. & 30. 24: Ballygunge & 30. 25: Birati & 30. 26: Krishnanagar & 30. 27: Kalyani & 30. 28: Duttapukur & 29. 29: Halisahar & 30. 30: Machlandapur & 29. 31: Kankinara & 29. 32: Jadavpur & 30. 33: Bangaon & 30. 34: Magrahat & 30. 35: Ashoknagar & 30. 36: Ichhapur & 30. 37: Champahati & 30. 38: Nungi & 30. 39: Park Circus & 30. 40: Jaynagar Majilpur & 29. 41: Mallikpur & 30. 42: Mathurapur Road & 20. 43: Santoshpur & 21. 44: Taldi & 20. 45: Diamond Harbour & 21. 46: Dakshin Barasat & 21. 47: Gobardanga & 21. 48: Lakshmikantapur & 21. 49: Durganagar & 21. 50: Baghajatin & 21. 51: Gocharan & 21. 52: New Barrackpore & 21. 53: Berhampore Court & 20. 54: Dhama & 20. 55: Bamangachhi & 20. 56: Madanpur & 20. 57: Ghatuli Sharif & 20. 58: Titagarh & 20. 59: Shantipur & 20. 60: Baharu & 20. 61: Akra & 20. 62: Guma & 20. 63: Simurali & 20. 64: Dhakuria & 20. 65: Thakurnagar & 20. 66: Payradanga & 20. 67: Bisharpara Kodalia & 20. 68: Bira & 20. 69: Jagaddal & 20. 70: Sangrampur & 19. 71: Bidyadharpur & 20. 72: Tollyganj & 20. 73: Palta & 20. 74: Hridaypur & 19. 75: Piyali & 20. 76: Basirhat & 20. 77: Bagula & 20. 78: Majherhat & 20. 79: Ballyghat & 20. 80: Chandpara & 20. 81: Hotar & 20. 82: Brace Bridge & 20. 83: New Garia & 20. 84: B.B.D. Bag & 20. 85: Aranghata & 20. 86: Badkulla & 20. 87: Haroa Road & 20. 88: Kalyanpur & 20. 89: Hasanabad & 20. 90: Majhdia & 20. 91: Kolkata Terminal & 20. 92: Phulia & 20. 93: Palpara & 20. 94: Beldanga & 20. 95: Kalikapur & 20. 96: Dakshineswar & 20. 97: Bethuadahati & 11. 98: Taherpur & 11. 99: New Alipore & 11. 100: Plassey & 11. 101: Ganganpur & 11. 102: Deula & 10. 103: Murshidabad & 10. 104: Shasan Road & 10. 105: Birnagar & 10. 106: Lake Gardens & 10. 107: Dhap Dhapi & 10. 108: Sandalia & 10. 109: Kalyani Ghoshpara & 10. 110: Bhagwangola & 10. 111: Dakshin Durgapur & 10. 112: Kalyani Simanta & 10. 113: Habibpur & 10. 114: Jiaganj & 10. 115: Champapukur & 10. 116: Gopal Nagar & 10. 117: Surjyapur & 10. 118: Kalinarayanpur & 10. 119: Lalgola & 10. 120: Kakdwip & 10. 121: Majhergram & 10. 122: Basila & 10. 123: Krishnapur & 10. 124: Debagram & 10. 125: Baranagar Road & 10. 126: Cossimbazar & 10. 127: Namkhana & 10. 128: Kalyani Shilpanchal & 10. 129: Netra & 10. 130: Eden Garden & 10. 131: Barabazar & 10. 132: Muragachha & 10. 133: Dhubulia & 10. 134: Patipukur & 10. 135: Basuladanga & 10. 136: Rejnagar & 10. 137: Banpur & 10. 138: Gede & 10. 139: Gurudasnagar & 10. 140: Paglachandi & 10. 141: Taia & 10. 142: Sargachhi & 10. 143: Bhabta & 10. 144: Bagbazar & 10. 145: Bahadurpur & 10. 146: Sonadanga & 10. Date of Dropping of applications in the sealed box: From 19.08.2024 to 09.09.2024 between 11.00 hrs. to 16.00 hrs. in every working day and on 10.09.2024 between 11.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs. Date of Opening of applications: At 15.00 hrs. on 10.09.2024. Notice Board location & website particulars where complete details of application i.e. Terms & Condition, Eligibility/Qualification of applicants, Category wise for quota for each station as well as prescribed format of application can be seen at, Office of Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, DRM Building, Room No. 44, 16 Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 & Website www.e.railways.gov.in. Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Sealdah. Eastern Railway. Follow us at: @EasternRailway | @easternrailwayheadquarter

TENDER NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY. E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 10/2024 Date: 09.08.2024. On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj invites the E-procurement tenders:- Tender No.: 19246595 Qty.: 693 Nos. Description: 05 Watt VHF Digital Walkie Talkie Set. EMD : ₹ 3,56,530/- Tender Opening Date : 02.09.2024. Note: (1) The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender is available on IREPS website i.e. http://www.ireps.gov.in. (2) Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Class III Digital Signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) Rates entered into financial rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entry in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. (4) Documents being attached should be signed on their body. The above tender notice has been uploaded on http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in. In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 1426/24 (A).

TENDER NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY. E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE. CSTE/Project/Co-ord/N.C. Railway/Prayagraj and on behalf of President of India invites "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work. Mode of Tender: EPC-Mode (Single Stage-Two Packet system). Tender Notice No.: Bid No. NCR-S&T-EPC-Kavach-DHO-BINA, Dt. 09.08.2024. Name of Work: "STANDARD ENGINEERING, PROCUREMENT AND CONSTRUCTION (EPC) AGREEMENT FOR PROVISION OF KAVACH (TRAIN COLLISION AVOIDANCE SYSTEM), ALONG WITH TOWERS AND 4X48 FIBRE OFC AS A BACKBONE ON DHOLPUR (Excl.)- BINA (Excl.) SECTION OF JHANSI DIVISION ON NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY". Approx Cost: Rs 207.49 Crore Completion period: 700 Days. Earnest Money amount: Rs. 10374700/- (Rs. One Crore Three Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Seven Hundred only). Availability of Tender document on Railway website: Tender documents will be available on ireps website i.e. www.ireps.gov.in from 09.08.2024 to 30.09.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs (Morning) as per IST. Physical submission of all document: Dated: 07.10.2024 upto 11:00 Hrs. Tender closing date: 30.09.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. Date & time of opening of tender: 09.10.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. 1439/24(ADM). North central railways www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in @CPRNCR

ANUSANDHAN NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION (A Statutory body of Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India) (File No. ANRF/Rectt./01/2024) ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE NO. 01/2024. The Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF), a statutory body under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, proposes to fill up the following post as per the details given below: Table with columns: Sl. No., Name of the Post, Pay Scale, No. of Posts. 1. Chief Executive Officer. (i) Person from the Central Government or State Government or universities or recognised research institutions or Semi Government or statutory or autonomous organisations in India, shall be paid a salary and allowances of such amount, as may be applicable to Secretary to the Government of India. (ii) Person from industry or private sector or overseas institution or Non-Government Organisation, or any other person not covered under para (i) above shall be given the following options, namely: (a) a salary and allowances of such amount, as may be applicable to Secretary to the Government of India; or (b) a consolidated salary of sixty-six lakh rupees (fixed) per annum which may be revised from time to time by the Central Government. Last date of submission of applications would be 21 days from the date of publication of Advertisement in the "Employment News" (English Edition). The detailed advertisement containing Age, Educational Qualification, Experience and other details are available on our website: www.serb.gov.in / www.dst.gov.in / serb online.in) Madhu Wadhawan Sinha Director CBC 36101/11/0005/2425

পিতা-মাতা/অভিভাবকের অনুসন্ধানের জন্য বিজ্ঞপ্তি. শিশুর বিবরণ. নাম: মেঘনা শর্মা, জন্ম: ১৪.০৫.২০০৮, লিঙ্গ: স্ত্রী, প্রাপ্তি: ২৬.০৪.২০২৪, বর্তমান অবস্থান: হোপ কলকাতা ফটোশ্যুট, অশার আলো গার্লস হোম, ২১৬/২, মাদানব রোড, কলকাতা-৭০০০০৭, উচ্চতা: ১৫২ সে.মি, গায়ের রং: ফার্স, পুরানো পেশা: ফ্যান ক্লাব (Off White) ছাপার কাজ করা কুর্টি ও ব্লাউজ ডেসাইন, পুরানো ও তথ্য সহ জি.ডি.ই. নম্বর: ২১৩৯; তারিখ: ২৯.০৪.২০২৪। যোগাযোগের ঠিকানা: জি.ডি.পি.ই.ই. কলকাতা, ঠিকানা: শ্যাম বিল্ডিং (সেপ্টেম্বর তল), ডি. এফ.-৯, সেক্টর-১, সাউথেক সিটি, কলকাতা-৭০০০৬৪. আবেদন: ১৩/০৮/২০২৪

THUMBNAILS

Rajeeva took charge as Executive Director of Punjab & Sind Bank: Rajeeva has assumed charge as Executive Director of the Punjab & Sind Bank w.e.f. 09.08.2024. Prior to his elevation as Executive Director of Punjab & Sind Bank, he was Chief General Manager of Punjab National Bank. Rajeeva, a postgraduate in Arts, is also a Master of Business Administration in Banking & Finance and CAIIB.

Dabur extends portfolio: Packaged fruit juice brand Réal today extended today the Réal portfolio with the launch of its latest offering, Réal Bites – a revolutionary range of fruit beverages that promise a unique drinking experience with Réal fruit chunks in every sip. They also signed up Bollywood actress Sara Ali Khan to promote its diverse range of beverages.

India Defence Index Fund: Aditya Birla Sun Life Mutual Fund has announced the launch of the Aditya Birla Sun Life Nifty India Defence Index Fund, an open-ended index fund tracking the Nifty India Defence Index. The New Fund Offer (NFO) will remain open from 9th August 2024 to 23rd August 2024. India's defence sector is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the government's emphasis on self-reliance and modernization.

Benchmark indices end lower for 2nd session

Sensex ended 692.89 pts at 78,956.03 while Nifty50 settled 208 pts at 24,139



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Amid mixed macro-economic data with CPI falling near to 5-year low, IIP growing at a slower pace, benchmark indices ended lower for the second consecutive session on Tuesday.

Sensex ended 692.89 points or 0.87% at 78,956.03 while Nifty50 settled 208 or 0.85% lower at 24,139.

The market opened marginally lower and extended the losses as the day progressed, dragging Nifty near 24,100 and Sensex below 79,000 amid selling across the sectors.

Among the sectors, Nifty Fin Services was the top sectoral loser, down 1.87%. Apart from HDFC Bank, Shriram finance, Cholamandalam Invst, PFC, and HDFC Life also lost over 2.5 percent each.

Nifty Bank index, Bandhan Bank, SBI, Bank of Baroda,

and Kotak Bank shed between 1-2.3% each.

Nifty Metal index, Hind Zinc was the top dragger, down 5.2% followed by Welspun Corp, SAIL, NALCO, and NBDC down over 2.5% each.

On BSE, Titan, HCL Tech, Nestle India, Sun Pharma and Reliance Industries were the top gainers while HDFC Bank, Tata Motors, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, and SBI were the top losers.

BSE Midcap and Smallcap

indices also lost one percent each.

HDFC Bank's shares took a nearly 3% dip by trading at Rs 1,614 apiece.

The drop came after investors expressed disappointment over MSCI Global Standard Index's decision to increase the bank's weightage in two stages instead of one and lower-than-expected weight change.

Ola Electric share price opened upside and touched an intraday high of 129.40 apiece on the NSE, registering around a 70% rise against the listing price of 76 apiece.

Mamaearth parent Honasa Consumer's share price surged 3 percent after international brokerage Goldman Sachs initiated coverage on the Beauty and Personal Care (BPC) player.

Fertilisers And Chemicals Travancore shares fell 4% after the company posted a net loss of Rs 48.7 crore for the June quarter.

Meanwhile, volatility extended its uptrend and climbed above the 16 mark, causing more discomfort for bulls.

The India VIX, the fear gauge, rose 1.89% to 16.17 from 15.87 levels.

GST Council set to meet on 9 Sept to discuss key issues



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The GST Council, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to meet on September 9, the Council said on Tuesday.

In a post on social media platform X, the Council said, "The 54th Meeting of GST Council will be held on 9th September, 2024 at New Delhi."

As per the reports, the council is likely to discuss rate rationalisation, compliance measures, ITC reforms, among others.

Notably the 53rd meeting was held on June 22, 2024 where the GST Council announced various recommendations relating to tax-

ation, ITC claims and demand notices.

It also recommended a uniform rate of 12% on all milk cans, waiver of interest on penalties on tax demand notice among other measures.

At the last meet, the Council had recommended waiving interest and penalties for demand notices under the CGST Act, monetary limit of Rs. 20 lakh for GST Appellate Tribunal, Rs. 1 crore for High Court and Rs. 2 crore for Supreme Court, for filing of appeals by the Department, among several other recommendations.

After the previous Council meeting, the Finance Minister had said the next meeting of the GST Council of Ministers (GoM) on rate

rationalisation under Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Sumant Chaudhary, will give a presentation on the status of the work and aspects covered by the panel and working pending before the panel.

Sitharaman had said on the floor of the House that the issue of GST on health and life insurance premiums will be decided by the GST Council alone, and the matter should be left to the Council, now that all stakeholders have been heard of this.

The GST Council, which comprises of finance ministers of Centre and states, is the apex decision making body with regard to Goods and Services Tax (GST). The tax was rolled out on July 1, in 2017.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Chandrika Mahato S/o Late Judaji Mahato, of 93/A, Bireswar Chatterjee Street, Bally, Howrah, 711201, W.B., hereby declare that I have changed my names from Chandrika Das Mahto & Chandrika Mahato to Chandrika Mahato and hereafter be known as Chandrika Mahato, Vide Affidavit No. 17946 dated 05.08.2024 Before the Hon'ble 1st Class Judicial Magistrate At Alipore Court, Kolkata.

Change of Name

I, Bakul Rani Saha, Spouse of Late Ajit Kr. Biswas, resident of Vill. - Surovishan, P.O. Badkulla, Dist - Nadia, Pin - 741121 have changed my name and date of birth from Bakul Rani Saha, age 35 years at the time of retirement of my husband to Bakul Rani Biswas, DOB 01/01/1951 vide Affidavit dated 07/08/2024 before Judges Court Krishnagar, Nadia.

I, MINA ADHIKARY, W/o. - Bijoy Kumar Adhikary, R/o. - Village & Post-Baidyapur, Dist-Purba Bardhaman, W.B. - 713122, hereby declare that my name & my DOB had been wrongly recorded as MINA RANI ADHIKARY & DOB 01-01-1900 in my husband's pension payment order being No.-2017483. On the 31-07-2024 vide Affidavit No.-4423. The First Class KALNA Judicial Magistrate declared that her actual DOB is 15-11-1958 & MINA ADHIKARY and MINA RANI ADHIKARY is the same and one identical person.

I, MRS. Tanusree Majumder, W/o. Sri Ayan Kanti Majumder and D/o. Sri Kalyan Kumar Nandi, residing at No. 36/B, Bhagabati Chatterjee Street, P.O.: Belgharia, P.S.: Belgharia, North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700056, solely affirmed and declared before The C.M.M. Court, Govt. of W.B. vide Affidavit Sl. No. 08/2024 Dt. 15-05-2024 that Tanusree Majumder (after marriage name) and Tanusree Nandi (maiden name) both are same and identical person.

I, BILASH Paswan, S/o. Ram Chandra Paswan, residing at 277, Manasa Pally Chakpara, Liluah, Bally(M), Howrah, West Bengal-711203, shall henceforth be known as (Viswanath Paswan) as declared before the First Class Judicial Magistrate Alipore Court, Kolkata vide

Affidavit No. 10571 dated: 21-06-2024 (Bilash Paswan) and (Viswanath Paswan) both are same and one identical person.

TENDER

TENDER (ID: 2024_DHE_731670_1) is invited for supply of Books under RUSA 2.0 for details: <https://wbten ders.gov.in>

Teacher-In-Charge Chakdaha College

TENDER Notice - e-Tenders are invited from reputed Vendors for supply and installation of Projectors and White screen in the Alipurduar University. For details please visit <https://wbten ders.gov.in> Memo No. e-Tender-002 / APDU / R / 2024-2025 (2nd Call) Dated 13-08-2024.

Sd/- Registrar (Additional Charge) Alipurduar University

UTTAR Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Pundibari, Cooch Behar - Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) - Online Tenders & offline EOI are being invited from reputed agencies for Supplying (a) Electrical Goods (b) Multi-Crop Thresher (c) Laboratory Instruments (d) Steel Furniture and (e) Development & maintenance of lawn. For details please visit: www.wbtenders.gov.in and www.uwbk.ac.in

Registrar (Actg.)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform that, Applicant-Bidhan Patra has been accorded the Environment Clearance from the WBSEIAA for his Proposed M.BIN.B-34 Sand Block, at Mouza-Mankyapal, P.S.-Binpur, Dist.-Jhargram, West Bengal. EC Identification No. - E C 2 3 C 0 1 0 7 W B 5260110N, Dated- 09-08-2024. The copy of said Clearance is available with the Parivesh Portal of MOEF&CC.

TENDER

THE UNIVERSITY OF BURDWAN

For Google Work Space - Education Plus Student license (2nd Call), please visit: <https://wbten ders.gov.in> (Tender ID: 2024_BU_730588_1)

Sd/- Registrar

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS/NOTICE FOR SERVICE ADVERTISEMENT IN NEWSPAPER (Order-V, Rule 20 C.P.C.)
Re: IN THE HIGH COURT AT CALCUTTA CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION (Appellate Side)
FA. NO. 367 OF 2013

Tapas Kumar Banerjee; ... Appellant

-Versus- Swapan Kumar Chatterjee & ors.; ... Respondent

To Respondent Nos.

1. Swapan Kumar Chatterjee, Husband of Late Runu Chatterjee
2. Samrat Chatterjee, Son of Late Runu Chatterjee
3. Satabdi Chatterjee, Daughter of Late Runu Chatterjee

All residing at 7/3B, Radhanath Mullick Lane, Kolkata-700012. WHEREAS, Tapas Kumar Banerjee, S/o. Late Sankar Kumar Banerjee presently residing at B-404, Apex Apartment, Sector-45, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 has instituted the above-mentioned appeal against you challenging the Judgment order dated 16-03-2013 passed by the Learned Chief Judge, City Civil Court, Calcutta in probate Case No. 2 of 2012 and by order dated 29-07-2024 the Hon'ble Justice Rajasekhara Mantha & Hon'ble Justice Ajay Kumar Gupta were pleased to direct the Appellant to take steps regarding service of Notices upon the Respondents by way of advertisement in the two Newspapers circulated in the locality where the Respondents is last known to have resided.

All you are hereby summoned to appear in this Hon'ble Court in person or by a pleader on the next date of hearing and the same shall be listed, after four weeks from the order dated 29-07-2024 passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench or so soon thereafter as and when the business of the Hon'ble Court may permit, failing which the said first appeal will be disposed of ex parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court, This 05th day of August 2024

Registrar Administration (Lawzima & Office Management) Appellate Side High Court, Calcutta

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

This is to inform all concerned that State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Govt. of West Bengal, vide its EC Identification No. EC24B3812WB5629990N & File No. EN/T-II-1/434/2023, date of issue of EC- 12/08/2024 has accorded environmental clearance to M/s. Happy Niketan Pvt. Ltd. for the proposed Expansion of Residential Complex at Lot-2, Holding no.- 449/A/1, G.T.Road, J.L.No.-15, MouzaMahesh, Ward No.-19, Under Serampore Municipality, P.S.-Serampore, Dist.-Hooghly, West Bengal.

[Proposal No.: SIA/WB/INFRA2/ 466556/2024, dated 29.03.2024]

Copy of the environmental clearance is available with the office of West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Kolkata and may also be seen at the website of MoEFCC/SEIAA, where it is displayed.

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RBI DG cautions CBDC could become safe havens in times of crisis



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Michael Debabrata Patra cautioned against Central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) becoming safe havens in times of crisis leaving bank deposits - particularly uninsured deposits - more prone to withdrawal and may even cause bank runs.

The deputy governor said deposit insurers need to contend with the possibility of

the CBDCs being perceived as a safe haven during crises triggering depositor panic, thus rendering bank deposits, particularly uninsured deposits, more prone to withdrawal and hence the risk of bank runs.

"Given the inherent links between such systems and the objectives and operations of deposit insurers, it is expected that the topic of CBDC will continue to grow in relevance for deposit insurers," he added.

Patra also said that the

operating models and design features of each individual jurisdiction's CBDC would be a crucial factor in expanding understanding of the balance of risks. "The impact of CBDC on deposits and hence deposit insurance is largely unknown as of today."

"For deposit insurers, factors of key interest would be the degree of replacement of bank deposits by CBDC, the division of labour between central and commercial banks and the degree of privacy

attached to CBDC usage," he said.

"As an increasing number of Central banks face the risk of large-scale use by the public of private or digital instruments that may not be backed by or denominated in the domestic currency, CBDCs may assist in mitigating this risk by being a central bank liability and a form of digital cash," he said.

He further highlighted that with digital payments gaining traction, deposit insurers have to re-evaluate operational risks posed to depositors and member banks from the emergence of these 24/7 payment systems.

Notably, a bank run happens when a large portion of customers withdraw money from their accounts in a brief period, and it is triggered due to fear of an impending crisis.

CBDC is a legal tender or fiat currency issued by a central bank in a digital form.

RBI started a pilot for wholesale CBDC in November 2022 and retail CBDC in December 2022.

Centre to engage 'Mining Developers cum Operators' for major coal mine projects



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

With an aim to revolutionize coal mining, the Ministry of Coal has embarked on a transformative initiative by engaging Mining Developers cum Operators (MDOs) for major coal mine projects.

The MDOs will be engaged under Coal India Limited (CIL) to significantly enhance coal production, reduce reliance on imported coal,

and introduce cutting-edge technology into the mining sector.

As per the information shared by the Ministry of Coal, the primary goal of engaging MDOs is to significantly increase coal production by streamlining operations, enhancing productivity, and reducing mining costs.

These MDOs are tasked with excavating, extracting, and delivering coal to Coal India Limited (CIL) according

to approved mining plans, thereby boosting domestic coal output. By partnering with MDOs known for their advanced technological capabilities, CIL aims to modernize mining practices and improve operational efficiency, it added.

Initially, CIL identified 15 coal mine projects with a combined capacity of -168 MT for MDO implementation. This number has now expanded to 28 projects (18 open cast

and 10 underground mines) with a total capacity of -257 MT. As of today, 18 mines have been awarded to leading private parties, marking a significant milestone in this ambitious endeavor.

These reputed operators, selected through open global tenders, will oversee the entire mining process, from excavation and extraction to the delivery of coal, in line with the agreement, the Ministry of Coal said.

Their involvement is anticipated to inject advanced technology and unparalleled operational efficiency into the system, driving remarkable improvements in production capabilities. In addition to boosting production, the MDOs will manage crucial aspects such as Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) issues, land acquisitions, and environmental clearances.

They will also coordinate with State and Central Pollution Control Boards to guarantee rigorous adherence to environmental standards. Each contract with the MDOs will span 25 years or the life of the mine, whichever is shorter, ensuring long-term stability and consistent advancements in mining operations.

HK upholds convictions of seven pro-democracy activists

ASSOCIATED PRESS
HONG KONG, 13 AUGUST

Hong Kong's top court on Monday upheld the convictions of seven of Hong Kong's most prominent pro-democracy activists over their roles in one of the biggest anti-government protests in 2019.

Jimmy Lai, founder of the now-defunct Apple Daily newspaper; Martin Lee, the founding chairman of the city's Democratic Party; and five former pro-democracy lawmakers were found guilty in 2021 of organizing and participating in an unauthorized assembly.

Their convictions dealt a blow to the city's flagging pro-democracy movement during a political crackdown on dissidents following the protests.

Last year, the activists



partially won their appeal at a lower court, with their convictions quashed over the charge of organizing an unauthorized assembly. But their convictions over taking part in the assembly were upheld and they continued their legal battle at the city's top court.

On Monday, judges at

the Court of Final Appeal unanimously ruled against their appeal over the remaining convictions.

The defendants previously argued that the trial judge had failed to conduct an "operational proportionality" assessment when convicting them and quoted two non-binding decisions

set out by the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. The defense also suggested the judge should have taken into account that the procession did not become violent.

But Chief Justice Andrew Cheung and Justice Roberto Ribeiro said in their written judgment that the two British cases should not be adopted in the city's courts because the frameworks for human rights challenges in the two jurisdictions are different.

They ruled that the defendants' proposition was "unsustainable" and "is contrary to all established principles governing constitutional challenges in Hong Kong."

"A separate proportionality inquiry in relation to arrest, prosecution, conviction and sentence is inappropriate and un-called for," they wrote.

Philippines protests Chinese air force jets' firing of flares

ASSOCIATED PRESS
MANILA, 13 AUGUST

The Philippine government said Tuesday it has filed a diplomatic protest against Beijing after Chinese jets flew dangerously close and fired a volley of flares in the path of a Philippine air force patrol plane over a disputed

shoal in the South China Sea.

The Chinese air force jets' hostile actions against the Philippine military's NC-212 light transport plane Thursday over the Scarborough Shoal was the first such aerial encounter since high-seas hostilities between Beijing and Manila in the

busy seaway started to flare last year.

Philippine military chief Gen. Romeo Brawner Jr. did not report any injuries or damage but condemned the Chinese actions, which he said could have had tragic consequences.

"If the flares came into contact with our aircraft,

these could have been blown into the propeller or the intake or burned our plane," Brawner told reporters. "It was very dangerous."

Department of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Teresita Daza said without elaborating that a diplomatic protest has been transmitted to China.

New Mars study suggests an ocean's worth of water may be hiding beneath the red dusty surface

ASSOCIATED PRESS
CAPE CANAVERAL, 13 AUGUST

Mars may be drenched beneath its surface, with enough water hiding in the cracks of underground rocks to form a global ocean, new research suggests.

The findings released Monday are based on seismic measurements from NASA's Mars InSight lander, which detected more than 1,300 marsquakes before shutting down two years ago.

This water — believed to be seven miles to 12 miles (11.5 kilometers to 20 kilometers) down in the Martian crust — most likely would have seeped from the surface billions of years ago when Mars harbored rivers, lakes and possibly oceans, according to the lead scientist,



Vashan Wright of the University of California San Diego's Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Just because water still may be sloshing around inside Mars does not mean it holds life, Wright said. "Instead, our findings mean that there are environments that could possibly be habitable," he

said in an email. His team combined computer models with InSight readings including the quakes' velocity in determining underground water was the most likely explanation. The results appeared Monday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

If InSight's location at

Elysium Planitia near Mars' equator is representative of the rest of the red planet, the underground water would be enough to fill a global ocean a mile or so (1 kilometer to 2 kilometers) deep, Wright said.

It would take drills and other equipment to confirm the presence of water and seek out any potential signs of microbial life. Although the InSight lander is no longer working, scientists

continue to analyze the data collected from 2018 through 2022, in search of more information about Mars' interior. Wet almost all over more than 3 billion years ago, Mars is thought to have lost its surface water as its atmosphere thinned, turning the planet into the dry, dusty world known today.

Myanmar releases Japanese man convicted for selling rice above set prices

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOKYO, 13 AUGUST

A Japanese business executive who was detained in Myanmar for more than a month has been released after being convicted of violating rice pricing rules, officials said Tuesday.

Hiroshi Kasamatsu, a director of the Myanmar supermarket Aeon Orange, was in custody in Myanmar since his June 30 arrest for selling rice at prices above the official regulations, as per reports.

Latvian travellers stranded in Spain, Portugal return home: All 147 travellers who were stranded in Spain and Portugal due to issues with their tour operator have successfully returned to Latvia, the Latvian Consumer Rights Protection Centre (PTAC) announced on Tuesday. A group of 81 Latvian children, who had been stranded in Spain while en route to a surf camp in Portugal, arrived in Latvia on Monday via two buses. Another group of 66 individuals returned to Latvia on Tuesday. According to a post by the Latvian Foreign Ministry on the social platform X, formerly known as Twitter, a total of 171 people were on the trip to Portugal organized by Fisom. However, Fisom was unable to fulfill its obligations due to liquidity problems, leading to the disruption.

NOTICE BEFORE THE NATIONAL COMPANY LAW TRIBUNAL KOLKATA BENCH
C.P. (CAA) No. 123/(KB)/2024
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C.A. (CAA) No. 124/(KB)/2024
In the Matter of: **Nalwa Logistics Private Limited**, a company having Corporate Identification No. U63090WB2019PTC146494 and its registered office at 14/3, Chhatra Wala Gali, Mezzanine Floor, Kolkata - 700012
- And -
In the Matter of: **Bhawna Vintrade Private Limited**, a company having Corporate Identification No. U51909WB2008PTC130418 and its registered office at 14/3, Chhatra Wala Gali, Mezzanine Floor, Kolkata - 700012
- And -
In the Matter of: **1) Nalwa Logistics Private Limited** 2) **Bhawna Vintrade Private Limited**

NOTICE OF PETITION
A Petition under Section 230 to 232 of the Companies Act, 2013 read with Companies (Compromises, Arrangements and Amalgamations) Rules, 2016 for approval of Scheme of Amalgamation relating to amalgamation of **Bhawna Vintrade Private Limited** ("Transferor Company") with **Nalwa Logistics Private Limited** ("Transferee Company") was presented by the above named petitioners on 19/07/2024 and the said petition is fixed for hearing before Kolkata Bench at 5, Esplanade Row (West), Kolkata 700001 and also to the petitioner's authorized representative, if any, and if not already filed, should be filed before this Tribunal not later than 7 (seven) days before the next date of hearing of the petition and a copy of such representation should be simultaneously sent to the Authorized Representative of the said Petitioners. If no such representation is received by the Tribunal within such period, it shall be presumed that such Authorities have no representation to make on the said Scheme. A copy of the petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any person requiring the same.
Dated: 19/07/2024
Sd/-
CA Shashi Agarwal
4th Floor, 7B K.S. Roy Road,
Kolkata - 700001
Authorized Representative
Email: ddp6750@rediffmail.com

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E-Auction Sale Notice

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES LAST DATE & TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF EMD AND DOCUMENTS (Hard Copy & ONLINE) :-

Sl. No. 1-3	Property at Lot (mentioned below)	LAST DATE OF BID SUBMISSION		Time up to
		Online		
		05.09.2024		Upto 3.30 PM

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical/symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of the Bank/Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on the date as mentioned in the table herein below, for recovery of its dues due to the Bank/Secured Creditor from the respective borrower(s) and guarantor(s). The reserve price and the earnest money deposit will be as mentioned in the table below against the respective properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal (<https://ebkraj.in>). The General Public is invited to bid either personally or by duly authorized agent.

Lot No.	A) NAME OF THE BRANCH B) NAME OF THE ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES MORTGAGED / OWNER'S NAME	A) DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	A) RESERVE PRICE (RS. IN LAC)	DATE/ TIME OF E-AUCTION
			B) OUTSTANDING AMOUNT C) POSSESSION DATE	B) EMD (LAST DATE OF DEPOSIT OF EMD) C) BID INCREASE AMOUNT	
1	BO: Kolkata BRBB Road Debjani Nandy & Biswajit Nandy	All that residential Flat no. 1C, on the 1st floor of Block - 1 containing a built up area of 657 Square Feet little more or less and 1no. covered Car parking space on the ground floor, at Block no. 1, "HARMONY", G+V Storied residential building, 123, Narayanpur, P.S. - Airport (formerly Rajarhat), North 24 Parganas, Kolkata - 700136, Vide Deed no. - 1904101006 for the year 2017. In the name of Smt. Debjani Nandy & Sri Biswajit Nandy (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 15.10.2022 B) Rs. 18,58,293.60/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 08.12.2023	A) Rs. 27.33 Lac B) Rs. 2.73 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	06.09.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830
2	BO: Old Court House Street Shampa Dey & Subrata Dey	Property 1: All that piece and parcel of one self-contained residential Flat Being No. 102, on the first Floor (South East North side), of Krishna Apartment at 3/A Andul Road, Hanskhali Pool, Howrah-711109, measuring 2070 Square Feet including Super Built up area, be the same a little more or less of the multi storied building together with proportionate share of land underneath the building and all common parts and portion and easement rights attached to the building. (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION) Property 2: Equitable mortgage of land & building thereon situated at Uttar Podrah, Natin Pally, P.O. Daner Sheikh Lane, P.S. Sankarail, Dist. Howrah, PIN- 711109 under Howrah Municipal Corporation Mouza-Thanamakua, J.L. No. 40, R.S. Dag No. 28, R.S. Khatian No. 376 corresponding to L.R. Dag No. 29, LR Khatian No. 1654 within the limits of Ward No. 45 of Howrah Municipal Corporation. Area of Land: 03 Cottah 21 Sqft more or less (Property owner Subrata Dey vide Deed No. I-796 of 2006 and Deed No. I-9487 of 2013) (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 11.05.2023 B) Rs. 65,58,949.03/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 08.12.2023	A) Rs. 59.13 Lac B) Rs. 5.91 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	06.09.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830
			A) Rs. 27.95 Lac B) Rs. 2.79 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	06.09.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830	
3	BO: Old Court House Street Bhabani Prasad Mukherjee	All that piece and parcel of one self-contained residential flat on the 4th floor having super built up area measuring more or less 2102 Sq.ft. along with one independent covered car parking space on the ground floor, measuring super built up area of 120 Sq.ft. be the same a little more or less, being part of G+V storied building situated at premises No. 1/336, Gariahat Road, Ward No. 93 under the Kolkata Municipal Corporation, Jodhpur Park, P.S. Lake, Kolkata - 700068, District - South 24 Parganas, Being Title Deed No. 160507570, Book No. I, Volume No. 1605-2015, Page from 102151 to 102196 for the year 2015. Property stands in the name Mr. Bhabani Prasad Mukherjee S/o. Lt. Ajit Kumar Mukherjee (UNDER SYMBOLIC POSSESSION)	A) 29.11.2023 B) Rs. 22,87,585.29/- along with interest from date of last Intt. charged and all other expenses and other charges C) 16.02.2024	A) Rs. 172.94 Lac B) Rs. 17.29 Lac C) Rs. 0.10 Lac	06.09.2024 from 11.30 am to 3.30 pm with 10 mins extension. Dealing Officer Contact no. 7080808830

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- Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) amount as mentioned above shall be paid online through 3 modes i.e. NEFT/ Cash/ Transfer (After generation of Challan from (<https://ebkraj.in>) in bidders Global EMD Wallet. NEFT transfer can be done from any Scheduled Commercial Bank, however for Cash/ Transfer the bidder has to visit Punjab National Bank Branch. Payment of EMD by any other mode such as Cheques will not be accepted. Bidders, not depositing the required EMD online, will not be allowed to participate in the e-auction. The Earnest Money Deposited shall not bear any interest.
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- Bidder's Global Wallet should have sufficient balance (>=EMD amount) at the time of bidding.
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- It is the responsibility of intending Bidder(s) to properly read the Sale Notice, Terms & conditions of e-auction, Help Manual on operational part of e-Auction and follow them strictly. In case of any difficulty or need of assistance before or during e-Auction process may contact authorized representative of our e-Auction Service Provider (<https://ebkraj.in>). Details of which are available on the e-Auction portal.
- After finalization of e-Auction by the Authorized Officer, only successful bidder will be informed by our above referred service provider through SMS/ email. (On mobile no/ email address given by them/ registered with the service provider).
- The secured asset will not be sold below the reserve price. As per rules, the Bidding shall start from one notch higher than the Reserve Price.
- The successful bidder shall have to deposit 25% (twenty-five percent) of the bid amount, less EMD amount deposited, on the same day or not later than the next working day and the remaining amount shall be paid, within 15 days from the date of Confirmation of Sale by the Bank, in the form of Banker's Cheque/ Demand Draft issued by a Scheduled Commercial Bank drawn in favour of "The Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, A/c (Name of the A/c) Payable at KOLKATA. In case of failure to deposit the amount as above within the stipulated time, the amount deposited by successful bidder will be forfeited to the Bank and Authorized Officer shall have the liberty to conduct a fresh auction/ sale of the property & the defaulting bidder shall not have any claim over the forfeited amount and the property.
- Payment of sale consideration by the successful bidder to the bank will be subject to TDS under Section 194A-1 of Income Tax Act 1961 and TDS is to be made by the successful bidder only at the time of deposit of remaining 75 % of the bid amount full deposit of BID amount.
- The Authorized Officer reserves the right to accept any or reject all bids, if not found acceptable or to postpone/cancel/adjourn/discontinue or vary the terms of the auction at any time without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard shall be final, at any stage.
- In case any dispute or litigation or an adverse order passed by an appropriate court or tribunal etc. or for any reason whatsoever, Bank decides to return the money to the Bidder/s, no interest shall be paid for the period the amount is kept with the Bank. The decision of the Authorized Officer is final in this regard.
- The sale certificate shall be issued in the favour of successful bidder on deposit of full bid amount as per the provisions of the act.
- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS"
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorized Officer, but the Authorized Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- It shall be the responsibility of the bidders to inspect and satisfy themselves about the asset and specification before submitting the bid. The bidder inspects the property in consultation with the dealing officer as per the details provided.
- All statutory dues/attendant charges/other dues including registration charges, stamp duty, taxes etc. shall have to be borne by the purchaser.
- The Authorized Officer or the Bank shall not be responsible for any charge, lien, encumbrances, or any other dues to the Government or anyone else in respect of properties (E-Auctioned) not known to the bank. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding the encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities, arrears of property tax, electricity dues etc.
- The bidder should ensure proper internet connectivity, power back-up etc. The Bank shall not be liable for any disruption due to internet failure, power failure or technical reasons or reasons/contingencies affecting the e-auctions.
- It is open to the Bank to appoint a representative and make self-bid and participate in the auction.

For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer: <https://ebkraj.in> / www.pnbindia.in

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 8(6) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002
Place: Kolkata, Date: 14.08.2024 Authorized Officer, Punjab National Bank, Secured Creditor

An insight on chemosterilants: Its application towards sterilising insects

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Chemosterilants are chemical substances that sterilise insects sexually to prevent reproduction. These substances may include chemical mutagens. The sterilising action of a chemical may be due to the fact that (1) it damages the chromosomes and leads to the formation of dominant lethal mutations in the semen of males or mature eggs of females; (2) it causes perishing of the cells in the premeiotic stages or spermatia; (3) it inactivates the sperm, and (4) under the influence of the toxicant, females lose the ability to lay eggs. In addition, when chemosterilants penetrate into the tissues of an insect, they may damage the somatic cells, which leads to the perishing of the insect. This phenomenon is extremely undesirable because the success of chemical sterilisation depends on the ability of the sterile insects, especially males, to compete with the fertile specimens in the natural population.

A very important property of sterile males ensuring the success of practical sterilisation of insects of the natural population is their

ability to multifold mating with females. It must not be inferior to that of fertile males. Upon mating with a sterile male, a fertile female deposits non-viable eggs, thus sharply reducing the population in the next generation. The greatest effect is achieved with a ratio of sterile males to fertile males and females in the population of 3:1, 5:1, or 10:1. Such a ratio is achieved by releasing males sterilised in a laboratory or by treating the natural population with chemosterilants.

Chemosterilants do not reduce the population of a pest in a given area; hence, the insects may cause substantial harm to the harvest. In this connection, the effectiveness of using chemosterilants grows sharply when the size of the natural population is diminished by preliminary treatment with an insecticide or by using sexual attractants. Most chemosterilants relate to highly toxic compounds with a mutagenic, teratogenic, and cancerogenic action.

Modern chemosterilants belong to two groups differing in the mechanism of their action: antimetabolites and alkylating agents.

Antimetabolites are substances whose structure is very close to that of the natural metabolites of an organism. When they enter an organism, they displace these metabolites in exchange reactions. The antimetabolites of folic acid, glutamine, pyrimidine, and purine participating in the biosynthesis of nucleoproteins have the highest sterilising activity. Upon entering an insect's organism, these substances violate the synthesis of nucleic acids (DNA and RNA) in the nuclei of the sexual cells. The effectiveness of such chemosterilants depends on the activity of the synthesising processes in the nuclei of the cells. For instance, upon emergence from the pupae male flies contain already mature mobile sperm, and the formation of nucleic acids is already completed in their spermatozooids. At the same time, the rapid synthesis of nucleic acids occurs in the eggs of matured females, and the antimetabolites can exhibit their action. This explains why the chemosterilants of this group sterilise only females well.

Antimetabolites mainly have stomach action and

sterilise insects when ingested together with their food. These substances cause female insects to lose their ability to produce and deposit eggs. The minimum sterilising concentration of antimetabolites in bait is 0.0025 per cent.

Compounds of the antimetabolite group are highly toxic to humans and animals and have an embryotoxic and mutagenic action. This substantially restricts their introduction into plant protection practice.

Among the antimetabolites of folic acid, the ones studied the best are methotrexate [N-(p-(2,4-diamino-6-pteridyl)methylamino-benzoyl)glutamic acid] and aminopterin.

In a concentration of 0.05-1 per cent, these substances caused the sterilisation of up to 99.5 per cent of house flies.

Alkylating substances are compounds by means of which a hydrogen atom in a molecule of a substance is substituted by an alkyl group. They readily enter into chemical alkylation reactions with various compounds of a cell, including proteins and nucleic acids. If a considerable part of a cell's molecules are involved in the reaction, the cell may perish. The dose of an alkylating agent must be selected so that most vital molecules will remain intact in an insect's sexual cells, thus causing sterility in the insect while keeping it alive. In their sterilising doses, alkylating substances act on the chromosomes, harming a DNA molecule at one or more points.

Chemosterilants of this kind have both a stomach and a contact action on insects and mainly sterilise males, causing chromosomal aberrations (breaking of the chromosomes) of the male sexual cells. This leads either to the perishing of the zygote formed as a result of fertilisation or to no larvae appearing from the eggs deposited by the female.

The most promising chemosterilants are derivatives of ethylene imine, whose ring is a carrier of the sterilising activity. They include tepa and its methyl analogue—metepa, and sul-

phur analogue—thiotepa.

These compounds sterilise various insects and mites without reducing the sexual activity of the males. At the same time, the viability of the insects diminishes somewhat. Tretamine and thiotepa also sterilise females.

The derivatives of ethylene imine are highly toxic to humans and warm-blooded animals and have a mutagenic, teratogenic, and cancerogenic action. In some cases, the sterility of mammals was noted under the influence of the alkylating substances.

Studies performed by the All-Union Research Institute of Plant Protection have established that a 0.1 per cent solution of thiotepa lowered the number of progeny of the turnip moth by sterilising 85 per cent of the males. Apholate in a concentration of its solution of 0.3-1.5 per cent and tretamine of 0.05-0.1 per cent had the same strong effect. These substances may be used for the sterilisation of males in a laboratory and then releasing them into the environment.

The sterilisation and release into the environment of sterile insects is a promising trend in plant protection. The use of chemical sterilants will reduce the scale of chemical treatments of agricultural crops, eliminate the hazard of contaminating products and the environment with poisonous pesticide residues, and exclude the negative action of toxicants on the biocoenosis. The manufacture of these substances on a large scale is being delayed owing to their unfavourable toxicological properties. The seeking of ways for the safe use of chemosterilants is going on in two directions: methods of using toxic chemosterilants are being developed that are safe for the agroecological system (for example, their use in traps with attractants), and chemosterilants are being developed that act selectively only on invertebrates and are harmless to humans and warm-blooded animals.

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Research reveals improved survival rates in head and neck cancer

A recent study by the Tata Memorial Hospital in Mumbai confirmed that adding Nimotuzumab to the standard treatment regimen significantly improves the 10-year overall survival rate for patients with locally advanced squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck.

Nimotuzumab (NCRT) is a recombinant humanised monoclonal antibody that targets the epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR), a protein found both on normal and cancer cells. Nimotuzumab blocks this protein and may help keep cancer cells from growing. This drug is mainly used for the treatment of certain cancer types, including squamous cell carcinoma of the head and neck, glioblastomas, and nasopharyngeal cancer.

The Nimotuzumab study supported earlier by Biocon and now Eris Lifesciences was an open-label, investigator-initiated, phase III randomised trial conducted from 2012 to 2018, involving 536 adult patients. The results of the phase III study on 536 patients con-

firmed that Nimotuzumab not only improves progression-free survival but also maintains a good quality of life for long-term survivors, making it a potential therapeutic choice for this disease in India.

Dr Kumar Prabhash, the professor and head of the oncology department of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, stated, "The findings of this study are promising for patients with head and neck cancer. By adding Nimotuzumab to the existing therapy regimen, we have noticed a significant rise in long-term survival rates while maintaining patient quality of life."

Patients with head and neck cancer who received Nimotuzumab in combination with concurrent radiotherapy and cisplatin had a 10-year overall survival rate of 33.5 per cent, compared to 22.5 per cent who received only radiotherapy and cisplatin. Patients were randomised to receive either radical radiotherapy with weekly cisplatin (CRT) or the same regimen plus weekly Nimotuzumab. The median overall survival

improved from 2.78 years in the standard treatment arm to 3.69 years in the Nimotuzumab arm. Furthermore, the study found no significant increase in late-term adverse events, highlighting the safety and tolerability of Nimotuzumab.

Dr Chanchal Goswami, the senior consultant oncologist at Manipal Hospital, Dhakuria, Kolkata, said, "Head and neck cancer is a large spectrum of disease, often presenting at a locally advanced stage in many patients in India, necessitating a combination of treatments. Nimotuzumab has proven to be an effective and less toxic alternative when combined with chemotherapy and radiation."

This benefit was particularly noticeable in patients whose tumours were not caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). The study concluded that Nimotuzumab enhances long-term overall survival without increasing late-term adverse events, particularly benefiting HPV-negative patients, offering a significant breakthrough in India.



New technique uncovers protein abnormality in motor neurone disease

Scientists from the University of Sheffield's Institute of Translational Neuroscience (SITraN) have helped to identify a protein abnormality in motor neurone disease using a new technique.

The new technique, developed at the University of Birmingham, enables specific proteins to be examined in their native state, directly from brain and spinal cord tissue samples.

Termed as the native ambient mass spectrometry (NAMS), the tool enables the structure of proteins to be studied and examined in relation to their location within the tissue in

greater detail. The new method will help scientists better understand the changes in the brain that lead to motor neurone disease (MND) and could be a guiding light that will help with the development of new treatments.

Motor neurone disease, also known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), is a muscle-wasting condition caused by messages from the brain's motor neurones not reaching the muscles, leading to muscle weakness. Around 5,000 people in the UK have the disease and right now no cure is present.

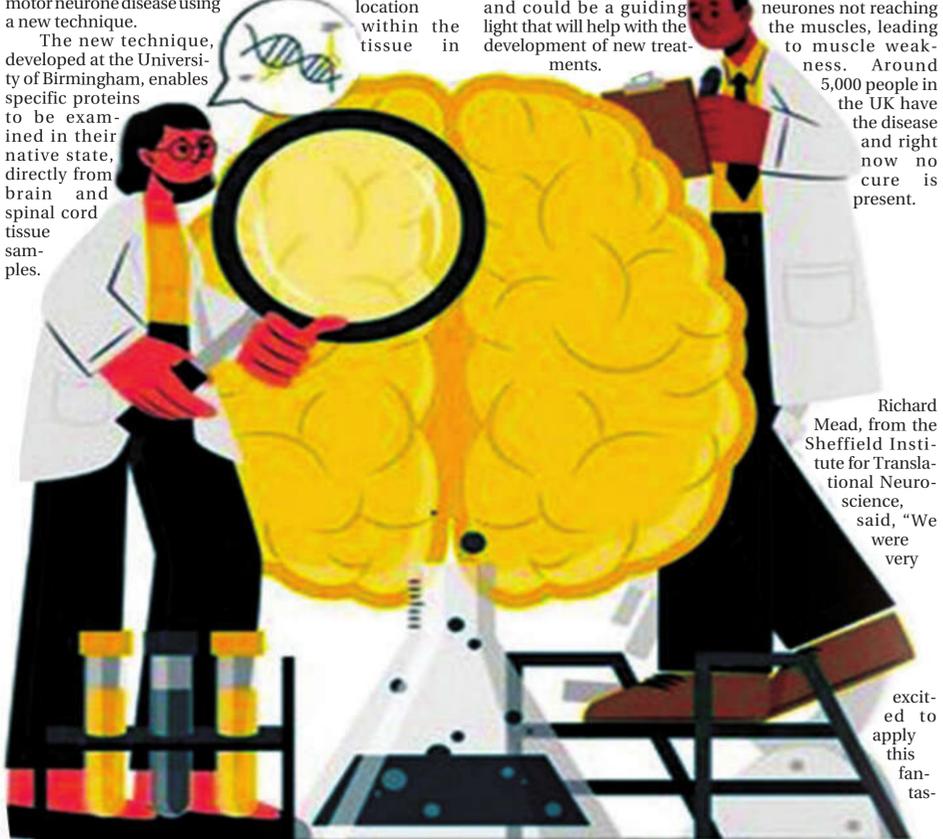
tic methodology that the team at Birmingham has developed to gain new insights into the biology of MND. We look forward to using the technology to explore why motor neurones die and find new interventions for those affected by MND."

The SITraN scientists were also able to identify a metal deficiency in a specific protein, known as SOD1, and show that it accumulates in specific regions of the brain and spinal cord in mice with MND.

SOD1 has been implicated in motor neurone disease previously, but this is the first time that detailed molecular imaging has been able to show how versions of the protein with missing metal ions accumulate in the affected mice.

Professor Helen Cooper, the lead researcher from the University of Birmingham's School of Biosciences, said, "This approach is the first to show that this form of SOD1 correlates with the pathology of motor neurone disease. It's a very early step towards finding treatments for MND and is also an exciting new route for understanding the molecular basis of other diseases in unprecedented detail."

The next steps include testing by the researchers to see if the same imbalances are present in human tissue samples and to try and treat the imbalance in mice using available drug compounds.



Richard Mead, from the Sheffield Institute for Translational Neuroscience, said, "We were very

excited to apply this fantastic

MBU marks 'National Space Day' 2024 with ISRO & NARL

Mohan Babu University (MBU), at Tirupati, on 8 August, hosted 'National Space Day' in collaboration with the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) and the National Atmospheric Research Laboratory (NARL). The event also highlighted MBU's recent student achievements, including the successful launch of a 'high-altitude balloon satellite' in partnership with ISRO and NARL.

The occasion commemorated the first anniversary of the Chandrayaan-3 mission's successful landing on the moon's southern polar region, an achievement that earned 23 August the tag of 'National Space Day' by the country's Prime Minister

Shri Narendra Modi.

With the participation of over 1,000 students from across 30 colleges and 25 schools, along with prominent figures from the space community and academia, the event transformed MBU's campus into a vibrant hub of scientific discovery and innovation.

Padma Shri recipient, M Mohan Babu, the chancellor of MBU, states, "Our partnership with ISRO and NARL for this year's 'National Space Day' exemplifies the university's commitment to fostering academic excellence."

S Somanath, the chairman of ISRO, highlights his visionary insights about India's space achievements and future aspirations. Distinguished dignitaries,

including A Rajarajan, the director of Satish Dhawan Space Centre SHAR; AK Patra, the director of NARL; and Anil Bharadwaj, the director of PRL, elevated the occasion with their presence.

The event featured the 'Space on Wheels' exhibition, offering cutting-edge space technology experiences, virtual reality simulations of the lunar surface, and thought-provoking lectures on interplanetary missions. Workshops explored the societal impacts of space exploration.

The celebration was further enhanced by lectures, quizzes, and exhibitions designed to inspire and educate the next generation of space enthusiasts and leaders.



THUMBNAILS

Sergi Roberto bids farewell to FC Barcelona: Sergi Roberto on Tuesday brought his Barcelona career to a close with a farewell event attended by his teammates, members of the Board of Directors, and, of course, friends and family. Sergi Roberto joined La Masia at the age of 14 after making a name for himself in the youth teams of his local side Nastic de Tarragona. The midfielder progressed through the youth teams to the Barca Athletic squad and then subsequently made his first team debut in November 2010 in a Copa del Rey tie against Ceuta.

A lot of West Indies players are not interested in playing Tests: Russell

Russell, who played just one Test in his career, revealed that money is not the concern for turning down the Test opportunity



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West Indies veteran all-rounder Andre Russell opined that most of the Caribbean players are "just not interested in playing Tests" and it is not related to money.

With the influx of T20 franchise cricket around the world, Russell feels that red-ball cricket has lost its charm

to attract youngsters towards it. Last year, senior players including Jason Holder, Nicholas Pooran and Kyle Mayers turned down West Indies central contracts but made themselves available for T20s. Although, Holder has played in Tests also.

Russell, who played just one Test in his career, revealed that money is not the concern for turning down the Test opportunity.

"I don't think it's the money,

I don't think money is the issue," Press Association quoted Russell as saying. "Based on the amount of T20 and leagues around the world, I think a lot of players are just not interested in playing Tests."

Russell's comments followed the West Indies' 3-0 series loss to England, which has left them at the bottom of the nine-team World Test Championship standings. Since then, they drew the first Test in Port of Spain against

South Africa. Although they were behind for most of the match, they managed to reach a competitive position due to rain and a bold declaration from South Africa, with the game ending before they could push for a win.

Russell, along with Shimron Hetmyer, Pooran, Rovman Powell, and Kieron Pollard were participating in The Hundred during the final Test against England in late July. Despite being among the

highest-paid players in the league, they continued playing The Hundred while the Test series against South Africa was ongoing. "I'm always excited watching the other West Indian batters, especially when they're hitting boundary after boundary. As long as you can do well from contracts outside your nation I think they are going to grab that opportunity but everyone wants to play on the big stage," Russell said.

TENDER

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender is invited by the DGP & IGP, WB on behalf of WEST BENGAL POLICE SAHAYAK WELFARE SOCIETY, having its Registered Office at Bhabani Bhawan, Kolkata-700027 for fresh tender regarding WEST BENGAL POLICE SAHAYAK TAILOR MADE GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE POLICY FOR THE PERIOD FROM 30-08-2024 to 29-08-2025 of this tender is available at www.wbpolice.gov.in The last date for submission of the tender is on 16-08-2024 (Friday) up to 12-00 hrs.

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Notice – e-Tenders are hereby invited from the Pradhan, Jharaltagram-II Gram Panchayat under Dhupguri Block vide e-NIT-004 / JHARALTAGRAM-II GP / 2024-25, vide Memo No. 239 / Jhar-II / 2024, Dated 09-08-2024 & e-NIT-003 (2nd Call) / JHARALTAGRAM-II GP / 2024-25 vide Memo No. 241 / Jhar-II / 2024, Dated: 09-08-2024. Last date of bid submission: 19-08-2024 up to 18-00 hrs. All details may be had from this office notice board and in website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in>

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Pradhan
Jharaltagram-II G.P.

GORKHALAND TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION PANCHAYAT & RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT R.B. HOUSE, LOWIS JUBILE COMPLEX, DARJEELING

e-tenders have been invited from agency / contractors for the implementation of schemes under 15th CFC Fund – Untied Grant – ZP Share for the FY 2023-24 (including previous year 2021-22 & 2022-23) within GTA. For details the website: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> or office notice board may be visited.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
P&RDD, GTA

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice No.: DyCE-C-I-JHS-2024-06 Dated 09.08.2024

E-Tender Notice

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction-II), North Central Railway, Jhansi for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-tender up to 15:00 hrs on the closing date of 06.09.2024. The details of the tender are as under:-

Tender No.: DY-CE-C-II-JHS-2024-03 Approx Cost : Rs. 38,15,09,233.65

Description of work : Shifting of water pipeline lying along track in the alignment of proposed double line & construction of various buildings such as Gate Lodge, IBH, SP/SSP etc. in JHS-BWR section of JHS-KID & MKP-BZM doubling project.

Earnest Money : Rs. 2057600.00, Completion Period : 12 (Twelve) Months including harvest & monsoon period. **Validity : 90 days, Closing date/time : 06.09.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Note :** For complete detail and submission of tender please visit Indian Railway's website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> 143724 (D)

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Appointment of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) and Halt Contractor over Kharagpur Division

On behalf of President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur invites application for awarding of Station Ticket Booking Agent (STBA) at Benapur (Location Code- BPE-1) station and Halt Contractor at 02 (two) passenger halts i.e. (i) Jalaisi PH in between Maju-Harishadpur stations & (ii) Harishadpur PH in between Jalaisi-Amta stations in Santragachi-Bargachia-Amta section for sale of tickets to passengers as per the following schedule:

Notification No.: Com/G30/STBA/Corres/PLI date: 12.08.2024.

Station with Location Code: Benapur (Location Code: BPE-1). **Category of Station:** NSG-6. **Contract Period:** 03 (three) years. **Date of dropping application/tender:** 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. of 03.09.2024. **Date of opening application/tender box:** At 15.30 hrs. of 03.09.2024. **Venue:** Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office/Kharagpur.

Notification No.: Com/G30/PH/Corres/PLI date: 12.08.2024.

SI.No.-1: Name of Railway Passenger Halt Station: Jalaisi (JLI). **Stations in between:** Maju-Harishadpur. **SI.No.-2: Name of Railway Passenger Halt Station:** Harishadpur (HDC). **Stations in between:** Jalaisi-Amta. **Contract Period:** 05 (five) years (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of dropping application/tender:** 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs. of 04.09.2024 (for SI.No. 1 & 2 each). **Date of opening application/tender box:** At 15.30 hrs. of 04.09.2024. **Venue:** Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office, Kharagpur. Eligibility criteria, location, format of application and other details are available at website www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in. Any query pertaining to this tender may be obtained from Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager's Office, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur during working hours on any working day. **NB:** It may please be noted if leading of normal life/activities is disturbed by any order of Nation/State Authority on the date of dropping/date of opening of Tender Box, then it shall be postponed. Then date of dropping/opening of the tender box shall be rescheduled on next usual working day at the same venue and time.

(PR-477) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting E-tender

E.E. – on behalf of P.M.Z.P. invites Tenders vide Tender Ref. No. PMD / N-93 / 2024-25, 242 / 2023-24, 66 / 2024-25, 67 / 2024-25, Submission end date is 27-08-2024 up to 16-00 hrs, and PMD / N-94 / 2024-25, 389 / 2023-24, 374 / 2023-24, 666 / 2023-24, 667 / 2023-24, 374 / 2023-24, 412 / 2022-23, 416 / 2022-23. Submission end date is 20-08-2024 up to 16-00 hrs. For details visit website: www.wbprdnic.in & www.zpmidwest.org For other details may visit office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Paschim Medinipur Zilla Parishad
Memo No. 874(3)/AD/CA/Paschim Medinipur
Dated: 13-08-2024

EASTERN RAILWAY

Bid Number: GEM/2024/B/5272192, Date: 12.08.2024. Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer (P), Eastern Railway, Liluah, Howrah-711204, West Bengal invites bid for the following work: **Bid End Date/Time:** 02.09.2024 at 12:00 hrs. **Bid Opening Date/Time:** 02.09.2024 at 12:30 hrs. **Bid Offer Validity (From End Date):** 120 (Days). **Office Name:** Carriage and Wagon Workshop, Liluah. **Item Category:** Hiring of Agency for ISO Certification Service – Re certification of 5S with the latest version along with two nos. of surveillance audit having validity for three years at eleven different sections of C W Workshop, Liluah, Eastern Railway; Re-certification, **Contract Period:** 3 years. **Years of Past Experience Required for same/similar service:** 1 year. **Past experience of similar services required:** Yes. **MSE Exemption for years of experience and turnover:** No. **Startup exemption for years of experience and turnover:** No. **Document Required from seller:** Experience Criteria, Bidder Turnover, Certificate (Requested in ATC), Additional DOC (Requested in ATC). "In case any bidder is seeking exemption from Experience/Turnover Criteria, the supporting documents to prove his eligibility for exemption must be uploaded for evaluation by the buyer. **Bid to RA enabled:** No. **Type of Bid:** Single Packet Bid. **Time allowed for Technical Clarifications during technical evaluation:** 2 Days. **Estimated Bid Value:** ₹ 3,24,135. **Evaluation Method:** Total value wise evaluation. (MISC-133/2024-25)

Tender Notices are also available at website: www.e.railways.gov.in or www.ireps.gov.in

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KOLKATA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION e-TENDER

ABRIDGED NIT

The OSD & Ex-Officio C.O. (L&E), KMC invites item rate e-tender online in two bid system for the following work:

NIT No.: KMC/LTG/CRM/22/SBG/24-25 (1st Call)

Name of the work: Renovation of damaged 25 Mtr. high self supported chimney connected with air pollution control device for electric furnaces no. 5 & 6 along with metal staircase, operating platform and allied accessories at Shanagar Burning Ghat. Estimated Cost Open Quotation. Earnest Money: ₹ 16,00,000 (Lump sum). Period of Contract: 18 Days. Last date and time of submission of Bid: 27.08.2024 - 2 p.m. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 16.08.2024 (2 p.m.) from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in>

The Director General (Roads), KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate in two bid system for the following work:

NIT No.: KMC/ROADS/2024-2025/249 (1st Call)

Name of the work: Supplying, fitting and fixing crash barrier at different places of E.M. Bypass. Estimated Cost (incl. GST & CESS): ₹ 9,87,964.83 (excl. Contingency Amount). Earnest Money: ₹ 19,80,000. Period of Completion: 45 Days. Last date and time of submission of Bid: 29.08.2024 - 12 noon. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 16.08.2024 (12 noon) from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in>

The Special Officer (Roads), KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate in two bid system for the following work:

NIT No.: KMC/ROADS/SOUTH/2023-2024/452 (1st Call)

Name of the work: Restoration of trench due to laying of sewer line at near the junction of Behala Chowrasta (Biren Roy Road West) in Ward No. 128 under Br-XIV. Estimated Cost (incl. GST & CESS): ₹ 7,91,953.80 (excl. Contingency Amt.). Earnest Money: ₹ 15,90,000. Period of Completion: 30 Days. Last date and time of submission of Bid: 27.08.2024 - 12 noon. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 14.08.2024 (12 noon) from the website <https://etender.wb.nic.in>

The Director General, Bustee, KMC invites e-tender online percentage rate in two bid system for the following work:

NIT No.: KMC/DG(B)/Br-V/040/06/2024-2025/BUSTEE

Name of the work: Development of bustee sewer line and ancillary work from 80B, Keshab Sen Street to 62, Sita Ram Ghose Lane in Ward No. 040, BR-V. Estimated Cost (incl. GST & CESS): ₹ 9,11,133.06. Earnest Money: ₹ 20,00,000. Period of Completion: 45 Days. Last date and time of submission of Bid: 29.08.2024 - 11 a.m. Date and time of opening of tender: 31.08.2023 - 11 a.m. The bid forms and other details are available on and from 16.08.2024 (5 p.m.) from the website <https://etender.wb.nic.in> 402/24-25

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

No. DNR/Stores/2024/01 Danapur, Date : 13.08.2024. Divisional Railway Manager (Stores), East Central Railway, Danapur Division, for and on behalf of President of India invites tenders on web portal www.ireps.gov.in for the following work:

1. Nature of Supply with its location : 5 Watt VHF Set at Danapur. 2. Bid Security (EMD): ₹2,55,350.00. 3. Last Date & Time of submission : Up to 14.00 hrs. on 12.09.2024. 4. Opening of Tender : 14.00 hrs. on 12.09.2024. 5. Website particulars where detail of the supply and criteria can be seen : www.ireps.gov.in. 6. Address of the office from where detail information can be obtained : Sr. Divisional Material Manager, East Central Railway, Danapur.

NOTE : Any corrigendum if required will be uploaded on above website before 14 days. Sr. DMM/ECR/Danapur PR/00900/DNR/Store/T/24-25/26

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.: e-52-DYCEEKGPW-KOEL-24-25, Date: 08.08.2024. For and on behalf of the President of India, Dy. CEE (WS)/Kharagpur Workshop, South Eastern Railway invites e-tender for the following work before 15.00 hrs. on the date mentioned below: **Name of the work:** D-Check maintenance of Kirotskar make Diesel Engines provided in Power Car at Kharagpur Workshop. **Approx. Cost of Work:** ₹ 67,10,331.20. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 1,34,200. **Date & Time of Closing of e-Tender:** 30.08.2024 & 15.00 hrs. **Website particulars:** www.ireps.gov.in. Interested Tenderer may visit website www.ireps.gov.in for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bid online. In case manual tenders for this work will be accepted. (PR-478)

Kamarhati Municipality
Memo No - 295/KM/PW/24-25

E-TENDER NOTICE

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

NIT No- WB/MAD/KM/PW/14TH FIN/NIT-35(e)/23-24 (2nd Call)
Tender ID No- 2024_MAD_733375_1
Bid submission start date: 14.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid submission end date: 28.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid opening date: 30.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.

NIT No- WB/MAD/KM/PW/14th Fin_5th SFC/NIT-40(e)/23-24 (3rd Call)
Tender ID No- 2024_MAD_733157_1,2
Bid submission start date: 14.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid submission end date: 21.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.
Bid opening date: 23.08.2024 at 5.00 P.M.

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

Chairman
Kamarhati Municipality

Government of Jharkhand
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e-Procurement Notice – 3rd Call

JEPC invites Separate Technical & Financial Bids for e-procurement method from eligible and interested contractors registered in appropriate class for Development and Strengthening of Model School Dumaria located in East Singhbhum District of Jharkhand. Interested and eligible bidders are requested to submit their proposal latest by 2:00 PM on 29.08.2024.

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय
ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह

ई- अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई- अति अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना सं- RDD/SD/GIRIDIH/12/2024-25

1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम	प्रकल्पित राशि	अवदान की राशि	परिमाण विचित्र का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	गिरिडीह जिले के गिरिडीह प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत पंचायत जीतपुर ग्राम धोरखाद से कोरका बड़कोटाड जाने वाली नदी पर पुल का निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई-25.36 मीटर)	21059900.00	4215000.00	10000.00	15 माह
2	गिरिडीह जिले के प्रखण्ड सावा के P.W.D. चौद हला से बरनीया के बीच चौदही नदी पर पुल का निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई-44.72 मीटर)	28441300.00	5690000.00	10000.00	18 माह
3	गिरिडीह जिले के प्रखण्ड तिसरी के पंचायत मुनी के ग्राम शिवकिपा मोड़ से शिरोय के बीच पुल का निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई-58.08 मीटर)	30974400.00	6195000.00	10000.00	18 माह
4	गिरिडीह जिले के प्रखण्ड तिसरी के पंचायत खरखरी के ग्राम सातौंडी से जमको मंदिर के बीच पुल का निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई-96.80 मीटर)	47956200.00	9595000.00	10000.00	18 माह
5	गिरिडीह जिले के गिरिडीह प्रखण्ड अंतर्गत पंचायत खावा के ग्राम जगननरवडीह एवं खावा के बीच खावा नदी पर पुल निर्माण। (पुल की लंबाई-58.08 मीटर)	28606100.00	5725000.00	10000.00	18 माह

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि – 16.08.2024

3. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया की तिथि एवं समय – दिनांक 16.08.2024 से दिनांक 22.08.2024 को अपरान्ह 05:00 बजे तक।

4. निविदा खोलने का स्थान – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।

5. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय – 24.08.2024 अपरान्ह 2:00 बजे।

6. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता – कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, गिरिडीह।

7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया का दूरभाष सं- 9431323435 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)।

8. परिमाण विचित्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रपत्र की राशि देय होगी।

9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपत्र की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।

10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रपत्र की राशि का ई-भुगतान जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रपत्र की राशि वापस होगी। अग्रपत्र खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जमाबंदी आपकी होगी।

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'IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO WORK WITH ROHIT'

Former India head coach Rahul Dravid hailed skipper Rohit Sharma and said it was his privilege to work with the 37-year-old. Dravid said Rohit was a "fantastic leader". He added that people are "gravitated" towards him and the Men in Blue. "I think it was a privilege to work with Rohit. In these two and a half years. People really gravitated towards him, the team. I think that makes a big difference. There were a lot of other senior players as well, whether it was Virat, Bumrah, or Ashwin in Test cricket that we played. So many of them—just because a lot of Indian cricketers are big names, and they are superstars, and rightly so, and they're followed by so many people—sometimes people think that they have big egos and that they are very difficult to manage." Dravid said.

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THUMBNAILS

Indian Stars League: Bollywood Tigers and NCR Lions will slug it out in a riveting contest for the glittering DPM Cricket cup in the inaugural Indian Stars League (ISL) match, which will be held in the national capital in the winter this year amid glitter and fanfare. The star-studded celebrity cricket match will be held at the Dr Arun Jaitley stadium. The date of the match will be announced later, film actor-singer Manoj Tiwari, MP, and actor Raja Bherwani told mediapersons at the Constitution Club here today. Each team will have 11 members with Suniel Shetty and Manoj Tiwari leading Bollywood Tigers and NCR Lions, respectively. The team of Bollywood Tigers includes big names like Sonu Sood, Shabbir Ahluwalia, Jay Bhanshali, Freddy Daruwala, Raja Bherwani, Manmeet Singh and Darshan Gandas. NCR Lions include Akash Vijay Vargiya, Ravi Kishan, Sharad Chaudhary, Sharad Kelkar, Harmeet Singh, Apoorva Lakhia and Dinesh Lal Yadav. Mr Tiwari said the contest will include politicians and bureaucrats, and new elements will be added each year.

Want to inspire a new generation: PR Sreejesh

The 36-year-old goalie was one of the main architects of India's historic Bronze medal win

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

Following his return to the country after guiding India to a Paris Olympics bronze medal, legendary Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh said that the team wants to inspire a generation of future players to play the sport and win medals at the highest level for their nation. The Harmanpreet Singh-led side secured a historic bronze medal, defeating Spain 2-1, marking their second consecutive Olympic medal, an achievement last accomplished 52 years ago. The match, held at the Yves-du-Manoir Stadium on Thursday, was especially significant as it also served as the farewell game for legendary Indian goalkeeper PR Sreejesh, who played his last international match. Speaking to agencies, Sreejesh said, "It feels good. Getting back-to-back Olympic medals, nothing more better than this. We kept hearing about our country's rich history in this sport and we are now recreating it. We have won two back-to-back medals and given the upcoming generation its role models. There were thousands of people at the airport. This is what we want. People come to celebrate us after we win something and tell their children to play hockey and win medals for India. We want to inspire a new generation and teach them about playing hockey and getting medals in Olympics."



On possibility of taking up coaching, Sreejesh said he has not thought about it yet. "I will just go home and spend time with my family. I got a lot of experience and have worked under a lot of coaches. Whatever I have learnt, got to teach it to the young kids and keep the sport secure," he concluded. The Indian team, led by Captain Harmanpreet Singh, delivered a stellar performance, with the skipper himself scoring two crucial goals in the 30th and 33rd minutes. Their victory not only secured the Bronze medal but also solidified India's position as a dominant force in international hockey. Sreejesh was also the star of the match, pulling out some memorable and stunning saves. A veteran of over 300 International caps, three Olympic Games, Commonwealth Games and World Cups, Sreejesh featured in

his fourth Olympic Games. Having made his debut at the 2010 World Cup, Sreejesh has been part of various memorable wins for India, which include a gold medal in the 2014 Asian Games, a bronze medal in Jakarta-Palembang, the joint-winning team of the Asian Champions Trophy in 2018, the gold medal-winning team of 2019 FIH Men's Series Finals in Bhubaneswar and the silver medal winning team at the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. The 36-year-old goalie was one of the main architects of India's historic Bronze medal win at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. He was instrumental in India's third-place finish at the FIH Hockey Pro League 2021/22. Sreejesh was awarded the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award in 2021 and is only the second sports person from India to win the award of World Games Athlete of the Year 2021. He has also won back-to-back FIH Goalkeeper of the Year awards in 2021 and 2022, respectively.

SL appoint Ian Bell as batting coach ahead of England tour



AGENCIES
COLOMBO, 13 AUGUST

Former England cricketer, Ian Bell, has been appointed as Sri Lanka's batting coach for their upcoming tour of England. After their recent 2-0 ODI series triumph over India, Sri Lanka will be keen to maintain the momentum against England. The three-match Test series will begin on August 21, and Bell will assume the role five days before the series on August 16. "We appointed Ian to bring in a person with local knowledge to help the players, with key insights on the conditions there. Ian has a lot of experience playing in England, and we believe his inputs will help our team in this crucial tour," SLC CEO Ashley De Silva said in a statement released by Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC). Bell has worked extensively as a coach since bringing the curtains down on his career

in 2020. Before taking up the stint as Sri Lanka's batting coach, he worked in the same role, with England men's U-19 and England Lions teams. He also served as assistant coach of Big Bash League franchise Hobart Hurricanes. Bell also worked as the consultant batting coach at Derbyshire and assistant coach of the New Zealand men's side before last year's ODI World Cup. In his most recent stint, Bell served as Melbourne Renegades assistant coach in BBL. He also worked in the same role, with the Birmingham Phoenix in the Men's Hundred. England wicketkeeper batter Jamie Smith, who has previously worked with Bell, praised his coaching skills. "He's reminded me a few times that he's going to be in the opposite camp in this series," Smith told Sky Sports recently. During his playing days, Bell enjoyed an illustrious career with the bat. The former England batter made 118 Test appearances and garnered 7,727 runs at an average of 42.69, including 22 centuries and 46 fifties. In the ODI format, Bell played 161 matches and struck 5,416 runs for England at an average of 37.9.

East Bengal FC sign Anwar Ali on five-year deal

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 13 AUGUST

After months of legal battles and off-the-pitch drama, East Bengal FC has signed Indian national team defensive mainstay Anwar Ali on a five-year contract on a permanent transfer for an undisclosed fee from Delhi FC. Expressing his joy at joining East Bengal FC, Anwar said, "I am honoured and excited to wear the Red & Gold jersey. The reception that I got at the Kolkata Airport was overwhelming and the fans have already shown me a lot of love and support. I want to dedicate the best years of my career to this iconic club and its passionate fans. Every time I take the field, I want to make our fans proud and happy. Joy East Bengal!!"

One of the pillars of the Indian national team's defence, Anwar has played

22 matches for the Blue Tigers so far since making his international debut in March 2022, winning the Tri-Nation series (2023), the Intercontinental Cup (2023) and the SAFF Championship (2023). The 23-year-old has represented the national team at all age group levels from U-17 to the senior team. He was a vital member of the Indian team that participated in the U-17 FIFA World Cup in 2017 on home soil. Anwar rose through the youth set-up of the Minerva Academy before rising to prominence whilst playing for the AIFF's developmental side in 2017. In the Indian Super League, Anwar has played a total of 46 matches so far since 2021. Besides being one of the finest centre-backs in the country, Anwar has also displayed his knack for scoring on multiple occasions. Anwar not only scored three goals and provided one assist across 26

matches last season, he was also the top scorer for Delhi FC in the 2021 I-League Qualifiers (four goals). In last season's ISL, Anwar registered four clean sheets, 18 interceptions, 17 tackles, 45 successful duels, 19 successful aerial duels, 9 blocks, 67 recoveries, 52 clearances and 549 successful passes in 16 matches. East Bengal FC head coach Carles Cuadrat commented, "In Anwar, we have got another national team player who will give us much-needed experience at the top level and the quality and physicality in the squad that we are trying to build for the next few years. It's essential for players to believe in what you are doing as a coach, before joining a new project. I am happy to see how some young players in Indian football have realized this season that Emami East Bengal is the club where they can take the next step in their careers."

Internal war erupts in Delhi Chess Association amid alleged financial irregularities

AGENCIES
CHENNAI, 13 AUGUST

An all-out internal war has broken out in the Delhi Chess Association (DCA) with the warring parties trading charges of financial irregularities, sexual harassment, absence of democracy, and others. The warring parties are: the DCA President Bharat Singh Chauhan and nine other members on one side and the opposite side, consisting of secretary Ajeet Kumar Verma and treasurer Sandeep Singh. In a sense, the DCA's internal war could also be termed the silent war between the state association and the All India Chess Federation (AICF). The simmering war could even blow up into an open one. The reason? The AICF has recently appointed Verma as its Head of Operations. Soon after that, the DCA's Managing Committee, at its

meeting held on August 10, decided to suspend Verma from all chess related activities due to an alleged financial irregularity. Further, the AICF has sent a show cause notice to Chauhan, asking for clarifications on the points raised by the forensic audit conducted on its books of accounts. "The show cause notice will be replied to," Chauhan told IANS. Is there a possibility of AICF disaffiliating DCA and appointing an ad-hoc committee to manage the latter's affairs? The Indian chess body has done the same with other state associations in the past. Further, the representatives of the DCA did not appear on the voter's list during the AICF office bearers elections this year. The DCA members were allowed to vote on the orders of the Delhi High Court.

Paris Paralympics: Sheetal Devi eyes to grab spotlight on debut

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

After emerging as one of the dominant forces in compound events in recent years, India's armless archer Sheetal Devi is looking to grab the spotlight in her debut Paralympic Game at the picturesque Esplanade des Invalides in Paris on August 29. The ranking round starts the Para archery action with the first medal events scheduled for August 31. Around 140 athletes will be vying for the nine gold medals on offer over eight days. China were the table toppers at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games, Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games and last year's World Championships. They will once again look to dominate the field followed by other Asian nations - Iran, India and South Korea among others. Sheetal rose to prominence after her extraordinary performances at the 2023 World



Championships and the Hangzhou 2022 Asian Para Games, where she won gold medals. Her fellow teammates Sarita and Rakesh Kumar will be hoping to put up a good show in a mixed team event. The duo are reigning world champions and Hangzhou 2022 winners. The Asian Paralympic Committee's newest member Bangladesh will make their debut at these Games with all their hopes resting on Joma Akter in the women compound individual event.

She won the nation's first-ever Paralympic quota in the final qualifier in Dubai. Para archery was one of the eight Paralympic sports contested at the inaugural Games in Rome in 1960. In recurve men's individual event, Iran's Rio 2016 champion and two-time Asian Para Games champion Gholamreza Rahimi and Mohammad Reza Arab Ameri, 2023 World Championships medalists, will look to put their nation among the medalists after their recent campaigns. China's Wu Chunyan and Wu Yang will be carrying the Asian hopes in the recurve women's individual after Iran's three-time Paralympic champion Zahra Nemati will skip the Games. Chunyan is a four-time Paralympic medalist and will be aiming her first individual gold in Paris after her three gold at 2023 Worlds while Yang is a Worlds and Asian Para Games medalist.

Ponting tips Australia to win Border-Gavaskar Trophy

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 13 AUGUST

After two white-ball World Cups in a span of seven months, the focus has shifted to the ICC World Test Championship with all possible contenders gearing up to collect the required points needed to qualify for the final. Currently, India and Australia are the frontrunners in the race and the winner of the gruelling five-match Test series for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy between the two cricketing giants, scheduled Down Under, later this year, could be well poised to earn a place in the one-off final at Lord's next year. ICC Hall of Famer Ricky Ponting has made an early prediction on who holds the upper hand in the forthcoming series between Australia and India and discussed the challenges that each side would seek to overcome in coming months. The five-match series, commencing in November, looms as an important one for both teams in the run-up to next year's ICC World Test

Championship final. While India have won the last two Test series in Australia and held the Border-Gavaskar Trophy since they claimed a 4-1 series result on home soil in March 2017, Ponting thinks the hosts might have the edge this time around. "It's going to be a competitive series and as I said I think Australia's got a bit of a point to prove against India in Australia on the back of what's happened the last two series here," Ponting noted in the ICC Review. "We are back to five Tests as well, which is the other really important thing about this series. It's only been four Tests the last couple of times. Five tests, I think everyone's really excited by that and I don't know if there'd be too many drawn games." "I'm obviously going to tip Australia to win and I'm never going to tip against Australia. There will be a draw somewhere and there will be some bad weather somewhere, so I'm going to say 3-1 to Australia," the former skipper predicted.



Steve Smith as opener?

Ponting is unsure whether veteran batter Steve Smith will continue in his new role as opener although he isn't expecting too many surprises with Australia's team for the series. Smith moved up the order following the retirement of David Warner to allow star

all-rounder Cameron Green to slot in at his preferred No.4 position and Ponting thinks this will likely continue. "I think Australia will pretty much pick itself. Probably the only one question there might be with Australia again, is if (Steve) Smith's the right man to be opening the batting. That would be the only query

that I can see there. But that was all about obviously bringing Cameron Green back into the side," he said. "So I'll rephrase it, not whether Smith's the right man to open the batting but whether he thinks it's the right spot for him. Because I think if he doesn't think it's the right spot then they'll make a change and get some-

one else back up there," he added. **India's pace bowling riches** Ponting was all praise for the India's quality pace bowling unit led by the ever-dependable Jasprit Bumrah, and fiery quick Mohammed Siraj. Mohammed Shami, who is currently recuperating from a surgery, is expected to return for the Bangladesh series in September, and in that case could be a certainty in the squad that will tour Down Under. However, the Australia great is hugely impressed with left-armers Khaleel Ahmed, who claimed 17 wickets during the 2024 Indian Premier League for the Delhi Capitals. While Khaleel is yet to make his Test debut, Ponting thinks the 26-year-old could be a valuable addition to the touring party given the variety he offers to the bowling unit. "Someone like Khaleel Ahmed I think could find himself on the Test tour. I know he's just been over in Zimbabwe recently and played

that (T20) series over there, but a left-arter would be ideal for them to have in their touring squad," he said. "(Mohammed) Shami will be back fit by then, (Mohammed) Siraj we know will be there about somewhere and obviously Bumrah is going nowhere. So both teams are going to line up really, really strongly," he predicted. **India-Australia rivalry next to Ashes** Heaping praises on the current Indian team's ability to pose challenges not only in the sub-continent but also during overseas tours, Ponting said that the rivalry between India and Australia has gradually reached a level that sits next to the Ashes. "I think I was a part of it when that really started to grow, when the rivalry really started to grow, was it's right at the back end of my career. And that's when I think India seemingly really started to stand up to the fight and say, OK you're playing against India now, this is a different Indian team, we've got dif-

ferent leaders and different players and we're going to do it whatever we can to beat you guys - whether it's in India or in Australia," he said. "I've said for the last couple of years now, Australia have always had a fierce rivalry with England, obviously, and a very strong rivalry with South Africa. But I think India is now sitting right on the back of what an Ashes clash is like and probably overtaken the rivalry with South Africa. So I mean, that's probably enough said. The fact that someone like me is looking at it in that way. I'm sure the players look at it in the same way as well and I'm really excited for the summer. "There'll be a lot of Indian broadcasters out there. There'll be a lot of Indian fans out here. India will bring a really strong team here. And we know Australia are World Test Champions at the moment so it should be a mouth-watering summer again," the former World Cup-winning skipper predicted.