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THUMBNAILS



Polling officials carry electronic voting machines as they leave for their respective polling stations on the eve of the second phase of Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, in Srinagar on Tuesday. ■ ANI

Sri Lankan President appoints Harini Amarasuriya as PM: Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake appointed Harini Amarasuriya as Sri Lanka's 16th Prime Minister, NewsWire reported. Amarasuriya of the National People's Power (NPP) party is an academic, rights activist, and university lecturer and is known for her work in education and social justice. (Page 13)

Water release by J'khand culprit behind floods: CM

It hardly matters if DVC shifts its headquarters from Kolkata, says Mamata

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
BOLPUR, 24 SEPTEMBER

It is unfortunate that West Bengal does not get floods just because of the rainfall (in the state). The state gets flooded because of the water released from Jharkhand," Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee said on Tuesday.

"Dubrajpur, Rampurhat, Suri, Bolpur, Labpur Sainthia blocks in Birbhum district have been heavily affected by the flood waters. Though the area has not dried completely, the water level is receding fast. Not only mud huts have been washed away, but even large parts of agricultural fields are also under water and we will set up pucca houses besides providing crop insurance to the farmers for the losses suffered due to the floods," said Miss Banerjee today at an administrative meeting held in Bolpur.

She said that the Jal Shakti Ministry of the government of India handles the release of water from



the dams and barrages and it hardly matters if the Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) shifts its headquarters from Kolkata.

"What benefit have we got from their having their headquarters at Kolkata? The DVVRC never discusses with us about water release. That's why two of our representatives have resigned," she said.

Miss Banerjee added that in the past twenty years no dredging and desilting work has taken place.

"During the disastrous floods in Bengal in 2000, when I was the railway

minister, the DVC released such a huge volume of water from its dams. At that time water had entered my home," she said.

Khanakul-1 and -2 blocks are still under water, so are Udaynarayanpur and Amta, Uluberia and Ghatal, the chief minister said, adding that she inspected the condition of the Durgapur barrage yesterday.

The ministers and chief secretary have also visited the flood-affected areas, police and administration are distributing relief material and even the TMC is also distributing dry food

packets. At the administrative meeting in Geetanjali Auditorium held in Bolpur today, Miss Banerjee gave directions to store ample anti-venom in government hospitals in view of the growing snake bite cases.

"I have instructed all related departments to work together. In the next three days there is chance of heavy rainfall. The administration should be alert. The PWD has been instructed to repair the roads washed away in the floods. Eleven lakh houses will be set up and work will start from December. 65,000 houses will be set up by the minority department for destitute women," she said. The power department has been directed to restore power after the water level recedes. "For the last three years, we have not received funds under PMAY. A total of Rs 1.70 lakh crore of Central funds are due to us. Still, we are trying to allot as many houses as possible from our limited resources," Miss Banerjee said.

Siddaramaiah rules out resignation after Karnataka High Court setback

ACENCIES
BENGALURU, 24 SEPTEMBER



Slamming the Opposition for demanding his resignation after Karnataka High Court dismissed his plea challenging the sanction given by Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot for conducting an investigation against him in the MUDA case, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Tuesday said that he is not guilty as the court has only ordered an investigation.

"Kumaraswamy is on bail. Did anyone ask for his resignation? The court has only directed an inquiry into the MUDA case. That does not mean that I am guilty," said the Chief Minister while addressing a press conference at his home office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru. He added that the court has given the verdict under 17 (A) of the PC Act, adding that the matter has been handed over to the investigation. "At this stage only an inquiry has been ordered

against me. Why do you ask for a resignation at this stage? We will tackle it politically as it is a conspiracy," the Chief Minister said. He said that the development would be challenged politically and legally.

Earlier, Karnataka High Court while quashing Mr Siddaramaiah's petition, said the beneficiaries in the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case were not outsiders but the petitioner's wife. The bench headed by Justice MNagaprasanna passed the order upholding Governor Thaaawarchand Gehlot's decision. The order of the High Court stated: "The facts narrated in the petition would undoubtedly require an inves-

igation. In the teeth of the fact that the beneficiary of all these acts is not anybody outside, but the wife of the petitioner (CM Siddaramaiah)."

Social activists Pradeep Kumar SP, T.J. Abraham and Snehamayi Krishna had filed petitions against CM Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged MUDA land scam. They had claimed that Mr Siddaramaiah had misused his office to create fraudulent documents over 3.17 acres of land near Mysuru city and got 14 sites allotted from the MUDA in the name of his wife.

"I am not afraid of conspiracy of the BJP and JD-S. The people of Karnataka are with our party and they are with me. It's not possible to dislodge our government through money power and Operation Lotus. They succeeded in 2008 and 2019. This time, the people of Karnataka have given us absolute majority to Congress. We have 136 MLAs on our side," the Chief Minister said. (Another report on Pg 6)

NRI quota business in education must stop now: Supreme Court

PARMOD KUMAR
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER



Expressing its misgivings over the Punjab government's notification broadening the definition of the relatives of the Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to include their nearest relations, the Supreme Court on Tuesday termed it as a "fraud" that undermined the quality of the country's education system, stating that NRI quota system must come to an end.

Dismissing the three petitions, including one by the Punjab government, challenging the Punjab and Haryana High Court's order quashing a 20 August 2024, notification that broadened the definition of NRI relatives, a bench of Chief Justice D.Y.

Chandrachud, Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice Manoj Misra said: "We must stop this NRI quota business now! This is complete fraud and this is what we are doing to our education system! Judges know what they are dealing with. The High Court has dealt with the case threadbare."

The 20 August notification by the Punjab government broadened the definition to include uncles, aunts, grandparents and cousins.

PM returns after 'fruitful' US visit

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER



Prime Minister Narendra Modi returned from his successful three-day visit to the United States on Tuesday night, after attending the Quad Leaders' Summit, an exuberant Indian diaspora event, and addressing the UN Summit of the Future, where he reminded the international community "success of humanity lies in our collective strength and not in the battlefield."

In a post on X, the Prime Minister said: "This has been a fruitful USA visit, covering diverse programmes and focusing on a series of subjects aimed at making our planet better."

Mr Modi shared a video of his engagements from the Quad Summit to the bilateral meetings, including with US President Joe Biden.

On the sidelines of the Summit of the Future, Mr Modi held a bilateral meeting with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, reiterating India's clear, con-

sistent and constructive approach in favour of a peaceful resolution of the conflict through diplomacy and dialogue, as well as engagement between all stakeholders.

This was Mr Modi's third meeting with the Ukraine leader. He conveyed India remains open to provide all support within its means to facilitate a lasting and peaceful resolution of the conflict.

Mr Modi began his US visit with a meeting with the US President. In a special gesture, President Biden hosted the meeting at his home in Wilmington, Delaware. The two agree-

ments signed during the meeting included the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework Agreement and the India-US Drug Policy framework.

In his address at the Quad Summit, the Prime Minister said Quad is committed for a free, open, inclusive and prosperous Indo Pacific. He said Quad is here to stay, to assist, to partner and to complement.

Quad leaders appreciated the Prime Minister and India for its leadership role in the Indian Ocean. To take the Quad agenda forward, the Quad leaders adopted the Quad Wilmington Declaration.

At the Cancer Moonshot event, the Prime Minister said that India will contribute 40 million vaccine doses for Indo-Pacific countries under GAVI-the Vaccine Alliance and QUAD initiatives.

On the sidelines of the Quad summit, Prime Minister Modi also held bilateral meetings with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Australian Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese.

India, Germany, Japan, Brazil call for urgent reform of UNSC

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER



The "Group of Four" countries, which includes India, Germany, Japan and Brazil, have again called for an urgent reform of the United Nations Security Council through text-based negotiations.

The four countries, which are all claimants for permanent seats in the UNSC, stressed that a comprehensive reform of the Security Council is an essential part of any endeavour to make the UN better reflect contemporary geopolitical realities and thus fit for the present and future.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar, Foreign Minister of Germany Annalena Baerbock, Japan Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Brazil Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira met Monday on the margins of the 79th Session of the UN General Assembly to discuss the prospects for a reform of the UNSC.

"Glad to join the traditional

#G4 Foreign Ministers Meeting along with colleagues @Abaerbock, @Kamikawa, Yoko and Mauro Vieira in New York today. G4 reaffirmed its commitment for an urgent reform of the United Nations Security Council through Text Based Negotiations," Mr Jaishankar wrote on social media platform X. The G4 ministers reiterated their call for the expansion of the UN Security Council in both permanent and non-permanent categories of membership, which has been supported by a significant number of member states throughout the negotiation process, in order to increase the Council's legitimacy and ensure its effectiveness, a statement issued by the four ministers said.

End of an era: Kolkata's trams ending commercial services

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KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER



After a long run of 150 years, commercial services of Kolkata's iconic trams are being discontinued.

Trams were introduced in Calcutta (Kolkata), the then capital of the British Indian Empire, in 1874. Initially trams were drawn by horses. Electric tram cars were introduced in the early 20th century.

Kolkata was the first city where trams were introduced, followed by Bombay (now Mumbai). Trams were abolished in Mumbai many decades ago.

The tram network was unique in Kolkata. There were huge tram depots at Ballygunge, Tollygunge, Nonapukur, Shyambazar and Behala. But tram services were abandoned in Behala more than 30 years ago.

Mr Snehashis Chakraborty, state transport minister, said

that a single tram route, between Esplanade and Kidderpore, would be operated as a heritage route.

The transport department is also discontinuing its Tram Puja Parikrama, and will not operate trams during the upcoming Durga Puja.

The state government will place its decision before Calcutta High Court when a PIL currently before the court on the plying of trams in the city comes up for its next

hearing.

Kolkata Police had raised objections to the plying of trams in the city from the point of traffic management. For example, on College Street, one-way traffic management system has been introduced but it cannot be fully operational, as when vehicles ply from Bowbazar to Hatibagan, trams come from the opposite direction, creating traffic congestion.

Once, there were tram

Kolkata was the first city where trams were introduced, followed by Bombay (now Mumbai). The trams were abolished in Mumbai many decades ago.

services in Howrah but it had to be discontinued. There was a time when trams used to ply on Howrah bridge.

During the construction of the Metro Railway from Mahanayak Uttam Kumar Station to Esplanade in the 1970s, tram services along SP Mukherjee road had to be discontinued. It did not come back once the road was reopened to traffic.

Traffic jams became a regular feature on Chitpore road because of the trams.

A senior police officer said road space in the city is fast shrinking and the volume of traffic has gone up over the years. To meet the situation the city has to abandon the

plying of trams, he said.

Already the Public Works department is removing the tram tracks from many areas. The tram tracks on a portion of Kalighat Road and Rashbehari Avenue have been removed.

Trams were a major means of transport during the British period. During the Civil Disobedience movement, Indians boycotted travelling on trams. Douglas Jardine, and his cricket team were returning to England after the infamous Body Line series in Australia in 1930-32. Jardine issued an advertisement urging people to use trams. The advertisement read: "Jardine says the Calcutta Tramways Corporation is the best tramways company in the World."

Tram cars were imported from England. Every tram depot had workshops where the coaches were repaired. The tram company had graded electrical engineers and staff to maintain the overhead electric line.



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Tea estates face disruptions as workers ask for higher bonus

A section of workers, led by another faction, has been agitating in the Terai and Dooars regions



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workers demanding a higher bonus.

After five rounds of lengthy discussions, the tea industry in the Terai and Dooars regions reached a consensus on a 16 per cent base rate for bonus disbursement across all tea gardens, with certain concessions granted to some estates.

However, despite this negotiated agreement, disruptions have been reported in several tea estates, with

Rebel leaders accused some trade union leaders of colluding with garden owners to settle for the 16 per cent bonus, thereby depriving the workers of their rightful share. Meanwhile, in the Hills, tea workers have also begun agitating for a 20 per cent bonus, coinciding with today's second round of tripartite negotiations in Siliguri.

The labour department had to call a reconciliation meeting after several inconclusive bipartite talks between the Darjeeling Tea Association (DTA) and Hill-based trade



unions. While the unions demanded 20 per cent, Hill planters offered only 9.5 per cent in the last meeting.

Commenting on the unrest in the Terai and Dooars, P K Bhattacharjee, secretary general of the Tea Association of India (TAI), said, "This is against the spirit of collective bargaining, especially when the agreement was reached in the presence of Alipurduar Manoj Tigga, Rajya Sabha member Prakash Baraik and state minister Bulu Chik Baraik."

Mr Bhattacharjee noted that the tea industry in north Bengal has been grappling with a prolonged crisis, which has put its economic viability at risk. This year, extreme weather conditions have damaged tea bushes, resulting in significantly lower production.

According to the Tea Board of India, West Bengal saw a 21 per cent drop in production as of July 2024, compared to the same period last year. The first and second flush crops, which yield the highest-quality teas, were most affected, severely impacting the industry's cash flow.

"Despite these challenges, the management agreed to make additional compensatory payments beyond the Bonus Act of 1965 to ensure industrial peace, avoid further production losses, and help workers cope with rising living costs," Bhattacharjee added.

The 16 per cent base rate for bonus disbursement is based on 12 months' earnings for FY 2023-24.

Minister, MLA, councillor miss meeting Anubrata after his return from jail



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BOLPUR, 24 SEPTEMBER

After almost two years Anubrata Mondal returned home in Nichupatti in Bolpur today, directly from Dum Dum airport by road in the morning along with his daughter Sukanya Mondal.

Two of his former close associates, correctional home minister Chandranath Sinha and Suri MLA Bikash Roy Choudhury and councillor of Bolpur Municipality Omar Sheikh failed to meet him after waiting outside his house and then went back.

This incident has created a stir in political circles in the district as it is believed that both of them have not kept any connection with Anubrata after his arrest by CBI and then by ED, since the past two years. The security personnel posted outside the house did not allow them to enter the house.

It was widely speculated that CM Mamata Banerjee will meet him during her visit to Birbhum district, but neither Anubrata Mondal met her nor she met her

Anubrata to get Y-category security: MSME minister

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE BIRBHUM, 24 SEPTEMBER

Former district president of Trinamul Congress in Birbhum district, Anubrata Mondal will get Y-category security coverage, said MSME minister Chandranath Sinha on Monday. At present, in Birbhum district Nobel laureate Amartya Sen gets Z-category security coverage.

Chandranath Sinha told the media persons that before his arrest by CBI and ED, Anubrata used to get Y-category security cover from the state government.

"Our chief minister has already said that Anubrata will be provided Y-category security once again after



he reaches Birbhum from New Delhi. Not only Anubrata, but his daughter Sukanya Mondal will also get security," added the minister. The chief minister, Mamata Banerjee visited Bolpur today to take part in an administration meeting at Geetanjali auditorium in Bolpur. She is expected to hold a closed door meeting with Anubrata also.

"Already welcome gates have been set up for Anubrata as he is returning after two years, along with Mamata Banerjee's pictures welcoming both to Birbhum district.

today. Anubrata, who looked tired due to his journey, cried seeing such a huge reception outside his house. A police picket has been posted outside his house and he has been provided Y-category security coverage. His daughter will also be provided security.

His convoy from Kolkata was stopped at several places due to huge turnout of his followers in the route of his return. However his other close associates, core committee member Sudipto Ghosh, Gagan Sarkar, Mannan Hussein, Sukumar Sadhu met him inside his house. His daughter Sukanya Mondal said that he is having leg pain after such a long journey and will take rest in the house.

Top official reviews research & development in drone applications at CIFRI

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

The secretary, department of fisheries, central government, Dr Abhilash Likhi visited ICAR - Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute (CIFRI), Kolkata today for reviewing the institute research and development in drone application for fisheries management.

Scientists, state fisheries officials, fishermen and fishwomen attended the event. During the presentation senior officers from fisheries departments from states, ministry of civil aviation, NAFED, NCDC, NERMARC, SFAC, retailers, start-ups, fisheries subordinate offices, state



government officials, FFPOs, cooperatives etc. are invited to join through virtual conference.

During the drone demonstration, Dr Likhi actively interacted with the fish farmers and fishers, listening to their experiences, success stories and the challenges they face in their daily operations.

This interaction provided valuable insights into how modern technology, like drones, can address their needs, improve efficiency, and enhance productivity in the fisheries sector, while also offering a platform for them to voice their aspirations and concerns. Speaking on the occasion,

the secretary said that pilot project undertaken by ICAR-CIFRI will open new horizon in fisheries section by providing an effective and promising alternative for transporting fresh fish with less time and minimum human involvement while minimizing stress to the fish. The research and development on fish transportation using drone technology with private partnership would also enable consumers and farmers to have better hygienic fresh fish in the supply chain system, he added.

Dr Likhi said that Pradhan Mantri Matsy Samridhi Sah Yojana (PM-MKSSY) with an outlay of Rs 6,000 crore was approved in February, which

aims to support formalization of the unorganized fisheries sector by creating a National Fisheries Digital Platform (NFDP) for providing work-based identifies, fish farmers, fish vendors including the fisheries sector microenterprises and small enterprises by 2025. PM-MKSSY, through NFDP, will also facilitate access and incentivize uptake of institutional credit, purchase of aquaculture insurance, strengthen co-operatives to become FFPOs, adoption of traceability, performance grant for adoption of practices that will bring in value-chain efficiencies and safety and quality assurance and job creation, the secretary added.

TENDER

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
 e-Tenders of following works have been invited by the concerned TIA under Directorate of Fisheries, WB:

Establishment/ District	NIT No.	Bid Submission start date & End date	Name of the Scheme
Purba Medinipur	WBOOF/AD/PUR MED/NIT_13/2024-25	25.09.2024 & 30.10.2024	Supply of IAC Enginners, lime etc in different blocks of Purba Medinipur
Purba Medinipur (Marine)	WBOOF/AD/PUR MED/NIT_0327/CAR/24-25	26.09.2024 & 21.10.2024	Construction of concrete road in Purba Medinipur

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2.	Jalpaiguri	WBOOF/AD/JAL/NIT_03/24-25	
3.	Siliguri Sub-division	WBOOF/AD/SIL/NIT_2/2024-25	
4.	Alipurduar	WBOOF/AD/ALP/NIT_02/2024-25	
5.	Dakshin Dinajpur	WBOOF/AD/DAKSHIN DINAJPUR/NIT_04/2024-25	
6.	Uttar Dinajpur	WBOOF/AD/UD/NIT_03/24-25	
7.	Malda	WBOOF/AD/MALDA/NIT_04/2024-25	
8.	Nadia	WBOOF/AD/NADIA/NIT_21/2024-25	
9.	Murshidabad	WBOOF/AD/MURSH/NIT_03/24-25	
10.	Birbhum	WBOOF/AD/BBH/NIT_02/2024-25	
11.	Hooghly	WBOOF/AD/HO/NIT_04/24-25	Supply of good quality Desi Muga seed, lime etc. in different districts
12.	Howrah	WBOOF/AD/HOW/NIT_02/24-25	
13.	Purba Bardhaman	WBOOF/AD/PURBA/NIT_03/24-25	
14.	Paschim Bardhaman	WBOOF/AD/PAS/NIT_02/24-25	
15.	North 24 Parganas	WBOOF/AD/N24P/NIT_06/24-25	
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17.	Purulia	WBOOF/AD/PUR/NIT_05/2024-25	
18.	Bankura	WBOOF/AD/BNK/NIT_2/2024-25	
19.	Purba Medinipur	WBOOF/AD/PUR MED/NIT_17/2024-25	
20.	Paschim Medinipur	WBOOF/AD/PAS/NIT_04/24-25	
21.	Jhargam	WBOOF/AD/JHARGAM/NIT_05/24-25	

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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
 e-Tender is invited by AE, CMSD, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of WB vide Ref. No. WBP/PHD/AE/CMSD/NIT-07 & 08 of 2024-25, I d No. 2024_PHE_755331_1 to 23 & 2024_PHE_755525_1 to 41 respectively for Supply, delivery, installation, commissioning of different capacity Cu wound line voltage corrector for different water supply schemes in the dist. of Coochbehar under NMD-I, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website : www.wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbphed.gov.in. Last date of submission of tender is 02.10.2024 upto 13.00 Hrs. Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, CMSD, PHE Dte. ICA: 1175294/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRHAD e-NIT
 Executive Engineer (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division, WRD invites e-tender for following works: Re-Excavation and construction of allied structure of HOYRAKUR, THAKURPUR & KHAMARPUKUR WOS Scheme at Kanika Block under Durgapur (Agri-Elec) Sub-Division under Burdwan (Agri-Mech) Division under Jalardih (Phase-3) Programme during financial year 2024-25 in the District of Paschim Bardhaman, vide e-NIT No. 07/ WRD / 2024 - 2025 Tender ID- 2024_WRDD_756243_1 to 3 Tereaded value of Rs. 27.99 Lakh, Rs. 32.44 Lakh, & Rs. 25.02 Lakh each respectively. Bid Submission End Date: 30.10.2024 at 11:00 Hrs. respectively. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender documents may be downloaded to visit the website for details.
 Sd/- S.S. Barua, Executive Engineer (A-M) Burdwan (A-M) Division ICA: 1175933/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
 Following E-tenders of different districts have been invited by the concerned TIA under Directorate of Fisheries, WB:

Sl. No.	Establishment/ District	NIT No.	Name of Work/Scheme
1.	Coochbehar	WBOOF/AD/COOCHBEHAR/NIT_03/24-25	
2.	Jalpaiguri	WBOOF/AD/JAL/NIT_03/24-25	
3.	Siliguri Sub-division	WBOOF/AD/SIL/NIT_2/2024-25	
4.	Alipurduar	WBOOF/AD/ALP/NIT_01/2024-25	
5.	Dakshin Dinajpur	WBOOF/AD/DAKSHIN DINAJPUR/NIT_03/2024-25	
6.	Uttar Dinajpur	WBOOF/AD/UD/NIT_03/24-25	
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18.	Bankura	WBOOF/AD/BNK/NIT_1AB-Sig/24-25	
19.	Purba Medinipur	WBOOF/AD/PUR MED/NIT_18/2024-25	
20.	Paschim Medinipur	WBOOF/AD/PAS/NIT_03/24-25	
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THUMBNAILS



One hundred students competed in the CBSE East Zone Boxing Championship which ended at Sidhu Kanhu Stadium today that was organized by Purv International School. SNS

TMC suspends Malbazar chairman: The state Trinamul Congress leadership has directed its Jalpaiguri district president, Mahua Gope, to suspend Swapan Saha, chairman of the Malbazar Municipality, indefinitely. This decision follows allegations of financial corruption against Mr Saha. Sources reveal that a lawyer filed a complaint against him, prompting the party to launch its own investigation. The inquiry uncovered significant financial irregularities in several government-sponsored schemes, including those for housing and drinking water. SNS

Kavach trial conducted by RM: Railway minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw conducted a trial of the Kavach railway safety system on Tuesday. The trial was conducted from Sawai Madhopur to Sumerganj Mandii. Some of the tests included level crossing whistling test, permanent speed restriction test and so on. SNS

Sealdah division to run puja special trains: With 'unprecedented rush' of passengers in almost all mail/express trains, specially the North Bengal bound ones, the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway has planned to run nine different Puja special trains. The special trains catering to the huge demand are to be operated in October and November. According to the divisional office, the nine trains recommended for special services include trains from Sealdah to New Jalpaiguri, Kolkata - Digha, Sealdah - New Alipurduar, Sealdah - Patna, Kolkata - Katihar, Kolkata - Jamalpur, Kolkata - Gaya, Sealdah - Saharsa and Sealdah - Gorakhpur.. SNS

ER Asansol & Malda division holds meet with MPs

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Eastern Railway held a high-level meeting with MPs over Asansol & Malda Divisions network in presence of Milind Deouskar, general manager, Eastern Railway, principal heads of departments and divisional railway managers of Asansol & Malda divisions at Asansol today.

In the divisional committee meeting, discussions were held on various key issues and development initiatives within Malda & Asansol division network.

In this meeting, Shastrughan Prasad Sinha, Kirti Azad Jha, Giridhari Yadav, Dr Sarfaraz Ahmad, Khagen Murmu, Ajay Kumar Mandal, Nalin Soren and Dulu Mahato were present. Representatives of Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union cabinet minister of panchayati raj and minister of fisheries, animal husbandry and dairying Satabdi Roy, Khalilur Rahman, Annapurna Devi, Union cabinet minister of women and child development. Arun Bharati, and Isha Khan Chowdhary, MP were also present.

The MPs were welcomed by Milind Deouskar, GM, Eastern Railway. Shastrughan Prasad Sinha, was elected as the president of the meeting to discuss on various issues to bring all round development in railways, passenger amenities & facilities as well as rail infrastructure.

RG Kar ex-superintendent, forensic surgeon quizzed

CBI also quizzed two postgraduate trainee associates of deceased doctor

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Forensic surgeon Dr Apurba Biswas, who was part of the team conducting the autopsy of the body of the raped and murdered junior woman doctor of R G Kar Medical College & Hospital last month, was questioned at the Central Bureau of Investigation's (CBI) Salt Lake office today.

The CBI today also quizzed two postgraduate trainee associates of the deceased doctor at R G Kar.

As sources put it, Dr Biswas, was mainly quizzed on what prompted him to carry out the alleged post-mortem after sunset. Was he under any compulsion from any quarters, the officers had reportedly asked.

At the same time, the investigating officials also issued



notice to the medical college and hospital's former medical superintendent & vice principal Sanjay Vashisth to be present at the CBI office on Tuesday.

This is the second time that Biswas has been questioned by the CBI officials in the matter. He faced a similar interrogation on 22 September. On that day, he told media persons that a neighbour of the victim's family, who

claimed to be an uncle of the victim, was insisting on a quick post-mortem of the body. The victim's body was recovered from the seminar hall within the R.G Kar complex on the morning of 9 August.

Sources said that already the CBI officials have detected a number of flaws in the post-mortem process like the amateurish language used in the autopsy report, especially

regarding the mention of wounds on the victim's body and the lackadaisical videography of the process of post-mortem. In such a situation, the investigating officials feel that the statements of the member of the post-mortem team are extremely crucial to carry forward the investigation further, sources added.

The CBI officials also feel that a second post-mortem of the body of the victim could have been extremely handy in the investigation process since more details could have surfaced from that.

The victim's parents have already alleged that their plea for preservation of the body of the victim was totally overlooked during the initial investigation which was carried out by Kolkata Police before the charge of the probe was handed over to CBI.

CM likely to hold meeting with principals, vice-principals of medical colleges

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Chief minister Mamata Banerjee is likely to hold a meeting with principals and vice-principals of all the medical colleges of the state on Thursday at Nabanna, sources at the state secretariat claimed.

The meeting is also likely to be attended by the officers concerned of civil, electrical and IT departments of the medical colleges to discuss the progress made on putting in place the safety measures the government has already set in motion. The meeting on Thursday would be the first after the 46-day cease-work by the junior doctors and the series of meetings the doctors had with the CM and the chief secretary.

The state government has started a 'Rattier Sathi' app and drawn an action plan to streamline the safety and security measures and overhaul of infrastructure in all the medical colleges and hospitals.



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Chief minister Mamata Banerjee has already announced to earmark Rs 100 cr for the infrastructure build-up and streamlining of the safety and security measures at medical colleges and hospitals.

Sources in the state secretariat claimed that to beef

up security and safety of the medics and to keep it under surveillance, in all 500 CCTV cameras would be installed at the R G Kar hospital.

Police sources said that there were already 190 CCTV cameras at the hospital and work on putting up 100 more cameras was on.

I'm a soft target: Dr S P Das

SUBHENDU MAITI
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

I know Sandip Ghosh because he and I, both are orthopaedic surgeons. I am also the chief minister's family physician for a prolonged period of more than four decades, claimed Dr Shyama Prasad Das.

In an exclusive interview to The Statesman on Tuesday, Dr Das, facing the wrath of the oppositions BJP, CPM, Congress and doctors' community, clarified his stance.

There have been allegations against him of controlling the government healthcare system, rigging and nepotism in the election process in different doctors'

bodies. Dr Das said he has no problem to face the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) for the sake of investigation if it summons him.

The oppositions have also been demanding the CBI to interrogate Dr Das for the sake of the investigation.

"I know Sandip Ghosh because he and I, both are orthopaedic surgeons. I didn't have any talks with him on 9 August when the incident happened," Dr Das claimed.

"Dr Avik De informed me about the incident first around 10 am on 9 August and after that I had talks with him four to five times over phone during the day because I was trying to get updates about the situation from

him. I had asked him to cooperate with concerned officials," Dr Das said.

"I have no connection with the incident and even in financial corruption. How could I control the health services as I am not in the state health department? I am a private practitioner and earn sufficient money to run my family," he said.

"You people from the media and a section of doctors are making me a villain because I am CM's doctor. I am becoming a soft target because of a negative campaign against me. I never discuss any healthcare related issues with the CM other than her and family's health issues," Dr Das said.

Junior doctors condemn BJP leader's remark on protests

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Junior doctors today severely criticized former BJP state president Dilip Ghosh for 'ridiculing citizens' movement on the R G Kar incident. The junior doctors have been carrying out protests demanding justice for the victim and her family at R G Kar Medical College. Along with that, they have been demanding improvements in the hospital's infrastructure and security. Common people also joined their movement, turning it into a citizens' movement beyond direct politics. However, BJP leader Dilip Ghosh has ridiculed the movement, calling it a "drama."

Mr Ghosh questioned, "What has been gained by all this drama?" In response, the junior doctors hit back. They explained that this was a people's movement and, without naming him, asked the BJP leader what steps he had taken for justice for the victim as a politician with power. Today during a programme, Dilip Ghosh raised questions about the role of the protest regarding the R G Kar incident. Junior doctors had continuously staged protests and boycotts. They held marches to Lalbazar and the health department.

Amid their protests, changes were made in the positions of Kolkata Police commissioner, director of

health services and director of medical education. The state government has also taken several positive steps towards improving the hospital's security and infrastructure. When asked about Dilip's comments on Tuesday, Kinjal Nanda, one of the junior doctors' representatives, made it clear that the movement was not limited to just the junior doctors. He said, "Whatever has been achieved, it's because of this movement. Calling a people's movement a drama insults the common people. Politicians also have a lot of power. What have they done from that position? We, as students, protested for justice. Our movement will continue until we get

justice. Let him speak on that."

Dilip Ghosh ridicules Bengal government: BJP leader Dilip Ghosh ridiculed the Mamata Banerjee government today in matters linked to the state's bid to dissociate from DVC.

Ghosh came to Burdwan town today to join BJP's fortnight long 'Seva Paksha' programme. He said: "It's all rubbish that the chief minister has opted for her bid to dissociate from the DVC. Two of her senior officials have already resigned from the board. These are all bogus and it's impossible for Bengal to get departed from DVC absolutely."



At least five wagons of an empty goods train derailed at Maynaguri Railway Station in Jalpaiguri district on Tuesday morning, disrupting train services since 6.30 am. The incident occurred within the jurisdiction of the Alipurduar Railway Division under Northeast Frontier Railway. Following the derailment, railway authorities diverted trains through alternative routes as both the Up and Down lines at the accident site were damaged. Railway teams began clearing the tracks shortly after the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) and other officials visited the scene. According to official sources, the Up line was restored by 12 pm, and the Down line is expected to be operational by this evening. An investigation is underway to determine the exact cause of the derailment. SNS

ER set to celebrate 162 years of rail connectivity between Dhaka & Kolkata



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Eastern Railway (ER) is all set to celebrate 162 years of operations between the Sealdah station in Kolkata and Ranaghat (Ranaghat Jn today) as the first milestone towards establishing a rail link to Dhaka, the capital of modern-day Bangladesh, from the British capital of India at that time.

The Maitree Express between the Kolkata Station (Chitpur) and Dhaka - which started running in 2008 - continued to take this route till July this year before the train was repeatedly cancelled as per requests from railway authorities in Bangladesh.

"The inaugural train service on the Sealdah-Ranaghat section ran on 29th September 1862. The Sealdah-Ranaghat train services have a rich history dating back to 1857 when Eastern Bengal Railway (EBR) was formed to construct a new rail line from Kolkata to Dhaka," said Kausik Mitra, CPRO, ER.

He said that at the outset, the line was built to serve the flourishing jute industry of Bengal. At that time, it became a hub for jute production with 38 jute mills producing approximately 31,000 looms.



"While most mills were located on the banks of the Ganges around Kolkata (then Calcutta), jute was primarily grown in eastern Bengal that is now Bangladesh. The British wanted an efficient system to transport this jute crop to the mills, hence the decision for the new line," he added.

Mitra said that the Sealdah station, then, was nothing compared to what it is today, adding that little did the British know that Sealdah - in the heart of Kolkata - would turn out to be the hub of suburban railway traffic in the next 160-odd years. "As per historical records, the original station building of Sealdah was constructed in the year 1869. The original building has little resemblance to what the station looks like today," he said.

He added that today, the Sealdah-Ranaghat Section is the busiest in Sealdah North of Eastern Railway's Sealdah Division which connects Kolkata seamlessly with the districts of Nadia and North 24-Parganas.

"ER was formed in 1952, with the Sealdah division under its jurisdiction. The Sealdah-Ranaghat section was electrified in 1963 and the Bandel-Naihati section was subsequently electrified in 1965," Mitra said.

Udaan, Career Pathways Expo

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

The Eastern India Regional Council (EIRC) of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) in collaboration with Shri Shikshayatan College organized Udaan - Dreams Personified, Career Pathways Expo 2024 on 21-22 September at Shri Shikshayatan College grounds.

The two-day expo witnessed a participation of over 3,000 students from various schools and colleges of Kolkata and provided the participants an unparalleled opportunity of connecting with more than 50 leading colleges, universities, and industry experts under one roof.

G K Khaitan, president, Shri Shikshayatan College, while expressing his gratitude to the ICSI for collaborating with the college for this landmark event, said, "The expo would help thousands of participating students and teachers make informed decisions about their future career paths".

CS (Dr) Mohit Shaw, chairman, EIRC of ICSI, in his address elaborated on the crucial role of company secretaries in the corporate pyramid.

While detailing the pathway to becoming a company secretary, he referenced them as one of the key stakeholders in India's economic ambition, consistently contributing to its vision of becoming a multi-trillion-dollar economy.

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CPM creates cell to assist women protesters facing police excesses

During the demonstrations against the rape and murder of a junior doctor of R.G. Kar Hospital

AGENCIES
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

The CPI(M) leadership in West Bengal has formed a legal cell exclusively for giving assistance to women protesters in case of police harassment for demonstrations against the rape and murder of a junior doctor of R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata.

According to the CPI(M) politburo member and the party's Secretary in West Bengal, Mohd Salim, the leadership has received complaints of police harassment from a number of women protesters from different pockets in the state.

They have complained about police personnel harassing them for participating in protests or "reclaim the night" programmes, which are continuing even after over a



month has passed since the crime took place.

"There are complaints that many women protesters are being harassed by police for participating in the protests. Some of them are unnecessarily being summoned at the local police stations. The police and local Trinamool Congress sup-

porters are threatening them," Salim alleged. He said that the special legal cell constituted for the aid of the women protesters will have women advocates only. "Our advice is that if any woman protester is unnecessarily summoned to the police station, she should

contact any member of the legal cell instead of going alone to the police station," Salim said.

He also said that the Trinamool Congress legislator from Panihati Assembly constituency in North 24 Parganas district, Nirmal Ghosh, who faced a marathon interrogation on Monday by the officials

of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), should be subjected to custodial interrogation by the central agency sleuths. Incidentally, the ancestral residence of the R.G. Kar victim comes under Panihati where Ghosh is the ruling party MLA. Ghosh accompanied the members of the victim's family to the hospital on the morning of August 9 when her body was recovered from a seminar hall within the R.G. Kar premises. Ghosh was also spotted at the Panihati Crematorium at the time of the cremation of the body of the victim. After coming out of the CBI office on Monday evening, Ghosh said that he accompanied the parents of the R.G. Kar rape and murder victim to the hospital on August 9 as a responsible elected public representative.

Child dies in ambulance stuck in roadblock

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

A child suffering from breathing trouble, died in an ambulance last night while it was stuck in a roadblock for long hours.

The roadblock was in place, and the ambulance got stuck at Ward 10 in Jangipur in Murshidabad.

Inside the ambulance, the child struggled with severe respiratory distress.

Tragically, the child died before reaching the hospital.

The horrifying incident sparked uproar in the area near Ward 10 of Jangipur Municipality in Murshidabad.

Allegedly, the chairman of the TMC-led municipality was present at the blockade.

According to police and local sources, the roadblock was on till last night.

During this time, the child, suffering from breathing difficulties, was being transported from Lalgola to Jangipur hospital.

The family claimed that

the ambulance got stuck due to the blockade and was not allowed to pass.

They further alleged that despite multiple pleas, no arrangements were made to let them through.

Police were present, as well as the chairman of Jangipur Municipality.

The delay in reaching the hospital proved fatal, and the child could not be saved.

A relative of the child said, "I repeatedly pleaded with sir, 'Please let us through, sir. I can see the road is clear. I can see the chairman as well. Please help us. At least let us through on a scooter.' But they never allowed it. I somehow forced my way and took the child to the hospital... The doctor said we were too late."

Jangipur Municipality chairman Majidul Islam stated, "We repeatedly made announcements urging the crowd to lift the blockade. I even sent the boy on a motorcycle. He was admitted to the hospital."

Experts insist on awareness programmes to prevent lighting deaths

KANCHAN SIDDIQUI
BANKURA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Lighting and thunder squalls since long have been playing havoc with the people of Bankura, claiming dozens of lives each year. This has prompted folk artists to come forward generating mass awareness to prevent untimely deaths.

Most of the victims of lightning and thunderbolts in south Bengal districts, as environment experts claimed, have happened due to lack of awareness about 'highly unsafe' zones during such catastrophic conditions.

In Bankura, 33 persons died due to lightning in 2023 and the recorded figure between 1 April and mid of September 2024 was 16. "It's reduced almost to half this year, compared to last year and we've extended extensive mass awareness campaigns in schools, colleges, public places and even in panchayats to make people understand about 'do's & don'ts' during bad weather, which possibly has started yielding results," Siyad N. DM, Bankura told The Statesman.

He added, "In Khatra sub-division alone, we've organised nearly 80 awareness programmes about prevention from lightning and snakebites."

The Bengal government has started disbursing Rs 2 lakh as ex-gratia amount as compensation for each lightning casualty, incidentally.

Bankura recorded most of the lightning deaths either in farmlands, beneath the trees.

"Such deaths could be prevented had they followed certain common measures by not standing under trees or not handling metal objects like spades while working during storms," said Gautam Ganguly, chief of 'My Dear Trees and Wild', a ministry of culture assigned agency in Bankura.

Strengthening global study abroad opportunities

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

In a landmark development for the Institute of Engineering & Management (IEM) and the University of Engineering & Management (UEM), Prof Dr Biswajit Chatterjee, vice-chancellor, UEM, Jaipur, and Prof Dr Prabir Kumar Das, head, department of basic science and humanities, IEM, Kolkata, recently participated in the prestigious European Association for International Education (EAIE) conference held at MEETT, Toulouse, France.

This esteemed event has opened up unparalleled opportunities for IEM-UEM students to pursue study abroad programmes at top-ranked universities across the USA, UK, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, and many other countries.

During their visit, Prof Dr Chatterjee and Prof Dr Das were honored by Madhav R

This esteemed event has opened up unparalleled opportunities for IEM-UEM students to pursue study abroad

Sulpule, first secretary of the Embassy of India, France and Sadaf Chaudhary, Consul, Consulate General of India, France, in recognition of their contributions to international education and academic excellence. This recognition highlights the growing global influence of IEM-UEM and its commitment to providing students with opportunities that extend beyond borders.

The visit facilitated groundbreaking discussions and collaborations with some of the world's most renowned academic institutions, ensuring that IEM-UEM students gain access to world-class educational resources, advanced research opportunities, and cross-cultural experiences.

JOB DEMAND



A protest rally by 2022 TET cleared candidates in Kolkata on Tuesday. ■ BISWAJIT GHOSHAL

Students let their imagination fly at winds of hope event

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

Techno India Group in collaboration with Ecole Intuit Lab (Kolkata) and Techno Main Salt Lake, hosted POSI-LY - Winds of Hope, an event where students express their creativity and positivity by crafting beautiful kites and flying them together. This uplifting initiative represents the spirit of hope and resilience, with each kite soaring as a symbol of strength and optimism.

"Throw your dreams into space like a kite, and you do not know what it will bring back, a new life, a new friend, a new love, a new country. POSI-LY - Winds of Hope is a collective effort by our students to spread hope and positivity in a world that often faces uncertainty. Through their art and creativity, these students remind us that hope, much like a kite, can help fly us higher, and together, we can soar



above any challenges. As the kites soar into the sky, I want us all to remember that just like the wind helps lift the kites, our positive attitudes and unity can uplift us through any situation," said Prof Manoshi Roychowdhury, co-chairperson, Techno India Group.

The event showcased kites designed by students from Techno Kid's school, Techno India University, Ecole Intuit Lab, Kolkata and Techno Main Salt Lake, who have put their heart and soul into creating vibrant, unique pieces. Each kite represented dreams and aspirations, offering a colorful metaphor for overcoming adversity with grace and determination.

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I, SEEMA Karmakar, W/o. Sanjib Karmakar, resident of K.N.C. Road, P.O. + P.S.: Barasat, District: North 24 Parganas, Kolkata-700124, W.B. my name has been wrongly recorded as Sima Karmakar in my son's (Shubhajeet Karmakar) birth certificate. On 29-09-2024 vide Affidavit No. 4717 at Barasat Court, Judicial Magistrate (1st Class) declared that my correct name is Seema Karmakar. Sima Karmakar and Seema Karmakar are the same person.

I, SRI Kausik Mukherjee alias Mukhopadhyay, son of Late Monoranjan Mukherjee, aged about 55 years, residing at 3/47/D, Viveknagar, P.O.: Santoshpur, P.S.: Garfa, Kolkata-700075, do hereby declare that by an affidavit which was duly affirmed before the Learned Judicial Magistrate, Calcutta on 12-09-2024 vide No. 1889 that Kausik Mukherjee and Kausik Mukhopadhyay is the same and identical person.

I, MANIKUNTALA Dasmahapatra, W/o. Late Kanak Kanti Das Mahapatra, R/o. Vill. & P.O.: Bachhipur, P.S.: Bhagwanpur, Dist.: Purba Medinipur. In the P.P.O. and Pension Certificate my name and my husband's name was wrongly recorded as Mani Kunthala and Smt. Manikunthala Das Mahapatra and Kanak Kanti Mahapatra. I hereby declare before the Ld. 1st Class Judicial Magistrate at Contai vide Affidavit No. 1837 dated 04-09-2024 that Mani Kunthala, Smt. Manikunthala Das Mahapatra and Manikuntala Dasmahapatra are same and identical person and Late Kanak Kanti Mahapatra and Kanak Kanti Das Mahapatra both are same and identical person.

LOST AND FOUND

HINDUSTAN ZINC LIMITED
Reg Office: Yashad Bhawan, Udaipur
Rajasthan-313004
NOTICE OF LOSS OF SHARES

Notice is hereby given that the following share certificates have been reported as lost / misplaced and the company intends to issue duplicate certificates in lieu thereof, in due course. Any person who has a valid claim on the said shares should lodge such claim with the company at its registered office within 15 days hereof.

Name of the Holder(s)	Folio Number	No. of Shares (Rs. 2.50)	Certificate No.(s)	Dist. No.(s)	
				From	To
RAJANI CHHARIA	R000962	2500	877	2112020691	2112023190
RAJANI CHHARIA	R000962	2500	2172	4224680191	4224682690

Investor Name: RAJANI CHHARIA
Address: 98, B.K. Paul Avenue, Kolkata-700005

Date: 24-09-2024

TENDERS

UTTAR Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, P.O.: Pundibari, Dist.: Cooch Behar-736165 (W.B.) - Ref. No. 701 / UBKV / Est. / EOI-WD, Date: 23-09-2024 -Abridged Expression of Interest (EOI) - EOI is hereby invited from experienced and bona fide agencies for the job of excavation of a pond at an area of 3.00 (three) acre and subsequent fish farming for five years at Regional Research Station (Old Alluvial Zone), Uttar Banga Krishi Viswavidyalaya, Majhain, Dakshin Dinajpur, West Bengal-733133. Last date of submission of EOI is 22-10-2024. For details log on to University website: www.ubkv.ac.in Registrar (Actg.)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

It is hereby informed you that one Sale Deed being No. 746/2006 which was duly registered at ARA-III, Kolkata on 07-06-2006 has been lost from the custody of my client namely Sobhan Lal Chatterjee, S/o. Samarendra Nath Chatterjee of the property measuring 6 cottahs 12 chittaks, in Mouza Baidyabati, J.L. No. 5, comprised in R.S. Dag No. 426 corresponding to L.R. Dag No. 467 under R.S. Khatian No. 329 corresponding to L.R. Khatian No. 6557 of 71(35), Beni Banerjee Lane, under ambit of Baidyabati Municipality. If the Deed is not found within 15 days from the publication any claim, demand will not be entertained and certified copy of the deed will be treated as original.

Sandipan Ghosh
Advocate
Serampore Court
F/826/1057/2012

Date: 23-09-2024

Form No. 3
See Regulation-15(1)(a) / 16(3)

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
KOLKATA (DRT 2)
7th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building
42-C, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road
Kolkata - 700071

Case No.: OA/207/2018
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993

Ex. No.: 631

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK
VS
GODHULI AGRO PVT. LTD.

To
(1) Godhuli Agro Pvt. Ltd., Damodar Steel Works, P.O. Baktagar, P.S. Raniganj, Burdwan, West Bengal-713320

SUMMONS

WHEREAS OA/207/2018 was listed before Hon'ble Presiding Officer/ Registrar on 09.03.2023.

WHEREAS this Hon'ble Tribunal is pleased to issue summons/ notice on the said Application under Section 19(4) of the Act, (OA) filed against you for recovery of debts of Rs. 1,17,71,573.00 (application along with copies of documents etc. annexed). In accordance with sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, you, the defendants are directed as under:-

(i) to show cause within thirty days of the service of summons as to why relief prayed for should not be granted;

(ii) to disclose particulars of properties or assets other than properties and assets specified by the applicant under serial number 3A of the original application;

(iii) you are restrained from dealing with or disposing of secured assets or such other assets and properties disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application, pending hearing and disposal of the application for attachment of properties;

(iv) you shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise, except in the ordinary course of his business any of the assets over which security interest is created and/or other assets properties specified or disclosed under serial number 3A of the original application without the prior approval of the Tribunal;

(v) you shall be liable to account for the sale proceeds realised by sale of secured assets or other assets and properties in the ordinary course of business and deposit such sale proceeds in the account maintained with the bank or financial institutions holding security interest over such assets.

You are also directed to file the written statement with a copy thereof furnished to the applicant and to appear before Registrar on 12.12.2024 at 10:30 A.M. failing which the application shall be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 13.03.2023.

Signature of the Officer authorised to issue summons
ad-
Registrar
Kolkata DRT-2

NOTICE

This is to inform that Arabinda Mahanty has been accorded The Environment Clearance from the WBSEIAA for his proposed Rapkata Smoky Quartzite block, with highest production capacity 55,464.63m³/year, at Rapkata, P.S. Balarampur, Dist.- Purulia, West Bengal. EC Identification No. EC24C0108WB5304945N dated 13.09.2024. The copy of said clearance is available with the Parivesh Portal of MOEF&CC.

NOTICE

My client Sri Krishnapada Dey, son of Late Chandra Gopal Dey, resident of No.1 Sultampur, P.O. Jagacha, P.S. Santragachi, Dist. Howrah-11, lost the Original Title Deed of his property comprised of RS Dag No. 251, RS Khatian No. 142, LR Dag No. 303, LR Khatian No. 1443, at Mouza Sultampur, JL No. 9, PS Jagacha, now Santragachi, Dist. Howrah, HMC Ward No. 46, Deed No. 04860 of 2014, Book No. 1, CD Vol. No. 16, Pages 3845 to 3860 of DSR Howrah. My aforesaid client lodged GD at Santragachi PS GDE No. 335 dated 10.06.24. If anybody has found it please inform me. Mrs. Karabi Ray, Advocate, S.N.Ghosh Road, Howrah-10 Mob. No. 9831105983.

NOTICE

This is to inform that Ashok Kumar has been accorded The Environment Clearance from the WBSEIAA for his proposed Gohogram sand block, with production capacity 84,900 m³/Year as per District Survey Report (DSR), at Gohogram, P.S. Galsi, Dist.- Purba Bardhaman, West Bengal. EC Identification No. EC24B001WB185808 dated 11.09.2024. The copy of said clearance is available with the Parivesh Portal of MOEF&CC.

HIGH ENERGY MATERIALS RESEARCH LABORATORY

DRDO, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

SUTARWADI, PUNE-411021

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

EOI No. HEMRL/25EOI001/LP Date: 05-09-2024

HEMRL, Pune an armament laboratory under Defence Research and Development Organisation, invites Expression of Interest from reputed Manufacturing firms for following stores.

Sr. No.	EOI Number	DESCRIPTION OF ITEMS	QTY	PRE BID MEETING DT.
1.	HEMRL / 25EOI001 / LP	Development of Cutting Circuit for Canopy of Aircrafts as per Spec. No. HE/CSS/2024/1	10 Set	17-10-2024

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The reputed manufacturing firms who are interested may send their EOIs through DEFPROC Portal (www.defproc.gov.in) on or before 05-11-2024 by 11-00 hrs. The offers against the EOI will be opened on 06-11-2024 at 11-30 hrs.

The proposals in response to this EOI will be evaluated based on a Preliminary Evaluation carried out by HEMRL as per the Pre-Qualification Criteria. The Final Evaluation will be based on the project specific criteria. The vendors are expected to submit all the mandatory information as per HEMRL requirement. The actual execution of the contract will be based on the technical specifications and all other terms and conditions evolved through this EOI.

Offline applications will not be accepted. The Director, HEMRL reserves the right to reject any or all the EOIs without assigning any reason whatsoever and his decision in this regard will be final. The details on the specification, scope of work, terms and conditions and the evaluation criteria are available on DEFPROC portal.

Purushottam Singh
Scientist 'F'
For Director, HEMRL
Contact No.: Tel No. 91 20 25912241
Fax No. 91 20 25869661

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Coast Guard must become a tech-oriented force: Rajnath

Mr Singh was inaugurating the three-day 41st edition of ICG Commanders' Conference in New Delhi

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Tuesday underlined the importance of ultra-modern technology on maritime borders, saying it acts as a force multiplier to further strengthen the country's security system.

Sharing his vision to make the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) one of the world's strongest coast guards, he emphasised the need to move forward from being a human-oriented to a technology-oriented force to deal with conventional as well as emerging threats in today's unpredictable times.

Mr Singh was inaugurating the three-day 41st edition of ICG Commanders' Conference in New Delhi. This apex annual gathering serves as a vital forum for ICG Senior Commanders to engage in



meaningful discussions on pressing strategic, operational, and administrative matters, all framed against the backdrop of shifting geopolitical landscapes and the complexities of maritime security. The conference plays a crucial role in shaping the future course of the ICG.

The minister said, "The world is going through a

phase of technological revolution. In this era of Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Technology and drones, the field of security is witnessing significant changes. Given the current geopolitical situation, maritime threats will increase in the future. We need to be alert and ready. The importance of manpower will always remain, but the world should

know us as a technology-oriented Coast Guard."

He stressed the benefits of incorporating latest technology while exhorting the Commanders to remain wary of its negative side. He termed technology as a double-edged sword and called upon ICG to be proactive, vigilant and prepared to tackle the potential challenges.

Mr Singh reiterated the government's commitment to modernise and bolster the Armed Forces and ICG with indigenous platforms and equipment. On the efforts being made to attain 'Aatmanirbharta', he stated that 31 ships for ICG worth more than Rs 4,000 crore, are being built by Indian shipyards.

He also highlighted the approvals accorded by the Defence Acquisition Council to enhance the capabilities of ICG, which include procurement of Multi-Mission Maritime Aircraft, Software Defined Radios, Interceptor Boats, Dornier aircraft and Next Generation Fast Patrol Vessels.

Asserting that the three Services are evolving themselves with changing times, Mr Singh urged the ICG to continue improving itself, creating a unique identity, gaining expertise in its domain, and moving forward with renewed vigour.

SC: Implement guidelines on safety of children in schools

PARMOD KUMAR
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

The Supreme Court on Tuesday directed the States and the Union Territories to implement the Centre's guidelines on safety and security of children in schools and asked the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the guidelines and seek status reports.

Noting that the Centre has notified the guidelines on the safety and security of children in schools, a bench of justice B.V. Nagarathna and Justice N. Kottiswar Singh directed the central government to send the copies of the guide-

lines to the Chief Secretaries of the States and the UTs Administrators.

The top court's direction on the implementation of the guidelines came on an application by NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan which had sought the enforcing of the guidelines in the wake of the recent incidents of sexual assault on children in some schools, including Badlapur in Maharashtra.

Appearing for the NGO Bachpan Bachao Andolan, senior advocate H.S. Phoolka told the court that only five states have implemented the Centre's guidelines for the safety of the children.

The matter is pending since 2019, when the top

court had issued notice on May 6, 2019.

Stating that the safety of the children is being compromised and they are being subjected to "sexual abuse and assault" due to the failure of the state/UTs to notify the guidelines, the NGO said: "These guidelines have been developed for fixing the accountability of the school management in the matter of safety and security of children studying in government, Government-aided and private schools."

The guidelines were framed by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (HRD) in consultation with the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR).

EC reviews preparedness for Jharkhand polls

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Rajiv Kumar, along with Election Commissioners (ECs) Gyanesh Kumar and S Sandhu, reviewed the preparedness for the forthcoming Assembly elections in Jharkhand, and asked the concerned officials to ensure free and fair elections, maintaining highest standards of impartial conduct for a level playing field.

A delegation of the Election Commission (EC) led by Kumar held a detailed and comprehensive review of the poll preparedness in Ranchi during its two-day visit to the poll-bound state.

The term of the Jharkhand Assembly is due to expire on 5 January 2025 and the elections to its 81 constituencies are due.

During the two-day visit of the poll panel delegation, representatives of national and state political parties, Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Communist Party of India (Marxist), Indian National Congress (INC), National People's Party (NPP), All Jharkhand Students Union (AJSU) Party, Jharkhand Mukti Morcha

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(JIM) and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), came to meet it, the EC said in a communique' here on Tuesday.

Among the issues raised by the political parties included consideration of various festivities like Diwali, Chhath, Durga Pooja and state foundation day in the month of October and November, before deciding on the election schedule for enhanced participation in the election process. Some parties raised concerns about hate speech during campaigning. The parties requested for a single-phase election. They also urged for an error free electoral roll and to ensure a free and fair elections with non-partisan action by local civil and police administration for a level playing field.

Badlapur horror: MVA picks holes in police 'encounter' claim; parents allege 'contract killing'

AGENCIES
MUMBAI, 24 SEPTEMBER

The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has questioned the killing of Akshay S. Shinde, the prime accused in the Badlapur rape case, while his parents have alleged that it was a 'contract killing' by the Thane Police, here on Tuesday.

MVA allies, Nationalist Congress Party (SP)'s President Sharad Pawar and former Minister Anil Deshmukh, besides Shiv Sena (UBT)'s Aditya Thackeray, Chief Spokesperson Sanjay Raut, MP Priyanka Chaturvedi and others criticised the MahaYuti government on various counts, seeking a probe by a retired High Court judge.

Pawar questioned the laxity of the Home Department in transferring the main accused, as the injustice meted out on the two minor girls in the Badlapur school should have been executed within the proper framework



of the law. "It seems the government has become weak in showing the threat of the laws so that nobody would dare think of such a reprehensible act in the future.

We expect that the exact situation will come out after a thorough probe," Pawar said.

Aditya Thackeray raised many doubts on where is the trustee of the (Adarsh Vidya

Prasarak Sanstha - AVPS) school, why are they being protected by the MahaYuti government and why is the Shiv Sena leader Waman Mhatre being shielded.

"The citizens who joined the protest are being treated like gangsters, will the cases against them be withdrawn? They were raising their voice against the police refusal to file the complaint of the victims' parents a week after -- who were the police protecting? It is said that the school is affiliated with the Bharatiya Janata Party, is it true, the government must answer," Thackeray demanded.

The former Home Minister, Anil Deshmukh wondered how, "when the hands of the accused were tied up, he could grab a pistol and start firing," and sought to know the status of the absconding ACPS trustees.

"The accused Akshay Shinde was working as a toilet sweeper in the school

(since August 1), then where did he learn to operate a firearm, fired to injure himself and a police official," Raut asked.

"The accused is dead. The other co-accused who were school trustees and BJP workers are on the run. Such a textbook case of shoot-and-scoot tactics applied an incompetent government. Coming soon: Nobody sexually assaulted the minor girls, a story written, sponsored and executed by the state government," said Chaturvedi in a jibe at the MahaYuti government.

Akshay Shinde's parents - father Anna and mother Alka - on Tuesday morning have refused to believe the police claims of a 'shootout inside the van' in which their only son was killed. "This is a contract killing by the police... The government must take strong action against the perpetrators who killed our son," wailed Alka Shinde.

Maha CID launches probe into 'encounter killing' of rape accused

AGENCIES
THANE, 24 SEPTEMBER

Maharashtra Crime Investigation Department (CID) has taken over the probe into the sensational 'encounter killing' of Akshay A. Shinde, the prime accused in the Badlapur rape of two nursery girls, officials said here on Tuesday.

As per protocols in such cases, a CID team went to the Mumbra Police Station, Thane, where the formal cases have been filed pertaining to Akshay Shinde's death in police firing after a gun-fight with a police escort team when he was being shifted from Talaja Jail in Raigad to Badlapur town here Monday.

Officials indicated that the newspecial probe team formed by the Thane Police Commissioner on Monday would hand over the relevant papers to the CID for further investigations.

Meanwhile, Akshay Shinde's autopsy was conducted this afternoon with a medical team comprising three doctors at the Sir J. J. Hospital in Mumbai and later taken back to the Chhatrapati



Shivaji Maharaj Hospital in Kalve (Thane).

After completing the relevant formalities, it would be handed over for the last rites to the family, said an official.

Earlier today, the Thane Police said that the Mumbra Police have registered an accidental death report after Akshay Shinde's encounter killing in self-defence by the police escort team.

The police have lodged a separate case against the deceased under the BNS and Arms Act for snatching an Assistant Police Inspector Nilesh More's service revolver and firing at him near the

Mumbra Bypass Road on September 23 around 6 pm. Akshay Shinde, 24, working as a sweeper since Aug. 1 with the Adarsh Vidya Prasarak Sanstha (AVPS)'s primary school, was charged with the alleged rape of two nursery girls aged 3 and 5 in the toilet on August 12 and 13, though it came to light only after Independence Day celebrations.

He was arrested on August 17 and as the matter erupted into the public domain it led to a nationwide outrage, a massive 10-hour citizens' protest in Badlapur and demands to banghim publicly, blockade of Central Railway trains and local roads, slogans against the government and demanding justice for the two minor victims.

Rattled by the case fallout ahead of the Assembly elections, the MahaYuti government also initiated a series of remedial steps including the suspension of 4 cops, sacking the AVPS Trustees, transferring the case to a fast-track court, and other strong measures to quell the public anger and blunt the Opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi's fierce attacks.

Agriculture minister begins regular dialogue with farmers

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Union Minister for Agriculture Shivrang Singh Chouhan Tuesday set in motion the process of dialogue with farmers and farmers' organisations in Delhi.

"As I have said before, agriculture is the backbone of India's economy and farm-

ers are its soul and serving farmers is like worshipping God for us. He said that last time when I was discussing the achievements of 100 days, I decided that I will start a series of meetings with farmers or farmer organisations every Tuesday because many times we do not understand the problems while sitting in the office," he said on the occa-

sion. He said it is the government's duty to directly communicate with those who have problems, and discuss with them any issue that comes up. Officials from the Ministry of Agriculture and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) were also present during the dialogue.

Form No. 3
See Regulation-15(1)(a) / 16(3)
DEBITS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL KOLKATA (DRT 2)
7th Floor, Jeevan Sudha Building
42-C, Jawahar Lal Nehru Road
Kolkata - 700071

Case No.: OA/207/2018
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993
Ext. No.: 631
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK VS GODHULI AGRO PVT. LTD.

To: (1) Godhuli Agro Pvt. Ltd., Damodar Steel Works, P.O. Baktagar, P.S. Raniganj, Burdwan, West Bengal-713320

SUMMONS
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Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal on this date: 13.03.2023.

Signature of the Officer authorised to issue summons

sdi-
Registrar
Kolkata DRT-2

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
E-Tender Notice No. 27 of 2024-25 (Open-Engg/DOU On line (through e-tendering) for the following work is invited by DRM/Engg/DOU for and on behalf of the President of India from experienced and financially as well as technically sound contractors including those enlisted with the Railway, CPWD, BSNL, MES, PWD and other public sector undertakings. (i) Name of work with its location: Tender No. 14-DDU-SR-DEN-II-24-25 Replacement of 04 units type-II staff quarters at AUBR in DDU Division (ii) Earnest Money: ₹ 144600.00 (iv) Name of work with its location: Tender No. 15-DDU-SR-DEN-II-24-25 Renovation of toilets & kitchen etc of staff quarters at DOS & AUBR station under ADENIOS. (v) Advertised Value: ₹ 22445973.54 (vi) Earnest Money: ₹ 262200.00 (vii) Closing Date & time for submission of e-tender: 18.10.2024, Up-to 12:00 hrs. (viii) Website particulars of e-tendering: www.ireps.gov.in Divisional Railway Manager, East Central Railway, Pt. DDU, Division PR/01191/DDUJENG/T/24-25/32

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY
OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE
Open e-Tender is invited on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:-
S.N.: 1. Name of the work with its location: "Electric general services work including improvement in yard and circulating area lighting, water supply arrangement and electrical wiring of RPF Barrack at Bukru, Phulbasia & Shivpur, Health unit at Tori and Balumath, balance 81 nos Quarters (Type II, III & IV), TXR Depot at Balumath & Shivpur, Gang hut with tool box cum P.Way store at all stations, Pump house at Balumath, Bukru & Shivpur and Transit for staff Accommodation at Bukru, Phulbasia & Shivpur etc and other electrical (G) work at different stations between Tori - Shivpur Section in connection with construction of Tori - Shivpur third line project and any other locations under Dy.CEE/CS/MHX" e-Tender No. EL/CS/MHX/TEN/09/24-25, S.N.: 2. Approx. Cost of the work: Rs. 13,30,10,048.98/-, S.N.: 3. Cost of Tender form: Nil, S.N.: 4. Availability of Tender: On IREPS website: www.ireps.gov.in, S.N.: 5. Earnest money to be deposited: As per NIT, S.N.: 6. Completion period of the work: 06 months, S.N.: 7. Date and time for closing of tender: 15.10.2024 at 12:00 hrs.
Dy. CEE/Con/South, E.C. Ry., MHX, Patna
PR/01180/CONS/ELEC/T/24-25/40

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY
Tender Notice
Sr. DSTE/CO/Kota acting for & On behalf of President of Union of India invites e-Tenders against Tender No. KOTA/SNT/SIG/2024/10 Due date to open mentioned below in table. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Tender No.: KOTA/S&T/SIG/2024/10, Name of work: Augmentation and Enhancing safety by replacement of IRS Electric Point machines of old specification with latest specifications., Approx. cost of the work: Rs. 3,97,63,415.69/-, Bid Security value: Rs. 3,48,800.00/-, Last Date & Time of submission and opening of tender: 15:00 hrs on Date 18.10.2024, The Tenders can be viewed at website www.ireps.gov.in. The tenderer/bidders must have class III Digital signature certificate & must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderer/bidders can participate in e-tendering. Also should have valid GSTIN.
Sr. DSTE (Coord.), WCR, KOTA

NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY
E-Tender Notice
TENDER NOTICE No. N-235-62
Tele Tender 03-2024
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Tele/HQ, N. E. Railway, Gorakhpur for and on behalf of President of India invites E-Tender for the following works from the contractors having sufficient experience as per eligibility criteria mentioned in tender document.
1-Tender No.: N-235-62 Tele Tender 03-2024, 2-Name of work: Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of various Telecom Assets for improvement of telecom facilities in Central Control Room at PCOM office, Gorakhpur, N. E. Railway, 3-Tender Value: ₹ 1677863.83 (Rs. Sixteen Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Three and Eighty Three Paise only) 4-Bid Security: ₹ 33,600/- 4-Validity of offer: 60 days, 5-Place, Date & Time of closing and opening of Tender: Office of the DSTE/Tele, N. E. Ry, Gorakhpur, 22.10.2024 at 15:00 Hrs., 7-Completion Period: 03 (Three) MONTHS, 8-For any changes of tender, please check on internet website for Corrigendum of the original tender notice. 9-Detailed tender notice, documents, Eligibility criteria, terms & conditions are available at website http://www.ireps.gov.in
Note: The Tenderer/bidder's must upload all relevant attachments/Format/Annexure along with their bid.
Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer/Tele/HQ, CPRO/Sig-46, Gorakhpur
Newer travel on roof and foot boards.

EASTERN RAILWAY
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एतद द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उपरोक्त, गोड्डा के ज्ञापक-1648 / जि.सं.कं. दिनांक-14.09.2024 के द्वारा गोड्डा जिला अन्तर्गत आँगनवाड़ी केन्द्रों में Winter Uniform (Sweaters) for AWC Children (03-06 Years) सामग्रियों का क्रय हेतु https://godda.nic.in वेबसाइट एवं विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से निविदा सूचना प्रकाशित की गई है, जिसका PR No.336179 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development(24-25) D है।
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PR 336912 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development(24-25)RD

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ED court asks Revanth to appear on 16 October

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD, 24 SEPTEMBER

In a setback to Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, the ED court at Nampally has summoned him to appear before it on October 16. He is accused in the cash-for-vote case which had taken place in

2015. Reddy, as a TDP MLA, was caught red handed offering a bribe of Rs 50 lakh to the nominated Anglo-Indian MLA Elvis Stephenson to vote for the TDP candidate Vem Narendar Reddy ahead of MLC election in Telangana. He is currently out on bail. Expressing dis-

pleasure on the absence of the accused in the case, the court ordered all the accused to attend the next hearing.

Last week the Supreme Court refused to transfer the trial of the case from Telangana to Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh while asking him not to interfere in the

functioning of the prosecution in the case. The apex court also directed that the Director-General of the anti-corruption bureau (ACB) would not report to the Chief Minister over prosecution of this particular case. The BRS had approached the court to shift the trial to Bhopal.

'Confident of order getting nullified in coming days'

AGENCIES BENGALURU, 24 SEPTEMBER

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said that he will not shy away from any investigation in the MUDA case and was confident that the High Court's Tuesday order would be nullified in the coming days.

Siddaramaiah's petition challenging the Governor's order to allow prosecution against him in the MUDA case was dismissed by the High Court.

In his official statement regarding the quashing of his petition, CM Siddaramaiah said, "I have come to know about the High Court's order



through the media. I will respond after obtaining a copy of the order and reading it. The court has completely rejected the prosecution sanctioned by the Governor under Section 218," he maintained. "The justice has limited himself to Section 17(A) of the Prevention of Corruption Act of the Governor's order. I do not shy away from any investigation in the MUDA case and was confident that the High Court's Tuesday order would be nullified in the coming days."

experts on whether such an investigation is legally permissible. After discussions with legal experts, I will decide on the next course of action," CM stated.

"In his complaint, the complainant had sought permission for an investigation and prosecution under Section 218 BNS, 17 (A), and 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act. However, the Governor had initially rejected the prosecution permission sought under Section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act," CM Siddaramaiah underlined.

"Today, the honourable court has clearly dismissed the prosecution sanction

given by the Governor under Section 218 BNS. I am confident that in the coming days, the truth will emerge, and the investigation granted under Section 17 (A) will be nullified," CM emphasized.

"The people of the state are with me in this political battle. Their blessings are my protection. I believe in the law and the Constitution. In this fight, truth will ultimately prevail," he stated.

"This is a fight against the vengeful politics of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led BJP government. Our legal battle against the BJP and JD(S)'s vengeful politics will continue. I have faith in the judiciary," he maintained.

INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Sundari Mendal, Daughter of Nil Ratan Mondal of Vill-Dholamal, PO-Baldah, PS-Bongano, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, who has been missing since 26.08.2024 at about 15:00 hrs. from Residence, PS-Bongano, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, Description of this missing person is: Age-14 years, Complexion-Shyama, Height-158 cms, Wearing-Red Kurta, 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.

INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Salge Mandi, Spouse's Name- Daman Mandi of Vill-Garughata, PO-Baranegui, PS-Nayagram, Dist.-Jhargram, who has been missing since 13.01.2024 at about 12:25 hrs. from Residence, PS-Nayagram, Dist.-Jhargram, Description of this missing person is: Age-24 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-5'5", Wearing-Blue 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.

INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Rita Rani Das, Spouse's Name- Satyabrata Das of Vill-Dhumsal, PO-Dhumsal, PS-Nayagram, Dist.-Jhargram, who has been missing since 01.07.2023 at about 09:30 hrs. from Residence, Vill-Dhumsal, PO-Dhumsal, PS-Nayagram, Jhargram, Description of this missing person is: Age-30 years, Complexion-Shyama, Height-5 Feet, Wearing-Blue 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.

INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Tushar Ranjan Satpati, Son of Tapan Kumar Satpati of 132, Adarsha Nagar, Jayashree Textile, PO-Purushottam, PS-Serampore, Hooghly, who has been missing since 26.08.2022 at about 11:00 hrs. from Residence, PS-Serampore, Hooghly, Description of this missing person is: Age-16 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-170 cms, Wearing-Green T-Shirt and Black Full 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.

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INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Joyento Naskar, Son of Brahminanth Naskar of Vill-Tanpa, PO-Balakhali, PS-Bishnupur, Dist.-South 24 Parganas, who has been missing since 23.08.2024 at about 08:00 hrs. from Residence, PS-Bishnupur, Dist.-South 24 Parganas, Description of this missing person is: Age-12 years, Complexion-Shyama, Height-109 cms, 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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INFORMATION WANTED. This is the photograph of Mousumi Das, Daughter of Kartick Das of Shyamundar Purba Para, PS-Raina, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, who has been missing since 30.11.2023 at about 11:30 hrs. from Residence, PS-Raina, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, Description of this missing person is: Age-16 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-166 cms, Wearing-Red 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.

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Congress government in Himachal Pradesh working against its guarantees says BJP: Bharatiya Janta Party has strongly criticized the Congress government in Himachal Pradesh for working against its guarantees. The party has blamed the CM Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu government of burdening the common man of the state with its decision to increase utility costs and new taxes.

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Chip Push

India's semiconductor push, spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at meetings with American tech leaders, marks a pivotal moment in the country's efforts to cement its position as a key player in the global supply chain. This strategic pivot not only seeks to reduce dependence on China but also aims to build long-term resilience in sectors critical to modern technology and national security. The meeting, attended by high-profile CEOs from companies like Google, Adobe and NVIDIA, reflects the growing confidence in India as a potential hub for innovation, co-development, and manufacturing. However, achieving this ambitious goal will require India to overcome significant challenges and build a robust semiconductor ecosystem. India's aspirations in the semiconductor sector have been long-standing, but previous attempts at fostering a home-grown chip manufacturing industry have faltered. The complexities involved in chip fabrication, which require cutting-edge technology, substantial financial investments, and highly specialised talent, have posed hurdles. However, the latest India-US semiconductor pact signals a renewed opportunity for India to finally make its mark. By focusing on producing chips for defence and next-generation technologies, this deal underscores India's strategic importance, particularly in the context of growing tensions between the US and China. As global power dynamics shift, India stands to benefit from its positioning as a trusted partner for the US and its allies.

One of the key factors driving this shift is the diversification of supply chains. The Covid-19 pandemic and rising geopolitical tensions with China have exposed the vulnerabilities of a heavily concentrated global semiconductor supply chain. As the world's second-largest manufacturer of semiconductors, China's dominance in this sector has raised concerns, especially for countries like the US, which view semiconductors as vital not only for consumer technology but also for national security. This is where India comes in - as a democratic nation with a growing manufacturing base, India offers an alternative to firms seeking to reduce their reliance on China. However, while the semiconductor pact is a promising step, it remains to be seen whether India can deliver on its potential. Building a semiconductor industry from scratch will require long-term investments in infrastructure, talent development, and research and development. Additionally, India must navigate the highly competitive nature of the global semiconductor market, where established players like Taiwan, South Korea, and China are far ahead in terms of capacity and technological sophistication. At the same time, India's outreach to top tech leaders and its engagement with the Indian diaspora demonstrate the country's soft power and its ability to leverage global networks for economic and strategic gain. Ultimately, India's semiconductor ambitions are intertwined with its broader goals of becoming a global manufacturing hub and enhancing its strategic partnerships. While the road ahead is challenging, the growing alignment between India and the US, coupled with the shifting geopolitical landscape, provides India with a unique opportunity to assert itself as a key player in the global tech ecosystem.

Myanmar Shift

India's diplomatic approach toward the Myanmar conflict is undergoing a subtle yet potentially transformative shift. By extending an invitation to political and military opponents of Myanmar's junta for a seminar in New Delhi, India signals a recalibration of its stance. This marks a significant moment in India's Myanmar policy, reflecting both geopolitical concerns and internal security interests. The seminar, which reportedly includes representatives from Myanmar's National Unity Government (NUG) and ethnic rebel groups, such as those from Chin, Rakhine, and Kachin, represents India's first formal engagement with the anti-junta forces. Given that Myanmar has been embroiled in a civil conflict since the military's 2021 coup, India's gesture is both timely and pragmatic. The situation along their shared 1,650-kilometre border has become increasingly volatile, with rebel forces seizing significant swathes of territory from the military. This growing instability directly threatens India's north-eastern region, as well as its infrastructure projects in Myanmar. What stands out in India's move is its delicate balancing act. For years, India has maintained relations with Myanmar's junta, even as Western nations imposed sanctions and condemned the regime. By not severing ties, India avoided alienating Myanmar's military, which could have driven the regime closer to China - a rival that already wields significant influence in Myanmar. At the same time, India refrained from openly criticising the junta, preferring to pursue a more neutral stance that protected its own strategic interests.

Yet, the civil war in Myanmar has escalated to a point where border instability is no longer a distant concern but an immediate threat. India's investment in infrastructure projects like the Kaladan port and road projects, designed to boost connectivity between its north-eastern states and Southeast Asia, could be severely undermined by the conflict. The economic and security implications of an unstable border have likely prompted India to take a more proactive approach in addressing the internal dynamics of Myanmar. Engaging with the NUG and ethnic rebel groups signals India's intent to be seen as a mediator in Myanmar's protracted conflict. While ASEAN's peace efforts have faltered, with little progress since the 2021 unveiling of its five-point consensus, India's willingness to engage with "all stakeholders" could fill a crucial void.

However, the exact objectives of this engagement remain unclear. Is India attempting to pressure the junta into adopting a more conciliatory approach? Or is this a strategic hedge, signalling that New Delhi is prepared to work with alternative powers within Myanmar should the junta's grip on power continue to weaken? Regardless of the intent, this shift opens a new chapter in India-Myanmar relations. By inviting Myanmar's anti-junta forces, India not only safeguards its own security and economic interests but also positions itself as a key player in shaping Myanmar's future. Whether this leads to substantive change remains to be seen, but the invitation is a bold step that underscores India's growing regional influence.

Jayadeva's Genius ~ I

It is a tragedy, rather a civilizational fault, that unlike the Greeks, ancient India did not bother to create formal schools, institutions and academies to bear the torch of this magnificent civilization and relied solely on the fragile Ashram and family-based teaching system, thus losing many treasures and real history. Our great poets and geniuses including Jayadeva were victims of this neglect

Jayadeva (c1170 - c1245 CE), the 12th century legendary Sanskrit poet, has been one of the greatest classical poets and singers of India. Like Kalidasa, his life is also shrouded in mystery and few authentic accounts are available about his life and work. Controversies about his ancestry and place of birth keep these details in the realm of speculation. Owing to the self-effacement philosophy of ancient India's rishis, poets, singers, literary and scientific geniuses and unfortunate neglect of historiography, writing of biography and autobiography, Jayadeva's life history went into oblivion and was sought to be reconstructed from bits of information available at various places and interpretation of sundry events.

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Controversies about Jayadeva's place of birth and his sphere of literary and music activities have not died down even today, though slightly muted owing to new research by a number of historians and scholars, and recent discoveries of stone inscriptions and archeological remains.

Three regions - Mithila, Bengal and Odisha - have claimed ownership of Jayadeva as son of their soil. Considerable confusion arose because of two reasons - existence of at least three poets and writers having the same name and the existence of three villages in three States named Kendu Bilwa, the supposed birthplace of Jayadeva.

The only biographical work appreciating Jayadeva's genius, life and work I could come across, was the eminent linguist Suniti Kumar Chatterji's seminal work *Makers of Indian Literature - Jayadeva* (Sahitya Academy, New Delhi, 1973). According to Chatterji, "Jayadeva, the author of the *Gita-Govinda* is pre-eminent among Sanskrit poets and is acknowledged universally to be the writer of the sweetest lyrics in the Sanskrit language. His name comes spontaneously at the end as the last poet in an enumeration of the classic poets of Sanskrit - Asvaghosa, Bhasa, Kalidasa, Bhartrihari, Harsadeva, Bharavi, Bhavabhuti, Magha, Ksemendra, Somadeva, Bilhana, Sriharsa, Jayadeva. He is in fact the last of the classical poets of Sanskrit of pan-Indian celebrity, whose influence on the later poets and scholars all over India through his single work, the *Gita-Govinda*, is almost comparable to that of the great Kalidasa himself." Chatterji adds, "He thus stands at the yuga-sandhi, a confluence of two epochs, with a guiding hand for the new epoch that was coming. Jayadeva can truly be called the Last of the Ancients and the First of the Moderns in Indian Poetry".

Apart from his exquisite interpretations with English translations of the astapadis and the songs contained in various chapters, Chatterji has, in this monograph, analysed at great length the controversy and the competing claims surrounding Jayadeva's



birthplace and the places of his sojourn and activities.

Although he has refrained from giving a final verdict with conclusive proof, his inclination to accept the Bengali narrative is not supported by historical evidence and has been disputed by many modern historians of Bengal and Odisha. Chatterji's book kept the controversy alive.

Mithila's claim rested on two conjectures - (a) Jayadeva was a Kanyakubja brahmin and since the Kanyakubja brahmins hailed from Kannauj and Mithila, he must have been born in Mithila and (b) there exists a village named Kenduli near Jhanjharpur in Mithila (now in Bihar). Mithila's feeble claim is, however, not supported by any historical or archeological evidence.

While Bengal made a strong case for appropriating poet Jayadeva, it must be remembered that Jayadeva of *Gita Govinda* had never captured the Bengali consciousness until the advent of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu who spearheaded the Bhakti Movement in the eastern part of the sub-continent creating a Vaishnava cult with thousands of followers. It is one of his Vaishnav followers, Banamali Das who wrote a book *Jayadeva Charita* in 1803, which was disseminated by Bengali historians. In an article published in the *Asiatic Society of Bengal*, M M Chakraborty has mentioned that Kenduli village in Birbhum district where a *Baul mela* is held every year was the birthplace of poet Jayadeva.

Moreover, the fact that another village adjacent to Kenduli was christened as Jaydev Kenduli and the annual *Baul* festival was renamed as "Jayadeva mela", which became a place of tourist attraction, proves Jayadeva's connection with Kenduli. In *Gita Govinda*, however, Jayadeva mentions his birthplace as "Kendubilva by the sea" ("Kendubilva Samudra Sambhava") in his 7th Ashtapadi, and Birbhum, unlike Puri, doesn't have any sea around!

Jayadeva as Jaydev Goswami, a typical Bengali Vaishnav name.

However, forgetting the controversy, from a larger geo-political perspective, Bengal's claim could be considered vindicated in the context that United Bengal during that period comprised large parts of Mithila (Bihar) and Odisha.

Incorporation of *Gita Govinda* in the rituals of Jagannath Mandir, live performances by his music and dance choir and practice of his own brand of Vaishnavism (Krishna consciousness) at the temple brought a cultural revolution in Puri, which soon spread to various parts of Odisha.

It is Jayadeva who made the Puri Jagannath temple the nerve-centre of Odissi art, culture and literature. In fact, the elegant Odissi dance form and the sonorous Odissi music owe their origin to Jayadeva's *Gita Govinda* and had evolved with his live performances along with his dancer wife at the Jagannath Temple.

Discovery of an ancient stone idol of Jayadeva at Akhandaleswara temple, Prataparudrapura, inscriptions at the Lingaraja temple and more recently discovered Madhukeswara and Simhachala temples shed new light on Jayadeva's early life. Inscriptions like "Sadhupradhana Jayadeva" carved by the contemporary Odisha king on the Lingaraja temple, Bhubaneswar say that Jayadeva had been a member of the teaching faculty of the school at Srikurmapataka. Inscriptions found in Akhandaleswara, Madhukeswara and Simhachala temples establish a linkage of Kurmapataka with Jayadeva's career.

Relentless research by Odisha scholars and historians in recent years has unearthed new evidences which were hitherto unknown in Odisha. Discovery of *Gita Govinda* hand written in archaic Odia script on *talpatra* (palm leaves) by the medieval Odissi musician-poet, Gopalkrusna Pattanayaka, a few poems of Jayadeva hand written in old Odissi language, and the mention of Sasanbilva (Sasan by the sea-side) do indicate Jayadeva's close association with Odisha although his influence spread to Bengal, Andhra, Maharashtra and Kerala, especially in the dance forms of Kuchipudi, Bharatnatyam and Kathakali.

In Vaishnava Lilamruta, Madhaba Patnaik who lived in the sixteenth century clearly mentions that Jayadeva was born near Puri. Poets and writers in Assam, Andhra and Maharashtra have identified Jayadeva with Puri. A pioneer of the Bhakti movement, Guru Nanak Dev visited Puri and was so impressed with the songs of *Gita Govinda* that he included two hymns of *Gita Govinda* (in mixed Sanskrit and eastern Apabhramsa) in his *Guru Granth Sahib*.

Another fascinating saint of the Bhakti movement, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, during his sojourn from Nabadwip to Jagannath temple three centuries later, did not forget to go to Kenduli Sasan to pay respect to Jayadeva at his birthplace. Sri Chaitanya had been an ardent admirer of Jayadeva, who had been the originator of the Krishna-Radha cult and the divine love songs became Mahaprabhu's signature music during his Bhakti movement.

(To Be Concluded)



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Japan's challenge

SIR, Apropos the two-part article 'Japan's Time Bomb', as a nation Japan has shown remarkable resilience in recovering from the effects of the second World War, which included the devastation at Hiroshima and Nagasaki to become the world's fourth largest economy. Japan has people with extraordinary



longevity. It is reported that there are more than 95,000 citizens who are more than 100 years old.

A less than optimum replacement population is bound to create deficiencies. One way of bridging the difference would be to encourage migrants. But the government of Japan has so far resisted all attempts to walk this road. More older people with less than necessary younger ones means a greater burden on them. Economically, Japan is no longer the force it once was even if it has granted India a tax free loan for the bullet train project.

Let this be a lesson to us that the one child norm can turn to be counterproductive in the long run. China is now encouraging couples to have more children by offering

incentives. A long life is sought by almost everybody. But it also entails getting old!

Yours, etc.,
Anthony Henriques,
Mumbai, 21 September.

THE LADDU

SIR, I had the pleasure of visiting Sri Venkateswara temple in Tirumala five decades ago. The laddu we were able to get in the temple at that time was not only bigger in size but also much tastier compared to the ones we receive nowadays from our neighbours and friends who visit the temple.

Even the dedicated devotees say that the commercialisation that entered TTD a long time ago is the main reason not only for the deterioration in the quality of laddus given as prasadam, but also in various other services rendered by the

LACK LEADERS

SIR, Doctors, scientists, artists and teachers are truthful to their work. They work silently in their fields. To them time is so precious. When the environment becomes polluted, they break their silence. They come down to the street and protest. They show the broken skeleton of the system. As a result, they spend their valuable time.

It is the basic responsibility of our authorities to provide safety, security and a suitable environment to our doctors and all professionals. If doctors are tortured, teachers are disturbed and artists are interrupted, how do they perform at their best?

Political persons are elected as drivers by the people. But only farsighted, broad-minded political leaders can steer the situation in the right direction. Unfortunately the nation lacks such leaders.

Yours, etc., Uttam Bhowmik, Tamluk, 23 September.

Trust which is said to be one of the richest religious entities in the world. As such the present controversy of adulteration in the ghee used by the TTD may not be a recent phenomenon but decades old. One feels that the other

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ASIAN VOICES

Protecting our children

The arrest of alleged child sex trafficker Teddy Jay Mojeca Mejia in Dubai is a positive development for a country considered a hot-spot for online sexual abuse and exploitation of children (OSAEC). Mejia, who was repatriated from Dubai last week, is accused of abusing and exploiting 111 female minors by making them pose naked or recording them while being raped. He would then sell these materials online. Mejia's victims were aged between 9 and 15 years old.

However, there are still many abusers and offenders who are out there and continue to commit crimes against vulnerable children. It is tragic that many of them are even known to or are family members of the victims.

President Marcos himself said it was shameful that the Philippines had a disgraceful record for child sex abuse. This ignominy, he said, should not be allowed to continue especially in a country that is known for putting premium on family values. "It is an appalling statistic ... I cannot help but think how many are still left out there?"

The International Justice Mission (IJM) and the University of Nottingham Rights Lab said, based on 2022 data, that nearly one in every 100 children in the Philippines "were trafficked to produce child sexual exploitation material for profit." There were 22,421 children who experienced abuse, neglect and other types of violence in the Philippines for the first half of this year, per the Department of the Interior and Local Government. The government rescued 169 vic-

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tims, and arrested 51 suspects from January to September.

Last year, there were 2,740,905 reports of suspected child sexual exploitation online in the Philippines, based on data from the United States National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Given the overwhelming number of cases, and despite the passage of Republic Act No. 11930 that penalizes online abuse and exploitation of children, it is unlikely that they have all been acted upon. This means that offenders continue to exploit vulnerable children.

United Nations Special Rapporteur Mama Fatima Singhateh said during a visit to the country in 2022 that there is a lack of a dependable data collection. "It is essential to systematically collect reliable, centralized, and disaggregated data by age, gender, ethnicity, disability, including the number of prosecution and convictions related to child sexual abuse cases." Aside from data collection, it is also essential to train those who are tasked to receive, investigate, and adjudicate perpetrators of OSAEC. Singhateh noted that trained individuals should be available at the barangay level, which is the first resort for majority of the victims.

Interior Secretary Benhur Abalos Jr. has already called on local governments to pass ordinances addressing the rise of child abuse cases. There is also the Makabata helpline 1383 which the public can use in reporting cases - but how many are aware that there is such a hotline? The government doesn't need to replicate the success of Bantay Bata 163, a social welfare program of the ABS-CBN Foundation that aims to protect disadvantaged and at-risk children, but it should use this program as a benchmark for launching and providing an effective public service.

The government should also consider Singhateh's suggestion to establish a child-specific court separate from family courts to immediately address these cases and minimize trauma for the victims. It may also want to revisit the earlier suggestions made by the IJM to accelerate response to OSAEC including strictly enforcing RA 11934 or the SIM Registration Act to "detect, block, and report child sexual exploitation materials, including livestreamed abuse." When the law was first passed, the government had so much enthusiasm over what it can do in going after nefarious individuals but online crimes - from sexual exploitation to financial scams - continue to proliferate.

Yours, etc.,
Tharcus S. Fernando,
Chennai, 24 September.

JVP's victory is a setback for India

SANTOSH MATHEW

In a seismic shift that could reshape South Asia's geopolitical landscape, the resurgence of Sri Lanka's Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) signals more than just a political realignment - it marks the rise of a China-aligned force at India's doorstep, threatening to push New Delhi further into a strategic corner.

The recent rise of the JVP in Sri Lankan politics has set off alarm bells across India's strategic and diplomatic circles. Once infamous for its guerrilla tactics and far-left insurgencies, the JVP and its leadership, spearheaded by Anura Kumara Disسانayake (AKD), have resurfaced as a dominant political force. But behind the populist rhetoric lies a complex history and a set of alliances that could tilt the region's balance in China's favour, undermining India's security and geopolitical influence.

The JVP's roots are steeped in violent history, particularly its links to Sinhala nationalism and ethnic chauvinism. Under the leadership of its founder, Rohana Wijeweera, the JVP led uprisings that terrorized Sri Lanka in the 1970s and 1980s. Though initially founded as a Marxist-Leninist movement, it quickly morphed into a Sinhala nationalist party that stood in stark opposition to the Tamil cause.

In the 1980s, the JVP played a significant role in fostering anti-Tamil sentiment, eventually aligning with the Sri Lankan government during the brutal civil war that led to the massacre of thousands of Tamils. Wijeweera's leadership saw the party transform from an idealistic revolutionary force into a paramilitary organization that, alongside the Sinhalese nationalist forces, carried out gruesome acts

of violence, targeting Tamil civilians in their homes, schools, and neighbourhoods.

In 1989, Wijeweera was executed by the government, but the party's legacy of Tamil oppression lives on. Today, the resurgence of the JVP, with Disسانayake at the helm, is not a mere political victory; it signals a return to the chauvinist ethos that once threatened Sri Lanka's unity. The most concerning aspect of JVP's rise is its potential alignment with China's geopolitical ambitions.

Sri Lanka has long been part of China's 'String of Pearls' strategy — a series of Chinese-backed infrastructure projects and political partnerships aimed at encircling India and securing its maritime dominance in the Indian Ocean. China has steadily built its influence in Sri Lanka, investing in key infrastructure projects like the Hambantota Port and Colombo Port City, which critics argue have pushed the country into a debt trap.

A JVP-led government, with its history of anti-India sentiment and dependence on external powers, could serve as a willing proxy for Chinese interests in the region. This becomes even more problematic when we consider China's role in backing regimes and movements that are antithetical to Indian interests. Sri Lanka's strategic location makes it a key player in the Indian Ocean, and a JVP-led government could facilitate China's military and economic influence in ways that would directly undermine India's security in the region.

For India, the victory of the JVP under AKD's leadership is not just a political setback but a humanitarian and cultural concern as well. India has long had an emotional and historical connection to Sri Lanka's Tamil pop-



ulation, a group that suffered greatly during the civil war. The JVP's history of being against Tamil rights, and its collusion with Sinhalese extremists during the war, raises deep concerns about the future of ethnic harmony in Sri Lanka.

As Tamil Nadu watches developments across the Palk Strait with increasing anxiety, any rollback on Tamil rights and a return to ethnic chauvinism will not sit well with Indian policymakers. Such a scenario could inflame tensions between India and Sri Lanka, especially in the southern states, and could further destabilize the region.

India's position in the region has already been weakened by China's growing influence in neighbouring countries like the Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Bangladesh. Sri Lanka

has been a critical outpost for India in its attempts to counterbalance Chinese power in the Indian Ocean. The JVP's victory, and its potential pivot towards China, would severely undermine these efforts, leaving Bhutan as one of the few remaining nations in South Asia where India still holds a strategic advantage over China.

For India, the stakes are high. The JVP's return to power could further erode India's influence in its own neighbourhood, pushing the region deeper into China's sphere of control. If the current political trends in Sri Lanka continue, India may find itself encircled by a growing bloc of Chinese-aligned nations.

The rise of the JVP may bring hope to some within Sri Lanka, particularly those disillusioned with the ruling elite. However, the party's history, its ethnic

chauvinism, and its potential alignment with China make its victory a serious concern for India. For China, a JVP-led Sri Lanka would be yet another gem in its 'String of Pearls,' tightening its grip on the region. For India, it would be yet another geopolitical setback in its backyard, with long-term consequences for regional security and stability.

India must remain vigilant and reassess its strategies in the region to counterbalance this growing Chinese influence, even as it watches closely to see what form of governance and international alignment the JVP will bring to Sri Lanka. As the JVP tightens its grip on power, Sri Lanka risks falling firmly into the clutches of the Chinese dragon.

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OCCASIONAL NOTE

THAT South Africa should be able to undersell Indian coal in the Bombay market is an anomaly to which attention was drawn by the President of the Indian Mine Managers' Association at its annual meeting on Monday. South African coal, as Mr. Mukerjee pointed out, is assisted by a bounty and other advantages, while the coalfields of Bihar and Orissa or Bengal are handicapped by high transport costs. The proposed remedy of a countervailing duty on the bounty-fed competing product is admittedly a complicated matter. Meantime the Indian coal industry is "bearded in its own den." In the course of his address the President referred to the perennial labour question, and expressed regret that the labour movement in this country should be guided and fostered largely by political agitators, for their own ends. The coal-owner and mine manager, however, should be able to defeat the agitator, first by a progressive policy such as that for which they were given credit in the report of the Jharia Mines Board as regards housing; and secondly by publicity, of which the Manbhum branch of the European Association lately gave an example in replying to the misrepresentations of Messrs. Grundy and Mills in the House of Commons.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CHITPORE ROAD

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STATESMAN."

SIR,—It is a matter for complaint that the tramcars plying through a crowded street like Chitpore Road are run so carelessly that accident after accident is reported almost daily. Almost all the way from Madanmantola to Labazar the foot-boards of the tramcars pass almost along the footpath, causing great annoyance and sometimes danger to pedestrians. There is only one footpath on one side of the Chitpore Road, which is so narrow that it can hardly accommodate two or three persons. Then again, in some places, one-fourth of the footpath is commonly occupied by hawkers—another source of trouble and inconvenience to passers-by. There are many lanes and bye-lanes opening into the Chitpore Road, and in passing these places caution is needed on the part of the tram-cars. Why should not the Tramway Company keep guards posted at these crossings and why should they not take special precautions where schools and bazars are situated. They should take special care in driving their cars at those places with lessened speed.

If the Mayor and the Chief Executive Officer would drive through the Chitpore and Strand Roads now and then it would give them an idea of my complaint and they would see in what filthy condition these roads are still kept. (I mean after the accession of the Swarajist party to the Municipality). Do we not expect improvement of our sanitary condition from the present Municipality, especially when the sweepers' wages were increased at our cost, by which act Deshabandhu has won the hearts of the municipal sweepers and menials?

I appeal to the Corporation to see that the causes of these grievances and complaints, which have been longstanding, be immediately removed.

COMPLAINANT.
Sept. 15.

STORY OF A GERMAN SECRET

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "STATESMAN."

SIR,—With reference to your editorial about German responsibility for the Great War, may I give you my experience which, I have no doubt, will help you to fix the blame on the right party.

During the War I was in command of a German prize ship seized by the Portuguese Government called the Numantia, renamed Pangun. The Numantia carried a secret packet which was only to be opened on receipt of a certain wireless signal. The packet had been on board the ship three years before the wireless signal was received—the Numantia being at the time on her way from Colombo to Aden, bound Home, and it read:—"War declared against Great Britain; proceed to nearest neutral port."

So she up helm and proceeded to Marmugoa (Portuguese territory) and found shelter with several other German vessels. When the Portuguese joined up with the Entente she seized all enemy vessels in her ports; amongst them the Numantia, and these astounding facts were found in her log books.

You will note that the secret message says "War declared against Great Britain," whereas it was Great Britain that declared war against Germany. The inference is obvious.

—Yours, etc., E. T. C. COX,
(Master Mariner).

Oli's pettiness undermines India ties

AJAYA BHADRA KHANAL

Here's what Nepal's Prime Minister KP Oli told the parliament on Monday, saying he was giving the address for a "special" reason: "Nepal wants to maintain neighbourly relations as a good neighbour, not a petty, scheming neighbour...Nepal wants a similar behaviour on the part of its neighbours."

He pursued this line of argument, implying that India is wishing ill on Nepal, imposing on Nepal's sovereignty and interfering in its independent status and policy. He then told the parliament that he would present the issue at the United Nations General Assembly.

It basically amounts to saying he will complain to the UN about India's behaviour.

What a petty idea. Given his inherent character trait, PM Oli will find it difficult to develop trusted relations with India in the short term. His only option is to be diplomatic, predictable and consistent. So far, he's not been able to do that. It does not bode well for Nepal's foreign policy, which is the most important means of pursuing Nepal's current priorities, including jobs, growth and climate change.

Oli's statement in the parliament indicates at least three things. First, his expectations from India have not been fulfilled. Second, his communications with the country have broken down. And third, he thinks India may be working to undermine his political authority.

Let's look at his expectations from the southern neighbour. Oli wants to hold high-level talks with PM Modi of India and build trusted relations.

In the past two weeks, media reports and opinion pieces have discussed whether Oli would be invited to India or not. It has almost become customary in Nepal for a new prime minister to visit India first before embarking on other high-level visits. Such a custom indicates the value politicians accord to India, especially if they want their government to be stable.

The second indication is that Oli is finding it difficult to communicate with people who matter in India. When you begin to communicate your feelings about India through the media, it indicates that your direct communications have either broken down or are ineffective.

Behind Oli's statement is an obvious intention to play the blame game or rally the public. India may be at fault for many things, but blaming India does not absolve him of inconsistencies on his part or the sheer inability to conduct diplomacy in a dignified manner.

The third indication is even more significant. Oli has consistently promoted anti-Indian nationalism, and India finds it difficult to trust him. But would that alone be enough to undermine his government?

Throughout history, India has had a significant influence on Nepal's political process and decision-making. Through its influence on individuals who've received gifts, benefits, and resources, some at the highest levels,

India holds significant leverage over political decision-making and, by extension, over policies and processes.

India's calculated relations with the Nepali state came to the fore in August this year when Foreign Minister Arzu Rana Deuba visited India. New Delhi turned her visit into a high-profile affair even though she was unprepared to represent Nepal's interests. Her visit, rather than building political trust, ended up creating more mistrust between Oli and New Delhi as well as between the Foreign Ministry and the Prime Minister's Office.

Although it is a matter of speculation, there are strong grounds to argue that such a courtesy would not have been extended to someone from the CPN (UML). It generates the question, at least in the public's mind, whether India accorded special treatment to FM Rana as a "special" individual who happened to be the foreign minister and not as a representative of Nepal.

Whether real or not, the perception that India is unhappy with Oli has fuelled the notion that the current government coalition is unstable.

Throughout Nepal's modern history, whenever top leaders are forced out, they tend to seek India's support to regain power. I have heard firsthand from top political leaders that India used to put a pre-condition: First, demonstrate that you have people's support, then we will use our leverage to help you. Thus, the political leaders would launch a political campaign and hold mass meetings throughout the country. If the broader

political environment favoured a political change, then India made the additional push.

Now, as Pushpa Kamal Dahal tours the country, blaming a corrupt network of power brokers, we are reminded of this old playbook. During mass meetings, an embittered Dahal frequently alleges that "middlemen, brokers, and big cronies have gotten together, and with the strength of so-called numbers, have tried to strangle truth, justice...and good governance." He also tells the public that his government was ousted because the investigations on corruption were leading to Budhanilkantha (Deuba's residence) and Balkot (Oli's residence).

For Oli, an inherent anti-Indian streak in his psychological make-up and an affinity with the Communist Party of China makes rapprochement with India difficult.

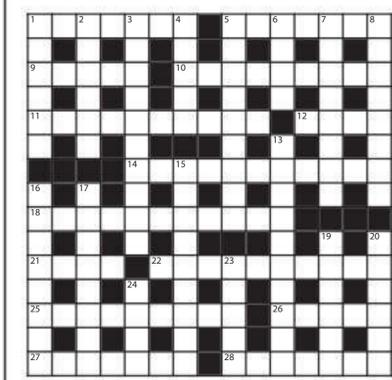
In the last 10 years, Oli has made countless petty statements intended to rile and irritate India. He has also accorded China greater space in Nepal.

In his book, former deputy PM Kamal Thapa expresses distaste at the way Oli made an unscheduled visit to China Gezhouba Group Corporation and disappeared for one and a half hours for a private meeting with Chinese Communist Party officials during his visit to China in 2016.

Another issue is the Eminent Persons' Group report, which Oli raised during the launch of Thapa's book. "It would be good to receive the report," he said during the programme. He made more anti-Indian remarks at another similar event.

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ACROSS

- Foreign Office initially sends deranged Australian to rummage (7)
- Grizzly infant to stand with inexperienced reporter (4,3)
- Brown and green light — this takes two (5)
- European in spot gets excited about current spirit (9)

DOWN

- Mice emptied place for grain left over in city (10)
- Extent of Crusaders' objective? (4)
- Field dismal without young man — top player (7,4)
- Smoke and marine pollution here skinned smooth urbanite (4,7)
- Help needed to cross river that's dry (4)
- Untouchable carcass not to be moved (10)

DOWN

- Restricted area with monstrous bird in bottle (9)
- Season failing to start for Bury (5)
- Why chicken didn't cross road: exhausted (3,4)
- Debt collector back in action exposed (7)
- Dissident, stoical, reviewed Tory cuts (10)
- One causing buzz, Egyptian spirit loves to embrace unknown (5)
- Bar on one Scots town where magistrate held sway? (9)
- Sea food from loch within range (4)
- Lion perhaps devours couple, causing gossip (8)
- In passing through on vacation, we're going outside? (2,3,3)
- Attack SAS, Goering ordered (10)

DOWN

- A race covering one mile demands energy (9)
- Military engineer receives credit as fighter (8)
- Northern club actress Helen under stone (2,6)
- Married college boy? (6)
- Celebrity editor held consistent views? (6)
- One given pound, apparently indebted, angered (5)
- Bounce back as nymph consorting with Zeus (4)

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



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कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, धनबाद मोबाईल नं० : 879242462 Email : rdsd.dhanbad@rediffmail.com प्रक्रांक-796 शुद्धि पत्र धनबाद/दिनांक-24.09.2024 इस कार्यालय के प्रक्रांक 764 दिनांक 13.09.2024 के द्वारा आमंत्रित ईओ निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना सं-20/2024-25/RDSD/EE/Dhanbad(DMFT) जिसका PR No. 335765 Rural Development(24-25)D में प्रकाशित निविदा की तिथि में निम्नवत् संशोधन किया जाता है।

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निविदा सूचना शुद्धि पत्र एवम् द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उपयुक्त, गोड्डा के ज़ापांक-1648/जि०सं०क० दिनांक-14.09.2024 के द्वारा गोड्डा जिला अन्तर्गत आँगनवाड़ी केन्द्रों में Winter Uniform (Sweaters) for AWC Going Children (03-06 Years) सामग्रियों का क्रय हेतु https://godda.nic.in वेबसाइट एवं विभिन्न समाचार पत्रों के माध्यम से पूर्व में निविदा सूचना प्रकाशित की गई है, जिसका PR No.336179 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development(24-25) D है। उक्त निविदा में अंकित पृष्ठ संख्या-9 SECTION III- ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA के कड़िका-02 में दिये गये विवरण जो नीचे लिखे उल्लेखित है:- Bidder must have minimum annual turnover of INR 6 Crore (Six Crore) in each last three financial years. (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) Turnover certificate issued by a chartered Accountant with valid UDIN number has to be submitted along with audit report. उक्त निविदा के उपरोक्त विवरण में निदेशानुसार आंशिक संशोधन किया जाता है जो निम्न प्रकार है:- Bidder must have minimum average turnover of INR 6 Crore (Six Crore) in last three financial years. (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24) Turnover certificate issued by a chartered Accountant with valid UDIN number has to be submitted along with audit report. तदनुसार इच्छुक निविदादाता/ फर्म से दिनांक-27.09.2024 को 02:00 बजे अपराह्न तक अचोहस्ताक्षरी कार्यालय में निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है। उसी दिन दिनांक-27.09.2024 को 03:00 बजे अपराह्न में निविदा निस्तार समिति के समक्ष निविदा निस्तारित की कार्यवाई की जाएगी। उक्त निविदा की शेष सभी शर्तें यथावत् रहेगी। PR 336912 Social Welfare, Women and Child Development(24-25)#D जिला समाज कल्याण पदाधिकारी, गोड्डा

MANUFACTURE, SUPPLY, FABRICATION WORKS Tender Notice No. DCBL/11/2024/MLG Date: 20-09-2024. E-Tender are invited by the undersigned for the following work: Tender No. : DCBL202024MLG. Name of Work : Manufacture, Supply & Fabrication of 4000 nos. Christ Church Cribs under Dy. CE/BL/Maligaon. Approximate Tender Value: ₹8,65,05,731.20/-; Bid Security: ₹5,82,500/-; Tender document can be received upto 15-10-2024 at 15:00 hrs. Date & time of opening of tender at 15:05 hrs. on 15-10-2024. For complete information with the tender document of above e-tender will be available in the website http://www.ireps.gov.in Dy. CE/Bridge-Line, Maligaon NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY Serving Customers With A Smile

South East Central Railway Tender Notice for Upgradation of electrical assets TENDER NOTICE No. : Sr. DEE/RS&G) BSP/OTP/24-25-14 Dated: 13.09.2024 Name of Work: Improvement/ Upgradation of electrical assets of General Services of Bilaspur Division. Tender Value (Approx) : ₹ 1,90,50,543.35/-; EMD amount : ₹ 2,45,300/-; Tender Closing Date, Time: 07.10.2024, 15.00 Hrs. For further details, eligibility criteria & complete details for the above work, Please refer/download tender document. Which is available on website www.ireps.gov.in Sr. Div. Elect. Engineer (RS&G) South East Central Railway

कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा अति अल्पकालीन ई-पुलविनिदि आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा संख्या:- 05(RI)/2024-25/RWD/EE/KODERMA दिनांक :-23.09.2024 कार्यप्रमण्डल, ग्रामीण कार्य विभाग, कार्य प्रमण्डल, कोडरमा द्वारा निम्न विवरण के अनुसार e-procurement पद्धति से निविदा आमंत्रित की जाती है।

West Bengal Forest Development Corporation Limited (WBFDC), KB-19, Sector-III, Salt Lake, Kolkata - 700106. ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE The undersigned invites RFP as follows:

EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE Open e-Tender is invited on Behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned works:- S.N.: 1, Name of the work with its location : "Repair/replacement & maintenance of electrical assets of officer's quarters, staff quarters, ORH & Dy CE/CO office at Hazarbagh, Koderma, Tori & Dy CE/CO offices at Dhanbad and running of 10 No. silent type DG set of 10 KVA Capacity along with generator Dy CE/CO office and ORH at HZME for 24 months and any other location under Dy. CE/CO/Southern" e-Tender No. EL/CS&T/ETEN/12/24-25, S.N.: 2, Approx. Cost of the work : Rs. 1,89,84,465.68/-; S.N.: 3, Cost of Tender form : Nil; S.N.: 4, Availability of Tender: On IREPS website : www.ireps.gov.in; S.N.: 5, Earnest money to be deposited: As per NIT. S.N.: 6, Completion period of the work : 24 months; S.N.: 7, Date and time for closing of tender : 15.10.2024 at 12.00 hrs. Dy. CEE/Con/South, E.C. Rly, MHX, Patna PR/01181/CONS/ELECT/24-25/32

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Sealed tenders [Niet No. 4 / WBSRDA / JD / 2024-25 (1st Call)] are hereby invited from the eligible contractors in connection with the execution of 23 Nos. of schemes. The details will be available in the websites: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer WBSRDA Jangipur Division

EASTERN RAILWAY Tender Notice No. : EL/HWH/25/21(Notice)/806, dated 23.09.2024. Divisional Railway Manager, Eastern Railway, Howrah, DRM Building near Railway station, Howrah-711101 invites open e-tenders for the under-mentioned electrical work : Tender No. : EL-HWH-25-21-3362. Name of Work: Replacement of conventional static energy meter by remote monitoring, web-based (GPRS) "Smart" energy meter in staff quarters over Howrah Division. Tender Value: Rs. 2,04,70,758/-; Bid Security (Earnest Money Deposit): Rs. 2,52,400/-. Completion period : 6 months. Closing date and time of tender : 14.10.2024 at 15.00 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 on any convenient day after closing date and time of the tender. The details of tender are available at website www.ireps.gov.in Tenderers are requested to submit their offer online on the above website. (HWH-303/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.easternrailway.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER E-Tender Notice No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA -126-13-24 Dtd. 23.09.2024. Divisional Railway Manager (Engg) Adra invites 08 (Eight) nos. e-tenders for Unloading, Road, Bridge, Level Crossing, Compost Plants and Misc Works as mentioned hereunder: Sl. No., Tender Notice No. & Description of works are as follows: (1) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-126-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Unloading of 4,04,923 cum ballast from Railway wagon/hoppers and spreading the ballast in track in Adra Division. Tender Value : ₹ 3,38,83,956.64. (2) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-127-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Approach road at INS (Indra), KMRL(Kumrui), RNRG (Rainagar) & BWNC (Bowaichandi) of BDA-BDR section. Tender Value : ₹ 5,79,02,539.50. (3) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-128-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Replacement of non-standard pipe and stone slab bridge by RCC Box size 4x3.75 metre Box pushing method in between Chandil-Asansol and Damodar-Mohalia Section in Adra Division of S. E. Railway. Tender Value : ₹ 9,52,85,636.13. (4) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-129-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Civil Engineering portion work in connection with Interlocking of 3 Nos of Level Crossing Gates(BR-47, JC-24 & AM-38) in Adra Division of South Eastern Railway. Tender Value : ₹ 1,34,59,746.55. (5) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-130-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Improvement of drainage at LC No. BR-43 and LHS No. 2608, 263A & 285A in Adra division. Tender Value : ₹ 2,04,12,871.54. (6) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-131-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Augmentation of existing crew Lobby at Bokaro Steel City (BKSC) in Adra Division of S. E. Railway. Tender Value : ₹ 1,60,89,494.81. (7) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-132-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Operation and maintenance of 4 Nos. compost plants at Bishnupur, Bankura, Chandrakona Road & ADRA. 2 Nos. compost plants at Bokaro Steel City, 1 No STP at Bokaro Steel City, 1 No. Water recycling plant at Bankura and ADRA, 1 No. RO plant at Bokaro Steel City and 7 Nos. aerobic Bio-Toilet under jurisdiction of ADEN/Settlement and jurisdiction of ADEN/Bankura for 36 months. Tender Value : ₹ 1,77,54,073.28. (8) No. E-DRM-Engg-ADRA-133-24, Dtd. 23.09.2024, Provision of additional PF Shed at 28 Nos. of Passenger Halls of Bankura-Masagram Section. Tender Value : ₹ 6,19,52,231.55. The Closing date and time of e-tenders is on 21.10.2024 at 15.00 hrs. Details of above e-tenders may please be seen at website www.ireps.gov.in (PR-643)

EASTERN RAILWAY E-Tender Notice No. NIT/02/24/54, dated 23.09.2024. Principal Chief Materials Manager, Eastern Railway, 2nd floor, 17, Netaji Subhas Road, Fairlie Place, Kolkata-700001 invites e-tenders for supply of the following items. Sl.No., Tender No., Description of Stores, EMD are as follows :- Tender Opening Date : 10.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (1) 20241084, Adjustable cup sleeve for Schaku coupler of EMU coaches, ₹ 2,25,520/-; Tender Opening Date : 14.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (2) 08241028, Procurement of polyimide film, ₹ 2,12,790/-; (3) 11241125, Brake Disc, ₹ 5,15,190/-; (4) 15235158, Procurement of Electrical Heat Treatment Furnace (Stress Relieving) Capacity - 6 ton, ₹ 2,36,540/-; Tender Opening Date : 15.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (5) 09241120A, Diesel loco starter battery, 8 volt etc., ₹ 2,80,930/-; (6) 20235044A, Bombardier make Traction Motor with pinion for MRVC phase-2 Bombardier rakes, ₹ 12,06,780/-; Tender Opening Date : 17.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (7) 08241020, Polyimide covered copper conductor, ₹ 1,12,260/-; Tender Opening Date : 21.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (8) 11241020A, Primary spring, ₹ 1,89,920/-; (9) 20242143, EMU/MEMU Motor Coaches, ELGI make Air Compressor Type TRC-1000DCM, 18 month overhauling kit, ₹ 3,49,340/-; (10) 19241833, Gauge complex with air flow indicator etc., ₹ 1,17,600/-; Tender Opening Date : 22.10.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (11) 14241142, Procurement of Electric pinning operating machine (AC immunity 160 V AC) non trailable to operate on 110 Volts, DC complete with lock, detector, cable terminal box & slides for lock & detector (143 mm throw thrust as applicable, rotary locking) etc., ₹ 3,15,000/-; Tender Opening Date : 04.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (12) 14241032, Procurement of Lead Acid Cell, Low maintenance, 2 V hard rubber or transparent, PP-CP container conforming to IRS: S-88-2004 etc., ₹ 3,92,590/-; Tender Opening Date : 06.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (13) 11241326, Blind socket assembly, ₹ 4,78,250/-; Tender Opening Date : 11.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (14) 14241029, Procurement of Lead Acid Cell, Low maintenance, 2 V hard rubber or transparent, PP-CP container conforming to IRS: S-88-2004 (with amdt. upto date if any). The cells should be complete with rubber boxes (or as per specification), tubular positive plates, pasted negative plates, acid level indicating floats inter-cell connector with bolts & nuts etc., ₹ 2,95,940/-; Tender Opening Date : 13.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (15) 11241810, Procurement of hanger for bogie bolster spring suspension etc., ₹ 6,91,790/-; Tender Opening Date : 18.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (16) 05241229C, Procurement of Crankcase Oil 15W40 etc., ₹ 1,97,350/-; Tender Opening Date : 19.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (17) 11241805, 12 Volt 70 AH capacity VRLA cell etc., ₹ 9,46,670/-; Tender Opening Date : 25.11.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (18) 11241598, Procurement of FRP Door window guide arrangement with Equilising etc., ₹ 1,36,760/-; (19) 11241682, Procurement of rubber buffer spring for 1225 gm capacity buffer etc., ₹ 1,92,170/-; Tender Opening Date : 02.12.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (20) 11241623, Inter vehicular coupler unit, ₹ 6,69,770/-; Tender Opening Date : 09.12.2024, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (21) 07241153, Procurement of Aluminium Chequered Sheet, Size : 3360x813x2.03 mm to RDSO's STR No. C-8217 (Rev.2) of September 2013 etc., ₹ 2,39,810/-; Tender Opening Date : 01.01.2025, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (22) 11241063, Procurement of Draw Hook (Enhanced) etc., ₹ 1,46,020/-; Tender Opening Date : 13.01.2025, Time : 13.30 Hrs. : (23) 11241704, Procurement of lavatory door for non AC coaches etc., ₹ 1,06,290/-; Tender Cost: Rs. 0/- for all. Note : All above mentioned tenders are e-tenders and all tenderers are requested to submit their bids on-line through the IREPS website at https://www.ireps.gov.in For more details regarding the above mentioned tenders and other supply tenders please visit IREPS website. (Stores-44/2024-25) Tender Notices are also available at Website www.easternrailway.gov.in / www.ireps.gov.in Follow us at : @EasternRailway @easternrailwayheadquarter

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR 'ONE STATION ONE PRODUCT' SCHEME OVER ADRA DIVISION "Expression of Interest" is invited from interested parties in sealed covers by Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra on behalf of The President of India for the following work : Description of Work : Operation of 'One Station - One Product' Scheme at Bampur (P.F.-2 & 3), Madhukunda, Ramkanali Jn, Jhantipahar & Bankura-P.F. 2/3 (Stall) stations over Adra Division. Place of Work : Station Applied for. Period of Contract : 15 days in one spell (roster wise and priority wise). Last date of submission of filled in applications with documents is 04.10.2024 up to 13:00 hrs. in the drop box kept in the respective Station Manager's office on 04.10.2024 up to 13.00 hrs. The said box will be opened on 04.10.2024 at 15.00 hrs. EO form & other details can be downloaded from S.E. Railway's website : www.ser.indianrailways.gov.in (PR-640) Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Adra South Eastern Railway We serve with a smile

PWD (GOVT OF WB) TENDER NOTICE EE,PWD, Cob. Divn. invites online e-tender (Short) (e-NIT 23) Tender Id: 2024 WBPWD_756777_1 Bid submission start date: 25.09.2024, 11.30 hrs & Bid submission closing date: 30.09.2024, 09.30 hrs Downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in EE,PWD,COB. DIVN

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division acting on behalf of President of India invites open tender from respective eligible contractors through e-Tendering in www.ireps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. Respective contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in www.ireps.gov.in website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender. Please read the tender document carefully uploaded in the document section for details. Sl No., Tender Notice No. & Name of the work are as follows : 1. Elect-Chg-OT-24-25-REA-14, Santragachi: Replacement of Electrical Assets (Phase 1) and Replacement, Upgradation of Transformer, Switchgear & related Devices. Tender Value : ₹ 99,99,070.52. EMD/Bid Security : ₹ 1,82,000/-. 2. ELECT-CHG-24-25-MC-19, Electrical work for Capacity Enhancement of Mechanised laundry at Santragachi Coaching Depot. Tender Value : ₹ 8,76,249.86. EMD/Bid Security : ₹ 17,500/-. Tender Closing Date & Time: 07.10.2024 at 11.00 hrs. for Sl. No. 1 & 2. Tender Notice, tender document and other details are given in the www.ireps.gov.in (PR-642)

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY TENDER NOTICE Tender No. TRD-BSP-250-24-25 Date: 09.09.2024 Work: Replacement of rusted cantilever over main line over BSP divn. Tender Value : ₹ 2,88,64,097.00/-; EMD: ₹ 2,94,300.00/-; Submission of Tender: up to 15:00 hrs. on 01/10/2024. For further details/ purchase of Tender document, eligibility criteria & the complete details for the above works, please contact Office of the Sr. DEE/ TRD/SECR/Bilaspur or refer/download tender document which is available on our website www.ireps.gov.in. Sr. Div. Elect. Engg. (TRD) S.E.C. Railway, Bilaspur South East Central Railway

JHARKHAND BIJLI VITRAN NIGAM LIMITED (CIN : U40108JH2013DSC001702) Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurga, Ranchi - 834004, E-mail:- gmrcvenue2022@gmail.com, TENDER CANCELLATION NOTICE Due to unavoidable circumstances, tender floated vide NIT No. 54/PR/JBVNL/2024-25 for selection of consultancy firm for Supporting BJVNL in Monitoring and Implementation Support at HQ Level for Metering Billing and Collection MBC Related Systems and Processes Continuous assistance in Commercial related system Improvement and Continuous Regulatory Assistance in all Regulatory Matters is hereby cancelled. PR No. 330552 General Manager (Revenue) PR 336904 (Jharkhand Bijlee Vitran Nigam Ltd)24-25*D

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING) SRM e-Tender No. T-2449/MSETCL/CO/ Projects /Pre-Tender (Rfx No. 6000001227) MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below. "Establishment of 132/33 kV Pimpalner Substation, Tal. Sakri, Dist. Dhule along with associated transmission line under Nashik Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra." Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website. https://srmetender.mahatransco.in The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 20.09.2024. Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

कार्यालय अभियंता का कार्यालय ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पलामू अति अल्पकालीन ई-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या - EE/RDSD/PALAMAU-11/2024-25/RE-01 P.R.No.-335155 1. कार्य की विस्तृत विवरणी :-

क्र० सं०	कार्य का नाम	प्राक्कलित राशि	अग्रघन की राशि	परिमाणु विवरण का मूल्य	कार्य पूर्ण करने की अवधि
1	पलामू जिला के प्रखण्ड तरहसी के पंचायत नुरहा के ग्राम सिकनी एवं घुमा के बीच बंधनवा नाला में पुल निर्माण।	17510400.00	351000.00	10000.00	15 माह।

2. वेबसाइट में निविदा प्रकाशन की तिथि - 25.09.2024
3. ई-निविदा प्राप्ति की तिथि एवं समय - दिनांक 25.09.2024 से दिनांक 01.10.2024 को अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक।
4. ई-निविदा खोलने का स्थान - कार्यपालक अभियंता का कार्यालय, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पलामू।
5. ई-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय - 05.10.2024 अपराह्न 2:00 बजे।
6. ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करने वाले पदाधिकारी का नाम एवं पता :- कार्यपालक अभियंता, ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पलामू।
7. ई-निविदा प्रक्रांक का दूरभाष सं- 06562-355581 (संबंधित कार्यपालक अभियंता का दूरभाष नम्बर)
8. परिमाण विवरण की राशि घट-बढ़ सकती है तदनुसार अग्रघन की राशि देय होगी।
9. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि केवल Online Mode द्वारा स्वीकार्य होगी।
10. निविदा शुल्क एवं अग्रघन की राशि का ई-मुगताम जिस खाता से किया जायेगा, उसी खाते में अग्रघन की राशि वापस होगी। अगर खाता को बंद कर दिया जाता है तो उसकी सारी जवाबदेही आपकी होगी।
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कार्यपालक अभियंता ग्रामीण विकास विशेष प्रमण्डल, पलामू PR 336800 District (24-25)_D

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THUMBNAILS

BoI Bhubaneswar Zonal Office Celebrated Hindi Month: Bank of India, Zonal Office enthusiastically celebrated Hindi Month. Seven Competitions like News Reading, Email Competition, More Work in Hindi, Essay Competition, Oriya and Hindi Song Competition, Placard Competition, Right Word and its Translation etc were organized on this occasion. An oath-taking ceremony was also organized to work in Hindi. Along with this, Hindi messages were also read. During the event, the winners of various competitions were awarded with certificates. Bijoy Kumar Malik, Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zonal Office and Ashok Kumar Jena, Deputy Zonal Manager, Bhubaneswar Zonal Office distributed the awards to the winners. Zonal Manager Sri Malik said that Hindi is our Official language. Speaking on this occasion, Sri Jena said that every language has its own dignity and culture and we must do more and more work in Hindi. The staffs of Zonal Office, RBC, SME and local branches were present in this programme. Employees from all the Zones participated in all competitions. Sonia Sawant, Senior Manager of Rajbhasha conducted the program.

Market closes flat; metal stocks surge

Chinese central bank's rate cut has positively influenced global investor sentiment



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER:

Benchmark indices closed flat after having hit record highs intraday, fueled by last week's US rate cut. Sensex surged to an all-time peak of 85,163, while the Nifty breached the 26,000 milestone for the first time, touching 26,011. It ended the day at 84,914.04, down 15 points, while the Nifty 50 settled at 25,940.40, up 1 point.

On BSE, Zomato, Apollo Hospitals, Bajaj Auto, Hero MotoCorp, DMart, Hindalco,

Indian Hotels Company, Max Healthcare Institute, Tata Power Company, Trent, TVS Motor Company and United Spirits rose to their new one-year highs during the session. On Nifty50, Adani Enterprises, Tech Mahindra, Power Grid, Hindalco, and Tata Steel emerged as the top gainers. Conversely, Shriram Finance, UltraTech Cement, Grasim, HUL, and SBI Life faced declines. The rally was driven by metal, IT, and auto stocks, while FMCG and banking stocks struggled to keep pace.

Nifty Metal index surged nearly 3%, fueled by a jump

in Tata Steel, Hindalco, and Vedanta, following China's fresh stimulus measures aimed at reviving its economy. Nifty IT gained momentum by 0.6% with Tech Mahindra, HCLTech, and Coforge leading the rebound. Nifty Bank and Nifty Private Bank snapped their eight-day winning streak and fell by 0.3% each due to selling pressure from Kotak Mahindra, IndusInd Bank, and Punjab National Bank.

In the broader market, the BSE Midcap index inched up 0.2%, while the Smallcap index remained flat. The overall market capitalisation

of BSE-listed firms stood stable at Rs 476 lakh crore.

Reliance Power's stock surged to hit the 5% upper circuit after the company announced a preferential issue of 46.2 crore equity shares worth Rs 1,524.60 crore. However, shares of the Policybazaar parent fell more than 4% as investors rushed to book profits after a stellar run. Further, the shares of Punjab National Bank dropped 3.2% after the company launched a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) where it offered shares at a discount to its current market price.

Notably, the Chinese central bank's rate cut and additional stimulus steps have positively influenced global investor sentiment, resulting in gains for domestic metal stocks. Metal stocks surged as much as 6% after China's central bank announced a slew of measures to boost its ailing economy. The People's Bank of China (PBOC) introduced key initiatives, including plans to lower the reserve requirement ratio, reduce the policy interest rate, and drive down the market benchmark interest rate to stimulate growth.

Strengthening core fundamentals best buffer against global uncertainties, says RBI Governor



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER:

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das said on Tuesday that strengthening core fundamentals is the best buffer against ongoing global uncertainties.

Speaking at an event in Nepal Rastra Bank, Kathmandu, he said the foremost lesson is that strengthening one's fundamentals is the best buffer against global spillovers in today's uncertain world.

"The fundamentals would include a commitment to an inflation target, maintaining buffers in the form of reserves, and following a prudent and forward-looking approach in financial sector

policies. This approach, together with prudence in fiscal management, will go a long way in enhancing the resilience of the emerging market economies (EMEs)," he said.

He said EMEs have exhibited greater resilience, unlike previous episodes. "Notably, all traditional drivers of EME crises of the 20th century were present in the last few years, but the EMEs have probably learned from their experience and played it well this time."

While the resilience of EMEs will be tested in the face of new challenges cropping up frequently, some lessons can be drawn as central banks prepare for the rest of the 21st century, he

added.

Further talking about the Indian context, the Governor said, "I wish to highlight some aspects of the Reserve Bank's approach that have worked well for us. We have not only managed to shield the Indian economy from multiple shocks in the last few years but have also enabled it to emerge stronger from the crisis."

"The Indian economy today demonstrates vastly improved macroeconomic fundamentals and buffers," he highlighted.

"Unlike many central banks which are narrowly focused on price stability using monetary policy, the Reserve Bank has a wider canvas of functions.

"It is not just responsible for maintaining price stability, but also has the larger responsibility of maintaining financial stability as the regulator and supervisor of banks and other financial sector entities, financial markets and payment systems.

Das said this helps us to take a holistic view of the economy, appreciate the synergy and trade-offs involved in various objectives, and act appropriately using multiple instruments at our disposal.

Sebi slaps ₹1 crore penalty on Anil Ambani's son for 'irregularities' in Reliance Home Finance

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER:

Son of industrialist, Anil Ambani, Jai Anmol Ambani has been slapped with a penalty of 1 crore by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi).

He was penalised for alleged irregularities in Reliance Home Finance.

Jai Anmol did not exercise reasonable due diligence for the entire GPCL (general purpose working capital) lending and the onward lending by these GPCL entities to other Reliance ADAG group companies including Reliance Capital, SEBI alleged.

SEBI has also imposed a separate fine of Rs 15 Lakh on Krishnan Gopalakrishnan, the former CRO of Reliance Home Finance.

An investigation by the regulator has revealed that RHFL's loan approval process for GPCL lending showed



major flaws, with deviations in loans totaling Rs. 5,850.19 crore, including waived investigations, unmet eligibility criteria, and poor documentation.

According to the SEBI, despite assigning due diligence responsibilities, loans were approved without sufficient rationale to financially weak entities with negative net worth and no assets.

The Sebi noted, "It is evident that Notice 1 (Jai Anmol Ambani) is misrepresenting with an intent to downplay his role in the entire episode. It is clear that the emails were sent to him with exact

word "approval", thus seeking approval and Notice 1 responded to both the emails with the same word "okay", granting his approval."

Jai Anmol was involved in the day-to-day functioning of the company and was also approving GPCL loans to promoter-related entities, it said, adding, "his submission that he was not involved in day-to-day affairs of the Company cannot be accepted."

The SEBI also noted that former CRO Gopalakrishnan approved several GPCL loans despite being aware of significant deviations recorded in the credit approval memos for the loans he recommended.

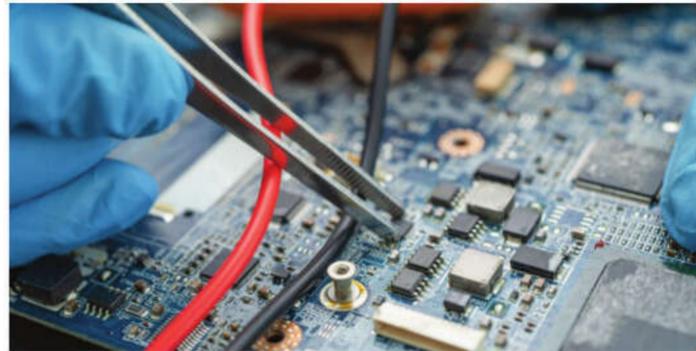
The development came after earlier in August, Anil Ambani was banned from the securities market for five years, citing his alleged involvement in a fraudulent scheme that diverted funds from Reliance Home Finance.

Committee to recommend a 'Repairability Index' in mobile and electronics sector

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER:

The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA), Government of India has constituted a committee of experts to recommend a robust framework for Repairability Index. The committee will also empower consumers and promote sustainable practices within the tech industry.

By developing Repairability Index, DoCA seeks to provide consumers with greater transparency of repair information for their products and foster a more sustainable technology industry, Ministry of Consumer Affairs said. Repairability Index will be a consumer-focused indexing that enables consumers to take a product related decision, based on its repairability, the statement by the ministry read. Further, it can standardize how repairability is



assessed, making it easier for consumers to compare products based on repairability indexing thereby creating an ecosystem of informed choices across mobile and electronics products.

By standardizing the assessment of repairability, the index will create an ecosys-

tem where consumers can easily compare products and choose options that align with the ethos of mindful consumption of products and sustainability. Thus, enabling repair would not only ensure the availability of affordable repair options but will also improve con-

sumer satisfaction by bridging the information gaps for repairing the products. Key components of the Repair Ecosystem include: Comprehensive Repair Information: Access to repair manuals/DIYs, diagnostics, and a list of necessary tools and parts; Accessible Spare

Parts: Easily identifiable and timely delivery of spare parts; Affordable Tools: Inexpensive, widely available, and safe tools for consumers. Besides, it also includes Modular Design: Key components designed for independent access and modularity; and Economic Feasibility: Ensuring that the cost of repair parts and labor is affordable for consumers.

Taking into account the necessities, the committee, chaired by Bharat Khera, Additional Secretary, DoCA is expected to recommend enabling framework for Policies/Rules/Guidelines which support repairability and integration of repairability index with the extant regulatory provisions in mobile and electronics sector to enhance consumer experiences in reusing the mobile and electronics products they own.

Piyush Goyal addresses IPEF ministerial meet, leaders welcome partnership agreements

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER:

Union Minister Piyush Goyal along with 13 other IPEF Ministers virtually attended the third Ministerial meeting focused on IPEF Pillar II, III, and IV, Ministry of Commerce & Industry said on Tuesday.

The leaders welcomed the upcoming entry into force of the Clean Economy Agreement, Fair Economy Agreement, and the Overarching Agreement on IPEF on October 11, October 12, and October 11, respectively, and emphasized the significant opportunities to further deepen economic cooperation and deliver concrete benefits under the IPEF agreements



through ongoing collaboration.

IPEF ministers outlined concrete next steps for the upcoming months, building on the progress made by the

Supply Chain Agreement's three bodies: the Supply Chain Council, Crisis Response Network, and Labor Rights Advisory Board.

At the meet, Piyush Goyal noted that the formation of Action Plan teams in the first in person meeting of supply chain council held in Washington last week, for three critical sectors: semiconductors, critical minerals with a focus on batteries, and chemicals which are highly relevant today given their supply/production concentration and the experience learned from disruptions faced during the COVID-19 pandemic.

He emphasized that healthcare including pharmaceuticals and medical

devices is an extremely relevant area due to over concentration of global production of APIs and Key Starting Materials (KSMs) which can severely impair supply chain resilience and impact our capacity to address the healthcare needs of our economies.

Besides, the multimodal transport systems including multimodal transport corridors, upgrades of logistics infrastructure, enhanced technological interoperability and data flows among freight and logistics enterprises, are some of the key areas which need to be focused upon, he added.

The growing population puts immense pressure on limited agricultural land for

higher yields and in this context, the importance of resilient supply chains for Agro-chemicals has become extremely important, the minister highlighted.

According to an estimate, the Global Agrochemicals Market (fertilizers, pesticides, adjuvants, and plant regulators) is projected to reach USD 282.2 billion by 2028 from USD 235.2 billion by 2023, at a CAGR of 3.7%.

He also noted that IPEF's focus on Logistics and Movement of Good aligns perfectly with PM Modi's vision of Gati Shakti initiative, which aims to improve logistics and transportation infrastructure across India through evidence based integrated planning.

US court backs Byju's lenders over \$1.2 bn loan default, edtech firm responds

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

A US court has upheld an earlier ruling that found embattled edtech firm Byju's in default on its \$1.2-billion Term Loan B.

The Delaware Supreme Court upheld the ruling in favour of Byju's lenders represented by Glas Trust LLC. As a result of the ruling, the Court of Chancery's order that held Byju's to be in default of \$1.2 Billion has attained a stamp of approval by Delaware's highest court of appeal.

The \$1.2-billion loan was provided to Byju's by a syndicate of 37 financial institutions.

In August 2023, the Delaware Court of Chancery ruled in favour of Glas, stating that the lenders were within their rights to enforce the agreement.

For collateral, Think and Learn Pvt Ltd's Delaware subsidiary, Byju's Alpha, had pledged 100 per cent of its equity as collateral for the term loans. Later, Glas delivered a notice of default to Byju's.

After securing control of Byju's Alpha in its capacity as the sole stockholder, Glas filed a complaint in the Court of Chancery, seeking a declaration that their actions taken by written consent were valid.

In a statement, Byju's said the Delaware ruling has no bearing on lender disqualifi-

cation rights, loan acceleration and Glas' legal standing in India.

"Byju's wants to emphasise that the recent conclusion reached by a Delaware court has no bearing on the ongoing legal proceedings in India. In any event, the Delaware Supreme Court has merely upheld a limited ruling by the Chancery court on the validity of one of their nominees as the director of the shell company, BYJU'S Alpha Inc," the company said.

The edtech firm further said it "strongly contests the inflated and illegal claims made by Glas Trust and maintains that their actions are detrimental to all stakeholders involved".

Zelestra closes Euro 132 mn financing deal for 435 MW Gorbea solar plant

RITWIK MUKHERJEE
KOLKATA, 24 SEPTEMBER

With a total portfolio of 25 GW of carbon-free projects across 13 countries, Zelestra, a vertically integrated company specializing in developing, commercializing, constructing, and operating large-scale renewable energy projects, seems well set to strengthen its footprint in India. In yet another large transaction deal in India's renewable energy space, Zelestra has closed a Euro 132 million project financing package for its Gorbea solar

photovoltaic plant in India. The financing has been signed with HSBC, Credit Agricole, MUFG and Bank of America. The facility, denominated in Indian Rupees (INR), is designated as green financing under Zelestra's Green Financing Framework, aligning with the Green Loan Principles issued by the Loan Market Association.

Zelestra, a global, multi-technology, customer-focused renewable energy company, will now come up with its Gorbea solar photovoltaic plant in

Rajasthan, India. The plant will have a total installed capacity of 435 MW and will generate an amount of energy equivalent to the annual consumption of more than 128,000 households in India. It will also help to avoid the emission of approximately 13.3 million tons of carbon over the lifetime of the project. Significantly, the plant will supply power for the next 25 years to the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a company of India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.



"This project financing represents a major milestone for Zelestra as we continue

to strengthen our footprint in India. The support from leading international banks

demonstrates confidence in our ability to deliver impactful renewable energy projects that benefit both our customers and the countries where we operate," said Luis Alvargonzález, CFO of Zelestra.

The deal has been advised by Catalyst Trusteeship (Facility Agent & Security Trustee), TÜV Rheinland (Lender's Technical Advisor), Cyril Amarchand Mangaldas (Lender's Legal Counsel), Luthra & Luthra (Borrower's Legal Counsel), Indian Insure (Lender's Insurance Advisor) and AECOM (Environmental

& Social Advisor). Interestingly, at present, Zelestra India has 1.5 GW of projects in operation, construction, signed, or awarded. Additionally, its project pipeline, including those in the development phase, is close to 5 GW, with a target of doubling that capacity to 10 GW in the next five years. Sajay KV, CEO of Zelestra India, on his part, said: "The Gorbea project kick-starts our ambitious growth plan in India and reinforces our position as a reliable partner for our customers.

This plant is a testament to our ability to execute strategically located projects, as well as ensure performance in meeting deadlines and quality standards that our customers expect. We are committed to further consolidating our presence in India and to providing multi-technology energy solutions that meet the country's needs".

Zelestra, backed by EQT, one of the largest fund managers in the world with an AUM of Euro 232 billion, currently has 953 professionals globally.

Israel and Hezbollah renew fire after the deadliest day in Lebanon since 2006

The Lebanese Health Ministry said the Israeli airstrikes since Monday killed at least 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women

ASSOCIATED PRESS BEIRUT, 24 SEPTEMBER

Israel and Hezbollah traded strikes again Tuesday as the death toll from a massive Israeli bombardment climbed to nearly 560 people and thousands fled from southern Lebanon with the two sides on the brink of all-out war.

The Lebanese Health Ministry said the strikes since Monday killed at least 558 people, including 50 children and 94 women, and wounded more than 1,800 people — a staggering one-day toll for a country still reeling from a

deadly attack on communication devices last week.

Issa Baydoun fled the village of Shihine in southern Lebanon when it came under bombing and came to Beirut in a convoy of cars with his extended family. They slept in the vehicles on the side of the road after discovering that the shelters were full.

"We struggled a lot on the road just to get here," he said. Baydoun rejected Israel's contention that it hit only military targets.

"We evacuated our homes because Israel is targeting civilians and attacking them," he said. "That's why we left our homes, to protect our children."

Well-wishers offered up empty apartments or rooms in their houses in social media posts, while volunteers set up a kitchen at an empty gas station in Beirut to cook meals for the displaced.

In the eastern city of Baalbek, the state-run National



News Agency reported that lines formed at bakeries and gas stations as residents rushed to stock up on essential supplies in anticipation of another round of strikes on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the border crossing with Syria saw massive traffic jams as a result of people escaping from Lebanon to the neighboring country.

The Lebanese militant group Hezbollah said it launched missiles overnight at eight sites in Israel, including an explosives factory in Zichron, 60 kilometers (37

miles) from the border.

The Israeli military said Tuesday morning that 55 rockets were fired from Lebanon into northern Israel, setting fires and damaging buildings. Military officials said they carried out dozens of airstrikes on Hezbollah targets, including on a cell that fired rockets overnight, and that tanks and artillery struck targets near the border.

Galilee Medical Center, a northern Israel hospital, said that two patients arrived with minor head injuries from a rocket falling near their car. Several others were being treated for light wounds from running to shelters and traffic accidents when alarms sounded.

The renewed exchange came after Monday's barrages racked up the highest death toll in any single day in Lebanon since Israel and Hezbollah fought a bruising monthlong war in 2006.

Israel said it targeted sites where Hezbollah had stored weapons. Data from American fire-tracking satellites analyzed Tuesday by The Associated Press showed the wide range of Israeli airstrikes aimed at southern Lebanon, covering an area of over 1,700 square kilometers (650 square miles).

NASA's Fire Information for Resource Management System typically is used to track wildfires across rural areas of the U.S. However, it can also be used to track the flashes and burning that follow airstrikes. That's particularly true when an airstrike ignites flammable material on the ground, such as munitions or fuel.

Data from Monday showed significant fires breaking out across southern Lebanon and in the Bekaa Valley. Several areas showed intense, multiple fires, including near the southern coastal town of Naqoura, which hosts a base for the U.N. peacekeeping mission

in southern Lebanon known as UNIFIL. Others were in mountainous rural areas or villages.

The sides appear on the verge of war again after tensions have steadily escalated over the last 11 months. Hezbollah has been firing rockets, missiles and drones into northern Israel in solidarity with the Palestinians and its ally Hamas, a fellow Iran-backed militant group, in Gaza.

Israel has responded with increasingly heavy airstrikes and the targeted killing of Hezbollah commanders while threatening a wider operation.

Thousands of Lebanese fled the southern part of the country on Monday after the Israeli military ordered people to evacuate areas where it accuses Hezbollah of positioning rocket launchers and other weapons, in the biggest exodus since the monthlong war waged 18 years ago.

World leaders meet under shadow of global divisions, wars, threat of wider W Asia conflict

AGENCIES UNITED NATIONS, 24 SEPTEMBER

World leaders will open their annual meeting at the U.N. General Assembly on Tuesday under the shadow of increasing global divisions, major wars in Gaza, Ukraine and Sudan and the threat of an even larger conflict in the wider Middle East.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres previewed his opening "State of the World" speech to presidents, prime ministers, monarchs and ministers at Sunday's "Summit of the Future," saying "our world is heading off the

rails — and we need tough decisions to get back on track."

He pointed to conflicts "raging and multiplying, from the Middle East to Ukraine and Sudan, with no end in sight" and to the global security system, which he said is "threatened by geopolitical divides, nuclear posturing, and the development of new weapons and theaters of war."

He also cited huge inequalities, the lack of an effective global system to respond to emerging and even existential threats, and the devastating impact of climate change.



One notable moment at Tuesday's opening assembly meeting: U.S. President Joe Biden's likely final major appearance on the world

stage, a platform he has tread upon for decades.

U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield told reporters last week that the U.S. focus in the assembly will be on ending "the scourge of war," lamenting that roughly 2 billion people live in conflict-affected areas. "The most vulnerable around the world are counting on us to make progress, to make change, to bring about a sense of hope for them," she said.

Among other speakers on opening day are Brazil's President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, Turkey's President

Recep Tayyip Erdogan, King Abdullah II of Jordan, and Iran's new President Masoud Pezeshkian.

The Iranian leader accused Israel on Monday of seeking a wider war in the Middle East and laying "traps" to lead his country into a broader conflict. He pointed to the deadly explosions of pagers, walkie-talkies and other electronic devices in Lebanon last week, which he blamed on Israel, and the assassination of Hamas' political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran on July 31, hours after Pezeshkian's inauguration.

Iran's president accuses Israel of seeking wider West Asia war, laying 'traps' to lead Teheran into it

AGENCIES UNITED NATIONS, 24 SEPTEMBER

Iran's new president accused Israel on Monday of seeking a wider war in the Middle East and laying "traps" to lead his country into a broader conflict.

Masoud Pezeshkian told about two dozen media representatives that Iran doesn't want to see the current war in Gaza and airstrikes across the Israeli-Lebanon border expanded.

"We don't want to fight," he said. "It's Israel that wants to drag everyone into war and destabilize the region. ... They are dragging us to a point where we do not wish to go."



Pezeshkian, a heart surgeon and reformer, defeated a hardliner in Iran's July presidential runoff, after the death of the former president in a helicopter crash. He is making his debut on the international stage at this week's annual gathering of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, just as Israel steps up attacks on Iranian-backed Hezbollah militants in Lebanon.

will turn 70 on Sunday, said that while Israel insists it doesn't want a wider war, its actions show otherwise. Pezeshkian pointed to the deadly explosions of pagers, walkie-talkies and other electronic devices in Lebanon last week, which he blamed on Israel, and the assassination of Hamas' political leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran on July 31, hours after Pezeshkian's inauguration.

Pezeshkian said the Iranian drone and missile attacks on Israel in April, in response to attack on an Iranian consular building in Syria's capital that Tehran blamed on Israel, proved its defensive capabilities.

Russia will not resume nuclear test unless US does: Deputy FM

AGENCIES MOSCOW, 24 SEPTEMBER

Russia will refrain from conducting nuclear tests as long as the United States does the same, local media reported quoting Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov.

Ryabkov noted that while Moscow can conduct nuclear tests, it will refrain from doing so as stated earlier by the Russian president, provided that Washington will do the same, reports Xinhua, quoting Russian news agency TASS.

attention to recent media reports indicating that the infrastructure of the test site on Novaya Zemlya is fully prepared," Ryabkov said on Monday.

He stressed that "this was also done in response to Washington's actions, which over the past few years has been focused on improving the infrastructure that they have in this field."

The testing facility, located at the Novaya Zemlya archipelago in northern Russia, is currently ready to resume full-scale testing activities, the head of the nuclear site



Andrei Sinitsyn said in a recent interview for local Rossiyskaya Gazeta.

He noted that if an order is received, testing could be resumed at any moment.

In November 2023, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a law withdrawing Russia's ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT).

The CTBT is a multilateral agreement that bans all nuclear explosion tests conducted for peaceful or military purposes. The treaty was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1996, signed by 187 nations, and ratified by 178 as of September 2024.

UK leader Starmer aims to shed his gloomy image with a key speech

AGENCIES LIVERPOOL, 24 SEPTEMBER

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer will try to shake off his image as a gloom-monger on Tuesday, telling voters exhausted with politics that better times are on the way — if they swallow his recipe of short-term pain for long-term gain.

Starmer will cap Labour's first annual conference since winning a landslide election victory with a speech assuring members and supporters that there is "light at the end of the tunnel."

Some members of the center-left party say Starmer has made that dark tunnel longer by delivering downbeat messages about the economy since becoming the first Labour prime minister for 14 years in July. That and a distracting row about freebies have overshadowed what should be a celebratory gathering for thousands of party members in the northwest England port city of Liverpool.

"I know this country is exhausted by and with politics," Starmer plans to say, according to advance extracts released by the party. "I know that the



cost-of-living crisis drew a veil over the joy and wonder in our lives and that people want respite and relief."

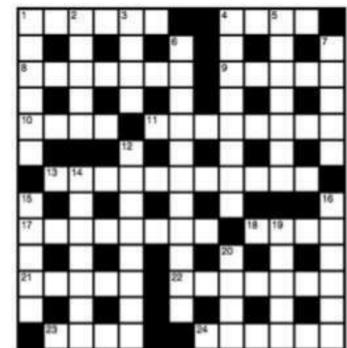
He'll say the government will deliver positive change, but won't offer "false hope." "Just because we all want low taxes and good public services, does not mean that the iron law of property funding

policies can be ignored," Starmer plans to say. He'll pledge to take "tough" decisions — code for spending restraint and likely tax increases — to achieve economic growth to fund schools, hospitals, road, railways and more.

The government is gambling that voters will hear out Starmer's argument and give the government time to show results. But anxiety about missteps has clouded the mood among Labour members, supporters, politicians and officials gathered in a rain-drenched Liverpool for the four-day conference.

LEISURE

10 MINUTE CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Crude (6)
 - 4 Rabbit-like animal (4)
 - 8 Injection device (7)
 - 9 Jockey (5)
 - 10 Verbal (4)
 - 11 Entire (8)
 - 13 Unintentional misuse of a word (11)
 - 17 Worked up (8)
 - 18 Roman robe (4)
 - 21 Lavatory (Slang) (5)
 - 22 Make use of (7)
 - 23 Groups (4)
 - 24 Sport (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Habitual practice (6)
 - 2 Main artery (5)
 - 3 Founder (4)
 - 4 Sailor's dance (8)
 - 5 Compensation (7)
 - 6 Ingenious (11)
 - 7 Fleeting (5)
 - 12 Whims (8)
 - 14 Enliven (7)
 - 15 Slightly sticky (5)
 - 16 Identity documents (6)
 - 19 Pungent bulb (5)
 - 20 Quote (4)

- SOLUTIONS TO YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Cue
 - 3 Wing
 - 7 One-sidedness
 - 8 Apple
 - 9 Problem
 - 11 Stress
 - 13 Weasel
 - 16 Stateful
 - 18 Suave
 - 19 Civil service
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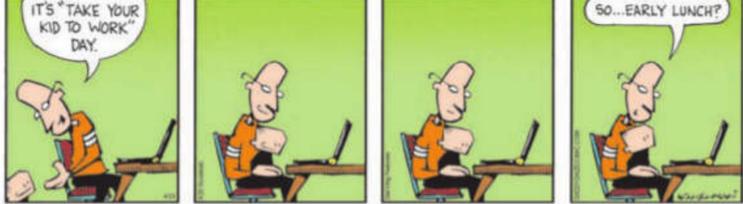
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RED EYE/Bill Yates & Mel Casson



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NEED TO KNOW

- Ambulance**
FD Block Association (Amb) 9830452536, 9830181286
Happy Calculators 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**
Lalibazar (Police Control Room) 22143230
S. P. (North 24-Pgns) 25423005
S.P. (South 24-Pgns) 2479-3333/1311
Bhawani Bhawan 24791761/9, 24791933
Fire Service Station Salt Lake: 2357-5293
- Howrah** 2666-8111; Behala 2497-6285
- Civic Services**
Kolkata Municipal Corporation: 2386-1000
Water: 2543-1602
- Calcutta Telephones**
Changed Number Announcement: 7412/3542/2581 (manual), 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), Sealidah: 2356-3535/3537
Shalimar Station: 2668-1121, Eastern Railway and South-Eastern Railway: 139.

SCRABBLE® (B) (R) (A) (M) (S)

Instructions: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right.

Word: E T G Y A A W Points: 10

Word: P S E I E O D Points: 10

Word: R R T A U I E Points: 10

Word: A G M N A F I Points: 10

PAR SCORE 140-150 by JUDD

FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

Yesterday's solution by Judd: A C A D E M E Points: 10; F R E S C O S Points: 10; D I P L E X A Points: 10; C E L E S T A Points: 10.

SUDOKU Concepts Sudoku By Dave Green

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Difficulty Level ★★

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.

Lankan President appoints Harini Amarasuriya as PM

Amarasuriya of the National People's Power (NPP) party is an academic, rights activist, and university lecturer and is known for her work in education and social justice

AGENCIES
COLOMBO, 24 SEPTEMBER

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake appointed Harini Amarasuriya as Sri Lanka's 16th Prime Minister, NewsWire reported.

Amarasuriya of the National People's Power (NPP) party is an academic, rights activist, and university lecturer and is known for her work in education and social justice. Her appointment marks a significant milestone in Sri Lankan politics.

She becomes Sri Lanka's third woman Prime Minister after Sirimavo Bandaranaike and Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, according to a NewsWire report.

The new Sri Lankan PM is the first academic-turned-politician to assume office. Harini Amarasuriya entered Parliament through the NPP



national list in 2020.

On Monday, Marxist-leaning politician Anura Kumara Dissanayake took the oath as Sri Lanka's new president at the Presidential Secretariat building in Colombo after winning the elections held on September 21.

After taking the oath as Sri Lanka's President, he said, "I will do my best to fully restore the people's confidence in politicians." Al Jazeera reported.

port of everyone." According to the Election Commission of Sri Lanka, Anura Kumara Dissanayake of the People's Liberation Front (JVP) party and the National People's Power (NPP) alliance won the presidential elections with 42.31 per cent of the vote.

Dissanayakeran for office on a promise to tackle corruption and clean up politics in Sri Lanka, according to Al Jazeera report. It was Sri Lanka's first presidential election since the devastating economic crisis of 2022.

The crisis, which led to widespread food and fuel shortages, prompted former President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to flee the country in July 2022.

The situation in Sri Lanka has now stabilised with the support of the International Monetary Fund, according to the report. However, people

faced severe hardships due to the strict austerity measures.

The JVP led two rebellions in the 1970s and 1980s. Dissanayake was a JVP student leader during the second insurrection. He has described how one of his teachers sheltered him to protect him from government-backed death squads that killed party activists. The party has remained a peripheral player in Sri Lankan politics and had secured a win in less than four per cent of the vote during the parliamentary polls held in 2020, Al Jazeera report. Dissanayake considers Marxist revolutionary Che Guevara among his heroes. Since his rise to popularity, Anura Kumara Dissanayake has softened some of his policies, stressing that he believes in an open economy and is not completely opposed to privatisation.

Former Singaporean minister pleads guilty to receiving illegal gifts

ASSOCIATED PRESS
KUALA LUMPUR, 24 SEPTEMBER

A former Singaporean cabinet minister pleaded guilty to charges of receiving illegal gifts Tuesday, in the Asian financial hub's first ministerial criminal trial in nearly half a century.

Former Transport Minister S. Iswaran (photo) pleaded guilty to one count of obstructing justice and four of accepting gifts from people with whom he had official business. The court set Oct. 3 for sentencing, Channel News Asia reported.

Iswaran, 62, was initially charged with 35 counts but in a twist at the start of the trial, prosecutors said they would proceed with only five, while reducing two counts of corruption to receiving illegal gifts. Prosecutors said they will apply for the remaining 30 charges to be taken into consideration for sentencing. No reasons were given for the move.

Iswaran received gifts worth over 74,000 Singapore dollars (\$57,000) from Ong Beng Seng, a Singapore-based Malaysian property tycoon, and businessperson Lum Kok Seng. The gifts included tickets to Singapore's Formula 1 race, wine and whisky and a luxury Brompton bike. Ong owns the right to the local F1 race, and Iswaran was chair of fund



later adviser to the Grand Prix's steering committee. The Attorney-General's Chambers said it will decide whether to charge Ong and Lum after the case against Iswaran has been resolved.

In mitigation, defence counsel Davinder Singh asked the court to limit any jail term to no more than eight weeks, according to CNA. He said Iswaran had no motive in accepting the gifts other than personal friendship with the men, but he recognized it was wrong to do so and admitted guilt after the graft charges were dropped. There was no suggestion that the government's impartiality and integrity had been undermined, Singh added. But prosecutors called for a jail term of 6-7 months. Deputy Attorney General Tai Wei Shyong said in his submission that not punishing such acts would send a signal that such acts are tolerated.

Telegram to disclose user data at authorities' requests: Telegram can disclose users' data upon reasonable requests from authorities, the encrypted messaging service's co-founder Pavel Durov said on his Telegram channel. Durov pointed out the abuse of users of the search feature.

I Neeku Sinha, w/o- Avinash Anand, vill-Rampur, Rampur arazi, Bhagalpur, State-Bihar-813222, have corrected my name from Nikku Anand to Neeku Sinha vide affidavit no. 61696 dated 21/09/2024 before alipore judge court, Kolkata West Bengal.

Cancellation of Bandhan Express
As per message received from Bangladesh Railway, 13129 Kolkata - Kholna Bandhan Express (JCO : 26.09.2024) & 13130 Kholna - Kolkata Bandhan Express (JCO : 26.09.2024) will remain cancelled. Inconvenience to be caused to the passengers is deeply regretted.
Chief Passenger Transportation Manager
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NORTHERN RAILWAY
PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARING OF ACCUSED PERSON
See Section 82 Cr.P.C
Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi @ Bengali S/o Rajiv Kumar Tripathi, Age 37 yrs, Current Add. Shop No. 192 Amrit Kaur Market, Paharganj, New Delhi. Home Add. H.No. 543, Trolleygunje, Conroyvay mod, Kolkata-07, West Bengal has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case CC No. 5179/23 U/s 143 (i)/144 R.A.Ct, P.S. New Delhi Railway Station which is punishable and an warrant of arrest issued there upon has been returned unexecuted stating that the said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi can not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Vijay Kumar Tripathi is required to appear before this court to answer the said complain on or before 19.11.2024
By order
Shri Jitender
Special Railway Magistrate
Old Delhi Railway Station, Delhi
29/09/2024
SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of an **Unknown Amputee Human Foot**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 22.07.2024 from Train Engine of 12278 DN Entangled in Cow Catcher of KGP. Please inform whereabouts of the Unknown Amputee Human 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-D1711 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of an **Unknown Male Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 04.8.2024 from Laying Condition in the Reversible Line near EMU Crashed Howrah End in Between KM Post No. 1/39 to 1/41, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-30 Years (Approx), Sex: Male, Built- Medium, Complexion: Fair, Hair: Black, Height-5 Fit 5 inch (Approx), Wearing-Orange Colour Half T-Shirt & Blue Check Half 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-D1712 (3)/2024

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This is the photograph of an **Unknown Male Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 04.8.2024 from Laying Condition in the Reversible Line near EMU Crashed Howrah End in Between KM Post No. 1/39 to 1/41, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-45 Years, Sex: Male, Built- Thin, Complexion: Fair, Hair: White, Height-5 Fit 7 inch (Approx), Wearing-One Printed Half Hata and 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-D 1713 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of **Ananya Das**, Daughter of **Shakti Das** of Vill-Matiari Ram-Sita Dashingpara, PO-Matari, PS-Kaliganj, Dist-Nadia, PIN-741153, who has been missing since 11.05.2024 at about 16:30 hrs. from Residence, PS-Jamalpur, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, Description of this missing person is: **Age-14 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-152 cms., Wearing-White Long 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-D1722 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of **Asmani Khatun**, Daughter of **Mantu Mallick** of Vill-Noshipur, PS-Jamalpur, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, who has been missing since 06.09.2024 at about 07:58 hrs. from Residence, PS-Jamalpur, Dist.-Purba Bardhaman, Description of this missing person is: **Age-47 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-179 cms., Wearing-Navy Blue Polo T-Shirt & Black Trouser, 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-D1721 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of **Santosh Shaw**, Son of **Lt. Maru Shaw** of S/IC, Cossipore Road, Cossipore, PS-Baranagar, Dist-North 24 Parganas, who has been missing since 06.09.2024 at about 07:58 hrs. from Residence, PS-Baranagar, Dist.-North 24 Parganas, Description of this missing person is: **Age-47 years, Complexion-Brown, Height-179 cms., Wearing-Navy Blue Polo T-Shirt & Black Trouser, 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-D1720 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of **Sadananda Maity**, Son of **Lt. Kartick Maity** of Vill-Rasulpur, PO-Daspur, PS-Daspur, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, who has been missing since 14.02.2023 from Residence, PS-Daspur, Dist.-Paschim Medinipur, W.B., Description of this missing person is: **Age-36 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-152 cms., Wearing-Black Shirt & Black Full 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-D1718 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of **Harihar Dalui**, Son of **Kena Dalui** of 19/4, Ananta Mukherjee Lane, PO-Harora, PS-Harora, who has been missing since 06.09.2024 from GT Road Fuara Bazar More, PS-Harora, Dist.-Harora. Description of this missing person is: **Age-69 years, Complexion-Fair, Height-131 cms., Wearing-Amy Gangi Half Hata & Green Half Pant, Language-Bengali, Identification Mark-Strich mark on right eye.** 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-D1719 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of an **Unknown Male Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 25.06.2024 R/S Old Complex near Pillar No. N/1/13, North Concourse area, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-70 Years (Approx), Sex: Male, Height-5 Fit 3 inch, Wearing-One Bed Sheet cover lower position.** 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-D 1717 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of an **Unknown Male Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 17.07.2024 Lying Condition near KM Post No-EL/13 outside the Track DN Main Line in between Howrah R/S to Shorting Yard, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-40 Years (Approx), Sex: Male, Height-5 Fit 6 inch (Approx), Wearing-One round neck Half T-Shirt, Blue Track 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-D1714 (3)/2024

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This is the photograph of an **Unknown Male Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 17.07.2024 Lying Condition near KM Post No-EL/13 outside the Track DN Main Line in between Howrah R/S to Shorting Yard, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-40 Years (Approx), Sex: Male, Height-5 Fit 6 inch (Approx), Wearing-One round neck Half T-Shirt, Blue Track 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-D1715 (3)/2024

INFORMATION WANTED
This is the photograph of an **Unknown Female Deadbody**, of Howrah GRPS, found on 09.08.2024 Laying at KM 2/27A on 4th Line inside the Track, Description of this Deadbody is: **Age-50 Years (Approx), Sex: Female, Height-152 (in cms), Wearing-OnePink Colour Dirty Nighty.** 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-D1716 (3)/2024

Small tsunami waves splash ashore on remote Japanese islands

ASSOCIATED PRESS
TOKYO, 24 SEPTEMBER

Small tsunami waves splashed ashore on remote Japanese islands Tuesday morning after an earthquake that may have been triggered by volcanic activity.

The offshore quake was

not felt, and the tsunami advisory was lifted about three hours later. No damage or injuries were reported. The Japan Meteorological Agency had advised that waves up to 1 meter (yard) above tide levels could occur on the coasts of the Izu and Ogasawara island chains

after the magnitude 5.8 quake occurred off the Izu Islands.

The U.S. Geological Survey measured the quake's strength at 5.6 magnitude. About 21,500 people live on the islands in the Izu group and about 2,500 on the Ogasawara

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Gold Loan A/C No. : GL30557443, GL32516537, GL32596390, GL22983170, GL23168339, GL23265854, GL26156316, GL26216773, GL26322625, GL26335429, GL27215328, GL27486258, GL27486341, GL27701447, GL27717526, GL27766657, GL2775878, GL27809461, GL27809778, GL28046066, GL28090833, GL28090838, GL29350822, GL29855265, GL30082534, GL30396538, GL30664739, GL31315327, GL31334368, GL31487886, GL31634067, GL31775534, GL31823992, GL31824042, GL31951709, GL31968894, GL32064675, GL32044544, GL32048444, GL32512131, GL32512131, GL32883101, GL29519312, GL29522210, GL29565597, GL29944947, GL30149936, GL30161383, GL30165815, GL30303131, GL30321016, GL31101956, GL31210401, GL31355554, GL31400288, GL31414269, GL31535107, GL31559722, GL31690563, GL32091097, GL32292366, GL32294612, GL32312409, GL32312557, GL32531053, GL32535367, GL32712849, GL327135743, GL32714581, GL327425358, GL28287350, GL28304598, GL30868267, GL31820737, GL32020177, GL32040021, GL21932665, GL21937047, GL22209731, GL23357958, GL23571763, GL23602838, GL23961360, GL25998648, GL27710839, GL27717715, GL28207143, GL28563769, GL28583362, GL29398541, GL30196596, GL30211623, GL30645681, GL31309729, GL31395536, GL31412480, GL31534804, GL31599557, GL31908939, GL31933658, GL32077343, GL32097891, GL32104782, GL32124121, GL32130394, GL32137538, GL32146828, GL32260968, GL32275897, GL32285394, GL32285409, GL32346054, GL32370581, GL32403094, GL3241758731, GL32442493, GL32448489, GL32548912, GL32553946, GL21693602, GL32506427, GL32527271, GL33194782, GL33194782, GL24034992, GL28030726, GL28056895, GL28441218, GL28998513, GL29334137, GL29352341, GL29826840, GL29846552, GL29897157, GL29924032, GL29929533, GL30101227, GL30112072, GL301152347, GL30160578, GL30241922, GL30254888, GL30446684, GL30447838, GL30506377, GL30592837, GL31793010, GL31956399, GL32045472, GL32221288, GL32264311, GL32285688, GL34202701, GL21820949, GL24296429, GL24761717, GL30571547, GL31298197, GL31298197, GL32274991, GL32285899, GL24884479, GL27100815, GL27107520, GL27108244, GL27228275, GL27248369, GL31281933, GL28628252, GL29385807, GL29402005, GL29676580, GL29684663, GL30025504, GL30201348, GL30202035, GL30211354, GL30212336, GL30280123, GL30298293, GL30321148, GL30574654, GL30706884, GL31024567, GL31177842, GL31215339, GL31279590, GL31344057, GL31365827, GL31397565, GL31415188, GL31534351, GL31559346, GL31568089, GL32178757, GL32198907, GL32238614, GL32325691, GL32342506, GL32351899, GL21817433, GL21909661, GL25802146, GL25824464, GL27424489, GL29913076, GL30727905, GL30856905, GL31052904, GL31073661, GL31564614, GL31582393, GL31735372, GL32419793, GL32431459, GL32441270, GL32442672, GL27444318, GL27452580, GL28195328, GL30313422, GL31326976, GL31343880, GL31408996, GL31976324, GL32619476.

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Place: EAST MIDNAPORE
Date: 25.09.2024

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Why light pollution may be linked to greater risk of Alzheimer's disease

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Light pollution is a growing issue. Over the past 25 years, artificial lighting has surged by 49 per cent worldwide. For perspective, the brightness of the night sky has risen by almost 10 per cent per year over the last 12 years. Around 80 per cent of the global population is now affected by light pollution.

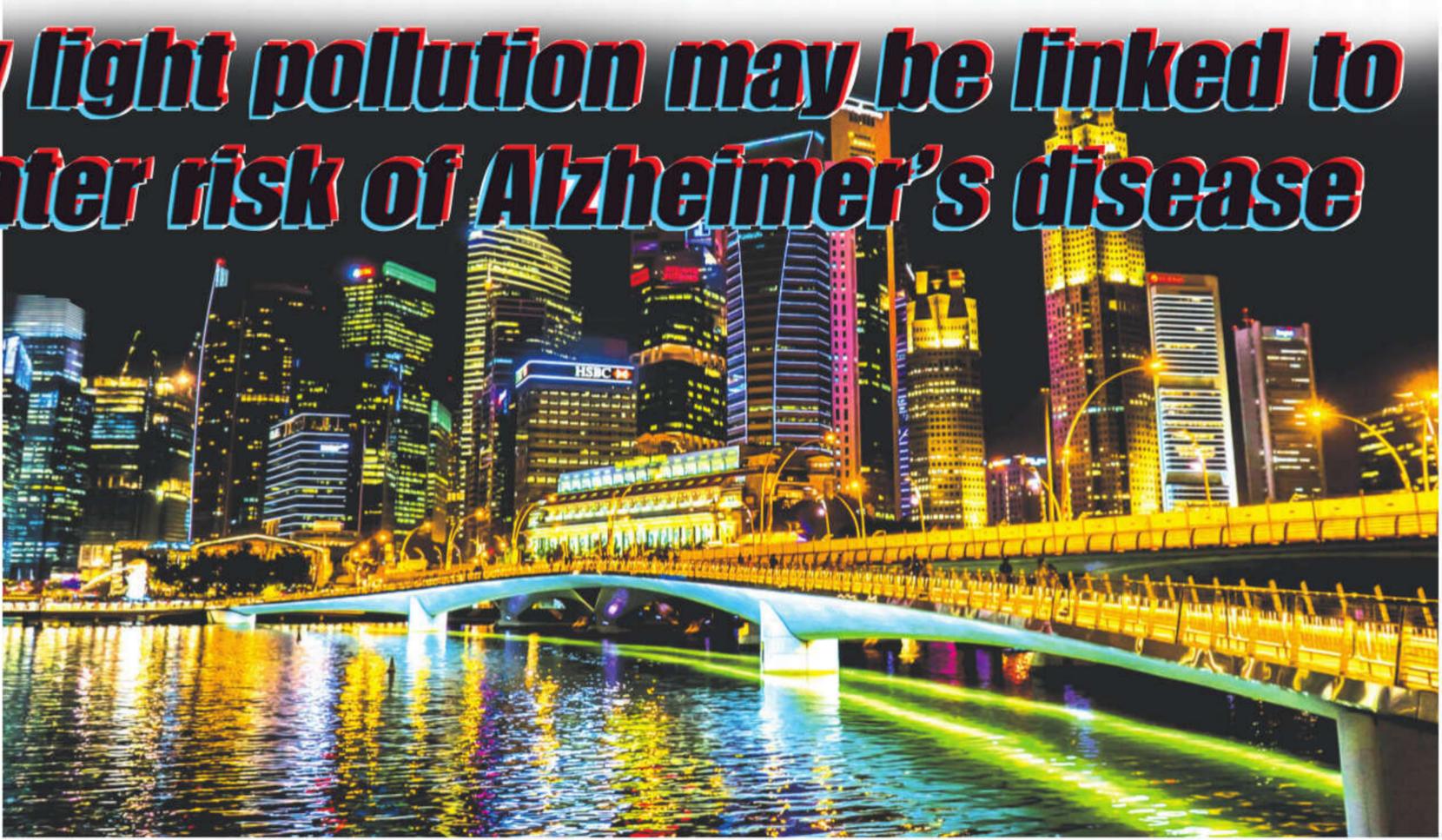
This is bad news, as light pollution is associated with a range of health problems, such as sleep disorders, fatigue, anxiety and deprivation.

Light pollution may also significantly increase the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease, a recent study has found.

Alzheimer's disease has many known risk factors linked with a greater risk of developing the disease. These include health conditions such as heart disease, high blood pressure and diabetes, as well as lifestyle habits such as smoking and drinking alcohol. This latest study now provides convincing evidence that light pollution is another risk factor for Alzheimer's disease.

To conduct their study, the researchers used Medicare records from between 2012 and 2018, alongside satellite-collected light pollution maps from Nasa to examine whether there was a link between outdoor nighttime light exposure and the prevalence of Alzheimer's disease in the US. The data featured a mix of men and women, as well as people from different ethnic backgrounds.

The study showed that for people aged 65 and older, living in an area with a lot of nighttime light pollution was a stronger risk factor for Alzheimer's disease than



chronic kidney failure, depression, heart failure, alcohol abuse and obesity—risk factors which all have a strong correlation with Alzheimer's disease. However, diabetes, high blood pressure and stroke were still more strongly associated with Alzheimer's disease than light pollution was in people aged over 65.

Interestingly, in those under 65, the study revealed that greater exposure to nighttime light pollution was linked to a higher prevalence of Alzheimer's than all the risk factors analysed. This effect was shown in both genders and all races—except Pacific Islanders.

This could suggest that younger people may be especially sensitive to the effects

of light exposure at night, compared to older people.

Sleep and brain health
As with most studies, it's important to recognise that this research isn't without limitations. Some variables were not adjusted for in this study, which may influence the results.

For instance, artificial indoor light was not measured—such as the light emitted from phones, TVs and other electronic screens. Such factors are also associated with sleep disturbances and could affect the outcomes.

Another factor which wasn't adjusted for and could affect the results is the influence of air pollution. Light pollution is closely connected to air pollution—with brightly

illuminated areas often being busier urban centres. These urban environments have a higher concentration of vehicles, industrial activity and waste disposal. This all leads to increased levels of harmful particulate matter—a factor which is associated with cognitive decline and dementia.

The study's data was also only specific to the US population. Health and socioeconomic status differences were not analysed, which are important factors of Alzheimer's and could have had an influence.

Still, this isn't the first study to show a link between nighttime light pollution and brain health.

Previous research has also

shown a link between nighttime light pollution and dementia. Studies from China and Italy found that people living in areas that had high levels of light pollution had a higher risk of developing mild cognitive impairment and late-onset dementia. This latest study adds to the body of evidence, showing a link between light pollution and Alzheimer's disease specifically.

Research has shown there's a link between light pollution and Parkinson's disease as well.

The exact reason why light pollution at night is linked to a greater risk of Alzheimer's disease is unknown. However, it may be related to the way light pollution can interrupt

sleep. Sleep plays an important role in the development of dementia. Research shows poor sleep may impair the glymphatic system—a network of vessels in the brain that clear waste and help wash away the toxic proteins that are thought to build up and cause Alzheimer's. It's theorised that without enough sleep, these proteins aren't washed away and continue to build up.

Exposure to light at night can also interrupt a person's circadian rhythm. This is the brain's internal clock, which manages our sleep and wake cycles by responding to changes in light around us. Disrupting this cycle can trigger inflammation and increase

a person's susceptibility to illnesses. Such inflammation can promote an increase in amyloid, a toxic protein that is typically found in the brains of Alzheimer's patients.

There may also be genetic factors in play. For instance, the APOE gene is linked with a greater risk of developing early-onset Alzheimer's. This gene can affect how the body deals with stress.

This suggests that people under 65 might be less equipped to handle stressors like light pollution, possibly because young people are more likely to carry the APOE gene than older people. This may potentially make them more vulnerable to its detrimental effects.

This research contributes to the growing body of evidence

showing a link between light pollution and Alzheimer's disease. With the majority of the world's population exposed to light pollution, this could become an important risk factor when it comes to Alzheimer's disease.

While it's concerning that light pollution may have this effect on our health, it's a modifiable environmental factor—meaning it's something that we can take charge of in order to reduce our risk of Alzheimer's disease. Even a few simple adjustments at nighttime can help reduce exposure to light pollution—including wearing an eye mask, using blackout curtains and dimming lights.

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THREAT INTELLIGENCE IN MODERN CYBER SECURITY STRATEGIES

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In today's fast-changing digital world, cyber threats are getting more advanced, common, and harmful. To handle these challenges, organisations need strong cybersecurity strategies that help them predict, find, and react to possible attacks. A key part of these strategies is threat intelligence. This means gathering, studying, and using information about possible or ongoing threats to make an organisation's defences stronger.

Threat intelligence is the process of collecting information about possible or real threats that could harm an organisation's data security. It involves carefully gathering clues, signs of attacks (IOCs), and methods used by cybercriminals. The aim of threat intelligence is to give useful insights to security teams so they can take action before risks turn into bigger problems.

Threat intelligence can be classified as below:

-This is general information that helps organisations see the big picture of threats and trends. It's often used by senior management to make smart decisions about where to invest in cybersecurity.

-This type of intelligence looks at the methods and strategies used by

attackers. It's mainly helpful for cybersecurity analysts and security teams (SOCs) to create better defences.

-This gives detailed information about specific upcoming attacks, helping organisations act quickly to protect themselves from an active threat.

Role of threat intelligence in cybersecurity

The main purpose of threat intelligence is to give a clear view of the threats aimed at an organisation, helping it create strong and flexible defences. Here's how it supports cybersecurity strategies:

- One of the biggest benefits of threat intelligence is that it allows organisations to stay ahead of attacks by identifying potential threats early. For instance, if a new type of ransomware is spreading, companies can address system weaknesses and strengthen their security before the malware strikes.

-As cyber threats like APTs, zero-day attacks, and ransomware grow more complex, traditional security measures may fall short. Threat intelligence complements tools like IDS and firewalls by providing real-time updates on current threats, enhancing the ability to detect harmful activities.

-When a breach or

attack occurs, timely and accurate threat intelligence helps quickly contain and minimise damage. By understanding the attackers' methods, response teams can swiftly isolate affected systems, mitigate harm, and use the insights gained to bolster defences against future threats.

-Modern cybersecurity strategies rely heavily on effective risk management. Threat intelligence highlights specific threats relevant to an organisation's industry or systems, helping them prioritise resources and focus on the most vulnerable areas.

-Threat intelligence promotes collaboration across industries, sectors, and governments. Platforms like ISACs and open-source tools provide access to crucial information about new threats, helping organisations collectively enhance their security and prepare for potential attacks.

As cyber threats keep changing, threat intelligence will become even more important in modern cybersecurity strategies. In the future, technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) will improve how we analyse data, spot patterns, and make decisions. This will help security teams predict threats more accurately and respond faster to inci-



dents. Additionally, the growing need for threat hunting—actively looking for hidden threats in networks—will depend on detailed intelligence. Cyber-

security teams will need to stay flexible, using threat intelligence to keep up with new and more advanced attack methods.

Threat intelligence is

now essential for modern cybersecurity strategies, helping organisations stay ahead of changing cyber threats. It provides useful insights, improves threat detection,

and strengthens response to incidents. As the digital world becomes more complicated, integrating threat intelligence into security systems is crucial for protecting important

assets and keeping the trust of stakeholders.

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EASTERN RAILWAY

Open Tender Notice No. : TRD-WC-T-2024-25-19, dated 20.09.2024. E-tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer/TRD, Eastern Railway, Asansol, Station Road, Pin-713301 for the following work from reputed tenderers having valid Electrical Contractor licence & Supervisory Licence and capable to complete the following work financially. **Tender Case No. :** TRD-WC-T-2024-25-19. **Name of the Work :** The following TRD works : (A) Khana-Pradhankhunta - CTR(P) - 19.699 TKM, (B) Khana-Pradhankhunta - TRR(P) - 15.884 TKM, (C) Andal-Sainthia (Dn Line) - TRR(P) - 18.927 TKM, (D) Andal-Sainthia (Up & Dn) - TRR(P) - 12.1160 TKM, (E) Andal-Sainthia (Dn) - TRR(P) - 10.700 TKM, (F) Andal-Sainthia & Andal-Sitarampur - TTR(FS+TWS+WCMS) - 106 sets (1:12 - 56 sets & 1:8.5 - 50 sets), (G) Asansol Division : TRRP = 1.94 Km (Km 159.88 - 161.82 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (H) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.05 Km (Km 165.19 - 166.24 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (I) Asansol Division : CTRP = 0.76 Km (Km 166.24 - 167.00 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (J) Asansol Division : CTRP = 0.59 Km (Km 127.78 - 127.93 & 187.56-168.70 on Dn Line) and TRRP(P) 0.18 Km (Km 161.82-162.00 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (K) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.05 Km (Km 126.73 - 127.780 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (L) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.00 Km (Km 142.00 - 143.00 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (M) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.00 Km (Km 143.00 - 144.00 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (N) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.94 Km (Km 181.00 - 182.90 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (O) Asansol Division : TRRP = 1.94 Km (Km 156.00 - 157.94 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (P) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.05 Km (Km 124.630 - 125.680 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (Q) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.05 Km (Km 123.580 - 124.630 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (R) Asansol Division : CTRP = 1.05 Km (Km 125.680 - 126.730 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section, (S) Asansol Division : TRRP = 1.94 Km (Km 157.940 - 159.88 on Dn Line) in KAN-ASN section. **Tender Value:** Rs. 1,69,59,499.55. **Earnest Money:** Rs. 2,34,800/-. **Date and time of opening:** 22.10.2024 at 11.00 hrs. **Completion period for the work:** 12 months from the date of issue of letter of acceptance. **Validity of offer:** 45 days from the date of opening. Complete details can be viewed on the Railway website www.reps.gov.in (ASN-181/2024-25).
Tender Notices are also available at Website www.indianrailways.gov.in / www.reps.gov.in
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e-Tender Notice
02 (two) No. e-Tender Notice vide NIT-22 / WBMAD / SMC / PW / 24-25 dt. 20-09-2024 and NIT-23 / WBMAD / SMC / PW / 24-25 dt. 20-09-2024 is / are hereby invited from reliable resourceful bona fide, eligible contractors. For details please visit: <http://wbtdenders.gov.in> or the Office Notice Board of SMC. Corrigendum or addendum if issued will be published only on website.
Sd/-
Commissioner, SMC

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. 9220242025 Dated : 20.09.2024
E-Tendering Tender Notice
Divisional Railway Manager (Engineering)/North Central Railway/Prayagraj, for and on behalf of the President of India invites E-TENDERS on prescribed form for the following work up to 13:30 hrs on 16.10.2024. The details of the Tender are as under:-
SN : 1 Tender No.: 204 Approx Cost Rs.: 1,96,82,654.97
Name of work : Flash Butt welding of rail on various loop lines and other lines in the jurisdiction under Sr. DENI/PRYJ
Bid Security : 2,48,400.00 Completion Period : 06 Months
Eligibility Criteria for similar work : Any P Way Work involving weld renewal work with Mobile flash butt welding plant
SN : 2 Tender No.: 205 Approx Cost Rs.: 91,82,569.71
Name of work : Provision of 10 bedded RPF Barrack and out Post at Mandra Road Station and 10 bedded RPF Barrack at Shankargarh station in the jurisdiction under Sr. DENI/PRYJ
Bid Security : 1,83,700.00 Completion Period : 12 Months
Eligibility Criteria for similar work : Construction of Building
Date of Opening of tender for SN. 1 and SN 2 : 16.10.2024 Note : 1. Tender on line can be submitted up to 13:30 hrs. of tender opening date. 2. The complete information along with tender document of above E-Tenders are available on Website www.reps.gov.in up to 13:30 hrs. on the due date of tender opening 16/05/24 (D)
North central railways @ CPRONCR @ www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी, जिला कोरबा, छ.ग.

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कोरबा, दिनांक 23-09-2024
निविदा सूचना
निविदा विद्यमान क्रमांक दिनांक की ओर से निर्माताओं तथा उनके अधिकृत विक्रेताओं से दैनिक एवं मासिक दर पर किराये के वाहन के व्यवस्थापन कार्य हेतु निविदा सूचना प्रदान करने हेतु मुहरबंद निविदाएं आमंत्रित की जाती है। निविदा प्रपत्र अयोध्यासहकरता के कार्यालय से आवेदन प्रस्तुत कर रु 1000/- (एक हजार रुपये मात्र) निविदा प्रपत्र मूल्य का बी.डी. जो कि नॉन रिफंडेबल है जमा कर प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं। बी.डी. "NON NRHM Account Korba - 33572517488" के नाम ही स्वीकार किये जायेंगे। बी.डी. जमा कर दिनांक 23.10.2024 अपराह्न 03:00 बजे के पूर्व तक कार्यालयीन दिवस में प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं।
निविदा बी.डी. की अंतिम तिथि - 23.10.2024 को अपराह्न 03:00 बजे तक
निविदा जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि - 23.10.2024 को अपराह्न 04:00 बजे तक
निविदा खोलने की तिथि - 23.10.2024 को अपराह्न 04:00 बजे स्थान कार्यालय मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी कोरबा
टीप-निविदा खोलने की तिथि एवं समय में अपरिहार्य कारणों से परिवर्तन किया जा सकता है, जिसकी सूचना कार्यालय के सूचना फलक में चरमा कर दी जायेगी।
मुख्य चिकित्सा एवं स्वास्थ्य अधिकारी जिला - कोरबा (छ.ग.)
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EASTERN RAILWAY

Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Eastern Railway, Asansol Division, Station Road, Asansol, Pin - 713301 invites open e-auction through IREPS portal vide website www.ireps.gov.in for awarding the contract, details of which are as under :
Category of Auction : Pay & Use Toilet (Normal). **e-Auction Catalogue No. :** C5-ASN-PnU-1024. **Date of Auction start:** 07.10.2024 at 12.00 hrs. **Name of station/location :** (i) Second class waiting hall at Chittaranjan station. (ii) Newly built toilet complex Ground floor & 1st floor on existing old Pay & Use toilet at Jasidih (Phase-II) Railway station new circulating area near pond. (iii) P.F. No. 1 & 2 and waiting hall at Basukinath station. (iv) P.F. No. 1 of Giridih Railway station. All prospective bidders are advised to visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for full details and to participate against the above mentioned e-Auction on 07.10.2024 at 12.00 hrs. (ASN-180/2024-25)
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

"THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT TENDERS"
TENDER NOTICE No. : S/2024/74 Date: 23.09.2024
The Principal Chief Material Manager, North Western Railway, headquarter 3rd floor, Near Jawahar circle, Malviya Nagar, Jaipur-302017 for and on behalf of the President of India invites Open E-tenders on www.ireps.gov.in site as follows. All the E-tenders will be closed at 14.25 hrs.
Sr.No. Tender No. Brief Description Qty. Unit Due date
1 37242084 Constant contact polyurethane 1582 Set 09.10.24
2 37242088 Constant contact polyurethane (pu) side bearer pad assembly for casnub 22NLB bogies 1772 Nos 14.10.24
3 30242182A Primary spring for generator car outer 501 Nos 14.10.24
4 30243327 Stiffener plate of front carrier plate 2368 Nos 14.10.24
5 60235517 Supply, installation, commissioning & testing of EOT crane 25/10 Ton and accessories 02 Nos 15.10.24
6 6324ENG33 Running contract for manufacturing and supply of joggled fish plates for 80 kg rails 10075 Set 16.10.24
7 40241739 110 VOLT BRUSHLESS DC (BLDC) RAILWAY CARRIAGE FAN, FIXED TYPE 400MM SWEEP 3179 Nos 21.10.24
8 65245001 Pit less electronic in-motion Railway weigh Bridge 02 Nos 23.10.24
9 30241358 POH KIT FOR SHOCK ABSORBER CAPACITY- 600 KGS. MAKE ESCORT CONSISTING OF 18 ITEMS. 1580 Set 28.10.24
10 30240095 Set of side buffer assembly 39 Set 28.10.24
11 60245338 EOT CRANE CAP 30/10T 01 Nos 13.11.24

CORRIGENDUM

Sr. Tender No. Description NIT No. TOD Amendment in Nit / Eligibility criteria
1 60235534 Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of Eot crane 30T/10T S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24 30.09.24 Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection & upload new document
2 60235533 Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of Eot crane 30T/5T S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24 03.10.24 Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection & upload new document
3 60235514 A Design, manufacturing, supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of surface traverser 80TAN S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24 07.10.24 Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection
4 60245341 Supply, installation, testing, commissioning and proving of airless centrifugal shot blasting machine-rotary table type S/2024/72 Dt.04.09.24 22.10.24 Modification in inspection clause from existing product inspection to process inspection
5 6324ENG 20 Running contract for manufacturing and supply of thick web switches S/2024/73 Dt.12.09.24 Eligibility criteria is modified
Note:- (1) Interested tenderers may visit the website www.ireps.gov.in for Full details/ description/Specification/EMD & tender cost etc. All tenderers are requested to obtain digital signatures and get them registered on above site and quote electronically only. (2) For viewing and participating in other tenders such as open tender costing below Rs. 25 Lakh, limited tenders, special limited tenders and low value tenders, please visit www.ireps.gov.in
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Tender Notice No. : SG.Tender/DSTE/SDAH/505, dated 23.09.2024. e-Tenders are invited by the Sr. Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer, Eastern Railway, Sealdah, 2nd floor, Control Building, DRM Building, Kaizer Street, Kolkata-700014 for the following work. **e-Tender No. : SDSTE/Sig/7/22/24-25/SF. Name of Work with its location :** Replacement of ELB/MLB LC Gate by new ELB/MLB on age cum condition basis in Sealdah Division. **Tender Value:** Rs. 88,09,765.06. **Earnest Money / Bid Security to be deposited :** Rs. 1,76,200/-. **Cost of Tender document :** Nil. **Completion period of the work :** 6 Months. **Tender submission start date :** 04.10.2024. **Tender submission end date :** 18.10.2024 upto 14.00 hrs. **Tender Bid opening date :** 18.10.2024 at 14.30 hrs. **Details may be available :** www.ireps.gov.in in Technical/Eligibility Criteria : The tenderer must have successfully completed or substantially completed any one of the following categories of work(s) during last 07 (seven) years, ending last day of month previous to the one in which tender is invited: (i) Three similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 30% of advertised value of the tender, or (ii) Two similar works each costing not less than the amount equal to 40% of advertised value of the tender, or (iii) One similar work costing not less than the amount equal to 60% of advertised value of the tender. **Financial Eligibility Criteria :** The tenderer must have minimum average annual contractual turnover of VN or 'V' whichever is less; where V= Advertised value of the tender in crores of Rupees, N= Number of years prescribed for completion of work for which bids have been invited. The average annual contractual turnover shall be calculated as an average of 'total contractual payments' in the previous three financial years, as per the audited balance sheet. However, in case balance sheet of the previous year is yet to be prepared/ audited, the audited balance sheet of the fourth previous year shall be considered for calculating average annual contractual turnover. The tenderers shall submit requisite information as per Annexure-VIB of GCC 2022 (Form-6 of the instant tender document), along with copies of Audited Balance Sheets duly certified by the Chartered Accountant/ Certificate from Chartered Accountant duly supported by Audited Balance Sheet. **Other document to be submitted :** As mentioned in the tender document. **Similar nature of Work :** Any work of Panel interlocking or Route Relay Interlocking or Electronic Interlocking or LB or Automatic signaling or LH gate interlocking or AFC or SSDAC or MSDAC to be considered as similar nature of work. **Note :** The tenderer shall submit along with the tender offer, documents in support of his/her claim to fulfill the eligibility criteria as mentioned in the tender document. 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). (SDAH-194/2024-25)
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GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

Office of the Executive Engineer, (Raigad Fort Special Cell), Road Project Division, Mahad, Dist. Raigad.
Email :- rpdmahad.ec@mahapwd.com Ph. No. 02145 222243
Notice No. 07 For 2024-25
Online percentage rate tenders in B-1 Form are invited by the Executive Engineer, (Raigad Fort Special Cell) Road Project Division, Mahad, for the following works Department of Maharashtra State. The name of work, estimated cost, earnest money, security deposit, time limit for completion etc. The details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> as under.

e-Tender No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rupees)	Bid Security (E.M.D.) (Rupees) via Online	Cost of Tender Form (Rupees) via Online	Period Completion of work (Calendar Months) (including monsoon)	Class of Contractor
1	Maintenance of Pathway from Holliche Mal to Chitta Darwaja at Raigad Fort, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	5417834.00	550000	1180.00	6 (months)	Class IV & Above
2	Construction of Internal Road at Mangrun Adiwasiwadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2973998.00	300000	590.00	6 (months)	Class V & Above
3	Construction of Well at Pusade Gaon, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2238219.00	230000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
4	Construction of Internal Road at Dvagher, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2117855.00	220000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
5	Construction of Sabargruha at Mangrun, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2086624.00	210000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
6	Construction of Internal Road at Valoure Dattawadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2074430.00	210000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
7	Construction of Internal road at Sandoshi Adwoshi Dhangarwadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1692268.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
8	Construction of Wagheri Adwasiwadi road, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1691708.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
9	Construction and Repairing of Sabhmanlap at Hukaniwadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1676728.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
10	Construction of Well and Adjoining retaining wall at Pusadewadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1673476.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
11	Construction of Well at Kharhi Nagarbhawan, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1670810.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
12	Construction of Internal Road at Kavale Tarfe Nante, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1645697.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
13	Construction of Well at G. P. Nijampur Raigadwadi Pardi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1599665.00	160000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
14	Construction of Internal Road at Kharhi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1267649.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
15	Construction of Smashanbhumi at Pusadewadi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1265746.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
16	Construction of Internal Road at Kharhi Nagarbhawan, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1261350.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
17	Construction of Internal Road at Konzur, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1250843.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
18	Construction of Sabhmanlap at Konzur, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1240122.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
19	Construction of cremation ground at Konzur, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1227497.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
20	Nala Bandhiti at Puchad Naka Bandhigale Ali, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1226480.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
21	Improvement to Khadkiwadi to Newadewadi road ghat section, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	6310285.00	640000	1180.00	6 (months)	Class V & Above
22	Construction of Anandoli Dhangarwadi to Pardi road, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	5490903.00	550000	1180.00	6 (months)	Class V & Above
23	Construction to Puchad to Shinde awadad road, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	2476417.00	250000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
24	Construction of protection wall to Puchad Mohalla Smashanbhumi, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1692085.00	170000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above
25	Construction of Samajik Sabhargruha at Raigadwadi Bandhigale, Tal. Mahad, Dist. Raigad	1250087.00	130000	590.00	6 (months)	Class VI & Above

Details Tender Notice Schedules, Corrigendura's, Terms & Conditions of contract can be viewed and download online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> as under.

Sr. No.	Stage	Start		Expiry	
		Date	Time	Date	Time
1.	Period of Downloading & Online Submission of Bid documents.	20.09.2024	10.00	27.09.2024	18.00
2.	Online opening of Technical bid & Price bid (If possible) in Office of Executive Engineer, Road Project Division, Mahad.	30.09.2024	11.00		

No. R.F.Sp.Cell/RPD/Mahad/AB/TC/466
Date: 18.09.2024.
Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Raigad Fort Special Cell)
Road Project Division, Mahad
DGIPR/2024-25/3288

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA

PUBLIC WORK DEPARTMENT INVITATION FOR TENDERS
Website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> Email jawhar.ec@mahapwd.gov.in
E-TENDER NOTICE No.48 For 2024-25
Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the following works is invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. Division, Jawhar, (Phone No. 02520-222226) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System from the Registered Contractors in appropriate class of Public Works Department of Maharashtra State.
This tender notice contains 28 (Twenty Eight) work and their details can also be viewed on www.mahapwd.com and also downloaded from Government of Maharashtra e-tendering Portal <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and sub portal.

Sr. No.	Name of work	Work Portion (Rs. Lakhs)	Earnest money (Rs)	Class of Contractor	Tender form Fee	Time limit in (Calendar Months)	Remark
1	Improvement of Kochale Gauripada Kochale village internal Road VR 112 Km 1/00 to 1/500. Taluka- Mokhada, District-Palghar	39,57,547.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18% GST Rs.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
2	Road Improvement of pangari to Jambhachapada Road VR 19 Km 0/00 to 2/00. Taluka-Mokhada, District Palghar	40,47,332.00	42,000.00	Class V & Above	Rs.500/- +18% GST Rs.90/- Total Rs.590/-	180 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
3	Construction of Box culvert on Road Osarvira Ambhachapada Road Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	81,22,595.00	83,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
4	Construction of minor bridge on Osarvira Ambhachapada Ghodpada Road Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	80,05,797.00	84,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
5	Construction of Gutter and protection wall on Sakhari to Sathari Road VR-62 Km 1/700 to 2/00 Taluka- Mokhada, District-Palghar	64,00,587.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
6	Improvement of Sakhari Washala Road Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,69,372.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
7	Improvement of Palusoda Ashomshala road VR59 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,68,977.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
8	Improvement of Dhamanhet Behetwadi road VR-62 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,52,567.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
9	Improvement of Palusoda Chandryachimet road VR-48 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,68,978.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
10	Improvement of Washala nunggaon Shivoli Road. ODR-44 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,70,026.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
11	Improvement of Koshimhet Dhamanhet Thakarwadi Road VR-61 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,74,500.00	67,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
12	Improvement of Sakhari to Madhyachimet Road Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	63,69,114.00	66,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50545117-53 (TSP)
13	Construction of Mokhada Khodola Vilganga SH-78 Km 13/800 to 14/600. Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	82,18,986.00	84,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50540349-53
14	Construction of Mokhada Khodola Vilganga SH-78 Km 26/100 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	96,03,393.00	99,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18% GST Rs.180/- Total Rs.1180/-	300 Days (Including monsoon)	5054 Road and Bridge 50540349-53
15	Construction of Bridge with approach road on Mokhada Khodola Vilganga SH-78 Km 12/900 Taluka-Mokhada, District-Palghar	88,11,758.00	91,000.00	Class IV(A) & Above	Rs.1000/- +18%		



RASHID AIMS FOR WORLD CUP, CHAMPIONS TROPHY

England spinner Rashid Rashid has set his eyes on World Cup and Champions Trophy titles after reaching the 200 ODI wickets milestone in the second 50-over match against Australia at Headingley last week. Rashid also confirmed that he is not thinking about hanging up his international boots, a possibility that came up after Moeen Ali announced his retirement from international cricket earlier this month. Despite the focus on evolving tactics and personnel, Rashid remains a key figure for the future of England's limited-overs teams.

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THUMBNAILS

Domestic cricket more important than IPL, says Dhawal Kulkarni: Amid the rising trend of playing IPL among youngsters, former India pacer Dhawal Kulkarni stressed that playing domestic cricket is more important if the ultimate goal is to play Test cricket for the country. Kulkarni, who announced retirement last season after playing 18 years of domestic cricket, said performing consistently in domestic red-ball competitions is not easy. "100 percent, when you play domestic cricket then you get a chance to play in IPL. Playing domestic cricket is very important if you want to play Test cricket for India. In Mumbai cricket, whenever an international player is free he plays in domestic cricket as we've set that standard. It is not easy to perform consistently in domestic cricket. Meanwhile, IPL is also important but I give more importance to domestic cricket. You get the idea of conditions in domestic cricket. There is no option other than domestic cricket to play Test," the former Mumbai pacer said. The stalwart of domestic cricket reflected back on his career and expressed satisfaction with his achievements which include five Ranji Trophy titles with Mumbai.

Ticked all the right boxes in terms of our preparation for T20 WC: Harmanpreet

The Women's T20 World Cup, starting 3 October, presents another chance to end Indian team's wait for a global title

TRIDIB BAPARNASH
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Harmanpreet Kaur is no stranger to heartbreaks at big-ticket ICC tournaments with a few coming under her leadership when India returned runners-up in 2020, and then ended as the losing semifinalist in 2022 — both losses coming against their old nemesis Australia. The forthcoming women's T20 World Cup, starting October 3 in the UAE, presents Harmanpreet and Co another opportunity to lay their hands on that elusive trophy, and in a way double the joy for fans after the men's team's victorious campaign in the Caribbean last June.

Since the women's T20 World Cup's inception in 2009, India have managed to reach the final only once in 2020. India have also come agonisingly close to winning the WODI World Cup, but finished runner-up in 2017.

Ahead of their departure in quest of that elusive global crown, Harmanpreet exuded confidence in her team, and felt that it has been able to tick all the boxes in terms of



preparations.

"We have ticked all the boxes in terms of preparation compared to the small things that were not there maybe

in earlier editions. If I talk about this team, we have a few players who have been playing for a longer time and know their roles really well.

I'm quite confident with this team and I can say that, yes, it's the best team going into the World Cup," the 35-year-old said.

India haven't had game time since the end of July when they surprisingly finished runners-up to Sri Lanka in the Asia Cup. As part of

preparations for the T20 World Cup, the team underwent an extensive preparatory camp at the NCA where the players spent a lot of time on fitness and fielding, areas where the team has been found wanting in the past.

"During the Asia Cup, we played good cricket. We have to talk about the entire tournament. There was one odd game that day when things didn't go how we wanted. There are a lot of areas where we sat and discussed how we go about it and we are working on that," said Harmanpreet, who has been part of all the T20 World Cups that have been staged till date.

In a career spanning close to a decade and half, Harmanpreet has been part of numerous global tournaments, but despite that she said that she is as excited as her maiden World championship. "I know I have played so many World Cups but I have the same excitement as I had when I was 19," she expressed.

India will open their campaign against New Zealand in Dubai on October 4, and the high-profile clash against

arch-rivals Pakistan will take place in Dubai on October 6. India's third group A match is against Sri Lanka on October 9, before the face-off against defending champions Australia on October 13 in Sharjah.

India's main challenge will come from Australia, who have found a way to beat India in ICC events even from difficult situations. However, Harmanpreet believes that her side is focused on playing good cricket, in order to stand a chance to beat a tough opponent like Australia.

"Look their team is good, no doubt about that. They also know that India is one of the teams that can go really hard on them. I think that is a really positive sign. We know that whenever we are playing against them, we can beat them any day, any time. Winning the title for so many years, it's a great opportunity for us. They know that we are a team that is really good. We just want to play good cricket and be in that frame where we are aware and keep talking about those things that will help us beat them," Harmanpreet said.

Pakistan bowlers thought Morne Morkel was nothing: Basit Ali



STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Former Pakistan cricketer Basit Ali lashed out at the country's current set of pace bowlers for belittling ex-South Africa pacer Morne Morkel during the latter's brief stint as the Men-in-Green's bowling coach last year.

Ali's comments came after

Morkel, India's newly-recruited bowling coach, kicked off his stint with an impressive performance from Jasprit Bumrah and Co, during India's resounding 280-run triumph over Bangladesh in the opening Test in Chennai.

Bumrah was the pick of the bowlers in the first innings, returning with four wickets, and went on to add one in the second for a match haul

of five, while Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja shared nine wickets between them to emerge chief architects of India's massive victory inside four days.

Ali took potshots at the attitude of Pakistani bowlers during Morkel's brief stint with the team. Morkel's tenure was cut short after Pakistan's disappointing performance at the ODI World Cup.

ICC names officials for women's T20 World Cup

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

The forthcoming ICC women's T20 World Cup 2024 will feature an all-female panel of match officials, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Tuesday.

Thirteen match officials — 10 umpires and three match referees — were named for the upcoming edition hosted by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) in the UAE.

Claire Polosak will bring the most experience to the panel, having officiated in four previous Women's T20 World Cup tournaments. Kim Cotton and Jacqueline Williams will be making their fourth appearance at the event, both having the distinction of officiating the final of the previous edition between Australia and South Africa.

Sue Redfern, who served as the TV umpire for the previous final, also returns for her fourth appearance at the tournament. On the other hand, Zimbabwe's Sarah Dambanevana will make her Women's T20 World Cup debut as an umpire.

Announcing the list of officials, ICC Senior Manager — Umpires and Referees, Sean Easey said,

"The ICC is proud to be contributing to the advancement of women in our sport. To be announcing this all-female lineup of match officials for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2024 is wonderful. This group, selected as the most deserving umpires for this event following their recent form in bilateral and other cricket, are some of the very best from around the world. We are confident that they will do a great job at this event. I wish them the best of luck as they oversee the world's top women's cricketers in what will be an exciting tournament for all involved," Easey added.

The upcoming Women's T20 World Cup will feature 10 teams competing across 23 matches for the prestigious trophy. The tournament kicks off on October 3 with an exciting opening clash between Bangladesh and Scotland in Sharjah.

Prior to the main event, each team will participate in two warm-up matches, starting on September 28.

Border-Gavaskar Trophy: We have to keep Pant quiet, says Australia captain Cummins

AGENCIES
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Australia captain Pat Cummins remains wary of India star wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant's ability to take the game on and said his side needs to keep the 26-year-old batter quiet in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

The upcoming five-match Test series between India and Australia will start on

November 22. The series will see India and Australia play in Perth, Adelaide (pink-ball match), Brisbane, Melbourne, and Sydney from November 22 to January 7, 2025.

India were able to retain the title in the last four successive BGT, which includes their famous series wins in 2018-19 and 2020-21, where Pant played a remarkable knock of 89 not out in Gabba and snatched the victory in style to end Australia's 32-

year undefeated run at their fortress. Pant made a remarkable comeback in Test cricket against Bangladesh, after a long wait of 637 days due to a near-fatal car crash in December 2022, scoring 109 runs in the second innings, helping India in a 280-run victory in Chennai.

"Someone like Rishabh, he might play a reverse lap and it's an incredible shot and that's just part of who he is," Cummins said.

Irani Cup: Ishan in Rest of India squad; Shardul aims for successful return

STATESMAN NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI, 24 SEPTEMBER

Ishan Kishan's return to red-ball cricket received a major shot in the arm after he was picked in the Rest of India (RoI) squad led by Rituraj Gaikwad for the Irani Cup contest against Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai, starting October 1 in Lucknow.

Returning to first class cricket for the first time since July 2023, and the subsequent loss of his BCCI central contract, Kishan made a statement, scoring a century for India C in the Duleep Trophy.

Kishan is one of two wicketkeepers in the squad, alongside Dhruv Jurel, whose selection in the RoI squad is subject to his non-participation in India's second Test against Bangladesh, starting September 27 in Kanpur.

Besides Jurel, left-arm quick Yash Dayal and middle-order batter Sarfaraz Khan, who are also part of the Test squad, have been



picked in the RoI and Mumbai squads respectively, with the same caveat. Bengal's Abhimanyu Easwaran, who ended as the second-highest run scorer in the recently concluded Duleep Trophy was named Gaikwad's deputy in the RoI side, that features

another two opening prospects in Devdutt Padikkal and B Sai Sudharsan. Andhra's Ricky Bhui and Baroda's Shashwat Rawat have also been included in the RoI squad based on their impressive Duleep Trophy form. Bhui top scored with 359

runs at an average of 71.80, with two hundreds and a half-century, while Rawat slammed 124 and 53 in his most recent outing for India A. The RoI bowling attack boasts of a formidable unit led by Prasidh Krishna, who recently made comeback

from a quadriceps injury in the Duleep Trophy, alongside Mukesh Kumar and two left-arm quicks in Dayal and Khaleel Ahmed.

The spin attack will be manned by Manav Suthar, Saransh Jain and Rahul Chahar.

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