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Wrestler Vinesh Phogat is greeted by supporters at New Delhi's IGI Airport after she returned from Paris on Saturday. Gajendra Yadav

Vinesh returns: Love I got worth more than 1,000 Olympic Golds

NAMIT KUMAR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

NEVER HAS an athlete without a medal around her neck got the kind of grand homecoming that awaited Vinesh Phogat on Saturday. It took even the wrestler by surprise.

Phogat's return to India was delayed as she stayed back in Paris to await the outcome of her appeal in the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), challenging her disqualification from the 50-kg gold-medal bout at the Olympics for being 100g overweight. Her appeal was dismissed on

Wednesday.

On Saturday, as she exited from Gate No. 18 of Delhi Airport's Terminal 3 at around 10.30 am, Phogat seemed to be in a state of daze — the Paris trauma of the missed medal writ large on her face. Eyes puffed due to lack of sleep, cheeks shrunk, and a messy haircut given by her trainer a cruel reminder of the night before the final weigh-in, she looked around expressionless.

Then she broke into a smile. She had spotted her mother, brother, other family members and her two fellow protesters, Bajrang Punia and Sakshi Malik. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

A village stays up to bestow their honours: Cash, turbans, swords

NITIN SHARMA
BALALI, AUGUST 17

IT'S BEEN a long day for 10-year-old Anshaj Kumar, a resident of Balali, aka Vinesh Phogat's village in Haryana's Charkhi Dadri district which is a three-and-a-half hour drive away from Delhi on most days. At about 10 am, around the time Phogat's flight from Paris landed in the Capital, he was tasked with guarding the temple premises that had 750 kg of desi ghee laddoos.

The wait for Phogat gets over past midnight, when she finally reaches the village, over 12 hours



Among the gifts: Vikrant Fauji's ₹21,000; Sanjay Chowkidar's ₹100. Jasbir Malhi

after she walked out of the Delhi airport. With every Haryana **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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BENGALURU, AUGUST 17

KARNATAKA GOVERNOR Thawarchand Gehlot on Saturday accorded sanction for prosecution against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and allowed three private complainants to file cases in court seeking a probe against him over allotment of 14 housing sites in Mysuru to his wife in 2021 (when the BJP was in power) in exchange for 3.16 acres of land acquired from her by Mysuru authorities.

"I hereby accord sanction against Chief Minister Sri Siddaramaiah under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

EXPLAINED
What the land deal is about

THE LAND was allotted under a special 50:50 scheme to the CM's wife in a prime Vijaynagar area in Mysuru in 2021 in exchange for her land in Kesare village. The Kesare land, allegedly of Dalit families, was acquired by her brother and gifted to her. The scheme, introduced when BJP was in power, was discontinued in Oct 2023 after the urban development dept flagged it as contrary to compensation rules.

From 'no' to 'discussing it': Omar rethinks stand against fighting polls



NC leader and former J&K CM Omar Abdullah

BASHAARAT MASOOD
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 17

SINCE JAMMU and Kashmir's special status was abolished in 2019 and it was made a Union Territory, National Conference (NC) vice-president Omar Abdullah has consistently stated that he will never contest Assembly elections. However, he is having a rethink in the aftermath of his party's subpar performance in the Lok Sabha polls and amid pressure from his father and party colleagues.

In his first interview since the abrogation of Article 370, Omar, in July 2020, told *The Indian Express* that he would never be a member of the Assembly of the **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Jamaat says won't be threat to India; but it's easier said than done



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SHUBHAJIT ROY
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Parwar was freed from jail two days after Hasina fled country

the premier Islamist organisation in Bangladesh, Jamaat-e-Islami, has said it will not be a threat to India, the India-Bangla borders **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

Vandalism at RG Kar: TMC men, students, gym trainer, delivery staff among accused

RAVIK BHATTACHARYA & ATRIMITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 17

TWO TRINAMOOL Congress workers, several men in their teens or 20s, and a couple of women — these are among people identified or arrested in connection with the vandalism at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on the night of August 14, *The Indian Express* has found.

The vandalism took place when doctors were holding a midnight protest against the rape and murder of a junior doctor at the hospital. Facing criticism over the violence, the police have released 76 photos of people allegedly involved in the vandalism, and made 30 arrests. *The Indian Express* spoke to



Inside RG Kar's emergency building after it was ransacked Wednesday. File

the families of 15 people — 14 who have been arrested and one who is allegedly absconding. **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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Delhi HC comes to rescue of aspiring cop rejected over tattoo, opens doors for others

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SOHINI GHOSH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

A DETERMINED youth and a recent Delhi High Court ruling have come as a ray of hope for multiple young men and women who aspired to join the Delhi Police but were rejected

because of impermissible tattoos on the right forearm, which is considered the saluting arm.

Nearly a year ago, in September 2023, Deepak Yadav came across a direct recruitment notification by the Staff Selection Commission (SSC) on vacancies for the post of Delhi Police constable (executive) and decided to give it a go.

A resident of Baghpat in Uttar Pradesh, the 20-year-old cleared



The medical test for the post of Delhi Police constable was held on January 20. File

the computer-based exam in December 2023. Only two hurdles remained now — the medical exam, which includes a physical fitness test, on January 20, 2024, and the removal of his mother's name that was tattooed on his right forearm as a child.

To avoid getting rejected during the physical fitness test — since tattoos on the saluting forearm are not permitted — Yadav **CONTINUED ON PAGE 2**

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A village bestows honours

village on the way wanting to honour her, she couldn't have driven past the men, women and children lined up on the highway. Through the day, Anshaj sits in a corner of the stage set up for Phogat's felicitation, maintaining a single-line school notebook that has entries of voluntary donations by the villagers for their 'chhori' who missed out on a medal at the Paris Olympics. As the pile of laddoos shrink, the amount in his accounting book increases. The list of contributors is a heartening read, an indication of how much the villagers — cutting across social strata — care for the little girl who they saw grow up to be a champion wrestler. The neatly-bunched soiled notes in Anshaj's drawer don't have the sparkle of gold or silver, but it is an assurance to Phogat that she is not alone. There is Sanjay Chowkidar, the village watchman who is the tenth person on the list of contributors, with Rs 100 next to his name. Raghbir Master with Rs 500; Shalu Badal with a garland of notes worth Rs 5,100; Kunwar Bir Singh with a pagdi and sword; Natu (Vikrant Fauji) of Fauji Bhachara group with Rs 21,000 among others. Deep into the night, as the debate over the Phogat entourage's GPS location continues, donors keep queuing up. And Anshaj, with a smile, lists their names, counting and re-counting the notes. Sanjay Chowkidar is reluctant to talk but agrees when coaxed. His memories about Phogat date back to the day when she was barely five years old. "She was like my daughter," he says, and goes on to narrate his Phogat story.

"When I used to take my round at night, she would often tell me, 'uncle, you are so brave'. See now, who turned out to be brave? She is the bravest girl in the world and the strongest too." He chokes with emotion, but doesn't bother to wipe his tears as he takes his seat next to the stage. Anshaj, too, wants to be quoted. "Vinesh Didi to humare live gold hain (Vinesh Didi is like gold for us). Since the time I can remember, we would get laddoos when she won... How can we miss this time," he says, before adding that Balali has got over the shock of her disqualification. "For us, she is an Olympic medalist and we will tell her this." The real excitement can be seen among Balali's women. Phogat's long-time neighbour, Dhanpanti, remembers her as a mischievous girl who was also responsible and warm-hearted. "Her father was everything for her; after his demise, Vinesh became the family's shield. As a child, she would help her mother manage the livestock, work in the fields or even fight for the family's rights. I wish every girl in the village was like Vinesh. She teaches everyone to fight for their rights," she says. Tearing up, she points out how Phogat stood up to higher-ups, leading the protest against then WFI chief Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. In the shamiana outside, a few girls, all budding wrestlers, are returning from training at the local akhada. The halwai from the neighbouring village of Jhoju Kalan calls them inside. "Have warm milk and laddoos. It will make you strong to cheer for Vinesh Didi when she arrives. You too have to be like her," he says.

Among the girls is two-time Asian Cadet Champion and last year's World Cadet Bronze medalist Neha Sangwan. "Vinesh Didi has reached where no other wrestler from the village has. For us, the Olympic Gold was hers and that's what we want to tell her. Didi met us before the Olympics and told us that every single one of us should dream about the Olympics," she says. Village Sarpanch Reetika Sangwan can't make it to the felicitation function. She is a young mother of a month-old son. She has assigned the task to her husband Bindraj. "She has told me to bring Vinesh's blessings as well as a cloth touched by her. I will make my newborn boy wear it so that he gets the same courage as her," he says. "Vinesh has done the whole clan, as well as Khaps, proud. Apart from the honours like pagdi (turban), we are also weighing her with laddoos and coins. It does not matter that she missed the medal due to some grams. She is worth more than any weight, and these laddoos and coins of her weight will be distributed to the poor," says Balwant, the head of the Phogat Khap. Balali's younger residents urge the DJ to play a recently released "Phogat inspired" Haryanvi song. It is titled "Shero", and the lyrics go thus: "Karni swagat sherni ka, ladke aye se, Paris main naam uncha kar ke aye se, char baar ke champion hara di se, fir bhi dhokha." Well into the night, the younger ones dance as the elders cheer. Among them is Sanjay Chowkidar. There's no need to guard the streets today, nobody's sleeping at Balali.

Vinesh returns

with whom she had sat at Jantar Mantar last year, leading the protest against former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) president and BJP leader Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, accused of sexual harassment by some of the country's elite wrestlers. Phogat was escorted to a waiting SUV and made to sit on top of it. The assembled crowd raised slogans, showered rose petals and covered her with marigold garlands. Overwhelmed by the show of affection, the wrestler broke down, then wiped her tears and folded her hands to acknowledge the crowd. A group of schoolgirls, who had travelled to Delhi from rural Haryana, could be heard talking about the bout where "Vinesh didi" took down unbeaten Japanese legend Yui Susaki. An elderly woman dodged the crowd to get a glimpse of Phogat. "What all she has gone through... what she made of," she wondered aloud. The politics, ahead of the coming Haryana Assembly elections, was hard to miss. Congress leader Deepender Hooda was with Phogat at the airport, greeting fans and accepting garlands. BJP member and former boxer Vijender Singh was there too. The cavalcade of cars with the Phogat entourage had pictures of the wrestler with a caption that read, "mahri chhori, khara sona (my daughter, pure gold)". On the way to her village of Balali, in Charkhi Dadri district of Haryana, they made many pit stops — starting with Mahipalpur, Delhi's Jatan-dominated area close to airport. All along the way, small reception parties were waiting, under

colourful shamianas with plastic chairs arranged in neat rows. After a few stops, Phogat looked emotional. Though reluctant to speak initially, she later took the microphone and addressed the gatherings. "So what if they didn't give me the gold medal, people here have given me more than that. The love and respect that I have received is worth more than a 1,000 Olympic gold medals," she said. Her brother Harinder, who organised the road trip to the village, talked about the outpouring of public affection for Phogat. "Vinesh is returning to the country. People have come here at the (Delhi) airport to welcome her. People are also waiting to welcome her to our village. They are excited to meet Vinesh and encourage her," he said. As they made their way to the Delhi-Haryana border, on the outskirts of Gurgaon, the reception took on a different colour. Away from the swarm of cameras and police, the fans could get closer to the one they had been waiting for. Next to the highway, at a small felicitation organised by a local property dealer, the mood was visibly jubilant. Slogans raised about "struggle" and "revolution" were drowned out by celebratory Haryanvi folk music. Phogat and Punia braved the passionate crowds as elders made their way to bless them and, in an endearing scene, several parents were seen bringing their daughters to present flowers to, and get a glimpse of, their idol. At every crossroad, Phogat's SUV was stopped by selfie-seekers. By late evening, Phogat seemed exhausted, but the smile that was missing from the photographs that emerged from Paris after her disqualification was back.

Tattoo

got his removed by undergoing a laser tattoo removal surgery. On January 20, the date of his medical examination, he checked all of the boxes under the criteria of physical fitness. Things were looking up, that is, until the examiners took one look at his right forearm and declared him unfit on account of a "faded tattoo". Undeterred, he sought a review medical examination. By Yadav's calculations, he had around two weeks before the review medical examination, giving him enough time to undergo four to five more sessions to permanently erase the remnants of the tattoo. However, instead of two weeks, his review medical examination was scheduled two days later — on January 22, 2024. The SSC's review medical board too declared him "unfit". Yadav, who was in the process of getting his tattoo removed, decided to appeal against his second rejection. What followed was five months of rounds in various courtrooms. He first moved the Principal Bench of Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) in February, challenging the SSC's decision. In April 2024, the CAT ruled in his favour, saying that "there is no bar for reconsideration of case of the applicant(s) who have tattoos for second medical re-examination". Citing multiple sources, the CAT expounded on the tradition of tattoo culture among various indigenous tribes in India. The tribunal further directed the SSC to conduct a medical examination to decide if Yadav was fit to be appointed as a constable. The SSC challenged this order before the Delhi HC. After personally inspecting Yadav's right forearm and looking at his faded tattoo scar, a Division Bench of Justices Suresh Kait and Girish Kathpalia on July 24 held that a candidate cannot be rejected on such grounds. Directing the SSC and Delhi Police to allow Yadav to belatedly join within a week the second batch for training that had commenced on July 1, the HC stressed that "opportunity is always granted to such (a) candidate to get it removed within a time bound manner". Sources told *The Indian Express* that Yadav's case has come as a bright spot for nearly 40 other similarly situated candidates. Having appeared for the posts of male and female constables (executive) in the 2023 Delhi Police recruitment examination, these candidates were not considered because of similarly impermissible tattoos despite subsequently removing them or being ready to remove them. According to rules, persons with certain tattoos who wish to apply in the Delhi Police may have to get them removed. When the SSC issued the advertisement for recruitments in the Delhi Police on September 1, 2023, it included the criteria under medical standards. Clause 13.2 specified the conditions under which tattoos on various body parts are permissible — as well as their content, location and size. Tattoos on the saluting forearm are not permitted.

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Act, 1988, and Section 218 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023, for the commission of the alleged offences as mentioned in the petitions," Gehlot said in a August 16 communication released Saturday. The three private complainants T J Abraham, Snehamayi Krishna and Pradeep Kumar, all anti-corruption activists, had approached the Governor in July alleging corruption in the acquisition of 3.16 acre of land in the Kesare village of Mysuru in 2004 by Siddaramaiah's brother-in-law B M Mallikarjun. The latter had gifted the land in 2010 to Siddaramaiah's wife Parvathi BM. This land was subsequently exchanged in 2021 for 14 housing sites by the Mysore Urban Development Authority under a 50:50 scheme (where land equivalent to half the acquired land is allotted in a developed area) in Mysuru's Vijayanagar area. After a special Cabinet meeting convened on Saturday, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar said the Cabinet decided to oppose and condemn the Governor's decision. "The entire Cabinet, party MLAs and party leadership is behind Siddaramaiah. The CM will not bow down to pressure," he said. "Cabinet has decided that the sanction for prosecution has no constitutional backing. We are going to challenge... It has strongly condemned the Governor for working as a representative of the

Central government," Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said. "The party MLAs and the high command has said they will stand with me," he said. To a question if he would step down, he said, "Why should I resign? According to me, Governor should resign." "There is a standard operating procedure in such cases which has not been followed. Only a police officer can seek a sanction based on an investigation report otherwise the Governor's office will turn into a post office for private complaints," the legal advisor to the CM and Congress legislator A S Ponnana said. The Siddaramaiah government had stopped the 50:50 scheme of MUDA in October 2023 after complaints of misuse of the scheme (that was started during the BJP tenure in 2020) by vested interests. All land exchange by MUDA under the 50:50 scheme was halted pending an inquiry after allegations of corruption against the CM in June. The Karnataka government is expected to challenge the Governor's decision. In anticipation of the sanction, the Congress rallied around the CM on August 9 and the state Cabinet passed a resolution on August 13 advising the Governor against the sanction. The Congress Cabinet held a special meeting Saturday evening. Karnataka Industries Minister and Congress leader M B Patil on Saturday said the office of the

Governor was being used by the NDA government at the Centre to target a backward class and poor CM. "When the complaints were filed against the CM on July 26, the Chief Secretary provided all the necessary information but on the same day, the Governor hastily issued a show cause notice to the CM raising suspicions about his conduct. There are requests for prosecution of JDS leader H D Kumaraswamy and BJP leader Shashikala Jolle pending for months on which the Governor has not acted," Patil said. Congress spokesperson Ramesh Babu said the Governor's move violates a 2015 order of Karnataka HC which rejected a sanction for prosecution of former BJP CM BS Yediyurappa on grounds that "relevant consideration" of complaint was not done by Governor. The HC had also said the Governor could not have granted sanction on basis of a private complaint without an investigation report by an independent agency. In the MUDA scam, the Karnataka government has constituted two separate probes: first by a one-man judicial commission headed by former Karnataka HC Justice PN Desai and, second by an IAS officer Venkatachalapathy. There are, however, Karnataka HC orders which have ruled that a Governor's sanction is not required to file a private complaint against a public servant in a Prevention of Corruption case.

Omar Abdullah rethinks stand

Union Territory of J&K. "At the moment, you have a disempowered assembly. Which is again, why I said — look I have been the leader of J&K state's assembly, I am not going to J&K UT assembly and act as if nothing has changed. So long as J&K remains a UT, I will never be a member of its Assembly. Hopefully, when J&K is restored to statehood then we can start taking a look at everything that has been done and see what options are available to us," Omar said at the time. In a recent interview to *The Indian Express*, published on August 7, the former CM of the erstwhile state again emphasised he would not contest elections. "No, I am not contesting. I have made it very clear. I have been the CM of a state... I can't see myself in a position where I would have to ask the LG for appointing my peon... I am not going to sit outside the waiting room of the LG and, ask him, 'Sir, please sign the file'," Omar said. On Friday, after the EC announced that the Assembly elections in J&K — the first in almost a decade — would be held from September 18, the NC leader announced he was having a rethink amid "pressure from within the party". He told reporters in Srinagar that he would take a call soon after discussions with his father and NC president Farooq Abdullah and party colleagues. "As far as the question about me contesting the elections is, I still believe I don't want to contest the polls. But the fact is that there is a lot of pressure from within the

party... I will sit together with my colleagues in the party, talk to them, and come to a decision in two or three days," Omar said. He said his father was insisting that he contest the polls. "There is another problem for me," Omar said. "My father, who is old and doesn't keep well at times, has said that if I don't contest polls, he will be forced to take the field. This is an issue of concern for me. I will talk to my party colleagues, I will discuss with Farooq sahib, and arrive at a decision." An NC leader said, "There is a sense within the party that it should not leave open any chance at whatsoever level. When we decided to boycott the panchayat and municipal polls, we soon realised it was a mistake and that we had handed over these institutions to people who would ruin J&K. We do not want such a repetition. The government has been trying hard to replace the traditional leaders and we provided them a chance back then. Thankfully, they could not exploit that. If we stay, new people will emerge." Another NC functionary said that while there had been discussions about giving the CM post to a senior leader, Farooq did not want to loosen his grip on the party. "There are no doubt differences between party's old and new guard. Farooq sahib has been keeping the flock together. If someone else is given charge, the party could unravel. Farooq sahib does not want that to happen. That is why he is adamant that Omar sahib should join the contest or else he will himself."

Jamaat

will be stable, and there will be no terrorist activity by the outfit. Golam Parwar, a former MP of Jamaat-e-Islami between 2001-2006, was arrested by the Sheikh Hasina government on July 20 and was freed two days after she fled. In an interview here to *The Indian Express* here, he said: "India is a friendly country... people of India are not our enemies. The Modi government's policy aimed non-Awami League parties as anti-India. They think that only the Awami League can keep them safe, and if Islamic parties like ours come, then it will become a breeding ground for terrorists. This is a wrong perception." "We can assure the people of India that we will not be a threat to India, that the borders will be stable and there will be no terrorist activity from our side," said Parwar, the outfit's Secretary General since 2020. The group was de-registered in 2013 and has, therefore, not been eligible to contest elections. However, a change of heart for the Jamaat is easier said than done given the organisation's record in domestic politics, seen as being defined by its headline ideology, and its patronage of terror networks that have posed many a security challenge for India and within. Officials said the challenge is for the interim government to map its contours of engagement with the Jamaat. Jamaat chief and then Industries Minister Motiur Rahman Nizami was convicted and handed the death penalty for the 10-truck arms and ammunition haul that took place in Chattogram on the night of April 1, 2004. The weapons and ammunition were allegedly meant for terrorist groups, including ULFA. Nizami was executed on May 11, 2016, after Bangladesh SC upheld his death penalty for committing crimes against humanity during the country's Liberation War. With the Jamaat since 1986, Parwar, 66, is a postgraduate degree holder in accounting. He sat down with a notebook — prepared with talking points for the interview — and a clutch of Bangla newspapers in the first-floor office of Dainik Sangram, a pro-Jamaat-e-Islami publication. He has two iPhone 15s on the table, and said he has had to change phones due to police harassment. The office doesn't have much security, except a lone guard at the entrance. Parwar was in jail on August 5 when he watched on TV that Bangladesh PM Sheikh Hasina had quit and fled the country. "I saw the visuals and the news on TV in jail, and the dark period under the Awami League has now come to an end," he said. On the violence against Hindus since August 5 — at least five have been killed and there are more than 200 incidents — Parwar denied any Jamaat involvement. "They (those behind attacks) are criminal elements who have taken the advantage of the situation, some out of past enmity, some local disputes, and they should be dealt with as per law. The authorities must investigate and do justice... according to Islamic philosophy, we don't believe in violence against our brothers." He said that Ameer (Chief of

Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami Shafiqur Rahman — who is the head of the outfit that was deregistered in 2013 and banned on August 1, 2024 — had visited the Dhakeshwari temple and had met Hindu minority groups. Hindu minority leader Basudeb Dhar, who met the Jamaat-e-Islami leaders as incidents of attacks against Hindus were being reported, told *The Indian Express*, "I told the Jamaat leaders that you have an image of being a communal and fundamentalist group. This is your opportunity to prove yourself otherwise." Dhar said that Jamaat sent its people to guard the temple as the violence had broken out and the police were not around in the first few days after the fall of Hasina government. Parwar also said, "There has been a wrong perception created that Jamaat is an extremist, fundamentalist and communal party. They have labelled us like that." When pressed on the links between Jamaat-e-Islami and terrorist outfits like HUIJ (Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami) and others, he said, "There has been no evidence of links between Jamaat-e-Islami and terrorist outfits". Asked about the period, 2001-2006, during the BNP-Jamaat alliance government, when there were anti-India terror acts from Bangladesh, he said, "We were just two ministers out of 60 and about 20 seats out of 200, so our influence was proportionately limited. There were incidents but those were criminal activities. There was no involvement of Jamaat-e-Islami workers then, and there is no involvement of workers now against Hindus or temples. Those who committed those crimes should be brought to justice. This is due to our commitment to Islamic philosophy, our Imaan." In August 2005, around 500 bomb explosions took place across Bangladesh at 300 locations in 63 out of its 64 districts. The Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh, a group affiliated with al Qaida, claimed responsibility. The Harkat-ul-Jihad al-Islami (Bangladesh) cooperated with the JMB in carrying out the bomb blasts. Quoting the Quran, he said that when Islamic party forms a government, they have to follow "equity, human dignity and social justice". "And this is for all mankind, for all Hindus, Muslims and other groups," Parwar said. Underlining that the Awami League rule was "a dark period for the opposition space", he said that what the world saw of people entering the PM's residence, the Gana Bhaban, was the "outburst of 16 years of pent up anger". He said that the students were protesting for jobs. "When Hasina abused them as Razakars, that was a big mistake," he said. Critical of India's support to Hasina, Parwar said that the Indian "intelligence agencies (had) failed to understand the ground situation." Thanking PM Modi for congratulating Muhammad Yunus, he said: "They (Indian officials) appear to be accepting their mistakes." Asked about the Jamaat's role in the protests, he said: "We extended our support but it was a students and people's movement. We gave statements, but not indulged in violence."

Among the accused in RG Kar vandalism

Many of the men and women left home that night after telling their families that they were going to protest against the rape and murder — but ultimately became accused in the vandalism. Most also live within a five-kilometre radius of the hospital, and some had gone with their friends. They include: SOUMIK DAS, 24: About three kilometres from RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, in Nagerbazar police station area, is the residence of Das, a gym instructor and a local TMC worker. A photo and video released by the police purportedly show him using a baton to ransack parts of the emergency building. He has since been arrested. "He has not been home since the incident. Police came and asked us to bring him to the station, but he was eventually arrested from elsewhere. He is repentant; he got swayed by emotion," said his aunt, who did not wish to be identified. "Ask the party whether he worked for them or not. Ask anyone here — they will tell you that he was a party (TMC) worker. He was not alone; other youths also went with him," she said. Just before his arrest, Das admitted to a Bengali news channel that he was at the site of the vandalism. "I have committed a mistake and I repent. We all went from Shyambazar... We are emotional... Many in my gym also went there," Das, a B.Com graduate, told the channel. Locals said he is known to Sukanta Sen Sharma, a local TMC leader and councillor of ward number 14. Sukanta, however, said, "I don't know him. I don't think he belongs to our party. Everyone is a TMC supporter or worker these days; some are friends, some are enemies." JABBAR ANSARI, 40: In a photo released by the police, Jabbar is purportedly seen giving instructions to people inside the emergency building as the vandalism was underway. He has not been arrested so far. His sister, Bachchiya Apa, said he has not returned home since that night. "We do not know where he is, but the police are calling every day," she said. "I do not know what he has done. But it is not right to disturb us. My brothers are known TMC workers in the area, respected people." His elder daughter, aged 20, said, "I have seen the picture. He is a respected man. He must have been asking them (the miscreants) to leave the hospital." His elder brother too said they don't know where he is. RISHI KANT MISHRA, 35: About half a kilometre from RG Kar is where Mishra, who was picked up by police on Friday night, lives. "They said he pelted stones. We don't know. I went to the police station and they told me he had been arrested," said Lakshman Mishra, his brother. Mishra's elder brother Srikant is a building materials supplier and a TMC worker, with neighbours saying the two are often seen at party events. Mishra, locals said, works in a godown.

SUBHODIP KUNDU, 23: About half an hour from the hospital, in Murariapur, are the homes of three friends who have been arrested. Among them is Subhodip alias Sunny, who is unemployed and was arrested on the afternoon of August 16. A photo purportedly shows him standing on a fallen guardrail near the hospital gate. "He and two of his friends went there on the evening of August 14. He told me after he returned. He was capturing whatever was happening on his phone while standing on that guardrail," claimed Dola Kundu, his mother. "After police took him away, we went to the local TMC ward councillor, who refused to help us," she said. SOUMYADIP MAHISH, 22: Mahish, who delivers food for an app-based firm, lives five minutes from Kundu's residence. His father Gopal Mahish, too, claimed he had gone to the hospital "with his friends, to see the protests". "He is not involved in the vandalism. We asked the TMC councillor to help us but he refused. The families of all three boys from the neighbourhood went to him last night," he said. SOURAV DEY, 20: The third youth to be arrested from the neighbourhood, Dey works in a pesticide manufacturing company. His family did not speak much, though his aunt, Basoya Dey, said he was arrested on Friday evening. "We believe he is innocent," she said. PAUL GHOSH, 27: Ghosh, who runs a computer business, is a resident of Muktaram Babu Street, three kilometres from RG Kar. His family claims he was there to protests against the junior doctor's rape and murder. "He and his friends went to Shyambazar to protest. Many people did. He said it is his duty. At 11 am, he spoke to me on the phone and said he will come home after midnight," claimed his father Jagabandhu Ghosh. "On Friday afternoon, the police came and informed us that he had been arrested. The police should arrest vandals, not bystanders," said his mother Krishna Ghosh. TUSHALDAR, 19: Haldar, one of two women to have been arrested, lives a kilometre from the hospital. Her family said she is a student. Photos purportedly show her inside the emergency building, with a bamboo in her hand. "We all went to Shyambazar for the rally. Then there was commotion at RG Kar and somehow my daughter got caught in it. I don't know anything else. Police came to our home this afternoon. My daughter had just had her lunch when they took her away," claimed her mother Bishakha. Asked about the photo, she reiterated that her daughter is innocent.

at 2 am and she said she was okay and would return soon," said Toti Das, her mother. "The next day, the police informed us that she had been arrested. We don't know what to do. They have slapped such grave sections against her," she said. Before leaving her job earlier this year, Ruma used to work in a private company. PRADIP SEN, 22: A resident of Ultadanga area, Sen is a driver, his family said. "He went out that day and got drunk. Then he and his friends went to RG Kar. I called him many times but he didn't respond. At 3 am, he got back home and told me that the police had lathi charged them," said his wife, Polly. She said he was arrested on August 15. "If he has done such a thing, he should be punished. But he does not figure in the photos released by the police," she said. RAJUBAG, 28: Bag, who is unemployed, lives four kilometres from the hospital. "He left home in the evening, like many others from the neighbourhood, to visit RG Kar for the protest. His picture was not released by the Kolkata police. I think this is a mistake. Where is the proof?" said Asha Bag, his mother, who works as a domestic help. DEBASHISH MONDOL, 27: Mondol works as a delivery person for a local grocer. "He went out with boys from the neighbourhood after dinner. He told me he was going for the candle march, but did not return. The next day, a photo of him standing on a police barricade was released," said Raju Mondol, his father. "Police came on August 15 and I told them he was just a bystander. They did not listen. Later, we went to the police station and he surrendered," said Raju. SUROJIT KARMAKAR, 34: Surojit, an electrician, went to RG Kar with Debashish Mondol and Raju Bag. Locals claim the men were drunk. "They all went to protest. Where is the proof that he committed a crime?" said Pinky Karmakar, his wife. MD AZLAN UL HAQ, 19: The family of the college student, who lives in the vicinity of the hospital, claimed he went to check what the commotion was about. "At night, there were rallies and some commotion. My son went to see what was happening. In the morning, he didn't return. We finally learnt from the court that he has been arrested," said Sahina Haq, his mother. "He is not that kind of a boy. His career will be ruined." TANVIR ALAM, 19: Alam, who used to be a driver but is currently unemployed, also lives in the vicinity of the hospital. "Like all boys in the neighbourhood, he went to RG Kar on hearing about the commotion. The next day we saw a photo released by the Kolkata police of him standing inside the emergency department," said Mukhtar Ali, his uncle. "We went to the police station to see him but were not allowed," he said.

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Green lung or museum? Authorities weigh options for Rajghat Power House land

DAMINI NATH & JATIN ANAND
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

FIVE YEARS since the Rajghat Power House was decommissioned, the fate of the 28.86-acre parcel of land near the Yamuna that housed it for over seven decades has remained uncertain. However, this might change soon.

From a green lung to a museum, several possibilities for the utilisation of the land are being considered with the Centre having moved to take back its possession and the Delhi government considering alternate uses for it. The Indian Express has learnt.

The land is located next to the Rajghat Samadhi complex, which has memorials to Mahatma Gandhi, along with former Prime Ministers Jawaharlal Nehru, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Indira Gandhi, Atal Bihari Vajpayee and others. It was allotted by the Centre in two portions – in 1941 and 1947 – for the purposes of a power plant to the Delhi Central Electric Power Authority.

According to sources, the Land and Development Office (L&DO) under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) decided to re-enter, or take back, the land in 2018 as the lessee had not paid

ALL ABOUT THE COMPLEX

THE LAND parcel is spread over 28.86 acres and is located next to the Rajghat Samadhi Complex near the Yamuna

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It could also be used as an extension of Rajghat Samadhi complex. Archive

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THE ALTERNATE uses of the land parcel include turning it into a sprawling green lung in the heart of Delhi to a museum

ground rent and sub-divided the property in violation of the lease. In February 2019, the L&DO asked for possession of the land, sources said.

"Power Minister Atishi has approved a draft related to various possibilities for the utilisation of the land for consideration by the Delhi Cabinet and the process is ongoing," a Delhi government source said, adding that L-G VK Saxena's Secretariat too was "apprised of the matter".

In the meantime, the land had been in use by Indraprastha Power Generation Co. Ltd (IPGCL), which is

a Delhi government company, and BSES Yamuna Power Ltd (BYPL), a joint venture between Delhi government and Reliance Infrastructure Ltd, when the power sector was privatised in the Capital in 2002. The plant was rarely functioning since 2014 but was officially shut down in September 2019, as per a Power Department source.

Both companies moved the High Court against the L&DO in 2019 as they still had their offices at the site, as well as a coal yard of 3.5 acres. Interestingly, IGPCCL withdrew its pe-

tion in 2023 and BYPL in February this year.

IPGCL informed the court on August 25 last year that it wanted to withdraw its petition based on an office order of June 13, 2023 by the Deputy Director (Power) of Delhi government, "which states that the Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor, Delhi, has directed withdrawal of all pending cases relating to the Rajghat Power House land," the HC order said.

While IGPCCL's petition had been withdrawn, the land was yet to be

On way home from work, MNC exec chases down truck that hit pedestrian, gets feted by Delhi Police

UPASIKA SINGHAL
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

WORKING IN a multinational company, Ritik Vats, 27, usually leaves office at 4am. On August 10, he left a little earlier: His daughter was ill and he needed to be home.

On way from the office in Rohini to his home in Mohan Garden, around 2.45am, he spotted a truck hurtling down Peergarhi flyover towards an underpass. The next moment, the truck hit a man on the side of the road before speeding away.



Ritik Vats being felicitated.

"Several thoughts ran through my mind in those few seconds," said Vats. "I then decided to chase the truck." Vats also filmed the

process on his mobile phone. "I thought that if I don't catch this person, he may never get caught," Vats told *The Indian Express*.

Vats chased the truck for 6-7 kms before he was able to overtake the vehicle and force it to stop near Vikaspuri flyover.

"The driver begged me to leave him and even offered some money...I shouted at him...I mean, where was his humanity? He just killed someone who was simply walking down a road," Vats said. Vats then called the police and within a few minutes, a large number of personnel showed up.

Police had already received information of an accident under the Bhera Enclave underpass on the Outer Ring Road. They saw a man, roughly 40-45 years old, lying on the side of the road in a pool of blood. He was taken to Sanjay Gandhi Hospital where he was declared dead by the doctors.

Police arrested 24-year-old Shivam, the driver of the truck. He was booked under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita sections 281 and 106.

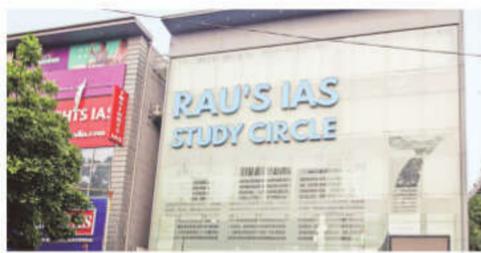
On Friday, Vats was felicitated by the Delhi Traffic Police and was awarded Rs 10,000 in cash and a commendation certificate.

'Hoax bomb threat' in 2 NCR malls; one turns out to be security drill

Noida/Gurgaon: Two malls in Gurgaon and Noida were evacuated Saturday after they received bomb threat emails with police later saying that nothing suspicious was found. According to Gurgaon police, the Ambience Mall management received a threat email at 9.27 am. Later, ACP, DLF, Vikas Kaushik said, "Nothing has been found. We are now searching for the accused who sent the email." In Noida, ACP (law and order) Shivhari Meena said searches were conducted at DLF Mall of India but the email appears to be a hoax. The mall authorities, in a statement around 1.35 pm, said the "activity" was a security drill conducted in collaboration with Noida authorities. **PTI**

DELHI COACHING CENTRE DEATHS

Three died... accused feeling suffocated after spending 25 days in jail: CBI in court



Three civil services aspirants drowned in the flooded basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle last month. Archive

NIRBHAY THAKUR
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

"THREE STUDENTS died and these people are feeling suffocated after spending 25 days in prison?" asked the CBI's counsel on Saturday amid the hearing of the bail pleas of the co-owners of the building in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar where Rau's IAS Study Circle was operating.

Principal District and Sessions Judge Anju Bajaj Chandna of Rouse Avenue Court was hearing the pleas around three weeks after three civil services aspirants drowned in the flooded basement of Rau's.

The court is set to pass an order on the bail pleas on August 23. "...the basement was not meant to be used for educational purposes. It could only be used for storage purposes. This was in their (co-owners') knowledge," submitted the CBI's counsel before the court, terming the basement's use as a library a totally "illegal" act. "Businessmen like Vijay Mallya, and Nirav Modi have left India. Ye business hi to karrahe the basement mei (These accused were operating a business in the basement)," the counsel added, arguing that the accused are influential persons "who could tamper with the investigation".

Advocate Amit Chadha, representing the accused, however, countered the CBI. "They won't

Owners knew the basement was not meant to be used for educational purposes, the CBI counsel said

flee. They have zero criminal antecedents. There is no evidence...so what will be tampered with? What is left to be investigated from the accused?" he said.

Stating that to attract the non-bailable offence of committing culpable homicide not amounting to murder, "knowledge" and "intention" are both important, Chadha said that the accused weren't even present at the spot when the incident took place. "The root cause of all this was dysfunctional stormwater drains. This was the direct and proximate cause," he added.

The advocate also questioned the CBI asking them what they had done in the last two weeks since the case had been handed over to them. "Have the civic authority officials been interrogated by the CBI?" he added.

Advocate Abhijeet Anand, who represented one of the victims said that the co-owners had a "double-storey" basement — a basement below the parking. This, he stated, was illegal as per the building bylaws.

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Plaintiff Advocate Mr. Rajendra K. Golani

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Compared by, Sd/- (B K Vasava) Superintendent
By order, Sd/- (M V Shah) Registrar
Principal Sr. Civil Judge, Vadodara

Standby Metro trains for Raksha Bandhan

New Delhi: In anticipation of the increased passenger traffic on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan Monday, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has announced special arrangements to ensure smooth travel for commuters. To accommodate the expected surge in ridership, Delhi Metro will have additional standby trains ready for deployment across its corridors, said metro officials.

Besides, DMRC will also bolster its workforce at key stations. Extra personnel will be deployed to manage the additional rush, with more ticket counters in operation to ex-

pedite passenger flow, officials said. To further ease congestion, DMRC is encouraging commuters to utilise various digital platforms, including the DMRC Momentum 2.0 app, WhatsApp, Paytm, One Delhi, and Amazon, for purchasing QR tickets online. Passengers are also advised to buy the National Common Mobility Card or Smart Card from customer care centers to avoid long queues at ticket counters.

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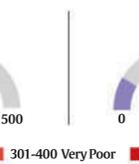
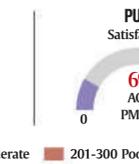
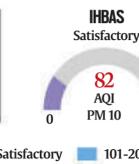
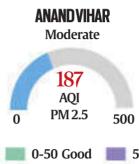
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4 THE CITY



SKYWATCH
August 18
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0.9°C above normal

OPDs shut as doctors' stir intensifies on Day 6, patients suffer

ANKITA UPADHYAY & PRAGYNESH
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

Ankita Soni, 25, who came to AIIMS in Delhi from Ballia in Uttar Pradesh, was in desperate need of relief from excessive pain and swelling after the medical procedure of fistula connection that she had undergone recently went wrong. A dialysis patient faced with the threat of the spread of infection, she waited at the OPD endlessly. But many patients like her were caught at the receiving end in Delhi as the protest over the alleged rape and murder of a resident doctor at RG Kar Hospital in Kolkata entered the sixth day on Saturday.



Doctors protest at AIIMS in New Delhi, on Saturday. Praveen Khanna

The stir intensified with doctors across the hospitals in the Capital — including those in private ones — joining the nationwide strike by the India Medical Association (IMA). While some private hospitals were said to have informed their patients a day in advance with their OPD appointments rescheduled, things were tougher for patients at government hospitals. This is the first time in 10 years that the OPDs across government hospitals in Delhi have remained affected for over six days.

At AIIMS, the OPD was shut with only a few doctors around. Diagnostic services and lab reports remained halted as well. "Only some special clinics were working today where some sick patients were seen," said an official from the New Rajkumari Amrit Kaur OPD.

"Koi dhang sae kuch bata hi nahi raha," (No one is telling us anything clearly), Ankita said, her left hand swollen and visibly riddled with deep wounds. Explaining that an AV fistula connection is made between an artery and a vein for dialysis access to keep impure and pure blood

from mixing due to kidney disease, she added, "This connection is my lifeline and if this does not work it can lead to severe complications."

"We have spent Rs 40 lakh on her treatment and now we don't have enough money to take her for treatment in a private hospital," added her husband Amit, adding that the family has had to sell off land and a house to afford her treatment.

Across the road at Safdarjung Hospital, many patients failed to get OPD registration cards because of the restrictions of the time limit. Rahul Sharma, 23, from Faridabad who brought his tuberculosis-affected mother to Safdarjung, reached the hospital at 9 am but couldn't get the OPD registration card. "Because by the time we reached at the counter, it was shut," he said. Rahul said that her mother Imarti Devi is a chronic TB patient and developed

a fever last night. She was coughing badly and the local doctor suggested that she be taken to a hospital. At the hospital, the diagnostic services were shut too, affecting many who had come from far off places.

At Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, OPD patients were given ward numbers but couldn't find any doctors. Deepak from Triokpuri rushed his uncle Tek Bahadur to the hospital after he complained of severe stomach pain. "They registered him at the counter and asked me to go to the OPD section. But no one was there. After some time, I saw some doctors taking out a march. I understood he won't be seen today. I will try again on Monday because private hospitals are too expensive," he said.

A nursing officer employed at the Delhi government's largest hospital, Lok Nayak, for the last 17 years, said such a protest had been

a long time coming. "I sympathise with the patients, but who will sympathise with us? Every day there are fights between doctors and the family members of the patients... We are unsafe in our hospital," the officer added.

At Apollo, the largest private hospital in the national capital, which sees a large footfall of patients on Saturdays, the OPDs were shut but patients visiting for follow-ups were allowed consultations with doctors. A senior official from the hospital said just the preventive health clinics see around 200 patients every Saturday but that changed because of the stir. Mondays and Saturdays are usually the most hectic time in the OPDs, he added. "Due to this many patients were called and texted and were told about their appointment cancellation. However, those who came in the emergency were taken care of," he added.

At Fortis Hospital, a large number of doctors blocked their OPDs, and only attended emergency cases. At Okhla's Holy Family Hospital, the doctors had to call and message patients with prior appointments. According to Dr Sumit Ray, Medical Superintendent at Holy Family Hospital, the hospital had a good number of walk-in patients in its OPD. "Overall, we see around 1,000-1,200 OPD patients per day out of which 40% walk in. This morning we have put notices, informed the security staff and other staff on informing patients about the strike," he said.

Meanwhile, resident doctors' associations continued their protest marches at their respective campuses. Safdarjung Hospital RDA conducted two protest marches on the hospital campus. The Federation of All India Medical Association, along with Delhi Medical Association and Indian Medical Association, participated in a strike at the campus of Lady Hardinge Medical College.

While the Union Health Ministry announced that it will form a committee to suggest measures for ensuring the safety of healthcare professionals, the resident doctors associations have refused to relent.

The IMA members who participated in the protest on Saturday also wrote a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, where they raised the demand of CPA. "A Central Act incorporating the amendments of 2020 in the Epidemic Diseases Act of 1897 into the draft 'The Healthcare Services Personnel and Clinical Establishments (Prohibition of Violence and Damage to Property Bill 2019)' would strengthen the existing 25 state legislations," said Dr RV Asokan, National President IMA and Dr Anil Kumar J Nayak, Honorary Secretary General, IMA.

In Gurgaon, Noida, business as usual in govt facilities but key pvt hospitals join IMA's stir call

NEETIKA JHA
NOIDA, AUGUST 17

MEDICAL SERVICES were partially affected in hospitals in Noida, Ghaziabad, and Gurgaon on Saturday as doctors in several key private hospitals responded to the Indian Medical Association's (IMA) call of a day-long strike to protest against the rape and murder of a 31-year-old trainee doctor in Kolkata earlier this month. However, government hospitals in both Noida and Ghaziabad, and the civil hospital in Gurgaon, were seen functioning as usual.

Chief Medical Superintendent, District MMG Hospital, Ghaziabad, Rakesh Kumar, said, "We cannot turn down the patients. We are working with a black ribbon on our forearms showing solidarity with the cause."

However, OPD services were affected at private hospitals like Yashoda and Max in Ghaziabad. "We informed the patients about the strike by making calls to them," said the Medical Superintendent of Yashoda Super Speciality Hospital in Kaushambi, Dr Chandan Kumar.

"We turned down around 300 patients early this morning," Kumar added. When *The Indian Express* visited the hospital at 1.15pm, a few patients could be seen returning. "I had a leg injury. But now I am returning," said Pramod Kumar, 51, a resident of New Ashok Nagar in Delhi.

A similar situation was seen at



Inside the district MMG Hospital in Ghaziabad. Express

Noida's Kailash Hospital where OPDs were suspended even as the doctors offered emergency services.

All services were operational at Noida's district hospital in Sector 39. "We have been working today," said Chief Medical Superintendent, District Hospital, Renu Aggarwal.

However, a few patients outside the district hospital complained of being turned down. "My wife's sugar level and blood pressure increased suddenly," said Khoda resident Raghuvir Singh, 48, as his wife lay on the stretcher outside the hospital. "We do not know where to go," Singh added.

In Gurgaon, various private hospitals including Medanta and Fortis began a 24-hour protest at 6 am, Saturday. At the civil hospital, services were available through the day, officials in the health department said.

At Medanta Medicity, Dr

Sangeeta Khanna, a senior doctor of anaesthesiology department, said, "We are in solidarity with doctors. A young on-duty doctor does not have the safety to carry out her work. If she is not safe there, where will she be safe? We need justice," she said. Another protesting doctor, Dr Yashika, said, "We are aware of our responsibilities. We are protesting and working simultaneously," she said.

At Fortis Hospital, a spokesperson said that OPD and elective surgery services were shut in light of the protests. The son of a patient at the oncology department said his mother had already been admitted and was undergoing treatment. Other patients said they had prior appointments at the hospital and their services were not hit. "Doctors gathered and held a demonstration in the morning, but we have not denied anyone treatment so far," a staff member said.

(Inputs from ENS Gurgaon)

BJP, Cong target AAP day after L-G's letter to Speaker on CAG reports

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

A DAY after Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena wrote to Delhi Legislative Assembly Speaker Ram Niwas Goel and urged him to table 11 CAG reports in the House at the earliest, the Congress and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) targeted the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government.

While the BJP demanded a sitting in the House on the issue, Congress sought to put Delhi's seven BJP MPs in the dock as being "equally guilty" as it also accused the government of deliberately withholding the reports to save itself from public censure.

Reacting to Saxena's communication to Goel on Friday, sources in the AAP had said that the reports — assessing topics ranging from its public accounts to the impact of its now-withdrawn liquor policy — would be tabled soon.

Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Assembly Vijender Gupta demanded that the Speaker convene a session soon. "The Arvind

Kejriwal government of Delhi has always shirked its constitutional responsibilities. Party leaders are neither interested in fulfilling their constitutional duties nor addressing public issues," Gupta alleged.

"The 11 reports pending with Finance Minister include the State Finance Audit Report, Performance Audit Report on Measures to Reduce and Control Pollution from Vehicle Emissions, Audit Reports on the Finance Sector and PSUs, the Performance Audit Report on the care, protection, and assistance of needy children, among other important reports," he added.

Meanwhile, All India Congress Committee spokesperson Alok Sharma alleged the reports were being withheld deliberately by the AAP government. "The CAG reports contain explosive findings regarding the misappropriation of the taxpayers' money, and the Kejriwal government has been keeping these reports under wraps fearing a backlash," he alleged.

"The BJP is equally responsible for allowing the AAP government to hide the CAG reports under its carpet," he added.



WAVE OF SUPPORT

On the second day of his padayatra, former Delhi deputy CM Manish Sisodia visited his Assembly constituency of Patparganj on Saturday. Sisodia interacted with his supporters, including rickshaw pullers and shopkeepers, sought feedback on their problems, and gave an assurance of their timely resolution. "I have come among my brothers and sisters of Patparganj after 17 months. They (BJP) tried to keep me in jail somehow in fake cases till Delhi Assembly polls. But due to the blessings of Bajrangbali and Ram ji, their conspiracies failed," Sisodia said, addressing a gathering of people. Express

SEEKS RESOLUTION AT EARLIEST

Inaction on sewer overflow issue in Capital unacceptable, Atishi tells Chief Secretary

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

IN A strongly worded letter, Delhi Water Minister Atishi on Saturday asked Chief Secretary Naresh Kumar to resolve the problems related to sewer overflow in the Capital at the earliest. Blaming Kumar for inaction over complaints, which are "very serious in nature", a statement issued by her office read — "It is to be noted that the Water Minister has — on numerous occasions — verbally, and in writing, given instructions to the Chief Secretary to resolve this issue before it becomes unmanageable, however, no action has been taken."

Calling the inaction "unacceptable", Atishi was further quoted as saying, "The Chief Secretary is the head of the bureaucracy. As the head, it is your responsibility to sort and settle issues so that the people do not face the brunt of laxity of government officials."

No immediate reaction was available from Kumar on the matter.

"The Urban Development Department, Delhi Jal Board,



Water Minister Atishi. File

and the Finance Department are indulging in blame game instead of resolving the issue. As a result of this, people of Delhi are affected badly," the statement from the office of the Water Minister further read. Atishi has instructed the Chief Secretary to take strict action against "negligent officials who have enabled the crisis".

The sewer water is contaminating drinking water in many parts of Delhi and it could become a serious public health crisis if not attended to immediately, stated the Minister.

Calling the complaints to be "very serious in nature and worsening by the day", the Minister alleged that even as

specific complaints with locations were forwarded to officials concerned during multiple review meetings, there has been no progress because of a lack of on-ground coordination between the different departments.

Among the worst affected areas are said to be Patparganj village, Shashi Garden, Khichripur, Subhash Park, Raj Nagar Part 2, Satya Niketan, RK Puram, Z block Ranjeet Nagar, Faridpuri, Budh Nagar, Pandav Nagar, WEA Karol Bagh, Garhi Village, Pillanji Village, Chandrawal Village, Kotla Village, Sarai Kale Khan Basti, Zamrudpur and Chirag Dilli.

Meanwhile, an official from the Delhi Jal Board denied the allegations and said that the necessary work needed to resolve the problems related to sewer overflow is already ongoing.

"When there is a shortage of funds how can there be progress? Still, work is ongoing with what is available. Everybody has piled up files for us but only when funds are released can we do any work as required, right?" added the official.

Legal Studies in focus as DCPCR writes to Education Department for status update in government schools

SOPHIYAMATHEW
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

THE STATUS of the availability of 'Legal Studies' as a subject, law teachers, and textbooks in Class XI and XII in the government schools in the Capital is in focus with the Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights (DCPCR) issuing a notice to the Education Department. The DCPCR sent the notice on Friday and sought the details by August 20. The move comes after the child rights body received a complaint from Virander Punj, Assistant Commissioner of Police (Vigilance). "Prime Minister Narendra

Modi (in his speech on Independence Day) spoke about the safety of women... But the change begins right at the school level where it is not happening. Incidents like the rape of a doctor in Kolkata occur today and such crimes against women call for the need for legal education in schools," Punj told *The Indian Express*.

His complaint to the DCPCR, dated July 29, read: "There is an urgent need to appoint, post or employ law graduate teachers to teach 'Legal Studies' subject as per the CBSE guidelines. The second issue is children need textbooks in Hindi and English medium too, which is not available to them." The complainant also said that



A student who was part of Mission India Legal Studies campaign. Express

the subject is not introduced in other districts and zones — apart from North East Delhi-1 — which is against what the Right to

Education mandates, and that "all the heads of schools of 1,000 government schools have given in writing that no orders are given from the Directorate of Education to these schools".

Earlier, in an order dated April 3, the Education Department had approved the introduction of Legal Studies at senior secondary level in 29 schools in North East Delhi-1. As per the order, the school heads were advised to complete all requisite formalities as laid down by the Central Board for Secondary Education (CBSE) for the affiliation of the additional subject.

Over 2,000 students across 29 schools in the region opted for Legal Studies in Class XI in 29

North East Delhi-1 schools this academic session. However, according to a source, only 25 schools affiliated with CBSE have complied with the directions of CBSE and are teaching the subject to students from Class XI.

The CBSE had decided to introduce the elective for Class XI and Class XII students from the 2013-14 academic session.

A post-graduate teacher (PGT) in a Delhi government school, requesting anonymity said, "The number of schools offering the subject is too low across Delhi. Law graduate teachers are not available. Books in Hindi and English mediums are not available in the market. There is only a temporary arrangement for teaching

the subject."

To teach Legal Studies, a teacher must possess either a Bachelor's Degree in Law or a Master's Degree in Political Science, Public Administration, or International Relations, along with a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.), or a Master's Degree in Law (LLM) as per the CBSE rules.

Punj, meanwhile, has also been running a campaign since 2008 — the "Mission India Legal Studies" — to spread awareness about legal education among school students. Last year, in August, he had met Delhi Education Minister Atishi and submitted a memorandum, seeking the introduction of the subject across all schools in Delhi.

AFTER L-G CHAIRS MEETING

Incentives for gardeners among measures suggested to tackle parking challenges

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

MORE THAN 1,100 gardeners working in the jurisdiction of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) could have an opportunity to earn incentives by reporting illegally parked vehicles. "Ways of incentivising the gardeners for this work (need) to be explored," the office of Lieutenant Governor (LG) VK Saxena underlined in a statement after the L-G held a key meeting recently.

Apart from incentives for gardeners, a series of directives were issued by the L-G after the meeting. These included development

of a parking enforcement app, enhanced role of the traffic police in parking management, optimisation of under-utilised multilevel parking, and discounts on parking fee for electric vehicles.

The Delhi Traffic Police, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, and the NDMC have been instructed to develop an app in which pictures of illegally parked vehicles can be uploaded from a phone, so that action can be taken in real-time.

Meanwhile, to optimise under-used multilevel parking, the Traffic Police have been directed to undertake a drive focussing on ensuring that parking takes place at these designated spaces.

Visionary Policies Enhance UP's Industrial Growth



The Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector serves as a cornerstone of Uttar Pradesh's economy, driving employment, industrial production, and exports. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, the state government has implemented strategic initiatives to cultivate growth, innovation, and sustainability within the MSME ecosystem. With more than 25 sectorial policies the government aims to transform Uttar Pradesh into a hub of industrial excellence, driving sustainable economic development and creating abundant employment opportunities.

‘The development of Uttar Pradesh is significantly bolstered by the strength of its Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector. Since the inception of the double-engine government, the MSME sector in Uttar Pradesh has experienced unprecedented growth.’

- Narendra Modi, Prime Minister



2nd Edition of UP International Trade Show Innovations Meets Excellence



Uttar Pradesh is poised to host the second edition of the UP International Trade Show (UPITS 2024) from September 25 to 29 at the India Expo Centre & Mart in Greater Noida. This significant event will serve as a dynamic platform for businesses across diverse sectors to connect and collaborate on a global scale. UPITS 2024 will showcase the state's economic prowess through a comprehensive exhibition featuring manufacturing, technology, agriculture, healthcare, tourism, agro-food processing, startups, and traditional crafts. The event will also spotlight the state's commitment to MSME

development and the innovative ODOP initiative, which aims to promote unique products from each district. By bringing together a wide range of industries and stakeholders, UPITS 2024 aims to facilitate trade, investment, and knowledge exchange, positioning Uttar Pradesh as a preferred investment destination and a global hub for business and innovation. The UP International Trade Show (UPITS) in 2023 was a resounding success, drawing significant participation from both domestic and international stakeholders. Over 2,000 exhibitors showcased their

‘In 2017, the state had the sixth-largest economy in India, but today, it has risen to second place. Economic growth has made UP a leader in employment generation. MSME entrepreneurs have been crucial in advancing the state's economy.’

- Yogi Adityanath
Chief Minister, Uttar Pradesh

Focused Sectors

Agriculture & Allied Sectors	Health & Wellness (AYUSH/Pharma/Naturopathy/Yoga/Unani)
Automobile/ EV / Auto Components	Highways/Industrial Park/Development Authorities
Aviation Sector	Infra, Engineering & Manufacturing Industry, Real Estate
Defence Pavilion	Leather Industry
E-Commerce, Electronics Industry	ODOP Display
Education Sector (Live Demos on STEM)	STPI (Software Technology Parks of India)
Film & Entertainment Industry	Warehouse and Logistics
GI Tag Products from Uttar Pradesh- B2C	Water, Sanitation & Wastewater Management
Handloom, Handicrafts & Textiles	

products and services to a diverse audience of entrepreneurs and trade professionals from 70 countries. The event's impact was further amplified by the presence of 70,000 institutional buyers, fostering robust business opportunities. Exhibitors expressed overwhelming appreciation for the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, attributing the state's rapid socioeconomic transformation and industrial development to his effective governance.

Remarkable Progress in MSME sector

MYUVA Scheme Fuels Entrepreneurial Spirit in UP

Rs. 1000 cr. budget allocated

Under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Uttar Pradesh has ignited a remarkable transformation of its MSME sector. Since 2017, the state has pumped an astonishing Rs. 6,55,684 crore into this vital economic engine, propelling it from a neglected backwater to a thriving powerhouse.

This unprecedented financial commitment has not only breathed new life into the sector but has also created a tidal wave of employment opportunities, benefiting over 2.5 crore youth people. Adityanath's flagship initiatives, including ODOP, Mukhyamantri Gramodyog Rojgar Yojana, Mukhyamantri Yuva Swarojgar Yojana, and Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana, have been instrumental in empowering artisans,



On the occasion of 'International MSME Day', Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath distributed toolkits to the beneficiaries of ODOP and KVIB

craftsmen, and aspiring entrepreneurs across the state. By consistently surpassing loan disbursement targets, these programs have demonstrated their efficacy in fostering a culture of

entrepreneurship and self-reliance. Uttar Pradesh's MSME renaissance is a testament to the government's unwavering commitment to economic rejuvenation and job creation.

The Uttar Pradesh government launched the Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan (MYUVA). This forward-thinking initiative is designed to nurture entrepreneurship among the state's youth. With a target of empowering 100,000 young entrepreneurs annually, the scheme offers interest-free loans for projects up to Rs. 5 lakhs. To back this ambitious plan, the government has earmarked Rs. 1,000 crores in the 2024-25 budget. This forward-thinking scheme is designed to uplift the state's educated and skilled youth by enabling self-employment and fostering the growth of new MSMEs. The initiative aims to cultivate entrepreneurship, driving the creation of jobs in both rural and urban settings.



Students at Turner Trades Class In Government Industrial Training Institute ITI Aliganj Lucknow

Over the next ten years, the program seeks to assist one million units, with an ambitious goal of financing 1,00,000 units each year. Beneficiaries of government-run training programs, such as the Vishwakarma Shram Samman Yojana and the Skill Upgradation Scheme (Kaushal Unnayan) administered by the Uttar Pradesh Skill Development Mission, will be eligible for assistance. Furthermore,

youth with academic credentials, including certificates, diplomas, and degrees, will also be entitled to participate in this scheme. Once the first loan is repaid, units can access second-stage financing, where they may receive a composite loan of double the initial amount or up to Rs 7.50 lakh. Arrangements for grants to promote digital transactions have also been made. Under this scheme, the Credit

MYUVA Yojana seeks to encourage young individuals to pursue entrepreneurship as a viable career option

By providing financial support, training, and mentorship, the scheme aims to reduce the barriers to entry for young entrepreneurs

The scheme aims to build successful businesses and generate employment opportunities for others

Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises (CGTMSE) will cover all loans from banks and financial institutions. Funding will be available through nationalized, scheduled, and rural banks, SIDBI, and other financial institutions regulated by the RBI.



Transforming State's Economic Landscape

The One District One Product (ODOP) initiative, is a visionary strategy designed to spotlight the unique local crafts, industries, and products of each of the state's 75 districts. This project aims to rejuvenate traditional industries, create jobs, and increase exports, contributing to the state's aspiration of becoming a US\$ 1 trillion economy. ODOP offers extensive support that includes financial aid, skill development programs, marketing assistance, and infrastructure improvements. The goal is to empower local artisans and entrepreneurs, improve product quality and appeal, and stimulate economic growth in Uttar Pradesh's distinct product sectors. This initiative has already seen significant success, with exports nearly doubling from around Rs. 88,967 crore in 2017-18 to

Rs. 1.74 lakh crore in 2022-23. The ODOP initiative's success underscores the power of focusing on local industries and crafts, tapping into traditional skills, and providing tailored support to artisans and entrepreneurs.

National Recognition
Uttar Pradesh awarded the first prize in the ODOP category by the Government of India, recognizing the initiative's success and impact.

Common Facility Centers (CFCs)
The completion of 11 CFCs and the ongoing development of 17 more CFCs stand out as significant achievements. These centers provide crucial infrastructure, from production to packaging and marketing, supporting artisans in enhancing the quality and marketability of their products.



Training and Toolkit Distribution

A substantial number of artisans, approximately 1,08,472 have received training and has been provided with modern toolkits. This initiative has been essential in skill development and quality

improvement across various ODOP sectors.

Financial Assistance
Projects worth nearly Rs. 2,838 crore have been financed, providing a strong financial backbone for the initiative and facilitating the

growth and sustainability of ODOP enterprises.

GI Tags
The awarding of tags to 32 ODOP products and the application of GI Tags for 20 more products have significantly contributed to the branding and global recognition of these products.

ODOP Unity Malls
Proposals for developing 3 ODOP Unity Malls in Agra, Varanasi, and Lucknow are underway, aiming to provide dedicated spaces for showcasing and selling ODOP products.

Promotional Activities
Over 100 promotional events, including ODOP summits and various fairs and exhibitions, have played a pivotal role in marketing and outreach, expanding the domestic and international footprint of ODOP Products.

CM Apprenticeship Scheme, a provision has been made to set up a facility in collaboration with IIT Kanpur for machine learning (ML) including artificial intelligence in the state.

'Investment Promotion Policy 2023 for Uttar Pradesh FDI, Fortune Global 500 and Fortune India 500 Companies'. Special incentives are being provided to the investors by the Yogi government which is paving the way for ensuring new chapters of investment in the state.

Uttar Pradesh has witnessed the 2nd highest increase in the number of newly registered companies among all states

6 GOVT & POLITICS



Union Minister Kiren Rijju and Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi, Saturday.

Ruckus makes headlines not career, Rijju tells new Odisha MLAs

SUJIT BISOYI
BHUBANESWAR, AUGUST 17:

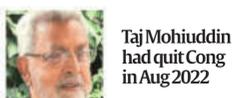
CREATING HUNGAMA (ruckus) in Parliament or state legislatures may make headlines but doesn't guarantee a long political career, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs Kiren Rijju said at an MLA orientation event Saturday. The remark comes as Opposition MLAs boycotted the event claiming it violated protocol.

"Don't make *hangama* (ruckus) in the assembly or Parliament. To make a long tenure, they (legislators/parliamentarians) need to be well-behaved and well-researched. This will help them for effective performance," he said while inaugurating the two-day orientation programme.

Although Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan was scheduled to inaugurate the programme and Union Health Minister JP Nadda was meant to join the valedictory session, the assembly secretariat revised the programme. Besides Rijju, the revised programme also said Rajya Sabha deputy Chairperson Hariwansh would be part of the event.

"To strengthen Indian democracy, the legislators and parliamentarians have to be very disciplined, committed and hard working," Rijju said. "Maryada (dignity) is significant for any sector." Of 147 MLAs, 84 are first-timers. The programme is meant to acquaint them with rules and procedures relating to House.

J&K ex-minister quits Azad party, to rejoin Cong



Taj Mohiuddin had quit Cong in Aug 2022

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
SRINAGAR, AUGUST 17

FORMER J&K minister Taj Mohiuddin Saturday announced his resignation from the Ghulam Nabi Azad-led DPAP to rejoin the Congress.

"I have resigned from the Democratic Progressive Azad Party (DPAP)," Mohiuddin said.

He said he would rejoin the Congress, with which he had been associated for more than four decades, in a few days.

"I have intentions of 'ghar wapsi' (homecoming) but there was no question of doing it until I could ask my workers. Now, my workers have told me in unison to do it. So, I am doing 'ghar wapsi' very soon," he said.

Asked why he left DPAP, Mohiuddin said, "My workers asked me to rejoin the Congress," he said. A former legislator from the Uri assembly segment in Baramulla district, Mohiuddin resigned from Congress in August 2022.

THIRD VOICE OF THE GLOBAL SOUTH SUMMIT HOSTED BY INDIA

Last-century financial bodies failed to fight challenges: PM proposes 'Global Compact'

Jaishankar says undeniable fact that solutions did not emerge from multilateral domain

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

PROPOSING THE creation of a human-centric "Global Development Compact", PM Narendra Modi Saturday called the Voice of the Global South Summit a platform to "give voice to the needs and aspirations of those who have been unheard till now".

PM Modi, delivering his opening remarks during the virtually held India-hosted third summit, said, "global governance and financial institutions formed in the last century have been unable to fight the challenges of this century."

Elaborating on the global challenges countries are grappling with, he said there is an "atmosphere of uncertainty all around" and the "world has not yet fully come out of the effects of Covid."

"The situation of war has posed challenges to our development journey. We are already facing challenges of climate change, and now there are also concerns about health security, food security, and energy security," he said.

"Terrorism, extremism and separatism remain a serious threat to our societies.

AIMPLB says UCC unacceptable, PM's 'secular civil code' pitch objectionable

LALMANI VERMA
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

DAYS AFTER Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch for the Uniform Civil Code (UCC) during his Independence Day address, saying it's time the country moves towards a civil code that is "secular" and not "communal" and "discriminatory" as the existing one, the All India Muslim Personal Law Board (AIMPLB) Saturday said Modi's call is "highly objectionable" and "unacceptable."

"The Board in no uncertain terms makes it clear that it is unacceptable to Muslims as they will never compromise with Sharia Law (Muslim Personal Law)," the statement read, adding that its spokesperson SQR Ilyas — in a press statement — has expressed "shock at the PM's announcement to term Personal Laws based on religion, as communal ones and to further replace them with a Secular Civil Code."

From the ramparts of Red Fort on Thursday, PM Modi had said, "... I say it is the need of the hour that there should be a Secular Civil Code in the country. We have spent 75 years under the Communal Civil Code. Now we will have to move towards a Secular Civil Code. Only then we will get relief from the discrimination happening on the basis of religion in the country."

It is a "well thought out conspiracy that will have grave ramifications," Ilyas said. He said the government "should uphold the



External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri at the Summit in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

Technology divide and new economic and social challenges related to technology are also emerging," he said, underlining the solution to various global conflicts and tensions lies in inclusive global governance.

Announcing the 'Compact', PM Modi said needy countries will not be burdened with debt in the name of development finance. The foundation of the 'Compact', he said, will be based on India's development journey and experiences of development partnership.

"Under this Compact we will focus on trade for development,

capacity building for sustainable growth, technology sharing, project-specific concessional finance and grants. To strengthen trade promotion activities, India will start a special fund of USD 2.5 million," he said, adding that a fund of USD 1 million will be provided for this.

Urging that steps be taken to reduce the gap between the Global North and the Global South, he said the Summit of the Future in the UN next month can become an "important milestone for all this" and emphasised that the Global South need to unite, stand together in one

voice, become each other's strength and learn from each other's experience.

Referring to the G20 presidency last year, the PM said, "The Global DPI Repository, created under our G20 presidency, was the first ever multilateral consensus on DPI. We are happy that agreements have been signed to share the 'India Stack' with 12 partners from the Global South. To accelerate DPI in the Global South, we have created a Social Impact Fund. India will make an initial contribution of USD 25 million to it."

External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar, speaking at the foreign ministers' session, once again batted for reforms of key multilateral institutions, and said, "It is an undeniable fact that even as global order faced critical challenges, solutions did not emerge from the multilateral domain. The reason is both the obsolescence and the polarisation of multilateral organisations."

"Here too, India has argued for reformed multilateralism and sought reforms of Multilateral Development Banks through the G20. As a group, we need to press home our case," he said.

Jaishankar also talked about the impact of various conflicts and

geopolitical tensions on the Global South. "This gathering takes place as the world grapples with multiple conflicts, tensions and stresses. We, the nations of Global South, are particularly impacted," he said.

Sharing his views on economic resilience, he said the experience of the pandemic, conflicts and climate events have driven home the necessity for reliable and resilient supply chains.

"Not just that, there is also an acute need to diversify production itself in various domains to de-risk the international economy," he said.

After the summit, he told mediapersons that among the issues discussed was the Gaza situation, particularly civilian casualties.

"The sentiment was that the situation needs to go back to a ceasefire and negotiation," he said. Without naming any country, he said that some countries brought up sanctions and discussed volatile energy security markets. He said the issue of "political interference" was also raised.

Speaking on need for reforms in the UN, he said, "If we really believe in a democratic world order, we think these 190-odd members [of the UN] should be allowed to vote about the future of the UN..."



Union Ministers Amit Shah and JP Nadda at the BJP meet in New Delhi, Saturday. Praveen Khanna

BJP membership drive from Sept 1, stage set for party chief's election

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THE BJP will begin its membership drive from September 1, BJP national spokesperson Sambit Patra said Saturday after a meeting of party state presidents, state general secretaries and other key participants with the national leadership.

However, poll-bound states would be exempted from the drive as their focus will be on the upcoming Assembly elections, said Patra.

The party top brass emphasised that its units — from booth level onwards — in these states should fully focus on elections and try to ensure the party's victory through door-to-door campaigns, a person who attended the meeting said.

Elections in J&K will be held on September 18, 25 and October 1, and votes will be counted on October 4, the EC announced Friday. The poll panel also announced the schedule for the Haryana Assembly elections

— polling on October 1 and counting on October 4.

Patra said the party is eyeing 10-crore plus members in this drive, and that people could become members through different mediums like a missed call, QR code, through the Namu app or through the party's website.

In between, nationwide workshops on the membership drive will be held to apprise party workers about it, said a participant in the meeting. BJP national general secretary Vinod Tawde will be the convener of the drive and party's vice president Rekha Verma the co-convener, Patra said.

Organisational polls
The drive will be the precursor to organisational elections from the local committees to the Mandal, district, regional and state levels.

The presidents elected at each level will form their own teams of office-bearers.

According to the BJP's constitution, once half the state president are elected, the party pres-

ident's election will be due.

There have been very few instances when there was more than one candidate in the fray for the post of state president. This happened once in Uttarakhnad when the candidate supposed to be the "official" one bowed out, and the challenger became the state president because of greater support in the electoral college.

However, when it comes to the national president — who can have a maximum of two consecutive terms of three years each — there has never been a contest for the post in the BJP since its inception in 1980.

There is a buzz in the party that a working president will be named within August, before an RSS coordination meeting with affiliated organisations in Kerala's Palakkad towards the month-end — though nothing is official yet. If this happens, working president — expected to be a person acceptable to both the BJP and the RSS leadership — will most likely become the full-time party president in some months.

Chhattisgarh Cong MLA held in Baloda Bazar rioting, arson

JAYPRAKASH S NAIDU
RAIPUR, AUGUST 17

CHHATTISGARH CONGRESS legislator Devendra Singh Yadav was arrested Saturday over last month's riots at Baloda Bazar, prompting his party to accuse the ruling BJP of political vendetta.

On July 10, a mob protesting the desecration of Jaitkham — a structure that holds religious significance for the Satnam Panth sect — went rogue, setting the Superintendent of Police's office on fire, damaging the nearby Collector's office and 200 vehicles.

Yadav is a two-time MLA from Bhalai Nagar in the state's Durg district and is said to be close to former CM Bhupesh Baghel. According to a police source, he was among the 5,000 people protesting the desecration at Dushehra ground before the riots occurred.

He had previously been summoned three in connection with the case but "did not cooperate" with the investigation, the source said.

Confirming the arrest, Baloda Bazar SP Vijay Agrawal said: "179 people — including him (Yadav) — have so far been arrested in the case and more are wanted. He was produced before a court, which remanded him in judicial custody."

The Congress saw the arrest as an act of vendetta. "There's no evidence against him and he was not involved in any kind of violence. The government is trying to hide their failure by arresting Yadav," Chhattisgarh Congress media-in charge Sushil Anand Shukla told *The Indian Express*.

Former CM Baghel too condemned Yadav's arrest. He said on X: "If the head of the state thinks that by arresting a young MLA, he will cover up his 8 months of 'tainted tenure', it's his misunderstanding. By committing another injustice to the Satnami community, you are betraying society. We, the entire state, stand with Devendra Yadav and the Satnami community. You will get a befitting reply... chief minister! It will work from here, not from Chhattisgarh, Nagpur and Gujarat."

When contacted, Yadav's older brother Dharmendra claimed he feared for the MLA's life. "They are falsely implicating him," he said.

Apart from the MLA, a dozen young Congress leaders have been arrested in the case. A total of 25 police personnel and other government servants suffered serious injuries in the riots.

The state government constituted a single-member judicial inquiry commission to probe the May desecration.

UPSC advertises 45 lateral entry posts; Plot to keep SC/ST away from quota, says Kharge

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

THE UPSC Saturday sought applications for lateral entry from private sector, state/UT government and PSU employees for 45 posts of Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary across 24 Central ministries which will be filled on contract basis by September 17.

The total vacancies of 10 joint secretaries include joint secretary digital economy, FinTech, Cyber Security and investment in Finance Ministry and joint secretary (policy and plan) in the NDMA under MHA, among others.

Among the posts advertised are director/deputy secretaries for natural farming, organic farming and water management in Agriculture Ministry; for digital media in I&B Ministry; and for advanced chemical cell (ACC) battery manufacturing for automobile sector in the Heavy Industries Ministry.

Central government employees are not eligible for the posts, the advertisement said.

Applicants for the post of joint secretary need a minimum of 15 years of experience and must be aged between 40 and 55. The gross salary for a lateral entry joint secretary will be approximately ₹2.32 lakh a month, it said. Director and deputy secretary candidates need a minimum of 10 and 7 years of experience, respectively and must be in the age limit of 35 to 45 and 32 to 40, respectively.

Following the advertisement, Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post in Hindi on

EXPLAINED
What is lateral entry's current status

LATERAL RECRUITMENT began in 2018 after NITI Aayog and the Sectoral Group of Secretaries on Governance recommended it in its report in 2017. On August 8, Jitendra Singh, MoS for Personnel, had told Rajya Sabha, "So far, 63 appointments have been made through lateral entry at the level of Joint Secretary, Director and Deputy Secretary during the last 5 years. Presently, 57 officers are in positions in Ministries/Departments."

X that "under a well-planned conspiracy, the BJP is deliberately making such recruitments in jobs so that SC, ST, OBC classes can be kept away from reservation."

Asking if there was any reservation for the SC, ST, OBC and EWS in these posts, he said, "The BJP has ripped apart the Constitution and launched a double attack on reservation", while claiming that the "reservation scam" in the appointment of assistant teachers in UP has now been exposed by a decision of HC.

He was referring to Allahabad HC order directing that a revised list of 69,000 assistant teachers in UP selected through Assistant Teachers Recruitment Examination 2019 be prepared, rectifying irregularities committed in fixing the quota for their appointment.

'Graft legacy continues': Nadda targets Cong over MUDA 'scam'

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BJP PRESIDENT JP Nadda Saturday attacked the Congress after the Karnataka Governor gave sanction to prosecute Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in the alleged MUDA scam, saying this was a continuation of the Congress's legacy of corruption, while evoking the National Herald case.

"Congress party's legacy of corruption continues! From National Herald to MUDA Scam Karnataka, Congress's history with corruption is well-documented. Time and again, they have betrayed the trust of the people for personal gain," Nadda said on X, adding, "Instead of calling



14 sites allotted to CM's wife: MP Tejasvi Surya

the decision as unconstitutional, Congress should reflect on its own actions. While Congress portrays itself as guardian of Dalits and minorities, one of their own Chief Ministers is involved in grabbing land from a Dalit family. This is yet another instance of Congress hypocrisy and family-centric politics."

Demanding CM's resignation, BJP MP Tejasvi Surya said at party headquarters, "... BJP and many activists have been fighting for transparency and probity in public life, and have been raising the issue of

irregularities and illegalities in allotment of compensatory sites to CM's wife Parvati. Fourteen sites were allotted in the most upmarket and expensive area of Mysuru to Parvati... Siddaramaiah's son, Yathindra, was MLA from Mysuru and a member of MUDA council. He was part of the meeting when the decision was taken..."

"When Siddaramaiah was Deputy CM, the land was identified. When he was CM, the son-in-law purchased the land through a gift deed and gave it to his wife. When Siddaramaiah was CM again, his wife applied for compensation from MUDA... When the resolution is passed, the CM's son sits in the meeting and awards 14 sites in an upmarket locality in the name of his mother."

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NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

AS KARNATAKA Governor Thawarchand Gehlot granted sanction to prosecute CM Siddaramaiah in alleged MUDA site scam, the Congress Saturday strongly came out in his support. However, the development, although expected by the party, could deepen factional friction in the state unit.

As of now, the message from the Congress central leadership to the state unit headed by Deputy CM DK Shivakumar is to defend Siddaramaiah in the hour of crisis. The central leadership had discussed the issue earlier with the CM and the Deputy CM as the sense in the party has been

that the Governor could grant the sanction for prosecution.

The Governor's move has come at a time when the Congress in Karnataka is facing a fresh factional tug of war. But the Siddaramaiah camp believes the attacks against him by the BJP and JD(S) and the Governor's move have pushed the leadership into backing him completely. With the Congress gearing up for Assembly elections in four states, they believe the leadership will have no choice but to defend him.

But all is not well in Karnataka Congress. Coinciding with Opposition's attacks on the CM were calls from a section of the Karnataka Congress to replace Shivakumar as state Congress chief, a post he has been holding



CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar in Bengaluru, Saturday. PTI

for four years, and the appointment of more Deputy CMs to placate influential communities. The Shivakumar camp believes the demands have the blessings of the CM. On the other hand, there have been demands to elevate

Shivakumar as the CM.

Sources in Delhi said there was no question of replacing Siddaramaiah now. Party leaders pointed out Siddaramaiah is one of the popular Backward Class faces of party and replacing him at a time when the party is aggressively playing OBC political card could politically backfire.

Defending the CM Saturday, AICC general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Surjewala said the Governor's action was a "conspiracy against the poor, the backward, the SC/ST and the marginalized sections by the BJP and the Modi Government".

"In a brazen political conspiracy hatched in corridors of PMO and the Home Ministry in Delhi against people of Karnataka and

its elected Government, the 'puppet Governor of Karnataka' has proceeded to grant prosecution sanction against the CM by dancing to the tune of his political masters. The decision is an act of shameless unconstitutionality by the Governor," he said.

"The Machiavellian conspiracy of PMO/Home Ministry/BJP leaders has 3 facets: Try to steal the vote and mandate of people of Karnataka, decisively given in favour of Congress, by using the office of a ragdoll Governor, attack Congress Government to accomplish BJP's evil design to stop five Congress guarantees... and attack Backward Class/SC/ST and marginalised sections by a fabricated design to tarnish image of India's senior-most backward class CM."



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Mpox outbreak risk low, keeping eye on travellers: Health Ministry

ANONNA DUTT NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

HEALTH UNITS at airports, sea-ports, and ground crossings will be sensitised, 32 laboratories will be ready along with the health facilities for detecting, isolating, and managing cases of Mpox, health ministry said on Saturday.

The decision regarding the precautionary measures was taken during a review meeting chaired by the Union Health Minister JP Nadda.

A joint monitoring group under the chairmanship of director general of health services Dr Atul Goel said that the risk of a large outbreak in the country remains low but there was a possibility of the infection being imported by travellers.

"Although the possibility of a few imported cases being detected in the coming weeks is not entirely ruled out, it was assessed that the risk of a large outbreak with sustained transmission is presently low for India," a statement from the Union Health Ministry said.

Since the beginning of 2022, India has recorded 30 cases of Mpox — previously referred to as Monkey Pox — with the last case being recorded in March this year. No cases of Mpox have been recorded in India during the current outbreak, the statement said.

Earlier this week, the World Health Organisation sounded its highest level of alarm for Mpox again — the outbreak between July 2022 and May 2023 was also declared Public Health Emergency of International Concern. While the infections were largely caused by the less deadly clade II Mpox during the previous outbreak, the current concern stems from a faster spreading and deadlier variety.

The current outbreak is largely caused by clade I Mpox, which is now transmitted sexually. While clade I infection is known to be transmitted through close contacts or coming in contact with infected droplets on surfaces, transmission through sexual contact has not been reported earlier.

At least 99,176 cases and 208 deaths due to Mpox have been reported from 116 countries since 2022, according to WHO data.

₹706-crore housing complex for Foxconn female workers inaugurated near Chennai

The dormitory-style rooms at the Sriperumbudur facility can accommodate up to 18,720 workers

ARUN JANARDHANAN SRIPERUMBUDUR, AUGUST 17

FOXCONN CHAIRMAN Young Liu said on Saturday that married women play a significant role in his company's production facilities, during the opening of a ₹706-crore residential complex for female workers at Sriperumbudur, near Chennai, on Saturday. This comes weeks after reports claimed Foxconn, a key supplier for Apple, was denying jobs to married women in India.

Inaugurated by Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin, the residential facility, spread over 20 acres, includes 13 blocks with 10 floors each, offering dormitory-style rooms designed to house up to 18,720 workers.

Liu used the occasion to stress that the new facility will house thousands of women, and added that "married women



(Left) Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin with Foxconn chairman Young Liu at the inauguration of complex (above). PTI/Express

significantly contribute to Foxconn's production units in the state". He noted that many of the women workers come from small towns and will live in a dormitory setting, similar to those in Taiwan. The complex, he added, showcases sustainability through zero-discharge technology.

The residential complex, now the largest of its kind for workers in India, according to

the Tamil Nadu government, was developed by the state for Foxconn female workers following protests in 2021 at the company's Sriperumbudur plant over "poor" living conditions. The protests led to the temporary closure of the plant and spurred Foxconn to collaborate with the Tamil Nadu government to improve accommodations.

Stalin said Foxconn employs

41,000 workers in the state, of which 35,000 are women. "Here in Tamil Nadu, it's not just about women being equal to men; in many sectors, women are leading, especially in industrial and cutting-edge production," he said. The CM highlighted that Tamil Nadu leads India in women's workforce participation at 41 per cent.

A top official of the state industries ministry said Foxconn's

NIA chargesheets 4 for exporting organs from India to Iran

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, AUGUST 17

THE NATIONAL Investigation Agency (NIA) Saturday charge-sheeted four persons in connection with the transnational organ racket, busted in May by Ernakulam rural police.

The accused were identified as Sabith Korukulath Nasar, Sajith Shyam, Bellamkonda Ram Prasad, Madhujayakumar is still absconding. The NIA had taken over the probe in June considering the international ramifications of the racket that operated under the guise of medical tourism.

NIA said the gang was involved in inducing gullible youths into donating their organs for money and trafficking the same to foreign nations mainly to Iran as part of a major organ trade racket.

They would identify prospective organ donors in India to explain them by inducing and offering them money through agents and social media. The gang also approached Indian patients in need of transplantation and charged around Rs 50 lakh each from them to facilitate their organ transplantation in Iran.

The donors and recipients were made to believe that organ trade is legal in Iran. The accused had forged several documents, seals and signatures of several government offices and officers to facilitate their illegal trade.

The racket was busted on May 19 after police at Kochi international airport arrested Sabith, a native of Thrissur on his return from Iran. Police acted upon a tip off from the Bureau of Immigration. Sabith has been working at Farhikhtegan Hospital in Tehran as an assistant for kidney transplantation patients since 2019.



SABARMATI EXPRESS DERAILS

Twenty coaches of the Ahmedabad-bound Sabarmati Express passenger train derailed near Govindpuri station in Uttar Pradesh's Kanpur early Saturday after the engine hit an "object placed on the track". No casualties were reported, said railway officials. PTI

26/11 accused Tahawwur Rana can be extradited to India: US court

LALIT K JHA WASHINGTON, AUGUST 17



He was an associate of Lashkar terrorist David Headley

IN A major setback to Pakistani-origin Canadian businessman, Tahawwur Hussain Rana, who is sought by India for his involvement in the 2008 Mumbai terror attack, a US court in California has ruled that he is extraditable to India under the extradition treaty between the two countries.

"The (India US Extradition) Treaty permits Rana's extradition," the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit said in its ruling on Thursday.

Ruling on an appeal filed by 63-year-old Rana, a panel of judges of the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed the District Court in the Central District of California's denial of his habeas corpus petition challenging a magistrate judge's certification of his as extraditable to India for his alleged participation in terrorist attacks in Mumbai.

Rana, currently lodged in a jail in Los Angeles, faces charges for his role in the 26/11 Mumbai attack and is known to be associated with Pakistani-American Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) terrorist David Coleman Headley, one of the main conspirators of the terrorist incident.

Under the limited scope of habeas review of an extradition order, the panel held that Rana's alleged offence fell within the terms of the extradition treaty between the United States and

India, which included a non bis in idem (double jeopardy) exception to extraditability "when the person sought has been convicted or acquitted in the requested state for the offence for which extradition is requested".

Relying on the plain text of the treaty, the US State Department's technical analysis, and persuasive case law of other circuits, the panel held that the word "offence" refers to a charged crime, rather than underlying acts, and requires an analysis of the elements of each crime.

The panel of three judges concluded that a co-conspirator's plea agreement did not compel a different result. The panel held that the non bis in idem exception did not apply because the Indian charges contained distinct elements from the crimes for which Rana was acquitted in the US.

In its ruling, the panel also held that India provided sufficient competent evidence to support the magistrate judge's finding of probable cause that Rana committed the charged crimes. The three judges on the panel were Milan D Smith, Bridget S Bade, and Sidney A Fitzwater. PTI

Wayanad: Cleric says raising relief funds by selling pork is blasphemy

Thiruvananthapuram: August 17: While various organisations and civil society in Kerala are chipping in different ways to rebuild the landslide-ravaged Wayanad, a prominent Muslim cleric has stated that raising relief funds by selling pork is blasphemy.

Sunni cleric Nasar Faizy Koodathai Saturday posted on

Facebook that pork challenge held by CPI(M) youth wing DYFI for raising money for rehabilitating landslide victims is impermissible.

Referring to DYFI conducting a pork challenge, Koodathai said most of the affected people in Wayanad consider pork meat as haram. ENS

Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd. A Government of Bihar Undertaking. NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER For Tender for Properties of Bihar State Tourism Development Corporation Ltd., (BSTDC) On "As is Where is" basis at Various Locations across Bihar.

4 minor girls drown while fetching water in Bikaner

Jaipur: Four minor girls drowned in a pond in the Nokha area of Rajasthan's Bikaner district on Saturday, police said.

Cousins Shivani Sahni (12), Muskan Sahni (12), nine-year-old Chandni Sahni and eight-year-old Sonam Sahni (8) had gone to fetch water from the Ranarao pond.

One of the girls slipped and fell into the water. Her cousins jumped in to try and save her but all of them drowned, the police said.

The bodies were handed over to the girls' family members after post-mortem, they added. PTI

Part of ₹1,700-cr under-construction bridge collapses in Bihar's Bhagalpur

SANTOSH SINGH PATNA, AUGUST 17

A PORTION of the ₹1,710 crore under-construction Aguwani-Sultanganj bridge collapsed Saturday — the third such incident concerning the cable-stayed bridge in the last three years.

A portion of the bridge between pillar numbers nine and 10 collapsed. No injuries were reported in the incident.

This is the 12th bridge collapse since June 18 this year. The previous instances of collapses sparked safety concerns in the state, with the Opposition insinuating corruption.

In the making for over nine years, this particular 3.1 km bridge over the river Ganga has seen two such collapses before

— on April 27, 2022, and June 4, 2023. In both instances, the bridge's superstructure fell into the river below.

Significantly, faced with growing concerns over the rising bridge collapses, the state's Nitish Kumar government suspended 15 engineers earlier this year.

Considered a flagship project of the Nitish Kumar government, the Aguwani-Sultanganj bridge is meant to be a key link between the state's northern and southern parts, connecting the state's Kosi region comprising districts of Khagaria, Saharsa, Madhepura and Supaul and to the districts of Bhagalpur, Munger and Jamui as well as the Deoghar and Godda in the neighbouring state of Jharkhand.

Although the construction began in 2014, it's only 45 per-

cent complete so far.

The bridge project is being undertaken by the SP Singla Constructions Private Ltd — a company that's also tasked with other projects in Bihar, a new cable bridge parallel to existing Digha-Sonepur Railway-Road Bridge near Patna among them.

SP Singla previously came under the scanner when the Baluaha Ghat Kosi fell even before its inauguration in 2013. The company has been recently tasked with constructing a parallel to Vikramshila Setu in Bhagalpur and is also undertaking other bridge projects in states such as Uttar Pradesh and Assam.

The project was meant to be completed by November 2019 but has had eight extensions so far. The latest deadline is December of this year.

Kerala: Justice Hema panel report misses deadline again

Thiruvananthapuram: The disclosure of the Justice Hema Committee report, which looked into the issues women professionals in Malayalam film industry face, again missed its deadline Saturday after an actor moved a Division Bench of the Kerala HC against its publication.

Early this week, a Single Bench of the High Court lifted the stay on release of the committee report, which has been with the state government for the last four-and-a-half years. The state cultural affairs department was on Saturday slated to hand over the copies of the report under the Right to Information Act. However, the government on Saturday decided to wait till the Division Bench takes a decision on the petition moved by actor Ranjini. ENS

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OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER CONSTRUCTION DIVISION (E/M) U.P. JAL NIGAM (URBAN) GHAZIABAD (U.P.) Letter No: 1902/Vividh-7/99 Dated: 17.08.2024

Kingmaker in 2019, now in tatters: More MLAs quit Dushyant's JJP, only three left

VARINDER BHATIA CHANDIGARH, AUGUST 17

WITHIN 24 hours of the Election Commission announcing the Assembly polls will be held in Haryana on October 1, Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) suffered a major jolt with four of its 10 MLAs resigning from the party, including three on Sunday, Ram Karan Kala (Shahbad) and Ishwar Singh (Guhla), and Devender Babli (Tobana) resigned from the primary membership and all responsibilities of the party Sunday while Anoop Dhanak (Uklana) had quit Friday.

With this five of its MLAs, including Ram Kumar Gautam (Narnaund), have resigned from the JJP, while two others Ram Niwas Surjakhera (Narwana) and Jogi Ram Sihag (Barwala) have already shown their allegiance towards BJP. The JJP had moved disqualification petition against Jogi Ram and Ram



JJP chief Dushyant Chautala

Niwas, however, before any decision could be taken, the EC announced the Assembly polls.

Beset by dissent and defections, the JJP is in tatters. It is, effectively, left with only three MLAs including Dushyant this year, and amid an ever-sliding electoral graph, Dushyant has been facing a major challenge: keeping his party flock together.

The JJP will have to carve out a space in what is set up to be a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the main Opposition Congress. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Indian National Lok

we could not stay any longer in the party [JJP]. Almost everybody [all the MLAs] except Dushyant and Naina ji have left the party. As far as my future decision is concerned, I shall be meeting my supporters in the coming days and then announce my decision. Currently, I am in my constituency and campaigning among the people of my area".

The spotlight is again on Dushyant, 36, who had emerged as a kingmaker after the 2019 elections as JJP helped the BJP form a coalition government. But, after being dumped by the BJP before the Lok Sabha polls this year, and amid an ever-sliding electoral graph, Dushyant has been facing a major challenge: keeping his party flock together.

The JJP will have to carve out a space in what is set up to be a direct contest between the ruling BJP and the main Opposition Congress. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Indian National Lok

Dal (INLD), and the JJP are the other parties in the fray.

In 2019, the JJP secured 14.9% of the vote share and won 10 of the 87 seats it contested. But in the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, it managed just 0.87% of the votes despite contesting all 10 parliamentary constituencies in Haryana. All its candidates lost their security deposits. In December 2023, Dushyant's attempt to browbeat former ally BJP by fielding 19 candidates in the Rajasthan Assembly polls had also left the party red-faced after all its candidates lost their security deposits. The JJP's 0.14% vote share was surpassed by even the None of the Above (NOTA) option, which 0.96% of the voters opted for.

In April, JJP state president Nishan Singh quit the party and joined the Congress.

On Friday, soon after the EC announced the poll schedule for Haryana, the JJP released a list of 50 office-bearers as part of its restructuring drive.

KOLKATA DOCTOR'S RAPE & MURDER CASE

CBI questions former hospital principal again

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, AUGUST 17

THE CENTRAL Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on Saturday continued its interrogation of the former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Dr Sandip Ghosh, in connection with its probe into the rape and murder of a woman junior doctor.

After questioning him for over 10 hours on Friday, the CBI summoned Ghosh again on Saturday morning. He entered the same location as Friday — the CBI office in Salt Lake — through the rear gate.

CBI sources said that the agency is "keen" to know why renovation work at the hospital began and is being "done in a hurry" while investigations are ongoing, looking into whether there were attempts to "tamper with evidence".

They said the agency is "delving deep" into the sequence of events leading up to the incident, the victim's duty schedule and the circumstances under which the family was informed. Additionally, Ghosh is likely to face questions about allegations levelled against him. Ghosh resigned from his post (as principal) on Monday following the incident but was appointed to head the Calcutta National Medical College and Hospital (CNMCH), triggering protests from students who did not allow him to enter the campus.

On Friday, the CBI detained Ghosh and brought him to their office for questioning. Before this, the agency had questioned two members of the Kolkata Police SIT that initially probed the case and four doctors from the hospital.



Members of the Jaipur Association of Resident Doctors protest demanding justice for the junior doctor who was raped and murdered in Kolkata, Saturday. Rohit Jain Paras

GIVE REPORT EVERY 2 HRS: MHA TO STATES

New Delhi: The MHA has asked all state police forces to provide it situation reports every two hours in the wake of protests by doctors, nursing staff and others against the alleged rape and murder of a junior doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College. "Henceforth, a continuous two-hourly law and order situation report in this regard may kindly be sent to the MHA control room (New Delhi) by Fax/ Email/ WhatsApp from 1600 hours today," the communication sent Friday said. PTI

Rattirer Sathi: Bengal's initiative to address workplace safety for women

ATRIMITRA
KOLKATA, AUGUST 17

THE WEST Bengal government Saturday announced that it will introduce "Rattirer Sathi" (night companion) initiative to address the safety and security concerns of women in their workplaces. Chief Advisor to Chief Minister Alapan Bandyopadhyay announced a slew of measures during a press meet in Kolkata. "After long deliberations, it has been decided to implement — 'Rattirer Shaathi' or helpers of the night —

meant for safety for women who work on night shift."

"Rattirer Sathi or woman volunteers shall be on duty at night. Safe zones will be identified and created for women, with full CCTV monitoring. There should be separate designated rest areas with washrooms for women," he said. "Security guards in hospitals should be a combination of male and female security guards. Security officers will be posted by police in all medical colleges & hospitals and district hospitals."

He said night police patrolling will be carried out at all medical

After outrage, state rolls back transfer of 42 doctors

SWEETY KUMARI
KOLKATA, AUGUST 17

THE WEST Bengal Health and Family Welfare department Saturday withdrew the transfer order of 42 doctors, which they earlier claimed were "routine transfers", after it triggered outrage accusing the government of being vindictive.

It was alleged that doctors were targeted for taking part in the protest following the rape-murder of a junior doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, an allegation denied by the Health Secretary Narayan Swaroop Nigam, who announced the decision at a press conference.

"The process of the transfer

that is being talked about started about two months before the August 9 incident at RG Kar. Even the authorities concerned had given permission for the transfers much before... But there was a delay in issuing the order," he said.

Among the 42 doctors, 12 were transferred out of Kolkata. The transfer order triggered uproar with the Opposition accusing the government of "punitive action". "If the Department doesn't know what it is doing, then the Health Minister Mamata Banerjee should resign. Withdrawing the transfer order of over 40 qualified senior doctors within 24 hours is a sinister ploy. The order was issued to target protesting doctors, instil fear in them," BJP's IT cell chief Amit Malviya said on X.

PANEL TO SUGGEST SAFETY MEASURES

New Delhi: The Union Health ministry Saturday said a committee will be formed to suggest all possible measures for ensuring the safety of healthcare professionals. Representatives of all stakeholders, including the state governments, will be invited to share their suggestions with the committee. The ministry has requested the doctors agitating across the country to resume their duties. Representatives of IMA and resident doctors' associations met Union Health Minister J P Nadda. ENS

Day after Udaipur stabbing, 15-yr-old boy's house razed

Tension in city eased, says Collector



The rented house of the student being demolished. PTI

PARUL KULSHRESTHA
JAIPUR, AUGUST 17

A DAY after the alleged stabbing of a class 10 student by his classmate sparked communal tensions in Udaipur, the city municipal corporation Saturday demolished the house that the 15-year-old accused and his family were renting — on the ground that it "encroached" on forest land.

According to the police, the forest department had issued the family a notice on Saturday morning. "The owner was not able to provide any form of ownership document, after which the house was demolished," Inspector General, Udaipur range, Ajay Lamba told *The Indian Express*, adding that the boy and his father have been detained and that "action will be taken according to the Juvenile Justice Act".

In a video that circulated soon after the demolition, a man who identified himself as the landlord of the house said there were four other families in the house and all

of them were asked to vacate.

"The family of the boy who was involved is now living at their relative's place," the man, Rashid Khan, is heard saying in the video. "Why is the administration demolishing my house? I went to the municipal corporation but everyone is on leave. I went to the police station but they refused to stop the demolition. This is an injustice towards me — I have lost my house without any fault of mine." The stabbing of the schoolboy had set the city on edge, with mobs setting vehicles and shops on fire and also resorting to pelting stones, prompting the district administration to issue prohibitory orders and suspend internet services for 24 hours. Udaipur Municipal Commissioner Ram Prakash did not respond to calls and messages seeking a comment on the demolition.

Meanwhile, the 15-year-old who was stabbed is stable, officials said. Udaipur Collector Arvind Poswal said the situation in the city had normalised and markets opened "without any issues".

CHECKING USE OF BEEF IN EATERIES

FIR against J&K VHP leader on charges of trespass, intimidation

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
JAMMU, AUGUST 17

POLICE HAVE registered an FIR against a Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) leader in Doda district on charges of criminal trespass, intimidating members of a particular community and resorting to activities intended to breach peace. Police said the VHP leader, identified as Anirudh Bhatt, a class IV employee working in the Government Medical College Hospital, Doda, was released on a personal surety.

While Anirudh could not be contacted as his phone was switched off, VHP's J&K president Rajesh Gupta described it as a "false case" and accused the "mafia involved in the sale of beef"

of pressuring local police officers to register the FIR by gathering a crowd. "We are looking into the matter and will take up the issue with higher authorities," Gupta said and claimed that police, at Anirudh's instance, had seized "beef" from a shop in the town a few days earlier.

Meanwhile, residents in Doda alleged that the VHP leader along with some associates arrived in a vehicle in the town's Bharat Road on the night of August 15 and started checking eating joints there. They first went to a shop selling momos and asked the shopkeeper whether he was using beef in them. On being told that he was using only chicken in the momos, they moved towards a bakery run by one Barkat Ali — the complainant — and started

checking it alleging he was selling beef, the locals said.

As the owner and a few customers objected to their "unruly behaviour" and forcible entry into the bakery, Bhatt and his associates allegedly started arguing with them. In the meantime, other local people gathered and Bhatt and his associates fled leaving behind their car. Later, people seized the vehicle. Bhatt was taken into custody and released on a personal surety, sources said.

On the intervening night of August 13-14, Bhatt and his associates allegedly broke open a shop in Doda's Nehru Chowk claiming that the shopkeeper was selling beef. Police visited the spot at the instance of Bhatt and seized some meat from there and sent it for examination, local people said.

Captain Deepak Singh didn't tell mother on Doda mission: 'Would always hide from her'

AVANEESH MISHRA
DEHRADUN, AUGUST 17

DURING A customary call he made to his mother on the evening of August 14, Captain Deepak Singh — the 25-year-old soldier who died in last week's Doda encounter in Jammu and Kashmir — told her that he was heading back to his unit's base to retire for the night. Little did she know that he was just preparing for a dangerous mission and that the call would be the last time the family heard from him.

On August 14, Captain Deepak Singh was leading search operations in Doda district's Akar forests when his unit was fired upon by militants hiding there. The operation was launched after intelligence in-



Family members mourn death of Captain Deepak Singh in Dehradun. PTI file

puts about the presence of some militants hiding there.

"He would make frequent video calls from Jammu and Kashmir, always hiding the truth from his mother," said his father Mahesh Singh, a retired

Uttarakhand police inspector.

When the news of his demise came, the family was in Kerala, where the oldest daughter lived. "My daughter had just had a baby. Our first grandchild. We were all so excited," Mahesh said.

Captain Deepak Singh, born in 1999, was a Signal officer in the 48 National Rifles of the Indian Army.

A graduate of the Indian Military Academy, he became a commissioned officer in 2020, and was on a two-year deputation with the Rashtriya Rifles in Jammu & Kashmir.

He's survived by his parents and two sisters.

His parents wanted him to get married, but he insisted on waiting until his tenure with the Rashtriya Rifles ended, Mahesh said. "He wanted to wait one

more year. But before he could fulfil that promise, he was killed," his father, who had served as a confidential officer to Uttarakhand Director General of Police (DGP) Abhinav Kumar until his retirement this April, said.

Captain Deepak Singh's mortal remains were flown to Dehradun on Wednesday. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh (Retd) and Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami both paid their respects to him at the Jolly Grant Airport.

"His sacrifice will not go in vain. We'll give a befitting reply to our enemies. The nation stands with the family in this moment of grief," Chief Minister Pushkar Dhami said then.

On Wednesday, the Uttarakhand Police held a ceremony to honour him.

MP man kills daughter over inter-caste affair

Bhopal: An 18-year-old woman in Gwalior was killed allegedly by her father who was enraged over her relationship with a man from a different caste, police said.

Following the murder, the father, Radhakrishna Prajapati, turned himself in at the local police station, officials said.

They said the victim had eloped six months ago with her boyfriend who belongs to the Jatav community. On August 14, the police had located Sanjana in Rajasthan's Udaipur and she was returned to her family. Despite her father's efforts to dissuade her from continuing the relationship, police said she was adamant about marrying her boyfriend. Additional SP Gajendra Singh Vardhman said that the "father had confessed to the crime". ENS

IMD rain forecasts for Mumbai wrong by 42% in July. What explains these extreme misses?

NAYONIKA BOSE
MUMBAI, AUGUST 17

WHEN MUMBAI woke up on July 8, it was taken by surprise — large parts of the city were inundated in the 200 mm overnight rains. But nothing about the India Meteorological Department's (IMD) prediction, issued the previous day, had prepared the city for the downpour. The agency had issued a yellow alert, which meant the city was expected to receive up to 115 mm of rainfall in 24 hours. But the metropolis ended up getting 267 mm rain in the period.

This wasn't a rare miss by the IMD. Data reviewed by *The Indian Express* shows that the agency, despite being equipped with some of the most advanced instruments, issued inaccurate district forecasts for Mumbai on at least 13 days in July, of which, on eight days, the forecast warnings were off by more than 25 per cent.

On July 24-25, the rains caught Mumbai, and the IMD, unawares once again. This time, on July 24, the IMD had issued a yellow alert (heavy rainfall, 64.5-115.5 mm) for the following day. But that day, July 25, going by the heavy rainfall in some parts, the IMD upgraded the alert for the day from yellow to red (extremely heavy, above 200 mm). But by then, the rains had receded.

The IMD issues its daily forecast at 1 pm, for a 24-hour period starting 8.30 am that day to 8.30 am the following day. There are five-, two- and three-day advance forecasts as well, but the 24-hour

forecasts are considered the most accurate. In a city where local trains — and therefore, lives — often come to halt during the monsoons, there have been demands that the forecasts be issued earlier in the day. In July, the IMD's forecasts for the city were off nearly 42 per cent. Besides this, data showed that on at least four days in July, the IMD had changed its forecast and warnings twice within a 24-hour window.

Forecasting mechanism

Mumbai is home to two doppler weather radars, one of the most sophisticated instruments in modern meteorology. One of them, a S-band radar, sits atop IMD's Colaba observatory and the other one, a C-band radar, is in Veraval. "Alongside tracking cyclones, radars are also very useful for tracking other weather developments like thunderstorm activities. For thunderstorms, the radars undertake scanning every 10 minutes. Through the regular scans, the radars help in providing localised forecasts depending on the cloud developments and other factors," IMD Mumbai Director Sunil Kamble told *The Indian Express*. Together, the two radars are more than sufficient for Mumbai (603.4 km area), agreed weather scientists.

Unlike other districts, the metropolitan region of Mumbai is also home to the BMC's over 140 automatic weather stations, besides the IMD's own observatories at Santacruz and Colaba. Yet, as the data reflects, the weather bureau often fails to issue accurate and timely forecasts, leaving residents

SOME FORECASTS THAT WERE WAY OFF

Day	Warning issued	Santacruz observatory*	Colaba observatory**
July 9	Yellow alert at 1 pm	4 mm	3 mm
July 14	Yellow alert at 1 pm	5 mm	7 mm
July 16	Orange alert at 1 pm	1 mm	10 mm
July 26	Yellow alert at 1 pm	0 mm	5 mm
July 28	Yellow alert at 1 pm	1 mm	9 mm

In 24-hour period ending at 8.30 am next day*

POSSIBLE REASONS FOR FAILED FORECASTS

- IMD models often fail to capture extremely localised weather systems, making them difficult to forecast
- Due to climate change, extreme events have become more erratic, frequent and intense
- Mumbai's proximity to both the sea and ghats makes its weather prone to rapid changes, making forecasts challenging
- Weather science is inherently unpredictable, especially when the forecast is more specific — over a small area or during a small time-frame

IMD'S COLOUR CODES

Green: NO WARNING, NO ACTION	■ Issued in the likelihood of very heavy rain (between 115.6 mm and 204.4 mm) in a 24-hour period
YELLOW WATCH, BE AWARE	■ Issued in the likelihood of heavy rain (between 64.5 mm and 115.5 mm) in a 24-hour period between 8.30 am that day to 8.30 am the next day
■ Issued in the likelihood of extremely heavy rainfall (204.4 mm of rain & above)	
ORANGE ALERT, BE PREPARED	
RED WARNING, TAKE ACTION	

in a lurch.

IMD acknowledges that its forecasts, particularly the city-specific forecasts, have not been per-

fect, but says its accuracy levels are improving. "IMD's forecasting systems have improved by 40-50 per cent in the last decade compared

to previous years. But it needs to be understood that weather forecasting is a nonlinear science, which means that unlike other sciences, weather has greater unpredictability," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology.

In the last one decade, IMD has seen a significant increase in its observational network. It operates more than 400 weather stations, besides having over 1,000 automatic weather stations and 1,300 automatic rain gauges. That has enabled IMD to provide much better forecasts. But the weather systems have also become much more unpredictable in the last few years. This is particularly true of extreme weather events, exposing the inadequacies of the IMD.

According to Met scientists, IMD models often fail to capture extremely localised weather systems which bring extremely heavy rain within a short span of time, making them difficult to forecast. "That is what happened on the intermittent night of July 7 and 8. While there are about three to four types of weather systems which typically bring rain to Mumbai during monsoons, some small-scale systems, being very localised, are not easy to capture," explained a senior IMD scientist.

"On July 7, there were no systems which ideally bring rain in the city, and the rain was a result of an off-shore vortex, which is a very localised system, and thus our models couldn't capture it," they added.

A senior scientist from IMD said that Mumbai's proximity to seas and ghats makes the weather

prone to dynamic changes, making forecasting even more challenging. Raghu Murtugudde, professor of climate studies at IIT Bombay, said: "What makes forecasting even more challenging in the tropics is that ocean and land temperatures as well as urban areas can amplify convection. Even irrigation and other activity can add to the rainfall processes because of warm temperatures, with warm air holding a lot of moisture. This moisture acts like a steroid for heavy rainfall."

Meanwhile, on the question of the yellow alerts in Mumbai, despite only light rain, another IMD scientist said, "We issue the forecasts on the basis of the rainfall amount and impact, which means the rain in the past days and the probability. During monsoons, if we see a conducive weather system and see a likelihood of any rainfall, we issue the warnings as an SOP."

'Work in progress'

Mohapatra, the IMD head, said improving forecast accuracy was a continuing exercise. "Over the past years, we have strengthened our mechanisms. Since the weather forecast depends on the observational network, Mumbai and neighbouring areas have now been deployed with over 160 automatic weather systems which provide data every 15 minutes. We have also started issuing impact-based forecasts for five days, which tries to predict the likely impacts of a heavy rainfall event, for example," he added.

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I, Jitin Bansal, S/O Vijender Kumar, R/O E-199, Karampura, Delhi, have changed my name to Jitin Kumar, for all purposes.

I, Jitin Kumar, S/O Vijender Kumar, R/O E-199, Karampura, Delhi, have changed my son's name from Yuvan Bansal, to Yuvaan Bansal, for all purposes.

I, Kamal Deep, S/O-Ravinder Singh, R/O-303 B, Pana Harnand, Barwala, Delhi-110039, have changed my minor son's name from Veer to Veer Dabas

I, Kuldeep Negi, Service No-14703949N, Rank-HAV, Present Address:RZ-36, Third Floor, T-Extn., Vishwash Park, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi-110059, Confirm that in My, Service Record, My Mother and Father Name Has been Wrongly Written-as Della Devi & Murali Singh Negi instead of Correct Names, as Dilla Devi & Murlil Singh Negi Respectively.

I, Manoj Vashishat/ Sharma S/O Shiv Dutt Vashishat/ Vashisht, R/O-H.No.532, Near Bham Shakti Hospital, Pooth Kalan, North West Delhi, Delhi-110086, have change my name to Manoj Vashista S/o Shiv Dutt Vashista for all future purposes.

I, Yash Kanojia S/O Sh. Rajkumar R/O C-16C, DSIDC Flats, Paschim Puri, West Delhi-110063 declare that my name is wrongly mentioned-as Yash in my passport instead-of Yash Kanojia. Yash Kanojia and Yash are one, and the same person's name.

I, Renu Minocha W/o Girish Kumar Manocha R/O BE-150, Street-no-5 Hari Nagar, New Delhi-110064 have changed my name to Renu Manocha.

I, Vageesha D/o Rajeev Lochan R/O 243, 1st Floor, AGCR Enclave, Karkardooma, East Delhi, Delhi-110092 have changed my name to Vageesha Bhatnagar for all purposes.

I, Vinita Singh W/o Rakesh Roshan Singh R/O VIII, Chhichha, Post-Chhichha Teh-Bindki, Distt. Fatehpur State, Uttar Pradesh-212635, have changed my date of birth from 10-07-1984 to 10-07-1983 due to civil documents, vide affidavit no BV 377483.

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I, Mitthu Lal, S/o S. D. Agarwal R/O A-62, Janaki Nagar, Kolar Road, Bhopal (MP), have changed my name to Mitthu Lal Agarwal and will henceforth be known as Mitthu Lal Agarwal for all purposes.

I, Saeed Ansari S/O Abdul Hamid R/O 827, Katra Hiddu Farash Khana Delhi-110006, have changed my name to Mohd Saeed permanently.

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Things are not what they seem to be

THE UNFOLDING saga of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has gripped the attention of the business and financial world. Sherlock Holmes said, "If you remove superstition, melodrama and chaos, all you're left with is cold facts." The superstition in the saga is that a government always speaks and acts in the interest of the people. The melodrama is that the story pits Big Business against the Small Investor and at the end of the day we must avoid blood and gore. The chaos is because too many people speak in too many voices and the result is only noise.

If you cut out the superstition, melodrama and the chaos, you will find the truth. The central question was, what was the source of investment in a business group? The group denied any wrongdoing and claimed that the money was legitimate. The doubters alleged that the money was through over-invoicing and round-tripping, and was illegitimate. SEBI investigated the matter and reported that it had found, *prima facie*, nothing wrong, but the doubters were not satisfied. Ultimately, the Supreme Court asked a five-member Committee under Justice Sapre to investigate and report.

WHAT COMMITTEE FOUND

What the Justice Sapre Committee found — and could not find — are impor-

tant. The Committee found that there were 13 overseas investors including 12 foreign portfolio investors (FPI). The 'beneficial owner' of each FPI had been disclosed but the *ultimate* beneficial owner — the last natural person in the chain — had not been disclosed. Why? Because the requirement to disclose the last natural person had been *done away with in 2018!* Nevertheless, SEBI claimed that it had investigated the ownership of the 13 overseas entities since October 2020 but *had drawn a blank*. The Committee's comment was scathing:

"Without such information SEBI is unable to satisfy itself that its suspicion that has been aroused can be put to rest. The securities market regulator suspects wrongdoing but also finds compliance with various stipulations in attendant regulations. Therefore, the record reveals a chicken-and-egg situation."

On the connected question if the investors or their beneficial owners were 'related parties' to the investee companies, the Committee found that the terms 'related party' and 'related party transaction' had been amended substantially in November 2021 but with *prospective effect*, some from April 1, 2022 and some from April 1, 2023! The Committee's comment on this aspect was equally scathing:

"Having adopted the path of making explicit stipulations prospectively, the feasibility of testing the principles underlying the regulations governing related party

transactions has been eroded."

The final conclusion of the Committee was that "...it appears that the legislative policy of SEBI on the ownership structure of FPIs has moved in one direction while the enforcement by SEBI is moving in the opposite direction."

SEBI CARRIES ON

Nevertheless, SEBI continued with its investigations into 24 specific cases. When the Committee's report was submitted to the Supreme Court, the Court heard arguments and by an order dated January 3, 2024 upheld SEBI's actions. The Court also directed SEBI to complete its investigations in *three months*. Seven months have elapsed.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Everyone thought that the allegations of the short-seller, Hindenburg Research, had been given a quiet burial in January 2024, but the short-seller hit the headlines again in August 2024 when it made allegations against Ms Madhabi Puri Buch, Chairperson of SEBI, and her husband, Mr Dhaval Buch. Ms Buch was appointed whole time member of SEBI in April 2017. After she completed her tenure, and a gap, she was appointed Chairperson on March 1, 2022. When the crucial decisions were taken in 2018 and

2021-24, Ms Buch was in a decision making position in SEBI.

Allegations of conflict of interest have been made against Ms Buch. It appears that she and her husband had economic interests in entities that were investigated by SEBI and reviewed by the Justice Sapre Committee. Ms Buch admitted her investments but offered explanations: they were made when she and her husband were private citizens; that they had redeemed the investments upon her appointment in SEBI; and that the companies concerned had become dormant soon after.

The issue is *not* whether there was wrongdoing or actual conflict of interest on the part of Ms Buch. The issue is *not* whether the government is shielding Ms Buch in order to shield the business group. Rather, the issue is a simple and straightforward one: Did Ms Buch *disclose* her past connections and actions — and the *potential* conflict of interest — to SEBI, to the government, to the Justice Sapre Committee, and to the Supreme Court? *Apparently not*. Nor did Ms Buch recuse herself from the investigations.

Assuming all the facts in Ms Buch's favour, at the least she committed a grave and culpable error. She ought to have made a disclosure and recused herself from the case. Her participation has tainted the investigations. She must resign and the allegations investigated *de novo*.

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Musings on India today

AS SOMEONE born three years after India awoke to 'life and freedom' on that magical midnight, I had the misfortune to spend my growing years in those socialist decades when everything was shabby second rate and in short supply. So for me, personally, the liberalisation that a Congress prime minister was forced to bring remains among the best things that have happened in our journey as a modern nation. The truth is that we got political freedom on August 15, 1947, but along with it came an economic dictatorship through central planning. It was the liberalisation brought by PV Narasimha Rao that gradually dismantled the licence raj. It is sad that this Congress prime minister has been so disrespected by his own party. He deserves our reverence and gratitude.

This was the first thought that crossed my mind while listening to the Prime Minister's long speech from the Red Fort last week. But I paid attention to how Narendra Modi praised his own 'reforms' and wondered if he knew that there has been only a limited amount of real reform in the past decade. Roads, airports, trains stations and ports are being built faster, which is good. The welfare state is more efficient, which is also good. And history will record that one of Modi's real achievements was the dramatic change in rural sanitation brought by the Swachh Bharat campaign that he announced in a more memorable speech from the Red Fort. I found it hard to agree with him when he asserted that he had transformed governance.

This is not true. The reason why none of the new denizens of that privileged enclave known as Lutyens' Delhi has discovered this is because there is an iron dome above this piece of expensive real estate that prevents all real information from breaking through. Modi's ministers are more inaccessible than Congress ministers ever were. This could be because he never had the courage to kick them out of their palatial bungalows and order them to live as more humble Indians do. This has led to serious failures in governance.

A recent, scary example is the way his Education Minister began by denying that there had been paper leaks in the NEET examinations or that the National Testing Agency (NTA) was seriously flawed. It was only because desperate students took to the streets and news channels took up their cause that this minister was forced to listen.

One of the most important reforms that should have been made in the past ten years is in the sphere of education. Millions of Indian children are forced to turn to government schools and colleges, because they are all they can afford, and they remain as lousy as they were before. Modi's chief ministers have governed some of our most backward states in the past decade, and they did nothing to improve the rotten school system they inherited. The Prime Minister spoke of how he wanted to see a time when Indian students would not need to go abroad for higher education, but does he know that this remains a distant dream because of his government's neglect of real reform. It is silly to boast of how many new colleges have been built if they continue to offer nothing that can be called an education. Quality is the problem. Not quantity.

My mind continued to wander during the speech, so I started calculating the things that India has achieved and the things that we have failed to achieve. Achievements make a shorter list. It is to the credit of Narasimha Rao and Narendra Modi that India at least looks better than it did in the years before the economy was liberalised. Private enterprise has bloomed and flourished and today we have world-class companies, hospitals, colleges, schools, hotels and restaurants. They would be much better if governance had improved enough to get officials out of the way. This has not happened so what has bloomed alongside is corruption as a mega industry.

If colonial governance had not continued to be practised by the men living under that iron dome much more could have been achieved. Instead of tinkering with this and that, the Law Minister should have discovered by now that the justice system does not work. It is too cumbersome, too expensive and too stuck in administrative methods that died in developed countries a century ago. The Minister for Urban Affairs would have noticed that our cities and towns look like vast slums with oases of cleanliness and prosperity dotted here and there. Has the Prime Minister noticed yet that there are no smart cities?

When Modi became prime minister a decade ago, he seemed to mean it when he promised economic liberalisation, but this has turned out to be a false promise. When was the last time you heard of a government company being privatised? When was the last time you heard an official mention the word? It must be sadly said that Modi has spent ten years walking along the same path that Congress prime ministers walked and it is a path that leads to that decrepit socialist India in which midnight's children and some who came a few years later spent their childhood and youth. If Modi's speech this year was uninspiring, it is because he has few new achievements to list. We must hope that real change happens now.

Disparity among Dalits needs to be acknowledged

Dalitality

MILIND EAWAD



A SEVEN-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court said states can create sub-classifications within the reserved categories for Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs). After this decision, along with the masses and political parties, elite universities and public institutions have become the battleground for discussing sub-classification and creamy layer issues. It is evident that there are two views on sub-classification: one in its favour, the other in its opposition.

However, both are critical of introducing the creamy-layer clause in SC categorisation. The Cabinet too has clarified that there is no plan to implement the creamy layer exclusion for SC and ST quota. This consensus stems from the shared notion that SCs and STs are historically humiliated communities and that reservation, in this case, is an attempt to redress generational social exclusion. Thus, creamy-layer sub-categorisation that excludes economically secure members of the SC/ST community cannot be used as a form of differentiation for the latter to continue to face discrimination.

While there is broad agreement among stakeholders on the introduction of creamy-layer status within SC/ST reservation, sub-classification based on caste has received mixed responses. Critics argue that it will fragment the pan-Dalit identity, and that privileged sections of the SC/ST communities are assertive and visible because they embraced the process of Ambedkarisation. Finally, they highlight the limited character of social change achieved by reservation and demand its effective implementation.

Moreover, the visibility of communities including the neo-Buddhists (Maharashtra), Malas and Adi-Andhras (Telangana and AP), Holeyas (Karnataka), Pallans and Paraiyars (TN), Pulayars (Kerala), and Jatavs and Chamars in (north India) can also be attributed to their sizable population. However, communities including the Mangs (Maharashtra), Madigas (Telangana), Arunthathiyars (TN), and Valmikis and

Mazhabis (north India) are 'late entrants' in the anti-caste movement.

The procedural history of sub-classification can be traced to the B N Lokur Committee constituted in 1965. It observed that the welfare benefits were concentrated in "numerically large and politically well-organised communities". Ten years later, Punjab issued a notification giving preference to Valmiki and Mazhabi Sikh castes, identified as most backward, in SC quota. In the 1990s, the Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi emerged as a strong voice, demanding sub-classification in AP. In response, the state formed the R Raju Committee. Based on its recommendation, AP created sub-classification within SC reservation that was struck down by the Supreme Court in 2004.

However, the demand for sub-classification in SC reservation by state and non-state actors was not an isolated case. We have seen the formation of commissions across India recommending categorisation and sub-classification of the SC reservation based on their findings: Hukum Singh Commission (UP, 2001), Lahuji Salve Commission (Maharashtra, 2003), Sadashiva Commission (Karnataka, 2005), Usha Mehra Commission (Centre, 2007) and the Janarthanam Commission (TN, 2008). I argue for extending the social justice principle underlying the SC/ST reservation to castes that have not been able to access welfare resources. If reservation was introduced to redress the enormous socio-economic inequality among historically disadvantaged castes through proportional representation, then why not use the same principle for backward castes within the SC category? In the same context, the Supreme Court's 2024 verdict takes note of the data and rationalises the necessity of sub-classification for the most disadvantaged and marginalised groups that have failed to access the benefits of reservation.

Thus, instead of penalising or silencing the internal contradiction within the Dalit community, it is pertinent that those upholding the cause acknowledge the vast disparity in socio-economic status, education and employment in the community. In fact, recognising internal disparity is an opportunity to both cultivate spontaneous solidarities among Dalit castes and actualise the constitution of a genuinely unified Dalit category and politics.

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history HEADLINE

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THE IMAGE of the public desecration of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's statue in Dhaka is perhaps the most telling spectacle of the recent resistance in Bangladesh. It's perhaps the first time since Bangladesh's independence that it was openly confronting the history and legacy that it had been built on. Until now, Sheikh Mujib's exalted status in Bangladesh as its founder and Father of the Nation has rarely been contested, but the deep divisions of the last few months had laid bare some of these fault lines.

Scholars suggest that the dominant historical narrative about the Bangladesh Liberation War, which places Mujib and the Awami League at the centre, is not necessarily untrue, but as with every chapter in history, it over-exaggerates certain episodes and characters, while obliterating others.

Political anthropologist Professor Nayanika Mookherjee suggests that every regime change in Bangladesh has been accompanied by a re-writing of its history and a re-adjustment of the signposts of history. "In 1996, when Awami League came to power, a predominant part of society across all classes accepted their narrative of the centrality of Sheikh Mujib's role in the *Muktijuddho* (Liberation War) and his Seventh of March clarion call for Independence as the watershed moment of the liberation war," says Mookherjee, who is the author of *The Spectral Woman: Sexual Violence, Public Memories, and the Bangladesh War of 1971* (2015).

The historical narrative of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), the primary opposition party during Hasina's regime, however, places Ziaur Rahman or General Zia at the centre.

The commander of the first conventional brigade of the Bangladesh forces that launched major attacks on West Pakistani forces during the Liberation War, General Zia went on to be army chief of independent Bangladesh and later founded the BNP in 1978. In BNP's version of history, Bangladeshi resistance to the Pakistan army's Operation Searchlight, launched on March 25, 1971, to curb Bengali nationalist sentiment, is the most important signpost of the nation's history. It was General Zia who made the official radio announcement of the independence of Bangladesh on March 26, 1971.

"Mujib and Zia fought together for the country's liberation. In a radio broadcast from Kalurghat, Zia accepted Mujib as the country's leader. However, the Awami League's narration enforces that only Mujib and Awami League cadres fought for the

Bangladesh: its contested history shapes its present



(From left) Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Ziaur Rahman fought together for Bangladesh's liberation. Wikipedia

country's liberation," explains Amit Ranjan, a research fellow on Bangladesh politics at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

"The BNP believes in a more militarised version of the Liberation War, while the Awami League prefers to concentrate on the civilian aspect of the war with Sheikh Mujib at the helm," explains Mookherjee.

In his book, *Fifty Years of Bangladesh, 1971-2021* (2022), political scientist Taj Hashmi argues that even in the early 1970s, Mujib was keen on having a united Pakistan. In the early 1960s, he had attempted to seek Indian assistance in the secession of East Pakistan. However, after being refused help by Nehru and later having won a majority of the seats in the 1970 polls, he was desperately trying to become the PM of a united Pakistan, writes Hashmi, who was a student in Dhaka in 1971. He asserts that Mujib gave his March 7 speech under great duress from student protestors. "He in fact ends his speech with 'Joy Bangla, Joy Pakistan'.

Political scientist Ali Riaz explains that the Mujib-centric narrative of the Liberation War neglects the role played by several other important actors, including many in the Awami League. He cites the example of Tajuddin Ahmad, who after Sheikh Mujib's arrest on March 25, led a provisional government in Meherpur district of Western Bangladesh, bordering India.

Riaz goes on to argue that the other strands of nationalism, apart from the language one, have been marginalised by the Awami League. Maulana Bhashani or the Red Maulana, for instance, was a key figure in the 1960s, though he is rarely placed on the pedestal of greatness in Bangladesh.

Then there were the pro-Chinese leftists, who, explains Riaz, "believed that the struggle against West Pakistan was not only a nationalist one, but also one against capitalist oppression."

There were also many in Bangladesh, says cultural anthropologist Dina Siddiqi in an email interview, who believed in the idea of a united Pakistan. "The relation with Pakistan was not all rejection. At the time of the 1947 Partition, large segments of the population in East Bengal (Muslims and namasudras) were excited at the prospect of Pakistan because it was a chance to throw off the chains of zamindari and work toward a more equal dispensation," she says.

There is also a lack of consensus over the official number of civilian deaths during the Liberation War. A figure of three million is generally accepted by the Awami League and a large section of civil society. Ranjan, in a research paper published in 2016, writes that "this figure was, in fact, first stated by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in an interview with the British broadcaster David Frost". "This number even surprised some of Mujib's confidantes and is contradicted by many," he says.

That apart, there is also a national blind spot with regard to the non-Bengali, Urdu- or Hindustani-speaking Muslims of East Pakistan and who became part of Bangladesh, who were collectively referred to as 'Biharis'. Journalist and scholar Sarmila Bose in her 2005 research paper has focused on the massacre carried out by Bengali mobs on Biharis at Khulna and Chittagong in March 1971.

Then there are the Bengali rape survivors of the war, whose experience has been woven into the nation-building process of Bangladesh.

Mookherjee in her book writes, "Faced with a huge population of rape survivors, the Bangladesh interim government under Abul Hasnat Muhammad Kamruzzaman in December 1971 publicly designated any woman raped in the war a 'birangona' (war heroine)."

This bold effort to honour wartime rape victims was, as noted by Mookherjee, "internationally unprecedented". Scholars, however, say that such conflicting narratives aren't surprising for a young nation born out of deep upheavals.

"Bangladesh's birth is relatively recent, in the sense that those who were part of the liberation struggle are still alive and active in public life. It is only expected that it would be difficult for them to step back and take an 'objective' view of history," says Professor Ananya Jahanara Kabir, who has authored the book, *Partition's Post-Amnesias: 1947, 1971 and Modern South Asia* (2013).

"This just suggests that nation-building in Bangladesh is still far from complete."

She SAID

DR MANALI AGARWAL



MUCH OF the conversation today is focussed on the recent rape and murder at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital. It's sad that it took an extreme episode to finally talk about the challenges that women medics have been facing for years, compelling some of us to take self-defence classes.

As an intern, I had rural postings in peripheral areas in PHCs, where we had to do night duty for casualty cases. We would get traffic accident cases regularly, where the patient would be inebriated and invariably misbehave with us. Lack of proper security personnel worsened the situation. Often, bystanders and goons would also join in.

A safe space, between home & our clinic

There have been case fatalities where doctors have been at the receiving end of the wrath of the patient's family and bystanders, who refuse to accept that the patient was critical when brought in. We have heard of innumerable cases of doctors being beaten up by a patient's family. This kind of violence against healthcare workers has become the norm, rather than the exception. We have also recently heard of an incident at a hospital in Delhi where a patient walked around semi-naked and made inappropriate gestures at women doctors.

In remote areas, commuting to and from the medico's residence/hostel to the hospital is a challenge since official vehicles are not always available. The duty doctor has to arrange their own means of commuting, which mostly includes walking alone on the

streets. Sometimes, there is no dedicated duty doctor room in departments and residents don't have a proper place to rest. Some hospital areas also lack a designated changing room for women residents.

Simple security measures can be reassuring for women residents. For example, provide official vehicles during odd hours to ensure safe pick-up and drop. Identify blind zones on campus that have no CCTV coverage. CCTVs ensure continuous monitoring and help security personnel respond promptly to any suspicious activity. The campus must be well-lit and guards posted at dark spots. Also, signage must be put up at various places, highlighting penalties under the law for violence against medics.

While immediate steps are necessary, we must also address the larger systemic

issues that contribute to the vulnerability of women in the healthcare sector. For long, we have been urging the government and relevant authorities to implement the Central Healthcare Protection Act, dedicated to the safety of healthcare workers, particularly women, in their workplaces. We have been campaigning for a government oversight committee to regularly audit the safety measures in place at medical institutions and ensure compliance with the highest standards of security.

Above all, a safe space mostly exists in the mind. So we must foster a culture of respect within our medical institutions. Regular training programmes on gender sensitivity, workplace harassment and the legal rights of healthcare workers should be made mandatory for staff and students.

There should also be counselling services or legal aid for healthcare workers suffering from workplace harassment.

As medical interns, women have devised their own armour. Almost everybody these days carries pepper spray, shares their live location with family and takes care to come "appropriately" dressed at their workplace. As colleagues, we watch each other's backs, but unfortunately nothing seems to be enough. Fear of violence/sexual assault exists in the mind of every woman doctor at work. And that's really not a good space to be in when she has to deliver the best care she can. All I can say is that this case is just the tip of the iceberg.

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Reuters
The jet crashes into the Mediterranean Sea in Le Lavandou, Friday.

FRANCE
Plane crashes into sea during airshow, kills pilot

Paris: A pilot died on Friday after the Fouga Magister jet which he was flying during an airshow in Lavandou, southern France, crashed into the Mediterranean sea, said French authorities. "The body of the pilot has been recovered," said the local authority. French authorities added that an inquiry was underway. The airshow was part of a commemoration of the 80th anniversary of the Allied forces' D-Day landings. The airshow had also involved the French Air Force's 'Patrouille de France' aerobatics team, which decided to cancel its demonstration. **REUTERS**

'NZ Diplomat attacked by armed robbers'

Paris: A diplomat from New Zealand's Embassy in France was the victim of an armed robbery in Paris on Thursday, the city's prosecutor's office said the following day. The diplomat was not named, and the Parisian authorities did not say whether they had identified a suspect in the case. The statement did not describe the diplomat's condition, saying only that the victim had been taken to a hospital for treatment after being struck in the face with the butt of a pistol. The Embassy of New Zealand did not immediately provide comment. **NYT**

UNITED KINGDOM
2 teens charged in UK court with right-wing terror

London: Two teenagers appeared in a London court on Friday after an investigation into suspected extreme right-wing terrorism, involving allegations of attempting to acquire firearms and explosives. Rex Clark, 18, and Sofija Vinogradova, 19, were both charged with a single count of preparation of terrorist acts, after an investigation which was not linked to riots and racist attacks which took place across Britain last month, London's Metropolitan Police said. The pair appeared at Westminster Magistrates' Court and were not asked to enter any pleas. They were remanded ahead of a hearing on Sept. 13. **REUTERS**

Israeli strike in south Lebanon kills 10, Hezbollah hits back with rockets

2 children among dead, all Syrians, says state media

REUTERS
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AROUND 10 people were killed, including two children, and five were wounded by an Israeli airstrike on a residential building in the city of Nabatieh in south Lebanon, state news agency NNA said on Saturday.

The victims were all Syrian citizens, NNA said, adding that a final toll of the strike would be announced after DNA tests were conducted to determine the identity of the victims. The Israeli military said the airstrike targeted a Hezbollah weapons depot. The Israeli strike came after cease-fire talks between Palestinian Islamist group Hamas and Israel in Doha paused on Friday with negotiators due to meet again next week. Hezbollah later said in a statement that it had struck the Ayelet Hashahar Kibbutz in northern Israel in retaliation for the Nabatieh strike.

Two soldiers were wounded in a rocket attack from Lebanon, the Israeli military said, adding that a total of 55 rockets had been fired in latest strikes from Lebanon. Also on Saturday, an Israeli drone targeted a motorcycle in the Qadmous area east of Tyre in south Lebanon, NNA reported, adding that one person was injured. A security source said one person was killed in the motorcycle attack.

Tensions have soared in the region in recent weeks, after a rocket strike blamed on Hezbollah killed 12 children and teens in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Israel responded with the killing of a top Hezbollah commander in the suburbs of Beirut.

Thaksin gets royal pardon day after his daughter was named PM



Thaksin Shinawatra with his daughter, PM Paetongtarn. File

Bangkok: Thailand's billionaire former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra received a royal pardon shortening his parole by two weeks, his lawyer said Saturday, a day after his daughter was elected premier by parliament. Thaksin has been at the heart of a two-decade power struggle between the Shinawatras and its allies and a nexus of royalists, generals and old-money families that have long wielded influence over Thai governments.

After a dramatic return last August from self-exile, Thaksin was sentenced to eight years for abuse of power and conflicts of interests during his term. His sentence was commuted to one year by King Maha Vajiralongkorn last September. "Thaksin is among the prisoners that received the royal pardon" in honour of the king's birthday last month, his lawyer, Winayart Chartmontri, said. "It will take effect on Sunday." **REUTERS**



After an Israeli strike in Al-Kfour in southern Lebanon on Saturday. Reuters

Gaza deal bridges gaps, mediators prepare for truce, says US official

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IN A sign that mediators believe a Gaza cease-fire deal is imminent, a US official said Friday that Mideast negotiators are working out logistics for the potential release of hostages and distribution of aid as part of any agreement to end the Israel-Hamas war.

The official, who spoke to reporters on condition of anonymity, said the proposal currently on the table basically bridges every gap between Israel and Hamas and mediators were making preparations before a final deal is approved. It was unclear what measures were being taken, but the official said a new "implementation cell" was being established in Cairo in advance. The cell would focus on logistics, including freeing hostages, providing humanitarian aid for Gaza and ensuring that the terms of the pact are met, the official said.



Site of an Israeli airstrike in central Gaza on Saturday. Reuters

The comments came hours after mediators expressed hope that a deal was within reach. They said two days of talks had wrapped up in Qatar and that they plan to reconvene in Cairo next week to seal an agreement.

Harris lays out plan to better middle-class lives, says Trump's plan focused on past

THE NEW YORK TIMES
RALEIGH, N CAROLINA, AUG 17

VICE PRESIDENT Kamala Harris unspooled her economic agenda on Friday in her first major policy address, casting her vision as one for the future and former President Donald Trump's as of the past, as she argued that she would improve the lives of middle-class Americans and benefit generations of their descendants.

In a speech in Raleigh, N.C., she painted a sharp contrast between herself and Trump, who has spent more time attacking President Biden's economic policies than laying out his own. "This election, I do strongly believe, is about two very different visions," Ms. Harris said. "One — ours — focused on the future and the other focused on the past." Harris emphasized middle-class Americans' everyday experiences, like sitting at the kitchen table paying their bills. She detailed how she would build an "opportunity economy" that would lower cost of living, provide financial security and remove barriers to building generational wealth.

Harris displays her efforts to



Kamala Harris at a rally in North Carolina on Friday. AP

EXPLAINED
Goals are same, not game plans

BOTH CANDIDATES embrace a vision of constructive federal intervention in markets. But their approaches are contrasting. For example, while Harris tries to tax the super-rich and subsidize building costs of affordable housing, Trump vows to deport millions of immigrants to bring housing prices down.

unpack policy by personalizing its impact. Much of her agenda represents an expansion of policies proposed by Biden in his latest presidential budget.

TWO IMRAN PARTY WORKERS ALSO AMONG DISAPPEARED

Kin of 'missing' Pak comedian who criticised govt move Lahore court

MZULQERNAIN
LAHORE, AUGUST 17

INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES in Pakistan continue to abduct social media activists and vloggers for criticising the government and the powerful military establishment in the country, their families have alleged and approached courts in Punjab province.

Two social media activists of former prime minister Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party, Naeem Ahmad Yasin and Arsalan Akbar, and vlogger-



Comedian Aun Khosa

comedian Aun Khosa, have allegedly been arrested by intelligence agencies in the Punjab province of Pakistan.

They have been reported "missing" by their families.

The Shehbaz Sharif government and the establishment have been facing scathing criticism on social media for "abducting"

Khosa for singing a parody song on soaring electricity bills. Days before his abduction, Khosa had sung a song "Bill Bill Pakistan", a parody of the famous Pakistani song *Dil Dil Pakistan* criticising the high prices of electricity and extra taxes on it. The comedian has a following of 137,000 on YouTube.

The families of three "missing persons" filed petitions in the Lahore High Court which Friday directed the Punjab police chief to recover Khosa by August 20.

The PTI has expressed concern over recent "forced disappearances" of its workers. **PTI**

Ukrainian incursion into Kursk backed by NATO: Senior Putin aide

REUTERS
MOSCOW, AUGUST 17

AN INFLUENTIAL aide to Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that the West and the U.S.-led NATO alliance had helped to plan Ukraine's surprise attack on Russia's Kursk region, something Washington has denied.

The lightning incursion began on August 6 when thousands of Ukrainian troops crossed Russia's western border in major embarrassment for its military.



Site of a Russian missile strike in Ukraine's Sumy on Friday. Reuters

The United States and Western powers had said Ukraine had not given advance notice and

ued for so long?

"Who knows the reason? We have to ask the dolphins," said Hiromu Nohara, a Mihama town official. There are some theories, though. For one, it may be a single dolphin. Ryoichi Matsubara, the director of Echizen Matsushima Aquarium in Fukui, said that the photos and videos he reviewed of some of the 2022 and 2023 attacks appeared to show the same male Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphin. Matsubara said the same dolphin may also have been responsible for this year's attacks, although he had not yet obtained recent footage. The dolphin may be acting

out mating behavior, he said, adding that in 2022 and 2023, it was observed trying "to press his genitals against people." But in many cases, beachgoers were bitten when they approached or attempted to touch the dolphin, Matsubara said.

Putu Mustika, a lecturer and marine researcher at James Cook University in Australia, said that dolphins can inadvertently harm humans when acting out mating behaviors because of their sheer strength.

"Dolphins, when they are mating, can be very wild," she said, adding that lunging on top of a human could be a sexual act

world. They are capable..." He also emphasised redesigning the financial system to make sure that wealth is shared by all.

"It should not be a one-way path for wealth. We must ensure financial services for all people, particularly women and youth. We can learn from each other how this can be done successfully."

Home ministry advisor replaced

Within three days of his appointment, Brig Gen (ret'd) M Sakhawat Hussain was replaced as home adviser in the interim government of Bangladesh, amidst criticism of the ex-officer's conduct by student leaders, media reports on Saturday said. Hussain was replaced as home adviser by Lt Gen (ret'd) Jahangir Alam Chowdhury on Friday night.

Fire breaks out at Somerset House in London; art by Van Gogh, Monet safe, say officials



Smoke rises from London's Somerset House on Saturday. AP

London: More than 125 firefighters worked to douse a fire Saturday at Somerset House, a large central London arts venue that contains priceless works by Monet, Cezanne and Van Gogh.

Heavy smoke and flames that could be seen coming from the roof around noon had died down a few hours later as firefighters poured water on it from the buckets on ladder trucks. It appeared from video footage that flames had burned a hole in the roof of the building located next to the River Thames. The cause of the fire was not yet known, the London Fire Brigade said.

Somerset House said staff and the public were safe and artworks were not in the area of the fire. The fire was on the opposite side of the large complex from The Courtauld Gallery that features works such as Vincent Van Gogh's "Self-Portrait with Bandaged Ear." **AP**

DANGER FOR 3RD YEAR, SCIENTISTS SAY THE ANIMAL MIGHT BE ACTING ON MATING BEHAVIOUR

Visitors in central Japan beaches encounter a rare threat: Attack by a 'lonely dolphin'

HISAKO UENO & YAN ZHUANG
AUGUST 17

AT THE beaches along an idyllic coastal stretch of central Japan, lifeguards scan the water, poised to call swimmers back to shore at the hint of a fin. Sharp teeth shown on posters warn beachgoers to be careful because, for the third year running, there is danger in the water.

No, it's not sharks. It's dolphins. Possibly just a single lonely, sexually frustrated dolphin.

In Wakasa Bay, about 200 miles west of Tokyo, dolphin at-

tacks have injured at least 47 people since 2022. Many of them suffered minor bites on their hands, but a few were rushed to hospitals with broken bones or wounds that needed stitches.

In 2022, 21 people reported injuries from dolphin attacks along a stretch of beaches near the town of Echizen, according to the police in Fukui Prefecture. Most were reported in what one Japanese media outlet called the "dolphin threat summer." One man told local media that he was swimming close to the shore when a dolphin bit his arm and tried to force itself on top of him, almost pushing him underwater.

The next year, the attacks were concentrated on beaches down the coast near the town of Mihama. In 2023, 10 people were injured, a Fukui police spokesman said. In one case, a man was left with broken ribs.

Since July 21 this year, 16 people have been injured in dolphin attacks, mainly off the beaches near Mihama and the nearby Tsuruga city, according to local officials. Two of them had serious hand injuries that needed dozens of stitches.

Why have the dolphins come so close to the shore? Are they being aggressive or just playful? Why have these attacks contin-



A poster the authorities have put up at some beaches to warn of dolphin attacks. NYT

13 ECONOMY

CRUDE WATCH

OIL FALLS 2% TO END VOLATILE WEEK

New York: Oil prices settled down nearly 2% on Friday, little changed on the week with Brent crude below \$80 a barrel, as investors tempered expectations of demand growth from top oil importer China. **REUTERS**

CONCERNS OVER LOAN GROWTH OUTPACING DEPOSIT GROWTH

Banks woo depositors with special schemes amid contest with markets

HITESH VYAS & GEORGE MATHEW
MUMBAI, AUGUST 17

WITH DEPOSIT growth slowing down, banks are racing to mobilise funds through special deposit schemes and other innovative plans to meet the credit demand in the system. Many banks have reported a decline in deposits during the quarter ended June 2024 as customers are now looking at alternative avenues like the capital markets to park their funds for better returns.

State Bank of India (SBI), India's largest bank, registered a fall in deposits to Rs 49.01 lakh crore in the June quarter of FY25, compared to Rs 49.16 lakh crore in the March 2024 quarter. Bank of Baroda reported a fall in deposits from Rs 13.26 lakh crore to Rs 13.06 lakh crore in the June quarter. Other banks also reported a similar trend during the June quarter.

Among private banks, HDFC Bank's deposit base remained flat at Rs 23.76 lakh crore on a sequential basis in June 2024.

CASA deposits and impact on bank strategies

According to bank officials, current and savings bank (CASA) deposits declined during the quarter. SBI's CASA deposits fell to Rs 19.41 lakh crore from Rs 19.14 lakh crore in March 2024. "The decline in deposit growth has forced some banks to raise deposit rates in certain buckets. Credit growth is now outpacing deposit growth.



Slower growth in deposits has led to an increase in the cost of funds for banks. **File**

Customers are now focusing more on the capital market where returns are far higher than bank deposits. They were seen breaking fixed deposits to invest in mutual fund schemes," said a bank official.

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) latest data shows that credit growth rose by 15.1 per cent as of July 2024, compared to 14.6 per cent on a year-on-year basis. However, deposit growth declined to 10.6 per cent from 12.9 per cent a year ago.

SBI Chairman Dinesh Khara said that the current phase of credit growth outpacing deposits is temporary. "We have seen that when alternative options are available, people have gone to markets but bank deposits remain the channelling source. We had a similar situation in 2007 when loans outpaced deposits, but it was a temporary phenomenon which we should be able to navigate with our investment book," he said while unveiling the bank's quarterly results last week.

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Banks launch special deposit schemes

In order to mobilise higher deposits, banks have been launching special term deposits. Recently, lenders such as SBI, Bank of Baroda, Bank of India, Bank of Maharashtra, RBL Bank, and Bandhan Bank have launched special retail deposit schemes. Banks are also focusing on niche segments for deposit mobilisation. In July, SBI launched 'Amrit Vrishi'—a scheme that offers 7.25 per cent interest on deposits for 444 days. Bank of Baroda also launched the 'Monsoon Dhamaka' deposit scheme, offering interest rates of 7.25 per cent for 399 days and 7.15 per cent for 333 days.

Amid concerns over the shift of household savings from banks

to alternative investment avenues, resulting in slower deposit growth compared to credit, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das recently asked lenders to garner deposits through innovative product offerings and use their wide branch network.

Alternative investment avenues are becoming more attractive to retail customers, and banks are facing challenges on the funding front with bank deposits trailing loan growth, he said. "Banks are taking greater recourse to short-term non-retail deposits and other instruments of liability to meet the incremental credit demand," Das said.

Govt's focus on small deposit mobilisation

Last week, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman asked banks to take the old-fashioned route to bring back focus on mobilising "small deposits" and not just big deposits in order to reverse the slowdown in deposit growth rate.

"It's right that credit is going through digital format and collection of deposits is not. Huge big deposits have always been a very lazy banker's job, but the trickles which come are going to be the bread and butter money to lend regularly. So that trickle (small deposit mobilisation) was the emphasis a long, long time ago...the requisite small deposits, that's also one of the very critical jobs of the bank. It might be grinding monotonous but that's where your bread and butter lies," she said.

However, slower growth in deposits has led to an increase in the cost of funds for banks, which

has forced banks to raise their lending rates. Recently, SBI raised its marginal cost of funds (MCLR) by 10 basis points (bps) across all tenors. In the last three months, SBI has raised MCLR by up to 30 bps in some of the tenors.

Mutual funds vs. bank deposits

Analysts said equity schemes of mutual funds had given four to five times more returns than bank deposits, prompting people to focus on the capital market for higher returns. After adjusting for inflation, they were hardly getting two or three per cent returns from bank deposits. Mutual fund players said that the notion that the slowdown in bank deposits due to higher subscription to mutual funds seems to be misinformed. They said that the shift of money from bank deposits to mutual funds will not affect banking system liquidity as the money remains in the banking system.

"Prima facie it seems that bank deposits and mutual funds are competing with each other, but there will be no impact on the banking system liquidity because of money flowing into mutual funds," said Sandeep Bagla, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Trust Mutual Fund.

He attributed strong returns, ease of investing, the ability to invest regularly in the market through systematic investment plans (SIPs), and growing awareness among retail investors as the primary reasons for higher retail participation in mutual funds.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

China dominates supply of electronic components for 'made in India' products

SOUMYARENDRA BARIK
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

IN THE financial year 2023-24, India imported electronic components worth over \$12 billion from China and \$6 billion from Hong Kong, with the two accounting for more than half of total such imports to India—suggesting that the country's growing footprint in electronics manufacturing may not yet be translating into reduced reliance on Beijing.

In the last five years, electronics imports from China and Hong Kong have far outnumbered imports from other major manufacturing hubs like South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and all ASEAN countries, combined.

In fact, in 2023-24, electronic components imports stood at \$34.4 billion, making them the fifth largest commodity to be imported to India, after crude, gold, petroleum products, and coal, according to data sourced from the Ministry of Commerce. These components constitute key building blocks for the finished electronics products that are currently being assembled in India—from smartphones to televisions.

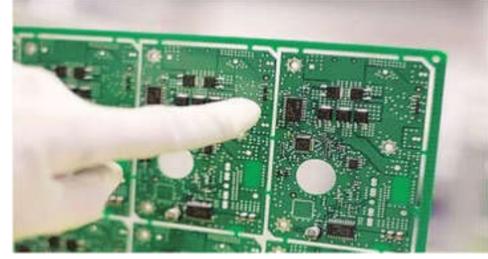
Import share from China, Hong Kong

In the financial year 2019-20, electronic components imports from China and Hong Kong stood at over \$10 billion, accounting for 62 per cent of the total imports in the category. A year later, in 2020-21, while the value of such imports dipped slightly to \$9.5 billion, their share of the overall imports remained constant at 62 per cent.

In 2021-22, the value of such imports from China and Hong Kong nearly doubled to \$17.7 billion, accounting for more than 68 per cent of the total imports. 2022-23 was a bit of an outlier year, when the share of China and Hong Kong in exporting electronic components to India marginally dipped below 50 per cent for the first time in five years, to 49.7 per cent.

Experts said imports from Hong Kong should be seen as Chinese imports since it is companies from the mainland who run some of their operations in the territory.

The overall picture of India's reliance on Chinese supply of



In FY24, electronic components imports stood at \$34.4 bn. **File**

electronic components becomes clearer when compared to the imports from some other electronics hubs—such as South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and ASEAN countries which include the likes of Vietnam and Malaysia.

In the last five years, barring 2022-23, the quantum of import of electronic components from China alone has outnumbered such imports from South Korea, Japan, Taiwan and all ASEAN countries, combined. Put together, imports from China and Hong Kong have been more than the other countries in each of the last five years. This is despite India having free trade agreements with ASEAN countries, Japan and South Korea.

Growth in domestic electronics assembly

India's emergence as an electronics assembly hub for smartphones has been notable. Today, almost all phones sold in India have been assembled locally in the country, with companies like Apple also exporting phones that were assembled in India. For instance, India exported smartphones worth around \$15 billion in 2023-24, of which iPhones contributed 65 per cent, or about \$10 billion—up from \$5 billion in the previous year.

But, that growth has meant that India's reliance on imported electronic components—such as printed circuit boards, integrated circuits, advanced displays, camera modules etc.—has increased given that the country currently lacks any substantial manufacturing base for these crucial components.

"China has built its manufacturing base over the last three-four decades. It is very difficult to rapidly decouple from them given that they are the biggest

producers of the components that India would need for its domestic manufacturing processes," a senior government official said.

Take Apple as an example. While the company's expansion in India has meant more of its suppliers are looking to set shop in the country, in 2023, as many as 157 Apple contractors manufactured in mainland China, up from 151 the previous year. The number of Indian suppliers, however, remained stagnant at 14.

Govt incentives & future prospects

To remedy the situation, the government is understood to be working on an incentive scheme for electronic components. "The details are currently being worked out, but the overall outlay could be between Rs 30,000 crore—Rs 40,000 crore," a second government official said requesting anonymity.

Even as India's factory output for smartphones has risen, leading to a steady rise in exports, local value addition has not increased to a desirable amount. Currently, local value addition in mobile phone assembly is around 15 per cent, while a healthier number would be around 35-40 per cent. As tensions at the border in the last few years have proven to be the nadir of India-China relations, New Delhi as moved towards an economic blockade of sorts—its actions include banning China-based social media companies like TikTok, increasing scrutiny on investments from the mainland, excluding Chinese products from some telecom equipment on account of national security, and visa restrictions on Chinese technicians.

FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com

BRIEFLY

Maruti to raise deferred tax liability provision

New Delhi: Maruti Suzuki India on Saturday said it would need to increase provision for deferred tax liability by around Rs 850 crore due to the withdrawal of indexation benefit while calculating long-term capital gains on debt mutual funds. The company was making accounting provisions for deferred tax liability on fair value gains on these investments, Maruti Suzuki India said in a regulatory filing. **PTI**

Consult board on law interpretation for audit: CBIC

New Delhi: The CBIC has asked GST officers conducting audit to refer to the board those cases where they face issues of conflicting interpretation of provisions of the tax law. **PTI**

Govt invites bids to empanel AI infra providers

New Delhi: The government has invited bids for the empanelment of entities for providing artificial intelligence services on cloud under the Rs 10,372-crore India AI mission, which was approved by the cabinet in March this year. Supercomputing capacity, comprising over 10,000 GPUs, will be made available to various stakeholders for creating an AI ecosystem. **PTI**

X closing operations in Brazil

Bengaluru: Media platform X said on Saturday it would close its operations in Brazil "effective immediately" due to what it called "censorship orders" by Brazilian judge Alexandre de Moraes. X, owned by billionaire Elon Musk, claims Moraes secretly threatened one of the company's legal representatives in the South American country with arrest if it did not comply with legal orders to take down some content from its platform. **REUTERS**

Need to address \$4-trillion financing gap for meeting SDGs: FM Sitharaman

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
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THERE IS an urgent need to address the \$4 trillion financing gap for meeting sustainable development goals (SDGs), Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

Speaking at the Finance Ministers' Session of the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit, Sitharaman also flagged the "pressing challenge" of inadequate access to development finance that hinders developing economies from achieving their development goals. She added that it is important that dedicated concessional windows are made available for middle-income countries to address climate-related challenges.

Elevated debt distress and high debt service costs have severely constrained resources available for financing developmental needs, particularly in low-



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman with first deputy MD of IMF Gita Gopinath in New Delhi on Saturday. **@FinMinIndia**

income countries, she said. She added that tight global financial conditions and procyclical sovereign credit ratings have restricted the access of developing economies to market finance, making them resort to riskier sources of financing and exposing

them to currency, interest rate, and refinancing risks. "The underlying drivers of debt distress are complex; addressing them will take time and effort involving a combination of short, medium, and long-term measures and continuous policy engagement at na-

tional and global levels," she said during the virtual session.

Sitharaman also sought views from other countries on how to strengthen the efficacy of existing mechanisms for debt relief and liquidity support for low- and middle-income countries, including the G20 common framework and the global sovereign debt roundtable, along with the safeguards to be put in place to prevent future debt crises.

"I would like to draw your attention to a pressing challenge that hinders developing economies from achieving their development goals— inadequate access to development finance. Recent reports reveal that the implementation of many SDGs in developing economies is stagnating, with some indicators even regressing. The SDG financing gap is estimated at \$4 trillion annually for developing countries. The Global South is disproportionately affected by global uncertainties," she said.

India needs more reforms; fewer GST rates will raise revenue: IMF's Gopinath

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
NEW DELHI, AUGUST 17

TO ACHIEVE the status of a developed country and an advanced economy, India needs a more skilled workforce, an increase in women's labour force participation with critical focus on safety, investment in infrastructure along with more structural changes, especially land and labour reforms, First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) Gita Gopinath said.

Speaking at the Diamond Jubilee celebrations of her alma mater Delhi School of Economics, Gopinath also stressed on the need to improve the fiscal space by raising the revenue-to-GDP ratio, adding that fewer tax rates and broadening of base under GST can result in addi-

'IMPROVE FISCAL SPACE'

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tional revenues.

Gopinath said money from international institutions or multilateral development banks are going to be a fraction of the spending that is needed and so countries would need to rely on domestic resource mobilisation. "In the case of India, given its stage of development, increasing fiscal space is not going to come about through reducing overall spending. So overall expenditures are going to go up... so the creation of fiscal space and any fis-

cal consolidation should happen through the channel of raising revenues-to-GDP," she said.

India, for example, can increase revenues-to-GDP through Goods and Services Tax (GST).

"Now, GST has begun to deliver good results. As we see it, if there is a way to simplify further, so you have fewer of these different tax rates and broaden in the base, which is, you have fewer exceptions. Then you can end up with raising about 1 per cent-point of GDP in additional revenue through this," she said.

Broader tax base for personal income tax is also going to be helpful and making sure that there are no loopholes or too many leakages that happen in terms of tax exemptions, she said, adding that more work is needed on the property tax front. **FULL REPORT ON www.indianexpress.com**

Sebi proposes liquidity window facility for debt investors

New Delhi: Sebi has proposed to introduce a new liquidity window facility for investors in debt securities through the stock exchange mechanism, a move aimed to enhance liquidity in the corporate bond market, par-

ticularly for retail investors.

In its draft circular released on Friday, Sebi proposed that the liquidity window facility seeks to mitigate the issue by providing a regulated mechanism for issuers to offer put op-

tions on debt securities at pre-specified dates or intervals. The facility will allow issuers to provide put options to investors, enabling them to sell their debt securities back to the issuer before maturity. **PTI**

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEM WAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	12/ F. WSS to Gangaikondan Sipcot/SDO III CW /2024/ Dt. 14.08.2024
Funding Pattern	100% Deposit Work
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Downloading Period	26.08.2024 to 24.09.2024 upto 15.00 hours
EMD Payable	Online Mode through E-Tendering website "https://tntenders.gov.in"
Pre Bid meeting	09.09.2024 at 11.00 hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	24.09.2024 before 15.00 hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website "https://tntenders.gov.in"
Bid opening	25.09.2024 at 15.30 hours through E-Tender Portal

Name of work	Appx. value (Including 18% GST)	Bid Security
Providing 9.00 MLD raw water supply scheme to SIPCOT Industrial growth centre at Gangaikondan in Tirunelveli District with river Tamirabarani as source near Kaliyavoor under Deposit work (Construction Period : 12 months and Trial Run 6 Months and paid Maintenance 12 months)	Rs. 20.70 Crore	Rs. 15.53 Lakh

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SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

**Chief Engineer,
TWAD Board, Madurai**

INDIA'S ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS IMPORTS

Year	Overall (\$ billion)	China	Hong Kong	China + Hong Kong	Japan+Taiwan + South Korea	ASEAN
2023-24	34.4	12.1	5.9	18	5.8	5.5
2022-23	25.1	8.2	4.3	12.5	4.7	3.7
2021-22	26	13	4.8	17.8	4.1	2.7
2020-21	15.3	6.2	3.3	9.5	2.1	4.9
2019-20	16.3	6	4	10	2.3	2

Source: Ministry of Commerce (all figures in USD billion)

Executive Engineer, Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Maharashtra Rural Road Development Association, Jalgaon

E-Tender Notice No. Jalgaon - 33 to 35/2024-2025 (2nd Call)

E-Tenders are invited Percentage Rate Tender for Upgradation and 10 Years Maintenance of (Research and Development) (R&D) (White Topping) road works in Jalgaon District. Under Mukhya Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-2 (Batch-1) for Total 03 Packages (18 Works, Total Estimated Cost Rs. 11430.82 Lakh)

Detailed E-Tender Notice will be available on website <https://www.mahatenders.gov.in> from Date -19/08/2024.

E-Tender Notice No. (33 to 35/2024-2025)	Total No. of Works	Total Estimated Cost (Including Maintenance Cost)
18	18	Rs. 11430.82 Lakh

Sd/- (Sanjay Rathod)
Executive Engineer,
PMGSY, MRRDA, Jalgaon

JAIPUR DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Indira Circle, Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg, Jaipur-302004

No : JDA/EE&TA to Dir.Engg.-I/2024-D-54 Dated : 16.08.2024

NOTICE INVITING BID

NIB No. : EE & TA to Dir.Engg.-I/11/2024-25

Bids are invited from interested bidders for following works :-

S. No.	UBN No.	Cost of Work (Lacs)	Nature of Work	Last Date
1.	JDA2425WSOB00224	248.00	Road	31.08.2024
2.	JDA2425WLOB00234	9111.00	O & M of Toll Plaza	14.09.2024

Other particulars of the respective bid may be visited on Procurement Portal website www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and www.jda.rajasthan.gov.in.

Executive Engineer & TA to Dir.Engg.-I
Raj.Samwad/C/24/3923

GRADIENT VERIFICATION OF STATIONS YARD AND SECTIONS
E-Tender Notice No. 48-ENGG-RNY-2024-25. E-Tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following works: **Tender No. 1. Brief Description of Item:** Gradient verification of stations yard and sections using Lidar Survey Technology in the jurisdiction of Ranglya Division. **Tender Value:** ₹.1,12,42,553.12. **Earnest Money:** ₹.2,06,200/-. **Date & Time of closing of tender:** 15.00 hrs of 06-09-2024 at 15.30 hrs. of 06-09-2024 at (DRM) (W), Ranglya office. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in

North Eastern Railway
E-Tendering Tender Notice No. 50/2024 Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) N.E. Railways, Iztanagar for and on behalf of President of India invites "OPEN" e-tender through online (E-Tendering) for the following work:
S.N. : 1, Description of Works : Carrying out Zone works for period ending 30.06.2025 on Zone No. 26, LKU (Inc.) to KGM (Inc.). **Approx. Value :** Rs. 1,74,17,767.19. **E.M.D. Money :** Rs. 2,37,100/-. **Cost of Tender Forms :** Rs. NIL. **Completion time/period from the date of issue of acceptance letter:** 30.06.2025.
 1. Online e-tender can be submitted upto 15.00 hrs. of dated 06.09.2024.
 2. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in.
Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) CPRO-W-197 Iztanagar
Do not travel with inflammable article in train

दक्षिणांचल विद्युत वितरण निगम लि. अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना (ई-निविदा) अधिदेशाधिकारियों द्वारा दो भागों में प्रतिलिखित एवं योग्य कार्यदायी संस्थाओं/आपूर्तिकर्ताओं से निम्न कार्य हेतु निविदा शुल्क/धरोहर धरनाशिल एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक 04.09.2024 को अपराह्न 4.00 बजे तक ऑनलाईन पोर्टल पर प्राप्त की जायेगी एवं ई-निविदा दिनांक 05.09.2024 को अपराह्न 3.00 बजे से खोली जायेगी। (1) नि.वि.सं. 39/ECC(D)Ag/2024-25:- 33/11 के.वी. उपकेन्द्र केन्द्र जनपद मधुपुर पर विशेष अनुसूचक एवं अन्य सम्बन्धित जानपदीय कार्य। (कृपया विस्तृत जानकारी के लिये www.dvvn.org एवं <http://etender.up.nic.in> पर देखें।) हैल्टलाइन-1800-180-3023 "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचावे" हस्ता./- अधीक्षक अभियान विद्युत जनपद मण्डल (वि.) द.वि.वि.नि.ल., आगरा **पत्रांक:** 1050/वि.जा.म.वि./ आ./टी-2 दिनांक 17/08/2024

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-TENDER NOTICE
 The Divisional Railway Manager (Engg.) E.C. Railway/Samastipur for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open Tender from experienced and financially capable tenderers for the following works in E-Tendering mode of IREPS web portal of Indian Railways :-
Sr. No. : 1, Tender Notice No: TC-120-2024-SPJ. **Name of Work:** Repair and Strengthening of Bridges No. 127, 130, 132, 139, 141, 145, 171, 200, 201, 214, and 221 etc. between Kapatpura-Semra Station and (2) Repair of Bridge No. 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 28 between SGL-RXL section and 238, 242, 248, 268, 274, 279, 281, 283, 285, 286, 287, 290, 291, 294, between SGL-NKE section in the jurisdiction of ADENB/KML. **Tender Value (IN ₹) :** 7774768.89. **Earnest Money (IN ₹) :** 155500.00. **Completion period of the work:** 9 Months.
Sr. No. : 2, Tender Notice No: TC-121-2024-SPJ. **Name of Work:** Drone and Terrestrial LIDAR based inspection of Br. No. 1DN (4x45.7m O.WG) in SPJ-DBG section and Br. No. 4 (3x30.5m O.WG) in NMA-SRGR section under SSE/Bridge/Samastipur of Samastipur Division. **Tender Value (IN ₹) :** 1125325.00. **Earnest Money (IN ₹) :** 22500.00. **Completion period of the work:** 04 Months.
Sr. No. : 3, Tender Notice No: TC-122-2024-SPJ. **Name of Work:** Improvement of supply of water by replacement of Four Nos. Tubewell with Pump House at Samastipur. **Tender Value (IN ₹) :** 17007364.61. **Earnest Money (IN ₹) :** 41578844.06. **Completion period of the work:** 09 Months.
Sr. No. : 4, Tender Notice No: TC-123-2024-SPJ. **Name of Work:** (1) Construction of 08 units Type-III quarters at Samastipur, (2) At SPJ. Construction of 10 units Type-II quarters in place of damaged/abandoned Type-I quarter under the jurisdiction of SSE/W/S/SPJ. **Tender Value (IN ₹) :** 357900.00. **Completion period of the work:** 12 Months.
Sr. No. : 5, Tender Notice No: TC-124-2024-SPJ. **Name of Work:** Upgradation of Level Crossing with Rubbersed Surface and Rumble Strips. **Tender Value (IN ₹) :** 1375727.42. **Earnest Money (IN ₹) :** 218900.00. **Completion period of the work:** 09 Months.
1. Last Date & time for receiving of tender in E-Tender mode on IREPS web portal: 05/09/2024 upto 12.00 hours.
2. Opening Date & time for E-Tender: 05/09/2024 after 12.00 hours.
3. Website particulars where complete details of tender & tender document can be seen on Website-www.ireps.gov.in. Amendments / modifications if any shall not be published in the newspapers but the same shall be uploaded in the website. **Sr. Divisional Engineer/Co-ord E.C. Railway/Samastipur PR/00918/SPJ/ENGG/T/24-25/80**

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दिनांक: 16.08.2024
ई-निविदा सूचना
 उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम की ओर से अधीनस्थ अधिकारियों द्वारा अलंकार योजना-वर्तमान जनपद विजयनगर के विभिन्न राजकीय इष्टर कॉलेज, माध्यमिक विद्यालयों में स्वच्छ पेयजल की सुविधा एवं पुरतकालय के निर्माण कार्य निम्न विवरणानुसार सौ एण्ड डीओ एण्ड 3000 जल निगम में भवन निर्माण हेतु पंजीकृत टेकेंदारों से दिनांक 24.08.2024 को अपराह्न 15:00 बजे तक ई-निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती हैं। उक्त कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा प्रपत्र दिनांक 17.08.2024 से दिनांक 31.08.2024 के मध्य उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार की e-procurement वेबसाइट <https://etender.up.nic.in> से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते हैं तथा ई-निविदा दिनांक 31.08.2024 को 16:30 बजे कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-18, सौ एण्ड डीओ एण्ड, 3000 जल निगम, मुरादाबाद में खोली जायेगी। S.No.:(1), Name of work & Location: **Government High School, Narain Khedi (Drinking Water Supply, Library),** Estimated cost put in bid in Rs. Lacs (excluding GST, but including labour cess) Rs. in Lac: **17.35, Earnest Money in Rs. Lacs: 0.76, Cost of bid document: Rs. 2000.00+18% (GST) = Rs. 2360.00, Period of completion: 04 months (i/c rainy season, if any).** Last date & time of Submission of bid as specified in the bid document: **Up to 31.08.2024 till 15:00 Hrs.** Time, date & place of opening of Technical Bid: **At 16:30 Hrs. on 31.08.2024 in Office of Project Manager, Unit-18, C&DS, U.P. Jal Nigam, Moradabad.** निविदा से सम्बन्धित विस्तृत विवरण सौ एण्ड डीओ एण्ड, 3000 जल निगम की वेबसाइट www.cdsupjn.org/www.upjn.org एवं e-procurement पोर्टल <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर उपलब्ध है। निविदा से सम्बन्धित समस्त शुद्धि पत्र (Corrigendum) <https://etender.up.nic.in> पर ही अपलोड किये जायेंगे, इनका पृथक से कोई प्रकाशन नहीं किया जायेगा। निविदादाताओं को सलाह दी जाती है कि वे उक्त वेबसाइट का समय-समय पर अवलोकन करते रहें।

GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
WATER RESOURCES & GROUND WATER SURVEY CIRCLE
SIHAVA BHAWAN CAMPUS, CIVIL LINES, RAIPUR (C.G.)
e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
e-Procurement Portal: <https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>
(1st Call)
System Tender No.: 157336/NIT No.: 04/SA/C/2024-25, Gariaband, Dated: 14.08.2024
 Online Tenders are invited for The Following Works up to 04.09.2024 at 17:30 Hour (IST) :-
Name of Work : Remodelling of Head Work and Cement concrete Lining of Main Canal RD 0 to 3000 m, Minor Canal RD 0 to 420 m, Construction of 05 Nos. Fall, 02 No. VRB and Repair of Structure of Bharuwamuda Tank Scheme of Chhura Block District Gariaband.
Probable Amount of Contract : Rs. 176.00 Lakhs
 The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Chhattisgarh Integrated e-Procurement Portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) from Date 21.08.2024, at 17:31 Hours (IST) onwards.
NOTE :- All eligible/interested contractors/bidders are mandated to get enrolled on the Integrated e-procurement portal (<https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in>) and get approval on specific vendor class from PWD under Centralized Contractor/Supplier Registration in order to download the tender documents and participate in the subsequent bidding process.
Sd/-
EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
 Water Resources Division, Gariaband
 for, Superintending Engineer, Water Resources & Ground Water Survey Circle, Raipur (C.G.)
 No-242501868/6

ENGINEERING WORK
E-TENDER NOTICE NO. 46-ENGG-RNY-2024-25-01, 02 and 03. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work **Tender No. 1. Brief Description of Item:** In situ Reconditioning of CMS crossing using Robotic welding against the work-Maintenance of BG Track, overhauling of LC gates, destressing of Track, unloading of ballast on newly constructed BG Double line in New Bongaigaon - Ranglya - Kamakhya project. **Tender Value:** ₹.39,30,000.60; **Earnest Money:** ₹.78,600.00. **Tender No. 2. Brief Description of Item:** Reconditioning of worn out switches against the work- Maintenance of BG Track, overhauling of LC gates, destressing of Track, unloading of ballast on newly constructed BG track along with all other ancillary works between Km. 2514 to 3522 Km (New Bongaigaon - Agthori) of newly constructed BG Double line in New Bongaigaon - Ranglya - Kamakhya project. **Tender Value:** ₹.9,87,772.50; **Earnest Money:** ₹.19,800.00. **Tender No. 3. Brief Description of Item:** Re-fabrication of Glued joints (in situ) against the work- Maintenance of BG Track, overhauling of LC gates, destressing of Track, unloading of ballast on newly constructed BG track along with all other ancillary works between Km. 2514 to 3522 Km (New Bongaigaon - Agthori) of newly constructed BG Double line in New Bongaigaon - Ranglya - Kamakhya project. **Tender Value:** ₹.81,44,457.20; **Earnest Money:** ₹.1,62,889.40. **E-tenders will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on 04-09-2024 and Opened at 15.30 hrs. on 04-09-2024 at office of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Ranglya.** The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in
DRM (Works), Ranglya
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Electrical Department (TRD Branch), Jabalpur
e-TENDER NOTICE No. JBP/ TRD/Tender/2024/18, Date: 14.08.2024
Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), West Central Railway, Jabalpur, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites sealed tenders from the reputed and experienced contractors having valid Electrical License issued in the name of firm by State Government as required under IE rules, 1956 with one of the partners or in his own name if sole proprietor. **1. Name of Work: TRD/OHE work for track-related works in the PB 2023-24 and LB 2023-24.** **2. Place of work:** Jabalpur Division. **3. Completion Period:** 12 Months. **4. Tender Value (Cost of the work):** ₹ 1,16,11,455.64 (₹ One Crore Sixteen Lakhs Eleven Thousand Four Hundred Fiftyfive and Sixtyfour Paisa only). **5. Earnest Money:** ₹ 2,08,100/-. **6. Date & Time for submission/opening of tender:** 13.09.2024, 15.00 Hrs./13.09.2024, 15.30 Hrs. **7. Website address :** <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. **8. Tenders are advised to regularly visit IREPS website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> to note any changes/corrigendum.** Minimum eligibility criteria as per tender form shall be applicable for this tender.
DRM (Works), Ranglya
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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MANUFACTURING, SUPPLYING AND LOADING WORKS
E-Tender Notice No. CON/2024/AUG/05 Dated: 07-08-2024. Open tender through e-Tendering System is invited from experienced and reputed Contractor(s)/firm(s) for the following works: **Tender No. CE/ CON/AG/BLS/2024/03. Name of work:** Manufacturing, supplying and loading of 91000 cum 50 mm size machine crushed stone ballast of approved quality from quarry Pakur/ Rajgram/Harisinga/Talihar/Bakudi/Sahibganj/Pinergaria variety including loading into Hooper/wagon as per RDSO'S specification, Feb' 2023 for the section in between stations Rahmatpur and Pawakhali (excluding) in connection with Arariya-Galgolia new BG Line construction of N.F. Railway (Construction). **Tender value:** ₹10,31,800/-. **Date & time of closing of tender:** 14.30 hrs. of 09-09-2024 & opening at 15.30 hrs. of 09-09-2024. The complete information with tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in
Chief Engineer/CON/3
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
 Construction Organization
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Public Health Engineering Division, Samastipur
TENDER NIT No -08/2024-25/(MBNQ)
National Competitive Bidding
For Packages under 2.00cr
(Through e-procurement mode on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

कार्यालय परियोजना प्रबन्धक, युनिट-18
कन्दूरखण्ड एण्ड डिजाइन सर्विसेज,
उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम (नगरीय)
मकान सं० जेड 1/17, आशियाना फेज-2
कृष्णा आर्थोपैडिक सेन्टर के सामने वाली
गली में, कौंड रोड, मुरादाबाद-244001
E-mail: pm18mbd@gmail.com
पत्रांक: 2550/एम-18/725
दिनांक: 16.08.2024
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना
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1. Designation and Address of Advertiser Executive Engineer, P. H. Division, Samastipur
2. Date of issue of Tender Notice 12.08.2024
3. Period of sale (downloading) of tender Bid Document 21.08.24 to 01.09.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. through www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
4. Date, time & place of pre-bid meeting 27.08.24 at 11.30 hrs. hrs in the Office of Executive Engineer P. H. Division, Samastipur
5. Last date and time of receipt (uploading) of tender 02.09.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
6. Last date and time of submission of hard copy of EMD (in original). A . Executive Engineer P.H. Division ,Samastipur
 B. Superintending Engineer P.H. Circle, Darbhanga
 C. Zonal chief Engineer Zone, Muzaffarpur
7. Date and time of opening of technical bid 03.09.2024 at 17:00Hrs on www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in
8. Date and time of opening of financial bid To be informed later after the approval of technical bid.

झारखण्ड सरकार
कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय,
ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
ई- निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-
ई- निविदा संख्या :- 13/2024-25/EE/RWD/SRK दिनांक 17.08.2024

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गली में, कौंड रोड, मुरादाबाद-244001
E-mail: pm18mbd@gmail.com
पत्रांक: 2550/एम-18/725
दिनांक: 16.08.2024
अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा सूचना
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झारखण्ड सरकार, कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना :-
ई- अल्पकालीन पुनर्निविदा संख्या :- 13/2024-25/EE/RWD/SRK दिनांक 17.08.2024

क्र. सं.	ID No. / पैकेज संख्या	प्रस्ताव का नाम	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	कार्य समाप्ति की अवधि	टेंडर कोल
				अंक में	अक्षर में	
1.	RWD/ SERAIKELA-KHARSAWA N/STPKG-01/2024-25.	सरायकेला	मंगलासाई अमनघर से रंगटांड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई-2.50 कि०मी०)	13,03,90,500.00	18 माह	2 nd Call
		सरायकेला	सीमा पलासडी से चन्द्रपुर भाग सेरंग तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.00 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	अरलखोड मुख पथ से हरीपार होतू तू सजय नदी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.50 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	समाली से कन्दुआ होतू तू मुरादाबाद रोड तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.80 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	खरसावाँ-सीमा मुख पथ पोडा चौक से काठडीहा भागा डेम्बकागाडा, दोरीगाडा तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 7.90 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	मारीसी उख चिवालय से कोयलनी पुल तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.25 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	काइबासा-सरायकेला मुख पथ कोको से इन्द्रावा होतू तूए कोय तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 4.50 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	कुदरगाई पीडी मोड से हरीपार तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई-3.275 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	श्रीमदादा, मुसाली से खरसाई बिज तक भागा चन्द्रपुर गोपालपुर पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई-6.00 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	महालखोड से काकोडी, सामर होतू तूए उज्जलपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 4.90 कि०मी०)			
3.	RWD/ SERAIKELA-KHARSAWA N/STPKG-03/2024-25.	सरायकेला	सीमा सिन्हा से सुकैली बिज भागा जुगुनिया, बडा लागाय तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 5.50 कि०मी०)	13,53,95,900.00	18 माह	2 nd Call
		सरायकेला	काण्डा पडरी मोड से मातुका पहाडी तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 5.25 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	सीमा सिन्हा से मुजुम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 7.87 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	नौकाडीह से मुजुम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 1.78 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	एण्डएण्ड-5 पाण्डा से कभीपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 2.50 कि०मी०)			
4.	RWD/ SERAIKELA-KHARSAWA N/STPKG-04/2024-25.	सरायकेला	किताबनपुर से मुजुम तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 1.90 कि०मी०)	5,37,22,900.00	18 माह	2 nd Call
		सरायकेला	हुडवा सीमा से पडरी सीमा तक पथ सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 2.15 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	उषाम टोल नौमडीह चौक से जादियाली टोल पलाडीडीह तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 3.70 कि०मी०)			
		सरायकेला	मुगापुर टिलाका चौक से सवालखोडी सिन्धुर् भीतरपुर एवं सालनवापर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण। (लम्बाई- 6.80 कि०मी०)			
	RWD/ SERAIKELA-KHARSAWA N/STPKG-06/2024-25.	सरायकेला	बडा कुनबिडा से बजानतिया एण्ड रोड भागा सोरकोडीह, खैलनी मंगरौली तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई- 4.40 कि०मी०)	13,93,93,422.00	18 माह	2 nd Call
		सरायकेला	हरिगंजा से मुजुम होतू तूए तिखामपुर तक पथ का सुदृढीकरण कार्य। (लम्बाई-3.30 कि०मी०)			

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि :- 24.08.2024
 3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय :- 03.09.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय :- 04.09.2024 को अपराह्न 03:30 बजे।
 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।
 6. ई-निविदा प्रकोष्ठ का दूरभाष संख्या :- 7209861815
 7. विस्तृत जानकारी के लिए वेबसाइट jharkhandtender.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है।
कार्यपालक अभियंता
PR.NO.333086 Rural Work Department(24-25):D ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, सरायकेला-खरसावाँ।

Group No	Name of Work:-Design, Construction, Supply, Testing and Commissioning of Piped Water Supply Schemes for habitations left out under
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SALUTE THE SOLDIER

18 JUL 1961 - 18 AUG 2002 In proud memory of Col KJ Singh, SC**, SM of 6th Battalion The Dogra Regt who made the supreme sacrifice while serving the Nation at Nowsheera (J&K).

Remembered by Commanding Officer and All Ranks 6 DOGRA. INDO-TIBETAN BORDER POLICE (ITBP) 18 AUGUST, 2024

ITBP salutes its braveheart Constable Manoj Kumar Rathore of 10th Battalion, who laid down his life in the line of duty on this day in Arunachal Pradesh in 2011.

Resident of : Vill.- Birdhanpura, Dist.- Bihnd (Madhya Pradesh). On this day following JCOs/Other Ranks of 1/11 Gorkha Rifles (BATALIK) made the supreme sacrifice during 'OP PAWAN' on 18 Aug 1989 in a true act of valour.

CO AND ALL RANKS, 1/11 GORKHA RIFLES (BRAVEST OF THE BRAVE) (BATALIK) CENTRAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE ANDHRA PRADESH 18 August 1972

Shaheed Constable Jabar Singh 08-12-1944 To 18-08-1972 45-Bn

Shaheed Constable Sunil Ram On 18 August 2015, troops from the 168th Battalion of CRPF launched an operation against Maoists in the village of Guttum, PS Basaguda, district Bijapur.

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कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, मवन निर्माण विभाग, मवन प्रमंडल, गोड्डा। शुद्धि-पत्र

एतद् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि PR 332797 Building (24-25) D के द्वारा प्रकाशित अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना में अंकित e-Procurement short Notice (2nd Call) के स्थान पर e-Procurement short Notice पढ़ा जाय।

शेष यथावत् रहेगा। कार्यपालक अभियंता, मवन प्रमंडल, गोड्डा। PR 333111 (Building) 24-25 (D)

WESTERN RAILWAY

E-AUCTION FOR THE CONTRACT TO LEASING OUT PARCEL SLR MUMBAI DIVISION

Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), MMCT, Divisional office, Mumbai Central, Mumbai - 400008 invites e-auction for the contract to Leasing of Parcel SLR in trains originating from Mumbai Division.

Table with columns: Auction Catalogue No., Lot No., Date & Time of e-Auction. Includes entries for MMCT-PLS-24-31, MMCT-PLS-24-32, MMCT-PLS-24-33, MMCT-PLS-24-34.

Note : Prospective bidders are requested to visit e-auction for the contract for Leasing of Parcel on IREPS website www.ireps.gov.in. The lot wise details are available there in under the mentioned catalogue.

Executive Engineer PD, P.W.D., Bulandshahr E-Procurement Tender Notice

Letter No. 4010/1A Dated: 12.08.2024 On behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Executive Engineer, Provincial Division, U.P.P.W.D., Bulandshahr invites following percentage rate bid online through http://etender.up.nic.in

Table with columns: Sl. No, Name of Work, Estimated cost (Rs. In Lac), Bid Security (Rs. In Lac), Time of Completion work including rainy season, Tender Cost (In Rs.), Address of Executive Engineer, Address of Superintending Engineer, Address of Chief Engineer, Category.

- 1. Time allowed for completion of Whole work in column No. 5, including rainy season. 2. The Tender Document Fee must be deposited through Internet Banking only. 3. The Bidder should have same nature of work experience at least two years.

Assistant Engineer P.D., P.W.D., Bulandshahr UPID-218438 Dt. 16.08.2024 www.upidadv.gov.in (Er. Rahul Sharma) Executive Engineer P.D., P.W.D., Bulandshahr

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj in terms of Railway Board letter dated 13.06.2022 invites bids through E-Auction module in IREPS for Commercial Publicity/Advertisements, Executive Lounge (BOT), AC Waiting Room, Rail Coach Restaurant, Catering, MPS, EMR, Parking and Leasing of SLRs/VP in the following station/locations/Trains of Prayagraj Division.

Table with columns: S, N, Details of publicity, E-Auction catalogue No., E-Auction Start Date & Time. Includes entries for setting up of Rail Coach Restaurant, Parcel Packing, Gaming Zone, Emergency Medical Room, AC waiting rooms, Airport standard Executive Lounge, Commercial publicity/advertisement right through RDN, Commercial publicity/advertisement right through RDN Digital, Commercial publicity/advertisement right through Out of home.

LEASING OF SLRS/VPs

Table with columns: S, N, Compartment, Train No., CC (in tones), From-To, Frequency (in a week), E-Auction catalogue No., E-Auction Start Date & Time. Includes entries for FSLR-1, FSLR-2, FSLR-3, FSLR-4, FSLR-5, FSLR-6, FSLR-7, FSLR-8, FSLR-9, FSLR-10, FSLR-11, FSLR-12, FSLR-13, FSLR-14, FSLR-15, FSLR-16, FSLR-17, FSLR-18.

Catering units and MPS:

Table with columns: S, N, Details of publicity, E-Auction catalogue No., E-Auction Start Date & Time. Includes entries for Catering units at various Railway stations for the period of 05 years, Water Vending Machines at various Railway stations for the period of 05 years, Multi Purpose Stall at various Railway stations for the period of 05 years, Catering units at various Railway stations for the period of 05 years.

Parking Stand.

Table with columns: S, N, Details of publicity, E-Auction catalogue No., E-Auction Start Date & Time. Includes entries for Parking Lot for Four Wheelers at location at Kanpur Railway Station, Parking Lot for Two, Three, Four Wheelers at location at Phaphund, Parking Lot for Two, Three, Four Wheelers at location at Hathras Railway Station, Parking Lot for Two, Three, Four Wheelers at location at Fatehpur Railway Station, Parking Lot for Three Wheelers at location at Aligarh Railway Station.

Pay & Use Toilet

Table with columns: S, N, Details of publicity, E-Auction catalogue No., E-Auction Start Date & Time. Includes entry for Contract for operation and maintenance of toilets at Prayagraj platform number-6, Mirzapur 2nd entry, Phaphund station for three years.

Interested bidders may please visit official website for e-auctioning i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for further details and participating in e-Auction. Important note: 1. Bidders, who wish to participate in the e-auction module should have valid Digital Signing Certificate (DSC) and same may be procured form any of certifying authority of controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) Government of India, details of same may be obtained from www.cca.gov.in

UJVN LTD. H.O.: "UJWAL" Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006. Telephone: 0135-2763508, 22763808 Fax 0135-2763507. For and on behalf of UJVN Ltd, Executive Engineer (Civil), Pashulok Barrage Rishikesh, invites sealed & separate tender from interested contractors for following work:-

कार्यालय : प्रधानाचार्य, कल्याण सिंह राजकीय विज्ञान महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर, उ.प्र. सर्व साधारण को सूचित करना है कि कार्यालय कल्याण सिंह राजकीय विज्ञान महाविद्यालय, बुलन्दशहर के विज्ञान संख्या-KSGM/C BSR/ 2024/ 1303 दिनांक 30.07.2024 के द्वारा नियमित शिक्षकों की नियुक्ति हेतु आवेदन मांगे गये थे, जिसकी अंतिम तिथि 17.08.2024 को विस्तारित कर दिनांक 31.08.2024 किया जा रहा है।

Office of the Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle, Public Work Department Dehradun/Chief Project Manager Dehradun Smart City (PIU) Office of the Superintending Engineer, 9th Circle PWD, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) Website- http://pwd.uk.gov.in E-mail- sepwddun09@gmail.com

Letter No.5234/IC-9/24 Date: 17/08/2024 NATIONAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING Short-Term E-RFP/Tender The Superintending Engineer 9th Circle, Public Works Department, Dehradun/Chief Project Manager, Dehradun Smart City, PIU on behalf of "Governor of Uttarakhand" invites short term RFP/Tender in two bid system for the following work. Information regarding tender shall be available on https://www.uktenders.gov.in from date 20-08-2024.

Table with columns: Sl. No, Name of work, Earnest Money (Rs in Lacs), Validity of Tender (In days), Cost of Tender Document (In Rs.), Completion of Work (In Month), Contractor Category of Registration. Includes entries for Disposal of Legacy waste collected at dumpsite of Shishambara Processing Plant, Supply, Erection, Testing & Commissioning of 2 Nos, Static type Solid Waste Transfer Stations and Operation & Maintenance for 5 years Under Nagar Nigam Dehradun.

JHARKHAND URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LIMITED JUJICO BHAWAN, KUTCHERY ROAD, RANCHI 834 001, JHARKHAND.

CORRIGENDUM -1 Name of Project: Request for Proposal (RFP) for selection of Consultant for providing Consultancy services for Preparation of DPR of Solid Waste Management (SWM) Project and Project Monitoring Consultancy (PMC) at Chattarpur and Hariharganj. NIT No: - JUJICO/NIT/DPR-PMC/SWM/Huss.Chatt/24/624 Tender ID: 2024_UDD_89210_1 PR No: 331409

PR 333029 (Urban Development) 24-25 (D) Project Director (Technical) JUJICO Ltd.

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालतनगंज अति अल्पकालीन पुन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या - 03RI/2024-25/RE/RWD/DALTONGANJ दिनांक-16.08.2024

Table with columns: क्र. सं, अंतिम तिथि, प्रश्न, कार्य का नाम, प्राकृतित राशि (लाख में), कार्य प्रारंभ की तिथि, टेंडर कोल का दिनांक. Includes entries for कच्ची उच्च विद्यालय से लेकर तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सड़क/बस स्टैंड का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य, सिंचन के माध्यम से बचकाल तक पक्का सुदृढीकरण कार्य.

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि : 22.08.2024 3. ई-निविदा प्रारंभ की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय : 28.08.2024 upto 5.00 PM 4. निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय 30.08.2024 पूर्वाह्न 3.30 बजे 5. निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता : कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालतनगंज। 6. ई-निविदा प्रक्रिया का दूरभाष सं - 06562357595 7. निविदा खोलने के लिए वेबसाइट : Jharkhandtenders.gov.in में देखा जा सकता है। 8. कार्यपालक अभियंता PR 333066 Rural Development(24-25)D ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमंडल, डालतनगंज।

कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमंडल, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम, चाईबासा अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - RDD/SD/CHAIBASA/04/2024-25

Table with columns: क्र.सं, कार्य का नाम, प्राकृतित राशि, अग्रघन की राशि, परिमाण विपत्र का मूल्य, कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि. Includes entries for पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिला अन्तर्गत मझगाँव प्रखण्ड के अधिकारी पंचायत के ग्राम सेताहरे एवं दीपासाई के बीच सेताने नाला पर पुल निर्माण, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिला के मझारी प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत बड़ा तोरलो पंचायत के बडडा तोरलो से मांढरेखा जाने वाली पथ में सोरो नदी पर पुल निर्माण, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिला अन्तर्गत मझारी प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत पापा पंचायत के ग्राम रकुई से वासकोडी हाटरगहरिया जाने वाली पथ में महातूर नाला पर पुल निर्माण, पश्चिमी सिंहभूम जिला अन्तर्गत मझारी प्रखण्ड अन्तर्गत बड़ा तोरलो पंचायत के बड़ा तोरलो मुख्य सड़क से दीपासाई जाने वाली पथ में तोरलो नदी पर पुल निर्माण.

CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS OPEN E-TENDER E-Open Tenders are invited for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work: Sl. No.:111.Tender No.:MIS-56 TM-M.01. Name of Work: One time Repair of Hydrotype make Loco Lifting Jacks (M&P No. 163820/2A, 2B, 2C, 2D & 2E) at ELF-12 in CLW, Chittaranjan. Tender Value (₹): 15,28,699.00. Cost of Tender Document (₹): Nil. Earnest Money Deposit (₹): 30,600.00. Period of Completion: 03 months. NOTE: (i) Date of Closing: 29-08-2024 at 13:00 hrs. (ii) Complete details can be seen in the Railway website www.ireps.gov.in. (iii) Tender Calling Authority: Dy. Chief Mechanical Engineer / Plant/CLW. (iv) Contact No.: 0341-2525566. (v) Email Id: dycemplantclw@yahoo.com. (vi) PR/55811 AWM/PLW-CLW/Chittaranjan. Like us on: www.facebook.com/clwrailways

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल लखनऊ विद्युत निगम लि. हाथरस विज्ञान विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस के अंतर्गत उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम गठन किये जाने के लिये चौथे एवं स्वतंत्र सदस्य के मनोनयन हेतु निम्नांकित योग्यता / अर्हता धारकों से आवेदन किये जाते हैं:- आयोग द्वारा नामित एक स्वतंत्र सदस्य 1. मण्डल क्षेत्र का उपभोक्ता (स्वयं अथवा पति/पत्नी) जो कम से कम स्नातक हो। 2. एक ऐसा व्यक्ति होगा जो सिविल सेवा में हो अथवा रहा हो जो कि एंडीएम / सातवें वेतन आयोग का पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल-11 के पद से नीचे ना हो। 3. मौजूदा श्रेणी के पिछले तीन वर्षों से लगातार उपभोक्ता रहें हों / रहें हो। 4. जिनका पूर्ववृत्त, (Antecedents) अच्छा रहा हो, तथा जिनके विरुद्ध विद्युत देयों का बकाया ना हो। 5. उपरोक्तानुसार वर्णित योग्यता / अर्हता रखने वाले आवेदक दिनांक 28.08.2024 तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस 132 के 0वीं विद्युत उपकेन्द्र ओडपुरा पर सम्पर्क स्थापित कर आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। हस्ता/-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस, पत्र सं 4204/वि/विमो/महो/ए-1 दिनांक 17.8.2024

कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल लखनऊ विद्युत निगम लि. हाथरस विज्ञान विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस के अंतर्गत उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम गठन किये जाने के लिये चौथे एवं स्वतंत्र सदस्य के मनोनयन हेतु निम्नांकित योग्यता / अर्हता धारकों से आवेदन किये जाते हैं:- आयोग द्वारा नामित एक स्वतंत्र सदस्य 1. मण्डल क्षेत्र का उपभोक्ता (स्वयं अथवा पति/पत्नी) जो कम से कम स्नातक हो। 2. एक ऐसा व्यक्ति होगा जो सिविल सेवा में हो अथवा रहा हो जो कि एंडीएम / सातवें वेतन आयोग का पे मैट्रिक्स लेवल-11 के पद से नीचे ना हो। 3. मौजूदा श्रेणी के पिछले तीन वर्षों से लगातार उपभोक्ता रहें हों / रहें हो। 4. जिनका पूर्ववृत्त, (Antecedents) अच्छा रहा हो, तथा जिनके विरुद्ध विद्युत देयों का बकाया ना हो। 5. उपरोक्तानुसार वर्णित योग्यता / अर्हता रखने वाले आवेदक दिनांक 28.08.2024 तक किसी भी कार्य दिवस में कार्यालय विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस 132 के 0वीं विद्युत उपकेन्द्र ओडपुरा पर सम्पर्क स्थापित कर आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं। हस्ता/-अधीक्षण अभियन्ता विद्युत वितरण मण्डल हाथरस, पत्र सं 4204/वि/विमो/महो/ए-1 दिनांक 17.8.2024

Advt. No.- BCECEB(PGDAC)-2024/09 Dated : 17.08.2024 bceceboard.bihar.gov.in**Notice for Round-3 Online Counselling**

In continuation to the advertisement Adv.No.BCECEB(PGDAC)-2024/06 & 2024/07 dated : 09.08.2024, Rank Cards of all candidates who have duly submitted Fresh Online Application Form as well as who have given their Willingness for participating in Round-3 Counselling of PGDAC-2024 in between 10.08.2024 to 14.08.2024, have been uploaded on Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in. Candidates are advised to download their Rank Card of PGDAC-2024 by clicking the link "Rank Card of Round-3 Counselling of PGDAC-2024" by submitting their PGDAC ID and Date of Birth.

After downloading the rank card, candidates have to do choice filling for online counselling. For online choice filling, all eligible candidates are required to click on link "Online Counselling Portal of PGDAC-2024".

2. Registration-cum-choice filling / Fresh Choice Filling / Edit of Choices will start from 20.08.2024 and close on 22.08.2024.

3. Eligibility criteria for counselling, Fee payment procedure, instructions and other details are available in the prospectus of PGDAC-2024 and the related detailed Advertisement No. BCECEB(PGDAC)-2024/08 Dated 17.08.2024 which can be downloaded from the Board's website : bceceboard.bihar.gov.in.

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ANNUAL MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION CONTRACT

Tender Notice No. : M-TSK-2024-10.
Dated: 14-08-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work; Tender No.: M-TSK-2024-10; Name of Work : Annual Maintenance and Operation Contract (AMOC) of Bio-Toilets fitted in coaches of Tinsukia Division for a period of four years. Tender Value: ₹ 69,53,093.28/- . Earnest Money: ₹ 49,800/-, Date & time of closing of above tenders at 13:00 hrs. and opening at 15:00 hrs. on 05-09-2024. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.ireps.gov.in.

Sr. DME, Tinsukia
NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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Divisional Railway Manager(WA), Western Railway, 6th floor, Engg. Dept., Mumbai Central, Mumbai-400008, invites Sr. No.: 1. E-Tender Notice No.: BCT/24-25/136 Date 13.08.2024. Work and Location: Virar - Joravasan section: Supply of 50 mm size machine crushed stone ballast as per specification for Track Ballast i.e. IS/RDSO-GE/001:2023 FEBRUARY-2023 or up to date and loading of ballast into hoppers at Atul Mega Depot City=1,00,000cum. Approx. cost of work: ₹ 9,28,41,000/- EMD: ₹ 6,14,200/- Sr. No.: 2. E-Tender Notice No.: BCT/24-25/137 Date 13.08.2024. Work and Location: Virar - Joravasan Section: Repair and painting to existing staff quarters and other service buildings in the Durgli-Saran section under the jurisdiction of ADEN/BL. Approx. cost of work: ₹ 2,97,69,165.60, EMD: ₹ 2,98,900/- Date & Time of submission for both tenders: Till 10.09.2024, 15.00 hrs. Date & Time of opening for both tenders: On 10.09.2024 at 15:30 hrs. For the details please visit www.ireps.gov.in. 0456

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Bank of India**ZONAL OFFICE, PATNA ZONE**1st Floor, Chanakya Place, R-Block, Patna-800001
(Tel. 0612-2506639/2506932)

APPENDIX IV, Rule 8(1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable property)

Whereas,

The Undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **BANK OF INDIA** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules 2002 issued a demand notice as detailed in the table hereunder written calling upon the below mentioned borrowers to repay the amount shown in the respective notices mentioned against their names in the table, within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors mentioned below having failed to repay the amount shown in the respective notices issued u/s 13(2) within the stipulated time, notice is hereby given to the aforementioned borrowers/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property/ies (Secured Assets) described in the table given below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 & 9 of the said rules on the date(S) mentioned against the respective property.

The aforesaid borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property/ies mentioned in the table hereunder written and any dealings with the said property/ies will be subject to the charge of the **BANK OF INDIA** for the amount shown in the respective column of the table and table and interest thereon.

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

Name of Borrower	i. Branch, ii. Date & Amount as per Notice u/s 13(2)	Details of Property	Date of Possession of Assets
Mr. Gunjan Kumar, S/o Sri Ram Ojha, Add: Flat No. 4, 4th Floor, Shanti Griham Apartment, Arya Samaj Mandir Road, Gola Road, Danapur, Patna, Bihar-801503	(i) Patna Retail Hub Branch (ii) Demand Notice Date : 10.06.2024 ₹ 37,56,031.19 with future interest and incidental charges w.e.f 29.05.2024	Description of the Immovable Property: Equitable mortgage of property situated at Flat No. 4, 4th Floor, Shanti Griham Apartment, Arya Samaj Mandir Road, Gola Road, Danapur, Patna, Bihar-801503, area 988 sq.ft. & one car parking space on ground floor, Survey Thana No. 23, Tauzi No. 35c, Khata No. 246, C.S Plot No. 341, Deed No. 4623 Dated 09.04.2018 in the name of Gunjan Kumar. Boundary of the property:- Apartment:- North: Late Lal Kishun Singh, South: Sardanand Singh, East: Ahar and branch Road, West: Sardanand Singh & Flat:- North: Space left by Company, South: Flat No. 3, East: Duct & Stair Case, West: Space left by Company.	14.08.2024

* With further interest at applicable rate till repayment.

Place: Patna
Date: 14.08.2024Authorized Officer
Bank of India**ਪੰਜਾਬ ਨੈਸ਼ਨਲ ਬੈਂਕ**
punjab national bank
...भारसे का प्रतीक ! ...the name you can BANK upon !**CIRCLE SASTRA PATNA (8297), PATNA****POSSESSION NOTICE****SECTION 13 (4) Rule 8(1) For Immovable Property**

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Punjab National Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of Powers conferred under Section 13 read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 27.05.2024 calling upon the Name of Owner/ Borrower/Mortgagor - **Sri Vikash Kumar** S/o Sri Vinay Singh alias Vijay Kumar Singh in loan A/c No- 0569008700009572 & 056900SL00000056 availed from BO:- Barh (056900) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 30,56,948.28 (Rs. Thirty Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight & Twenty Eight Paise Only) within 60 days from the date of notice/date of paper publication of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower/Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this 14th Day of August of the year 2024.

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

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Punjab National Bank for an amount of Rs. 30,56,948.28 (Rs. Thirty Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight & Twenty Eight Paise Only) and interest thereon.

Description of Immovable Property

EM of Land and Building situated at Mauza - Rana Bigaha, Thana, Sub Division and Sub Registry Office-Barh, Sadar Registry Office and Dist. Patna, Tauzi No. Bihar Sarkar, Anchal - Barh, Khata No. - 147, Thana No. - 61, Khesra No. - 2000 (Half of 10.5 decimal of 2000), Area - 5.25 Decimal (1 Kattha 13 Dhur 12 Dhurki) Vide Sale Deed No.6049 dated 22.08.2015 (rectified Deed No. - 6247 dated 31.08.2015) pertaining to Sri Vikash Kumar S/o Sri Vinay Singh alias Vijay Kumar Singh. **Boundary:-** North-Vijay Singh and Manoj Singh and others, South-Gramin Sarak, East-Vinay Singh Kharidigi aaj plot no. Hazza, West- Heirs of Dulawati Devi

Place : Barh Date : 14.08.2024 (Authorised Officer) Punjab National Bank

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Circle SASTRA Arrah, 2nd Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramana Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301.
Email:- cs8187@pnb.co.in**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES**

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Bank/ Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 06/09/2024, for recovery of Rs. 10,32,61,187.48 due to the Secured Creditor from M/S KAIMUR FOOD PRODUCTS THROUGH ITS PROPRIETOR SH. SATYENDRA KUMAR KESHRI AND OM SAI BABA MODERN RICE MILL PRIVATE LIMITED (CIN:- U15312BR2010PTC015594) (BORROWERS) AND SH. SATYENDRA KUMAR KESHRI S/O- SH. KRISHNA PRASAD KESHRI AND SMT. SAVITA KESHRI W/O- SH. SATYENDRA KUMAR KESHRI (GUARANTORS). The reserve price will be Rs. 1,92,57,426.00 and the earnest money deposit will be Rs. 19,25,742.00

Other details of E-Auction

Sl. No.	Name of the branch; Name of the account; Name & addresses of the borrower/ Guarantors account	Description of the Immovable Properties	(a) Date of demand Notice u/s 13 (2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 (b.1) O/S amount as on date of 13 (2) notice (b.2) O/S amount as on 31.07.2024 (c) Physical Possession date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.	(a) Reserve Price (b) EMD (c) Last date of EMD Bid (d) Bid Increase Amt.	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors.
(1)	M/S KAIMUR FOOD PRODUCTS through its proprietor Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri, Account No- 2696008700001119, BO: Akorhi (269600) (Borrower) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri AND (Guarantors) Smt. Savita Keshri W/O- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri AND	1. All that Part and Parcel of Immovable Property situated at: Mauza- Barahuli, Thana No 557, Thana Mohania, Khata No 17, Plot No 422, Dist- Kaimur having Area 57.00 Decimal. Sale Deed No 5982 Dated 14.06.2010. BOUNDARY: NORTH- Chhawar, SOUTH- Rest of Plot 422, EAST- Savita Keshri, WEST- Plot 427. MORTGAGOR: Smt. Savita Devi W/o- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri.	(a) 02.01.2023 and 13.01.2023. (b.1) Rs.77,57,529.68 + int. due from 02.01.2023 & other charges (M/s Kaimur Foods Products) and Rs. 8,12,03,625.00 + int. due from 14.01.2023 & other charges (Om Sai Baba Modern Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd) as on 31.07.2024. (c) 03.10.2023	(a) Rs.1,92,57,426/- (b) Rs.19,25,742/- (c) 05/09/2024 (d) Rs.1,00,000/-	06/09/2024 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known
(2)	OM SAI BABA MODERN RICE MILL PVT. LTD. Borrower Account No- 3891001B00006457, 3891008700001719 & 2696008700002020, BO: Patna SSI Branch (389100) & BO: Akorhi (269600). (Guarantors/Directors) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri and Smt. Savita Keshri W/o- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri.	2. All that Part and Parcel of Immovable Property situated at Mauza- Barahuli, Thana No 557, Thana Mohania, Khata No 17, Plot No 422, Dist- Kaimur having Area 57.50 Decimal. Sale Deed No 2851 Dated 21.04.2009 BOUNDARY: NORTH- Chhawar, SOUTH- Nij 4 feet wide kewaladar, EAST- Chhawar Kanigaon, WEST- Harendra Singh. MORTGAGOR: Smt. Savita Devi. W/o- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri.				

Note:-Immovable Property (Mentioned above) & Plant & Machinery (Installed at above mentioned immovable Property) shall be sold collectively. Interested Bidder must bid for both Immovable Property and Plant & Machinery. The Property ID of Movable Property (Plant & Machinery) is PUNB2696PM871119. Kindly refer other sale notice dated 16/08/2024 for Movable Property (Plant & Machinery).

Sl. No.	Name of the branch; Name of the account; Name & addresses of the borrower/ Guarantors account	Description of the Movable Properties	(a) Date of demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 (b.1) O/S amount as on date of 13 (2) notice (b.2) O/S amount as on 31.07.2024 (c) Physical Possession date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.	(a) Reserve Price (b) EMD (c) Last date of EMD Bid (d) Bid Increase Amt.	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors.
(1)	M/S KAIMUR FOOD PRODUCTS through its proprietor Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri, Account No- 2696008700001119, BO: Akorhi (269600) (Borrower) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri AND (Guarantors) Smt. Savita Keshri W/O- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri AND	Plant and Machinery (Rice Mill of 4 ton and other ancillary parts) installed at Immovable Property situated at Mauza- Barahuli, Thana No 557, Thana Mohania, Khata No 17, Plot No 422, Dist- Kaimur. Property ID of Plant and Machinery: PUNB2696PM871119.	(a) 02.01.2023 and 13.01.2023. (b.1) Rs. 77,57,529.68 + int. due from 02.01.2023 & other charges (M/s Kaimur Foods Products) and Rs. 8,12,03,625.00 + int. due from 14.01.2023 & other charges (Om Sai Baba Modern Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd) as on 31.07.2024. (c) 03.10.2023	(a) Rs. 47,73,319.63 (b) Rs. 4,77,331.96 (c) 05/09/2024 (d) Rs 1,00,000/-	06/09/2024 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known
(2)	OM SAI BABA MODERN RICE MILL PVT. LTD. Borrower Account No- 3891001B00006457, 3891008700001719 & 2696008700002020, BO: Patna SSI Branch (389100) & BO: Akorhi (269600). (Guarantors/Directors) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri and Smt. Savita Keshri W/o- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri.					

Litigations known to the secured creditors in respect to SARFAESI Action: - S.A. No.327/2023 in DRT Patna

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The sale shall be subject to the Terms & Conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 and to the following further conditions.

- The properties are being sold on "AS IS WHERE IS BASIS" and "AS IS WHAT IS BASIS" and "WHATEVER THERE IS BASIS".
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://ebkray.in> on 06.09.2024 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM.
- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://ebkray.in> & www.pnbindia.in.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9 (1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

(Sh. Sunil Kumar Sinha, Chief Manager)

AUTHORISED OFFICER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
SECURED CREDITOR
M-7004519963

Date : 16.08.2024

Place : Arrah

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Email:- cs8187@pnb.co.in**SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF MOVABLE PROPERTIES**

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Other details of E-Auction

Sl. No.	Name of the branch; Name of the account; Name & addresses of the borrower/ Guarantors account	Description of the Movable Properties	(a) Date of demand Notice u/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act 2002 (b.1) O/S amount as on date of 13 (2) notice (b.2) O/S amount as on 31.07.2024 (c) Physical Possession date u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002.	(a) Reserve Price (b) EMD (c) Last date of EMD Bid (d) Bid Increase Amt.	Date/ Time of E-Auction	Details of the encumbrances known to the secured creditors.
(1)	M/S KAIMUR FOOD PRODUCTS through its proprietor Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri, Account No- 2696008700001119, BO: Akorhi (269600) (Borrower) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri AND (Guarantors) Smt. Savita Keshri W/O- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri AND	Plant and Machinery (Rice Mill of 4 ton and other ancillary parts) installed at Immovable Property situated at Mauza- Barahuli, Thana No 557, Thana Mohania, Khata No 17, Plot No 422, Dist- Kaimur. Property ID of Plant and Machinery: PUNB2696PM871119.	(a) 02.01.2023 and 13.01.2023. (b.1) Rs. 77,57,529.68 + int. due from 02.01.2023 & other charges (M/s Kaimur Foods Products) and Rs. 8,12,03,625.00 + int. due from 14.01.2023 & other charges (Om Sai Baba Modern Rice Mill Pvt. Ltd) as on 31.07.2024. (c) 03.10.2023	(a) Rs. 47,73,319.63 (b) Rs. 4,77,331.96 (c) 05/09/2024 (d) Rs 1,00,000/-	06/09/2024 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM	Not Known
(2)	OM SAI BABA MODERN RICE MILL PVT. LTD. Borrower Account No- 3891001B00006457, 3891008700001719 & 2696008700002020, BO: Patna SSI Branch (389100) & BO: Akorhi (269600). (Guarantors/Directors) Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri S/o- Sh. Krishna Prasad Keshri and Smt. Savita Keshri W/o- Sh. Satyendra Kumar Keshri.					

Note:- Plant & Machinery and Immovable Property (Wherein the plant & Machinery is installed) shall be sold collectively. Interested Bidder must bid for both Plant & Machinery and Immovable Property. The Property ID of Immovable Property is PUNB269600871119. Kindly refer other sale notice dated 16/08/2024 for Immovable Property.

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Litigations known to the secured creditors in respect to SARFAESI Action: - S.A. No.327/2023 in DRT Patna

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- The particulars of Secured Assets specified in the Schedule hereinabove have been stated to the best of the information of the Authorised Officer, but the Authorised Officer shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation.
- The Sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Website <https://ebkray.in> on 06.09.2024 from 11:00 AM to 04:00 PM.
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- For detailed term and conditions of the sale, please refer <https://ebkray.in> & www.pnbindia.in.

STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 6 (2) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002

(Sh. Sunil Kumar Sinha, Chief Manager)

AUTHORISED OFFICER
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
SECURED CREDITOR
M-7004519963

Date : 16.08.2024

Place : Arrah

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Govt. of India Undertaking) E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Branch Office:- Karnal ARM Branch (DP- 6290), E-mail: cb6290@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of movable/immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6(2), 8(6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

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For Sr. No. 1, 2, 3 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 03.09.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

For Sr. No. 1, 2, 3 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 05.09.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM) (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

For Sr. No. 4 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 09.09.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

For Sr. No. 4 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 11.09.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M) (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

For Sr. No. 5 LAST DATE OF RECEIPT OF EMD IS 21.09.2024 UPTO 5:00 P.M.

For Sr. No. 5 DATE OF E-AUCTION IS 25.09.2024 (12:30 PM TO 1:30 P.M) (with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale)

Table with columns: Sr. No., Branch Name/Address of the Borrower(s)/ Guarantor(s), Brief Description of Property/ies, Total Liabilities as on specified Date, Reserve Price (in Rs.), Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.), Details of A/c No. (IFSC CODE, Possession notice)

Other details of E-Auction: (A Govt. of India Undertaking) Circle SASTRA Arrah, 2nd Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramana Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301. Phone No. 8436747159, Email:- cs8187@pnb.co.in

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INDIRA GANDHI INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (A Super Speciality, Autonomous Institute Of Govt. Of Bihar) IGIMS Medical College, IGIMS Nursing College Sheikhpura, Patna-14. EPBX:0612-2297099/2297631, Website: www.igims.org

E-Tender Notification I.G.I.M.S.- Patna has published E-Tender Notice as per details mentioned below for the procurement of various bio-medical equipments for their different departments:-

Table with columns: SI No., E-Tender Notice No., Last date of uploading complete tender document at www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in

Details of specification of equipments, terms and conditions can be seen and downloaded from Institute Website: www.igims.org & www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.

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NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF OVERDUE LOCKER RENT

All the below mentioned locker holders of Rajendra Nagar Colony branch of our Bank of India are put to notice that their locker is overdue for more than 3 years. Reminders/follow up by branch have not been responded by locker holders. All such locker holders are once again advised to contact respective branch immediately and deposit the overdue rent within 15 days.

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ENGINEERING WORK E-TENDER NOTICE No. 47-ENGG-RNY-2024-25. E-tenders are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No. 1. Brief Description of Item: Reconditioning of worn out 1 in 12 and 1 in 8.5 CMS crossing by RW-20 Translaminar Robotic Welding under the jurisdiction of DEN/III/Rangia. Tender Value: ₹20,85,967.96; Earnest Money: ₹41,700.00. E-tenders will be closed at 15:00 hrs. on 06-09-2024 and Opened at 15:30 hrs. on 06-09-2024 at office of the Divisional Railway Manager (Works), Rangia. The complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in website www.irps.gov.in

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Litigations known to the secured creditors in respect to SARFAESI Action: - S.A. No. 292/2023 in DRT Patna.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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STATUTORY SALE NOTICE UNDER RULE 9 (1) OF THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002 (Sh. Sunil Kumar Sinha, Chief Manager) AUTHORISED OFFICER PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK SECURED CREDITOR M-7004519963

Date : 16/08/2024 Place : Arrah

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank (A Govt. of India Undertaking) सिंडिकेट Syndicate

In the Court of Honorable Principal District Judge, Erode COS 5 of 2022 Sri Mannaya Textiles Private Limited, a company having its registered office at Door No.51, Kalaigai Nagar, Karungalpalayam, Erode 638 003 represented by its Senior Manager, Mukesh Kumar Lahoti, residing at 42, S/o.Nandlal Lahoti, aged about 42, S/O.28/4, Ranganathan Street, Karungalpalayam, Erode - 638 003.

Plaintiff Vs 1. Foremost International Private Limited, a company, having its registers officeat Plot No.71, Udyog Vihar, Phase -I, Gurgaon, Haryana 122001 represented by Director Varun Moudgil. 2. Varun Moudgil, Director Foremost International Private Limited, Plot No.71, Udyog Vihar, Phase -1, Gurgaon, Haryana - 122001. 3. Twisha Bhandari full age, Director Foremost International, Private Limited, Plot No.71, Udyog Vihar, Phase -I, Gurgaon, Haryana-122001.

Defendants 1 to 3 COURT SUMMON/NOTICE Plaintiff above named has filed a Commercial Suit against all of you in Principal District Court, Erode, Tamilnadu. You are all hereby informed that the hearing of the suit described above stands posted to 17.09.2024 and you are hereby called upon to appear in person or through pleader before Principal District Judge, Erode at 10.30. AM. Failing compliance, the matter would be dealt in your absence.

By order of Court R. Ganesh & Associates, Advocate for Plaintiff Door No. 4, Samiappa 3rd St, Thirunagar Colony, Erode 3

पंजाब नैशनल बैंक Punjab National Bank ...भरोसे का प्रतीक! ...the name you can BANK upon! (A Govt. of India Undertaking) Circle SASTRA Arrah, 2nd Floor, Hotel Regal Complex, Near Ramana Maidan, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar-802301. Phone No. 8436747159, Email:- cs8187@pnb.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

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Date : 16/08/2024 Place : Arrah

BRIDGE

Dealer: North Vulnerable: None

NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ KJ82	♥ 97	♠ 94	♥ AK62
♦ J7	♣ AKJ73	♦ Q1082	♣ Q104

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1C ♣	pass	1H ♥	
pass	1S ♠	pass	2NT
pass	NT	pass	pass
pass			

West did something a little odd, leading spades, a suit bid by dummy. South put in the jack, which lost to the queen. Back came a heart. The rest of the hand was a failure. The defenders had the timing to set up two heart tricks and South did not have time to get any diamond tricks.

South had seven top tricks and needed two more. Hypothetically, where might two tricks have come from, if not diamonds?

Without looking at the hand diagram, can you remember the spade suit layout? What did dummy start with? What did you have? There is a very important asset in your hand that might not look too useful at first blush. You have the nine of spades.

At trick one, South played the jack of spades from dummy. If West had the ace and queen, the jack of spades would be the winning play.

The West hand: S-10763H-Q1085D-K95C-95
The East hand: S-AQ5H-J43D-A643C-862

More likely is that West is leading from a holding that includes the ten. By playing low in dummy at trick one, East is welcome to win any honors he has higher than the ten but as soon as possible. South will lead his remaining spade for a second finesse against the ten. That would be worth two spade tricks and his contract.

Dealer: South Vulnerable: None

NORTH		SOUTH	
♠ Q1054	♥ Q74	♠ A2	♥ AK9653
♦ 954	♣ 754	♦ A2	♣ A92

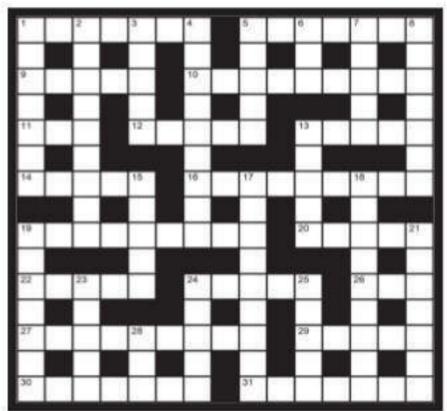
WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
3C ♣	pass	pass	1H ♥
pass	3H ♥	pass	4H ♥
pass	pass	pass	

West leads the king of clubs and South realizes that 3NT is an easy contract. 4H has four potential losers, assuming the heart suit behaves. South wins the club lead and counts his losers. With four potential losers, what line of play do you choose?

SUNDAY CROSSWORD 2491

QUICK CLUES

- ACROSS**
1. Prelude (7)
 5. Experience (7)
 9. Pasta variety (5)
 10. Russian space traveller (9)
 11. Asian honorific (3)
 12. Away (5)
 13. Raccoonlike carnivore (5)
 14. Prepared (5)
 16. Thankfulness (9)
 19. Predecessor (9)
 20. Confronted (5)
 22. In the company of (5)
 24. Beg earnestly (5)
 26. Cereal grass (3)
 27. Method (9)
 29. Gather hoard (5)
 30. Determine (7)
 31. Fashionable shoe (7)
- DOWN**
1. He resists (7)
 2. Set free (9)
 3. Cub Scout leader (5)
 4. Gives one thing for another (9)
 5. Unexpected defeat (5)
 6. Pair (3)
 7. Lasso (5)
 8. Exterior (7)
 13. Main or principal (5)
 15. Youthful (5)
 17. Mutual arrangement (9)
 18. Hesitant (9)
 19. Serving dish (7)
 21. Piece of furniture (7)
 23. Roman god of the underworld (5)
 24. Wound of pride (5)
 25. Play (5)
 28. Nothing at all (3)



- the riverside? (5)
24. Didn't get up to stock up (3,2)
26. One might adopt this over the Ouse, initially by instinct (3)
27. Freshly minted old money in the S.W. Pacific (3,6)
29. Aim to return before getting half a mile in America (5)
30. Many a current master's eccentric! (7)
31. Unhappy feeling of a send-up among the Nazi special troops (7)

19. The older generation have their points in some roles (7)
21. Babies wear them swimming in sea; very soft, admittedly (7)
23. Polite Japanese person, someone on the fiddle? (5)
24. Rules given to bad students (5)
25. Called fellow back in front of newspaper boss (5)
28. So this is the land of March composer! (3)

Solutions to 2490

- QUICK CLUES ACROSS:** 1. Lures, 4. Stretcher, 9. Too, 10. Owl, 11. Stimuli, 12. Pain, 13. Hedonistic, 15. Raged, 16. Indigence, 17. Unguinous, 21. Fleck, 23. Denotation, 24. Obie, 27. Overdue, 28. Kit, 29. Roe, 30. Malayalam, 31. Grout
- DOWN:** 1. Likut, 2. Roofing, 3. Swan, 4. Salleri, 5. Respond, 6. Tailing off, 7. Houston, 8. Raincheck, 14. Admittedly, 15. Roundworm, 18. Genteil, 19. Oatmeal, 20. Skookum, 22. Embargo, 25. Erect, 26. Stag
- CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS:** 1. Bards, 4. Incidence, 9. Uno, 10. Ash, 11. Prattle, 12. Sion, 13. Blackberry, 15. Pitch, 16. Set fire to, 17. Red-haired, 21. Gasby, 23. Foursquare, 24. Deaf, 27. Lollard, 28. TNT, 29. Was, 30. Yesterday, 31. Hexes
- DOWN:** 1. Bouts, 2. Rootout, 3. Seam, 4. Inhales, 5. Copycat, 6. Drawbridge, 7. Nut-tree, 8. Everybody, 14. Chappakata, 15. Puns, 18. Doubles, 19. Rounded, 20. Dorothy, 22. Bee's-wax, 25. Faets, 26. Itch.

If it's your Birthday

Sunday August 18
If you've got any time to day-dream then so much the better. You may soon be knocked off-course by intense emotions, but only briefly, and you will quickly regain your composure.

Monday August 19
It's a day for romance, and a time for inventiveness and independence. It stands to reason that new and unusual people could be coming in to your life.

Tuesday August 20
This is one of those moments when even without trying you set events in train which later lead to remarkable recognition and respect.

Wednesday August 21
Looking ahead over the coming year we may anticipate more social engagements, group involvements and an emergence into a new public role.

Thursday August 22
If you have a special strength, it's your ability to work hard to improve your lot, no matter the odds. The first condition is that you have faith in yourself.

Friday August 23
Hopefully a new friendship is now assured. You'll soon be earning a reputation as a social butterfly - and why not? It's good to meet new people.

Saturday August 24
Your personal prospects are looking up. Sure, there might be a little confusion, even if the results can often be quite amusing. Do try not to misread other people's intentions, though.

YOUR WEEK AHEAD

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
The Moon is nestling in a sensitive region of your solar chart, a strange place of mystery and dreams. This may, therefore, not be the best moment to start pushing your worldly ambitions. On the other hand, it may be much better to sacrifice your own interests.

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
The Sun's relationship with visionary Neptune is one of those patterns that bring out all that is generous in your Taurus nature. You can afford to rest on your laurels. In affairs of the heart, your sensitive approach wins friends.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Most Geminis will be confronted with financial complexities. There are two main issues: on one hand you have expectations which are difficult to satisfy, on the other you are happier living with your thoughts.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
The romantic hopes of a lifetime are crystallised into one very special planetary alignment. It may, though, be difficult to tell someone exactly how you feel about them, or even to come to terms with your own rampant emotions. The prospect for enhanced financial fortunes should cheer your spirits.

LEO (July 24 - Aug 23)
The part of your solar chart most strongly signified, is that which represents your willingness to make hard choices. It's an ideal moment for facing up to the facts and encouraging people close to you to do the same. If you have nagging complaints, you must now clear them up.

VIRGO (Aug 24 - Sep 23)
Relationships with younger relations and children in general are what make this a special time. Psychologically, the emphasis is on rediscovering your own inner spontaneity and sense of fun. Financially, the emphasis is on making fast profits and, creatively, it's on expressing your real talents.

LIBRA (Sep 24 - Oct 23)
Your family relationships lie at the heart of this week's developments, and no amount of tinkering with your domestic circumstances will do the trick unless relatives are happy. Accept an unusual invitation late in the week.

SCORPIO (Oct 24 - Nov 23)
Even though your travel stars have rarely been stronger, there are various hurdles to cross. The difficulties seem to involve a loss of motivation, perhaps leading to carelessness, and may be overcome through greater attention to detail.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 24 - Dec 23)
It's time to look at Venus' rather inconsiderate movements. Just as this planet was promising to make communication easier in a number of important partnerships, it is now withdrawing its favours and starting to place various obstacles in your path.

CAPRICORN (Dec 23 - Jan 20)
All your current difficulties arise out of the fact that your stars are confronting you with such incredible possibilities. If ever you feel overwhelmed, just sit back and take a long, deep breath. It is time to make personal choices with a view to the next ten years.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21 - Feb 19)
You are on top of your game. Nobody knows better than an Aquarian what needs to be done to put the world to rights. Now you may feel absolutely free to indulge all those fantasies and whims that may not save the world, but will prove immensely entertaining.

PISCES (Feb 20 - Mar 20)
The Sun's approach to positive regions of your chart combines with the Moon's sensitive influence to make this an ideal moment for all Pisceans everywhere. If there is a lesson to learn, it is that your compassion and romantic vision are rare and wonderful qualities.

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 quip.

Success is getting what you want, ___ is wanting what you get. - Dale Carnegie (9)

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SUDOKU 5656

Difficulty Level 5s
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

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1 7				2				9
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SOLUTION SUDOKU 5655

6	9	3	1	5	2	4	8	7
8	5	1	4	6	7	3	2	9
7	4	2	3	9	8	1	6	5
2	1	9	5	8	6	7	3	4
4	3	7	2	1	9	6	5	8
5	6	8	7	4	3	2	9	1
9	2	4	6	7	5	8	1	3
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78th INDEPENDENCE DAY

EIL: celebrated the 78th Independence Day with great patriotic zeal and fervor. At the main function held at EIL Office Complex in Gurugram, Ms. Vartika Shukla, CMD, EIL hoisted the National Flag in the presence of Functional Directors, and senior officials of the Company. The program was attended in large numbers by employees and their families.

NMDC: Bachel celebrated the national festival Independence Day with great pomp in the premises of DAV School on the occasion of Independence Day. The chief guest of the program was B Venkateswarlu, ED, NMDC Bachel. R Narayan, Project Head (Works), P Ramayan, CCGM (Production), S Kumar, DGM (Personnel), & various heads of BIOM, Bachel Complex & officials of trade unions participated.

NBCC: celebrated the 78th Independence Day at its headquarters with much ardour & patriotism. The celebration of freedom commenced with the hoisting of the National Tricolour by KP Mahadevaswamy, CMD, NBCC in the presence of Suman Kumar, Director (Commercial), Bhimrao Panda Bhosale, Independent Director & Asim Misra, Independent Director & other senior officers.

THDCIL: commemorated 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm and fervour at CO, Rishikesh, as well as across all its Project sites and Unit offices, Nationwide. The event was a reflection of the organization's commitment to the Nation and its enduring spirit of Unity and Patriotism. Speaking on the occasion, RK Vishnoi, CMD, THDCIL extended heartfelt greetings to all THDC employees and their family members. Vishnoi paid homage for the extraordinary sacrifices and indomitable spirit of India's freedom fighters.

CANARA BANK: Ro, Nehru Place, Delhi has observed "Canara Bank Dr. Ambedkar Vidya Jyothi Scholarship Scheme" as a "Pan India Mega CSR Initiative" on the occasion of 78th Independence Day Celebration at Circle office, Delhi. "Canara Vidya Jyothi" scheme was launched as a tribute to the founder Sri Ammembal Subba Rao Pai, who propagated girls' education as the basic need for meaningful development & to encourage education among girl children.

ANNIVERSARY — LMORA URBAN CO-OPERATIVE BANK
The 33rd anniversary of the establishment of Almora Urban Co-operative Bank was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Bank Headquarters, Lala Bazar, Almora. Managing Director of the Bank, P.C. Tiwari said that in these 33 years, the business which started with Rs 254 lakh has today reached more than Rs 5200.00 crore through 60 branches of the bank and direct employment has been provided to more than 800 youth.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME — CANARA BANK
Canara Bank Regional Office West Delhi Vikasपुरi has organized Canara Bank Dr. Ambedkar Vidya Jyoti scholarship scheme on 14.08.2024. The program was organized under the chairmanship of Ravi Kumar, AGM, Regional Office West Delhi and chief guests Rajveer Singh (DDE West Delhi-B), Mrs. Neera (DDE West Delhi), & Mahesh Chandra (DDO West Delhi).

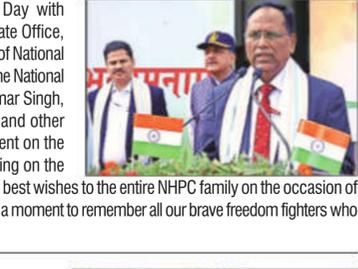
HUDCO The Board of Directors in its meeting held recently, approved the financial results for Q1FY25 showing a remarkable growth, both in operational and financial parameters. HUDCO witnessed a 19% YoY growth in Revenue from Operations i.e. from Rs.1,842.61 cr in Q1 FY24 to Rs 2,188.35 cr for Q1 of FY25 owing to significant increase in loan disbursements, 30% growth in loan book & decline in blended cost of funds. The Q1FY25 witnessed highest ever Q1 loan disbursements of Rs 12,625 cr as against Rs 629 cr during Q1FY24. The increased Revenue from Operations has resulted in Highest ever Q1 PAT of Rs 557.75 cr, an increase of 25% from Rs 445.70 cr in corresponding quarter of FY24.

CORPORATE BRIEFS

OIL INDIA: celebrated India's 78th Independence Day with great enthusiasm at its Corporate Office in Noida. The occasion was graced by Dr Ranjit Rath, CMD, Oil India Limited, who unfurled the Tricolour as the National Anthem resonated through the gathering, inspiring a deep sense of pride among the attendees. The event witnessed the participation of Functional Directors, employees, and their families, creating an atmosphere of unity and patriotism. Responding to PM Modi's call for the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative, Dr Rath added a meaningful touch to the celebrations by planting a sapling. This act symbolized the company's commitment to protecting Mother Nature and promoting sustainable living. Dr Rath encouraged employees and their families to join this green movement by planting saplings, underlining that each tree is a tribute to our planet and a step toward a more sustainable future.



NHPC: celebrated India's 78th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and enthusiasm at NHPC Corporate Office, Faridabad. The celebrations began with the hoisting of National Flag by RK Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC and singing of the National Anthem. RP Goyal, Director (Finance), Sanjay Kumar Singh, Director (Projects), Santosh Kumar, CVO, NHPC and other senior officers and personnel of NHPC were present on the occasion along with their family members. Speaking on the occasion, RK Chaudhary, CMD, NHPC extended his best wishes to the entire NHPC family on the occasion of Independence Day. He said that Independence Day is a moment to remember all our brave freedom fighters who fought for the country's freedom.



NDMC: Chairperson, Naresh Kumar hoisted the National Flag on the occasion of 78th Independence Day of India, at NDMC Headquarter - Palika Kendra. On the occasion of hoisting the Flag at NDMC Headquarter, Vice-Chairman, NDMC, Satish Upadhyay, Council Member Smt. Vishakha Shailani, Secretary- NDMC, Krishna Mohan Uppu, Senior Officers and Officials, School students, teachers were also present.



MORARJI DESAI NATIONAL YOGA INSTITUTE: On the auspicious occasion of 78th Independence Day, a flag hoisting program was organized in the premises of Morarji Desai National Yoga Institute. Wherein the Director of the Institute, Dr. Kashinath Samagandi, hoisted the flag. During his address, the Director congratulated everyone on Independence Day and said "our ancestors have achieved this gift of freedom by sacrificing their lives. Therefore, we have to keep it safe in the present". After the flag hoisting, a cultural program was also organized, in which the jawans of the CAPF set the stage on fire with their dance, song and music.



M/o I&B CBC: An exhibition marking Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, was inaugurated at Lalit Kala Academy (LKA), New Delhi organized by the Central Bureau of Communication, M/o Information & Broadcasting. The exhibition will be held from August 14, 2024 to August 17, 2024, at LKA (Ground Floor Gallery), Copernicus Marg, New Delhi. The inaugural ceremony is being witnessed by large number of school students along with other visitors. This exhibition seeks to bring to light the personal stories, the immense pain, and the lasting impact of the partition of 1947 on countless lives. This exhibition aims to honor the memories of those who suffered and to foster a deeper understanding of the complexities and human cost of this historic event. It showcases historical photographs, videos & interactive displays, providing insights into the theme.



QUIZ — NTPC
NTPC organized a grand Olympic Quiz at the Power Management Institute, Noida recently. The quiz was organized by quizmaster, KM Prashanth, GM (Corporate Communications). Six teams out of a total of 22 were shortlisted for the finals after the preliminary written round. From fulfilling the needs of sports personnel to running campaigns on multiple social and broadcast media platforms, NTPC through its CSR initiatives, has constantly provided remarkable support for the advancement of sports culture in the country.

BANK OF BARODA: observed India's 78th Independence Day with a series of initiatives. The Bank's Managing Director & CEO, Debadatta Chand, Executive Directors, CVO and senior executives participated in the flag hoisting programme at its Corporate Office in Mumbai. The Bank and its employees also enthusiastically supported the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign.

ASSOCHAM: said India Inc would be an active partner in the national resolve to make India a developed nation by 2047 when we could celebrate 100 years of Independence day. "The PM has a great ability to connect with the people of the country. His address from the ramparts of Red Fort would reinforce enthusiasm of 140 cr Indians to work together and realise the national objectives of achieving excellence with the help of technology and innovation in agriculture, manufacturing, health services and education to make our country Atmanirbharta across different sectors of the economy", said ASSOCHAM Secretary General Deepak Sood.

APPOINTMENTS
HUDCO Sanjay Kulshrestha, CMD, along with M. Nagaraj, DCP HUDCO, warmly welcomed Daljeet Singh Khatri as the new Director Finance at HUDCO. This marks the beginning of a new chapter for HUDCO, with Khatri's extensive expertise that will bring valuable insights and leadership to the organization's financial strategies.

DFCCIL Hira Ballabh has taken up the charge of the Managing Director of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited. Hira Ballabh has been serving as the Director Finance in the DFCCIL and has now also assumed the additional duties of MD of DFCCIL. Hira Ballabh started his career as a senior railway officer in 1992 after getting selected in the civil services examination. He completed intermediate schooling from Devidhura and graduated from Nainital. Thereafter, he shifted to Delhi for his higher studies and obtained MA and M.Phil degrees from Jawaharlal Nehru University.

CANARA BANK, RO, Dehradun has organised felicitation of meritorious SC-ST girl students under its corporate social responsibility initiative 'Canara Bank Dr. Ambedkar Vidya Jyothi Scholarship Scheme 2024-25' which is aimed to encourage education among girl children from socially & economically backward communities. M Kumar, Chairman, SC-ST Commission, Uttarakhand graced the occasion as chief guest and highlighted the importance education and corporate social responsibility in the society. Along with the chief guest Canara Bank RO, Dehradun head, MM Kaushik felicitated the girl students.

DURAND CUP DERBY CANCELLED

Kolkata: The Durand Cup derby between Mohun Bagan and East Bengal, scheduled at the Salt Lake Stadium here on Sunday, has been cancelled because of the prevailing unrest in the city. —PTI

BRIEFLY

Jhajharia confident of 25 medals

New Delhi: The shadow of the Pramod Bhagat controversy won't linger on the Indian contingent, and Paralympic Committee of India president Devendra Jhajharia is hopeful of winning at least 25 medals at the upcoming event. India has an 84-member contingent across 12 disciplines for the Paralympics slated in Paris from August 28-September 8. Tokyo Paralympics gold medalist shuttler Pramod Bhagat was handed an 18-month suspension for breaching BWF's anti-doping whereabouts clause. "There is no doubt that Pramod Bhagat is our star athlete but the target of 25 medals that we have set is from our current contingent of 84 players," the two-time Paralympics gold medal-winning javelin thrower Jhajharia said. Jhajharia added that the number of Indian players this time is much more than the previous games and they are competing in more sports. PTI

Pragg finishes last, Firouzja champion

Saint Louis (USA): Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanadhaa produced an improved effort in the blitz section but it did not help him avoid a last-place finish in the Saint Louis Rapid and Blitz tournament. On the last day of the event, Praggnanadhaa ended up with eight points in blitz, an improvement from the four points he logged in Rapid category earlier. He finished the Grand Chess Tour event with a total of 12 points, as Alireza Firouzja of France emerged as the winner tallying 23 points in all - 11 in rapid and 12 in the blitz. It was a dominating performance from Firouzja who won the event with two rounds to spare. PTI

Kothari, Sitwala knocked out

Mumbai: National champions Sourav Kothari (snooker) and Dhruv Sitwala (billiards) crashed out in the quarterfinals while Pankaj Advani won both his matches in the Western India Billiards and Snooker. Former national champion Kamal Chawla from the Railways potted steadily and charged past Kothari (ONGC) by a 5-3 (71-38, 53-65, 96-0, 70-9, 29-79, 55-17, 26-96, 96-40) margin in the senior snooker event. Later, S Srikrishna from Tamil Nadu rolled in a neatly constructed break of 248, which helped him beat Sitwala 694-610 in a contest lasting 150 minutes. But it was a memorable outing for Advani who won both his snooker and billiards quarterfinal clashes. PTI

39-member squad for Asian Jr Badminton

New Delhi: India will send a 39-member squad to the Badminton Asia (U-15/U-17) junior championships in Chengdu, China, from August 20-25 with an aim to create a strong pool of players ahead of next year's World Junior Championship, which the country is hosting. The Indian contingent, which was picked after extensive selection trials in Bengaluru, will be led by Gnanu Dattu and Tanvi Reddy Andluri in the U-17 category, while Shyam Bindiganavile and Tanvi Patri will be the top singles players in the U-15 category. PTI

LONG READ

Dribbling cat on hockey's hot tin roof

Raised by a widowed mother and guided by hockey-playing older brothers, India's Paris bronze medal winner Raj Kumar Pal is reviving stick-sorcery of the Ghazipur-Varanasi belt

VINAYAKK MOHANARANGAN & DEVENDRA PANDEY
AUGUST 17

WHEN THE Indian men's hockey team is in camp at the SAI center in Bengaluru or travelling abroad, Raj Kumar Pal tries to make sure he speaks at least twice every day with his mother Manraji Devi on the phone. They share a special bond. That is why after it was confirmed that he had made the cut for Paris Olympics, an emotional Raj Kumar called his mother immediately, both in tears. That is why after returning home from Paris, he took great pride in making his mother wear the bronze medal around her neck.

"It is the result of your struggles and hard work mother, that I could reach this position, thank you for everything ma," his post on Instagram read.

Raj Kumar was 12 years old when he lost his father Kalpanath, a truck driver, in an accident near Varanasi. Life instantly changed for Pal's family in their village of Karampur in Ghazipur, a small town 79 kilometers from Varanasi. And it was down to Devi to bring up three young sons.

In 2011, Raj Kumar's elder brothers Raju and Jokhan were also still in their teenage years and both were trying to look for jobs through sports quota while young Raj Kumar didn't know what lay ahead. "He was too small but me and bhaiyya (Jokhan) were trying to figure out what next? When we used to play, he (Rajkumar) used to come with us, he didn't have a hockey stick, so he used to play with the help of bamboo sticks. We used to get worried *ke kahi na kahin lag na jaye* but our father had told us to let him play too," recalled Raju, who is now working as office superintendent in Secunderabad Railways.

Raju himself was part of the Indian team's junior camp but he never made his way to the senior side. The eldest brother Jokhan too was a hockey player and he got a job in the Army through sports quota but couldn't get to the highest level.

"The entire family worked hard, especially Raj Kumar, his hard work is now paying off. We saw a lot of struggle and a lot of hard times in between his journey. We all faced it. We didn't have hockey sticks, shoes to play the game. I dreamed that what I wasn't able to achieve my youngest brother should achieve. We motivated him and we stood behind him," he added.

There was a time when the family didn't have money to do the thirteenth-day ritual of their father. At that juncture, came in Tej Bahadur Singh, a local businessman, on whose ground Pal brothers used to play and practice. Rajkumar's father used to drive Singh's truck. "When we lost our father, it looked like the world came to an end. He was the sole breadwinner of the family. It was then, that Teju bhaiya came into our family... from money, and rations, he took care of us. *Jitna woh kiyi, no one can do this for anyone. Jab peth khali ho, tab koi nahi khilata, aaj*



Raj Kumar Pal was one of the standout players for India at the Paris Olympics; (below) proudly displaying his bronze medal with his family on his return.

They used to tell my mother, '*kya time pass ke liye khel rahe hai, ee log kuchao na kareeyein*' (They are playing just to while away their time. They will achieve nothing). We all have heard taunts from the same people, who are now coming and asking us to make their grandchild play hockey"

RAJU PAL
RAJ KUMAR PAL'S ELDER BROTHER

dekho, peth bhara hai aur sab khilana chahte hai. (What Teju bhaiya did, no one can do it, he fed us when our stomachs were empty. When we go hungry, no one feeds us. Now look, we are full, and now everyone wants to feed us.) When my father's 13th day happened, we didn't have money, Teju bhaiyya spent all the money. My mother was shattered, we didn't know what lay ahead," Raju recalled.

Today, the Pal household boasts of an Olympic medalist.

'Highlight of my career' Paris wasn't easy for the 25-year-old mid-



fielder. He was the only addition to India's squad that won the Asian Games gold in Hangzhou last year, as head coach Craig Fulton wanted someone with the creative spark in midfield to unlock low blocks that teams employ these days frequently (more defensive).

"A little bit, unpredictable," Fulton had told this daily on selecting Raj Kumar. "He's very skillful with the stick, and he can finish. He's a good athlete. What he can bring, how he can unlock defences. Because a lot of teams are playing low. They're playing really deep so we need something like that to un-

lock defences. He is good at 1v1 eliminations, he just has it naturally."

But on his Olympic Games debut, Raj Kumar took his time to get going, he admitted on the squad's return to the national capital. "In the first couple of matches, I was even misstrapping simple passes. Then came the yellow card against Belgium with six minutes to go in the match and we were chasing a win. I felt like if I had't got the card we could have drawn or won that game, so I told sorry to my teammates after the match," Raj Kumar told *The Indian Express*.

But the teammates rallied around the midfielder, he was told not to overthink and just focus on doing what he was good at. And that was imposing his presence in one-vs-one situations, just good old traditional stick skills that Indians are often known for. That is where Raj Kumar's highlight of Paris 2024 came too, when he scored India's match-winning goal in the thrilling quarterfinal shootout against Great Britain.

After a stunning rearguard defensive effort from the entire Indian squad, down to 10 on the field after the red card for Amit Rohidas, Harmanpreet Singh's men managed to force a tiebreaker in the end. Raj Kumar, who incidentally scored twice at the World Cup shootout against New Zealand even though India lost that night in Odisha, stepped up to take the fourth one. With Sreejesh having saved one already and another missed by Great Britain, Raj Kumar had the chance to put his side into the semifinal of the Olympic Games.

All those years of training at Karampur came down to this one moment. A moment of reaffirmation from Harmanpreet helped, the captain told him he believed in Raj Kumar more than perhaps he did in himself. Sreejesh's save had brought the pressure down a bit. And so he dribbled forward in a straight line, not letting the goalkeeper know which way he intended to go. With the 8-second limit ticking down, Raj Kumar dropped his shoulder, shifted the ball to the right, pushed it ever so slightly forward and then calmly lifted it over the goalkeeper and into the back of the net. Cue crazy celebrations.

'Ghazipur ka Rajkumar'

How did he get this skill? Raj Kumar's explanation is simple. "Actually what happens is that when you come to Karampur Academy, in the beginning, there will be five to six kids and just one ball, so whoever gets the ball will have to try and keep it, so simply you have to do the same for fifteen to twenty minutes daily, then it automatically comes in it from the beginning. *Hamaari mitthi mein hai* (It's in our soil)," he recalled with a chuckle. These days local newspapers have termed Raj Kumar as '*Ghazipur ka Rajkumar*'. It signals that time has changed for Pal's family. There were occasions when his neighbours tried to convince Pal's father to force their son to leave hockey and study. Now, due to them, the village of 3000 people, has witnessed one member of a family playing hockey in a nearby ground.

"*Samay change hogaya*, when we all three brothers used to play, there was a thinking in our village that we are of no use and our future looked bleak," Raju said.

"We were not studying, none of us were working and everyone was playing hockey. They used to tell my mother, '*kya time pass ke liye khel rahe hai, ee log kuchao na kareeyein*' (They are playing just to while away their time. They will achieve nothing). We all have heard taunts from the same people, who are now coming and asking us to make their grandchild play hockey."

So long, Ma Long: TT GOAT exits stage with 6th gold but no fuss

SANDEEP DWIVEDI

AT PARIS 2024, he played a bit part in China winning the table tennis team gold. For the uninitiated following the Games on television, he was the unassuming silent one of the doubles pair. He mostly sat on the bench with a blank expression. When the coach spoke to the stars during a break, he stood next to them looking clueless as if the Mandarin they spoke was Greek to him.

But before and after the match, the aloof boy with dreamy eyes would get treated like a rock star. Girls would confess their love from the stands, kids would cry for his T-shirt and virtually faint when he obliged. Rivals, with unadulterated awe in their eyes, would line up to get pictures with him. The connoisseurs would run for their lives to catch China's doubles games. They would be blind to the other three on the table, every eye in the stadium fixed on only one man - Ma Long. This was to be the last Olympics for the 35-year-old, who the world agrees is the greatest table tennis player ever.

Like the contradiction in his name, that isn't really Long, his outward ordinariness hides the real identity of the man who mastered one of the world's most popular sports. Anyone who has watched him play - even those who play TT to kill time during hostel days or bunking work during office

hours - would notice his majestic presence on the table. In case a TT table was used for a sit-in meal at a restaurant, the waiter would always walk to Ma Long with the bill. His seat is always at the head of the table. Regardless of whether he won or lost, the Chinese legend with neat strokes and Roger Federer-like movements always 'looked' the better player.

If he was so good, why wasn't Ma Long trying for the singles gold in his swansong Games? Who, in their right mind, would reduce a five-time Olympics gold medalist to a doubles player, that too for the team event?

The answer is simple: China, the country that is an assembly line of champions and follows a ruthless and unsentimental selection policy. They don't go by reputation. It is always rankings and results. Ma Long's form had slightly faded and that was enough to downgrade him.

Long assembly line

It is their unending talent pool that gives China the conviction to be ardent followers of TT meritocracy. Like champions before him, Ma Long would dutifully do what he was asked. His commitment to his team remained uncompromising, even when he was on the sidelines. In the singles event, with China's Fan Zhendong trailing 0-2, the camera caught a teary Ma Long in the stands. He didn't want his country's golden streak to end - so what if he was there just



China's Ma Long is considered the greatest table tennis player in history. AP

for the doubles. He did his part with clinical efficiency, remained unbeaten and got his 6th Olympic gold. No Chinese in any sport can match this gold haul.

Ma Long epitomises the strong ethos of Chinese table tennis. He is a perfect product of a system that appreciates sincerity and values hard work. Ma Long didn't take any short cuts because there were none. A video series filmed by one-time British TT player Daniel Ives - *The Journey Through*

Chinese Table Tennis - gives a brief sneak into the world's most productive table tennis factory of champions. The secret, he concludes, is no secret. Relentless training and passion for the sport is the reason the country keeps churning out Olympic gold medalists.

During his short trip, Ives visited Ma Long's club, some TT hubs and also China's training centre for its elite players. He draws vibrant pictures of the halls ping-pong with

the endless tak-tak of plastic balls hitting wooden tables. Most public TT clubs have over 15 tables and are open 24x7. Players in the 6-to-66 age-range play against each other. They use different types of rubbers and lock horns in several games. It's an ultra-competitive atmosphere where coaches don't extend any special treatment to stars. They bark instructions to world champions as they do to beginners. Ma Long went through the same grind.

Fame and titles didn't change him much. Despite his record-breaking Olympics feat and the Beatles-like mass adulation, Ma Long in Paris behaved like his team's fourth-best player. The GOAT behaved like a calf.

Once Ma Long was asked why Chinese TT stars lacked airs and attitude. He said it was impossible for the sense of superiority to sneak into them. "When you are training in China. The juniors around you are world champions, your training partner is a world champion and even your coach is a world champion..." he said.

Just better

Though they do underplay their prowess, the Chinese paddlers are fiercely proud of their staggering superiority over the rest of the world. Contrary to the Western world's assumption, the Chinese have a great sense of humour. Maybe, they don't get it, since most of the time the joke is on them.

In a rare long monologue that Ma Long did for TV - even on stage he had a paddle in his hand - the down-to-earth star did take a dig at whom he called 'foreigners'.

"Some creative foreign netizens have re-defined table tennis's difficulty levels as simple, normal, difficult, harder and Chinese table tennis. I want to refute them but on second thoughts, my strength doesn't allow me to refute them... of course, this is a joke," he says with a naughty smile. No, it wasn't a joke. Ma Long and Chinese table tennis are the game's pinnacle.

Go to YouTube and check out some Ma Long videos. He is an old-school player with a relatively passive backhand and banks on his forehand to attack. His rasping top-spin drive, where he goes low like very few and lets his hand go up in a frantic arc, is a sight to behold. His sudden backhand "flipping flick" with a fake push action foxes opponents and makes experts shake their heads in disbelief.

To be objective, the Olympics didn't give a fitting farewell to its greatest champion. At his last Games, the unpretentious great didn't become the story. It seems Paris was way too busy talking about a silver-haired pistol guy who shot with a hand in his pocket, a breakdancer who was so bad that she went viral, and a gold medalist boxer's gender. With sporting skills becoming increasingly unimportant for the audience, the Chinese champ was leaving the grand stage at the right time. So Long, Ma Long.

Cincinnati Open: Alcaraz smashes racket in 3-set loss to Monfils

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CARLOS ALCARAZ repeatedly smashed his racket on the court in a rare show of frustration, and the four-time Grand Slam winner fell to Gael Monfils 4-6, 7-6 (7-5), 6-4 at the Cincinnati Open.

In a match that was suspended by rain on Thursday night with the players in a second-set tiebreaker, the 37-year-old Monfils advanced by taking the last two sets from the second-seeded Alcaraz, who called the loss his "worst match." "I felt like it was the worst match that I've ever played on my career," Alcaraz said. "I've been practicing really well. I was feeling great. But I couldn't play. I want to forget it and try to move on to New York." The U.S. Open begins there on Aug. 26.

Trailing 3-1 in the tiebreaker when the match was halted, Alcaraz was hoping for a reset when play resumed Friday. But, the No. 3 player in the ATP rankings wasn't able to control his emotions.

"It never happened before, because I could control those feelings," Alcaraz said. "Today I couldn't. I was feeling that I was not playing any kind of tennis. It was really frustrating for me. At some point, I didn't want to be on the court anymore." Alcaraz was playing his first match since earning a silver medal at the Paris Olympics after losing to Novak Djokovic, who also beat him last year in the Cincinnati final.

Monfils returned to the court later Friday and lost to No. 15 seed Holger Rune 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

"It was a big win for me against Carlos, unexpected to be honest," Monfils said. "To play again in a couple hours against (another) good and younger player, I knew it would be tough." In women's action, top-ranked Iga Swiatek advanced to the quarterfinals with a convincing 6-2, 6-2 win over Marta Kostyuk.

Swiatek bounced back with a more complete performance after losing a second-set tiebreak on Wednesday before outlasting France's Varvara Gracheva.

"Today, I just kept my intensity at a high level all the time," Swiatek said. "It didn't really matter to me what the score was, I just wanted to continue playing my game. I focused on myself." No. 3 Aryna Sabalenka also advanced with a 7-5, 6-2 victory over Elina Svitolina, but No. 5 Jasmine Paolini, the runner-up at the French Open and Wimbledon, lost to Mirra Andrejeva 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova upset No. 7 and Olympic gold medalist Zheng Qinwen 7-5, 6-1. Spaniard Paula Badosa defeated Yulia Putintseva, who upset Coco Gauff on Thursday, 6-4, 6-4.

Top men to advance included No. 1 Jannik Sinner, who got a walkover against Jordan Thompson on his 23rd birthday, No. 3 Alex Zverev, No. 5 Hubert Hurkacz, No. 6 Andrey Rublev and 12th-ranked American Ben Shelton.



Gael Monfils serves against Carlos Alcaraz on Saturday. USA Today

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF VINESH PHOGAT



1. MORNING: Following her heartbreak in Paris, Vinesh Phogat is greeted by a huge crowd on arrival at the Delhi airport on Saturday.

2. AFTERNOON: Heavily garlanded, Vinesh was surrounded by well-wishers, young and old.

3. EVENING: Vinesh's caravan left for her native village Balali in Haryana. She sat on the jeep and greeted supporters on the way. Pics 1-3: Gajendra Yadav

4. NIGHT: She reaches Balali at midnight to much fanfare; She goes to visit the temple first. Jasbir Malhi



After silver, Diamond League on Neeraj's mind

The break after the gold at Tokyo Olympics was a distraction, so he intends to compete in more events before returning home

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IT'S BEEN A week since Neeraj Chopra won a silver medal at the Paris Olympics to enter the conversation to be called the greatest Indian athlete of all time. But Chopra is hardly in the mood to let his hair down or celebrate.

Rather than returning home for what would be a well-earned break, Chopra is back at work. On Friday, he posted a clip on his social media handles where he's suspended in the air as he rotates his legs in circular motion while holding a medicine ball between them.

This was something that nagged at him after the Tokyo Olympics: in the country-wide celebrations and the euphoria his gold medal generated, the rest of his season had to be sacrificed. For months, he was overwhelmed by countless felicitations. He crisscrossed the country, carrying with him the gold medal that everyone wanted a piece of. Commercial sponsors and state dignitaries kept courting him. For months, he was the most sought-after man in India. But ending a season midway did not sit right with him.

So this time, instead of returning to India for a victory lap, Chopra is in the Swiss town of Magglingen, where the Swiss Federal Institute of Sport is located, aiming his javelin at a couple of Diamond League competitions before he finally ends his season. Celebrations, felicitations and adulation will have to wait.

"I was earlier thinking I will compete in the Zurich Diamond League (on Sept 5) and the Diamond League final in Brussels (Sept 14). But now I will compete in the Lausanne Diamond League on August 22. Bas ek mahine aur, phir break. (Will take a break after one month when the season winds up)," Chopra tells journalists



A groin injury forced Neeraj Chopra to drastically reduce throwing sessions in the lead-up to the Paris Olympics. PTI

in a media briefing on Saturday.

"Around three or four days after Paris ended, I came here and started training. In Paris I couldn't train as there were so many commitments. After I won the medal I returned to the Games Village at 4 or 5 am."

At the Athletissima meeting in the Stade de la Pontaise next week, plenty of Olympic medallists and world record holders such as pole vault superstar Mondo Duplantis, 200m Olympic champion Letsie Tsegabo and Olympic champion in the long jump Miltiadis Tentoglou will accompany him.

"After Tokyo, I felt I should have continued my season like other athletes from around the world do. Luckily, at Paris, the groin injury that has hampered me for many years did not ex-

acerbate, so I can continue my season. I will finish the season while keeping my groin as safe as possible and then return to India. After that I will decide on getting treated for the groin injury," Chopra adds.

Deadliest contest

It took an Olympics record throw of 92.97m from Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem to prevent Chopra from defending his gold medal on an evening where he had one of his worst competitions: the Indian had five no throws, crossing the line deliberately a couple of times while the other times he couldn't stop himself from going over. He attributes this to the super-quick Mondo track that was laid at the Stade de France. His groin injury, which has been ham-

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-NEERAJ CHOPRA

pering him for years, also played a role.

Despite that, he registered two of his top three throws at Paris: 89.34m in qualifying and 89.45m to win the silver medal in what he describes as "sabse khatarnaak (deadliest) competition in Olympic history".

"When Arshad threw 92.97m with his second throw, I did not have even one percent doubt that I would not be able to better it. I know I had not thrown over 90m till then, but you need just one throw where you hit it just right. I was ready mentally, but it was only physically that I just couldn't do it. The leg work you need on the runway was not as good as it should be. If your legwork and technique is not good, it doesn't matter how much strength you put behind your throws," he explains.

The groin injury has forced him to drastically reduce throwing sessions in the lead up to the Olympics. Lesser throwing sessions mean he cannot focus as much on his technique as he would like to. "When this issue is fixed, my distances will rise because I will be able to focus more on my technique in training sessions," says Chopra.

He explains that even if the groin is not hurting during a competition, the thought that the injury could flare up often prevents him from throwing at his best. "That's the biggest fear in my mind. You don't know when pain will come. When you do the cross steps before throwing the javelin, it puts a lot of pressure on the groin," he says.

That groin injury has affected him for years now, but around the Doha Diamond League in 2023, he says a doctor advised him to get it operated on. "Back then doctors had told me that surgery would be the only way to fix the issue. But at that stage, I was throwing really well, and the World Championships were right around the corner. I won gold there and at the Asian Games," he says before pointing out that even in the break between last season and this season, he didn't want to risk getting operated just before a season with an Olympics, unless he absolutely needed to.

As his press briefing — organised by JSW Sports — winds down, he's asked about his targets. The inevitable question about the 90m mark makes an appearance. "In the next month, I need to work on the line of the javelin while releasing it. I was throwing the javelin slightly inwards at Paris. My arm speed was really good. Coach Klaus Bartonietz was telling me if the line of the throw was right, I could have thrown a few more meters at the Paris Olympics. So in the next month, I will work on the line of the javelin release," he says before adding: "I was thinking that Paris could be the place where I would cross the 90m mark. But it wasn't to be. This target business... feels like I will have to leave it to god. Train hard and whatever follows, follows. Tagdi tayari karo. Mehnat karo. Aur jhatka maardo. Jahan jaani hai chali jaaeyegi. (Prepare well, work hard, wherever you want to go, you will)."

Salah, Jota score as Liverpool begin Slot era with win over Ipswich

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SECOND-HALF GOALS from Diogo Jota and Mohamed Salah allowed new Liverpool coach Arne Slot to get off to a 2-0 winning start at newly-promoted Ipswich Town in the Premier League on Saturday.

Ipswich, cheered on by new minority shareholder and singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran from the Portman Road stands, went toe-to-toe with Liverpool in the first half but failed to take their chances when they presented themselves.

Slot's new side improved markedly after the break, taking the lead on the hour mark through Jota, before a fine move was finished off by Egyptian forward Salah five minutes later to effectively kill off the Ipswich challenge.

Liverpool had a host of chances to make the result even more emphatic, but two goals were enough to navigate Liverpool and Slot past a tricky first game of the campaign.

"Hopefully I keep going like this for the whole season," Salah told TNT Sports. "I always try to help the team all the time, I'm always

happy to score goals or assist.

"It's quite different for all of us (playing under Slot), we need to adapt. We just need to know his way of playing and enjoy the football. We don't need to put more pressure on him, we just need to play football and enjoy our games."

In January, Juergen Klopp shocked the world when he announced he would step down as Liverpool manager at the end of last season, with the German saying his goodbyes to an emotional Anfield on the final day of the campaign.

The man with the formidable task of replacing Klopp, who won a Champions League and ended Liverpool's 30-year wait for a league title during his time in England, is former Feyenoord boss Slot.

A quiet pre-season, with Liverpool yet to sign a single player during the close-season transfer window while their rivals have been splashing the cash, had some supporters worried ahead of the new campaign.

Their side's first-half performance in the Suffolk sunshine, where the visitors could not muster a single shot on target, added to those concerns.

Slot's side clicked into gear after the break,



Mohamed Salah celebrates after scoring against Ipswich Town. Reuters

however, carving open their opponents with two fine goals, the first finished off by Jota after a pinpoint Trent Alexander-Arnold pass set Salah free before he squared for the Portuguese.

With Ipswich still regrouping, Salah, in his 350th appearance for the club in all competitions, netted superbly after being played in by Dominik Szoboszlai to seal the victory.

The 32-year-old now has more goals in

NUMBER PLATE

9

Mohamed Salah took his tally of goals in the opening round of a Premier League season to nine — more than anyone else.

the opening rounds of Premier League seasons than anyone else, and he looks set to play a major part in another Liverpool title tilt this term.

Arsenal ease to win

Arsenal eased to a 2-0 win at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers with goals by Kai Havertz and Bukayo Saka getting their latest Premier League title challenge up and running on Saturday.

It was far from a fluent display in the summer sunshine but Mikel Arteta's side, once again regarded as the team most likely to halt Manchester City's domination, deserved the points. Havertz headed in from Saka's cross

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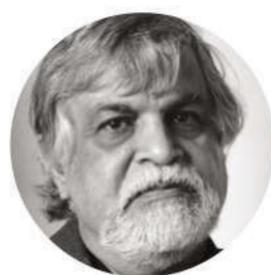
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Make me a Diamond

With younger consumers the world over choosing lab-grown diamonds over mined ones, their popularity is on the rise



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THERE'S A STORY FOR EVERYBODY

Anime and manga in India are here to stay, maybe forever. But what is behind their growing popularity?

Aditya Vaddepalli & Gayatri Thomas

PASANG, CHEF and founder of Japanese restaurant Lea Izakaya in Delhi's Humayunpur, recently got a strange request from a group of youngsters. "Bhaiya, *Naruto ramen milega* (Do you have *Naruto ramen*?)". *Naruto Uzumaki*, the protagonist of the popular eponymous manga series, is often seen wolfing down bowls of ramen. And who doesn't want to be like *Naruto*? "I've imbibed *Naruto* in my life. I used to be an introvert but after watching the show, it gave me the courage to speak up. I personally think the world would be a better place if people watched *Naruto*," says Mumbai-based manga artist Jazyl Homavazir.

Similarly, at Rohit Pandey's Harajuku Tokyo Café in Saket, Delhi, a loyal clientele of young adults keeps returning for Japanese choux pastries shaped like pandas and manga macarons.

While cuisine is one of the many gateways for anime fans to live the Japanese way of life, those like 22-year-old Nikhil Tripathi made that living a reality. In December 2022, Nikhil moved to Tokyo for work from Delhi. On his first day, Nikhil hurried to the Suga Shrine, a quaint temple of the Shinto religion, excited to see the stairs leading up to it. This was the site in filmmaker-novelist Makoto Shinkai's anime feature *Kimi no Na wa* (2016), where much of the action unfolded. "In high school, my elder brother introduced me to this film. I loved the movie so much that it inspired me to learn Japanese and eventually move to Japan," says Nikhil, now, a marketing consultant with a Tokyo firm.

Manga (Japanese comics) and anime (Japanese animation) have been around for decades, but now it's part of the daily diet for many aged between 12 and 25, some even older. There are several reasons for this.

For Utkarsh Singh, 22, anime helped him interpret life. "The stories deal with the main character's struggles: having a dream, going to any extent to achieve it, and never giving up. It helps you when you are struggling as a kid who never fits in and when you feel that no one is there for you."



That anime doesn't shy away from serious and progressive themes adds to its young appeal

Manga's origin dates to 13th-century Japanese scrolls with sequential images full of humour and wit. Post-World War II, Japan witnessed fervent manga production as the country opened up to the world. As opposed to American comics, which are in colour, mangas are largely printed in black-and-white. With short deadlines of weekly releases, the monotone colour scheme allows manga publishers to save time and printing cost. Animes, which adapted these comics to screen, saw a boom in the 1980s with shows such as *Gundam*, *Macross* and *Dragon Ball*. While these were initially geared for the North American and European audience, now there's a burgeoning Indian audience, whose fandom is anything but lukewarm. We don't need to look too far to find an *otaku* (anime nerd) today.

For Delhi-based Priyamveda Gupta, 16, the anime *Death Note* became her doorway to an obsession with anime. It was during the Covid lockdown, upon a friend's recommendation, that the then 12-year-old, with her father, watched the show. Since then, there is no stopping her. "You feel more 'seen' when you watch an anime. One finds resonance with the characters. One day, I would like to visit production houses like A-1 Pictures and Ufotable in Japan with a bouquet saying, 'You have a small budget but your animation is amazing.' We have great respect for manga and anime artists," she says.

One of the most popular anime film production companies is Tokyo-based Hayao Miyazaki's Studio Ghibli. Their 2023 animation *The Boy and the Heron* won them an Oscar, a Golden Globe and a BAFTA. This semi-autobiographical anime tells the story of a 12-year-

old boy who lost his mother during World War II. Their films — including popular ones such as *Howl's Moving Castle* (2004) and *My Neighbor Totoro* (1988) — create magical realms where the supernatural and the mundane coexist.

From the captivating storytelling and intricate art styles to the relatable characters and a sense of community, anime has carved out a special place in the hearts of its fans. It's more than mere entertainment — it's a cultural phenomenon that resonates deeply, offering both personal and collective experiences.

Popular titles among Indian manga readers include *Jujutsu Kaisen*, *Death Note*, *Demon Slayer*, *Spy X Family*, *One Piece*, *Chainsaw Man* and *Naruto*. *Death Note* tells the story of a brilliant but bored high-school student Light Yagami, who discovers a notebook that grants the power to kill anyone whose name is written in it, and delves into the depths of human nature. In *Spy X Family*, we meet elite spy Twilight, who is tasked with creating a fake family for his latest mission. The story combines action, comedy and heartwarming moments, exploring the delicate balance between duty and love.

A reason for manga's popularity among young adults is the diversity of genres — action, sci-fi, adventure, fantasy, romance, comedy, horror, business and commerce. There's a manga for every demographic. These include *Kodomo Muke* (for children), which packs in simple, wholesome storylines, with vibrant art styles and positive role models.

Shounen, aimed at young boys, is packed with high-energy action. It features protagonists who grow stronger through epic battles and unbreakable friendships.

Shojo targets young girls and focuses on romance, emotional drama and beautiful art. It tells heartfelt stories about love, personal growth and overcoming obstacles. For adults, there is Seinen, which offers sophisticated narratives, with gritty realism and psychological depth, and Josei, that presents realistic portrayals of romance and daily life.

That anime doesn't shy away from serious and progressive themes adds to its young appeal. Diya Sood, 21, shares how the anime *Your Lie in April* taught her to deal

with grief and sorrow. "Watching anime has taught me to be empathetic. Shows like *Komi Can't Communicate* (2021-22) and *A Silent Voice* (2016) explore mental health issues," says Shimla-based Diya. This psychology student adds that anime even has characters dealing with mental health issues, showing that there are people who will support them for who they really are. "It is also a bridge between people, fostering connections through shared interests and experiences. When I encounter an introvert who watches anime, they become comfortable opening up to me," she says.

Anasuya, a final-year law student from Bengaluru, points to the Boys' Love (BL) genre, with popular titles like *Yuri on Ice* (2016-17) and *Sasaki to Miyano* (2022-), and how it highlights LGBTQIA+ relationships. *Yuri on Ice*, for instance, is the story of a once-promising figure skater Yuri Katsuki who faces a career slump until his idol, the enigmatic Russian champion Victor Nikiforov, becomes his coach. The plot captures the struggles and triumphs of chasing dreams and finding love, on and off the ice.

India watched its first anime in 1993 on Doordarshan. Dubbed in Hindi, *Janguru Bukku Shonen Moguri*, an Italian-Japanese production, instantly became a household hit. So popular that even 40-year-olds today get nostalgic hearing its opening score. Composed by Vishal Bhardwaj with lyricist Gulzar, it went



— *Jungle jungle baat chali, pata chala hai/ Arrey chaddi pehnke phool khila hai, phool khila hai. "The Jungle Book* was the first anime that we saw. It says a lot about our awareness of what anime was back in the day and how it is right now," says Jatin Verma, founder of Comicon India.

Sony's Crunchyroll, the anime OTT service recently launched in India, predicts that Indian subscribers will contribute 60 per cent to its global growth rate in a few years. Viz Media, one of the largest publishers of manga (comics and graphic novels) worldwide, exports around 3,000 manga titles to India every year.

Aoi Ishimaru, director, Arts and Cultural Exchange, Japan Foundation, New Delhi, says that for students, anime and manga are the tickets to understanding their culture. The Foundation's Manga Cafe (library section dedicated to the genre) teams with school children. One can borrow a book for 15 days but several return them in just three to four days. Manga and anime have seen a steady rise in India. "Since 2012, we might have seen a 50



SHARED VALUES

Anime has become a cultural phenomenon that resonates deeply, offering both personal and collective experiences

per cent increase in the books distributed across India. Currently, around 300,000 to 500,000 books are in circulation and we get approximately 250-350 new titles a year. The growth has been phenomenal — 300-400 per cent — since 2020," says Rahul Srivastava, MD, Simon & Schuster, the official distributor for Viz Media titles in India.

While these Japanese genres have picked up in popularity, they also fill the gap that is left behind with the decline of the superhero genre of Marvel and DC. "In DC and Marvel movies, the world goes around the main characters. But in anime, even the villain gets to be the lead. Sometime, a third team, which is not even important, gets its own story. They show the beauty of Japan — they'll have cuts of flying butterflies, water falling and famous places of the country. These nuances make people not just fall in love with the main character but with the whole country," says Nikhil.

Shared values between India and Japan is another cause for the instant connection with animes and manga. Meghna Rawat (aka

Misa), 21, a cosplayer, thinks it's because Indians and Japanese respect everything, from elders to nature. "We also pray and pay our respect to rivers, forests, trees and other things, which is common in Japan," says Meghna.

Finally, anime offers a form of escapism. John Francis, 23, a 3D artist, recalls how transitioning from cartoons to anime opened up fantastical worlds that he could immerse himself in, bringing to the fore complex narratives that cartoons often lacked. Anime has helped him understand his own emotional landscape. "I feel my emotions more deeply nowadays. It's not just about the action or the drama; it's about the intricate web of relationships that these characters navigate. It teaches us the importance of empathy, understanding and communication," says Thrissur-based John.

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DOWN IN JUNGLELAND

RANJIT LAL Author, environmentalist and bird watcher



UNDER THREAT

Melting ice caps have caused sea levels to rise ominously, drowning coastal communities

Nature Strikes Back

The weapons we used against her are now backfiring

FROM TIME immemorial, we have waged war with Nature. Our weapons of choice have been devastating. We gouge great wounds on her surface with our huge earth-movers, tunnel drillers and excavators, not to mention, fell ancient rainforests. We use high-power explosives to get the job done quickly and efficiently. We build colossal concrete dams across her rivers, and like true conquerors erect entire cities in the territories we have taken. We pillage her precious resources, rarely bothering to treat the wounds we cause and dump giant mountains of simmering garbage all over her pristine surfaces. There is hardly an acre of land on her surface which we have not invaded and violated. Mountain tops that are scaled are 'conquered', forests that are brought down are 'clear-felled' and no tree dare stand in the way of a new expressway or holiday resort. And, at the end of it all, we sit back smugly and admire our handiwork.

We poison the air, with suffocating (and warming) gases such as carbon

Nature's stable weather patterns have been upended, leading to hurricanes, typhoons, tornadoes

dioxide and methane, not to mention a cocktail of other noxious additives like carbon monoxide and nitrous oxides. Chimney stacks and the exhaust pipes of cars point like cannon and gun barrels at the sky, belching forth deadly fumes.

We foul her (once) blue, crystalline waters, which cover most of the Earth's surface, with billions of litres of glutinous oil, noxious heavy metals, poisonous chemicals and our own excreta. And we blithely dump millions of tons of plastic and non-degradable waste into rivers or seas expecting them to float away.

Oh yes, on land, air and sea we have very much conquered Nature!

Really? As we can see, Nature is striking back. The biggest irony is that she hasn't fully used her original arsenal of WMDs as yet. For the weapons we have used against her are now backfiring on us but not doing very much to stop further carnage. We are slow roasting our planet, enough to cause wildfires to sweep through entire towns and forests.

Nature's once stable and predictable weather patterns, on which the lives of millions of creatures depended, have been upended and she has responded with apocalyptic hurricanes, typhoons,

tornadoes and cyclones that can level entire cities in seconds. The seas are raising up gigantic waves that can toss the mightiest aircraft carrier like a paper boat. Infamous 'dry seasons' are getting drier, hotter and longer, withering our food crops, starving entire populations of both humans and animals and causing people in the once temperate West to keel over with heatstroke.

The melting of the ice-caps has caused sea levels to rise ominously, inexorably drowning coastal communities the world over. Soon it is said they will drown Bangladesh, New York, Mumbai, London and others.

And what can we do in response? Send in F-16s, stealth bombers, tanks, artillery and troops when a tornado or hurricane attacks or a forest fire rages? With what weapons can we even stop an avalanche, or a river that has suddenly gone rogue, or a flood that swallows millions of acres of land? Send over bomb-laden drones and cruise missiles?

From time to time, Nature does remind us that she has the really big guns, even if sometimes we help her pull the triggers. She will merely have to burp, off the coast of California along the San Andreas Fault to have most of the west coast of America tumble into the Pacific. Yellowstone National Park sits atop

the world's most potent supervolcano: if it blows, it will be Armageddon and, god forbid, we do anything silly to trigger that. A slight upwards elbow nudge from the subcontinent to the great Himalayas and she will hiccup and flatten most of the cities and towns in the area.

Nature has her own arsenal of fire and brimstone in the notorious 'ring of fire' around the islands of Southeast Asia. When one of these volcanoes, like Krakatoa or Toba blow their stacks, they can asphyxiate the whole globe.

We all saw what the undersea earthquake off Indonesia did in 2004 as it sent tidal waves racing across the oceans to create havoc in far-away lands. No armada of battleships could counter that.

And then, Nature has her invisible army of viruses and bacteria. Many of which are aided and abetted by the more evil minded amongst us. Covid-19 stopped us in our tracks. Once set free, these viruses mutate into more deadly versions. But we still have the ultimate weapon — the H-bomb! Yes, that might wipe us out too but it will also put paid to Nature. Not quite. Cockroaches and other creatures will crawl out of the rubble and joyously greet a brave new world.



Make me a Diamond

With younger consumers the world over choosing lab-grown diamonds over mined ones, their popularity is going up, despite a recent price slump in India

Heena Khandelwal

EARLIER THIS year, Mumbai-based Aashi Sottany was introduced to lab-grown diamonds (LGDs) by a friend who sells jewellery made from them. "It's exactly like a diamond — it has the same shine, look, and feel, and it's much cheaper than a natural diamond," says the 26-year-old PR professional. She recently bought a pendant set with a pair of earrings, each featuring half-a-carat of LGD, and a one-carat diamond ring. "It's my engagement ring. I suggested this idea to my now fiancé, and he loved it. I also bought him an LGD ring, so we saved a lot of money," she adds. Her ring cost about Rs 30,000 and the pendant set cost Rs 36,000.

Sottany is one of an increasing tribe of consumers drawn to LGDs. According to Future Market Insights, the lab-grown diamond jewellery market was valued at \$264.5 million in 2022 and is expected to grow at a 14.8 per cent CAGR over the next decade, potentially reaching \$1.19 billion by 2033.

Known by various names over the years — from synthetic to man-made and lab-grown — these diamonds are not mined but grown in a reactor using a thin slice of high-quality diamond that serves as a seed for growing LGD. "Diamonds need specific temperatures, environment, and gases to grow. We replicate these conditions inside the reactor, exposing the seeds to carbon-rich gases and carbon deposits. The process mimics natural conditions but occurs in a much shorter time frame," explains Smit Patel of Greenlab Diamonds, a leading player in the industry since 2017. Patel uses the Chemical Vapour Deposition (CVD) method, producing CVD diamonds.

LGDs have the same physical appearance and chemical composition as natural diamonds and cannot be distinguished by the naked eye. "We have been diamondaires for 60 years. My grandfather came to Surat with nothing and started cutting and polishing with one wheel. When we showed him our first LGD in 2017, he asked me, 'Which mine has it come from?' He couldn't tell the difference because there is none. We saw a future in LGDs and fully shifted our focus," adds Patel.

While some say there's no definitive fig-



DIAMONDS ARE FOREVER

(Clockwise from top) An exhibit of LGD jewellery at the International Jewellery Show (IJS) in Mumbai; LGD jewellery designs; a polished LGD

ure on the number of carats a machine can produce, Kira Diam, founded a year-and-a-half ago, one of the largest LGD manufacturers, accounts for 25 per cent of India's production. "We have a 700,000-sq ft facility in Surat with 2,500 machines and produce approximately 150,000 carats of polished diamonds per month," says Shanay Parekh, partner at Kira Diam. The transformation cycle from seed to diamond takes 25 to 30 days, followed by 45 days of cutting and polishing.

Surat's Vaghiasya family, that has traded natural diamonds for over 20 years, began exploring LGDs four years ago. "My father and his brothers started with buying loose natural diamonds and my cousins and I followed him. We noticed the growth of LGDs so we fully transitioned to LGDs. The margins were substantial then," says Satish Vaghiasya, 38, who showcased his diamonds at the India International Jewellery Show (IJS) in Mumbai, held earlier this month.

The demand for lab-grown diamonds surged during the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in 2020-21, according to Anshul Doshi

of Bijoux Fine Jewellery, a Zaveri Bazaar-based jewellery designer and manufacturer. "This spike was driven by millennials, who have seen their mother's jewellery mostly sitting in bank lockers, and by Gen Z, who prefer spending on investment options rather than on expensive jewellery. However, the trend isn't limited to the younger generation," he says. The rising demand has led to higher prices and margins, which have attracted more players. This influx has resulted in an oversupply, causing a subsequent price drop.

A recent report from the Global Trade Research Initiative (GTRI) revealed that prices have plummeted by 65 per cent over the past year to Rs 20,000 per carat from Rs 60,000 due to local overproduction and oversupply from abroad. The report estimates that the number of LGD production units has risen to 10,000.

Most designers, manufacturers and growers agree that prices have dropped but say while they experienced losses on inventory, these were offset by profits made in earlier years. "It's a price correction," Patel notes, "We anticipated this because the industry is still

new. On average, growth has been 400 per cent, and although prices have corrected, the volume of exports has continued to increase."

"There is no control over production, leading to a supply that exceeds demand. Additionally, as a technology-based product, prices tend to fall over time, as seen with similar products in the past. This creates hesitation among sellers to keep inventory," says Vipul Shah, chairman of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council (GJEPC).

Despite India being one of the leading producers of LGDs, the largest consumer market remains the United States. Domestically, LGDs are yet to solidify their position. "Until last year, we had no presence at IJS," reveals Patel.

Parekh admits that they are encountering resistance from Indian retailers. "Many retailers have a stake in the natural diamond business or hold significant inventory... However, this resistance is decreasing, and within the next 12 months, LGDs are expected to be available at leading retail jewellery stores," he says.

The decline in prices has also been a deterrent for some customers. "People want to look good in jewellery but also view it as an investment. Since LGDs lack resale value, many from the older generation — who have traditionally upgraded their diamonds — find this a drawback," notes Anshul Doshi.

"Diamonds, whether lab-grown or natural, are not ideal investments. The allure of diamonds has been marketed by companies like De Beers, but unlike gold, diamonds do not guarantee a price increase," says Disha Shah of DiAi Design, adding that the conversation around LGDs often focusses on price rather than the design possibilities. "With LGDs, we can create custom shapes, which would be expensive with natural diamonds due to high losses. The younger generation is also drawn to LGDs for their sustainability — LGDs are not mined, thus avoiding the human rights abuses associated with traditional mining," he says.

Parekh is optimistic about the future. "Natural diamonds are affordable only to the top one per cent of the population. LGDs, however, cater to the next 15-20 per cent of consumers. There's a lack of awareness. But once we overcome this, we can expect to see a similar trend to what's happened in the US, where LGDs now account for 60 per cent of the market," he says.

'Singing is what I did to get away from studies'

Darwin Prakash will be the only Indian to compete at the 31st edition of Operalia, the world opera competition that will be held in Mumbai in September

Nikita Nanavaty

WHEN DARWIN Prakash, a graduate in geology from Delhi University, went for a workshop at the Neemrana Music Foundation in Delhi in 2014, he had no idea that he would end up competing at Operalia — one of the world's most famous and largest opera competitions. "Anyone who was interested could join and it was free of cost, so I was like, 'Why not explore this?' I didn't know I would actually pursue it then," says Prakash, 31.

In September, he will be the only Indian to compete at the 31st edition of Operalia, which is being held in India for the first time, at the National Centre for the Performing Arts (NCPA) in Mumbai. Apart from the cash prizes, the winners will get an opportunity to fast-track their opera careers by having the world's finest opera houses call on them. While the US has the largest representation in the competition followed by Russia, a participant from the UK — Liam James Karal — is of Indian descent. Part Scottish and Irish, the 26-year-old Hong Kong-born musician is a bass-baritone

and a member of the Hamburg State Opera.

"I am extremely excited about Operalia happening in India. When I came to know that Mumbai is the venue, I felt my heart beating fast because it's home," says Prakash, who was born in Mumbai in a Tamil-speaking family and grew up in the Capital.

After his graduation, he met acclaimed British vocal coach Robert Alderson in 2014, when he was invited to give vocal masterclasses at The Neemrana Music Foundation. Alderson immediately spotted his innate talent. In a few lessons with Prakash, he explored his voice. He told Prakash that he has the potential to make opera a career. "He (Alderson) told me to think about dedicating just a year of my life and come to the UK to give opera singing a chance. He shared his personal story, where he left his secure job to chase his passion of becoming a vocal professor. I liked singing and his reasons convinced me, so I decided to take a chance," says Prakash.

Before leaving India, Alderson left young Prakash under the tutelage of Delhi-based vocal coach Situ Singh Buehler. She was asked to teach him art songs in Italian through an Aria



NOTEWORTHY

Darwin Prakash performing at the 2018 Georg Solti Accademia in Italy

Antique singing book. She also taught him his first German lied (song). "I didn't have the means to go to the UK. Robert sir said he will help me out, and within two months he organised the funding for me to be there."

Prakash arrived in the UK on a six-month visa in 2014, while Alderson's initial plan was

a year. He lived with Alderson and his mother, who became family. Within the first few days of his arrival, he was already studying the basics of singing, theory, keyboard skills, and other aspects of music. "Whenever he would leave the house, he gave me homework to do. He was very meticulous," says Prakash.

Within the six months, he prepared for an audition to a master's programme in opera at the Royal Academy of Music, London, on a scholarship. He graduated in 2019 with the Queen's Commendation of Excellence.

Since then, he has made a living as a performer at Staatsoper Hannover (Germany) under their Young Artist Programme, which provides training for those at the beginning of their professional opera careers. In 2022, he was promoted to an ensemble member, performing much bigger roles in showcases, which he has been doing to date.

Currently, he is back in the UK for the summer at the Longborough Festival Opera, where he will be performing as Marcello in *La Bohème*. "Whenever Germany offers a position, we usually take it because traditionally singers live a freelancer's life, and sometimes you will be out of a job for a while. A position in Germany is valued as you become an employed member of the theatre. I received a salary even during Covid," says Prakash.

Winner of the 2019 National Mozart Competition in the UK and the Premio

Extraordinario (Extraordinary Prize) at the 2021 Tenor Viñas International Competition in Spain, he also received the Gus Christie Award at the Glyndebourne Opera Festival, one of the most celebrated opera houses.

He has been working for five years and has not had many opportunities to come to India. "As an Indian singer, I would like to perform in India which, of course, happens with opportunity along with the fact that it's now work for me. I have to earn something. I can't just do it for exposure anymore. That comes with good infrastructure, which I wish there was more of in India," he says. "Classical music creates a different kind of sound compared to pop, so the space needs to reflect that and the people who organise the event need to know how to handle that. That's why I'm happy that I get to come to Mumbai for Operalia and interact with the audience there who are familiar with Western classical music."

While Prakash feels that, at the moment, it is unavoidable to move abroad to make a career in Western classical music, he believes that India has the potential to become a major market in the field. "India has a population of 1.7 billion people; even the smallest fraction of those, who like classical music would still be a big number, and that is enough. It's more than the population of many Western countries," he says.

HOT OFF THE PRESS

IRU: THE Remarkable Life of Irawati Karve is a novelistic biography of the reputed 20th-century anthropologist, whose *Yuganta: The End of an Epoch* (1967), an analysis of Mahabharata as history instead of mythology, earned her both bouquets and brickbats. It's penned by writer Urmilla Deshpande (Karve's granddaughter) and scholar Thiago Pinto Barbosa, and aims to add a personal footnote to the decorated academic's life.

PUNJABI CENTURIES: Tracing Histories of Punjab is a volume that analyses the many versions of Punjab that have existed in history — both in the imagination and soil — through scholarly works on the state's music, economy, politics, geography and literature. It has been edited by cultural studies scholar Anshu Malhotra and tracks Punjabi identity from the 19th century to modern day, with essays by scholars from India, the United States, United Kingdom and Canada.

RIVERSIDE STORIES: Writings from Assam is a collection of 39 pieces — stories, poems, visuals, essays — edited by gender scholar Banamallika Choudhury. The pieces have been contributed by cisgender women and transgender people, and the book is the sixth in a series featuring writing from Northeast India, with previous instalments on Nagaland, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Mizoram.

RIOTS AND After in Mumbai by journalist Meena Menon has come out in a new edition, with forewords by Christophe Jaffrelot and Moosa Qureshi. The 2012 classic includes testimonies from survivors of the riots shortly after *kar sevaks* demolished the Babri mosque in Ayodhya. In two months, almost 1,000 people (predominantly Muslim) died in Mumbai, in a political earthquake whose tremors reverberate to this day.

UNWINDING A Death Spiral by Gargi Harithakam is a detective story. Anchored by a woman known only as 'I', it follows the death of a seven-month-old girl in the womb of Sunaina, motivating the detective to question not only the death but her own life, the society she's lived in, and the place of women in a country which frequently subjects them to violence and marginalisation. The list of suspects begins with Sunaina's immediate acquaintances but expands steadily to the places she's grown up in.

UDBHAV SETH

The Old Way of Doing Things

Writer MG Vassanji on his latest novel, *Everything There Is*, how publishing has changed and why he doesn't like writing-school formulas

Udbhav Seth

DR NURUL Islam is a family man: a stalwart of the scientific community, beloved by his wife and children, champion of the unification of theory and theology. The only problem is that he's also a man far from home, beset by accusations of plagiarism, tempted by a woman much younger than his wife. Toronto-based author MG Vassanji, 74, tells us how he handled the character's story in his latest novel, his thoughts on writing templates and why publishing has become hostile to younger writers. Excerpts:

The novel begins with a physics conference. Science being explored in realist fiction isn't as common today as it was 30 to 40 years ago. What do you make of that?

I come from a time when we had something to say, when we had stories to tell, feeling that if we didn't tell our stories, they would never be told. I like to say that if you're not observed by yourself, you don't exist. As people who were colonised, we've often got stories about the West. We know about the streets of London but nothing about our own streets. This was especially true (in Tanzania) where I grew up. It still is like that. Of course there's more coming out from people like me, like us.

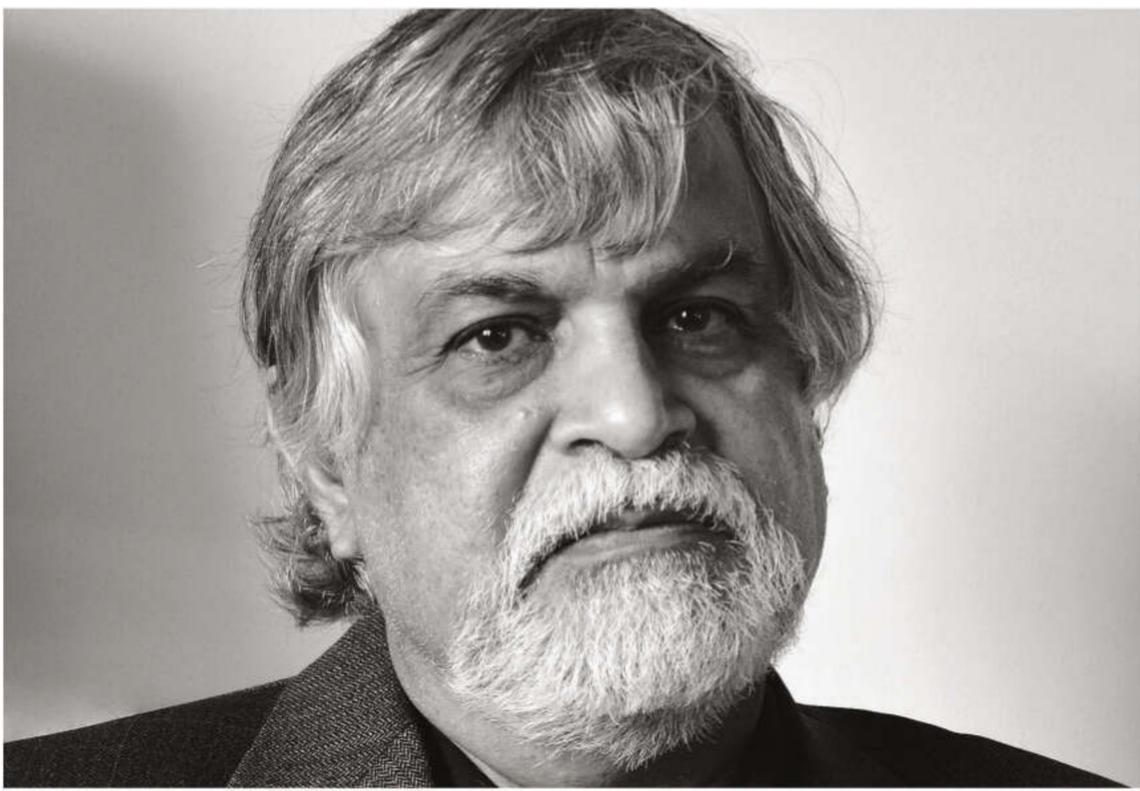
Autofiction, that combines elements of autobiography with fiction, on the other hand, has become a genre of its own.

Maybe in India. Autofiction is fine if you're in the mainstream. I was always from a small minority in a small country. A White person can tell his or her auto-story and there are millions ready to read it — but are they curious enough about my stories? Not always. Writers are still dictated, at least in Toronto, by London and New York... Younger writers (need to) explore their own past, which means our past.

This novel is written in a conventional style, balancing the inner and outer life of its protagonist — anxieties about his research being questioned or infidelity being discovered are narrated in the prose. But that style is receding. Dictums like 'show, don't tell' and 'never start a story with dialogue' are more preferred.

'Show, don't tell' is bullsh*t. It's just a formula. You write the story with its own integrity. If it works, it works. Sometimes, new writers get into big descriptions and I tell them, look, we don't have to put down everything about how a person looks. Look at *War and Peace*, it has big descriptions of historical wars. Who makes these rules? People who teach in writing schools because they can't write. They're like a factory. All the stories sound alike. You can tell a novel that has come from a writing school in just a few pages.

This novel is based on the life of famous Pakistani physicist Abdus Salam. You



AGAINST THE GRAIN

Publishers, the gatekeepers of literary culture, should promote a good book even if it doesn't sell much: MG Vassanji

have also written reportage, memoirs and travelogues. How does your approach differ between fiction and non-fiction?

In writing, I don't make rules. I follow my instinct. As soon as you make rules, you are lost. You keep asking yourself, am I doing it right? This is not a punishment. Writing novels is very painful, full of anxieties of publication and reception. Why not just enjoy life?

Like your previous books, this one explores migration and homelessness. But writing on identity politics can bring criticisms of appropriation. There are examples as far back as Salman Rushdie's *Shame* (1983) in which a critic calls the narrator an outsider who shouldn't write stories about Pakistan because he doesn't live there. Did that weigh on you?

I think it's baloney. If a novel or short story works, it's fine. If you put falsehoods, the critics and readers will find out anyway. In the West, especially in Canada and the US, people are watching. You can't write as an indigenous or Black person if you're not of that community. People are scared but you don't have to



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enter that world if you're not comfortable there. You might just end up looking like a fool. It depends on how well you get into your character. I have done it. *The In-Between World of Vikram Lall* (2003) has a whole family of Punjabi Hindus. I was nervous but all my Punjabi Hindu friends said it sounded perfect.

You recently said that publishing has become less kind than it was even 10 years ago, not just for experienced but new writers. Can you elaborate?

Publishers, the gatekeepers of literary culture, have to be honest and promote a good book even if it doesn't sell much. But as the multinationals take over, only the bottom line is seen. They reject a writer they have published before without any qualms.

In the old days, when I started writing, an editor would be very faithful and loyal to you. Nowadays, even as the book is being printed, editors just leave. They don't want to lose money, it's understandable. The number of bookstores in Toronto has gone down to less than half of what it was. That tells you what the book culture is. I don't think there's a news-

paper in Toronto with a section dedicated to book reviews like 10 years ago. Now, friends compliment each other (in broadsheets).

Cormac McCarthy was published by his editor, Albert Erskine, for decades before he got any money or attention with *All the Pretty Horses* (1992) and *No Country for Old Men* (2005). Have we lost those times?

It's disappointing. In Toronto, the practice nowadays is that editors don't reply if they have nothing to say. I feel sorry for new writers. For me, it doesn't really matter. Maybe I have two or three more books if I stay alive.

The other thing is prizes. How many people will win? Anyone with money jingling in their pocket will start a prize. A prize will sell one or two books. What about the hundred other languishing good books? The ordinary reader now only looks at shortlists and decides what to read. Prizes are very subjective and many are frauds. Some writers shortlisted here are not even longlisted there. Juries also look at factors like whether you're in a minority or the LGBTQ+ community. Of course, Asians remain at the bottom.

Who Guards the Guardians?

In her new book, historian Srirupa Roy explores the allure of the outsider and the perils and promises of that brand of politics

Pratinav Anil

IN SATIRES, Juvenal ruefully observes, "*Quis custodiet ipsos custodes?*" ("Who will guard the guards themselves?"). Guards are prone to slipping up themselves. It's a question the leading lights of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) ought to have asked themselves when they proposed a Lokpal, an all-powerful unelected ombudsman capable of overruling, even dismissing, our elected leaders.

Nothing came of it. The anti-establishment AAP swept to power in Delhi in 2013 on the strength of that demand, forced to rule in alliance with the establishment Congress, preventing the state's new chief minister from fulfilling the electoral pledge. Arvind Kejriwal's government collapsed in 49 days, earning him the moniker "AK-49" from Modi, who vanquished him in Varanasi in the Lok Sabha election that followed. Ten years later, Kejriwal was sent to jail, allegedly for corruption.

For all their differences, Srirupa Roy, professor at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies at the University of Göttingen, argues in *The Political Outsider*, her brilliant new book on the lineaments of Indian populism, Kejriwal and Modi have more in common than either would care to admit. Both are political outsiders. Kejriwal cut his teeth as a bureaucrat. Modi started out working at his father's tea stall. Both are populists, which is to say both cock a snook at metropolitan elites, those incorrigible denizens of south Bombay and south Delhi with their peculiar affectations. Above all, both are votaries of what Roy calls "curative democracy". Both believe democracy is diseased. Only an outsider, either a Lokpal or a Hindu *hriday samrat* (Emperor of Hindu Hearts), can cure the

country of its ills — corruption foremost among them. The objective, as former US President Donald Trump once put it, is to "drain the swamp".

It is evidently a sentiment that is widely shared. Hence the success of India Against Corruption, which paved the way for AAP. Hence the success of demonetisation, which paved the way for Modi's re-election; it hurt people, no doubt, but they seem to have genuinely believed that it was hurting elites — all those billionaires with banknotes stuffed under their beds — much more.

Crucially, "curative democracy" isn't a "progressive" style: the aim is not to pursue revolution, but to restore a moral order that turns on class, caste and racial hierarchy. It is, then, a "proprietary" style. Political outsiders try to impress on voters that it is the people, not politicians, who "own" democracy. Not all people; only the right kind of people.

Hints of the ugly undertow of this brand of politics were to be found in Somnath Bharti's Khirki Extension raid of 2014. Bharti, Kejriwal's then-law minister, led AAP workers and roughed up African women living in rented accommodations in the area. This was a violent assertion of hierarchical power, entirely of a piece with the spirit of "curative democracy".

The AAP, Roy shows, has a rather peculiar understanding of who the *aam aadmi* really is. She narrates her visit to the Rajokri sewage treatment plant in 2019. Opened to the public as part of the 'AAP Dekho Campaign', an exercise in public transparency, the plant's verdant surroundings and baroque flower beds were shown to her with great fanfare. Roy was suitably impressed, but on her way out, she saw the guard shooing (visibly working-class) students away. It is no accident, Roy suggests, that many of the AAP party work-



FORWARD, BACKWARD

On the back of the anti-establishment Lokpal agitation, the Aam Aadmi Party rose to power

ers she encountered underwent their political baptism in the upper-caste Youth for Equality movement of the 2000s, opposing quotas for backward castes.

The rest of Roy's book is taken up with tracing the lineage of "the political outsider." Here, the origins of this figure are pinned down to the period immediately following the Emergency, when activists, lawyers, and journalists began intervening with some success in politics from the outside. Jayaprakash Narayan in the early Seventies, but before him Vinoba Bhave in the Fifties showcased the same style. So, too, did Gandhi, that ultimate outsider who spent 22 years in South Africa, and then exerted control over the Congress without any official position in it.

Still, it's undeniable that from the late Seventies onward, we have witnessed outsiders galore. Roy rightly stresses how the Shah Commission, which inquired into the "excesses" of Indira Gandhi's dictatorship, ef-

fectively ceded moral authority to an apolitical institution headed by bureaucrats. Likewise, the surge in public interest litigation cases in the Eighties showed that activist-lawyers dared to go where politicians feared to tread, taking up the cudgels for battered women and bonded labourers, duped pensioners and detained prisoners.

Roy also takes in the "new journalism" of the Noughties, from Justice for Jessica, the 2006 campaign that saw the son of a Congress heavyweight finally being put away for killing a woman in cold blood in a bar, to the *Tehelka* sting operation that brought down the BJP president Bangaru Laxman. From the vantage point of Modi's India, one can't help feeling elegiac reading this book. For the optimism described in these pages seems to belong to a vanished age.

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Book of Belonging

P Rajeeve depicts the parliamentary and political history of the Constitution, focusing on issues that still resonate

Chakshu Roy

BOOKS THAT get straight to the point are refreshing. The author works hard to separate the grain from the chaff, letting the reader quickly reach the crux of the matter. *India that is Bharat: An Introduction to the Constitutional Debates* by P Rajeeve is one such book.

Rajeeve is currently a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and the state minister for law, industries and coir. He was active in state politics and came to national attention when he was elected to the Rajya Sabha in 2009. His relentless use of House rules to sharpen parliamentary scrutiny of the government made his six-year tenure in the Council of States stand apart from that of other MPs.

The parliamentary convention dictates that at the end of their Rajya Sabha tenure, the retiring MP discusses their time in the House. Rajeeve's tenure was till 2015, and in an unrelated development, the government pro-rogued the Rajya Sabha to promulgate the Land Acquisition (Amendment) Ordinance. It meant that Rajeeve lost the opportunity to give his farewell address. But the speeches made by his fellow parliamentarians are a testament to his contribution to our parliamentary discourse.

Then Leader of the House, Arun Jaitley, said, "As far as we in the Treasury Benches are concerned, for more than one good reason, we will miss Mr P Rajeeve. His departure makes our job easier because whoever was in the Government, he used to keep them on their toes. Every day he was ready with one point or the other and he was not willing to let go till the last minute."

The Leader of the Opposition, Gulam Nabi Azad, wanted Rajeeve's iPad to help him better understand the rules. TMC's Derek O'Brien stated that the P in P Rajeeve's name stood for

Parliament, and Shiromani Akali Dal's Naresh Gujral wanted the government to nominate him to Parliament.

India that is Bharat is succinct and compact. In its 17 chapters, Rajeeve guides the reader through the Constituent Assembly debates to highlight how our Constitution framers deliberated on questions that still dominate public discussion. He wrote it to "investigate how the secular and democratic culture of the Constitution was formed."

The book starts by highlighting the debate in the Constituent Assembly that led to naming our country "India, that is Bharat, shall be a Union of States" in Article 1 of the Constitution. It then traces the other documents that were precursors to our Constitution, including a private member bill that a British Labour Party MP had introduced in the House of Commons. The book also draws attention to the 15 women Constituent Assembly members and their contributions.

But Rajeeve's book also tackles critical questions such as fundamental rights, citizenship, Kashmir's special status, the national language, and the protection of minorities. His coverage extends to the higher judiciary and the constitutional role of the office of the Governor. He highlights the differences in opinion, the consensus and the compromise that led to the shaping of the Constitution.

Throughout the book, the reader will get glimpses of Rajeeve's outlook on critical issues as a constitutionalist, a parliamentarian and a politician. As Rajeeve writes in the book's introduction, "Protecting the Constitution is a prerequisite for protecting freedom, democracy and secularism. For that the Constitution has to be read in conjunction with the history of its formation."

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How do you know you have a bread allergy?

Patients undiagnosed for years now have tools to manage their condition better

Ankita Upadhyay

Like every other Saturday, 37-year-old Dheeraj Mathur was playing pickleball when he suddenly broke into itchy rashes and blotchy hives. Everybody thought a bug had bitten him till he fell unconscious. Fearing he had probably suffered a heart attack, his friends rushed him to the hospital, where doctors realised he had had a severe allergic reaction and slipped into an anaphylactic shock, a condition where the immune system overproduces chemicals to fight the allergen or enemy bug. His blood pressure dropped, he choked and was breathless. An injection of epinephrine, a hormone shot that fights the crisis moment in our bodies, revived him. The crisis began with a toasted bread he had that morning.

"I came to know that I am allergic to the wheat protein, Omega-5 gliadin (a rare wheat allergy that is triggered by exercise or alcohol immediately after you consume bread). For 30 years of my life, I have had bread toast and an omelette almost every day. Yet nothing happened. But that particular day, I had chosen to play my favourite game all too soon after having my breakfast and my body just crashed. Now I avoid wheat as much as I can and even when I cannot, I make sure not to exert my body after consuming it," says Dheeraj.

What saved him was a targeted precise testing tool that ensured he would never lapse into this dangerous situation ever again. It helped his doctor draw up a personalised treatment plan.

CAN LATEST ALLERGY TESTS SHIELD YOU BETTER?

Usually a skin prick test is the commonest test, where the offending substance (food, dust or any other allergen) is injected under the skin surface while the doctor waits for a reaction at the site. This can be painful to the patient. But for Dheeraj, doctors did the component-resolved diagnosis (CRD) test, a diagnostic tool used to determine the underlying cause of an allergic reaction. Unlike traditional skin testing, CRD testing can identify the specific component of the allergen, in this case food, that triggers a reaction. Not only that, it tells you whether that food will trouble you in the future or its effect will wane over

time, whether you can have it in a cooked or raw form. "The skin prick test identifies what causes the problem. CRD tells you why and how that happens," says Dr Ritu Malani, pulmonologist and allergy specialist at Max Superspeciality Hospital, Saket, who screened Dheeraj's blood for sensitivity to 300 allergens.

Much like CRD, there is the whole allergen test, which measures the levels of IgE (immunoglobulin E), a type of antibody in the blood that identifies and gets rid of germs. For example, if you have peanut allergy, a blood test can help pinpoint which protein in the peanut can trigger a reaction. That can help the doctor suggest a remedy to neutralise it. This is called the Serum-specific IgE Immunocap test.

"Often doctors and patients are unable to understand the symptoms of allergies and patients remain undiagnosed for years. Today there are tools to manage them better. In fact, it is because of these advanced tests that we are now noticing that a particular component of wheat is harmless on its own but certain drugs or physical exercise could trigger it unexpectedly," says Dr Malani.

BUT TESTS COME AT A COST

While these tests help analyse the granularity of what has been bothering you for years, they are expensive, costing anything between Rs 25,000 and Rs 30,000. "That's why we recommend skin prick tests and blood screening at first. But, at Rs 12,000 per test, these are also not exactly cheap. If the results are confusing or the patient's reaction continues to be severe, we go for the upgraded tests," adds Dr Malani.

Pathologist Dr Arjun Dang says cutting-edge allergy testing is a high powered tool in the armoury of doctors as allergies become increasingly prevalent in today's world, with around 20-30 per cent of the country's population experiencing some form of them in their lifetime. "With ageing populations worldwide, these modern testing methods can be leveraged to provide precise immunotherapy," he says. "The CRD test is expensive because the kit is imported. It is powered by AI and delivers insightful reports to help patients and doctors make informed decisions about managing allergies. In cases of anaphylactic shocks, it is a lifesaver," he adds.

However, the other tests such as a skin prick test and an immunocap test are no less



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LIFE POSITIVE



TEST COSTS

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expensive and cost Rs 12,000. "Everything is imported because of which the tests are so expensive," says Dr Malani.

WHAT'S THE EFFICACY OF NEW TESTS?

Dr Malani has found mixed results with some false positives coming in. That's why she advocates a graded approach. There are thousands of allergens in the environment and in food manufacturing processes. "No test panel can identify all of them easily. Sometimes doctors, too, have trouble pinpointing and give a broad guideline on foods to avoid. Patients do not eat them, fearing a reaction. But it could be that they could have that particular food baked or raw and do not need to eliminate it from their diet. That's why these precision tests matter," she adds.

WHEN DO YOU NEED AN ALLERGY TEST?

Dr Malani has compiled a list of some common symptoms, although each individual may have different manifestations. "Symptoms could be recurrent cold, cough,

nasal congestion, sneezing, itchesness or watering of the eyes, nasal dripping, breathlessness, wheezing... in short, anything that affects the quality of daily life," she says. Acute reactions to food manifest as rashes, hives, swollen lips, eyes, face, bumps on the skin or even severe symptoms like breathlessness, choking, vomiting, diarrhoea and fainting.

WHY ARE ALLERGIES GOING UP?

Dr Malani has seen skin, respiratory and food allergies spiral over the last 10-15 years because of poor lifestyles and post-Covid complications. "Those with seasonal cold, rhinitis and asthma problems are reporting worsening symptoms. We are seeing an increase in skin allergies with urticaria (lumpy bumps on the skin) and eczema as well as food allergies. Children who are breastfed minimally and are dependent on formula milk grow up to develop food allergies. Besides, fast foods, preserved, ready-to-cook and packaged foods have a lot of additives, preservatives, colouring and flavouring agents, all of which are alien to our gut and may trigger allergic reactions.



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The old school test

- Your doctor asks you to stop eating certain foods to see if that helps. This is the elimination diet
- If you don't show symptoms for two to four weeks, then your doctor will ask you to start eating the foods again to see if your symptoms come back. If they do, you're allergic
- Your allergist may put you through the oral food challenge. They give you small amounts of the food you may be allergic to and watch for symptoms. If you don't have any, they will slowly give you larger doses. If you show symptoms, they will stop the test

Environmental pollution and stress increase body inflammation and exacerbate asthma, rhinitis and sinusitis," she says.

What we don't realise is that a protected indoor life may lower the allergy threshold of the child. "When a child is exposed to microbes in a natural environment, their immune system automatically adapts itself to build a defence system against infections. Rural children, who grow up with animals and poultry, tend to have fewer allergies later in life," explains Dr Malani.

MISTAKEN ALLERGIES

Food allergies, says Dr Malani, are still an emerging health concern and get complicated by cross-sensitivities. Individuals who react to specific food allergens, inhalants or substances can develop an allergy to others of the same kind. So if someone were allergic to peanuts, they could react to soya, peas, lentils or beans because they are all legumes. "Similarly, someone with a pollen allergy could over a period of time develop cross-sensitisation to plant-based food. That's because pollen proteins are similar to certain plant proteins and your body could resist them. That's why some people complain of late-age allergy," says Dr Malani. Understanding allergies is ridden with challenges and a lot of research is still going on in the US and Europe. "They have dealt with allergies for a much longer time than we have. Besides, our population is more diverse," says Dr Malani. That's why new tools are just beginning to map our sensitivities and find out why we have bloating and indigestion so frequently.

INTERPRETATIONS OF MALADY

Dr SURANJIT CHATTERJEE

Is it dengue, malaria, or chikungunya?

Some symptoms may overlap but then there are distinguishing ones that you need to know about

WITH MOSQUITOES buzzing everywhere, dengue, chikungunya and malaria are among the most common diseases transmitted by them. Although they share some symptoms, each disease has distinct characteristics that can alert you while at home. Understanding these differences is crucial for timely diagnosis and treatment.

Dengue: The 'Breakbone Fever'

Dengue is often referred to as "breakbone fever" due to the severe muscle and joint pain the viral infection causes. The incubation period of the virus is usually four to 10 days after the mosquito bite. The illness typically begins with a sudden high fever, often reaching 104°F (40°C), accompanied by severe headache, pain behind the eyes and a skin rash. The rash appears within two to five days of the fever, often spreading across the body. Other symptoms include nausea, vomiting and mild bleeding (nosebleeds or gum bleeds). The most distinctive feature of dengue is the presence of severe pain behind the eyes and a characteristic two-phase fever, where the temperature spikes, then drops, only to rise again.

When to get tested: If you experience high fever along with severe pain behind the eyes, joint pain and a rash, it is advisable to get tested for dengue. A blood test on the fourth day can detect the virus or antibodies. Early detection is essential as dengue can progress to severe dengue, leading to complications like plasma leakage, fluid accumulation, respiratory distress and organ failure.

Chikungunya: Intense Joint Pain

Symptoms typically appear four to eight days after a mosquito bite. The disease is characterised by an abrupt onset of fever, often reaching 102°F (39°C), and severe joint pain. The last symptom is

more intense and prolonged compared to dengue, often lasting weeks or even months after the fever subsides. This is the most distinguishing symptom and can become chronic. Other symptoms include muscle pain, headache, fatigue, rash and swelling around the joints.

When to get tested: Blood tests can detect the virus within the first few days of symptom onset. Early diagnosis is vital as there is no specific antiviral treatment for chikungunya. Management focusses on relieving joint pain.

Malaria: The Cyclic Fever

Malaria symptoms typically appear 10 to 15 days after the mosquito bite. It has a cyclic pattern of fever, which can be classified into three stages: cold stage (shivering), hot stage (fever) and sweating stage (sweating and a return to normal temperature). The fever often recurs every two or three days, depending on the parasite species that causes infection spread. Other symptoms include chills, headaches, muscle pain, fatigue, and in some cases, jaundice (yellowing of the skin and eyes). Severe cases can lead to complications such as anaemia, seizures, kidney failure and coma.

When to get tested: If you experience cyclic fever patterns with chills and sweating, especially after travelling to or living in an area where malaria is common, get tested immediately. Malaria diagnosis is confirmed through a blood test, which can detect the presence of the parasite. Early treatment is critical to prevent severe complications.

If you experience symptoms consistent with any of these diseases, keep yourself hydrated, take paracetamol and wait for the doctor to advise you.

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'More Indians need to be part of cancer trials'

They help in development of drugs, says Dr Mrinal Gounder, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Anonna Dutt

IF YOU have been diagnosed with cancer, ask your doctor about a clinical trial. "Increased participation by patients from India will not only hasten drug development but also improve access to cutting edge therapies in the country," says Dr Mrinal Gounder, medical oncologist and early drug development specialist from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York.

Gounder, who was in India to participate in the India-US cancer dialogue that brought together regulators, research institutes, specialists and industry from both countries on a table, highlighted how clinical trials offered a window of opportunity to patients of advanced and rare cancers and gave them a shot at an extended lifespan. The cancer dialogue was one of the agreements between India and the US when Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the US last year. Excerpts:

What were the key issues discussed at the dialogue?

We talked about everything from the 5,000-year-old medical system of Ayurveda to cutting edge technologies such as artificial intelligence. The discussions ranged from early phase investigational clinical trials to hospice care. But the three main pivots driving conversations were bringing cost-effective immunotherapy drugs to India, prevention and screening for cancers and accelerating clinical trials.

Immunotherapy has revolutionised oncology care in the last few years but prohibitive costs have meant that a very small percentage of cancer patients in India could afford it. We discussed how to incentivise Indian companies to produce bio-similars of immunotherapies in India at a cost that is affordable for the vast majority of patients.

While immunotherapy is administered when you already have metastatic or some kind of advanced cancer, we have to look at

prevention and screening as these are the basics that save lives. We often disregard preventive strategies but in the US, for example, the death from cancer has dramatically declined in the last three to four decades because of them and not advanced technologies. The decline is from a decrease in smoking, increase in mammography and colonoscopy screenings to prevent breast and colon cancers and HPV vaccinations.

Not just cervical cancer in women, the HPV vaccine prevents nearly six types of cancer even in men, including head and neck cancer, which is one of the most common cancers in India. A vaccine campaign for HPV can be a big gamechanger.

There was also a lot of conversation about accelerating clinical trials in India and bringing the most novel, the most innovative, the most cutting edge clinical trial in India simultaneously with the US.

Why should Indians be participating in clinical trials?

India is home to nearly 20 per cent of the world population but its participation in global clinical trials is only one per cent. When we talk about cancer drug development, we are no longer looking at whether it is breast cancer or colon cancer as increasingly, the therapies have become site agnostic. It's very biomarker-driven (a way to look for genes, proteins and other substances that can provide information about cancer and how therapies could work). So it's harder to find that one single mutation in one single disease for that one single drug.

But when you put the right mutation to the right drug, you are going to enrich that study. You are also going to get the maximum benefit for the patient participating in the study. However, when you are subdividing these cancers into smaller and smaller groups, it takes longer for the trials to be conducted. With Indian patients also participating in these trials, you can accelerate the speed at which drugs are developed, thereby reducing the cost of research and development, and, therefore, providing drugs at lower prices.

Most importantly, if you are a patient in India, how unfair is it that you happen to be living in a different zipcode than a person who has access to these drugs? Participating in a clinical trial not only helps cancer drug



FACT OF THE MATTER

When it comes to reducing cancer mortality, the biggest impact will be felt from prevention and screening

development but also gives enormous hope to individual patients. And when I talk to medical oncologists from India, they are just so hungry for change. I am not saying that India is lagging behind but globally, only five per cent of cancer patients participate in any clinical trial. That's a super small number.

What's the reason for this?

People have a misconception regarding clinical trials. They think humans are guinea pigs in an experiment. This is the perception even though every major oncology society says that if you are diagnosed with cancer, you should consider a clinical trial. This is part of every guideline.

How can we prevent cancer?

When it comes to reducing cancer mortality, the biggest impact will be from the simple, unsexy prevention. As a person who has family here in India, I don't see my cousins, aunts and uncles talking about getting a mammogram, a colonoscopy or a pap smear. When I hear about someone being diagnosed with cancer and I ask whether your doctors talked to you about getting any of these preventive tests, the answer is never had such a conversation. The conversation has to begin now.

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