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### WEATHER

Mostly cloudy. Rain likely in the afternoon. Maximum and minimum temperatures likely to be around 35 °C and 28 °C respectively.

**RAINFALL:** NIL  
**RELATIVE HUMIDITY:** Max. 83 % Min. 72 %  
**TEMPERATURE:** Max: 35.2 °C Min: 28.3 °C  
**SUN RISES:** 05:25 hrs 17:33 hrs  
**MOON RISES:** 19:55 hrs 08:35 hrs  
New Moon on 3 October

### THUMBNAILS



Devotees seek blessings as the Imam displays the holy relic of Prophet Muhammad on the Friday following Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi, at Hazratbal Shrine in Srinagar. ■ ANI

**Bombay HC strikes down IT Rules amendment on 'Fact Checker Units':** A "tie-breaker" Judge of Bombay High Court's on Friday struck down the Information Technology Rules amendments' Rule 3, which empowers the Central government to set up Fact Check Units (FCUs) to weed out "fake and misleading" information about it on social media platforms as violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution. (Details on Pg 10)

## 'DVC responsible for Bengal flood situation'

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee said this in a letter to PM Modi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi holding the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) responsible for the current flood situation in the state.

In the letter, the Chief Minister said several districts, including East and West Burdwan, Birbhum, Bankura, Howrah, Hooghly and East and West Midnapore, are currently facing a flood situation because of the "unprecedented, unplanned and unilateral" release of around 5,00,000 cusecs of water from the DVC's Maithon and Panchet dams. "This huge quantum of discharge from the DVC dam system has never happened in the past," she wrote.

Asserting that Bengal is facing the biggest flood since 2009, the Chief Minister pointed out that a total of 1,000 square kilometres of area and nearly five million people have



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a visit to flood-affected areas at Udaynarayanpur in Howrah on Thursday. ■ ANI FILE PHOTOGRAPH

been affected because of the flood situation.

"I am compelled to call it a man-made flood, a situation engineered by sheer neglect and turning a blind eye to sustained requests from the stakeholder and long-suffering state government like us to address the technical, mechanical and managerial issues concerning the DVC system," Miss Banerjee said in her letter.

She said that despite requests made by the state government, which includ-

ed her personal telephonic conversation with the DVC chairman on the night of 16 September, the combined dam release was increased in quick succession the next day.

According to her, the release could have been deferred, especially in view of the "emergency provision of encroaching beyond the maximum flood management levels at Maithon and Panchet reservoirs".

"It remains a fact that the sharp increase in the combined dam release

was made without waiting for the water levels to reach the maximum flood management levels at the two reservoirs mentioned above, and without having advance consultation with the state government," the letter added.

She also said that there is a need for dredging and desilting of the DVC reservoirs in order to restore their flood water holding capacity. "It is also alarming that DVC appears to have shifted focus from its primary objective of flood control in the Damodar River, as mandated by law to power generation, disregarding the social obligations. This shift has sacrificed the interests of the downstream state of West Bengal," the Chief Minister stated.

On Thursday, Miss Banerjee slammed the Jharkhand government over the flood situation in her state. She alleged that the flood situation in Bengal has worsened since the DVC was releasing water from its dams to save Jharkhand.

## Supreme Court rap on CBI for 'casting aspersions' on West Bengal courts

PARMOD KUMAR  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER



Terming it "scandalous" and "unfortunate", the Supreme Court on Friday castigated the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for casting aspersions on the entire judiciary in West Bengal while seeking the transfer of all the post-poll violence cases outside the state.

Taking exception to the manner and tone of the transfer petition of the CBI, a bench of Justice Abhay S Oka and Justice Augustine George Masih said: "This is casting aspersions that the entire judiciary is under hostile environment."

"Mr. Raju, what kind of grounds are taken in this? That all courts in West Bengal have a hostile environment? Blanket averment that courts are illegally granting bail? This is casting aspersions that the entire judiciary is under hostile environment," remarked Justice Abhay S Oka.

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Refusing to accept a simple withdrawal, Justice Abhat S Oka said it was unfortunate that the CBI has chosen to cast aspersions on the courts in West Bengal.

Threatening to issue a contempt notice to the lawyer responsible for drafting the transfer petition, the bench said: "Scandalous allegations have been made against all the courts in general in West Bengal."

Repeatedly averred that there is a hostile environment prevailing in the courts. It is very unfortunate that the

Central agency has chosen to cast aspersions on courts in West Bengal."

After it expressed its displeasure over the CBI trying to cast aspersions on the judiciary in West Bengal, the court dismissed the plea of the CBI and granted liberty to file a fresh petition.

The CBI had filed the transfer petition to shift the trial in post-election violence cases outside the state due to the alleged concerns about witness intimidation and threats to the course of justice.

## Beware of those dividing society, insulting traditions abroad: Modi

ASHOK TUTEJA  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

In a veiled attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for his remarks on reservation and Sikhs during his US visit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said people should beware of those "intending to divide society and insulting Indian traditions and culture" on foreign lands.

He was also sharply critical of the Opposition parties which had raised a storm over his recent visit to the Chief Justice of India's residence for Ganapati Puja.

The PM was addressing the National PM Vishwakarma Programme at Wardha in Maharashtra where he also launched the 'Acharya Chanakya Skill Development Scheme' and the 'Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Women Startup Scheme'. He released certificates and loans to PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries and also a commemorative stamp dedicated to mark



one year of progress under PM Vishwakarma Yojna.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr Modi recalled Ganesh Utsav becoming a festival of unity in India during the freedom struggle under the leadership of Lokmanya Tilak in which people from every class and society joined the celebrations, and urged the citizens to stand with tradition and the agenda of respect and development. "Together we will protect Maharashtra's identity and boost its pride. We will fulfill the dreams of Maharashtra," the PM said.

He underlined that today is a special day as Mahatma

Gandhi had started the campaign against untouchability in 1932 on this day. He stated that with the PM Vishwakarma Yojna, the government has resolved to create a better future through skill development and 'shram to samridhi' (hard work to prosperity).

Noting that the foundation stone of the PM MITRA park was laid today, he highlighted how the government is working to take its textile industry to the pinnacle of the world's markets. He also added that India's target is to re-establish the centuries-old fame and recognition of India's textile industries.

## Centre committed to eliminate LWE menace by March 2026: Shah

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday declared that the Centre is committed to eliminating Left Wing Extremism by March 2026.

Due to the policies of the Modi government, Left Wing Extremism (LWE) has now been restricted to a few districts in Chhattisgarh, he said, adding that it is a threat to both humanity and the internal security of the country.

Mr Shah was interacting with the victims of Maoist violence from Chhattisgarh at his residence in New Delhi. They included 55 people affected by violence from LWE-affected areas of Chhattisgarh under the aegis of the Bastar Peace Committee.

Mr Shah stated that the Centre and the Government of Chhattisgarh will bring a comprehensive scheme for



the overall development of people affected by LWE in the next three months. He said that through this plan, people affected by LWE across the country, including Chhattisgarh, will benefit from healthcare facilities, employment opportunities, and other welfare schemes.

He said that through developmental schemes in LWE-affected areas, the Modi government has given a message to the Maoists that the one who saves is greater than the one who kills. Those advocating the human rights of Maoists should also consider the human rights of those who suffer because of Maoist terror.

## SC takes cognisance of K'taka HC judge's remarks

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Supreme Court on Friday took suo motu cognisance of the media reports about certain comments made by a Karnataka High Court judge against a woman lawyer.

A five-judge bench of the

Supreme Court asked Karnataka High Court to submit the report in this regard. The top court also asked the Attorney General and Solicitor General to assist the court.

Two video clips of one of the judges of Karnataka High Court had surfaced on social media platforms. In one of

the videos, he was heard making gender-insensitive comments against a woman lawyer. In another video, the judge allegedly referred to a Muslim-dominated locality in Bengaluru as "Pakistan."

The Supreme Court listed the matter on 25 September for further hearing.

## Tirupati laddu row: Nadda seeks report from Andhra CM Naidu

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda on Friday said he has taken note of reports which claimed that 'animal fat' was used in the adulterated ghee used as an ingredient for making laddus at the Tirumala Tirupati Temple, and sought a report from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu over the matter.

He said that after examining the report, suitable action will be taken accordingly.

In response to a question on the ongoing row over Tirupati laddus, Mr Nadda, at a Press conference here, said: "This report came through digital media. As soon as I got this news, I spoke to Chandrababu Naidu ji and took details from him. I have told him to send the report available with him. I



will examine that report."

He said: "I will talk to the state (food safety) regulators and ask them what they have to say. (After) examining the entire report and taking into account all the aspects of the report, suitable action will be taken accordingly."

"I have sought the report. I will examine it, then it will give its report. We will take action available under the law and rules of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India

(FSSAI)," he said.

Meanwhile, the Congress demanded an enquiry over the matter.

Congress Chairman of Media and Publicity Department Pawan Khera in a post on X wrote: "If the claims of desecration of the Tirupati laddos is right, of course a full-fledged enquiry must identify the guilty and strictest possible punishment must be meted out but, if the claims are wrong or motivated then, millions of

devotees of Tirupati will not forgive those playing with their faith."

Attacking the BJP, he further said: "Until then, it suits the BJP to allow polarising conspiracy theories to fly thick in the air in election season."

On Friday, the YSRCP has approached Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking a probe into the allegations made by CM Naidu that under the previous government led by YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, 'animal fat' was used in the adulterated ghee used as an ingredient for making the famed Tirupati laddus.

Meanwhile, Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has ordered the executive officer of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Shyamala Rao to provide a comprehensive report on the alleged adulteration of ingredients used to make the famed Tirupati laddus.

(See also Page 5)

## Letter petition seeks urgent SC intervention

NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

A letter petition has been addressed to the Chief Justice of India, D.Y. Chandrachud, seeking the urgent intervention of the Supreme Court into the alleged presence of animal fat in ghee used in making Tirumala laddus.

"Recent investigations have revealed a disturbing truth that non-vegetarian products, specifically bird meat (kolis), were used in the preparation of 'Prasadam' during the tenure of the previous TTD Trust management," said the plea filed through advocate Satyam Singh adding that this act not only violates the fundamental tenets of Hindu religious customs.

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# Barricades at Bengal-Jharkhand border; only essential commodities allowed

After chief minister announced sealing of border for three days, alleging DVC was responsible for 'man-made flood' in the state

DEBAJYOTI CHAKRABORTY  
ASANSOL, 20 SEPTEMBER

The state government has allowed entry of trucks loaded with essential commodities like vegetables, medicines, fruits, milk etc from Jharkhand to West Bengal through the Duburdih check post on NH-19, near Asansol from 4.30 pm today.

The trucks carrying essential commodities and other materials were stranded in the Bengal-Jharkhand border since evening yesterday.

However, other trucks are still barred from entering the state and police and motor vehicles department officials are allowed after checking the papers.

Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) has threatened to stop vehicles entering from West Bengal after the Asansol Dur-



gapur Police Commissionerate (ADPC) has sealed the Bengal-Jharkhand border at Duburdih check-post with barricades upon national highway 19 since last evening. Chief minister Mamata

Banerjee has announced to seal the Bengal-Jharkhand border for three days, last evening, alleging that water released from Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) from its Maithon, Panchet dams situ-

ated in Jharkhand on Damodar has been responsible for 'man-made flood' in the state before the Durga Pujas. "We need to restrict the vehicles entering into our state in the wake of the alarm-



ing flood situation in south Bengal districts," she had said.

A day ago, she had even spoken to Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren and urged her to stop allowing water release from DVC dams. And despite her request, DVC released water from its dams continuously.

Ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) defended the

action of DVC and claimed that in case of heavy rainfall, water release from dams is normal. "Since the past one week, there had been heavy rainfall in Jharkhand, leading to water increase in the dams," justified JMM spokesperson and general secretary Supriyo Bhattacharya. His party has threatened to stop vehicles entering Jharkhand from West Bengal if the blockade

is not withdrawn immediately.

Since last evening, there has been heavy traffic jams in the Jharkhand border as thousands of trucks have been stranded. The truck drivers claimed that they are carrying perishable materials and will face huge trouble if the trucks are stranded there for three days.

Today morning, two block development officers (BDO) of Dhanbad district, Indra Kumar and Madhu Kumari came to Duburdih check post near Asansol and talked with the check post and Kulti police officials urging them to withdraw the blockade.

"I have told the officials here that though vehicles are allowed to enter Jharkhand but no vehicles are allowed to enter West Bengal. It is causing huge problems on our side," said Indra Kumar,

BDO of Nirsa.

While Madhu Kumari, BDO of Egarkund block said that it is matter of the state government and she will submit her report to the deputy commissioner (DC) of Dhanbad, Madhvi Mishra and senior superintendent of police (SSP) of Dhanbad, HP Janardhan.

Two truck drivers, Manirul Sheikh and Neeraj Kumar Sharma coming from Munger in Bihar and Jaipur in Rajasthan said that they were going to Kolkata and Midnapore, but were stopped at the border.

Delhi-Kolkata NH-19 is the busiest highway in eastern India with an annual vehicular growth rate of over 10 per cent. It is also one of the gateways to eastern India and every several thousands of trucks and heavy vehicles pass through both the ways.

## 40 students expelled from Kalyani medical college for intimidation, harassment

BISWABRATA GOSWAMI  
KRISHNAGAR, 20 SEPTEMBER

In a significant disciplinary action, the College of Medicine and JNM Hospital in Kalyani has expelled 40 students for six months following allegations of intimidation and harassment against their peers.

The decision, which prohibits the students from accessing the hostel, hospital, and campus, was taken during a meeting of the extended college council, according to an official document.

The expelled students, reportedly affiliated with the Trinamul Congress Chhatra Parishad (TMCP), are accused of fostering a threatening environment on campus.

This action follows a formal complaint lodged by 32 students earlier this week, detailing a pattern of mental and physical harassment that disrupted their academic life. "Based on a large number of prima facie evidences, depositions by individual students, and digital evidences, the extended college council decided to expel the following students from hostel, hospital, and college campus for a period of six months at least, pending further investigations into the allegations against them," read the minutes of

the council meeting. Although the expelled students will be allowed to attend classes and appear for examinations, they will face additional inquiries by the anti-ragging committee and the internal complaint committee, with the possibility of further disciplinary action.

The council also decided to dissolve the students' welfare committee until further notice or until a democratically elected student body is formed. Furthermore, none of the 40 expelled students will be allowed to contest the students' body election. "The prevailing threat culture in the College of Medicine & JNM Hospital, Kalyani, must stop and should not be repeated ever again. The students or students' body should have no say in the whole examination process," stated the minutes.

The decision comes after principal Manidip Pal referred the complaints to the anti-ragging committee, which held an emergency meeting to hear both the accused and the complainants. The committee found substantial evidence supporting the allegations and recommended the suspensions, which were subsequently confirmed at the college council meeting.

## Ireland celebrates 75 yrs of diplomatic ties with India, announces cultural collaboration for 'Durga Puja'

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Ireland Embassy in New Delhi is celebrating 75 years of diplomatic relations between Ireland and India. The embassy has announced a unique cultural collaboration for Kolkata's iconic Durga Puja festival, where Irish and Indian artists will jointly create a spectacular pandal at Behala Nutan Dal.

Reflecting on these deep-rooted connections, Ireland's Ambassador to India, Kevin

Kelly, said, "Ireland and India share a strong and growing partnership that transcends diplomatic relations. Our peoples are connected through education, culture, and shared values. As we mark 75 years of friendship, we are committed to strengthening these ties further, especially as both nations explore new opportunities in trade, technology, and culture."

"One of the most exciting initiatives marking this anniversary is a unique col-

laboration between the celebrated Irish cultural group Macnas from Galway in the West of Ireland and Kolkata's Behala Nutan Dal," the Ireland Embassy in New Delhi said in a statement on Friday. Together, artists from both countries are creating a stunning Durga Puja pandal that honours both the Hindu goddess Durga and the Celtic goddess Danu.

This fusion of Irish and Indian creativity will offer a visual spectacle that reflects the power of cross-cultural

collaboration and celebrates the power of women and the feminine spirit.

Speaking about the collaboration, Ambassador Kelly added, "Durga Puja in Kolkata is one of the most awe-inspiring festivals I have ever witnessed. The energy, creativity, and community spirit of the festival are unparalleled. This year, we are thrilled to see Irish artists collaborating with their Indian counterparts to celebrate shared cultural values. It will undoubtedly be a high-

light of our 75th anniversary celebrations."

This partnership, in close collaboration with the Honorary Consul of Kolkata, Mayank Jalan, marks a significant cultural exchange and symbolises the growing global recognition of 'Durga Puja' as a platform for cross-cultural dialogue.

"Over the past seven decades, the bilateral relationship between Ireland and India has grown exponentially. Today, Ireland is home to over 100,000 Indians,

making them the third-largest immigrant group after Polish and British nationals," the statement added.

Ireland and West Bengal have been linked culturally for over a century.

Kolkata is home to many Irish schools and is also the birthplace of India's renowned literary giant and Nobel Prize winner, Rabindranath Tagore, who had a close relationship with Ireland's most famous poet, William Butler Yeats.

### MINISTER MEET



Union minister Arjun Ram Meghwal (centre) at Bharat Chamber of Commerce in Kolkata on Friday. The minister attended a symposium, 'Legal Reforms for Sustainable Growth-Paving the Path to India's \$5 Trillion Economy by 2023'. - S.S.

**Four in net for cyber fraud:** Cyber crime cell of Asansol Durgapur Police Commissionerate (ADPC) raided two illegal call centres in Barachak under Asansol South police station and arrested four persons in connection with cyber fraud on Thursday. Dr Arvind Kumar Anand, DC of Cyber Wing of ADPC has informed that acting on a specific tip-off police have raided the two call centres. Twelve computers, laptops, internet devices were seized from one call centre. Around 13 CPU and 13 computers were seized along with three laptops from the other call centre. Police found that the men and women present in the call centre were calling customers in Dubai using a Chinese app.

**Youth drowns in Birbhum:** Prasenjit Badyakar (26) drowned at 3 No. river ghat in Shaymla Colliery on Thursday afternoon. He was supposed to watch a football match in neighbouring Birbhum district along with his two friends. They tried to take a short cut and were washed away in heavy river currents while trying to cross the river. Though his two friends managed to reach the banks of the river, he failed and drowned. Due to incessant rainfall in the region since the past one week, water levels are high in all the rivers and rivulets of the district.

## T E N D E R

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL**  
**WR&DD, e-NIT**  
Executive Engineer (A-I), Purulia (A-I) Division, WRDD invites e-tender for 5 Nos. WDS in the District of Purulia under WB&DDMP, Phase-II vide e-NIT No. 14 to 18/2024-25.  
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Last date of bid submission is 24.10.2024, 18:00 Hours and intending bidders are requested to visit the website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> from 23.09.2024, 09:00 Hours onwards for further details.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-I) Purulia (A-I) Division, Purulia ICA- T17163(3)/2024

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EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division invites online e-tender for the work of : 1. Repair and Renovation of RI Office at Singbongdera in the district of Darjeeling during the year 2024-2025. Estimated Amount Rs. 18,44,877-00  
Tender ID No. 2024\_WBPDW\_751421\_1. e-NIT No. 07 SI No. 1 of 2024-2025. Bid submission start date (online) 17/09/2024 from 11:00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online) 01/10/2024 upto 5:30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from website <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE, PWD., Darjeeling Division, GOVT. OF W.B. ICA- T17245(3)/2024

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# Anubrata gets bail in ED case, to be freed soon

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BIRBHUM, 20 SEPTEMBER

Anubrata Mondal, the Birbhum district president of Trinamul Congress has got bail from the Rouse Court in Delhi today in the cross-border cattle smuggling case by the Enforcement Department.

Earlier, Anubrata Mondal has secured bail in the CBI case and now will be released shortly from the Tihar Jail. His daughter Sukanya Mondal has also secured bail a few days ago.

It seems that the firebrand TMC leader from Birbhum will be able to go to his home in Nichupatti of Bolpur before the Durga Puja.

Sources said that Anubrata Mondal is likely to be released from Tihar Jail on Saturday.

During her Lok Sabha poll campaign in Birbhum district, chief minister Mamata Banerjee had said that it is only a matter of time now for Anubrata Mondal to get bail from the court.

"How long will you keep him behind the bars," she had said at that time.

Despite the absence of Anubrata Mondal, the TMC managed to win both the two Lok Sabha seats from Birbhum.

Chandranath Sinha, state MSME minister and Bolpur MLA said that it is a very good news for the party before the Durga Puja.

The Rouse Avenue Court of Delhi granted regular bail to TMC leader Anubrata Mondal in the money laundering case related to the West Bengal cattle smuggling scam.

Mondal was accused of involvement in illegal activities linked to the smuggling of cattle across the India-



Bangladesh border.

Advocate Mustafa and Ahmad Ibrahim appeared for the accused.

The court has recently sought a response from the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on the bail plea of Anubrata Mondal, who is one of the accused in the cattle smuggling case.

He has been granted bail by the Supreme Court in the CBI case.

His bail plea submitted that the applicant has been in continued incarceration for almost 2 years. He was arrested on November 17, 2022, and there is no likelihood of the trial even getting started in the near future.

"The prosecuting agency has been delaying the trial by not providing the accused persons with the complete set of documents along with the chargesheet, which is making it impossible for the counsel for the accused persons to prepare and argue on the point of charge," the plea said.

The counsels also said that even if the arguments on charge are heard and the charges are framed, it will take a very long time to complete the trial as there are a total of 85 witnesses mentioned in the prosecution complaints, which will inevitably take a very long time to complete.

Tea unions agree to 16 per cent bonus this year: Trade unions representing over 175 tea plantations in the Terai and Dooars have finally agreed to a 16 per cent bonus-cum-compensatory

payment for the accounting year 2023-24. This decision was reached after an extensive bipartite meeting in Kolkata, which continued late into the night. The marathon negotiations were held

between the unions and the Consultative Committee of Plantation Associations (CCPA), an apex body comprising members from the Indian Tea Association (ITA), Tea Association of India

(TAI), Indian Tea Planters Association (ITPA), and Terai Indian Planters Association (TIPA). This was the second round of meetings convened by the CCPA to discuss the bonus issue. Last year, after

a series of similar meetings, the CCPA had agreed to offer a 19 per cent bonus to workers. However, this year, the unions settled for 16 per cent, taking into account the financial difficulties faced by

several tea gardens. Despite the lower percentage, however, the total bonus amount remains comparable to the previous year, as workers' wages have increased since then.



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# Coal theft case: Apex court relief for Moloy Ghatak

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ASANSOL, 20 SEPTEMBER

Rejecting the plea of Enforcement Directorate (ED), the Supreme Court has given relief to state law minister Moloy Ghatak today in relation to the coal theft case.

A Division Bench, headed by chief justice D Y Chandrachud has rejected the plea today.

The Enforcement Directorate has moved to the Supreme Court after the Delhi High Court directed the central agency to interrogate the law, judiciary and labour minister in Kolkata, instead of New Delhi after Ghatak challenged them in the court.

The Supreme Court has rejected the plea of the Enforcement Directorate today on the grounds that they have appealed after 181 days of the Delhi High Court order. The ED has called



Moloy Ghatak on a dozen occasions but he has appeared before the central agency only once in New Delhi.

Moloy Ghatak has appealed to the Delhi High Court to allow him to be grilled in Kolkata instead of New Delhi as he remains busy and holds important portfolios in the state.

Earlier, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) had raided the house of Moloy Ghatak and his relatives in Asansol and Kolkata in connection with the coal theft case. He is the MLA of Asansol North Assembly seat.

# Kin of cops transferred during LS polls demand home posting

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Wives and relatives of police personnel, who were transferred to different districts during the Lok Sabha elections around three-and-a-half months ago, urged the West Bengal Police authorities on Friday to bring them back again to their previous places of posting as well as home districts.

Today, wives, fathers and other relatives of the transferred policemen gathered together at the Bhabani Bhawan, state police headquarters and urged the authorities to take necessary measures so that these policemen could be brought back to their home districts.

The aggrieved members of many families and relatives reached Bhabani Bhawan this afternoon from several districts like Birbhum, Murshidabad, Malda etc.

"My son, who is posted at Kaliachak in Malda, has been sent to Darjeeling district for

election duty during LS polls. He has not yet been brought back to Kaliachak, his original place of posting. His wife is pregnant while I am suffering from heart disease. I would request the government to send him back to Kaliachak so that he can look after us," said the 74-year-old father of the police personnel, who is a sub-inspector. "My husband is posted at Suri in Birbhum but he has been transferred to a north Bengal district. More than three months have elapsed after the LS polls, but the authorities are yet to send him back to his home district," said a police officer's wife at Bhabani Bhawan.

"Many of us have come here today to request the director general of police (DGP) to look into our grievances. We hope he will take initiatives to send back the policemen transferred to distant districts to their respective previous places of posting," she said.

THUMBNAILS



New president of MCCI: Amit Saraogi has been elected as President of Merchants' Chamber of Commerce & Industry for the year 2024-25 at the 123rd Annual General Meeting of the Chamber held on Wednesday. He is the managing director of Anmol Feeds Pvt. Ltd.

'Swachhata Hi Seva': Metro Railway has been observing 'Swachhata Hi Seva' from 14th September to 2nd October. Various programmes have been organised during this period as part of spreading awareness of Swachhata. A Table Tennis Competition was organized today at Metro Rail Bhawan Recreation Club to promote 'Swachhata Hi Seva' and camaraderie amongst Metro staff. This programme was organised to make aware about Swachhata.

# Junior doctors, civil society bring out rallies seeking justice for R G Kar

The rally leaders carried torches symbolizing the fire of protests against the incident, marching towards Shyambazar on Friday evening

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Hardly five days after the Sunday evening rally agitating junior doctors and civil society again on Friday brought out two rallies separately in the city shouting slogans demanding justice for the gruesome incident at R G Kar Medical College hospital on 9 August.

The junior doctors, who have been organizing cease-work programme in 26 government medical colleges across the state for the past 41 days and sit-in-protest in front of the Swasthya Bhawan, resumed work in essential emergency wards today after huge march to CGO Complex, office of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probing the incident this afternoon.

The agitators from state-run teaching hospitals demanded prompt justice for the rape and murder of



their colleague at R G Kar Hospital and threatened to continue their protest till their charter of demands, including end of 'threat culture' in teaching hospitals, conducting students elections in medical colleges and formation of college-level task force comprising members like junior doctors and nurses are met by the government.

Besides the protesting doctors, people from various professions, including Tollywood actors also joined the march.

"We are thankful to common people that so many of them came today within such a short time of call made last night. Please stay with and support us. We have achieved partial victory with the removal

of commissioner of police, deputy commissioner of police (north division), director of medical education and director of health services but we will intensify our protest in coming days till our demands starting from safety and security are redressed. We withdrew our sit-in programme today and joined work. Our medical teams along



with relief material like medicines, dry food, drinking water and tarpaulins will visit flood-ravaged districts to stay beside the affected people. We will set up Abhaya Clinics there," said agitating juniors doctor Debashis Halder, Aniket Mahato and others while addressing the rally in front of the CGO Complex this evening.

The medics also announced setting up of Abhaya Clinics, in memory of the brutally murdered R G Kar PGT doctor, in flood-affected regions of the state from Friday.

said they would not work in the outpatient department (OPD) but would partially work in emergency and essential services.

The announcements came shortly after chief secretary Manoj Pant, following up on issues discussed in Wednesday's meeting between the agitating junior doctors and the state task force, issued a list of directives on the safety and security and conducive environment for healthcare professionals, saying those orders need to be implemented immediately.

Besides the junior doctors' march, civil society in a sep-

arate 42 km-long rally between Highland Park and Shyambazar showed solidarity with the agitating junior doctors.

The head of the rally carrying torches symbolizing the fire of protests against the incident marched towards Shyambazar this evening. People had started to gather at Highland Park from 3.30 pm.

A sea of people armed with torches and illuminated mobile phones descended on the streets and the march continued till the evening.

Gouri Ghosh, an 80-year-old retired school teacher, carrying a bouquet of red roses was seen waiting to show solidarity with the protesters. She could not participate in the rally but assured them moral support.

"We will wait for a week for the West Bengal government to implement all its promises and if unfulfilled, we will resume 'cease work'," the doctors said.

## CBI seeks polygraph test of former OC, narco-analysis of ex-principal Ghosh

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

The CBI has applied to a special court in Kolkata for permission to conduct a polygraph test on Tala Police Station's former officer in-charge (OC) Abhijit Mondal and a narco-analysis test of former controversial Principal of R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital Sandip Ghosh in connection with its investigation into the ghastly rape and murder of a junior doctor within the hospital premises last month.

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has already conducted polygraph tests on Ghosh and the sole arrested accused in the case, civil volunteer Sanjay Roy.

Sources said that the CBI officials want the narco-analysis test to be done on Ghosh to match his answers with those he gave during the polygraph test.

There is a basic difference between a polygraph test and narco-analysis.

The polygraph test, also popularly known as lie-detector tests, measures physiological responses like blood pressure, pulse, and respiration of the person who is being questioned, based on the idea that physiological responses of persons are different when they are lying.

On the other hand, narco-analysis involves injecting the person to be questioned with sodium pentothal, popularly termed the "truth drug" or "truth serum", which puts the person concerned in a

stage of hypnosis which is believed to make that person speak only the truth.

On September 13, the special court rejected the CBI's plea for the narco-analysis of Roy as he refused his consent.

Neither a polygraph test nor a narco-analysis can be conducted without the consent of the person on which the test will be conducted.

Although Roy gave his consent for the polygraph test, he refused it for narco-analysis.

The findings of the polygraph test or narco-analysis can be used as evidence against anyone in the court. Such tests are considered as attempts by the investigation agencies to get nearer to the truth in their probe.

Both Ghosh and Mondal are currently in the custody of the CBI, following an investigation against them about misleading the initial investigation carried out by Kolkata Police in the case as well as for making attempts to tamper with the evidence.

While the CBI arrested Mondal late on Saturday after seven hours of questioning, Ghosh, who was earlier arrested by the agency in the case of financial irregularities at the institution and was in judicial custody, was also shown as "arrested" in the rape and murder case the same day.

The West Bengal Medical Council has cancelled the medical registration of Ghosh, while Mondal has been suspended by the Kolkata Police.

## TMC expels councillor after CID arrest on kidnapping charges

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER



The CID has arrested a Trinamul Congress councillor on serious charges of kidnapping, extortion, and fraud.

According to reports, the arrested councillor's name is Milan Sardar, who is the councillor of Ward 2 of Barasat Municipality. He was remanded in CID custody after being produced at Barasat court. The CID arrested him on Thursday night.

Meanwhile, the ruling party said that Milan has been expelled from the party.

The CID sources claimed that Milan is accused of kidnapping a businessman from North 24-Parganas, Debabrata Dey, on two occasions.

Reportedly, a total ransom of Rs 9 crore was extorted from Debabrata in two phases.

Debabrata, who is originally from Tripura, is now a businessman in North 24-Parganas. It appears the kidnapping plot was orchestrated to extort money from him, and Milan is said to have been the mastermind behind the kidnapping. Milan, who won as councillor on a Trinamul Congress ticket, allegedly planned the entire abduction. Following an investigation, the CID arrested Milan. Reports suggest that Rs 6 crore was taken as ransom in the first phase and another Rs 3 crore, in the second phase. In early September, Debabrata was kidnapped

from the parking lot of an apartment complex in Khardaha. The businessman was visiting an acquaintance, and while in the parking lot, a group of criminals brandished weapons and abducted him in a car. He was then held captive in a flat in Barasat. Following the incident, the police launched an investigation, and the CID later took over. Seven individuals were previously arrested in this case, and last night, the police arrested Milan. It is also noted that Milan had fled the area after the incident.

However, on Thursday, CID received information that Milan had returned to the area, and they swiftly apprehended him. Barasat Trinamul MP Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar has claimed that the councillor has been expelled from the party.

## CONGRESS PROTEST



South Kolkata Congress stage an agitation against the BJP for allegedly threatening Rahul Gandhi's life, at Bhawanipore police station on Friday.

## Bengal doctor's body bars ex-member from all organisation activities over R G Kar case

AGENCIES KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal, a reputed association of ophthalmologists, has barred the former honorary secretary of the Indian Medical Branch (IMB) Susanta Roy, a close confidant of Sandip Ghosh, from all organisation activities of the society till he comes out clear of the allegations of 'threat culture' and corruption.

"The members and Executive Committee Ophthal-

mological Society of West Bengal, find it very disturbing to note your alleged involvement in the threat culture, corruption and cover up the tragic incident rape and murder of a junior lady at R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital on 9th August 2024 in the early hours," read a letter from the society.

The society has communicated to Roy that at a special general body meeting on September 16, it has been unanimously decided that Roy's alleged misdeeds and

implications have brought tremendous disrepute to the society and all ophthalmologists.

"The General Body decided to debar you from any further involvement and activities of the Ophthalmological Society of West Bengal until you come clean out of these allegations," the letter read.

The society has also directed Roy to give a written response to the letter within 15 days of issuance and dispatch of the letter. "We will wait for the truth in the

whole matter," the letter read.

Earlier this month IMA's West Bengal circle suspended Roy for his alleged involvement in helping Ghosh in tampering of evidence in the rape and murder case.

His son Dr Soutrik Roy and another doctor Avik De were also suspended.

There are allegations that all three of them were present at R G Kar after the body of the victim was recovered from the seminar hall of the hospital on the morning of August 9 this year.

## CPM chalks new strategy to expand protest path, move to rural Bengal

RAJIB CHAKRABORTY KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

With an eye on the 2026 Bengal Assembly elections, the CPM is planning to expand the movement surrounding the R G Kar female PGT rape and murder case from Kolkata to remote and rural areas of the state after the upcoming puja season.

Party sources revealed that while the issue has generated significant traction in Kolkata, the movement has been minimal in rural areas due to a lack of leadership.

To address this, the Left Front aims to launch district-wide protests, mobilizing all mass organizations affiliated with the party to demand justice for the victim.

According to party sources, CPM state secretary and politburo member Mohammed Salim has instructed district, zonal, and local committees to gear up for the upcoming mass movements.

"Crime syndicates continue to operate across sectors like health, education, land reforms, agriculture, and panchayats. Common people are suffering the most and our workers must dismantle these networks through active protests," Salim emphasized in a recent meeting.

The CPM has adopted a two-pronged strategy for the protest. First, party workers are participating in citizen-led movements without brandishing party flags.

Simultaneously, they are also protesting under various organizational banners.

This tactic was evident following the cancellation of the derby at Yuva Bharati Stadium, where CPM leaders

helped unite East Bengal, Mohun Bagan and Mohammedan fans in a common cause. Alimuddin Street, CPM's headquarters, is keeping a close watch on the ongoing junior doctors' protest.

On Thursday night, the doctors announced they would march from Swastha Bhawan to the CGO Complex on Friday and end their sit-in.

However, the CPM intends to keep the larger movement alive, using the festival season and after it to sustain momentum. Md Salim and other senior leaders are buoyed by recent developments involving key youth leaders Minakshi Mukherjee and Kalatan Dasgupta.

Mukherjee, a prominent DYFI youth leader was summoned by the CBI for questioning in the R G Kar incident, while Dasgupta was granted bail in a separate audio case on the same day.

CPM leaders believe these developments will help the party gain more public attention and strengthen their narrative.

The CPM had initially struggled to effectively highlight Mukherjee's leadership role during the 9 August incident when party members tried to block the hearse carrying the victim's body.

The left leaders now see an opportunity to amplify this message, with the CBI's involvement drawing fresh attention to the case.

As the party prepares to take this movement to every corner of the state, they hope to not only seek justice for the R G Kar victim but also build a broader political platform ahead of the 2026 Assembly polls.

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## Mamata stresses on the importance of MSMEs



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee today stressed on the role of MSMEs and its manifold importance in shaping up the state economy, in which she also extolled the role of artisans and weavers in helping the state to be crowned as number one in saree production in the country.

Miss Banerjee, while inaugurating the state's much-vaunted shopping festival virtually at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan in New Town today, also informed that move was already afoot by the government to allot one acre land for setting up a shopping complex.

To make that happen, the chief minister said, "An invitation had been extended to private players for their participation to develop a shopping complex, where two floors would be dedicated to self-help groups (SHGs) and state owned brands".

Dwelling on its importance, Miss Banerjee also said, "The key objective of this festival was to ensure maximum outreach to rural artisans, help in giving a fillip to their livelihoods by providing direct access to consumers and enhance their visibility".

West Bengal is the second largest handloom hub with over 6.31 lakh weavers and allied workers and around 6 lakh handicraft artisans.

# Naidu seeks comprehensive report on 'adulterated laddus' from Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams

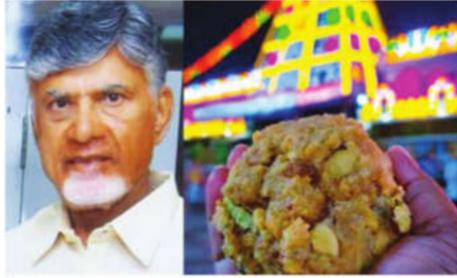
Andhra CM announced that measures will be taken after discussions with Agama, Vedic and Dharmika Parishads over preserving the sanctity of Tirumala

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, 20 SEPTEMBER

Andhra Pradesh chief minister N Chandrababu Naidu has ordered the executive officer of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Shyamala Rao to provide a comprehensive report on adulteration of ingredients used to make the famed Tirupati laddus which allegedly took place during the previous regime as YSRCP approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking a court monitored probe. Opposition leader

YS Jagan Mohan Reddy also accused the chief minister of speaking "lies" to divert attention from his own failures after completing 100 days in office.

During a review meeting with his ministers and officials over the adulterated laddu N Chandrababu Naidu warned about strict action against those disturbing the sanctity of the Tirumala. Naidu announced that measures will be taken after discussions with Agama, Vedic and Dharmika Parishads over preserving the sanctity of Tirumala. He also said that the beliefs



of the devotees and traditions of the temple would be upheld. The claim that animal fat was used in the adulterated ghee

by Naidu at a meeting of NDA to mark 100 days of his government created a huge controversy since the laddus are

offered to Lord Venkateswar at Tirupati and consumed by millions as prasadam.

After the denial by former Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) chairmen, YV Subba Reddy and Bhumana Karunakar Reddy who accused Naidu of tarnishing the sanctity of Tirupati for political reasons the YSRCP today approached the High Court for a court monitored probe.

According to a statement from the party, "Lawyers on behalf of the YSR Congress party mentioned before the High Court bench on the allegations made by chief minister

Chandrababu on Tirumala laddu. The lawyer asked either for a probe by a sitting judge or the High Court to set up a committee to inquire into the chief minister's comments that animal fat was mixed in the prasadam." The bench suggested that a PIL should be filed. The bench said it will hear the argument on Wednesday.

Meanwhile former chief minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy claimed that the system at Tirupati was a robust one to prevent any kind of adulteration and alleged that Naidu had resorted to lying

to divert attention from his own failures after coming to power. "During the course of these 100 days Chandrababu Naidu failed on every promise he made to the people during his election campaign... To divert people's attention he has stooped down to the extent of tarnishing the image and reputation of our temple," said YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Yesterday TDP spokesperson Anam Venkata Ramana Reddy had cited a lab report by Gujarat based Centre for analysis and learning in livestock and food (CALF) under

National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) which mentioned that fish oil, beef tallow and lard may have been used for adulteration. The lab report was dated 16 July and it had received the sample on 9 July, almost a month after the new government came to power. The lab report was not confirmed by either TTD or the state government. However, there have been demands for probe from almost all political parties. APMC president YS Sharmila today demanded a CBI inquiry into allegations of adulterated laddu.

## SC refuses to transfer trial in 2015 Revanth case outside T'gana



PARAMOD KUMAR  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Supreme Court on Friday refused to transfer the trial in 2015 cash-for-vote case against Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy outside the state and also accepted his (Chief Minister) apology on his remarks against the top court decision granting bail to BRS leader K Kavitha.

While refusing to transfer the trial in 2015 cash-for-vote case outside Telangana, a bench comprising Justice B.R. Gawai and Justice K.V. Viswanathan directed the Chief Minister not to interfere with the trial and directed that the Director General of the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) not to report to Reddy about the prosecution of the case.

Taking note of Revanth Reddy's apology for his remarks on the release of BRS leader K Kavitha and bringing curtains on the matter, the bench said that the legislature, the executive and the judiciary must observe mutual respect for functioning to one another.

"Though we do not wish to proceed further in the matter, we may only put on caution all the constitutional functionaries --- the legislature, the executive and the judiciary --- to discharge their constitutional duties

in the spheres earmarked for them by the Constitution. It is expected that three wings of the Constitution show mutual respect for the functioning of each other," the court said.

Stating that fair criticism is welcome but one should not transgress the limits, the court said that one should be careful enough while making comments about orders of the court.

Revanth Reddy has issued an apology over his statement against the top court order granting bail to BRS leader Kavitha. He has also said that the petition seeking transfer of trial outside the state is politically motivated.

Revanth Reddy had reportedly raised doubts over Kavitha getting bail in five months when Manish Sisodia got it after 15 months and Kejriwal is yet to get it in Delhi excise policy case.

The court had earlier said that it is not bothered about someone criticizing it but they will keep performing the duties as per the conscience. Refusing to transfer the trial in cash-for-vote case outside Telangana, the court disposed of the plea by one Guntakandla Reddy and others seeking transfer of trial from Telangana to Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.

## KTR complains to Khattar over corruption in central schemes

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
HYDERABAD, 20 SEPTEMBER

Former municipal administration minister and BRS working president KT Rama Rao has written to Union minister for housing, ML Khattar seeking probe into

allegations of large scale corruption in the tenders for Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) schemes in Telangana which he said, had gone to companies associated with family members of chief minister A Revanth

Reddy. He warned that if Centre failed to take action it would be perceived to be complicit in the corrupt practices of the Congress government in Telangana.

The Amrut scheme is designed to provide universal

coverage of water supply through functional taps to all households in all the statutory towns in the country and coverage of sewerage management in the cities covered under this scheme.

In his letter KT Rama Rao alleged tenders worth hun-

dreds of crores have gone to companies linked to Reddy's brother in law, Srujan Reddy despite lack of eligibility. He demanded that all details of tenders should be made public immediately. He alleged that the municipal administration

department and other tendering websites have been manipulated to withhold such information from the public. Rao also alleged the favoured companies submitted inflated estimates exceeding 40 per cent of the projected cost.



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## 'Baby Shower' in classroom by students: Teacher suspended

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
CHENNAI, 20 SEPTEMBER

A sensational video of girl students performing 'baby shower' for a fellow student recently has gone viral on Instagram, resulting in the suspension of the class teacher of a government school in Vellore district.

The reel shared on the social media site mimics the baby shower ceremony carried out with all the paraphernalia in the classroom. Fellow students are seen smearing sandal paste and putting tilak on the girl seated as the expectant mother with a paper garland. Curiously enough, the students had even published an invite for the occasion. The mock ceremony was performed during lunch-break and recorded by a mobile phone on August 19.

It all happened at the Government Girls Higher Secondary School in Kangeyanallur near Katpadi in the district. With the video going viral, there was uproar from the public, and

the Chief Education Officer (CEO) of Vellore, Manimozhi, cracked the whip, suspending the class teacher and issuing a notice seeking an explanation from the Head Master and other teachers on duty that particular day.

Besides suspending the class teacher, Chamundeeswari, the CEO has issued a circular to all government schools to routinely check the belongings of the students. Further, teachers have been directed to take lunch along with the students rather than having it separately. It may be recalled, that the Tamil Nadu government had barred students from bringing mobile phones to schools.

This comes close on the heels of a self-styled spiritual guru's obscurantist speech invited for a motivational talk at two schools in Chennai, which had led to his arrest. In light of this incident, educational activists have urged the state government to take proactive measures to curb such activities in schools.

Hon'ble Chief Minister

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# Collegium not a search committee: SC to Centre

There cannot be any discretion in accepting recommendations reiterated by Collegium, says court

AGENCIES  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Supreme Court on Friday told the Centre that the "Collegium is not a search committee" and there cannot be any discretion in accepting its reiterated recommendations.

"The Collegium is not a search committee. It has a certain status in the constitutional fabric. This is not a case of a search committee, where it makes a recommendation and there is an absolute discretion whether to accept or not," a bench headed by CJI DY Chandrachud told Attorney General (AG) R Venkataramani, the highest law officer of the Centre.

The Bench, also comprising Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra, asked AG Venkataramani to file a chart indicating the status of reiterated recommendations and the difficulty in notifying those



names.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan said that a large number of reiterated recommendations are pending with the Centre and should be notified immediately. Mr Bhushan added that apart from the above issue, the Centre "sits for years" on initial recommendations forwarded by the Collegium.

"Mr Attorney General, please tell us which are the reiterated names but remain pending and why are they

pending? Give us a tabulated chart, and we will deal with it," the apex court said.

Adjourning the hearing for next week, the SC said: "Let's wait for a little while. Some of these appointments are in the pipeline. We are expecting that appointments (of Chief Justices of several HCs) should come very shortly."

"Ultimately, Mr Attorney General, the idea is not to unearth skeletons in the cupboard but to move forward. The business of governance

must proceed," added the CJI Chandrachud-led Bench.

On Thursday, the Centre urged the apex court to "push for another week" the hearing on a batch of pleas concerning the delay in the appointment or transfer of judges in the higher judiciary.

"If the batch of petitions could be pushed for another week or so, I will be in a position to come back with something. Let it not be taken up tomorrow," submitted A.G. Venkataramani.

At this, CJI Chandrachud said: "It will be on board because the cause list is already out. You can mention it tomorrow because the other side is not here."

Presently, the committee comprising the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and four senior-most judges of the Supreme Court, commonly called the Collegium, sends the recommendation for the appointment of a judge to the apex court as per the 1993 Second Judges

Case.

The Collegium decides who will be appointed as a judge to the Supreme Court or a High Court. As per convention, the government is obliged to accept the Collegium's recommendation if the decision has been reiterated. Commonly called "judges selecting judges", in this system, judges are appointed and transferred only by judges.

In 2015, a five-judge Constitution Bench struck down the Centre's idea of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) to replace the Collegium system.

Article 124(2) of the Constitution provides that "every Judge of the Supreme Court shall be appointed by the President by warrant under his hand and seal after consultation with such of the Judges of the Supreme Court and of the High Courts in the States as the President may deem necessary for the purpose."

# BJP has 'betrayed' people and pushed them to the brink: Farooq Abdullah

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
JAMMU, 20 SEPTEMBER

National Conference (NC) President Dr Farooq Abdullah has expressed concern over the "surge in terrorism in the Jammu region" during the BJP's rule.

Addressing poll rallies at Kathua and Vijaypur in the Jammu region, Abdullah said "This disturbing trend has enveloped the once tranquil area in darkness, jeopardising the safety and security of people. Even regions that were previously cleared of militancy are now being targeted with increasing frequency. Our valiant soldiers are making the ultimate sacrifice, while locals are forced to live in constant fear. The sense of security has been shattered, and the people are desperate for peace," he said.

The NC-Congress alliance is dedicated to restoring the rights of the people of Jammu. "This includes giving them control over their minerals, contracts, jobs, and trade. Our goal is to ensure that the people of Jammu have



priority when it comes to jobs and mineral resources, and that their culture is preserved."

"The BJP made grand promises, but they have failed to deliver on a single one. Where are the jobs they promised? Where is the investment they boasted about," asked Abdullah and added, instead, Jammu is losing jobs and contracts to outsiders. "Toll tax on roads is burdening the poor, while the lack of electricity and water is adding to the struggles of our youth," he stressed.

Rising tariffs on electricity and water are hitting the poor hard, and ration cuts

are pushing them to starvation, he further alleged. "The BJP has betrayed our people and pushed them to the brink," Abdullah said.

He added, "It is time for a change. The NC-Congress alliance is committed to fighting for the rights and well-being of the people of Jammu."

Legislative Assembly elections are being held in Jammu and Kashmir in three phases -- First phase on 18 September is over while the remaining two phases are scheduled for September 25 and 1 October. Counting will take place on 8 October.

# Congress farmer rally in MP capital demanding increase in soybean minimum support price

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BHOPAL, 20 SEPTEMBER

The opposition Congress in Madhya Pradesh organised 'Kisan Nyay Yatra' all across the state on Friday, demanding Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs 6,000 per quintal for soybean, Rs 3,100 for paddy and Rs 2,700 per quintal for wheat to the farmers.

MP Congress Chief Jitu Patwari and former MP CM Digvijaya Singh led the rally at Indore, MP Assembly leader of opposition Umang Singhwar at Alirajpur, former CM Kamal Nath at Chhindwara while former minister P C Sharma guided the rally at Bhopal.

The Congress took out tractor rallies across the state.



The police erected barricades and deployed bulldozers to prevent hundreds of tractors from entering into various cities of the state as part of the yatra.

At Indore, the Congress sought permission for 150 tractors to be part of the rally. However, the administration

allowed only one tractor. Jitu Patwari drove the tractor himself and led the yatra before submitting a memorandum at the Indore Collectorate listing the demands.

Some Congress workers got injured after they had a minor scuffle with the police in an attempt to remove the

police barricades. One Congress worker suffered injuries to his head and started bleeding.

In Ujjain, Congress MLA Dinesh Jain Bose fell off a moving tractor after he lost consciousness while sitting on the vehicle. The MLA was rushed to a private hospital, where he was said to be stable.

A Home Guard Jawan, identified as Dharmendra Solanki, deployed on duty in Ujjain during the yatra died after suffering a heart attack.

In Bhopal, the police stopped the yatra at the Suraj Nagar Square. The Congress workers and farmers protested by waving crops in their hands.

# Cops guilty of custodial abuse of Army officer and his fiancée to be punished: Odisha CM Majhi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
BHUBANESWAR, 20 SEPTEMBER

Amid nationwide outrage and a sharp attack by the Opposition, the army and ex-servicemen fraternity, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi on Friday said the State Government has taken the custodial abuse case of an army officer and his fiancée in all seriousness and the guilty police personnel will be punished in accordance with law after completion of the ongoing Crime Branch probe.

Refuting the allegations that the government is trying to shield the wrongdoers, Mr Majhi claimed that "as soon as the incident came to the notice of the Government,



necessary steps were taken as per law and a crime branch probe was ordered. Five police officers were suspended.

The inquiring authorities have been asked to submit a report within the specified time frame. The government has pledged to adopt 'zero tolerance' policy in all forms of crimes especially in cases of violence and sexual harassment of women. Such crimes will not be tolerated in any

form, CM Majhi stated in 'X' handle on Friday.

Deputy Chief Minister Pravatipada met the victim at a hospital here today. The DCM said a thorough probe will be conducted and exemplary punishment will be given to the guilty.

Meanwhile Odisha Crime Branch, acting on the complaint lodged by the army officer has registered a case of sexual assault against the suspended inspector-in-charge (IIC) Dinakrushna Mishra of Bharatpur police station and some other cops. They allegedly assaulted the Army officer and molested and stripped his fiancée in custody on 15 September, a senior officer of Crime Branch and Crime Invest-

igation Department confided.

Lt. General P.S. Shekhawat, GOC, Madhya Bharat area, sought the suo motu intervene of the Chief Justice of Orissa High Court. The incident involved the illegal detention of a serving Army officer and the alleged molestation of his fiancée, which has sparked widespread outrage.

In a letter to the CJ, Lt. General Shekhawat highlighted the custodial abuse endured by the officer and his fiancée, the daughter of a retired Brigadier. The couple had visited the police station to file a complaint against miscreants who had harassed them. However, instead of receiving protection, they were

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EE, PWD, Cob. Divn. invites online e-tender (Short) (e-NIT 22)

Tender Id: 2024\_WBPWD\_755175\_1.

Bid submission start date: 21-09-2024, 11-30 hrs.

& Bid submission closing date: 26-09-2024, 9-30 hrs.

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(MISC-174/2024-25)

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# Boost for Indian Navy as indigenous aircraft carrier INS Vikrant joins Western Fleet



AGENCIES  
MUMBAI, 20 SEPTEMBER

In a major boost to the maritime power of the Navy, *INS Vikrant*, India's indigenous aircraft carrier, joined the Western Fleet, in the Arabian Sea, officials said here on Friday.

The Carrier Battle Group, led by *INS Vikramaditya*, inducted *INS Vikrant* with a multi-domain exercise and twin Carrier fighter operations in the Arabian Sea, giving an edge to the Navy's 'Sword Arm'.

The *INS Vikrant* is the Navy's fourth aircraft carrier

and the first built indigenously at the Cochin Shipyard Ltd. at Kochi in Kerala, and will now be based at the naval base in Karwar, Karnataka. The majestic aircraft carrier is a sleek 262 metres (860 feet) long and 62 metres (203 feet) wide and displaces around 45,000 tonnes.

It can sail with an air group of up to 36 aircraft, including 26 fixed-wing combat aircraft, plus a mix of helicopters, all equipped with a plethora of lethal weapons, plus search and rescue operations.

The *INS Vikrant* is equipped with four GE gas turbines on two shafts that can generate over 80MW power - enough to illuminate a small city with a population of 20 lakh.

Its combat management system (CMS) was developed by Tata Advanced Systems, making it the first by a private company for the Navy, and handed over in March 2019.

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**CENTRALISED EMPLOYMENT NOTICE (CEN) No. 06/2024**  
**Recruitment for various Non Technical Popular Categories (Under Graduate)**

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for various categories of posts given in the table below. The last date of submission of application is 20.10.2024. Applications complete in all respects must be submitted ONLINE ONLY.

Opening date of Application: 21.09.2024  
Closing date for submission of Application: 20.10.2024, 23:59 hrs.

Name of the post	Pay level as per 7th CPC	Initial pay (Rs.)	Medical standard	Age (as on 01.01.2025)*	Total tentative vacancies (All RRBs)
Commercial Cum Ticket Clerk	Level-3	21700	See Annexure A in the detailed CEN	18-33 years	2022
Accounts Clerk Cum Typist, Junior Clerk cum Typist & Trains Clerk	Level-2	19900			1423
<b>Total (All RRBs):</b>					<b>3445</b>

\*This includes a relaxation of 3 years in age beyond the prescribed age limit as a one-time measure due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

For further details, please refer to the detailed Centralized Employment Notice (CEN) No. 06/2024 available on the official websites of all participating Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) listed below.

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Jammu-Srinagar	<a href="http://www.rbjammu.nic.in">www.rbjammu.nic.in</a>	***	***

This notification is purely indicative in nature. Candidates are required to go through the detailed CEN 06/2024 to ascertain their eligibility before applying through ONLINE mode. Any Corrigendum/addendum/Important Notice related to the aforesaid recruitment shall be issued time to time on the above websites of RRBs only.

No. RRB/KOL/Adv/CEN-06/2024  
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**Restoration of One Pair EMU Train Services Between Howrah & Bardhaman**

In reference to the earlier notification regarding cancellation of trains due to Traffic and Power Block, for track maintenance work, on Down Howrah - Bardhaman Chord line between Jaugram and Gurap stations for 24 days from the intervening night of 09/10.08.2024 to the intervening night of 05/06.10.2024 intermittenly, it is to be stated that, track maintenance work have been cancelled on the intervening night of 21/22.09.2024, 24/25.09.2024 and 26/27.09.2024. Consequently, following EMU train services which were cancelled earlier, will be restored on 22.09.2024, 25.09.2024 and 27.09.2024: ● From Howrah: 36811 ● From Bardhaman: 36812. Passengers are requested to follow the public Address System of stations.

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Tender Document Sale Start and End Date Time	19-09-2024 From 11:05 Hrs	To	26-09-2024 up to 17:00 hrs.
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**Note:**

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DGIPR/24-25/3114

# 'No govt will be formed in Haryana without AAP support'

AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal claimed that the BJP had put him in jail by filing false cases



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

In his maiden election rally after getting bail, the National Convenor of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Arvind Kejriwal said that AAP will play a key role

in the Haryana assembly. While holding a roadshow in Jagadhri, Yamunanagar, and gaining support for party candidate Adarsh Pal Gurjar, Kejriwal said, "AAP is getting so many seats that without our support no government will be formed in Haryana."

Criticizing the incumbent state government led by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Kejriwal alleged that the party has pushed the state into rampant corruption, unemployment, and drug addiction among youth. That's why the people of Delhi are not

letting BJP leaders enter their villages, he added. Echoing his criticism further, the AAP leader claimed that the BJP had put me in jail by filing false cases and their aim was to make Kejriwal bow down in any way. "They wanted to break

Kejriwal alleged that the BJP has pushed Haryana into rampant corruption, unemployment, and drug addiction among youth.

me, but they don't know that I am from Haryana and Haryana's blood is running in my veins. You can break anyone, but you cannot break a person from Haryana," he said. The former Delhi CM said that BJP made allegations that Kejriwal is dishonest, corrupt, a thief. "I told the people of Delhi that I am resigning, if you think Kejriwal is a thief, do not vote for me; if you think Kejriwal is honest, then only vote for me," he mentioned.

Urging the voters to vote for the AAP candidate in Jagadhri, Kejriwal said that "On one side you have your beloved Adarsh Pal, who stays with you 24 hours a day, helps you in good and bad times. On the other side, there is Haryana Education Minister Kanwar Pal who has ruined the schools of Haryana, so choose wisely and elect the AAP candidate."

# Bhupender Yadav to participate in beach clean-up campaign in Mumbai



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav will participate in the Beach Clean-Up Campaign on Saturday at Juhu Beach in Mumbai.

This campaign is being organised in collaboration with the Ministry of Earth Sciences and the state government. The campaign will be exercised at over 100 beaches across coastal states/UTs, the Ministry said on Friday.

The Ministry launched a Beach Cleaning Drive and introduced the campaign #IamSavingMyBeach on World Environment Day 2018 with the theme "Beat Plastic".

Since 2018, it has regularly organised beach cleaning activities across all coastal states/Union Territories in collaboration with all coastal states and UTs governments. The International Coastal

In 2023, under its G20 Presidency, the Ministry launched the Janbhagidari movement to enhance community participation and raise awareness about the sensitivity of ocean and coastal pollution. This initiative focuses on beach cleaning efforts across all coastal states and union territories.

The Mega beach cleaning event was held at Juhu Beach in Mumbai on May 21, 2023, wherein more than 1000 participants (including G20 delegates) having representation of local dignitaries (public representatives), community, NGOs, NCC, NSS, Coast Guards, Corporations, State and Central Government officials participated. A national level Inter-School painting competition for school students of classes 8 to 12 was organised wherein more than 5900 students participated.

In this drive at Juhu Beach, nearly 850 kg of litter, consisting of around 500 kg of plastics and other litter, including single-use plastics and food wrappers, were collected. In India, about 17392 volunteers participated spread across 35 beaches in all coastal states/UTs including Juhu Beach in Mumbai, and about 35243 Kg trash collected. Out of which 25 per cent consisted of plastic, followed by glass 11 per cent.

Clean-up Day (ICCD) is observed annually on the third Saturday of September. The day aims to inspire people to clean up beaches, raise awareness about the importance of preserving and protecting the world's oceans and waterways, and address the issue of marine trash.

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Day	Arr.	Dep.	Stations	Arr.	Dep.
Thur	--	12.30	Haridwar	23.30	--
	23.00	23.10	Lucknow	13.40	13.50
Fri	09.20	09.25	Gaya	02.30	02.35
	13.41	13.46	Asansol Jn.	21.35	21.40
	17.10	--	Howrah Jn.	--	19.00

This special Train will also stop at Moradabad, Bareilly, Shahjahanpur, Varanasi, Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Jn., Koderma, Dhanbad Jn., Durgapur & Bardhaman stations enroute in both directions. Days of Run : 04312 from Haridwar on 10.10, 17.10, 24.10, 31.10, 07.11 & 14.11.2024 (Thursday) = 06 Trips and 04311 from Howrah on 11.10, 18.10, 25.10, 01.11, 08.11 & 15.11.2024 (Friday) = 06 Trips • Composition : AC 3 tier Economy : 15, Power Car : 02 = 17 Coaches. • Category : Mail/Express.

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This is the photograph of Sarawati Hansda, Daughter of Badyanath Hansda of Vill-Mahanad, PO-Mahanad, PS-Polba, Dist.-Hooghly, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-13 years, Complexion-Shallow, Height- 152 cms, Wearing -School Dress, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

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# 61.38 pc voting recorded in J&K's first phase: ECI

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JAMMU, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Election Commission of India (ECI) on Friday said that the first phase of polling for Jammu and Kashmir assembly recorded 61.38 per cent voting on 18 September.

The ECI said that 63.75

per cent males, 58.96 per cent females and 40 per cent third gender voters turned out during polling for 24 assembly seats in the first phase.

The Chief Electoral officer of J&K had earlier given the tentative figure of polling as 59 per cent.

Under the constituency in Kishtwar district of Jammu

witnessed the highest 82.16 per cent voting followed by 80.67 per cent in Padder.

The interesting factor in the figures released by the ECI is that 100 per cent third gender voters turned out to exercise their franchise in four constituencies, Dooru, Kokernag (ST) in Kashmir and Doda and Ramban con-

stituencies in the Jammu region.

Womenfolk turned out in larger numbers than men to cast their vote in 6 of the 24 constituencies.

In Kokernag (ST), 62.42 per cent women voted against 62.08 per cent men, Inderwal witnessed 82.90 per cent women turnout against 81.47

per cent men, in Kishtwar the women turnout was 79.93 pc against 76.62 pc men voters, in Baderwah 68.07 pc women voted against 66.23 pc men, Doda saw 75.82 pc women casting their vote against 69.34 pc men and in Doda West 78.24 pc women turned out against 73.91 per cent.

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## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Autoshi Chowdhury, Daughter of Goutam Chowdhury of Vill-Chhaguliya, PO-Dhamcha, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, who has been missing since 12.08.2024 from Residence, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-15 years, Complexion-Fair, Height- 155 cms., Wearing -White Churidar, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1685 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Jali Dafadar Malla, Spouse's Name - Bidyut Malla of Vill-Sabebdanga, PO-Fatesingur, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, who has been missing since 30.07.2024 from Residence, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-23 years, Complexion-Fair, Height- 158 cms., Wearing -Yellow Churidar, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1686 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Susanta Hembram, Son of Binod Hembram of Vill-Metyala, PO-Bulanpur, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, who has been missing since 26.08.2024 from Residence, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-23 years, Complexion-Fair, Height- 170 cms., Wearing -Green Shirt & Black Pant, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1688 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Moyna Duley, Spouse's Name - Goutam Duley of Vill+PO-Makli, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, who has been missing since 21.08.2024 from Residence, PS-Goaltore, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-30 years, Complexion-Shyama, Height- 124 cms., Wearing -White & Green Printed Saree, Language-Bengali. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1689 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of an Unknown Female Deadbody, of Burdwan GRPS, found on 06.6.2024 at about 15:35 hrs. from UP main Line inside the Track at K.M 99/05/ to 99/07 between Station Sakrigarh and Gangpur. Description of this Deadbody is : Age-65 Years, Height-158 cms., Sex: Female, Wearing-Black White & Red Printed Saree, Pink Colour Saya & Blouse. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Female Deadbody/ person or contact (to) the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1683 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of an Unknown Male Deadbody, of Howrah GRPS, found on 14.8.2023 from Local Train DN 16102 at Howrah R/S Old Complex PF No-05, Description of this Deadbody is : Age-45 Years, Height- 170.5 cms., Sex: Male, Wearing-One Ash and White Full Hata Jama and One Black Full Pant. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Male Deadbody/ person or contact (to) the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1682 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of an Unknown Male Deadbody, of Burdwan GRPS, found on 26.6.2024 at about 03:35 hrs. Lying Outside Track between DN/ ML and DN/SL at KM 120/24, Description of this Deadbody is : Age-25-30 Years, Height-152 cms., Sex: Male, Wearing-Blue T-Shirt & Ash Colour Full Pant. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Male Deadbody/ person or contact (to) the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1680 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Manju Shaw, Daughter of Latchan Mondal, Spouse's Name-Bishnu Shaw of Vill-Ananda Bazar, PO-Tarakeswar, PS-Tarakeswar, Dist.-Hooghly, PIN-712410, who has been missing since 05.04.2024 from Residence, Hooghly, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-60 years, Complexion-Sallow, Height- 137 cms., Wearing -Green Saree, Language-Hindi. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1679 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of Ismail Haque @ Rumon, Son of Md Munsur Ali of Vill-Manikchak, PO-Manikchak, PS-Lalgola, Dist.-Murshidabad, PIN-742149, who has been missing since 02.08.2024 from Residence, PO-Manikchak, PS-Lalgola, Dist.-Murshidabad, W.B., Description of this missing person is : Age-24 years, Complexion-Black, Height- 152 cms., Wearing - Full Pant, Full Shirt, Language-Bengali, Identification Mark-Cut Mark on Left Foot. Please inform whereabouts of the missing person, to the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1678 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



On 08.08.2024 at about 08:30 hrs one minor namely Owais Raza, Son of Md Ezaz of 2, Toppia Road, Kolkata - 700039, PS - Tiljala, was reported to have been missing from his residence. Description of this missing minor (victim) is: Age - 17 Years (Approx). Sex - Male, Height - 6 Ft., Complexion - Blackish, Built - Medium, Religion - Islam, Wearing - Blue T-Shirt, Blue Ganji and Blue Jeans, Mother Language - Hindi, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C. Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001 (Telephone No. 033 - 2214 - 1835; 9874902710). KA-D1691(3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



On 31.03.2024 at about 14:00 hrs one minor namely Sajda Khatoon, Daughter of Md Sagr Ahmed of Manika Muzaffarpur, Bihar and also BJ, Toppia 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Kolkata - 700039, PS - Tiljala was reported to have been missing from BJ, Toppia 1<sup>st</sup> Lane, Kolkata - 700039. Description of this missing minor (victim) is: Age - 17 Years (Approx). Sex - Female, Height - 5 Ft., Complexion - Shyama, Built - Medium, Religion - Islam, Wearing - Black Kurts and Black Leggings, Mother Language - Hindi, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C. Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001 (Telephone No. 033 - 2214 - 1835; 9874902710). KA-D1692(3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of missing person Shamima Khatoon, Daughter of Md. Mainuddin @ Maizuddin of 39/H/10, Ekbalpore Lane, Kolkata - 700023, who has been missing since on and before 29.03.2023 from Sarkar Bagan, PO - Andul Mout, PS - Sankral, Howrah. Description of this missing person is: Age - 24 Years, Height - 5'; Complexion - Fair, Built - Medium, please inform whereabouts of the missing person, contact to the O.C. Missing Persons Squad, Detective Department, Kolkata Police, Lalbazar, Kolkata - 700001 (Telephone No. 033 - 2214 - 1835; 9874902710). ICA-D1693(3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of an Unknown Male Deadbody (Only Foot), of Howrah GRPS, found on 11.7.2024 from K/LK End ALP side at Bamunghachi. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Male Deadbody (Only Foot)/ person or contact (to) the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

ICA-D1676 (3)/2024

## INFORMATION WANTED



This is the photograph of an Unknown Male Deadbody, of Howrah GRPS, found on 18.7.2024 from R/S Old Complex PF No-01 Delhi End under Bankim Setu, Description of this Deadbody is: Age-45 Years, Height-173 cms., Sex: Male, Wearing-One Pink Colour Dirty Full Hata Punjabhi. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Male Deadbody/ person or contact (to) the Spl. Supdt. of Police, C.I.D. (W.B.), Bhabani Bhaban, Kolkata-700027, Ph. No.-033-2450-6120.

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## Escalating Crossfire

The escalation of violence between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon is a stark reminder of the fragile balance in the region and the devastating consequences of such hostilities. The attacks, which targeted Hezbollah's communication infrastructure, have crossed significant red lines and left a trail of destruction and human suffering. As tensions heighten, the risk of a wider war looms large, threatening to engulf not only Lebanon and Israel but the broader West Asia. The scale and precision of the attacks have shocked many. Hezbollah, a formidable Iran-backed force in Lebanon, has endured previous Israeli strikes, but the latest wave has inflicted unprecedented damage. The simultaneous targeting of pagers and communication devices in public areas, including hospitals, pharmacies, and markets, has brought chaos to civilian life. The loss of life and the thousands injured demonstrate that, once again, civilians are bearing the brunt of these confrontations.

Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, has condemned these attacks, framing them as war crimes and provocations that breach all established norms. The group, long entrenched in Lebanon's political and military landscape, appears unfazed in its defiance, even as it acknowledges the severity of the blow. Mr Nasrallah's call for retaliation is a clear signal that the conflict is far from over, with potential for a deeper regional involvement, particularly from Iran, Hezbollah's patron. On the other side, Israel sees its actions as part of a broader defence strategy aimed at neutralising threats on its northern border. Southern Lebanon, where Hezbollah operates, has long been a battleground, and Israel's military has consistently struck at Hezbollah targets. However, the stakes have risen significantly. Israel's decision to hit not just military targets but communication networks indicates a new phase in the conflict - one that embraces technological warfare alongside traditional military strikes.

This escalation also underscores the proxy nature of the conflict, with Iran's influence over Hezbollah being a central factor. Israel has been clear that its conflicts with both Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza are part of a broader confrontation with Iran. Tehran's strategic support for armed groups across the region, from Yemen to Syria, has long been a source of tension. Should this conflict expand, it risks drawing in more regional powers, further destabilising an already volatile West Asia. While both sides continue to trade blows, the international community is calling for restraint. The United States, in particular, has urged de-escalation, recognising that an all-out war would not only devastate the region but also complicate efforts to stabilise other conflict zones, including Gaza.

However, calls for peace have often fallen on deaf ears, with both Hezbollah and Israel locked in a cycle of retaliation. Lebanon's people, already grappling with economic collapse and political dysfunction, face yet another humanitarian crisis. With hospitals overwhelmed and fear spreading through communities, the impact of this conflict will be long-lasting. The question now is whether regional and global powers can intervene diplomatically before the situation spirals further out of control.

## Rupee Surge

The Indian rupee's surge to a two-month high on Thursday signals a broader shift in the global economic landscape, influenced not just by domestic factors but by international dynamics as well. This rally is not an isolated event but part of a larger trend where the performance of Asian currencies, particularly the Chinese yuan, has had a cascading effect across the region. As the yuan strengthens, so too do other currencies like the rupee, reflecting the interconnectedness of regional economies in today's financial markets. One of the major catalysts for the rupee's rise is the US Federal Reserve's decision to implement a significant 50 basis points cut in interest rates. This move has reverberated through global markets, leading to a weakening of the US dollar and boosting the appeal of emerging market currencies like the rupee. The cut was larger than anticipated, signalling that the Fed is focused on addressing macroeconomic concerns such as inflation and slowing growth. For India, this has translated into improved investor sentiment, with foreign inflows contributing to the rupee's strengthening. However, while this rise in the rupee is a positive indicator of foreign investor confidence, it is important to consider the broader implications for India's economy, especially exports. A stronger rupee may negatively impact the price competitiveness of Indian goods in global markets, making it harder for exporters to maintain their profit margins. This presents a delicate balancing act for India's central bank, which will likely continue intervening to manage the rupee's appreciation while ensuring that India's export-driven sectors are not adversely affected.

In this context, it's notable that the Reserve Bank of India appears comfortable with the rupee's current appreciation, at least in the short term. While the RBI has a history of intervening in currency markets to prevent excessive volatility, its apparent decision to allow the rupee to rise suggests that it may prioritise building up foreign exchange reserves through dollar inflows. These reserves are critical for maintaining financial stability, especially given the on-going global uncertainty. At the same time, the US dollar's volatility remains a key factor to watch.

Despite a temporary rebound, the dollar's value is under pressure as markets digout the implications of the Fed's rate cut. Experts suggest that the dollar may regain strength in the medium term, which could impact the rupee's upward trajectory. For now, though, the rupee's rise seems to align with regional trends, driven in part by the yuan's rally. The rupee's surge represents a moment of optimism for India's financial markets, buoyed by global economic shifts. While this is encouraging for foreign investments and domestic market sentiment, the long-term implications for exports and overall economic balance will depend on how the central bank manages this appreciation. India must remain vigilant in ensuring that a strong rupee does not come at the cost of broader economic growth.

# Japan's Time Bomb ~ II

Despite this impending demographic time bomb confronting it, Japan continues to maintain a very restrictive immigration policy and is reluctant to welcome foreigners to contribute to the shrinking labour force. Japan maintains strict conditions for even overseas caregivers that it needs to help out the elderly in many old age homes. The unstated reason — of maintaining racial purity — comes in the way of assimilating with foreigners



An average tourist to Tokyo would find it difficult to believe the country's population is shrinking after seeing the bustling crowds on the roads of Japan's capital city. The tourist would not figure out that an increasing proportion of the country's population is concentrated in the city and that Tokyo is not the mirror for the whole country.

The government probably did not anticipate the public backlash that the gender-locking grant to women could give rise to, as it was perceived that offering money only to women was an indirect way of pushing women out of the capital.

The plan probably assumed that those women choosing to move to rural areas by availing a government incentive would be content with a rural life and stay away from pursuing educational and professional activities.

The idea was that Tokyo's women were needed to repopulate and help out the local economy that is heavily skewed towards male-dominated industries such as agriculture and manufacturing. This was absolutely a flawed decision that was bound to fail.

Following backlash to this outlandish proposal that drew scorn on social media, Hanako Jimi, minister of state for regional revitalisation, ordered a review of the plan before finally scrapping it. Independent, motivated and educated women were aghast and laughed off the proposal.

Some others questioned if women would be considered valuable only if they gave birth. Even an adviser to Prime Minister Kishida called out the plan, saying it did not address the root cause of the problem.

As less and less babies are born, day care centres are closing down, and the diaper industry is in demand more to cater to the greying seniors as their life span has increased.

One can see tables for single persons in many restaurants, where one can see a Japanese salaried man or woman sitting alone after office hours and drinking beer because he/she does not know where to go except home to sleep, to repeat the same living style the following day.

While driving in the countryside one evening with a Japanese professor, the author noticed the roads were empty, in stark contrast to what one sees in Tokyo.

Upon inquiring, I was told that there are few children in the city and seniors are mostly indoors. That speaks of the grim position that Japan faces today.

The big question is why the fertility crisis has forced the authorities in Japan to go into the lonely hearts business?

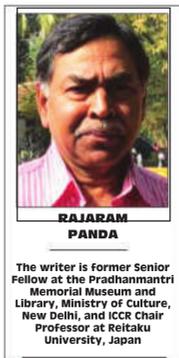
Despite all measures that the government has chosen, an educated and cultured single woman in a city such as Tokyo cannot be expected to find the sludge-filled fields of rural Japan the ideal locale for romance and marriage.

She has all options available in Tokyo to enjoy life on her own terms while preferring to remain single. As said earlier, it is a personal choice to marry or not, or even to have kids if opting for mar-

riage, and the government has absolutely no role in this.

An individual is concerned about his/her own life and choice of lifestyle and would not be expected to worry about the severe demographic problem that threatens to overwhelm one of the world's largest economies.

People are also aware that Japan is not the only country that is facing a demographic challenge. Other countries such as China, Taiwan and South Korea are also facing similar challenges.



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This is the consequence of modernisation, where a small family and better lifestyle is the norm. Even India that feels proud of enjoying the demographic advantages at present would face similar challenges in the future.

It is a fact that Japan has one of the world's lowest fertility rates. The shortage of children and the rising life span of elderly have made the situation so severe that the government has created a cabinet position to deal with it.

The movement of young people towards the cities for better education, work and lifestyle cannot be arrested.

Despite this impending demographic time bomb confronting it, Japan continues to maintain a very restrictive immigration policy and is reluctant to welcome foreigners to contribute to the shrinking labour force.

Japan maintains strict conditions for even overseas caregivers that it needs to help out the elderly in many old age homes. The unstated reason - of maintaining racial purity - comes in the way of assimilating with foreigners.

Since the 1970s, the percentage of single women in their late twenties has more than tripled. The number of pensioners is also expected to double by 2025.

If more children are not born, the pension systems will collapse under the weight of the elderly. Additionally, care of the old, social security, insurance costs and population decline shall lead to lower productivity.

Almost 60 per cent of single Japanese men and 80 per cent of women are still stuck in the family nest and unmarried into their early thirties and are contemptuously called "parasite singles". Parents turning matchmaker (kon-katsu) has not helped.

According to estimates by the National Institute of Population and Social Security Research, Japan's population will decline by about 30 per cent to 87 million by 2070, with four out of every 10 people aged 65 or older.

There are over 100,000 centenarians at present and the number is increasing. A study by a private-sector expert panel said in April 2024 that more than 40 per cent of Japanese municipalities are at "risk of disappearing" due to the expected drop in the number of women in their 20s and 30s.

A Japanese professor told this author that Japan shall disappear in another 200-300 years. The scenario is grim and the government appears to have no solution.

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ASIAN VOICES

## Gone astray

Nepal is marking the ninth Constitution Day on Thursday. While the government is preparing to celebrate with special functions, a few Madhesh-based parties want to mark it as a Black Day. The Loktantrik Samajbadi Party is one of the disgruntled groups that has announced a protest on the occasion. But the Janamat Party, a new force that is leading the provincial government in Madhesh, has decided to celebrate the day. A document of compromise, multiple forces, including the Madhesh-based parties, have grievances over the present constitution. The CPN (Maoist Centre) registered its dissenting views on various issues at the time of drafting the constitution, including on the form of government. They stood for a directly elected presidential system and agreed to a compromise deal with other parties.

The Rastriya Prajatantra Party, which lobbies for a Hindu kingdom, was against the secular republican system. The pro-monarchy party has frequently launched agitations demanding the same. A fringe Rastriya Janamorchha party has stood against federalism right from the start. Various other parties and groups oppose one or the other constitutional provision. But they haven't taken an extreme decision to mark the day of its promulgation as a black day.

It's universally accepted that no constitution is perfect and a statute cannot satisfy all sections of the society. It is hence said that a constitution is a living document that can be amended and updated based on people's aspirations and the changed reality. Nepal's constitution and political forces of the country

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have accepted these facts. The major political forces at the time of unveiling the constitution in 2015 promised the disgruntled groups that they would address some of their 'genuine concerns' through amendments. They have a moral responsibility to keep their word.

After its promulgation, the statute has been amended multiple times. Going against the usual parliamentary practice of one of the two largest parties forming the government and the other leading the opposition bloc in the House, Nepal's two largest forces - the Nepali Congress and the CPN-UML - are now together in government.

The given rationale for their coming together is to amend the constitution and ensure political stability. Again, it is incumbent upon them to do so based on broadest possible consultations. Registering differences, pressing the establishment to get their demands addressed and peacefully fighting for the cause they believe is a democratic right of each and every Nepali.

But the manner of the protest matters. The parties and the leaders that have joined governments and governed the country multiple times, both before and after the promulgation of the constitution, should present themselves in a more mature way. It smacks of hypocrisy when they say and do one thing when in the government and the complete opposite when out of power.

## PERSONAL

ANNUAL General Meeting of Calcutta Y.M.C.A. will be held today at 4-30 p.m. at the Y.M.C.A., Chowringhee Branch, 25, Jawaharlal Nehru Road, Kolkata-700087. Mr. John Mazumdar, President of the Association will be in the Chair.

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## Learn from Shimla

SIR, I refer to the article "Tottering cities" by Devendra Saksena (19 September). Waterlogging as well as deaths by frequent fire accidents in offices, hospitals and coaching classes as well as the collapse of dilapidated buildings have become a part of the furniture. They are a testament to the government's negligent nonchalance verging on criminality.

The recurring incidents have exposed the government's falsehoods. The predicament of people is worsening, their patience sorely tried. What is wrong with the municipal corporations is that the infrastructure spending does not

deliver because it is executed via leaky government departments that focus on hardware, where kickbacks are available.

We need modern, effective utilities that are autonomous, accountable and creditworthy.

We have the turnaround story of Shimla Municipal Corporation. Once reeling under acute water woes, SMC set up an autonomous utility company to manage both water and sewerage, accountable to citizens for service and to outside lenders for financing.

A ghost city three years ago, with water woes resulting in epidemics and tourists running away,

Shimla now has 24x7 water supply and clean sanitation. Municipal corporations across the country need such institutions.

Yours, etc.,  
Sudipta Ghosh,  
Jangipur, 19 September.

## EDUCATE PEOPLE

SIR, This refers to the editorial "Nipah Threats" published today. "Nipah" virus is a zoonotic pathogen. Its reservoirs are fruit bats or flying foxes, which are distributed in the coastal regions and in several islands in the Indian Ocean. The virus can be transmitted to humans from wild and domestic animals. So far, outbreaks have only been reported in Asia; however, as the disease can be

## ATISHI

SIR, The Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) decision to pick Atishi as the Delhi CM isn't surprising, given her prominence after Arvind Kejriwal's resignation.

She needs to solve infrastructure problems and invigorate the bureaucracy. The AAP needs a boost in governance because its anti-graft initiatives have lost steam.

However, Atishi is a relatively young and first-time MLA. Her inexperience and potential undermining by Kejriwal give rise to concerns. Can she energize bureaucracy and address infrastructure issues? Will her leadership cause political rifts even though it may be well received by women?

Yours, etc., Anshu Bharti, Begusarai, 18 September.

transmitted by domesticated animals and secondary human-to-human transmissions are also possible, it has considerable epidemic or pandemic potential.

Proactive measures should be taken to educate the public, improve sanitation and ensure that wildlife habitats are protected from human interference.

The Public Health Department should focus on this virus and make the people alert about the risks of its outbreak not only in Kerala but all over the country.

Yours, etc.,  
Debaprasad Bhattacharya,  
Kolkata, 18 September.

## POSTAL WOES

SIR, I would like to highlight the problems of Indiapost. I have a granddaughter who lives in the

USA. I write letters to her at regular intervals. I also send her cards on her birthdays.

But none of these reach her in time. The birthday cards are delivered well past the date, although I make it a point to post the cards at least 5-6 weeks in advance.

I once thought of sending these by Speed Post or by registered post. For Speed Post, a 10-gram envelope costs more than Rs 2000 and for registered post, one has to submit three copies each of the Aadhaar and PAN cards.

It appears absolutely ridiculous. I was told that Aadhaar, PAN etc. are needed for security reasons. I fail to understand what security risk can be there in a 10-gram envelope.

Yours, etc.,  
Dr Prottyush Chatterjee,  
Kolkata, 18 September.

# 'BJP will clear Delhi deadlock'

Vijender Gupta, MLA from Rohini and Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Assembly has been in public life in a career spanning three decades. Gupta had also served as the Leader of Opposition in the Delhi Legislative Assembly from 2015 to 2020. He has rich experience serving in leadership positions, from party president of the Delhi unit to leading the opposition charge in the Delhi Assembly. He proved his mettle by being elected thrice as Councilor in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi.

As a loyal party worker, he had been associated with the party since his college days. He began his political career in 1984 when he was elected as Vice President of the Delhi University Students Union (DUSU). He was also the presidential candidate for ABVP in 1985.

In an exclusive interview with Nikhil Vyas of The Statesman, Gupta talks about Delhi Assembly polls which are due early next year, the present political situation in Delhi and other issues related to the national capital.

Excerpts:

**Q: What are the BJP's prospects in the Delhi Assembly polls which are due early next year?**

A: BJP is confident about its prospects in the upcoming Delhi Assembly polls. We have a clear vision for Delhi's development, rooted in seva, good governance, and people's welfare.

In Delhi, even though Congress and the Aam Aadmi Party contested the 2024 Lok Sabha elections together, the BJP still received 54 per cent of the votes. The people of Delhi have proven that they stand with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's development model. Even when the BJP was not in power in Delhi, the Modi government made sure that what is required for the development of the capital is delivered. From massive projects such as RRTS to e-buses for enhanced urban mobility, from PM Awas homes to PM Ujjwala Yojana, the benefits of Central government schemes have positively impacted people's lives in Delhi.

On the other hand, we have an utterly incompetent AAP government that has completely resigned itself

from working for the people and is focused on how to siphon off people's money and cover up its abject failure at governing. People of Delhi have had enough and are seeing the BJP as the only credible alternative to end the era of anarchy and corruption.

**Q: What is your opinion on the present political situation in Delhi?**

A: As far as the current politics in Delhi is concerned, it is clear that the people of the country, especially those in Delhi, have understood the cunning tactics of the Aam Aadmi Party, particularly former chief minister of Delhi Arvind Kejriwal, very well. Atishi will function like a rubber-stamp Chief Minister, with the real control in Kejriwal's hands. Atishi will do exactly as Kejriwal directs. Atishi will remain only a dummy Chief Minister of Delhi, which would be an injustice to the 2 crore people of the city.

There are several reasons for the dissatisfaction of Delhi's people with Kejriwal's politics. After failing to effectively address basic issues like water and electricity, AAP leaders have been embroiled in numerous corruption cases, which has increased public anger towards Kejriwal. The Swati Maliwal case has also had a direct impact on the image of both the Aam Aadmi Party and Kejriwal. The good thing is that the Delhi BJP has always stood with the people of Delhi on all these issues.

In Delhi, Kejriwal even conducted roadshows for Congress candidates, and alongside his wife Sunita Kejriwal, he repeatedly claimed during election campaigns that he was being unjustly sent to jail. However, people did not care much about him. It has become clear to people that Kejriwal is corrupt. After leading a nationwide anti-corruption movement and entering politics, Kejriwal was in jail due to the Delhi liquor policy case. You could say this is part of the system, and that it is doing its job. But it must also be acknowledged that this is a symbol of the changing politics in Delhi.

As for the Congress, it doesn't even have candidates for several seats. After ruling the capital for 15 consecutive years from 1998 to 2013,

the Congress gradually moved to the margins. In the 2013 elections, the Congress still managed to win eight seats, but in the 2015 and 2020 assembly elections, the party did not win a single seat. Similarly, the Congress remained empty-handed in the 2014, 2019, and 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Although the Congress fielded candidates in alliance with the Aam Aadmi Party in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, they still did not succeed.

In the next assembly elections, the people must decide what kind of government they want in Delhi — one aligned with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a 'Developed India,' or the Aam Aadmi Party government, which is deeply entrenched in corruption.

**Q: How do you look at the Aam Aadmi Party government's education and health model in Delhi?**

A: The Delhi government's education and health models are limited only to paper. In reality, there is nothing.

This time, a record number of 10th and 12th grade students have failed. Is this what happens in a world-class education system, where students fail at record levels? The corruption of crores of rupees in the construction of school rooms by them is not hidden from anyone.

As far as the health department is concerned, tell me how many mohalla clinics that were being drummed up are running today? We need comprehensive and sustainable solutions to these issues.

**Q: What are the key issues of BJP in the Delhi Assembly polls, and what would be the party's strategy for the elections?**

A: The key issues for BJP in the Delhi Assembly polls will focus on addressing the failures of the AAP government, particularly in areas like public safety, infrastructure, and environmental management. Our strategy will involve engaging directly with voters, presenting a detailed plan to fix these critical issues, and ensuring that such tragedies never occur again. We aim to restore faith in governance by tackling these problems head-on.



**Q: What is your say on the Assembly sessions called by the AAP government?**

A: Despite the Opposition's continuous demand, the AAP government has not convened a session of the Assembly in the last five months. The previous session that was called did not discuss a single public interest issue. Whenever we tried to raise the voice of the people, the opposition was repeatedly thrown out by the marshals. I have always supported the smooth functioning of the Assembly, and I will continue to do so. The job of the opposition is to draw the government's attention to its shortcomings, and I do that. I raise factual questions in the Assembly, which shouldn't offend anyone.

**Q: As the Leader of the Opposition in the Delhi Legislative Assembly, which issues will you be raising in the House in view of the Assembly polls?**

A: I will focus on the issues that directly impact the safety and well-being of Delhi's residents. The recent deaths due to waterlogging highlights the failure of the AAP government to maintain even basic infrastructure. We will also address broader issues such as drinking water crises, poor public transport system, public safety, and the crumbling infrastructure across the city.

What's even more alarming is the AAP government's blatant disregard for transparency and accountability.

Since 2017, they have not tabled any CAG (Comptroller and Auditor General) reports in the Delhi Assembly. This is a serious violation of constitutional norms. Moreover, in the past 10 years, the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) has not discussed or recommended any CAG report to the House. This shows how the AAP government is blatantly encouraging corruption.

We will demand immediate tabling of all pending CAG reports and a thorough discussion of these reports in the Assembly.

**Q: Which are the civic issues and other issues in Delhi that need to be addressed immediately?**

A: I will say again that Delhi has been grappling with numerous long-standing issues under the AAP government's misrule. These problems span a wide range, from the persistent drinking water crisis to the annual monsoon flooding that paralyzes our city. We've witnessed electricity rates soaring, pollution levels reaching alarming heights, and traffic congestion worsening day by day.

The BJP is committed to addressing these critical issues on a priority basis. We have a comprehensive plan to tackle each of these problems head-on. Our goal is to overcome the governance deadlock that AAP has created and accelerate Delhi's progress.

## OCCASIONAL NOTE

GERMANY'S anxiety to disavow responsibility for the War is the less unnatural that she genuinely believes herself innocent of the crime. There are Germans and Germans, of course, and the fact is not to be denied that the dawning of Der Tag was sedulously prepared for and eagerly welcomed by the militarist party. The ordinary German, however—the decent law-abiding Fritz—while acknowledging the preparations and even admitting that the junkers brought about the crisis at the moment when it suited them to do so, nevertheless maintains that the War was forced upon his country by the increasing pressure of the Franco-Russian alliance, the accession of England to the Entente, the growing disaffection of Italy, and last but not least, the rising power of the Balkan States on Austria's flank in this way Germany and Austria were finding themselves hemmed in by a hostile encirclement which threatened their national existence, and were compelled to assert their liberty before it was too late. If it be objected that the encirclement was the consequence of Germany's own policy, the reply is that the ends she pursued were perfectly legitimate and the means by which she sought to attain them identical with those employed by other nations. The argument may or may not be thought convincing, but it is certainly sincere.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### CIVIL PENSIONS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STATESMAN."

SIR,—I am quite in agreement with RETIRED. In consideration of the hard economic conditions that prevail and are likely to continue for some years to come, it is prayed that Government may do something for the poor pensioners to enable the poor old and enfeebled men to live in decent comfort as befits their positions as Government pensioners. For old hands who have commuted their pensions and have lived to a crippled old age, it would be an act of benevolence if Government allowed them to draw their full pensions, if they have paid back over and above what they never received, and Government would be the gainer and in no way a sufferer. This concession would be a great boon to those who are struggling in their old age to keep body and soul together in these hard times. I would ask the help of fellow sufferers to keep the ball rolling till it catches the eye of some kind-hearted influential official to put the case before the Government.

PENSIONER.  
Gulzarbagh, Sept. 13.

## THE TARAKESWAR NEGOTIATIONS

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STATESMAN"

SIR,—Venerable Swami Satchitananda, the prime originator of the National movement at Tarakeswar, has, after a protracted trial, been convicted and sentenced—for whom? For the sake of the people—for the sake of the Hindu religion. The Hindu public owe a deep sense of gratitude to the Swamiji for his indomitable straightforwardness, undaunted courage, untiring zeal, and unparalleled self-sacrifice.

But what is horrifying the public is the startling revelations—the pathetic appeal of Swamiji published in news-papers from time to time regarding the ignominious negotiations between the Mohant and the Satyagraha Committee. The terms of compromise so far as they have been ascertained refer to the installation of Probbhat Giri—the disciple of Satis Giri.

Is the Satyagraha Committee alone—Deshbandhu and his satellites—empowered to consider and settle the terms of compromise in a religious matter in which the whole Hindu community is concerned? Even assuming that the committee has a right to deal with this affair—is it not advisable that the representatives of the Hindu community and other prominent public men who have helped the movement and are up till now helping, should have access to discuss the terms of compromise?—Yours, etc.

ASHIT MOOKERJEE.  
Tallah, Sept. 13

## WOMEN WORKERS IN CALCUTTA

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STATESMAN."

SIR,—I am an Englishwoman and this is my first visit to Calcutta. I read the Statesman daily and also scan the advertisements, and I am astonished at the meagre wages offered to the working woman in this city. In Bombay we have to give thirty-five rupees per mensem to an ayah; also her breakfast and afternoon tea. Here people offer an English nurse thirty rupees a month. How can a woman dress and save for a "rainy day" on one rupee a day? The wages of typists (in Calcutta seem to range from twenty-five to sixty rupees a month. Can anybody keep body and soul together, much less dress, on such salaries? Before leaving England, I read a case about a shop girl who was given in charge for stealing half-a-crown. Her salary was thirty shillings a week, and the magistrate remarked that it was insufficient for her needs.

A. M.  
Calcutta, Sept. 18

# Survey that reshaped a sub-continent

SANTOSH MATHEW

In the early 19th century, a monumental scientific project began that would leave a profound mark on the Indian subcontinent. The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India, initiated in 1802, was not merely about cartography; it was a groundbreaking venture that reshaped the landscape of India through precision, innovation, and vision.

Spearheaded by British infantry officer William Lambton under the East India Company, this survey transformed the understanding of the subcontinent's geography and had far-reaching impacts on administration, economy and cultural heritage.

The Great Trigonometrical Survey officially commenced on 10 April 1802, with the measurement of a crucial baseline near Madras (now Chennai). Major Lambton, who was tasked with leading this ambitious project, carefully selected a flat plain for the initial measurement. The baseline stretched 7.5 miles (12.1 km) and was marked by St. Thomas Mount at the north and Perumbauk Hill at the southern end. This baseline was the first step in a meticulous process that aimed to map the vast Indian subcontinent with unprecedented accuracy.

Lambton's choice of a flat plain for the initial baseline was strategic. Accurate measurements were crucial for the success of the survey, and a

flat, unobstructed baseline allowed for more precise calculations. The work began with the meticulous measurement of this baseline, which would serve as the foundation for the extensive triangulation network that followed.

The Great Trigonometrical Survey utilized advanced trigonometric techniques to measure distances and angles across the vast expanse of India. The method involved creating a network of triangles, using the baseline measurements as a reference point. By measuring angles and distances within these triangles, surveyors were able to map the terrain with remarkable precision.

One of the most notable achievements of the survey was the accurate measurement of the meridian arc from the southern tip of India to Nepal. This endeavour required surveying through varied and challenging terrain, including the Himalayan mountain range. The precision achieved in this measurement allowed for the calculation of the Earth's circumference with astonishing accuracy and contributed to global scientific knowledge.

For the British East India Company, the survey was more than a scientific undertaking; it was a crucial tool for effective administration and control. The detailed maps produced by the survey enabled the British to manage the vast and diverse regions

of India with greater efficiency. Accurate geographical information facilitated better planning of infrastructure projects such as roads, railways, and irrigation systems.

The survey's precise maps were instrumental in the collection of land revenue, as they provided detailed information about land use and boundaries. This information was crucial for implementing administrative policies and managing the economic resources of the subcontinent. The improved accuracy in mapping also played a key role in the strategic planning of military campaigns and the consolidation of British rule across India.

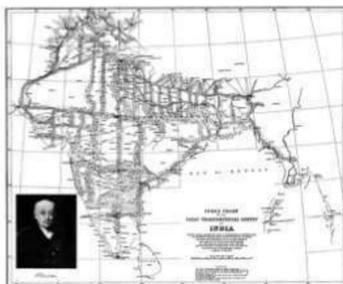
The detailed maps created by the Great Trigonometrical Survey had a transformative effect on the Indian economy. The accurate depiction of geographical features facilitated the construction of infrastructure that was vital for economic development. Railways, roads, and irrigation systems were planned and executed with greater precision, fostering economic growth and integration. The expansion of the railway network, for instance, connected previously isolated regions, facilitating trade and commerce. This connectivity helped create a unified market across the subcontinent, stimulating economic activity and development.

The survey's work in mapping resources and land use patterns also

contributed to the optimization of agricultural practices and resource extraction, further boosting economic growth. Beyond its immediate practical benefits, the Great Trigonometrical Survey left a lasting legacy in the fields of science and culture. The survey's precision and methodology advanced the science of geodesy and set new standards for geographic measurement. The accurate geographic coordinates established by the survey influenced future scientific research and exploration.

Culturally, the survey contributed to a deeper understanding of India's diverse geography and historical landmarks. By documenting and mapping ancient sites and natural features, the survey helped preserve India's cultural heritage. The detailed maps provided insights into the region's historical and cultural landscape, enriching the appreciation of India's heritage.

The significance of the Great Trigonometrical Survey is commemorated by several memorials across India. One notable example is Lambton's Memorial in the village of Perumbauk, which marks the site where the initial baseline measurement began. These memorials serve as a testament to the monumental effort and achievements of the survey, honouring the contributions of

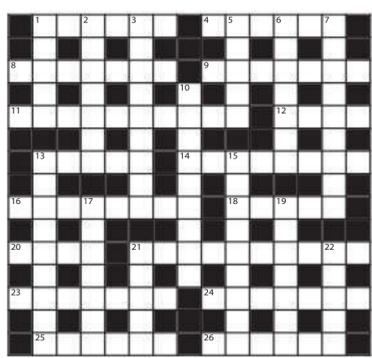


Major Lambton and his team. The Great Trigonometrical Survey of India was a landmark project that reshaped the Indian subcontinent in multiple dimensions. From its meticulous beginning with the measurement of a 7.5-mile baseline near Madras to its profound impacts on administration, economy, and culture, the survey was a transformative endeavour. Its legacy endures through the precise maps it produced, the infrastructure it helped develop, and the scientific advancements it inspired. The Great Trigonometrical Survey stands as a testament to the power of scientific innovation in shaping the course of history and transforming societies.

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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

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### ACROSS

- Government-funded body gives Dame Mary reduced work (6)
- Centrally heated room mostly being used for procreation (2,4)
- The bloke's right-wing past (7)
- Killer stalks Frenchman in Spanish location (7)
- Yankee separates two poets with identical cuts in brawl (10)
- Top bishop has Father Ted defrocked (4)
- Stroke stomach before beginning on legs (5)
- One of Elgar's variations incorporated into finale and added to (8)
- Holy man bores posh couples on the next floor (8)
- Bread making instruments (5)
- Type of music club (4)

### DOWN

- Split leftover capital (5)
- Anoint a Byzantine lady (7)
- Serviceman captures a foul-mouthed nationalist (9)
- Slender king's figure (5)
- Old stager is a cavalryman? Sounds like it (7)
- Dicky perished after overwhelming century breaks (9)
- Wife's so nimble during dance movement (6,3)
- Dotty made love in Doha ending early phase of chastity (10)
- Lively old air, inspiring finale of Beethoven's ninth? (7)
- Ruddy German after making U-turn tailgates German car, I hear (7)
- Government, say, obstructs the return of Arab ruler (6)
- Revolutionary part of Ptolemaic astronomy (6)

### DOWN

- A saucer, perhaps from Ganymede? (9)
- America supports strike on Prince Edward Island (9)
- Giving a name to bird and fish (7)
- One lacking belief is given dabs of accessories to armed robbery (7)
- Singular lame gags after raising a stink (5)
- Architectural feature in Kosovo location (5)

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



# 'Unconstitutional': Bombay HC strikes down IT Rules amendment setting up 'Fact Checker Units'

Justice Patel had said that the proposed FCUs under the amended rules "directly infringed fundamental rights under Article 19 (1)(g)" due to the differential treatment between online and print content

AGENCIES MUMBAI, 20 SEPTEMBER

The Bombay High Court's "tie-breaker" judge on Friday struck down the Information Technology Rules amendments, which empower the Central government to establish Fact Check Units (FCUs) to weed out "fake and misleading" information about it on social media platforms

as violative of Articles 14 and 19 of the Constitution. A single-judge bench of Justice Atul Chandurkar pronounced his opinion on the issue after a division bench of Justice Gautam Patel and Justice Dr Neela Gokhale had delivered a split verdict in January 2024, in several petitions, including one filed by comedian Kunal Kamra. In their ruling nine months ago, Justice Patel had struck

down the rules in their entirety while Justice Gokhale had upheld their validity, resulting in the split verdict. Thereafter, in February, Chief Justice D.K. Upadhyay appointed Justice Chandurkar to provide his "tie-breaking" opinion in the case. In his verdict, Justice Chandurkar said that the amendments "violate Articles 14 (equality before law) and Article 19 (Protection of certain



rights regarding freedom of speech, etc) of the Constitution, and also the Article 21 (protection of life and liberty)

and do not satisfy the test of proportionality". In his verdict, Justice Patel had said that the proposed FCUs under the amended rules "directly infringed fundamental rights under Article 19 (1)(g)" due to the differential treatment between online and print content. However, Justice Gokhale had said that the rule was not unconstitutional and termed as "unfounded" the apprehensions of the petitioner that the FCU would be a biased body comprising persons picked and acting at the behest of the government, and held that there was no restriction on free speech nor did the amendments suggest that the users could face any penal consequences. Article 19 (1)(g) deals with the freedom to practice one's profession or business while Article 19 lists the nature of

restrictions that can be imposed. As per the amended rules, major social media platforms would have to either take down the content or add a disclaimer after the government's FCU identified it. The petitioners had contended that the two rules are ultra vires the Sections 79 and Sec. 87(2)(z) of the IT Act 2000, and violate the fundamental rights granting citizens "equal protection under

the law" as per Article 14 and Article 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(g). Kamra, through his lawyers, senior counsel Navroz Seervai and Arvind Datar, said he was a political satirist who relies on social media platforms to share his content and the rules could lead to arbitrary censorship of his content, it could be blocked, taken down or his social accounts could be suspended or deactivated.

# Gyanvapi well in Kashi symbolises knowledge and Lord Vishwanath: CM Yogi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE GORAKHPUR, 20 SEPTEMBER

Recalling an incident from Adi Shankar's visit to Kashi for Gyan Sadhna, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath remarked on Friday that the Gyanvapi well in Kashi is not merely a structure but a pro-

found medium for acquiring knowledge and a symbol of Lord Vishwanath himself. He explained that during Adi Shankar's visit to Kashi for Gyan Sadhna, Lord Vishwanath appeared before him in the form of an 'untouchable chandal', deepening his understanding of Advaita and Brahma-

CM Yogi shared these insights during the conclusion of the Srimad Bhagwat Mahapurana Katha Gyan Yagna on the occasion of the 55th death anniversary of Yugpurush Brahmaleen Mahant Digvijaynath Ji Maharaj and the 10th death anniversary of Rashtreasant Brahmaleen Mahant Avedyanath Ji Maharaj

at Gorakhnath temple here on Friday. Addressing devotees at the Digvijaynath Smriti Bhavan auditorium, he remarked, "No one can predict the form in which God will appear." Citing the specific incident, he explained, "When Sanyasi Adi Shankar from Kerala believed

he had reached maturity in Advaita knowledge, he journeyed to Kashi, the sacred city of Lord Vishwanath, to deepen his understanding. One morning, as he headed to bathe in the Ganga, Lord Vishwanath appeared before him disguised as a Chandal, a figure traditionally considered un-

able." The Chief Minister continued, "When Adi Shankar requested the Chandal to step aside, the Chandal replied, 'You claim to be a master of Advaita, which teaches that Brahma is the ultimate truth. If the Brahma within me is different from yours, then your

Advaita is flawed. Do you see me as untouchable based on my appearance?' It was then that Adi Shankar realised that the Chandal was, in fact, Lord Vishwanath, the very deity he had come to Kashi to seek." CM Yogi emphasised that the true essence of 'katha' lies not only in listening but in

applying its teachings to one's life. He explained that texts like the Srimad Bhagwat Mahapurana and other religious stories instil a sense of pride in India's rich tradition, heritage, culture, and history. These stories have been narrated in India for over five thousand years.

# T E N D E R

**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**  
No. CEN-2024-25-10 Date: 17.09.2024

**E-TENDER NOTICE**

The Dy. Chief Engineer/Const./North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India, invite the following E-Tenders on prescribed form for the following works up to 15:00 hrs. on 15.10.2024. The details of the tenders are as under:-

Approx. cost of work (in Crores) : Rs. 180.97 cr. Bid Security (Rs.) : Rs. 9198600/-

Name of work : Construction of ROB in lieu of level crossing no. 462, 463, 466, 469, 472 and 473 and construction of RUB in lieu of level crossing no. 474 in connection with KID-MKP doubling project.

Completion period : 18 months Tender Closing Date & Time : 15.10.2024 15:00 hrs

Date of opening of tender : 15.10.2024 15:30 hrs

Type of tendering : Open Tender (Two Packet System & e-RA)

Note : - (1) The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) up to 15:00 hrs on the due date of tender opening i.e. 15.10.2024 (2) Bids other than in the form of E-bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with Digital Signature Certificate issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. (3) The Bid Security shall be deposited either in cash through e-payment gateway or submitted as Bank Guarantee bond from a scheduled commercial bank of India or as mentioned in tender documents. The Bank Guarantee bond shall be as per format in favour of FA & CAO/CNCR/PRYJ as given in Tender Document and shall be valid for a period of 90 days beyond the bid validity period. (4) Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. (5) Joint Venture (JV)/Consortiums /MOUs shall be considered for the tender having cost more than 10 Cr. (6) Documents being attached should be signed by the tenderer on its body. (7) The tenderers shall submit a certificate as given in tender document in standard format for all items without which their tender may not be considered and shall be summarily rejected. (8) Each page of the copy of documents/certificates in support of credentials, submitted by the tenderer, shall be self-attested/digitally signed by the tenderer or authorized representative of the tendering firm. Self-attestation shall include signature, stamp and date (on each page). Only those documents which are declared explicitly by the tenderer as "documents supporting the claim qualifying the laid down eligibility criteria", will be considered for evaluation his/her tender. In case of any wrong information submitted by the tenderer, the contract will be terminated. Bid Security (BS), Performance Guarantee (PG and Security Deposit (SD) of contract will be forfeited and agency will be banned for doing business on entire Indian Railways for five (5) years. (9) GST Act & rules issued from time to time by the Government authorities shall be applicable. (10) In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the website of IREPS may be approached. (11) Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs. on 15.10.2024 and will be opened at 15:30 hrs. on same day. 1660/24 (C)

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The Registrar of Vidyasagar University invites e-Tender for the work of "Development, Implementation and hosting of Examination Data Processing (EDP) Application including Disaster Recovery, Student support service and historical data migration of last two academic session" of Vidyasagar University, Midnapore. Detailed information can be obtained from the website <http://wbtenders.gov.in>

Closing Date: 17/10/2024 at 17:00  
Registrar Vidyasagar University

**CORRIGENDUM NOTICE**

Corrigendum Notice for date & time extension of e NleT No. 7 / WBSRDA / MD / 2024-25 (1st Call) of the Executive Engineer, WBSRDA, Murshidabad Division for Sl. No. 1, 2, 3 and 4. All others details will be available in the website: <http://wbtenders.gov.in>

Executive Engineer WBSRDA Murshidabad Division

**GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION CHHATRAPATI SAMBHAJINAGAR**  
E-Tender Notice No. 227 of 2024-2025

E-Tender for the following works in "B-1/Form" for the (21) works is invited via online E-Tendering system from Contractor / Agency / Firm / Company of Eligible Class by Executive Engineer, Public Works Division, Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Ph. No. 0240-2331174) on behalf of Public Works Department of Government of Maharashtra.

All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal: <https://mahatenders.gov.in> on sub Portal of Public Works Department also on [www.mahapwd.gov.in](http://www.mahapwd.gov.in) portal as per online tender Schedules.

Executive Engineer Public Works Division Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar

DGIPR/24-25/3092

**GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA PUBLIC WORKS (SOUTH) DIVISION PUNE-411001**

Phone No.: 020/26121765 Web: www.mahapwd.gov.in & E-mail: [integratedpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in](mailto:integratedpune.ee@mahapwd.gov.in)

E-TENDER NOTICE No. 70 FOR 2024-2025

Sealed Online B-1 / C-Tender / B-2 Tender Format Tender-15, is / are invited by the Executive Engineer, Public Works (South) Division, Pune-411001 (Telephone No. 26121765) invites bids for given works from Registered as well as Unregistered contractor in B-1 Tender Format.

Bids document can be downloaded from website <https://mahatenders.gov.in> Executive Engineer reserves all rights to accept or reject bids without assigning any reason. Conditional bids will not be accepted.

The detailed Tender Notice can be available on

1. Web: [www.mahapwd.gov.in](http://www.mahapwd.gov.in) (Only Tender Notice)
2. <https://mahatenders.gov.in> (Details of Tender Notice & Detail Documents)

(Any changes in the NIT will be Corrigendum's published on above website)

Anuradha R. Bhandare Executive Engineer Public Work (South) Division, Pune-411001

DGIPR/24-25/3076

**S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER**

Tender Notice No.: EL-G-RNC-OT-RPF-24 Dated 19.09.2024. Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G), South Eastern Railway, Ranchi for & on behalf of President of India invites e-Tenders against Tender Notice No. EL-G-RNC-OT-RPF-24, dated 19.09.2024 is scheduled to open on 11.10.2024 at 16:00 hrs. or later for the following works: Brief Description of work : Electrical work for Construction of RPF ladies Barrack (20 bedded) at Muri. Advertised Value of the work : ₹ 4,81,01,900. EMD/Bid security : ₹ 9,80,000/- Tender Closing date & time : 11.10.2024 at 16:00 hrs. Website Particular : <https://www.ireps.gov.in> The tender detail can be viewed at the website <http://www.ireps.gov.in> The tenderers/bidders must have Class-III Digital Signature Certificate and must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/bidders can participate on e-tender. All relevant papers must be uploaded by tenderer with tender document at the time of participating in e-tendering. (PR-630)

**TENDER NOTICE**  
NIT No.-e-NIT/02/BDB/2024-25 dated: 12-09-2024

Tender has been floated for 01 (One) No. work under Baman-gola Dev. Block, Malda under Disaster Management & Civil Defense fund.

Tender Circulated Memo. No. 2188/BDB, Dated: 12-09-2024

Bona fide contractors / suppliers are requested to visit office notice board.

Sd/-  
Block Dev. Officer  
Bamangola Dev. Block  
Malda

Memo No.: 888(2)/DICO/MLD dt. 20-09-2024

**CHITTARANJAN LOCOMOTIVE WORKS**

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders are invited for and on behalf of The President of India for the following works: S.N.: [1]. Tender No.: WLD\_TRG\_2024-25 Tender 01. Name of the Work: To carry out "One time training, assessment and certification for 360 welders" as per ISO 9606-1. Tender value (Rupees): 63,72,000/-. Cost of tender document (Rupees): NIL. Earnest money (Rupees): 1,27,400/-. Period of completion: 182 Days. Note: (1). Complete details can be seen in the railways website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in). (2). Contact number: 9163340319. (3). Date of closing of tender submission is 30-09-2024 at 12.30 hrs.

Dy. CME/ELB, CLW/Chittaranjan

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**EASTERN RAILWAY**

e-Tender Notice No.: MC\_WC\_HABD\_SDAH\_R2024, dated 13.09.2024. Sealed Open Tender is invited by Sr. Divisional Mechanical Engineer, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, Room no. 42, 1st Floor, DRM Building, Kazer Street, Kolkata-700014 on "Single Packet System" in prescribed tender forms from reputed contractors with adequate experience & financial capability for the under mentioned work: Name/Description of work : "Supply, installation and commissioning of Hot Axle Box detection system across Sealdah Division along with associated accessories". Tender Value : ₹ 1,27,78,296.50. Earnest Money : ₹ 2,13,900/-. Tender document cost : ₹ 5,000/-. Completion period : Within 6 months. Bidding Start Date : 21.09.2024. Date and time of closing of tender : 05.10.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Date and time of tender opening : 05.10.2024 at 11.00 hrs. Tender document including e-tender notice and eligibility criteria of the work may be seen and downloaded from [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) (Website URL). No manual offer will be accepted. (SDAH-193/2024-25)

Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.easternrailways.gov.in](http://www.easternrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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**MAHATRANSCO**  
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/71-2024-25**

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	
SP/T-0642/0924[3rd Call] [RFX No.7000033471] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks with GIS bays of voltage ratings of 22kV, 33kV & 220kV-270 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.7] at various EHV substations under Pune & Vashi Zone.	6619.28 Lakhs	04.10.2024 04.10.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 17:15Hrs
	25000.00	

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C) No.022-69852711/ Cell No.8329909813  
Email: [eegrp6@mahatransco.in](mailto:eegrp6@mahatransco.in), [eepc@mahatransco.in](mailto:eepc@mahatransco.in)  
For further details visit our website <http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in>  
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website [www.mahatransco.in](http://www.mahatransco.in). So bidders are requested to check the website

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (P&C)

**S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER**

Tender Notice No.: PCMM/GENL/TP/2024/34, Dated: 20.09.2024, TENDER FOR "E" PROCUREMENT SYSTEM, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, South Eastern Railway, Hd. Qrs. Office (5th Floor), New Administrative Building, 11, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tenders which have been uploaded on website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) as follows. All the tenders will be closed at 14.00 hrs. Sl. No., Tender No., Due Date, Brief Description, Quantity & EMD are as follows: 1. 38241545A, 30.09.2024, Modified Key for Brake Shoe, 134240 Nos., ₹ 1,20,390/-, 2. 38241567, 09.01.2025, Pressure Transformer Type-DU 111 A for KEO design distributor valve, 440 Nos., ₹ 1,19,420/-, 3. 56245123, 07.10.2024, Running Contract for Route, Shunt and Calling on LED signal lighting, 9000 Nos., ₹ 11,30,820/-, 4. 33245014, 03.10.2024, Bogie Frame for LHB Coaches, 120 Nos., ₹ 7,02,540/-, 5. 33243291A, 14.10.2024, Sliding Door RH & LH of Luggage Room of Power Car Coach, 40 Set, ₹ 1,19,960/-, 6. 65235039D, 04.10.2024, EOT Crane 15 Ton Capacity, 05 Nos., ₹ 4,62,530/-, 7. 40235017, 15.10.2024, 150 Sq. mm (Yellow, Red, Blue) Thin Walled Flexible Elastomeric Cable with Copper Conductor etc. 9000 Mtr., ₹ 3,02,620/-, 8. 45233203C, 04.10.2024, Hermetically sealed scroll compressor for RMPU Coaches etc. 285 Nos., ₹ 2,36,920/-, 9. 10245128A, 22.10.2024, Hi Mast Lighting Tower for large area with LED Flood light system, 25 Nos., ₹ 2,24,500/-, 10. 29245017, 17.10.2024, Roof mounted air conditioning system, 150 Nos., ₹ 8,51,920/-, 11. 38243048A, 17.10.2024, High capacity Draft Gear Pad etc. 28940 Nos., ₹ 4,90,380/-

Interested tenderers may visit website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) for full details/description/specification of the tenders and submit their bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. N.B.: Prospective Bidders may regularly visit [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) to participate in all other tenders & any Corrigendum published thereafter.

(PR-632) Principal Chief Materials Manager/Garden Reach

**EASTERN RAILWAY**

e-Auction for Leasing of Parcel Space over Howrah Division

No. : COM/PARCEL/LEASING/Long term e-AUC/HWH/2024/PT-III, Dated 16.09.2024. Railway Administration invites e-Auction for the following work : Name of Work : e-Auction for 10 Nos. of SLRs in 05 passenger carrying trains and 03 Nos. of RTVPs in 03 passenger carrying trains originating from Howrah Division for two years through e-Auction module of IREPS website. Non-transferable Auction catalogue containing detailed terms and conditions are available at [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) The bidding for the instant e-Auction is to be submitted through e-Auction module on [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) For participation in e-Auction process, one time Registration of merchants through e-Auction module in website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) is mandatory. Merchants are also required to take digital signature of Class-III. Auction Catalogue details : • Auction Catalogue No. : PCL-HWH-L-24-9D. • Train: 10 Nos. of SLRs in 05 passenger carrying trains and 03 Nos. of RTVPs in 03 passenger carrying trains. • Auction start date & time : 30.09.2024, 13.00 hrs.

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah station, Howrah-711101

Tender Notice is also available at websites: [www.easternrailways.gov.in](http://www.easternrailways.gov.in) / [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in)

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**EASTERN RAILWAY**

Following e-tender is invited online by the Sr. Divisional Engineer/C, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711101 from tenderers having experience of similar nature of work and required financial capabilities including those registered with Irrigation/CPWD/SEB/MES or any public sector undertaking for the following work : Sr.DEN/HQ/HWH, E-Tender No. : 187-2024-25, dttd. 18.09.2024. Description of work: Renovation of running room to convert into Canteen design accommodation along with renovation of kitchen & toilets, gangways, roof treatment etc. at HWH station. Approx. Cost: Rs. 68,36,952.64. Earnest Money: Rs. 1,36,700/-. Cost of tender form : Nil. Completion period : 6 months from the date of issue of acceptance letter. Closing date & time of tender: 15.10.2024 at 14.00 hrs. In case the date of closing mentioned in the Notice Inviting Tender is declared a holiday/ bandh/strike on any account, the date of closing tender online will not be changed as the application in the website of IREPS does not permit submission of any offer after closing date and time of the tender. However, opening of tenders online will be done next working day. The details of tender are available at website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. Payment of earnest money deposit (EMD) & tender document cost, in respect of E-tendering, should be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only through above website. Note : Fixed Deposit Receipt (FDR) will not be accepted as EMD for tenders invited on IREPS (e-tender portal). No manual offer will be accepted. (HWH-299/2024-25)

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**NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/70 -2024-25**

The due Date and Time of submission and opening of following SRM e-tender is extended as follows:

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
	Tender Fee (in Rs.)	
SP/T-0640/0924 [3rd Call] [RFX No.7000033320] (Two Bid System)	2589.42 Lakhs	27.09.2024 27.09.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 17:15 Hrs.
SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 11kV, 22kV & 33kV - 350 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.3] at various EHV substations under Pune zone.	25000.00	

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For further details visit our website <http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in>  
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website [www.mahatransco.in](http://www.mahatransco.in). So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer (P&C)

**EASTERN RAILWAY**

**NOTICE INVITING E-AUCTION**

Contract for Operation and Maintenance of Normal Pay & Use Toilets at different stations over Howrah Division

No. : COM/DEV/E-Auction/PU/HWH/2022, Dated : 19.09.2024. e-Auction is invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, 4th Floor, Rail Yatri Niwas Building, near Howrah Station, Howrah-711101 for the following work : Name of Work : Awarding fresh contract for Operation and Maintenance of Normal Pay & Use Toilet at Belur (Near Main Booking Office), Uttarpara (Near Howrah end of Platform No. 3) and Rishra (Near Additional Booking Office) stations for 03 (Three) years over Howrah Division. The subject e-Auction is governed as per Railway Board's Freight Marketing Circular No. 11 of 2022 and Commercial Circular No. 14 of 2022. For more details and participation in e-Auction kindly visit the website [www.ireps.gov.in](http://www.ireps.gov.in) through E-Auction Leasing Module. • Auction Catalogue No. : PnU-HWH-3-9-24. Sl. No. & Lot No./Category; Station respectively : (1) PnU-HWH-RIS-Toi-31-24-2; Rishra (RIS). (2) PnU-HWH-BEQ-Toi-19-24-2; Belur (BEQ). (3) PnU-HWH-UPA-Toi-20-24-2; Uttarpara (UPA). • Auction date & time: 03.10.2024 at 12.00 hrs. (HWH-298/2024-25)

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**NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

**E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 24/64 Dt. 17.09.2024**

On behalf of the President of India, The Principal Chief Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj, (An ISO 9001:2015 certified unit) invites the following E-Procurement Tenders.

S. N.	Tender No.	Short Description	Qty.	Tender Opening Date
1	70244196 (ERA Case)	Bed Sheet Handloom	2,86,569 Nos.	14.10.2024
2	40241323	BLDC FAN	5000 Nos.	07.10.2024
3	40241285	4.5 KW, 110/120 V DC BRUSHLESS ALTERNATOR	190 Nos.	08.10.2024
4	20243115A	Set [Motor Set] of MPI/CP Coils	14 Set	09.10.2024
5	20243590	BULL GEAR FOR WAG-9 LOCO 107 TEETH	91 Nos.	15.10.2024
6	20243658A	SET OF ZIRCONIUM COPPER STAMPING	1714 Nos.	17.10.2024
7	20245016	Microprocessor based control and fault diagnostic system	10 Set	22.10.2024
8	20241314A	Brake Shoe (50 MM)	16297 Nos.	05.11.2024

Note : The complete information of above tenders can be seen and downloaded from IREPS website i.e. <https://www.ireps.gov.in>. For any change/corrigendum in tender, please visit this website regularly. No separate corrigendum/change will be published in news paper. 1653/24 (D)

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THUMBNAILS

**Canara Premier League – Cricket & Badminton Tournament for Canarites:** Following a highly successful debut season last year, Canara Premier League CPL 2.0 was announced this year by Canara Bank MD & CEO Shri K Satyanarayana Raju to showcase diverse talents of Canarites and set new sporting benchmarks. Canara Bank Bhubaneswar Circle Office organized CPL 2.0 on 14th September wherein Cricket and Badminton teams from all 5 Regional Offices have participated in the grand event. Cricket tournament was held at Hi-Tech Medical College Ground and Badminton Tournament held at Badminton Indoor Stadium, Bhubaneswar.

# Indices jump over 1 per cent, Nifty closes above 25,750 for first time

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**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Benchmark indices extended gains for the second consecutive session on Friday to hit fresh all-time highs amid positive global cues and buying across the sectors. At close, the Sensex was up 1,359.51 points or 1.63 per cent at 84,544.31, and the Nifty was up 375.20 points or 1.48 per cent at 25,791. Sensex hit its fresh all-time high of 84,694.46 while the Nifty 50 jumped to its record high of 25,849.25

during the session. On BSE, over 250 stocks, including ICICI Bank, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever (HUL), Bajaj Finserv and JSW Steel, hit their fresh 52-week highs in intraday trade. Zomato, Bajaj Holdings, Britannia Industries, Marico, Eicher Motors, Havells, Indian Hotels, Max Healthcare Institute, Persistent Systems, PI Industries, Trent and United Spirits were also among the 265 stocks that jumped to their one-year highs. BSE Midcap and BSE Smallcap indices ended with solid gains of 1.16 per cent



and 1.37 per cent, respectively. Overall market capitalisation (mcap) of the firms listed on the BSE rose to a

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record Rs 472 lakh crore from Rs 466 lakh crore in the previous session. On Nifty, the biggest gainers were M&M, ICICI Bank, JSW Steel, Bharti Airtel and L&T, while losers included Grasim Industries, SBI, IndusInd Bank, TCS and Bajaj Finance. Among the sectors, all ended in the green with auto,

bank, capital goods, health-care, FMCG, power, telecom, metal and realty rising 1-3 per cent. The Nifty Bank index hit a record high of 54,066.10 during the day, crossing 54,000 for the first time. IIFL Finance shares rose 11 per cent in early trading following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to lift restrictions on the company's gold loan operations. Patel Engineering shares rose over 5 per cent to Rs 60.4 in the afternoon after the company announced that it has secured a Rs 240-crore

NHPC contract for Teesta-V Power Station. Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO) snapped a five-day losing streak, gaining as much as 10 per cent. Notably, it had declined nearly 10 per cent during that five-day losing streak. Shares of railway component maker Cosmic CRF were locked at 5 per cent upper circuit at Rs 1,809 apiece after the company's subsidiary NS Engineering Projects bagged an order worth Rs 127 crore from the infrastructure industry.

## NPS Vatsalya: FinMin's pension scheme for minors



**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman unveiled NPS Vatsalya, in line with the July Union Budget 2024 announcement. NPS Vatsalya is a pension scheme designed for minors. This initiative was rolled out across 75 locations nationwide, with over 250 PRANs (permanent retirement account numbers) being allocated to young subscribers. Under the NPS Vatsalya scheme, parents can invest a minimum of 1,000 per month with no upper limit, thereby fostering a habit of disciplined savings for their children, Ministry of Finance said in a statement. The scheme is designed

aged by their guardian until the child reaches adulthood, ensuring that the minor remains the sole beneficiary throughout the process. According to Nirmala Sitharaman, NPS Vatsalya will encourage young subscribers to develop a savings habit, and significant wealth can be built up through the effects of compounding. She emphasized that the scheme would provide a respectable life for individuals in their later years. As per the NPS Trust website, the documents required to register under the scheme are: Date of Birth proof of the Minor (Birth certificate, School leaving certificate/Matriculation Certificate, PAN and Passport); KYC of the Guardian shall be carried out by submitting; Proof of Identity and Address (Aadhaar, Driving License, Passport, Voter ID card, NREGA Job Card and National Population Register); NRE / NRO Bank Account (solo or joint) of the minor in case guardian is NRI. Following the launch, numerous banks introduced the pension plan for minors. These banks are: ICICI Bank, Axis Bank, Canara Bank, Punjab National Bank, Central Bank of India, and Bank of Maharashtra.

## Jindal India to invest ₹ 1500 cr to ramp up capacity at Howrah facility

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

Here's some fresh capital inflows into Bengal. Jindal India Limited, one of India's leading downstream steel players, will now shell out Rs 1,500 crore as Capex spend to effect a strategic capacity expansion of 0.6 Million MT, a 60 per cent increase from its current capacity of 1 Million MT per annum. The new production lines will be established at the company's manufacturing facility in Ranihat, Howrah, West Bengal, with equipment supplied by leading machinery providers like John Cockerill and Esmech Equipment (SMS Group). Production from the newly added capacity, focusing on coated flat products, pipes, and crash barriers, is scheduled to commence in FY'25, with full completion expected by FY'26. The primary focus of this capacity expansion will be on adding new lines for coated flat products. This will enable Jindal India to increase production capacity for its existing products, expand its product portfolio to serve new segments such as solar and home appliances, and contribute to import substitution, reinforcing the

company's commitment to innovation and market growth, top company officials said. This strategic investment will also modernize and enhance the production capacity of crash barrier products and pipe products, particularly hollow section pipes for the construction sector. This strategic initiative will increase the capacity of coated flat products by 60 per cent from the current capacity, 40 per cent for pipe products, and 75 per cent in the crash barrier segment. "Our strategic expansion is in line with government's thrust for infrastructure development. The increased focus on rapidly augmenting the nation's highway network with critical safety components such as crash barriers is a key area where Jindal India has been adding value. We also aim to further expand our geographical footprint in the country, strengthen our dominance in products like color coated sheets and diversify our product portfolio to include new segments like solar, where our products can be utilized in the manufacturing of solar mounting structures," said company's official spokesman.

## MP gov't receives business proposals worth around ₹20 thousand crores from investors of Bengal



**NISHAT NIZAMI**  
KOLKATA, 20 SEPTEMBER

In a major boost to the economy of Madhya Pradesh, the central Indian state received business proposals worth around 20 thousand crores from investors of Bengal at a business summit held in Kolkata today. The proposals from the industry giants were made during a program which was a precursor to the biennial flagship event, 'Invest Madhya Pradesh - Global Investors Summit' scheduled for February 2025 in Bhopal. The event, which was the fourth such business session by the MP government, was headed by chief minister of Madhya Pradesh, Mohan Yadav, who showcased the 'safe and easy environment' for trade to the industrialists. Speaking during the event, Mr Yadav underlined the similarities between West Bengal and said, "Kolkata and Madhya Pradesh share many similar-

ities in terms of culture and heritage. Kolkata is a land of rich heritage and is home to pioneers such as Ramakrishna Paramahansa and Swami Vivekananda, who guided humanity towards light and hope in the darkest of times." The CM also reiterated the crucial role of state governments in establishing trade and said, "The government should stand shoulder to shoulder with entrepreneurs, actively inviting investments and progress. Indians possess the reasoning, intellect and logic needed for success. To foster this potential, the Government must provide comprehensive support and protection to help businesses thrive. As informed by the chief minister of the 'Tiger State' of India, today's summit received a positive response from the industrialists of West Bengal. An investment proposal of about 20 thousand crores creating employment

opportunities for around 10 thousand people in Madhya Pradesh was received at the roadshow event in Kolkata today. The proposals also included business plans from 16 business houses of West Bengal from major industries across various sectors, including food processing, chemicals, cement, steel, plastics and renewable energy. One of the major business proposals from among the investors of West Bengal is said to have been kept forward by Himadri Chemicals which has presented plans of investing rupees 5425 crores generating employment for about 2000 people. Another significant proposal was given by Shyam Metalloys and Energy that has showcased investment plans worth 5040 crores also mulling over employment for 2000 people. Today's business summit in Kolkata witnessed a turnout of over 700 participants with 10 international diplomatic missions from countries including Germany, Russia, Canada, Spain, Greece, El Salvador, Bangladesh, Maldives and Guatemala. Representatives from leading industrial organizations such as NASSCOM, Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEP), Bengal Chambers of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Indian Indian Chambers of Commerce (ICC) and Engineering Export Promotion Council of India (EPEC) also attended the session. During the summit, investors of Bengal demanded direct flight from Kolkata to Bhopal.

## Safex Chemicals bets big on R&D, eyes 25 per cent growth in formulation business

**RITWIK MUKHERJEE**  
KOLKATA, 19 SEPTEMBER

Founded in 1991, Safex Chemicals Group, over the years, has established itself as a fast-growing force in the chemical industry. Over the last five years, in particular, the company has shown impressive growth, with a revenue CAGR exceeding 25 per cent. This growth reflects Safex Chemicals' successful expansion across India and beyond, positioning itself firmly within the global value chain. Two years ago, Safex Chemicals took a significant step in its international expansion by acquiring Briar Chemicals, a leading agrochemicals Contract Development and Manufacturing Organisation (CDMO) in the UK. This acquisition, the company's third major deal in recent times, has further solidified Safex's global presence. The company, at present, operates seven manufacturing units across India and the UK, proving its strong production capabilities. The company is backed by ChrisCap, further strengthening its financial and strategic position. Speaking to The Statesman exclusively SK Chaudhary, Founder-Director, Safex Chemicals, justifies its diversifications into different verticals of crop protection, explains the agricultural reforms needed in India and charts out company's growth plans. Excerpts: **Q: Safex Chemicals has diversified into different verticals of the crop protection industry. Can you explain how each part of them helps Safex grow?**

A: We began as formulators of agrochemical products, and over time, we diversified and expanded globally. Our business now includes agrochemical formulations, AI-driven crop protection solutions, CDMO services, and post-harvest seed protection. Each vertical contributes to our growth by enhancing our capabilities across the crop protection value chain. Agrochemical formulations remain our core business, providing high-quality products that boost agricultural productivity. Our CDMO services allow us to collaborate with industry leaders, strengthening our position in the market. Post-harvest seed protection ensures seed longevity and viability, supporting sustainable farming practices and farmer success. This is crucial given India's need to ensure food security for its 1.4 billion population and our efforts have helped us grow into a global player in the crop protection industry. Importantly, we've created an entire ecosystem within the crop protection sector. Through Shogun Organics, we have further accelerated our growth on the R&D front. From AI-driven solutions to formulations, and post-harvest protection, we offer comprehensive support at every stage of crop growth and protection. This holistic approach not only drives our growth but also positions us as a key player in advancing agricultural



productivity on a global scale. **Q: What are your current goals and what are the plans that you have at the back of your mind to reach those goals and make Safex Chemicals one of India's top crop protection companies?** A: Our vision is to care for all stakeholders, especially our customers, by offering top-tier products and services in the agrochemical industry. To achieve our mission of becoming one of the top five crop protection companies in India, we are committed to delivering high-quality and innovative solutions. We are aiming for a 25 per cent growth in our formulation business in India and further expanding our reach through our e-commerce app, 'Golden Farms'. Our approach aligns with the need to increase responsible use of agrochemicals in India, where current usage is low at 0.6 kg per hectare. We must keep in mind that by 2029, India's domestic agrochemicals market is anticipated to touch \$13.08 billion and this indicates massive potential for growth

and innovation in this sector. **Q: How does Safex Chemicals use research and development to create new ideas and products in crop protection? Are there any new technologies or big ideas coming soon?** A: We place research and development (R&D) at the heart of our strategy for creating new ideas and products in crop protection and related fields. Our recent breakthrough with Renofluthrin, India's first indigenously developed and patented mosquito repellent molecule, created by our subsidiary Shogun Organics, exemplifies our commitment to innovation. This achievement, resulting from a decade of intensive research, demonstrates our willingness to invest time and resources in ground-breaking developments. Our R&D approach involves strategic partnerships, as seen in our collaboration with Godrej Consumer Products Limited for Renofluthrin. We focus on promoting self-reliance by reducing dependence on imported molecules and unregistered products. **Q: With the global agricultural markets changing and what consumers want changing too, what steps is Safex Chemicals taking now to take advantage of opportunities and keep growing in the agrochemical industry in 2024?** A: We are taking proactive steps to capitalize on the evolving global agricultural markets and changing consumer preferences. We are

focusing on innovation and sustainability to meet the demands of modern agriculture. Our commitment to high-quality products positions us well to adapt to market changes. We are leveraging our diverse business verticals, including precision farming solutions and post-harvest seed protection, to stay ahead of industry trends. Additionally, we are expanding our domestic formulations business and consolidating our presence in key export markets. Such initiatives position us to take advantage of opportunities and sustain our growth in the agrochemical industry in 2024. **Q: What are your views on the agricultural reforms needed in India to support the growth of the agrochemical sector? How can these reforms potentially benefit companies like Safex Chemicals and contribute to the overall agricultural landscape?** A: We believe agricultural reforms in India are essential to support the growth of the agrochemical sector. We advocate for policy reforms that promote R&D for greater innovation and incentives to improve the quality of agri inputs. These reforms could help address challenges such as the high costs of air and water pollution treatment that impact the industry, increasing the overall production cost of low-value items. Addressing these challenges could enhance the availability, affordability, and accessibility of agrochemicals for many farmers.

## Piyush Goyal visits Laos to review India-ASEAN trade pact talks' progress

**STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE**  
NEW DELHI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal is visiting Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic (Laos) on 20-21 September. As per the information shared by the Commerce Ministry, Goyal will participate in the 21st ASEAN-India Economic Ministers (AEM-India) meeting and the 12th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers Meeting (EAS EMM). These annual meetings of ASEAN with their dialogue partners are being hosted this year by Lao PDR, the ASEAN Chair for 2024. Minister Goyal will have a number of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from participating countries on the sidelines of two institutional meetings. Meetings have been scheduled with the Minister of host country Lao PDR and visiting Ministers from Korea, Malaysia, Switzerland and Myanmar. Minister Piyush Goyal will also meet ASEAN Secretary General and President of ERIA, a premier research institute for Asia and Pacific. Further, he will also have an interaction with the Indian diaspora in Lao PDR and will also meet a visiting industry



delegation from India as well as ASEAN. In the AEM-India meeting, the ministers will review the progress in negotiations for review of ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA). The review of AITIGA is high on our priority to make it more user friendly, simple and trade facilitative for businesses. In EAS EMM, the Ministers will deliberate on regional and global economic developments. Notably, India is the founding member of East Asia Summit Forum which is completing its two decades next year. EAS EMM witnesses participation by Economic Min-

isters of 10 ASEAN countries and 8 other EAS partners viz. India, USA, Russia, China, Japan, Korea, Australia and New Zealand. It is to be noted that India joined ASEAN in 1992 and became its Comprehensive Strategic Partner in 2022. The next round of talks for the ongoing review meeting of the India-Asean free trade agreement in goods will be held in November. The third round of the negotiations was concluded on August 1 in Jakarta, Indonesia. India's exports to the 10-nation bloc ASEAN were \$41.2 billion in 2023-24, while imports aggregated at \$80 billion in the last fiscal.

# Israel launches intensive airstrikes on Hezbollah sites in Lebanon

The Israeli military said the Air Force had struck '100 rocket launchers, consisting of approximately 1,000 barrels'

AGENCIES BEIRUT, 20 SEPTEMBER

Israeli warplanes have launched about 60 airstrikes on Hezbollah strongholds in southern and eastern Lebanon, according to Lebanese military sources, in the heaviest such attack since hostilities began last October.

The sources, who spoke anonymously, said that "the planes on Thursday dropped about 150 air-to-ground missiles", adding that the casualties and damage caused by the intensive raids, "the most violent since October 8", are not yet known, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Israeli military said the Air Force had struck "100 rocket launchers, consisting of approximately 1,000 barrels", that had been set to fire towards Israel.

On Friday, Israel also hit a Beirut suburb with an airstrike not long after Hez-

lah pounded northern Israel with 140 rockets following a vow by the militant group's leader Hassan Nasrallah to retaliate against Israel for a mass bombing attack.

Beirut-based Al-Mayadeen TV reported that a drone fired several missiles on the heavily-populated area known as Dahiyeh.

The strike came after Hezbollah pounded Israel with 140 rockets, which the Israeli military said came in three waves targeting sites along the ravaged border with Lebanon.

Hezbollah said that its attacks had targeted several sites along the border with Katyusha rockets, including multiple air defense bases as well as the headquarters of an Israeli armoured brigade they said they'd struck for the first time.

The UNIFIL peacekeeping force in south Lebanon said on Friday morning that the previous 12 hours had seen



"a heavy intensification of the hostilities" across the Lebanese-Israeli border and in its area of operations.

"We are concerned at the increased escalation across the Blue Line and urge all actors to immediately de-escalate", UNIFIL spokesperson Andrea Tenenti told Reuters

news agency, referring to the line that delineates the border between Lebanon and Israel.

Israeli airstrikes on Friday hit at least three villages in south Lebanon, according to security sources in Lebanon and Hezbollah's al-Manar television, which broadcast footage of a cloud of smoke

rising from one of the attacks.

Security sources in Lebanon said four people were wounded in Israel's intensive bombardment on Thursday. It was not immediately clear if they were Hezbollah members.

The exchange of fire occurred after two consecutive days of deadly explosions of pagers and communication devices across Lebanon allegedly carried out by Israel, which resulted in at least 37 fatalities and 2,931 injuries.

These developments marked the latest escalation of ongoing conflict on the Israel-Lebanon border that began on October 8, 2023, when Hezbollah launched rockets at Israel in solidarity with Hamas in the Gaza Strip, prompting Israel's retaliatory artillery fire and airstrikes into southeastern Lebanon. The conflict has already caused heavy casualties and displaced tens of thousands on both sides.

The United States on Thurs-

day warned all parties in the Middle East against escalation, saying Washington's priority is to find a diplomatic solution. "We will continue to stand by Israel's right to defend itself, but we don't want to see any party escalate this conflict, period," State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller told a news briefing.

In a TV address on Thursday, Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah said the device explosions on Tuesday and Wednesday "crossed all red lines" and vowed to punish Israel. Israel has not directly commented on the pager and radio detonations, which security sources say were probably carried out by its Mossad spy agency.

Israeli Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said late on Thursday that Israel will keep up military action against Hezbollah.

Israel has said its goal is to ensure the safe return of Israelis to northern Israel.

# EU pledges to loan Ukraine up to \$39 billion to help rebuild its economy and power grid



AGENCIES KYIV, 20 SEPTEMBER

The European Union pledged on Friday to lend Ukraine up to 35 billion euros (\$39 billion) as part of a loan package organized by the Group of Seven major industrial nations, as it seeks to help the country repair and reconnect its war-shattered power grid.

"You will decide how best to use your funds," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Kyiv. The Ukrainian leader said that his priorities are to rebuild the energy network, build more bomb shelters, improve schools and buy more weapons.

G7 leaders agreed in June to engineer a \$50 billion loan

to help Ukraine in its fight for survival. Interest earned on profits from Russia's frozen central bank assets would be used as collateral, but progress has been slow in distributing the money.

Von der Leyen arrived in Ukraine on Friday focused on helping the country to restore its electricity grid and boost its heating capacity as winter approaches.

Around half of Ukraine's energy infrastructure has been destroyed during the war with Russia, and rolling electricity blackouts leave parts of the east in darkness for four hours at a time. Von der Leyen said it was the equivalent of all of Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia losing electricity.

Meanwhile, winter is approaching.

"Heating season starts in two weeks and Russia's relentless attacks on Ukraine's civilian energy infrastructure aims to inflict maximum damage," von der Leyen said as she arrived in Kyiv for talks with Zelenskyy. "We will help Ukraine in its brave efforts to overcome this."

# Dutch police seek witnesses to Rotterdam stabbing that left 1 dead and another seriously wounded

AGENCIES THE HAGUE, 20 SEPTEMBER

Dutch police appealed for witnesses Friday as they investigated a stabbing in which one man was killed and another seriously wounded in the port city of Rotterdam.

A suspect was arrested after being overpowered Thursday night by members of the public and police. There was no immediate word on the motive for the attack, but police said Thursday night that witnesses reported the attacker shouting "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase meaning God is great.

"It's part of the investigation," police spokesman

Wessel Stolle said Wednesday night.

A 32-year-old man from Rotterdam was killed and a 33-year-old man from Switzerland was seriously wounded in the stabbing near the landmark Erasmus Bridge, police said in a statement. The suspect is a 22-year-old man from the central Dutch city of Amersfoort who reportedly attacked his victims with two large knives.

Police didn't release the identities of the suspect or the victims of the stabbing, in line with Dutch privacy guidelines.

A sports instructor, Reniel Renato David Litecia, said that he hit the attacker with



two sticks after seeing him attack somebody and managed to take the knives and throw them away.

He said he initially thought it was a fight, "but when I

started running in that direction I saw that it wasn't a fight. It was a man with two long knives who was stabbing another young guy and when I started shouting he turned

around and started approaching everyone who was around him."

Another police spokesperson, Kristel Arntz, said the assailant is believed to have attacked one person in an underground parking lot and then a second victim near a busy terrace near one end of the bridge that spans the New Maas river, which runs through Rotterdam.

Arntz also said that it was too early in the investigation to establish a motive.

"We have arrested a suspect, we are going to question him. We will look at all the witness statements and then we will look at what the possible motive was," she said.

# Russia ready to defend Arctic interests amid NATO drills: FM Lavrov

AGENCIES MOSCOW, 20 SEPTEMBER

Russia is prepared to defend its interests in the Arctic, even through military means, as NATO increases its military exercises in the region, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov was quoted by Russian news agencies as saying.

"We observe how NATO is escalating exercises related to potential crises in the Arctic. Our country is fully prepared to defend its interests on military, political, and military-technical fronts," Lavrov told an interview for the documentary series 'Soviet Breakthrough', Xinhua news agency reported.

Lavrov's comments come



amid heightened tensions in the Arctic, where NATO has been ramping up its presence.

In July, the US Department of Defence released an updated version of its Arctic Strategy, outlining plans for joint military exercises with its allies to demonstrate combat readiness and operational compatibility. The strategy also highlights intentions to work with partners, local industries, and Alaska's native tribes to

"strengthen integrated deterrence and increase shared security" in the region.

According to the Pentagon's strategy, the US and its allies plan to introduce more than 250 modern multi-role combat aircraft that could be deployed for Arctic operations by the 2030s.

Earlier this month, Nikolai Patrushev, an aide to the Russian president and chair of the Maritime Collegium, said that the US and its allies are intensifying pressure around Russia's borders, constantly testing its Defence capabilities. Patrushev accused the US side of pursuing militarisation in the Arctic, seeking to hinder Russian economic activities in the northern regions.

# Kamala Harris steps up outreach to Mormon voters in battleground Arizona

AGENCIES PHOENIX, 20 SEPTEMBER

Vice President Kamala Harris is stepping up her efforts to win over voters who belong to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, enlisting prominent members of the faith to make the case in pivotal Arizona that Donald Trump does not align with the church's values.

Her state campaign announced on Thursday an

advisory committee to formalize the outreach to current and former members of the church, widely known as the Mormon church.

With nearly 450,000 church members in Arizona, about 6% of the state's population, Latter-day Saints and former church members could prove critical in what will likely be an extremely close race.

Latter-day Saints have traditionally voted Repub-

lican and are likely to remain part of the GOP coalition. Clustered in solidly Republican states, they have long been a major force in GOP primaries and local politics across the West, but they have not held much sway in national elections. In 2020, about 7 in 10 Mormon voters nationally supported Trump, according to AP VoteCast, while about one-quarter backed Democrat Joe Biden.

Core to Harris' strategy

is preventing Trump from running up big margins with demographic groups that favor him. While she is unlikely to win anything close to a majority of Latter-day Saints, picking up a small share of their votes would make a big difference in a state with a recent history of tight elections. Biden won by just under 10,500 votes in 2020. Democratic Attorney General Kris Mayes won by just 280 in 2022.

# Trump vows to be 'best friend' to Jewish Americans, as allegations of ally's antisemitism surface

AGENCIES WASHINGTON, 20 SEPTEMBER

Former President Donald Trump on Thursday decried antisemitism hours after an explosive CNN report detailed how one of his allies running for North Carolina governor made a series of racial and sexual comments on a website where he also referred to himself as a "black NAZI."

North Carolina Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson vowed to remain in the race despite the report, and the Trump cam-

paign appeared to be distancing itself from the candidate while still calling the battleground state a vital part to winning back the White House. Trump has frequently voiced his support for Robinson, who has been considered a rising star in his party despite a history of inflammatory remarks about race and abortion.

Trump did not comment on the allegations during his Thursday address to a group of Jewish donors and to the Israeli-American Council in Washington. His campaign



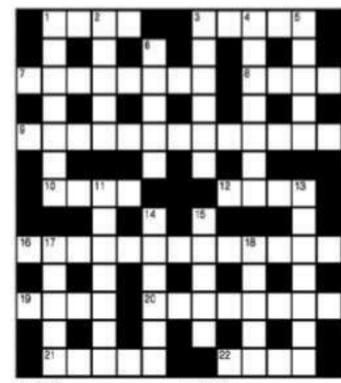
issued a statement about the CNN story that did not mention Robinson, saying instead that Trump "is focused on winning the White House and saving this country" and that North Carolina was a "vital part of that plan."

Robinson's reported

remarks — including a 2012 comment in which he said he preferred Adolf Hitler to the leadership in Washington — clashed with Trump's denunciations of antisemitism in Washington and his claim that Vice President Kamala Harris, the Democratic nominee, sympathized with enemies of Israel. The story also could threaten Trump's chances of winning North Carolina, a key battleground state, with Robinson already running well behind his Democratic opponent in public polls.

## LEISURE

### 10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Tree trunk (4)
  - 3 Channel port (5)
  - 7 Ill-defined situation (4,4)
  - 8 Nose (Informal) (4)
  - 9 Camaraderie (6,2,5)
  - 10 Eager (4)
  - 12 Traditional story (4)
  - 16 Vertical (13)
  - 19 Sea eagle (4)
  - 20 Sufficient (8)
  - 21 Out of practice (5)
  - 22 Skin (4)
- DOWN**
- 1 Coffee-server (7)
  - 2 Stratum (5)
  - 3 Royal crown (6)
  - 4 Success in battle (7)
  - 5 Approach (3-2)
  - 6 Beat (5)
  - 11 Subjective by force (7)
  - 13 Salutory (7)
  - 14 Anxious (6)
  - 15 Mended (5)
  - 17 Mistake (5)
  - 18 Normal (5)

**SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Ray
- 3 Scarred
- 8 Plummet
- 9 Ormet
- 10 Argue
- 11 Infancy
- 12 Green-grocer
- 15 August
- 16 Adorn
- 17 Tigris
- 21 Specific
- 22 May
- 7 Impede
- 13 Rhizome
- 14 Oranger
- 15 Frisky
- 16 Toads
- 17 Hanol
- 18 Glean

**DOWN**

- 1 Repeat
- 2 Young
- 3 Sitting
- 4 pretty
- 5 Aloof
- 6 Romance
- 7 Derby

By arrangement with The Independent Figures in parentheses denote the number of letters in the words required

### BEETLE BAILEY/Mort Walker



### RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



### DADDY DAZE/John Kovalieski



### NEED TO KNOW

- Ambulance**  
FD Block Association (Amb) 9830452536, 9830181286  
Happy Calcuttans 24400160  
City Point Nurses Centre 2567-4113, 9831142623  
People's Relief Committee 2280-4943/9444
- 24 hrs Medical Oxygen Delivery**  
BOC India Ltd. 9831277777
- Blood Banks**  
Ashok Laboratory 24720333  
Central Blood Bank 23510619
- Life Care 2284-6940**  
Peoples Blood Bank 2455-5164/5557  
RK Mission Seva Pratishthan 2475-3636/39
- Police/Fire**  
Laibazar (Police Control Room) 22143230  
S. P. (North 24-Pgns) 25423005  
S.P. (South 24-Pgns) 2479-3333/131  
Bhawani Bhawan 24791761/9, 24791933  
Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293;
- Howrah 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285**
- Civic Services**  
Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2286-1000  
Water: 2543-1602
- Calcutta Telephones**  
Changed Number Announcement: 1951.1952.1953
- Taxi Refusal**  
SMS 575756: Complaint and registration
- Police Toll Free No. 1073**  
Transport Deptt. No. 6451-6718
- CESC Fault Reporting**  
1912 and 4403-1912
- Trains**  
Howrah Station Old Complex 1331/1332 (Auto Telephone Numbers), 1310, 2638, 7412/3542/2581 (manual).  
Sealdah: 2350-3535/3537  
Shalimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

### SCRABBLE® (G, R, A, M, S)

10 Letter Double: E, T, N, G, A, O, M

4B Letter Triple: S, S, C, C, A, A, R

2B Letter Triple: Y, T, T, S, S, M, E

Triple Word: N, I, I, Y, D, T, A

PAR SCORE 115-125  
BY JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

**SCRAMBLE**

LETTERS AVAILABLE: A, P, A, T, H, V, L, W, A, T, H, R, I, L, D

PAR SCORE 75-80

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### SUDOKU Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

Difficulty Level: ★★★★★

6			7				3
	8						2
4			9				8
2			8				
	4		6		7		
			5				9
8			1				2
	5					6	
7		2					1

Answer to previous puzzle

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

answer to previous puzzle

'Perfect storm' looms for catastrophic loss of life in Sudan: United Nations

OCHA said so far, the agency has assisted more than 5 million people, including 1.2 million in the western Darfur regions

AGENCIES UNITED NATIONS, 20 SEPTEMBER

The lethal combination of hunger, displacement and disease outbreaks in Sudan is creating "a perfect storm" for a catastrophic loss of lives, UN humanitarian...

The UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said it sounded the alarm about a devastating cost to human life if the international community fails to act by providing aid funding, Xinhua news agency reported.

"To fight hunger in the country, the World Food Programme (WFP) is rushing to reach people in the grip of famine," OCHA said.

However, the office said that without consistent humanitarian access, it will be impossible to meet growing needs.

OCHA said WFP is working around the clock to reach 8.4 million people by the end of the year. So far, the agency has assisted more than 5 million people, including 1.2 million in the western Darfur region.



The UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) reports moving life-saving nutrition supplies to treat 215,000 severely malnourished children in Sudan. The agency and its partners also provided 6.6 million children and their families with safe drinking water this year, when disease outbreaks -- including cholera -- are worsening.

UNICEF said children account for about half of the more than 10 million people who have fled their homes since the conflict in Sudan erupted last year.

The UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) reports that 2 million of the displaced crossed into neighbouring countries, where it is delivering urgent support.

UNHCR said it is working to provide critical protection services and life-saving assistance, including psychosocial support for survivors of gender-based violence, child protection, and helping move the vast numbers of new arrivals away from border areas to safer locations in the countries of asylum.

efforts are severely hampered by the lack of funding, as well as flooding and insecurity," OCHA said. "Eighty-six partners are mobilised to provide support through this year's \$1.5 billion plan to support the regional refugee response in seven neighbouring countries, but the appeal is less than a quarter funded, with only \$347 million received."

The office said that in addition to humanitarian aid, development investments are significant in neighbouring countries, which are already stretched, and crucial to supporting host communities.

Meanwhile, the response inside Sudan is less than half funded, with the 2024 appeal receiving just \$1.3 billion of the 2.7 billion needed to reach 14.7 million people in the country through the end of the year.

Next Wednesday, OCHA said, the agency and UNHCR plan to host a meeting of representatives of the world body and UN member countries on the sidelines of the General Assembly's annual VIP-rich General Debate to discuss the spiralling crisis in the Sudan region.

Mexican president blames the USA for bloodshed in Sinaloa as cartel violence surges



AGENCIES CULIACAN, 20 SEPTEMBER

on a side street of the Sinaloa city.

Asked at his morning briefing if the U.S. government was "jointly responsible" for this violence in Sinaloa, the president said, "Yes, of course ... for having carried out this operation."

The recent surge in cartel warfare had been expected after Joaquín Guzmán López, a son of former Sinaloa cartel leader Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán, landed near El Paso, Texas on July 25 in a small plane with Ismael "El Mayo" Zambada.

Zambada was the cartel's elder figure and reclusive leader. After his arrest, he said in a letter circulated by his lawyer that he had been abducted by the younger Guzmán and taken to the U.S. against his will.

On Thursday afternoon, another military operation covered the north of Culiacan with military and circling helicopters.

Meanwhile, dead bodies continued to pop up around the city. On one busy street corner, cars drove by pools of the blood leading to a body in a car mechanic shop, while heavily armed police in black masks loomed up another body stretched out

TENDER

Advertisement for North Central Railway tender. Tender Notice No. 9120242025, dated 17.09.2024. E-Tender Notice. Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering) North Central Railway/Prayagraj.

Advertisement for North Bengal State Transport Corporation Cooch Behar tender. NOTICE. E-Tenders are invited for providing 02 (Two) Vehicles on monthly hire basis.

Advertisement for North Bengal State Transport Corporation Cooch Behar tender. NOTICE. E-Tenders are invited from the reputed Manufacturers / Dealer / Distributor for "Procurement of Nylon and Tubeless Radial Tyres".

Advertisement for Kamarhati Municipality tender. Recruitment Notice. Recruitment notification for Part Time Medical Officer (PTMO) of Kamarhati Municipality vide memo no. 763/Gnl dated - 20.09.2024.

Advertisement for Metro Railway, Kolkata tender. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI). Metro Railway, Kolkata would like to have Expression of Interest (EOI) for advertisement on the back side of 'QR Code Paper Ticket'.

Advertisement for Jharkhand Government tender. अति अल्पकालीन निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना. ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - RWD/SD/DHANBAD-21/2024-25.

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# Art of balancing divine and demonic traits

MEENA BANERJEE

As is the reverential ritual of Sree Satyananda Devayatan, the heavenly haven of music of all genres, the holy birthday of the Divine Maa Archana Puri (23 July) was celebrated in the Devayatan Hall. Spread over five days, it included a few heartwarming puja and homa sessions, along with nostalgic discourses and cultural evenings as offerings to literature-performing arts-loving Maa, an amazingly versatile genius groomed by Sree Satyananda Dev. Frankly, the cultural events reminded me of a Bengali proverb: Ganga-jale Ganga-puja. All the items presented in the form of elocution of poems, musical drama, dance drama, or multihued devotional songs were penned and tuned by the Saraswati Incarnate, and she has left a rich legacy of embracing all artists of every genre. Like Sree Thakur, she knew that the seeds of refined classical arts, if sown early in a child's psyche, can never reap a criminal. Conversely, it has the power of transforming the devil into a divine soul. The Devayatan, therefore, cannot do without music on a daily basis—what to say of any special occasion like the beacon's holy birthday!

Well-known classical vocalists Anirban Das and Diptam Sinha, worthy disciples of Vidushi Mandira Lahiri, are very good trainers as well and have formed a group of dedicated singers. Dexterously led by them and tabla virtuoso Pran Gopal Bandopadhyay, the group sang quite a few compositions of Maa, essentially based on the rainy season, with superb coordination, emotion, and perfect execution of finer nuances. For any group presentation, this is a tall order and needs a lot of practice sessions. The commitment of the duo was apparent and highly commendable.

WELCOME MONSOON

The second edition of Sawan Smaroh, jointly presented by Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan and Delhi-based eminent tabla maestro Durjay Bhowmik-led NADD Foundation, was held at Satyajit Ray auditorium (1-3 August). Intriguingly, every evening featured one eminent local artist and another from some other state.

Kirana Gharana's dwindling Northern stream looks up to its most thriving Dharwad stream. Pandit Vinayak Torvi has contributed a lot by grooming several exponents of this stream. Dhananjay Hegde, his worthy disciple, opened the second evening with Miyan Malhar, an inevitably chosen monsoon raga. The aochar was a little shaky, but 'Karim naam tero' set to slow ektal and sensitively supported by Durjay Bhowmik's unob-

trusive tabla and Kamalaksha Mukherjee's harmonium, was very steady. The badhat plunged down to the lower octave. Introspective moods had surprise elements in the shape of short and sharp phrases. Silsila of notes maintained with all ensuing etiquette. The aesthetic tension before touching the upper tonic was enjoyable. Antara followed soon, and increased tempo facilitated different designs of sargam and gamak taans and led to a madhyalaya bandish beautifully painting the monsoon and opened a barrage of taans that continued with commendable neat grain in 'Mohammad Shah rangee' set to very fast ektal. Hegde etched his next raga, Kedar, in no time. The treatment of the bandish had a fleeting touch of Agra, but the asymmetric taans were very much Kirana. One relished the play with the mukhda of the rich literary lyrics of an ektal Bandish, followed by sharp, neat taans.

Renowned sitarist Ashim Chowdhury with tabla maestro Parimal Chakraborty decided to play a mood of Raga Desh. Lighter nuances paved the way for a longish alap. When Panoram arrived, he played phrases covering one octave on one fret by pulling the string with very effective meend. His technically brilliant sitar mostly whispered sweet nothings in slow teens. There was no silsila, no format of gatkari. It was somewhat a mixture of dhun and gatkari. Suddenly cascading taans arrived with powerful bol and thok phrases. The jati-based tabla solo round was superb. A well-known teental gat-bandish showcased powerful taans, enjoyed by the tabla.

The first day commenced with the recital of vocalist Shobha Chaudhary from Indore. In the second half, Shiraz Ali Khan, the great grandson of Baba Allauddin Khan, the founder of Maihar Gharana, showed his mettle while portraying Raga Desh Malhar on his tuneful sarod. His gharana's favorite Zilla Kafi was also very pleasing, with an equally enjoyable accompanying tabla of Pandit Ramdas Palsule of Pune. The artistes of the final day were celebrated Carnatic violinist Mysore Manjunath with son Sumantha and accompanists Durjay Bhowmik with Somnath Roy on the

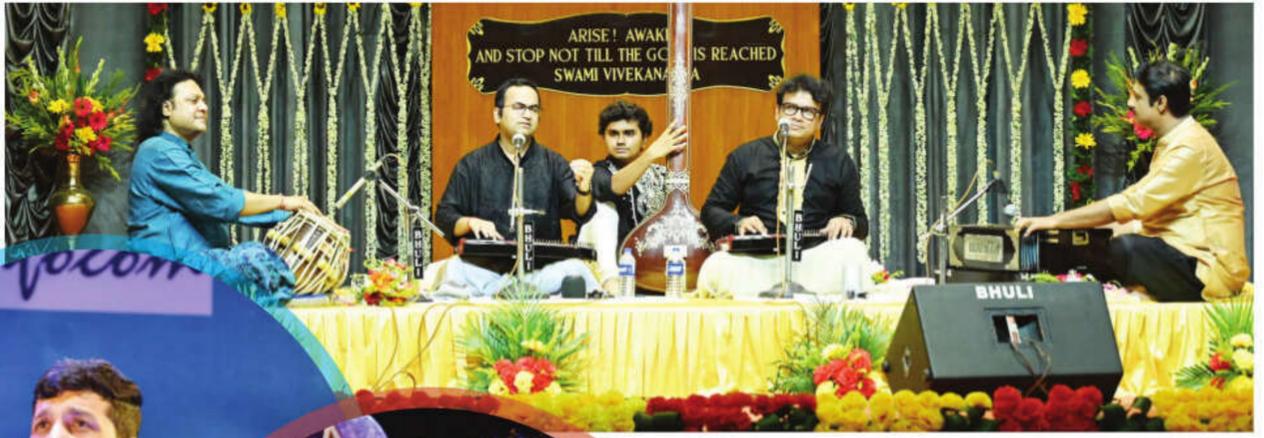


tabla and ghatam, respectively. The grand finale was scripted by vocalist Pandit Sandipan Samajpati, ably assisted by tabla maestro Parimal Chakraborty and harmonium wizard Hiranmay Mitra.

MALHAR UTSAV

The Ramakrishna Institute of Culture celebrated Malhar Utsav by featuring vocal and instrumental duets on 3 August at Vivekananda Hall. Swami Supurnananda blessed all by reiterating that music is the best Sadhana. It helps self-realisation.

The pre-requisites of a fair and actual jugalbandi were fulfilled by Anol Chatterjee and Brajeshwar Mukherjee because: a) Both are vocalists; b) both learned from the same Guru, Ajoy Chakrabarty; and c) Both have earned almost the same amount of experience in singing and teaching under their learned Guru's supervision.

The duo opened raga Megh with an

exquisite keyphrase-led aochar that had a lot of Agra elements and closed with the dhru-padi mantra Om Hari Ananta Narayana. Gourab Chatterjee, a trained vocalist belonging to Agra gharana, merrily added frills through his singing reeds. It re-confirmed Indore-Kirana gharana's visionary torchbearer Pandit Amarnath's prediction on his first visit to Sangeet Research Academy in the early 1980s: 'SRA is going to become the hub of synthetic gayaki very soon.' However, the superb aesthetic sense of the limits of poetic liberty made their rendition, replete with all the components of khayal gayaki in slow ektal, Madhya teental, and very fast ektal, highly commendable. They could do even better by restraining the extra-fast speed of

their vowel taans, which slipped off occasionally. Tabla maestro Tanmay Bose affectionately allowed them to enjoy their music making by adding zing.

Usually Patiala 'thumri' turns out to be a dadra set to fast jat, dadra, or chanchar, but the Majh-khamaj thumri rendered by the duo was in jat and followed the leisurely mizaj of Purab Anga Gayaki with excellent bol banav having complete sentences. Harmonium was in elements during this phase. The laggi fell short of expectations.

The other duet was between eminent flautist Ronu Majumdar and Sarod maestro Debojyoti Bose. As expected, the alap in Myan Malhar went flat despite the high-pitched flute. In comparison, jod-jhala, dominated by Majumdar, was better. The rupak gatkari started with a beautiful piece on the Tabla of Ojas Adhia. All three engaged themselves in different laya-chhandakari and headed for high-speed jhala, an obsession with today's world.

MORNING GOES SOLO

Sangeet Ashram organised a morning concert featuring Indore-based vocalist and organiser Shobha Chaudhary at Bharatiya Bhasha Parishad on 4 August, Sunday. Trained by several gurus, Pandit Vamanrao Rajurkar, Pandit CR Vyas and Vidushi Girija Devi, she has assimilated different nuances of melody-making in her style. Her first choice was Gaud Malhar, a meandering melody that demands a medium to fast pace to portray the raga with clarity. But due to longer and slower movement of notes, the aachar remained foggy. The traditional bandish 'Kahe ho' cleared the fog, and raagrop came out in its full glory. She did raga elaboration in aakar, eschewing the lyrics-based vistar; offered only gamak taans in barabar ki laya; and treated a bandish set to drut ada chautal the same way. She was definitely more comfortable while singing kajaris, jhoola, and dadra in the reassuring company of Ashoke Mukherjee and Pradip Palit.

The writer is a senior music critic

## Cannes title All We Imagine As Light is a poignant tale of loneliness



GAUTAMAN BHASKARAN

Praya Kapadia's Malayalam language movie, *All We Imagine As Light*, has bright prospects of being nominated by India for the coming Oscars. Though it was shortlisted by France (as it has a French producer) the film did not make the cut. But, well, it still has a chance as an Indian contender for the 2025 Academy Awards.

The first work from India in 30 years to play at the Cannes Film Festival Competition last May, it is Kapadia's labour of love. Almost poetic in the way Kapadia has treated the movie, it talks about the lives of two nurses who work and live in Mumbai. Prabha (Kani Kusruti) is hardworking, and in one of the first scenes we see her in a suburban train. She stands at the door enjoying the cool evening breeze, hoping that it would help her tired eyes.

She works in a shabby hospital, and although dumped with complicated cases, she is caring and considerate: A modern-day Florence Nightingale, I would think. Her life is tragic. Her young husband left for Germany soon after marriage to try and find work, but never returned. His frequent mails stopped coming after a while. Maybe he found another life and wife!

Prabha's only source of comfort and consolation is her flatmate, another nurse, younger and prettier. She is Anu (Divya Prabha), who is in a hush-hush relationship with a Muslim boy, Shiaz (Hridu Haroon). Anu is not the best of friends with Prabha. In fact, both dislike each other, till Prabha begins to play a good samaritan warning the younger woman of the consequences

she could face if she were to carry on with Shiaz. A bond begins to form between them, and the chasm gets narrower.

As one writer pointed out, the two were like the sisters in Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*. Yes, indeed. What I found even more charming was the dedication of the nurses to their profession and patients. Prabha makes sure that the hospital linen does not get wet in Bombay's downpour so that her patients could have a change of bedsheets. When a woman runs out of contraceptives because she just does not have the money for them, Anu slips in a few pills for free.

Mundane events keep the two women close to each other. Anu brings a pregnant cat home, and Prabha loves it. Her husband sends her a pressure cooker, and it looks ill suited for their kitchen. The two women have a hearty laugh. The film, which clinched the Grand Prix at Cannes, overflows with little anecdotes that are not only revelatory but also charmingly rich, giving us an insight into the lives of these two nurses. *All We Imagine As Light* is poignantly romantic. Each frame establishes a yearning for love. Love for partners, love for better living conditions and so on. The feeling of displacement that the two women feel is intense. In a strong surreal way, Kapadia underlines the loneliness of those who live away from their families.

*All We Imagine As Light* now opens in Kerala theatres, and one hopes that it would soon be screened elsewhere. Maybe an OTT platform could give it the widest possible reach.

A work worth watching.

The writer is a senior movie critic and author

## Maps unfolded — A unique show around cartography



SUROOPA CHATTERJEE

In a world revolving around digital definitions and designs, our eyes accustomed to scanning the screens have easy access to information, making old world tools and skills recede back from our routines and memories.

It was a novel moment when the show "Maps Unfolded" opened in Hyderabad on 13 September 2024. Prshant Lahoti, a vintage map collector and co-founder of Kalakriti Gallery, curated the innovative exhibition, having collaborated with Delhi-based artist architect Ankon Mitra, who had coined the term 'oritecture' earlier. The artist, who is a trained architect and practices as a landscape designer, has been enthralled art lovers for a while, fusing origami and architecture in a unique way through his sculptural art.

The show was envisaged to celebrate maps by highlighting their value and exposing the layers they hold, bringing back their romance and significance that remain within their layers that are often concealed and also revealed.

The stunning, aesthetic, and intriguing ensemble of art, architecture, geometry, history, philosophy, and old-fashioned cartography is on display, breaking the monotony of maps being viewed for academic or scholarly viewing. By its unique presentation, it effectively got maps and the art of paper folding into conversations and dialogue, and by their diverse forms, it metamorphosed across the gallery spaces.

The maps folded, contorted, and put on display were sourced from external agencies and also from the gallery's own archives, creating fascinating realms that caught one's



imagination. Beautiful and descriptive globes on show served to remind us that

maps commonly viewed in a flat 2D flat format are less engaging, but when presented in a spherical globe, they lift up with a 3D immersive effect.

Historical and contemporary maps of India's intricate rail and road networks shaped like gigantic roots and branches caught mid-air were placed inside a mirrored room that reflected the works, causing a multiplied effect signifying the meaning of endless and infinite, making it immersive for the art lovers.

Paper-cutting techniques from Poland, Ukraine, and Belarus came alive in vibrant flowers that reflected the interconnectedness of humanity across cultures. Religious and pilgrimage maps from Kalakriti Archives were pleated to create vessels and urns touching on the spirituality and routes of pilgrimage by the arrangement and connectedness of maps in a common fold.

Illustrated maps of the constellations in a white and blue milky way also showed myriad faces of moons when viewed from the other side. Colonial maps of urban areas and cities from the gallery's archive stood transformed as a collection of lighting design objects.

A pop-up series of much-sought-after heritage architecture of Hyderabad made from old tourist maps placed on golden fabric appeared eye-catching. They included well-known heritage spots like Golkonda Fort, Falaknuma Palace, the Spanish Mosque, and other prominent buildings.

Many other shapes and forms based on paper folding techniques of Japan, like origami and kirigami, allowed interesting interplay of shadow and light. The one-of-a-kind show is open to all till 5th October and seems to serve to demystify the romance and magic of maps and bring greater understanding of the science, craft, and skill behind paper folding and concepts of spaces and dimensions.

The writer is an independent contributor



# Champions League: Monaco stun Barca, Griezmann boosts Atletico

Monaco beat Spanish giants 2-1, Atletico Madrid stages fight back against RB Leipzig



AGENCIES  
MADRID, 20 SEPTEMBER

Atletico Madrid fought back from conceding an early goal to RB Leipzig to win their opening Champions League game of the season. Antoine Griezmann was once again Atletico's star player, with the equalizing goal after 27 minutes and

the assist for Jose Gimenez to win the game with a cross to the far post for the Uruguayan to score with a header. Leipzig stunned Atletico in the opening minutes of the match with their direct and rapid football and their tall striker Benjamin Sesko put them ahead after Jan Oblak

saved a shot from Lois Openda following a counter-attack that Sesko had started, reports Xinhua. There were some nervous moments for Atletico Madrid, but Griezmann steadied their nerves when he leveled with a right-foot shot following a ball from Marcos Llorente. The second half was an even affair, with Llorente

impressing for Atletico and Xavi Simons for Leipzig, but Griezmann's late ball to Gimenez was decisive. FC Barcelona began their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 defeat away to Monaco, playing for over 80 minutes with 10 men after Eric Garcia was sent off just nine minutes into the game. The defender had every

right to be angry with goalkeeper Marc Andre Ter Stegen for gifting Monaco a chance with a ball from the back, which saw Garcia sent off for a professional foul. Maghnes Akliouche quickly put Monaco ahead with a drilled shot from the right of the penalty area and although Lamine Yamal leveled before the half-hour with an excellent

individual goal, George Ilenikhena sealed Monaco's win with a low shot 20 minutes from time. In La Liga, goals from Dani Vivian and Inaki Williams saw Athletic Bilbao win 2-0 away from home at Leganes to up to fifth, all be it with a game more than many of their rivals in the top division of Spanish football.

# Raya double save earns Arsenal a point at Atalanta



AGENCIES  
BERGAMO, 20 SEPTEMBER

David Raya's brilliant double save earned Arsenal a draw from a hard-fought contest against Atalanta in the Champions League fixture. Marco Carnesecchi kept out Bukayo Saka's free-kick and Charles De Ketelaere fired wide as the teams cancelled each other out before the break. After it, Atalanta failed to convert a penalty - awarded after Thomas Parthey had brought down Ederson - as Raya kept out Mateo Retegu's attempt and follow-up header. Juan Cuadrado and Gabriel Martinelli had chances to win it late on but the game finished goalless.

The opening 20 minutes saw Arsenal creating some good chances. Saka whipped it low towards the bottom corner but Marco Carnesecchi made a good stop and did well to prevent Thomas Parthey from sneaking in the rebound. Martinelli fired a half-chance well over from inside the box on 17 minutes, but from that point onwards the half became an error-strewn affair with both teams struggling to keep possession, which led to a scarcity of chances. A Charles de Ketelaere attempt that flew over the angle of post and bar just before the half-hour mark was the only other incident of note before Clement Turpin blew his whistle for the interval. However, the second half took two minutes to burst into life, but not in the way Arsenal would have liked when Ederson slipped past Parthey into the box and saw his heel clipped by the Ghana captain. Turpin pointed to the spot and after a lengthy VAR check, the decision was upheld. Mateo Retegu stepped up confidently, but while Raya saved his low effort, the ball spun back to the striker.

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Executive Engineer, Dakshin Dinajpur Division, PWD invites e-tender for the work Constn. of Boundary wall at District Hospital at Balurghat. All documents can be seen/obtained from the website <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> and office notice board. Tender ID: 2024.WBPWD.753305.1. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Dakshin Dinajpur Division, P.W. Dte. ICA-117240(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer Asansol Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate, World Bank N.H. Campus (Behind Asansol Girl's College) Asansol: 713304. Invites Online e-Tender e-NIT no. 05 of 24-25 for the work of: (S1-1) Rain damaged patching repair of Burpur Samdhi Road from 12.00 kmp to 13.00 kmp and 14.00 to 15.13 kmp by providing patching potholes, repairing potholes etc., under Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 9,53,847.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.1. (S1-2) Emergent rain damage patch repairing work of Different stretches from road connecting to FR-10 to FR-19 (FR-13) road from 2.0 km to 4.50 km by providing patching pot holes, repairing potholes and 20mm premix carpeting work of Asansol Highway Sub-Division under Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 5,81,670.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.2. (S1-3) Emergent patch repairing of link road from Madhainpur village to Muchipara Shibpur road from 0.00 km to 0.800 km, 5.70 km to 7.00 km & 8.2 km to 9.20 km in stretches under Durgapur Highway Sub-Division of Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 9,93,177.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.3. (S1-4) Galigran-Katruki-Chandipur road from 4.00 km to 5.00 km and 7.00 km to 8.00 km patch repairing work of the existing road by repairing potholes under Durgapur Highway Sub-Division of Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 9,93,177.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.4. (S1-5) Emergent patch repairing and maintenance work of Ukha-Nachan road in stretches from 0.00km. to 2.50km. & 6.50km. to 8.50km. of Durgapur Highway Sub-Division under Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the district of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 4,84,888.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.5. (S1-6) Protection of Embankment by Eucalyptus bullah pillars at 516th km of left cut portion of NH-2 adjacent to panagarh bypass road under Sadarghat Highway Sub-Division No.-II of Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 2,30,541.00.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.6. (S1-7) Road side flank dressing, dismantling of permanent raised hoops etc. in connection to the encroachment removal order of Old G.T. Road Budbud portion (Left side) from 0.00 km to 3.00 km of Sadarghat Highway Sub-Division No.-II under Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. Estimated Amount: Rs. 2,93,900.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.7. (S1-8) Emergent rain damage restoration of Different stretches at Kalipahari Tirth Road (FR-17) from 0.00 km to 1.50 km by providing repairing potholes, 20 mm premix and seal coat (Type-B) etc. of Asansol Highway Sub-Division under Asansol Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, during the year 2024-25. (2nd Call) Estimated Amount: Rs. 6,12,090.00. Tender ID: 2024.SH.752129.8. Tender Ref. No. WBPWD/RdV/EE/AHD/eNIT/05/24-25. Bid submission start date (online): 16.09.2024 from 18:30 PM. Bid Submission closing date (online): 25.09.2024 upto 16:00 PM. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents and corrigendum may be download from: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- E.E., A.H.D., P.W.(RD), GOVT. OF W.B. ICA-117246(2)/2024

**THE DURGAPUR PROJECTS LIMITED (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
CN No. U40109WB1985SGC025150  
**NOTICE INVITING TENDER**  
NIT No. WBPDL-110318/14/1/2024-GM-COMM(DPL)-DPL/PS/159 dated-12.09.2024. Tender ID: 2024.DPL.749716.1 for Engagement of a Consultant for survey, soil investigations and designing of foundations for Erection of communication/security tower at TDCM mines at DPL. Bid submission end date: 23.09.2024. Bid Opening date: 28.09.2024. Please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> / <http://www.dpl.net.in> ICA-116998(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invite re-NIT (e) No. 08 of 2024-25 bearing tender id no. 2024.SH.738510.4 in the website <http://tender.wb.nic.in> details name of work mentioned under above NIT. Interested contractors / Agencies requested to visit above website. Any other information please contact the office of the Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate during working hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, Public Works (Roads) Directorate ICA-117222(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
online e-tender for the work of "SITC of two Nos GI octagonal Pole and replacement of nonfunctional luminaries of Gouranga Seta, Nabadwip 'Estimated Amount: Item Rate e NIT No. WBPWD/EE/NID/NIC/26-7/27(1st call) 24-25. Bid submission start date (online): 13.09.2024 from 05:00 PM Bid submission closing date (online) 25.09.2024 from 01:00 PM. NIT and Tender document may be downloaded from <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- R.B. Mallick Executive Engineer, PWD, Nadia Electrical Division Krishnagar, Nadia. ICA-117182(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER QUOTATION NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Executive Division, invites e-tender for the work of "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Split Type Air Conditioning Machine with allied E.I. work for Fire station at Lalbaraj, Kolkata-700011". Vide e-tender no. WBPWD/EE/ND/ENID-1802nd/24-25. Tender id: 2024.WBPWD.751318.1. Bid submission end date is 27.09.2024 upto 12:00 P.M. Details of Tender documents incl. Corrigendum, if any will be available at website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte., Kolkata Electrical Division. ICA-117238(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project  
P.O. BkTTP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref No.: WBPDC/ Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTP/CC-2401 Date: 19.09.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDC/ BKTP/NIT/E3311/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by General Manager, BKTPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies / Companies in bid system for "Replacement of Cable Tray at Padiife Feeder-1, 2 & 3, 4 in Track Hopper-1 Area under CHP EM Dept, BKTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 24.09.2024 at 09:00 AM. Bid Submission End Date: 18.10.2024 at 03:00 PM. Contact Person: Mr. Indrani Chakraborty, DGM-Engg. CC, BKTPP, WBPDC. Mobile: 8373055604. E-mail: [cc\\_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:cc_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-117288(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project  
P.O. BkTTP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref No.: WBPDC/ Tend-Adv/24-25/BKTP/CC-2403 Date: 19.09.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDC/ BKTP/NIT/E3308/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by General Manager, BKTPP, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Supply, Erection, Installation, Commissioning and hand over of 66 nos CCTV cameras under CAPEX at BKTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date: 21.09.2024 at 10:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 21.10.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. Sumit Dasgupta, Sr.Mgr/HOD (Purchase Dept), BKTPP, WBPDC. Mobile: 8336903911. E-mail: [s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:s.dasgupta@wbpdcl.co.in) / [purchase\\_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:purchase_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-117285(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
EE-II/KNHED/PWDte. invite online e-tender for the work "Repair/ renovation or Modification of Electrical works (male and female) Doctors duty room, Nurse's changing room and toilet for overall working condition improvement at RCC Building Under Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata - Electrical Installation Work & Air Conditioning Installation work". e-NIT No. WBPWD/EE-II/KNHED/NIC-60/2024-25. Tender id: 2024.WBPWD.751379.1. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 21/09/2024, 1.00 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 27/09/2024 upto 1.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- D. Pa/EE-II/KNHED/PWDte./Govt. of W.B. ICA-117190(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
EE/KNHED/PWDte. invite online e-tender for the work "Repair & renovation of the Rest-rooms of On-call Junior Doctors / Sr. Residents / PGTs, including repair & renovation of toilets for their comfortable Stay (Rattiner Sathi), at Surgery Bldg., Cardiology Bldg. and CTVS Bldg. of RG Kar Medical College & Hospital - Internal Electrical Installation". e-NIT No. WBPWD/EE-II/KNHED/NIC-58/2024-25. Tender id: 2024.WBPWD.751235.1. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 21/09/2024, 1.05 P.M. Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 27/09/2024 upto 1.00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be Published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be download from <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- S. Chakraborty/EE/KNHED/PWDte./Govt. of W.B. ICA-117191(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL e-TENDER NOTICE**  
e-tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, PHE Dte. For NIT No. WBPHE/EE/12/HUG/2024-25 related to Engagement of 3 personnel (Chemist/Bacteriologist and 2 Assistants) in Jangipara and Chandannagar Sub-District Water Testing Laboratory under Hooghly Division, PHE Dte. Bid submission start date (online) 20.09.2024 upto 03:00 p.m. & Opening Date is 28.09.2024 upto 03:00 p.m. For Details, corrigendum/addendum, participating in the tender log on to: [www.wbtdenders.gov.in](http://www.wbtdenders.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Hooghly Division, PHE Dte. ICA-117167(3)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL TENDER NOTICE**  
Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, P.W. (Roads) Directorate invite NIT (e) No. 12 of 2024-25 bearing tender id no. 2024.SH.752566.3 & 2024.SH.752566.2 in the website <http://tender.wb.nic.in> details name of work mentioned under above NIT. Interested contractors / Agencies requested to visit above website. Any other information please contact the office of the Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, P.W.(Roads) Directorate during working hours. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Howrah Highway Division, Public Works (Roads) Directorate ICA-117238(2)/2024

**WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700091  
CN: U40109WB300795C11473, www.wbsecl.in  
**Extension of Time**  
Ref. Original NIT No.: P-38/2024-25/PC-I of the Chief Engineer (P&C), Procurement & Contracts Dept., WBSECL. Bid Submission Closing Date (online) is hereby extended up to 25.09.2024 (till 14:00hrs).  
For details, visit <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> & [www.wbsecl.in](http://www.wbsecl.in)

**WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata - 700 091  
CN: U40109WB300795C11473, www.wbsecl.in  
**WBSECL invites Tender as follows:**  
NIT No.: PM/RMM/HR&A/46/497 Dt.:18.09.2024 of the Project Manager, RHP, St-II, WBSECL. Estimated Cost: ₹5,34,372/- for the work of Upkeeping & Maintenance and Running Lateral Service of the Inspection Bungalow, Rammam Hydrel Project, Stage-II including Annex and all structures attached to Inspection Bungalow, PO-Lodhohat, Dist.-Darjeeling, PIN- 734301. ICA-117187(2)/2024  
For details, visit [www.wbsecl.in](http://www.wbsecl.in)

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station  
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref. No.: WBPDC/ Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2399 Date: 18.09.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDC/ KTPS/NIT/E3047/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Procurement of CBMS for CHP, KTPS". Tender Document Download Start Date: 20.09.2024 at 11:30 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 24.10.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. S. Das, HOD, Purchase, KTPS. Mobile: 8336904051. E-mail: [sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-117258(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WR/ADD. e-NIT CORRIGENDUM**  
Date Corrigendum Different works under Jhargram District under Non-Plan 2024-25. Bid reference no. WBPWD/EE/AM/MID/eNIT-45 (SI 1 to 2) /24-25. Tender ID: 2024.WRDD.748536.1 to 2. Bid Submission End Date of Tender to be read as 20.09.24(02.00pm) instead of 20.09.24(02.00pm) & Bid Opening Date of Tender to be read as 30.09.24(11.00am) instead of 23.09.24(11.00am) in NIT No. 4539-01 to 31. All other terms & conditions of this tender remain unchanged. All concerned are informed accordingly.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech) Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division, Midnapore ICA-117271(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WR/ADD. e-NIT CORRIGENDUM**  
Date Corrigendum Different works under Paschim Medinipur District under Non-Plan 2024-25. Bid reference no. WBPWD/EE/AM/MID/eNIT-39 (SI 1 to 2) /24-25. Tender ID: 2024.WRDD.744761.1. Bid Submission End Date of Tender to be read as 20.09.24(02.00pm) & Bid Opening Date of Tender to be read as 30.09.24(11.00am) instead of 23.09.24(11.00am) in NIT No. 3935-01). All other terms & conditions of this tender remain unchanged. All concerned are informed accordingly.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech) Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division, Midnapore ICA-117272(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
A.E.(LR)/SSKM(H.) Electrical Sub-Division, P.W.Dte. invites tender for the work of - "Urgent Requirement 13 KW Concealed Split AC Machine in Immunology (Hormone) Lab, Dept. of Biochemistry at 1st floor of Ronald Ross Building within the compound of IPGME&R-SSKM Hospital, Kolkata." Tender Reference No. WBPWD/SSKM(H)ESD/NIC-42 of 2024-25. Tender ID: 2024.WBPWD.752737. Last date of Submission upto 02:00 PM on 29.09.2024. Sd/- P. Bag, Assistant Engineer (LR), P.W.Dte., S.S.K.M.(H.) Electrical Sub-Division ICA-117262(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL PWD TENDER NOTICE**  
EE/JGM.Divn/PWD. Notice invites e-tender No. 09 of 2024-25 for the work: 1) Repair / Renovation of Toilets used by the students of Nursing Training School of the Jhargram Government Medical College & Hospital in the District of Jhargram. Estt. Amt.: Rs.7,61,426/-. Tender ID: 2024.WBPWD.752832.1. Bid Submission End Date is 25.09.2024 at 12:00 P.M. Details of Tender documents related to this e-NIT, if published, will be available in the e-portal only. For details, visit the website: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> Sd/- EE/PWD/JGM Divn. ICA-117272(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Kolaghat Thermal Power Station  
P.O. Mecheda, Dist. Purba Medinipur, Pin - 721137  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref. No.: WBPDC/ Tend-Adv/24-25/KTPS/CC-2397 Date: 18.09.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDC/ KTPS/NIT/E3116/24-25  
E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> by the General Manager, KTPS, WBPDC from eligible Agencies/Companies in 2 part bid system for "Supply, Erection, Installation and Commissioning of 66 nos CCTV cameras under CAPEX under CHP EM, KTPS through CAPEX 2024-25". Tender Document Download Start Date: 24.09.2024 at 14:00 hrs. Bid Submission End Date: 26.10.2024 at 15:00 hrs. Contact Person: Mr. S. Das, DGM & HOD, Purchase, KTPS. Mobile: 8336904051. E-mail: [sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:sdas01@wbpdcl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-117259(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WR/ADD. e-NIT CORRIGENDUM**  
Date Corrigendum Different works under Jhargram District under Non-Plan 2024-25. Bid reference no. WBPWD/EE/AM/MID/eNIT-45 (SI 1 to 2) /24-25. Tender ID: 2024.WRDD.748536.1 to 2. Bid Submission End Date of Tender to be read as 20.09.24(02.00pm) instead of 20.09.24(02.00pm) & Bid Opening Date of Tender to be read as 30.09.24(11.00am) instead of 23.09.24(11.00am) in NIT No. 4539-01 to 31. All other terms & conditions of this tender remain unchanged. All concerned are informed accordingly.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech) Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division, Midnapore ICA-117271(2)/2024

**GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL WR/ADD. e-NIT CORRIGENDUM**  
Date Corrigendum Different works under Paschim Medinipur District under Non-Plan 2024-25. Bid reference no. WBPWD/EE/AM/MID/eNIT-39 (SI 1 to 2) /24-25. Tender ID: 2024.WRDD.744761.1. Bid Submission End Date of Tender to be read as 20.09.24(02.00pm) & Bid Opening Date of Tender to be read as 30.09.24(11.00am) instead of 23.09.24(11.00am) in NIT No. 3935-01). All other terms & conditions of this tender remain unchanged. All concerned are informed accordingly.  
Sd/- Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech) Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division, Midnapore ICA-117272(2)/2024

**The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)**  
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154  
Registered & Corporate Office: Bidyut Unnayan Bhavan  
Plot No.: 3/C, LA- Block, Sector-III, Bidhannagar, Kol-700106  
**Notice Inviting E-Tender**  
Ref No.: WBPDC/ Tend-Adv/24-25/CORP/CC-2409 Date: 20.09.2024  
NIT No.: WBPDC/ CORP/NIT/E1921/24-25 Dated: 20.09.2024  
"Procurement of office furniture items for coal production monitoring control room at Pachhara North Coal Mines".  
NIT Document Download Start Date/ Bid End Date: 20.09.2024 from 18.00 hrs./ 03.10.2024 at 10:00 hrs. Contact Person: Smt Sulagna Dass, Manager (PS), M&C. Contact No: 8240042058. E-mail: [s.dass@wbpdcl.co.in](mailto:s.dass@wbpdcl.co.in) For details please visit: <https://wbtdenders.gov.in> ICA-117289(2)/2024

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'AKASH DEEP WILL STAND AMONG GREAT BOWLERS'

Former India batter Manoj Tiwary heaped praise on pacer Akash Deep for his impressive bowling skills and opined that when the right-arm pacer will perform in overseas conditions, he will be standing alongside some of the great bowlers. After an impressive Test debut against England earlier this year, Akash retained his spot in the ongoing first Test against Bangladesh in Chennai, where he wreaked havoc with his pace and claimed two wickets in the same over on the second day. "When Akash Deep came into the senior team from U23, it was clear that he had talent. He has worked very hard to turn that talent into performance and made all the sacrifices needed to achieve something significant. He's a hardworking and mentally stable player," Tiwary said.

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THUMBNAILS

Jay Shah congratulates Bumrah on scalping 400 international wickets: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) secretary Jay Shah on Friday congratulated pacer Jasprit Bumrah on completing 400 international wickets during the ongoing first Test against Bangladesh in Chennai. Bumrah returned with the figures of 4-50 in his 11 overs to break the back of Bangladesh's batting lineup and reduce them to 149 in their first innings. The speedster completed the feat with the wicket of Hasan Mahmud just before the Tea interval. He became the 10th Indian bowler to reach the 400-wicket milestone and the sixth pacer to do so after Kapil Dev, Javagal Srinath, Zaheer Khan, Ishant Sharma and Mohammed Shami. With the four-fer in Chennai, Bumrah's international wicket tally is now 401 from 196 matches, with an average of 21.01 and best bowling figures of 6 for 19. In 37 Test matches, Bumrah has claimed 163 wickets at an average of 20.49, with his best figures being 6-27, including 10 five-wicket hauls. Bumrah has taken 149 ODI wickets at an average of 23.55, with his best figures of 6-19, and has two five-wicket hauls in the format.

# India tighten grip over 1st Test on 17-wicket day

Gill, Pant stretch hosts' lead to 308 at stumps after Bumrah packs up Bangladesh for 149



TRIDIB BAPARNASH  
CHENNAI, 20 SEPTEMBER

Before the start of the Test series against India, Bangladesh head coach Chandika Hathurusinghe had praised at the way his side handled certain situations during their previous series against Pakistan. The same outfit, however, failed to produce anything significant despite dominating the first couple of sessions on the opening day of the match,

as India gained firm control over the first Test and went on to close the second day in Chennai with a comfortable 308-run lead with seven wickets intact. Shubman Gill (33 not out) and Rishabh Pant (12 out) carried India to 81/3 after the home side opted to bat a second time on a day where 17 wickets fell at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here. Jasprit Bumrah's four-wicket haul led a clinical bowling performance from India as they

bowled Bangladesh out for only 149 after folding for 376 earlier in the day. The pace trio of Bumrah, Mohammed Siraj and Akash Deep shared eight wickets between them while Ravindra Jadeja took the remaining two to bundle out the visitors in mere 47 overs after Bangladesh ended India's first essay with the addition of just 37 runs to their overnight total earlier in the morning session. The tourists were rocked by Bumrah in the very first

over when he packed Shadman Islam for 2. Akash Deep then scalped two in consecutive deliveries to reduce Bangladesh to 22/3. T Bangladesh skipper Najmul Hossain Shanto (20) and Mushfiqur Rahim (8) somehow managed to take the team to 26/3 at the lunch break. But there was no end to the misery for the Bangladesh camp as the Indian seamers continued to dictate proceedings in the second session with

Siraj joining the list of wicket-takers when he got rid of Shanto before Bumrah jolted them with the scalp of Mushfiqur to reduce the visitors to 40 for 5. Litton Das (22) and Shakib Al Hasan (32) did a bit of rebuilding but the partnership was broken by Ravindra Jadeja. At the stroke of tea, Rohit reintroduced Bumrah, who delivered by removing Hasan Mahmud to leave Bangladesh reeling at 112/8 at the break. The final session saw Bumrah and Siraj wrap up the Bangladesh tail. India began their second innings on a sluggish note, with Taskin Ahmed getting rid of skipper Rohit Sharma cheaply before Nahid Rana dismissed Yashasvi Jaiswal. Virat Kohli was dismissed by Mehidy Hasan. Thereafter, Shubman Gill and Pant joined forces to safely guide India till the close of play.

**Brief Scores:** India 376 (R Ashwin 113, Ravindra Jadeja 86, Yashasvi Jaiswal 56; Hasan Mahmud 5-83, Taskin Ahmed 3-55) & 81/3 (Shubman Gill 33 not out; Nahid Rana 1-12) lead Bangladesh 149 (Shakib Al Hasan 32, Mehidy Hasan Miraz 27 not out; Jasprit Bumrah 4-50, Ravindra Jadeja 2-19, Akash Deep 2-19) by 308 runs.



Kolkata to host World 25K event

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number of formats for amateur runners in the City of Joy. Procam International, one of the few promoters in the world, has now to its credit four Gold label races- Mumbai Marathon, Delhi Half Marathon, World 10k and World 25K Kolkata 2024. Expressing his excitement for the forthcoming race, Vivek Singh, Jt. MD, Procam International, said, "The World 25K Kolkata, the world's leading 25KM road race, has become a stepping stone for all long-distance runners. I hope, like every year, this year too, the World 25K Kolkata will be a very competitive race, and it will be a huge success."

For the first time ever, Kolkata will host World 25K, the world's first World Athletic Gold Label Race for this particular distance when the 9th edition of east India's biggest running festival takes centre stage on December 15. Labeled as the only World Athletics Accredited 25K, the world's richest 25K with prize money of USD 142,214 will be witness to the best and fastest athletes from across the world, who would compete alongside India's elite. The World 25K race in Kolkata will also feature a

# Ravindra Jadeja on cusp of 300th Test wicket at Chepauk



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India's star all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja isn't much worried to miss out on a well-deserved century but the left-arm spinner, currently four wickets away from 300 wickets in Test cricket, is hopeful of breaching that mark when

Bangladesh returns to bat in the fourth innings of the first Test at the MA Chidambaram Stadium here. Jadeja picked up two wickets in Bangladesh's first innings to take his overall tally to 296 in the format, having compiled a neat 86 with the bat while adding 199 runs for the seventh

wicket with centurion Ravichandran Ashwin. "I got out today, part and parcel. We have to put up a good score in the second innings. I am very happy with my bowling, the way I went through today. It's a good opportunity to take the 300th wicket on this ground," said Jadeja at close of play

on Day 2 of the Test. India were in total command having extended their overall lead to 308 runs. The hosts were 81 for three when the stumps were drawn, after bowling out Bangladesh for 149 in their first innings. Jadeja said he was expecting the Indian batters to extend the lead by at least 120 runs, and set a daunting target for the visitors. "First we have to bat very well, we have to put somewhere around 120-150 from hereon. We'll be in a good position and then we'll come out and bowl and try and get them out as early as possible," said Jadeja, who is very familiar with the pitch at the Chepauk, thanks to his long stint with Chennai Super Kings. The day witnessed a record 17 wickets fall, and Jadeja felt that there was definitely something in it for the pacers but expects all five bowlers will be in play.

# Bumrah shows his class on tricky pitch



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Pacer Jasprit Bumrah was the most successful Indian bowler on the tricky Chepauk surface as he returned with figures of 4-50 to bowl out Bangladesh for 149 in the

ongoing first Test at MA Chidambaram Stadium here on Friday. Bumrah revealed he experimented with his deliveries as his stock ones were not yielding any results on the second day of the contest. The pacer shared how he set

up Mushfiqur Rahim's dismissal when there was no assistance from the pitch. "The ball had become a little old, there wasn't a lot of movement, but there was some spongy bounce on the wicket. So, I was trying to assess my options because when I tried to bowl a little fuller, there wasn't much deviation. I was just trying to think about how I could make run-scoring difficult. That's what I focused on, and luckily, I got the outside edge," Bumrah told JioCinema after stumps on Day 2. Bumrah also discussed the variations he had to introduce due to the conditions. "I had no other option because when I tried to bowl a length ball, the ball wasn't doing anything, and the ball wasn't reversing either. So, I had to try something because, as a bowler, you have to experiment when there's not much

happening. There was no grip on the wicket, so I used one of those tactics that I've used in domestic cricket as well. It worked today, and that experience helped me out." He went on to share insights into his use of bouncers in the match, saying, "In Test cricket, I don't usually bowl as many bouncers. Given the weather was harsh and I'm just getting back into Test cricket, I had to make adjustments. The ball had become wet because of sweat, and the seam was also wet. So, I had to use different options to get a wicket and make run-scoring difficult. These are things you learn as a lower-order batter too." Bumrah then revealed the conversations he had with captain Rohit Sharma regarding their tactical approach to the bowling attack for the day.

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