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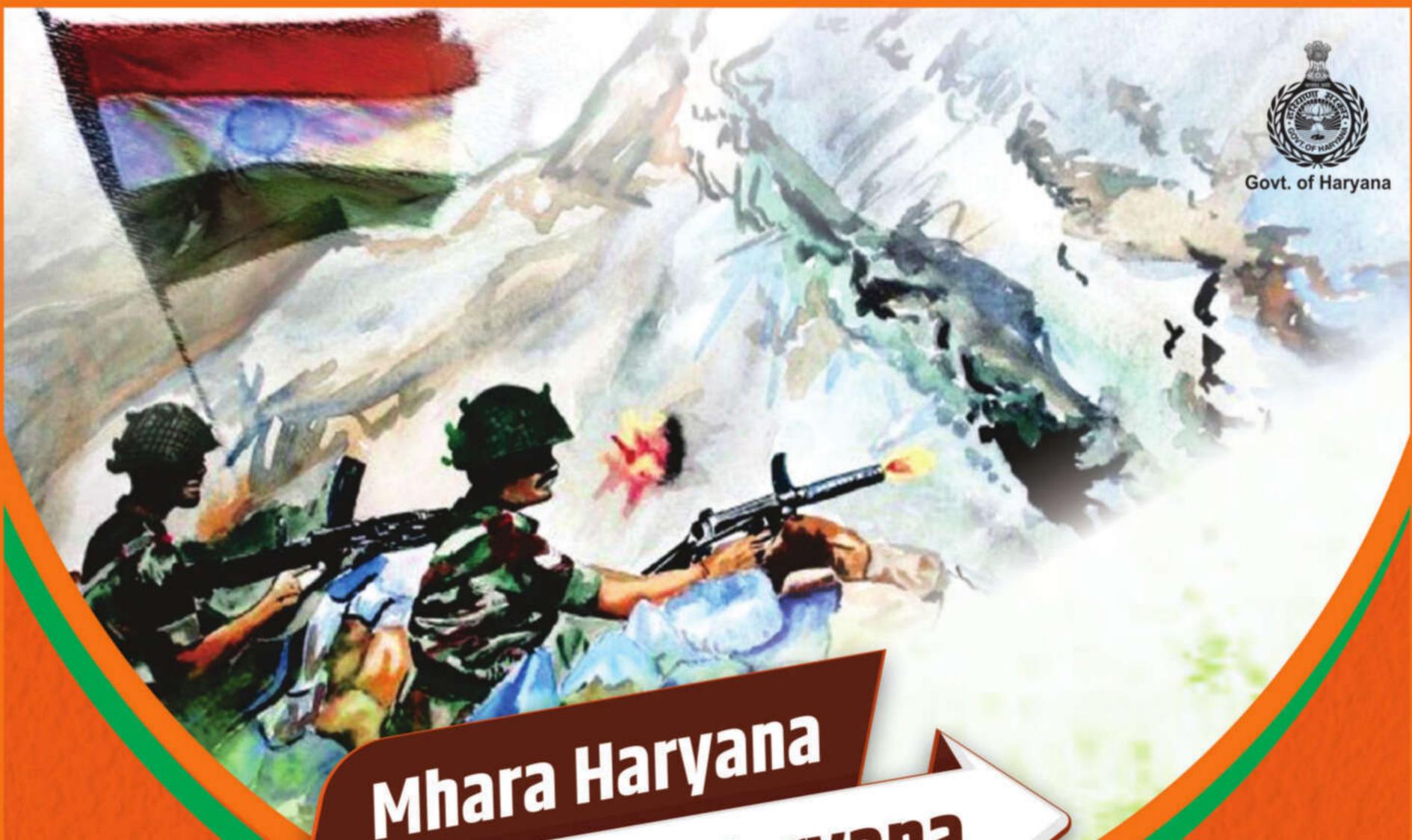
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Captain killed, civilian injured in Doda forest gunbattle, Army says 'war like stores' found

ARUN SHARMA
JAMMU, AUGUST 14

AN ARMY Captain was killed and a civilian injured Wednesday in a fierce gunbattle between security forces and terrorists in Doda district's Akar forests near the Patnitop hill station in Jammu and Kashmir.

The Nagrota-based White Knight Corps identified the officer who succumbed to injuries as Captain Deepak Singh.

In a post on X, it also said, "One terrorist has been neutralised in the ongoing operation" and "intermittent exchange of firing" was continuing. An AK-47, an M4 rifle and "war like stores" have been recovered.

The incident is the latest in a series of firefights and terror strikes in J&K, especially in the areas south of Pir Panjal, ahead of the Assembly polls expected next month in the Union Territory. The Chief Election

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Captain Deepak Singh

EXPLAINED Terror surge before polls

THERE HAS been a spike in terror attacks in J&K given that preparations are underway to hold Assembly polls next month. The surge is more in the Jammu division areas. Security agencies are moving to strengthen the counter-terror grid in these areas.

DOCTOR'S RAPE-MURDER: HANG CULPRITS BY SUNDAY, SAYS CM



Women at the 'Reclaim the Night' protest in Kolkata on Wednesday. Partha Paul

Wife of accused filed complaints of assault twice, no action taken

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 14

IT WAS on May 13, 2023 that a complaint was lodged at Kalighat police station against Sanjay Roy, the man accused of raping and killing a junior doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College. It was from his wife, who was three months pregnant

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at the time, and had alleged that Roy had assaulted her.
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Opp trying to make another Bangladesh here: Mamata

ATRI MITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 14

UNDER ATTACK from Opposition parties, West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday alleged a "coordinated" effort by the BJP and CPI(M) to politicise the rape-murder of the junior doctor.
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INDIAN ENVOY MEETS FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISOR

Dhaka to Delhi: Want to work closely, Hasina's statements don't help

Second liberation, Touhid Hossain tells Indian envoy, Dhaka committed to 'free, fair and participatory elections'



SHUBHAJIT ROY
DHAKA, AUGUST 14

THE INTERIM government of Bangladesh wants to work closely with India to promote bilateral relations, Foreign Affairs Advisor Touhid Hossain said Wednesday, but added that deposed premier Sheikh Hasina's public statements from India are

"not conducive" towards that. Hossain's statement came after his meeting with Indian High Commissioner in Dhaka Pranay Verma. This was the first time since the regime change in Bangladesh — after Sheikh Hasina fled to India on August 5 — that the Indian envoy met with the interim government.

Underlining more "people-centric engagement," after what he called the "second liberation," Hossain flagged Sheikh Hasina's statement issued Tuesday and said "such statements emanating from India (are) not conducive to

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Some return PM house loot: Jewellery, cat, classified papers

SHUBHAJIT ROY
DHAKA, AUGUST 14

LAST WEEK, after Sheikh Hasina resigned as Bangladesh Prime Minister and fled to India, photos and videos were circulated of people looting varied items — laptops, furniture, designer bags, saris, even a duck and fish — from her official residence.

Protesters, mainly students, who had demanded her ouster have now started a campaign to

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Strengthen affirmative action as instrument of inclusion: President

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

QUOTING DR B R Ambedkar to underline that "political democracy cannot last unless there lies at the base of it social democracy," President Droupadi Murmu Wednesday called for

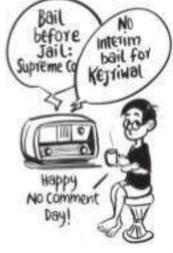
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President Murmu during her address, Wednesday. PTI

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No medal for Vinesh as CAS dismisses plea; IOA looking at 'further options'



MIHIR VASAVDA
PARIS, AUGUST 14

IN ONE sentence, Vinesh Phogat's fate was sealed. In its single-line order on Wednesday,

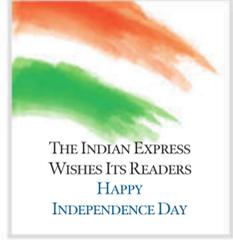


Wrestler Vinesh Phogat at the Paris Olympics. PTI

the ad hoc Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) ended the wrestler's hopes of getting an Olympic silver medal, dismissing her appeal against the United World Wrestling (UWW) and International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"The application filed by Vinesh Phogat on 7 August 2024 is dismissed," said the order signed by sole arbitrator

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INDIA'S DEFENCE PREPAREDNESS AND MODERNISATION OF DEFENCE FORCES



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These developments not only bolster our defence preparedness but also position India as a key player in the global space economy. As we modernise our defence forces, the integration of cutting-edge space technologies will be paramount, ensuring India's security and technological sovereignty in the 21st century."

Lt Gen AK Bhatt (Retd)
PVSM UYSM AVSM SM VSM
Director General
Indian Space Association (ISPA)
(Chairman of Board of Governors, IIIT Kota)
(Former DGMO, MS & GOC 15 Corps)

India's defence exports surge 78% in Q1 FY25

INDIA is intensifying its efforts to equip its armed forces with state-of-the-art weaponry to prepare for a potential two-front conflict against its primary adversaries, China and Pakistan. To provide a boost to the armed forces war-fighting capabilities, the Indian government has allocated ₹6,21,940.85 crore (approximately \$75 billion) to the ministry of defence (MoD) in the Budget for FY2024-25. This allocation is the highest among all of the ministries.

While maintaining the allocation made to MoD during the interim budget, the Indian government has made an additional allocation of ₹400 crore for innovation in defence through the Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX (ADITI) scheme. Through this scheme, the MoD engages with startups/MSMEs and innovators to develop Def-Tech solutions and supply the Indian military with innovative and indigenous technological solutions. A grant of up to 50% of the product development budget, with an enhanced limit of ₹25 crore per applicant, will be awarded as per extant iDEX guidelines.

The allocation to MoD for FY25 is higher by ₹1 lakh crore (18.43%) over the allocation for FY2022-23 and 4.79% more than the FY2023-24 allocation. Out of this, a share of 27.66% goes to capital, 14.82% to revenue expenditure on sustenance and operational preparedness, 30.66% to Pay and Allowances, 22.70% to Defence Pensions, and 4.17% to civil organisations under MoD. The total allocation comes out as 12.90% of the budgetary estimate of the Indian government.

In absolute terms, budgetary allocation under the capital head to the defence forces for FY25 is ₹1.72 lakh crore, which is 20.33% higher than the actual



expenditure of FY2022-23 and 9.40% more than the revised allocation of FY2023-24. The allocation aims to fill the critical capability gaps through big-ticket acquisitions in current and subsequent fiscals. The enhanced budgetary allocation will fulfill the requirement of annual cash outgo on planned Capital acquisitions aimed at equipping the armed forces with state-of-the-art niche technology, lethal weapons, fighter aircraft, ships, submarines, platforms, unmanned aerial vehicles, drones, specialist vehicles, etc.

The allocation promotes 'Aatmanirbharta' in defence technology and manufacturing, equipping the Armed Forces with modern weapons, and creating job opportunities for the youth. About 75% of the modernisation budget, amounting to ₹1,05,518.43 crore, will be spent on procurement through domestic industries during this fiscal. This will have a multiplier effect on GDP, employment generation, capital for-

The increased budget allocation will provide the armed forces with advanced technology, lethal weapons, aircraft, ships, submarines, drones, and specialised vehicles

mation and providing economic stimulus.

The continued higher allocation for operational readiness boosts the morale of the Armed Forces with the sole motive of keeping them battle-ready at all times. The government has allocated ₹92,088 crore during this fiscal under this heading, which is 48% higher than the budgetary allocation of

FY2022-23. This aims to provide all platforms with the best maintenance facilities and support systems, including aircraft and ships. It will facilitate the procurement of ammunition, mobility of resources and personnel as demanded by the security situation, and strengthen the deployment in forward areas for any unforeseen situation.

The Indian government is firm on improving border infrastructure by allocating additional resources to agencies executing strategically significant projects and providing last-mile connectivity in the border areas. In this endeavour, the budgetary allocation to Border Roads Organisations (BRO) under capital for budget estimates (BE) FY25 has been made as ₹6,500 crore, which is 30% higher than the allocation for FY 2023-24, and 160% higher over the allocation of FY 21-22.

India had in 2014 set a target of spending \$250 billion over 10 years on Armed Forces modernisation, which it has achieved by spending nearly \$25 billion annually during the period for both capital and revenue procurements that aimed at arming the country's soldiers with modern weapons. The government had also set a \$26 billion turnover target in defence production by both public and private enterprises by 2025.

India's defence sector has seen remarkable growth in exports during the first quarter of FY 25, with a substantial 78% increase compared to the same period last year. Data from the ministry of defence revealed that exports reached ₹6,915 crore between April and June 2024, up from ₹3,885 crore in the first quarter of FY2023-24. These figures highlight India's expanding role in the global arms market, fuelled by strong domestic production and strategic policy reforms.



THE defence sector is one of the most promising areas of the ever-growing relationship between Brazil and India, especially in the economic sphere. In an effort to further deepen defence cooperation, our countries have promoted numerous bilateral visits by high level defence officials in the previous 12 months, with the primary goal of enhancing the defence partnership, focusing on strategic alliances and technological advancements, and safeguarding the national sovereignty of both countries through cooperation. A crucial aspect of this relationship is the growing links between our defence industries, something which is only possible between partners with a history of deep mutual trust and respect, like Brazil and India.

KENNETH FELIX HACZYŃSKI da NOBREGA, Ambassador of Brazil to India

New artillery and tanks in Army modernisation

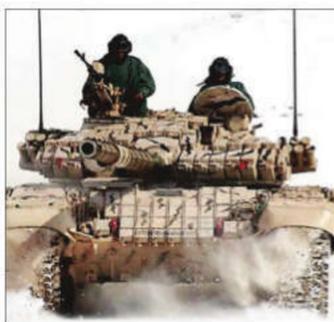
Plans target key border tensions along both the western and northern borders with Pakistan and China

THE Indian Army is fulfilling its commitment to modernise its combat units, particularly those requiring enhanced firepower, such as the artillery, armoured, and mechanised forces. As part of these efforts, the Army has planned several procurements and inductions that could significantly transform these units in the coming years. These plans are strategically designed, considering the ongoing tensions along both the western and northern borders with Pakistan and China. This is especially critical as the Indian Army continues to face a military standoff with the Chinese People's Liberation Army along the Line of Actual Control in the eastern Ladakh region since April 2020.

The urgency has been compounded by Pakistan's low-intensity conflict strategy along the Line of Control with India, and the threat of it colluding with China to expand India's security concerns of a two-front war.

The Indian Army has faced significant challenges in deploying heavy tanks in rugged terrain of Ladakh. Recently, a T-72 tank and five soldiers were swept away by the Shyok River during a military training exercise. The high altitude and harsh conditions of the region make it difficult to operate and maintain these heavy tanks. To address these challenges, the Indian Army is deploying lighter tanks like the 'Zorawar,'—better suited for the mountainous terrain. Additionally, new strategic tank repair facilities have been set up near the China border to ensure quicker maintenance. Balancing heavy armour needs with logistical difficulties remains a complex challenge.

The Zorawar tank, has been developed by Larsen & Toubro along with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The two entities have completed the initial internal trials of this indigenous light tank and rolled it out within two years since the project was sanc-



The Army is deploying lighter tanks like the 'Zorawar,' better suited for mountainous terrain, and plans to standardise all artillery to 155mm calibre by 2042, emphasising a balanced mix of guns and missiles

tioned, according to DRDO officials.

L&T's engineering plant at Hazira in Gujarat has witnessed the completion of the track trials of Zorawar tank after upgrades were suggested and completed to this vehicle, they said. The Army intends to put the Zorawar through user trials in both the desert and high altitude terrains to test its efficacy during harsh summer and winter months respectively. The Army may consider

acquisition of around 350 of the Zorawar tanks that weigh 25 tonnes compared to the T-72s that weigh 45 tonne. However, Zorawar could match the T-72 in its firepower, it has been learned.

The Zorawar tank may feature AI, tactical surveillance drones, amphibious capabilities, loitering munitions, and an active protection system. The Indian government has approved the L&T-led indigenous development of the Zorawar, with up to six regiments potentially being inducted into the Indian Army.

The Indian Army has specified that the Zorawar tank should be transportable by air, road, and water, and be all-weather capable. It should effectively target enemy tanks, armoured vehicles, unmanned aerial vehicles, and counter precision-guided munitions. The Zorawar will feature anti-aircraft and ground weapons, advanced smart munitions, barrel-launched anti-tank guided missiles, long-range target identification, thermal night fighting capabilities, and stealth features to reduce visual, audio, thermal, and electromagnetic signatures.

The Indian Army is procuring additional K9 Vajra self-propelled howitzers, made by L&T in collaboration with South Korea's Hanwha Defence, based on the K9 Thunder. Manufactured at the Hazira plant, these 155mm guns will be delivered by 2028. The initial plan for one more regiment has been expanded to 100 units due to increased demand from the Ladakh conflict. L&T previously delivered 100 K9 Vajra guns in 2021. The Indian variant includes indigenous components like the fire control system and ammunition handling systems.

The K9 Vajra was mainly bought for use in deserts, but, in 2020, the standoff between Indian and Chinese troops in eastern Ladakh prompted them to be deployed in the mountains as well. To ensure that these systems performed

optimally in the extreme cold weather conditions of the mountains, the Indian Army also procured winterisation kits for the regiment deployed there, according to reports. There are nine items including batteries, oils, and lubricants which need to be insulated from extreme temperatures so that these do not freeze at -20 degrees Celsius, which the kits cater for.

The K-9 Vajra is a 155mm/52 caliber gun with capability to fire three rounds every 15 seconds and a maximum rate of fire of six to eight 8 rounds a minute for three minutes. With high explosive projectiles, it has a maximum firing range of 30 km but can also fire K307 Base Bleed HE ammunition to reach a maximum firing range of 40 km.

The turret and the hull of the K-9 Vajra are made of welded steel construction providing ballistic protection against 14.5mm armor-piercing ammunition and 155mm artillery shell splinters. The vehicle has a crew of five including a driver, commander, gunner, and two loaders.

The K-9 Vajra is motorised with an MTU MT 881 Ka-500 8-cylinder water-cooled diesel engine developing 1,000 hp coupled to the Allison ATDX1100-5A3 transmission. It can reach a maximum road speed of 67 km/h with a maximum cruising range of 360 km.

The Indian Army's strategy entails standardising artillery guns to 155 mm caliber. This transition to indigenous guns is expected to be completed by 2042. The importance of achieving a balanced mix of guns and missiles has also been underlined.

In alignment with these priorities, the Army has already inducted modern artillery systems, including the M777 Ultra-Light Howitzer and the K9-Vajra Self-Propelled Guns. Additional procurement plans are underway, including Dhanush guns and Sharang guns.

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To the people of India I wish all the best. Progress, peace and general well being and much progress as you celebrate one more year of independence and great achievements in your journey for being a developed country by 2047.

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Lancet-E unveiling at Army 2024 marks start of ROSOBORONEXPORT's initiative

DURING the 10th anniversary of the International Military-Technical Forum Army 2024, held from August 12-14, 2024, at the Patriot Exhibition and Convention Centre in Moscow, Russia, ROSOBORONEXPORT JSC (a part of Rostec State Corporation) presented the Lancet-E system for the first time.

The Lancet-E system is an export version of the well-known Lancet

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"The presentation of the Lancet-E at Army 2024 marked the beginning of ROSOBORONEXPORT's

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Forces are met, the available production capacities will enable us to successfully deliver the system abroad. In addition, ROSOBORONEXPORT actively offers its partners cooperation in the format of licence and joint production on the customer's premises within the framework of technology partnerships", said Alexander Mikheev, Director General of ROSOBORONEXPORT.



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'Make-in-India' vs Foreign Fighter Aircraft: a call to reverse free fall of fighter squadron strength

ONCE, Col. Gene Cirillo (Ret.) of the USAF said, "The US Army will never control the ground under the sky if the US Air Force does not control the sky over the ground." The dwindling strength of our fighter squadrons could undermine our strategy along the Radcliffe Line, McMahon Line, and in the Far East. It's time for a decisive call to action in the top echelons to address bureaucratic delays and outdated procurement policies. With the squadron count dropping to a critical 31 from the authorised 42, this is a serious concern given the rising tensions with China and the ongoing issues with Pakistan. The on-dominant MiG-21s are becoming obsolete, and the Jaguars, MiG-29s, and Mirages are nearing the end of their service life. Meanwhile, the Su-30s are strained by the Ukraine-Russia crisis. If the current fill rate persists, the number of squadrons could fall below 30 in the next decade.

There are numerous reasons for the current predicament, including the failed bid to acquire 126 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft (MMRCA) and delays in the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) programme due to political issues and technological setbacks. The Tejas programme, sanctioned in 1983 to replace the Soviet-origin MiG-21 fleet, experienced significant delays, with the first flight by 2001 and delivery to the Air Force in 2015. The addition of two squadrons of multi-role French-origin Rafale and two squadrons of home grown LCA, with CCS ap-



SK SHAH,
Defence Analyst

proval of 83 more to be manufactured by HAL, will probably prevent the impending implosion. The 83 LCA Mk-1 would help replace the MiG series of fighters such as the MiG-23, MiG-27 and MiG-21s. Riding on the success of LCA Mk-1, the LCA Mk-2 is expected to complete development and flight testing by 2027 for induction planned by 2030. The pace of development of rival FA-50 Golden Eagle, a light combat aircraft (4.5 generation) by Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI) with Lockheed Martin is worth emulating. To further augment the numbers, India has embarked on a spirited journey to acquire 114 Multi-Role Fighters (MRFA) at \$20 billion, equating to six Squadrons under 'Buy Global make in India' initiative.

The ambitious project of indigenous fifth-generation advance medium combat aircraft (AMCA) is still in the design phase. AMCA with twin-engine, multirole, low-observable fighter with serpentine intakes, internal weapons bay, and thrust vectoring engines, should be inducted early next decade (and avoid meeting LCA fate). Only Russia, the USA, and China have successfully devel-

oped and deployed such advanced 5th Generation Fighter Aircraft (FGFA). Next in line Turkey (TAI) has surprised the world with the development of KAAN, an FGFA in collaboration with BAE Systems. The odyssey to develop complex sixth generation fighter aircraft with advanced digital capabilities including high-capacity networking, AI, data fusion, cyber warfare, D2D (Data-to-Decision) and battlefield Command, Control and Com-

The IAF must focus on modern technologies such as swarm drones, all-weather air defence systems, AI, cyber and electronic warfare to strengthen its air power

munications (C3) capabilities has begun. The USA is leading the pack with an AI-enabled fighter fleet, which can outmanoeuvre humans in air combat and take decisions to shoot and kill by controlling advance airborne weapons. While USA, Russia & China are treading the path alone; France, Germany & Spain under Future Combat Air System (FCAS) and UK, Italy & Japan under

Global Combat Air Programme are using more collaborative approach to economise the developmental cost.

Not deterred by the low numbers and while we bulwarkour Air Power, the IAF needs to lay emphasis on modern technologies including swarm drones, all-weather Air Defence system, Artificial Intelligence, cyber & electronic warfare, and long-range missiles. The asymmetric warfare supported by group of nations, allies and temporary formations requires resolute, trained and motivated soldiers other than the huge inventory of fighting machines. Embroiled with not so potent enemies and hallowed with numerical superiority and brute force, the Russians and Israelis have not been able to accomplish their goals decisively in a prolonged face-off.

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Navy tackles capability gaps with new projects

It is set to introduce diesel-electric and nuclear-powered submarines

INDIA's Navy is pursuing its goals of plugging critical gaps in its offensive capabilities, focusing on inducting platforms that boost its war-fighting in all domains, be it surface or underwater warfare. As part of this effort, the Indian Navy is preparing to introduce diesel-electric and nuclear-powered submarines, along with new surface warships such as destroyers, frigates, and corvettes. According to recent media reports, the Navy is poised to commission its second indigenously built nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed submarine (SSBN) for strategic deterrence. Named Arighat, this 6,000-tonne vessel, developed under the Advanced Technology Vessel programme, was constructed at the Navy's Submarine Building Centre (SBC) in Visakhapatnam. The submarine is scheduled for extensive trials of its systems later this year.

Arighat will then join the service alongside INS Arihant, commissioned into the Strategic Forces Command (SFC) in 2018, though operated by the Indian Navy. The commissioning of Arighat could take place anytime this year, it has been learned. The 7,000-tonne third nuke-armed submarine, loosely called Aridhman, is currently under construction at the SBC.

The SFC is the tri-service formation that handles and operates all nuclear weapons and is directly under the command and control of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The SSBN are armed with nuke-tipped ballistic missiles, two variants of which are available for deployment by the SFC.

The 750-km range K-15 missiles are already operational on INS Arihant and shall be deployed on Arighat. Aridhman and a fourth SSBN, also to be built under the programme,



The Navy is set to commission its second indigenous nuclear-powered, nuclear-armed submarine, Arighat, developed in Visakhapatnam

shall be armed with the 3,500-km K-4 missiles, now under the final stages of development and validation. On the SSN fleet front—SSNs are nuclear-powered submarines but carry conventional weapons—India has already operated a Russian Akula-class vessel on a 10-year release and returned it to the Russians a few years ago. There is a plan for India to lease one more Akula-class vessel from Russia in 2026 for \$3 billion.

In its efforts to build indigenous SSNs, a ₹40,000-crore proposal for building two nuclear-powered submarines, armed with torpedoes, anti-ship and land-attack missiles, is now going before the Prime Minister-headed

Cabinet Committee on Security for approval.

Between 2014 and 2016, the Indian Navy commissioned three guided missile destroyers of Kolkata-class under Project 15A. The Kolkata class included INS Kolkata, INS Kochi, and INS Chennai. These ships were a step ahead of their precursor Delhi-class destroyers, which included INS Delhi, INS Mysore, and INS Mumbai, built under Project 15 and commissioned between 1997 and 2001. The contract for construction of the Project 15B destroyers was signed in 2011. These destroyers are among the technologically advanced warships, with state-of-the-art weapon and sensor packages, advanced stealth features, and a high degree of automation. These warships are armed with BrahMos supersonic cruise missiles and long-range surface-to-air missiles (SAM), apart from several indigenous weapons systems like medium-range surface-to-air missile (SAMs), indigenous torpedo tube launchers, anti-submarine indigenous rocket launchers, and 76-mm super rapid gun mount.

India is operating the Russian INS Vikramaditya and the indigenously built INS Vikrant aircraft carriers. While Vikramaditya was bought by India and refurbished by Russia for \$2.35 billion before it was commissioned into the Indian Navy service in 2013, Vikrant was built at the Cochin Shipyard for ₹20,000 crore with 76% indigenous content and commissioned in 2022.

Under Project 17A, India is building seven frigates for the Navy — four at Mazagon Docks and three by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers. Project 17A ships have been designed in-house by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau.

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Dhaka to Delhi: Want to work closely

fostering better bilateral relations", according to a release from the Bangladesh Foreign ministry.

In her first public statement since her ouster on August 5, Hasina set the stage for a possible confrontation in Dhaka as she asked people to observe August 15 — the anniversary of the assassination of her father Sheikh Mujibur Rahman — as "national mourning day" by placing wreaths at the Bangabandhu Memorial Museum. This came on a day when the interim government had decided to cancel the national holiday on August 15.

With the Hindu minority in Bangladesh facing a string of attacks over the last week, Hossain, a former diplomat, also "affirmed (the) interim government's commitment to ensure peaceful coexistence of different communities in Bangladesh including the minorities," Dhaka's readout of the meeting said.

According to the statement, Hossain mentioned that "the government is pledge-bound to ensure the safety and security of all religious and ethnic groups and will not tolerate any violence or intimidation against them. He added that all religious groups and other political parties are also working to ensure safety and security of the minorities." He also referred to what he called "highly exaggerated media campaign

about happenings in Bangladesh".

Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, who is heading the interim government, had reached out on Tuesday with a visit to the Dhakeshwari Temple where he met community leaders and assured "equal rights" for all.

Hossain "particularly stressed on some key issues like stopping border killing, conclusion of Teesta Water sharing Agreement, and ensuring supply of essential commodities" — referring to some thorny issues between India and Bangladesh, especially border killings and the Teesta pact.

Verma, according to the Bangladesh Foreign Ministry, "congratulated the Adviser for Foreign Affairs on his new responsibilities. He referred to PM Narendra Modi's good wishes to the Chief Adviser (Yunus) and 'expressed the keen willingness of the Government of India to work with the interim government in the coming days to fulfil the shared aspirations of peoples from both countries.' This formulation about 'peoples' is a departure from the routine reference to government-to-government ties.

Hossain briefed the Indian envoy "about the current situation". "He mentioned that Bangladesh witnessed a second liberation last week through a mass uprising spearheaded by valiant students. The combined forces of the stu-

dents and people have emerged victorious against the forces of authoritarianism and repression in their quest for ending discriminations and inequities," it said.

Giving its account of the run-up to the ouster, the statement said that "the fearless student movement against a discriminatory public service recruitment system soon morphed into a nation-wide revolutionary struggle to establish a rules-based, just, fair and inclusive society. Nobel Laureate Dr Muhammad Yunus agreed to take the helm of the interim government at the request of the students and people."

Hossain said that the "most pressing task before this interim government is to bring normalcy to the overall law and order situation and bring the economy on track. The government is working on meaningful reforms and a lasting transformation to fulfil the aspiration of the people, especially the youth. The government is committed to ensuring a transition to inclusive and pluralistic democracy and create an atmosphere to hold free, fair and participatory elections," it said.

A 1981-batch Bangladesh Foreign Service officer, Hossain, 69, was Foreign Secretary from December 17, 2006 to July 8, 2009 during the caretaker government and the first six months of Hasina government.

Some return PM house loot

"recover the looted items" and restore Ganabhaban (People's House), the official residence of the Bangladesh PM, to its past glory. They began by issuing appeals on social media to people to return the items.

Some responded to their appeals. People came back with chairs, sofas, refrigerator, Apple iMac, MacBooks, iPhones, gym equipment, tables, an electric guitar, even some pigeons and a cat.

A man confessed that he had taken a duck and eaten it, so he gave money instead. An autorickshaw driver returned Bangladeshi Taka 1 lakh (about Rs 74,000) that he had taken from the drawers of the residence. Another person returned valuables and jewellery, including a diamond nose-pin and a pendant.

"We were protesting against the Prime Minister and asking her to step down. People just entered and took away stuff out of excitement... and damaged the place. We are not looters, this is our national property and we want to restore this place to its past condition," Shakib Arifin, the lead

coordinator for the clean-up exercise tagged as the Ganabhaban 'rebuilding' committee, told *The Indian Express*.

A "collection counter" has been set up at the gate, where people have been dropping off some of the looted items. A group of volunteers keep a record of the items returned.

"Some people want to identify themselves, some don't... some just say that they found it near their home... we don't want to make it awkward for them, so we don't press them for their identity details," said Mohammad Moin, who is among those coordinating the 'rebuilding' effort.

The volunteers said they were not treating these people as "criminals", and the fact that they were returning valuables showed their "integrity".

Among the things that were returned were documents, including some marked confidential — classified defence and security-related papers — and accounts of the PM's residence. "The documents are being kept in a safe room, guarded by

Bangladesh Army personnel now," said Hafizuddin Munna, a documentary filmmaker who is also a coordinator.

Among the images of the looting that went viral was a woman with a Dior suitcase. Munna said the woman has been "identified". "She is a doctor, and we are going to reach out to her and recover the Dior suitcase," he said.

"On June 5, people were excited and wanted to take away things as souvenirs... But we don't want to destroy the place, we are against such activities, these were just ordinary people with pent-up anger... *ora ullas korchhilo* (they were celebrating) after Hasina quit and left the country," said Arifin.

At last count, on Tuesday, Munna said they had recovered at least 450-500 items — including 120 types of furniture, about 70 electronic items, 150 mattresses. Volunteers reckon that an estimated 60 per cent of what was looted has been recovered.

"We are making a list and will submit it to the Bangladesh Army and the interim government led

by Prof Yunus, before we hand over the place to the authorities," he said. "We are also making a separate list of unusable (broken or damaged) items which can be sold off or dealt with separately."

When *The Indian Express* visited Ganabhaban on Tuesday, volunteers were cleaning up the place. The lawn was covered with furniture — sofas, tables, chairs, refrigerator, bunk beds, mattresses, almirahs. Volunteers said the place was full of glass shards and broken furniture, and they had to repair the boundary wall at more than 60 places. At the entrance, there were damaged cars, a damaged motorcycle and a lawn mower.

Volunteers were still controlling access to the PM's residence, with the Bangladesh Army providing perimeter security. Only those who had been assigned to clean up the place were allowed entry.

At the gate, some students asked the volunteers if they could enter. "*Eta chiri yakhana naki* (is this a zoo?)" a volunteer responded, before shooing away the onlookers.

The volunteers are young men

and women — from government universities, private colleges, madrasa students — mostly in their 20s, and some professionals in their late 20s and early 30s.

"After the euphoria and the emotional storm, it is now time to reform and rebuild Bangladesh... Why not start from Ganabhaban. After all, this is not Hasina's personal property. This is our national property, built with the hard-earned money of the common people of Bangladesh. Now that we have got rid of the autocratic regime and regained our freedom for the second time, by cleaning up, recovering and restoring this place, we can show to the world that we are capable of rebuilding Bangladesh... and not destroying it," said Ahsanul Kishore, an assistant professor of electrical engineering at a private university and one of the coordinators of the clean-up exercise.

Ganabhaban, a sprawling bungalow with manicured lawns and a water body, was designated the official residence of the Bangladesh Prime Minister after Hasina moved here in March 2010, a year after she was re-elected.

Captain killed, civilian injured in Doda gunbattle

Commissioner and his team have just returned to Delhi after conducting a review of the situation on the ground.

The Akar forests, which fall in the Assar area of Doda district, are not very far from the Chenani-Nashri tunnel on the Jammu-Srinagar na-

tional highway. The gunbattle site is barely 2 km from the Batote-Doda national highway.

Sources said one of the terrorists appeared to have been injured in the gunbattle because security forces and police found blood stains at the site. They seized an M4 and three

bags left behind by the terrorists.

Sources said there was specific information about terrorists in the Akar forests and a search operation was launched Tuesday night. Captain Deepak Singh was leading the troops from the front and despite getting injured, he continued

to engage the terrorists and instructed the soldiers to cordon off the area, sources said.

"Search for the terrorists continues amidst heavy fire-fight. One officer has been injured while leading the search party. Warlike stores have been recovered as operations continue," the Army's Northern Command wrote on X earlier.

Born in 1999, Captain Deepak Singh was commissioned on June 13, 2020. He belonged to Dehradun. He is survived by his parents and two sisters, sources said.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister

Pushkar Singh Dhami posted on X: "My heartfelt tribute to Captain Deepak Singh ji, the brave son of the military land of Uttarakhand..." The officer's body is expected to arrive in Dehradun Thursday.

On Tuesday, Northern Army Commander Lt General M V Suchindra Kumar visited forward locations of the counter-insurgency Delta force in Doda and Kishtwar to review anti-militancy operations in the Chenab valley region of the Union Territory.

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No medal for Vinesh

Annabelle Bennett. A detailed order is expected in the coming days.

While Phogat, who is still in Paris, could not be reached for comment, Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president PT Usha said she was "shocked and disappointed". The IOA, in its statement, said it was exploring "further legal options".

Phogat was disqualified from the 50-kg final bout against USA's Sarah Hildebrandt last week after she failed to make the weight — she was found to be 100g overweight on the morning of the final. Hildebrandt eventually won the gold medal. Challenging the decision, Phogat had filed an appeal with the CAS.

The UWW had defended its position, with the body's president, Nenad Lalovic, saying "rules are rules" and they are designed for the benefit of the wrestlers so that they don't reduce weight sharply on the day of their bouts.

The IOA's representatives, Harish Salve and Vidushpat Singhania, had argued that the "disqualification of an athlete for such a weight infraction on the second of two days warrants a deeper examination". However, they failed to convince the CAS.

"The matter involving Vinesh highlights the stringent and, arguably, inhumane regulations that fail to account for the physiological and psycho-

logical stresses athletes, particularly female athletes, undergo. It is a stark reminder of the need for more equitable and reasonable standards that prioritise athletes' well-being," the IOA said in its statement.

"The marginal discrepancy of 100 grams and the resultant consequences has a profound impact, not only in terms of Vinesh's career, but also raises serious questions about ambiguous rules and their interpretation," the IOA said.

"In light of the order of the CAS, the IOA continues to stand in full support of Ms. Phogat and is exploring further legal options. The IOA is committed to ensuring that Vinesh's case is heard. It will continue to advocate justice and fairness in sports, ensuring that the rights and dignity of athletes and everyone in the sports fold are upheld at all times," it said.

The hearing in the case took place last Friday and the panel put off its decision thrice. As per the CAS rules, the ad hoc panel "shall give a decision within 24 hours of the lodging of the application. In exceptional cases, this time limit may be extended by the president of the ad hoc Division if circumstances so require".

After two postponements last Saturday, the outcome was expected to be made public on Tuesday, when it was again pushed forward to Friday. But on Wednesday evening, the decision was shared with Phogat.

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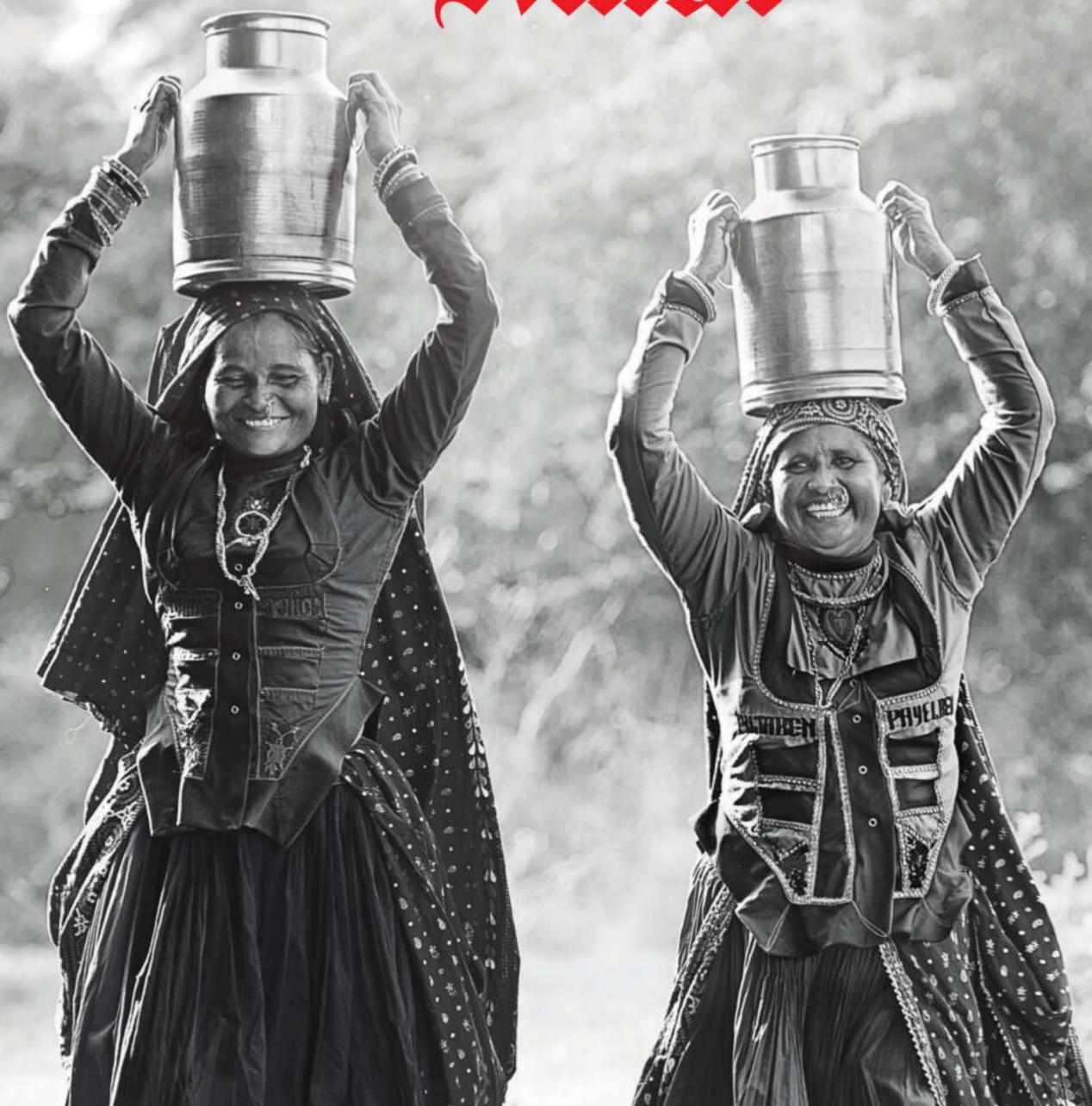
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Excise case: No interim bail from SC to CM

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Arvind Kejriwal

THE SUPREME COURT Wednesday declined to grant interim bail to Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal in the graft case registered by the CBI in connection with the alleged excise policy scam.

A bench of Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan issued notice to the CBI on Kejriwal's petition seeking bail in the case and

challenging his arrest by the central probe agency.

Senior Advocate A M Singhvi, appearing for Kejriwal, pressed for interim bail and said it is a "strange situation". He said the AAP leader had been given interim bail in the

case registered by the Enforcement Directorate under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), 2002, despite its stringent provisions. Singhvi said that Kejriwal's arrest by the CBI was an "insurance arrest" to ensure that he remains behind bars even if he were to secure bail in the ED case. The senior counsel contended that when Kejriwal has already been granted bail in the PMLA case, he should not be denied bail in the CBI case

registered under the Prevention of Corruption Act which has less stringent provisions than PMLA.

The court, however, did not agree. "We are not granting any interim bail," Justice Kant said.

The Supreme Court will hear the matter next on August 23.

On July 12, the SC granted the CM interim bail in the ED case and referred questions related to the "need and necessity to arrest" in cases under the PMLA to a larger Bench.

INDIGO, SPICEJET TO MOVE BACK OPS

Opening Saturday, airport's new and expanded Terminal 1

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE NEWLY expanded Terminal 1 (T-1) of Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport will be operational from August 17, with IndiGo and SpiceJet set to shift their flight operations back to the premises, announced Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) Wednesday.

The expansion was part of the Phase 3A expansion project, which was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on March 10.

The older T-1 building is still under repair after the canopy collapse in June, and only the new building will be opened to the public on August 17, said airport officials.

On June 28, a part of the metal canopy over Terminal 1 collapsed due to heavy rainfall, killing a man and injuring eight others. After the incident, IndiGo and SpiceJet flight operations, which majorly used T-1, were shifted to Terminals 2 and 3.

In preparation for the terminal's opening, DIAL has coordinated with IndiGo and SpiceJet to shift their flight operations back to Terminal 1. SpiceJet will be the first to transition, moving 13 flights to the new terminal on August 17. IndiGo will follow suit on September 2, transferring 34 of its flights from Terminals 2 and 3 to Terminal 1.

On the terminal's launch, DIAL CEO Videh Kumar Jaipuria said, "The state-of-the-art Terminal 1 will significantly boost our capacity, easing pressure on Terminals 2 and 3. Passengers can expect a smoother travel experience with improved amenities and advanced technology."

According to officials, the new



Inside the new building. Express

terminal has features such as the innovative Queue-Buster Mobile Check-in Service, designed to minimise waiting times at check-in counters. Other advanced facilities include the Automated Tray Retrieval System; Individual Carrier System; Common Usage Self Service; Aerobridges, and Self Baggage Drop kiosks.

The features

- For passenger convenience,

specific entry points have been designated at the new terminal.

- Passengers flying with SpiceJet will use Entry Gate A on the ground floor.

- Those flying with IndiGo will enter through Entry Gates 5 and 6 on the first floor, informed airport officials.

- All arrivals will occur through a dedicated arrival area on the ground floor.

- DIAL has installed clear sig-

nage throughout the airport and on roadways to guide passengers to the correct departure points, officials added.

- Additionally, RAXA guards will be on hand to assist and direct passengers to the appropriate areas for IndiGo and SpiceJet flights.

The expansion of T1 began in 2019 in response to a significant increase in air traffic movements and passenger numbers, which had exceeded earlier projections.

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L-G office to inquire into MLA LAD funds; Cong welcomes move

SAMAN HUSAIN
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE DELHI L-G office has launched an inquiry into the utilisation of MLA Local Area Development (LAD) funds, asking the Additional Chief Secretary to submit details within five days. While the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has labelled the probe a "desperate attempt" to sabotage the development projects, Delhi Congress said it will expose long-standing corruption and mismanagement in fund allocation.

The Special Secretary to the L-

G wrote to the Additional Chief Secretary Wednesday, asking the objectives, eligibility criteria, guidelines, scope of work covered under the fund scheme, with specific reference to civic infrastructure projects. This comes after Congress Secretary Abhishek Dutt submitted a letter on August 2 to Delhi L-G VK Saxena, raising concerns about alleged non-utilisation of MLA LAD funds.

The AAP blamed the L-G and his "favourite officers" for the lack of civic works in the Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD), and for stopping the Mukhyamantri

Sadak Punamirman Yojana used to lay down roads. "In the past also, many efforts have been made by the L-G office and the officers under L-G to create problems in MLA LAD funds. This is another desperate attempt to stop the works of Delhi... We welcome any inquiry; however, it should not affect the works of the people," the AAP said.

Delhi Congress Chief Devendra Yadav said, "Over the past decade, nearly Rs 70 to 100 crore was allocated but much of this money has been siphoned off without any tangible development in the constituencies."

BRIEFLY

Gurgaon: Two days after woman found dead, man held

Gurgaon: Two days after a 30-year-old woman's body was found near Ghamroj toll plaza in Bhondsi, the accused, who was in a relationship with the woman, was arrested for allegedly murdering her, police said. Kusuma, also known as Muskan was in a relationship with a man named Raja, who accused her of being involved with someone before killing her, an officer said. Her mother Geeta Devi, a Firozabad resident, filed a complaint. Police said the body was found lying beside the wall of a vacant plot near the Ghamroj toll plaza. The woman had tattooed an "R" on her left hand. On Wednesday, Geeta Devi identified her from the body and footwear photographs. Gurgaon police said the man was in the custody of Uttar Pradesh Police.

'Makeover of Guru Ravi Das Marg to help improve connectivity'

New Delhi: The Guru Ravi Das Marg, which is currently marked by broken roads, central verge, and footpath, is likely to get a revamp with beautification, recarpeting, plantation, and parking space. According to officials, PWD Minister Atishi Wednesday reviewed the work of strengthening and beautification of South East Delhi road going on in its initial phase. "Guru Ravidas Marg is one of the busiest roads of Kalkaji Assembly and lakhs of people use it for daily commuting. After the strengthening and beautification work, the interconnectivity of many colonies of this assembly will improve and this beautiful road will become the identity of our assembly," said Atishi. ENS

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		30.06.2024 (Unaudited)	31.03.2024 (Audited)	30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.2024 (Audited)	30.06.2024 (Unaudited)	31.03.2024 (Audited)	30.06.2023 (Unaudited)	31.03.2024 (Audited)
1	Total Income from operations	510964	531052	505975	2365975	510964	531052	505975	2365975
2	Net Profit / (Loss) from operations before exceptional items and tax	(5392)	24247	(19135)	8852	(2128)	26840	(16885)	17383
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax after exceptional items	(5392)	24247	(19135)	8852	(2128)	26840	(16885)	17383
4	Net Profit / (Loss) for the period after tax	(4133)	18175	(14393)	6474	(869)	20768	(12143)	15005
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period (Comprising Profit/(Loss) and Other Comprehensive Income for the period)	(4063)	17920	(14334)	6413	(799)	20518	(12084)	14949
6	Equity Share Capital	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058	49058
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve) as shown in the Audited Balance Sheet of the previous year				221051				206369
8	Earning Per Share (of ₹ 10/- each)*								
	(a) Basic	(0.84)	3.70	(2.93)	1.32	(0.18)	4.23	(2.48)	3.06
	(b) Diluted	(0.84)	3.70	(2.93)	1.32	(0.18)	4.23	(2.48)	3.06

* Not annualised in case of quarterly figures

Note: The above is an extract of the detailed format of Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing and Other Disclosure Requirements) Regulations 2015. The full format of the Quarterly/Yearly Financial Results are available on the Stock Exchanges websites, www.nseindia.com and www.bseindia.com and website of the Company www.nationalfertilizers.com.

For and on behalf of Board of Directors

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(Dr. U. Saravanan)
Chairman & Managing Director
DIN : 07274628

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VIKSIT ODISHA: DEVELOPMENT REDEFINED

- Honouring the religious sentiment of Odia people, four gates of the SriMandir, Puri opened for pilgrims and devotees.
- 500 Crore Corpus fund earmarked for maintenance & safety of Sri Jagannath Temple.
- Provision of ₹ 200 Crore to espouse the cause of **'Odia Asmita'**.
- People's Budget, 2024-25 makes a perceptible provision of ₹10 thousand Crore for improvement in women's living standard.
- The Budget 2024-25 allocates ₹17,942 Crore for women, a rise of 188 percent compared to the previous one.
- Chapter heralded for creation of avenues in next five years for massive employment of the youth of the State.
- Upto 10% reservation for employment of Agniveer in all Uniformed Services of the State.
- Allocation of ₹5 thousand Crore in **'Samrudh Krushak Yojana'** and purchase of paddy from farmers at ₹ 3100 per quintal.
- The State turning out to be a Hub in the production of Millet.
- **'One Nation-One Ration'** Card for the non-resident workers.
- Commitment for multi-pronged welfare of labourers.
- **Jal Jeevan Mission** ensures availability of pure drinking water at households and public places.
- Improvement of Hats in tribal dominated Gram Panchayats and collection & sale of forest & horticultural produce.
- Holistic development of Scheduled Tribe through implementation of PESA.
- Qualitative & extensive health coverage under **Pradhan Mantree Ayushman-Bharat Jana Arogya Yojana** and **Gopabandhu Jana Arogya Yojana** and free of cost access to diagnostics & treatment.
- Establishment of **Handicraft Design Bank** to skill the traditional artisans.
- Odisha's sponsorship of Indian Hockey Team continues until 2036.
- **'PM-Shree'** and **'Godabarish Model Primary School'** Schemes introduced to attain excellence in school infrastructure and academics.
- **'Madho Singh Hata Kharcca Yojana'** brought into operation to reduce drop-out rate among the Scheduled Tribe students.

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'Delhi School of Economics is being treated like real estate': former director Partha Sen

VIDHEESHA KUNTAMALLA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE FORMER director of Delhi University's Delhi School of Economics, Partha Sen, has declined to join the institute's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, starting Friday, because of the "recent construction activities on the premises", The Indian Express has learnt.

On February 25 last year, *The Indian Express* reported about the varsity's plans to expand the Faculty of Management Studies (FMS) to the DSE campus lawns which sparked concerns among alumni, professors and students.

The FMS is adjacent to the DSE campus, with a fence separating the two. A new FMS building is set to come up on the Lecture Theatre (LT) lawns near DSE's Agriculture Economics Research Centre.

On August 4, DSE director Ram Singh had written to all the former directors of the institute to "attend a felicitation session on August 17... as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations from August 16-17."

To this, Sen responded: "I am unable to join the 'celebrations' because of the recent construction activities on the school premises. The present dispensation seems to treat the premises like a piece of real estate. Eight-storeyed buildings and the rest (effectively) a parking lot. Some of us had written a letter, expressing our apprehension. Did we even get a reply from the university authorities, explaining their position?"

"I think the role of my erstwhile junior colleagues also is not glorious. 'Capitulation' is too weak an expression. So, please excuse me. And let me recall my 'Dschool' days by closing my eyes... to recall the good times I spent there as a student and, later, as a faculty member. Closing my eyes also to the crass commercialisation of the school's premises," Sen added.

The *Indian Express* reached out to the DSE director for comment but received no response.

Last year, a petition was signed by 248 people, including 56 current and former faculty members, 29 research scholars and 163 postgraduate students of DSE, which stated: "The DSE campus is among the few spaces on the North Campus (unlike most colleges) that is truly open access... The LT lawns are an important and integral part of the shrinking university commons..."

ACCIDENTAL DROWNING, SAY POLICE

9-yr-old found dead at Chhath ghat near drain in Najafgarh

PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

ON SUNDAY around 11 am, Ranhola resident Chandini's son Yash (9) asked her if he could go to his aunt's place. Chandini promptly gave her permission — the house in Nangli Vihar was right in the next street and it was not unusual for the single mother to drop her two sons to her sister's place before leaving for work. When Yash did not return in the evening, she checked with her sister who confirmed that the boy did visit her but left after a short while.

After a frantic search that included multiple visits to the police station, knocking at the doors of a number of shops, and announcements at the local mosque, Yash was found dead the next morning, floating face down in shallow waters that had accumulated in a corner of the usually dry Chhath Ghat.

"Around 5 am (on Monday), I woke up and went to search for him again. Near the Najafgarh nullah, someone told me that a boy's body was floating at the ghat... No one wanted to enter the water; a man tried to drag his body with a stick. I jumped in and took out his body myself," said Chandini.

CCTV footage near the ghat showed Yash with another boy, a 10-year-old neighbour. Police officers said the case could be that of accidental death, adding the other boy could have got scared after watching Yash drown and ran away.



At the Chhath Ghat in Nangli Vihar: (left) the victim's mother, Chandini.
Praveen Khanna

depression in the ghat and couldn't come out," a police officer at Ranhola police station said.

As they await the post-mortem examination report, police officials said drowning is the most probable cause of the death. "No injuries were found in the initial examination," a police officer added.

Earlier, following the mother's complaint, police had registered an FIR under section 137 of BNS, which pertains to kidnapping.

The Chhath ghat remains dry through the year, except for the Chhath festival when local residents deploy pumps to fill it with

water in order to offer their prayers. But a few days ago, a section of the ghat got filled with rainwater that had entered from the adjacent road through holes in the boundary wall.

Chandini, 35, has been raising her two sons, Yash and 12-year-old Murari, alone for the last four years after separating from her husband who lives in Rajasthan. She works as a helper at an electronics company and had recently shifted Yash, a Class 5 student, from a private school to an MCD school in the neighbourhood due to financial constraints.

"I always ensured that my sons don't wander around with wrong company. I was educating them all by myself. Now one of them is gone. My heart can't accept that he went there on his own and drowned," she said.

HE WAS IN JAIL FOR 3 YEARS IN RAPE CASE

'POCSO law being misapplied': HC grants bail to 24-yr-old man

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

GRANTING BAIL to a 24-year old man, the Delhi High Court Wednesday pointed out that it has been "constantly seeing" that POCSO cases are being filed at the behest of the girl's family "who object to her friendship and romantic involvement with a young boy", adding the law is being misapplied in such cases.

The court further said that this results in "young boys, who have genuinely fallen in love with girls who are just below 18 years of age, languishing in jails."

Booked for rape and for offences under Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, the man had been in jail for the past three years before he was granted bail.

Consensual sex between girls who are just below the age of 18 years and boys who are just above 20 years has been in legal grey area, the court noted

The case dates back to 2021 when a 17-year old girl had eloped, twice, with a 21-year old man following opposition from her family over the religion of the man.

An FIR was lodged based on the complaint of the girl's mother and investigation had led to the girl residing with the man. The girl, later in her statement to doctors, had claimed that she had married the man and was pregnant, adding that

her mother was aware of this. Justice Subramonium Prasad, ruling in the man's favour, noted in the verdict, "Consensual sex between girls who are just below the age of 18 years and boys who are just above 20 years has been in legal grey area because the consent given by a minor girl cannot be said to be a valid consent in the eyes of law..."

Justice Prasad further said the statement given by the "prosecutrix (the girl)" before the doctors that her mother knew about her relationship with the petitioner and that the FIR has been lodged by her mother only because the petitioner herein had refused to change his religion gives an indication that the present FIR was lodged at the behest of the parents of the prosecutrix who did not approve of the relationship..."

Days after family 'identifies' her body, missing Delhi teen found hiding in Haryana

ARNABJIT SUR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

ALMOST A month ago, a 16-year-old girl went missing. She woke up one day and walked out of her home in Rohini, said her family. She was not taking their calls. Earlier this month, she turned up 'dead', her body found tied up in a field in Uttar Pradesh. Her family was positive it was her. A few days later, to the shock of police, the girl was found alive — but in hiding — nearly 200 km away in Haryana.

Behind this strange turn of events is a love story, said police, which hit a familiar obstacle in the shape of their families.

It was on July 18, said police, that an auto-rickshaw driver came to the local police station and reported that his daughter was missing. He told them that three days ago, his teenage daughter left their house early in the morning without telling anyone and was not picking up her phone.

A case was later lodged under section 137(2) (kidnapping) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

As part of the investigation, a police team questioned family, friends and relatives for clues on where the girl could be. An officer said, "We examined a few suspects several times but no significant information emerged. Their technical surveillance too didn't yield any

results."

Police then sounded an alarm with their counterparts in other states for leads on the missing teenager.

Finally, on August 9, troubling news arrived from the Uttar Pradesh police. They said they had found a girl, who looked similar to the missing minor, in Sambhal. She was found in a secluded spot in a field, her limbs tied with a rope. She was dead.

"They (UP Police) told us the description of the dead body resembled that of the missing girl," said a police officer.

The next day, a police team, comprising four inspectors and sub-inspectors, landed in Sambhal. The father and sister of the missing girl accompanied them. "They identified the body... it was the teenager, they said. However, we were not convinced. The description given by her father initially did not match that of the body."

What made the police doubtful though?

A senior officer explained that there were several inconsistencies. "For one, her father had said his daughter had a nose ring on the right side... the dead girl had a nose ring on the left side... the missing teen also had a butterfly tattoo on her right wrist and an anklet which had Satyam written on it."

The officer also said that while they were working on tracing her, nothing pointed "towards

Sambhal or any state in UP". But since the family was positive the girl was their missing daughter, officers were flummoxed.

In the meantime, they decided to continue their probe. Police also sought a DNA test of the dead body to ascertain if it was the missing girl.

Days later, on August 12, they hit jackpot — the girl was not dead, she was in Haryana's Panchkula.

An officer said, "She had rented a flat in a gated society along with a 19-year-old man from her locality. During questioning, she claimed she had eloped with him. They were in the same class, Grade 11, before they dropped out."

The girl told police that their parents found out about them and opposed their relationship, as they were from different communities, so they planned to run away. They had been staying in Panchkula for a month. An officer said that the man found a job as a parking attendant there.

"We have bound down the man for kidnapping the girl... the teenager has been sent back to her family," added the officer.

When contacted, the teenager's family refused to speak.

The identity of the dead girl, meanwhile, remains shrouded in mystery. The DNA test report is awaited, said officers.

ON ALERT

Security tightened around Red Fort a day before Independence Day celebrations, Wednesday. Praveen Khanna



No OPDs in hospitals for 3rd day in a row, doctors demand Safety Act

ANKITA UPADHYAY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

FOR THE third straight day, patient care remained disrupted at AIIMS Delhi as the strike by the medical fraternity intensified, with senior as well as resident doctors demanding the Central Protection Act (CPA) be implemented in the aftermath of the rape and murder of the young doctor in Kolkata.

At the country's premier institute Wednesday, chants of "we want CPA, no safety no work" reverberated as patients waiting for treatment looked on at doctors marching inside campus.

This is the first time in the last 10 years that outpatient departments and elective OT services have been shut for three days across city government hospitals.

AIIMS only saw patients with prior appointments and follow-ups. An official said walk-in patients are almost 50% of the patient load in the OPD; most come from far away cities across North India. Many such 'walk-in' patients were given dates months later on Wednesday.

The OPD load, meanwhile, reduced by 55% as compared to a regular Wednesday, admissions by 65%, surgeries by 85%, and lab services by 20%.

Dr Sushant Kumar, a senior resident doctor at AIIMS who has been part of the strike from the start, said he is aware of the disruption caused to patients but



At the protest march on the AIIMS campus, Wednesday. Express

registering their protest is also important. He said for doctors, the hospital is like their home: "We spend most of our time here, more than with our parents. It's our right to feel safe... we're not against any government or person but we don't want something like this to happen to us."

Before the protest was a *nukkad natak* that saw the attending of senior faculty members who also participated in the march.

According to Dr Richa Mishra, a representative from the AIIMS resident doctors' association, it's not just this one incident that has forced them to protest. "It happened in a medical college in Kolkata and we should realise the intensity of the situation. A medical college is supposed to be a safe space. If this is its condition, then what might be happening in primary and community health centres?" she questioned.

According to Dr Amarinder Singh Malhi, assistant professor and ex-RDA president of AIIMS, the need for the CPA has been part of conversations since 2019: "The law was vetted by the union health ministry in 2019 but approval has not been given so far."

Meanwhile, the strike continued at other hospitals too. At Safdarjung, registration at the OPD counters was restricted by an hour — till 10.30 am from the usual time of 11.30 am.

Dr Rajat Gangwar, senior resident doctor, said the Kolkata incident is a dreadful eye opener on lapses in security for doctors, and more importantly, women. That's why we want the CPA, he said.

"OPDs are shut... they've not been shut for three continuous days for a long time across Delhi hospitals. But the strike is important as there have been many incidents of violence against doctors over the years," he added.

Meet the 18 Delhi cops awarded for their meritorious service this I-Day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

FOR REVIVING the Jansunwai system, playing an important role during the G20 Summit and being part of a team that cracked Swiss national Nina Berger's murder case, 18 Delhi Police officers will be conferred medals this Independence Day for their meritorious service in the force.

Here are the recipients:

■ Joint Commissioner of Police (Operations) Atmaram Vasudeo Deshpande and retired Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Shashi Bala have been conferred the President's Medal for Distinguished Service.

Among other achievements, Vasudeo has been credited for working hard to reinstate Jansunwai, the grievance redressal initiative of the Delhi Police.

Bala, during her tenure as ACP of New Delhi district, has been credited for efficiently looking after routes of VVIPs. She also functioned as Special Executive Magistrate and trained around 30,000 students in self-defence techniques.

■ Joint CP (Rashtrapati Bhawan) Suman Goyal and Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Rajneesh Garg have been conferred medals for meritorious service.

According to police, Goyal played an important role during



(Clockwise) Joint CP (Operations) Atmaram Vasudeo Deshpande; ACP Shashi Bala; Joint CP (Rashtrapati Bhawan) Suman Goyal; DCP Rajneesh Garg are among the recipients

the G20 Summit, managing foreign ministers at airports and facilitating their travel and managing security. She introduced the Udaan Project during her tenure in the North district and introduced pink cabs in coordination with travel agencies for women cab drivers.

Garg was the venue commander of Lalit Hotel and was instrumental in ensuring VVIP security during the G20 Summit, police said.

■ Another recipient of the medal, ACP Arvind Kumar, was a key investigator of Swiss na-

Mounted Unit of Delhi Police, SI Suresh Kumar and Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) Hansraj, will also get the police medal for meritorious service.

Delhi Fire Service officials will also be conferred five medals for gallantry, distinguished service, and meritorious service. Deputy Fire Officer S K Dua, who headed and supervised mostly all major fire operations in the city, will be conferred the President's Medal for distinguished service.

Assistant Divisional Officer Rajesh Kumar, fire operators Praveen Kumar and Ajmer Singh, will be awarded the gallantry medal. Divisional officer Sandeep Duggal and Assistant Divisional Officer Manish Kumar will be awarded medals for their meritorious service.

In Gurgaon, Police Commissioner Vikas Kumar Arora has been awarded the President's Medal for distinguished service, officials said. The 1998-batch IPS officer took over the role last August and has also served as the Faridabad Commissioner.

According to officials, Superintendent of Police (Nuh) Vijay Pratap has been given the police medal for meritorious service along with Gurgaon Police inspector Anil Kumar, Om Prakash of IRB Bhondsi, and Inspector Santosh of RTC (Recruit Training Centre), Bhondsi.

HC: Look into 'involuntary admissions' at de-addiction & rehab centre

SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

A DIVISION bench of the Delhi High Court has directed the State Mental Health Authority (SMHA), Institute of Human Behaviour and Allied Sciences (IHBAS), Delhi Police, and health department of Delhi government to "look into" allegations of involuntary admissions at a government-approved de-addiction and rehabilitation centre, Sabrr Foundation, in the Capital.

The direction by the bench of Justice Prathiba Singh and Justice Amit Sharma came Monday while dealing with a habeas corpus petition moved by a man who alleged that his friend — who was diagnosed with bipolar disorder — was admitted to a de-addiction centre "forcibly" by his wife over purported substance abuse and episodes of violence.

Seeking that his friend be produced before court, the petitioner alleged that no person was allowed to meet him or be in touch with him. The petitioner himself as well his friend were residents at a branch of the de-addiction centre.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com



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GALLANTRY MEDALS
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MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY



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RAUSHAN KUMAR



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ASSTT. COMDT
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CHANDAN KUMAR



ASSTT. SUB INSPECTOR
DIL RAM YADAV



CONSTABLE
AJIT DAS



UMESH YADAV
DY. COMDT.



CONSTABLE
SABZAR AHMAD BHAT



CONSTABLE/DVR
RAJ KUMAR



HEAD CONSTABLE
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PANCHAL PANKAJBHAI
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CONSTABLE
HIMANGSHU HALDAR



TEJA RAM CHOUDHARY
ASSTT. COMDT
(2nd Bar To GM)



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RANJEET KUMAR



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BECAUSE THE TRUTH INVOLVES US ALL

Freedom to be and become

The courage to value independence and strive for it begins at home, letting a child ask: Why?



SHANTA GOKHALE

I WAS EXACTLY six when India became a free country. What a day that was. Memory being what it is, I only remember the mad exultation all around and three close-knit families from the neighbourhood piling into a large van to go see the lights in south Bombay. Victoria Terminus all lit up. The Municipal Corporation too. The Old Lady of Bori Bunder? I'm not sure. What I do remember is thousands of people milling around, grinning without reason.

Winning independence for the country was not winning freedom for citizens. That happened only three years later. I was nine when the Constitution of India came into force and we were granted the rights to equality, freedom of religion, cultural practice, education and, most importantly, to freedom of speech and expression. This is the freedom I fight for as a journalist and writer. This is the freedom at whose altar Salman Rushdie lost precious years of his life being 'protected' and, decades later, his right eye.

For me, the pain of a writer deprived of the freedom to write is encapsulated in an image from Tagore's story 'Khata'. In this simply-told tale, little Uma's most precious possession is her *khata*, her notebook, in which she scribbles her unformed observations. Married off at nine, she carries the notebook with her. Without the automatic right to scribble in it in her husband's home, she writes behind closed doors. Uma is discovered. Her three envious sisters-in-law alert her husband. He, educated and supposedly liberal, snatches the notebook away from her, never to return it. Uma lies on the floor sobbing her heart out. The autocratic husband looks on. The sisters-in-law giggle.

As a pre-teen I had a notebook in which I wrote stuff. My mother preserved it for years till I junked it. There were women even then who wrote under pseudonyms, to protect their families from the ignominy of having daughters-in-law who wrote 'all sorts of things'. A writer needs absolute freedom to

write. Which means she needs absolute freedom to think. Which means she needs absolute freedom to be who she is, or rather to become who she wants to be, her writing being her way to becoming that.

Let us bring Sartre into this for a moment. He said your birth gives you existence. Thereafter, it is your responsibility to create your essence, the you-ness of you. There are those, however, whose minds are so shackled by other people's expectations that, even when they are offered freedom on a silver salver, they do not have the courage to take it. The hero of Sartre's play *No Exit*, cannot walk out of hell even when the door is thrown wide open, because his mind is unfree.

The courage to value freedom and strive for it begins at home and at school. 'Why' is a sound question for a child to ask. If the answer, whether from parent or teacher, is 'because I say so', the child is likely to grow up valuing obedience over freedom and become the kind of citizen an authoritarian state loves.

Fear is the arch enemy of freedom. Machiavelli argues that a ruler who puts fear into his people is better able than the one who preaches love, to suppress dissent and rebellion and thereby preserve law and order. Such a ruler is pathologically unable to deal with the variety that is the human being. He orders uniformity in thought and belief. If left unopposed, he might also go on to dictate the words that writers may or may not use in their stories, the subjects that artists may or may not choose for their work. He does not know that the artist works within a strict discipline of his own making. For freedom is discipline.

We have always had censorship, both official and of the street. Today, social media has taken over from the street. Hurt sensibilities are the egg shells that writers must constantly walk on. Perumal Murugan discovered this to his horror, ultimately leading to his declaration 'Perumal Murugan the

writer is dead.' Writers are not out to hurt anybody deliberately. Indeed, when they are at work, they are hardly conscious of places and people beyond those taking shape on their computer screens.

The ultimate test of a writer's belief in freedom is the freedom she is willing to grant her characters to be themselves. She might begin with a notion of who they are; but if she insists that they must be just that and no more, she has on hand stiff marionettes instead of human beings. However, if she gives them space to breathe and grow, she creates flesh-and-blood human beings with a will, a language and responses of their own. The writer of fiction is assiduous in trying to seek out the complicated truths of human action and interaction. Literature is the best way of telling such nuanced truths. An autocratic state, having no truck with truth, feels threatened by writers for this reason.

The journalist too cherishes the freedom to seek and report the truth. Her truth is a meticulous assemblage of facts unflinchingly documented. An autocratic state, fearing truth, imprisons its journalists. The Committee to Protect Journalists reported that 320 journalists were behind bars worldwide as on December 1, 2023.

Freedom is not a set of abstruse abstractions. Freedom is what we want on the ground. Freedom to practise our professions. Freedom to agree if we agree; disagree if we disagree. New ideas are good for the world. I realise that demands for freedom to dress in a way that makes us comfortable, to eat what pleases our palates, to believe in the gods of our choice (or not believe) come from a place of privilege. If I belonged to the remaining 80 per cent of this country's population, I would have no time to think and talk about freedom. I would be too deeply embroiled in the struggle to live with dignity — clothed, fed and sheltered.

Gokhale is a writer, translator and critic

GUILTY IN BENGAL

High Court transferring doctor's rape-murder case to CBI indicts Bengal police — and points to larger guilt in TMC-ruled state

CHIEF MINISTER OF West Bengal Mamata Banerjee, the leader of the party that sprawls across its social and political landscape, warns her police force that she will send over a high-profile case of the rape and murder of a doctor, that has sent shock waves across the country, to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) — the Kolkata Police, the implication is, is not upto the task. Her nephew Abhishek Banerjee, heir apparent, resorts to the brutish language of 'encounter' and 'hanging' of the guilty. The Calcutta High Court, citing a plethora of failures on the part of the police and administration, does, in fact, hand the case over to the CBI. In West Bengal, the state has abysmally failed the 31-year-old doctor who was grievously assaulted at Kolkata's R G Kar Hospital. The whataboutery that followed the opacity in the initial handling of the case, and flagrant missteps such as the appointment of the hospital's principal, Sandip Ghosh, to a plum position at another Kolkata hospital immediately after he resigned, are part of a larger malaise. Banerjee and the Trinamool Congress have been electorally and politically successful, the TMC government has been lauded for its women-centric schemes and for fielding a high number of women candidates in the electoral arena, many of whom are now MPs. But that cannot paper over the disquieting fraying of institutions in West Bengal that is now on show.

'It has become imperative,' the Calcutta High Court said, for it to 'exercise its jurisdiction failing which the confidence in the public mind would be shattered'. The 'public confidence' seems fragile in Bengal for a reason. Look at the sequence of events in this case. For hours after the young doctor's body was found, the family was not informed. A case of 'unnatural death' was registered, unusual when a murder has taken place in a major hospital in one of India's prominent cities. Why didn't the head of the institution or any of the doctors file a written complaint? Why, as the Court pointed out, had there been no progress in the case after five days? It is no surprise, then, that the victim's family approached the Court, having lost faith in the police of the state.

The crime in Kolkata has once again sparked larger conversations about gender inequality, violence against women and the absence of safe public spaces for them. But before and beyond that discussion, is the issue of law and order and of a shadowy political architecture that is nurtured by the ruling party even as it undermines the authority of its government. As a report in this newspaper shows, the wife of the accused had twice complained that he had assaulted her — and nothing happened. Indeed, when he was arrested, he was at the police barracks. Over the better part of 15 years, the 'Syndicate' — an alleged nexus between local underworld, police, politicians, government functionaries, business — has grown and spread across Bengal, taking a high toll on the health of structures of urban and rural governance. For long, the violence and impunity that marred much of the state was less visible in Kolkata. But when officials, local leaders and even government appointees wield unaccountable clout, there are no spaces that are immune. That is why when the CM and her nephew express outrage, it rings more than a little hollow.

WELCOME STEP BACK

Government must listen to stakeholders, heed their concerns, before it goes forward with draft broadcast bill

IN NOVEMBER LAST year, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting had placed the draft Broadcasting Services (Regulation) Bill in the public domain for comments. Last month, a new version of the Bill was reportedly shared with a few stakeholders. Several provisions have been met with legitimate criticism. Concerns have been articulated over the government's apparent attempt to exercise greater sway over online content, and curb views that it may deem as being critical of it, raising worries over freedom of speech and expression. Such fears are underlined when a government official, according to a report in this paper, cites the 'role a number of independent content creators played in the run-up to the 2024 Lok Sabha polls' in videos 'which made some sensational claims about the government and its senior leaders', as a key reason for the bill.

Several controversial provisions of the draft Bill warrant more careful consideration. It has sought to expand its scope from OTT content and digital news to social media accounts and online video creators. It seeks to expand the definition of 'digital news broadcaster' to include publishers of news and current affairs content, also encompassing independent content creators. This could include users on platforms such as YouTube, Instagram and X, platforms that provide space to a vast multitude and help amplify news and views. The Bill could possibly include creators who reside outside the country as well — this, though, would run up against the wall of enforcement. These content creators need to intimate the government of their work, set up a content evaluation committee, and ensure its diversity — only programmes certified by these committees would be allowed to run. Such sweeping provisions, which could lead to greater interventions and curbs, posing hurdles for creators in the development of content and in the generation of revenue streams, don't square with the government's own attempts elsewhere to bolster the start-up ecosystem, and invigorate the digital economy.

After a pushback from several quarters, the government has done well to withdraw the draft Bill. The ministry has said that it 'is holding a series of consultations with the stakeholders,' and has allowed them till October 15 to place their comments. It has said that a fresh draft will be published after detailed consultations. This is the right step. Such far-reaching regulations, besides being undesirable, will also be difficult to implement. The government must listen to all stakeholders before it goes forward with this bill.

APOSTROPHE APOCALYPSE

Harris' vs Harris's, Walz' vs Walz's — there are no clear winners in this grammar war

TROUBLE IS BREWING in the US ahead of the presidential elections and it has got little to do with ideology or politics. The two sides ranged on either end of the warring field are the apostrophe evangelists and the apostrophe anarchists, broadly categorised as sub-species of the grammar nerd. Their aim: A consensus on the proper use of the possessive when it comes to Democratic candidates Kamala Harris and her vice presidential nominee, Minnesota governor Tim Walz. The snag: The quirks of the English language, with its rich debts to Germanic and French roots, make it difficult to draw a defining line. In other words, where should the apostrophe be? Should it be Harris' or Harris's? Or, Walz' or Walz's?

The Associated Press Stylebook, the most commonly referenced media stylesheet, has clear directions for the use of the possessive. For singular common nouns ending in the alphabet 's', add another one after the apostrophe (Example: dress's). But when it comes to proper nouns ending in 's', just an apostrophe is good enough (Example: Roger Waters'). So 'Harris' campaign' would be just fine. Only, the anarchists beg to differ. An apostrophe hanging out alone in the end is a letdown of its very purpose, they claim. If one pronounces the 's', why not just add it to the word — 'Harris's campaign'.

Given how the evolution of the English language has come to break free of the Pareto principle — the law of the vital few holding disproportionate determining power — it makes sense to call for a time-out on this. The written word has always been guided by the spoken and if both usages manage to communicate their import, both ought to hold good. Harris's campaign seems to think as much. According to media reports, her press releases have gone with both 'Harris' and 'Harris's'. That's one up for democracy.



NANDITESH NILAY

THIS INDEPENDENCE DAY, as we unfurl the flag and sing the national anthem, let's spare a thought for The Aspirant. Of course, all 1.4 billion of us, in this our 77th year, aspire towards the 'better', whatever that may be, but The Aspirant is the young man or woman working hard, away from public glare, to find a tiny door in the massive, impregnable wall known as the system: Trying to crack an entrance exam, a job interview, find a bed in a hospital or a seat in the sleeper coach — not Vande Bharat — or a foothold on the ladder that leads to someplace higher.

The last few weeks have shown them, and us, that even 77 years into freedom, what a challenge it is. More than 26 lakh NEET examinees spend endless days and nights waiting for the system to decide if they have to take a retest or not, all because of a few corrupt citizens. Three university graduates, all bright and talented, find themselves under rainwater which coludes with the system to snuff out their lives. All they had hoped for was to become a civil servant and help other aspirants realise their potential in a village, a district. A woman doctor returning after her night shift is raped and killed. We are now fighting a war over her soul on Instagram, calling each other names, rather than confronting the reality that stares at us: India has improved in a million ways since that tryst-of-destiny midnight but in a million new ways, it is still a work in progress.

In any society, politics, governance and

citizen behaviour are inevitably extensions of human relationships. How we engage with each other, and how we transact with each other is how relationships play out in our democratic institutions as well — we often forget that our MPs and MLAs are MPs and MLAs because of our vote and our vote is shaped by how we conduct ourselves outside the polling booth. In our schools, homes, and workplaces, do we cut corners, do we take the cheap shot, do we put down a rival? Do we push an application of a friend's child rather than one unknown and less entitled? Morality and ethics are not principles, they are hidden in the list of items in our daily to-do list.

That rainy day, the students in Rau's basement library would have been studying politics, science, history, geography, disaster management, literature, sociology, India's Five-Year plans and the country's space programme, knowing that they were in a quiet place where they could concentrate. What they could not read was us, their fellow Indians: The owners of that building, the contractor and the municipal corporation officer as well as their teachers who, every day, told them about dreams but were disconnected from their reality and, of course, the local MP, the local MLA, the local *thana*. It was their job, it was our job, to ensure that no one is killed reading in a library. But we have all got away and this Independence Day, we shall forget.

This Independence Day, let's remember that the key to aspiration is hope and

because of the numbers, more will fail than succeed. So let's pledge to ensure that hope may become disappointment, but it should never turn into despair. That is why each suicide note from Kota is a call for national action and yet, it continues to be treated like an unfortunate postcard from this city of dreams. Talented artists convert that trauma into successful TV shows and our world goes on.

As a first step, can we start thinking of ways other than exams where the odds are as skewed as in a lottery? In a deeply unequal society, how do we design a level-playing field? As parents, how can we stop thinking of our children only in terms of their national examination rank? We need to change. At the heart of this change, lies the fact that a nation of The Aspirant needs a nation of The Teacher and The Parent, who stitch the safety net for all our children. Protection, care and nurture become the key imperatives of policy. The three who died in that Delhi basement working hard chasing their dreams were our children, the doctor who was murdered in Kolkata this week was our daughter. Can this be our pledge this August 15? Can we say, to our children and others' children: Happy Independence Day, you can depend on us.

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A NATION OF ASPIRANTS

It needs the teacher, the parent, the policymaker to stitch safety nets

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AUGUST 15, 1984, FORTY YEARS AGO

TDP IN CRISIS

THE TELUGU DESAM government in Andhra Pradesh plunged into a serious crisis with four ministers, including Finance Minister N Bhaskara Rao resigning from the N T Rama Rao cabinet. The other ministers are: Health Minister S Ramamuni Reddy, Transport Minister S Satyanarayana and Excise Minister T Jeevan Reddy. Jeevan Reddy said: 'We are not satisfied with the dictatorial type of functioning of the Chief Minister.'

PRESIDENT ON I-DAY

THE PRESIDENT, ZAIL Singh, warned the nation that some misguided people and disruptive forces, which precipitated the tragic events in Punjab, were now creating distur-

bances in other parts of the country. 'It is our sacred duty to check these disruptive forces,' Singh said in his address to the nation on the eve of the Independence Day. The supreme task before the country was to eradicate poverty, hunger, ignorance and disease. Violent agitations and extremist activities only put the clock back on this endeavour, he said.

LANKA TAMIL QUESTION

THE ESCALATION OF violence and killing of Tamils in Sri Lanka was once again raised by irate opposition members during zero hour in both Houses of Parliament. Many opposition members of the Lok Sabha, notably those from the DMK, expressed their anguish over the developments in Sri Lanka and called upon the government to come up with a 'fresh state-

ment' on the issue. Subramaniam Swamy said that 'genocide in a big way' was taking place in Sri Lanka.

PAID SEATS IN MEDICINE

DEGREES RECEIVED BY medical students from 'capitation colleges,' which are being encouraged by certain state governments, would not be recognised by the Medical Council of India at any cost. The purchase of seats in these colleges by students belonging to affluent families was against the 'ethical principles of science of medicine,' according to B N Sinha, president of the Medical Council of India. Sinha lamented that the standard of medical education in the country had been deteriorating because of the apathetic attitude of the state governments.



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Our freedom, our Constitution

As the tricolour was hoisted on August 15, 1947, Indians were already collectively owning the Constitution-in-the-making, reimagining freedom as a transformation of their lives and rights



ROHIT DE AND ORNIT SHANI

ABOUT SIX MONTHS after India gained Independence, and shortly after the draft Constitution was published in February 1948, the social activist and journalist P Kodanda Rao, criticised its length. The draft ran to 209 pages, 315 articles and eight schedules. "The Indian Constitution," he suggested, "may be so short that it may even be made the National Anthem and even inscribed on the National Flag. Only such a document will grip the imagination and evoke sentimental or emotional response, and not one with three hundred clauses which no one will ever know." The final Constitution of 1950 was, however, even longer, with 395 articles, and 10 schedules, and it has continued to expand since then. Nonetheless, the Indian Constitution has become an anthem and a rallying point for its citizens.

This may look and feel new, but in fact, the everyday relevance and invocation of the Constitution has never waned in India from the moment of its making. This could not have been achieved by merely promulgating the Constitution in the name of the people. How, then, has the Constitution become from the time of its making, a site of struggle through which citizens assert their rights and claim remedies?

Publics across India, we discovered based on new archival materials, saw the Constitution-making as pregnant with possibilities for changing their lives for the better. Thousands of diverse groups, associations and individuals from across the length and breadth of the country developed a fever of constitutional expectations, articulating demands of the future Constitution, firing off missives to the Constituent Assembly, putting forward a range of constitutional ideas, wants and aspirations for what was to be, in their word, "our Constitution".

Adivasi Gond students, to take one example, convened a conference in Nagpur three weeks after the Constituent Assembly first met with the object of uniting "aboriginal students". They sent 16 demands to the Assembly, which included free and compulsory education, special scholarship, guarantees of government employment to incentivise education and representation in the university governance. The public engagement with the Constitution-making generated a churn of innovative rights claims. Informed by their daily life-experiences, the Indian public thought beyond conventional constitutional ideas, addressing, for example, disability, sexual violence, child rights and the right to food.

The public-intense engagement with the Constitution-making was unplanned and came as a surprise to the Constituent Assembly. Indeed, just ahead of the beginning of the constitutional debates, Assembly member K M Munshi suggested that the Assembly proceedings should be held behind closed doors to ensure the experts work efficiently, free from public



CR Sasikumar

pressure. The Indian public, however, had a different idea. They insisted on having a say and in participating. The scale of their demands ultimately forced the Constituent Assembly to open the Constitution-making process to the public. The draft Constitution of February 1948, which was now circulated for public comments, became a best seller with several reprints being sold even on railway stations. The public made it their own by producing unauthorised translations of the draft in numerous Indian languages, including Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, and Hindustani. Through this process, the Indian public was working out the Constitution's potential implications for their lives. They criticised its limits, such as on civil liberties, and attempted to change it. At the same time, they already demanded that the government abide by the draft Constitution.

The Deaf and Dumb Society of India, as one example, pointed out to the Constituent Assembly that granting equal citizenship for all had little value to disabled people unless discrimination built into existing laws were removed, and the disabled were granted reservations in education and government jobs. The Constituent Assembly Secretariat assured them that universal adult franchise in the future Constitution would protect their rights. They responded furiously, stating that adult franchise would mean little to them unless there were constitutional guarantees for education, em-

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ployment, anti-discrimination and their inclusion in the census.

Despite high levels of illiteracy, poverty, scarcity and the uncertainties wrought by the Partition, the Indian public was not a passive recipient of the Constitution, nor were they absent in its making. The process of making the Constitution animated their imagination. They understood what they were getting. And, most importantly, through collective public struggles, Indians made themselves the real protagonists in the theatre of constitutionalism. For the Indian public, therefore, the Constitution was not a sacred book or a textbook, to be interpreted only by "priests" — be they judges or legislators.

Indians made themselves constitution-alists ahead of the Constitution coming into force in 1950. As the tricolour was hoisted on August 15, 1947, their Constitution was already alive. Indians collectively owned the Constitution-in-the-making, reimagining freedom as a transformation of their lives — social, economic, and political. As they have demonstrated during the time of the constitution making and since, they have mobilised in pursuit of this transformative vision persistently.

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WHAT THE OTHERS SAY

"Independence Day celebrations today for millions of this country's citizens will be tempered by the harsh realities of life in modern Pakistan, foremost of which are economic stagnation, political polarisation and resurgent militancy and extremism."
— DAWN, PAKISTAN

Caste is system, not classification

Debate on sub-classification of SCs ends up making Dalits pay the price for the plight of the more oppressed among them



MOGGALLAN BHARTI

FEW ISSUES CAN be debated without nuance, least of all matters of constitutional morality. Any policy that expands social justice — including the Supreme Court's verdict on sub classification within the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories vis-a-vis reservation benefits — is welcome. This newspaper's editorial, ('Deepening justice', IE, August 2), does so. However, in light of the apex court's judgment, some notions must be clarified to understand the larger "circumstances of social justice" — to borrow a phrase from political theorist David Miller — for SCs and STs.

A set of institutions dispensing social and economic goods, and a state committed to social change, together constitute the conditions which are indispensable for social justice to become substantive. In simpler words, Dalits, Adivasis and numerous other marginalised communities are at a histori-

cal disadvantage, which continues to play out to this day, despite India being in its 75th year as a constitutional republic. The state's abysmal failure in removing caste stigma, ending caste-based violence and the general apathy of the people towards the marginalised all speak to the failure of social justice measures to address the matrix of socioeconomic deprivation that we owe to the caste system.

The first — and necessary — step to meaningfully address the glaring social inequalities in India is to carry out a comprehensive caste census across the country. This must not be limited to disadvantaged groups alone — it must include all the sections of society

This requires some elaboration. There is no denying the fact that there are communities among SCs who have a minimal presence in higher education and public sector employment. (It bears repeating that the collective share of Scheduled Castes as a whole is significantly low in these sectors, despite reservation). Caste data from the 2011 national Census — and there has been no Census since — which enumerates SCs and STs, does provide a basic picture of the internal socioeconomic differentiation within these categories. There is a case for doing more here, so that underrepresented communities can be brought into the net of reservation. However, the explanations for the glaring inequalities vis-a-vis accessing reservation isn't in the perceived discrimination of "better off" SCs against "worse off" SCs. There are several other reasons. Let me just go into two of them.

First, while the privileged castes, due to their social positioning, are conspicuous by their presence in almost all the important public institutions of higher education and

public sector employment, the underprivileged, particularly Dalits, have seen significant improvement in their access to higher education only after the promulgation of the Constitution of India. The constitutional republic became a possibility because of the social and political movements that has preceded it, and laid down the rules for social and political representation essential for a democratic polity. This politics of representation imbued with the larger philosophy of social justice has been the at the heart of Dalit politics ever since.

Dalits have been striving hard to build a socially just country, in which they participate as equals as envisaged by Ambedkar. That a vast section could only claim their rights because of their empowerment through politics — and one of the most important preconditions of such a politics was to leave their caste occupation and embrace the world of protest, change and emancipation through learning. Effectively then, social mobility among the Scheduled Castes is directly proportional to their untethering from the stigmatised caste occupation. The section that lags behind in their access to reservation is chiefly because of their indifference to this politics of empowerment embedded in Ambedkar's philosophy of a socially, economically and politically just society.

Secondly, and this is connected to the first, the reason for the under-representation of certain sub-castes within SCs is due to their general backwardness arising from low education and income levels, as professor Sukhadeo Thorat, among others, have argued recently. The under-representation of these subcastes owes to truncated capabilities among them — a direct result of the lack of politicisation and not due to the dis-

crimination at the hands of other Scheduled Castes. The impression that the underrepresented among SCs owe their condition to the better-represented presumes that these social groups are a standalone, singular grouping, isolated from the larger scheme of graded inequality inherent in the caste system. This diverts attention from the in-human caste system, and creates an impression that it's Dalits who must bear the responsibility and culpability for those among them who have the least. In reality, their collective disempowered social status is due to the ideology of the caste system as a whole.

We cannot remain oblivious to caste — some even deny its existence as an axis of inequality — when it comes to the sometimes deplorable behaviour of upper castes while at the same time becoming a consociation society with concerns about extending reservation benefits for neediest when it comes to Dalits.

I am sure there is a possibility of sub-classification among the upper castes as well. After all, they too are not a homogenous group of marauding oppressors — there does indeed exist an enlightened sub-set within them that is anti-caste.

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DEAR EDITOR, I DISAGREE

A column in which we invite readers to tell us why, when they differ with the editorial positions or news coverage of 'The Indian Express'

A plan for the young

Skilling can drive India's growth. Budget shows the way



JAYANT CHAUDHARY

INDIA TODAY IS at a pivotal point where, along with sustained economic growth, we must also harness our demographic dividend. This means empowering people with skills that ensure economic resilience and social inclusion. We must build a roadmap where every member of the workforce has the opportunity to develop useful occupational and vocational skills, upskill to improve the quality of their employment and reskill to utilise new tools for enhancing their competencies. This imperative is particularly relevant for rural India, where equitable access to sustainable livelihood opportunities is not only necessary for economic stability but also social integration.

The next two decades, leading into India at 100 and beyond, could be the most significant in the country's growth trajectory. India is in a position to become the largest contributor to the global workforce. We must, therefore, focus on making the country a global hub for innovation, education, entrepreneurship, and high-quality skills.

The Budget exercise isn't just about placing an account of revenue, expenditure and plans for taxes — ideally, it should also be a statement of intent and resolve. The Union Budget 2024 is a clarion call for an enabling policy framework and ecosystem for the country's youth, who could become catalysts for a high economic growth trajectory. It has

rightfully prioritised the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), putting it at the forefront of enabling and empowering our youth. Key initiatives include a centrally sponsored scheme under the Prime Minister's package that will skill 20 lakh youth over the next five years.

A substantial allocation has been made for Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the next five years. Hundred ITIs are to be modernised through a hub-and-spoke model, supported by a total outlay of Rs 60,000 crore. This endeavour has been bolstered by a new centrally sponsored scheme, developed in collaboration with states and industry, to ensure that skilling outcomes meet high standards of quality and relevance — Rs 30,000 crore will come from the Centre, Rs 20,000 crore from state governments, and Rs 10,000 crore from industry contributions, including CSR funding. The capacity of five national institutes will be augmented with the aim of benefiting 20 lakh students, aligning ITI training with industry needs and creating a robust pathway for workforce development.

Another major change is the revision of the Model Skill Loan Scheme up to Rs 7.5 lakh, with a guarantee from a government-promoted fund, expected to benefit 25,000 students annually. This will help us lay greater emphasis on outcomes under our key focus areas, schemes, and initiatives which

are set out below.

The Skill India Mission today supports all flagship schemes of the government, such as PM Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY), PM Vishwakarma, PM JANMAN Yojana, Lakhpati Didi, Solar Mission, Green Hydrogen Mission and AI for India. Since its inception in 2015, the Mission has equipped millions of young Indians with the skills needed to thrive in a rapidly evolving job market. As Skill India completes 10 years, it is imperative to reimagine the Skill 2.0 landscape and adopt a comprehensive approach to future developments. PMKVY is focused on short-term skill development training. It focuses on the rural youth and has trained over 1.49 crore candidates.

Apprenticeship training has emerged as a cornerstone of skill development and economic growth. Recognising its importance, the Centre has revised the Apprentices Act of 1961 to provide a more conducive training framework. More than 32 lakh youngsters are engaged as apprentices. Integrating apprenticeships into the educational system and linking them to higher education pathways is crucial. To make apprenticeships more attractive, the government shares stipend costs with establishments under the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) and has streamlined processes to expedite stipend reimbursements.

An exciting development in this respect is the launch, last year, of the Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH) — a platform for all skilling requirements. The portal has been envisaged as an information repository for all government initiatives related to skilling and entrepreneurship.

There are also plans to make India a global skills hub by equipping our institutions to meet international demands. Students in these institutions will receive financial support through skill vouchers and skill loans. We will also integrate skilling with general academic education, as per the recommendations of the National Education Policy.

India plans to use its demographic dividend to optimise its role in the global economic growth story. In the coming months, major initiatives will be rolled out to put skill development at the forefront of India's growth trajectory. A multi-pronged approach that gives every working age Indian an opportunity to have higher quality and skill-intensive employment will not only separate us from the rest of the world but will ensure that we lead the drive to being the world's leading economy by 2047.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DEMANDING SAFETY

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Failing her' (IE, August 14). Doctors' strike across India highlights the risks that medical personnel face in the line of duty. Many states have put in place laws that make violence against healthcare personnel a non-bailable offence, and prescribed fines and jail terms for offenders. However, not many convictions have taken place under these laws. The Kolkata incident underlines the need for workplace safety for doctors and other medical personnel, especially women. Government, hospital management, and society must work towards a safer environment for those who save lives daily.
Khokan Das, Kolkata

TRUMP & MUSK CHAT

THIS REFERS TO the editorial, 'Politician & Tech Bro' (IE, August 14). Donald Trump's conversation on X with owner Elon Musk was marred by technical errors. It was the latest mishap for the Republican nominee as he has sought to regain his footing amid a surge in enthusiasm for his new rival, Kamala Harris. Trump has been trying different ways to break through at a challenging moment for his campaign. Even then, he made at least 20 false claims in that conversation.
SS Paul, Nadia

ODE TO 'PYAASA'

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'When Guru Dutt met Plato' (IE, August 14). Guru Dutt excelled at portraying sorrow and anguish on-screen. His films are cult classics. *Pyaasa*, in particular, shows that the director in him was well-versed in cinematic subversions. Legendary filmmaker Satyajit Ray also admired Dutt's piece de resistance for his remarkable sense of rhythm and fluidity of camera. Sahir Ludhianvi poured the protagonist's bitterness and disillusionment into the songs. Dutt was fortunate to have him.
SH Quadri, Bikaner

QUOTA POLITICS

THIS REFERS TO the article, 'The post-Mandal moment' (IE, August 14). The SC verdict on sub-classification of SCs/STs has expanded the scope of substantive equality in the delivery of justice. It has paved the way for the empowerment and representation of hitherto marginalised communities. However, the responses, particularly from Dalit leaders virtually negating the sub-classification do not align with the spirit of equity. The *obiter dicta* on creamy layer exclusion can't be a fig leaf for politicians to obfuscate the reality of power asymmetry within marginalised communities.
LR Murmu, New Delhi

With profound grief and sorrow
we wish to inform you of the sad demise of



Shri K. Natwar Singh

(16.05.1929-10.08.2024)

(Former Minister of External Affairs of India)
who departed for his heavenly abode on
10th August 2024

Condolence Meeting will be held at Maharani Farm,
Dera Mandi, Chattarpur, New Delhi, 110074
on Friday, 16.08.2024 at 1pm - 3 pm

Heminder Kumari
Sh. Jagat Singh & Smt. Somaya Singh
Hanut Singh, Himmat Singh and Alex

H.H. Capt. Amarinder Singh
Rupinder Kumari
Raja Malvinder Singh

**SC stays coercive proceedings
against TN YouTuber Shankar**

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THE SUPREME Court on Wednesday stayed the coercive proceedings against prominent Tamil YouTuber 'Savukku' Shankar — a vocal critic of the M K Stalin-led DMK government in Tamil Nadu — in connection with 16 FIRs lodged by the state police against him.

"Issue notice, returnable on August 23, 2024. Pending further orders, there shall be a stay of proceedings against the petitioner in connection with the FIRs," ordered a three-judge bench presided over by Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud.

The 48-year-old was arrested by the Coimbatore Police from southern Theni on May 4 for his alleged derogatory statements about women police personnel in an interview to YouTube channel

'RedPix 24x7' on April 30, which led to several FIRs lodged against him in different districts of Tamil Nadu. He also faces a case registered by the Theni Police for the alleged possession of ganja.

The bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, was hearing his plea, seeking quashing of these FIRs. "We have granted protection from any coercive action in all the 16 FIRs. Please file a complete chart of all the FIRs as well," the bench said.

Advocate Balaji Srinivasan, appearing for Shankar, submitted that the Tamil Nadu Police had also detained him under the stringent Tamil Nadu Goondas Act, and that the Supreme Court granted him an interim release on July 18. Subsequently, the Madras High Court on August 9 quashed the preventive detention.

Shankar was released in pursuance of orders of the Supreme

Court and the Madras High Court. However, he was detained again — under relevant sections of the Goondas Act — by the Tamil Nadu Police on Tuesday. "Because I moved here, yesterday (Tuesday) they have again put me under preventive detention...," advocate Srinivasan added.

Advocate Srinivasan said a fresh plea may be filed, challenging the recent detention. The bench replied: "That can always be challenged."

Shankar has alleged that the Tamil Nadu Police has been registering false cases to silence him from raising his voice against the state government — arrest and then subject to custodial torture.

A detenu under the Goondas Act may be imprisoned for a year, subject to scrutiny by an advisory board. The validity of such a detention is also examined by the High Court, based on petitions filed by the affected persons.

**SC designates
Indra Sawhney
and 38 others as
senior advocates**

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INDRA SAWHNEY, who lent her name to the landmark 1992 ruling that put in place the 50% ceiling for reservation, was on Wednesday designated by the Supreme Court as a senior advocate along with 38 others.

"I've been practising regularly but I applied for the designation now, after a lot of encouragement from my peers," Sawhney, 73, told *The Indian Express*.

In her 49th year at the Bar now, Sawhney, as a 39-year-old lawyer, had filed the first petition in 1990 against the Mandal Commission report.

"I was stuck in a students' rally during the agitation and it moved me to do something for them. But I never expected my filing of the case would etch my name on this issue," Sawhney said. "There were many others who contributed, of course. The case went from a two-judge bench to three-, five-, seven- and then nine-judge benches."

The 1992 precedent limiting reservation to 50% is now politically fraught, with questions raised on why there should be a judicial mandate for a ceiling at all.

Along with Sawhney, 38 other advocates, including nine women advocates, were design-

nated as senior counsel. Among them are BJP MP Bansuri Swaraj; Additional Advocate General for Punjab Shadan Farasat; former Uttar Pradesh standing counsel M R Shamshad; advocates on record Dr Anindita Pujari, Aparna Bhat, K Parameshwar and Ashok Panigrahi.

In recognition of their standing in the Bar, the court confers the senior advocate designation on advocates. While senior advocates do not solicit clients or take on work directly, they are often engaged by other advocates to argue critical questions of law.

Last year, 138 lawyers had applied for the designation while 71 were shortlisted and invited to an interview.

In 2017, the process of conferring the designation was challenged on the grounds of arbitrariness by senior advocate Indira Jaising. Following the challenge, the court evolved an objective criteria, which was revised in 2023.

The committee for designation is headed by the Chief Justice of India and comprises two senior-most judges of the SC, the Attorney General for India apart from a member nominated by the CJI and the Bar. An advocate needs to have a minimum 10 years in the Bar and must practice mainly before the Supreme Court to be considered for the designation.

**Allahabad HC dismisses Maneka's
plea against election of Sultanpur MP**

Lucknow: The Allahabad High Court on Wednesday dismissed an election petition filed by senior BJP leader and former MP Maneka Gandhi, challenging the election of Rambhual Nishad, who won the recent Lok Sabha election from the Sultanpur constituency on a Samajwadi Party ticket. The petition was dismissed under Section 81, read with Section 86 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951.

The petitioner had sought to have Rambhual Nishad's election declared void, alleging that he failed to disclose four pending criminal cases against him and submitted a false affidavit.

Rambhual Nishad was elected on June 4, 2024, and the election results were declared on June 6, 2024. The petition was filed on July 27.

Justice Rajan Roy, who heard the petition, had on August 5 reserved judgment. **ENS**

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- In accordance with the circulars of MCA and SEBI, the Notice of AGM and the Annual Report for the financial year 2023-24 comprising Financial Statements, Board's Report, Auditor's Reports, CAG Comments and other documents required to be attached therewith have been sent by email to all those Members of the Company, whose email addresses are registered with the Company/Registrar Transfer Agent (RTA) or the Depository Participant(s). The aforesaid documents are also available on the website of the Company at www.itdc.co.in and also on the websites of the Stock Exchanges i.e. BSE Limited and NSE Limited at www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com, respectively and on the website of KFin Technologies Limited, the Registrar & Share Transfer Agent of the Company at <https://evoting.kfintech.com>.
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MORKEL IS BOWLING COACH

Former South Africa pace great Morne Morkel has been roped in as the Indian cricket team's new bowling coach. **PTI**

UWW clear on why rules are in place; CAS verdict along expected lines

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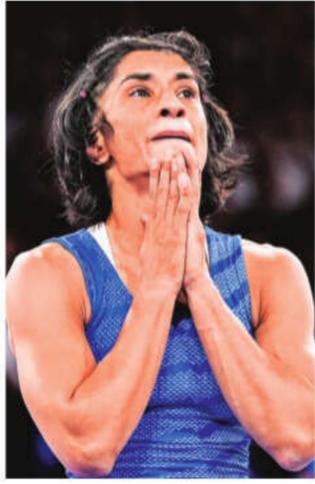
THE COURT of Arbitration for Sport's decision to not award Indian 50 kg wrestler Vinesh Phogat a joint silver medal and dismiss her appeal was a decision that was already hinted at the likely outcome by United World Wrestling chief Nenad Lalovic and even International Olympics Committee president Thomas Bach.

In 2017, the international wrestling body changed its competition rules and decided that international events such as the Olympics and World Championships would be contested over two days for each weight category, instead of all bouts in a weight class being competed on the same day, as was the case previously.

While there was commercial appeal in holding wrestling as a two-day format, one of the sporting changes it brought was wrestlers weighing in on two separate days. The logic was that if an athlete would have to appear in a certain weight category for two days, their natural body weight would have to be much closer to their class, since cutting weight two days in a row would be a tougher proposition.

'Not good for health'

This was confirmed by Lalovic at the Paris Olympics after Phogat's suspension was announced.



Vinesh Phogat was disqualified from the 50kg final for failing to make the weight cut by 100 grams. **File**

"The wrestlers are losing too much weight and it's not good for their health. Many have seen their interest at the moment but they don't see what happens in 20-30

years. We want athletes to compete at their natural weight. That's the idea. This is when they make the best performances," Lalovic said.

While Phogat missed the weight by 100 grams on the second day, she had managed to reduce it after her last match on Day 1 against Cuba's Yusneilyuz Guzman, from 52.7 kgs to 50.1 kg.

The last 100 grams not budging, and the extraordinary effort put to shed it, evoked widespread compassion, but the rules did what they were meant to do.

They were drafted with the wrestlers' well-being in mind and to rule against it would mean that the original intent would have to be laid aside in favour of sentiment.

Lalovic explained: "I am really so sad and I understand Vinesh, her disappointment... (But) if you allow this 100 grams, then you would be allowed 200 grams. There is no end..."

Bach also noted the human side of the matter when he said, "I have a certain understanding for the wrestler; it's clearly a human touch," during an IOC media conference in Paris. "Now, it's (appeal) in CAS. We will, at the end, follow the CAS decision. But again, the international (wrestling) federation, they have to apply their interpretation, their rules. This is their responsibility," he added.

In the aftermath of the CAS ruling, the Indian Olympic Association said it would explore further legal options.

Nothing can take away what Vinesh has done

MAHAVIR PHOGAT

OLYMPICS MEDAL or not, Vinesh would be one of the biggest achievers in wrestling and Indian sports in general. While we are heartbroken at the decision, nothing can take away what she has done for Indian wrestling and will be remembered for her fighting spirit. For us, she will always be a champion and we will accord a welcome for her at Balali village on August 17, when she returns home.

The first time I saw Vinesh was when her mother brought her to our family home in Balali village.

She was small but held my fingers tightly when I held her hands. I told her parents how strong this young girl is. Rampal, my brother, and his wife Prem Lata asked me to treat her like my own daughters. That has been the case till now. I treat Vinesh and her sister Priyanka the same way I do my daughters Geeta, Babita, Ritu and Sangeeta.

When I started training Geeta and Babita in 2000, both Vinesh and Ritu, of the same age, would accompany us. Vinesh observed them and discussed the moves when returning home. I would wake her up by around 4 am. Like other kids, she did not want to wake up so early but then she knew I was a taskmaster when it came to training. From that day,

whether it was summer or winter, raining or not, she would be training in the mud with her sisters and would be the last to leave the akhada.

When Vinesh lost her father Rampal in 2003, she was only nine years old. But she resumed training within days.

There was this fire in her to prove the world that she can fight the world alone. That anger inside reflected in her mindset. She learned the moves fast. One of the moves she mastered early on was the gut-wrench one, where she locked the opponent and did a side roll.

When she returned home from the Rio Olympics after that knee injury, she told me that it's not the end of her Olympic dream.

She also nuanced the manoeuvre to grab the neck and perform the side roll with perfection.

Over the years, Vinesh has faced disappointments including the injury in Rio Olympics and backlash over her Tokyo performance. But then she has always risen above all those.

When she returned home from the Rio Olympics after that knee injury, she told me that it's not the end of her Olympic dream. The two World Championship bronze medals moti-

vated her but the hunger for an Olympics medal kept her going. That's what she proved when she beat World No.1 Yusi Susaki. When the news of her disqualification came, I was disappointed not only for the disqualification but also that tragedies had been recurring in her life.

Last year during the protests, the women in our house were worried seeing the images of Vinesh and Sangeeta being pulled away by the police. *Par main janta tha ki Vinesh tab tak apni zid nahi chodegi jab tak ki action nahi liya jayega.* (But I knew Vinesh would stick to her stand till an action is taken). Wrestling is what she has known all her life and she can do anything for wrestling.

Our thoughts were the same after the disqualification that the decision to hold weigh-in for two days and disqualifying a wrestler, who had reached the final after making the cut on the first day, needs to be challenged. The incident worried us.

Such incidents take a toll on the athlete's mental health, even though her brother, sister and team would have supported her. The rules need to be corrected to not deny a wrestler his or her efforts on the first day. If needed, there should be more discussions on weigh-in and weight-cutting to ensure that there is no undue advantage for a wrestler.

Mahavir Phogat, uncle of Vinesh, spoke with Nitin Sharma

AIU files appeal with CAS in Knighton case

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THE ATHLETICS Integrity Unit said on Wednesday it has filed an appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport in the case that cleared American sprinter Erriyon Knighton of a doping offence, thus allowing him to compete at the Paris Olympics.



Knighton, 20, tested positive for a banned substance in March but avoided a ban as the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said an independent arbitrator ruled it was likely caused by contaminated meat and that he was not at fault and had not acted with negligence.

The finding cleared the 200 metres world silver medalist to run at the U.S. Olympic trials in June and he went on to compete in Paris where he finished fourth in the men's 200m final.

The AIU, an independent body created in 2017 by World Athletics to manage integrity issues for the sport of athletics, said it has challenged the first instance decision that Knighton had established no fault or negligence.

"This appeal is against the decision of an arbitration tribunal in the United States that the athlete established no fault or negligence after USADA brought charges against the athlete for the presence of epi-trenbolone and use of trenbolone," the AIU said on X.

USADA Chief Executive Travis Tygart said in a statement on Wednesday he understood the AIU's reasons for appealing the case, which he called an example of the system at work, before pointing a finger at the World Anti-Doping Agency.

"The real issue in this case is WADA's bad rule. Trenbolone, the substance in Knighton's case, is a known livestock enhancer and known to be found in the meat supply," Tygart said.

"We have advocated for the rules around contamination to formally change for years, and WADA has refused to act swiftly."

U.S. and global anti-doping authorities have been at loggerheads since the case involving 23 Chinese swimmers who tested positive for a banned substance before the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 but were allowed to compete.

Sreejesh gets a fitting farewell, jersey retired

India's greatest goalkeeper gets a grand send-off in presence of family and teammates

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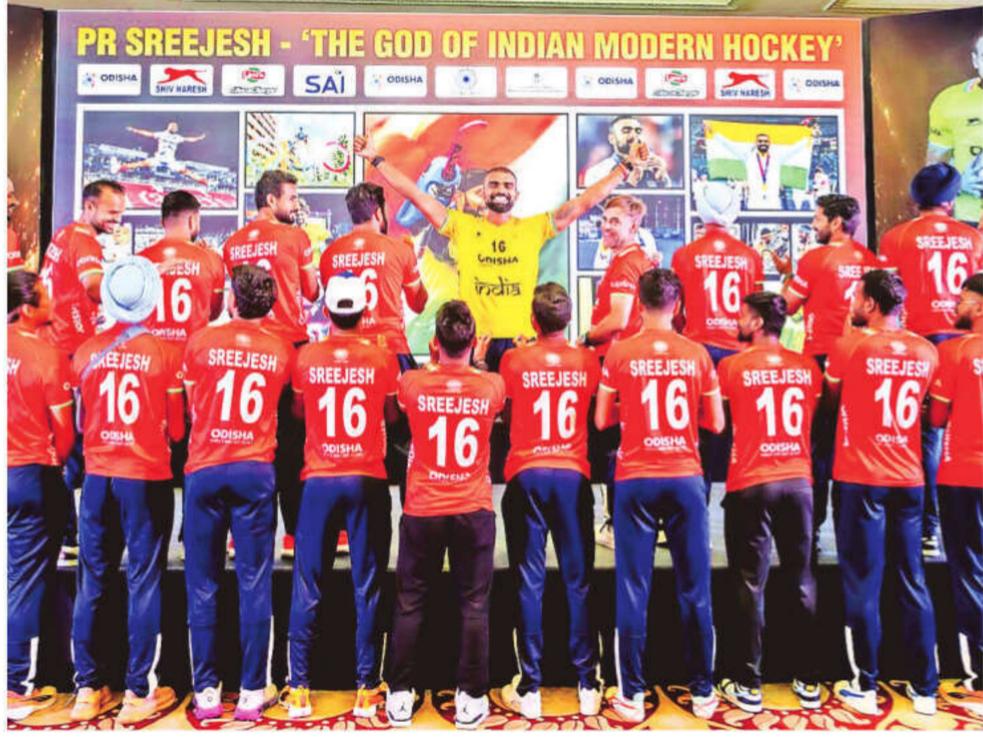
HARENDRA SINGH got emotional as he started to read out a poem in Hindi he had written for PR Sreejesh. When the acclaimed coach was told a couple of days back that he had to speak for a few minutes at Sreejesh's felicitation ceremony, coach Harry decided to get poetic. The current Indian women's team head coach was in charge of the junior team when he spotted a tall guy from Kerala and wondered what he did. When he was told that the kid was a goalkeeper, Harendra had no hesitation in bringing him to the national camp. "Django banega ye," Harendra recalled saying back then, and the moniker stuck.

In the sometimes wild and turbulent world of Indian hockey, Parattu Raveendran Sreejesh has often been the calming constant. The cowboy who knew how to get the better of a striker in a standoff. The hero who emerged from the hockey backwaters of Kerala and became a national icon. The goalkeeper who often stood between defeats and draws, and between draws and victories.

On Wednesday in the Capital, the keeper of India's hockey fortunes got a fitting farewell. With his teammates and coaches singing his praises, with former stalwarts in attendance, with the family by his side. After his final match at Paris 2024 where India won bronze, Hockey India confirmed that the iconic No. 16 jersey will be retired as well from the Indian senior team. It belongs to Sreejesh for eternity now.

"What my age is, your career is longer."

There was a chuckle in the room as Manu Bhaker, the double Olympic bronze medallist at Paris, started her question with a one-liner



PR Sreejesh (C) at a felicitation organised by Hockey India in New Delhi on Wednesday. **PTI**

that summed up the age difference between India's flagbearers at the Olympic closing ceremony. She wanted to know from Sreejesh how to deal with disappointments over a long career. Sreejesh's response: "Stay in the moment, enjoy the highs, cry after the lows, but move on quickly... and know that this too shall pass."

Sreejesh is no stranger to setbacks. His hockey journey began at the age of 12. While he made his debut with the junior team in 2004, followed by his senior team debut in 2006, it wasn't until around 2011 that he really found his footing at the top level. Harendra recalled that any other athlete in Sreejesh's place might have given up around 2009 and gone home.

In his early days at the national camp,

Sreejesh felt he didn't belong.

He didn't know the language that was predominantly spoken around him, didn't like the food and he recalled once for this daily that he was so homesick that he wanted to run away. But being a goalkeeper meant he didn't have to interact much with the rest of the players on the field. Or so he told himself to get by.

"He's like a brother to me, since the time I joined the team as a youngster. He was always there for me. I feel good when he is behind me and yelling out. There have been so many matches when we needed a push, and Sreejesh gave us life."

Vocal on the pitch, it is hard to miss Sreejesh bellowing out instructions to his teammates. And off the pitch, he is their big brother, a shoulder to lean on in tough situations. Manpreet Singh recalled how Sreejesh's presence between the posts kept the team on its toes because the booming voice from the back let them know when they were losing focus. "Even his gaalis are meaningful," Manpreet told this daily.

The Sreejesh who is retiring in 2024 after more than two decades in the sport is the complete antithesis of that worried young man who left his home in Kizhakkambalam village in Kerala's Ernakulam district. So much so that when a question was thrown to him in Malayalam by a journalist, he translated it and started answering in Hindi... be-

fore he was encouraged to respond in his native language.

"After we lost the semifinals and the players got together, Sreejesh told us, 'Macha, the hockey we have played in this tournament, the love we have got from everyone, it is a big deal. And now we have one last chance to lift ourselves and win a medal.' That turned it around for us. I told him just before the bronze medal match, 'yeh apki life ka last match hai...' and he replied, 'aur kheloonga bhi waise hi.' (I will play like it's the last match of my life)"

Captain Harmanpreet Singh, who led the way for India in Paris with 10 goals, gave his shoulders one last heavy workout as he carried Sreejesh at the end of the bronze medal match. While Harmanpreet banged the goals in, Sreejesh - who insisted in praising the rest of India's defence too - was the great wall between the posts.

In his last tournament, Sreejesh wasn't getting carried by his teammates during the matches. The 36-year-old was sensational between the posts. Against Australia and Great Britain, he often single-handedly kept his side in the match. Asked why he was retiring when still at his best, he recalled a piece of advice he once received: "retire when people ask why, rather than why not."

"Sree, could you describe the last 10 seconds of the match against Spain?"

Finally, coach Craig Fulton got to ask Sreejesh a question. And it made Sreejesh blush. The usually nerveless goalkeeper had jumped the gun when he threw his helmet and gloves down to begin celebrating the bronze medal... but the clock hadn't run down. The ball was still in play and Sreejesh had to quickly put on his helmet, and just held the gloves and stick in his hand instead of wearing them. "I really wanted to forget about that moment, coach, but I want to tell future goalkeepers, don't trust your players to hold the ball for 8 seconds!"

Cue laughter in the room. For a man who was utterly professional in his career, those nervous last 10 seconds were perhaps allowable. But the Indian team knew that till the final hooter sounded, they could trust Sreejesh with their life on the pitch. Because, *Sree bhai hai. Rok lega.*

Surya back in Test reckoning; will be in action in Buchi Babu, Duleep

VENKATA KRISHNAB
COIMBATORE, AUGUST 14

AFTER RETURNING from Sri Lanka after his first stint as India's full-time T20 captain, Suryakumar Yadav asked the Mumbai Cricket Association to include him in the tournament for the Buchi Babu Invitational Tournament in Tamil Nadu.

Ishan Kishan, who refused to turn up for Ranji Trophy fixtures last season, will be leading Jharkhand and his comeback will begin in Tirunelveli.

It came after the Indian team management and selectors indicated that they were looking at Surya as a possible option in red-ball cricket, some 18 months after his only Test, against Australia in Nagpur, where his solitary innings brought only 8 runs.

And now with Surya also finding a place in the Duleep Trophy, turning out for Team C under Rituraj Gaikwad, he seems to be firmly in the picture for the home Test summer featuring Bangladesh and New Zealand.

The Duleep Trophy marks the official start of the Indian domestic season in the first week of September, but with the Buch Babu tournament kicking off at four centres in Tamil Nadu - Coimbatore, Salem, Dindigul and Tirunelveli - on Thursday, it feels as if the season is already up and running. And over the next three weeks, an audition for middle-order slots in the Test side will take place in Coimbatore, thanks to Mumbai's star-studded team.

After Surya made himself available, Shreyas Iyer too requested the MCA to include him in the squad for the second match against a Tamil Nadu team. Before the two arrive, it will be Sarfaraz Khan looking for a headstart in the audition. Captaining the Mumbai side here, he knows runs are the only currency that matters in the current scenario.

It's not just Mumbai stars who will be in action at the Buchi Babu event. Ishan Kishan, who refused to turn up for Ranji Trophy fixtures

last season, will be leading Jharkhand and his comeback will begin in Tirunelveli. Highly-rated Railways wicketkeeper Upendra Yadav and Ashutosh Sharma will also feature in the tournament.

Healthy competition

But all eyes will be on the Mumbai side, in which there is a three-way competition for one of the slots in India's Test squad. In the last Test India played, their middle order featured Shubman Gill, Devdutt Padikkal, Sarfaraz Khan, Ravindra Jadeja and Dhruv Jurel. But come September 19 when India take the field against Bangladesh in Chennai, there is no guarantee that the batting order will remain unchanged.

Although Bangladesh and New Zealand at home are India's immediate challenges, the think tank is already setting its sights on the tour of Australia that begins in mid-November. With India scheduled to play five Tests Down Under, there's a lot of focus on red-ball cricket with the selectors announcing four-strong squads for the Duleep Trophy on Tuesday.

"When Duleep Trophy begins, you have



Suryakumar Yadav is in the running for a spot in the Test team. **File**

to be ready and that's why this tournament is important from my point of view," Sarfaraz told The Indian Express. "We have been training mostly indoors in Mumbai. We even had a good camp in Alur, where we focused on

fitness and skills. But before the season begins, we need to get into match groove."

After missing out initially from the India squad for the series against England, a spate of injuries handed Sarfaraz his long-awaited Test debut. But with Virat Kohli and KL Rahul available for the Bangladesh series and Surya back in Test fray, there is no guarantee that he will retain his spot in the 15.

When Surya and Shreyas join the Mumbai side for the second game, the competition will only intensify.

"I don't want to look that far ahead because a lot of it is not in my control. It is important to be in the present. I've to be ready at all times and follow the same routines that have got me this far," Sarfaraz said.

Different motivations

The Buchi Babu tournament is older than the Ranji Trophy, with the first edition being played in 1909. In 2018, the tournament disappeared from the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association calendar but was revived last season after the state team's red-ball fortunes went on a downward spiral. Mirroring the playing conditions of the Ranji Trophy,

the tournament featuring four-day contests is beginning to enjoy the status it once had.

While the audition for India's middle order would be the biggest takeaway, teams like Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Railways, Baroda, Gujarat and Chhattisgarh have come with the purpose of gaining some much-needed game time before the Ranji Trophy begins in October.

"This season, we have the Ranji Trophy beginning early and we will face varied conditions as the tournament will be played in October-November and January-February. We need this sort of exposure. Nowhere in the north, we would find conditions that will help us improve our game against spinners. We don't have much representation in the Duleep Trophy, so for a lot of us these four-day matches are a big part of our preparations," Haryana captain Ashok Menaria says.

Among the teams in fray, Madhya Pradesh, amongst the most consistent teams in Ranji Trophy, are using the tournament to give exposure to youngsters. One look at the squad list, where every single player is born in this century, gives enough indication that they are investing in the future.



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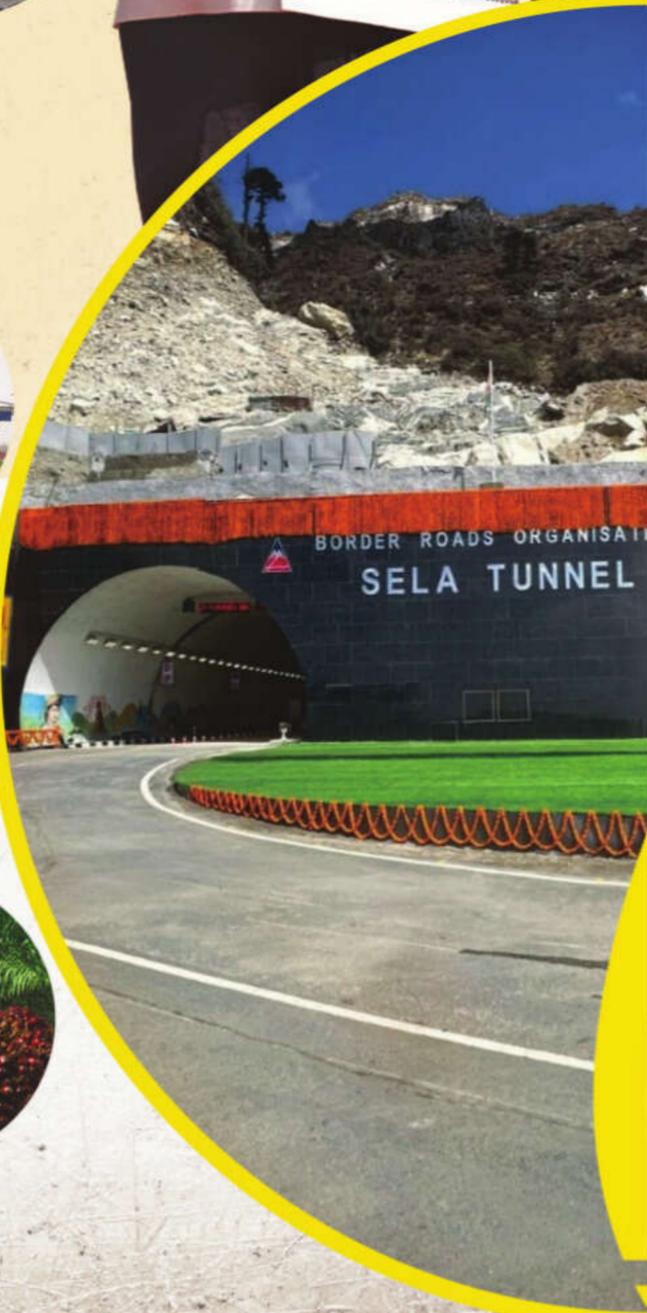
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Duleep squads point out holes before Aus tour

LALITH KALIDAS
AUGUST 14

WITH THE Duleep Trophy moving away from the zonal format, the national selectors have selected a horde of international stars for the red-ball tournament that will open the 2024-25 domestic season.

BCCI secretary Jay Shah announced four squads on Wednesday - India A, India B, India C and India D - for the first round packed with Test regulars except Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Ravichandran Ashwin, Jasprit Bumrah and the injured Mohammad Shami.

While India's immediate focus will be on the five home Tests against Bangladesh and New Zealand, the think tank will also have an eye on seam-bowling and batting back-ups for the five-Test tour to Australia starting in November.

However, the pointers from the chosen squads do not reflect well on the domestic performers from previous seasons. The selectors remain keen to continue banking on players with international experience and IPL exposure for the red-ball set-up.

Only 26 of the 61 chosen players are uncapped, 15 of them being bowlers.

No seam all-rounders

Given the lack of solid options and Hardik Pandya's aversion to playing the longest format, Shivam Dube finds himself among the prominent all-rounders in the squads. Dube, however, enjoyed success on his red-ball return for Mumbai last season after nearly four years.

He scored over 400 runs and picked up 12 wickets with his gentle medium pace.

Andhra's Nitish Kumar Reddy is the only other prominent fast-bowling all-rounder in the list.

His availability is subject to fitness.

All medium-pacers

Ten uncapped players make up the seam-bowling category for the first round of matches. While the frontline pacers are Prasad Krishna, Avesh Khan, Mohammed Siraj and Khaleel Ahmed, the new faces largely fall into the medium-pace category, underlining a big concern about the next crop.

Among them, Karnataka seamer Vidwath Kaverappa stands out after an impressive start to his First-Class career, having already amassed 80 wickets from 20 matches. Kaverappa was part of the India A sides that played South Africa A and England Lions in early 2024, scalping four wickets from three outings.

Mumbai seamer Mohit Awasthi, who picked up 35 wickets during their run to the Ranji Trophy title earlier this year has been named in the India B side.

While he missed out on the final, the medium-pace recorded two seven-wicket hauls during the 2023-24 Ranji season.

Not all selections were based on recent First-Class form ahead of the Australia tour. While left-arm seamer Yash Dayal only registered 14 wickets in the previous Ranji Trophy season, Delhi seamer Harshit Rana has not featured in any red-ball fixture since the last Duleep Trophy.

The same applies to Assam's Akash Sengupta, who has only gathered 12 wickets from 13 First-Class innings, averaging over 66 with the ball.

Delhi quick Himanshu Chauhan, who returned 30 wickets in his maiden Ranji Trophy season earlier this year, Karnataka's Vysakh Vijaykumar and Vidarbha's Aditya Thakare round up the other picks.

Zeeshan steps down as Davis Cup coach

PRESSTrust OF INDIA
AUGUST 14

ZEESHAN ALI on Wednesday announced that he has resigned as India coach, insisting that it was time to focus on the development of the National Tennis Centre (NTC). Zeeshan had replaced Nandan Bal as India's Davis Cup coach in 2013 when the country's top players had revolted against AITA, demanding better playing conditions, and refused to play against Korea in New Delhi.

The 54-year-old Zeeshan cap-

tained the country in the historic tie against Pakistan, which India won in Islamabad early this year with regular skipper Rohit Rajpal missing the assignment.

"I felt that now was a good time to give my resignation as the coach of the Davis Cup team. Because, after having been captain, I wanted to end my association as coach of the Davis Cup team on a high. I gave my resignation day before yesterday," Zeeshan said. During Zeeshan's tenure, he worked with SP Mishra, Mahesh Bhupathi, Anand Amritraj and current captain Rohit

Rajpal. Zeeshan, son of former Davis Cup coach Akhtar Ali, said it was not a decision that was taken in haste.

"I played Davis Cup for over nine years, I have been coach of the Davis Cup team for 11 years and then captained the side as well. I don't think there is any such person from any country who has had all these three things." Zeeshan, during his tenure, was not paid for his role many a times as per AITA system, but that was not the reason for his decision.

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Duplantis and Warholm to face off in 100m race

Zurich: Pole vaulter Armand Duplantis and hurdles runner Karsten Warholm will compete in a 100-metre sprint in September, Olympic champion Duplantis said on Wednesday. Duplantis will

race Warholm in Zurich, the world record holder in the 400m hurdles and 2024 Games silver medallist. Duplantis and Warholm planned the sprint last year as well. REUTERS

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Fans near a Taylor Swift portrait in London on Wednesday. AP

Taylor Swift set for emotional London return

London: Taylor Swift will take to the stage in London Thursday, resuming the world's biggest ever concert tour amid tightened security after a foiled Islamic State-inspired attack forced the cancellation of her Vienna dates last week. British police have said there is nothing to indicate that events in Vienna would impact the five appearances at Wembley Stadium, where 90,000 "Swifties" are expected to cheer her on each evening. Swift's return to Britain could be emotional after recent events. On July 29 three young children were killed at a Taylor Swift-inspired dance class in Southport, England. **REUTERS**

UNITED KINGDOM China reapplies to build embassy after failed bid

London: China has resubmitted plans to build a new large embassy in London, a contested project that could test how the new Labour government handles relations with the world's second largest economy after years of diplomatic tensions and disputes. Beijing sent a new planning application to Tower Hamlets council to build the embassy near the Tower of London last month. The planning documents said the council's decision to reject the proposals in December 2022 on security grounds and the impact on residents was "without merit". China missed a deadline last year to appeal against the decision. **REUTERS**

NEPAL House adopts transitional justice Bill

Kathmandu: Nepal's House of Representatives adopted a landmark transitional justice Bill that would formally end a post-civil war peace process, nearly 18 years after an accord was signed. Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli said a panel that will be formed soon will deal with cases — around 60,000 in number — over alleged human rights violations. However, human rights groups and victim groups have expressed dissatisfaction over its provision of taking into account only 25 per cent of the perpetrator's sentence term. **ENS**

TOP AWAMI LEAGUE OFFICIALS, SACKED TOP COP NAMED IN CASE

Genocide case filed against Hasina at Bangladesh's war crime tribunal

Another case on charges of kidnapping a lawyer also filed against ex-PM, Cabinet members

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DHAKA, AUGUST 14

A COMPLAINT was filed on Wednesday with the investigation agency of Bangladesh's International Crime Tribunal against deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and several others, accusing them of committing genocide and crimes against humanity during the mass movement of the students against her government.

"The complaint was filed by the father of one of the students who died in police gunshots during the massive street protests," an official of the agency said.

A Supreme Court lawyer filed the case on behalf of Bulbul Kabir, father of slain Arif Ahmed Siyam, a class 9 student who was shot dead by police during the protest on August 5.

"We have registered the complaint and thus the investigation of the case has started," Ataur Rahman, deputy director of the agency, was quoted as saying by *The Daily Star*.

"Upon completion of the probe, we will submit the report to the Chief Prosecutor's Office of the tribunal for the next procedures," he added. The complaint accused 76-year-old Hasina and the others of perpetrating the mass killings between July 15 and August 5, while the students and others who died during the period would come under the purview of the complaint as well, he said.

In line with the procedure, the agency would need to investigate the complaints and then file a case before the ICT-BD, originally constituted to try the Bengali-speaking perpetrators of 1971 Liberation War time crimes. Others named in the com-



Kin of those injured and killed during unrest protest demanding justice in Dhaka on Wednesday. Reuters

plaint included the general secretary of Hasina's Awami League and former road transport minister Obaidul Quader, former home minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and several senior police officers including sacked police chief Chowdhury Abdullah al Mamun. Meanwhile, A case of enforced disappearance was filed on Wednesday against Bangladesh's deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina and several others, including former ministers of her cabinet, on the charge of kidnapping a lawyer in 2015. The victim, Supreme Court lawyer Sohel Rana filed the case application, *The Daily Star* newspaper reported.

Hindu family's house torched in northwestern village, says report

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA DHAKA, AUGUST 14

ARSONISTS TORCHED a house belonging to a Hindu family with no political affiliation in northwest Bangladesh, a media report said Wednesday, in the latest incident of targeted attacks on the minority community after the fall of the Sheikh Hasina-led government.

The incident in Farabari Mandirpara village in

Thakurgaon Sadar upazila took place Tuesday evening, hours after Chief Advisor to the interim government Yunus Muhammad assured the distressed minority community that his government would punish the perpetrators.

The targeted arson incident also came on the same day when the Bangladesh National Hindu Grand Alliance claimed that the minority community faced attacks and threats in 278 locations across 48 districts since

August 5 and termed it as an "assault on the Hindu religion."

Unidentified individuals set fire to Kaleshwar Barman's house around 7:30 pm Tuesday in Farabari Mandirpara village in Akcha union under Thakurgaon Sadar upazila, Subrata Kumar Barman, chairman of Akcha Union Parishad, told *The Daily Star*.

The UP chairman said Kaleshwar Barman had no political affiliation.

BLINKEN POSTPONES WEST ASIA TOUR: REPORT

Hamas to stay out of Gaza truce talks, Iran weighs Israel attack

REUTERS CAIRO, AUG 14

THE PALESTINIAN Islamist group Hamas said on Wednesday it would not take part in a new round of Gaza ceasefire talks slated for Thursday in Qatar, dimming hopes for a negotiated truce that Iranian sources say could hold back an Iranian attack on Israel.

The US has said it expects indirect talks to go ahead as planned in Qatar's capital Doha on Thursday, and that a truce agreement was still possible. However Axios reported that US Secretary



Children at the site of an Israeli strike in central Gaza on Wednesday. Reuters

of State Antony Blinken has postponed a trip to West Asia that was expected to begin on Tuesday. Three senior Iranian officials

have said that only a ceasefire deal in Gaza would hold Iran back from direct retaliation against Israel for the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh on its soil. Israel said it would send a delegation to Thursday's talks, but Hamas, the Palestinian militant group that controls Gaza, requested a workable plan to implement a proposal it has already accepted rather than more talks.

"Going to new negotiation allows the occupation to impose new conditions and employ the maze of negotiation to conduct more massacres," Senior Hamas official Sami Abu Zuhri said.

Creating 'buffer zone', evacuation corridors in Russia's Kursk: Ukraine

REUTERS AUGUST 14

SENIOR KYIV officials said on Wednesday Ukraine was creating a "buffer zone" in Russia's Kursk region and plans to organise humanitarian assistance and evacuation corridors for civilians.

President Volodymyr

Zelenskyy met with top officials to discuss the humanitarian situation and the possible establishment of military administrations in areas seized by Ukrainian forces in a cross-border assault that began on August 6.

"Our military plan to ... open humanitarian corridors for the evacuation of civilians: both in the direction of Russia and in the di-

rection of Ukraine," Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk said on the messaging app Telegram.

Kyiv plans to arrange access for international humanitarian organisations likely to include the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations, officials said. Zelenskyy said Ukrainian forces "strictly adhere" to international conventions.

AFTER YEARS OF STRICT COVID BORDER CONTROLS N KOREA TO INVITE TOURISTS N DECEMBER

North Korea will resume international tourism to its northeastern city of Samjiyon in December, and possibly the rest of the country, tour companies said on Wednesday. The move is a sign that the reclusive country is readying to reopen borders to bigger groups of foreign tourists after years of strict COVID border controls. **REUTERS**



Srettha Thavasin after a media conference at the Government House in Bangkok on Wednesday. Reuters

Court ousts Thai PM Thavasin for gross ethics breach

Fourth PM in 16 years to be removed by Thailand's Constitutional court

REUTERS BANGKOK, AUG 14

THAILAND'S CONSTITUTIONAL Court on Wednesday dismissed Prime Minister Srettha Thavasin for "grossly" violating ethics by appointing a minister who had served jail time, raising the spectre of political upheaval and a shakeup in the governing alliance.

Real estate tycoon Srettha becomes the fourth Thai premier in 16 years to be removed in verdicts by the same court after its judges ruled 5-4 in favour of dismissing him for failing to perform his duty with integrity.

Srettha's exit after less than a year in power means parliament must convene to choose a new premier, with the prospect of more uncertainty.

Parliament will convene on Friday to vote on a new premier, Srettha's chief of staff, Prommin Lertsuridej, a veteran of the Pheu Thai party, told Reuters without elaborating. The decision also comes at a tricky time for an economy that Srettha struggled to jumpstart, with weak exports and consumer spending, high house-

EXPLAINED Deepening uncertainty

THAILAND HAS been dogged for two decades by coups and court rulings that have brought down multiple governments and political parties. Thavasin's ouster underlines the central role judiciary plays in Thailand's unrelenting crisis, with the same court last week dissolving the anti-establishment Move Forward Party after ruling its campaign to reform a law over insulting the crown risked undermining constitutional monarchy.

hold debt and small businesses unable to access loans.

Srettha's Pheu Thai Party and its predecessors have borne the brunt of Thailand's turmoil, with two of its governments removed by coups in a long-running grudge between the party's founders, the Shinawatra family, and their rivals in the conservative establishment and royalist military.

Kishida to resign as Japan PM, says he has lost public trust

REUTERS TOKYO, AUGUST 14

JAPAN'S PRIME Minister Fumio Kishida said on Wednesday he would step down next month, succumbing to public disaffection over political scandals and rising living costs that marred his three-year term, and setting off a scramble to replace him.

"Politics cannot function without public trust," he told a press conference to reveal his decision not to seek re-election as the leader of the Liberal Democratic Party. "I made this heavy decision thinking of the public, with the strong will to push political reform forward." The LDP will hold a contest in September to replace him as president of the party, and, by extension, as prime minister.

Kishida's ratings dipped after he took office in 2021 after revelations about the LDP's ties to the controversial Unification Church. His popularity took another hit when a slush fund of unrecorded political donations made at LDP fundraisers came to light.

He also faced public anger as



Fumio Kishida talks to media in Tokyo on Wednesday. AP

wages failed to keep pace with rising living costs as Japan shook off years of deflationary pressure.

"An LDP incumbent prime minister cannot run in the presidential race unless he's assured of a victory," said Koichi Nakano, a professor of political science at Sophia University. "It's like the grand champion yokozunas of sumo. You don't just win, but you need to win with grace."

His successor as LDP leader will face the task of restoring popular trust in the party and tackle the rising cost of living, escalating tensions with China, and the potential return of Donald Trump as US president next year.

POLICE SAY IT'S AN 'EXPENSIVE EXERCISE' TO HARM PEOPLE GIVEN THEIR HIGH STREET VALUE

New Zealand charity accidentally gives away candy made of lethal amount of meth

YAN ZHUANG AUGUST 12

THE POLICE in New Zealand were trying on Wednesday to recover chunks of methamphetamine that a local charity accidentally gave out because they were disguised as candy.

The fake candy distributed by the charity, Auckland City Mission, looked like individually wrapped, pineapple flavored boiled sweets from the Malaysian confectionary brand Rinda. They had been donated by a member of the public, according to Helen Robinson, the

charity's chief executive.

They were actually small blocks of methamphetamine. Each weighed about three grams and packed up to 300 doses of the drug, according to Ben Birks Ang, the deputy executive director of the New Zealand Drug Foundation, which examined the methamphetamine. That is a potentially lethal quantity.

Three people — a worker at the charity, a child and a teenager — sought medical attention after tasting the candy but were all discharged, the Auckland City District Police said.

At least eight families reported tasting the fake candies, Robinson

said. They tasted so bad that those who ate them immediately spat them out, minimizing the effects, she said. But due to their high dosage, even a small touch or lick could be dangerous. Symptoms of eating the fake sweets could include chest pains, seizures, hyperthermia, delirium and loss of consciousness, according to the New Zealand Drug Foundation.

The Auckland police said that it was attempting to recover all the "candy" and had launched an investigation into the origins of the drugs. By Wednesday afternoon, officers had recovered 16 pieces, Detective Inspector Glenn Baldwin told the media.



A pineapple flavored candy filled with a potentially lethal dose of methamphetamine. AP

He added that it was unclear how many had been accidentally distributed. It could have been one packet containing 20 to 30 individually wrapped pieces, or two or three packets. "The public can be assured we are treating this matter extremely seriously," Inspector Baldwin said.

Auckland City Mission did not say where the drugs were distributed or give any details about the people who may have received them. The charity in Auckland, New Zealand's largest city says that it gives out about 50,000 food baskets per year.

The candy appeared to have been donated sometime in the

past six weeks, Robinson said. The charity only accepts commercially produced products, and the "candy" appeared to be just that because it was sealed and Rinda was a "relatively well known brand," she said.

In a statement, Rinda Food Industries said that it was cooperating with the New Zealand authorities. Staff at Auckland City Mission were first alerted to the problem on Tuesday, when someone who had received one of the charity's food parcels called to complain of a "funny tasting" candy. Ms. Robinson said at a news conference. Believing them to be ordinary candy, staff members tasted some

of the leftover candies, only to immediately spit them out.

The "acid and revolting" taste, in addition to the "strange effect" the candies had on the staff members, raised alarm bells, Robinson said. So the staff took them to a drug testing clinic. The police believed that the drugs came from overseas, Baldwin said, adding that smuggling illegal drugs into New Zealand by hiding it in food packaging was a common tactic.

He said it was unclear whether the drugs had ended up at the charity accidentally or intentionally. But given their high prices, he said, "this would be an expensive exercise to harm people." **NYT**

EXPLAINED SCIENCE

MICROWAVE OVENS HOST THRIVING COMMUNITIES OF MICROBES: STUDY

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MICROWAVE OVENS used in homes, offices, and laboratories host thriving communities of microbes, according to a new study. The findings challenge the long-held belief that microwave radiation used to warm food completely kills bacteria, which can cause food-borne illnesses.

However, this does not mean that the microbes found in microwaves present a unique or increased risk compared with other parts of kitchens. Previous studies have shown that kitchen appliances such as coffee makers and dishwashers host distinct communities of microbes.

"What is clear is that one cannot trust a microwave to be a cleaner environment in terms of microorganisms compared to another kitchen surface. They must be cleaned like the rest of the kitchen," Manuel Porcar, a microbiologist at the University of Valencia in Spain and co-author of the study, told *New Scientist* magazine in an interview.

The new study, 'The microwave bacteriome: biodiversity of domestic and laboratory microwave ovens', was published in the journal *Frontiers in Microbiology* last week.

How was the study carried out?

The team of researchers took samples from 30 microwave ovens in homes, scientific laboratories, and shared kitchens, such as in office spaces and cafeterias.

The researchers then cultured its samples — a method of multiplying microorganisms to determine the type of organ-

ism in the sample being tested — in Petri dishes, and identified the genera or groups of the microbes that flourished. They also sequenced the DNA in the samples to get further information about bacteria found in the microwaves.

What were the findings of the study?

The researchers found 747 different genera of bacteria in the cultured samples. "The dominant ones belonged to the *Bacillus*, *Micrococcus* and *Staphylococcus* genera, which commonly live on human skin and surfaces that people frequently touch. Human-skin bacteria were present in all three types of microwave ovens, but were more abundant in the household and shared-use appliances," according to a report on the study by the journal *Nature*.

Some bacteria found in domestic microwaves, such as *Klebsiella*, *Enterococcus*, and *Aeromonas*, may pose a risk to human health.

Samples from lab microwave ovens contained the most diverse bacteria, including "extremophiles" or microbes that can withstand high radiation, high temperatures, and extreme dryness.

Belinda Ferrari, a researcher at the University of New South Wales (Australia) told *New Scientist* that she was not surprised that the researchers found bacteria living in microwaves. "They can survive in almost any extreme-exposure environment and they can adapt to everything," she said.

Ferrari also underlined the importance of cleaning microwave ovens regularly with disinfectant products. "Some workplace microwaves are disgusting and no one cleans them," she said.

EXPLAINED GLOBAL

Hindus of Bangladesh

Where does the minority community, under attack in the post-Hasina period, live in Bangladesh? The share of the country's Hindu population has been determined by factors including Partition, migration

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 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

MUHAMMAD YUNUS, head of Bangladesh's caretaker government, visited the Dhakeshwari Temple in Dhaka on Tuesday, and assured leaders of the Hindu community that "we are all one people", and "justice will be given to all".

Bangladesh's minority Hindus have faced more than 200 attacks in 50-odd districts since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government on August 5. As policing collapsed, at least five people were reported killed in attacks on Hindu families, institutions, and temples.

The largest minority

Bangladesh's 2022 census counted a little more than 13.1 million Hindus, who made up 7.96% of the country's population. Other minorities (Buddhists, Christians, etc.) together constituted less than 1%. Muslims were 91.08% of Bangladesh's 165.16 million people.

The share of the population in the population varies widely across Bangladesh's eight divisions — from just 3.94% in Mymensingh to 13.51% in Sylhet (See map).

In four of Bangladesh's 64 districts, every fifth person is a Hindu — Gopalganj in Dhaka division (26.94% of the district population), Moulvibazar in Sylhet division (24.44%), Thakurgaon in Rangpur division (22.11%), and Khulna in Khulna division (20.75%).

Hindus were more than 15% of the population in 13 districts, and more than 10% in 21 districts, according to the 2022 count.

Declining share in population

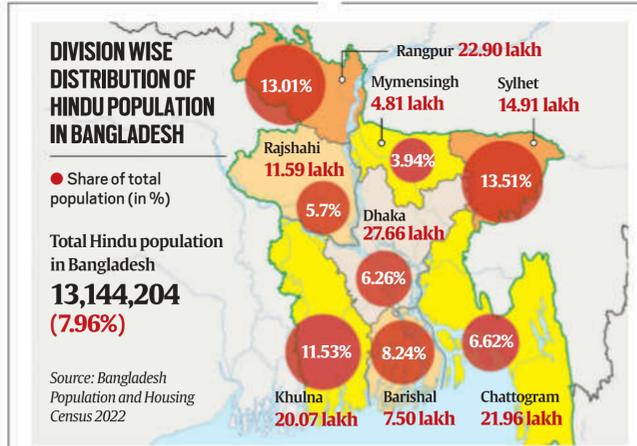
Historically, Hindus had a much bigger share of the population in the Bengali-speaking region that makes up today's Bangladesh. At the beginning of the last century, they constituted about a third of the population of this region (See chart). There has been a significant demographic shift since then.

Every census since 1901 has indicated a decline in the share of Hindus in the population of what is today's Bangladesh. This decline was the steepest between the censuses of 1941 and 1974, i.e. when Bangladesh was East Pakistan.

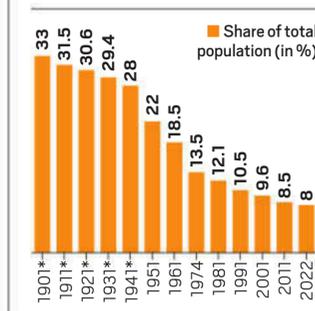
Notably however, only the 1951 census reported a significant fall in the absolute numbers of Hindus compared with the previous (1941) count — from about 11.8 million to about 9.2 million. The number recovered gradually to reach the pre-Partition level of 11.8 million in the 2001 census.

The population of Muslims in this region rose from about 29.5 million in 1941 to 110.4 million in 2001. The increase in the proportion of Muslims in the population — from an estimated 66.1% in 1901 to more than 91% today — corresponds to the percentage decline in the Hindu population during this time.

Multiple factors — including some that pre-date the Partition — are behind this change.



DECLINE IN SHARE OF HINDUS IN BANGLADESH POPULATION



*Pre-Partition figures are indicative. Actual figures may differ because the Radcliffe Line cut through districts. For example, Karimganj, today a district of Assam, India, was formerly a part of Sylhet district (now division) in Bangladesh. Data for East Bengal pre-Partition include the whole Sylhet district.

Source: Data for 1901-1941 based on Census of India; data for 1951, 1961 based on Census of Pakistan; data for 1974 onward based on Census of Bangladesh. Rounded up to one decimal point. Data sourced from the Bangladesh Bureau of Statistics.

Fertility rates differential

According to estimates by scholars, the fertility rate among Muslims has historically been higher than that of Hindus in Bengal. Data from the first census of India (1872) onward support this hypothesis, primarily based on a comparison between Hindu-majority West Bengal and Muslim-majority East Bengal.

The American anthropologist David Mandelbaum argued that the impact of religion on the differential fertility rates in Bengal was indirect, and acted primarily through educational and economic factors. (*Human Fertility in India*, 1974) Muslims across Bengal belonged to the lower socio-economic strata and lagged in education — both factors associated with higher fertility rates. They were also more rural, and engaged in agriculture, again a factor associated with larger family sizes and consequently, fertility when compared to urban households.

This trend continued after Partition. The total marital fertility rate (a lifetime measure of marital fertility) of Muslims was 7.6 children per woman compared with 5.6 for

Hindus, demographers J Stoeckel and M A Choudhury wrote in their 1969 paper 'Differential Fertility in a Rural Area of East Pakistan', published in the journal *The Milbank Memorial Fund Quarterly*.

While fertility rates in both communities have fallen since, the total fertility rate of Hindus was 1.9 children per woman compared with 2.3 for Muslims in 2014, M Moinuddin Haider, Mizanur Rahman, and Nahid Kamal wrote in their 2019 paper 'Hindu Population Growth in Bangladesh: A Demographic Puzzle' published in the *Journal of Religion and Demography*.

Partition and migration

Bengal and Punjab were the two provinces of British India that were divided between India and Pakistan on the lines of religion. The division was haphazard, often arbitrary, and left a trail of violence and trauma whose reverberations can be felt even now. However, in Bengal, unlike Punjab, there was no massive, state-facilitated exchange of population across the new border in 1947.

Historian Gyanesh Kudaisya wrote that 11.4 million Hindus (42% of the Hindu population of undivided Bengal) remained in East Bengal after Partition. "In 1947, only 344,000 Hindu refugees came into West Bengal, and the hope lingered among the minorities of East Pakistan that they could continue to live there peacefully," Kudaisya wrote. ('Divided Landscapes, Fragmented Identities: East Bengal Refugees and Their Rehabilitation in India, 1947-79' in *The Long History of Partition in Bengal: Event, Memory, Representations*, 2024)

The movement of refugees took place through the 1950s and 1960s, and volumes varied based on community relations between Hindus and Muslims. Even when major riots were not taking place, Hindus in Bangladesh faced what scholars Sekhar Bandyopadhyay and Anasua Basu Ray Chaudhury called "conjunctural violence" caused by the specific circumstances of Partition. This did not amount to "more than verbal abuse and minor physical intimidation, prompted by an unusual resource crunch and severe scarcity of space caused by the steady flow of Muhajir migration from India". (*Caste and Partition in Bengal: The Story of Dalit Refugees, 1946-1961, 2022*).

Kudaisya wrote: "1948 saw an influx of 786,000 people into India, and in 1949, over 213,000 Bengali refugees crossed over the border into West Bengal... An estimated 1,575,000 people left East Bengal in 1950... another 187,000 refugees came [in 1951], followed by another 200,000 in 1952... 76,000 persons coming to India in 1953, 118,000 in 1954, and 240,000 in 1955... In 1955, when Pakistan adopted an 'Islamic' constitution, the number of incoming refugees again mounted to 320,000... This process of gradual displacement continued throughout the 1960s."

Assam (including present-day Meghalaya, Nagaland, and Mizoram), West Bengal, and Tripura recorded unprecedented increases in population between 1951 and 1961, which scholars attribute entirely to the arrival of refugees from East Pakistan.

Another wave of migration took place in 1971, as the Pakistani Army and its collaborators went on a murderous campaign against Bengalis before the Liberation War. According to Indian estimates, approximately 9.7 million Bengalis sought refuge in India during the conflict, around 70% of whom were Hindu.

"The West Pakistani generals had calculated that by forcing millions of East Pakistani Hindus to flee to India they would weaken Bengali nationalism as a political force," Sanjib Baruah wrote for *The Indian Express* in 2021.

Since the formation of Bangladesh, migration of Hindus into India has decreased. Porous borders, well-established familial and kinship networks in India, and periodic inter-religious tensions in Bangladesh are drivers of this migration.

TELLING NUMBERS

29 US VPs have sought presidency, only 10 have won

Vice President Kamala Harris is the presumptive presidential nominee for the Democratic Party. This makes her the latest US Vice President to try for the top job. According to data from the Pew Research Center,

49 people have served as the Vice President of the US.

29 Vice Presidents have gone on to formally seek a party's presidential nomination, either immediately after their vice presidency or later on.

10 of these vice presidents have successfully secured the top job.

THE TREND of Vice Presidents seeking the presidency has become more common in modern times.

15 of 18 Vice Presidents have launched presidential campaigns, since the first term of President Franklin D Roosevelt began in 1933.

5 of these 15 have emerged victorious. They are Democrats Harry Truman, Lyndon B Johnson and Joe Biden, and Republicans Richard Nixon and George H W Bush.

THIS LIST does not include Gerald R Ford, who took over as President following Richard Nixon's resignation, but lost the subsequent election to Jimmy Carter. This is unlike Truman (FDR's successor) and Johnson (Kennedy's successor) who won subsequent presidential elections.

3 modern Vice Presidents — Henry Wallace (1948), Walter Mondale (1984), and Al Gore (2000) — have won their party's nomination but lost the general election.

5 modern Vice Presidents — John Nance Garner (1940), Alben Barkley (1952), Hubert Humphrey (1972), Dan Quayle (2000), and Mike Pence (2024) — have failed to secure their party's nomination.

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THE MINISTRY of Information and Broadcasting on Monday withdrew a fresh draft of the Broadcast Bill which it had privately circulated among a handful of industry stakeholders. The draft had triggered widespread criticism from several quarters.

Why was the Bill withdrawn?

The *Indian Express* has learnt that the government withdrew the Bill following a major difference of opinion within the ministry on whether the Bill should apply to non-news online content creators. As per the draft Bill, such creators would have fallen under the category of over-the-top (OTT) broadcasters.

While the ministry did not respond to requests for a comment on the matter, in a statement posted on X on Monday night, it referred to an earlier draft Bill placed in the

public domain last November, and said it was offering stakeholders "further additional time" till October 15 to provide their comments. "A fresh draft will be published after detailed consultations," it said.

Why has the statement triggered confusion?

The ministry's statement has left some questions unanswered. It makes no mention of the 2024 draft, confusing stakeholders, especially those with whom the government did not share this version. "Are we supposed to send our comments on the November 2023 version of the now-withdrawn draft, because a copy was never formally shared with us?" said a person from the industry, requesting anonymity.

The second key question is around the secretive nature of the consultations that the government has engaged in since July this year. Consultations regarding the 2024 draft

have been held with only a handful of stakeholders including some industry bodies, telecom companies, and tech companies. Those who received the 2024 version were given watermarked documents with unique codes to discourage leaks.

"But knowing that the government's intention changed significantly in the latest version, are people supposed to send in their comments with that in mind? It also begs the question, if a provision is not included in the 2023 version but was present in the 2024 version, how can we make comments specific to that?" a second industry executive said.

How was the 2024 draft different? Why?

The draft broadcast Bill, which seeks to replace the 1995 Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, sought to consolidate the legal framework for the broadcasting sector, and extend it to OTT content and digital news.

EXPLAINED POLICY

Why Delhi HC is hearing a plea against exclusion of IPC Sec 377 in BNS

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 NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE DELHI High Court on Tuesday asked the Centre to clarify its stance on non-consensual sexual offences against LGBTQIA+ persons and men under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (BNS). The new criminal law came into force on July 1, 2024, and replaced the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (IPC).

Issue before the court

The Supreme Court in *Navtej Singh Johar v. Union of India* (2018) decriminalised homosexuality by ruling that Section 377 (unnatural offences) of the IPC would not punish people in same-sex relationships. This provision punished anyone who "voluntar-

ily has carnal intercourse against the order of nature with any man, woman or animal".

Despite the SC's reinterpretation, however, Section 377 remained in the text of the IPC until the BNS came into force — where it was deleted entirely.

However, this may have had unforeseen consequences, according to the petitioners who have approached the Delhi HC. They have argued that Section 377 provided protections to men and LGBTQIA+ individuals from non-consensual sexual intercourse even after the *Navtej Johar* verdict.

Rape in BNS, IPC

Chapter V of the BNS is titled "Offences against women and child" and provides the definition and punishment for the crime of rape under Section 63. But the language of

the section is gendered — it only considers rape in the context of a man committing the crime against a woman. On the other hand, Section 377 (while it was still on the books) punished non-consensual intercourse "with any man, woman or animal".

The SC's 2018 verdict referred to those areas of Section 377 that criminalised consensual unnatural sex as "irrational, indefensible and manifestly arbitrary". The court noted that the section was used as a weapon to harass and discriminate against members of the LGBTQIA+ community. However, the court clarified that its judgment was limited to decriminalising consensual sex between adults.

This is why, in its 2023 report on the

BNS, the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Home Affairs recommended retaining Section 377 in the new law. It said: "In the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, no provision for non-consensual sexual offence against male, female, transgender and for bestiality has been made."

In BNS, alternative protections

That said, Section 36 of the BNS provides every person with the "right of private defence" to protect their own body or the body of another person "against any offence affecting the human body".

Section 38 details the situations where this right allows the "voluntary causing of death or of any other harm to the assailant".

This includes situations where a person is faced with "an assault with the intention of committing rape" or "an assault with the intention of gratifying unnatural lust". Unlike the offence of rape, these provisions are not limited to women or any specific gender.

Section 140 of the BNS punishes kidnapping or abduction where the victim is "subjected to grievous hurt, or slavery, or to the unnatural lust of any person".

However, in both cases (private defence and kidnapping) the phrase "unnatural lust" has not been defined.

Arguments in Delhi HC

On Monday, a Delhi HC Bench comprising Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela began to hear a

PIL filed by lawyer Gantavya Gulati. The petitioner argued that "Section 377 of IPC in its absence poses threat to every individual but especially LGBTQ persons". The petitioner also said the BNS does not contain any protections for a man who is sexually assaulted by another man.

The Centre, however, argued that the court could not direct the legislature to enact a provision even if there was an anomaly in the law. The government counsel pointed out that a representation had already been filed flagging this issue with the Union government, and was pending consideration.

The Bench directed the Centre to return on August 28 to clarify its stance on non-consensual sexual offences following the deletion of Section 377.

21 ECONOMY

SENSEX: 79,105.88 ▲ 149.85 (0.19%) NIFTY: 24,143.75 ▲ 4.75 (0.02%) NIKKEI: 36,442.43 ▲ 209.92 HANG SENG: 17,113.36 ▼ 60.70 FTSE: 8,256.27 ▼ 21.04 DAX: 17,882.33 ▼ 70.28

GOLD	USD RATE	OIL	SILVER
₹73,150	₹83.95	\$80.70	₹83,200

Note: Gold, silver rates at Delhi spot market, gold per 10g, silver per 1 kg; Crude oil (Indian basket) per barrel as of August 13

International market data till 1900 IST

WITHOUT INTEREST, PENALTY

Supreme Court allows states to collect mining tax dues from April 1, 2005

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

IN A decision replete with financial consequences for mining companies, the Supreme Court (SC) on Wednesday gave limited retrospective effect to its recent judgment upholding the power of states to levy tax on mineral rights and mineral-bearing land, allowing them to collect tax arrears from April 1, 2005 onwards, but without any interest or penalty.

Rejecting the prayer to apply the July 25, 2024 judgment only prospectively, 8 judges on a 9-judge Constitution bench presided by Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud said that "bearing in mind the consequences that would emanate from the past period...while the states may levy or renew demands of tax, if any, pertaining to Entries 49 and 50 of List II of the Seventh Schedule in terms of the law laid down in the" ruling, "the demand of tax shall not operate on transactions made prior to 1 April 2005".

It said that "the time for payment of the demand of tax shall be staggered in instalments over a period of twelve years commencing from 1 April 2026" and "the levy of interest and penalty on demands made for the period



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before 25 July 2024 shall stand waived for all the assesses".

While Entry 49 of List II concerns "taxes on lands and buildings", Entry 50 of List II concerns "taxes on mineral rights subject to any limitations imposed by Parliament by law relating to mineral development". The July 25 judgment overruled the 1989 decision of a 7-judge Bench in India Cement Ltd vs State of Tamil Nadu which said royalty is tax and state legislatures lack competence to levy taxes on mineral rights because the subject matter is covered by the Minerals and Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, enacted by Parliament in exercise of powers under Entry 54 of List I (Union List)

Pardiwala, Manoj Misra, Ujjal Bhuyan, Satish Chandra Sharma and Augustine George Masih said that if the July 25 judgment "is given a prospective application, the validity of all relevant legislation enacted before the date of the decision...will have to be tested on the touchstone of the previous law". It added, that "if" the judgment is "applied prospectively, the relevant taxing legislations may conceivably be invalidated, requiring the states to refund the amount collected to the assesses" and "it would be iniquitous..." to do so.

The court, however, took note of the concerns of mining companies. It referred to an affidavit filed by the Steel Authority of India which said that retrospective application of the judgment "will lead to revival of cumulative demands to the tune of approximately Rupees three thousand crore from different states".

It said, "a pragmatic solution to reconcile the financial interests of the states and the assesses can be achieved by proscribing the states from demanding taxes pertaining to Entries 49 and 50 of List II of the Seventh Schedule for the period before" April 1, 2005.

The April 1, 2005, cut off was fixed keeping in mind the ruling of an SC Constitution Bench in January 2004 which said that roy-

alty is not a tax and that the power to levy tax on mineral rights vests with the state legislatures and is subject to any limitations laid down by Parliament by law.

The matter was referred to the 9-judge Constitution Bench on March 30, 2011, following the divergence between the decisions in India Cements and Kesoram.

Taking note of the passage of time since the reference, the SC said "the delay in the court proceedings should not be to the detriment of the assesses. Taking into consideration the lapse of more than three decades since India Cement...and more than a decade since the matter was referred to a larger Bench, equities will be balanced if the state governments waive the outstanding interest accrued on the principal due from the assesses. This direction applies to all assesses, regardless of whether they have approached this Court or the high courts challenging the validity of the relevant statutes".

Disagreeing with the majority ruling, Justice B V Nagarathna, in her dissenting judgment on July 25, cautioned against the likely consequences of overruling the India Cement verdict including a "breakdown of the federal system" and "unhealthy competition" between states.

Ruling to have large financial impact on mining cos; 'pass-on of costs may be inflationary'

AGGAM WALIA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE SUPREME Court order allowing states to collect past tax dues from mining companies could potentially impose a significant financial burden on them, given that it allows levying of tax on royalty payments from April 1, 2005 onwards.

According to a senior official in the Ministry of Mines, the ruling will have a major financial implication on mining companies, especially those mining coal and iron ore. These include both private companies and public sector undertakings (PSUs) that come under the mines ministry, the official said, adding that future investments in the mining sector could also be impacted by the ruling to tax retrospectively.

The ruling will lead to more costs being imposed on a primary sector like mining, which will make it "unviable", stakeholders from the industry said at the sidelines of a mines ministry event on Wednesday. Most metal stocks reflected this sentiment and closed in the red after the SC's ruling. India's largest iron ore miner NMDC Ltd fell 6.02 per cent to Rs 210.94. Coal India, the country's largest coal producer, dropped 3.26 per cent to Rs 504.70. JSW Steel dropped 1.93 per cent to Rs 890.30, Tata Steel 1.82 per cent to Rs 146.17, and Vedanta 0.50 per cent to Rs 420.20.

Earlier, Solicitor General Tushar Mehta had told the SC that if the verdict is applied retrospectively, the tax demand on PSUs would be between Rs 70,000 to 80,000 crore. For the entire sector, the cumulative impact could be well around Rs 2 lakh crore, according to industry estimates.

"The burden would eventually go to the common man. Whether directly or indirectly, he will be the person who will bear the burden because no industry can absorb this. For example we made a rough estimate only for the public sector undertakings. This is rough and ready, it is still the process of calculation is going on, but the ap-



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proximate impact... there is a risk of that happening if this isn't well calibrated," Surana added.

After the July 25 judgement, each state can now decide the quantum of cess on mining operations, as opposed to a relatively more uniform taxation regime prior to the judgement. Surana said this may create a new dynamic of competition among states in terms of attracting mining-related investments.

Moving forward, the industry is also bracing for the revival of previously stayed GST demand cases on mining operations, as the court has now clarified that royalty payments are a contractual consideration rather than a tax.

"After April 2016, there is a liability under reverse charge mechanism with respect to services provided by the government. Therefore, royalty is something which will be considered as a mining rights service provided by the government to the mining community. Now, all the petitions which are currently pending in high courts and the demands which have been stayed in most of the cases will get revived," said Gopal Mundhra, partner at Economic Laws Practice (ELP).

Mundhra noted that the centre has the authority to provide relief on pending GST demands after the insertion of Section 11A in CGST Act at the 53rd GST Council Meeting last month. The amendment gives the central government the powers to forgive non-collection or under-collection of GST in situations where businesses followed a common practice that led to the shortfall in tax collection.

BRIEFLY

Wholesale inflation falls to 3-month low

New Delhi: Wholesale inflation fell to a 3-month low of 2.04 per cent in July on decline in prices of food items especially vegetables, government data released on Wednesday showed. The decline in wholesale price index (WPI) based inflation in July came after it rose for four months in a row till June, when it was 3.36 per cent. PTI

Vedanta sets floor price at ₹486 per share for HZL OFS

New Delhi: Vedanta will offer up to 3.31 per cent stake in Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL) through an offer for sale (OFS) from August 16-19 at a floor price of Rs 486 per share, according to a regulatory filing. Vedanta, the promoter firm of Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HZL), in a filing stated that its board committee has approved the sale of up to 14,00,00,000 equity shares of Hindustan Zinc, through the offer for sale. PTI

Foxconn chairman meets PM Modi

New Delhi: The chairman of iPhone contract manufacturer Foxconn, Young Liu, called on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday and discussed the company's investment plan in India. Liu had also visited India in July last year to attend the Semicon India conclave where he met Prime Minister Narendra Modi. PTI

SpiceJet Q1 profit falls 27% to ₹150 crore

New Delhi: SpiceJet has posted a 27 per cent decline in standalone profit at Rs 149.96 crore in the three months ended June compared to the year-ago period. PTI

Mars to buy Kellanova for \$36 billion

New Delhi: Candy giant Mars is buying Cheez-It maker Kellanova in a nearly \$36 billion deal, bringing together brands from M&M's and Snickers to Pringles and Pop-Tarts in the year's biggest deal to date. REUTERS

Merchandise exports drop 1.5% in July; trade deficit widens 23% to \$23.5 billion

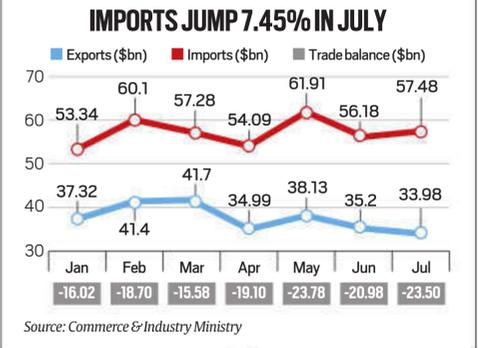
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RISING FREIGHT rates and patchy recovery in global goods demand pushed India's merchandise exports lower by 1.47 per cent to \$33.98 billion in July compared to the previous year. Trade deficit in July jumped by a sharp 23 per cent amid a consistent rise in imports of items such as crude and gold, data released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry showed on Wednesday.

While goods exports slipped 1.47 per cent in July compared to the previous year, imports jumped 7.45 per cent to \$57.48 billion compared to \$53.49 billion in July last year. The trade deficit widened to \$23.5 billion compared to \$19 billion in July last year, the data showed.

Expressing the possibility of a higher trade deficit in the subsequent months due to a reduction in gold import duty, economists said that July's widening trade deficit comes amid a rise in crude prices and indicates a possible decline in the oil discounts offered by Russia.

"A widening in the oil and non oil deficit, expanded the merchandise trade deficit in July 2024 rel-



ative to July 2023. The higher oil import bill reflects higher volumes and global prices, as well as a possible decline in discounts. The value of gold imports has been rather steady at around \$3-3.4 billion each month in April-July 2024," Aditi Nayar, chief economist and head of Research and Outreach, ICRA said.

Data shared by the ministry showed that the imports of petroleum and crude products jumped 21 per cent to \$65.37 billion between April to July this year compared to \$53.66 billion during the comparable period last year. Exports of petroleum products,

however, gained marginally during the period to \$36.97 billion against \$35.49 billion.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal said India's exports have recorded a growth on a quarterly basis. He said that the growth rate is significant given the kind of protectionist policies are being followed by countries. "This is a very significant growth rate cumulatively," Barthwal said. He said that the decline in goods exports in July is largely because of the slowdown on petroleum products exports and a jump in crude oil imports.

"The impact is largely due to our low exports of petroleum products and very high crude imports. Which also tells you that India is growing at more than 7 per cent rate of growth, and the world is growing at around 3 per cent rate of growth and therefore our consumption is going to grow more," he said.

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'Textile industry worried over Bangladesh investment'

New Delhi: Several Indian textile companies are worried over their investment in Bangladesh due to the ongoing political turmoil but the garment mills in the neighbouring country have resumed operation, an official in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said. "The disruption happened in the first few days but the trucks have resumed moving on the Bangladesh border and the mills are also reopening," the official said. ENS

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'India-Russia in talks to work out exchange rate'

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AIMED AT increasing exports to Russia amid widening trade deficit with the country, the Reserve Bank of India is in talks with the Central Bank of the Russian Federation to work out a currency exchange rate, a government official said on Wednesday.

This comes as Russia has rapidly ascended to become India's top oil supplier, but Indian exports to Russia have struggled, resulting in a \$57 billion trade



deficit in the bilateral trade worth \$66 billion in FY24. The gap has resulted in Moscow seeking yuan due to its rising demand for Chinese goods.

"For the resumption of the rupee trading mechanism with Russia, what is more important

is to quickly work out an exchange rate. Even if it is on a weekly basis. Working at a rate which works for a week is essential. The central banks of both the countries are in talks for this," an official said.

An exchange rate is essential for the two countries to settle trade without using the dollar. Currency challenges come due to the trade imbalance between the two countries. In contrast, Russia-China bilateral trade has crossed a record \$240 billion in 2023.

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MAURITIUS FSC ON HINDENBURG REPORT

'Mauritius does not permit creation of shell companies; not a tax haven'

HITESH VYAS
MUMBAI, AUGUST 14

THE FINANCIAL Services Commission (FSC) of Mauritius has denied the mention of 'Mauritius-based shell entities' and the country being a 'tax haven' by the Hindenburg Research in its recent report released last week.

The FSC, Mauritius, which is an integrated regulator for the non-banking financial services sector

and global business, said that the legislative framework in the country does not permit creation of shell companies. It said that Mauritius strictly complies with international best practices and has been rated as compliant with the standards of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), which is an international organisation that works to build better policies for better lives. It works closely with policy makers, stakeholders and

citizens to establish evidence-based international standards.

"As per the peer review conducted by the OECD Forum on Harmful Tax Practices, the OECD is satisfied that Mauritius does not have any harmful features in its tax regimes, thus recognising Mauritius as a well-regulated, transparent and compliant jurisdiction. Therefore, Mauritius cannot be termed as a tax haven," the FSC said in a statement on its website.

Annual US inflation falls to 3-year low; gives Fed room for cut

Washington: Year-over-year inflation in the US reached its lowest level in more than three years in July, the latest sign that the worst price spike in four decades is fading and setting up the Federal Reserve for an interest rate cut in September.

Wednesday's report from the US Labor Department showed that consumer prices rose just 0.2 per cent from June to July after dropping slightly the previous month for the first time in four years. Measured from a year earlier, prices rose 2.9 per cent, down from 3 per cent in June. It was the mildest year-over-year inflation figure since March 2021.

Austan Goolsbee, president of the Federal Reserve's Chicago branch, said Wednesday in an interview that the July data shows that inflation is clearly on track to return to the central bank's 2 per cent target.

This month, the government reported that hiring slowed much more than expected in July and that the unemployment rate rose for a fourth straight month, though to a still-low 4.3 per cent. AP

Byju's dues settlement with BCCI: SC stays NCLAT verdict

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IN A major setback for Byju's, the Supreme Court on Wednesday stayed the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal's (NCLAT's) order, which had set aside the insolvency proceedings against the edtech firm.

The NCLAT order on August 2 had approved the edtech firm's Rs 158-crore dues settlement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). The order had come as a huge relief for Byju's as it had effectively put its founder Byju Ravendran back in control.

However, the apex court on Wednesday prima facie termed the NCLAT verdict as "unconscionable" and stayed its operation while issuing notices to Byju's and others. The stay order was granted on the appeal of

SBI raises MCLR by 10 bps across tenors

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STATE BANK of India (SBI) raised the marginal cost of lending rate (MCLR) by 10 basis points (bps) across all tenors, effective today.

The increase in MCLR by SBI comes days after the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) left the repo rate unchanged at 6.5 per cent.

The overnight and one-month MCLR have been increased to 8.2 per cent and 8.45 per cent respectively. The revised rate for six month MCLR is 8.85 per cent, compared to 8.75 per cent earlier.

The bank will charge an MCLR of 8.95 per cent on one-year loans. The revised MCLR on loans with two-year and three-year tenors

Govt plans incentives for critical minerals development

New Delhi: The government on Wednesday said it plans to provide financial incentives for development of critical minerals, including lithium.

Speaking during the Budget Seminar on National Critical Minerals Mission, Mines Joint Secretary Veena Kumari Dermal said there will also be an emphasis on securing loans from multi-lateral financial institutions for the development of the sector.

The government, she said, will focus on global R&D collaboration across the critical minerals value chain.

To encourage the participation of Indian public and private sector companies in the acquisition of assets abroad, the government will provide targeted subsidies for mining, and for setting up evacuation infrastructure. PTI

RBI okays Tata Capital conversion to NBFC-ICC

Mumbai: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved Tata Capital Limited's (TCL) conversion from a non-banking finance company (NBFC)-core investment company (CIC) to an NBFC-investment credit company (ICC).

This follows TCL's merger with Tata Cleantech Capital and Tata Capital Financial Services. The change signifies Tata Capital's transformation into an operating company, paving the way for its potential listing. Previously, it functioned as a holding company under CIC structure. TCL had earlier announced the merger of Tata Motors Finance with itself, effective April 1, expected to be completed within 9-12 months. ENS

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Gallantry medal for UP cops involved in killing Atiq's son

Lucknow: Policemen involved in killing slain gangster and former MP Atiq Ahmad's son Asad are among the 17 officers who were awarded gallantry awards on Wednesday, according to an official statement.

Another group of policemen engaged in the encounter of gangster Vikas Dubey's aide also won the gallantry medal.

Those who received the award include two deputy SPs, four inspectors, three sub-inspectors, four head constables, and four constables who were engaged in four separate incidents of encounters with criminals, the release said. Asad and his associate Ghulam, both carrying a bounty of ₹5 lakh on their arrests, were killed during a gunfight with the STF on April 13, 2023 in Jhansi district, the statement said.

The duo's encounter fetched the gallantry medal for DSPs Vimal Kumar Singh and Navendu Kumar, Inspectors Gyanendra Kumar Rai and Anil Kumar Singh, Head Constables Sushil Kumar and Sunil Kumar, the statement said. DGP Prashant Kumar congratulated the 17 police personnel, it added. **PTI**

Police medal for 1,037 personnel; CRPF gets highest number of gallantry awards

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THE CENTRAL government Wednesday announced 1,037 gallantry and service medals for Central and state police forces personnel on the occasion of Independence Day.

According to a Union Home Ministry statement, 214 personnel will be decorated with gallantry medals, including a President's Medal for Gallantry (PMG) and 213 Medal for Gallantry (GM). Of the 213 gallantry medals, 208 have been awarded to police personnel.

The CRPF was awarded the highest number of police gallantry medals, 52 — 25 decorations for action during operations in J&K and 27 for operations in anti-Maoist operations in various LWE-affected states.

Among the awardees is sub-inspector Raushan Kumar who has been honoured with the bravery medal posthumously for his gallant action against Maoists in Bihar in February 2019. Assistant Commandant Teja



CRPF personnel during a 'Tiranga' rally in Srinagar, Tuesday. **PTI**

Ram Choudhary has been awarded two gallantry medals this time for displaying courage in separate operations against terrorists in J&K, an official said. "Out of 213 Medal for Gallantry (GM), 208 GM have been awarded to Police Personnel, 31 personnel from J&K Police, 17 personnel each from UP and Maharashtra, 15 personnel from Chhattisgarh, 12 from Madhya Pradesh, seven personnel each from Jharkhand, Punjab and Telangana," a Home Ministry

spokesperson said. "52 personnel from CRPF, 14 personnel from SSB, 10 personnel from CISF, six personnel from BSF and the remaining police personnel from the other states/UTs and CAPFs," the spokesperson said. Two BSF personnel who were killed in the line of duty and one who sustained injuries in violent ethnic clashes in Manipur were awarded the police medal for gallantry. According to an MHA statement, the awardees include late

constables Narender Kumar and Ranjit Yadav, and Assistant Commandant Ashok Kumar, apart from three other personnel of the BSF.

Narender Kumar (posthumously) and his senior, Ashok Kumar, have been decorated with the medal for "displaying indomitable courage with utter disregard to personal safety and devotion beyond call of duty" during violent clashes with protesters on May 28, 2023 in Moreh town of Tengenoual district.

The two BSF personnel were controlling a mob that was "hell-bent" on burning down the Elora hotel. A bullet hit Narender Kumar on the head while Ashok Kumar suffered a bullet injury to his hand, according to their citation. Narender Kumar succumbed to his injuries the next day.

Constable Ranjit Yadav (36) of 163rd battalion of the border-guarding force was deployed at sentry post of the Serou Practical High School in Kakching district of the northeastern state. His citation said some miscreants opened fire at his "LMG morcha" in the early hours of June 6 last year, killing him on the spot.

Col Manpreet Singh, three others conferred Kirti Chakra

New Delhi: Colonel Manpreet Singh and Deputy Superintendent of police Himayun Muzammil Bhat, who laid down their lives displaying extreme bravery in an anti-terror operation in J&K's Anantnag in September last year, were Wednesday posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra, the country's second-highest peace-time gallantry award.

Major Aashish Dhonchak and Sepoy Pardeep Singh, who also sacrificed their lives in operation in densely forested hills of Anantnag, were posthumously conferred Shaurya Chakra.

Besides Col Singh and Bhat, two other security forces personnel Rifleman Ravi Kumar (posthumous) and Major Malla Rama Gopal Naidu, were also awarded Kirti Chakra. Besides four Kirti Chakras, gallantry awards included 18 Shaurya Chakras (four posthumous). **PTI**

Govind Mohan to succeed Bhalla as Union Home Secy

Key appointment ahead of J&K polls

JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14



Mohan is 1984-batch IAS officer

THE APPOINTMENTS Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on Wednesday named 1989-batch Sikkim cadre IAS officer Govind Mohan as the next Union Home Secretary.

Mohan, who turns 59 next month, will take over from Ajay Kumar Bhalla, a 1984-batch IAS officer of the Assam-Meghalaya cadre, on completion of the latter's tenure on August 22. Bhalla was appointed as the Union Home Secretary in August 2019.

In addition to the seniority of the post — just a notch below the Cabinet Secretary and with the key responsibility of advising the Union Home Minister on administrative and policy matters — Mohan's appointment assumes significance in the face of Assembly elections in J&K among others over the coming days.

An electrical engineer from BHU-IIT Varanasi, Mohan has

served as Union Culture Secretary since October 2021 and had two stints in the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) in the past.

Hailing from Uttar Pradesh, he has been on central deputation since August 2017. He served as a Joint Secretary in the MHA from May to September 2018 and as Additional Secretary from September 2018 to September 2021.

According to sources, Mohan's appointment paves the way for a reshuffle at the Secretary-level in the Government of India. In addition to an estimated 10 to 12 postings as Secretaries in various ministries, the reshuffle is also expected to impact a few states, they said.

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AFTER PROMOTION

WITH THE Supreme Court announcing names of 39 new senior advocates on Wednesday, the corridors of the top court were filled with jubilation. One of the new senior advocates, Gaurav Sharma, appeared in the Chief Justice of India's court and was congratulated by the bench. While dictating the order, CJI Chandrachud, in a lighter vein, said that Senior Advocate Sharma appeared in his junior advocate gown. The tag of 'senior' adds to the stature of an advocate and after the promotion, they wear a distinctive black gown carrying flaps on the back even though rules do not prescribe it.

RS bypoll: Cong names Singhvi for Telangana seat

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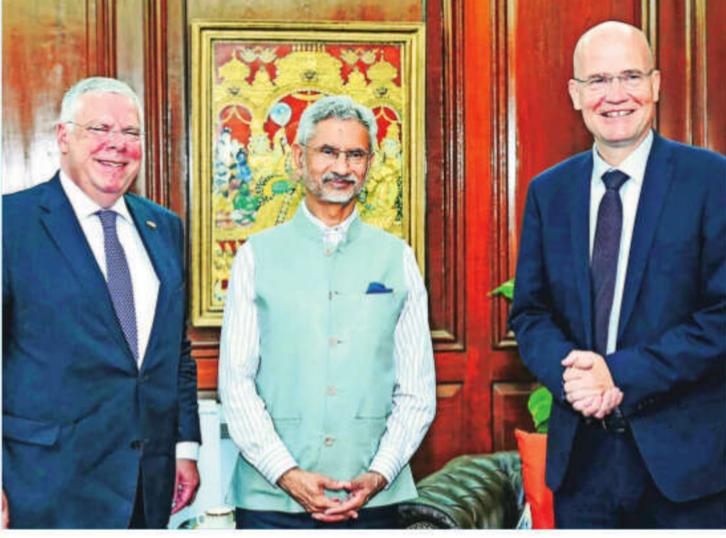
THE CONGRESS on Wednesday announced senior party leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi as its candidate for the upcoming Rajya Sabha bypoll in Telangana.

In a press statement, Congress general secretary in charge (organisation) K C Venugopal said that party president Mallikarjun Kharge had approved Singhvi's candidature.

In February this year, Singhvi lost the Rajya Sabha election from Himachal Pradesh, which was considered an embarrassment for the ruling party in the state.

The byelection was necessitated by the resignation of former BRS MP K Keshava Rao, who joined the Congress recently.

In the 119-member Telangana Assembly, the Congress has 65 members while the BRS has 38, BJP 8, AIMIM 7 and CPI has 1 seat.



MEET WITH GERMAN MPs

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar with German Bundestag MPs Jürgen Hardt and Ralph Brinkhaus during a meeting in New Delhi on Wednesday. **ANI**

Rahul Navin appointed ED Director almost yr after post fell vacant

DEEPTIMAN TIWARY
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14



Navin was acting director of the agency

ACTING DIRECTOR of Enforcement Directorate (ED) Rahul Navin was Wednesday appointed as full-time Director of the central agency. Navin will remain in service till August 13, 2026. His superannuation from service is due in September 2027.

The move comes almost a year after the post of regular director of ED fell vacant after Sanjay Mishra's tenure ended.

A 1993-batch IRS officer, Navin, has supervised some of the most politically sensitive cases including the Delhi liquor policy case and Jharkhand land deals case. He is the only ED director to execute the arrest of two sitting CMs — Arvind Kejriwal and Hemant Soren.

Before becoming the Acting

Director, Navin had already spent four years in the ED as Special Director. He joined the agency from the Income Tax Department in November 2019.

Before coming to ED, Navin worked with the Income Tax department dealing with international taxation, transfer pricing and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. He has also worked in the vigilance department of the CBDT.

An IIT Kanpur graduate, Navin is considered an expert in international taxation. He is said to have played a crucial role in improving India's standing in FATF.

STRIKING A RAPPORT

BJP LEADERS are trying to make the Prime Minister's 'Mann Ki Baat' a brand. Former Union minister V Muraleedharan recently launched a quiz competition based on the programme for students in Karala's Thiruvananthapuram district. After the third edition of the quiz, Muraleedharan arranged a trip for the winners — 23 of them — to the national capital to witness the Independence Day programme at the Red Fort. He also arranged students' meetings with senior ministers Nirmala Sitharaman and Dharmendra Pradhan. The party hopes that it is a good way to strike a rapport with the youngsters.

STRIKING A RAPPORT

BJP ALLY in National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Suheldev Bharatiya Samaj Party (SBSP), has got approval from the Election Commission for changing its party symbol from 'stick' to 'key'. Party leaders say confusion between 'stick' and 'hockey stick' has led to loss of votes for the party in the Assembly elections of 2017, 2022 and the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Party claims that on a few seats, little known independent candidates with 'hockey stick' as the election symbol got a lot of votes due to this confusion.

HC quashes complaint, ED chargesheets against Farooq in JKCA case

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SRINAGAR, AUGUST 14



J&K ex-CM Farooq Abdullah

THE J&K High Court on Wednesday quashed the case and chargesheets filed by ED against former J&K CM Farooq Abdullah and others in connection with its money laundering probe linked to alleged irregularities in Jammu and Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA).

In its order, Justice Sanjeev Kumar came down heavily on ED saying it "is not an authority or investigating agency in any manner superior to CBI, nor is vested with or conferred the power and jurisdiction to sit in appeal against the investigation made and the con-

clusion drawn later." The judge, who had reserved his judgement on August 7, said that going by CBI chargesheet, it is evident the offence of money laundering is not made out.

"The complaint, chargesheet and charges framed by the designated court are quashed," the judge said but asked ED to appear before the designated CBI court and argue on money laundering charges. If designated CBI court agrees, ED can file a fresh case.

Govt plans vegetable clusters near cities to ramp up production, supply chains in 5 yrs

HARIKISHAN SHARMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE CENTRE plans to develop 50 vegetable clusters near cities having over 20 lakh population over the next five years with an investment of ₹2,000 crore to ramp up vegetable production and supply chains through public private partnership.

According to sources, the Agriculture Ministry is in the process of drawing up contours of the scheme, which is expected to be finalised and approved by the Union Cabinet soon.

According to a source, the scheme is expected to benefit over 2 lakh farmers near big cities and aimed at providing remunerative prices to them while

curbing the role of middlemen. It also aims to ensure uninterrupted supply of fresh vegetables at reasonable prices to consumers, the source said.

The scheme will engage Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and cooperative bodies to control volatility in prices and supply of tomato, onion and potato. When there is glut in the market, the crop does not fetch a good price for farmers, and during shortage, consumers feel the heat of price rise, the source said.

Data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) Monday showed that the food inflation rate slipped to a 13-month low of 5.42% in July, from 9.36% in June. Food inflation has hovered between 8-9% during the last eight months as prices of vegeta-

bles, cereals and pulses have stayed consistently elevated. Among food items, the inflation rate of vegetables eased to 6.83% in July from 29.32%.

In her Budget speech on July 23, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had proposed setting up vegetable clusters near big cities for ramping up production and supply chains. "Large-scale clusters for vegetable production will be developed closer to major consumption centres. We will promote Farmer Producer Organisations, cooperatives and start-ups for vegetable supply chains including for collection, storage, and marketing," Sitharaman had said.

A source said the clusters, to be developed in partnership with implementation agencies

from private sector, FPS and co-operative bodies for fresh vegetables, would be set up in a radius of 50 km from cities like New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Bengaluru and Hyderabad among others. Consumers can buy vegetables in their locality from retail shops and vending trucks/vans.

Under the scheme, support will be provided to select implementing agencies, decentralised cold storage facilities, procurement of vending trucks/vans and for fruit and vegetable processing, a source said. The scheme will have a provision to support the agencies to set up at least 10 kiosks/retail outlets at 10 strategic locations in residential areas like apartment complexes, societies and colonies.

Has BJP 'aged'? As perked Opp projects youth, new faces, party hopes to shed yrs

LIZ MATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

GIVEN A rude shock by the Opposition in the Lok Sabha elections, the BJP is not taking lightly another prospect staring it in the face. The party that was once known for its deep bench, and constant grooming of a new leadership, now seems jaded compared to the young and new faces in the Opposition's ranks.

Its numbers far short of a majority in the LS, the Narendra Modi government had consciously stuck with continuity after coming back to power this time, with very few changes, especially in faces helming crucial ministries — including Modi himself (73), Amit Shah (59), Rajnath Singh (73), Nitin Gadkari (67), Nirmala Sitharaman (64), and S Jaishankar (69). In comparison, the Opposition

Benches have Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition, who has managed to retain the mantle of a "young leader" despite being 54; and INDIA bloc leaders such as Akhilesh Yadav (51), the chief of the Samajwadi Party, Abhishek Banerjee (36) and Mahua Moitra (49) of the Trinamool Congress, M Kanimozhi (56) of the DMK, and Supriya Sule (55) of the NCP. Besides, the RJD is identified with Tejashwi Yadav (34) now while Aadiya Thackeray (34) is the heir apparent of the Shiv Sena (UBT).

Beyond Rahul too, there is a young second rung on the rise within Congress — Assam MP Garur Gogoi (41), Haryana's Deepender Hooda (46), Maharashtra's Varsha Gaikwad (49) and Praniti Shinde (43), Tamil Nadu's Karti Chidambaram (52) and Manickam Tagore (49), Meghalaya's

Saleng A Sangma (46), Kerala's Hibi Eden (41), and Punjab's Amrinder Singh Warring (47).

Most of them have emerged as articulate speakers in LS, and Congress is expected to project them in coming elections as well.

BJP did have an advantage in the age game till a few years ago, when its prominent faces included former Union ministers Anurag Thakur (49), Smriti Irani (48) and Rajyavardhan Rathore (54), and MPs Poonam Mahajan (43) and Tejasvi Surya (33). However, Irani lost the elections this time and hasn't been seen or heard from since. Thakur was not given a place in the Union Cabinet, Rathore was sent to state politics — he is currently a minister in the BJP government in Rajasthan — and Mahajan was denied a ticket for the LS polls. Surya, now a two-



Narendra Modi government had consciously stuck with continuity after getting a third term in a row. **Express file**

time MP, has toned down his shrill rhetoric and largely faded from the news.

The biggest emerging face in the BJP ranks in Parliament now is Bansuri Swaraj (40), the daughter of the late Sushma Swaraj. A senior BJP leader said it was a wrong reading of the picture, pointing out that top positions in

the party and government are held in fact by leaders in their early 50s — putting them largely in the same age bracket as the Opposition's stalwarts. Giving the examples of IT and Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (54), Environment Minister Bhupendra Yadav (55), and Education Minister Dharmendra Prad-

han (55), the leader said: "Unlike the Congress, which was forced to come up with young faces as their old leadership faded away, lost elections or quit the party over the last 10 years, the BJP does not have any dearth of leaders. The strategy of continuity or assigning experienced hands was our choice, not because we did not have options. For the Congress, these young faces are not a product of selection, but of compulsion."

BJP allies incidentally have a similar line-up of young faces as the INDIA bloc — whether the TDP's Nara Lokesh (41), Shiv Sena Shinde's Shrikant Shinde (37), the RLD's Jayant Chaudhary (45), or the IJP's Chirag Paswan (41). However, another senior BJP leader admitted that age was as much a factor of the perception game, and that the Opposition held an edge due to BJP leaders often coming out as holding "old"

traditional values, anachronistic to what the youth believe in. "Plus, the Congress has run a very successful social media campaign over the past few months positioning itself as a pro-youth party. The absence of articulate and young leaders on social media in our ranks amplifies the problem," the leader said.

Senior BJP leaders admitted the party's summary dismissal of the "young" leaders in the Opposition's ranks as "dynasts" no longer carries the punch it once did given the predominance of such scions across all sides of the political divide. In the absence of this, no concerted effort is visible towards "pushing youth in the party", beyond the platitudes of "youth engagement".

Many BJP leaders hope that the upcoming revamp of the party will address this age gap, particularly in the choice of new office-

bearers. Sources talk of leaders like Anurag Thakur being given organisational responsibilities.

A party leader said the criticism apart, a party like the BJP would always be a mix of old and new. "Unlike traditional dynasty parties, several hundreds who worked hard to build the party are in the BJP. When the party comes to power after so many years, it is impossible to tell these hundreds that they have to stand aside and give way to youngsters," the leader said, adding BJP's actions spoke louder than its words. "The party always backed fresh leaders, be it LK Advani bringing in Arun Jaitley and Pramod Mahajan, to current leadership picking Himanta Biswa Sarma (55) in Assam, Kishan Reddy (64) as Telangana chief, BY Vijayendra (48) in Karnataka, K Annamalai (40) in TN, and Devendra Fadnavis (54) in Maharashtra," the leader said.

KOLKATA DOCTOR'S RAPE-MURDER

CBI begins probe, takes accused into custody

Agency officers visit crime scene to question hospital staff from today

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, AUGUST 14

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Wednesday took into custody Sanjay Roy, the main accused in the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the state-run RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, a day after the Calcutta High Court transferred the probe from Kolkata Police to the central agency.

On Tuesday, the Calcutta High Court transferred the probe to the CBI, expressing displeasure over the handling of the case by the Kolkata Police, and observed that "there appears to be no significant progress in the investigation".

The CBI team, comprising medical experts from Delhi AIIMS and forensic experts, on Wednesday visited the crime scene - the seminar hall of the hospital, where the body of the trainee doctor was found on August 9.

The team of 25 is being headed by an additional director-rank officer with a joint director-rank officer investigating the case. It has also set up a camp office at RG Kar Hospital and will operate from there till the investigation is over.

"Today, we visited the crime scene... We are planning to summon hospital staff members and officials for questioning. We will question the arrested accused - what was his involvement and how he could enter the seminar hall and emergency ward as a civic volunteer," a CBI officer told *The Indian Express*.

Kolkata Police had arrested Roy, a civic volunteer, a day after the body of the 31-year-old doctor was found. Roy, sources in Kolkata Police had earlier said, al-



CBI officials at the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata, Wednesday. Partha Paul

legedly misused his "police connections" as a civic volunteer to act as a hospital tout and "enjoyed easy access to all departments".

On Wednesday, Roy, who is in his mid-30s, was initially taken by Kolkata Police to ESI Joka Hospital for a medical examination. However, after protests from a group of doctors there, he was moved to BR Singh Hospital.

Following his medical examination, the CBI took Roy into its custody.

PTI adds: Three groups of CBI officers have been formed to investigate the matter, a central agency official said. "One group will visit the RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, and talk to the witnesses and the doctors who were on duty on that night. Another team will take the arrested civic volunteer to a local court after medical tests and a plea for his custody, while another will coordinate with the Kolkata Police sleuths who were conducting the investigation," he said.

A source in the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) said that the agency has filed an FIR under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) in New Delhi in connection with the alleged rape and murder of the doctor.

NEVER TOLD FAMILY ABOUT POSSIBLE SUICIDE: POLICE

Kolkata Police has denied reports that the family of the trainee doctor, who was allegedly raped and killed at RG Kar Hospital, was told about a possible suicide angle. "The family has confirmed receiving no such call from Kolkata Police. It's also been clarified that the victim's body was cremated by the family and not the police," Police posted on Facebook. On Tuesday, noted filmmaker and social activist Aparna Sen had slammed the police for "floating suicide theory". Joining the protests Sen said: "Was there an attempt to hide the truth, to deflect focus from the incident? There should be a probe into the role of the police. Why did they term the incident a suicide first and at whose behest? Why was the autopsy done in the hospital where the incident happened? We want answers to all these questions." **ENS**

Complaint against ex-principal for disclosing woman's identity

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A COMPLAINT has been filed against the former principal of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Dr Sandip Ghosh, accusing him of disclosing the identity of the postgraduate trainee doctor who was allegedly raped and killed on the night of August 8.

The complaint, filed by Advocate Shayan Sachin Basu, has been sent to the Director General of West Bengal Police Rajeev Kumar, and Kolkata Police

Commissioner Vineet Goyal. The complaint alleged that on August 12, Dr Sandip Ghosh "egregiously disclosed the identity of the rape victim by using her name on no fewer than six occasions".

"This deliberate and reckless act of naming the victim was done in the presence of various media outlets, thereby amplifying the violation and causing irreparable harm to the dignity and privacy of the victim," the complaint read.

"The public disclosure of the victim's identity is not merely a breach of law but also a moral transgression that perpetuates the

trauma of the victim and deters others from seeking justice," it added. Advocate Basu said, "It is well-established under the law that the identity of rape victims must be safeguarded to protect their dignity, as enshrined under Section 72 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Furthermore, this protection is reinforced by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India and the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court, both of which have consistently upheld the sanctity of such provisions. The actions of Ghosh contravene these legal provisions..."

Attempt to save accused raises questions: Rahul; TMC reminds Congress of past

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

STATING THAT the entire country was "shocked by the gruesome rape and murder of a junior doctor in Kolkata", Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi in his first reaction on the incident Wednesday said that "the attempt to save the accused instead of providing justice to the victim raises serious questions on the hospital and the local administration." "The way the layers of the cruel and inhuman act against her are being revealed, there is an atmosphere of insecurity among the doctors' community and women. The attempt to save the accused instead of providing justice to the victim raises serious questions on the hospital and the local administration," Gandhi said.

TMC leader Kunal Ghosh dubbed the allegations as baseless. "Before making such remarks, he (Rahul) should check and cross-check facts. He must not forget the dismal track record regarding women's safety during the Rajiv Gandhi regime and (previous) Congress governments at the Centre."

Mamata protecting criminals, must resign: BJP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14:

THE BJP said Wednesday that it was West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's moral duty to step down, with party spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia accusing her of protecting criminals, leading to the High Court's decision to trans-

fer the investigation of the trainee doctor's rape and murder case in a Kolkata hospital to the CBI.

He said that the failure to register an FIR, the delay in showing the victim's body to her family, and the protection of the medical college principal indicated "the involvement of Mamata Banerjee's government in the case".

"Nir-Mamata Banerjee" needs to answer several questions, as women in West Bengal and across India want to know why, when Mamata Banerjee should have stood with the victim's family, she was instead busy safeguarding the culprits. The Calcutta High Court's observation has exposed the "Jungle Raj" under Mamata Banerjee's leadership," Bhatia said.

He asked why the state government delayed handing over the case to the CBI for a proper investigation of the crime scene, adding that the delay in Banerjee's action "has led to the tampering and destruction of evidence". He said that no FIR was timely registered and the police labeled it as an unnatural death.

Amid growing outrage, TMC shows division in ranks

ATRIMITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 14

AS THE outrage over the rape and murder of a junior doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital spreads, a protest called across West Bengal on Wednesday midnight over the incident found the ruling Trinamool Congress divided.

While some leaders of the TMC such as Rajya Sabha MP Sukhendu Sekhar Roy announced on social media that they would participate in the

protest, others slammed it as "a political move to defame West Bengal, backed by the BJP and CPI(M)".

Announcing that he would join the "Reclaim the Night" protest, Roy said he would do it "particularly because I've a daughter and a little granddaughter, like millions of Bengali families". "Enough of cruelty against women. Let's resist together. Come what may," he posted.

Among those who slammed the protest and its invite urging women to gather in large numbers was TMC Dinhalia MLA Udayan Guha.

Slamming Guha's remarks as "sexist", the BJP's West Bengal unit posted, "When the people of

West Bengal are planning to hit the streets and blow conch shells to raise the Shakti within amidst the RG Kar rape and murder horror, Udayan Guha resorts to vulgar jokes! He trivializes domestic violence and asks not to seek help if subjected to torture at night."

TMC spokesperson Kunal Ghosh also criticised the protests. "Supporters of incidents like Nandigram, Singur, Hathras and Manipur are doing a drama at night. Remember nights in Bengal have always been safe for women. Many mothers and sis-

ters work in different professions at night," Ghosh said, adding that the protesters were "actually doing politics".

TMC state spokesperson head of its Bengal IT cell Debangshu Bhattacharya backed the protest but asked those participating to beware of those joining them. "Congratulations to 'Occupy night' movement. Long live general women's protest. But alert, red (hyenas) are ready to hijack the protest. They want to make roti on the fire of this protest," Bhattacharya said.



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'What's the use of expressing regret in media': NCP(SP) rejects Ajit's remark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 14

AFTER NCP chief and deputy CM Ajit Pawar expressed regret in a media interview over making his wife Sunetra Pawar contest against cousin Supriya Sule in Lok Sabha election, a senior leader from the NCP(SP) questioned whether he has extended the apology to his sister and uncle Sharad Pawar personally, instead of speaking out in media.

"What's the use of expressing regret in the media? He contested against Supriya Sule and Sharad Pawar. Shouldn't he have made a personal apology if he was serious? As far as I know, no contact has been made to either of them," a senior leader from the NCP (SP) told *The Indian Express*. The leader asked whether Ajit would be showing regret for staking the claim on NCP's poll symbol and the name as well.

The leader also said blaming his party's parliamentary board for Sunetra Pawar's candidature means Ajit Pawar is not owning up the responsibility of defeat. "A leader like Sharad Pawar faced the people of Satara and Amravati during Lok Sabha campaign. Sharad Pawar accepted that he gave wrong candidates in the past and owned up his mistake. But Ajit Pawar is blaming the party's parliamentary board. Should a leader run away from the responsibility," asked the NCP (SP) leader.

45% Indian-Americans went after 2010, median age below US average: Report

DIVYAA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

AROUND HALF of the over 5 million Indians residing in the United States migrated after 2010. With a median age of 36 years, the Indian-American community is, in fact, younger than that of the US average. Also, around 3,20,000 work visas — a staggering 73% of the total work visas the US allocated in 2022-23 — were issued to Indians.

These findings figure in the latest report of US-based non-profit organisation Indiaspora, prepared in collaboration with the Boston Consulting Group. Titled 'Small Community, Big Contributions, Boundless Horizons: The Indian Diaspora in the United States', the report takes note of the ways in which this relatively small community — 1.5 per cent of the total US population — continues to have an impact on multiple aspects of American life, from the economic to the cultural.

Quoting data from the Migration Policy Institute, the impact report says that of the Indian diaspora's 5.1 million people in the US, about 2.8 million are first-generation immigrants. Approximately 30 per cent of them migrated to the US before 2010, while around 45% made the move after 2010. The community is largely concentrated in New York State and California.

According to the most recent census, their median age is 36

years — a bit younger than the median population of the US as a whole, says the report, which was released by External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti in Delhi on Tuesday.

The median income of the Indian-Americans — around \$136,000 — is almost double that of the US average, according to the report.

"Indian-Americans account for only 1.5% of the US population, yet they continue to have an outsized and positive impact across different aspects of US society," said Indiaspora founder M R Rangaswami.

Incidentally, former PepsiCo CEO and Chairman Indra Nooyi and former US Ambassador to India Ken Juster are members of the Steering Committee in preparing the report.

While the United Arab Emirates is home to the largest segment of the Indian diaspora, the US is home to the second largest, the report says. The biggest draw for them is the educational offerings in the US.

According to the report, 78% Indian-Americans hold bachelor's degrees or higher, which outpaces the US national average of 36%.

According to Boston Consulting Group estimates, members of the community contribute 5-6% (\$300 billion) in tax revenues annually, on top of the \$370-\$460 billion in annual spending, which translates into a major economic wave in terms

A GLANCE AT DIASPORA

- 5.1 million** Indian-Americans in the U.S. (2020), with 2.8 million as first-generation immigrants
- 30%** migrated before 2010; 45% after 2010
- 16** Indian-origin CEOs led Fortune 500 companies in 2023, generating \$978B in revenue and employing 2.5M globally
- 35** of the top 50 U.S. colleges have Indian-American academic leaders
- 60+** Indian Americans in senior public service roles: (1.7% of all such roles) in 2013 to 150+ (4.4%) in 2023

Median age: 36 years (younger than U.S. national average)

- 78% hold a bachelor's degree or higher (U.S. average: 36%)
- 73% of 2022-23 work visas went to Indian diaspora members

Median income: \$136,000 (nearly double U.S. average)

- Indian diaspora contributes 5-6% of U.S. taxes; population share: 1.5%

of sales tax, business growth, and support of employment.

From Silicon Valley tech giants to global conglomerates, Indian-origin leaders are steering some of the most influential companies, the report says.

Indian-origin CEOs were at the helm of 16 Fortune 500 companies in 2023 (3%), managing enterprises that generated roughly \$978 billion (5%) in revenues and employed 2.5 million people (9%) across the globe that year.

As many as 72 unicorn start-ups out of 648 in the US are led by Indian-origin founders, with their collective value exceeding

\$195 billion, employing 55,000 people (approximately 13% of the unicorn workforce). Quoting a 2020 study by the National Bureau of Economic Research and Harvard University, the report says the Indian diaspora's share of patents increased from 1.9% in 1975 to 10% in 2019.

Many diaspora members come to the US to study. According to Open Doors data for 2022-2023, around 2,70,000 students from India pursue graduate and undergraduate degrees in US universities. This accounts for 25% of the international student population in the US, says the report.

Army to procure advanced system to detect enemy drones

AMRITA NAYAK DUTTA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE INDIAN Army is set to procure an advanced version of the Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction system (MK IIA) to counter the growing threats from unmanned aerial systems, particularly along the western and northern borders.

As per the Army, the proposed system should have a surveillance, detection and tracking capability, microprocessor for computing a targeting solution and a LASER weapon system for hard kill or destruction and jamming capability for soft kill or denial. A Request for Information (RFI) was published last month by the Army to seek details about the system from prospective vendors.

The fresh RFI comes within months after the Army inducted

indigenous integrated drone detection and interdiction systems in the northern border along the China border in the northern sector and is reflective of the efforts to develop and procure counter drone systems in the wake of an increase in threats from enemy unmanned aerial systems.

Developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Bharat Electronics, the Army Air Defence had got seven of these systems, five of which were inducted for deployment close to the northern borders. These systems too had both soft and hard kill options.

Apart from these indigenous systems, other improvised systems with different counter-UAS capabilities have been deployed by the Armed Forces. This includes prototypes of laser-based systems developed indigenously with Army Air Defence, im-

proved versions of ZU-23 and I/70 guns for drone detection and killing, ad-hoc handled jammers, low-level lightweight radars, among others. The Armed Forces have inducted anti-drone systems from Indian private firms and the Israeli SMASH 2000 plus systems to tackle enemy drone threats.

Parameters such as range of detection and other technical parameters will be submitted by the vendors when they submit their bids. However, the RFI states that it should have a radar system that should be able to detect and track low RCS targets, and assist in designation of the hostile targets to the weapon system. As per officials, it is likely that the advanced system may have a greater bandwidth of frequencies for tracking and taking down enemy drones and an improved range for the system beyond 800 metres, which is there for its MK I version.

Akali Dal MLA Sukhi joins AAP, party left with only two MLAs



CM Bhagwant Mann welcomes Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi to the AAP fold in Chandigarh on Wednesday. Express

KANCHAN VASDEV
CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 14

ONE OF the three Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) MLAs in Punjab, Dr Sukhwinder Kumar Sukhi, on Wednesday joined the ruling AAP in a setback to the Panthic party in the presence of Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and AAP's national general secretary Dr Sandeep Pathak.

A two-time MLA from the Banga Assembly segment, Sukhi was the deputy leader of the SAD Legislative Party in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha. Welcoming Sukhi, Mann said: "I used to observe Sukhi in the Vidhan Sabha and found him raising issues concerning people and the weaker sec-

tions. We will use his experience to strengthen the party... I decided the government offices would not have pictures of the CM but of Shaheed Bhagat Singh and Ambedkar. I'm glad that Sukhi represents both the icons."

Sukhi has been serving his constituency since 2017, and was re-elected in 2022. A doctor by profession, he has also been active in social service for a long time. "I am honoured that I'm going to be a soldier of AAP. My constituency has Bhagat Singh's native land. I had the opportunity to work with BSP founder Kanshi Ram..."

The SAD is now left with only two MLAs in the Punjab Vidhan Sabha — Manpreet Singh Ayali from Dakh and Ganieve Kaur Majithia from Majithia.

Unable to repay son's debts, couple dies by suicide

Abdullapuram (Andhra Pradesh): A married couple died by suicide due to their inability to repay debts incurred by their 22-year-old son through online gambling, police said on Wednesday.

U Maheshwar Reddy (45) and his wife ended their lives on Tuesday night in their farm at Abdullapuram village in Nandyala district, police said.

"The couple consumed a soft drink laced with insecticide as they could not repay the debts to the tune of crores of rupees incurred by their son," Atmakuru sub-divisional police officer R Ramanji Naik said.

PTI

Karnataka asks all its depts, PSUs to close accounts in SBI and PNB

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
BENGALURU, AUGUST 14

THE KARNATAKA government has ordered all its departments, public sector units, boards, corporations, local bodies, universities and other institutions to close all their accounts at the State Bank of India (SBI) and Punjab National Bank (PNB).

All departments have to comply with the government's direction by September 20, according to the circular issued by P C Jaffer, Secretary to Government, Finance Department, on August 12.

The decision followed two

6 booked as 'rape and murder' of Dalit teen in Bihar kicks up storm

In Muzaffarpur, mutilated body found by a pond; Opp parties demand action

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 14

SIX PERSONS have been booked for gangrape and murder after the maimed body of a Dalit teenager was found in a village in Bihar's Muzaffarpur district. The incident has kicked up a political storm, with the Opposition demanding immediate arrests.

According to police, the minor girl, whose parents are daily wagers, was found by a pond in the village on Tuesday morning. In her police complaint, the girl's mother accuses a man she identifies as Sanjay Yadav and some of his associates of forcing their way into her home on August 11 and abducting her daughter; Rai is a resident of a neighbouring village.

The complainant says that although her husband and son were at home then, neither could prevent the abduction because the suspects were armed. "Rai had been torturing us because we are Dalits, and he is from an influential Yadav family," the complaint said.

Rai and five others have been booked under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhit (BNS) sections 70 (gangrape) and 103 (murder) and relevant provisions of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention) of Atrocities Act, 1989. Rai is currently absconding.

Rakesh Kumar, Muzaffarpur Senior Superintendent of Police, said the postmortem report was awaited, and there was no confirmation of rape yet. "Evidence of wounds from a sharp weapon found on the back of the neck, head and palm of the deceased. A scabbard has been recovered."

The victim's father said Yadav wanted to marry his daughter, a Class 9 dropout. "We have been tortured by the Yadavs... Several of us would work for them. Of late, Yadav had been pressuring us to marry off my minor daughter to him. Terrified, she dropped out of school," he told *The Indian Express*.

The FIR too mentions this. "He (Yadav) had been threatening to kill her if we did not marry her

off to him. How could we have married my teenage daughter to a 45-year-old man?" the complainant mentioned in the FIR.

The incident has kicked up a political storm in the state, with Leader of the Opposition Tejashwi Yadav training his guns at the state's Nitish Kumar government. "The horrific incident is proof of CM Nitish Kumar losing grip. Murders, rapes and other serious crimes have become the order of the day," the RJD leader and the state's former deputy CM said.

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief and former UP CM Mayawati also referred to the incident in a post on X on Tuesday. "Recently in Bihar, Kamlesh Yadav and his companions gang-raped an 18-year-old Dalit girl of Madhubani district and a few days later, Sanjay Rai (Yadav) and his companions gang-raped and brutally murdered a 14-year-old Dalit girl in Muzaffarpur district," the BSP chief posted on X in Hindi.

The post further said: "This report received from the BSP Bihar state unit is very sad and worrying. The Bihar government should take both these incidents very seriously and take strict action against all the culprits so that such incidents do not happen again. The government should pay special attention to the safety and respect of Dalits."

Meanwhile, local BSP leader Vijay Kumar demanded a high-level inquiry. "It is a clear case of brutality and should be dealt with sternly. The accused is an influential person. We will lodge a protest if police fail to take adequate action against the accused," he said.

On its part, the Janata Dal (United) said police were "dealing with the case in all earnestness". "Raids are being conducted. Any incident of crime is investigated, according to the standard procedure. It should not be through the prism of politics. We also condemn the incident and the police are doing their best to arrest the accused," JD(U) spokesperson Neeraj Kumar said.

STATE GOVT PROPOSES SETTING UP MULTIPURPOSE BUILDINGS FOR WEDDING, COMMUNITY PURPOSES ON WAQF LAND Amid row over Waqf Bill, Nitish govt doubles down on Muslim outreach

SANTOSH SINGH
PATNA, AUGUST 14

WHILE WELCOMING the Narendra Modi-led NDA government's move to send the Waqf Amendment Bill to a Joint Committee of Parliament for scrutiny, the Nitish Kumar-led JD(U), a key BJP ally, has proposed an elaborate plan for the development of the Waqf properties besides ensuring welfare and uplift of the Muslim community in Bihar.

The Nitish government has proposed to construct multipurpose buildings for wedding and other community purposes on undisputed Waqf land registered under the Sunni and Shia Waqf Boards in different parts of the state.

The Nitish-led NDA government has also planned to undertake an anti-encroachment drive on the Waqf land in the state to ensure their proper development.

State minority welfare minister Zama Khan said the government was looking to "identify all problems related to Waqf land, including its illegal sale and purchase, disputes and encroachments" to ensure the protection of the Waqf properties and assets.

"We are also planning to construct multipurpose buildings for wedding and other community purposes on Waqf land," he said.

The government has also decided to set up a resident school for Muslim children in each of the state's 38 districts in phases. It has announced the proposal to

establish 21 new madrasas in various parts of the state, too.

The minister said the government has already been working on a "comprehensive roadmap" for minority welfare, which include various programmes for strengthening their education system, modernisation of madrasas, promotion of Urdu language, and the development of several minority institutions.

All these schemes are being carried out by the minority welfare ministry.

Khan said the vacant positions of Urdu teachers in schools and madrasas would be filled soon. "We have decided to open a residential school for Muslim students in each of 38 Bihar districts in phases. In 2024-25, such a residential school would be opened in Nalanda, Jamui and



Nitish Kumar. File

Kaimur," he said. Nalanda is Nitish's home district.

"Under the coaching scheme for Muslim students, 15,216 students have benefited so far. Of them, 5,096 students have qualified in several competitive examinations. The government had increased one-time assistance money for a divorcee Muslim woman from Rs 10,000

to Rs 25,000 a few years ago," Khan said.

The development of the Waqf premises will be implemented under the Bihar Rajya Waqf Vikas Yojana, the minister said, adding that the new madrasas would be set up under the Bihar Rajya Madarsa Sudhrikaran Yojana (BRMSY).

Under the BRMSY, various amenities such as drinking water, toilets, libraries, equipment, and computer science labs are provided for strengthening the madrasa infrastructure in the state.

The JD(U) dispensation's move to showcase its various projects and schemes for the Muslim community comes close on the heels of the party distancing itself from the stance taken by its Union minister Rajiv

Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh in support of the Modi government's contentious Waqf Amendment Bill in the Lok Sabha.

During the discussion on the Bill in the House last Thursday after the government tabled it, Lalan said it would bring "transparency" in the functioning of the Waqf Boards and that it was not "anti-Muslim" or "an attempt to interfere with the running of mosques".

On Friday, however, Bihar parliamentary affairs minister Vijay Kumar Choudhary, a senior JD(U) leader close to Nitish, openly took a different position while welcoming the government's eventual decision to send the Bill to a Joint Committee following fierce resistance from the Opposition parties and some

concerns from the NDA allies like the TDP and the LJP(RV).

JD(U) sources said that Lalan's statement on the Bill "created confusion in party rank and file" and finally it was left for the CM House to clear the air.

When asked about Lalan's support for the Bill in its "current form", Vijay Choudhary maintained that "the apprehensions of the minority community about the Bill must be addressed before it is finalised", adding that "It has been the stated stand of the party to deal with issues concerning minorities with sensitivity".

Echoing Choudhary's stand, which is seen as the JD(U)'s official position on the Bill sent to the joint House panel, Zama Khan said, "Chief Minister Nitish Kumar is concerned about the

sentiments and welfare of minorities in the state. Whatever is decided will certainly be in the interest of the (Muslim) community."

The CM House was said to have asked the minority welfare minister to highlight Nitish's commitment to ensuring the welfare and development of the Muslim community while addressing its various concerns.

When asked about the JD(U)'s renewed bid to reach out to the Muslim community, which accounts for 17% of the state's population, a BJP leader said: "NDA government has been talking about its various ongoing schemes. Each government department has a right to publicise its schemes from time to time. But one is free to read political meanings into it."



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(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Akil @Bona S/o Mohammad Shafique R/o F-30/31, Old Seemapuri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 659/2014 U/S 147/149/353 IPC, P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Akil @Bona cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akil @Bona has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that Akil @Bona in FIR No. 659/2014 U/S 147/149/353 IPC, P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.09.2024.

SPECIAL TRAIN-2024

In order to clear extra rush of passengers, Northern Railway has decided to run the following Special Train as per details given below:

Table with 3 columns: Train no., STATIONS, Train No. ARR. DEP. ARR. DEP.

Days of Run : 04498 Ex Anand Vihar T. on 18.25.08.2024, 1,8,15, 22,29.09.2024, 6,13,20,27.10.2024, 3,10,17,24,31.10.2024 and 04497 Ex Ballia on 19, 26.08.2024, 2,9,16,23,30.09.2024, 7,14,21, 28.10.2024, 4,11,18,25.11.2024. Stoppages : Ghaziabad Jn., Moradabad Jn., Bareilly, Lucknow Jn., Raebareilly Jn., Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh Jn., Varanasi Jn., Aunrihar Jn. & Ghazipur City stations. Accommodation: 1st AC cum 2 Tier AC, 3 Tier AC & Sleeper. For detailed information regarding stoppages and timings of above trains, please call RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or visit enquiry website: www.enquiry.indianrail.gov.in

SPECIAL TRAINS - 2024

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DAYS OF RUN: 04022 From Anand Vihar Terminal on every Wednesday & Friday from 16.08.2024 to 30.10.2024 & 04021 From Sitamarhi on every Thursday & Saturday from 17.08.2024 to 31.10.2024. STOPPAGE: Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Lucknow, Rae Bareilly, Maa Belha Devi Dham Pratapgarh, Varanasi Jn., Aunrihar Jn., Ghazipur City, Ballia, Suraimanpur, Chhapra, Sonpur, Hajipur Jn. & Muzaffarpur Jn. stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier.

Table with 3 columns: Train No., STATIONS, Train No. ARR. DEP. ARR. DEP.

DAYS OF RUN: 04032 From Anand Vihar Terminal on every Wednesday & Friday from 17.08.2024 to 31.10.2024 & 04031 From Saharsa on every Thursday & Saturday from 18.08.2024 to 01.11.2024. STOPPAGE: Ghaziabad, Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Sitapur, Gonda Jn. Basti, Gorakhpur, Kaptanganj Jn. Bagaha, Narkatiaganj Jn., Raxaul Jn., Baigania, Sitamarhi, Janakpur Road, Darbhanga Jn., Sakri Jn., Jhanjharpur Jn., Nirmali, Saraygarh, Supaul & Garh Banuani stations. ACCOMMODATION: AC 3 Tier.

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA TENDER NOTICE. SR. No. 1. NAME OF BOARD CORP./AUTH. MICAD DIVISION ROHTAK. NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER. REHABILITATION OF WATER COURSE AT OUTLET RD 6460/L NEW KILOI MINOR - 3 WORKS. AMOUNT/EMD (APPROX.) IN RUPEES. 1.51 CRORES. WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH. https://tenders.hrya.nic.in. NODAL OFFICER/ CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL. scrohtak@n@gmail.com

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, DEHRADUN Government of India, Ministry of Finance, Deptt. of Financial Services 2nd Floor, Paras Tower, Mazra, Saharanpur Road, Dehradun, U.K-248171 BEFORE THE RECOVERY OFFICER - II, DRT, DEHRADUN PROCLAMATION OF SALE Date of Auction : 25.09.2024 between 12:00 P.M. to 01:00 P.M.

Whereas Recovery Certificate dated 23.11.2020 in O.A. No. 445/2019 has been drawn up by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal, Dehradun for the recovery of an amount of Rs. 3,19,79,707.26 ps due as per Recovery Certificate along with letelitte and future interest @ 8.40 % Compound Interest Monthly on reducing balance from the date of filing of the OA being 17.12.2019 till its realization and costs and charges.

Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any order of postponement, the said property shall be sold by e-auction and bidding shall take place through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website https://drt.auctiontiger.net of M/s E-Procurement Technologies Ltd. (Auction Tiger) on 25.09.2024 between 12:00 P.M. to 01:00 P.M. with extension of 5 minutes duration after 01:00 P.M. if required.

Name of the service provider : e-procurement technologies ltd. Portal of service provider : https://drt.auctiontiger.net Helpline Numbers : +91-79-68136880/881/837/842,09265562821,09265562818,09265562819

Table with 4 columns: Lot No, Resvers Price, EMD Amount, Bid Increase amount

(With each extension of 5 minutes duration every time if a bid is placed in the last 5 minutes of the closing time or such extended time of auction.) 3. The amount by which the bidings are to be increased shall be as mentioned above in the event of any Dispute arising as to the amount of bid, or as to the bidder, the lot shall at once be again put up to auction.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY Lot No. Description of property to be sold Revenue, assessed upon the property or any part thereof. Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable. Claims, if any which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on the nature and value.

Table with 5 columns: Lot No, Description of property to be sold, Revenue, assessed upon the property or any part thereof, Details of any encumbrances to which the property is liable, Claims, if any which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on the nature and value.

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झारखण्ड सरकार ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समारणपालय भवन, पपरवाटांड, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301

ई-अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-निविदा सं 19/R1/2024-25/RWD/EE/GIRIDIH दिनांक 13.08.2024 ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह द्वारा निम्नलिखित के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

Table with 5 columns: क्र. सं., आई-टी/टी/पिकेज संख्या, कार्य का नाम, प्राकृतिक राशि (रुपया में), कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि, टेण्डर कोल संख्या

- 1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 16.08.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 22.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 24.08.2024 अपराह्न 3:30 बजे।
4. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का पता - कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह, तृतीय तल्ला, नया समारणपालय भवन, पपरवाटांड, गिरिडीह, झारखण्ड - 815301
5. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं - 06532-225381

विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, गिरिडीह PR 332803 (REO)24-25'D

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।

ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-अतिअल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/BOKARO/07/2024-25/RE

Table with 5 columns: क्र. सं., कार्य का नाम, प्राकृतिक राशि, अग्रघन की राशि, परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य, कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि

- 1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 17.08.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 17.08.2024 से दिनांक 24.08.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक
3. ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान - कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
4. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 27.08.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे
5. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता - कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो।
6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं - 06542 291060 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
7. परिमाण विपत्र की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।
8. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-मुगलाना जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी।
10. अग्रघन का बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जमानदेही आपकी होगी।
11. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये वेबसाइट www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in एवं कार्यालय की सूचना पत्र पर देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, बोकारो। PR 332788 Rural Development(24-25)D

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PUBLIC NOTICE Case No. 48 of 2024

Hearing of Application for Approval of Tariff for purchase of power from Solar Power Plants set up by Solar Power Generators (SPGs) under RESCO mode for implementation of Feeder Level Solarization (FLS) under PM Kusum C (Component C-2) and (b) Approval of the Draft PPA.

M/s. TP Central Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPCODL), M/s. TP Western Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPWODL), M/s. TP Northern Odisha Distribution Ltd. (TPNODL) and M/s. TP Southern Odisha Ltd. (TPSODL) have filed a common application before this Commission for Approval of Tariff for purchase of power from Solar Power Plants set up by Solar Power Generators (SPGs) under RESCO mode for implementation of Feeder Level Solarization (FLS) under PM Kusum C (Component C-2) and (b) Approval of the Draft PPA.

By Order of the Commission Sd/- SECRETARY Dated: 14.08.2024

झारखण्ड सरकार, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर

ई-अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

ई-अति अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या- RWD/EE/JSR/STPKG/01/RX/2023-24 दिनांक - 14.08.2024 कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

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- 1. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 17.08.2024
2. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय - 23.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
3. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि जharkhandtenders.gov.in के माध्यम से ऑनलाइन मोड में स्वीकार की जाएगी।
4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 24.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे।
5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता - कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर, ब्लॉक-करनडीह, थाना-परसुडीह, जमशेदपुर, झारखण्ड, पिन-831002।
6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष सं - 0657-2298902।
7. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट जharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।

कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, जमशेदपुर PR 332825 REO (24-25)_D

Maoists kill Chhattisgarh teen for being 'police informer'

Raipur: A 16-year-old boy was allegedly beaten to death by Naxalites in Puarti village in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district late Tuesday evening.

According to the police, Soyyam Shankar was killed on suspicion of being a police informer. Over a dozen civilians have been murdered in Naxalite violence in Sukma this year. Puarti is a Naxal stronghold and home to at least two dreaded Naxal leaders — Barse Deva, chief of People's Liberation Guerrilla Army and his predecessor Madvi Hidma, now the Maoist commander-in-chief for South Bastar. Sukma Superintendent of Police Kira Chavan said Soyyam was still wearing his school uniform when he was killed. Soyyam's body was brought to Sukma, where a postmortem was conducted at the district hospital. An FIR for murder has been registered at Jagargunda police station, police said. **ENS**

THE 110-YEAR-OLD SCHOOL HIT HEADLINES AFTER MARAD COMMUNAL RIOTS IN 2003-2004, WHICH LEFT 14 DEAD

Students in Kerala's Marad are helping peers in landslide-hit Wayanad, one subject at a time

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 14

LUBNA RAIHANA, a Class 4 student at the aided Jinarajadas Lower Primary School in the coastal Marad village of Kerala's Kozhikode district, has had a busy few days. Every school break this past week, she and her classmates would quickly finish their food and then hurry back into class to complete a major task at hand: meticulously and painstakingly copying down notes for the first semester in new notebooks.

These notes, made under the guidance of teachers, were meant for the 138 lower primary students of two government schools at Mundakkai and Chooralmala — the villages most affected by the landslide last month. Nearly closed down after communal riots tore through the serene fishing village of Marad 20 years ago, the Jinarajadas school is now scripting a chapter on compassion. Over the last week, these students were sorted into different groups to make notes in five



Students make notes with the help of teachers at Lower Primary School in Marad village. Express

subjects — Malayalam, English, Arabic, Maths and Environmental Science. While some students read out from their own notes, others copied it down while their teacher stood by, guiding and correcting them where needed.

Each class was tasked with making notes for their corresponding peers from the two government schools. The notes for the entire first semester, which ends by the end of August, were made ready for their peers in Wayanad since the landslide is expected to significantly disrupt their regular schooling. Notes of all five subjects, now in a single bound book, will be handed over to the schools in Wayanad Thursday.

School headmaster E.M.Pushparajan said: "These students have lost their study materials in the tragedy. Many agencies have offered to replace the lost textbooks, bags and other items. But their lost school notes could not be supplied in that manner. Hence we decided to help them by preparing their school notes". The idea, according to teacher E.Dijesh Kumar, is to ensure that their learning is not lost. But for students like Lubna,

this is the only help they could give their peers in Wayanad. "We're all saddened by the stories of our fellow students, who lost their dear ones and belongings in the landslide... When teachers told us about the plan, we were all in for it," she said.

The 110-year-old Jinarajadas school had hit headlines after the Marad communal riots in 2003 and 2004, which left 14 people, both Hindus and Muslims dead. Soon after the riots, both communities were reluctant to send their children to school, pushing it to the brink of closure.

In 2007, then Communist Party of India (Marxist) legislator and businessman VK Mammed Koya took over the management of the school and upgraded its infrastructure. As the embers of the hatred cooled off over years, attendance to the school also grew. Today, Jinarajadas LP School has a total of 450 students on its roll.

US denies visa to Ram Lalla sculptor

Bengaluru: Renowned sculptor Arun Yogiraj, who carved the Ram Lalla idol installed at the newly built Ram Temple in Ayodhya was denied visa by US authorities.

Yogiraj on Wednesday confirmed that the US authorities have denied visa on August 10.

According to Yogiraj, he was invited as chief guest of the Association of Kannada Kootas of America world conference - 2024, which is scheduled to start from August 30. Yogiraj was scheduled to go for a 20 days trip.

The reason behind visa denial remains unknown. "I was given an appointment to visit the US Embassy in Delhi and I visited and submitted all the required documents... I do not know why I was denied a visa," Yogiraj said.

He also said that he has informed the Ministry of External Affairs about the incident. "I do not think the MEA... can do anything in this matter. I applied for a visa like any normal person. I will continue my work as usual and will try to visit the AKKA Conference next year, if I get a visa," he said. **ENS**

'Kafir' barb during LS polls in Kerala: Probe backfires on CPM, finds pro-Left link

SHAJU PHILIP
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 14

IN A development that has provided the Opposition Congress ammo to slam the government and left the ruling CPI(M) reeling, the police on Tuesday told the Kerala High Court that the communally charged message which made the rounds days ahead of the Lok Sabha polls in Vadakara and termed Left candidate K K Shailaja as "kafir (traitor)", first appeared on a pro-Left social media group.

"The communal post was posted in the WhatsApp group 'RED ENCOUNTERS'. Ribesh, son of Ramakrishnan, who posted the screenshot in the group, did not reveal the source of the message and hence his mobile phone has been sent for forensic examination," the police told the court.

Claiming that the probe has exposed the "heinous act" of the CPI(M) to create communal polar-

isation, Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly V D Satheesan said, "It has shown the CPI(M) will resort to dirty tactics for votes... The police, despite knowing who is behind the fake screenshots, are afraid to take action."

On the other hand, Shailaja Wednesday demanded those who made the fake screenshot to be brought to book. "Genuine Leftists cannot create such a screenshot... I had asked Lathika (wife of CPI-M Kozhikode district secretary P Mohanan) why she shared them. The party's leadership... has rejected the groups which circulated them," she said.

The message, which first appeared on April 24 — two days before the Vadakara seat went to the polls in the second phase — referred to Congress candidate Shafi Parambil as "a devout Muslim who offered prayers five times a day" and urged people to "vote wisely", sparking off a slugfest between the CPI(M)-led Left Democratic Front and Congress-led United Democratic Front.

ISRO to launch SSLV's last development flight on Aug 16

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE INDIAN Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch the third development flight — the last one it is authorised to undertake — of the small satellite launch vehicle (SSLV) on August 16. The vehicle will carry the 175-kg earth observation satellite EOS-08 on board, according to the space agency.

The small vehicle — capable of carrying only up to 500 kg to space — was developed by ISRO with the aim of commercialising it. Globally, there is a growing demand for small launch vehicles that can be quickly assembled on demand to launch scores of small and micro-satellites to be placed in low earth orbit.

ISRO is now in the process of transferring the technology to private players to undertake commercial flights. There are at least six companies that are in the running to acquire the technology.

All future missions of the

SSLV will be carried out by the private company chosen, according to ISRO officials. In fact, ISRO's commercial arm New Space India Limited (NSIL) signed an MoU to launch an Australian satellite on-board such a privately run SSLV in the future. The planned mission will take to space a satellite that can repair others in-orbit by the Australian company Space Machines Company.

The vehicle is just 2 metres in diameter and 34 metres long. It uses three solid fuel-based stages and a final liquid-fuel based stage to correct the velocity for placing small and micro satellites in orbit.

After a narrow miss during the first development flight of the vehicle in August 2022, it managed to successfully insert three satellites in a 450-km circular orbit in February 2023.

According to the failure analysis of its first development flight, the intended orbit could not be achieved because of excessive vibrations recorded by the on-board accelerometers

during stage 2 separation, which led to the on-board system to think that the sensors were faulty.

With the system designed to isolate faulty sensors and go into a salvage mode, the last velocity-trimming module was not switched on as per the programming. This led to a shortfall in velocity and the satellites were injected in a highly elliptical orbit that cannot be maintained and they fell into the atmosphere.

The satellite

The EOS-08 will also demonstrate several technologies developed by the space agency. The satellite will carry three instruments. The Electro Optical Infrared Payload (EOIR) is designed to capture images in mid-wave and long-wave infrared during day and night.

The data can be used for surveillance, disaster monitoring, environmental monitoring, fire detection, volcanic activity observation, and industrial and power plant disaster monitoring.

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Wife of accused filed complaints of assault twice

This was not the first time she had approached the police. On August 8, 2022, another complaint with similar allegations was filed against him. Both times, there was no action against Roy who — in his capacity as a civic volunteer — worked alongside the police. In fact, when the 35-year-old was arrested, he was at the barracks of 4th battalion of the Kolkata Armed Police. According to his mother-in-law, had the police acted then, the 31-year-old doctor may not have met the fate she did.

Roy, who has studied until class 12, used to be a boxer, and joined the Kolkata police as a civic volunteer in 2019. Sources said he was part of the Disaster Management Force, and his clout grew when he became a central committee member of the Kolkata Police Welfare Board. He would also frequent the police outpost of R G Kar Medical College, sources said.

"Had he been arrested earlier, or lost his job or faced action, such

an incident may have been averted," said Durga Devi, his mother-in-law. Her daughter married Roy on February 19, 2022.

A perusal of the complaints filed by his wife on August 8, 2022 and May 13, 2023 show both had allegations of assault, and one had medical documents attached. After the last complaint, Durga Devi said she took her daughter home. Her daughter died of cancer on August 10, 2023. "He used to drink and beat up my daughter. He once assaulted her when she was three months pregnant. She lost the child. We got her married to him because he claimed he worked with the Kolkata police," alleged Durga Devi.

At the tiny family home, Roy's mother is in shock. "What can I say? He is my son. But if he has done such a thing, he should be punished. He would never tell me anything regarding his work. Most of the time, he was not home. My other three daughters are married," said Roy's mother, Malati.

One of his sisters told *The*

Indian Express, "I married a man outside our caste, which made my family angry, so I don't share good relations with them. But the news has shocked and shamed me. How could my brother do such a heinous crime? He should be punished," she said.

Neighbours said Roy would flaunt his police connections and had even duped some people, promising them jobs as constables. Rabishankar Shaw, who runs a stall near his house, claimed he was swindled of Rs 2.2 lakh. "He would also help people get admitted to hospitals for a price," he said.

Sources said that as part of his job, he was assigned the police outpost at R G Kar. "He used to spend most of his time in R G Kar and sometimes went to the quarters of the fourth battalion of Kolkata Armed Police to sleep. Since he was part of the Welfare Association, he had a lot of freedom. He used a motorbike assigned by the police and would get five litres of fuel every day," said a police officer who knew him.

• Opp trying to make Bangladesh here: Mamata

Drawing parallels with the students' unrest in Dhaka, she alleged attempts to "make a Bangladesh here", adding that she had "no longing for the chair".

With the Calcutta High Court handing the probe to the CBI, Banerjee said the case should be solved and the culprits hanged "by Sunday".

Addressing a rally in Behala, Banerjee accused the Opposition parties of maligning the state's image. "A coordinated approach has been executed by the BJP and CPI(M), with support from the Centre, to defame Bengal and exploit the situation... They want to make a Bangladesh here. I have no longing for the chair. I came here to serve people," she said.

Saying that her government had taken all possible action, she urged the protesting doctors to return to work.

"Under Buddhadeb Bhattacharya's tenure, many heinous crimes took place. Since there was no social media then, people remained unaware... In many states, including Delhi and Hathras in BJP-ruled Uttar Pradesh, we saw what happened..

I want to ask the Congress too, many incidents take place in your states, what action do you take," she said. "Don't try to politicise the incident just for a few likes on social media and media footage," she added.

Banerjee announced that the Trinamool Congress would hold a protest rally against the "Baam-Ram (BJP-Left) conspiracy to defame" West Bengal on August 17.

Saying that the Kolkata Police had arrested the main accused within 12 hours, she said: "I gave them time (to complete the probe) until Sunday, because they cannot arrest anyone without investigation. However, the HC ordered a CBI investigation. We have no problem. We also want the culprits to be identified and hanged."

"I had assured her family that if others were found to be involved, we would arrest them too. The CBI should ensure this now. We demand capital punishment of the culprits by Sunday," she said. "There are people running a smear campaign on social media. Abuse me as much as you want, but don't abuse Bangla Maa," she

said.

"I was in Jhargram when this incident took place. I spoke to the Commissioner of Police. I also spoke to the victim's parents and assured them that police would investigate... and that I want capital punishment. I have stood by this. I visited their residence... I was monitoring through the night," she said.

"We will follow the HC's guidelines and are cooperating with the CBI. Thirty-four people had been summoned by the police and more people were on the list, but the HC intervened and transferred the case to the CBI. One of the best teams of the Kolkata Police was investigating the matter. We should be sensitive towards the family, instead of politicising the issue," she said.

"I urge doctors to resume their duties. Three people have died, including a minor and a pregnant woman," she said. "Following a probe by the health department within 48 hours, I transferred everyone. People have to understand that I cannot act without evidence," she said.

• Strengthen affirmative action as instrument of inclusion, reject tendencies that stoke discord: President

strengthening of affirmative action "as an instrument of inclusion" and said "tendencies that stoke discord based upon perceived social hierarchies have to be rejected".

In her address to the nation on the eve of the 78th Independence Day, the President said, "Social justice is a top priority of the Government, and it has taken a number of unprecedented initiatives for the welfare of the SCs, STs and other marginalised sections of society."

"Affirmative action must be strengthened as an instrument of inclusion. I firmly believe that in a vast country like ours, tendencies that stoke discord based upon perceived social hierarchies have to be rejected," she said.

Her remarks come five days after BJP's SC, ST MPs met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union Cabinet turned down the Supreme Court's suggestion for exclusion of the creamy layer from the ambit of SC/ST reservation,

saying "there is no provision for a creamy layer in SC/ST reservation" in "the Constitution given by B R Ambedkar".

A day later, the Opposition Congress, in its first public remarks on the court ruling on SC/ST sub-classification, called it "a big setback" for SCs and STs.

On August 1, a seven-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, in a landmark 6-1 majority verdict, ruled that SCs do not constitute a socially homogeneous class and can be sub-classified by States for the purpose of providing reservation to the less privileged among them. Four judges favoured excluding the creamy layer from SC/ST quota.

The President, in her 20-minute address, mentioned government schemes like Pradhan Mantri Samajik Utthan evam Rozgar Adharit Jankalyan (PM-SURAJ), that provides direct financial assistance, the PM-JANMAN (for socio-economic welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal

Groups) and the National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem (NAMASTE scheme) to stop manual cleaning of sewer or septic tanks.

Noting that this year marks the 75th year of the Constitution, Murmu said, "The journey of the newly independent nation was not without obstacles. Remaining firm on the Constitutional ideals of justice, equality, liberty and fraternity, we are on the mission to enable India to reclaim its rightful position on the global stage."

She also mentioned the recent Lok Sabha elections in her speech. "As general elections were held in our country this year, the number of eligible voters stood at nearly 97 crore. This was a historic record, making it the largest electoral exercise humankind has ever witnessed."

"When such a large number of people exercise their franchise, it is a resounding vote for the idea of democracy. India's successful conduct of elections strengthens

democratic forces around the world," she said.

The President recalled the days the country was under foreign rule, and the horrors of the Partition. "Patriotic and brave souls took immense risks and made supreme sacrifices. Thanks to their unceasing labour, the soul of India awoke from centuries of torpor," she said, mentioning Mahatma Gandhi as India's "lodestar", while also making a mention of the contributions of Sardar Patel, Subhas Chandra Bose, Ambedkar and Bhagat Singh. "Among tribals, there were Tilka Manjhi, Birsu Munda, Laxman Naik and Phulo-Jhano, among many more whose sacrifices are now being appreciated," she said, adding that the country has now started celebrating the birth anniversary of Birsu Munda as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas.

On contemporary India, she remarked how between 2021 and 2024, India has been among the fastest growing major economies,

with an average growth rate of eight per cent annually.

"As for those who continue to suffer from poverty, all efforts are being made not only to provide a helping hand to them, but also to bring them out of it," she said, recounting the PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, which offers free ration to about 80 crore people.

"It is a matter of pride for all that India has become the fifth largest economy in the world, and we are also poised to become one of the top three economies soon. This has been made possible only by tireless hard work of farmers and workers, by the farsightedness of planners and wealth-creators, and by the visionary leadership," she said.

The President said farmers have ensured that agricultural production continues to beat expectations. "They have contributed immensely to making India self-reliant in agriculture and feed our people," she said. Also making a note of the potential of

futuristic technology, she said the government has promoted sectors such as semiconductors and Artificial Intelligence, creating an ideal ecosystem for startups.

The term 'justice', she said, includes a variety of social factors — gender justice and climate justice. "The government has given equal importance to women's welfare and women's empowerment. The Budget allocation for this purpose has more than tripled in the last decade. Their participation in the labour force has increased. The most heartening development on this front has been the significant improvement in the sex ratio at birth," she said. On climate change, Murmu said India is proud to be at the forefront of humankind's battle to save the planet from the worst effects of global warming. "Speaking of justice, let me also mention here that in adopting the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita from July this year, we have removed one more relic of the colonial era," she said.

Dengue vaccine: Phase-3 of trial begins in Rohtak

DengiAll vaccine by Panacea Biotech works against all 4 dengue serotypes

ANONNA DUTT
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE FIRST phase III clinical trial for dengue vaccine in India was kick-started on Wednesday, with the first person receiving a shot at Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma Post Graduate Institute of Medical Sciences (PGIMS), Rohtak.

The vaccine called DengiAll, which works against all four serotypes of dengue, has been developed by Panacea Biotech.

The trial will be conducted at 19 sites across 18 states and Union Territories. It will follow 10,335 healthy adults for a period of two years. The trial is primarily funded by the Indian Council of Medical Research, with the company partially bearing the expenses.

"The initiation of this Phase 3 clinical trial for India's first indigenous dengue vaccine marks a critical advancement in our fight against dengue. It reflects our commitment to protecting our citizens from this pervasive disease and underscores India's capabilities in vaccine research and development," Union Health Minister JP Nadda said.

Panacea's vaccine uses live, weakened versions of all four dengue serotypes. These weakened versions of the virus were developed by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in the US — they deleted parts of the genetic code of DENV1, DENV3, and DENV4 and then genetically engineered a DENV2 backbone using parts from the weakened DENV 4, on

which the others were tacked.

One of the biggest challenges with developing a dengue vaccine is that the four serotypes of the infection offer very little protection against each other, meaning one individual can be infected repeatedly with different serotypes. More importantly, it can lead to antibody dependent enhancement (ADE) — a person with low levels of antibodies against one serotype of dengue, getting a more severe infection with another serotype.

ADE was the reason for controversy surrounding the first dengue vaccine in the world. Only after a vaccination programme had been rolled out in the Philippines was it found that the vaccine could actually increase the risk of severe disease in the people who had not been infected before.

The Serum Institute of India has used the same weakened virus from the United States to develop another vaccine candidate that has completed initial phases of trial. The company will conduct a large phase III trial in collaboration with ICMR in children between the ages of 2 and 18 years.

The same technology has also been used by Indian Immunologicals Limited to develop a vaccine that is undergoing initial phases of human trials. Hyderabad-based vaccine manufacturer Biological E has partnered with the global pharmaceutical company Takeda to produce its dengue vaccine, which is based on the same principle as the NIAID vaccine.

TN intercaste couple elopes; man's mother held hostage, rescued

ARUN JANARDHANAN
CHENNAI, AUGUST 14

IN A village near Morappur in Tamil Nadu's Dharmapuri, a young couple's decision to elope on Tuesday night has not only set the village abuzz but also led to an unusual hostage situation.

In a twist that has baffled both locals and the police, the woman's upper caste parents responded by allegedly taking the young man's mother, an SC woman, into custody, believing it would force the couple out of hiding.

Two police teams are now engaged in a dual search — one to find the couple and the other to locate the girl's parents, who have since disappeared after locking their house and switching off their phones.

The 23-year-old woman belongs to the Gounder (OBC) community. She and her 24-year-old boyfriend studied and worked in Bengaluru.

When the couple eloped on Tuesday night, her family first

filed a missing person complaint.

A senior officer monitoring the case said the drama began when her parents realised she was missing. "Both the woman and the man are well educated — the latter is a graduate in agriculture sciences. They suspected the young man but were unable to reach him on the phone. Then they turned their frustration towards his mother," the officer said.

On Wednesday morning, the woman's parents reached the man's house in the neighbouring village. "On learning that her son had eloped, the young man's mother was shocked. She tried to call her son but the phone was switched off. She had little time to process the situation. Without much ado, the woman's parents informed her of their daughter's elopement with her son and allegedly took her with them though no violence was involved," said the officer.

An official said that the man's mother was later rescued by a special police team.

Nalin Prabhat's tenure as NSG chief cut short, sent to AGMUT cadre

MAHENDER SINGH MANRAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 14

THE APPOINTMENTS Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) on Wednesday sanctioned the inter-cadre deputation of Nalin Prabhat, Director-General of the National Security Guard (NSG), from the Andhra Pradesh to Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre for a tenure of three years.

The decision came over three months after the senior IPS officer was appointed as the NSG DG. Earlier, the ACC had approved his appointment as the NSG DG until August 31, 2028.

In an order issued on August 14, a government under-secretary (MHA) said: "The undersigned is directed to convey approval of the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet for... the curtailment of Nalin Prabhat's tenure as the NSG DG... inter-cadre deputation of Prabhat from Andhra Pradesh to

AGMUT cadre, initially for a period of three years from the date of joining the AGMUT cadre or until further orders, whichever is earlier, in relaxation of inter-cadre deputation guidelines. It is requested that Prabhat, NSG DG, may be relieved immediately to enable him to join the AGMUT cadre."

Before joining the NSG, Prabhat, a 1992-batch IPS officer, worked as an additional director general in the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), and had headed its formation in J&K.

According to a source from the national counter-terrorism force ACC, the Centre is considering appointing Prabhat the new Director General of Police of Jammu and Kashmir, amid the rising terror attacks in the Jammu region since June 9, including many that inflicted casualties on security forces.

Last week, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) had appointed RR Swain as the DG of J&K Police, until September 30; he had been holding the additional charge of the DGP post.

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e-Procurement Notice
(Urgent)
Tender reference no.: 10/JREDA/EE/24-25 Dated: 14.08.2024
 Online bids are invited for Notice Inviting Bid (NIB) for Engagement of Empaneled Agencies for Implementation, Execution and Capacity Building for Demand Side Management Schemes of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the State of Jharkhand and prepare a Comprehensive Project Report. The details are as follows:

1	Name of the work	Engagement of Empaneled Agencies for Implementation, Execution and Capacity Building for Demand Side Management Schemes of Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) in the State of Jharkhand and prepare a Comprehensive Project Report.
2	Estimated cost (in Rs.)	₹ 3.94/- Crore (Rupees Three Crore Ninety-Four Lakh) inclusive of GST
3	Completion period	12 (Twelve) Months
4	Date of publication of NIT on website: http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in	16.08.2024 (Friday)
5	Date & time of Pre-bid queries (online)	20.08.2024 (Tuesday) up-to 05:00 P.M.
6	Last date & time for receipt of online bids	29.08.2024 (Thursday) up-to 05:00 P.M.
7	Submission of original copies of Bid fee & EMD (Online via SBI Payment Gateway of Jharkhand Tenders)	29.08.2024 (Thursday) up-to 05:00 P.M.
8	Technical Bid Opening Date	30.08.2024 (Friday) at 02:00 P.M.
9	Name & address of office inviting tender	Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA), 3 rd Floor, S.L.D.C Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand)
10	Contact no. of procurement officer	0651-2491163/67/61/7903935514
11	Helpline no. of e-procurement	0651-2491163/67/61

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e-Tender Notice
 Jharkhand Rural Health Mission Society, Namkum, Ranchi invites separate Technical and price Bids (Two Bid System) through tender from the registered and eligible firms for **IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (EMAS)" IN JHARKHAND.**

The Blank tender documents with detailed conditions can be obtained through web site <http://jarkhandtenders.gov.in> and should be submitted through e-procurement system only. The eligible bidders willing to participate must necessarily be registered in e-Procurement portal.

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1	Name of Work	IMPLEMENTATION, OPERATION & MAINTENANCE OF "EMERGENCY MEDICAL AMBULANCE SERVICE (EMAS)" IN JHARKHAND.
2	Publication Date of Tender on website	16/08/2024
3	Pre-Bid Meeting Date and Time	23/08/2024 at 03:00 PM
4	Date/Time for receipt of bids	From 30/08/2024 to 10/09/2024 Up to 06:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of Technical bid through website	12/09/2024 at 03:00 PM
6	Tender document fee (Non-refundable)	5000.00 (Through online Gateway)
7	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	50,00,000 (Through online Gateway)
8	Contact no. of procurement person	9110943588

Note: - The above dates may change due to abrupt declaration of holidays. Hard copies of technical bid & price bid will not be entertained except Tender fee & EMD.
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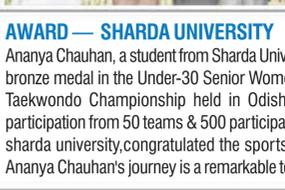
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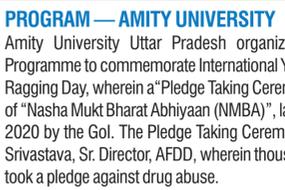
ACHIEVEMENT — JAMIA HAMDARD
 The Union Minister of Education, Goll Dharmendra Pradhan felicitated higher education institutions which secured top positions in the annual rankings in the NIRF-2024 recently at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It is a matter of great pride for Jamia Hamdard that it retained the top rank (No.1) in India in Pharmacy institution category. Jamia Hamdard secured the top position in Pharmacy for the 6th times since the NIRF was launched in 2016.



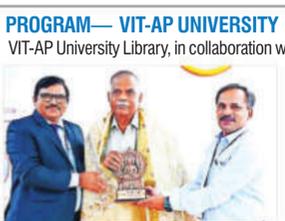
AWARD — SHARDA UNIVERSITY
 Ananya Chauhan, a student from Sharda University, Greater Noida, won the bronze medal in the Under-30 Senior Women's category at the National Taekwondo Championship held in Odisha. The championship saw participation from 50 teams & 500 participants. Dr. Parmanand, Pro-VC, sharda university, congratulated the sports dept staff & remarked that Ananya Chauhan's journey is a remarkable testament to her skill.



PROGRAM — I.T.S Centre for Dental Sciences & Research
 A series of activities was organized for the celebration of World Breastfeeding week at various places in Ghaziabad, the dental OPD of ITS Dental College in Muradnagar & through outreach activities. These sessions aimed to inform female patients about the significance of breastfeeding & its benefits for both mother & children. Self-examination of Breast was also taught to all the female patients since breast cancer is more prevalent now-a-days.



PROGRAM — AMITY UNIVERSITY
 Amity University Uttar Pradesh organized a Student Centric Programme to commemorate International Youth Day, National Anti-Ragging Day, wherein a "Pledge Taking Ceremony", was held as part of "Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA)", launched on 15th August 2020 by the Gol. The Pledge Taking Ceremony was led by Dr. S.K. Srivastava, Sr. Director, AFDD, wherein thousands of Amity students took a pledge against drug abuse.



PROGRAM — VIT-AP UNIVERSITY
 VIT-AP University Library, in collaboration with the BookBuzz Club, celebrated National Librarians' Day recently. This event was held at the University Library Hall to mark the 132nd birth anniversary of Dr. S R Ranganathan, the father of library science in India & an internationally renowned professor of library science. The occasion was graced by Dr. V. Pulla Reddy, Retired Professor from S.V. University, Tirupati, who graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his insightful address, Dr. Reddy underscored the significance of celebrating National Librarians' Day annually.



ACHIEVEMENT — K.I.E.T
 Recently, the Ministry of Education released the NIRF rankings for the year 2024, wherein, K.I.E.T Group of Institutions, Delhi-NCR, Ghaziabad has yet again secured its position in the top-ranking private institutions. As per NIRF, K.I.E.T has bagged 77th rank in the pharmacy category & featured in the 151-200 rank band in the engineering category, & 11-50 rank band in the innovation category. The official website of NIRF states, "This framework outlines a methodology to rank institutions across the country. The methodology draws from the overall recommendations broad understanding arrived at by a Core Committee set up by MHRD, to identify the broad parameters for ranking various universities and institutions. The parameters broadly cover "Teaching, Learning and Resources,".

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1	Empanelment of Custom House Agents from the parties dealing with Customs Clearance, Import and Export Handling and International Freight Forwarding under Consolidation.	IISERB/SP/2024-25/48 dated 12/08/2024	02/09/2024
2	Supply of Liquid Chromatography.	IISERB/SP/2024-25/49 dated 14/08/2024	

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CORPORATE BRIEFS

EDUCATION

EVENT—NDIM

NDIM recently hosted industry stalwart Rahul Lakhmani, Founder & CEO of Skify Solutions Pvt Ltd, who delivered an insightful session. He advised students that even in an AI-driven world, you must consider emotional elements. It's what helps you successfully lead teams, manage stress & collaborate with others. He highlighted that in order to develop social skills, students must grasp & practice empathy, along with the essential elements of emotional intelligence: self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, & relationship management.



PROGRAM — KIET

During the AKTU 22nd convocation ceremony, 23 students from KIET Group of Institutions, Delhi-NCR, Ghaziabad, were recognised & felicitated as top university rank holders by Smt. Anandiben Patel, Governor, UP & Ashish Patel, Minister of Technical Education, Consumer Protection, Weights & Measures, UP, for the academic year 2023-24. These students have excelled across various disciplines.



EVENT—SHARDA WORD SCHOOL

Sharda World School has launched two international courses to empower students at a global level. These courses integrate the Finland Education System & the Cambridge Board syllabus, offering students from grades one to eight a comprehensive education that combines these globally recognized curriculum. Sharda World School in Agra, part of the Sharda Group.



EVENT —GGSIPU

The sanctity of law & prospects of legal profession", org. by University School of Law and Legal Studies of GGSIPU. Its sanctity prepares the students of law to become lawyers, judges, corporate executives & social activists. They shape the foundation of the society & take a leading position in the welfare of the country at large. Delight in the laws to serve a needy person, said Dipak Misra, Former Chief Justice of India.



PROGRAM — VIT-AP UNIVERSITY

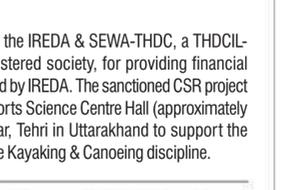
VIT-AP University org an Anti-Ragging awareness program recently, aimed at reinforcing the importance of maintaining a safe & supportive environment for all students. The program underscored the university's commitment to preventing any form of ragging & fostering a respectful academic atmosphere. The event featured a keynote address by S.Sathish Kumar IPS — Superintendent of Police, who emphasized the strict prohibition of ragging.



MOU—GAIL
 GAIL and Rajasthan Rajiya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. joined hands to optimize the operations of RRVUNL's gas-based power plants in Rajasthan. A Non-binding MoU was signed for this by Devendra Shringi, CMD of RRVUNL and Sumit Kishore, Executive Director (Business Development and Exploration and Production), GAIL.



MOA — IREDA
 An MoA was signed between the IREDA & SEWA-THDC, a THDCIL-sponsored not-for-profit registered society, for providing financial assistance of Rs 1.05 Cr funded by IREDA. The sanctioned CSR project is for the development of a Sports Science Centre Hall (approximately 298 sq. meters) at Koteswar, Tehri in Uttarakhand to support the training of Indian athletes in the Kayaking & Canoeing discipline.



WALKATHON — PUNJAB & SIND BANK
 P&S, Zonal Office, Gurugram organized a walkathon at the Huda Market, Sector 10, Gurugram for the publicity of the bank's different products, under the chairmanship of the Zonal Head Darpan Aggarwal. The two-kilometer walkathon was attended by the bank's GM Gopal Krishna & Rajendra Kumar Raigar along with hundreds of bank employees.



MOU—NBCC
 The Srinagar Development Authority and NBCC signed an MoU recently for implementing the development of a Satellite Township at Rakh Gund Aksha, Bernina, Srinagar, spread over approximately 406 acres. NBCC will implement the project from 'concept to commissioning' as the Project Management and Marketing consultant at an estimated cost of approximately Rs 15000 Crore.



LAUNCH EVENT—BSNL
 BSNL announced the launch of its state-of-the-art New Generation Over-the-Air & Universal SIM platform, developed in collaboration with Pyro Holdings Pvt. Ltd. The primary platform was inaugurated in Chandigarh, with a disaster recovery site in Trichy. The new 4G & 5G compatible platform is designed to serve all BSNL customers across the country, offering unparalleled connectivity and service quality.



CONFERENCE — INDIAN COAST GUARD
 The District/ Station Commanders' and Works Conference - 2024 of Coast Guard Region (West) was conducted at Regional Headquarters recently. The two-day conference, presided over by Inspector General Bhisam Sharma, PTM, TM, Commander, Coast Guard Region (West), reviewed the operational preparedness with a focus on meeting emerging challenges.



EVENT — CISF
 CISF took over the security of Maharishi Valmiki International Airport, Ayodhya Dham (UP) with a total sanctioned strength of 324 personnel. The unit will be headed by a Deputy Commandant rank officer. In a formal induction ceremony held recently, Praveer Ranjan, ADG/APS, Gaurav Dayal, IAS, Div. Commissioner, Ayodhya, Vinay Kajla, DIG/NZ AP, Chandra Vijay Singh, IAS, DM Ayodhya & Vinod Kumar, APD Ayodhya graced the event. The representatives of airline operators & various stakeholders were also present on the occasion.



SHOWCASED — NIFTEM-K
 National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship & Management, Kundl showcased its groundbreaking innovation, i.e., the rapid pesticide detection system during the 250th Tea Board Meeting, hosted by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry at Palampur, Kangra, Himachal Pradesh, recently. At this landmark event, NIFTEM-K unveiled the newly developed indigenous rapid pesticide testing kit for tea.



CORPORATE BRIEFS

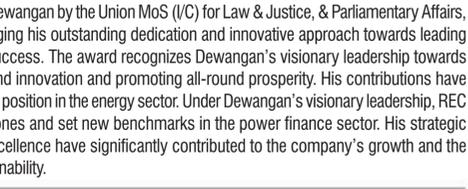
AWARD — REC

Vivek Kumar Dewangan, IAS, CMD, REC received the 'Distinguished Fellow' Award at the 2024 Director's Conclave & 34th IOD Annual Day. The Institute of Directors organized this esteemed event to recognize & honor the exemplary leadership & contribution of individuals in the corporate sector. The 'Distinguished Fellow' Award was presented to Dewangan by the Union MoS (I/C) for Law & Justice, & Parliamentary Affairs, Arjun Ram Meghwal, acknowledging his outstanding dedication and innovative approach towards leading REC Limited to new heights of success. The award recognizes Dewangan's visionary leadership towards fostering infrastructure growth and innovation and promoting all-round prosperity. His contributions have further strengthened India's global position in the energy sector. Under Dewangan's visionary leadership, REC has achieved remarkable milestones and set new benchmarks in the power finance sector. His strategic initiatives and commitment to excellence have significantly contributed to the company's growth and the nation's progress in energy sustainability.



CEREMONY—POWERGRID

In a ceremony held at the Raj Niwas, Leh, Lieutenant Governor, Ladakh, Brig. (Dr.) BD Mishra (Retd.) laid the Foundation Stone of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme projects in the Union Territory of Ladakh in the presence of Advocate Tashi Gyalson, Chairman/ Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Leh, Dr. Jaffer Akhoun, Chairman/ Chief Executive Councillor, LAHDC, Kargil, Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS, Advisor to Lt. Governor, Ladakh, RKTyagi, CMD, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. & Vikram Singh Malik, IAS, Administrative Secretary, Power Development Department, UT of Ladakh, Santosh Sukhadeve, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Leh, Senior officers from Ladakh District administration, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Power Development Department UT of Ladakh and other important depts.. The Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme is a Reforms-Based and Result-Linked scheme of the Gol for improving the health of Distribution Companies (DISCOMS).



MOU—IRCTC

The IRCTC and the NCRTC signed a MoU recently to enhance the travel experience for passengers of the RRTS and Indian Railways through the 'One India – One Ticket' initiative. This partnership aims to provide seamless travel solutions to passengers booking online tickets through the IRCTC platform for railways, air travel, or buses who will now have the added convenience of seamlessly booking NCRTC QR code-based tickets. This will make it easier for passengers to book and travel using both the Indian Railways network and the RRTS services. The RRTS booking option for up to 8 travelers will be displayed on the PNR confirmation page and will also be accessible from the user's train ticket booking history.



POWERGRID

has received Letter of intent (LoI) for acquiring a Project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) viz. "Bhadla-III Power Transmission Limited" for establishing the transmission system associated with "Additional Transmission System for Evacuation of Power from Bhadla-III PS as Part of Rajasthan REZ Phase-III Scheme (20 GW)". POWERGRID emerged as the successful bidder for the aforementioned project after competing with other private sector player and emerging as successful bidder in Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) process. Bhadla-III Power Transmission Limited shall implement augmentation of transformation capacity works at existing substation namely Bhadla - III in the state of Rajasthan. The Project is an Inter State Transmission System Project and is to be commissioned in 18 months from the date of transfer of SPV.

I.T.P.O

Book event always remains a mega attraction for book lovers especially the students. After attracting a huge crowds, doyens of publishing industry, teachers, academicians, scholars, librarians, students, a five-day book bonanza, Delhi Book Fair 2024 concluded with a successful note. The event was organised by the I.T.P.O in association with the Federation of Indian Publishers along with its allied events, Stationery Fair and office automation and Corporate Gift Fair recently at Bharat Madapam, New Delhi. This year, theme of the fair was "Global Influence of Indian Books".

APPOINTMENTS

POWERGRID Naveen Srivastava has been appointed as the Dir.(Ops) of POWERGRID. Prior to his joining as the Dir.(Ops), he worked as ED (NR-III) handling challenging & flagship works & delivering results consistently in a dynamic business environment. He is an accomplished electrical engineer, having graduated in Electrical Engineering (Hons.) from the National Institute of Technology in Durgapur, & has honed his leadership skills through a General Management Programme at the Management Development Institute in Gurgaon, & the Harvard Management Mentor program at Harvard Business School.



P&SB Rajeeva has assumed charge as ED of the P&SB w.e.f. 09.08.2024. Prior to his elevation as ED of P&SB, he was CGM of PNB. Rajeeva, a postgraduate in Arts, is also a Master of Business Administration in Banking & Finance & a Certified Associate of Indian Institute of Bankers (CAIIB). He joined the services of PNB in 1993. In a career spanning over three decades, Rajeeva gained expertise in almost all the key areas of Banking, having served in Rural and Urban Branches. He has a specialization in Credit, more specifically Corporate Credit.



OIL, registered phenomenal growth in its Crude Oil & Natural Gas production with an increase of 6.22% in crude oil while Natural Gas production has been up by 9.80% in Q1 FY25 vis a vis Q1 FY24. Declaring its financial results for the quarter ended 30 June 2024, OIL reported a Profit After Tax for Q1 FY25 at Rs 1,466.84 Crores for the contribution to the exchequer in the form of Special Additional Excise Duty of USD 10.27/bbl in Q1 FY25 compared to USD 2.59/bbl in Q1 FY24 amounting to Rs.507.75 Crore in Q1 FY25 vis a vis Rs.113.55 Crore in Q1 FY24.

LIC The Board of Directors of LIC approved and adopted the standalone and consolidated financial results for the quarter ending 30 June 2024. The Profit after Tax for the quarter ended 30 June 2024 was Rs 10,461 crores as compared to Rs 9,544 crores for the quarter ended 30 June 2023 registering a growth of 9.61%. In terms of market share measured by First Year Premium Income, as per IRDAI, LIC continues to be the market leader by market share in the Indian life insurance business with an overall market share of 64.02%.

SAIL During Q1 FY25, SAIL's EBITDA grew by more than 15% over the corresponding period last year, indicating its steady core performance. However, revenue from operations was affected by a decline in Net Sales Realization in the domestic steel market due to cheap imports. The profit for Q1 FY25 was impacted by lower NSR and adjustments related to exceptional items.

LIC has launched new plans for Term insurance & a safety net against loan repayments. LIC's Yuva Term is available offline through its intermediaries & LIC's Digi Term is available online on its website. These products cater to youngsters & give them a wider choice to buy offline or online. LIC has also launched a product to cover loan liabilities through term insurance – LIC's Yuva Credit Life in offline mode through its intermediaries & LIC's Digi Credit Life, which is only available online.

BHEL has won a prestigious order for setting up a 2x800 MW supercritical thermal power project on an EPC basis from Damodar Valley Corporation. The order for the coal-based project to be set up in the Koderma district of Jharkhand has been awarded through International Competitive Bidding. Significantly, this is the first 800 MW project of DVC & will be set up adjacent to the existing 2x500 MW units, which were also installed by BHEL on an EPC basis.



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Note: Rest of instructions will hold good. For any other information passengers are requested to contact RailMadad Helpline No. 139 or may visit Indian Railways website https://enquiry.indianrail.gov.in or NTES App.

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Advt. No. 03/2024

CSIR invites applications/nominations for the position of Director, CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (CSIR-NEERI), Nagpur, in Level 15 of pay-matrix (Rs.1,82,200-2,24,100) plus allowances as applicable in CSIR.

For eligibility criteria and other conditions, please see the detailed/complete advertisement No. 03/2024 on CSIR website www.csir.res.in. Applications/nominations may be sent alongwith complete bio-data and list of publications/patents etc. through email at drc@csir.res.in or by post to Director Recruitment Cell, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), Anusandhan Bhawan, 2, Rafi Marg, New Delhi-110001 on or before 10/09/2024.

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Table with 6 columns: Train No., From, To, Days of Run, Earlier Notified Upto, Extended Period. Lists trains like 05734 Katihar - Amritsar, 05733 Amritsar - Katihar, etc.

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District AYUSH Society, Gurugram

(HUDA Dispensary building, opposite House No. 817, Near Chintpoorni Mata Mandir, Sector-4, Gurugram E-mail:ggn.das555@gmail.com, Phone no. 0124-2253649, 4071687)

District AYUSH Society, Gurugram invites applications from the eligible candidates for filling up of the following posts in the District Gurugram, Haryana under National AYUSH Mission purely on contract basis initially up to 31/03/2025 which may further continue for next one year subject to the condition of approval from Government with the details mentioned below:-

Table with 6 columns: Sr. No., Name of Post, No. of Post, Remuneration, Date, Time & Venue of interview, Name of AAM (AYUSH). Lists posts like Yoga Instructor (Part Time) under AHWC.

The interested candidates are advised to visit website www.gurugram.gov.in for details of the posts (educational qualification, age, and other terms & conditions etc.) and download the application form. Last date for submission of duly filled application form is 06/09/2024 up to 05:00 PM in the office of District Ayurvedic Office, Gurugram by hand or by post (DAO Office: Huda Dispensary Building, opposite House No. 817, Near Chintpoorni Mata Mandir, Sector-04, Gurugram Pin Code 122001).

District Ayurvedic officer cum member secretary District AYUSH society Gurugram No. 28936/HRY

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ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

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1. Name of work: Work of Scrap collection, transportation including Loading and Unloading activities at diesel loco and wagon workshop Ajmer for 02 year (As per scope of work).

देवी अहिल्या विश्वविद्यालय, इन्दौर

क्र.प्रशा/अद्वईस(1)स्व.प./2024/590 दिनांक : 13.08.2024

पदक निर्माण हेतु निविदा सूचना

विश्वविद्यालय द्वारा स्वर्ण/रजत पदकों के निर्माण हेतु दिनांक 22.08.2024 तक ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। पदक निर्माण संबंधी विवरण एम.पी. टेन्डर एवं विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.dauniv.ac.in से प्राप्त किया जा सकता है।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115899/2024 कुलसचिव

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

Sr. DEE/TRD/Jaipur, acting for and on behalf of The President of India invites E-Tenders for following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE

1. Name of work with its location: Provision of associate S&T work in connection with different engineering work of LHS to prevent trespassing in SPJ division.

NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

30-Elect-30-T-2024-25-E3 Electrical work in connection with (i) Provision of RCC over Head Tank & pump house with pipeline for passengers at KEX, KQL, THBN & NNX station.

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

No. A-35020/03/2024-Admn.II Union Public Service Commission Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi-110069

It is proposed to fill up the one vacancy in the grade of Clerk (Canteen) (General Central Service, Group 'C', Non-Gazetted, Non-Ministerial) in Level 2 (Rs.19900-63200) of the Pay Matrix on Deputation basis in the Office of UPSC.

2. The details like General conditions, Eligibility Criteria, Age limit, proforma of application form etc. are available on the website of UPSC i.e. http://www.upsc.gov.in/vacancy-circulars.

Sd/ (K.N.Bhutia) Under Secretary (Admn.II) CBC 55103/11/0014/2425 Union Public Service Commission

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण

टी.टी. नगर स्टेडियम, भोपाल (म.प्र.)

ई-निविदा सूचना

संचालनालय खेल और युवा कल्याण, मध्यप्रदेश द्वारा 'चाटर स्पোর্ट्स अंतर्गत सेलिंग अकादमी हेतु खिलाड़ियों हेतु 29er Class Ready to Sail Boat क्रय हेतु' निर्माता अथवा उनके अधिकृत प्रतिनिधि से ई-निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

म.प्र. माध्यम/115957/2024 संचालक

Unique Identification Authority of India

4th Floor, Bangla Sahib Road, Behind Kali Mandir Gole Market, New Delhi - 110001

Vacancy circular for filling up the post of Consultant (Electrical)

in Unique Identification Authority of India, Head Office, New Delhi.

Vacancy circular of Unique Identification Authority of India vide letter of even number dated 14.6.2024 VC ID:18290 (Website Link: https://uidai.gov.in/images/vacancy_circular_for_the_post_of_Consultant_electrical.pdf), inviting applications for the post of Consultant (Electrical) on contract basis in Unique Identification Authority of India, Head Office, New Delhi.

The last date for submission of applications against the above vacancy circular is hereby extended up to 19.8.2024. Those who have applied against the circular dated 14.6.2024 need not apply afresh. However, new applicants may submit their applications to Director (HR), Unique Identification Authority of India, Head Office, 4th floor, Bangla Sahib Road, behind Kali Mandir Gole Market, New Delhi 110 001, within the extended date. Since the vacancy is to be filled up from retired Government employees, private and Government employees in service are not eligible.

Director (HR)

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE

DRM / TRD & GSU, North Western Railway, Jodhpur for & on behalf of the president of India, invites E-tender for the following work. 1. Complete details of tenders can be seen on Website No. : http://www.ireps.gov.in

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सार्वजनिक सूचना

प्रधानमंत्री आवास योजना - शहरी के अंतर्गत वर्ष 2017 में PMAY U के घटक BLC (Beneficiary Led Construction) के 537 प्राथियों को आवेदन किया था। जिसमें से 13 बाडों के 31 प्राथियों से अभी तक सम्पर्क नहीं हो पाया है। तत्पश्चात नगर निगम द्वारा इन सभी लाभार्थियों का कई बार मौखिक निरीक्षण किया गया जिसमें पाया गया कि 31 लाभार्थियों (सूची संलग्न) का मोबाइल नम्बर और घर का पता सही नहीं होने के कारण मौखिक निरीक्षण नहीं हो पाया और इन्ही कारणों से ऐसे सम्बन्धित लाभार्थियों को उपरोक्त योजना का लाभ प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है।

Public Notice

BPS GMC FOR WOMEN, KHANPUR KALAN, SONIPAT

सर्व साधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि भगत फूल सिंह महिला मैडिकल कॉलेज खानपुर कलां सोनीपत में निम्नलिखित दुकानों को किराये पर देने के लिये खुली नीलामी दिनांक 27.08.2024 को 11.00 AM बजे की जाएगी।

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Table with 3 columns: Sr. No., Description, Purpose. Lists shop numbers and their purposes like Unisex Beauty Parlor, Confectionary providing Pizza, Burger, Pastry, Cake, Spring Rolls etc.

Sd/- Director BPS GMC for Women, Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat

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STORES E-PROCUREMENT

Tender Notice No.: S1/15/2024-25, Dtd: 12-08-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following works.

SI.No.:1; Tender No. : 30/24/1092/OT/114/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 03-09-2024.

Brief Description: Secondary Vertical Damper for LHB AC Coaches having FIAT Bogie to RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/21046 Alt-2 Mat. Spec. - RDSO/CG-18005 Rev-01 [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:2; Tender No. : 61/24/5204/OT/115/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 05-09-2024.

Brief Description: MINIPROF BT Rail Profile Gauge Cum Recorder- similar to Model PIE-ME-RPCS Advanced version along with crossing measurement attachment & ruggedized android tablet including AMC for 3 years conforming to RDSO specification No. TM/SM-323 (Rev-1 of 2018) Make-PIE/Greenwood Engineering MP-262/GRAW XY Rail Head Profile Gauge Poland Warranty: 01 year from the date of supply against any manufacturing defects or use of substandard material.

SI.No.:3; Tender No. : 30/24/1089/OT/116/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 26-08-2024.

Brief Description: Yaw Damper for all type of LHB Coaches fitted with FIAT Bogie to RDSO drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/21048 Alt-2 Mat. Spec. - RDSO/CG-18005 Rev-01. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:4; Tender No. : 30/24/1154/OT/117/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 05-09-2024.

Brief Description: Secondary Lateral Damper for All Coil FIAT Bogie to RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/CG/DRG/21045, Alt-2 Mat. Spec. - RDSO/CG-18005 Rev-01. [Warranty Period: 72 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:5; Tender No. : 61/24/5200/OT/118/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 16-09-2024.

Brief Description: Manufacture and Supply of Thick Web Switch Expansion Joint(TWSEJ) as per RDSO's Drg. No. T-8822 (Alt-2) [All conditions applicable as per RDSO's letter No. CT1/JW/3. dt. 04/07/2023]. List of fittings as per RDSO's Drg. No. T-8822 (Alt-2) excluding ERC MK V, GFN Liner and PSC Sleeper. The Alt in Drawings and Specifications issued by RDSO upto one month prior to tender closing date shall be applicable in this tender. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: Yes, Stages: 1].

SI.No.:6; Tender No. : 61/24/5256/OT/120/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 17-09-2024.

Brief Description: Manufacturing & supply of High Viscous Nylon-66 Insulating Liner (HVN Liner) to RDSO Drg. No. T-3702, with ALT-8 (or latest alterations, if any) for the use with ERC MK-III on 52 kg Concrete Sleepers with 52 kg rails, As per Specification IRS-T-44-2020. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:7; Tender No. : 30/24/1640/OT/121/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 26-08-2024.

Brief Description: HOSE CONNECTION 500MM LONG FOR LHB TO RDSO DRG NO. CG-19037 alt N:1. Mat Spec. As per drg. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:8; Tender No. : 30/24/5032B/OT/123/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 29-08-2024.

Brief Description: Supply and Retro-Fitting of Revised Wiring for WSP System as per RDSO Drg. No. CG-18246 ALT-0 with Modified IP67 Grade Junction Boxes and connectors as per RDSO Drg. No. - CG-19005, Alt-1. Material to be supplied as per Annexure-A1 for Type of coaches Fitted with Faiveley Type Brake System. [Warranty Period: Within 36 months from the date of delivery or 14 months from the date of placing in service whichever is later] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:9; Tender No. : 30/24/1188A/OT/122/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 27-08-2024.

Brief Description: GANGWAY BRIDGE MOUNTING to Drawing No. 1 10113.0.24.120.001 ALT B Mat. Spec. :- As per Drawing. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

SI.No.:10; Tender No. : 40/24/5543B/OT/125/2024-25; Closing/Opening Date: 27-08-2024.

Brief Description: 500 Amm, 750 V, Inter Vehicular (IV) Coupler unit for EOG type AC Coaches/Power car conforming to RDSO's Specn. No. RDSO/PE/SPEC/AC/0177 (Rev.1)-2013. [Warranty Period: 30 Months after the date of delivery] [Inspection Agency: TPI, Stage Insp.: No, Stages: 0].

Note :- For full details of Tender Notice and Tender Documents, Tenderer may log on to the website (www.ireps.gov.in) prospective bidder who intend to participate in above tenders are required to log in themselves with the above website and submit their offer electronically, if they are already registered with IREPS. In case they are not registered with IREPS, they are advised to obtain class-III Digital Signature Certificate from the certifying agencies under Govt. of India IT Act 2000 and participate in the above tenders.

PCMM, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY

SALUTE THE SOLDIER

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE MEGHALAYA 15 August 2000 In Shillong, two posts of 65 Battalion of CRPF, Mukharpoint Bara Bazar and Dreamland Cinema Police Bazaar, were separated by 500 meters. On 15th August 2000, insurgents launched coordinated attacks on both locations. CRPF troops at Mukharpoint Bara Bazar repelled the attackers with a strong response. Minutes later, the Dreamland Cinema post was similarly attacked, and again, CRPF retaliated effectively. During the crossfire, HC Arun Kumar Singh was struck in the chest. Despite repelling the attack, HC Arun Kumar Singh succumbed to his injuries and was martyred.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE NAGALAND 15 August 1998 95 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Nagaland to counter the insurgents, a major threat to the state's peace. Following an attack on 15th August 1998, security at the NPPL factory camp was heightened. While checking sentries, Shaheed Head Constable Mool Chand was ambushed and gravely injured by militants. Despite our troops returning fire, the militants escaped. Shaheed HC Mool Chand later succumbed to his injuries, making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE JAMMU & KASHMIR 15 August 1965 On the night of 15-16 August 1965, a post of 13 Battalion of CRPF at Yusmarg was attacked by 100-150 raiders at around 0045 hrs. Constable Gudit Singh, on sentry duty, was severely injured by enemy fire. Despite his injuries, he fought bravely, alerted the camp, and made the ultimate sacrifice. For his conspicuous gallantry, he was posthumously awarded the President's Police Medal and Fire Services Medal for Gallantry.

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE JAMMU & KASHMIR 15 August 1993 11 Battalion of CRPF was deployed in Jammu and Kashmir for anti-terrorist operations against militants supported from across the border. On 15th August 1993, its troops launched an operation in Srinagar, leading to a fierce encounter. Shaheed Constable Salam Iboyma Singh, who led the attack, sustained severe injuries but continued firing until he made the ultimate sacrifice. Such a display of gallantry and sacrifice is rarely

CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE Jammu and Kashmir 15-08-2016 The festivities of 15th August 2016 were disrupted when militants hurled grenades and opened fire on 28 Bn CRPF troops at Nowhatra Chowk, injuring eight CRPF and one JKP personnel. Shri Pramod Kumar, Commandant of 49 Battalion of CRPF, immediately launched a special operation to eliminate the terrorists. Leading his team into a fierce gun battle, he neutralized two heavily armed militants. Despite sustaining grievous head injuries, he continued to fight until he was rushed to the hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries. For his unparalleled leadership and courage, Shri Pramod Kumar was posthumously awarded the Kirti Chakra. The nation will forever remain indebted to him and his family.

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Rajasthan State Road Development And Construction Corporation Ltd., JAIPUR No. NIT/2024-25/10246-58. External Electric work at State Cancer Institute, Jaipur. UBN:RRC/2425WS0802007. Various Horticulture works at Govt. Dist. Hosp. Bundl. UBN:RRC/2425WS0802079. Electrical work in Yoga Ayurvedic & Naturopathy Siker. UBN:RRC/2425WS0802079.

CORRIDGUM In continuation of the Dy. CCM/Rates & IT/HQ/NFR letter No. NFR-HQ/COMM(BDU)/2024, Dt.-22.07.2024, the last date of submission of proposals against the EOI called for engagement of consultant for freight market study of NFR is hereby extended up to 17.00 Hrs of 02.09.24. All other terms & conditions will remain unchanged.

BEFORE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, DELHI. 4th FLOOR JEEVAN TARA BUILDING PARLIAMENT STREET NEW DELHI - 110001. Notice under section 19(4) of the Recovery of Debts Due to Bank and Financial Institutions Act 1993 read with rule 12 & 13 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure Rule) 1993 in the matter of OANO 513/2022 AXIS BANK LTD.

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मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान एवं चिकित्सालय, आगरा. मानसिक स्वास्थ्य संस्थान एवं चिकित्सालय, आगरा में संचालित एम.फिल क्लिनिकल साइकोलॉजी पाठ्यक्रम के वर्ष 2023-24 की प्रवेश परीक्षा दिनांक 21.08.2024 को प्रातः 11:00 बजे आहत की जा रही है। अर्ह अर्थी विस्तृत सूचना संस्थान की वेबसाइट imhh.org.in से प्राप्त कर सकते हैं।

Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited (A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), A. Meera Marg, Udaipur - 313001, Phone: (0294)2427177, 2428763-67, Fax: (0294) 2428768, 2428739. Detailed Notice Inviting Tender Date - 14.08.2024. Description of Work: Excavation, transportation and Feeding of ROM into departmentally operated company's crushing and screening plant, during the notified (by the company) period of shifts, from the earmarked pit, to produce finished product (SMS grade Limestone grit) and hauling of the rejects/by products to the earmarked pit for backfilling and leveling/stacking to the original ground level, at Company's Sanu Limestone Mines, Distt. Jaisalmer, Contract value Rs. 220.00 Lakh, EMD in Rs. 4.40 Lakh, Tender Fees Rs. 4720/-.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON. Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Rikvinder Chauhan @ Ricky, S/o Kishan Chauhan, R/O M-15-16, G. No. 08, New Modern Shahdara, Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 527/2015, U/s 147/148/149/152/156/332/353 IPC, P.S. Nand Nagri, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said Rikvinder Chauhan @ Ricky cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said Rikvinder Chauhan @ Ricky has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY OPEN TENDER NOTICE (Through e-Tender). On the behalf President of India e-Tenders are invited by the CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR, Jodhpur. Name of Work with its Location: Outsourcing of heat treatment of Buffer plunger and buffer spindle at firm premises. (21 Months). Approximate Cost of Work: Rs. 4921800 (Rs. Forty Nine Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Eight Hundred Only). Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 98400 (Rs. Ninety Eight Thousand Four Hundred Only). Last Date and Time for Submission of e-Tender and Opening of e-Tender: 05.09.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. and 05.09.2024 after 15:00 Hrs. Website from e-Tender Forms can be Obtained: www.ireps.gov.in Address of the NIT Issuing Office: Office of the CWM, Carriage Workshop, NWR Jodhpur-342001 (Rajasthan). 947-PM/24

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY Kota Division e-Tender Notice. Dy. Chief Engineer(GSU), West Central Railway, Kota, for and on behalf of the President of Union of India, invites following open E-Tender for Gati Shakti Unit/Kota. SI.No.: 01. Tender No.: GSU-Kota-06-2024. Description of work: Mathura Section: Provision of twin box Road Under Bridge (RUB) by air pushing method using RH girder in lieu of manged LC No.: 179 (TGV=104519) at Km: 109/110-12 Gangapur City station yard under the jurisdiction of ADEN-GGC. Cost of work: ₹ 13,94,09,651/- Date of closing of tender: 05.09.2024. Complete details are available in the E-Tender notice uploaded on the railway website www.ireps.gov.in and also placed on the notice board of the Dy. CE/GSU/Kota, DRM Office, West Central Railway, Kota's Office. Offers are acceptable through E-procurement only. Off line/Manual offer will not be accepted in any condition.

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON. (See Section 82 Cr. P.C.) Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person Akil @Bona S/o Mohammad Shafique R/o F-30/31, Old Seemapuri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 659/2014 U/S 147/149/353 IPC, P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person Akil @Bona cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Akil @Bona has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that Akil @Bona in FIR No. 659/2014 U/S 147/149/353 IPC, P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 23.09.2024.

Ms. Aishwarya Singh Kashyap Metropolitan Magistrate Room no. 25, 1st Floor Karkardooma Court, Delhi

श्रेणी कार्यलय, उ००० प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, सहायपुर । 33/18, कपिल विहार, निक्ट विद्युत्कर्म चौक, सहायपुर 247001, उ०००

Table with 5 columns: S. No., Name of the Branch/Borrower/Guarantor, Description of Immovable Property, Date of Demand & Possession Notice, Amount Outstanding. Contains 4 entries for Saharanpur Raiwala, Main Branch, Muzaffarnagar, and Delhi Road branches.

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No.: JHS-NW-47-24 Dated: 08.08.2024. Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecommunication Engineer / Jhansi, DRM's office, Jhansi, for and on behalf of President of India invite open Tender through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following works.

Director Extension Education Directorate of Extension Education CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar-125004 (Haryana). (Established by Parliament Act 16 of 1970) 'A+' Grade NAEAB-ICAR Accredited Phone: 01662-284320, 255234, 90530-68379, 94164-82401

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सिमडेगा. अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (e-Procurement Call) अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - 16/2024-25/RWD/SIM दिनांक - 13-08-2024. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी - मुख्यमंत्री ग्राम सड़क योजना (4515)

Table with 6 columns: क्रम सं०, प्रखण्ड, आईडी-टीफिकेशन संख्या, कार्य का नाम, प्राकृतिक राशि (लाख में), टेंडर कॉल संख्या, कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि. Contains 1 entry for 'बानो' with details on road work.

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION Expression of Interest (EOI). Sr. No., Project Name, Blank Tender Sale, Submission of Tenders, Concept to be submitted by the consultant as per the project requirement, Tender Fee, Security Deposit (Rs.), Timelines for the Preparation of DPR, Consultancy Fee.

CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION. 1. The tender book is available at mahatenders.gov.in / chhsambhajinagam.org. (Only for reading) 2. A soft copy of the tender will be provided via E-mail if requested by the consultant during the tender sale period.

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property). Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the Canara Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act No. 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice calling upon the Borrower/Surety/Owner/s as given below to repay the amount mentioned below within 60 days from the receipt of the said notice.

Table with 5 columns: S. No., Name of the Branch/Borrower/Guarantor, Description of Immovable Property, Date of Demand & Possession Notice, Amount Outstanding. Contains 4 entries for Saharanpur Raiwala, Main Branch, Muzaffarnagar, and Delhi Road branches.

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY NIT No. TMC/CPH/PRJ/24-25/02 Date: 10.08.2024. Tender Notice. Dy.CE/CPH/Workshop/North Central Railway/ Prayagraj for and on behalf of the President of India, invites "Open" E-Tender on prescribed form for the following work up to 15.00 hrs. on 02.09.2024.

Table with 4 columns: Approx Cost, Earnest Money, Completion Period, Date of Opening of tender. Contains 1 entry for track machines with cost of ₹ 7679635.2 and completion by 24 Month.

Classifieds

PERSONAL

I, Priyansh Rastogi S/o Shalabh Rastogi R/o H.No.C-29, 1st floor, Uppal Southend, near Paradise Mall, Sector -49, South City-II, Gurgaon, Haryana -122018, have changed my name to Rudra Kalki.
0050248367-1

My Actual/Correct name is KIRAN instead of KIRAN VERMA which is wrongly written in my Bank-AC/Wo-Prem Verma, B-41, Shivangij-Kunj-Block-6, Paschim Vihar Delhi-63
0040744112-5

It is for general information that I, RAMAJEE SHARMA, S/O-Ashirvad Sharma, R/o-1-514, Gali, No-7, Hari Nagar ex-hn, Jaipur, Badarpur, South, D elhi-110044, declare that name of mine and my Wife has been wrongly written as Ramaji Sharma and Sunaina in my minor son namely Shubham Sharma age-16 years in his 10th-class marksheet cum certificate educational documents. The actual name of mine and my Wife are Ramajee Sharma and Sunaina Devi. Which may be amended accordingly.
0040744110-6

It is for general information that I, MOMINA RAIS, W/O- MUTAHIR, R/O-1078, GALI KUAN WALI, KISHANGANJ, AZAD MARKET, G.P.O NORTH, DELHI-110006, declare that name of mine and my husband has been wrongly written as MOMINA MUTAHIR and MUTAHIR MUSHTAQ in my minor son namely ZIDAN BIN MUTAHIR aged-8 year in his school record. The actual name of mine and my husband are MOMINA RAIS and MUTAHIR respectively, which may be amended accordingly
0040744097-11

I, hitherto known as SONIA KHATRI alias SONIA KHATRI MOTWANI, daughter of RAMCHAND, wife of, RAJESH MOTWANI, residing at, A-2/701, Krishna Apra Gardens, Vaibhav Khand, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201014, have changed my name and shall hereinafter be known as SONIA MOTWANI.
0040744097-6

I, Seikh Murshad S/O Sekh Zahid, R/O H.No. G-811, G-Block, Near Dhoobi Ghat, Jahangir Puri, Delhi-110033, have changed my name to SHEKH MURSHID. Permanently
0040744115-3

I, hitherto known as K.SURESH BABU, son of, Shri Karumanchi Sivarama Prasad, resident of, Officers Mess Army Hosital R & R, Delhi Cantt, New Delhi-110010, have changed my name and shall hereinafter be known as KARUMANCHI SURESH BABU.
00407441126-3

I, Vikas Khatik, S/O-Chirangi Aswal, R/O-2296, Pili Building, Arya Samaj Road, Karol Bagh, Central Delhi, Delhi-110005, declare that name of mine and my father wrongly written as Vikas & Shri Chirangi Lal in my SC Caste Certificate No.Sc/02/32/18042/12/9/2011/92211031547, the actual name of mine & my father are Vikas Khatik and Chirangi Aswal respectively which may be amended accordingly.
0040744121-3

I, Vijay Kumar Tandon, S/o Ram Lubhya Tandon, R/o RZ-B/15, Indira Park, Near-Pali Factory, Uttam Nagar, Delhi-10059, have changed my name to Vijay Tandon.
0040744110-1

I, Vibha Saxena, W/o Sanjay Bhushan Saxena R/o Plot.38A/2, Swami Nandji Colony Chetan Vihar, Gopal Nagar Extension, Phase-1, Najafgarh, South West- Delhi-110043, have changed my name to Vibha Kumari.
0040744115-2

I, VIVEK PANDEY, VIVEK KUMAR, S/O KAUSHAL KISHOR PANDEY, H NO-254, LAKHANPUR, KANPUR NAGAR, KANPUR, U.P-208017, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO VIVEK KUMAR PANDEY. FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE
0040744110-3

I, Sunil Kumar S/o Bal Mukand R/o-Flat No-2nd, Plot No.543, Sahyog Lane, Sector-5, Vaishali I.E. Sahibabad, Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh-201010, have changed the name of my minor son Kavya Ganda aged-16 years and he shall hereafter be known as Kayansh Ganda.
0040744110-10

I, Sujesh Kumar, S/o Sh. Pradeep Kumar Choudhary, R/o SW-002-1-45, Goushalla, Katihar, PO-Katihar, Distt Katihar, Bihar-854105, have changed my name, daughter's name from Srinika Choudhary to Krishnavi Choudhary, for all future purposes.
0040744115-7

I, Shikha D/o Daya Ram Rana W/o Sanjay R/o H.No.D-47, Street No.5, Hazrat Park, Krishna-Nagar, East Delhi-110051, have changed my name to Neetu for all purposes.
0040744110-5

I, Sat Narian Gupta S/o Nand Gopal R/o H.No-126, Satya Niketan Model Bagh-2, Delhi 110021, have changed my name to Sat Narain Gupta.
0040744110-2

I, Sagar S/o Late Sh. Harish Kumar R/o A-220 Ground-Floor Deep Vihar Pansali Delhi-110042, have changed my name to Sagar Arora
0040744112-9

I, SHASHI ALIAS SHASHI PATWARI D/O BIHARI CHARAN W/O BHARAT BHUSHAN PATWARI R/O, H.No.WZ-177, Third-Floor, Khampur, West Patel-Nagar, New Delhi-110008, have changed my name to SHASHI PATWARI
0040744097-2

I, Rajinder Prasad S/o Yadram R/o 1165A/76 Deva Ram Park, Trinagar Delhi-110035 Have Changed My Name To Rajender Prasad.
0040744097-7

I, Rajender Pandey, S/o Basudev Pandey, R/O B/109, second floor, Ramesh Nagar, West New Delhi, have changed my name to Rajendra Pandey.
0040744126-1

I, Samta Sharma Gupta, W/O-Avinash Gupta, R/O Flat.No.1101 Tower-I, Mahindra Aura, Sector-110A, New Palam Vihar Gurgaon Haryana-122017, Have Changed my Name to Samta Sharma.
0040744112-3

I, Sachin Kumar S/o Mr. Ashok Appasaheb Kshirsagar R/o Lahu, PO-Akulgaon, Teh. Madha, Solapur, Maharashtra-413208, have changed my name to Sachin Ashok Kshirsagar.
0040743991-4

I, SUDESH KUMARI, W/O GYAN CHAND CHHABRA, R/O B-7/40, EXTENSION, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110029, have changed my name to SUDESH KUMARI CHHABRA, for all future purpose.
0040744097-5

I, SITARA W/o MD HANIF, R/O HOUSE.No.-337, BLOCK A-4, SULTAN PURI, DELHI-110086, HAVE CHANGE MY HUSBAND NAME, FROM MD HANIF TO MOHD HANIF.
0040744097-2

I, RUCHI GROVER, W/O KAMAL GULATI, R/O-207, TECHNOLOGY APARTMENTS, 24, I.P.EXTENSION, PATPARGANJ, SHAKARPUR, EAST-DELHI-110092, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO RUCHI GULATI, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSE.
0040744110-4

I, POOJA THALWAL W/o DINESH, R/O-C-144, DENA APARTMENT, SECTOR-13, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, have changed my name to POOJA BHANDARI after my marriage for, all purposes.
0040744112-8

I, PAWAN KUMAR, S/O MADAN GOPAL VPO.-SAMPLA, NEAR-ICICI BANK, Rohtak, Haryana-124501, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR SON'S NAME MANAV TO MANAV KUMAR FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744115-9

I, PAWAN KUMAR, S/O MADAN GOPAL VPO.-SAMPLA NEAR-ICICI BANK, Rohtak Haryana-124501, HAVE CHANGED MY MINOR DAUGHTER'S NAME PARINITI TO PARINITI SETHI FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744115-8

I, PARDEEP KUMAR SAMKRIA, R/O 179, POCKET-9, SECTOR-21, ROHINI, DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY CHILD NAME MUSKAN TO PRACHI SAMKRIA, FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744115-6

I, Nisha Bartarya Chaudhary, W/o Tushar Ranjan Chaudhary R/o Q-U-298-C, Chitrakoot Appt. DDA MIG Flats, Pitampura Delhi-110034, have changed my name to Nisha Bartarya
0040744112-7

I, Navneet Gupta, D/O-Shri Bhagwan Gupta, R/O-284/13-A, Vishwas Nagar, Shahdara, Delhi-110032, have changed my name from Nitu Garg to Navneet Gupta for all future purposes.
0040744121-1

I, NOORUS SAHAR MOHAMMED KAFEEL QURAISHI, W/O ADNAN PASHA R/O-2/7 3RD-FLOOR ANSARI-ROAD DARYAGANJ, DELHI-110002, have changed my name to NOOR US SAHAR.
0040744097-1

I, MOHD SAHIL NASIM QURESHI, S/O-NASIMUDDIN, residing at, T-432, MALI PAHAR-WALI, AHATA-KIDARA, IDGAH-ROAD, DELHI-110006, declare that my name wrongly mentioned in my 12th certificate as QURESHI SAHIL NASIM.
0040744112-1

I, MOHAMMED RAIS S/O MOHD SHARIF, residing at, 3199 KUCHA TARA CHAND DARYAGANJ DELHI-110002, have changed my name to MOHD RAIS permanently.
0040744112-2

I, MEENAKSHI, W/O-VIKAS MALIK RESIDENT N-802, THE PALM DRIVE, GOLF-COURSE EXTENSION ROAD, SECTOR-66, GURUGRAM-122011, HARYANA, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO MEENAKSHI MALIK
0040743991-1

I, Kumari Swati W/o Mr. Ashok Appasaheb Kshirsagar R/o Lahu, PO-Akulgaon, Teh. Madha, Solapur, Maharashtra-413208, have changed my name to Swati Ashok Kshirsagar.
0040743991-3

I, MD HANIF S/O ABDUL MAJID, R/O HOUSE NO.-337, BLOCK A-4 SULTAN PURI, DELHI-110086 HAVE CHANGE MY NAME TO MOHD HANIF
0040744097-3

I, Ajay @Ajay Budhakoti, S/o Sh. Shambu Prasad, R/O-670, Sector-7, Bahadurgarh Distt Jhajjar-124507 (Haryana), is also Known as Ajay Budhakoti both name are of one person the same-person.
0040744126-5

I, Kapil Chawla, S/o Yudhister Lal Chawla, R/o H.No.866/18, Gali.No.-2, Model Town, Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar (Haryana)-124507, have changed my Minor Daughter's name, from Yashika to Yashika.
0040744126-6

I, Kajal Haldar, W/o Kartik Haldar, R/O-C-1/52, New Ashok Nagar, Delhi-110096, hereby declare that my daughter Nandani's correct DoB is 23-July-2008 and it shall be used for all future purposes.
0040744115-10

I, Jai Vijay Singh, F/o Divyanshi, R/O 2C/277, 2nd-Floor, Sec-2C, Vasundhara, Ghaziabad, have changed my minor's Daughter name Divyanshi Chauhan.
0040744115-1

I, Jagvir, S/o-Yaad Ram, R/o-Khsra No.117/20, Gali no.1, Rama Garden, Mukund Pur Extension Part II, North West Delhi-110042, have changed my name to Jagbir, for all future purposes.
0040743214-12

I, JASBIR S/O SHOBHA RAM R/O CHHUGLANA PANA, RUKKI(54)ROHTAK, HARYANA-124401. HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO JASBIR SINGH FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744113-1

I, HIMANSHI D/O NARESH KUMAR R/O East Mehram Nagar, 60/60 Delhi Cantt, Delhi, Delhi-110010, have changed my name to HIMANSHI KUMAR.
0040744112-10

I, HARWINDER KUMAR S/O-BALDEV RAJ R/O-F-223 PRASHANT VIHAR SECTOR-14 ROHINI, DELHI-110085, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO HARVINDER KUMAR, FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744115-4

I, GYAN CHAND, S/O MUNSHIRAM CHHABRA, R/O B-7/40, EXTENSION, SAFDARJUNG ENCLAVE, NEW DELHI-110029 have changed my name to GYAN CHAND CHHABRA, for all future purpose.
0040744097-4

I, GAURAV S/o-AVDHESH KUMAR, R/O A-1402, HAPPINESS TOWER, SIKKA KARMIC GREENS, MAZZERIA LANE, SECTOR-78, NOIDA, GAUTAMBUDH NAGAR, U.P.201301 have changed my name to GAURAV KUMAR.
0040743991-8

I, Dushar Sharma, S/o Vijay Kumar, R/o H.No. 629/16, Near Sohna-Chowk, Nai Basti, Gurgaon (Haryana)-122001, have changed my name to Chetan Sharma.
0040744126-4

I, Dimple S/o Jaswant Singh R/o K.H.No-564 Rajeev Nagar, Village Bhalswa Dai, Libaspur, Delhi-110042 Have Changed My Name To Dimpal.
0040744097-8

I, Deepthi Vashisht Maratha alias Deepthi Shivnani D/o, Kishan Kumar Shivnani W/o, Gaurav Maratha R/o, Flat-No.435, DDA SFS-Flats, Pocket-1, Sector-22, Dwarka, New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Deepthi Shivnani.
0040743991-5

I, Dalip Kumar S/o, Khayal Chand, R/o-H.No-2/346, Subhash Nagar, New Delhi-27, have changed my name to Dalip Kumar Sehgal.
0040744112-6

I, BEERBALI KANOJIA, S/O RAMJIT PRASAD R/O-13A/58 W.E.A., KAROL-BAGH, CENTRAL DELHI, DELHI-110005, HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO BIRBALI KANOJIA, FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.
0040744126-2

I, BARATH KORE, W/O Late Sh. Jai Narain, R/o-63/12, Gali.No.3, Mahavir-Park Bahadurgarh Distt. Jhajjar, (Haryana)-124507, have Changed My Name, from BARATH KORE to BIRJEE DEVI, for all future purposes. Both are the same person.
0040744097-9

I, Avinash Gupta, R/O Flat No.1101, Tower-I, Mahindra Aura, Sector-110A, New Palam Vihar Gurgaon, Haryana-122017, Have Changed my Minor Daughter's Name Anaya to Anaya Gupta.
0040744112-4

I, Army.No.15671177, Hav Dayal Chandra Joshi, S/O-Shri. Khayali Dutt, R/o-Haldud Chaud Dina, Po-Haldud Chaud, Tehsil-Lalkuan, District-Nainital, inform that in my army documents my son's name Ritesh wrongly written. His correct name is Ritesh Chandra. Which may be amended accordingly in my army documents.
0040744126-11

I, Anuj Gupta R/o A3 Flat-2102 Cleo-County, Sector-121, Noida have changed my daughter's name from Nysya Gupta to Ditee Gupta for all future purpose.
0040744060-1

I, Abhishek Tanwar S/o Roshan Singh Tanwar R/o, RZF-769/1, Gali-No.9, P-Block, Raj-Nagar Part-2 Palam-Colony New Delhi-110077, have changed my name to Moksh.
0040743991-6

I, Abhishek Kumar S/o Sh. Manoj Kumar, R/o J-4/70, Ground Floor, Aman Apartments, Khirki Extension, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017, have changed my minor daughter's name from Nitara Kumar aged-2 years to Vedika Bose for all future purposes.
0040743991-7

I, Saroj, W/o Jasram R/o S-261-B, Saroj Block Shakarpur, East Delhi Delhi-110092 have changed my name Saroj to Saroj Mangain for all future purposes.
0040744006-1

I, Sarah Wadhwa, D/o-Surinder Wadhwa R/o-366, Sainik Vihar, Pitampura, Delhi-110034 have changed my name after marriage to Sarah Kataria W/o-Raman Kataria for all purposes.
0040743989-1

I, RANIMMA CHACKO w/o VINOD CHACKO, R/O Flat No 629 Pkt 6 Sec 2 Rohini Delhi-85 RANI VINOD is my incorrect name mentioned on my husband passport no L9610676 and correct name of mine is RANIMMA CHACKO for all future purposes.
0040743771-1

I, Parveen Khurana S/o Bhagwan Dass Khurana R/o C-19, Lajpat Nagar-01, South Delhi-110024, confirm that Parveen Khurana alias Parveen Kumar alias Parveen Kumar Khurana all names belongs to same and one Person.
0070918566-1

I, Kushagra S/o Parveen Khurana R/O C-19, Lajpat Nagar-01, South Delhi-110024 Have Changed my name to Kushagra Khurana for all future purposes.
0070918566-1

I, Kundan Kumar, S/o Shri Chandra Shekhar R/O E-178-179, Gali No.-7, Pandav Nagar, Sams Pur, PO Patparganj, Delhi-110091, have changed name of my Son from Kartikeya to Kartikeya Singh. Henceforth, he would be known by the name of Kartikeya Singh for all future purposes.
0040743981-1

I, Kamna Vig, W/o Shri Amit Kumar Agarwalla, R/o B1-901, Cherry County, plot no. 5GH, Near Ek Murthy Chowk, Techzone IV, Greater Noida West, Gautam Budh Nagar, UP-201306 have changed my name from Kamna Vig Agarwalla to Kamna Vig for all future purposes.
0040744068-1

I, Jatin S/o Jagmohan R/o H.No. E-344, East Babarpur Shahdara Delhi-110032 hereby declare that I have changed my name from Jatin to Jatin Sharma for all future purposes.
0040743979-1

I, Jasram Mangain S/o Daulat Ram R/O S-261-B, School Block Shakarpur, East Delhi Delhi-110092 have changed my name Jasram Mangain to Jasram For all future purposes.
0040744011-1

I, Jamil Ahmed S/o Tahir Hussain, R/O R-385, Mangolpuri, Delhi-83, have changed my name to Mohd Jamil Ahmed for all future purposes. That Jamil Ahmed and Mohd Jamil Ahmed is the one and same person.
0040744037-1

I, Jagpal Singh S/o Sh. Malji Ram R/o Kh. no-9/7, Gali No-4, Swaroop Nagar, Delhi-110042 have changed my name to Jagpal Chauhan for all future purposes.
0130044303-1

I, Rajjo W/o Sheeshpal R/o 627 G.D.Colony Mayur Vihar Phase 3 East Delhi-110096 have changed my name to Rajwati Devi for all future purposes.

I, Hari Prakash S/o Kanwar Lal R/O-House.No-194 Village-Khera Khurd, Narela, Delhi-110082, have changed my name to Hari Prakash Vashist, Permanently.
0040743986-1

I, GAURAV NIRWAN S/O OP NIRWAN R/O CM-208, ABHIMANYU APARTMENT, VASUNDHARA ENCLAVE, DELHI-110096, have changed my name from GAURAV NIRWAN to YASH NIRWAN for all future purposes.
0040743622-2

I, ANAL KUNDU S/O MADHURAN KUNDU R/O 104, ZAMRUDPUR, GK-1, GREATER KAILASH, SOUTH DELHI, DELHI-110048 have changed the name of my minor daughter RUNU KUNDU aged 05 years and she shall hereafter be known as AKSHITA KUNDU.
0070918562-1

I, Sanjiv Kumar S/O, Shri Balbir Singh R/o House No 102, Sector 13, Sonipat Haryana 131001 have changed my name to Sanjiv Jaspal.
0040743988-1

I, Priya D/o, Sanjiv Jaspal R/o House No 102, Sector 13, Sonipat, Haryana 131001 have changed my name to Priya Jaspal.
0040743982-1

I, Niketan Jain R/o Pramod Jain R/O D-7/8, 7165 Vasant Kunj, South West Delhi, Delhi 110070 have change my name to Nikita Jain.
0070918563-1

IKM DEEPA RAI W/O PRAMOD VARMESHWAR NATH RAI R/O-VILLAGE-JOGA MUSAHIB, KARIMUDDINPUR, GHAZIPUR, UTTAR PRADESH-233233, HARYANA HAVE CHANGED MY NAME TO DIPRAI, FOR ALL PURPOSES.
0040744115-5

I, ADVIK THAKUR, SON OF RAHUL SINGH, RESIDING AT VILL-CHANDWA, P.O.-PANTHAL TEH-KATRA, DISTT.-REASI, STATE-J&K 182320 IN SOME OF MY DOCUMENTS MY NAME HAS BEEN IN CORRECTLY WRITTEN AS "TRISHIV SINGH" INSTEAD OF "ADVIK THAKUR" WHILE BOTH NAMES REFER TO THE SAME PERSON. THE CORRECT AND OFFICIAL NAME IS "ADVIK THAKUR" AND THIS NAME WILL BE VALID FOR ALL FUTURE PURPOSES.
0040744062-1

I, Anjuli, D/o Mr Mukul haroli R/o D-124 2nd floor sector 20 Noida UP, have changed my name after marriage from Anjuli to Anjuli Bhattacharya for all future purposes
40744089

I, AKASH CHATTARAJ S/O LATE S P CHATTARAJ R/O E-311, JALVAYU TOWER, SECTOR-47, NOIDA, GAUTAM BUDH NAGAR, U.P.-201301, have changed my minor daughter's name from ANANYA to ANANYA CHATTARAJ henceforth she would be known by the name of ANANYA CHATTARAJ for all future purposes.
407440053

LOST & FOUND

I, Mahesh Kumar, S/O. Late Suraj Prakash R/O.B-90, Ganesh Nagar, New Delhi-110018, have lost my Original Documents of my shop no.-1258, Faizganj, Bahadurgarh, Delhi-110006.
0040744115-12

Original Sale Deed in Respect of Property No-D1.RZ-B-67, Khasra.No.82/8 & 9, Mahavir Enclave, New Delhi-110045 made between DREAM WORK BUILDERS & ADITYA MITTAL and ABHIJIT BHADRA & NILANJANA BHADRA has been lost. Finder contact: Rahul Upadhyay S/O Anjani Kumar Upadhyay R/O B-23/27H, KH.No.16/18 SHYAM VIHAR PHASE-2, NAJAFGARH, NEW DELHI-110043 Mobile-No.9315440112.
0040743991-10

Original plot buyer agreement papers for plot no.-1, Mayfield Garden, dated 21/04/1998, Sector-51, Gurgaon have been lost/misplaced on 03/08/24 and FIR Reg. No.132271032400531 lodged in the police station, crime branch Haryana, Use of this document by any person or company will be illegal. Finder Please contact Ranjeet Kumar, C/O-Garmex India (P) Ltd, F-88, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-1, Delhi, Mobile-7042041264
0040744121-2

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE general public is hereby informed that my client, Smt. Jyoti Singh, S/o Harbhajan Singh, and his brother Manjeet Singh S/o Harbhajan Singh R/o WZ-6, Plot No.7, Ravir Nagar, West Delhi, Delhi-110018, has debarred & disowned Manpreet Singh S/o Manjeet Singh, and severed all relations with him for his misconduct from all his moveable & immovable properties. Anybody transacting any deal with him in respect to my client is doing that at his/her own risks.
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Ch.No.315, L.C. Building, Rohini Courts, Delhi.

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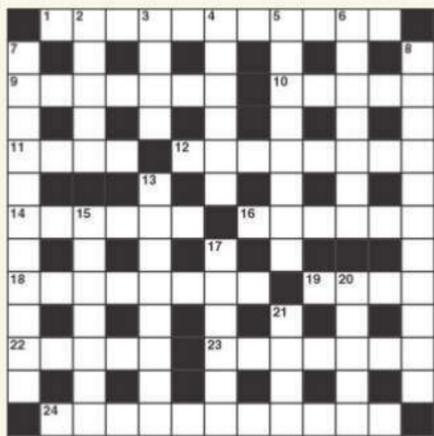
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CROSSWORD 5443



- ACROSS**
- U-boat weapon launcher in port due to be modified (7,4)
 - Military unit also included in the project (7)
 - Should prove uncommonly tough (5)
 - Wrote the first letter off from memory (4)
 - What a fisherman may do though rattled (8)
 - Annoyed at being evicted (3,3)
 - A word to stir up toppers (6)
 - Not a hot favourite of children (3,5)
 - Ring starts nervous reaction in the ear (4)
 - All for those making notes (5)
 - A neat drive (5-2)
 - Sports club dances hard hit by racks perhaps (6,5)
- DOWN**
- Love to take part in pictures (2,3)
 - Job with a soft stick (4)
 - Daniel is upset by a contradiction (6)
 - Food for people or horses (8)
 - In forgiveness they are allowed to be themselves (7)
 - Take what is suitable? (11)
 - Chest to pose problem? Doctors take it to heart (11)
 - He sees to a minor charge (8)
 - Fresh letters of support? (7)
 - Memorials for terriers in Australian city (6)
 - Descriptive of a great sea power (5)
 - Island producing copper and barium (4)

Solutions Crossword 5442 Across: 1 Sapper, 4 Chow mein, 9 Idioms, 10 Cataract, 12 East, 13 Party, 14 Well, 17 Ugly customer, 20 Counterclaim, 23 Amok, 24 Sport, 25 Lev, 28 Pedestal, 29 Mozart, 30 Departed, 31 Hector Down: 1 Spiteful, 2 Plimsoll, 3 Emma, 5 Heart-to-heart, 6 Weal, 7 Erased, 8 Nettle, 11 Passing phase, 15 Actor, 16 Peace, 18 Take part, 19 Embitter, 21 Tapped, 22 Hold up, 26 Tsr, 27 Love

OVER THE HEDGE by Michael Fry & T Lewis



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MARVIN by Tom Armstrong



JUMBLED WORDS

Given below are four jumbled words. Solve the jumbles to make proper words and move them to the respective squares below. Select the letters in the shaded squares and jumble them to get the answer for the given clue.

Every company's greatest assets are its _____, because without _____ there is no company. - Michael LeBoeuf (9,9) (same word twice)

BKEOR **CESYTU**

PESTS **EIRTCM**

SOLUTION: - BROKE, STEPS, CUTESY, METRIC

SUDOKU 5653

Difficulty Level 3s
Instructions
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Difficulty Level
1s = Very easy; 2s = Easy; 3s = Medium; 4s = Hard; 5s = Very Hard; 6s = Genius

SOLUTION SUDOKU 5652

4	9	2	1	7	5	8	3	6
5	7	8	2	6	3	9	4	1
1	3	6	4	8	9	5	7	2
2	6	1	7	9	8	3	5	4
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3	2	7	8	5	4	6	1	9
6	1	5	9	2	7	4	8	3
8	4	9	3	1	6	7	2	5

DAY TODAY

BY PETER VIDAL

- ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)**
If we look at your key celestial indications today, then adventure and independence are pretty strong. That all adds up to a moment when you can lift your sights to higher things, to pursue your grand vision of the way life could be.
- TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)**
Would it motivate you if cash bonuses were on the cards? Or would it matter to you if your costs were increasing? These are the sort of questions you're facing over the next couple of days. In relationships, why not tell someone how you really feel about them?
- GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)**
There's a conservative feel in the air today, as if you are tied to the feelings and emotions of the past. The people you'll hang out with could be older or more experienced but, also, if you've got the freedom bug, probably those you blame for holding you back.
- CANCER (June 22 - July 23)**
Venus, the most gracious of planets, and Saturn, the most stern of the celestial bodies, are in a state of some disagreement. There are two choices: either you will discipline yourself, or someone else will do it for you. Take the first steps when you are good and ready.
- LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)**
You have reason to become confident. But, and this is a big 'but', circumstances imposed on you by other people may force you to stay your hand, contain your feelings and take a mature and responsible course when your instincts are urging you to have a wild time.
- VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)**
Most of you have already put old problems and battles behind you, but the planets still have to draw a final curtain over the past. That is what they are now doing - today and tomorrow. After this your sign will be free from planetary pressures, and you will be released from certain bonds.
- LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)**
A new cycle begins over the next forty-eight hours, so many of you may feel a sudden increase in energy. You may feel as if you're on a jet accelerating to take-off. But don't fall into the trap of imagining that it's other people who are holding you back.
- SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)**
Time to take a look at your cash situation. The Moon advises you to make family finances your top priority and joint finances are the most important. You might be dependent on partners to make the first move, but then they will benefit from your ideas.
- SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)**
You're top of the pile today. Your sign has the strongest planets and that's a fair enough indication that you'll have the advantage in most situations. It's not that you're any better than other people, just that, somehow, the celestial spotlight is on you. That's why you carry such a responsibility.
- CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)**
It seems as if a passing fantasy or day-dream could contain the seeds of a very positive path forward. It's probably not a good day for rushing into new initiatives, though, partly because you could see a shift over the next two weeks.
- AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)**
A significantly-situated Moon pushes domestic matters up your agenda. This is your chance to take control and insist that whatever happens is for everyone's benefit, remembering that you also need to share any good-fortune with family members.
- PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)**
Try to see the larger picture. That's rather obvious advice to give you, for if anyone is aware of the bigger issues and universal principles, it's you. Today's stars encourage this part of your character to come out, so I think that partners will benefit from your insights.

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E-Tender Enq. No.: 7593/P-1/EMP-12772 dated 12.08.24
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-1) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_125417_1 for the Procurement of HRC fuses under EP Group for the year 2024-25. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 13.08.24/02.00 PM onwards.

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No. 36668/PB RTP-89/24

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

See Section U/S 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Lalit Kumar Gupta R/o C-6, CC Colony, 2nd Floor, Rana Pratap Bagh, Delhi-110007** has Committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **Reg. No. 560/2019 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Lalit Kumar Gupta** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Lalit Kumar Gupta** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Lalit Kumar Gupta** of case **Reg. No. 560/2019 U/s 138 NI Act, PS Rajouri Garden, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **03.10.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Karanbir Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate, NI Act-05 (West)
Room No. 4, Annexe-I
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/10644/WD/2024(Court Matter)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused person **Ekta Anand, S/o Parmod Kumar, R/o J 151 P.C Colony, Kankad Bagh, Patna, Bihar** also at **B-13 M Block, Sarita Vihar, 2nd Floor, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in **E-FIR No. 000443/17 U/S 380/411 IPC, P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused person **Ekta Anand** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Ekta Anand** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that **Ekta Anand** in **E-FIR No. 000443/17 U/S 380/411 IPC, P.S. Mukherjee Nagar, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **16.10.2024**.

By Order
Ms. Niharika Kumar Sharma
Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 117
Rohini Court, Delhi

DP/10809/NW/2024

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: R/ T No.78 to 85/2024-25/SE/Q
JIM Kalathupuzha, Kulakada, Poruvazhy, Theodiyoor, Thrikarua, Chithara, Pattazhy Vadakkekkara, Piravanthoor - WTP, providing FHTC, constructing operators room, supply and laying various size of PVC pipe, road restoration, CWMP & TM, gravity main, Boosting pump house, pump sets, well cum pump house, construction OHSR and allied works EMD: Rs. 200000, 50000 Tender fee: Rs. 11025+1985, 16540+2978 Last Date for submitting Tender: 30-08-2024 02:00pm Phone: 0474 2745293 Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in
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OPEN TENDER NOTICE

HQMM/30000070/ TRACK DOZERS/475 Dt: 16/08/2024
MSTC event no: NMDC/Head Office/ Material Management/14/24-25/ET/390/ TRACK DOZER 400-450HP
Online Tenders are invited through E-Procurement Mode for the following equipment/s from reputed manufacturers directly or through their accredited agents in India required for NMDC Ltd, BIOM Kirandul Complex, BIOM Bacheli Complex, DIOM Donimalai Complex and DMP Panna.

Description of Equipment	Qty (No.)	Display of Tender Documents Period	Last date & time for submission of offer	Earnest Money Deposit
Supply of Track Dozers, along with Operation and Maintenance Spares for 6 Years/10,000 Hours whichever is earlier as per specifications mentioned in the tender.	13	Draft Tender 16/08/2024 To 23/08/2024. The Pre-bid meeting is scheduled on 23/08/2024 (15:00 hrs) through Microsoft Teams Final Tender 03/09/2024 To 24/09/2024.	24/09/2024 2.30 PM	Rs 5,00,000/-

Complete Tender document is available in website: www.nmdc.co.in, <https://www.mstccommerce.com/eprocni/> & <http://eprocure.gov.in>. Any corrigendum to the above tender will be uploaded only on MSTC Portal / NMDC website and will not be published in newspapers. Prospective bidders should visit MSTC Portal and NMDC website, regularly from time to time to take note of corrigendum, if any. For further details logon to Tender Section of our website: www.nmdc.co.in General Manager (Materials)

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED

(See Section 82 Cr. PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person namely **Satyavir Singh @ Satyabir Singh S/o Mahesh Singh (Prop. of Signatory of Jai Mahaveer Product) R/o H.No. A-1130 G. No. 3, IV th Pusta Kartar Nagar, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CT No. 3371/2019 U/s 138 NI Act at PS: Nand Nagri, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused **Satyavir Singh @ Satyabir Singh** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused **Satyavir Singh @ Satyabir Singh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Satyavir Singh @ Satyabir Singh** of **CT No. 3371/2019 U/s 138 NI Act at PS: Nand Nagri, Delhi** is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.09.2024**.

By Order
Aridaman Singh Cheema
Metropolitan Magistrate-03
Shahdara, Court No.19,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/10806/NE/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr. P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sonu S/o Sh. Jitender Singh, R/o- Plot No. 400, Opposite Amity College, Bijwasan, Kapashera, New Delhi** also at **Sharifa Ward No. 07, PO- Karharia, Bhagalpur, Bath, Bhagalpur, Bihar** has committed (or suspected to have committed) the offence in case registered vide **FIR No. 574/2022 U/s 4/21 POC SO Act & 363/377/368/34 IPC P.S. Kapashera, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused **Sonu** can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sonu** has absconded (or is concealing myself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Sonu** of case **FIR No. 574/2022 U/s 4/21 POC SO Act & 363/377/368/34 IPC P.S. Kapashera, Delhi** is required to appear before this court (or before me) to answer the complaint on or before the day of **21.09.2024**.

By Order
Sh. Anurag Dass
Additional Session Judge (FTSC)-03
SW, Court No. 502, Fifth Floor,
Dwarka Court, New Delhi

DP/10659/SW/2024 (Court Matter)

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Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7592/P-3/EMP-12769 Dated 12.08.2024
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_125368_1 for Procurement of Tyres, Tubes & Flaps for GGSSTP for the year 2024-2025. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 12.08.2024/05.00 PM onwards.

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E-Tender Enq. No.: 7595/P-3/EMP-12777 dated 14.08.24
Dy. Chief Engineer/ Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_125560_1 for Procurement of Spares for Weir design BFP type FK6D30, Booster Pump type FA1B56 & Condensate Extraction Pumps (CEPs) model EN6J40 of Stage II & III, GGSSTP. For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to <https://eproc.punjab.gov.in> from 14.08.2024/05.00 PM onwards.

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No. - 36715/PB RTP-90/24

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4. Interview Date, Timing & Venue. The same will be intimated to candidates through e-mail and telephonically. Candidates must bring all the original certificate/mark sheets/degree of 10th/ Matric, 10+2 & Graduation / Post graduation / Diploma / Course, Work experience and Discharge book, PPO, Service records and 02 x PP size colour photographs at the time of interview. No TA/DA is admissible. Only candidates meeting the Qualitative Requirements may apply.

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1	2024_KMML_683420_1	For the supply of design, fabrication and supply of 900 KVAR automatic power factor correction (APFC) panel
2	2024_KMML_684089_1	For the supply of E Power Thyristor based temperature controller
3	2024_KMML_684048_1	For the supply of Brick for Spray Roaster Burner/Combuster
4	2024_KMML_683524_1	For the supply of M.S.Open Top Drums with lid, Oring/Gasket and Clamping ring
5	2024_KMML_685560_1	For the supply of PTFE Lined Plug valves and PTFE Sleeved Plug valves
6	2024_KMML_684892_1	For fabrication & supply of Sulphuric Acid Cooler/E315
7	2024_KMML_685370_1	For the supply of Support Roller Assembly for Roaster and Calciner K101/101A/301/301A-4 Nos and Thrust Roller Assembly without Tie Rod-2ST
8	2024_KMML_683190_1	Implementation of Condensate Recovery system from U200 & U300 of Titanium Pigment production unit of KMML

Chavara 14.08.2024 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

KOLHAPUR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, KOLHAPUR CITY WATER SUPPLY & DRAINAGE DIVISION

E-TENDER (Mahatenders.gov.in) Extension 1st

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22/2024-25	26/08/2024	The Indian Express	1

Due to Competition and no Response for the above work, date Extension is being given from Date 15/08/2024 to Date 19/08/2024. The Terms & Conditions of Earlier Tender will be same. Date- 14/08/2024

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Add. Commissioner
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