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BYJU'S, WHICH WAS ONCE INDIA'S MOST VALUABLE STARTUP WORTH $22 BN, WILL FACE INSOLVENCY PROCEEDINGS FOR FAILURE TO PAY ₹158CR TO BCCI P 19

White House to be a heartbeat away for either Kamala or Usha

Trump VP Pick's PIO Wife Used To Be A Democrat

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Whoever wins the US presidency, one way or the other, there will be an Indian-American woman a heartbeat away from the White House at 1, Observatory Circle, home to the American vice-president. It will either be incumbent vice-president Kamala Harris if Biden wins, or Usha Chilukuri, Trump running mate J D Vance's spouse, who will move into what is formally called the Naval Observatory as the Second Lady.

It has been a chequered journey for the San Diego-born & raised Yale graduate. Once a registered Democrat from the liberal enclave of California, she met Vance, who grew up in conservative Middle America, in law school, and has been a companion in their journey to the MAGA (Make America Great Again) Republican side of the political spectrum.

In his memoir 'Hillbilly Elegy', Vance credits Usha for his personal and professional growth, calling her a brilliant partner who "instinctively understood the questions I didn't even know to ask and she always encouraged me to seek opportunities that I didn't know existed". Photos of the wedding showing them in Indian togs have now surfaced on social media much to the delight of Hindu activists in the US.

VANCE OF DEMOCRACY
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Donald Trump was formally nominated as the Republican presidential candidate on Monday. He had asked J D Vance's wife Usha how she liked political life when he was trying to zero in on a running mate

Parents moved to US from India in 1980s

Usha's parents, Lakshmi and Radhakrishna Chilukuri, moved to the US in the 1980s. Radhakrishna, a mechanical engineer with a masters in aerodynamics, now teaches at San Diego Univ. Lakshmi is a molecular biology prof at the same univ. **P 18**

Minor at wheel: Tribunal awards hit-&-run victim's kin ₹1.98cr relief

A court in Delhi has ordered an insurance firm to compensate the parents of Siddharth Sharma, who was 32 years old at the time of his death in 2016, with a sum of Rs 1.98 crore. The bench of Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT) judge and presiding officer Dr Pankaj Sharma determined that Siddharth's death was caused by reckless and negligent driving by a minor. The court considered the fact that Siddharth, pursuing higher education at the time of his death, was earning a salary of Rs 25,000 in Jan 2015 and had received a job offer in March 2016 with a higher salary of Rs 10 lakh per annum. Based on these factors, the court arrived at the compensation amount to be paid to Siddharth's parents. **P 3**

HC: Police firing at Sterlite protesters that killed 13 'at behest of an industrialist'

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Chennai: "We believe that police firing against anti-Sterlite protesters on May 22 and 23, 2018, wherein 13 persons were killed, was a predetermined act carried out at the behest of an industrialist," the Madras high court said on Monday, adding that "one particular industrialist... wanted to teach the protesters a lesson and the authorities facilitated it."

The high court directed Tamil Nadu's Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) to scrutinise the assets of all officers, including IPS and IAS officers, who were serving in Tuticorin from 2016 to 2020.

Justices SS Sundar and N Senthil Kumar also said that CBI didn't investigate the incident "in a fair manner" and this shows the probe agency's "inefficiency".

IN THE COURTS

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Justice Reddy quits probe against KCR govt after SC remark

Critiqued by Supreme Court on Tuesday for breaching fairness norms, Justice L Narasimha Reddy declined to continue as the one-man commission to inquire into alleged power sector irregularities caused by the KCR-led BRS govt.

Telangana govt said it would notify a new head by Monday, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.** The SC agreed with KCR's counsel, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, that Justice Reddy gave away his pre-disposed mind by commenting in a press meet about the loss caused to the exchequer. The CJI-led bench took exception to Justice Reddy's comments, saying, "The comments prima facie indicates that he made observations on the merits of the issue he was inquiring into..." **P 14**

IMF ups India's growth forecast

IMF on Tuesday revised the growth projection for India to 7% during the current financial year, compared to the earlier estimate of 6.8%, citing upward revisions to growth last year and improved prospects for private consumption, especially in rural areas. The assessment will provide comfort to analysts and policymakers. **P 19**

Provocative slogan: Raj court acquits 6

A trial court on Tuesday acquitted six persons accused of chanting provocative slogans outside Nizam Gate of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti's shrine in Ajmer on June 17, 2022, 11 days prior to the beheading of a tailor. The case was linked to suspended BJP functionary Nupur Sharma's derogatory comments. **P 9**

An 'accident-in-waiting': Kanchanjungha Exp report cites multiple-level lapses

Dipak Dash, Subhro Niyogi & Ajanta Chakraborty | TNN

New Delhi/Kolkata: Commission of Railway Safety, in its provisional findings in the Kanchanjungha Express accident that claimed 10 lives, has pointed to wrong authority letters issued to loco pilots on negotiating defective signals and operational lapses at "multiple levels" following failure of automatic signals.

CRS grimly noted that this was an "accident-in-waiting", citing how improper authority letters were issued at the zonal level to loco pilots and that too without adequate information. The report, although provisional, has virtually exonerated the goods train loco pilot Amit Kumar, who was initially faulted by railway authorities, while pointing a finger at ambiguity in rules to be followed in cases of failure of automatic signals, the Rangapani station master and senior authorities in Katihar division.

'PILOT NOT AT FAULT'

- Report virtually gives clean chit to **goods train pilot Amit Kumar**, who was initially faulted by rly authorities
- Points to **'ambiguity in rules'** for automatic signal failure. Rangapani stn master issued **wrong authority letter** (T/A 912) to pilots, which did not have any speed curbs
- Senior rly officials should've treated signaling failure as 'major', initiated **ABS system** that allows **one train at a time**

▶ **No walkie-talkie, P 16**

Harassed in office, bank exec dies by suicide

A 27-year-old executive who joined Axis Bank at its office in Noida Sector 128 nine months ago died by suicide at her house last week and left a note alleging continuous harassment at work by a group of colleagues, mentioning instances where she was slandered as a "divorcee" and also called "bandariya (monkey)". She had also received a termination notice from office. **P 3**

Farmer grps at Shambhu vow Delhi push again

Days after the Punjab & Haryana HC directed Haryana govt to remove barricades from its border with Punjab at Shambhu on the national highway, the protesting farmers on Tuesday said they would move towards Delhi whenever the barricading was lifted. ▶ **HC erred in ordering opening, Hry tells SC, P 14**

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U'khand panel to probe temple built on glacier

Uttarakhand govt on Tuesday set up a probe panel on how a 'godman' built a temple on the 16,500-feet-high Sunderdhunga glacier near Devi Kund in Bageshwar district. The 'baba', Chaitanya Akash, will also be under the lens, **reports Yogesh Nagarkoti**.

TOI IMPACT

The action came on the day **TOI** reported the construction in an eco-sensitive zone. The committee, comprising officials from the district, forest department and police, has been asked to reach the remote site in three days and submit its findings in a week. **P 24**

Brains trust: MP, SP, DM, CDO in Deoria all IITians

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Lucknow: Deoria district in eastern UP needed someone to put into practice the IIT Kanpur tagline — "Lead me from darkness to light". In an extraordinary convergence of talent, the top four helming the backward district now are all IIT graduates. Deoria watches with hope for a brighter future.

The key figures responsible for Deoria's development — the MP, DM, SP and chief development officer (CDO) — share a common academic background from IITs. Deoria MP Shashank Mani Tripathi, an IIT-Delhi alumnus from the 1986 batch, also holds an MBA from a business school in Lausanne, Switzerland. DM Divya Mittal, a 2013-batch IAS officer, is also an IIT-Delhi grad and holds a PG degree from IIM-Bangalore.

2 ALSO WENT TO IIM

- **Deoria MP S M Tripathi**, an IIT-Delhi alumnus, also holds an MBA from Switzerland
- **DM Divya Mittal**, also an IIT-Delhi grad, did PG from IIM-Bangalore. She had worked as an investment banker
- **SP Sankalp Sharma** is a chem engr from IIT-Roorkee
- **CDO Pratyush Pandey** is a civil engg grad from IIT-Kanpur, with MBA from IIM-A

▶ **'Work hard', P 16**

IAS trainee alleges harassment by Pune official

An IAS trainee officer on Monday night gave a statement to the police alleging harassment by a senior official at the Pune district collectorate. A senior officer from the Pune police commissioner's office said the trainee has recorded her statement before women cops. An officer from the collector office told **TOI,** "If the complaint is registered, we will take the appropriate legal steps." **P 16**

Why Vance's Indian wife Usha called him a turtle

His Grandma & Fellow Yale Student Usha Changed His Life Forever

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When Donald Trump got elected as US President in 2016, New York Times put out a list of six books for those who wished to understand the whys and hows of the tectonic shift in American politics. One of them was Hillbilly Elegy. The writer was JD Vance, whom Trump declared as his vice-presidential pick on Monday.

The book also has a subtitle, Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis, which partly explains its content. Today Vance is a senator from Ohio as well as a millionaire venture capitalist. But unlike Trump, he wasn't born into big money. The story and struggles of his early life read like a movie script and eventually was turned into one by Netflix.

The film details how his girlfriend (now wife) and fellow Yale student, Usha Chilukuri, daughter of immigrant Telugu parents, both professors by occupation, guides him through a major crisis in life and career. "She instinctively understood the questions I didn't even know to ask, and she always encouraged me to seek opportunities that I didn't know existed," he writes in the book.

In his memoirs, Vance also reveals that Usha once used an analogy that describes him perfectly. "I was, she said, a turtle. 'Whenever something bad happens — even a hint of disagreement — you withdraw completely. It's like you have a shell that you hide in'," he writes.

But the book is not just Vance's personal history, but also a larger looking glass to view and locate the reasons behind the decline of America's white working class. Through the stories and struggles of his larger family, he provides a perspective to their state of mind and their social and political predilections.

The term, "hillbilly" is often used to describe an unrefined country person living in distant regions of the Appalachian mountains, which run through 13 US states. But to Vance, they are the millions of "working-class white Americans of Scots-Irish descent who have no college degree" whose "ancestors were day labourers in the Southern slave economy, sharecroppers after that, coal miners after that, and machinists and millworkers during more recent times."

POWER COUPLE: Vance and Usha

"Americans call them hillbillies, rednecks, or white trash. I call them neighbours, friends, and family," he writes.

Kentucky and Ohio are the two Appalachian states where Vance spent his childhood and teen years. He was brought up in Middletown, a small steel town in Ohio, but also spent fond childhood time in Jackson, a smaller town in south-eastern Kentucky's coal country, where his maternal grandparents came from. This was the area, he tells us, where a rapist was found shot with 16 bullets but nobody bothered to investigate and the local newspaper only reported, "Man found dead. Foul play expected."

He grew up hearing family stories of tough men and tougher women. His granny, the family lore went, shot a man in his legs for trying to steal a cow. His parents separated early. His mother, a nurse, got addicted to drugs and became an emotional and physical trainwreck who, despite trying, lurched from one disaster to another. In a disturbing scene in the director Ron Howard's movie, she thrashes Vance, then a podgy boy, who has to be rescued by a cop. It all goes back to a history of violence that ran in the region and the family.

It is Vance's tougher-than-nails "mamaw" (granny) — Glenn Close got an Oscar nomination for her portrayal — who takes charge of his life, draws him away from no-good friends, drives sense into his head and sets him right.

Vance enlisted in the Marine Corps after high school, served in Iraq and graduated from Ohio State University. He made it to Yale Law School. But culturally, he couldn't handle the social cutlery that the place demanded. He felt inadequate.

But luckily for him, San Diego-born Usha becomes his friend and guide. "I fell hard for a classmate of mine named Usha," he writes and goes on to describe her, "She seemed some sort of genetic anomaly, a combination of every positive quality a human being should have: bright, hardworking, tall, and beautiful. I joked with a buddy that if she had possessed a terrible personality, she would have made an excellent heroine in an Ayn Rand novel, but she had a great sense of humour and an extraordinarily direct way of speaking."

Vance confesses to his ardour after a few weeks of flirtations and a single date. "It violated every rule of modern dating I'd learned as a young man, but I didn't care. Usha was like my Yale spirit guide."

Yet the relationship endured major ups and downs. Vance confesses that he would yell and scream and try to break off. But it was Usha's maturity and calm that ultimately prevailed. Vance also talks about how he was shocked at the cultural and behavioural difference between the two families. "The first time I visited her family for Thanksgiving, I was amazed at the lack of drama. Usha's mother didn't complain about her father behind his back. There were no suggestions that good family friends were liars or backstabbers, no angry exchanges between a man's wife and the same man's sister. Usha's parents seemed to genuinely like her grandmother and spoke of their siblings with love."

Vance confesses how he has struggled to control his fiery temper and how Usha has helped him soothe his nerves. "Even at my best, I'm a delayed explosion — I can be defused, but only with skill and precision. It's not just that I've learned to control myself but that Usha has learned how to manage me…Usha still sometimes reminds me that not every perceived slight — from a passing motorist or a neighbour critical of my dogs — is cause for a blood feud. And I always concede, despite my raw emotions, that she's probably right."

A 'hillbilly' who'd called Trump 'cultural heroin'

Senator JD Vance, the Ohio senator and newly announced running mate to Donald Trump, has gone on a rapid journey over the past eight years from bestselling author and outspoken Trump critic to one of the former US president's staunchest defenders and, now, his would-be second-in-command.

Before running for office, Vance, 39, was known as the author of 'Hillbilly Elegy', a memoir recounting his upbringing in a poor family that also served as a sort of sociological examination of white working-class Americans. The book was published the summer before Trump's election as president in 2016, and many readers looked to it after his victory as a sort of guide to understanding Trump's support among white working-class communities.

Vance harshly denounced Trump during his 2016 campaign. But by 2022, he had embraced Trump, winning a crowded Republican Senate primary with his backing and becoming a reliable pro-Trump voice in Congress. Here is more on Vance's background and views:

GAGA OVER MAGA: Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump and his VP pick JD Vance during the 2024 Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin

From Ohio To Yale

Vance was born in Middletown, Ohio, and spent part of his childhood in Jackson, Kentucky, raised by his maternal grandparents as his mother struggled with drug addiction, before returning to Middletown. After high school, he enlisted in the Marines and was deployed to Iraq, doing public affairs work. He later attended Ohio State University and Yale Law School. Vance worked for conservative venture capitalist Peter Thiel before founding his own venture capital firm. Thiel donated millions of dollars to Vance's 2022 Senate campaign.

Bestselling Author

The timing of his book, published the year that Trump was elected, helped raise his profile. He argued that a lack of personal agency was responsible for economic suffering, drug abuse and other struggles in white working-class communities like his, and wrote of "a willingness to blame everyone but yourself". Since aligning himself with Trump, he has turned his blame towards outside sources, such as offshoring and immigration.

Trump Seesaw

During the 2016 campaign, Vance sharply criticised Trump, describing him as "cultural heroin" and as a demagogue who was "leading the white working class to a very dark place". He described himself as a "Never Trump guy". In a post on X (earlier Twitter) that he has since deleted, he called Trump "reprehensible" because he "makes people I care about afraid. Immigrants, Muslims, etc".

But, after deciding to run for Senate in 2022, he recast himself as an unflinching Trump supporter. Vance apologised for denouncing Trump, adopted his hard-line stances on immigration and other issues, and won Trump's endorsement. He has said Trump's term in the White House proved his opposition wrong. He also said in 2019 that "Trump's popularity in the Vance household went up substantially" because of Brett Kavanaugh's Supreme Court confirmation hearings, during which the judge — whom Trump had nominated and for whom Vance's wife, Indian-origin Usha Chilukuri, had clerked — was accused of sexual assault. NYT

HOW VANCE CLICKS FOR TRUMP

Around 2016, when Trump became US president, JD Vance was a strident critic of the real estate baron-turned-politician and had even likened him to Hitler. Cut to 2024 and he's been anointed Trump's VP pick. Here are some factors that explain the choice

Location

According to an Axios report, the Trump camp is betting on Vance to bring them votes from the American Rust Belt. Comprising the likes of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, etc, these are states predominantly peopled by American working-class voters, who are the subject of Vance's bestselling memoir, 'Hillbily Elegy'. Importantly, some of these are battleground, or swing, states which can determine who enters White House in 2024.

Vocation

"JD has had a very successful business career in technology and finance, and now, during the campaign, will be strongly focused on the people he fought so brilliantly for, the American workers and farmers in Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, Minnesota, and far beyond," Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. Vance rose from an impoverished background to become a venture capitalist before eventually securing a seat in the Senate: just the kind of story that would resonate with voters who are struggling to move ahead in life.

JD Vance looks on as Trump talks to reporters outside a Manhattan court in May this year

Devotion

It was during the 2022 Senate race that Vance caught Trump's eye as a fiery debator not afraid of standing for what he believes in. Those beliefs have increasingly aligned with Trump's, including on Ukraine war and climate change. Vance has organised fundraisers for Trump and is a vocal champion of MAGA conservatism. Axios says Vance was "the first VP hopeful to flock to the courthouse" during Trump's recent court appearances. Vance is also said to have moved close to Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr.

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Ahead of India's SL tour, national selectors and new coach Gautam Gambhir are set to take a call on the new T20I captain. Sources say **Suryakumar has been deemed a more stable candidate to lead the team than Hardik Pandya**, P 23

Foreign minister S Jaishankar reaffirms India's support to Mauritius on the issue of the Chagos Archipelago, a gesture swiftly appreciated by the island-nation in the Indian Ocean, P 24

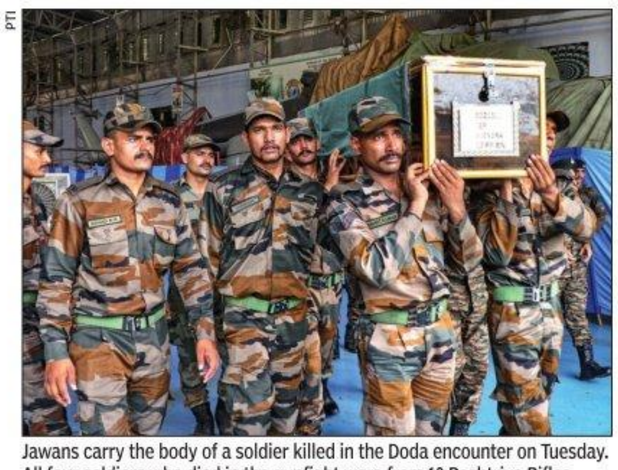
At least five people were killed and dozens injured in two separate incidents in Bangladesh as violence continued Tuesday on university campuses in the nation's capital and elsewhere over a govt jobs quota scheme, P 18

Gareth Southgate steps down as manager of England's football team following their loss to Spain in the final of the 2024 UEFA Euro competition, P 22

Capt among 4 soldiers killed in Doda, 2nd fatal attack in 1 wk

Manhunt On For Terrorists Of JeM-Linked Outfit

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN



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Jawans carry the body of a soldier killed in the Doda encounter on Tuesday. All four soldiers who died in the gunfight were from 10 Rashtriya Rifles

Jammu: Captain Brijesh Thapa from Darjeeling was among four soldiers killed in a night-time shootout with suspected Pakistani terrorists of an outfit linked to Jaish-e-Muhammed (JeM) in the dense forests of Desa in J&K's Doda district Monday. The Army identified the other fallen soldiers as Naik Dokkari Rajesh from Andhra Pradesh, and Sepoys Bijendra and Ajay Kumar Singh, both from Rajasthan. All four were part of 10 Rashtriya Rifles.

This marked the second fatal attack on security forces in the region within a week, following the July 8 ambush on a military patrol that resulted in the death of five soldiers from 22 Garhwal Rifles in Kathua district's remote Machedi forest belt.

The gunfight began at 7.45pm Monday when 10 RR and J&K police personnel launched a search operation in Dhari Gote Urarbagi, a thickly forested and mountainous area about 55km from Doda town. The operation followed intelligence reports of terrorist presence in the area.

A military officer said the terrorists attempted to escape by exploiting poor visibility and rain, leading to another exchange of fire at 9pm. Four soldiers suffered fatal wounds during the gunfight. Reinforcements were deployed to track and kill the terrorists, who are suspected to have infiltrated from across the border and taken refuge in the forest area. The operation is ongoing. Kashmir Tigers, a JeM shadow group, has claimed responsibility for the attack.

Since Oct 2021, at least 49 security personnel, including 39 Army men and one from IAF, have been killed in Jammu, a region previously free from terrorism. Jammu zone has seen a spike in terrorist violence recently, beginning with four attacks through June 9 and 12 in Reasi, Kathua, and Doda districts, resulting in the death of seven pilgrims, their local bus driver and conductor, and a CRPF constable. Doda has recorded five terrorist-linked gunfights since June 11-12, while Kathua and Udhampur reported two each.

The recent escalation in Jammu has been attributed to heavily armed "intruders" from Pakistan operating in groups of three or four. These remain a big challenge for security forces due to their capability for coordinated attacks, as evidenced by the July 8 ambush in Kathua involving two Army patrol trucks. Another concern is their use of armour-piercing bullets and American M4 carbines.

▶A quick goodbye, P 16

SC acquits man after 11 years in jail for a murder he didn't commit

New Delhi: A Chhattisgarh villager who languished in jail for 11 years after a trial court and the high court convicted him of a murder he did not commit has finally been acquitted by Supreme Court.

HC took five years to uphold a trial court verdict and SC another six to free him after finding the prosecution failed to prove his "guilt beyond reasonable doubts", **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

As no advocate was appearing for Ratnu Yadav, who had been arrested in 2013 for allegedly drowning his step mother, SC engaged advocate Shridhar Y Chitale as amicus curiae to assist it.

Under criminal laws, though, the prosecution isn't obliged to compensate Yadav for the 'lost' 11 years. P 14

₹900cr plan for gyms, libraries in Delhi's villages

Delhi govt's development department has earmarked Rs 900 crore to provide amenities in the city's villages, including gymnasiums, libraries, and sports grounds besides improvement of roads and water bodies, **reports Abhinav Rajput**. In a recent meeting, 480 projects worth Rs 411 crore have been approved. P 3

10 die in rain-related landslides in K'taka

Nine people, including four members of a family, were killed in a landslide near Shirur village in Karnataka on Tuesday, while another person died in Karwar when a hill near his house collapsed, as heavy rains have lashed Uttara Kannada. P 12

Sebi to further tighten F&O norms

Sebi is looking at a second phase of tightening of norms for the equity futures & options segment. Among the recommendations in the initial phase is an increase of minimum value of each F&O contract from Rs 5 lakh to around Rs 25 lakh. P 19

Another politician killed in TN

An armed gang Tuesday hacked to death a Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) functionary C Balasubramanian (48) during his morning walk in Madurai. Police said the gang that murdered was hired by his relatives. Six persons have been held. P 9

IAS training put on hold, Khedkar recalled to academy after cert row

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Washim/Pune: Probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar was recalled Tuesday from her temporary posting in Maharashtra's Washim to her training institute in Mussoorie for "further necessary action" linked to allegations that she misused OBC reservation and disability provisions to get into the civil services.

▶ EDIT PAGE: Lal Batti Culture Red Flags

"You are instructed to join the academy (Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration) at the earliest, but not later than July 23, 2024, under any circumstance," a letter from additional chief secretary (personnel) Nitin Gadre to Khedkar said.

The action came after chief secretary Sujata Saunik received a communication from centre director Shelesh Nawal that the 2023 batch IAS probationer's training was being suspended and she was being recalled to campus.

DAD's ₹67L DUES

- Puja Khedkar says **fake news** being spread about her, communication of probe panel confidential
- Search on for her parents Dilip & Manorama who have been **charged in an Arms Act case** in rural Pune
- Dilip also likely to face fresh notice for recovery of royalty dues of ₹67 lakh for **illegal extraction of soil**

▶Police draws blank, P 24

Chargesheet in Maliwal 'assault' case against Bibhav lists 50 witnesses

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New Delhi: Delhi Police on Tuesday filed a 500-page chargesheet at a Tis Hazari court against Bibhav Kumar, an aide of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal. Kumar has been accused of assaulting Rajya Sabha MP Swati Maliwal at the CM's residence on May 13 and is currently in judicial custody.

The chargesheet was filed before the court of metropolitan magistrate Gaurav Goyal, who also extended Kumar's judicial custody till July 30.

Kumar appeared in court via video conferencing, and the court instructed police to ensure his physical presence on July 30, when a decision will be made regarding taking cognisance of the chargesheet. The chargesheet includes statements from 50 individuals who have been listed as witnesses.

TAMPERING CHARGE

- Allegations against Kumar include **destroying evidence** by formatting his phone, **refusing to share his phone's password, cloning his phone**, transferring data to another device and **tampering with CCTV footage** from CM's residence and his own house
- Kumar's **judicial custody extended till July 30**, when court will decide on taking cognisance of chargesheet

▶Bibhav charged, P 8

Panel moots 10-fold rise in mobile tower radiation cap

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New Delhi: A govt committee, with representatives from the department of telecom and the health ministry, has recommended that electromagnetic field (EMF) emissions from mobile towers be raised by over ten times from the current levels to align these with International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) norms 2020.

The recommendations have been made as part of an attempt to improve the network coverage and reduce the need to install more towers in the country. Telecom industry lobby grouping COAI had also made a similar demand, arguing that "ICNIRP norms are safe" when considering any potential ill-effects on the health of humans, children, pregnant women, or other species due to enhanced radiation levels.

PUBLIC 'MISTRUST'

- Panel says raising emission cap of mobile towers by a factor of 10 will **not have ill-effects on health** of humans, children, pregnant women or animals
- It will lead to **better mobile coverage** and do away with need to install more towers
- But the step could lead to **'heightened mistrust'** among public, the panel warns

▶Telcos for alignment, P 16

Gunmen open fire in mosque in Oman, 1 Indian among 6 dead

An Indian national died and another was injured in the shooting that took place at a mosque in Muscat on Monday, the Indian embassy confirmed. Six people, four of them Pakistanis, were reported killed and 28 injured in the rare gun violence in Oman's capital during a Shia event.

▶10 soldiers among 28 dead in Pak attacks, P 18

Omani police said in a statement on Tuesday that three gunmen behind the attack were killed. Police officers have "concluded the procedures for dealing with the shooting", it said.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. TNN & AGENCIES

▶28 injured, P 18

Tanker with 13 Indians capsizes off Oman coast

An oil-product tanker containing 13 Indian crew members capsized off the coast of Oman's port of Duqm, the country's Maritime Security Centre said on X. The Comoros-flagged Prestige Falcon had a 16-member crew and search and rescue operations are on to locate missing seafarers. The incident happened 25 nautical miles southeast of Ras Madrakah on Monday. BLOOMBERG

Engr accused of stealing NEET paper arrested

CBI arrested two men on Tuesday in the NEET-UG paper leak case in Patna, including a civil engineer who is accused of stealing a sealed question paper box from a trunk sent by NTA to Jharkhand's Hazaribag. The other person arrested was a guesthouse owner who allegedly helped the engineer in stealing and passing the papers to exam mafias. P 16

Missing 3-yr-old found dead with knife wounds

A three-year-old girl from Ghaziabad who went missing from a wedding venue in Meerut late Monday night was found dead the next morning near a cremation ground on the city's outskirts. There were brutal knife wounds on her body. Her family told cops they suspected she was subjected to tantric rituals as her head was partly tonsured. P 3

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SUNSET 7.20 PM (WED) SUNRISE 5.35 AM (THU)
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Yamuna Panel Yet To Meet After Feb

Cleaning Of River Left At Monsoon's Mercy

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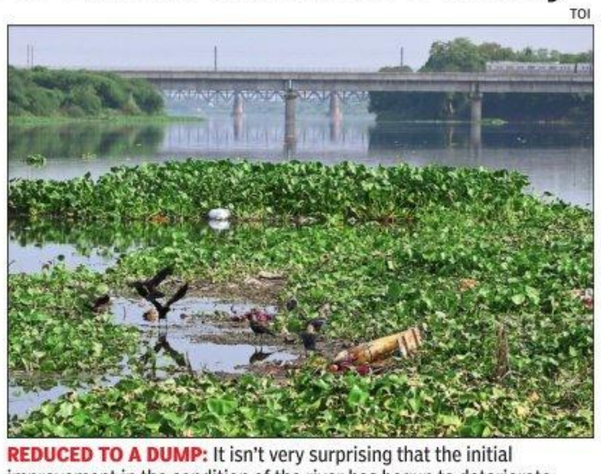

REDUCED TO A DUMP: It isn't very surprising that the initial improvement in the condition of the river has begun to deteriorate

New Delhi: When the National Green Tribunal constituted the high-level committee (HLC) on the Yamuna to oversee its cleaning, it suggested the committee meet once a week for at least six months "to achieve tangible results". Lieutenant governor VK Saxena had been appointed head of HLC and promised a visibly cleaner river by June 2023. But he was removed last June by the Supreme Court on Delhi govt's request and the panel is now headed by the chief secretary. HLC has held nine meetings, but so far this year, only two in Jan and on Feb 20.

It isn't very surprising then that the initial improvement in the condition of the river has begun to deteriorate as HLC's enthusiasm has waned. Officials, however, insisted that various govt departments are holding their own meetings regularly and that HLC will meet soon.

"The issues regarding the Yamuna's rejuvenation, including a boost to sewage treatment, expanding the sewerage network, restoration of floodplain and desilting of drains/sewers have been regularly reviewed in meetings convened on March 18 and 19, April 15, May 7, June 28, July 5,, 6 and 15 with Delhi Jal Board, Delhi Development Authority, irrigation & flood control department, and other stakeholders," claimed a Delhi govt official. "The next HLC meeting is scheduled for July 23."

Meanwhile, Delhi Pollution Control Committee reported in June that the Yamuna's pollution level was higher that it has been since 2021.

When TOI visited some stretches of the river in the city, including Qudsia Ghat, it found the water greyish, stinking and marked by effervescent garbage in many places. The deplorable condition of the river is reflected in DPCC's monthly analysis report, which was only recently uploaded.

According to the report released in June, while the biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) levels — a signifier of untreated sewage presence — were beyond the permissible limit of 3mg/l or less, the faecal level in the river was 3,40,000 MPN/100 ml (most probable number per 100ml) at ISBT bridge, reaching an aggravated point of 24,00,000 units by the river reached ITO, which is also the maximum faecal coliform level assessed for the month. The permissible limit for faecal coliform is 500 units.

Against these latest figures, the faecal level at ISBT bridge in June 2023 was 14,000 units, while that at ITO was 22,000. The maximum was at Asgarpur when the level was 4,30,000 units. In June 2022, the faecal level at ISBT bridge was 2,50,000 units and 2,60,000 at ITO. In comparison, in June 2021, the faecal level at ISBT bridge was 34,000 units.

While some officials argued that the heavy pre-monsoon rains in 2023 were what caused the improvement, others believe it's historic silt and poor management that leaves the Yamuna at the mercy of rain. As per meteorological data, in the month of May — right before the samples were picked from the Yamuna in the first week of June — the city recorded 144.8mm rainfall in 2021, 47.7mm in 2022, 111mm in 2023 and a dismal 0.44mm in 2024.

As for the fizz, an official said, "The bubbles appear due to the formation of hydrogen sulphide and methane, indicating anaerobic reactions in which organic matter is being broken down. Normally, BOD and total suspended solids are very high, while there is also a blanket of historic sludge at the base of the river. In such conditions, the ecology between the riverbed and river surface is disturbed completely and the river only gets dirtier. DPCC also doesn't assess these conditions."

Yesterday once more: Apathy washes away gains at revamped Qudsia Ghat

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New Delhi: A year after lieutenant governor VK Saxena unveiled a revived and beautified Qudsia Ghat as part of the Yamuna cleaning drive, a visit to the spot revealed a disappointing and quick deterioration. The constructed wetland is gone, the newly laid pathway was washed away by last year's floods, the grassed landscape is now bald and the area projected to become a model floodplain space for recreation is marred by open defecation as it was before the revamp.

"The condition of this area had been degrading for some months. After last year's flood, half of the restoration was destroyed, including the new pathway," said a local who lives in a shanty near the spot.

On Feb16 last year, Saxena, as the then head of the National Green Tribunal- appointed high-level committee on the Yamuna, launched a clean-up of Qudsia Ghat — one of the most polluted stretches of the river in Delhi. He promised a visible change in the Yamuna's water quality in six months. Earlier, he had initiated an intensive campaign to clean the Yamuna floodplain, even inducting a company of the Territorial Army for the cleaning and protecting the restored stretches against encroachments.

The Qudsia Ghat was unveiled on March 6, 2023, after the makeover. It had got well laid-out paths, grassy landscaped riverbanks that no longer had garbage strewn around, a comparatively cleaner river stretch with flowing water that didn't stink, a constructed wetland to treat drain water, dredging machines and conveyer belt to handle trash and a Territorial Army team patrolling the expanse. A monitoring hut made of bamboo was also erected at the ghat.

But even then TOI had reported that the facelift faced challenges of maintenance and keeping encroachers at bay. But LG had hoped the issues would be tackled by June that year. Unlike the revamp of Vasudev Ghat — which is separated from Qudsia Ghat only by the ISBT bridge — by Delhi Development Authority, the facelift at Qudsia Ghat involved largely natural elements.

Now, just a year later, the effort and the investment appear to have been in vain. The ghat is in a worse condition than before its revival. A source at LG's House disclaimed all responsibility, arguing that the work was overseen by Saxena as head of the high-level committee but he had since been divested of that responsibility so it was now "beyond his jurisdiction".

"The cleaning of that portion of floodplain and the makeover work was done on the direction of LG as chairperson of the high-level committee to clean the river Yamuna. However, the Supreme Court stayed NGT's direction appointing LG as head of the committee and handed the onus to Delhi govt. LG cannot intervene; it's beyond his jurisdiction," said a source in the LG's office.

NGT directed the formation of the committee on January 9 last year with LG as its head and state chief secretary, top officials of govt departments and representatives of Delhi Jal Board and DDA as members. NGT asked the committee to bring about visible change in the river by June 2023 and major changes by the year-end. In May 2023, however, Delhi govt approached the Supreme Court against LGs appointment as panel head and a month later, the court stayed the NGT's direction, giving the responsibility of cleaning the river to the state govt, with the chief secretary as head of the committee.

While NGT had asked the panel to meet every month, so far this year, it sat only twice — in January and February. No reaction on the subject was received by **TOI** from Delhi govt or DDA, which was involved in cleaning the floodplain area.

BACK TO SQUARE ONE?

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THE REVAMP LAST YR

- LG announced floodplain cleaning operation from Qudsia Ghat on Feb 16
- Floodplain revamped by March 6
- Revamp included setting up of a constructed wetland, pathways, removal of garbage, landscaping, desilting, installation of conveyor belts to collect garbage and removal of encroachment
- Plan was to give a facelift to the entire floodplain; deadline to improve the Yamuna visibly was June 30, 2023
- LG removed as head of high-level committee on the Yamuna in June 2023

For June, the Yamuna is more polluted than it was in the last four years

At ISBT (Qudsia Ghat), fecal level was **3.4 lakh units against 14,000 units** last year at the same time

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Launches A Cleaning Operation At Qudsia Ghat

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STATUS

- Pathways, constructed wetlands, etc, destroyed
- Most of the damaged happened during 2023 floods
- The area was never revamped again
- The river stinks
- Bubbles at Qudsia Ghat depict anaerobic activities
- High-level committee has not met since February this year

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When it rains on their parade: Why July, Aug instil fear in minds of Monastery mkt traders

Aanya Talwar

FINGERS CROSSED: Monsoon months are a testing time without electricity and limited access to clean drinking water and scarce food supplies

New Delhi: The prospect of losing one's livelihood can be a nightmare. The shopkeepers in the Monastery Market in north Delhi relive this fear every year in July and August. It is usually a testing time without electricity, limited access to clean drinking water and scarce food supplies.

Last year in July, the Monastery Market area was inundated by floods after torrential rainfalls. The water reached a height of around 6 feet, resulting in the submersion of the shops and causing significant damage to goods, infrastructure — and the local economy. It took almost a month for businesses to recover from the losses after bailing out all the water from the shops.

Tashi Tsetan said, "The wooden furniture in my shop was completely destroyed and I faced a loss of around Rs 50,000. We had to shift our stock from the shops to distant places, which added to my business problems and my expenses. I've run my shop here for three decades and given the history, I have decided to shift my stocks to the second storey as a precautionary measure."

A few shop owners who were not in the city during the floods couldn't help but had to bear the humongous losses running to lakhs of rupees due to the damage to inventory and destruction of property. The newcomers among the shop owners didn't have much information, but had decided on hearsay to move their stocks to godowns to avert disasters. As Bobby brightly said, "This year, we are prepared to face the situation. We have replaced wooden furniture with those made of glass, stone and marble."

Pema Yangzol remembered that the local minister had deployed a pump at the market to deal with the floodwater. Actions of this kind have encouraged the locals into not giving up whatever might happen. Plus, they have taken sufficient measures to deal with any waterlogging and are prepared to overcome the disaster by not losing hope. An inhabitant optimistically quipped, "*Jitna ho sakta hai, utna toh karenge!*"

SC issues notices to CBI and ED on Sisodia's bail petition

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Sisodia's counsel told a bench of Justices B R Gavai, Sanjay Karol and K V Viswanathan that SC had recently declined to entertain his client's bail petition but had given liberty to him to renew his petition if the trial did not proceed expeditiously

New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday sought responses from CBI and Enforcement Directorate on the fresh bail plea of former Delhi deputy chief minister Manish Sisodia in the CBI's corruption case related to irregular excise policy and liquor scam and the ED's money-laundering case.

Sisodia's counsel Vivek Jain told a bench of Justices B R Gavai, Sanjay Karol and K V Viswanathan that the apex court had recently declined to entertain his client's bail petition but had given liberty to him to renew his petition if the trial did not proceed expeditiously.

Jain said Sisodia, who was arrested by CBI in the alleged corruption case on Feb 26 last year and a fortnight later by ED under the Prevention Money Laundering Act, has been undergoing incarceration for more than 16 months and claimed that the trial has not progressed at all since Oct last year. Delhi CM Kejriwal is also arrested by both ED and CBI in the same case.

The bench entertained Sisodia's bail plea and sought responses from the CBI and the ED by July 29, the next date of hearing. On Monday, another bench of Justices Sanjiv Khanna and Dipankar Datta granted interim bail to Kejriwal while referring to a larger bench the issue of determining the ambit of ED's power to arrest under Section 19 of PMLA as well as whether a person could be arrested by the probe agency on suspicion and without documentary proof.

The SC had on June 4 asked Sisodia to renew his bail plea after the filing of chargesheet, which solicitor general Tushar Mehta had assured would be lodged with the trial court before July 3. When Sisodia's bail plea was placed before a three-judge bench led by Justices Sanjiv Khanna, one of the judges — Justice Sanjay Kumar — had recused.

The Delhi HC had declined to grant bail to Sisodia citing several reasons — document prima facie showed Sisodia tweaked the excise policy by fabricating public opinion to suit the changes that were carried out and the liquor policy was in contrast with the expert committee report resulting in alleged kickbacks. The HC was also apprehensive that if released on bail, Sisodia could influence witnesses, who are mainly govt servants.

59 iPhones seized from two arriving from Milan at IGI

New Delhi: Two men arriving from Milan were apprehended at IGI airport for attempting to smuggle various luxury items, including 59 iPhones. The total value of the seized goods is estimated to be Rs 69.23 lakh, a Customs official said on Tuesday.

The incident happened on Sunday when two Indian passengers arrived from Milan Malpensa airport. "They were apprehended while crossing the green channel at international arrival hall of T-3. On examination, 59 iPhones, two AirPods, one iPad Air, three pairs of Gucci goggles and one pair of Gucci sneakers were seized from them," the official said. "The passengers were arrested under the Customs Act, 1962," added the official.

In another case, two men were arrested after 967gm gold valued at Rs 60.97 lakh was recovered at IGI airport. They arrived from Doha on Sunday. "Three oval-shaped capsules suspected to contain gold in chemical paste form were recovered from the body of one passenger," said an official. TNN

Row rages over plan to build Kedarnath Mandir replica in Delhi

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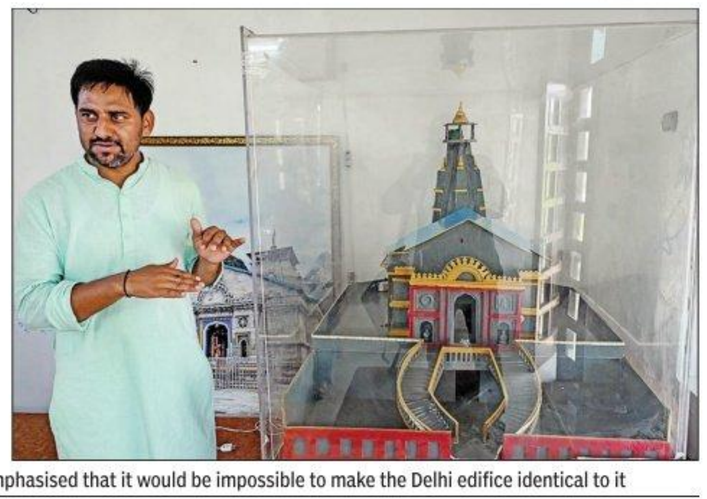

While the temple planned in Burari is modelled after the original Kedarnath, Sulara emphasised that it would be impossible to make the Delhi edifice identical to it

New Delhi/Dehradun: The decision to construct a replica of the revered Kedarnath Mandir of Uttarakhand in the city has created an unholy controversy. Last Wednesday, Uttarakhand chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami laid the foundation stone for the temple to be built by the Shri Kedarnath Dham Delhi Trust, leaving the priests of the mountainous shrine fuming at the prospect.

The temple is set to be built on a 3-acre plot on Delhi's outskirts at Burari. Jitender Sulara, administrative head of the Shri Kedarnath Dham Delhi Trust, said on Tuesday the construction of the shrine is expected to be finished by the end of 2026. The trust, overseen by its founder-president, Surinder Rautela, is the owner of the plot and will also bear the construction cost of around Rs 12 crore, Sulara added.

The bhumi puja on July 10 was attended by CM Dhami and Rautela, among others. Sulara was quick to add that the Uttarakhand CM wasn't affiliated to the Delhi trust but was present at the ceremony as an honoured guest.

While the temple is modelled after the original Kedarnath, Sulara emphasised that it would be impossible to make the Delhi edifice identical to it. "We do not have access to the same stones used in the original temple. We do not have the Jyotirlinga either," he said. "Our wish is only to build a temple for Shiva devotees."

However, Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC), the apex body that oversees the twin shrines among other important temples in Uttarakhand, has warned of legal action against the Shri Kedarnath Dham Delhi Trust if it went ahead with plans to construct any structure resembling the Kedarnath Mandir in Burari. Kedarnath is among the four sacred Hindu shrines comprising the Char Dham, the others being Badrinath, Gangotri and Yamunotri.

BKTC chairperson Ajendra Ajay said on Tuesday that any individual or organisation using the names of Kedarnath or Badrinath shrines for commercial purposes would face legal action. While he conceded that Uttarakhand govt was "not involved" with the Delhi temple and that Dhami had attended the foundation-laying ceremony at the organisers' invitation, the opposition Congress in the state accused the CM and the ruling BJP of undermining the sanctity of the ancient shrine.

Ajay said, "We have received complaints about individuals and organisations forming trusts in the name of Kedarnath and Badrinath shrines and collecting money to construct temples, hospitals, ashrams, etc. Some are even using apps to collect money on the pretext of organising online prayers at the two shrines. We will take all legal action possible."

Swami Avimukteshwaranand, shankaracharya of Jyotirmath, also voiced strong opposition to the proposed temple in the capital. He said, "There cannot be a symbolic Kedarnath. The Shiv Puran mentions 12 Jyotirlingas with specific names and locations. Kedarnath's address is in the Himalayas — how can it be in Delhi?" He alleged that the temple in Delhi was being built for political reasons. "Politicians are encroaching on our religious space," the Shankaracharya maintained.

To these, Sulara retorted, "There are several Vaishno Devi temples across India. There is a Badrinath temple in Mumbai. There is even a Kedarnath temple in Indore. Why cannot we build one here?" He continued, "It is not against Sanatan Dharma to build a temple. But it cannot be compared with the original in Kedarnath because we don't have a Jyotirlinga. This is just another Shiva temple."

Rautela too argued, "This is nothing new and we fail to understand the controversy." However, he is also believed to be contemplating the removal of the word 'Dham' from the trust name to avoid confusion and any misconception.

A ₹900cr Project To Bridge Gap Between Urban And Rural Delhi

Govt Plans Gyms & Libraries In Villages, Promote Waterbodies, Sports Grounds

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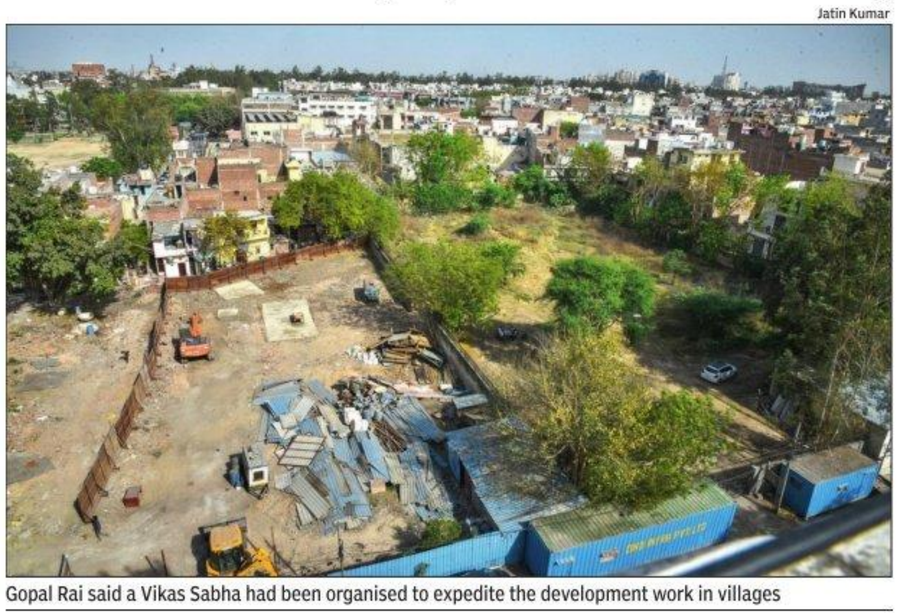

Gopal Rai said a Vikas Sabha had been organised to expedite the development work in villages

New Delhi: Delhi govt's development department will build gymnasiums, libraries, promote water bodies and sports grounds in the city's villages to bridge the gap between rural and urban areas.

The department has earmarked Rs 900 crore for village development, which is aimed at providing these areas with amenities that are on a par with cities.

A senior department official said that there was a big demand for sports facilities and libraries in the villages as many children are also aspirants for govt exams, police services and the army, in which there is a physical test as well as a written one. "A special focus would be given to these aspects as villages have land and need a bigger infrastructure push."

Minister Gopal Rai said: "To provide better amenities in all the villages of Delhi, chief minister Arvind Kejriwal formed Delhi Village Development Board (DVDB) under which the development work is being done." The allocated Rs 900 crore will be utilised for various development projects, including construction and improvement of roads, waterbodies, community centres, parks, crematoriums and sports grounds.

Other works that are to be done include the construction of link roads, village roads, chaupals and baraat ghars.

In a recent meeting, 480 projects worth Rs 411 crore have been approved for the development of the villages in Delhi. The department has also formulated a specific plan for the Bijwasan assembly seat, with an estimated cost of Rs 50 crore.

Minister Rai emphasised that a Vikas Sabha has been organised to expedite the development work in the areas, ensuring that the allocated funds are utilised effectively to improve the living conditions of the rural population within the city.

The development works would be carried out through collaborative effort involving the irrigation and flood control department, MCD and other govt departments.

Lack of coordination among the various govt agencies and the consequent administrative hurdles had led to a large number of infrastructure and welfare projects, which were meant for the development of rural and urban villages of the capital, getting stuck at various stages in the last four years.

Around 350 rural and urban villages in Delhi fall under the jurisdiction of DVDB. It is the responsibility of the board to prepare the blueprint for infrastructure and welfare projects that are required in each of these villages to improve civic conditions, and sanction money and forward it to various agencies for execution.

The villages of Delhi mostly on the outskirts have been complaining of drainage problem and water and there is also a demand to upgrade the sports facilities.

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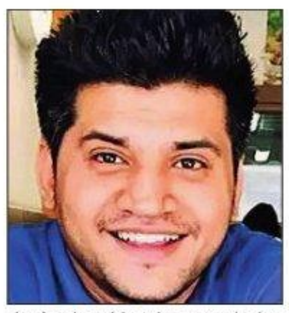

The fatal accident happened when Siddharth was crossing the road in Civil Lines in 2016

New Delhi: A court in Delhi has ordered an insurance firm to compensate the parents of Siddharth Sharma, who was 32 years old at the time of his death in 2016, with a sum of Rs 1.98 crore.

The bench of Motor Accident Claim Tribunal (MACT) judge and presiding officer Dr Pankaj Sharma determined that Siddharth's death was caused by reckless and negligent driving by a minor. The fatal accident happened Siddharth was crossing when the road in the Civil Lines area of Delhi on April 4, 2016.

"In fact, the father Manoj Aggarwal, wilfully cultivated the illegal behaviour of his minor son by ignoring his act at the cost of other road users. He failed to realise even from his past acts that allowing his minor son to drive can be disastrous to others. Instead of preventing his minor son from driving a Mercedes car, he chose to ignore it, which implies tacit consent on his part. The very fact that at the time of accident he was at home, the same was all the more reason to stop his son from taking the car from home for a joy ride," the court said on July 6.

The court considered the fact that Siddharth, pursuing higher education at the time of his death, was earning a salary of Rs 25,000 in Jan 2015 and had received a job offer in March 2016 with a higher salary of Rs 10 lakh per annum.

Based on these factors, the court arrived at the compensation amount to be paid to Siddharth's parents. The court directed the insurance company to award around Rs 1.21 crore as compensation along with around Rs 77.61 lakh as interest. The total compensation stood Rs 1.98 crore. The court dismissed the father's plea seeking exoneration of liability.

It stated that the insurance company had the right to recover the compensation amount from the company headed by the father of the individual responsible for Siddharth's death. The offending vehicle was registered in this company's name.

According to a detailed accident report filed by police, the minor, accompanied by six friends, was driving the car negligently and at a high speed. Siddharth was thrown around 15-20 feet high into the air and suffered fatal injuries after falling.

The court noted that police had invoked section 304 (punishment for culpable homicide not amounting to murder) in the case after seeing the CCTV footage, which showed the dangerous driving by the minor.

Shilpa Mittal, the sister of the deceased, expressed her frustration with the lengthy legal process following her brother's death. "Despite the passing of eight years, the case is going on, and the compensation that should have been received within three years only arrived after a significant delay. It has been eight years, but the case is still going on. I will fight till my brother gets justice," Shilpa said.

Missing Gzb girl (2) found dead in Meerut with brutal wounds

Krishna Chaudhary | TNN

Meerut: A two-year-old girl from Ghaziabad was allegedly sexually assaulted and murdered after she was kidnapped from a marriage venue in Meerut. The child's body with multiple stab wounds was found almost five hours later on the outskirts of Datawali village on Tuesday, police said.

The child's father, who works with a private car dealer in Ghaziabad, said the family was attending a relative's marriage at Datawali on Monday.

"My wife was with the bride, while I left my daughter and her four-year-old brother with my brother-in-law, who was sleeping on a cot, on an empty plot just outside the venue around 1.30 am and went to take a walk in the area. When I returned after five minutes, she was missing," the father said.

He said when he found the child wasn't with her mother either, he went looking for her. "Around 20 minutes later, I went back to check the plot where I had left her. Some people who were sleeping outside their houses told me that they heard a baby's cry, but didn't find anyone when they went to check," he said.

"We searched for almost five hours until a man alerted us that a child's body was lying outside a farm, about 2km away. It turned out to be my daughter. There were multiple knife wounds on my daughter's body and her frock had been removed. I submitted a complaint with the Meerut police. I will not spare the person who did this to her," he said.

SP (rural) Kamlesh Bahadur told TOI, "The girl went missing on the intervening night of Monday and Tuesday. On finding the body, the family suspected three men who have been detained and are being questioned. Following the complaint by the victim's family, an FIR under relevant sections of BNS has been lodged. We have asked doctors to ascertain whether she was raped."

The girl's family suspects she may have been subjected to a tantric ritual as her head was partly tonsured. Alleging police inaction, the family blocked traffic outside the post-mortem centre and protested at Bhawanpur police station.

SSP Meerut Vipin Tada said, "A panel of specialists, including a woman doctor, will do the post-mortem and we're awaiting the report. We're probing all allegations."

With inputs from Avishek Kumar, Ghaziabad

DMRC plans to use AI for crowd management

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) is planning to use artificial intelligence in its phase-IV project for crowd management and maintenance of trains to increase efficiency, officials said.

In an interview with PTI, DMRC managing director Vikas Kumar said as far as technology was concerned, the metro had always kept pace with the technological innovations.

"The technology is evolving so fast — driverless metro is a product of that only. Driverless is one stage where you do not require crew or crew scheduling. Only at the click of a button, you can start the train and it will move," Kumar said.

Other activities like monitoring through CCTV cameras and facial recognition are also there, Kumar added. Crowd control through the camera and other technology will also be definitely included in the future, he stated. PTI

'Vehicles prone to decay', HC says ED can sell Sukesh's luxury cars

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has cleared the decks for Enforcement Directorate (ED) to sell 26 high-end luxury cars allegedly bought from the proceeds generated out of the alleged criminal activities of Sukesh Chandrasekhar, who is in judicial custody in a high-profile Rs 200-crore extortion case.

Vehicles are subject to natural decay and depreciation over a period of time that impacts their value and functionality, the court observed, directing ED to keep the entire amount generated from the sale in an "interest-bearing" fixed deposit.

Justice Swarana Kanta Sharma issued the order while dismissing a plea by Chandrasekhar's wife, Leena Paulose, which had challenged a trial court's order granting ED the possession of the 26 vehicles for disposal in accordance with the law.

The high court said that storing a vehicle in a container warehouse for a long time would result in decay as, if a car was left stationary for years, several issues could compromise its condition. "Environmental factors such as weather conditions also contribute to this decay, causing issues such as rust and corrosion. Rust, in particular, can severely damage a vehicle's structure and all other components," the court said.

26 HIGH-END LUXURY CARS IN ED'S POSSESSION

"Mechanical components of a vehicle also suffer from decay, requiring frequent and expensive maintenance to keep it operational, especially in the present case, where the vehicles involved are 26 high-end luxury cars such as Rolls Royce, Ferrari, Range Rover, etc. The upkeep and maintenance of the same is also expensive," it noted.

The depreciation of vehicles is a well-recognised phenomenon in the automobile industry, the court said, adding that the relevant rules of Prevention of Money Laundering Act allow sale of seized vehicles and depositing the proceeds into a fixed deposit addresses the issues.

"For the accused, if the trial concludes in his favour after several years, he will receive the monetary value rather than a decayed, non-operational, rusted vehicle, almost reduced to junk," the court said, observing that this ensures that the accused does not suffer any financial loss due to the prolonged judicial process while the value of the seized properties will be available to the investigating agency if the trial concludes in its favour. The right of an accused as well as that of a probe agency is protected since a piece of junk or scrap is of no use to either of them, it added.

Paulose's counsel had submitted that she was suffering from depression with memory loss after the prolonged isolated life in jail for more than 16 months and she was able to remember the registration numbers of only two cars — Rolls Royce Ghost and Brabus.

Bank executive (27) dies by suicide, reveals months of office harassment in note

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Noida: A 27-year-old executive who joined Axis Bank's operations at its branch and corporate office in Sector 128, Axis House, nine months ago died by suicide at her house last week and left a note alleging continuous harassment at work by a group of colleagues, mentioning instances where she was slandered as a "divorcee" and also called "bandariya (monkey)".

Shivani Gupta, who worked as a relationship officer, shut herself inside her room at her house in Ghaziabad's Sihani Gate and consumed poison around 4pm on July 12. Two hours before that, she had received a termination notice from office in her inbox.

Citing the note, in which she named six colleagues, including a sales manager and an area sales manager, Shivani's brother filed a police complaint against them, following which an FIR was filed against them under Section 108 (abetment to suicide) of BNS at Nandgram police station in Ghaziabad.

Hired by a third party, Shivani had joined Axis House on Oct 21 last year after completing her MBA from a private institute. A spokesperson for Axis Bank said, "We are deeply saddened by this tragic incident. We hired a private agency and their employees are working from our office in Sector 128. Our thoughts and heartfelt condolences go out to the family. Axis Bank has zero tolerance towards any workplace-related violence. The matter is under investigation, and full cooperation is being provided to authorities in every way possible."

The note, whose contents are now the subject of police investigation, reveals Shivani's troubled time at the bank, being subjected to offensive language and ridicule over and over for six months that left her feeling cornered in office and affected her mental health, to the extent that she was forced to consult a psychiatrist at Vimhans.

The colleague who Shivani identifies as her main tormentor in the note is another woman, a peer, who bickered with her on trivial things and resorted to name-calling – like "bandariya" – and insults like "dimag se pagal (mad)" and so on. Police said they were investigating why the abuse started. The note does not mention that.

On the note's last page, she asks her brother to ensure her colleagues are handed the strictest punishment.

Bar Council of Delhi moves HC over flooding of office after rain

New Delhi: Delhi High Court directed civic authorities on Tuesday to carry out a joint inspection after Bar Council of Delhi filed a plea highlighting the flooding of its office in Siri Fort Institutional Area following heavy rain. The lawyers' body said its office basement was completely submerged with more than 10 feet of water, following rain on the intervening night of June 27 and 28, and the flooding not only damaged the building but also resulted in loss of data stored by its IT department. The matter will be heard next on July 30. PTI

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Three lakh imported tulip buds to be planted in city parks, given to RWAs

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The plantation will start only by Oct-end or early Nov this year

New Delhi: Delhi Parks and Garden Society will procure three lakh imported tulip buds this year. These will be used for planting in parks and gardens as well as for free distribution among RWAs.

The society has issued a tender for the procurement of tulip bulbs, but the plantation will start only by Oct-end or early Nov. Although the nursery under Delhi Parks and Garden Society has been distributing free saplings, this will be the first time the society will plant and distribute imported tulips.

"We have issued a tender to get imported rested tulip bulbs. We are estimating the price of one bulb to be about Rs 30. Since the plantation of tulip bulbs involves extreme care, we will constitute a technical committee comprising horticulturists to oversee it," said an official.

According to the officials, the bulbs will be planted in open spaces while others will be given to RWAs for free.

"We will distribute the tulips planted in pots, as the plant may get damaged if people give extra water or do not take proper care. After the tulip buds are procured, a decision will be taken on how many will be planted in parks and how many will be distributed," an official said, adding that they are planning to plant three tulip bulbs in one pot.

A record five lakh tulip bulbs were procured in the previous season, up from a mere 1.5 lakh in the past two years. While NDMC has been planting tulips, in Dec last year, the LG had a meeting with the horticulture departments of various civic bodies wherein it was clarified that tulips and other ornamental flowers should be planted in MCD and DDA areas as well.

However, not just NDMC, MCD and DDA areas, tulips will bloom in other parts of the city too this time. In Feb this year, DDA had planted one lakh tulip bulbs. At Baansera, it planted 40,000 tulips, apart from 9,000 tulips each at Asita, Mehrauli Archaeological Park and Swarn Jayanti Park in Rohini Sector 10.

Areas like Dwarka, ISBT Kashmere Gate, Karampura-Rohtak Road, Shalimar Bagh, Mehrauli, Greater Kailash-I and Vasant Vihar also saw tulips in full bloom at DDA parks.

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ON THE BRINK WHILE RIDING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

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ON A WING AND A PRAYER: E-rickshaws in Delhi can frequently be seen violating passenger capacity regulations. While the legal limit is set at four passengers, it is not uncommon to witness these vehicles overloaded with 10-12 schoolchildren as is seen in the above collage of photographs from east Delhi. Moreover, it is not unusual to spot 3-4 schoolchildren precariously perched as pillion riders on two-wheelers, further compromising their safety and defying guidelines even as traffic cops seem oblivious to these dangerous rides

Hold Your Plans For Non-Stop Drive From Delhi To Mumbai

Land-Related Issues In Gujarat To Delay Expressway Completion

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New Delhi: You have to wait for more than a year to drive non-stop from Delhi to Mumbai. Govt's flagship Delhi-Mumbai expressway is likely to be fully operational by the end of next year. The project has been delayed in Gujarat due to land-related issues, sources said. The work for two 'packages' of 62 km in Gujarat was bid out only in Nov 2023. While work could start in April this year on one of the packages, construction on the other stretch began this month.

Though govt had set the initial deadline to complete the entire project by Jan 2023, there have been several extensions and the last revised target had been set for March 2024, which too now has been breached. Sources said it takes at least one and a half years to build any stretch. The corridor was divided into small 'packages' for faster execution. Officials said all the remaining issues relating to the land availability are being sorted out.

So far, around 630 km out of the total 1,386 km has been opened for traffic and that too in different stretches. For example, the Sohna-Dausa-Sawai Madhopur (293 km) has been opened to traffic; another stretch between Jhalawar-MP/Gujarat border (245 km) has been operational. Officials said that they are confident that the first section of the country's longest expressway from Sohna to Vadodara (845 km) is set to be fully opened for traffic by March 2025. Subsequently, other sections, including the three links to JNPT in Mumbai, Jewar Airport in Uttar Pradesh and DND Flyway in Delhi would be opened to traffic.

"Non-availability of land is the biggest hurdle in the execution of road projects. The state govts concerned need to take proactive steps to ensure land acquisition is completed and required patches are handed over. It's far more important when we are building greenfield or new alignment highways and expressways," said a former NHAI official.

In fact, last year, the road transport and highways ministry, in a written reply submitted in Rajya Sabha, had said that the NHAI had awarded the work for construction of a 35-km stretch of the expressway corridor in Valsad district in Gujarat costing Rs 3,633 crore and another 27 km stretch in Navsari district for Rs 2,287 crore. In both cases, the construction had not started.

The expressway passes through seven states. TOI has learnt that while almost entire stretches falling in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been completed, the progress is abysmally slow in Gujarat. Officials said, now since work has started in all packages, they are confident of the entire expressway becoming operational by Oct next year.

Police licence handbook out for hotels and lodging houses

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New Delhi: For better transparency and awareness about licences for hotels and lodging houses, Delhi Police has released a handbook outlining the important provisions of Delhi Police Act, besides standing orders and terms and conditions, that a licence holder needs to adhere to.

The Act empowers the commissioner of police to make regulations for licensing or controlling places of public amusement or entertainment, i.e. eating houses, lodging houses, etc. All applications for the grant and renewal of licences to open and operate lodging and boarding establishments are now received online through a unified portal of Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

The special commissioner of police (licensing & legal) launched the handbook, designed to assist hotel and lodging house operators in navigating the process for obtaining and maintaining a licence. Its sole purpose is to create awareness among all stakeholders for ease of doing business and better compliance with the guidelines to keep the city safe, said an officer.

Delhi Police Act empowers the commissioner of police to make regulations for licensing or controlling places of entertainment or public amusement

"The licensing unit has created this handbook to ensure that hotel and lodging house operators have access to clear, concise and accurate information regarding the regulatory requirements and best practices for obtaining and maintaining their licences," said joint CP (licensing) Bhola Shanker Jaiswal. "This handbook aims to simplify the licensing process, provide step-by-step instructions, necessary forms and valuable insights into the legal and operational standards that must be met."

By following the guidelines outlined in the handbook, the stakeholders will not only ensure compliance with the regulations but also contribute to the overall quality and reputation of Delhi's hospitality sector as well as the security of Delhi, he added.

Raid in brothel results in rescue of 14-yr-old orphan

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New Delhi: A minor girl was finding it difficult to make ends meet at home in Bijnore, Uttar Pradesh. An orphan, she lived with three sisters and a drug addict brother. Soon after the Covid pandemic, she left home and reached Delhi, hoping for a better future. She began working as a domestic help and was in the city for two years before packing her bag and returning home, where instead of a welcome, her siblings accused her of having abandoned them and refused to accept her. The angry girl took a train back to Delhi. But this time, the youngster, just 14 years old now, was unable to find a job. Instead, she met a man named Anas who promised her a better life.

When she was located after a raid, the cops found her wearing heavy makeup and in a terrified state. Police apprehended the brothel owner and the girl was taken to a shelter home

The girl, whose name cannot be revealed for legal reasons, fell in love with Anas, a resident of Zakir Nagar in southeast Delhi. The fairy tale, however, didn't last long. In the last few months, the couple fought incessantly as Anas expressed his inability in taking care of her expenses. When the relationship deteriorated, Anas decided to sell the girl to a brothel. Last week, he told the girl they were going to meet a relative but took her to kotha No. 42 on GB Road, the city's red light area, where he is a regular visitor.

Her life turned upside down at the brothel. But providentially for her, her trauma was cut short when the cops posted at the all-women police post on Shraddhanand Marg were tipped off about the new entrant at No. 42.

M Harsha Vardhan, DCP (Central), disclosed, "Around 8.30pm on July 12, we received information from an informer that a minor girl, aged about 14 years, was being compelled to work at a brothel." A team led by sub-inspector Kiran Sethia was constituted and NGO Manobal roped in to rescue the girl. When she was located after a raid, the cops found her wearing heavy makeup and in a terrified state. Police apprehended the brothel owner named Anjali alias Meena, 42. The girl was taken to a shelter home. She was given a medical examination and her statement was recorded by the child welfare committee.

Police have registered a case under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act and the Protection of Children From Sexual Offences Act have also been invoked in the case against Anjali, who has been sent to jail while raids are going on to trace and apprehend Anas.

Special commissioner of police Ravindra Yadav appreciated the efforts of the all-women police post, which had been recently inaugurated by lieutenant governor VK Saxena with the aim of saving innocent girls from traffickers, an objective it successfully fulfilled in this particular case.

BJP seeks spl session on power bill 'hike'

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New Delhi: Delhi BJP legislators met assembly speaker Ram Niwas Goel on Tuesday to request a special session of the House to take up the issues of the "hike" in electricity bills and waterlogging faced by the people in the city.

The MLAs said they had urged the speaker to hold the special session to draw AAP govt's attention and fix accountability on the problems faced by people. The delegation included Vijender Gupta, Mohan Singh Bisht, Ajay Mahawar, Anil Bajpayi, Jitendra Mahajan and Abhay Verma. BJP now has seven members in the 70-member assembly.

"The discoms have raised the electricity prices in the name of power purchase adjustment charge (PPAC). Delhiites are now facing the problem of waterlogging while they were struggling due to drinking water shortage a few days ago," Gupta said later.

AAP hit back, saying BJP should stop "theatrics" and focus on constructive politics. "BJP is misleading Delhiites by spreading rumours that electricity prices have been increased in Delhi through PPAC. Wherever BJP is in power, those states provide the most expensive electricity in the country," AAP claimed.

"Even after paying expensive electricity bills, people have to face power cuts of six-eight hours in peak summers in Haryana, UP, whereas there is Kejriwal's govt in Delhi, which provides 24x7 free electricity to Delhiites and has the cheapest electricity rate in the country," said the party.

It added that Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission had ordered that the current PPAC would remain unchanged, but the discoms, as allowed under 2003 Electricity Act, could increase PPAC by up to 10% due to high power purchase costs. The bills of domestic consumers in Delhi have increased by 6-8% since Feb. However, this has not affected those consuming up to 200 units and receiving subsidies.

2 yrs on, 1 held in sex assault case

New Delhi: Two years after a minor was sexually assaulted in East Delhi's Mayur Vihar, police have arrested the suspect. Identified as Pawan Kumar, a 23-year-old resident of Aurangabad, Uttar Pradesh, the accused had managed to evade authorities by constantly changing locations.

Cops had declared Pawan Kumar a proclaimed offender in 2022 following the incident. Despite facing multiple charges under IPC sections 377 (unnatural offenses), 465 (forgery), 471 (using as genuine a forged document or electronic record), and six counts under the Pocso, the accused had remained elusive. TNN

PWD drops flyover plan at Najafgarh-Phirni road

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New Delhi: Public Works Department (PWD) has abandoned the plan to construct a 4.8km-long flyover on the Najafgarh-Phirni road, aimed at decongesting the stretch, after the project was deemed unfeasible, according to officials.

The existing road will now undergo modifications, said an official. "Any changes to decongest this road will be implemented at the grade level now. This will be executed by the maintenance wing at the zone level," he added.

The project was first proposed by PWD in Jan 2023 and then sent to the Unified Traffic and Transportation Infrastructure (Planning and Engineering) Centre (UTTIPEC) in June that year. It was part of one of the 77 road intervention plans around traffic hotspots identified by the authorities to decongest the city in the future.

77 TRAFFIC HOTSPOT CORRIDORS IDENTIFIED IN 2018

The Najafgarh-Phirni road, one of the main routes for people travelling between Delhi and Haryana, often sees long snarls during peak hours. As part of the project, an elevated corridor was meant to provide a congestion-free commuting experience between Outer Delhi and Haryana.

According to officials, after the modifications, vehicles plying on the Najafgarh-Phirni, Kapashera, Dhansa and Bahadurgarh roads will be able to get relief from traffic jams. People from more than 200 colonies in the surrounding areas would benefit from the elevated corridor, govt had said last year.

The street connectivity plan will include the construction of a footpath, cycle lane and a green zone. Some streetlights and service lines, like high-tension power lines, are proposed to be shifted.

Delhi transport minister Kailash Gahlot, who is also the MLA from Najafgarh, has been at the forefront of pushing the project.

According to the plan, the at-grade corridor will cover three main intersections — Deen Bandhu Chotu Ram Chowk, Najafgarh-Kapashera intersection, and Najafgarh-Nangloi intersection, all of which will have proper pedestrian crossings.

Under the overall decongestion plan, in 2018, six task force teams of Delhi govt identified 77 corridors as traffic hotspots. These will be decongested through road redesigning and construction of flyovers, underpasses and foot overbridges across the city.

PIL over rescue of lk minor bonded labourers: HC seeks Delhi govt reply

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has sought Delhi govt's response on a plea seeking a direction to rescue over 1,000 minors trafficked from various parts of the country and forced to work as bonded labourers in the city.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela also issued notice on Monday to revenue department, Delhi Commission for Protection of Child Rights and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, and listed the matter for July 18.

The PIL, filed by one Rohtas who claimed to support the work of NGO Sahyog Care For You, said 18 complaints were sent to the authorities urging them to raid various properties in Delhi and rescue 245 children and 772 adolescents, who were being forced to work as bonded labourers in extremely unsafe and unhygienic conditions for 12-13 hours daily.

It alleged that most of the children had been trafficked, worked and stayed with the employer, and were forced to work in hazardous circumstances detrimental to their health and physical growth.

Delhi govt's counsel said the plea had not furnished the proper address of the properties where child labourers were suspected to be working and without identification of the addresses, it would be difficult for the authorities to act.

The PIL alleged that it had been more than two months since the complaints were sent to the authorities and eight district magistrates and 16 subdivisional magistrates were also reminded multiple times, but no action had been taken. It argued that law mandated that a rescue operation in such cases was to be conducted within 24 to 48 hours.

"Given the severity of the child bonded labour circumstances and the strong authority bestowed upon the respondents, they were duty bound to take urgent action for the identification, rescue, release and rehabilitation of the victims and to initiate appropriate prosecution or legal actions against the perpetrators involved in the crime," the petition stated, seeking a direction to the authorities to ensure that all such complaints are investigated within 24 to 48 hours of receiving a complaint.

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Farmers vow Delhi push once Shambhu barricades removed

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Bathinda: Days after the Punjab and Haryana high court directed the Haryana govt to remove barricades from the Punjab-Haryana border at Shambhu on the national highway, the protesting farmers on Tuesday said they would move towards Delhi whenever the barricading was lifted.

Farmer leader Jagjit Singh Dallewal said the orders of the high court and Supreme Court have made it clear that the Haryana govt blocked the highway and efforts were made to build a narrative against farmers. "The business community should now approach the Haryana govt asking it to lift the blockade and whenever it is lifted, the farmers will move towards Delhi to raise their voice," he added.

Farmers have been camping at the Shambhu border since Feb 13 on the Delhi Chalo 2.0 call of Sanyukt Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and Kisan Mazdoor Morcha in support of their demands.

The farmers rejected the formation of special investigation team (SIT) headed by a senior official of Haryana Police to look into the killing of farmer Shubhkaran Singh at Khanauri border on Feb 21.

Dallewal said that "they have no hope of fair investigation by Haryana Police" as when the high court had formed a panel headed by a retired judge in March 2024, the Haryana govt had approached the Supreme Court against the order stating that it would lower the morale of the police force. "Under such circumstances, we cannot not hope for justice and the high court should review its order of appointing a senior police official as head of SIT," he said.

Farmer leader Abhimanyu Kohar and Surjit Singh Phool said that police were falsifying the story about bullets from a shotgun killing Shubhkaran in an attempt to pin the blame on farmers. Police had told the high court that a Forensic Science Laboratory report had concluded that bullets from a shotgun had killed the protesting farmer.

The farmers have claimed the Haryana police have taken training on how to fire from shotguns and as there were many from police in plainclothes and without nameplates, they might be behind the crime.

Activists of farmer organisation BKU (Ekta Sidhupur), a constituent of SKM (Non-Political), were stopped at Dabwali on Tuesday when they were heading towards Khanauri border from Bathinda and Malout side. The activists sat on the road as Haryana police laid a naka stopping entry into the state.

With Cams And Drones, Kanwar Yatra To Get Tech Boost This Year

Over 5k Cops To Be Deployed, Traffic Diversions Expected To Cause Snarls

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New Delhi: More than 5,000 cops and over 700 police vehicles will be deployed in the city to secure the Kanwar Yatra, which is set to start on July 22. Traffic diversions during the yatra are expected to cause snarls, especially in areas close to Delhi's borders, said police.

Most of the camps for the Kanwariyas have been installed in Shahdara and North East districts. At sensitive locations, metal detectors and bag checks will be put in place to prevent any untoward incidents. In the two districts alone, at least 2,000 personnel and more than 100 vehicles will be pressed into action when the Kanwariyas pass along the route.

"Separate passages for Kanwariyas will be created by installing iron pillars, ropes and fluorescent tapes on the routes. There will be adequate lighting arrangements too," a Delhi Police officer said, adding that this will help streamline the yatris' movement and prevent congestion or confusion.

To keep a close eye on the camps and the routes, more than 300 CCTV cameras will be installed and drones will be deployed to monitor key areas. A dedicated communication network will be set up for the police personnel to facilitate seamless coordination and ensure a swift response to any emergencies. Sensitive locations are also being identified, where additional personnel will be deployed.

In Shahdara district, where the Kanwariyas will stay, the route has been divided into three zones for better monitoring. A police source said there would be 68 security checkpoints along the route.

"In all, 181 CCTV cameras will be installed along the route, apart from the ones in the camps where the Kanwariyas will stay," the officer said.

On Tuesday, DCP (Shahdara) Surendra Chaudhary and DCP (Northeast) Joy Tirkey held meetings with stakeholders in this regard and briefed them about the measures.

During the yatra, diversions will be in place at five border points — Apsara, Maharajpur, Chilla, Bhopra and Wazirabad. The routes for heavy commercial vehicles will be altered to prevent congestion.

Several areas in Delhi are expected to experience traffic disruptions, including Rani Jhansi Road, specifically from Baraf Khana Chowk to the fire station; Boulevard Road; and Azad Market Chowk.

Other affected areas include Gokalpuri flyover, 66 Foota Road, Maujpur Chowk, Badarpur T-Point, Mathura Road and NH-8, particularly from Dhaula Kuan metro station to Rajokri border, a senior officer said.

READYING FOR PILGRIMS' PROGRESS

File photos

- Most kanwariya camps will be set up in northeast and Shahdara districts
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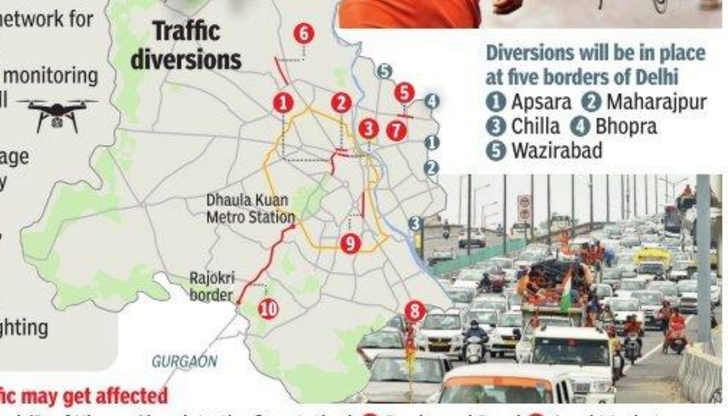

Diversions will be in place at five borders of Delhi
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Areas where traffic may get affected
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Light rain may bring respite from humidity

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The city saw an increase in temperature on Tuesday along with partly cloudy skies and higher humidity.

The weather department anticipates some relief and has issued a yellow alert for moderate to light rain on Wednesday. Weather analysts predicted that as a monsoon trough line will pass close to the city, this would increase the chances of strong rain over the next few days.

On Tuesday, the maximum temperature soared by three degrees, and clear sun towards the afternoon increased the discomfort and sweltering heat outdoors. The maximum and minimum temperatures on Wednesday are likely to hover around 36 and 29 degrees Celsius, respectively.

Tuesday's maximum temperature at Safdarjung was 38.4 degrees Celsius, three notches above normal.

The minimum was 29.1 degrees Celsius, which was two notches above normal. The relative humidity was between 56% and 88%. On Tuesday, the city got no rain.

The weather department has issued a yellow alert for Wednesday and Thursday, and then again for Sunday and Monday for light to moderate showers. "There are chances of intense rainfall which could also reach up to the moderate category on Wednesday and Thursday," said an IMD official.

Two die in car accident on MB Road

New Delhi: Two men died, and another was critically injured in a road accident on MB Road in south Delhi on Monday.

The deceased were identified as Altaf and Moolchand, both 27 years old. Police said they received information about the incident around 6 am. A team from the local police station rushed to the spot, which was opposite the Saidulajab bus stop.

Upon arrival, they discovered the vehicle had mounted the footpath, with the lifeless body of Moolchand lying on the road.

Two others were severely injured in the crash. The driver of the car, identified as Altaf, succumbed to his injuries shortly after being transported to A hospital. The third injured individual remains unidentified, and his condition is critical.

No cause for the accident has been ascertained due to the absence of CCTV footage. A senior officer said they haven't found any eyewitnesses who could corroborate the sequence of events. "It is unclear how many people were in the car or whether one of them was a pedestrian," the officer said. TNN

Collision of trailers disrupts traffic

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A major traffic disruption hit south Delhi on Tuesday following a collision between two loaded trailers on the Munirka flyover. The incident occurred during rush hour, prompting authorities to divert traffic from IIT towards Delhi Cantt on the Outer Ring Road.

The collision, which fortunately resulted in no injuries, caused a significant backlog of vehicles along the route. According to Delhi Traffic Police officers, it took nearly two hours to clear the wreckage and debris from the accident site and for the trailers to be towed, allowing normal traffic flow to resume.

Residents and commuters expressed their frustration on Twitter, asking the authorities how two loaded trailers met with an accident on a flyover, a road that has a divider between the carriageways, and when the trucks were on the same side. Others questioned the decision-making of traffic authorities, with one tweet asking, "Why were they on the flyover? Heavy vehicles are not supposed to use the flyover."

HC gives central govt time till July 25 to decide on allotting office space to AAP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday gave time till July 25 to central govt to take a call on allotting office space to AAP on the account of it being a national party.

On June 5, the high court granted six weeks to Centre to decide AAP's request in this matter. More time was granted after Directorate of Estates of Union housing and urban affairs ministry sought four more weeks to comply with the court's direction, stating that it was occupied with the "mammoth task" of allotting accommodation to parliamentarians.

Opposing the request, the senior counsel appearing for AAP emphasised that keeping in view the six-week deadline, which would end on Wednesday, Supreme Court had granted the party time till August 10 as the final opportunity to vacate its office on Rouse Avenue.

In March, Supreme Court first granted AAP time till June 15 to vacate the office after noting that the land was allotted to Delhi High Court for expanding judicial infrastructure.

The senior counsel alleged that the extension was being sought to leave the party without any remedy and Centre did not express before the apex court its inability to comply with Delhi High Court's deadline. "Tomorrow is the last date when the order completes six weeks... You (Centre) chose not to come before this court... If you don't want to give, what is stopping you from giving a reasoned order that you don't want to give," the senior counsel said.

Justice Sanjeev Narula said "substantial time" had been granted to the authority to take a decision on the allotment and it couldn't get four more weeks. "However, considering the overall facts and circumstances, the time period is extended till July 25, 2024. This court expects that no further applications will be presented by the applicant for seeking extension," he observed.

In June, the high court had said AAP was entitled to a space for a party office in the capital like other national parties and asked Centre to decide the issue within six weeks.

The national parties, it had observed, has the right to secure the allotment of one housing unit from the general pool in Delhi for office use on the payment of a licence fee until land is acquired by them for constructing their own accommodation. "Pressure" or non-availability of a house in the general pool cannot be a reason for rejecting the request, the high court had said.

Dwarka water harvesting systems not faulty: DJB

New Delhi: After water samples in rainwater harvesting systems of 180 societies in Dwarka were found to be contaminated, Delhi Jal Board has told National Green Tribunal that the design of the rainwater harvesting systems was not faulty and that the sewer network here is maintained by societies.

A report filed by a joint committee to the NGT on May 17, 2023, stated that out of the total 354 societies in Dwarka, water samples taken from 180 were found to be contaminated. They had a high presence of Ammoniacal Nitrogen and Total Dissolved Solids.

NGT on May 15 this year in its order asked DJB to examine the issue of defects in the design of the rainwater harvesting system and, if the design was found to be defective, then to take appropriate corrective measures.

In its report dated July 12, DJB said: "There lies no defect in the design of the rainwater harvesting system as observed in the minutes of the meeting held on Oct 6, 2021, for rainwater harvesting and bore wells of all societies in Dwarka of the joint committee, consisting of members of the DPCC. The joint committee has apprised that regarding the technical efficacy of the rainwater harvesting system, the designs adopted by DJB are satisfactory in technical efficacy and are not defective." TNN

13-year-old dies by suicide; was depressed, say cops

New Delhi: A 13-year-old boy allegedly died by suicide in northeast Delhi's Karawal Nagar on Monday. Police said the boy was depressed.

After police received a call about the incident at 4.20pm, a team from the local police station went to the spot and took the child to a hospital, where he was declared dead.

An officer said they had investigated the boy's internet history and found that he had watched videos and searched for content related to suicide. "We spoke to his family members, but they didn't know the reason behind his depression," the officer said.

He refuted the claims that the boy had taken the extreme step while completing a task for an online game. "We didn't find any game on his tablet," the officer said. Police said the investigation in the case was still on. TNN

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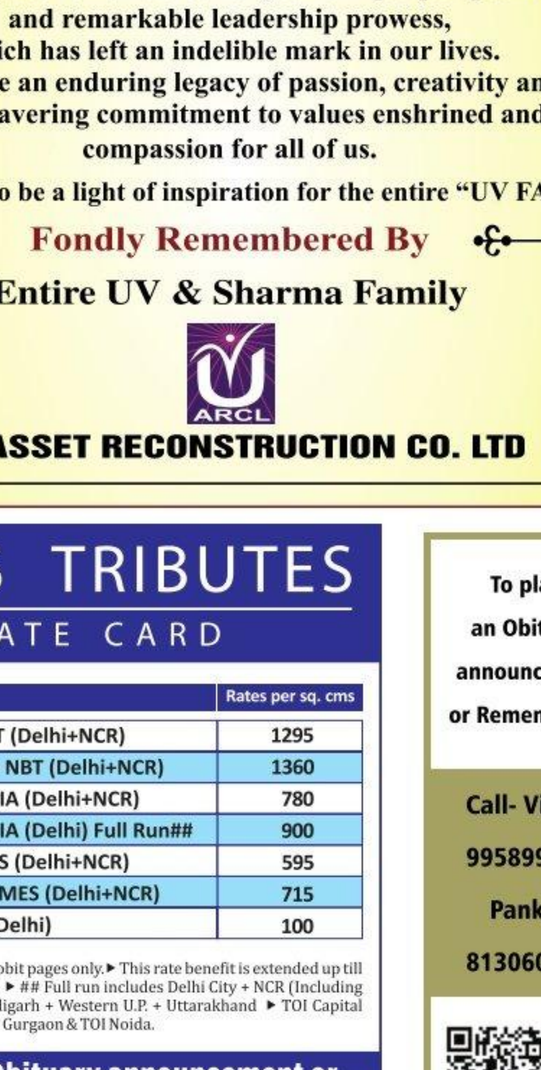

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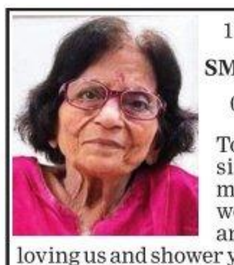

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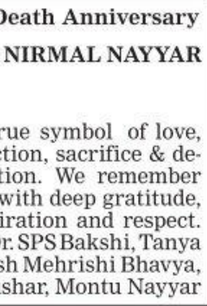

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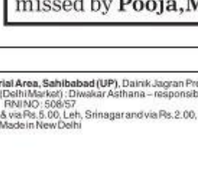

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Paws For A Moment: NDMC Vet Hospital Is Almost Here

Moti Bagh Facility Aims To Offer Treatment To Both Strays & Pets

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New Delhi: NDMC's new veterinary hospital in Moti Bagh, which aims to offer comprehensive treatment for both strays and pets under one roof, is nearing completion and likely to begin operations early next month, according to officials.

NDMC vice chairman Satish Upadhyay said the civil work at the complex is finished and only minor tasks are underway, which are expected to be wrapped up in a few days. All authorisations for operating the facility have been secured.

Upadhyay said during his second spot visit on Tuesday, he pointed out some changes or additions to be made. "Minor works like electric connection, finishing, cleaning, testing of lifts, DG sets and CCTV installation are in progress at the site," he added.

Located near Bidhan Chandra Vidyalaya, the three-storey building, with a ground and two upper floors, will be equipped with elevators and power backup as well other amenities. The facility, on a 420 sqm plot, has been carefully designed to house modern medical equipment.

Jatin Kumar

PET PEEVE RESOLVED?

While the covered area on the ground floor is 79.6 sqm, the first and second floors will each have 141 sqm. The ground floor will include a storage facility, an animal outpatient department, a catering room, and a cattle and monkey pond. Ample parking space will also be provided.

"The first floor will have an x-ray and dark room, operation theatre, surgical and recovery OPD, doctor's room, and injection room. On the second floor, there will be an audio-visual room, medical superintendent's office, staff room and space for a pantry," said Upadhyay.

The building is designed to withstand earthquakes and features an advanced firefighting system, sprinklers and public address system.

"The hospital boasts a range of cutting-edge equipment, including ECG machine, autoclave, portable colour doppler ultrasound, hematology analyser, coaxial ophthalmoscope, surgery kit, feline tooth elevation and extraction tools, oxygen cylinder, mobile digital X-ray machine and ultrasound scanning machine, among others," an official said.

Currently, NDMC operates a veterinary hospital in Moti Bagh, which was built nearly 45 years ago and lacks facilities.

"The new hospital is expected to cater to the needs of 150-200 animals daily and will be much more advanced. It will provide advanced treatment, motivating people to bring their pets," the official said. The facility will offer free services to stray animals, even if they are brought in by govt agencies or bodies from other parts of the city.

Officials also said there are plans to demolish the old complex once the new building is fully operational, in order to develop a multi-speciality hospital for the public at the same location.

City's war on waste enters Ph-II with MCD's biomining project

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CLEAN-UP CONTINUES, BUT MILES TO GO

New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) is gearing up to initiate the second phase of its landfill biomining project with the goal of addressing the enormous waste build-up in the city's three primary dumpsites.

Biomining is the scientific process of excavation, treatment, segregation and gainful utilisation of aged municipal solid waste lying in dumpsites typically referred to as legacy waste.

On Tuesday, the municipal body invited three separate bids for the biomining project that aims to remove a significant quantity of legacy waste from the Ghazipur, Bhalswa and Okhla landfills.

In this phase, MCD intends to biomine 30 lakh tonnes of waste each from the Ghazipur and Bhalswa landfills, while the Okhla site will undergo the removal of 20 lakh tonnes.

An official said: "We have given specifications as well as experience that has to be fulfilled by the applicants. Once the agency is identified for implementing bio remediation and the biomining task at each of these landfills, we will place the proposal before the standing committee for finalising the rate."

The official added: "However, this is not the first time we have attempted to get new concessionaires for phase II of the biomining work. Due to non-formation of the standing committee, we couldn't get the nod for agencies within the deadline of six months. Thus, a fresh attempt has been made now."

MCD started the first phase of biomining at three locations in 2019, following a directive by National Green Tribunal (NGT).

In Nov 2022, the corporation initially allocated a tender for processing 90 lakh tonnes of legacy waste — 30 lakh tonnes at each of the three landfills — setting May 2024 as the deadline.

But the civic body reported that its progress at the Okhla and Ghazipur landfills had been slower than expected. According to an official, "Till date, only 26 lakh tonnes of biomining has been done at Okhla and 12 lakh MT at Ghazipur in comparison to the target of 30 lakh MT given to each landfill. In comparison, at Bhalswa landfill the concessionaire has successfully completed biomining of 43 lakh MT legacy waste (30 lakh MT plus an additional target of 13 lakh MT under provisional extension)."

Initially, MCD had set deadlines for flattening the landfills — December 2023 for Okhla, March 2024 for Bhalswa and December 2024 for Ghazipur.

However, due to the slow progress of biomining, the civic body has been forced to extend the deadlines. The new ones for flattening the landfills are Dec 2024 for Okhla, 2025 for Bhalswa, and 2026 for Ghazipur.

DJB prepares SOP for safety after road cave-in incidents

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New Delhi: Delhi Jal Board is putting in place a standard operating procedure to ensure safety at road cave-ins. Officials say safety guidelines will be incorporated into contracts with executing companies and adherence to them will be compulsory.

Several cases of the roads sinking have been reported in the city following rains. A major portion of an internal road in Devli, controlled by the irrigation & flood control department, caved in because of sewer-laying work being done by DJB in Sangam Vihar. There are several others where DJB's work has disrupted traffic or the road has been left broken and uneven after the work.

"A few days ago, the DJB CEO inspected a project site on Africa Avenue and observed a lack of barricading and proper lighting at the work site. He, therefore, directed the planning wing to issue an advisory regarding safety rules," said a DJB official.

As per the new rules, work at any site with water leakage from a nearby drain, septic tank, etc., will be halted and will resume only after the leak is plugged. No road digging will be permitted on Sundays and public holidays, except in case of emergencies. Further, any excavated soil cannot be heaped on either side of the excavated trench to prevent a collapse of the holes dug. Barricades or diversion boards will be erected to channel traffic in addition to installation of easily readable and clear warning signals ahead of any work site.

The SOP adds, "Proper support of all underground services such as water mains, sewers, cables, drains, and water and sewer connections shall be provided by the agency. After laying of pipelines and filling of earth up to the surface of the road, surplus malba/earth should be removed from the site on the same day to avoid any inconvenience to the public."

The engineer in charge of the site is required now to record the safety measures taken at the spots and issue certificates that will be reviewed by the finance wing of DJB. Without the safety certificates, payments will not be released. The engineer will be accountable for not enforcing the guidelines and for ensuring compliance to the provisions of the contracts.

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Several cases of roads sinking after rains have been reported in the city

Atishi: Ring Road stretch to be repaired

New Delhi: Delhi govt will take up repairs for upgrading and strengthening the stretch from Ashram to Bhairon Road T-point on Ring Road, PWD minister Atishi said on Tuesday.

"Govt is strengthening Ring Road, which is lifeline for traffic in Delhi, connecting various parts of the city for the daily commute of lakhs of residents," Atishi said.

She said this initiative is a part of the vision of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal to provide a better commuting experience to the people of Delhi while increasing overall connectivity.

"Lakhs of commuters use this road every day. Due to heavy traffic, cracks have been seen at many places on the upper surface of the road. In such a situation, PWD has inspected the road with the help of experts and the PWD minister has given instructions to strengthen it as soon as possible" she added.

While approving the project, PWD minister Atishi also instructed officials that during the strengthening work, all standards of safety, security and quality should be followed with commitment and commuters should not face any problem. TNN

Heritage panel set to visit landmarks, MCD starts cleaning drive

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New Delhi: Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) has launched a special sanitation drive to prepare for the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, set to take place in Delhi from July 21-31.

A panel delegation will visit three iconic sites — Qutub Minar, Red Fort and Humayun's Tomb. To ensure the cleanliness and aesthetics of these heritage locations and their surrounding areas, MCD will implement various measures. These include removing encroachments, repairing potholes and conducting sweeping operations three times a day using mechanical road sweepers. The staff has been instructed to work in coordination with other departments, and the tasks will be regularly monitored.

On Tuesday, MCD visited Nizamuddin Basti, where a walk is scheduled on July 19 as well as from July 21-29.

"The delegation members will pass through Nizamuddin Basti to visit structures of heritage importance, such as Chausath Khamba, a tomb built during 1623-24, and Nizamuddin Dargah. During our visit, we found PWD already done painting work in the area under the flyover. The officials from the sanitation department were asked to undertake patch work and painting, wherever required," said an official.

He added that the procession for Muharram is likely to pass through the area. "Therefore, we have ensured extra cleaning here. At the main road approaching Humayun Tomb, cleaning will be done through MRS machines," he said.

Officials from various departments, including Delhi Tourism, conducted a joint inspection at Chandni Chowk and Red Fort. "They visited the area in and around Jama Masjid, Urdu Bazar Road and Charti Lal Goel Heritage Park. The teams will be emphasising upon repair, cleanliness and removal of encroachments," said the official.

MCD is coordinating with PWD officials to repair the main roads. It also aims to ensure desilting of drains is done to prevent waterlogging.

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1. Group "A" Posts Rs. 2360/- (Rs.1180/- in case of SC / ST candidates)
2. Group "B" Posts Rs. 1180/- (Rs.885/- in case of SC / ST candidates)
3. Group "C" Posts Rs. 885/- Rs. 590/- in case of SC / ST candidates)
PwBD candidates who are having 40% or more bench mark disability are exempted from payment of application processing fee.
The application in the prescribed form should be submitted along with the transaction / payment details for having remitted the prescribed application processing fee as stated above. The duly filled in application along with its enclosures should reach the Director, NIMHANS, P.B.No. 2900, Hosur Road, Bengaluru – 560 029, India, on or before **17.08.2024**.

Sd/-, DIRECTOR

National Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhubaneswar
(An Autonomous Institute under Dept. of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India)
AT/PO-Jatni, Dist- Khurda, Odisha, Pin-752050,
Website: www. niser.ac.in, email id: fa@niser.ac.in
Adv. No. NISER/FA-Rct/Fac/02

Recruitment of Faculty Member
Last date of receipt of applications: September 10, 2024

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3.	School of Computer Sciences	All subject areas related to Computer Sciences.
4.	School of Earth & Planetary Sciences	All the related subject.
5.	School of Mathematical Sciences	All subject areas of Mathematical Sciences with special emphasis on Applied Mathematics / Numerical Methods / Differential Equations / Probability / Statistics only.
6.	School of Physical Sciences	Theoretical Physics: Statistical mechanics / soft and living matter / Quantum information/computing / High energy physics phenomenology / Lattice QCD / String Theory. **Experimental Physics :** Soft condensed Matter / Spectoscopy (ARPES, NMR, STM, Attosecond pulse) / Qunatum devices/computing / Crystal growth / Photonics and Laser / High energy heavy-ion collisions / Dark matter Physics / Low energy nuclear Physics and related areas, Collider Physics / Observational Astrophysics / Device Physics / Piezoelectricity.
7.	School of Humanities and Social Sciences	1.**Philosophy** (Science, Technology and Ethics; Indian Philosophy; Philosophy of Science). 2.**Psychology** (Cognitive Psychology; Clinical Psychology;Developmental Psychology). 3.**Economics** (Energy and Environmental Economics). 4. **Sociology** (Science and Technology).

Post, Pay & Essential Qualifications:

S.N.	Positions with Pay	Required Qualification	Vacancies
1.	**Assistant Professor** Level 12 of 7 CPC Pay Matrix, Pay Progression (78800-209200) Initial Basic Pay : 78,800/-	Ph.D in relevant field with 3 years of Post Doctoral experience	Depends upon the sanctioned strength.
2.	**Reader F** Level 13 of 7 CPC Pay Matrix, Pay Progression (123100-215900) Initial Basic Pay: 1,23,100/-	Ph.D in relevant field with 5 years of Post Doctoral experience	
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Interested candidates may apply for the above positions by ONLINE mode only through the website **http://www.niser.ac.in.**

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4)Applicants who are employed in Government, Semi-Government Organizations or Institutions should send their applications THROUGH PROPER CHANNEL else they will be required to produce a NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE from their employer at the time of interview.
5)Any type of intimation to the candidates will be made through their email ids only. The candidates are advised to keep their email id active till the end of recruitment process.
6)The Institute reserves the right to consider to fill or not to fill positions in any of the above and or any other specialisation (s)/School(s). The Institute has the right to set different as well as higher norms, while short-listing, taking into account the specific requirement of the individual departments.
7)Applications will be considered as per the requirement of the School and also as per the availability of the posts.
8)Women & Divyang candidates are encouraged to apply

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DIRECTOR

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Walk-in Interview

Department of Information Technology, Delhi Technological University invites applications for the engagement of guest faculty on a purely temporary basis for the upcoming odd semester session commencing from August to December, 2024. Interested candidate may fill the online application form https://forms.gle/m1oPW4HbTkJe7vwr9 and attend the Walk-in interview on **25.07.2024 at 10:00am** onwards in the committee room of Information Technology Department (AB3 Building), Delhi Technological University, Bawana Road, Shahabad Daulatpur, Delhi-110042. For more details visit www.dtu.ac.in

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NATIONAL CREDIT GUARANTEE TRUSTEE COMPANY LIMITED

National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Ltd (NCGTC) is a wholly owned company of Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance, Government of India incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 on March 28, 2014 to act as a common trustee company for multiple credit guarantee funds. NCGTC is looking to recruit suitable professionals for the following posts (on long term contract basis):

1. Deputy General Manager
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4. Manager –(Information Security)
5. Assistant Manager (Operations)
6. Assistant Manager – (IT)

Please visit the website www.ncgtc.in for further details. Addendum/ Corrigendum, if any, will be published on NCGTC website only. Candidates should refer the same before submission of final application. **Last Date** of Submission of Applications is **August 07, 2024**

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA
FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEPARTMENT
NEW DELHI

PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 10(3) of the Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999 (FEMA), the Reserve Bank of India, has cancelled the Full-Fledged Money Changer (FFMC) licence of the following companies due to voluntary surrender:

Sr. No.	Name and Registered Office Address	Licence Number	Issued/ renewed on	Cancellation order date
1.	**JPJN Financial Services Private Limited** A-140, Second Floor, Saraswati Vihar, Pitampura, New Delhi – 110034	FE.DEL.FFMC /0726/2017	23.02.2023	22.05.2024
2.	**VRV Forex Private Limited** 326, Ansal Chambers-II, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi – 110066	FE.DEL.FFMC /U039/2003	30.05.2022	22.05.2024

Consequent upon the cancellation, the FFMCs shall not undertake or transact money changing activities as specified in the Master Direction on Money Changing Activities dated January 01, 2016, updated from time to time, and available on the RBI website (https://www.rbi.org.in).

(R P Singh)
General Manager

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-Tender Notice
E-Annual Tender for the F.Y 2024-2025 is invited from intending bidders for purchasing Gymnasium Equipments of Specialized India Reserve Battalion, Rajnagar, Birbhum through website wbtenders.gov.in. For further details please refer the aforesaid website.
Sd/-Commandant, Specialized India Reserve Battalion Rajnagar, Birbhum.
ICA- T11544(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is being invited from eligible and resourceful contractors/bidders for e-Tender Id- **2024_IWD_713310_1 & 2** and Tender ref. No. WBIW/EE/MDMD/e-NIT-11/2024-25. For "supply, storing at site of trash rack/ bar screen/ grating at Chowbhaga pumping station" and details information will be available in website **www.wbiwd.gov.in** or **https://wbtenders.gov.in** Last date for submission of tender:- 22/07/2024 upto 17:00 a.m. Other relevant information will be available from the office during working hour. Sd/- Executive Engineer, I.W.D., W.B., Metropolitan Drainage Mechanical Division, Jalasampad Bhawan, Salt Lake-91. ICA-T11536(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, E-Tender/Tenders are invited by the CMOH, Dakshin Dinajpur for following e-tender: 1. E-Tender No. Scavenging/3030 dated 12.07.2024 for engagement of agency for outsourced Scavenging and Housekeeping service at Balurghat DH and Gangarampur SDH from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Bid Submission Closing Date: 07.08.2024 at 04.00 P.M. For Detail (e-tender), Please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in For other tenders: www.wbhealth.gov.in and Office of the Undersigned. Sd/- CMOH, D/Dinajpur. ICA- T11538(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER MAYURAKSHI HEAD QUARTERS DIVISION SURI, BIRBHUM
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
eN.I.T. No. WBIW/EE/MHQD/ e-NIT-01/2024-25
e-Tender is being invited by the undersigned from the eligible bonafide contractors for 15 (Fifteen) nos. works under Mayurakshi Head Quarters Division under AE/SDS Plan Maintenance 2024-25. Last date & time of downloading of tender documents is 05.08.2024 upto 15:00 hrs. Other details of tender notice may be seen at website www.wbiwd.gov.in & https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Mayurakshi Head Quarters Division, Suri, Birbhum ICA- T11533(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
The Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Reclamation Division invites one no. online percentage rate basis e-tenders vide **Tender ID No. 2024_UDD_711230_1WBUD&MA/EE /SLRD/NIT-04(e)/2024-25 of EE/SL RD(2nd Call) dated 10/07/2024.** Value of work is. Rs. 9,65,358.00. Start and Last date of submission of bid online are 17/07/2024 and 24/07/2024 upto 13:00 Hrs. respectively. All documents can be seen / obtained from the website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Detailed information can also be seen in the website www.wburbanservices.gov.in and office Notice Board. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Salt Lake Reclamation Division. ICA-T11532(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Limited Plot No. CB-216, Action Area-1C, Newtown, Rajarhat, Phase-2, Kolkata-700156 Under Self Help Group & Self Employment Department, Govt. of W.B.
E-Tender Notice
No.: 984/WBSCL/TENDER/2024
Date : 15/07/2024
E-Tenders are invited for selection of OEM Service Provider for Air Conditioning System and for empanelment of Training Provider agency. **1)** Comprehensive AMC of VRF Air Conditioning System and Split AC (Hitachi). **2)** Expression of Interest (EOI) for Empanelment of Training Provider Agency (TPA) for Skill Development Training. Further corrigendum, if issued, will be published only in our official website : shg.wbscl.in & wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app E-Tender only available from website https://wbtenders.gov.in/nicgep/app Sd/- Managing Director, West Bengal Swarojgar Corporation Ltd. ICA- T11537(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NIT: WBFOR/SSFD/NIT 20 TO 28/E OF 2024-25
Rate quotations/bids are invited from bonafide resourceful contractors for 1st, 2nd & 3rd year maintenance of plantations at various locations under Siliguri S.F. Division during 2024-25
NIT No: WBFOR/SSFD/NIT 20 & 28/e of 2024-25 1. Publishing date 16/ 07/2024. 2. Last date of online submission of bids :**24/07/2024 (4:00 PM)** For viewing and participating in the e-Tender visit **www.wbtenders. gov.in** All other details are available at the Office.
Sd/-Divisional Forest Officer, Siliguri Social Forestry Division, 32, Girish Ghosh Sarani, Hakimpara, Siliguri. Phone 0353-2471426 E-mail ID: dfo.ssfd@gmail.com
ICA-T11546(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited (A Govt. of West Bengal Undertaking) NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER NIT No. 07/WBTDCL OF 2024-25 (Technical) 2nd Call Tender ID- 2024_WBTDC_713770_1
WBTDCL invites the following e-Tender from the reputed, bonafide and experienced agencies having requisite credentials. "Beautification of Main entrance Gate with SITC of Architectural and Professional Lighting arrangement incl. allied works at Mainak Tourism Property, Siliguri (Rs. 11,65,093/-)." Start date & time of documents download: 19.07.2024, 11:00 Hrs. Last date & time of Bid Submission: 02.08.2024, 15:00 Hrs. Details are available in website: www.wbtdcl.com / wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, West Bengal Tourism Development Corporation Limited. ICA- T11535(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No. KMDA/CIVIL/E&AM/Planning Circle/SE/02 OF 2023-24 (2nd Call)
Online e-Tender is invited by the Superintending Engineer, Planning Circle, E&AM Sector, KMDA, 4th Floor, Block-A, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafied, eligible and experienced firms / companies / individual contractors / Joint Ventures / Consortium, for the work, **Sl. No., Name of Work, Estimated Amount, Earnest Money,** **(1)** Construction of proposed Urban Health & Wellness Centre (U-H&WC) at Baidyapara Main road, near Cornel K.P. Gupta Park, Ward No. 9 within Halisahar Municipality., Rs. 36,89,818/-, Rs.73,800/-,**(2)** -same as sl. no. (1) - at Deshbandhu School Math, Ward No. 14 within Halisahar Municipality., Rs.36,89,818/-, Rs.73,800/-, **(3)** - same as sl. no. (1) - at Uttar Prasad Nagar Road near 16 No Ward office, Ward No.16within Halisahar Municipality., Rs.39,85,119/-, Rs.79,710/-, **Time of completion:** 06 months for each sl. no., **Last date & time of online Bid submission:** 03.08.2024 time 13:30 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-236) www.wbtenders.gov.in. ICA- T11541(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Online bids are invited for the work under **Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_713122_1.** For details please follow the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD, Malda Electrical Division. ICA- T11556(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
E-Tender Notice
E-Annual Tender for the F.Y 2024-2025 is invited from intending bidders for purchasing Band Uniforms of Specialized India Reserve Battalion, Rajnagar, Birbhum through website wbtenders.gov.in. For further details please refer the aforesaid website.
Sd/-Commandant, Specialized India Reserve Battalion Rajnagar, Birbhum.
ICA-T11543(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
eNIT No.: 15 City (LB) of 2024–25 of The Executive Engineer–II, City Division, PWD. for 1(One) No. work from bonafided outsider only having credential for similar nature of work. Bid submission closing date (online) will be on 02.08.2024 at 15.00 hrs. for Tender ID: 2024_PWD_712308_1Other details may be seen from the web site: http://etender.wb.nic.in & http://wbpwd.in Sd/-Executive Engineer-II, City Division, P.W.D. ICA-T11568(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor, West Bengal vide Ref. No. WBPHED/EE/NIeT-17/AD/2024-2025 and Tender ID: 2024_PHED_713346_1 for Renovation work of Godown and Security Guard Room inside the premises of South 24 Parganas District Water Testing Laboratory under Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 07.08.2024 upto 03:00 P.M. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Alipore Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T11572(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
EE, PWD, Cob. Divn. invites online e-tender (**e-NIT 08**) Tender Id: 2024_WBPWD_713336_1, 2024_WBPWD_713336_2, 2024_WBPWD_713336_3 & 2024_WBPWD_713336_4. Bid submission start date: 19.07.2024, 10.00 hrs. Bid submission closing date: 02.08.2024, 18.30 hrs. (for Sl. No.-1) & Bid submission closing date: 26.07.2024, 18.30 hrs. (for Sl. No.-2 to 4). Downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- EE, PWD, COB. DIVN. ICA-T11559(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online NIeT is invited by the EE, BNWD, P.W. Dte., vide Tender No. WBPWD/ EE/ BNWD /NIeT- 04e/2024-25 for the work of "Repair and Rehabilitation of Inside distressed area of Toilet Blocks and Lift Lobby including toilet floor Joint treatment at North Block of Bikash Bhavan, Salt lake, Kolkata-91" Estimated Amount put to Tender Rs. 25,44,308/- (T/ID: 2024_WBPWD_713426_1) Bid proposal submission start date & time (Online)-19/07/2024 from 06.55 P.M. Bid proposal Submission end date & time (Online) 03/08/2024 upto 02.00 P.M. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http://etender.wb.nic.in and this Office notice board. Sd/- EE, PWD, BNWD. ICA-T11564(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
WBPWD/EE/HCD/NIT e-05 of 2024-2025
Very Urgent Restoration Work of Approach Road of Old Bridge at 1.10 kmp at Baidyabati Tarakeswar Champadnga Road under Hooghly Construction Sub-Division-III, P.W.D. under Hooghly Construction Division, P.W.D. in the district of Hooghly during the year 2024-2025. Tender ID: 2024_PWD_713124_1. Tender Amount: Rs. 624178.00. Bid submission start date (online): 16.07.2024 from 11:00 A.M. Bid submission closing date (online): 24.07.2024 upto 2:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ/NIT and other documents may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- J.Sikdar, Executive Engineer, PWD, Hooghly Construction Division, Chawkbazar, Hooghly. ICA-T11550(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
Tender Ref. No.: WBPWD/EE/KNED/eNIT12R/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_713169_1
Online Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWDte, Kolkata North Electrical Division, P-5, CIT Road, 2nd Floor, Moulali, Kolkata-14, from the eligible contractors for the following works: Name of Work: **SITC of 13.no 2 Ton Split type AC Machine & Electrical renovation work in office of the Superintending Engineer office room, Southern Circle, Social Sector at Bagiuati Complex, PWD Office.** Bid submission start: 19.07.24 at 06.00 P.M. Bid Submission end: 02.08.24 at 01.00 P.M. Bid opening Date: 05.08.24 after 01.00 P.M. Details of eNIT, BOQ & tender document may be downloaded from https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWDte., Kolkata North Electrical Division, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T11555(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Tender is hereby invited by the Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata IT Division, Main Block, Ground Floor, Writers' Buildings, Kolkata-700001 from the eligible contractors for the following works. 1." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Audio Visual System for Bangabasi College, 19, Rajkumar Chakraborty Sarani, Kolkata- 700 009 [Job No: KIT/OW/051 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-51/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_711797_1. Bid Submission Closing : 05.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM 2." Restoration of Damaged CCTV Surveillance System Due to Lightning Strike and Augmentation of CCTV Surveillance System for The Kaji Nazrul Islam Children's Home at 50, Dr. S.N. Bannerjee Road, Kadai, Berhampore, Murshidabad, West Bengal - 742 101 [Job No: KIT/OW/052 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-52/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_711696_1 Bid Submission Closing : 31.07.2024 up to 03.00 PM 3." Annual Maintenance of CCTV Surveillance System(Excluding Video Wall Display) , EPABX System, Data Network System [Excluding All Switches, Wireless Access Point & Wireless Controller, Firewall] at Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan (Saltlake Stadium) : For 01 (One) Year 09 [Job No: KIT/OW/053 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-53/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_711685_1 Bid Submission Closing : 31.07.2024 up to 03.00 PM 4." Upgradation of existing Network Security Firewall with Subscription License installed at Vivekananda Yubabharati Krirangan (Saltlake Stadium): For 03(Three) Years.[Job No: KIT/OW/054 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-54/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_711754_1 Bid Submission Closing : 01.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM 5." Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of CCTV Surveillance System and Allied Infrastructure for Alipore Police Court Premises, Alipore, Kolkata [Job No: KIT/OW/055 of 24-25]" e-TENDER No. WBPWD/EEKIT/E-NIT-55/T/24-25 Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_711781_1 Bid Submission Closing : 01.08.2024 up to 03.00 PM Corrigendum or Addendum if issued will be published only on website (https://wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- Executive Engineer, Kolkata I T Division, PWD. ICA-T11569(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
E.E., Murshidabad Electrical Division, P.W.Directorate invites online tender for the following NIQ: NIQ No: WBPWD/EE/MsdED/57/e-Q OF 2024-25, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_713267_1. Bid submission end date:- 20.07.2024 upto 14.00 Hrs. Detail of Tender may be downloaded from website: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Murshidabad Electrical Division. ICA-T11552(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
e-Tender is invited by the E.E., NTKMD, PHE Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No. PHE/NTKMD/e-04 of 2024-25 (2nd Call) and ID: 2024_PHED_713456_1 for AMC of elevators at JKB under NTKMD, PHE Dte. Details will be available in the website wbtenders.gov.in The last date for submission of tender is 27.07.2024 upto 12.00 PM. Sd/- EE/NTKMD, PHE Dte. ICA-T11577(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
Tender Notice
Corrigendum 1 of NIeT-3 OF 2024-2025
Corrigendum related to Modification of work name and date extension etc of NIeT 3. For Details please visit the website www.wbtenders.gov.in Tender Id. 2024_PHED_693402_1 to 16. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Bankura Mechanical Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA- T11573(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 03/A.E./BON of 2024-25 (Vide Memo No. 840/BON Dt. 03.07.2024) Tender ref. no. 03/A.E./Bon of 2024-25 Tender ID: 2024_PHED_705934_1 & 2024_PHED_705934_2.
Tender Invited by the undersigned for different type of work at different place within the jurisdiction of Bongaon Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. (SL. No. 01 to 02). Closing date of submission of both Technical and Financial bid (online) = 19.07.2024. Details of Tender document and its related corrigendum/Addendum (if any) may be obtained from the office of the Assistant Engineer, Bongaon Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. on working days during office hours or in website - http://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Bongaon Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. ICA-T11579(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
P.W. (Roads) Dte. TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, South 24 Parganas Highway Division, P.W (Roads)Dte, invites online e-NIT No. 02 of 2024-2025. Tender Id : 2024_SH_713031_1, 2024_SH_713031_2, 2024_SH_713031_3. Bid submission start date 19.07.2024 from 11.00a.m. Bid submission end date 26.07.2024 uptp 11.00a.m. Details of NIT and tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24Pgs. Highway Division P.W.(Roads) Dte. ICA-T11565(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Purulia Electrical Division, P.W.Dte. Invites online etender for the work of "Repairing and Renovation of Electrical Installation Work at the office of the ADSR Balarampur, Purulia in the District of Purulia." Project ID:-FD2425180045000." e-NIQ No. 05 of 2024-2025 Tender Id:-2024_WBPWD_713409_1 Bid submission start date [online]:- 19-07-2024 from 10:00am Bid submission closing date [online]:- 02-08-2024 from 2:00pm Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIQ & Tender documents may be downloaded from :-http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- A. Maji Executive Engineer, Purulia Electrical Division, P.W.D. ICA-T11563(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
JALPAIGURI ZILLA PARISHAD JALPAIGURI
Memo No. 1895/Eng Date : 15.07.2024
e-Tender Notice
e-Tender of **NIT No. WBZP/05-DE/JLP/24-25 for 1 (One) no. work** vide Tender ID No. 2024_ZPHD_714727_1 is invited. Details may be seen in at our website: **www.wbtenders.gov.in** & simultaneously this office Notice Board during working hours.
Sd/-
District Engineer Jalpaiguri Zilla Parishad
Memo No.: 125(3)/ADVT/DICO/JAL, Dated : 16.07.2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
The Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division invites eTender on Percentage basis vide eTender No. WBPWD/EE/KED/NIT-15/2024-2025 for 2(Two) nos work vide Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_713214_1 to 2 of 2024-2025. Bid Submission Start date (online) is 18.07.2024 from 2.30 PM. Bid Submission closing date (online) is 26.07.2024 upto 2.30PM. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be down loaded from https://wbetenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division. ICA-T11562(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Online tender is invited by the undersigned for the works: "Electrical Installation work at 1st floor at Mrittika Bhawan of Panchayats & Rural Development Department, Govt. of West Bengal... S.I.T.C. of split air-conditioners". Tender No : WBPWD/EE/BED/e-NIQ-14/2024-25 & e-Tender Id No. 2024_WBPWD_713376_1. Document Download Closing Date : 26.07.2024 upto 15.00Hrs. Details may be downloaded from etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Bidhannagar Electrical Division. ICA-T11567(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENGINEERING OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, RESOURCES DIVISION JANASASTHYA KARIGARI BHAWAN (NIJALAYA), 2ND FLOOR, CN-8, SECTOR-V, BIDHANNAGAR, KOLKATA-700091
CORRIGENDUM-I for NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER NO. - WBPHED/EE/RS/e03/2024-2025 Tender ID : 2024_PHED_699838_1
Upkeep & refilling of laboratory safety equipment installed in 217 Water Testing Laboratories throughout the State under Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of West Bengal. Bid Submission closing date : 26/07/2024 upto 2:00 p.m. instead of 16/07/2024 upto 2:00 p.m. Date of opening of Tender date : 29/07/2024 at 2:00 p.m. instead of 18/07/2024 at 2:00 p.m. For detail Log on to : www.etender.wb.nic.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Resources Division, Public Health Engineering Directorate, Govt. of West Bengal. ICA-T11578(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: KMDA/CIVIL/e-NIQ/01/ EE(CRS)/E&AM OF 2024-25
e-Quotation is invited by the Executive Engineer, CRS Division, E&AM Sector, KMDA, Ground floor, Block-G, Unnayan Bhavan, Bidhan Nagar, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide, and experienced eligible firms / companies / individual agencies, for the work, **Name of Work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Sweeping, Cleaning, spreading of bleaching powder and maintenance of the existing underground sewers and disposal daily garbage from the existing vats and removing the same as per KMC rules twice a day including necessary tools and tackles for a period of one year of the KMDA Housing Complex at 19A Chetla Hat Road, Kolkata-700027., Rs.27,450/-, 12 months, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 31.07.2024 upto 15.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **www.kmda.wb.gov.in (KMDA-248) www.wbtenders.gov.in** ICA-T11576(3)/2024

Petrol Dealers' Strike Over PUCC Enters Second Day As Talks Fail

Centres Shut At Petrol Pumps, Govt Releases List Of 300 Alternative Facilities

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File photo

Gahlot released a list of 300 alternative centres that can be used

New Delhi: The strike called by Delhi Petrol Dealers' Association (DPDA), which is protesting the inadequate rise in charges for Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCC), rolled on for the second day as talks with Delhi govt led to no solution on Tuesday.

In response to the strike has led to PUCC centres staying shut at petrol pumps. The transport department has released a list of 300 govt-authorised centres outside petrol pumps where people can obtain PUCC certificates. The petrol pumps are functioning.

According to department sources, the association has been asked to accept the proposed revision. The department has reportedly given the association an assurance that its demands for further increase in the charges would be considered after assembly polls. However, the association has not budged.

Following this, transport minister Kailash Gahlot released the list of 300 alternative centres and urged people to utilise these facilities. "Apart from petrol pumps, Delhi govt's authorised pollution testing centres are functioning at 300 other places. The list of all these centres is available on the official website of the transport department, transport.delhi.gov.in/transport/list," Gahlot said.

Delhi govt had last week raised the charges. The new rates for two and three-wheelers running on petrol, CNG, or LPG (including biofuel) have been increased from Rs 60 to Rs 80. For four-wheelers and above in the same fuel category, the rates have been raised by Rs 30, from Rs 80 to Rs 110. Diesel-powered vehicles will see the most significant increase, with rates rising from Rs 100 to Rs 140.

Delhi govt is also trying to establish more pollution testing centres at various resident welfare association (RWA) offices, hotels and commercial centres.

DPDA started the indefinite strike on Monday, citing dissatisfaction with Delhi govt's proposed increase in pollution certificate rates. The proposed rise in rates, ranging from Rs 20 to Rs 40, will become effective once notified by Delhi govt.

Gahlot said that on Monday, 1,375 vehicles were inspected at the pollution testing centres that are not at petrol pumps. On Tuesday, the number rose to 1,464.

Nischal Singhania, president of DPDA, said since the last rate revision 13 years ago, staff salaries have increased by 300%, and operational costs have risen significantly. "They are saying around 1,500 checks were done. This is not even 10% of what we do, which is over 15,000 per day," he said.

With approximately 80 lakh registered vehicles, the shutdown of the centres may lead to increase in pollution in Delhi.

Bibhav charged with destroying evidence and cloning his phone

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The charges against Bibhav Kumar encompass various sections of Indian Penal Code 1860, including wrongful restraint (Section 341), assault or criminal force with intent to outrage a woman's modesty (Section 354), assault or use of criminal force with intent to disrobe a woman (Section 354B), criminal intimidation (Section 506), insult to a woman's modesty (Section 509), attempt to commit culpable homicide (Section 308) and causing destruction of evidence or providing false information (Section 201).

The chargesheet includes statements from Maliwal, Kumar, CM's security staff and other individuals. The allegations against Kumar include destroying evidence by formatting his phone, refusing to share his phone's password, cloning his phone, transferring data to another device and tampering with CCTV footage from the CM's residence and his own house.

On July 12, Delhi high court had denied bail to Kumar, citing his considerable power and potential to influence witnesses in the case. Kumar was arrested on May 18 following a complaint by Maliwal alleging assault and a case was registered against Kumar under various sections of IPC.

A Delhi court had dismissed Kumar's second bail plea on June 7, emphasising the grave and serious nature of the allegations against him.

Kumar's first regular bail plea was also rejected by the trial court on May 27, stating that the allegations raised by Maliwal cannot be dismissed and that no grounds for bail were established.

M.P. BUILDING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
(Govt. of M.P. Undertaking)
16-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal-462011 (M.P.), Ph. : 0755-4853295, 4853297
Website : mpbdc.gov.in, CIN : U45400MP2022SGC060277
No. 6922/MPBDC/130/HR/2024 **Bhopal, Date : 15.07.2024**

INVITE APPLICATIONS

Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation Ltd. is a wholly Govt. owned company incorporated under the Companies Act 2013 and has its registered office at 16-A, Arera Hills, Bhopal. To meet the manpower requirement, MPBDC invites applications for following 10 indicative posts from eligible candidates:-

S. N.	Name of Post Source & Salary	Source of Recruitment	No. of Post	Reservation for PwDs
1.	Dy. General Manager (Civil) GP-7600 (L-14) Rs. 79,900/- + CPI or Last Pay (-) Pension	Deputation/ Contract	UR-01+2$ ST-02 SC-01 OBC (13%)-1#	**$PwD-2 Nos. :** (i) Deaf and Hard of hearing-1 No; (ii) Locomotive disability including cerebral palsy, leprosy cured dwarfism, acid attack victims and muscular dystrophy-**1 No.**
2.	Dy. General Manager (Electrical) GP-7600 (L-14) Rs. 79,900/- + CPI or Last Pay (-) Pension	Deputation/ Contract	UR-01	NA
3.	Assistant General Manager (Architect) GP-6600 (L-13) Rs. 67,300/- + CPI or Last Pay (-) Pension	Deputation/ Contract	OBC-01	NA
4.	Legal Advisor Rs. 75,000/- + CPI	Contract	UR-01	NA

#OBC(13%) remaining reservation (out of 27%) to be filled subject to court decision and M.P. Govt. notification.

General Terms and Conditions :
1. Application should be submitted through **www.mponline.gov.in** only.
2. All conditions regarding required eligibility criteria, last date for submission of application and all details are mentioned on the Rule Books, which are showing on **www.mpbdc.mp.gov.in**
3. The selection will be made on the basis of merit only. Deputation/Contract basis initially for One year, which can be extended, based upon satisfactory performance and mutual consent as per the requirements of the MPBDC.
4. MD, MPBDC reserves full rights under this advertisement to increase or decrease the positions (no. of post/categories/reservations, based on actual position of required) advertised and to fill/not fill them from the merit/waiting list. MPBDC reserves full rights not to declare any waiting list.
5. MD, MPBDC will have full right to accept or reject any or all applications without assigning any reason thereof.
6. The last date for submission of application and all details are mentioned on the Rule Books, which are also showing on **www.mpbdc.mp.gov.in**

M.P. Madhyam/115420/2024 **CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER (HR & ADMIN.)**

20 criminals pulling strings from abroad on spl task force radar

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Gurgaon: The special task force (STF) of Haryana Police has compiled a list of 20 gangsters who are operating their network to carry out criminal activities across the state and in Delhi-NCR while staying abroad.

This list, police said on Tuesday, has been handed over to the Union home ministry and Interpol to deport the gangsters taking cover in foreign countries.

It includes some known names — the likes of Goldy Brar, Lipin Nehra, and Rohit Godara of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. All three are believed to be in Canada, and Brar is a key accused in the 2022 murder of Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala.

Others on the list are Himanshu Bhau, the gang leader who claimed on social media that he had orchestrated the shooting of a man at a Burger King outlet in Delhi's Rajouri Garden this June. Bhau is believed to be in Portugal.

Last week, Kala Khairampuria, who allegedly had a hand in the Burger King shooting, was brought back to India from Thailand through a similar deportation process. Khairmpuria absconded after he was released on parole in 2020. His network operates in Haryana, Delhi and Rajasthan, and charges against the gang include murder and extortion.

In the last five years, three more gangsters were repatriated to India from their hideouts in foreign countries and arrested by Haryana Police.

Gangster Kaushal, who fled to Dubai in 2017, was extradited in 2019 and arrested on his return to NCR. He is lodged in Bhondsi jail. Gangster Raju Bishodi was brought from Thailand in 2020 and is imprisoned in Bhondsi jail too.

Vikas Lagarpuria, one of the most wanted gangsters in Delhi and Haryana with at least 30 criminal cases against him, was repatriated in 2022 from Dubai. Langarpuria, lodged in Bhondsi jail, was allegedly behind the multi-crore heist from an apartment in Gurgaon's Sector 84 in 2021.

Some other prominent names on Haryana Police's list are Arshdeep Singh alias Arsh Dalla.

Kavitha taken to hospital: BRS leader K Kavitha, accused of being involved in the alleged excise policy scam, was taken to a hospital on Tuesday. A source said she had a fever and required tests. She was sent back to Tihar. The report of the test may come by Wednesday. TNN

22-year-old stabbed to death by 4 in Rohini

Times News Network

New Delhi: A 22-year-old man, identified as Shakti, was stabbed to death by a group of people in Rohini Sector 17. He was returning home when he was waylaid and stabbed by four individuals. Police said this was a case of personal enmity.

The arrested accused were identified as Piyush Pandey (19), Rachit Rajput (20), and Raghav Mittal (21). The other accused is absconding. "We received a PCR call at 8 pm on Monday stating that an injured person was lying unconscious on a road in Rohini Sector 16. He was declared brought dead at a hospital. The mother of the deceased said some boys had assaulted her son earlier and threatened to kill him," an officer said.

Police found that the killers had arrived in a red SUV. "Around 300-400 CCTV cameras in the vicinity were analysed by different teams. In one of the footages, a red Thar was spotted, and its registration number was identified. The ownership details of the car were obtained, which led the police team to the owner of the vehicle, and then information about the offenders was collected," the officer said.

During the inquiry, Piyush was arrested. Based on his statement, the other three accused were nabbed.

Piyush told cops that he was thrashed by Shakti a few years ago and wanted to take revenge.

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender ID: 2024_PHED_713559_(1-6) WBPHE/EE/JMD/NIeT 16 OF 2024-2025 Ref: Memo No. 3792/JMD dated 12.07.2024
The Executive Engineer, Jhargram Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. has invited open e-Tender for the work (Sl. no. 1 to 6) as mentioned in the respective NIeT. Last date of submission 02.08.2024. For details please visit www.wbtenders.gov.in & the departmental website i.e. www.wbphed.gov.in and Office Notice Board. Sd/- EE/JMD, PHE Dte. ICA- T11575(3)/2024

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(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
Extension of Time
1) Ref. NIT No.: RM/CRO/Electrical/e-Tender/2024-25/02, **Dtd.:** 21.06.2024 of the Regional Manager, Cooch Behar Region, WBSEDCL. **Bid Submission End Date** is hereby extended up to **22.07.2024 (13:00 hrs.).**
2) Ref. NIT No.: ROPUM/E-TENDER/BULK/JANATHA-BENGAL/U.G. CABLE/2024-25/04, **Dtd.:** 21.06.2024 of the Regional Manager, Purba Medinipur Region, WBSEDCL. **Bid Submission End Date** is hereby extended up to **24.07.2024 (17:00 hrs.).** ICA-T11581(2)/2024
For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in**

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CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, www.wbsedcl.in
WBSEDCL invites e-Tenders as follows:
1) NIT No.: **NTD/E-Tender/2024-25/472/4870**, Date: **10.07.2024** of the **Divisional Manager, Newtown Division.** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 50,17,896/-** for the work of 'Supply & installation of SCADA compatible 33 kV, 4-Panel Shunt Trip RMU with VCB, CT, PT & Relay Control Panel with other allied works at WTP, AA-IA, New Town, Rajarhat for effecting 33 kV Bulk Power Service i.r.o. The Executive Engineer (Mech/Elect), PHE under Newtown Division'.
2) NIT No.: **RM/S24PGS/E-Tender/2024-25/856**, Date: **10.07.2024** of the **Regional Manager, 24 Parganas (South) Region.** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 40,30,173/-** for the work of 'Laying of 11 kV 3C x 300 sq mm XLPE HTUG cable by micro-tunneling i.r.o. 02 nos. 11 kV feeders from Garia and Four Sight Florence 33/11 kV sub-station to provide the new HT Bulk connection of KMC water supply project at Subhas Pally, KMC Ward no. 111 under the jurisdiction of Garia Division'.
3) NIT No.: **RM/BDN(E)/CIVIL/e-TENDER/2024-25/20/68**, Date: **11.07.2024** of the **Regional Manager, Purba Bardhaman Region.** Estimated Cost: **Rs. 18,68,946/-** for the work of 'Construction of boundary wall and other civil works at Nadanghat 33/11 kV sub-station under Kalna Division'.
Extension of Time
Ref. Original NIT No.: **DM/BDN/S/E-Tender/24-25/01/698**, Date: **03.07.2024** of the **Divisional Manager, Burdwan South Division.** Bid Submission Date is hereby extended up to **29.07.2024 (17:00 hrs).** ICA-T11548(1)/2024
For details, visit **https://wbtenders.gov.in & www.wbsedcl.in**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL TRANSPORT CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Government of West Bengal Undertaking)
12, R.N.Mukherjee Road, Kolkata- 700 001
Ref. No. MD/ROPA-1998/1212/2 **Date: 10.07.2024**
CIRCULATION THROUGH PRESS
NOTICE is hereby given for inviting application from the Ex-employee of West Bengal Transport Corporation Ltd [Erstwhile The Calcutta Tramways Company (1978) Ltd.] for payment of interest at the rate of 7.1% per annum on principal arrear amount of ROPA-1998. Principal amount was due from 01.04.1997 to 31.03.2000 which has already been paid. Now, the interest is payable @7.1% per annum on such principal amount for the [Period from 01.04.2000 to 31.01.2008 on pro-rata basis on principal amount. The entitled Ex-employees of West Bengal Transport Corporation Ltd [Erstwhile The Calcutta Tramways Company (1978) Ltd.] furnish their bank details through cancelled cheque to the Office of the Chief Accounts officer (In-charge), Paribahan Bhawan, 12, R.N. Mukherjee Road, Kolkata 700 001 within 30 days of the publication of this Notice. (email: tramwaysit@gmail.com).
The eligible Ex-employees who have already been paid such interest by any means and who have already filed Affidavit in the competent Court to recover the interest need not apply.
The payment will be made after due verification of eligibility and nominee of Ex-employee, if required.
Sd/-
Managing Director
West Bengal Transport Corporation Ltd.
ICA-N330(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
PWD TENDER NOTICE
Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, P.W.D. invites online e-tender for the work of **Sl. 01:** Providing floor & roof tiles, false ceiling and shed at 1st floor of A.D.M. (General) bungalow at Krishnagar, Nadia including sanitary, plumbing and other allied works under Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 7,49,970.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_1. Sl. 02:** Renovation work at the chamber of the Assistant Engineer, Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 4,50,220.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_2. Sl. 03:** Construction of car parking shed at Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. Office campus during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 4,04,028.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_3. Sl. 04:** Boring of a new tube well of 50 mm dia. with top enlargement of 100 mm dia. at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 3,17,388.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_4. Sl. 05:** Reconstruction of boundary wall of Higher Judicial Officers' quarter and repairing of GCI shed at District Judge's bungalow at Krishnagar, Nadia under Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 2,30,243.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_5. Sl. 06:** Special measure to Record Room, Accounts Section, ADJ 3rd & 4th Court at Krishnagar District Court campus under Krishnagar Sub-Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 1,54,920.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_6. Sl. 07:** Repairing and renovation of State Homoeopathic Dispensary at District Hospital, Nadia (Sadar campus) under Nadia Division, P.W.D. (Rs. 5,54,655.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_7. Sl. 08:** Repairing and painting Boundary wall at office of the Assistant Engineer, P.W.D., Plassey Sub-Division under Nadia Division, P.W.D. during the year 2024-25 (Rs. 2,08,591.00), Tender ID: **2024_WBPWD_712875_8.** Bid submission start date (online) 12/07/2024 from 06:55 P.M. Bid submission end date (online) 24/07/2024 up to 02:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender document may be downloaded from: http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Nadia Division, P.W.D. ICA-T11551(2)/2024

TIMES NATION

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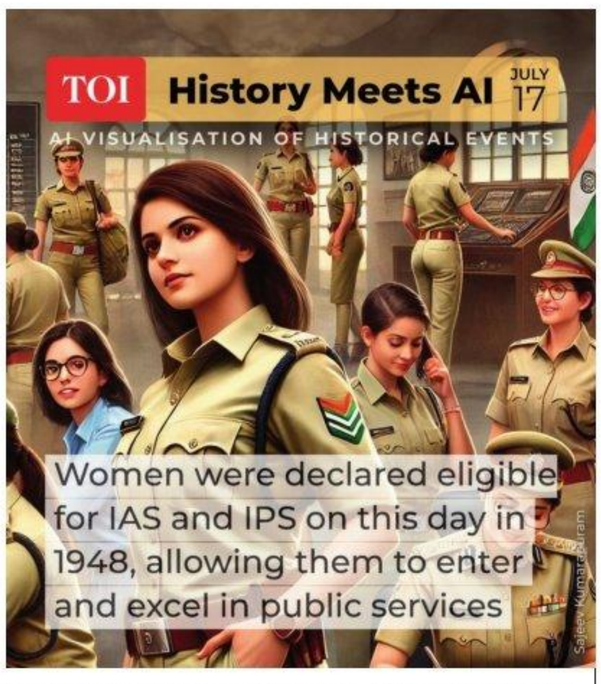
US URGES INDIA TO UTILISE RUSSIA TIES, TELL PREZ PUTIN TO END 'ILLEGAL' UKRAINE WAR

PM MODI LIKELY TO ADDRESS HIGH-LEVEL UNGA SESSION ON SEPT 26, HIS FIRST AFTER 2021

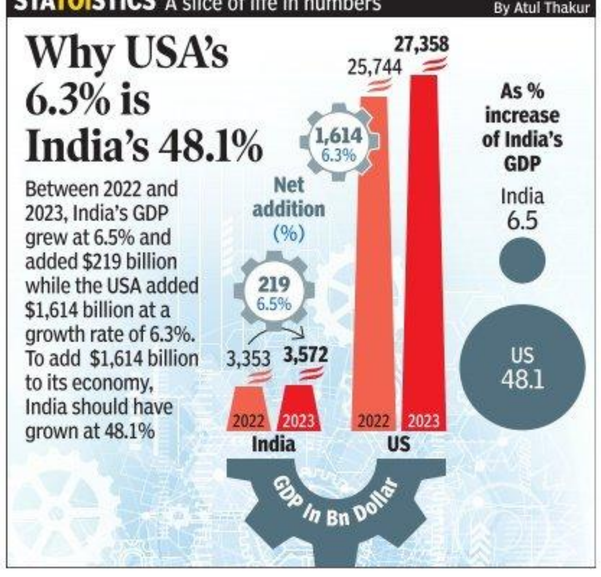


15 held over reel in croc-filled Raj lake

Rajasthan Police arrested 15 people on Tuesday for driving a motorcycle and a car into Siliserh Lake, a habitat for over 300 crocodiles, to create a social media reel. The incident came to light when they posted videos of their dangerous stunt on social media platforms, which quickly went viral. The lake, located 16kms from Alwar, is known for its high concentration of crocodiles, especially in the shallow areas where the stunt took place. All the accused are residents of Alwar and Kothputli-Behror districts.

A police officer said: "For causing disturbance in the wildlife habitat and creating nuisance in public area, 15 youths have been arrested and 13 motorbikes and one gypsy seized under the Motor Vehicle Act." Forest department officials and locals made the complaint prompting swift action from police. TNN

STATOISTICS A slice of life in numbers — By Atul Thakur



Court acquits Ajmer cleric, 5 others over slogans against Nupur Sharma

Were Accused Of 'Sar Tan Se Juda' Cry Days Before Raj Tailor Beheading

Kshitiz Gaur | TNN

Ajmer: A trial court Tuesday acquitted six persons accused of chanting provocative slogans, intended to incite violence in the name of religion, outside Nizam Gate of Khwaja Moinuddin Chishti's shrine in Ajmer on June 17, 2022, days prior to the beheading of Kanhaiya Lal, a tailor in Udaipur.

Five of them were released from Ajmer jail in the evening. However, the main accused, dargah khadim (priest) Syed Gohar Chishti, will remain in prison as he is an accused in another case.

Additional public prosecutor Gulam Nazami said the verdict was being studied and an appeal would be filed before HC. During the trial, the prosecution produced 22 witnesses and 32 documents. Advocate for the accused, Ajay Verma, said the court was not convinced by the evidence presented by the prosecution.

Besides Chishti, police had arrested Tajeem Sidique, Fakhar Jamali, Moin Khan , Naseer Khan and Riyaz Hassan.

Nazami said in June 2022, the administration had granted permission for a silent peace march from Nizam Gate to Dargah Bazaar against a comment by then BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma. However, the accused gathered a mob and instigated the beheading by shouting slogans ("*Gustakhi-e-nabi ki ek hi saza, sar tan se juda, aur tan sar se juda*") on a loudspeaker, the court was informed.

A police constable on duty at the dargah police station on June 17 registered a complaint regarding the incendiary slogan raised at the peace march. "It was pre-planned to raise provocative slogans and that's why, a mob of 2,500-3,000 had gathered outside the dargah. The accused even brought a loudspeaker on a rickshaw," the constable, Jainarayan Jat, mentioned in his complaint.

On June 28, Kanhaiya Lal was beheaded for allegedly supporting Nupur Sharma, and a video surfaced showing that Chishti had visited Udaipur prior to the grisly murder and the two accused had also raised the same slogan while beheading the tailor.

After the beheading, Syed Gohar Chishti went into hiding. He was arrested from Hyderabad on July 14, 2022.

CHAIN OF EVENTS

- **May 27, 2022** | BJP spokesperson **Nupur Sharma** makes remarks about Prophet Muhammad
- **June 17** | Peace march held outside Ajmer sufi shrine. Syed Gohar Chishti, on a loudspeaker, declares that the only punishment for insulting the Prophet is beheading ('Gustakhi-e-nabi ki ek hi saza, sar tan se juda')
- **June 17** | Constable Jainarayan Jat of Dargah PS registers a report stating the march violates conditions
- **June 28** | Tailor Kanhaiya Lal is beheaded in Udaipur; a video shows the accused shouting the same slogan
- **June 30** | Three arrested for provocative sloganeering
- **July 14** | Gohar Chishti is arrested in Hyderabad
- **July 25** | Dargah police file chargesheet against six accused
- **July 16, 2024** | Ajmer trial court acquits all six accused of raising said provocative slogan

Blood-soaked body of VIP chief's father found in Bihar home

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Patna: Vikassheel Insaan Party chief Mukesh Sahani's father was found murdered Tuesday in their ancestral village home in Bihar's Darbhanga. The body of 70-year-old Jitan Sahani, who lived alone, was discovered by a man delivering flowers around 6.30 am. The visitor reported the rear door broken and household items scattered, leading to the discovery of the blood-soaked, mutilated body inside the house.

Darbhanga SSP Jagannath Reddy set up a SIT led by SP (rural) Kamya Mishra to probe the murder, which cops suspect was committed with one or more sharp weapons. "Initial probe suggests he was killed by intruders who may have broken in late Monday with the intention of burglary," Biraul DSP Manish Chandra Choudhary said.

Additional DGP Jitendra Gangwar said two people were detained for interrogation, based on preliminary findings. "Three empty glasses on a table in the deceased's house is being examined. Three bikes were also seized. A small cupboard in which Jitan kept important documents and cash was found dumped in a water-filled pit in the backyard of the house."

Mukesh, the chief of VIP, an ally of INDIA bloc, was a minister in the erstwhile Nitish govt from Nov 2020 to March 2022. He rushed to Darbhanga from Mumbai after being informed of the murder. Jitan, who has two sons and a daughter, lived alone since his wife died a decade ago. Mukesh's party has a strong base among OBCs.

Cops suspect Mukesh Sahani's father was killed by intruders who may have broken in with the intention of burglary

Thief returns TV as remorse grips him after striking at poet's home

Vijay Singh | TNN

Navi Mumbai: A thief, filled with remorse after realizing the locked house he had broken into in Neral in Karjat taluka belonged to the late Marathi poet Narayan Surve, returned the stolen LED TV.

He also left a handwritten apology note before the poet's family members returned. The burglar's act came to light on Sunday night when Surve's daughter Usha and her husband Ganesh Ghare, who now live in the poet's residence, came back after being away for 10 days.

Neral police, who have filed an FIR against an unknown person for house break-in/theft have "taken into custody" the thief's "apology letter" in which he states in Marathi that he "did not know this was the house of poet Narayan Surve," else he would not have broken in to steal the TV. He ended his note with the word "Sorry," written in English.

'NOTE OF APOLOGY'

Surve, a self-taught Dalit poet and Padma Shri awardee who died at age 83 in 2010, is one of the biggest names in Marathi literature. An orphan who grew up on Mumbai's streets and was adopted by a mill worker, he chronicled life of city's poor and marginalized and their struggles in a disparity-filled society.

Surve's daughter on her return found the LED TV lying in the corner of a room, which has a huge portrait of Surve, along with his various scrolls of honour.

"The thief does seem to be a literate person but we do not know how educated he is, going by his childlike scribble in the note he left behind. We are checking the fingerprints on the LED TV and the CCTV footage outside," said a cop.

Armed men fire at Manipur editor's house

Imphal: Unidentified armed men fired several rounds at the residence of an editor of a local Manipuri vernacular daily in Imphal East district's Kontha Khabam Lai Haraopham early Tuesday, officials said, reports **K Sarojkumar Sharma**.

Nobody was injured in the attack. Khoirom Loyalakpa was at his office located at Keishampat when his house was attacked around 12.30 am. Khoirom said he had faced threats from unidentified persons earlier following which he was provided armed security guards. However, the guards were withdrawn by the govt recently. Police have filed a case.

After BSP neta, another politician killed in TN

Madurai: An armed gang Tuesday hacked to death a Naam Tamilar Katchi (NTK) functionary during his morning walk in an upscale locality of Madurai. Police said the gang that murdered C Balasubramanian (48) was hired by his relatives over a property dispute as well as matrimonial issues. Six persons, including two of the NTK neta's relatives, have been arrested.

Balasubramanian, NTK's Madurai deputy secy, was a regular morning walker at Vallabhai Street. Police said around 7am a four-member gang wielding sickles started chasing Balasubramanian. He tried to flee raising an alarm, but the gang intercepted him and hacked him repeatedly. The killing of Balasubramanian comes days after murder of BSP state chief K Armstrong in Chennai.

Police said there was a property dispute between one Mahalingam and Pandiyarajan, son-in-law of Balasubramanian's brother. TNN

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CORRIGENDUM No. 4

Sub: E-Open Indigenous Tender No: 2023-TM-2 for Design, Manufacture, Supply, Testing & Commissioning of 78 nos. of 'on track Utility Track Vehicles (8-Wheeler) for B.G. (1676 mm)' along with Training of Indian Railway personnel and 3 years post warranty AMC.

1. The due date of closing of the subject tender has been changed from 18/07/2024 (Thursday) to **29/07/2024 (Monday).**
2. All other terms and conditions of the tender shall remain the same.

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GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR RE-ALLOTMENT OF ONE ZONE OF RETAIL LIQUOR VENDS OF DISTRICT GURUGRAM (EAST) IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for re-allotment of Zone No. ZGRE15 of retail liquor vends of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor (L-2/L-14A) of district Gurugram (East) in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the remaining period of excise policy year 2024-25.

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for this zone and evaluation thereof shall be as under :-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 18th July, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 18th July, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	18th July, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of this zone for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.17 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.

The reserve price and quota of this zone shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for this zone can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangement of this zone containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETC (Excise) and DETC (ST) of the district Gurugram (East). These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in.

6. The re-allotment of this zone shall be done at the risk and cost of original allottee. The original allottee shall be liable to make up any deficiency incurred by the state as a result of the re-allotment of this zone.

7. The allotment and grant of licence shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.

7. The allotment of license shall be subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC(FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner, Haryana.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt. No. 27885/16.07.2024

BENGALURU METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
CENTRAL OFFICE: STORES & PURCHASE DEPARTMENT K.H. ROAD, SHANTHINAGAR, BENGALURU-560 027
No. BMTC/CO/COSP/TENDER/03/2024-25 — Date:15.07.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

BMTC invites tender for procurement of the following Goods & Services through KPP Portal.

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Description	Last Date for Bid Submission in KPP Portal
		Regular Tender	
1	BMTC/2024-25/IND0064	Procurement of GHT Bolt With Nuts of Different Sizes.	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
2	BMTC/2024-25/IND0066	Procurement of General Items like Bonnet clamps, Self thread bolt etc.	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
3	BMTC/2024-25/IND0068	Procurement of Sanding Disk, Masking Tape and Putty Blade.	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
4	BMTC/2024-25/IND0069	Procurement of conductor Leather Cash Bag.	29.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
5	BMTC/2024-25/IND0071	Procurement of Fan Belts	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
6	BMTC/2024-25/IND0072	Procurement of Water Pump and Parts	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
7	BMTC/2024-25/IND0073	Procurement of MS angles and MS Flats.	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
8	BMTC/2024-25/IND0075	Procurement of Furniture.	29.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
9	BMTC/2024-25/IND0084	Procurement of Rubber Glazing of Different Sizes	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
10	BMTC/2024-25/IND0090	Procurement of Curing Envelops and Curing Bags	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
11	BMTC/2024-25/IND0091	Procurement of ETM Thermal Paper Rolls.	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
12	BMTC/2024-25/IND0092	Procurement of Clutch and Clutch parts	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
13	BMTC/2024-25/SEO469	Re-Conditioning Of engine Components	26.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
		Corrigendum:The last date & time for submission of tender in kpp-portal is extended as under.	
1	BMTC/2023-24/IND0047	Procurement of Automotive Batteries	19.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
2	BMTC/2024-25/IND0083	Procurement of Radium Stickers and vinyl Stickers Sheets.	30.07.2024 at 17.00Hrs
3	BMTC/2023-24/IND0059	Procurement of Propeller shaft and components	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
4	BMTC/2023-24/IND0061	Procurement of Ball and Roller Bearing	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs
5	BMTC/2023-24/IND0058	Procurement of Air Suspension Items	12.08.2024 at 17.00Hrs

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3	Package Testing and Validation	174-G	1.27	14,750/-	1,27,000/-	06
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6	Ethylene Oxide Sterilization	174-J	1.48	14,700/-	1,48,000/-	06

Detailed NIT and other details can be viewed on the above-mentioned portal. The Corrigendum, if any shall not be published in the news paper; it will be uploaded on the e-procurement system. The bidder shall quote rates inclusive of all duties, taxes, royalties and other levies; and the Employer shall not be liable for the same.

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Interested firms/company having expertise in the respective field with financial background may apply for RFP latest by Sunday, 21st July, 2024 through email to skvaoa2023@gmail.com or letter to The Secretary, Shipra Krishna Vista RWA, Ahinsa Khand -1, Indirapuram, Ghaziabad - 201014, Ph. No. 9312053461.

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Tender notice for Security Agency
16th Avenue, Gaur City-2 invites sealed quotations for its security needs.
Interested parties can obtain the RFQ documents from:
Maintenance Office:
16th Avenue, Gaur City-2, Greater Noida (West)
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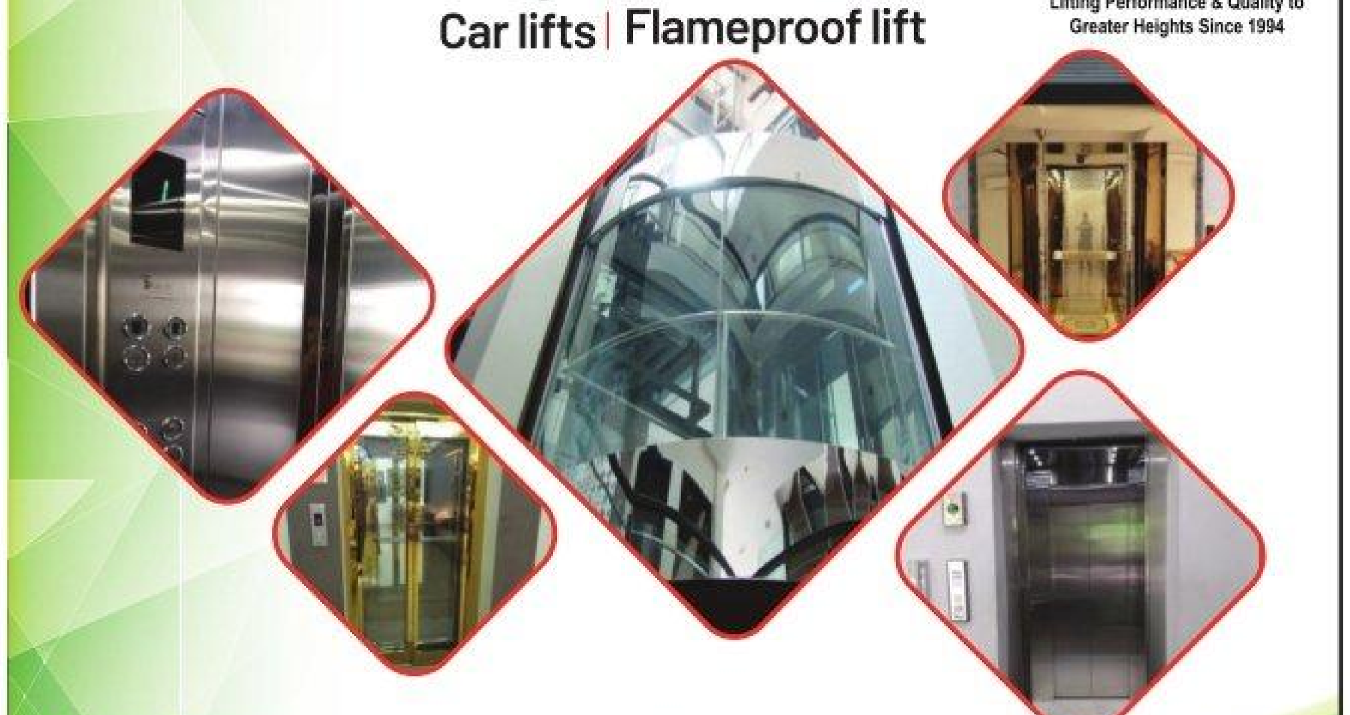

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EOI - CORRIGENDUM - I

EOI No. SBI/GITC/IT-ATM/2024/2025/49 Dated: 01.07.2024

With reference to EOI NO: SBI/GITC/IT-ATM/2024/2025/49, Dated 01.07.2024 for the Procurement of "Behavioural Biometric Solution" for its IT assets of IT-PRM department, State Bank of India has issued Corrigendum-I dated 17.07.2024. For details, please visit 'Procurement News' at **https://www.sbi.co.in** or **https://bank.sbi** and e-Procurement agency portal **https://etender.sbi/SBI/**

Last date and time for submission of bids: 23.07.2024 up to 15:00 hrs.

IT - PRM Department

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Tender Notice No.83245023A/Med/Part-II Date: 16.07.2024

Invitation of Tenders through E-procurement system

Principal Chief Materials Manager, Northern Railway, New Delhi - 110001, for and on behalf of the President of India, invites e-tenders through e-procurement system for supply of the following items:-

S. N.	Tender No.	Brief Description	Qty.	Closing Date
01	83245023B	Endoscopic Spine System as per pdf attached	1	09.08.2024

NOTE- 1. Vendors may visit the IREPS websites i.e. **www.ireps.gov.in** for details. **2.** No Manual offer will be entertained. **2166/2024**

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www.omfed.com

Date : 17.07.2024

e-Tender Notice for Purchase of Silage Machine, Chaff Cutter & Pallet Stretch

OMFED invites e-Tender from Manufacturer/ Authorized Distributor/Dealer & Supplier of Silage Machine, Chaff Cutter & Pallet Stretch Film supply to Omfed Training Centre, Jagganthpur. The tender is invited on-line through 'e'-procurement of Govt. of Odisha web Portal **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** and **http://www.omfed.com**.The Bid documents will be available in the website: **https://tendersodisha.gov.in** from 10.00 AM of 17.07.2024 to 5.00 PM of 31.07.2024. The Technical bids shall be opened at 11.30 A.M. on 01.08.2024 at OMFED Corporate office in the presence of the interested bidders. The Management reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the bid document or part thereof without assigning any reason.

Sd/-
Managing Director
OIPR-06063/11/0022/24-25

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Short Term E-Tender Enq. No. 7575/P-3/EMP-12723 dated 15.07.24

Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3) GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_123837_1 for the Procurement of Spares for Seal Assy. Set for Hot air gates of Bowl mills of stage-III of GGSSTP, Ropar.

For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 16.07.2024/05.00 PM onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum & addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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Letter No:606 **e-TENDER NOTICE** Date: 15/07/2024

The office of Executive Engineer (Maintenance), Maneri Bhali Stage-II, Chinyalisaur (Uttarkashi) invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of tender is given below :

Tender No: NIT- 08/EE (M)/MB-II/2024-25
Name of work / Supply/Services: Hiring of Two no. (8+1) seater, Two No. (6+1) seater and One No. Utility/Camper (Mahindra/Tata/equivalent) non-A.C. Diesel vehicles along with drivers
Estimated cost: Rs 22,90,464/- only + (GST & Diesel extra).
Date of availability of bid document on website: - 18.07.2024 from 16:00 Hrs
Last date for submission of bids on website: - 08.08.2024 up to 16:00 Hrs.
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal http://uktenders.gov.in

Executive Engineer (Maintenance)

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No:RGU/ENG/PMC/AII/Col/15/2024-25 Date: 12.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (RFP)

The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Invites tender for Providing Project Management Consultancy Services for the work of Construction of Allied Sciences College at Mysuru & Kalaburagi. More details on the services are provided in the attached Terms of Reference. **(Tender Reference Number: RGUHSK/2024-25/SE00013)**

Tender document available for downloaded	**12/07/2024**
Last date and time for Tender Queries/ Clarification	**18/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Pre Bid meeting	**19/07/2024 12:00 Hrs**
Last date & time for receipt of Tenders	**29/07/2024 17:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Technical Bid	**31/07/2024 11:30 Hrs**
Date & time for Opening of Financial Bid	**01/08/2024 12:30 Hrs**

More details can be fetched from website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
REGISTRAR

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FORM A
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT
(Under Regulation 6 of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (Insolvency Resolution Process for Corporate Persons) Regulations, 2016)

FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE CREDITORS OF THINK & LEARN PRIVATE LIMITED

RELEVANT PARTICULARS

1.	Name of corporate debtor	**Think & Learn Private Limited**
2.	Date of incorporation of corporate debtor	30/11/2011
3.	Authority under which corporate debtor is incorporated / registered	RoC-Bangalore
4.	Corporate Identity No. / Limited Liability Identification No. of corporate debtor	U80903KA2011PTC061427
5.	Address of the registered office and principal office (if any) of corporate debtor	IBC Knowledge Park, 4/1, 2nd Floor, Tower D Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka, India, 560029
6.	Insolvency commencement date in respect of corporate debtor	**16th July 2024**, date of pronouncement of order by Hon'ble NCLT Bengaluru.
7.	Estimated date of closure of insolvency resolution process	**12th January 2025**
8.	Name and registration number of the insolvency professional acting as interim resolution professional	**Mr. Pankaj Srivastava** Reg No. IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00245 /2017-18/10474
9.	Address and e-mail of the interim resolution professional, as registered with the Board	Address: #58, 3rd Cross Vinayaka Nagar Hebbal Bengaluru - 560024. **psri@live.com**
10.	Address and e-mail to be used for correspondence with the interim resolution professional	# 58, 3rd Cross, Vinayak Nagar, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560024, Phone:080-23902344 Email id : **ip.byjus@outlook.com**
11.	Last date for submission of claims	**31st July 2024,** being 14th day from the date of receipt of order
12.	Classes of creditors, if any, under clause (b) of sub-section (6A) of section 21, ascertained by the interim resolution professional	Not Applicable
13.	Names of Insolvency Professionals identified to act as Authorized Representative of creditors in a class (Three names for each class)	Not Applicable
14.	(a) Relevant Forms and (b) Details of authorized representatives are available at:	Weblink: https://ibbi.gov.in/en/home/downloads

Notice is hereby given that the National Company Law Tribunal has ordered the commencement of a corporate insolvency resolution process of the **Think & Learn Private Limited** on **16th July 2024**.

The creditors of **Think & Learn Private Limited**, are hereby called upon to submit their claims with proof on or before **31st July 2024** to the interim resolution professional at the address mentioned against entry No. 10.

The financial creditors shall submit their claims with proof by electronic means only. All other creditors may submit the claims with proof in person, by post or by electronic means.

Submission of false or misleading proofs of claim shall attract penalties.

Date: 17th July 2024
Place: Bengaluru

sd/-
Pankaj Srivastava
Interim Resolution Professional
IBBI/IPA-001/IP-P00245 /2017-18/10474
AFA Validity 17/11/2023 to 16/11/2024
In the matter of Think & Learn Private Limited

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BANKING & FINANCE

Kohinoor City, Commercial II, Tower-1, Kurla (W), Mumbai – 400070.
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Indian Institute of Banking & Finance (IIBF) invites proposals for "Design, Development of new Website, Portal and Back-end systems & Migration of existing data, content of the Website and Hosting & Maintaining the same in a Cloud environment on a Turnkey basis". The desirous bidders can download the Request for Proposal (RFP) document which contains details of the assignment from the Institute's website www.iibf.org.in under tab "Tender". The last date for submission of the bids is on or before 19th August 2024 by 3 PM.

Mumbai / 16th July 2024 **Chief Executive Officer**

RAJASTHAN STATE GANGANAGAR SUGAR MILLS LIMITED

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वेबसाईट : www.excise.rajasthan.gov.in ई–मेल: dgmpurchase.rsgsm@rajsathan.gov.in

E-bids are invited for procurement of below services:-

UBN	NIB No.	Particulars	Last Date of Submission Of Bids
UBN: GSM2425GLRC00014	03	RATE CONTRACT FOR CORRUGATED BOXES	Till date 25.07.2024 6.00 pm
UBN: GSM2425GLRC00016	04	Rate Contract For Pet Nips (180 ML)	Till date 29.07.2024 5.00 PM

Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state; **http://excise.rajasthan.gov.in/**, departmental website. Further updates about the bidding will be available only on **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** therefore interested bidders are advised to visit above website regularly for updates.

Raj.Samwad/C/24/2383 **Dy. General Manager (Purchase)**

Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd

(A Govt. of Gujarat Undertaking)
Nigam Bhavan, 1st floor, sector-16
Gandhinagar-382016

ReTender Notice

The tender is invited by Tourism Corporation of Gujarat Ltd. (TCGL), for the Selection of Agency for **"RENOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PALACE (RAJMAHAL) AMRELI, GUJARAT."** Estimate Cost of the Project Rs. 24,98,42,887.15/-The interested bidders/agencies may download the tender document form the website:**www.tender.nprocure.com** from 18/07/2024 onward Last dates of submission on online: **31/07/2024 up to 4.00 pm**.Tender may also be referred on **www.gujarattourism.com.**

Managing Director of TCGL reserves the right to reject or accept any or all tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

Managing Director

SPORTS DEPARTMENT, HARYANA, PANCHKULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

In compliance with the order dated 06.05.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 256 (Surya Sangwan Vs. The Director, Sports Department, Haryana & Another) the general public is, hereby, informed that all the appointments made by the Sports Department of Haryana to the posts to Junior Coach (OSP) in 2023-2024 shall be subject to the final outcome of the cited writ petition of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Director,
Sports Department, Haryana.

Issued through:DPR,Haryana/Advt. No. 27865/16.07.2024

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Admission Notice No. 72/2024

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Date for Online Registration of application

Name of Course	Opens on	Closes on
Ph.D. Programme	12.07.2024	26.07.2024 at 05:00 PM

Date of Entrance Examination

Name of Course	Date of Examination	Duration of Exam.
Ph.D. Programme	13.08.2024 (Tuesday)	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Important : For Prospectus, detailed information etc. please visit the website www.aiimsexams.ac.in. All applicants are required to visit the website regularly since all subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum/Updates will be uploaded on the website only.

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No. MBMA/MLAMP/INRM/93/G-139(A)/2024 Dated : 17-07-2024

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NCB 139 (A)	Procurement of Drudgery Reduction Equipment (Phase-II) under MLAMP	Consisting of 12 Lots	National Competitive Bidding	16th August, 2024 at 04:00 P.M..	16th August, 2024 at 04:30 P.M.

Virtual Pre-Bid meeting will be held on July 25, 2024 at 11:00 Hrs.

Interested bidders are requested to send their request to attend the pre-bid conference to **mlamp.procurement@gmail.com** for sending them the link.

Detailed information and other Terms and Conditions about the bidding documents is available at **www.mbda.gov.in;** any further notices including amendment to the bidding documents will be uploaded on this website only.

Sealed bids must be submitted in sealed envelope to The Project Director, MLAMP-Office of Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, Meghalaya Basin Management Agency, C/o Meghalaya State Housing Financing & Cooperative Society Ltd., Upper Nongrim Hills, Shillong-793003. Phone : 0364-2522043. For details please visit **http://www.mbda.gov.in.**

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Invitation for Global Tenders

Jawaharalal Nehru Port Authority(JNPA), a leading container Port in the state of Maharashtra-India, intends to set up a state-of -art agri storage cum processing facility through Public Private Partnership route(PPP). JNPA, currently handles about 11 MMTPA agricultural cargo. The proposed facility has a planned capacity of 1.2 MMTPA and is aimed to boost India's export-import of agricultural commodities. This advanced facility has to provide a comprehensive state of art infrastructure for cargo storage, quality enhancement, quality control, sorting, grading, packing etc. under one roof to support the growth of India's agricultural sector.

Name of the Project	Number of years of concession	Estimated Project Cost (to be incured by Concessionaire)
Development of Export-Import Cum Domestic Agricultural Commodity based Processing and Storage Facility at JNPA on PPP mode	30 years	INR 284.19 Cr.
Tender(RFP) Fees	**Rs.1,42,095/-** (Rupees One lakh Forty Two thousand and Ninety Five only) inclusive of GST	

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) invites online tenders in single stage two cover system from interested parties for selection of firm for **"DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT-IMPORT CUM DOMESTIC AGRICULTURAL COMMODITY BASED PROCESSING AND STORAGE FACILITY AT JNPA ON PPP MODE"**.

To download the tender documents and for more details interested firms can visit the JNPA website www.jnport.gov.in or log on to CPPP website (https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app). The documents will be available for download and submission from 11:00 hrs on 17.07.2024 to 15:00 hrs on 28.08.2024.

Chief General Manager (PP&D- JNPA)

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF TELANGANA LIMITED

e - TENDER NOTICE

The TGTransco invites online Bids on e-procurement platform for supply of the following Equipment:

Sl.No.	Tender Specification No.	Description of Equipment
1.	TGPMM11-20/2024	2C & 4C 2.5Sq.mm Cu. Control cables

Bidders can have further details and download the tender schedule from e- procurement platform @ www.tender.telangana.gov.in (Telangana state).

Contact Nos: O/o. The Chief Engineer/P&MM, TGTransco, Hyderabad Phone: 040-23396000, Extn.: 3670/3583/3276/3343/3275

R.O. No. : 185-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2024-25 **Sd/- Chief Engineer/P&MM**

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited

Regd. Office : PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala - 147001.
Corporate Identity No. : U40109PB2010SGC033813
Website : www.pspcl.in
Phone No.- 0175-2207649, Email id :- se-it-os@pspcl.in

Tender Enquiry No. 319/DIT-937(Vol-3) dated 15.07.2024

Dy. CE/IT (O&S) Ground Floor PSPCL Head Office, The Mall, Patiala invites e-tender for Renewal of OEM Support for Microsoft License for PSPCL. For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from 15.07.2024, 5:00 pm onwards.

Note :- Corrigendum and addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY

Salem Division
Office of the Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer
Electric Loco Shed, Erode
E-Tender Notice

Online tender are invited for the following work:

Tender No	**SA_A_RS_ED_OT_24_25_7, Dated: 15.07.2024**
Description of Work	Contract for Transportation of equipment of electric locomotives based at Electric Loco Shed, Southern Railway, Salem Division, Erode.

All details regarding the tender are available at **https://www.ireps.gov.in**

Sr.DEE/RS/ED.

भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

16-20, BARAKHAMBA LANE, NEW DELHI-110001

SECOND CALL OF TENDER

Food Corporation of India, Headquarters, New Delhi again invites online tender through Bid No. **GEM/2024/B/5166730 dated 16.07.2024** in two bid system (earlier called through GEM/2024/B/4748982 dated 08.03.2024) from interested eligible bidders for selection of System Integrator for Supply, Installation, Testing, Commissioning, Operations & Maintenance for CCTV Cameras at FCI owned godowns.

The bid document and other detailed terms and condition can be downloaded from GeM Portal and FCI Website (fci.gov.in). Corrigendum/Addendum etc, if any will be uploaded online only.

General Manager (Security)
Phone No.: 011-43527304, Email: msecure.fci@gov.in

राष्ट्र के खाद्य सुरक्षा प्रहरी

SEARCH FOR MISSING

Mehbis

General Public is hereby informed that one female namely **Mehbis D/o Osid Alam, R/o** H.No.Vill Jhitkaniya, Distt: Motihari Champaran, Bihar has been missing is since 12.07.2024 at 6.00 PM from Friday Market Mata Sundri Road in the area of P.S. I.P. Estate, Delhi. In this regard a case vides **DD No. 123A** dated **12.07.2024** has been registered at PS. I.P. Estate, Delhi. The description of missing female is as under :

Name : Mehbis, **Father's Name** : Osid Alam, **Age** : 20 yrs., **Height** : 5'3", **Built:** Thin, **Face** : Oval, **Complexion** : Fair, **Wearing** : Blue Jeans and Blue Multi Color Kurti and Pink Color Chappal in feet.

If anyone having any clue/information, kindly inform the undersigned.

Website : http://cbi.nic.in
e-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Fax : 011-24368639
Ph. : 011-24368638, 24368641

SHO
P.S., I.P. Estate, Delhi
Ph : 011-23370928, 23370999,8750870426

DP/9149/CD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 (2) (ii) CrPC

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Namely: Vishal Kumar, S/o: Ramesh Kumar, R/o: 1/10058, Gali No. 3, West Gorakh Park, Shahdara, Delhi** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in a case vide **FIR No. 365/2018 U/s 33 D EX ACT**, registered at **PS Welcome, North East Distt. Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued stating that the said **Vishal Kumar** could not be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **Vishal Kumar** is absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **Vishal Kumar** has required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **17.08.2024.**

By Order
Aridaman Singh Cheema
MM-03 Shahdara Court No. 19
Karkardooma Court, Delhi

DP/9181/NE/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused person **Rakesh** S/o Late Ramesh R/o JR-3, Beri Wala Bagh, Near Durga Mandir, Hari Nagar, New Delhi has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence FIR No. 000154/2022 u/s 380 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Rakesh** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Rakesh** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Rakesh** accused of FIR No. 000154/2022 u/s 380 IPC at P.S. Rajouri Garden, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **13.09.2024.**

By Order: Sh. Shashank Nandan Bhatt,
Metropolitan Magistrate (West),
Room No. 356, 3rd Floor,
Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/9194/WD/2024

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS

See Section 82 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons **(1) Kamal Hussain** S/o Habib Rehman **(2) Rukiya** D/o Salman both R/o Jhuggi Shram Vihar, Shaheen Bagh, New Delhi have committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence case FIR No. 76/20 u/s 392/411/34 IPC at P.S. Kalindi Kunj, New Delhi and it have been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **(1) Kamal Hussain (2) Rukiya** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **(1) Kamal Hussain (2) Rukiya** have absconded (or is concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proceeding u/s 82 Cr.P.C. has been initiated in the case. Proclamation is hereby made that the said **(1) Kamal Hussain (2) Rukiya** accused of FIR No. 76/20 u/s 392/411/34 IPC at P.S. Kalindi Kunj, New Delhi is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on **01.09.2024.**

By Order: Sh. Himanshu Tanwar,
Metropolitan Magistrate-10 (South East)
Room No. 307, 3rd Floor,
Saket Courts, New Delhi

DP/9226/SE/2024

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

G20

Open Tender No.: JHS-RCNK-M- LB-24-25-06 **Date:** 12.07.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited by Chief Workshop Manager Rail Coach Naveenikaran Karkhana, Jhansi from experienced or interested contractors on behalf of the President of India for the under mentioned work:-

Name of Work: Repairing work of LHB FIAT Bogie (Air & Coil Spring type) during SS-I, SS-II and SS-III schedule along with Coach Lifting work, Buffer Assembly Repair and fitment work, Centre Buffer Coupler (CBC) overhauling and fitment work of draft gear assembly repair and fitment work.

Cost of work: Rs. 1,86,36,828.34 (Including 18% GST), **Bid Security:** Rs. 2,43,200/-, **Time of completion:** Twenty Four Months, **Online tender closing date and time:** 06.08.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.

Detailed information about tender and tender format is available at website **www.ireps.gov.in.** **1226/24 (A)**

North central railway | www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in | @northcentralrailway | @CPRONCR

पावर ट्रांसमिशन कारपोरेशन ऑफ उत्तराखण्ड लि0

(उत्तराखण्ड सरकार का उपक्रम) अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (जानपद) परि0एवंअनु0 कार्यालय
विद्युत भवन, नजदीक आई0एस0बी0टी0 क्रॉसिंग, सहारनपुर रोड माजरा, देहरादून–248002, दूरभाष सं0 9068177060

निविदा विस्तारित सूचना–5
63/SE(C)O&M/E-Tender/PTCUL/D.Dun/2023-24

निविदा सं0 63/SE(C)O&M/E-Tender/PTCUL/D.Dun/2023-24 की डाउनलोडिंग, प्राप्ति एवं खुलने की तिथि क्रमशः दिनांक 16.08.2024 तथा 17.08.2024 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। निविदाएं दिनांक 16.08.2024 समय 5:00 बजे तक अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (जानपद) परि0एवंअनु0, पिटकुल, विद्युत भवन, माजरा, देहरादून के कार्यालय में प्राप्त की जाएगी। तथा निविदा के तकनीकी भाग दिनांक 17.08.2024 समय 3:30 बजे जानपदीय कार्यों हेतु पंजीकृत इच्छुक फर्मों के समक्ष खोला जायेगा।

निविदा सम्बन्धित अन्य विस्तृत विवरण ई–निविदा वेबसाइट **www.uktenders.gov.in/PTCUL** एवं ई–निविदा सूचना पिटकुल वेबसाइट **www.ptcul.org** से डाउनलोड किये जा सकते है।

ई–निविदा से सम्बन्धित जानकारी हेतु अथवा किसी भी सहायता के लिए PH. No. 91-8899890000, +0120-4200462, 0120-4001002, 0120-4001005, 0120-6277787 से सम्पर्क स्थापित करें।

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अधीक्षण अभियन्ता (जानपद) परि0 एवं अनु0

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Rajasthan State Mines & Minerals Limited

(A Government of Rajasthan Enterprise), 4, Meera Marg, Udaipur – 313001
फोन नम्बर: (0294) 2427177/2428792-2428763, 67 फैक्स: (0294) 2428768, 2428739

e-Tender Document Date :- 15/07/2024

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender No. RSMM/CO/GGM(Proj)/2024-25/138 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WSOB00062	"Mining of Bajri from Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adsipura at Tehsil Sawaipur Distt. Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and its transportation up to designated stockyard. Contract value Rs. 3500.00 , EMD in Rs. 70.00 lac, Tender Fees Rs. 4720 /-
e-Tender No. RSMM/CO/GGM(Proj)/2024-25/139 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WSOB00063	Loading of BAJRI into Trucks/Tippers etc deployed by customers from stockyard of RSMML's Bajri mines situated at Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adsipura at Tehsil Sawaipur Distt. Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and other related work as per scope of tender. Contract value Rs. 1700.00 , EMD in Rs. 34.00 lac, Tender Fees Rs. 4720 /-, Contract Period- 05 years or expiry of lease period whichever is earlier.

Other terms & conditions have been given in detailed tender for which please visit us at our website **www.rsmm.com** or **www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in** or **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** or contact Manager (Project) on above address.

Raj.Samwad/C/24/2349 **DGM (P&A)**

Government of Punjab (Department of Health & Family Welfare)

Bid Ref No:- E-tender/ PHSC/Proc/2024/155

The Punjab Health Systems Corporation, SAS Nagar (Mohali) invites online bids for the Rate Contract of two years of **various types of Equipments for NPCB ie A Scan, Keratometer, Vision Testing Drums for 6 meter & 3 meter (Snellen) and Trial Lens Se with Trial Frames** as per list enumerated in the tender document available on the website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in.

Date, time and place of pre bid conference	:	24.07.2024 at 11:30 am in the Committee Room of Punjab Health Systems Corporation, Punjab School Education Board Building, 2nd Floor, E-Block, Mohali-160062. Phone No. 0172-2232245, 2232247
Closing Date and Time	:	14.08.2024 till 4:30 pm

For details log on https://eproc.punjab.gov.in).

Note : Any Corrigendum(s) to the tender notice shall be published on the above website only.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR
PHSC Mohali

DPR/Pb.:phsc/12/385/2023/35669

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कॉरपोरेशन लि0

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कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता, विद्युत वितरण मण्डल (ग्रामीण) 18 ई0सी0 रोड, देहरादून
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संख्या : **51/06/E-3/APS/DR/2022-23** दिनांक : **15 जुलाई, 2024**

विज्ञप्ति

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है कि उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग द्वारा उत्तराखण्ड सचिवालय/उत्तराखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग में समूह 'ग' के अन्तर्गत अपर निजी सचिव के रिक्त 99 पदों पर सीधी भर्ती के माध्यम से चयन हेतु विज्ञापन संख्या–**A-1/E-3/APS/DR/2024** दिनांक 18 जुलाई, 2024 प्रकाशित किया गया है। उक्त विज्ञापन में उल्लिखित शैक्षिक अर्हता के आधार पर पात्र अभ्यर्थियों से प्रश्नगत पदों हेतु दिनांक 18 जुलाई, 2024 से दिनांक 07 अगस्त, 2024 तक ऑनलाइन आवेदन आमंत्रित किये जाते हैं। ऑनलाइन आवेदन के क्रम में प्रमुख तिथियां निम्नवत् है:–

1. **विज्ञापन प्रकाशन एवं ऑनलाइन आवेदन प्रारम्भ होने की तिथि** – 18 जुलाई, 2024
2. **ऑनलाइन आवेदन किये जाने की अंतिम तिथि** – 07 अगस्त, 2024 (रात्रि 11:59:59 बजे तक)।
3. **शुल्क जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि** – 07 अगस्त, 2024 (रात्रि 11:59:59 बजे तक)।
4. **ऑनलाइन आवेदन पत्र में संशोधन/परिवर्तन करने की तिथि** – 12 अगस्त, 2024 से 21 अगस्त, 2024 (रात्रि 11.59.59 बजे) तक।

प्रश्नगत पदों हेतु इच्छुक/पात्र अभ्यर्थी ऑनलाइन आवेदन करने से पूर्व आयोग की वेबसाइट **psc.uk.gov.in** पर प्रसारित विस्तृत विज्ञापन में वर्णित समस्त शर्तों/निर्देशों का भली–भांति अवलोकन कर लें। ऑनलाइन आवेदन करते समय उत्पन्न समस्याओं के समाधान हेतु अभ्यर्थी **ukpschelpline@gmail.com** पर ई0मेल कर सकते हैं।

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No.1, Dr. Siddaiah Puranik Road, KHB Colony, Magadi Road, Bengaluru - 560079, Phone: +91-80-29619801 Email: md.ksmscl@gmail.com

No: KSMSCL/DRUGS/RETND/AMPK/16/2024-25 Dated: 15.07.2024

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ RETND/ AMPK/16/2024-25, Dated: 15.07.2024 (IND- 0137).
2. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ RETND/ BANDAGE CLOTH/AI//10/2024-25, Dated: 15.07.2024 (IND- 0138).
3. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ RETND/ BANDAGE CLOTH/AI//11/2024-25, Dated: 15.07.2024 (IND- 0139).
4. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ RETND/ BANDAGE CLOTH/AI//12/2024-25, Dated: 15.07.2024 (IND- 0140).
5. Tender Notification No: KSMSCL/ DRUGS/ RETND/ BANDAGE CLOTH/AI//13/2024-25, Dated: 15.07.2024 (IND- 0141).

Nationwide Tender is invited through **e-Tendering system** under KTPP Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

1. **Tender for the supply of Drugs under AMPK Programme (IND- 0137).**
2. **Tender for the supply of Bandage Cloth under Annual Indent (IND- 0138).**
3. **Tender for the supply of Bandage Cloth under Annual Indent (IND- 0139).**
4. **Tender for the supply of Bandage Cloth under Annual Indent (IND- 0140).**
5. **Tender for the supply of Bandage Cloth under Annual Indent (IND- 0141).**

Details regarding EMD, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the Tender Document, which can be downloaded from the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** from **15.07.2024.** The eligible tenderers shall submit their e-tenders under e-procurement platform for above mentioned tenders. Further information if any may be obtained from this office.

Sd/- Managing Director,
KSMSCL, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO942/24-25

Head of Maoist women wing held in Dhanbad: Jaya Manjhi (48), head of Bihar-Jharkhand special area committee of the banned CPI (Maoist) women wing, was arrested by Dhanbad police Monday and handed over to their counterparts in Giridih on Tuesday. TNN

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10 killed as rain triggers landslides in K'taka

Nine people, including four members of a family, were killed in a massive landslide near Shirur village in Ankola taluk of Karnataka on Tuesday, while another person died in Karwar when a hill near his house collapsed, as heavy rains have lashed the state's Uttara Kannada district for the past one week. TNN

Punjab Horticultural Postharvest Technology Centre
P.A.U. Campus Ludhiana, Punjab

Tender Notice 02/2024

PHPTC intends to purchase Gas Chromatograph-Mass spectrometer (GCMSMS)-Triple Quardrupole system. Last date of submission of e-tender is 08-08-2024 upto 2:00 PM.

For details/corrigendum/amendment if any, visit website https://eproc.punjab.gov.in and www.phptc.org.

DPR/Pb.:NA/12/24157/2023/35690

2 kids die as van hits auto in J'khand

Two school kids died after a van rammed into auto in Jharkhand. TNN

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With 1st judge from Manipur, SC back at full strength of 34

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New Delhi: Three working days after the Supreme Court collegium recommended two judges to be appointed to the top court, law ministry on Tuesday notified the elevation of Justice R Mahadevan, a judge of Madras high court, and **Justice N Kotiswar Singh**, chief justice of J&K and Ladakh HC, as judges of the apex court.

In two other appointments, Justice D Krishnakumar, a judge of Madras HC, was appointed acting chief justice of HC, and Justice Tashi Rabstan, a judge of J&K and Ladakh HC, as its acting CJ. With these two elevations to SC, the top court will have its full strength of 34 judges, including Chief Justice of India.

The SC collegium had recommended elevation of Justice Singh to SC on July 11. He will be the first judge from Manipur to be appointed to the apex court.

While recommending Justice Singh, the SC collegium had said, "His appointment as a judge of Supreme Court will provide representation to the north-east, and in particular he will be the first judge from Manipur to be appointed as a judge of SC." Justice Singh hails from Manipur and was appointed as a judge of Gauhati HC on Oct 17, 2011. On formation of Manipur HC, he was transferred as a judge there. On Feb 15, 2023, he was appointed CJ of J&K and Ladakh HC. He is due to retire on Feb 28, 2025.

On the recommendation of Justice Mahadevan, the SC collegium said, "He belongs to a backward community from Tamil Nadu and his appointment will bring diversity to the bench."

PUBLIC NOTICE
GOVERNMENT OF HARYANA
EXCISE & TAXATION DEPARTMENT

NOTICE FOR INVITING e-TENDERS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC FOR ALLOTMENT OF REMAINING RETAIL LIQUOR ZONES IN FOURTEEN (14) DISTRICTS IN THE STATE OF HARYANA FOR THE EXCISE POLICY YEAR 2024-25.

1. It is notified for the information of general public that e-tenders for allotment of 35 retail liquor zones of country liquor and Indian Made Foreign Liquor vends (L-2/L-14A) in 14 districts in the State of Haryana are hereby invited for the excise policy year 2024-25. The district wise detail of zones available for e-bidding is as under :-

Sr. No.	Name of District	Zone Code					
1.	Faridabad	ZFBD13	ZFBD43	ZFBD73			
2.	Gurugram (East)	ZGRE01 ZGRE55	ZGRE08	ZGRE24	ZGRE31	ZGRE46	ZGRE52
3.	Gurugram (West)	ZGRW08					
4.	Hisar	ZHSR01	ZHSR07				
5.	Jhajjar	ZJHA22					
6.	Jind	ZJND03	ZJND20				
7.	Karnal	ZKNL18	ZKNL25				
8.	Kurukshetra	ZKKR01	ZKKR06				
9.	Narnaul	ZNNL18	ZNNL19	ZNNL28			
10.	Panchkula	ZPKL23	ZPKL26				
11.	Panipat	ZPNP15	ZPNP16				
12.	Rewari	ZRWR05	ZRWR14	ZRWR31			
13.	Rohtak	ZRTK05	ZRTK18				
14.	Sirsa	ZSRS14	ZSRS15	ZSRS43			

2. The schedule for submission of e-bids for these zones and evaluation thereof shall be as under :-

Starting date and time for placing e-tenders	From 18th July, 2024 (9.00 AM)
Closing date and time for placing e-tenders	Till 18th July, 2024 (04.00 PM)
Evaluation of e-tenders	18th July, 2024 (5.00 PM)

3. The reserve price and quota of these 35 zones for the purpose of e-tendering has been decided as per the provisions of clause 2.16 and other relevant provisions of the Haryana Excise Policy 2024-25.

The zone-wise detail of reserve price and quota of these 35 zones shall be displayed in the excise arrangement.

4. The e-tenders for these zones can be submitted online through the official website of the department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The remaining terms and conditions of e-tenders and allotment of zones shall be same, as informed vide the Public Notice, published in leading newspapers on 18th May, 2024, for inviting e-tenders for allotment of retail liquor zones of all districts in the State of Haryana. The copy of Public Notice dated 18th May, 2024 is also available on the official website of department i.e. www.haryanatax.gov.in. The detailed procedure of registration for participation in the allotment process and submission of e-tenders is also available on the official website.

5. The excise arrangements of these zones containing number of vends, liquor quota, location of vends, command area as applicable and reserve price thereof, as well as the venue for evaluation of e-tenders shall be conspicuously displayed in the office of DETCs (Excise) and DETCs (ST) of the districts concerned. These details shall also be available on the official website i.e. **www.haryanatax.gov.in**.

6. All allotment(s) and grant of licence(s) shall be subject to the provisions of the Haryana Excise Act, 1914, the rules framed thereunder, orders/instructions issued by the competent authority and the Excise Policy for the year 2024-25. Any clarification regarding the procedure may be obtained from the office of DETCs (Excise) in any of the districts. The copy of Haryana Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 is available on official website of the department.

7. All allotments of licenses are subject to the approval of the Excise and Taxation Commissioner (Financial Commissioner). The ETC (FC) may reject, without assigning any reason, any allotment in public interest as the case may be, within 10 days of the date of allotment. In case no decision of Excise and Taxation Commissioner (FC) is conveyed within the stipulated period of ten days, the allotment shall be deemed to have been approved by the ETC (FC).

Excise and Taxation Commissioner,
Haryana.

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All references to IPC, CrPC, Evidence Act to mean new criminal laws now: Govt notice

New Delhi: The Centre has invoked Section 8 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, to provide for any reference to the erstwhile Indian Penal Code (IPC), Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC) and Indian Evidence Act in other Acts enacted by Parliament or state legislatures, ordinances and Presidential orders, as references to the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA) respectively, reports **Bharti Jain**.

"In pursuance of Section 8 of the General Clauses Act, 1897, the Centre hereby notifies that where any reference of the Indian Penal Code, 1860, or the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, or the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, is made in any Act made by Parliament; Act made by legislature of any state; ordinance; regulations made under Article 240 of the Constitution; President's order; rules, regulations, order or notification made under any Act, ordinance or regulation, in the time being in force; such reference shall respectively be read as the reference of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 or Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, and the corresponding provisions of such law shall be construed accordingly," a notification issued by the home ministry said on Tuesday.

BNS, BNSS and BSA — which replace IPC, CrPC and Indian Evidence Act respectively — were enacted in Dec last year and came into force on July 1

Section 8 of General Clauses Act, 1897, deals with the construction of references to repealed enactments. It states that if the Act, or any central Act or regulation made after commencement of the Act, repeals and re-enacts a provision of a former enactment, then references in any other enactment or instrument to the repealed provision should be construed as references to the re-enacted provision. This is unless a different intention appears.

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File No. Mat. Case/2912/2024
Case No. 201/2024
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Pawan Kumar Khajuria age 54 years S/O Sh. Krishan Lal Khajuria 360, Sector 2, JDA Housing Colony, Roop Nagar, Jammu, UT of J&K 180013 Pkk 9797083633@gmail. Com 9797083633
...Petitioner

Versus

1. Sujata Khajuria D/O Sh. K.K.Sharma R/o B-13 Flat No.10 Anupam Vihar Phase 1 Saidulajab near Saket New Delhi -689. **...Respondent**
1. Siddharth Khajuria 28 years s/o Pawan Khajuria
2. Dr. Ankita Khajuria 26 years R/o B-13 Flat No.10, Anupam Vihar Phase 1 Saidulajab near Saket New Delhi -689. ...Proforma Respondents

In the matter of: **Petition under section 13 (A) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 for dissolution of marriage on the ground of cruelty causing mental agony, physical, social and other reasons to cohabit with each other and continue the matrimonial relation being living separately for the last more than 13 years and never maintained any physical relations with each other with the prayer that the marriage between the petitioner and respondent be declared as null and void with the decree of divorce in favour of the petitioner and against the respondent.**

NOTICE TO :-

1. Sujata Khajuria D/O Sh. K.K.Sharma, R/o B-13 Flat No.10 Anupam Vihar Phase 1 Saidulajab near Saket New Delhi -689 **...Respondent**
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3. Dr. Ankita Khajuria 26 years, R/o B-13 Flat No.10 Anupam Vihar Phase 1, Saidulajab near Saket New Delhi -689. ...Proforma respondents

Whereas the above titled petition filed by the petitioner in terms of section 13(A) of the Hindu Marriage Act 1955 is pending adjudication before this court since 22.03.2024 in which petitioner has sought dissolution of her marriage solemnized with respondent No.1 and in this regard, notice were served upon you for appearance before this court and to file objections to the petition of the petitioner, but despite notice, you have not appeared before this court till date.

Therefore, through the medium of this publication, you are hereby informed to appear in the present case on 17.08.2024, either in person or through Advocate and file objections in the present case, failing which the matter shall be heard and decided under law.

In case of holiday on the above said date, the matter shall be taken up on the next working day.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today the 2nd of July 2024

sd/-
(Ajay Kumar Gupta) Principal Judge, Family Court, Jammu

In The High Court Of Delhi at New Delhi
(Extraordinary Original Civil Writ Jurisdiction) Notice Under Order V Rule 20, R/w Sec. 151 Code Of Civil Procedure Writ Petition (Civil) 5913/2017

Purshotam Behl ...Petitioner Vs
Govt. Of NCT of Delhi & Ors
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Notice to R-3 Sh. Kishan (Since Deceased) Through Its Legal Representative **Nitin Sharma,** S/o Late Sh. Kishan Kumar R/o AA-3, Vikas Marg, Tonk Phatak, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302015

R4 : Sh Lachhu Ram S/o **Bhawani Shankar R/o B-96, Saket Colony, Jaipur, Rajasthan-302004**

Whereas the above mentioned petitioner has presented this petition under Article 226 &227 of the Constitution of India and Whereas the said petition was listed before the Court on 17.07.2017 & the Hon'ble Court ordered for issuance of notice to you on various dates.

And Whereas on 8.1.2024 & 29.5.24 it has been proved to the satisfaction of this Court that you cannot be served in the ordinary manner. Notice is hereby issued to you by way of publication to cause an appearance to be entered on your behalf either in person or through an advocate duly appointed by you for the purpose before the Court of Registrar on 12.11.2024 at 11:00 A.M.

Take further notice that in default of your appearance by yourself, your pleader or some other person authorized by law to act for you in the said Writ Petition on the aforementioned date, no further notice of the subsequent date of hearing of the said petition will be given to you in the future and the said Writ Petition will be heard and determined ex-parte in your absence

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 09th Day of July, 2024

Sd/-
SEAL Assistant Registrar (Writs) for Registrar General

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This Public Notice is given on behalf of my Clients Shri Rajesh Chaudhary & Tanmaya Chaudhary with regard to the property bearing municipal Number B-100, Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-110092.

General Public is informed that the original conveyance deed and other related property documents are lost/stolen. A Loss Report had already been lodged with Crime Branch, Delhi Police.

The General Public is hereby informed not to deal with the property i.e. B-100 Swasthya Vihar, Delhi-110092 in any manner on the basis of lost/stolen documents. Any unauthorized action shall be dealt with criminal and civil action from my clients.

Advocate Suman K Doval
Office: 7189, B-10, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-1100 70.
Chamber: 313, C K Daftary Chamber Block, Supreme Court of India, Tilak Lane, New Delhi- 1100 01
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HEREBY informed that I intend to purchase Prop. No 3/43, Punjabi Bagh (W) N.D. from Keshav Dutt Gupta. If any person has any claim on said property, may kindly contact Shyam Mohan Gupta at 9910704804 within 7 days

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It is hereby informed to the public at large that my client **Dr. Arvind Chopra S/o Sh. B.K. Chopra**, is the sole and lawful owner and in possession of property bearing no. **A-514, Sushant Lok-1, Gurugram, Haryana.** It has come to his knowledge that someone impersonating him is attempting to sell the above mentioned property by using forged and fabricated documents and accepting sale consideration for the same. My client is a resident of the United States and has not entered into any agreement to sell with respect of the said property and also not authorized anyone to sell the property on his behalf. Any person dealing with the impersonator in any manner whatsoever, without properly verifying the documents shall do so at their own risk and consequences and my client will not be responsible for the same.

VARUN KATHURIA (Advocate)
470, Lawyers Chambers, Block-1, Delhi High Court, New Delhi-110003
Mob. No. 9810118367
Em: varun.kathuria@yahoo.com

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CHANGE OF NAME

I Aditi Agrawal, W/O Sugam Saxena, R/o Bharat City, Ghaziabad, has verified that, going forward, my surname on my son Anant Saxena's birth certificate will be Agrawal rather than Saxena.

I, Tilak Raj Bathla S/o Late Sh. Jagan Nath Bathla R/o KM-186, Kavi Nagar, Ghaziabad, U.P. have changed my name Tilak Raj to Tilak Raj Bathla for all future purposes.

AS per my Adhar/PAN Card no.s 96992863480/ ACAPB 4565D, my name is Chaman Lal Birdi S/o Khushi Ram Birdi instead of CL Birdi, R/o 564, Mandakini Enclave , Alaknanda, New Delhi-110019

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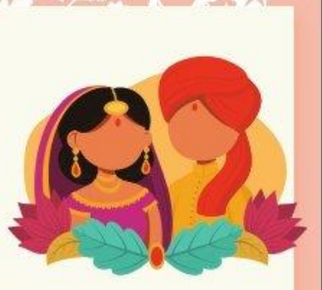

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Land grab: TN ex-mantri held from hideout

Chennai: Tamil Nadu CB-CID police on Tuesday arrested former AIADMK minister M R Vijayabhaskar, wanted in connection with a landgrab case, from a hideout in Kerala, reports **Selvaraj A**. He was absconding since his anticipatory bail pleas were dismissed last month. The team also arrested one Praveen.

According to a case registered by Vangal police in Tamil Nadu's Karur district in June, 16 people — including Vijayabhaskar, Sekar, Praveen — kidnapped, assaulted, and criminally intimidated one M Prakash of Kattur to get his 22 acres of land, worth Rs 100 crore.

7 yrs in jail for cop after 17-yr trial in rape case

After 17 years of trial, a cop from Mainpuri, Vimlesh Yadav, was found guilty of rape and sentenced to seven years of jail along with a fine of Rs 20,000, reports **Deepak Lavania.**

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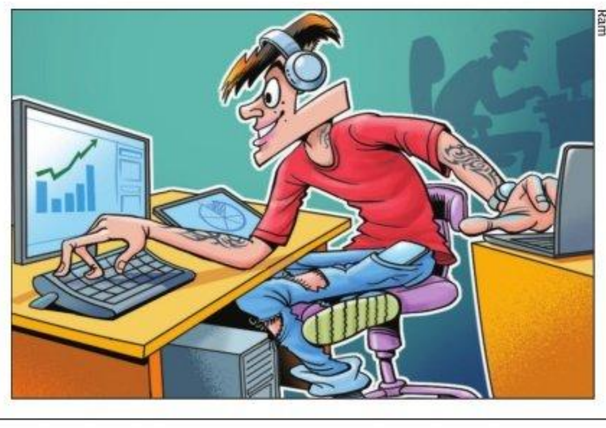
Cos Need To Review Traditional Strategies To Retain Gen Zs

By Sujaya Banerjee

A senior leader at a large bank was heading to a meeting when he met one of his Gen Z trainees, who

stopped to say goodbye as it was his last day. Surprised, the senior asked if he was joining the competition as the trainee had received good feedback. The trainee admitted he didn't fully understand the job expectations and found the sales demands too strenuous. The young man admitted he did not have any other job, and planned to use the time to reflect and re-examine his priorities.

This is the new generation of talent India Inc is learning to manage. Born between 1996 and 2012, this cohort constitutes 30% of India's population. They have never known a world without technology, and came close on the heels of millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, who saw the rise of the internet and social media in their adult years and constitute 34% of the population.



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Here are some hacks for organisations to consider as they meet Gen Z halfway.

Connect, then lead: Gen Z constitutes employees starting careers in an ecosystem of disruptions. Gen Z is used to being seen and validated. If you make them part of a nameless and faceless crowd, they will easily get disenchanted. Getting them anchors/mentors to settle in through the first year is key.

Re-invent entry-level jobs: We are hiring children of the knowledge era, digital natives who can bring agility and new thinking to problem-solving if given the right opportunity and mentored. There must be steep learning curves and challenges that demand learning, early leadership responsibilities, and opportunities for building a positive personal leadership brand and reputation in an environment of meaty learning opportunities.

Communicate to clarify: Ensure Gen Z is included to understand the organisation's purpose, decisions, direction, and opportunities. Mentor them to seek feedback and help them up this virtuous cycle by asking them for feedback.

Early leadership responsibilities: Identify ways to make the job meatier, include them in technology projects and design thinking groups, involve them in projects related to ESG, DEI, or cost-optimisation, and give them a sense of accomplishment. Don't only focus on their CVs, use persona-based hiring and deploy them for demonstrated areas of interest rather than only education or experience

Gen Z wants to work for organisations where they feel respected, valued, and represented. Leveraging their need for independence and self-direction by offering them jobs that enable early leadership and empowerment can help re-invent this space.

(The writer is CEO, Capstone People Consulting)

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Slammed by SC, retd judge quits probe panel against KCR

New Delhi: Critiqued by Supreme Court on Tuesday for breaching fairness norms, Justice L Narasimha Reddy declined to continue as the one-man commission to inquire into alleged power sector irregularities caused by K Chandrashekar Rao-led BRS govt. Telangana govt said it will notify a new chairperson by Monday, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

A bench of Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra agreed with KCR's counsel, senior advocate Mukul Rohatgi, that Justice Reddy gave away his predisposed mind by commenting in a June 16 press conference about loss caused to the exchequer, an issue he was to inquire into.

"What crime has KCR committed to face such political vendetta? The whole commission of inquiry reeks of political vendetta. What fairness does he expect from the inquiry commission when the retired judge has already made up his mind and made comments about findings even before KCR has put in his reply," Rohatgi asked.

Senior advocate A M Singhvi, who defended the appointment of the CoI by the Revanth Reddy govt, strongly rebutted Rohatgi's submissions and said the CoI's findings would be recommendatory in nature and the entire gamut of civil and criminal law remedies will be open for the ex-CM to challenge the findings. "At worst, Justice Reddy could be said to have been quirky but that does not mean the CoI, appointed to look into documents reflecting glaring irregularities, should be derailed," he said.

Appearing for Justice Reddy, senior advocate Gopal Sankaranarayanan informed the court that the retired judge has sent a communication expressing his desire to recuse from the CoI.

After 11 yrs behind bars, man gets SC relief in murder case

Acquittal Comes 6 Years After Challenging Conviction By HC

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New Delhi: A poor Chhattisgarh villager thrown behind the bars for 11 years after a trial court and HC concurrently convicted him for a murder he did not commit, found his innocence proved in Supreme Court.

The case exemplified the country's snail paced criminal justice system. Bilaspur bench of Chhattisgarh HC took five years to uphold the trial court verdict and SC another six years to acquit him of murder charges as it found that prosecution failed to prove his guilt beyond reasonable doubts.

One Ratnu Yadav was arrested on the allegation of forcibly drowning his stepmother on March 2, 2013 at

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The man, accused of forcibly drowning his stepmother, was convicted by a trial court in 2013. HC upheld the verdict in 2018

village Kharora, in Raipur. The trial court convicted him on July 9, 2013 through a fast track trial and sentenced him to life imprisonment. HC upheld the trial court verdict on April 7, 2018.

As no advocate was appearing for him, SC engaged advocate Shridhar Y Chitale as amicus curiae to assist the court in reaching a just conclusion on scrutiny of the evidence placed on record by the prosecution. Chitale said postmortem report indicated that the death was due to drowning but the prosecution has not discharged the burden of proving that it was homicidal death.

The amicus also pointed out that the witness, the person before whom the accused is claimed to have made an extrajudicial confession, had turned hostile during the trial, thus taking away the credence of the prosecution story that the man forcibly drowned his stepmother.

A bench led by Justices A S Oka and Rajesh Bindal said, "The normal rule of human conduct is that if a person wants to confess to a crime committed by him, he will do so before the person in whom he has implicit faith. It is not the case of the prosecution that the appellant (Yadav) had a close acquaintance with this witness for a certain length of time before the incident. Moreover, the version of the witness in examination-in-chief and cross-examination is entirely different. Therefore, in our considered view the testimony of the witness is not reliable."

After finding some more similar discrepancies in the prosecution case, the bench set aside the trial court and the HC judgments, acquitted the accused and said, "the appellant's guilt has not been proved beyond a reasonable doubt."

HC: Didn't get SC collegium note on judge picks even after 6 mths

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New Delhi: Himachal HC in Shimla is just 340km from SC but sensitive apex court communications did not reach it for six months and HC chief justice, without consulting the collegium, wrote to SC about non-suitability of two senior-most judicial officers, earlier recommended for appointment as HC judges.

This was stated in HC registrar general J K Sharma's report on Monday before a bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and SVN Bhatti, which is hearing a petition filed by judicial officers Chirag Bhanu Singh and Arvind Malhotra alleging that HC collegium brushed aside SC collegium's Jan 4 directive to reconsider an earlier proposal to appoint them as HC judges and recommended judicial officers junior to them for elevation.

HP HC chief justice, without consulting the collegium, wrote to SC about non-suitability of two senior-most judicial officers, earlier recommended for appointment as HC judges

In the report, HC said its CJ had written to CJI D Y Chandrachud on Dec 11 last year "seeking guidance on whether SC collegium requires any further inputs about suitability of Singh and Malhotra".

However, the law minister on Jan 16 wrote to HC CJ pointing to the Jan 4 SC collegium resolution sending back names of Singh and Malhotra to HC for reconsideration.

HC told SC it had not received SC collegium's Jan 4 resolution even after 6 months. It said law minister's letter, extracting SC collegium's resolution, appeared to convey that it was for HC CJ alone to reconsider proposal for elevation.

This turns upside down the basics of collegium-based judge selection system, created through two judgments of SC in the 1990s and specifying that HC collegium means the CJ and two senior-most judges, and for SC, it is the CJI with four senior-most judges.

Continuing to doubt if SC collegium had sent back names of Singh and Malhotra for reconsideration, HC said CJI on Feb 27 wrote to HC CJ reminding him about filling vacancies of judges' posts in HC.

No defamatory remarks against guv, HC tells Didi, 3 TMC netas

Subrata Chattoraj | TNN

Kolkata: The Calcutta HC has restrained Bengal CM **Mamata Banerjee**, newly elected Trinamool MLAs Sayantika Banerjee and Reyat Hossain Sarkar, and ex-MP Kunal Ghosh from "making any defamatory or incorrect statement by way of publication and on social platforms" against governor CV Ananda Bose till Aug 14, when it hears the latter's defamation suit next.

Justice Krishna Rao's 21-page directive, issued Monday, mentions that Bose prima facie made a case for an interim restraining order, stating that he would otherwise suffer "irreparable loss and injury to his reputation".

In specific cases where a court of law is convinced that statements are being recklessly made to cause injury to reputation, it is justified in granting an injunction, the single-judge bench said. "If at this stage, an interim order is not granted, it would give a free hand to the defendants to continue making defamatory statements against the plaintiff and continue to tarnish his reputation."

While Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution grants citizens freedom of speech and expression, it is subject to restrictions under Article 19 (2) that include defamation, the bench said.

Pointing out that governor was a "constitutional authority", the judge said, "He cannot meet personal attacks being made by defendants against him by taking benefit of social media. The defendants had the knowledge that the criminal complaint initiated against the plaintiff is pending before the court of law." Mamata's legal team said she intends to challenge the order, which was uploaded Tuesday to the HC portal.

Bigamy serious offence, says SC, punishes couple

New Delhi: Observing that bigamy is a serious offence for which undue leniency could not be shown towards an accused, Supreme Court has awarded six-month jail term to a woman and her second husband who got married during subsistence of her first marriage and set aside Madras HC which had let them off with 'imprisonment till rising of the court'.

The bench said court must not only keep in view rights of the accused but also the society at large while considering imposition of appropriate punishment. It said a meagre sentence imposed without considering degree of offence will be counterproductive. TNN

SC seeks to bring order into WB jobs case chaos

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Tuesday found itself engulfed in a chaotic environ as a medley of senior advocates and lawyers appearing for various parties attempted to speak in one voice as soon as it took up a petition filed by West Bengal govt challenging a Calcutta HC order cancelling appointment of 25,000 teachers and other staff.

"There has to be some order in this chaos," said a bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud & Justices J B Pardiwala & Manoj Misra before it divided the parties into 5 categories — West Bengal, WB Central School Services Commission, petitioners before HC leading to cancellation of appointments, persons whose appointments were cancelled by HC, & CBI.

The same bench had on May 7 stayed the Calcutta HC order but allowed CBI to continue with its probes into the alleged scam without arresting the tainted candidates or taking coercive action against officials involved.

The bench appointed four nodal counsel — Astha Sharma, Kunal Chatterjee, Shekhar Kumar & Shalini Kaul, & asked lawyers representing parties from the categories to submit written submissions raising core issues to nodal counsel to enable them prepare common compilation to facilitate easy reference to material during hearing.

Court allowed the writ petitioners to file affidavits responding to WB's appeal in 2 weeks, failing which no further chance will be given.

HC erred in ordering to clear Shambhu border: Haryana to SC

Chandigarh: Challenging Punjab & Haryana HC directions to remove barricades from inter-state Shambhu border, Haryana govt has submitted before SC that HC exceeded its jurisdiction under Article 226 and didn't consider the law & order situation.

It claimed HC failed to appreciate its submission that farm unions remained aggressive despite repeated warnings. Govt told SC that HC ought to have directed those unions to end their dharna instead of directing state to open the border while protest is on.

It said 400-500 tractor-trailers & 50-60 other vehicles remained at Shambhu along with 500-odd agitators. The next hearing is on July 22. TNN

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7. MANAGER (Safety) - Science/Engineering Graduate with Post graduate qualification in Industrial Safety to include Fire Fighting , and having atleast 15 years of experience of carrying out safety audits and educating team members in a red category Plant. Well versed with latest trends and safety audit requirements. Desirable Qualifications - Lead Auditor OHSAS 45001.

Salary as per Industry norms.
Please mail your resume to hrd@aabl.in

ITI LIMITED ITI आईटीआई लिमिटेड
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Applications are invited for the following Positions:

Positions/Grade	Discipline
Additional General Manager (Gr.8)	Business Development/Projects/Finance/ Legal/Estate Management/Civil
Deputy General Manager (Gr.7)	Estate Management/Civil/Legal
Chief Manager (Gr.6)	Finance/Estate Management/Legal
Manager (Gr.5)	Business Development/Official Language
Deputy Manager (Gr.4)	Civil/Official Language

Last date for submission of application: On or before 29.07.2024 (12 Noon)
For details, please visit career page of ITI Limited: www.itiltd.in
Regd. & Corporate Office, ITI Bhavan, Dooravani Nagar Bangalore–560016 (CIN:L32202KA1950GoI000640)

Bal Bharati PUBLIC SCHOOL
(An Institution of the Child Education Society {Regd.} Delhi)
NTPC-Gadarwara, Dist- Narsingpur, Madhya Pradesh- 487770
Email: bbpsgw@balbharati.org, Website: bbpsgadarwara.balbharati.org
REQUIRED
1. **Counsellor : 01** - Masters or Graduate in Psychology with Diploma/ Degree in counselling or relevant education as per CBSE with 3-5 year experience.
2. **Montessori/ Kindergarten Teachers : 01**- A Bachelor's Degree in any discipline with a Diploma in Early Childhood Education (ECE) or Montessori training/ NTT/ PTT.
3. **Teacher Assistant : 01** - A Bachelor's degree in any discipline with at least 55% marks in aggregate and B.Ed or equivalent degree from a recognized University.

Note: 1. Handsome Salary Package.
2. Accommodation in NTPC Township, Electricity, Water and Medical facility at subsidized rates as per school policy.
3. Those who had already applied earlier, need not to apply again.
• Apply within 10 days on school website Career Page
https://bbpsgadarwara.balbharati.org/contact-us-2/careers-with-bbps/

BHARUCH DAHEJ RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED
Registered Office: 39-42, 3rd Floor, H-Block, Indra Palace, Middle Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001
Tel: 011-43586815/16/17 Email Id: agmhr@bdrail.in
CIN: U45203 DL2006 PLC155511
BHARUCH DAHEJ RAILWAY COMPANY LTD.

CAREER OPPORTUNITY
Bharuch Dahej Railway Company Limited invites applications for various vacancies at Delhi, Vadodara and Bharuch. The detailed vacancy note can be downloaded from **www.bdrail.in** and **www.rvnl.org** from **17.07.2024.**
Interested candidates may send their resumes alongwith the application addressed to AGM / HR, Bharuch Dahej Railway Company Limited, 39-42, 3rd Floor, H-Block, Indra Palace, Middle Circle, Connaught Place, New Delhi-110001 Tel: 011-43586815/16/17. **Last date of receipt of applications is 14.08.2024.**

SKS HOSPITAL MEDICAL COLLEGE & RESEARCH CENTRE
Chaumuhan, Mathura 281406 (U.P)
Approved by NMC, New Delhi & Govt. of U.P.
REQUIRED: PROF., ASSO. PROF., ASST. PROF., TUTOR, SR. RES, JR. RES in all Clinical & Non Clinical Departments
NURSING/PARAMEDICAL/NON TEACHING
Nursing Superintendent, Nursing Supervisor, Staff Nurse, ANMS, I.C.U Tech., Radiology Tech., Lab Tech., X-Ray/C.T/MRI Tech, DMLT, BMLT., HR/Hospital Admin, Librarian, Hostel-Warden/Care Taker (Male/ Female), Computer Operator, Marketing Executive, Office Assistant, System Admin, Accountant, Security Supervisor (Ex- Army), Receptionist, Attendants (Graduate).
contact@sksmedicalcollege.com 9540530100, 9997995865

DELHI PUBLIC SCHOOL, UDAIPUR
Bhuwana, Pratapnagar Bypass, Udaipur -313001 (Rajasthan)
REQUIRES
Headmistress: (for CBSE & Cambridge International Education) PG with B.Ed. & min. 3 years of teaching and min. 2 years administrative exp. with good commn. skills in similar category.
PGTs: English, Accountancy, Computer Science, Maths, Physics, Physical Edu., - PG with B.Ed & min.3 years of teaching exp.
TGTs / PRTs: English, Maths, Science, Comp.Sci., Hindi, Robotics, S.St., French, Sanskrit - PG with B.Ed & min.3 years of teaching exp.
Coordinator & Pre-Primary Teachers: (for CBSE / Cambridge International Education.)
Admin Staff: Senior Account Officer / Account Officer / Accountant - *(CA, ICWA, MBA Finance, M.Com.)* Hostel Warden (M/F), CBSE Coordinator, PA to Principal, Librarian.(Min. 02 years exp.)
Salary no bar for deserving candidates. Send updated CV with latest photograph on **jobs@dpsudaipur.com** within 7 days of publication of this advertisement.(Mo.No.7412029050) PRINCIPAL

DIA-SVPCoE, Gujarat University, Ahmedabad
Recruitment No. 02/2024
Application for various positions in projects are invited at DRDO- Industry -Academia Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Center of Excellence, Gujarat University (DIA-SVPCoE)
(Jointly established by Gujarat University and DRDO)
For More details check
https://diasvpcoe.gujaratuniversity.ac.in/Home/recruitment
I/C Director

झारखण्ड केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय
Central University of Jharkhand
(A Central University established under Central Universities Act, 2009)
Vill – Cheri-Manatu, PO – Kamre, District – Ranchi Jharkhand – 835 222
ADVERTISEMENT FOR TEACHING AND NON-TEACHING POSITIONS
TEACHING POST
Advt. No. CUJ/Advt./2024-25/01 Date : 16th July, 2024
The Central University of Jharkhand released a Rolling Advertisement vide Advt. No. CUJ/Advt./2023-24/5 dated 28.08.2023 for **33 Teaching Positions**. The positions remained vacant along with some new positions are advertised. Therefore, online applications are invited from eligible Indian Citizens & Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs).
The detailed information on Minimum Qualification, Experience, Reservation, Service Conditions, Emoluments etc. are available at the University website : **www.cuj.ac.in**
NON-TEACHING AND OTHER ACADEMIC POST
Advt. No. CUJ/Advt./2024-25/02 Date : 16th July, 2024
The posts of Internal Audit Officer and Medical Officer are being re-advertised due to less number of application received from the eligible candidates.
Online applications are invited from eligible Indian Citizens in the prescribed format for recruitment of Non-Teaching and Other Academic Posts.
The detailed information on Minimum Qualification, Experience, Reservation, Service Conditions, Emoluments etc. are available at the University website : **www.cuj.ac.in.**
Sd/-
REGISTRAR

DDUMC
PT. DEEN DAYAL UPADHYAY MANAGEMENT COLLEGE, MEERUT
AFFILIATED TO CCS UNIVERSITY
REQUIREMENT
APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED FOR THE FOLLOWING POSTS

• DEAN (ACADEMIC & RESEARCH)	(Exp. Min. 15 Yrs)
• HOD BBA | DY. HOD BCA	(Exp. Min. 12 Yrs)
• ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (BBA & BCA)	(Exp. Min. 10 Yrs)
• ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (BBA & BCA)	(Exp. Min. 05 Yrs)
• PLACEMENT OFFICER	
• TRAINER SKILL DEVELOPMENT	
• FOREIGN LANGUAGE TRAINER	

Qualification should be as per AICTE / UGC
Salary no bar for deserving candidate
Send your resume within 6 Days to director_ddumc@iimtindia.net
17, Mall Road, Meerut Cantt | Ph. 0121-2642006 , 7617666384

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, CIRCLE-II, CONSTRUCTION WING, 'A' BLOCK, 'E' ROAD, KOYAMBEDU, CHENNAI - 600 107

Short e-TENDER NOTICE **Dated : 16.07.2024**

e-Tenders are invited from the Government registered and experienced contractors by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-II, Construction Wing, Chennai – 600107, under Two Cover System for the works of **"Lake front development at Perumbakkam, Lake front development at Kolathur, Lake front development at Retteri and Construction of Ornamental fish trade centre at Kolathur"**

Tender Notice No.	01/2024-25 dt. 16.07.2024
Last date & Time of receipt of E-tenders	05.08.2024 upto 3.00 PM
Downloading the tender document by free of cost	22.07.2024 to 05.08.2024 upto 3.00 PM
For further details visit website	http://tntenders.gov.in

Superintending Engineer Circle II, C.W, CMDA, Chennai 107.

DIPR/2346/TENDER/2024

INSTITUTE OF HOTEL MANAGEMENT CATERING TECHNOLOGY & APPLIED NUTRITION

(An autonomous body under Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India)
"F" Row, D.D. Colony, Vidyanagar, Hyderabad. TG State.
Ph: 040-27427569, Mobile: 8374787988.
E-mail: ihmhyd.principal@gmail.com, Web : www.ihmhyd.org

INVITES ONLINE APPLICATIONS FOR

Asst.Lecturer-cum-Asst. Instructor (UR-03, EWS-01, OBC-01)

PA to Principal (UR-01)

For further details logon to Institute website: www.ihmhyd.org

Sd/- Principal / Secretary.

Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.

(A Government of Bihar Undertaking)
Beltron Bhawan, Shastri Nagar, Patna-800023,
Telephone No. 0612-2281242 Tele Fax No. 0612-2281857
CIN No -U31900BR1978SGC001317
Email: mahendrakumar@bihar.gov.in

e-Tender Notice

Ref. No:-3499/2024

e- Tender is invited by **Bihar State Electronics Development Corporation Ltd.** for "Purchasing of 48 Tabs for collection of data on iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Data)".
The details of the tender document are available on the website: www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in.
Submission of Tender Document (Last Date) 02/08/2024 at 4:00 PM
This information is available on **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar also**

Managing Director

PR. No. 004009 (B & C) 2024-25

नशे की मार, बर्बाद करे सुखी परिवार।

Directorate of Civil Aviation, Uttar Pradesh
Lucknow Airport, Lucknow (Ph.No.0522-2436504)

TENDER NOTICE

Bid for Preparation, Revision and Maintenance of all Relevant Manuals as required by DGCA/BCAS etc. in Uttar Pradesh, are invited by 06 August 2024 at 01:00 PM.

The tender document containing detailed terms and conditions is available on https://etender.up.nic.in/ website.

Kumar Harsh Director

UPID 217462 dt 16.07.2024,
www.upgov.nic.in

आर्यभट्ट ज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय
Aryabhatta Knowledge University

(Established by the Government of Bihar, Under Bihar Act 24, 2008)
Mithapur, Patna – 800001 (Bihar),
Ph. No. 0612-2351911, Website : www.akubihar.ac.in
Ref. No. 003/Admn/133/AKU/2013(VIII)-3366

RECRUITMENT NOTICE (DATE EXTENSION)

I. This is in continuation to the Appointment Advertisement no. 01/2024, dated 13.06.2024 for the recruitment of Registrar, Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna that the last date for submission of application has been extended upto 5.00 pm on 25.07.2024.
II. For qualifications, eligibility and other relevant details/information, please visit the University website www.akubihar.ac.in.

By order of the Vice-Chancellor Registrar (I/c)

PR- 004072 (B & C) 2024-25

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Office of Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, P.W.D. Moradabad
E-Procurement Short Terms Notice Inviting Tenders

No. 3290/E-Tender/MBD Circle/24-25 *Dated : 10.07.2024*

1. On behalf of the Governor of UP, tenders for following work are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad online on website ***http://etender.up.nic.in*** from **the eligible and approved Contractors registered with UP PWD, registered in signage category A in UPPWD** from 20.07.2024 at 10.00 am to 30.07.2024 at 12:00 Hrs. Amount mentioned in column no. 5 & 7 shall be deposited by Net Banking only through E-Tender Portal. Technical bid /Prequalification of tenders shall be opened on 30.07.2024 at 12:30 Hrs. in office of undersigned by tender committee in presence of authorised representatives/bidders who wish to be present. Financial bid of the tenders' who qualify in technical bid shall be opened on date and time as specified by a notice in the office of undersigned. In case of Government holiday the required process shall be carried out on next working day.
2.

Sl. No	DIST RICT	Name of Work	Estimated cost (Rs. in Lac)	Bid Security (Rs. in Lacs)	Time of completion of the work (Including rainy season)	Cost of Tender Documents including GST	Category of eligible
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Moradabad	Road Safety works on Dalpatpur Aliganj (MDR-174 W) Ch. 0.000 to 16.800	153.00	9.65	90 Days	2354.00	"A" Signage category

Rules/conditions & details of the tender are available at website http://etender.up.nic.in. Bidder have to login Prahari URL http://wsm.uppwd.gov.in/prahari/ and upload their documents as per G.O. No. 879(1)/23-7-2020, Dated 25.08.2020 and E-N-C (Vikas) and Head of the department letter no. 4650/4N-LC/2020, Dated 27.08.2020.

Executive Engineer Construction Division-1, PWD, Moradabad

(S.P. Singh) Superintending Engineer Moradabad Circle, PWD Moradabad
For and on behalf of Governor of UP
Mail ID:- semoradabad14@gmail.com

UPID-217399/15.07.2024
www.upgov.nic.in

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TECHNICAL CELL,
EPC MISSION, PLANNING DEPARTMENT, LUCKNOW

(technicalcellepcmission@gmail.com)

Letter No: 2470 /General/Technical Cell/2024 Date: 15.07.2024

Notice Inviting Request For Proposal (RFP) (Press Note)

Chief Engineer, Technical Cell, Planning Department Govt. of U.P., Lucknow on behalf of Governor of Uttar Pradesh invites RFP for Project Monitoring Consultant from reputed firms having experience and expertise in the field of Architecture & Engineering for shortlisting for the following work to be executed on EPC Mode. The detailed RFP documents are available on Uttar Pradesh Government e-tender portal http://www.etender.up.nic.in.

No.	District	Name of Work	Approx. Cost (without GST)	Maximum Consultancy Fee	Cost of Bid Document	Tender Fee	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) (1% of consultancy Fee)	Time of completion
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Agra	PMC work for Construction of Residential & Non-Residential Buildings of GRP Line at Agra, U.P.,India on EPC Mode	Rs. 55.00 Cr.	Rs. 82.50 Lacs	Rs. 5000+ GST	Rs. 300+ Rs. 54 GST	Rs. 0.825 Lacs	75 Days for Architecture Design Consultancy + 18 Months for Construction Work + 36 Months for Defect Liability Period
2	Agra	PMC work for Construction of Office Building of Police Commissionerate at Agra, U.P., India on EPC Mode	Rs. 65.00 Cr.	Rs. 87.75 Lacs	Rs. 5000+ GST	Rs. 300+ Rs. 54 GST	Rs. 0.8775 Lacs	75 Days for Architecture Design Consultancy + 18 Months for Construction Work + 36 Months for Defect Liability Period

- Period for downloading of RFP document from 22.07.2024 at 11:00 am to 12.08.2024 upto 05:00 pm.
- Pre bid conference to be held on date 30.07.2024 at 11:30 am in the office of CE (Technical Cell), Planning Department, Yojana Bhawan, Lucknow. The quarries can be sent to mail ID-technicalcellepcmission@gmail.com.
- Last date of submission of bid document 13.08.2024 upto 03:00 pm (Online).
- Submission of Technical bid in hard copy dated 14.08.2024 upto 05:00 pm in the Office of Chief Engineer, Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Planning Department, Yojana Bhawan, Lucknow-226001
- Opening of Technical Bid 13.08.2024 at 03:30 pm (Online).
- The price quoted by the consultant is exclusive of GST.

Executive Engineer, Technical Cell, EPC Mission, Planning Department, Lucknow

UPID-217418/15.07.2024 www.upgov.nic.in

Bihar Medical Services & Infrastructure Corporation Limited,

BMSICL — Govt. of Bihar

3rd floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Patna 800014,
Phone/Fax: +91612 2283287,+ 91612 2283288

(Notice Inviting E-Bids)

Re-Tender for the Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment for different Govt. Health Institutions of Bihar.

Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2024-25/ME-356

(Only through E- Tender on website:-https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for Procurement, Rate Contract and supply of Medical Equipment for different Government Health Institutions of Bihar as listed below:-

Sl. No.	Equipment Name	Sl. No.	Equipment Name
1	X-Ray machine Dental	2	LED light cure unit

Tender Schedule

Re-Tender Reference No.	BMSICL/2024-25/ME-356
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	23rd July 2024 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bh awan, IGIMS Campus, Sheikhpura , Patna (Bihar) **All Pre -bid queries to be submitted through e -mail on** bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com **Upto 25th July 2024 till 17:00 Hrs. (Note:- No Pre-bid queries would be entertained after the above mentioned dead line)**
Last date and time of submission of online bids	20th August 2024 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD.	21st August 2024 upto 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	21st August 2024(at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs.11,800/- (Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred Rupees only) Non-refundable.
Tender Processing Fee	Rs 590/- (on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**)

To participate in E-Tendering the tenderer will have to be registered with E-Tendering service provider. For this help desk – mjunction services limited RJ complex, 2nd Floor, Canara Bank, Campus, khajpura, Ashiana road, P.S –Shastri Nagar, Patna-800014, Toll Free No.-18005726571, Email-ID: eproc2support@bihar.gov.in can be approached.

For further details please visit : **www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar**

GM (Procurement) BMSICL, Patna

PR- 003980 (B & C) 2024-25

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Government of UT Jammu & Kashmir
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
POLICE CONSTRUCTION DIVISION PHQ J&K JAMMU/SRINAGAR
NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS
TWO COVER SYSTEM
e-NIT No. EE-PCD/PHQ/30/2024-25 Dated :- 12-07-2024

For and on behalf of the President of India, e-tenders are invited on **Percentage basis** from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for each of the following work :-

S. No	Name of Work	Adv. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document. (In Rs.)	Earnest Money (EMD) (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Time & Date of Opening of tender (Technical Bid)	Class of Contractor
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	Construction of Police Station Sonamarg Ganderbal.	369.01	5000.00	738020/-	730 working days	24-07-2024	"A"

Position of AAA = Accorded
Position of TS = Sanctioned
Position of funds = Available

1.	Date of Publish of Tender Notice	**13-07-2024, 16.00 P.M**
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	**From 13-07-2024,16.30 P.M to 23-07-2024, 4.00 P.M**
3.	Bid submission **Start Date**	**16-07-2024 From 09.00 A.M**
4.	Bid Submission **End Date**	**23-07-2024 upto 4.00 P.M**
5.	The Earnest Money in **the shape of CDR/FDR/** in favour of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/ Sgr.	As per time specified in SBD.
6.	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids **(Online)**	**24-07-2024 at 11.00 A.M in the Office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar in presence of S. E. PW(R&B) Circle South Srinagar.**
7.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids **(Online)**	To be notified after technical bid evaluation is completed

1. The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website **www.jktenders.gov.in** as per above schedule:

Note:- The Bidders are advised to read all conditions laid down in the NIT carefully before uploaded softcopy and short fall if any found in the soft copy the tender shall be rejected.

5. The date and time of opening of Financial-Bids shall be notified on Web Site **www.jktenders.gov.in** and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The **Financial-bids of Responsive bidders** shall be opened online by opening committee in the Office of Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jammu/ Srinagar. The date for same shall be intimated separately.

6. The bids for the work shall remain **valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids.**

8.1 Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the **"Downloads"** option as well as from **"Bidders Manual Kit"** on website **www.jktenders.gov.in** to acquaint bid submission process.

No:- PCD/PHQ/2024-25/3185-94
Dated: 12-07-2024
DIP No:DIPK-2973/24/15/07/2024

Sd/- (Er. Neeraj Gupta) Executive Engineer PCD PHQ J&K Jmu/Sgr.

MAHATRANSCO
Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/26 -2024-25

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

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0617/0724 [1st call] [RFX No. 7000032041] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 132kV, 220kV-405 MVAR in Phase-VI [6.5] at various EHV substations under Pune zone in MSETCL	2722.43 / 25000.00	12.08.2024 12.08.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 17:15 Hrs.

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C) Tel. No.022-26474211/022-26472131 Extn. 2491/2493.
Email:eegrp6@mahatransco.in, dyeegrp6@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer (P&C)

बायरेक BIRAC
जैव प्रौद्योगिकी उद्योग अनुसंधान सहायता परिषद् (भारत सरकार का उपक्रम)
Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (A Govt. of India Enterprise)

Ref. No. BIRAC/Vac/Adv-03/July-2024/09

Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (BIRAC), a Not-for-Profit Section 8, Schedule B, Public Sector Enterprise, under Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India invites online applications for the following positions under its Project Management Units.

Position Code	Position	No. of Vacancies
PO-09	Program Officer/ Senior Program Officer	1
PM-10	Program Manager/Sr. Program Manager	1
CON-46	Senior or Principal Consultant - Finance & Accounts	1
MII-SM-01	Sr. Manager - Make In India	1
MII-BDM-01	Business Development Manager - Make In India	1
MII-MR-01	Manager (Regulatory) - Make In India	1
MII-ORA-01	Officer - (Data Research and Analysis) - Make In India	1
MII-FO-01	Officer Finance - Make In India	1
MII-ES-01	Executive Secretary - Make In India	1

For further details regarding qualification, experience, eligibility criteria, pay-scales etc. please visit BIRAC website **www.birac.nic.in**

कर्मचारी राज्य बीमा निगम
(श्रम एवं रोजगार मंत्रालय, **भारत** सरकार)
Employees' State Insurance Corporation
(Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of **India**)

सामान्य शाखा, क.रा.बी.नि. मुख्यालय
GENERAL BRANCH, ESIC HEADQUARTERS
पंचदीप भवन, सी.आई.जी. मार्ग, नई दिल्ली–110002
PANCHDEEP BHAWAN, C.I.G. MARG, NEW DELHI-110002
Website: www.esic.gov.in

PRE-BID DISCUSSION ON THIRD PARTY EVALUATION OF DELIVERY OF SERVICES INCLUDING MEDICAL AND CASH BENEFITS

Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948 envisaged an integrated need-based social insurance scheme that would protect the interest of workers in contingencies such as sickness, maternity, temporary or permanent physical disablement, death due to employment injury resulting in loss of wages or earning capacity.
ESIC intends to undertake "Third Party Evaluation" of the services of ESIC. The objective is to undertake a research study on the performance of ESIC by doing desk-based, field-based / questionnaire-based / interview-based research. The periodic evaluation of the services of ESIC may help us to improve the services, establish benchmark and develop it into a knowledge and innovation hub and also as a repository as well as a disseminator of research and best practice on good governance.
ESIC invites the designated persons from NCAER, IIT Delhi, NIFM, NISG, NIPFP, AIIMS, IIM or other concerned reputed agencies for pre-bid discussion on **18-07-2024 at 10.30 AM in the conference room, 5th Floor, CIG Marg, New Delhi.** For further information related to pre-bid meeting, if required Sh. P.K.Mishra, Dy. Director (pk.mishra2@esic.nic.in) may be contacted.
For detailed information of Terms for Reference(ToR), the tender section of website **www.esic.gov.in** may be visited.

Sd/-
(Insurance Commissioner)

झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची–834001

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड अन्तर्गत "बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी" प्रारंभिक परीक्षा (विज्ञापन संख्या–21/2023) में सफल अभ्यर्थियों द्वारा मुख्य (लिखित) प्रतियोगिता परीक्षा हेतु Online आवेदन–पत्र भरने तथा वांछित अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करने संबंधी आवश्यक अनुदेश।

1. **दिनांक–10.06.2024** को आयोजित महिला, बाल विकास एवं सामाजिक सुरक्षा विभाग, झारखण्ड अन्तर्गत "बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी" प्रारंभिक परीक्षा (विज्ञापन संख्या–21/2023) का परीक्षाफल प्रकाशित कर दिया गया है। यह परीक्षाफल आयोग के वेबसाईट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।
2. परीक्षाफल में किसी भी त्रुटि अथवा टंकण त्रुटि के सुधार का अधिकार आयोग के पास सुरक्षित रहेगा।
3. मुख्य परीक्षा की संभावित तिथि–02.08.2024 से 04.08.2024 है।
4. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु प्रवेश पत्र दिनांक–27.07.2024 से निर्गत किए जायेंगे।
5. **लिखित मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु निम्न विषय होंगे** :–
   (क). हिन्दी–100 अंकों का होगा। हिन्दी के अंक Qualifying होंगे। Qualifying अंक 30 होगा। इसके अंक मेधा सूची में सम्मिलित नहीं किये जायेंगे। हिन्दी विषय का पाठ्यक्रम 10वीं कक्षा के स्तर के होंगे।
   (ख). सामान्य अध्ययन–दो पत्र (प्रत्येक 100 अंकों) के होंगे।
   (ग). वैकल्पिक विशय:–
6. (i) गृह विज्ञान (ii) मनोविज्ञान (iii) समाजशास्त्र (iv) श्रम एवं समाज कल्याण। इनमें से किन्हीं एक विशय का चयन अभ्यर्थी अपनी इच्छा से कर सकेंगे। वैकल्पिक विषयों के 02 (दो) प्त्र होंगे। प्रत्येक पत्र–200 अंकों का होगा।

नोट:–(i) मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु निर्धारित विषयों के पाठ्यक्रम आयोग के वेबसाईट www.jpsc.gov.in पर उपलब्ध है।
(ii) अभ्यर्थी द्वारा लिखित मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु वैकल्पिक विशयों में से किसी एक वैकल्पिक विशय का चयन किया जायेगा। वैकल्पिक विषय का चयन के पश्चात् वैकल्पिक विषय में परिवर्तन का अनुरोध स्वीकार नहीं होगा एवं वैकल्पिक विशय का चुनाव अंतिम एवं अपरिवर्तनीय होगा।

7. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु आवेदन Online भरे जायेंगे। यह आवेदन–पत्र आयोग के वेबसाइट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।
8. Online आवेदन भरने की तिथि दिनांक–16.07.2024 से दिनांक–26.07.2024 समय 5:00 बजे अपराह्न तक निर्धारित है।
9. **ऑनलाईन आवेदन की डाउनलोड प्रति एवं ऑनलाईन आवेदन में की गई प्रविष्टि के अनुरूप वांछित प्रमाण पत्रों की स्पष्ट एवं पठनीय स्वअभिप्रमाणित छायाप्रति आयोग कार्यालय में दिनांक–01.08.2024 अपराह्न 5:00 बजे तक** अनिवार्य रूप से **"परीक्षा नियंत्रक, झारखण्ड लोक सेवा आयोग, सर्कुलर रोड, राँची, 834001"** के पते पर स्पीड पोस्ट/निबंधित डाक/हाथों–हाथ जमा करना सुनिश्चित करेंगे। लिफाफे के उपर **विज्ञापन संख्या–21/2023 Registration number** तथा परीक्षा का नाम यथा**"बाल विकास परियोजना पदाधिकारी मुख्य (लिखित) परीक्षा "** मोटे (Bold) अक्षरों में अंकित किया जाना अनिवार्य है।
10. अभ्यर्थी Online आवेदन पत्र भरने की प्रक्रिया प्रारंभ करने के पूर्व आयोग के वेबसाइट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर प्रदर्शित पूर्व का विस्तृत विज्ञापन एवं Online आवेदन भरने हेतु आवश्यक निदेश का भली–भांति अध्ययन कर लेंगे।
11. Online आवेदन से संबंधित किसी भी प्रकार की जानकारी के लिये आयोग के Helpline No. **+918956622450/+919431301636/+919431301419** एवं helpdesk@jpsc.gov.in पर कार्यदिवस में पूर्वाह्न 10:00 से अपराह्न 05:00 बजे तक सम्पर्क किया जा सकता है।
12. Online आवेदन भरे जाने के लिये अभ्यर्थी आयोग के वेबसाइट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर अपना E-mail id/ Phone number/Candidate id एवं Password डालकर Login करेंगे। Login करने के बाद Step-1 में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पूर्व में अंकित किये गये विवरणी Start/View Application Button पर Click कर देख सकेंगे, तत्पश्चात् Step-2 में मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु वांछित विवरण अंकित करेंगे एवं आवश्यकतानुसार अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र का Scan Copy PDF File में Upload करेंगे। अभ्यर्थी द्वारा निम्न निदेश के आलोक में मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु Online आवेदन पत्र भरा जाना है एवं साथ ही आवश्यकतानुसार वांछित अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र Upload किया जाना अनिवार्य है।
    I. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु भरे जाने वाले Online आवेदन में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा शैक्षणिक अर्हता के संबंध में किये गये दावे के संबंध में तत्संबंधी शैक्षणिक प्रमाण–पत्र अपलोड करना अनिवार्य होगा।
    II. विभिन्न कोटियों (Female, EWS, EBC-I, BC-II, SC, ST, Sports, PTG, PwBD) के अन्तर्गत आरक्षण का लाभ प्राप्त करने हेतु अभ्यर्थियों को स्थानीय निवासी प्रमाण–पत्र ऑनलाईन आवेदन में अपलोड करेंगे।
    III. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु भरे जाने वाले Online आवेदन में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पूर्व में प्रारंभिक परीक्षा हेतु भरे गये Online आवेदन में अंकित किये गये कोटि यथा आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर वर्ग (EWS), अत्यंत पिछड़ा वर्ग–I (EBC-I), पिछड़ा वर्ग–II (BC-II), अनुसूचित जाति (SC), अनुसूचित जनजाति (ST) एवं आदिम जनजाति (Primitive Tribe) के दावे के संबंध में पूर्व में निर्गत विज्ञापन की कंडिका–13 के अनुसार तत्संबंधी प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करना अनिवार्य होगा तथा कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाशा विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के ज्ञापांक–4258, दिनांक–30.05.2019 द्वारा प्राप्त मार्गदर्शन के आलोक में जाति प्रमाण–पत्र भी लागू होगा।
    IV. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु भरे जाने वाले Online आवेदन में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पूर्व में प्रारंभिक परीक्षा हेतु भरे गये Online आवेदन में निःशक्ता संबंधी आरक्षण के दावे की स्थिति में कार्मिक, प्रशासनिक सुधार तथा राजभाशा विभाग के संकल्प संख्या–2249 दिनांक–03.04.2018 के आलोक में (कम से कम 40 प्रतिशत निःशक्त) सक्षम मेडिकल बोर्ड एवं मुख्य चिकित्सा पदाधिकारी/चिकित्सा अधीक्षक द्वारा प्रतिहस्ताक्षरित निःशक्ता प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करना अनिवार्य होगा।
    V. मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु भरे जाने वाले Online आवेदन में अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पूर्व में प्रारंभिक परीक्षा हेतु भरे गये Online आवेदन में खेलकूद कोटा के अन्तर्गत आरक्षण के दावे की स्थिति में कला, संस्कृति, खेलकूद एवं युवा कार्य विभाग, झारखण्ड सरकार के ज्ञापांक–1709 दिनांक–12.09.2007 द्वारा निर्धारित मानकों के अनुसार प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करना अनिवार्य होगा।
    VI. अभ्यर्थी द्वारा पूर्व में प्रारंभिक परीक्षा हेतु भरे गये Online आवेदन में झारखण्ड राज्य के नियमित सरकारी सेवक का दावा करने वाले अभ्यर्थी को मुख्य परीक्षा हेतु भरे जाने वाले Online आवेदन में नियंत्री पदाधिकारी (Controlling Officer)/विभागाध्यक्ष (Head of the Department) के स्तर से निर्गत NOC प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करना अनिवार्य होगा।
    VII. अभ्यर्थी द्वारा भूतपूर्व सैनिकों (Ex-servicemen) के आधार पर अधिकतम उम्र सीमा में छूट का लाभ के दावा के संबंध में वांछित अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र Upload करना अनिवार्य है।
13. अभिलेख सत्यापन के क्रम में उपरोक्त सभी संबंधित अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र की मूल प्रति प्रस्तुत करना होगा अन्यथा आयोग द्वारा अभ्यर्थिता रद्द की जा सकती है तथा इसके लिये आवेदक स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।
14. Online आवेदन में दी गयी सूचना एवं Upload किये गये अभिलेख/प्रमाण–पत्र में भिन्नता की स्थिति में आयोग द्वारा अभ्यर्थिता रद्द की जा सकती है।
15. किसी भी स्तर पर जाँच के क्रम में कोई तथ्य छिपाने या गलत तथ्य पाए जाने या प्रस्तुत किये जाने का प्रमाण मिलने पर अभ्यर्थिता रद्द की जा सकती है।
16. इन्टरनेट व्यवधान के लिए आयोग उत्तरदायी नहीं होगा। अतः अभ्यर्थी आखिरी समय का इंतजार नहीं करेंगे एवं उसके पूर्व ही सभी प्रक्रिया पूरी कर लेंगे।
17. हॉर्ड कॉपी जमा करने की निर्धारित अंतिम तिथि के बाद आयोग कार्यालय में हॉर्ड कॉपी प्राप्त होने पर अभ्यर्थिता रद्द कर दी जायेगी, इसके लिए अभ्यर्थी स्वयं जिम्मेवार होंगे।
18. यह प्रेस विज्ञप्ति आयोग के वेबसाइट **www.jpsc.gov.in** पर उपलब्ध है।

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परीक्षा नियंत्रक,
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Key accused: HC ex-judge tied to Haryana judicial test paper 'leak'

Chandigarh: In a new twist to the "leak" of Haryana Civil Services (judicial) preliminary exam question papers in 2017, the prime accused and former HC registrar has blamed a senior judge (now retired) of Punjab & Haryana high court for making him the scapegoat, reports **Ajay Sura**.

In his statement recorded under CrPC Section 313, Balwinder Sharma said that as per instructions, he had handed over all four hard copies and a pen drive containing soft copies and the answer key of the exam to a senior HC judge associated with the recruitment process at 6pm on July 10, 2017.

Sharma said that following the "rumour" of paper leakage, members of the recruitment committee came under suspicion and decided to make him a scapegoat. According to Sharma, a senior judicial officer conducted a fake inquiry at the instruction of one of the senior judges and other members of the recruitment committee to exonerate themselves and falsely implicate him.

He added that the alleged report was never approved by the then CJ of the HC. The FIR in this case was registered based on the inquiry report, and Sharma was arrested by SIT.

Sharma recorded his statements before principal district and sessions judge-cum-special judge at Delhi's Rouse Avenue court. The case was transferred to Delhi following directions from SC.

CBI nabs engineer who stole NEET paper from NTA trunk

Arrest Could Lead To Origin Of Conspiracy

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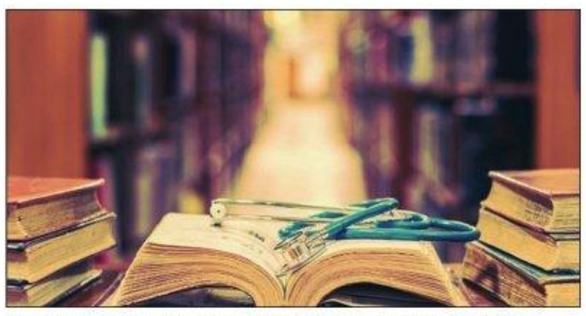

Since taking over the investigation, CBI has arrested 14 people

Patna/Hazaribag/Jamshedpur: CBI claimed Tuesday a major breakthrough in its investigation into the NEET-UG exam paper leak with the arrest of two men in Patna, including a civil engineer who allegedly tampered with sealed question paper boxes at the National Testing Agency (NTA) centre in Jharkhand's Hazaribag.

Suspect Pankaj Kumar aka Aditya, a Bokaro resident and 2017 civil engineering graduate from NIT-Jamshedpur, is accused of stealing a sealed question paper box from an aluminium trunk sent by NTA to Hazaribag after tampering with it. His arrest followed that of Rajkumar Singh, a guest house owner in Hazaribag, who allegedly assisted Aditya in stealing and passing the papers to exam mafias, sources said. NIT Jamshedpur spokesperson Sunil Bhagat said it is difficult to comment on the conduct of Aditya during his college days. "The college has to visit the record book to know about his performance in the semester exams," he said.

The arrests could lead to the origin of the conspiracy and the extent of the nationwide network involved in the paper leak, according to sources. CBI earlier arrested Ehsanul Haque, sacked principal of Oasis School (NEET centre in Hazaribag), vice principal M Imtiaz Alam, and Hazaribag journalist Jamaluddin.

Sources said the private school principal and vice principal mentioned Rajkumar's guest house during questioning. Journalist Jamaluddin allegedly provided Rajkumar's name during his interrogation, linking them to the paper leak conspiracy. Some examinees were allegedly kept at Rajkumar's guest house. The candidates were given the leaked questions and answers to memorise a day before the exam.

Nine sets of question papers were dispatched from SBI Hazaribag to various exam centres. The papers received by Oasis School had tampered seals, leading to the discovery of the school's involvement. NTA provided details about a partially-burnt question paper found at a play school in Patna's Khemnichak area, which served as a safe house for medical aspirants.

MUHARRAM MOURNERS ON DAL LAKE

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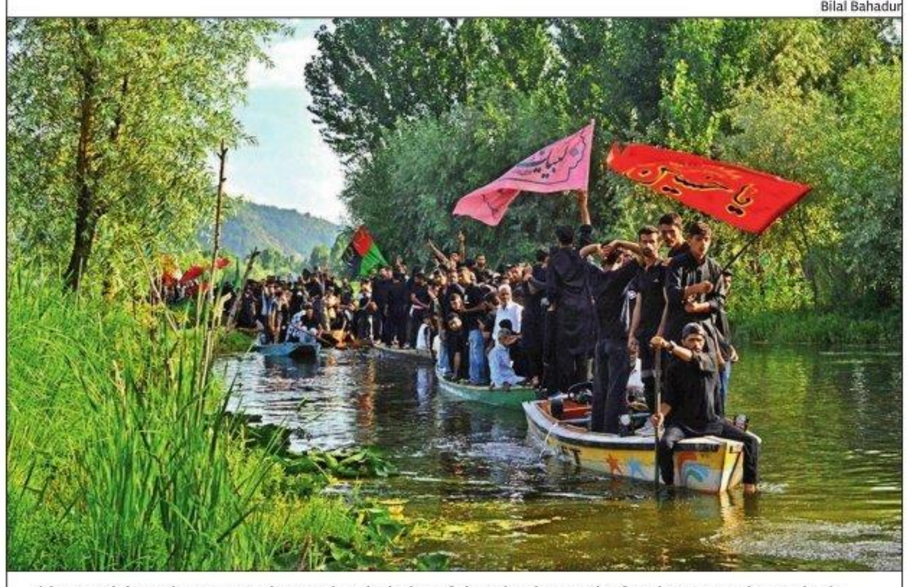

Shias participate in a procession on the ninth day of the Islamic month of Muharram on boats, in the interiors of Dal Lake, in Srinagar, on Tuesday

Rly Board forms panel to address grievances of drivers, guards

New Delhi: The Railway Board has constituted a multi-disciplinary committee to look into the grievances of the loco pilots and train managers (guards) raised by their unions. The panel will submit a report within a month. This comes after recent train accidents and opposition MPs, including Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, rasing the issues of loco pilots and other loco running staff.

As per the notification, the multi-disciplinary panel will deliberate, engage with federations and submit a holistic recommendation on the issues and grievances of loco running staff raised by recognised and un-recognised unions. It consists of five executive directors (EDs) from different departments of the Railway Board and one ED (traffic) from the RDSO (Research Designs and Standards Organisation).

The committee will review issues such as legislation on break for a meal and attending nature's call, duty hours, periodic tests and deployment of manpower and their utilisation, change of definition of high-speed trains to 130 kmph from the existing 110 kmph and deployment of assistant loco pilots in trains up to (including) the speed of 130 kmph.

So far as the aptitude test of loco pilots and assistant loco pilots is concerned, the Railway Board has said that the panel will also look into the issues of whether "to make qualifying the aptitude test mandatory at the stage of promotion itself". The Board wants the panel to decide regarding the redeployment of drivers who have failed the aptitude test after SPAD (jumping of red signal). TNN

Shah showcases 'pro-OBC' BJP CV in Haryana, promises more

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Union home minister Amit Shah during the 'Backward Class Samman Sammelan' at Mahendragarh in Haryana on Tuesday

New Delhi: Sticking to its gameplan to raise a coalition of non-dominant castes that has largely worked for it in the last 10 years, BJP has started a campaign for the coming Haryana polls by showcasing its "pro-OBC" credentials.

Senior BJP leader and home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday addressed a 'Backward Class Samman Sammelan' in Mahendragarh, Haryana, where he pledged to reciprocate the warmth the community has shown in supporting the party as he also highlighted the state govt's measures for OBCs.

"Backward classes have blessed BJP profusely. Now it is the responsibility of BJP to do more for them in return, compared to what it has done already," the Union home minister said.

BJP surprised pundits when it won a majority on its own in 2014 on the strength of a social bloc comprising OBCs who flocked to its platform because of their resentment against Jat dominance. The setback in the recent Lok Sabha polls where BJP lost five of the 10 seats has widely been attributed to anger among the dominant Jats who feel disempowered.

Shah flagged decisions taken by CM Nayab Singh Saini, an OBC himself, for the community, including raising the creamy layer limit from Rs 6 lakh to Rs 8 lakh. "Similarly, reservations in panchayats too have been reviewed. There was an 8% reservation for group A but from now on, 5% reservation will be given for group D also. The same is going to be applied to municipalities too. These decisions reflect the policies of PM Narendra Modi," Shah said.

He recalled that when Modi entered Parliament for the first time in 2014, he said his govt would belong to Dalits, poor and backward classes, which has been delivered in the past 10 years.

He thanked people of Haryana for blessing BJP in the 2014, 2019 and 2024 LS elections and also in both assembly polls held during this period.

Referring to the nomination of Saini as CM, Shah said BJP had made the son of a backward class family chief minister in Haryana too whereas Congress had given the state nothing other than corruption and casteism.

He said BJP gave the nation its first PM from the backward classes. "Today, out of 71 ministers in his govt, Narendra Modi ji has inducted 27 ministers from backward classes, including two from Haryana," he said.

IIT teaches us commitment to work hard, says Deoria MP

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Before her civil service career, she worked as an investment banker. SP Sankalp Sharma is a chemical engineer from IIT-Roorkee, and CDO Pratyush Pandey is a civil engineering graduate from IIT-Kanpur, with an MBA from IIM-Ahmedabad. While the impact of their qualifications on Deoria's transformation will unfold over the coming months, this distinctive combination has sparked optimism among the district's residents.

Mittal highlighted the practical advantages of her technical education in her administrative role. "Knowledge gained from IITs certainly helps in certain situations as a govt officer. For example, as an engineer, I applied my knowledge to assist in bringing water to the top of the mountain in Mirzapur while I was serving as the DM there," she told **TOI**.

During her tenure in Mirzapur, the residents of Lahuria Dah village received piped water for the first time since Independence. Mittal from New Delhi underscored the value of diverse academic backgrounds in civil services. "I do endorse diversity in civil services, as people from various academic backgrounds bring their unique ideas, culture, and work style which helps in improving the govt system to work efficiently for the public. It would be an interesting experience to work with fellow IITians in the district to bring about a change in the lives of people."

MP Tripathi reflected on the broader benefits of an IIT education. "Besides developing intellect, IIT teaches us commitment to work hard and bring innovative solutions to problems. One should remember that the intellect of a person from a non-scientific background is equally important for the development of any constituency, district, or state."

Rlys report: Improve reliability of automatic signalling system

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New Delhi: Raising concern over a large number of signalling failures in "automatic signalling" sections, the Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) has recommended the national transporter to "improve reliability" of the system. Railway Board officials said on Tuesday that a comprehensive action plan is being developed to enhance the reliability and resilience of signalling equipment across the country.

The CRS, in its report on the Kanchanjungha Express accident, said that there were 275 failures in the automatic signalling section of just Katihar Division since its commissioning in Jan 2023 to June 20, 2024. It said a large number of signaling failures in the automatic signalling section "is defeating the very purpose of mobility enhancement and causing safety concerns".

The railway safety regulator has recommended expediting the roll out of anti-train collision system, Kavach

Referring to the 208 instances of signal passing at danger (SPAD) between April 2019 and March 2024, out of which 12 cases resulted in collision, the safety regulator said this highlights limitations of preventive measures taken by Zonal Railways (counselling of loco pilot, assistant loco pilots and drives). It has recommended expediting the roll out of anti-train collision system, Kavach.

Meanwhile, the Railway Board has instructed all zones to standardise training programmes for loco pilots operating in automatic signalling areas. It has specified one-day intensive counselling sessions based on an automatic signalling system for loco pilots and their assistants every six months.

It said the counselling focus should be on working procedures, especially in automatic signalling territories and relevant forms should be issued for abnormal operations with speed restrictions. The loco pilots will be shown animated videos which highlight common crew mistakes.

A b'day call, a quick goodbye: Families mourn fallen soldiers

Sanjay Khajuria | TNN

Martyred Captain Brijesh Thapa, 27, was a third-generation soldier

Jammu: Sepoy Bijendra's last call home was to wish his wife in Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu on her birthday, hoping to come home soon while Capt Brijesh Thapa spoke to his mother in Siliguri on Sunday morning, saying he was headed for an operation. They were among the four soldiers killed in a night-time shootout in J&K's Doda district Monday.

The others were Sepoy Ajay Kumar Singh, also from Jhunjhunu, and Naik Dokkari Rajesh from Srikakulam in Andhra Pradesh.

Bijendra's family Dumoli Kalan village said the 26-year-old was eager to be home with his wife and two sons, aged one and three. "He was trying to come home to celebrate with her. Till the last moment, he tried, but his leave did not get approved," said his brother Dashrath, who is also serving in the Army and is stationed in Lucknow.

Captain Thapa, 27, was a third-generation soldier, son of Bhuvnesh Kumar Thapa, a retired Colonel of 11 Garhwal Rifles, and Nilima Thapa, from Ging in Lebong, 5km from Darjeeling. "He said they would be leaving at 11am. They had to walk around seven to eight hours to reach the area. We did not hear from him after that," said his mother at their home in Siliguri, where the family now resides. His elder sister Nikita is studying music in Australia.

"Proud of him," Col Thapa said. "I couldn't believe that my son had left us. I asked them to recheck when his unit called. I wanted to see him rise to the rank of General, but... He always wanted to join the Army and would sometimes wear my uniform, saying one day he would own one."

Brijesh was to get married in 2026. He joined the Army in Sept 2019 after earning his BTech degree from a college in Mumbai in 2018. His first posting was in Ambala with 145 Army Air Defence, his parental unit, and he had been posted with 10 RR in Doda since Sept 23.

J&K DGP RR Swain said the presence of a single terrorist is alarming due to their unpredictable nature and potential for indiscriminate violence. "They operate as killing machines, sent with the sole purpose of wreaking havoc."

Sepoy Ajay Kumar Singh of Bhaisawata Kalan, also in Jhunjhunu, followed in the footsteps of his father Kamal Singh Naruka, a retired Havildar, and his grandfather and uncles who all served in Army.

Naruka said Ajay, who last visited his family two months ago, usually called home in the evening but made an unusual afternoon call Monday, indicating he would not be able to call that evening.

Naik Rajesh, 25, son of shepherds from Chatlathandra in Srikakulam, joined Army around six years ago, fulfilling a childhood dream. His parents had planned to get him married this year.

Telcos urge for alignment with international standards

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While recommending a 10-fold increase in electromagnetic field (EMF) emissions from mobile towers, a govt committee in its report also noted that the measure may adversely impact public opinion and lead to "heightened mistrust".

"The revision of EMF norms could lead to heightened public mistrust due to the negative health effects of EMF radiation," it said, recommending a series of advocacy efforts and heightened testing of towers at cheaper costs to allay public fears.

Mindful of public concerns and a series of court petitions regarding radiation from telecom towers, India earlier capped it at one-tenth of the ICNIRP levels, against which companies had protested, arguing that reduced EMF emissions meant poor coverage and more towers.

A source said the matter had reached the level of new communications minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, who was keen to understand the recommendations and its implications. "The minister understands sensitivity of the matter and has expressed concerns over any potential ill-effects such a measure can have on the health of individuals or the public's perception on safety," the source added.

The issue of radiation from telecom towers, even at existing levels, has always been a very sensitive one, with several litigations being filed in courts by RWAs, environmentalists and pressure groups against installation of towers in their neighbourhood. There have been scores of instances across the country where such petitions — or protests by residents — have seen companies take down the towers from key locations, often leading to poor services.

Industry body COAI, however, claims that ICNIRP radiation levels have been approved by the WHO and the International Telecommunication Union. "Both these organisations recommend the human exposure guidelines developed by ICNIRP. The ICNIRP guidelines are designed to provide protection to all people (including children) against all established health hazards. There is a need for aligning our norms with internationally accepted threshold levels suggested as per WHO recommended latest ICNIRP 2020 guidelines,"

RADIATION CONCERNS

COAI director-general Lt Gen (retd) S P Kochhar told **TOI**.

"If EMF norms are not revised, it will severely harm consumer experience and expectations from 5G in India. This will adversely deteriorate 5G experience by leading to slower net speed, lower network quality and inferior signal strength. In addition, this will impact potential aspects to enhance the wireless infrastructure and deployment of 5G," Kochhar added while claiming that ICNIRP norms have already been adopted in countries such as the UK, UAE, Australia, Ireland, Egypt, Uganda, and Saudi Arabia. COAI has also sent a proposal in this regard to telecom secretary Neeraj Mittal.

WHO didn't respond to questions on the issue.

Interestingly, even before the current recommendations, govt has previously made a case for ICNIRP norms and vouched for its safety, citing WHO studies. In an statement released by communications ministry on Aug 5, 2022, govt had stated in Rajya Sabha that "International EMF Project of WHO has published an information sheet in 2005 on effect of EMF emissions on animals, insects, vegetation and aquatic life and has concluded that the exposure limits in the ICNIRP guidelines for protection of human health are also protective of the environment".

While talking about Indian levels being one-tenth of ICNIRP norms, the 2022 RS statement had said that EMF emissions from mobile towers are "non-ionizing radio frequencies having very minuscule power and are incapable of causing any adverse environmental impact."

Govt has mandated strict EMF radiation norms for tower companies, who also run the risk of penalties and even shutdowns in case they are found crossing the prescribed norms. The citizens, or those concerned about radiation, can also get EMF emissions from a particular tower tested by paying a fee of Rs 4,000.

The latest committee report said to "regain trust" after increasing the EMF emissions, the govt should "significantly lower" the testing fees from Rs 4,000, apart from carrying out public awareness programmes around safety.

"Existing EMF compliance regime shall be strengthened. Resources for ensuring compliance with EMF radiations shall be increased in terms of manpower," it says.

His soul can now rest in peace: Loco pilot's wife

Tamaghna Banerjee & Roshan Gupta | TNN

Kolkata/Siliguri: The bereaved family of goods train loco pilot Anil Kumar has been vindicated as a chief commissioner of railway safety (CCRS) report has cleared him of the blame for the June 17 Kanchenjungha Express accident, which claimed 10 lives and left 43 injured.

"My husband was blamed for the accident within hours of the train collision. Still mourning his death, we were shocked to hear Anil being held responsible even before the inquiry had begun. But we are glad that Railways has conducted a proper inquiry and cleared him. His soul can now rest in peace," Anil's widow, Roshni Kumar, told **TOI**.

Within two hours of the goods train rear-ending the Kanchenjungha Express, Railway Board chairperson Jaya Verma Sinha and other railway officials jumped to the conclusion that the "deceased pilot" and his injured assistant were at fault.

The CCRS preliminary report held that the freight train loco pilot was allowed on a section despite the presence of Kanchenjungha Express and was handed a wrong memo to pass all defective signals without any caution order.

The investigation found that the goods train was travelling at 78 kmph when it spotted the rear end of Kanchenjungha Express and applied the emergency brake. But the train could slow down to only 40 kmph before it crashing into Kanchenjungha. The report noted that Anil had adjusted the throttle 10 times in 5 minutes, indicating his alertnesss.

Neighbours said they always believed that Kumar couldn't have been at fault, given his stainless career and reputation for sincerity. "It was unfair to blame a dead man for the accident, especially since he was unable to defend himself. We are relieved that that the truth has come out," said Kajal Das, a neighbour.

Railway officials said Kumar's family was paid a compensation of Rs 25 lakh. "The pension order has also been issued and the gratuity will be paid soon. Since his sons are still minors, one of them will be offered a job with Railways upon reaching adulthood," said a senior NFR official.

BENGAL CRASH

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'Loco pilot, guard were not provided with walkie-talkies'

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In its preliminary report on the Kanchanjungha Express accident, Commission of Railway Safety (CRS) said the 'paper authority' issued to loco pilots of trains operating between Rangapani and Chatterhat on that day when automatic signals had failed did not mention the speed limit that drivers were supposed to follow while crossing defective signals.

Also, the loco pilot and the train manager were not provided with walkie-talkies, which could have ensured better communication. The loco pilot was among those killed in the accident on June 17 in West Bengal's Darjeeling district.

On the role of the loco pilot of the goods train that collided with Kanchanjungha Express, the report said authority letter (T/A 912) was given to him to pass all mentioned defective signals without any caution order. "This created an impression in the mind of loco pilot that all defective signals can be passed at maximum permissible speed of the section," it said.

As per the CRS report, only Kanchanjungha Express followed norm of moving at max speed of 15kmph and stopping for a minute at each defective signal. The remaining six trains that passed the stretch, including the goods train, didn't follow this norm

The maximum speed of the section was 110 kmph. The goods train was moving at 78 kmph and when the loco pilot applied brakes, he couldn't decelerate below 40 kmph and ended up rear-ending the Kanchanjunga Express, which had stopped. Immediately after the mishap, Railway Board chairperson Jaya Verma Sinha had claimed that Kumar had disregarded signals and this led to the accident.

The report pointed out that on the day of the crash, officials should have treated the signalling failure — reported at 5.50am — as a "major signal failure" and followed the 'automatic block system'. In this system, only one train is allowed to stay between two stations. No other train is supposed to enter the stretch until the preceding one has reached next station.

In this case, not declaring ABS meant the station master at Rangapani allowed the goods train to enter the section without confirming with the Chatterhat station master whether Kanchanjungha Express had crossed. The Rangapani station master also issued the wrong authority letter (T/A 912, which does not have any speed restrictions, instead of T/B 912, which limits speed to 25kmph) to loco pilots of the two trains involved in the accident, as well as five other trains preceding them.

The railway safety regulator also found that besides these two trains, five other trains had entered the said section since the signals turned defective on that day, each following different speeds while passing defective signals.

"It is evident that the understanding of loco pilots regarding action to be taken when T/A 912 is issued is not clear to them. Some loco pilots have followed the 15kmph rule while most loco pilots did not follow this rule. The absence of proper authority and that too without adequate information created misinterpretation and misunderstanding about the speed to be followed," the report said. It also mentioned that no caution order was issued to the loco pilots by the station master.

As per the findings, only Kanchanjungha Express followed the norm of moving at a max speed of 15kmph and stopping for a minute at each defective signal while the remaining six trains, including the goods train, didn't follow this norm.

TOI LINE OF NO CONTROL — SANDEEP ADHWARYU

SUV hits truck, kid & 5 others of family killed

Six members of a family, including a five-year-old, died and five were critically injured when their SUV rammed into a stationary truck on NH-20 in Patna early Tuesday, reports **Faryal Rumi**. Bihar CM Nitish Kumar has offered his condolences to the bereaved families. The accident occurred around 2.30am when the family was on their way to a 'mundan' (head-shaving) ceremony in two SUVs. One of the vehicles hit the truck parked on the roadside from behind.

Fresh arson in Tripura, 6 hurt in lathicharge

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Agartala: A fresh incident of arson, allegedly carried out by a group of displaced Bru tribe from Mizoram, was reported in Gandatwisa sub-division of Tripura's Dhalai district early Tuesday. Homeless families living in nearby shelters claimed two shops were set on fire. Police had to resort to lathicharge to disperse the crowd, resulting in injuries to six protesters, including the owner of a gutted shop.

Security personnel chased away miscreants, while fire service personnel prevented the fire from spreading. However, they were unable to contain the public anger.

Tension had escalated on July 12 night after the death of Parameshwar Reang (21) who was severely beaten up by a group of people on July 7. Reports suggest that over 40 houses and 25 shops in the villages surrounding Gandatwisa were torched and more than 10 vehicles set ablaze.

The victims questioned the silence of SDM Chandroday Reang and SDPO Bapi Debbarma, who were unreachable during the attack. The latest incident in the sub-divisional headquarters led the affected families to stage a demonstration in front of police station, accusing authorities of planned arson and loot. Police resorted to lathicharge.

Harassed by official in Pune collectorate: IAS trainee

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Pune: An IAS trainee officer on Monday night gave a statement to the police alleging harassment by a senior official at the Pune district collectorate. A senior officer from the Pune police commissioner's office said that the IAS trainee has recorded her statement before the women police personnel and the same has been addressed to the Pune police.

The officer said on Tuesday, "I am not yet aware of the contents of the statements, which are confidential in nature owing to the allegations made against a senior official from the collectorate. We will examine the statement before taking a call on further action."

An officer from the Pune district collector office told **TOI**, "If the complaint is registered, we will take the appropriate legal steps."

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1. भूमि के अतिरिक्त प्रतिकर वितरण किए जाने में यदि किसी व्यक्ति को कोई आपत्ति है तो वह लिखित रूप में प्रकाशन के 15 दिनों के अंदर सी०आर० सेल/तहसीलदार, यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के समक्ष अपनी आपत्ति प्रस्तुत कर सकता है।

डिप्टी कलेक्टर

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लान के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग/हाउसिंग/कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैध है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइजर के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com देखें।

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विज्ञप्ति

समस्त सम्मानित उपभोक्ताओं को सूचित किया जाता है कि उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम विनियमावली 2002 के प्रावधानुसार ज्ञाप सं0 56 दिनांक 09.02.2024 के निर्देशानुसार कम्पनी (द0वि0वि0नि0लि0) स्तर के सी0जी0आर0एफ0 का गठन किया जा चुका है। जिसके पत्राचार का पता एवं दूरभाष संख्या निम्नवत् है। अध्यक्ष, कम्पनी उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम, 220 के०वी० सबस्टेशन ऊर्जा भवन, आगरा। मथुरा बाईपास रोड, सिकन्दरा आगरा-282007 ईमेल:-dvvnlcgrf@gmail.com दूरभाष:-0562-2605699. द0वि0वि0नि0लि0 के समस्त विद्युत उपभोक्ताओं से अनुरोध है कि उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम विनियमावली, 2022 के प्रस्तर 3.12 के अनुसार रूपये 1 करोड़ व उससे अधिक तक के विद्युत बिल और आंकलन से संबंधित विवाद के सम्बन्ध में किसी प्रकार की शिकायत के दृष्टिगत उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम विनियमावली, 2022 के प्रस्तर 3.11 के अनुसार निर्धारित शुल्क जमा कर अपनी शिकायत कम्पनी उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम को प्रस्तुत कर सकते हैं जिनका उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम विनियमावली, 2022 के प्रावधानुसार निस्तारण किया जायेगा। **उपभोक्ता व्यथा निवारण फोरम की आगामी मीटिंग दिनांक 19.07.2024, शुक्रवार** को प्रबन्ध निदेशक कार्यालय में होना सुनिश्चित की गई है। **(सत्यपाल सिंह) अधिशासी अभियन्ता (सम्भव-जनसुनवाई)/ नोडल, सीजीआरएफ दविविनिलि, आगरा।** "राष्ट्र हित में बिजली बचायें" पत्रांक-339-प्र.नि./आगरा/द.वि.वि.नि.लि./विज्ञापन दिनांक:-16.07.2024

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि०
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता
विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत

उत्तराखण्ड पावर कारपोरेशन लि०

ई-निविदा सूचना

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल चम्पावत निम्न कार्य हेतु ई-निविदा आमंत्रित करता है :–

क्र0 सं0	ई-निविदा संख्या	कार्य का विवरण	ई-निविदा ऑनलाइन तथा ऑफलाइन (हार्ड प्रति) जमा करने की अन्तिम तिथि एवं समय	ई-निविदा बिड पार्ट-। ऑफ लाइन खुलने की तिथि एवं समय	ई-निविदा बिड ऑन लाइन खुलने की तिथि एवं समय
1.	वि0वि0म0(च0) 16/2024-25	वि0वि0ख0 खटीमा के 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपसंस्थान कंजाबाग के गौटिया एवं चकरपुर पोषक के विभिन्न ग्रामों में जीर्णशीर्ण ए0सी0एस0आर0 वीजल के स्थान पर ए0बी0 केबिल लगाने का कार्य, निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार। **निविदा मूल्य** रु0 5900/- एवं **धरोहर धनराशि** रु0 1,45,000/-	02.08.2024 11.00 बजे तक	03.08.2024 11.00 बजे	03.08.2024 13.30 बजे
2.	वि0वि0म0(च0) 17/2024-25	वि0वि0ख0 खटीमा के 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपसंस्थान कंजाबाग के ईस्लामनगर एवं चकरपुर पोषक के विभिन्न ग्रामों में जीर्णशीर्ण ए0सी0एस0आर0 वीजल के स्थान पर ए0बी0 केबिल लगाने का कार्य, निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार। **निविदा मूल्य** रु0 5900/- एवं **धरोहर धनराशि** रु0 1,48,000/-	02.08.2024 11.00 बजे तक	03.08.2024 11.00 बजे	03.08.2024 13.30 बजे
3.	वि0वि0म0(च0) 18/2024-25	वि0वि0ख0 सितारगंज के 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपसंस्थान नानकमता के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न स्थानों पर क्षतिग्रस्त ए0बी0 केबिल (राजीव गॉधी ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण योजना में डाली गयी) के स्थान पर नयी ए0बी0 केबिल लगाने का कार्य, निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार। **निविदा मूल्य** रु0 1180/- एवं **धरोहर धनराशि** रु0 66,000/-	02.08.2024 11.00 बजे तक	03.08.2024 11.00 बजे	03.08.2024 14.00 बजे
4.	वि0वि0म0(च0) 19/2024-25	वि0वि0ख0 सितारगंज के 33/11 के0वी0 विद्युत उपसंस्थान जेलकैम्प के अन्तर्गत विभिन्न स्थानों पर क्षतिग्रस्त ए0बी0 केबिल (राजीव गॉधी ग्रामीण विद्युतीकरण योजना में डाली गयी) के स्थान पर नयी ए0बी0 केबिल लगाने का कार्य, निविदा विशिष्टि के अनुसार। **निविदा मूल्य** रु0 1180/- एवं **धरोहर धनराशि** रु0 72,000/-	02.08.2024 11.00 बजे तक	03.08.2024 11.00 बजे	03.08.2024 14.00 बजे

नोट- निविदा भाग 01 में पी0क्यू0आर0 की शर्तें पूर्ण करने वाले निविदाकार का ही भाग-02 अलग से तिथि निर्धारित करते हुये खोला जायेगा एवं कार्य, मदें एवं शर्तें उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की वेबसाईट **www.uktenders.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

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पत्रांक: वाई0ई0ए0/GM(P)/2024/922 — दिनांक: 12.07.2024

ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

निम्नलिखित कार्य हेतु केन्द्र सरकार/राज्य सरकार/केन्द्र शासित/अर्द्धशासिक/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों के कार्यो का कम–से–कम चार वर्ष का अनुभव रखने वाले ठेकेदारों/फर्मों से ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित की जाती हैं। ई–प्रीक्योरमेंट सोल्यूशन द्वारा निविदायें द्विस्तरीय पद्धति से खोली जायेंगी।

कार्यालय आदेश संख्याः वाई.ई.ए./GM(P)/2024/921 दिनांक 12.07.2024 के अनुपालन में यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण की कार्यों में संविदाकार द्वारा बिल ऑफ क्वान्टिटी (बी.ओ.क्यू.) पर डाले गये 10 प्रतिशत कम दरों तक 0.5 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर तथा उसके पश्चात् 10 प्रतिशत से अधिक कम दरों पर 1.00 प्रतिशत प्रति एक प्रतिशत कम दर पर सिक्योरिटी/परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी प्राप्त की जायेगी तथा परफॉर्मेन्स गारन्टी एफ.डी.आर./सी.डी.आर./बैंक गारन्टी/एन.एस.सी. के रूप में न्यूनतम संविदाकार द्वारा अनुबन्ध गठन से पूर्व देनी होगी, जो कार्य के अन्तिम बीजक होने के बाद वापिस होगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
1	C/o Boundary wall of remaining park near plot no. 356 and 362 with plastering of old parks in pocket-R in sector 20 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 75.29 लाख
2	C/o Boundary wall of park near ply no. 153, 330, 124 & 283 Pocket-3B in Sector-18 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 145.24 लाख
3	C/o Boundary wall of remaining pak near plot no. 104 & 121 and park between C-12 & C-13 Pocket-D in Sector 20 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 165.73 लाख
4	Plantation of trees & Shrubs in internal road pocket Sector-28, with two years maintenance YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 31.16 लाख
5	D/o park Pocket 3A & 3D Sector-18 with two year maintenance for years. Wc- Horti	रु. 60.23 लाख
6	D/o 03 park Pocket 7C Sector-18 with two years maintenance YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 47.57 लाख
7	Construction of drain Slab R.H.S. of 75.00 mtr. Wide road (Road no. – 19) YEIDA Wc-03	रु. 145.82 लाख
8	Construction of drain Slab R.H.S. of 75.00 mtr. Wide road (Road no. – 18) YEIDA Wc-03	रु. 138.36 लाख
9	Plantation of trees & Shrubs in internal road Sector-33 with two years maintenance YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 82.69 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक **18.07.2024** से **29.07.2024** को **5:00 बजे तक** अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक **30.07.2024** को प्रातः **11:00 बजे** खोली जायेंगी।

क्रम सं.	कार्य का नाम/वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
10	Pond Rejuvention in village- Ronija yea Wc-06	रु. 35.76 लाख
11	D/o park pocket O, P & S Sector-20 with two years maintenance for year Wc- Horti	रु. 105.06 लाख
12	D/o 06 park pocket-5A Sector-18 with two years maintenance yea. Wc- Horti	रु. 84.40 लाख
13	Plantation of trees & shrubs in internal road pocket-7B, 7C, 7D & 7E Sector-18 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 114.02 लाख
14	Plantation of trees & shrubs in internal road pocket-5A, 5D, 6A & 6B Sector-18 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 104.23 लाख
15	Plantation of trees shrubs in internal road pocket-K, L, M, N, O, P, Q Sector-20 YEIDA Wc- Horti	रु. 138.82 लाख
16	Development work for 7% abadi of pocket-13 and K1 in Sector-25 YEIDA Wc-03	रु. 154.70 लाख
17	Providing and Fixing of Gantry Board and Retro Reflective Signage board at different location for Sector-24 yea Wc-04	रु. 13.29 लाख

जिन्हें दिनांक **19.07.2024** से **01.08.2024** को **5:00 बजे तक** अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक **02.08.2024** को प्रातः **11:00 बजे** खोली जायेंगी।

महाप्रबन्धक (परियोजना)

यमुना एक्सप्रेसवे औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण के अधिसूचित क्षेत्र में प्राधिकरण द्वारा स्वीकृत मास्टर प्लॉन के अतिरिक्त प्लॉटिंग / हाउसिंग / कॉलोनी या किसी भी प्रकार का अन्य निर्माण पूरी तरह से अवैद्य है। सामान्यजन इस प्रकार की खरीदफरोख्त से पूर्णतः सचेत रहें तथा कॉलोनाइज़र के भ्रामक विज्ञापनों से बचें। अधिक जानकारी के लिए प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट **www.yamunaexpresswayauthority.com** देखें।

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APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

General Public is hereby informed that an unidentified dead body of a male Namely Poker Ram **S/o** Shrideva Ram, **R/o** E-83, Sahyog Vihar JJ Colony Matiyala Mohan Garden, New Delhi, **Age:** around 50 years, **Height:** around 5'7", **Complexion:** Shallow, **ID:** Driving Licence of Namely Poker Ram **S/o** Shrideva Ram, **R/o** E-83, Sahyog Vihar JJ Colony Matiyala Mohan Garden, New Delhi & Date of Issued 11.06.2019, **Wearing:** Checked shirt and Grey pant, was found dead on 20.05.2024 at around 09:00 PM from Sec-3, PH-3, Matiyala Dwarka Rain Basera. In this regard a **DD No.109A, dated 20.05.2024** has been lodged at P.S. Bindapur, New Delhi.

If any one having any clue about deceased male may kindly inform the undersigned and contact on following numbers.

SHO
P.S. Bindapur, New Delhi
Ph.: 011-25633525, 25633526
Mob.: 8368382361, 7428581030

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Appeal for Identification

General public is hereby informed that one person **Namely:** Unknown, **S/o:** Unknown, **R/o:** Unknown, **Age:** Approx 55-60 Yrs., **Height:** Approx 5'2", **Sex:** Male, **Complexion:** Shallow, **Built:** Thin, **Face:** Long, **Identification Mark:** A mole on upper right chest, **Wearing :** Light Blue Colour Shirt, Black Colour Coat, Grey Colour Pajama and Bare Feet was found in unconscious condition on 15.07.2024 at Ajmeri Gate Side Parking, Near Entry Gate, New Delhi Railway Station. He has been brought to LHMC Hospital, New Delhi, where doctor declared brought dead. The dead body of deceased has been preserved for 72 hrs. in LHMC Hospital Mortuary for identification. In this regard **DD No. 03A & 06A, Dated 15.07.2024** has been lodged at **Police Station: New Delhi Railway Station**. Any clue come to notice please inform undersign.

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NOT LIFE, BUT GOOD LIFE, IS TO BE CHIEFLY VALUED. SOCRATES

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IN COURT, BRAD PITT SLAMS ANGELINA'S 'INTRUSIVE' DEMAND TO ACCESS HIS EMAILS POST 2016 JET SPAT

TRAILER OF GLADIATOR II, STARRING PAUL MESCAL, RACKS 279K DISLIKES IN 24 HRS; USE OF RAP MUSIC AMONG REASONS CITED

Subdued & bandaged, Trump gets a hero's welcome at RNC

Supporters Chant 'Fight' As GOP Officially Names Him Prez Nominee

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: A rather subdued Donald Trump, right ear covered by a bandage after being nicked by an assassin's bullet, was formally nominated party candidate along with his running mate, JD Vance, at the Republican Convention in Milwaukee on Monday.

Chants of "Fight! Fight! Fight!" erupted as Trump walked in to a hero's welcome to a party gala that even in normal times is a celebration of the nominee. He sat quietly through an hour of adulatory speeches by delegates now even more in thrall of him after he survived an assassination attempt, flanked by his V-P pick JD Vance and right-wing commentator Tucker Carlson, among others. His wife Melania and daughter Ivanka were missing.

Trump made no remarks but is expected to speak on the final day of the RNC as the party closed ranks behind him and his choice of Vance. The veep pick of a man half his age (Vance is 39, Trump 78) is seen as a nod to his MAGA (Make America Great Again) constituency centred in Middle America where Vance is rooted, and to his own legacy and succession issues that have come to the fore after he survived the assassination attempt.

Trump, looking sombre, was clearly moved by the reception, leading his acolyte KellyAnne Conway to note on Fox News that she "saw a man who knows he got a second lease on life". He displayed none of the showmanship, histrionics and grandstanding typical of his rallies, even as party operatives deployed minorities—including Latino and African-American speakers—to expand the outreach of a party seen mainly as giving voice to the anxieties of white rural America. The diversification included enlisting a labour union (typically a Democratic constituency) leader Sean O'Brien, who referred to Trump surviving the assassination and called him "one tough SOB", an epithet that seemed to please Trump and his flock rather than offend them.

The Republican Party won only about 10% of the Black vote in 2020, but polls indicate they are on track to double it in 2024, which explains four of the five black GOP lawmakers making it to the speaker's podium. Votes from the labour and union constituency, for long in the Democratic corner, are also looking good for the Republican Party on account of the protectionist rhetoric on jobs and trade.

God was a recurring reference at a gathering where he is invoked often even in normal times as several speakers attributed Trump surviving the assassination bid to divine protection, an explanation proffered by Trump himself. "I don't see this as luck... I see this as God's protection," Rev Nathaniel Thomas, a pastor and delegate from Washington, said. Others echoed the theme, some elevating Trump himself to godly status.

Bloomberg

THE APPRENTICE: The choice of JD Vance as Trump's running mate, a politician nearly 40 yrs his junior, vaults the first-term senator to the forefront of a GOP future. Vance instantly becomes a top-tier prez contender in 2028

'US got intel of Iranian plot to kill Trump'

The US received intelligence from a human source in recent weeks about an Iranian plot to try to assassinate Donald Trump, CNN reported Tuesday, citing people briefed on the matter. CNN reported that there was no indication that the 20-year-old suspect in the shooting of Trump on Saturday was connected to the plot.

The Secret Service and Trump campaign were made aware of the plot before Saturday's rally, a CNN reporter said, citing a national security official. A Secret Service spokesman said the agency recently "added protective resources to Trump's security detail." REUTERS

How Vance won over Don after calling him 'cultural heroin'

The meeting got off to a bad start. JD Vance walked into Donald Trump's office at Mar-a-Lago on one afternoon in Feb 2021. The former prez had a thick stack of papers on his desk: printouts of Vance's copious broadsides against Trump. Vance's past criticisms had included an essay in one of Trump's least favourite magazines, Atlantic, where Vance described Trump as "cultural heroin" — a purveyor of false promises to the white working class. Trump, using an expletive, bluntly told Vance: You said some nasty stuff about me. Their discussion was described by two sources who insisted on anonymity.

Vance's next move was crucial. This was the first time he was meeting Trump, and Vance needed the former prez to like him. Vance — the author of "Hillbilly Elegy", a best-selling memoir about his troubled upbringing and the struggles of the white working class —was running for the open US Senate seat in Ohio as a Republican populist, a Never Trumper turned pro-Trumper.

Vance decided to immediately apologise. He told Trump that he had bought into what he described as media lies. Of all people, Vance told Trump, Vance himself should have understood. Trump agreed, telling Vance that he should have understood because Vance had written the "Hillbilly Elegy" book. His implication was that Vance should have supported him because Trump's own base of non-college-educated voters angry about globalisation, immigration and foreign wars were exactly the people Vance purported to represent.

At that point, Trump seemed disarmed, and the meeting went on for almost two hours. Trump closed the conversation by asking Vance what he wanted. Trump told him that everyone else had already been down to Mar-a-Lago begging for his endorsement — a reference to Vance's potential opponents in the Ohio Senate primary. Vance told the former prez he wasn't going to do that.

Trump, surprised, asked Vance if he wanted the endorsement. Vance said that of course he wanted it, but that Trump should let him run his race, and see how he did. Trump seemed intrigued. All right, Trump replied, telling Vance, whom he called JD, to take care and check in from time to time. Trump had relatively little personal contact with Vance after that first meeting, but he took note as Vance kicked off his Senate campaign in July 2021. Trump was impressed. He told allies he thought Vance was smart and handsome — "those beautiful blue eyes" — great on TV and a killer at the debates. Trump, who split with allies at the influential conservative group Club for Growth in backing Vance, felt validated when Vance won the election against his Democratic rival and then immediately became one of Trump's most vocal supporters in the Senate.

When Trump announced his third campaign for prez, in Nov 2022, at a time when most Republicans wanted nothing to do with him, Vance distinguished himself by immediately signalling to Trump's staff that Vance was all in. Since then, Vance has played his cards nearly perfectly, making himself visible at key moments, promoting himself assertively but not too much, publicly backing Trump during his Manhattan criminal trial and having the right people champion him to the former president at the right time.

That day in early 2021, Vance was ushered into Trump's office at Mar-a-Lago by one of the most secretive donors in GOP politics: Peter Thiel, the billionaire founder of PayPal who broke with Silicon Valley to support Trump for prez in 2016. Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr, was at the meeting, too. He went on to become close friends with Vance over the course of the Senate race.

It was uncertain down to the final hours, with a frantic lobbying effort until the last possible moment by anti-Vance forces, including Rupert Murdoch and his allies, with some of it playing out in public. Trump seemed uncertain right until the end, privately raising some of the negative comments Vance had made about him in the past. Allies of Vance, including Elon Musk and Tucker Carlson, ran a counter campaign to reassure Trump about the selection, with supportive calls to the former prez continuing until the moment Trump finally told Vance of his decision, on Monday afternoon, less than half an hour before he announced his choice on social media. NYT

VANCE STANCE

In Line With His Issues, Trump Picks Inheritor

IMMIGRATION | Was subject of Vance's first ads in 2022 campaign for Senate in Ohio. Views largely echo Trump: construction of border wall and against amnesty to illegal immigrants. **Favours merit-based system**

ABORTION RIGHTS | **Opposes, even in case of incest or rape,** but calls for exceptions when mother's life is in danger. But like Trump, he opposes a national ban, saying its states' issue

CHINA | 'That's **the biggest threat to our country** and we are completely distracted from it,' the Ohio senator told Fox News after his V-P nomination

UKRAINE | Led battle in Senate, unsuccessfully, to block a $60bn military aid package. **'I don't really care what happens to Ukraine one way or the other,'** he has said

JAN 6 | 'I think **the election was stolen from Trump,'** Vance said during the Republican primary for his Ohio seat, putting him firmly in the camp of election deniers.

TARIFFS | Has **called for 'broad-based tariffs, especially on goods coming in from China'.** Is in line with Trump, who has proposed a 10% across-the-board tariff

CLIMATE | For him, climate change isn't human-induced and is not a threat. **A strong supporter of the oil and gas industry** — which is dominant in his home state

ISRAEL | 'Israel has an achievable objective. Ukraine does not,' he wrote in a memo to Senate Republicans. **Assailed Biden for delaying shipment of weapons to Israel for Gaza war**

His name wasn't always James David Vance

His name was not always James David Vance. At birth, it was James Donald Bowman. It changed to James David Hamel after his mother remarried, and then it changed one more time. Also, his venture capital firm is named after "Lord of the Rings" lore. The firm, Narya Capital, was named after a mythical object from J.R.R. Tolkien's trilogy: Narya was one of three Elven rings of power, worn in the third age by the wizard Gandalf. Meanwhile, his beard is Trump-approved. The ex-prez has said that Vance looks like a young Abraham Lincoln. NYT

'Shots fired 86 sec after cops told about shooter'

Washington: Facing growing criticism over a massive security failure, the Secret Service Monday vowed to cooperate with an independent review after a shooter was allowed to open fire on Donald Trump.

Newly surfaced video backs up reports from witnesses that they had called out to police and physically pointed at the shooter as he lay on the roof preparing to open fire, Washington Post reported Monday. The shots targeting Trump rang out 86 seconds after the first audible attempts to warn the police, the Post said, citing an analysis it did of video clips from the scene of the attack.

President Joe Biden had ordered a full review of the security at Trump's rally, as well as at this week's RNC in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. AFP

'Usha's take on political life among criteria for ex-prez's veep pick'

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These increasing mentions of Hinduism in mainstream media may seem trite, but positive mentions are critical for minority communities like ours," tweeted Suhag Shukla of the Hindu American Foundation. Some Hindu activists are looking even further than Nov 2024. "JD has an extremely smart Yale-educated Hindu wife, Usha. Don't forget 2028. US is in good hands. US and Bharat shall be best friends," Trump acolyte and Republican Hindu Coalition founder Shalli Kumar said.

Not everyone is chuffed, with critical notes surfacing on social media. "Trump's VP pick in Vance, whose wife Usha is of Indian descent, will not only garner Midwest voters but politically hollow Indian-Americans voting on identity politics & Hindu supremacists who will see this as an opportunity to further Christian & Hindu supremacist unity," noted a critic. A Maga proponent wrote: "I'm sure this guy is going to be great on immigration."

None of this appears to bother Trump, whose political calculus has involved an unapologetic outreach to Hindus ("I am a big fan of Hindu. And I am a big fan of India," Trump had said at an event in 2016). According to reports, Trump's assessment of Vance as a running mate involved reaching out to Usha to ask her how she liked political life, and when she gave an anodyne answer, he told her his wife Melania hated it too. But she is likely to play an active role in backing Vance to replace Kamala Harris. On Monday, she resigned from the law firm Munger, Tolles & Olson, where she was a top litigator, saying: "I have to focus on caring for our family."

Musk to give $45m a month to GOP PAC?

Billionaire Elon Musk has said that he plans to commit around $45 million a month to a new pro-Trump super political-action committee, America PAC, Wall Street Journal reported on Monday, citing people familiar with the matter. Musk replied on X to a WSJ post of the report with words "fake gnus", an apparent reference to fake news. REUTERS

Usha is living her parents' American dream

A lawyer, she could be US' first PIO second lady

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US vice-presidential candidate JD Vance's wife Usha Chilukuri is the US-born daughter of Indian immigrant parents who shifted to America in the great move West of the 1980s.

They were searching for the American dream. Their daughter is living it.

Usha Chilukuri Vance has her roots in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh. The 38-year-old lawyer, who grew up in a San Diego suburb, graduated from Yale Law School. She later worked for different law firms and earned a reputation as an expert in civil litigation.

Usha met Vance, 39, at the Yale Law School. Studying, meeting (and courting) under the tutelage of Amy Chua, author of the controversial book "Battle Hymn Of The Tiger Mother", they married in Kentucky in 2014, with both a Christian and a Hindu ceremony. The couple has three children — sons Ewan (6) and Vivek (4), and daughter Mirabel (2).

Her parents, Lakshmi and Radhakrishna Chilukuri, moved to the US after their marriage. Radhakrishna, after completing his BTech in mechanical engineering, did his master's in aerodynamics in the US. He joined United Technologies Aerospace Systems as an aerodynamics specialist and went on to become manager of the company within a decade. Later he worked with Collins Aerospace before retiring. He now teaches at San Diego University. Her mother, Lakshmi, is also a professor at the varsity. She teaches molecular biology

Both Lakshmi and Radhakrishna are ardent followers of Hinduism. Usha, in a recent interview, said her parents are good people because of the tradition and religious faith they follow. Usha's marriage was performed by a Hindu priest according to Telugu tradition.

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Usha Vance, 38, would be the possible first Indian-American second lady, if Donald Trump and her husband J D Vance win the Nov 5 election. She would be the first Hindu spouse of a vice-president.

Once a registered Dem

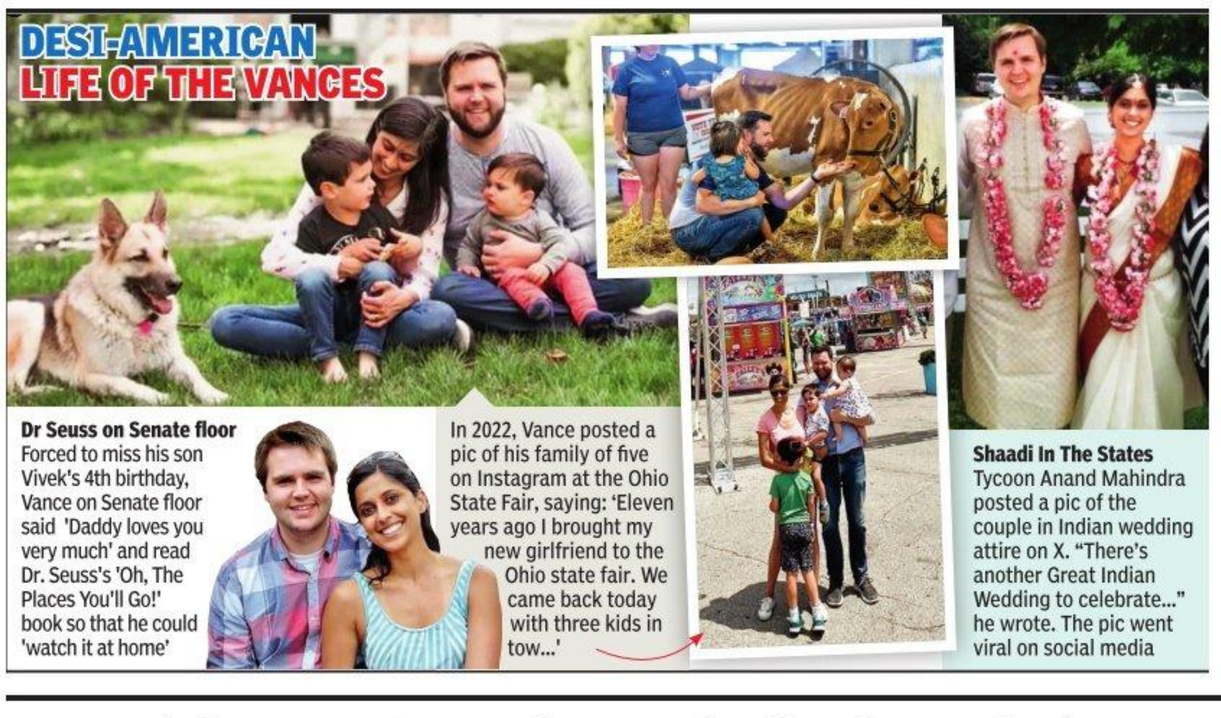
Friends from her childhood described her as a "leader" and a "bookworm". Brainy, ambitious and pragmatic, she moved from an extracurricular-studded four years at Yale, where she got a bachelor's degree in history, to Cambridge, where she earned a master of philosophy degree, and moved in liberal and left-wing circles. As of 2014, she was a registered Democrat. Now a corporate litigator at a prestigious San Francisco law firm, Usha has clerked for Supreme Court chief justice John Roberts and Justice Brett Kavanaugh when he was an appeals court judge. It's a conspicuous resume for a woman whose husband gave a speech in 2021 titled "The Universities are the Enemy".

Spotlight-shy but key player

Usha has played a quiet but key role in her husband's rise. At Yale, she helped Vance organise his ideas about social decline in rural white America, which formed the basis of his memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy". And she made rare but well-choreographed appearances with Vance as he sought the Ohio Senate seat. In an interview last month, Usha, who mostly stays out of the spotlight, sounded a note of ambivalence about the prospect of her husband running for V-P. "I'm not raring to change anything about our lives..., but I believe in JD."

Happy interfaith couple

Vance has said his wife "is not a Christian" but was "very supportive" of his deepening faith. Asked about the challenges of an interfaith marriage, Usha said, "There are a lot of things we agree on, I think, especially when it comes to family life, how to raise our kids. So I think the answer really is, we just talk a lot." NYT & PTI



Dr Seuss on Senate floor
Forced to miss his son Vivek's 4th birthday, Vance on Senate floor said 'Daddy loves you very much' and read Dr. Seuss's 'Oh, The Places You'll Go!' book so that he could 'watch it at home'

In 2022, Vance posted a pic of his family of five on Instagram at the Ohio State Fair, saying: 'Eleven years ago I brought my new girlfriend to the Ohio state fair. We came back today with three kids in tow...'

Shaadi In The States
Tycoon Anand Mahindra posted a pic of the couple in Indian wedding attire on X. "There's another Great Indian Wedding to celebrate..." he wrote. The pic went viral on social media

10 soldiers, 5 civilians killed in 2 terror attacks in Pak

13 Assailants Shot Dead; Army Blames Af-Based Militants

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Pakistan army said Tuesday at least 15 people, including 10 soldiers, were killed in two separate attacks in the volatile northwest bordering Afghanistan and added that security forces killed all 13 assailants in the ensuing gunfights.

Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), army's media wing, reported two female health workers, two children and a guard were killed when terrorists stormed a medical facility in militancy-hit Dera Ismail Khan district. Pakistani forces, it said, "effectively engaged" the assailants, killing three of them and losing two soldiers in the clashes.

The announcement came hours after the military confirmed the deaths of at least eight soldiers in a pre-dawn militant raid against an army base in the garrison town of Bannu Monday. It stated that security forces killed 10 assailants in the ensuing gunfight.

The attack on Bannu cantonment, ISPR said, had been

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orchestrated by militants based in Afghanistan. "The attempt to enter the cantonment was effectively thwarted by security personnel, which forced the terrorists to ram an explosives-laden vehicle into the perimeter wall of the cantonment," ISPR said.

It added that the suicide car bombing destroyed a portion of the wall and damaged adjoining infrastructure, resulting in the deaths of eight soldiers. "In the ensuing operation, our troops effectively engaged the terrorists as a result of which 10 terrorists were sent to hell," the army said.

Locals said the blast was heard miles away and caused damage to houses and shops. They said they saw smoke billowing above the site and heard gunshots from the area.

A militant outfit allied with globally designated terrorist group Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan took responsibility for the attack. ISPR attributed the assault to Hafiz Gul Bahadur, which it said operates from Afghanistan and has used Afghan soil to orchestrate terrorism acts in Pakistan.

6 foreigners found dead in Bangkok hotel

Bangkok: Thai Police are investigating the deaths of six foreign nationals whose bodies were found in a room at an upmarket hotel in Bangkok Tuesday, including looking for a seventh person in connection with the incident. All six, who were of Vietnamese descent, with two carrying US passports, checked into Grand Hyatt Erawan hotel at two separate times after arriving Saturday and Sunday, police official Thiti Saengsawang said. The group — three men and three women — checked into different rooms but their bodies were found in one room, which did not show any signs of struggle, he said. "This was not self harm, but someone caused the deaths.".

Thai PM Srettha Thavisin, who visited the hotel, ordered a swift probe on the matter. The US state department is "closely monitoring the situation", a spokesperson said. REUTERS

5 die in B'desh as violence over job quota plan spirals

Dhaka: At least 5 people were killed and dozens injured in two separate incidents in Bangladesh as violence continued Tuesday on university campuses in the nation's capital and elsewhere over a govt jobs quota scheme, media reports said quoting officials. At least three of the dead were students and one a pedestrian. Another man who died remained unidentified.

The deaths were reported after overnight violence at a public university near Dhaka. The violence involved pro-govt student body members and other students, when police fired tear gas and baton charged protesters during clashes which spread at Jahangir Nagar University in Savar, students and authorities said. Protesters have been demanding an end to a quota reserved for family members of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's 1971 war of independence, which allows them to take up 30% of govt jobs. They say quota appointments are discriminatory and should be merit-based. Each year, 3,000 jobs open up to 400,000 graduates.

Hasina said Tuesday that war veterans should receive the highest respect for their sacrifice regardless of their current political ideologies. "Abandoning the dream of their own life, leaving behind their families, parents and everything, they joined the war with whatever they had...," she said in Dhaka.

The education ministry Tuesday night ordered nationwide closure of schools.

On Monday, violence also spread at Dhaka University, the country's leading public university, as clashes gripped the campus in the capital. Over 100 students were injured in the clashes, police said. Protesters Tuesday blocked railways and highways across the country. In Dhaka, they halted traffic in many areas as they vowed to keep demonstrating until demands were met. AGENCIES

AFP

Protesters have been demanding an end to a quota reserved for family members of veterans who fought in Bangladesh's 1971 war

Indian among 28 wounded in Oman attack

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Following the shooting incident reported in Muscat city on July 15, foreign ministry of Sultanate of Oman has informed that one Indian national has lost his life and another is injured. Embassy offers its sincere condolences and stands ready to offer all assistance to the families," the Indian embassy said in a post on X.

The attack late on Monday took place at Wadi al-Kabir in Muscat. At least 28 other people were wounded, Pakistani and Omani authorities said, as per Al Jazeera.

Following the shooting incident, the US embassy in Muscat issued a security alert. "US citizens should remain vigilant, monitor local news, and heed the directions of local authorities," it said in a post on X. TNN & AGENCIES

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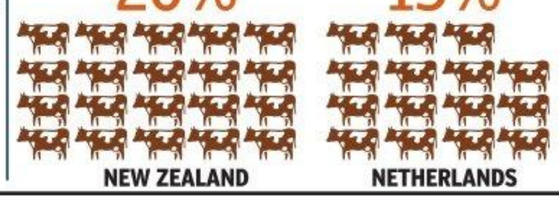
Improving The Share In Global
DAIRY EXPORTS(%)

As India aims to be a developed nation by 2047, where will the country be placed in terms of dairy exports compared to global benchmarks

Source: Ministries



Tata Power to nearly double FY25 capex to ₹20k cr

Mumbai: Tata Power plans to nearly double its capital expenditure to Rs 20,000 crore in FY25 as it transitions from traditional fossil fuels to renewable energy. While Rs 500 crore will go towards maintenance and sustenance capex, the balance will go towards accelerating the renewable energy portfolio and the transmission & distribution businesses, said company chairman N Chandrasekaran at the annual shareholder meeting on Tuesday.
The capex will be financed through debt and cash flows generated by the company. TNN

Air India's mkt share hits 3-yr high in June

Air India's market share rose to its highest in three years in June, in a boost for the Tata Group-owned Indian carrier that's combining with another airline to streamline operations and lure more fliers. The airline carried 14.6% of all Indian passengers last month, up from 13.7% in May, according to data from DGCA. BLOOMBERG

Irdai imposes ₹2cr penalty on Bajaj Fin

Mumbai: Irdai has imposed a penalty of Rs 2 crore on Bajaj Finance for violations discovered between March 3-5, 2021. The violations were found during an onsite inspection of the company's books from 2018 to 2020. The penalty is in two parts of Rs 1 crore each. Irdai issued further directions to Bajaj Finance, instructing it to comply within a specified timeframe. TNN

FAME III scheme for EVs unlikely in Budget

New Delhi: Govt is working on the FAME III scheme for promotion of electric mobility and it is likely to be implemented in the near future, union minister HD Kumaraswamy said on Tuesday. The third phase of the FAME scheme will, however, not be featured in the upcoming Union Budget. AGENCIES

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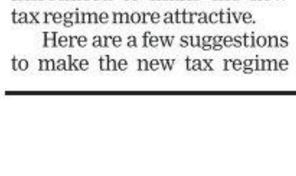
donations given by Indian diaspora to various American universities since 2008



Source: Indiaspora

Byju's, once most-valued startup, enters bankruptcy

NCLT Appoints Resolution Professional, Co Plans Appeal

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru/Mumbai: The National Company Law Tribunal on Tuesday initiated insolvency proceedings against edtech company Byju's parent Think & Learn following a plea by cricket body BCCI, marking a dramatic collapse of what was once India's most valuable startup at $22 billion.

The tribunal has appointed Pankaj Srivastava as the interim resolution professional who will work with creditors to seek a resolution applicant for the company.

Byju's is likely to challenge the decision in the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal. "As we have always maintained, we wish to reach an amicable settlement with BCCI, and we are confident that, despite this order, a settlement can be reached. Our lawyers are reviewing the order and will take necessary steps to protect the company's interests," a company spokesperson said in a statement.

The latest blow to the Bengaluru-based startup, whose founder is now overseas, relates to outstanding dues of Rs 159 crore it owed to the cricket body over a title sponsorship rights deal struck in 2019. Earlier this year, Byju's had filed an application to refer its dispute with the BCCI to an arbitrator but the NCLT dismissed it. Last year, the BCCI had dragged the startup to NLCT for non-payment of sponsorship money.

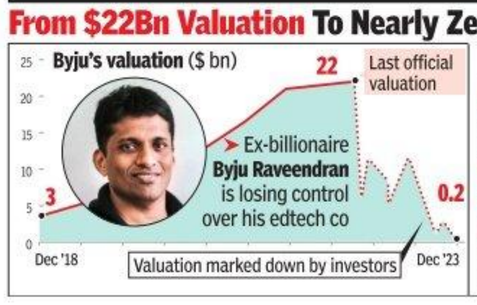
Byju's had replaced Oppo India as the official team India sponsor in 2019. The initial deal period was from Sept 2019-March 2022. In June 2022, Byju's had extended its jersey sponsorship agreement with BCCI until Nov 2023 for an estimated $35 million. While Byju's wanted to terminate its agreement with the BCCI from Dec 2022, the board wanted it to continue until March 2023 so that new sponsors could come in from the new financial year.

The decision comes as a setback for investors too, many of whom such as Prosus had written off their investment, as the company will be taken over by a new entity called a resolution applicant. It will be managed by a committee of creditors with the management and the shareholders having no say. Byju's debtors will have to wait for resolution to recover their dues. A failure to find a resolution applicant will push the company into liquidation.

BCCI, which is an operational creditor, will get its claims, or a part of it, only after wages and financial creditors are paid. Typically, only a chunk of the claims admitted by the resolution professional have been realised with service sector companies seeing lower value.

Byju's is already under pressure from investors, a majority of whom had voted to oust founder Byju Ravindran as CEO in Feb.

From $22Bn Valuation To Nearly Zero Value In 2 Years



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- **March 2022** | Byju's becomes India's most-valued startup at $22bn
- **July** | Financials come under MCA scrutiny
- **Sept** | After year's delay, co releases FY21 nos
- **Jan 2024** | Investors start slashing Byju's valuation
- **June 2023** | Auditor Deloitte resigns, three investor reps quit board
- **Feb 2024** | Majority of investors vote to oust Raveendran as CEO

IMF ups India's FY25 growth forecast to 7%

Rural Demand Seen Driving Pvt Consumption, Projections Are In Line With Govt Estimates

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: IMF on Tuesday revised the growth projection for India to 7% during the current financial year, compared to the earlier estimate of 6.8%, citing upward revisions to growth last year and improved prospects for private consumption, especially in rural areas. The assessment will provide comfort to analysts and policymakers as rural demand is seen to be weak, although there are initial signs of an uptick.

The World Economic Outlook report has retained the global growth projection at 3.2% for this year, but projected a faster pace of expansion in emerging markets and developing countries driven by India and China, which is projected to grow 5%, compared with 4.6% earlier.

"Growth in India and China is revised upwards and accounts for almost half of global growth. Yet, prospects for the next five years remain weak, largely because of waning momentum in emerging Asia. By 2029, growth in China is projected to moderate to 3.3%, well below its current pace," it said. While the Indian economy is projected to grow slower than the 8.2% during the last financial year, it will remain the fastest-growing major economy, not just this fiscal year but even in FY26.

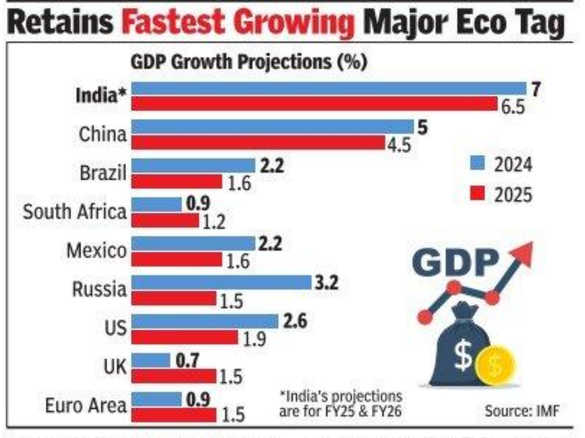
IMF's projections are in line with govt's estimates but lower than RBI's revised forecast of 7.2% for the current financial year. Govt may revise its projections when FM Nirmala Sitharaman presents her seventh straight Budget next week. Besides, the Economic Survey — which will be tabled in Parliament ahead of the Budget — will provide a forecast. In recent years, the finance ministry's estimates have been more conservative than RBI's.

IMF also warned that momentum in the fight against inflation is slowing, which could further delay an easing of interest rates and keep up strong dollar pressure on developing economies.

It also cautioned of near-term upside risks to inflation as services prices remain elevated amid wage growth in the labour-intensive sector.

HALWA CEREMONY: FM Nirmala Sitharaman with her deputy Pankaj Chaudhary and top officials at the Halwa ceremony on Tuesday. After the ceremony, several employees stay inside the press till the Budget is presented in Parliament

Retains Fastest Growing Major Eco Tag



Sebi to tighten F&O rules, contract value may rise 5x

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New Delhi: Markets regulator Sebi is looking at a two-stage tightening of norms for the equity futures & options segment even as consultations with market participants for the first phase are set to kick off.

While F&O was meant to help investors hedge their risks, in recent years, Sebi as well as govt officials are worried over this segment seeing large scale speculation with retail investors too jumping into the ring and losing money.

An expert committee is closely looking at the data. Its initial recommendations focused on a seven-pronged assault to check speculation has been endorsed by the secondary market advisory committee, comprising experts and key market participants, and the regulator is expected to issue a consultation paper in the next few days, a source said.

The expert panel will provide more suggestions in the coming weeks that may be implemented later. Among the recommendations for the initial round is a suggestion to increase the minimum value of each F&O contracts from Rs 5 lakh to around Rs 25 lakh. There are also proposals for weekly expiry of contracts and higher margin requirements for investors.

Although there have been suggestions from market participants for putting in place product suitability norms — as is the case in some countries with criteria like wealth or education of the investor — it may be tough to implement in India.

Sebi's concerns over rising F&O volumes were for the first time flagged in a report in Jan 2023 as it emerged that individual traders who traded with top 10 brokers added up to over 45 lakh in FY22, compared to 7 lakh in FY19. It also said that nine out of 10 individual traders in the equity F&O segment incurred losses, which on an average worked out to Rs 1.1 lakh during FY22. Almost 90% of the active traders incurred average losses of Rs 1.25 lakh during this period.

Since then, the volumes have only increased. In May, the aggregate turnover in the equity derivatives segments of the BSE and the NSE was Rs 9,504 lakh crore, a rise of 71% over May 2023.

Paytm gets Sebi warning on old dealings with bank unit

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Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi has issued an administrative warning to Paytm over certain related-party transactions with its now defunct banking unit Paytm Payments Bank during FY22, which it said was conducted without the approval of the company's audit committee or shareholders. The warning was related to two transactions with unapproved amounts of Rs 324 crore and Rs 36 crore, Paytm said in a stock exchange filing.

In a letter to the company dated July 15, Sebi said that the violations have been viewed "very seriously" and directed the firm to take measures to better its compliance mechanism. "You are, therefore, warned to be careful in future and improve your compliance standards to avoid recurrence of such instances in future, failing which appropriate enforcement action would be initiated in accordance with the law," Sebi said. The regulator also directed Paytm to place the letter before its board for corrective action and submit a report on action taken within 10 days from that.

The stock price of Paytm ended at Rs 460 apiece on the BSE on Tuesday, down 2%. Paytm said that it is committed to upholding and demonstrating the highest compliance standards and shall also submit its response to Sebi.

One of India's high-profile startups which broadened access to digital payments for scores of households and small merchants, the Noida-based fintech came under the regulatory scanner earlier this year after RBI flagged instances of persistent non-compliance at its banking unit and slapped crippling restrictions on PPBL.

Sebi proposes new asset class: MF-PMS hybrid

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Mumbai: Markets regulator Sebi is proposing a "new asset class", an investment product for rich investors that would be a hybrid product combining features of MF plans and portfolio management schemes.

Sebi is proposing a minimum investment threshold of Rs 10 lakh per investor for this product but no leveraging will be allowed. Investors can use derivative strategies other than for only hedging, Sebi said in a consultation paper published on Tuesday.

The new asset class is being launched to bridge the gap between MFs and PMS "in terms of flexibility in portfolio construction", Sebi said. These products would allow investors to take higher risks at a higher ticket size within a regulated investment environment, "aimed at curbing the proliferation of unregistered and unauthorised investment products".

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At present, the minimum investment threshold in MFs is Rs 500 per investor while in PMS, it's fixed at Rs 50 lakh. The proposed new asset class will be something in between the two.

"The proposed new asset class intends to fill the gap between MFs and PMS by offering a regulated product featuring greater flexibility, higher risk-taking capability and a higher ticket size to meet the needs of the emerging category of investors," the consultation paper noted.

Sebi is proposing that all fund houses with an average asset under management of Rs 10,000 crore over three previous years and without any major regulatory sanctions could launch such products.

Adani, Wilmar look to offload $670mn JV stake

Billionaire Gautam Adani and Singapore-based food processing giant Wilmar International are in early talks with banks to sell a minority stake in their consumer joint venture Adani Wilmar, people familiar with the matter said, helping the company abide by shareholding regulations.

The owners are exploring selling equal stakes that may total 13% in Adani Wilmar, said the people, asking not to be identified as the information is confidential. A sale that size would be valued at roughly $670 million as of Tuesday, and could take place as early as the coming months, the people said. Shares of Adani Wilmar have slid 7% this year, valuing the company at about $5 billion.

The partners may opt to sell their stakes in one or multiple tranches, depending on investor appetite, the people said. Adani and Wilmar have until Feb next year to pare their combined holding to 75%, in line with Sebi requirements. Considerations are ongoing, and details such as the size of the stake sale and timing could still change, the people said. Representatives for Adani Group and Wilmar International declined to comment, while Adani Wilmar didn't have any immediate comment.

Adani and Wilmar's stakes together account for nearly 88% of the company's shares. Sebi requires that large firms must have at least 25% of shares available to the public within three years of the date of the listing. BLOOMBERG

Meeting Sebi Norms

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Scindia meets telcos' chiefs to chart growth road map

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Telecom minister Jyotiraditya Scindia on Tuesday met Reliance Jio chairman Akash Ambani, Bharti Airtel chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal, and Vodafone Idea MD and CEO Akshaya Moondra to work out a growth strategy for the telecom sector.

This was the first meeting of telecom sector leaders with the minister, and also the first following an increase in mobile tariffs in the range of 10-27%.

Scindia, during the meeting, spoke about the need to foster growth in the sector in a collaborative manner while improving the quality of consumer services.

"We have identified a rather deep agenda for these committees. Now, the members of these committees and we will be working together," Scindia told reporters after the meeting.

Vodafone Idea CEO Akshaya Moondra and industry body Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) director general S P Kochhar were also present at the meeting of the advisory committee of telecom service providers.

4 ways to make new tax regime more attractive

RUN-UP TO THE BUDGET

By Rama Karmakar

The financial year 2020-21 marked a significant shift in India's tax system with the introduction of a new tax regime. Individual taxpayers were given a choice: continue with the traditional system, rich in exemptions and deductions, or opt for a new regime with lower rates and fewer exemptions and deductions.

By FY24, measures such as fewer tax slabs, higher rebate, availability of standard deduction and reduced surcharge for higher income brackets were introduced to make the new tax regime more attractive.

Here are a few suggestions to make the new tax regime more attractive so that more income taxpayers move to the regime and stay with it — eventually paving the way for one regime for all.

1 Revamped tax slabs and rebate: The current basic exemption limit under the new tax regime is Rs 3 lakh. However, with the availability of a full rebate of Rs 25,000, there is effectively no tax for individual taxpayers with annual taxable income of Rs 7 lakh, opting for the new tax regime. The finance minister could consider increasing the basic exemption limit to a minimum of Rs 5 lakh. Govt may also consider offering a full rebate for taxable income up to Rs 10 lakh — up from the existing threshold of Rs 7 lakh. These proposals will nudge several taxpayers to move from the old regime to the new.

2 Higher standard deduction for salaried employees: Govt could propose doubling the standard deduction (currently Rs 50,000) only for those opting for the new tax regime. By increasing the standard deduction from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1,00,000 exclusively for those opting for the new tax regime, govt can reduce taxable income, thereby easing the tax burden on millions of individual taxpayers.

3 Special treatment for NPS: Currently, there is parity provided for the deduction for employer's contribution to National Pension System under both the new and old tax regimes. The deduction is up to 10% of the salary (basic plus dearness allowance). However, if an individual makes a contribution to NPS on his own, the deduction for his contribution is only available under the old tax regime, up to a maximum of Rs 50,000. Considering govt's emphasis on encouraging investments in NPS over traditional instruments, it would be prudent to allow the deduction towards self-contribution to NPS under the new tax regime too.

4 Deduction for interest on home loan for self-occupied property: Deductions and exemptions have been integral part of tax planning. These include deductions for interest paid towards home loans for self-occupied property, exemption on house rent allowances, benefits under Section 80C — which includes investments like PF and PPF — as well as deductions for contributions towards medical insurance premiums under Section 80D. These are, however, only available under the old regime.

Considering that a large number of taxpayers avail a home loan, the availability of deduction for interest paid towards housing loans taken from a financial institution for a self-occupied property can be made available under the new tax regime. Currently, this deduction is available under the new regime for a let-out property. Also, the existing threshold of Rs 2 lakh was last enhanced 10 years ago. The coming Budget could increase this limit to Rs 3 lakh. Such a measure will acknowledge the housing related expenses of a taxpayer. It will also provide impetus for growth in the realty sector.

(The writer is partner, EY India; Rajesh Sureshan, director, EY India, also contributed to the article. Views expressed are personal)

G20 taskforce suggests fin plan, entity for DPI

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A report by India's G20 taskforce has suggested the creation of a viable financial plan to support the development and ongoing maintenance of digital public infrastructure (DPI) components, ensuring the availability of resources for implementing DPI.

"This may include interested countries, organisations managing DPIs, multilateral development banks, DPI-specific funds, project financing mechanisms, investment promotion incentives," the report by the taskforce headed by India's G20 sherpa Amitabh Kant and Nandan Nilekani, co-founder and chairman of Infosys, has recommended.

Calling for setting up an institution to deal with the issue, the taskforce has also suggested an existing body may be identified to foster and harness DPI ecosystems across various regions and countries, especially global south countries.

It has said that the body may be of global standard with the scope of multinational presence and should be able to work on policy dimensions, formulation and implementation of strategies with appropriate technical and academic expertise.

"It may promote knowledge sharing on DPI and also undertake the role of guiding nations through effective deployment of their resources. It shall also be capable of working across various sectors and eventually, be able to take the responsibility of developing and setting appropriate standards in various technical domains of DPI," said the report.

It also said India and other countries with advanced DPI should also focus on building on the DPI they have, to continue driving inclusion and progress domestically towards more ambitious outcomes.

India's leadership on DPI such as Aadhaar, UPI, Cowin platforms has been acknowledged globally and in the G20 India presidency.

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My career should adapt to me. Fame is like a VIP pass wherever you want to go

–LEONARDO DICAPRIO

AFSPA: Ops & Downs

Reason Nagaland's SC appeal in the case of Mon victims is crucial is that justice is fundamental to peace

Defence ministry has six weeks to respond to Supreme Court's notice, on the Centre's refusal to grant Nagaland sanction to prosecute 30 army soldiers, for a botched-up military op in district Mon in Dec 2021. In all, 14 civilians and one soldier were killed. It was evident on ground that half-baked intelligence had informed the special unit's attack on miners returning home in a truck.

Closure elusive | An SIT was set up. Army instituted a court of inquiry. Justice was promised. Compensation doled out. In six months, SIT named 30 soldiers. The army inquiry concluded the attack was a case of mistaken identity and error of judgment. Nagaland moved to act on the SIT report, but SC stayed prosecution against accused soldiers since sanction for prosecution hadn't been obtained from Centre, which eventually denied permission. Eight of Nagaland's 13 districts, including Mon, continue to be under AFSPA.

Where there's AFSPA | Enter AFSPA and everything that could be routine for investigation and prosecution takes a nosedive. Security forces retain unbridled powers under the law. Investigation doesn't need sanction, but the Centre's nod is required before prosecution. Jurisdictions can and do overlap for civil offences and other instances, and several cases especially from Northeast states have reached SC, for the court to untangle provisions of CrPC and Army Act. The two acts can also proceed concurrently.

Pressure to deliver | For the Mon tragedy, per army, shooters cannot be blamed for faulty intelligence. At the time, military insiders rued the "intense pressure" to deliver "results" after a colonel, his wife, son and four soldiers were killed in a well-planned ambush in Manipur weeks before. With Manipur still restive and insurgent clashes seeing an uptick, Nagaland's request must be carefully considered.

Making justice count | Community perceptions of injustice in the Mon case, where those responsible get the cover of firing "in the line of duty", is leverage for rebel outfits. Under AFSPA's shadow, locals are forever caught between security forces and insurgent groups. Justice is fundamental to peace. For Mon, justice seems right now to be not only delayed, but also denied. Nagaland's appeal could, for one, nudge the army into a logical next step for closure. Yes, there's a fine line between delivering justice and keeping army morale high. But that line must be found.

Her Choice? Hardly

Women are still not at the centre of abortion rights in India. Courts and doctors decide

Why do so many women have to knock on courts' doors to terminate a pregnancy? Before getting into this, consider two examples of what happens when they do. This month, in disallowing a woman to abort her 26+ weeks pregnancy, Bombay HC said a medical board did not report foetal abnormalities. Also this month, in accepting a woman's plea to medically terminate her 30 weeks pregnancy, Delhi HC cited a medical board finding the foetus suffering abnormalities.

This is the state of law and paternalism. Too often, whether a case goes a petitioner's way or not depends on how much pity her position evinces – be it on account of rape, abandonment, singlehood or foetal abnormality. The last reflects a troubling eugenic mindset. Overall, a woman has to overcome a formidable web of barriers to achieve her choice.

Where women's rights are conditional, they can as well be denied as granted. An arbitrariness prevails. On the one hand, there is the landmark nine-judge SC Puttaswamy judgment. It said the right to make reproductive choices is deduced from a woman's fundamental right to privacy, dignity and bodily integrity. On the other hand, there is the 1860 IPC provision criminalising abortion, which BNS hasn't bothered to update. In 1971 the MTP Act carved out an exception to this, to enable medical practitioners to terminate pregnancies under certain conditions. But this is a very doctor-centric framework. Half a century on, different doctors, then different courts, continue to use different benchmarks to permit or decline termination of pregnancy. In this high-stakes arbitration, a woman's wishes end up being incidental.

Women end up at courts' doors because the medical ecosystem fails them. Sometimes with moral policing, sometimes with delays, and sometimes with harsh insensitivity. Most women can't go this route. That only 22% of abortions in the country can be considered safe, tells their tale. Now, there's also the slippery import of an American style discourse of foetal rights, which has no cultural or legal roots in India. Instead, we need to double down on citizens' bodily autonomy. Do more than lip service to women's rights.

Maps & macs

It's time to turn tables on those who make all these unwanted and annoying phone calls

Jug Suraiya

My phone rings. I know who the caller is: a spammer, trying to sell you a 2BHK apartment, or insurance, or soliciting your bank details so that the cash equivalent of 20 tonnes of Rwandan gold you've won in the Bogus Bonanza Lottery can be credited to your account.

We could turn tables on such spammers and scammers who operate on the basis of how many calls they make in a day. Instead of declining, we should accept their calls and keep them on the line by engaging them in time-wasting gup-shup and so cutting into their call quota for the day.

Spammer: Hello, ji. Pintu this side. I have one very special offer for you for deluxe RERA-certified 2BHK+SQ…

You: Namaste, Spammerji. I hope you're keeping well. And how about Mrs Spammer, and the little Spammer baba-log? All well, I hope.

Spammer: Yes, yes! All well. This 2 BHK+SQ apart…

You: SQ? Does SQ mean Servants' Quarters? Haw! Nowadays it's not politically correct to refer to servants as servants, but as domestic help. So it should be 2BHK+DHQ. Which means Domestic Help Quarters.

Spammer: Arre baba, OK, OK. Whatever you say! Now if you make down payment of 10%…

You: It's terrible how badly and politically incorrectly some people treat their DHs. I hope *you* don't treat *your* DH…(Call cut off by sound of phone being slammed down)

Your phone rings again.

Scammer: Hello, hello! I am Pinky and I have wonderful khabar for you! You have won 25mn…

You: Wow! Now you want my bank details? I have many, many bank accounts, including one Swiss account, undeclared. Would you like me to help you open a Swiss account, undeclared…(Sound of phone being smashed against wall)

What should this reverse anti-spam, anti-scam game plan be called? How about spam and scam in reverse gear to become maps and macs?

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The Don & The Hillbilly

JD Vance as vice-president nominee boosts the Republican ticket. And the failed assassination attempt on Trump is likely to give him a big 'bump'. But the election's still not a done deal for GOP

Michael Wasiura

Barely 48 hours after he escaped an assassination attempt, Trump picked 39-year-old Ohio Senator JD Vance as his running mate. Vance, who in 2016 won the praise of liberals as an outspoken "never Trump" Republican, will now travel the country promoting Trump's policy proposals, which include calls to significantly limit immigration. In all likelihood, Vance will be accompanied on many of these trips by his wife: Usha Chilukuri Vance, a Yale-educated attorney whose parents were born in India.

In picking Vance, Trump has made an interesting choice. Ohio is a safe Republican state for Trump, but is expected to see a competitive Senate race. Vance, therefore, could be part of the Republican strategy to win back control of the Senate. But overall, Vance on the Republican ticket shows how Trumpian GOP has become. He is an anti-establishment election denier and climate sceptic – values he embraced strongly after deciding to run for Senate in 2022 and getting Trump's backing.

In that sense, the *Hillbilly Elegy* author is the ideal Trump Republican – someone who can channel White working-class American angst and come in handy in case the big boss needs to rally the troops. Note that Vance hasn't fully committed to accepting the election results. Add to this the radical aims of Project 2025 that seeks to expand executive powers should Trump return to office, and different parts of the Trump campaign appear to be falling into place.

This explains the celebration of sorts taking place at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, the largest city in the critical swing state of Wisconsin. Trump's genuinely heroic response to his near-death experience, combined with the spectacle of the convention and the youthful energy Vance brings to the Republican ticket, are all but certain to boost the former president's chances of returning to White House. And yet, the events of the past few days also serve as a reminder of just how close the vote this autumn is still likely to be.

Before the bullets flew last Saturday evening, US political betting sites put the chance of a Trump election victory at around 60%. An hour after the shooting, it had jumped to 65%, and it has since risen only to 67%. The perfect moment certainly improved Trump's political prospects, but that does not mean he is certain to win.

This is because the overwhelming majority of Americans made up their minds about Trump years ago, and more hate him than love him. Regardless of what the former president says or does, approximately 40% of Americans view him favourably, 50% unfavourably, and 10% still somehow find it difficult to decide where they stand. If all Americans voted in presidential elections, Trump would lose by a decisive margin to almost any halfway competent opponent.

At the moment, his opponents are largely demoralised. Mere weeks ago, they watched an elderly Biden struggle to get through a televised debate, raising serious questions about his fitness to serve as president for four more years. Democrats have been calling for their side's candidate to step down. And in an election that is projected to be frighteningly close no matter who the main challenger to Trump ends up being, concerns about Biden's age and fitness could prove to be decisive if even 1% of his potential voters stay home instead of taking the time to fill out a ballot.

Much also depends on how the past week's events affect opinions in a few highly important locations. The winner of the election will likely be decided based on results in three swing states: Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin; with Arizona, Georgia, and Nevada serving as second-tier battlegrounds.

It's still too early to say how opinion polls might have changed in recent days, but it's highly likely that sympathy for Trump will see a slight increase in these critical areas. Before his almost fateful trip to Pennsylvania, Trump was a narrow favourite. Now he is the clear favourite. But four months are an eternity in American politics. As recently as May 12, gamblers still considered Biden to be the frontrunner. And despite Trump's heroic handling of a brush with death, it remains entirely possible that by Sep 12, events will have placed Biden – or a different Democratic nominee – back in the lead.

How? After last month's disastrous debate, in which neither candidate appeared fit to be president, many Americans naively believed that things could not get any worse. Then, last Saturday, America reached a new low. Of course, things could still deteriorate further, but they could also improve for a change. If Trump's 'bump' in the polls finally convinces Biden that his campaign is hopeless, the sniper's bullet just might provide the final push necessary to manoeuvre a younger replacement into Biden's place. After all, the Democrats' convention is not until late Aug, meaning they still have time to regain momentum by making a switch at the top of their ticket.

Whatever happens in Nov, Trump's failed assassin will have played a critical role in bringing it about. But it's far too early to determine the ultimate effect on the future direction of America.

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Lal Batti Culture Red Flags Something About Us

That the now headline-making Pune IAS probationer was driving around using beacon lights speaks to India's entrenched social inequalities

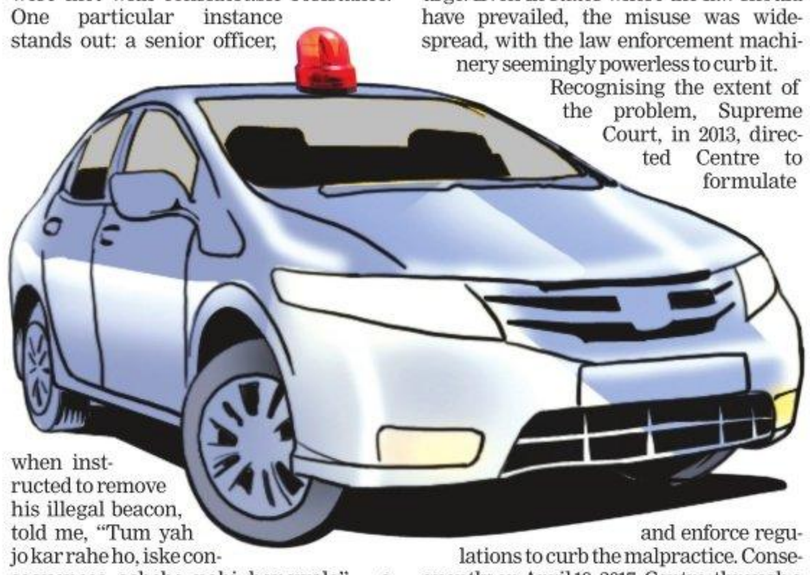
Mahesh Zagade

The VIP culture is back in news. It all started when videos surfaced of an IAS probationer navigating Pune's streets in a private luxury vehicle that brazenly sported a beacon light – red, blue, and white – and a "Government of Maharashtra" sticker. Since then, a lot else has come to light regarding that officer and her family's conduct. Govt had set up a panel to probe allegations she faces. Yesterday, LBS National Academy of Administration, the training institution for future civil servants, put her district training programme in Maharashtra on hold and recalled her to Mussoorie for "further necessary action".

But it's Puja Khedkar's love for 'lal batti' that first cast spotlight on her and became a talking point in the media. This may have had to do with the perception that post SC's intervention and a Cabinet decision, the VIP culture was a thing of the past. Clearly, it isn't and the mindset that makes officials illegally assert their authority in such a way is intact.

Rule book's clear | But what exactly are the rules governing use of beacon lights? The Central Motor Vehicles Rules of 1989 provide explicit guidelines regarding the installation of lights on vehicles. Violating these regulations is not supposed to be taken lightly and can invite legal repercussions, even if, in reality, the 'lal batti' culture flourished unchecked for decades. One might recall a not-so-distant past when Indian roads were cluttered with govt vehicles flaunting red and yellow lights, often accompanied by the intrusive wail of sirens. This phenomenon, known as "VIP culture", created a stark societal divide: the common folk on one side and the so-called VIPs on the other.

When I took up the assignment of transport commissioner in 2015, this VIP culture was all-pervasive. Countless officials and even private citizens would blatantly flout the law, adorning their vehicles with unauthorised beacon lights. My attempts to enforce the regulations were met with considerable resistance. One particular instance stands out: a senior officer, when instructed to remove his illegal beacon, told me, "Tum yah jo kar rahe ho, iske consequences achche nahi honewale" – a thinly veiled threat that my actions would have undesirable consequences.



A similar episode occurred during my tenure as collector of Nashik. In the 2003 Kumbh Mela, the situation grew tense when a revered sadhu was denied the use of a beacon light. It was only after the timely intervention of the then mayor of Nashik, who explained to the sadhu that the administration would not yield on the rule book under any circumstances, that the situation was defused.

Apex court's intervention | The use of beacon lights to flaunt one's status rather than for their intended purpose – emergency services like law enforcement, defence, and firefighting – had indeed become a scourge. Even in states where the law should have prevailed, the misuse was widespread, with the law enforcement machinery seemingly powerless to curb it.

Recognising the extent of the problem, Supreme Court, in 2013, directed Centre to formulate and enforce regulations to curb the malpractice. Consequently, on April 19, 2017, Centre, through a Cabinet decision, moved to dismantle the entrenched VIP culture. This culminated in a notification on May 1, 2017 – under Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 – banning the use of beacon lights on vehicles for all representatives of state authority – from President and Prime Minister to public representatives to govt officials. That officially ended the VIP culture era.

Exceptions to rule | The new regulations do provide exceptions for essential services. Police vehicles, defence department units, paramilitary forces, natural disaster response vehicles, and fire engines are permitted to use such lights, but only while on duty. At all other times, the lights must remain switched off. The rules are stringent, requiring each state's transport department to annually publish a list of authorised vehicles and to mandate the use of a sticker displaying the designation of the authority and the vehicle number, complete with a watermark and hologram to prevent tampering.

Reality bites | Despite these clear regulations, enforcement has been lacklustre. Any vehicle illegally flaunting beacon lights today is supposed to invite action. It's the responsibility of transport department (RTO) and police to ensure that rules are adhered to. Unfortunately, RTOs, ostensibly preoccupied with other "monumental" tasks, are apathetic, allowing the malpractice to continue.

It's about equality | PM's tweet after the VIP culture was officially dismantled bears repetition: "Every Indian is special. Every Indian is a VIP." This ethos should guide the actions of all authorities, ensuring that the principles of equality and justice are upheld. The drive against the red light is not just about removing a beacon on a car; it is a symbol of the larger battle against entrenched inequalities and the pursuit of a society where every citizen is accorded equal respect and dignity.

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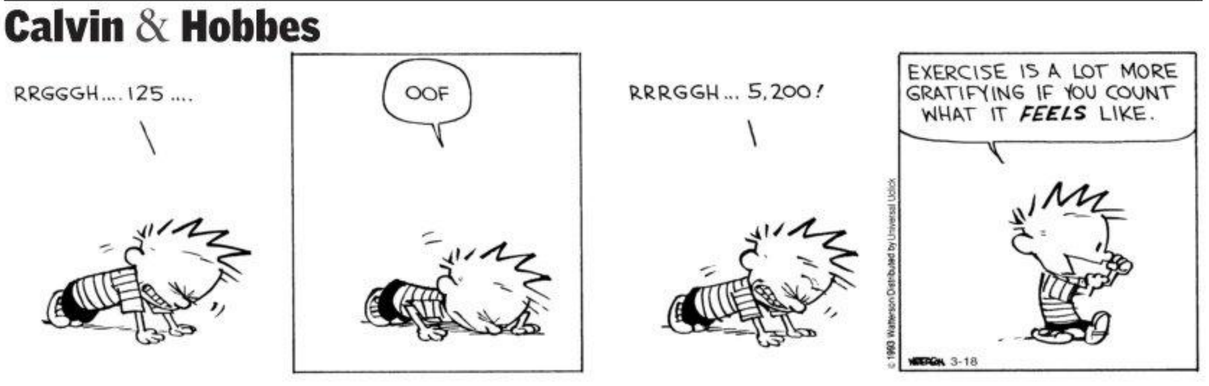

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May lily-dotted lakes delight your eye; May shade-trees bid the heat of noonday cease; May soft winds blow the lotus-pollen nigh; May all your path be pleasantness and peace.

Kalidas

Manifest Inner Divinity And Express It Outwardly

Swami Chidananda

The significance of married life is great indeed. Fortunate indeed is that couple who start married life with right understanding of its importance and greatness. Marriage is a sacred spiritual partnership between two souls who have come upon this earth to evolve an ideal life of nobility, virtue and Dharma and attain their goal of divine perfection through such an ideal life. Therefore, the home of the married couple is a sanctified centre of spiritual life. The home is their place of worship, prayer, spiritual sadhana and daily meditation.

The cultural ideal of your holy motherland, Bharatavarsha, regards this second stage of a person's life, namely, the Grihasthashrama, as the sacred field for the practice of noble virtue, paropakar and dharm and for the awakening of your true inner spiritual nature. You are divine Atman. You are not merely a physical creature or a mental-intellectual being but you are a spiritual being far superior to the lesser biological and psychological aspects of your temporary human personality.

You are divinities without birth or death. Your eternal, imperishable, immortal, spiritual nature must be realised and experienced in this very life. To attain this wonderful experience the wife and the husband must help each other. They are mutual helpers in this grand adventure of ideal living and spiritual unfoldment.

The home is a sacred arena for the attainment of self-conquest and self-mastery, which is more thrilling than the scaling of Mount Everest. The daily life of the Grihastha and his Grihalakshmi must be the sublime process of manifesting their inner divinity and expressing it outwardly through thought, speech and action. Lead this divine life.

Truth, purity and universal love and compassion constitute the basic foundation of such divine life. The essence of divine life is selflessness and seva, devotion and daily worship, concentration and regular meditation and to discriminate between the real and the unreal, the divine and the undivine, between the spiritual and the unspiritual. Blessed couple! May you both lead such a divine life! Feel that your house is the abode of God. Make God the most important factor in your life. Give God the central place in your daily life. God who is the Lord of the universe is the master of your home also. Feel it a sacred privilege to be servants at His feet. Tell Him with deep feelings, "I am Thine, all is Thine, nothing belongs to me. Thou art everything O Lord. Bless me to worship You and to serve You in and through all beings." Feel God's divine presence always in your home. Feel that you are doing everything to please Him, to glorify Him…

Love and respect each other. Evolve the life of harmony, beauty and mutual regard. Develop noble character. Let moderation and a wise self-control be the keynote of your life in all things. Create a sublime spiritual atmosphere within the home. Shine with lofty virtue. Let your life be an inspiration to other young couples. Make such an atmosphere at home that one who enters your home must feel at once inspired and elevated.

Such is true success in life.

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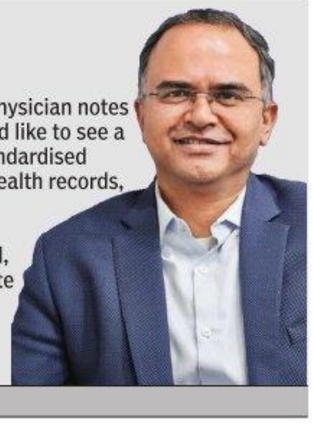
TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

A UNIFIED HEALTHCARE INTERFACE



Imagine a seamless healthcare experience where your medical history, test results, and physician notes are easily accessible on your mobile phone, regardless of where you seek medical care. I'd like to see a unified healthcare interface (UHI) that ensures all interactions and data flow through a standardised interface to patient-controlled health records. Essential to this system are identity-linked health records, built on the National Health Stack, guaranteeing privacy and confidentiality. To address decentralised data, we will need to develop an account aggregator technology stack that ensures security, integrity, and traceability. Standardisation and interoperability are crucial, requiring a unified framework for data transfer. UHI has the potential to democratise remote health monitoring, particularly in rural areas, and empower individuals to access quality healthcare. By promoting transparency and efficiency, UHI has the potential to revolutionise healthcare, bridging accessibility gaps and enhancing essential services.

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Almost Artificial

How digital threads are weaving future of fashion

Tech is transforming how clothes are created & sold

Akhil George & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

Fashion is undergoing a digital renaissance. From smart fabrics to AI-driven design, cutting-edge innovations are transforming how clothes are created, marketed, and consumed.

"We're witnessing a 360-degree transformation," says Sharmila Senthilraja, industry platform leader for consumer products and retail at Capgemini India. "Whether you look at the front of the house, where consumers interact with brands, or the back of the house, where products are made, it's completely digitalised."

This digital shift is dramatically accelerating the fashion lifecycle. Where it once took 9-12 months to bring a new collection to market, brands can now go from concept to consumer in just 2-3 weeks. This compression is driven by technologies like 3D design tools, AI-powered trend forecasting, and agile manufacturing processes.

The retail experience is evolving just as rapidly. Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) are allowing shoppers to "try on" clothes digitally, both online and in stores. Smart mirrors and interactive fitting rooms are enhancing the in-store experience, while seamless omnichannel integration is blurring the lines between physical and digital shopping.

"Post-Covid, we're seeing a surge in both online commerce and physical stores," notes Senthilraja. "It's a hybrid world now. People start their journeys online and go offline, or from offline to online. The challenge is putting that shopping journey together seamlessly."

> The store is now at the centre, but online has become second nature. We're seeing a hybrid world where people start their journeys online and go offline, or vice versa. The challenge is putting that shopping journey together seamlessly. In digital retail, we're focusing on improving customer experience in fitting rooms and at checkout, using technologies like magic mirrors and automated communication systems.
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> **Sharmila Senthilraja** | INDUSTRY PLATFORM LEADER, CONSUMER PRODUCTS AND RETAIL, CAPGEMINI INDIA

> Sustainability will drive e-commerce in Western markets, with rental and resale becoming prominent. 3D printing and product development will revolutionise sourcing, sampling, and approvals. I envision a future where wearable devices emit rays that cover parts of the body with colours and patterns of your choice, never shutting off. Imagine a world with no materials, where everything is technology, and we exist within that environment.
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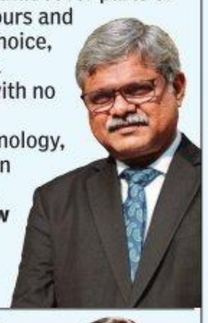
> 
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> **Sibichan K Mathew** | PROFESSOR, FASHION MANAGEMENT STUDIES, NIFT, DELHI

> Personalisation is critical in fashion, but it's incredibly complex. It's not just about what customers can buy or the cost; it's about body shape, style preferences, brand preferences, and colour palette preferences. When you personalise the journey for customers and they feel they're getting what they like on your platform much easier than elsewhere, that's the only way to retain them in today's market.
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> **Nikil Jain** | HEAD OF PRODUCT, AJIO

> We've created a generative AI platform for the complete supply chain management of fashion technology. We've virtualised the entire process, from creating virtual samples to showcasing virtual products that look as real as possible. Our patented cloth simulation technology aims to reduce returns by accurately showing how garments will fit and fall on different body types, solving major issues in e-commerce.
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> **Kavita Jha** | CEO & CO-FOUNDER, KIKSAR TECHNOLOGIES

Personalisation has become a key battleground, as retailers leverage vast troves of customer data to tailor recommendations and experiences. "If you can identify the right personalisation for the customer, they will become loyal to you," says Nikil Jain, head of product at Ajio, an Indian fashion e-commerce platform. "That's the only way to retain customers on the platform right now."

However, fashion personalisation presents unique challenges. "Even your best friend or sibling might have a very different fashion sense," Jain points out. Effective personalisation must account for body shape, style preferences, brand affinities, colour palettes, and more.

To tackle this complexity, fashion retailers are investing heavily in data science and analytics. They're combining explicit user inputs, product reviews, and implicit behavioural data to build increasingly sophisticated recommendation engines. Some are even creating "digital DNA" profiles of customers to predict preferences and tailor experiences.

As exciting as these innovations are, they also raise concerns about data privacy. With regulations like Europe's GDPR and India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act tightening the screws on data collection and usage, retailers and tech companies will need to find new ways to personalise experiences while respecting consumer privacy.

Sustainability is another major driver of innovation in the fashion industry. "Fashion is the poster child of one of the most polluting industries," says Senthilraja. To address this, brands are exploring eco-friendly materials, bioethical fabrics, and more efficient production methods.

Technology is playing a crucial role in these sustainability efforts. AI and automation are helping to reduce waste by enabling on-demand production and more accurate demand forecasting. Digital sampling and 3D design tools are cutting down on physical prototypes. Blockchain and IoT sensors are improving supply chain transparency and traceability.

"We have gone one step ahead and created a generative AI platform," says Kavita Jha, CEO of KiksAR Technologies. That platform enables virtual sampling and 3D product visualisation that could dramatically reduce waste and returns in the fashion industry.

Industry experts see several transformative trends on the horizon. Voice commerce, powered by natural language processing, could make shopping as simple as a conversation. Advanced 3D printing might allow for hyper-personalised, on-demand clothing production. Some even envision a future where digital fashion becomes as important as physical clothing.

"I imagine a world which has got no materials, everything is technology," muses Sibichan K Mathew, professor of fashion management studies at NIFT, Delhi. He envisions wearable devices that could project different colours and patterns onto the body, creating a constantly changing, customisable wardrobe without physical garments.

The future of fashion promises to be as much about bits and bytes as it is about fabric and thread. For fashion brands and retailers, keeping up with this technological revolution could be a matter of survival.

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A good patent will also tell a good story

Harsha Bharadwaj

Well written patents are usually two good stories – a 'problem-story' and a 'solution-story.' Most patent review committees like well-articulated problems and solutions and good stories are an effective way of achieving this.

Here are other patenting tips:

- Being an expert in your domain is key. Strive to understand fundamental concepts. Develop the habit of reading textbooks and research papers in your domain. Always start your patent story with the basics.
- The first step is always problem identification. Once you have a good problem to solve, do not give up on it easily. Most problems are solvable. The more you keep thinking of the problem, a solution can sometimes pop out of the blue. If you feel completely stuck, try discussing with like-minded colleagues.
- No idea is too small or silly. You may be surprised at some ideas that actually get patented. Never shy away from submitting an idea for patenting. Just do it!
- Writing a good patent requires excellent documentation skills.

Fresh from my engineering degree in 1998, I joined Tata Elxsi as a software developer where I was part of a team that designed and developed a full TCP/IP network stack from scratch on an embedded OS. I then moved to Cisco India and was part of a spin-in called Andiamo Systems that developed MDS, the first fibre channel storage switch from Cisco. The same team later developed software for the Nexus 7000 and Nexus 5000 data centre switches.

As Cisco India started to grow, so did our team and we started to design and own the entire MDS product family out of India. Looking back, I feel immensely lucky to have worked on the projects that I did early in my career. Being a part of a world-class team of colleagues and mentors across US and India gave me a strong technical foundation for the later part of my career.

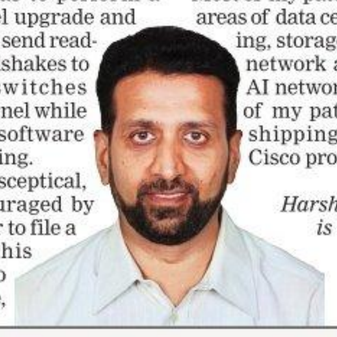
PATENT PATHFINDERS

The very first patent I wrote was on a storage device virtualisation feature I had designed and developed on the MDS switch. Despite initial setbacks with a rejected patent, perseverance bore fruit when a few years later a patent on fibre channel zoning optimisation, co-invented with our extended team, received approval for filing with the US Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). This milestone marked my induction into the art of developing ideas and patent writing.

Over time, as our team in India took ownership of product design and development, numerous patenting opportunities emerged. Our team had designed a software feature that would perform a non-disruptive software version upgrade of a top-of-the rack MDS switch. The key was to ensure that adjacent switch control plane protocols that rely on periodic handshake from the upgrading switch do not miss any of these handshakes even when switch software was down. The idea was to perform a kexec kernel upgrade and periodically send readymade handshakes to adjacent switches from the kernel while the switch software was upgrading.

Initially sceptical, I was encouraged by my manager to file a patent on this feature. To my surprise, it was selected by the Cisco patent committee for filing with USPTO. It now felt even better to be the primary author of an approved patent. This was also my moment of realisation that patenting is not rocket science and even simple day-to-day ideas can make it to the big league.

Now, every time I sense an opportunity, I start writing notes about the idea and keep refining it. The key is to not let the problem slip out of your mental radar. **To date, I have made 55 patent submissions, with 26 filed and 20 approved by the USPTO.** Most of my patents are in the areas of data centre networking, storage networking, network analytics and AI networking. Several of my patents are also shipping features on Cisco products.



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How Kayathri recovered from a terrible tragedy

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Kayathri Karuppasamy's life changed dramatically when her husband passed away suddenly when they were living in the UK. Kayathri had quit her job at HCLTech as a software engineer in 2014 to move to the UK with her husband. It wasn't easy finding a job in the country at the time. "There are multiple rounds of interviews even for junior roles," she says.

After two years of job search, she managed to find one, but it wasn't a technical role. It was also a very basic job – she just had to validate licences of products. But Kayathri continued so that she would not stay idle. It was also an opportunity to learn from colleagues.

A year into the job, she had a baby and she quit her job.

The tragedy struck two years later, in 2019. Kayathri had to return to India. She had to fend for her daughter and herself. With her parents and in-laws helping to take care of the baby, Kayathri was able to start taking online and offline courses in data science and Python.

CAREER COMEBACK

"For a year, I was just figuring out what to do. At one point, I thought of skilling in testing, but figured the work hours would not be conducive. Testers must work late, which was not an option for me," says Kayathri.

Kayathri looked for a job as a Mainframe developer, which was her role before moving to the UK. But this was a niche skill, and there weren't many openings in the market.

Like most people with a break, Kayathri too had trouble finding a job despite her skills. She would clear the technical interview rounds by demonstrating how to write code, but the career gap was a hurdle at all the five firms she applied to.

"HRs would invariably ask me about the gap. They did not view it well," she says.

During this phase, she even considered studying to sit for a bank job exam, because she felt it would give her time in the evenings to be with her child. But she did not meet the age bar.

The turning point came when she discovered Bounteous' return-to-work programme. Bounteous is a US-based digital experience consultancy. "Bounteous was the only firm that focused on my technical skills and my seven years of IT experience, and not my four-year break," Kayathri says.

> Women on a break must upskill before looking for a job again. This should include actual practice in coding, not just completing courses to get a certificate.
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> **Kayathri Karuppasamy** | TECHNOLOGY ANALYST, BOUNTEOUS
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The Covid pandemic enabled a smooth transition, because she got to work from home for some years. Now, with offices fully open, Kayathri lives in Chennai with her daughter. There is a house help who looks after the child.

Bounteous initially put her on a three-month training course where she learned new technologies along with others who came with career gaps. This period helped her get into a project knowing the work culture and technical requirements.

She advises mothers who want to return to work not to compromise on their requirements while on the job hunt, be it work hours, wanting to work from home, or the role. "Believe in yourself," she says.

HOW AI'S HELPING THE UNDERSERVED

Social enterprises are using technology for greater good. Here are two that have used AI/ML to develop affordable solutions, and who were part of Nasscom Foundation's incubator programme.

Dhinesh Pandian and Senthilkumar Murugesan

Farming advisory system

Hemant Singh and Rajeev Singh started Agrichikitsa with the idea of solving agricultural issues like improper use of agri inputs, post harvest losses, pests, and weeds. Their AgriChikitsa Centre in gram panchayats is an AI & IoT based agri-lab and agri-input shop that help with analysing the soil and recommending what and how much of bio-fertilisers and compost to use, which crops to sow, and what farming techniques to follow. It uses remote sensing and satellite imagery to provide weather alerts, and pest & disease alerts. It has an AI-based chatbot to help with crop-care practices. It helps with automated irrigation.

Rajeev Singh

Hemant Singh

Rajeev and Hemant say they lacked funds to create a minimum viable product (MVP), and also mentorship to convert it into a full product. "Due to four months of guidance and support from mentors at Nasscom Foundation, we successfully developed an AgriChikitsa Centre in Singrauli district of MP that benefited more than 300 farmers," they say.

Remote monitoring of pregnancy

Senthilkumar Murugesan's Savemom was inspired by his sister, who lives in a place far away from hospitals. She had to wait for three hours before she could have a 3-minute consultation with a gynaecologist. These visits were only for vital stat collections, post which the doctor would prescribe and advise based on reports. Senthilkumar, and friend Dhinesh Pandian decided to build a wearable device and medical kit which could collect the activity and vital information of a pregnant woman digitally, and send to the doctor for feedback. Their system includes the wearable device, and an IoT-based monitoring device that a health worker uses. The husband's mobile number is configured for notifications and follow-ups. Senthil says Nasscom Foundation helped in clinically validating the medical devices. Funds from the Adobe AI grant programme is helping to deploy a pilot and to clinically validate their AI-based risk platform.

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Lead with passion & live by your values!

Rachita Dinesh

As I look back on my journey that brought me to where I am today, I realise how much I have benefitted from the values I was raised with – like commitment, integrity, being respectful, taking responsibility. All these were instilled in me by my parents who worked hard to provide us with a good all-round education, not just a formal one. Here are some core principles that have served as my North Star.

Passion | It is important to have a deep enthusiasm and drive for everything you do, and rest assured that the results will follow. I have always been passionate about leading by example to create a positive impact on the environment & my community through everything I do, both professionally and personally.

Self-belief | Always have belief in your own worth, capabilities & potential. It allows you to trust in your abilities, make decisions with conviction, have the resilience to overcome challenges and helps you to stay motivated and take action towards your aspirations. I have encountered many nay-sayers and this attribute has always helped me overcome. When my organisation gave me an opportunity to lead teams in multiple geographies even though I had no prior experience, I had a belief in myself to take on this new challenge, stretch my capabilities and deliver.

Focus | As a woman, there are multiple pulls between competing priorities with family and work. It is important to separate what needs time and energy, what can be delegated, and importantly, to know when to ask for help. It would have been a lot more difficult for me to get back to work, leaving behind my 4-month-old son, if I did not trust the support system at home and delegate my responsibilities.

Build positive relationships | Developing a supportive network of relationships in your personal and professional lives is key to building a sustainable career. With trusted allies at work and a supportive family, I have always been able to navigate through difficult situations.

Gratitude | It is so important to express appreciation to people who have provided opportunities and helped in your development. Being candid and honest also helps.

From being an individual contributor to leading teams across geographies, I think about my early career at GE and the 15 years at my current organisation 3M and can clearly see the trajectory of my development in terms of my desire to protect my team, my peers, my community and foster the passion to work for the environment by helping to develop safe and compliant products. It has all been possible by my belief in self, gratitude, wonderful relationships, focus, and passion.

Rachita Dinesh is Asia Product Stewardship Leader at 3M

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED

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TCP/IP NETWORK STACK

The TCP/IP network stack is a set of protocols used for internet communication, structured into four layers. The Application Layer provides network services directly to software applications, such as HTTP for web browsing and SMTP for email. The Transport Layer ensures data transfer between devices, with TCP offering reliable, ordered, and error-checked delivery, while UDP provides faster, less reliable transmission. The Internet Layer is responsible for routing packets across networks using the IP protocol. Lastly, the Link Layer handles the physical transmission of data over network hardware, managing communication between devices on the same local network. This layered approach enables flexible and robust networking, supporting a wide range of applications and services.

SMART MIRRORS

Smart mirrors are advanced mirrors integrated with technology to offer additional functionalities beyond reflection. Equipped with displays behind the glass, they can show information like weather updates, news, and calendar events. Some smart mirrors incorporate touchscreens or voice recognition, allowing users to interact with various applications directly. Often connected to the internet, they can sync with other smart home devices, providing a seamless experience. Fitness-focused smart mirrors include cameras and sensors for workout tracking and virtual coaching. By combining a traditional mirror with digital features, smart mirrors enhance convenience and efficiency in daily routines.

Southgate steps down

Reuters

London: Gareth Southgate leaves his job as the second most successful England manager in history but with a string of agonising near-misses to his name. Two days after the Three Lions came up just short yet again -- losing the Euro 2024 final to Spain -- the 53-year-old has stepped down, deciding it is time for a "new chapter".

The mild-mannered Southgate transformed England into a consistent force on the international stage after decades of underachievement.

He also reshaped the team culture, breaking down barriers that had previously existed within the camp between players from rival clubs.

But he ultimately failed to end the nation's long wait for a major trophy dating back to Alf Ramsey's 1966 World Cup victory despite having a richly talented generation of players to work with.

Southgate took over with England at a low ebb after a series of humiliations on and off the pitch.

A woeful Euro 2016 exit against Iceland brought a suitably depressing end to Roy Hodgson's reign, while his successor, Sam Allardyce, lasted only 67 days and one match before being forced out after a newspaper sting.

Southgate, short of top-level managerial experience, gained credibility among previously sceptical fans with a surprise run to the 2018 World Cup semi-finals in Russia.

The diffident boss even became a style icon back home as sales of his trademark waistcoat soared.

He followed that impressive achievement by leading England to their first major final for 55 years at the Covid-delayed European Championship in 2021, where they lost on penalties to Italy.

England went out to eventual finalists France in the quarter-finals in Qatar in 2022 but there were still positive signs that this was a young and exciting team heading in the right direction. Southgate's men were among the favourites to finally get over the line at Euro 2024 but it turned into a roller coaster of emotions for the manager, who went from having beer cups thrown at him to within touching distance of winning the cup in Berlin. AGENCIES

NEWCASTLE UNITED MANAGER EDDIE HOWE, FORMER CHELSEA BOSS GRAHAM POTTER AND CURRENT ENGLAND U-21 COACH LEE CARSLEY LOOK LIKE THE IMMEDIATE FRONTRUNNERS

HIGHS AND LOWS OF SOUTHGATE'S TENURE

- **Sept 2016:** Appointed England manager
- **July 2018:** England reach the World Cup semifinals for the first time in 28 years
- **June 2019:** England reach the semifinals of the inaugural Nations League
- **July 2021:** England reach the Euro final for the first time but lose to Italy
- **Sept 2022:** England are relegated from the top tier of the Nations League after failing to win any of their six matches
- **Dec 2022:** England are knocked out of the World Cup by France in the quarterfinals
- **July 2024:** England reach the Euro 2024 final, but lose to Spain in Berlin.

> **As a proud Englishman, it has been the honour of my life to play for England and to manage England. It has meant everything to me, and I have given it my all. But it's time for change, and for a new chapter."**
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> **— Gareth Southgate**

102 Managed England 102 times, earning 61 victories at a win percentage of 59.8%. Of the remaining 41 matches, England drew 24 of them and 17 ended in defeat.

3 Ranks third for all-time victories as England manager and only two previous England managers have taken charge of more matches than him.

> **In 25 tournaments post 1966 before Gareth took charge, we had won seven knockout games. In his four tournaments we have won nine. So, in his eight years, he has won more games that really matter than in the previous 50 years."**
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> **— FA CHIEF**

RODRI, YAMAL AMONG SIX SPAIN PLAYERS IN EURO 2024 TEAM OF THE TOURNAMENT

Berlin: Euro 2024 winners Spain have six players, including 17-year-old star Lamine Yamal, in the team of the tournament unveiled by UEFA on Tuesday.

Yamal is joined by fellow forward Nico Williams in front of an all-Spanish midfield of Fabian Ruiz, Dani Olmo and Rodri, and left-back Marc Cucurella.

Right-back Kyle Walker is the only player from England, who lost 2-1 in Sunday's final, in the lineup.

The defence is completed by France centre-back William Saliba and Switzerland's Manuel Akanji, while France goalkeeper Mike Maignan also gets the nod. Host nation Germany's sole representative is forward Jamal Musiala. The team was selected by UEFA's Technical Observer panel.

The remainder of the team was: Mike Maignan (France); Manuel Akanji (Switzerland), William Saliba (France), Marc Cucurella (Spain); Daniel Olmo (Spain), Fabian Ruiz (Spain); Jamal Musiala (Germany), and Nico Williams (Spain). AFP

FRANCE'S ALL-TIME TOP SCORER GIROUD ENDS HIS INTL CAREER

Paris: France's all-time leading scorer Olivier Giroud confirmed the end of his international career on Monday.

He had already said he would go only as far as France went in the European Championship. "The moment I've been dreading has arrived. The moment to say goodbye to the French team," the 37-year-old Giroud wrote on his Instagram page on Monday. France bowed out last week in the semifinals, a 2-1 loss to eventual champion Spain. Giroud was a second-half substitute.

He scored 57 goals in 137 matches for France. He was a member of the squad that won the 2018 World Cup.

Giroud will continue his club career in Major League Soccer after he signed to play with Los Angeles FC, leaving Europe after 18 years in the top professional leagues in France, England and Italy. Giroud joined LAFC from AC Milan with a contract through 2025. The deal includes an option for 2026.

Giroud is best known for six prolific seasons at Arsenal from 2012-18, followed by three years apiece at Chelsea and Milan. He has 285 goals in 716 club matches. His trophies include the 2021 Champions League with Chelsea. He also won the French league with Montpellier in 2012, and the Italian league with Milan 10 years later. In the 2022 World Cup, Giroud found the back of the net four times as France stormed into the final. AP

Playing for Real will complete my childhood dream: Mbappe

Thousands Welcome The French Star At A Packed Bernabeu

AP

Zinedine Zidane embraces Kylian Mbappe during the French striker's presentation at the Bernabeu in Madrid on Tuesday

Madrid: Kylian Mbappe finally put on a Real Madrid jersey on Tuesday, fulfilling his childhood dream in front of a packed Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. Nearly 80,000 fans were in hand at the Bernabeu to welcome the 25-year-old France star during his official presentation as the club's newest player.

Mbappe said on Tuesday he was so convinced he would one day play for Real Madrid that he began taking Spanish classes at school.

"Since I was a child, I knew my destiny was to play for Real Madrid," Mbappe said at a Bernabeu stadium packed with fans, many of them wearing replica shirts with his name.

The 2018 World Cup winner arrived at a press conference later clutching a model of the Bernabeu stadium he said he'd been given as an eight-year-old.

He surprised journalists by speaking in near flawless Spanish, which he said he had begun learning at school and then continued to practise with Spanish-speaking managers such as Luis Enrique and Mauricio Pochettino at Paris St Germain because he knew he would need to speak it one day at his dream club. "I wasn't the best at school but I had this dream of playing for Real Madrid and I knew that speaking the language would help me adapt," he said.

Real Madrid announced in June that Mbappe was joining the LaLiga side as a free agent on a five-year contract, ending a transfer saga that had rumbled on for several years. The club had courted Mbappe in the past but failed to land the player, who signed a contract extension with PSG in May 2022 when the Spanish club had a bid rejected. Mbappe was met on stage at the unveiling ceremony by compatriot and former Real Madrid player and manager Zinedine Zidane, who in 2012 had invited Mbappe to visit the club when he was 13-years-old, a visit that he described as an important moment in his life.

The forward won six Ligue 1 titles, four French cups and became PSG's record goal scorer with 256 goals during seven years in Paris but failed to win the Champions League or the Ballon d'Or. AGENCIES

FRANCE MAY COMPLAIN TO FIFA OVER 'INSULTS' FROM ARGENTINA PLAYERS

Paris: The French Football Federation (FFF) plans to complain to FIFA about racist chants from members of Argentina's Copa America winning team. The chants were heard during a live video posted on social media by Chelsea and Argentina midfielder Enzo Fernandez from the team bus in the wake of the Copa victory over Colombia in Miami on Sunday.

Some players, including Fernandez, sing a chant that dates back to the 2022 World Cup final that Argentina won against France that targets France's star striker Kylian Mbappe and includes homophobic insults.

Belgium refuse to host Israel over security fears

Brussels: Belgium will not host the Nations League match against Israel on September 6 over security fears, the Belgian Football Federation (RBFA) announced on Tuesday. The city of Brussels said last month that the match would not be played at the King Baudouin stadium because it could spark demonstrations. Authorities had deemed it "impossible to organise this very high-risk match" in the city due to tensions linked to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Other Belgian cities also refused to host the match.

Colombian football chief released following arrest

Miami: Colombian Football Federation president Ramon Jesurun has been released on bail following his arrest at Copa America final, according to videos published in Colombian media on Monday.

A Miami-Dade County police file indicated Jesurun had been arrested on charges of "assault on officer/employee" on Sunday night at Hard Rock Stadium.

Security guards refused Jesurun access to the field, with his son and other family members, for the awards ceremony after Argentina defeated Colombia 1-0, a scuffle broke out and Jesurun and his son were arrested, Colombian newspaper El Tiempo reported.

Paris-bound Antim frets over support staff's visa delay

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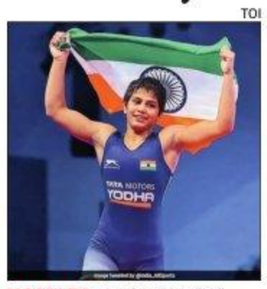

HASSLED: Antim Panghal

New Delhi: World Championships bronze medallist wrestler Antim Panghal is worried that her personal coach and other support staff members have yet not got visas for the Paris Olympics. This, she feels, will hamper her preparations for the Games. **TOI** has learnt that Antim's four-member support staff – coach Bhagat Singh, sparring partner Vikas, masseur Nisha and physio Heera Mundluru – is waiting for the processing of visa by the France Consulate in Delhi.

Singh said they went to the Visa Facilitation Service (VFS) centre at Shivaji Stadium Metro complex on Tuesday but were told by the visa officer that their biometrics could not be done in absence of an official letter from the consulate. Later, sources revealed that letters for the facilitation of visas to the travelling Indian delegation for the Games had to be sent by the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) to the consulate. It wasn't done in the support staff's case.

"When we first visited the VFS centre on July 11, the officer there told us that we needed to bring our flight tickets, accommodation details and papers showing the duration of our stay. Today, we went to the centre again with all the details, but the officer refused to collect our biometrics saying he hasn't refused our visa processing request from the consulate," Singh said.

"Later, we were told that IOA has to first send the mail to the consulate in a particular format for each of the support staff member travelling and that mail will then be updated by the consulate in its system before intimating the VFS staff which will then collect our biometrics. When we contacted the IOA, an official there told us that the mail will be sent soon to the consulate. This should have been done much earlier. We can't travel daily from our training base to the VFS centre for this purpose. It is affecting Antim's training," Singh added.

On July 10, IOA president P T Usha had written a letter to the visa officer at the consulate, requesting for the facilitation of the same for Antim's support staff at the earliest.

"The Wrestling Federation of India is sending the following officials to facilitate the Indian wrestling team participating in the 33rd Olympic Games scheduled to be held from 26h July to 11h August 2024 in Paris. All expenses related to their visit will be borne by the Sports Authority of India. I shall be highly grateful if the above officials are granted visas to enable them to travel to Paris," Usha wrote.

However, IOA forgot that details of visa applications needed to be sent in a particular format, failing which the VFS refused to collect the biometrics of Antim's support staff.

"We have now been given an appointment for Aug 2 and our flight for Paris is in the afternoon of Aug 3. Antim was supposed to fly out at least 10 days in advance to Paris but she chose to travel with her support staff. Her bout is on Aug 7, which will leave her with little time to get acclimatised to the conditions there," Singh said.

Antim won the Paris quota for India in 53kg when she won bronze at the Worlds in Sept last.

The Open in his birthday week means much to Sharma

V Krishnaswamy

Royal Troon: The Open is always special for Shubhankar Sharma. Since his debut at the Open in Carnoustie in 2018, it has been a 'homecoming' of sorts, with his birthday falling in the same week. Years ago, the two big golfing influences on him, his father, Col ML Sharma, and coach Jesse Grewal, had drilled into him that if he did well, he could always celebrate his birthday, which falls on July 21, at the Open.

"It has been just that for me," says Sharma, who will tee off for his fourth Open start on Thursday. In each of his previous three appearances, the birthday fell during the same week. He added. "Last year it was on Friday and I was in Top-5 but could not think of any celebrations because I was focussed on the final two days."

In 2023 at Royal Liverpool, Sharma made the cut and was tied fourth after the second round on July 21, the day he turned 27. He ended the week in tied-eighth place, the best ever by an Indian at the Open. That also sealed his spot for 2024. This year, the final round will be played on July 21 and nothing would please the Sharma family more than another fine result. They are already here in full numbers with his father, mother and sister in attendance.

Two weeks from now, he will play at his first Olympics in Paris. Sharma took a day off on Monday after coming from the Scottish Open. On the final day, he shot 5-under 65 with nine birdies, one bogey and a triple on the 18th.

Yet, Sharma said, "That was a very important round for me before The Open. I made six birdies and finished even-par in the third round on Saturday, and I went into the Sunday round thinking I needed to just get my tempo and rhythm. The triple-bogey finish was disappointing for about 20 minutes, but I saw the positive part of it. I made 15 birdies over the weekend and that just shows I am playing good golf."

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HOPEFUL: Shubhankar Sharma

On taking a day off, he added, "You do learn a few things when you have been on the Tour for 12 years now. The thing is, I have a very good idea of the golf course.

"I came here in May and played three very good practice rounds alongside my coach Jessie Grewal. We did a lot of work back then, just as we did before last year's Open, and it was very beneficial for me."

As for inspiration, he also met Tom Watson, a five-time Open winner, at a sponsors' clinic.

While Sharma is the lone Indian in the field, there will be three others who have a 'bit of India' in them and all of them are in the Top-50 of the world. They are Indian-Americans Sahith Theegala, now world No. 11 and Akshay Bhatia, world No. 26, whose parents came from over India to the US. Then there is England's Aaron Rai, whose grandparents were born in India, and his parents moved to Kenya and then England.

Since the last Open, it has been a bitter-sweet year for Sharma. He has twice been T-7 — at the Irish Open and the Singapore Classic — and a little over two weeks ago he was tied-fifth at the Italian Open, where he had a great chance to win. Sharma tees off with Italian Mateo Manassero and Swede Sebastian Soderberg at 8.14 am on Thursday.

Sharma, who considers Anirban Lahiri as 'a mentor' of sorts, admitted he was 'gutted' to see Lahiri miss a three-footer on the 18th on the final day of the Liv Andalucia in Spain. "It was devastating to see it, so imagine what it must be for him, but he is very strong mentally and will bounce back soon."

SUKHJEET BACK WHERE HE BELONGS

Talented Striker Set For Olympics Debut Following A Stirring Comeback After Being Bedridden Six Years Ago

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Bengaluru: In the summer of 2018, midway through an Olympic cycle, India's hockey brass decided to infuse fresh blood into the team. Sukhjeet Singh, a 22-year-old from Jalandhar, was one of them. He walked into the SAI, South Centre campus here, with a weight on his shoulders and a dream of making it to the Tokyo Games. But less than a week into the camp, his dream appeared shattered. He lay in a hospital bed, injured, broken and a sense of hopelessness fast enveloped him.

"For a while it felt like the death of not just mine, but my family's dream as well," recalled Sukhjeet, now the live-wire of India's strike force bound for Paris. "I could barely walk then."

Sukhjeet was picked to the national camp on the strength of a strong showing on the domestic circuit. His family was thrilled. It was the first step of a long-cherished dream. His father Ajit Singh, an assistant sub-inspector with Punjab police and a hockey player, had always hoped to play for the country but that didn't fructify. "It was my father's dream that I play for the country," said Sukhjeet. "I began living that dream from a very young age," said Sukhjeet.

Then came the right leg injury and he was forced to leave the camp in excruciating pain. He was referred to the team physio and that's when his nightmare began.

"I didn't know much about injuries and treatments," the 27-year-old said. "I was told that my injury required 'needling'. It meant sticking needles into my back, but it was pierced very deep. When I returned to my room after treatment, I couldn't get up. The pain was unbearable. Gagandeep, my fellow camper, offered unconditional support for which I am very grateful. I was in the hospital for a while before I returned home."

The journey back home three months later was dark and arduous. Sukhjeet needed a walker to get around and his family was just as shattered as he was. "The first person I saw when I exited the airport was my father. He was weeping. I had never seen him cry before. It was the worst moment of my life," said Sukhjeet. "I spent a lot of time questioning God on why he was putting me through so much misery. I had earned the national camp call-up by sheer hard work."

Syed Asif

A FORCE TO RECKON WITH: Sukhjeet Singh practises his dribbling skills at the SAI Centre in Bengaluru

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But recovery and healing began right there with his family around him.

"It felt like rebirth, a fresh start. I had to learn to first walk, then run and hold a stick. Everything felt new," recalled Sukhjeet.

The pandemic break was a blessing since it gave Sukhjeet time to work on his fitness. The 2021 Senior National Championship was make or break. Playing for Punjab National Bank, he gave it his all and was back where he started -- the national camp.

In the 2021-22 FIH Pro League, Sukhjeet made his much-awaited debut against Spain and scored his maiden international goal. There has been no looking back for the mercurial forward since.

"One of the things I learnt during those testing times was not to take anything for granted. I now cherish every moment on the field."

In Paris, Sukhjeet's combination with another youngster, Abhishek, will be crucial for India. On his impressive connection with Abhishek, Sukhjeet said, "Abhishek and I are roommates from our domestic hockey days. We understand each other very well and instinctively know what the other is thinking. There is mutual trust, we understand our strengths and we cover up our shortcomings."

Having missed India's podium finish in Tokyo, Sukhjeet wants to make up for lost time in Paris. "As a team, we have given our all in preparing for the Olympics. I want to make this fresh start count and ensure we return with a medal," he said.

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YOKOHAMA FIRE HARRY KEWELL TWO MONTHS AFTER REACHING AFC CHAMPIONS LEAGUE FINAL

JAVELIN THROWER JENA SAYS HE WAS CLOSE TO QUITTING LAST YEAR OVER POOR PERFORMANCES

GALLERY

Bawa assures India medal in World Jr squash

New Delhi: India's Shaurya Bawa guaranteed himself of a medal as he moved to the semifinals with a hard fought 3-2 win over Malaysian Low Wa-Sern in the World Junior Squash Championships in Houston. The 18-year-old from Delhi, thus, becomes only the second Indian male to reach the semifinals after Kush Kumar, who reached the last four stage in 2014. With the win, Bawa set up a semifinal clash with Egyptian top-seed Mohamed Zakaria. Meanwhile, compatriot Anahat Singh bowed out from the girls' quarterfinals for a third straight year.

Lanka announce free entry for public in women's Asia Cup: Sri Lanka Cricket (SLC) on Tuesday announced free entry for public during the women's Asia Cup, beginning in Dambulla from Friday. Eight teams — India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, hosts Sri Lanka, Thailand, UAE, Nepal and Malaysia — are set to battle it out for top honours. In all, 15 games will be played, including two semifinals and the final.

Nadal sweeps past Borg in Bastad: Rafael Nadal swept past Leo Borg, son of tennis great Bjorn Borg, to advance to the second round of the Bastad Open on Tuesday. It was Nadal's first singles match since the 38-year-old fell in the opening round at Roland Garros on May 27, and he eased to a 6-3, 6-4 win in wet conditions. Both Nadal and Borg were wild card entries to the Swedish clay-court tournament. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: England vs West Indies, 2nd Test, Day 1, 3.30 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode)
CYCLING: Tour De France, Stage 17, 7.30 pm (Eurosport)
TENNIS: ATP 500, Hamburg Open 3.30 pm (Eurosport)

'Getting data in Indian cricket has been our biggest achievement'

Outgoing Bowling Coach Paras Mhambrey, Rahul Dravid's Trusted Lieutenant From 2015, Outlines The Journey That Culminated In India Winning T20 WC

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India's outgoing bowling coach Paras Mhambrey has worked within BCCI's ecosystem from 2015 as Rahul Dravid's trusted lieutenant. During their last assignment, they saw India lift the T20 World Cup in Barbados last month. "It's rewarding to see that the process that we started has seen players come through the ranks, go on to play for India and eventually share the dressing room when they were lifting the trophy. Rahul was very clear in his head what he wanted to do and backed it all the way — be it with the U-19 and India 'A' teams or at the NCA," Mhambrey tells **TOI** in an interview.Excerpts...

Can you talk about the points that defined this journey with Rahul Dravid?

Rahul was very clear that we had to stick to a 'process-first' policy with the developmental teams. Results were not the focus. It was ensured that every player on a tour got at least a game. That didn't mean that all of them got equal opportunities. But we had to ensure that no one was denied game time. Players felt secure and as a result the 'A' teams and U-19 teams lost very few matches. Thriving 'A' and U-19 programmes were instrumental in making sure the players never felt out of place when they toured with the senior team.

I believe the biggest achievement during our tenure has been assimilation of data. When we started, there was no data at the U-19 and India 'A' level. There were no video analysts assigned. We had to run around and chase state associations to keep data of players. I remember there was a series in New Zealand when I had to sit all day at a spot holding a camera to shoot the game from the perfect angle. Devraj Raut at NCA was a massive help. As we got data across all aspects of the game, we could formalize a lot of programmes and streamline the structure. When you have data with you, it's easier to get players on board with your planning such as workload management.

Then there was the decision to limit players to just one U-19 World Cup. Again, a strong 'A' programme and 'emerging' programme helped bridge the gap and carry out the transition of players.

How different was it when you guys stepped into the Indian dressing room?

It was different. We took time to build a relationship with senior players. You can't be dealing in the same way with the likes of Shami, Ashwin, Virat or Rohit as you did with the players coming through BCCI programmes. Here the most important thing was conversations. Building relationships is crucial. That's why we got to a place when we could have an honest conversation with Ishant Sharma in South Africa and then the likes of Bhuvneshwar Kumar to tell them the vision we had for the team going forward. Even with the likes of Siraj, who has come through our 'A' programme, we were having different conversations and that was result-oriented.

You leave when there's an ageing bowling attack which includes Shami and Ashwin?

It's important to have those discussions with Shami and Ashwin about their future plans and then lay out a plan. When we decided to invest in youth, we made sure they were not alone in the park shouldering all responsibilities. Be it Arshdeep or Avesh, we made sure they were always bowling alongside senior bowlers.

The famous win at Gabba in 2021 showed the strength of the pace bowling pool. How much time does it take to create such a backup pool?

You can't put a timeline on that. You have to be patient with it. We started in 2015 and we had that pool by 2020. If you look at Arshdeep's evolution, he played in the U-19 World Cup in 2018 and he was representing India in 2022 before really becoming an integral part in 2024. A young pace bowler takes four-five years to hit his peak. You can't simply rush them through.

How pleasing has it been to see Arshdeep grow?

He got just one game in the U-19 World Cup because we were giving opportunities to everyone. Then he was out of the system. When he got picked in the IPL, I thought it was going to be interesting. But the best thing about him is that he is all about bowling. He loves to keep on bowling. He doesn't have a cluttered mind when he is at the top of the mark. He has bowled in the toughest phases. Even in IPL, where you were seeing consistent scores of above 200, his economy was under nine. Just the dedication towards bowling and a clear head has seen him rise.

Do you think you need more incentives to play red-ball cricket to have all-format bowlers?

It is a bit tough with the younger generation of cricketers who have grown up seeing IPL. When Rahul and I were working with the junior teams, we talked a lot about the history of the game so they could understand the importance of all formats. Only 314 players have played Test cricket for India. What could be more glamorous than becoming a part of that elite list? And if you talk to the likes of Bumrah, Shami and Siraj, who have been doing well in all three formats, you will know how much they value Test cricket. If you do well in Test cricket, your value goes up a few notches.

The last home series against England saw 450-plus scores like Test cricket used to be in India. Do you think India's home advantage lies only with rank turners?

You have to understand what your advantage is according to the resources you have. If you have far better spinners then obviously spinning tracks will be your advantage. But raging rank turners are not the answer. It brings the touring team into the game big time because anybody who could roll his arm over and land the ball at a desired spot can run through your batting. It becomes a lottery.

Barring Hardik Pandya, India does not have a genuine pace-bowling allrounder...

You need to identify such players across the country. There won't be many pace-bowling allrounders. The problem is that most of them give up bowling to sustain themselves. But if you can manage to find five-six potential allrounders from U-19 and domestic cricket, you have to keep working with them. Give them confidence. The Impact Player rule in IPL doesn't help. But you have to be at it. We have got Shivam Dube back to bowling. You have to give these bowlers overs in matches so that they start backing themselves.

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Paras Mhambrey with Rahul Dravid and Rohit Sharma during the T20 World Cup

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Will selectors hand Surya T20 captaincy?

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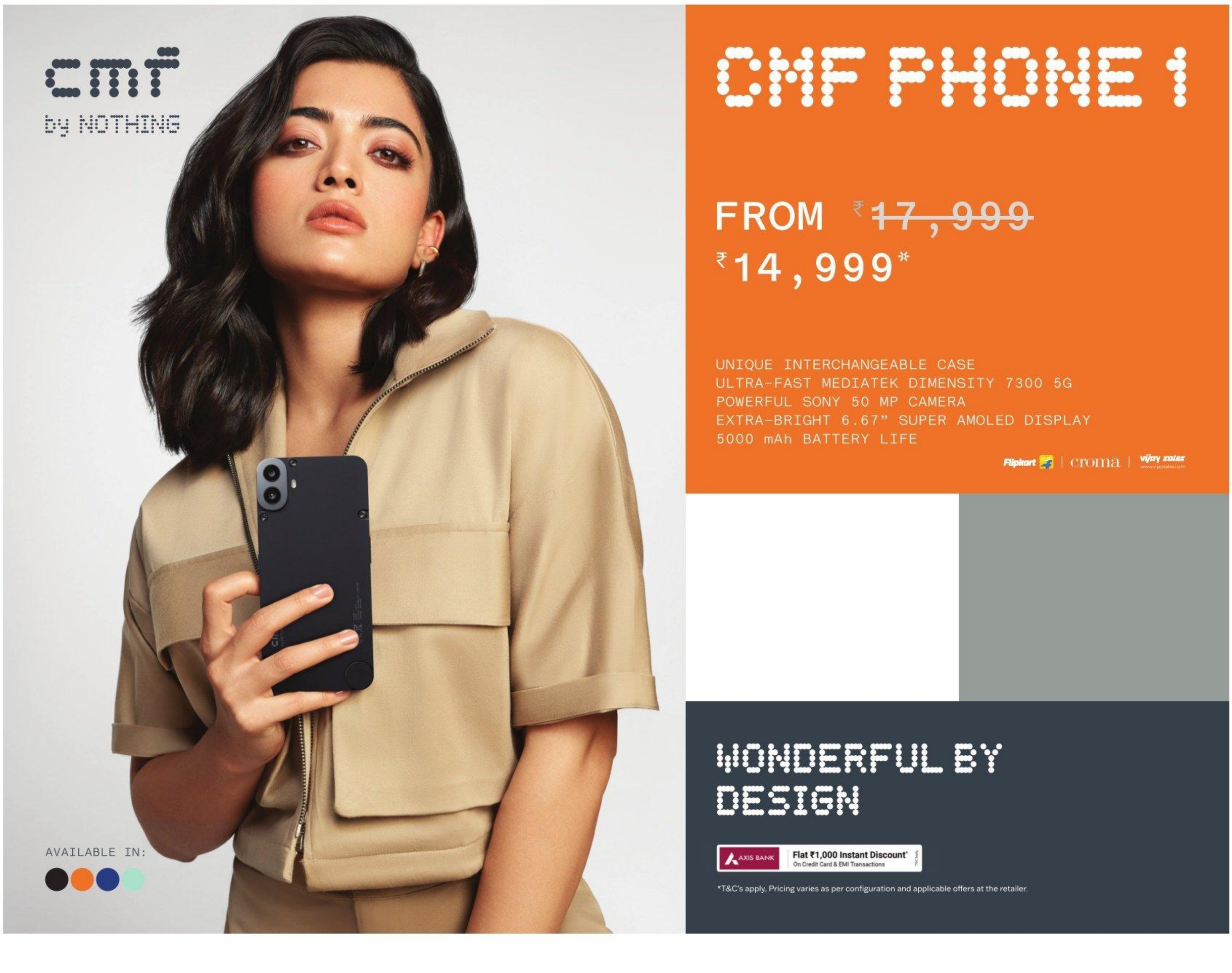
New Delhi: Ahead of India's white-ball tour of Sri Lanka, the national selectors and new head coach Gautam Gambhir are contemplating taking a hard call on appointing the captain for T20Is. **TOI** understands that the think- tank has to decide between Hardik Pandya and Suryakumar Yadav. According to sources, Surya has been deemed as a more stable candidate to lead the team.

"Hardik was the natural successor of Rohit Sharma since he has been the vice-captain. But the selection committee and Gambhir are leaning towards Surya. The argument is the uncertainty over Hardik's availability in every series that India plays. They want a stable captain going forward with the T20 World Cup in 2026," a BCCI source told **TOI**.

SURYAKUMAR

It may be noted that Gambhir has previously worked with Surya at KKR in 2014 and had even promoted him to vice-captaincy. "The coach and selectors spoke to both players on Tuesday evening. The scenario had to be made clear. It will be up to Hardik to reassure the management about his availability. A final call will be taken in the selection meeting soon," the source said.

Hardik has already recused himself from the three ODIs in Sri Lanka citing personal reasons. It will be also interesting to see who will be made the ODI captain since Rohit has also asked for a break. KL Rahul has led the Indian team before. He could be a leading contender with both Rohit and Bumrah unavailable for the tour.



Asking woman her name & cell number not sex harassment: HC

Ahmedabad: The Gujarat HC on Tuesday stayed any action against a Gandhinagar man after police booked him for sexual harassment. In the FIR against the man, police said the man asked an unknown woman her name, address, and mobile number. The HC, though, said that while such questions may be inappropriate, they do not amount to sexual harassment.

A woman lodged a complaint at Section 21 police station on April 26 against the man, Samir Roy, stating that though they were strangers, Roy had asked for her name, address, and mobile number. Police promptly booked Roy under Section 354A (sexual harassment) of the IPC.

Roy, though, submitted before the high court that the FIR against him is a counterblast to his earlier complaint on April 25 against some policemen, who detained and tortured him in custody. Roy stated that police also took away his mobile phone and deleted some of his data, after which he made several complaints on various forums against the policemen demanding action against them.

Roy further submitted that it was only on May 9 that he came to know about a FIR against him relating to sexual harassment, which was filed a day after he was tortured and his subsequent complaints.

The HC stayed police action against Roy, issued notice to the state govt in the case, and posted the next hearing for Aug 9. TNN

India a topper in primary edu, backbencher in higher classes

Unesco Report Bares Struggle To Retain Pupils Beyond Primary Level

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New Delhi: India has demonstrated notable progress in primary education, achieving a participation rate of 94% in 2023, just shy of the 99% national benchmark set for 2025, which makes it among the faster-progressing lower-middle-income countries, alongside nations like Vietnam and Iran.

However, at the lower secondary level, India's progress slows, with a participation rate of 86%, indicating challenges in retaining students beyond primary education. But a more pressing concern is the completion rate at the upper secondary level in India. In the gender equality index, India's progress in education has been mixed with significant disparities remaining at the upper secondary level. Another big challenge is learning proficiency, a critical indicator of the quality of education and internet connectivity in schools.

This and many more comparative data points were revealed in Unesco's "SDG 4 Scorecard Progress Report on National Benchmarks: Focus on Teachers 2024" released recently, which reflects both India's significant achievements and ongoing challenges.

A bigger worry is the completion rate at the upper secondary level. With a current rate of 51%, India lags behind many middle-income countries such as Bangladesh and Indonesia, which have shown faster progress in this area. As per the report, this disparity highlights the need for targeted interventions to support students through to the end of secondary education.

The report provides a detailed analysis of India's position relative to global benchmarks, with a focus on participation rates, completion rates, gender equality in education, minimum learning proficiency, internet connectivity in schools, and the availability of trained teachers.

For India gender equality in education has been a mixed bag, with the narrowing of gap in primary and lower secondary levels, while there are significant disparities still in play at the upper secondary level. The completion rate for young women in India is improving, but not as rapidly as needed to meet the 2025 benchmark. Comparatively, countries like Bangladesh and Bhutan have made faster strides in closing gender gaps in secondary education.

Minimum learning proficiency, particularly in reading at the end of primary education, is a critical indicator of educational quality. India faces substantial challenges here, with a large portion of the student population not meeting the required proficiency levels. This issue is compounded by data gaps, making it difficult to assess trends accurately. High-income countries like Japan and Finland, by contrast, have almost universal proficiency in reading at the primary level, highlighting a significant area for improvement for India.

The integration of technology in education is another area where India shows potential for growth. The report introduces internet connectivity in primary schools as a new benchmark indicator. While richer countries have nearly universal coverage, India's progress is still in the nascent stages.

MANY LESSONS IN REPORT CARD

Status	Benchmarks
Fast progress	Participation rate in organised learning one year before primary
Slow progress	Out-of-school rate, lower secondary ➤ Behind Mali, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Iran, Nepal
Slow progress	Completion rate, upper secondary ➤ Behind Bangladesh, Benin, Egypt, Ghana
Fast progress	Gender gap in completion rate, upper secondary
Average progress	School internet connectivity, primary ➤ Behind Lebanon, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Thailand
Fast progress	Trained teachers, pre-primary

Country classification of progress relative to public expenditure benchmarks, 2020

Below 4% of GDP	Above 4% of GDP
Above 15% of total public expenditure	
Cambodia, Congo, Iran, Kenya, Philippines, Vietnam, Zimbabwe	Bhutan, Bolivia, Morocco, Senegal, Uzbekistan
Below 15% of total public expenditure	
Bangladesh, Egypt, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka	Algeria, India, Kiribati, Lesotho, Mongolia, Ukraine

Fast progress | **>75% probability** that 2025 national benchmark will be achieved

Slow progress | **<25% probability** that 2025 national benchmarks

Govt retains Niti Aayog team but allies also find place

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New Delhi: Govt has decided to continue with the same team at Niti Aayog, naming economist Suman Bery as the vice-chairman of the think tank.

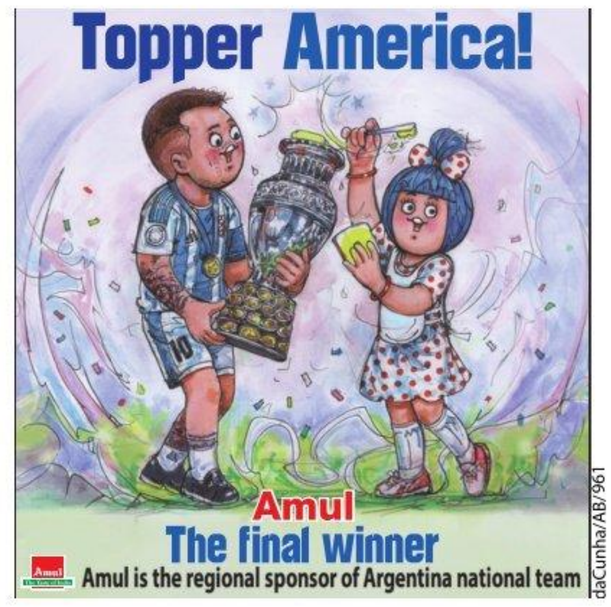
The full-time members also remain the same in the revised composition of the think tank approved by PM Narendra Modi. They include V K Saraswat, Ramesh Chand, V K Paul and former chief economic adviser Arvind Virmani. Modi is the chairman of the think tank which prepares crucial policy roadmaps and acts as advisors on economic and policy issues.

There were expectations that govt might revamp Niti Aayog but it has decided to maintain status quo. Some new ministers have been included in the list of ex-officio members and special invitees.

Modi had scrapped the then Planning Commission during the first term of the BJP govt and created Niti Aayog.

The ex-officio members of the think tank include defence minister Rajnath Singh, home minister Amit Shah, agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

The special invitees include road transport and highways minister Nitin Gadkari, health minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, heavy industries minister H D Kumaraswamy, MSME minister Jitan Ram Manjhi, panchayati raj minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh 'Lalan', social justice minister Virendra Kumar, civil aviation minister K Rammohan Naidu, tribal affairs minister Jual Oram, WCD minister Annapurna Devi, food processing industries minister Chirag Paswan, and planning minister Rao Inderjit Singh.

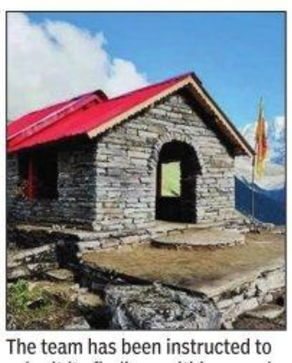


'Glacier Baba' to be probed, team sets off for mandir

Yogesh Nagarkoti | TNN

Bageshwar: Uttarakhand govt on Tuesday formed an investigative panel to probe the unauthorised construction of a temple by a self-styled godman on govt land near Devi Kund on the Sunderdhunga glacier at an altitude of 16,500 feet. Baba Yogi Chaitanya Akash, who built the mandir, will himself be probed as govt officials said his antecedents seemed to be "suspicious".

The action came a day after a **TOI** report highlighted the potential environmental impact of the illegal construction in the ecologically sensitive zone.


The team has been instructed to submit its findings within a week

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The probe committee, consisting of officials from the Bageshwar district administration, forest department, and police, will also look into the construction's environmental impact on the pristine region. The team has been instructed to reach the remote site within three days and submit its findings within a week. N D Pandey, ranger, Glacier Range, said, "Panel members are expected to take two days to reach Devi Kund due to the treacherous terrain of the high Himalayan region."

Regarding Yogi Chaitanya, who had earlier claimed that he built the temple after receiving "divine instructions", the forest department said "there are no records of his entry at any checkpoints, raising questions about his presence and activities in the eco-sensitive area".

Bageshwar district magistrate Anuradha Pal said, "The matter was referred to the police for an investigation after an application was received from the locals in this regard. The road to the spot where the temple has been built passes through difficult terrain and remains closed during the monsoon."

Bageshwar SP Akshay Prahlad Konde added, "The structure is made of wood and stone and is a small temple. It is illegal and built on no man's land. It seems that some locals helped him build the structure after he told them that he had received divine orders in his dream to construct it. He has been living in the temple for the last 10-12 days and bathing in the sacred Devi Kund. Locals revere the lake and bathe their deities in it once a year."

(With agency inputs)

3 police teams draw blank in search for Puja's parents

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Washim/Pune: Hours before the Maharashtra govt suspended her training and asked her to return to her training academy, probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar told reporters that fake news was being spread about her. The decision to recall her was based on the state govt's July 11 report on Khedkar's allegedly questionable conduct as a probationary IAS officer, director of Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration Shelesh Nawal wrote.

"Whatever communication is received from the (probe) committee is supposed to be confidential. Such things are not disclosed because the entire process is free and fair. Whenever a decision is made public, you will get to know anyway," Khedkar said.

Khedkar was scheduled to leave for Akola on July 15 for field training with the tribal department. Washim collector Buveneswari S postponed the schedule by a week to purportedly throw off the media contingent tailing her since she started her training stint at the Washim district collectorate on July 11, sources said.

Khedkar joined the Pune collectorate on June 3 as an assistant collector on probation but was transferred to Washim just five days later, based on Pune collector Suhas Divase's June 24 report to the chief secretary that details her allegedly unreasonable demands for a separate office and staff.

Residence of the probationary IAS officer Pooja Khedkar at Baner in Pune. Multiple agencies, including a DoPT panel, are inquiring into the allegations against Khedkar

The report accuses her of misbehaving with staffers at the collectorate, besides "usurping" the office of an additional collector. Pune traffic police have since confiscated Khedkar's white Audi, which carried a red-and-blue beacon and 'Maharashtra govt' stickers.

Khedkar's parents, Manorama and Dilip, too, are under investigation. Police teams deputed to three locations drew a blank Monday in their search for the couple, who are among seven people charged with rioting, intimidation and violation of the Arms Act in a case filed in rural Pune.

Dilip, a retired state govt officer, contested the Ahmednagar Lok Sabha seat in the last election as a Vanchit Bahujan Aghadi candidate and declared assets totalling Rs 40 crore in his affidavit. His daughter declared assets worth Rs 17 crore to the department of personnel and training (DoPT), bringing into question her OBC non-creamy layer quota claim.

Only those with parental income below Rs 8 lakh are entitled to the quota.

Multiple agencies, including a DoPT panel headed by an officer of the rank of additional secretary, are inquiring into the allegations against Khedkar. The state commissioner for persons with disabilities has written to Pune's police chief to investigate Khedkar's disability certificates and register a case if they are found to have been acquired through unfair means.

India backs Mauritius in Chagos sovereignty squabble with UK

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New Delhi: Foreign minister **S Jaishankar**'s ongoing visit to Mauritius saw inauguration of 12 high impact community development projects that are funded by India, with the minister reaffirming India's consistent and continued support to the Indian Ocean country in its quest for progress. Significantly, Jaishankar reassured Mauritius of India's support on the issue of Chagos Archipelago, saying it's in line with India's principal stand on decolonisation and support for sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations.

Speaking at an event in Port Louis, in the presence of Mauritius Prime Minister Pravind Kumar Jugnauth, Jaishankar said, "As we look at our deep and enduring relationship, I would like to again assure you today that on the issue of Chagos, India will continue its consistent support to Mauritius in line with its principal stand on decolonisation and support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of nations."

Mauritius foreign minister Maneesh Gobin was quick to acknowledge his counterpart's comments as he expressed deep gratitude for India's consistent support in a post on X.

With an area of 60sq-km, Chagos Archipelago, a group of atolls comprising 58 islands, is located around 2,200km north-east of the main island of Mauritius and about 1,700km south-west of Thiruvananthapuram. The strategically important Diego Garcia, which is home to a joint US-UK naval facility, is the largest and southernmost island in the Archipelago.

A non-binding 2019 UN General Assembly vote demanded that Britain end its "colonial administration" of Chagos Archipelago and that it be returned to Mauritius. UK claims Britain's sovereignty over the islands, while maintaining that the issue is a bilateral dispute between Mauritius and the UK that does not warrant international intervention.

According to Mauritius govt website, Chagos Archipelago has been part of the territory of the Republic of Mauritius since at least the 18th Century when it was a French colony and was known as Ile de France.

Jaishankar said his visit to Mauritius is also an opportunity to underline India's unwavering commitment to its special and enduring partnership with the island country. "India's ties with Mauritius have blossomed into a robust and multifaceted partnership. The bilateral relation with Mauritius serves as a role model for India's successful development collaboration abroad," he said.

Magistrate gets HC rap for delay in Rahul's RSS defamation trial

Mumbai: The Bombay HC has censured a magistrate hearing the defamation case against Rahul Gandhi for an alleged anti-RSS speech and also slammed the complainant, who is an RSS worker, for his "overall conduct" aimed at prolonging the legal proceedings, reports **Rosy Sequeira**.

"It can be seen that the respondent is keeping no stone unturned to thwart the legitimate right of the petitioner (Rahul) to get the complaint decided on merits as expeditiously as possible in view of Article 21 …which provides speedy trial," said Justice Prithviraj Chavan.

On July 12 the judge had quashed and set aside a June 3, 2023 order by a junior magistrate first class, Bhiwandi, that permitted Rajesh Kunte to produce a transcript of Gandhi's March 6, 2014 speech in which he allegedly said RSS members killed Mahatma Gandhi. Justice Chavan said the JMFC "in the teeth of this order" should not have allowed the transcript of the contents of the CD containing the alleged speech to be produced as evidence.

He said an accused has "a right to remain silent." He agreed with Gandhi's advocates Sudeep Pasbola and Kushal Mor that Kunte has to prove the CD's contents.

Now, pay double fee if no FASTag on windshield

New Delhi: In case you have the habit of keeping the FASTag of your vehicle in wallet or in hand, be ready to pay double user fee at NH toll gates, reports **Dipak Dash**.

NHMCL, the agency under National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), on Tuesday notified the new norm amid instances of some people still carrying smart tags in hand and beating the system in closed tolling stretches such as expressways and greenfield highways from paying the user charge.

In a policy circular, NHMCL said that the toll operators or the toll collection agencies will charge the "user fee equivalent to two times" of the applicable charge in case any vehicle entering the "FASTag lanes" doesn't have a tag fixed on the front of the windshield. It has instructed the toll collectors to put this information, including the provision of penalty, at plazas for public knowledge. The toll collectors have also been directed to "store the CCTV footage with clear vehicle registration number" of vehicles whenever the double user fee is collected. This will be used as evidence in case of any dispute.

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Co holding Audi registration on land owned by Khedkar's mom

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Pune: Details of the application by probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar to obtain a disability certificate from Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital in Pimpri Chinchwad show she had submitted a ration card with the address of Thermoverita Engineering Pvt Ltd as her residential address. While no member of the Khedkar family owns or is part of the company's board, municipal records show that Puja Khedkar's mother Manorama Khedkar owns the land on which the company is located. The company has been shut for around a year.

Thermoverita in Talawade industrial area, 20km from Pune, also holds the registration of the Audi car used by Khedkar with a red-and-blue beacon and 'Maharashtra govt' stickers. It shut operations at least a year ago.

Thermoverita is located on land registered as a commercial property with Pimpri Chinchwad Municipal Corporation, with no residential structure on the premises. A civic body official confirmed the address in the ration card incorrectly states 'plot' number 53 instead of 'gat' number 53, which is the land on which the company stands. Civic officials confirmed property tax amounting to close to Rs 2.8 lakh has not been paid for the past three years.

It is mandatory to submit the local address proof while applying for disability certificates, an official said, adding hospital authorities do not verify the address submitted by applicants.

Meanwhile, the company's documents available on the website of the Union ministry of corporate affairs indicate that it has not been in business since 2019.

Puja's father owes ₹67 lakh for illegal soil extraction: Mulshi tehsil officials

Mulshi tehsil officials said on Tuesday they will issue a fresh notice to probationary IAS officer Puja Khedkar's father, Dilip Khedkar, for the recovery of royalty dues of Rs 67 lakh, pending since 2021, against illegal extraction of soil from the backwater areas 4 km from Varasgaon dam, reports **Sandip Dighe**.

As per the land revenue code, a person must seek permission from the tehsil administration to extract soil from areas around dams and rivers. In case of extraction without permission, the violator is charged a fine double or triple the amount charged for extraction with permission. Mulshi sub-divisional officer Surendra Navale told **TOI**, "The soil extraction was done in April-May 2021 and the amount has been pending against Dilip Khedkar for the last three years. As per procedure, we will send a fresh notice to him to recover these dues."

HC: Vet assets of all Tuticorin officers, their wives & kin

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How can CBI file a report absolving the allegations against the authorities who were indicted by the Justice Aruna Jagadeesan Commission, a division bench of Justices Sundar and Senthil Kumar asked.

It directed DVAC to scrutinise the assets of all officers in Tuticorin and file a preliminary report in two weeks. "Assets not just in their name but also in the names of their wives and close relatives & produced before this court. From two years prior to the incident and two years after," the judges said.

Madras HC passed the orders on a plea moved by activist Henri Tiphagne seeking to reopen the probe closed by NHRC into the incident. According to the petitioner, NHRC's decision to close its suo motu probe was arbitrary.

Precious antique idols found in Ratna Bhandar's inner cell

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Bhubaneswar: Govt officials and servitors, who opened the Ratna Bhandar of Jagannath Temple on Sunday after 46 years, discovered several antique idols crafted from precious metals in the treasury's inner chamber. These idols were not listed in any previous inventories.

"The ancient small idols —perhaps 5 to 7 in number— have turned almost black over the last four decades. We did not touch them. We promptly lit a diya and worshipped them. They will be shifted to a temporary strongroom on Thursday. Details like weight and make of the idols can be ascertained only after the inventory," Biswanath Rath, chairman of an 11-member committee set up to oversee the inventory of Ratna Bhandar, said.

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TEMPLE OF TREASURES: Devotees during the reopening of Ratna Bhandar at the Jagannath Temple in Puri on Sunday

The servitors believe these idols were once worshipped by "bhandar mekaps", or treasury caretakers, long ago. The members admitted they were unaware of the specific types of valuables stored in the chests and almirahs within the inner chamber.

There is widespread speculation that the inner chamber contains precious items like gold crowns, gold and tiger claws, golden wreaths, gold wheels, gold flowers, silver thrones, necklaces adorned with diamonds and pearls, and a gold-studded Mayur Chandrika, among other treasures.

"We found only gold and silver articles within the outer chamber, which is opened during annual festivals. We have no idea what is stored in the boxes in the inner chamber," Durga Prasad Dasmohapatra, a servitor who was part of the team that entered Ratna Bhandar on Sunday, said.

Gujarat's fugitive woman cop with links to bootleggers held

Ahmedabad: Gujarat ATS nabbed a 34-year-old fugitive woman CID cop, suspended for bootlegging and attempted murder of police officials, from her accomplice's house in Surendranagar district on Tuesday.

Neeta Chaudhary was captured at the residence of co-accused Yuvrajsinh Solanki's in-laws in Bhalgamda village, Limbdi taluka. Chaudhary was arrested on July 1, a day after being caught accompanying bootlegger Jadeja in his SUV as they attempted to run over six police officers who signaled them to stop on National Highway 41 near Bhachau town. Bhachau police seized 16 IMFL bottles and two tins of beer from the vehicle.

On July 3, Chaudhary was granted bail by a local court. The prosecution appealed against the order, and her bail was revoked on July 10. But she fled from police custody. TNN

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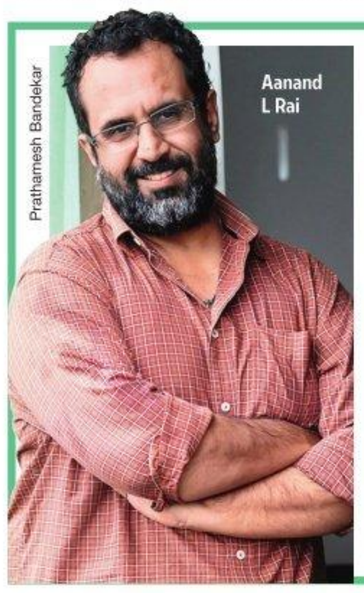

TOIFA WILL DO BRILLIANTLY BECAUSE IT HAS THE RIGHT INTENT: AANAND L RAI

The filmmaker, who is on the Advisory Council of the Times of India Film Awards (TOIFA) OTT edition, talks to us about how it is important to have an award that demands respect and how TOIFA is set to achieve the same

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Rakul Preet Singh's brother Aman apprehended in drug bust

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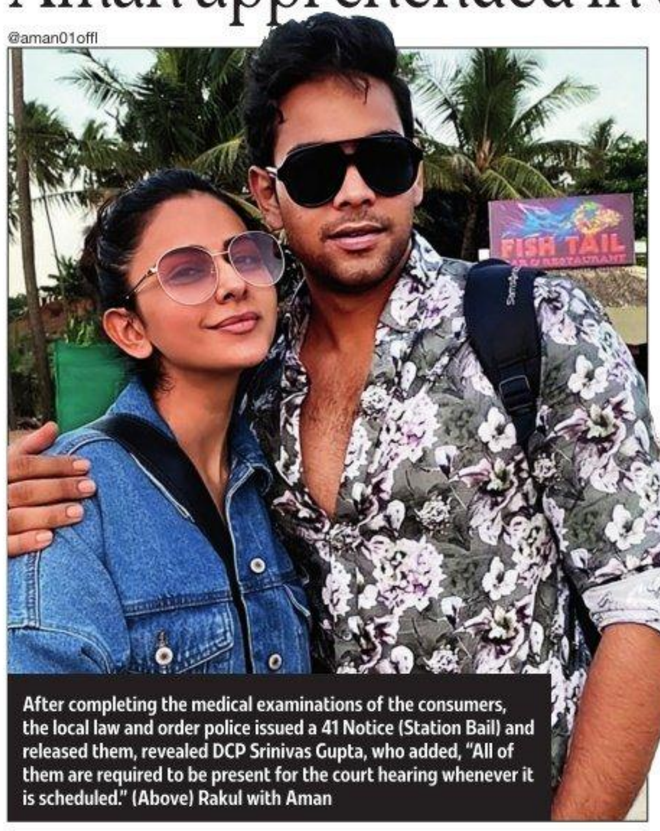

After completing the medical examinations of the consumers, the local law and order police issued a 41 Notice (Station Bail) and released them, revealed DCP Srinivas Gupta, who added, "All of them are required to be present for the court hearing whenever it is scheduled." (Above) Rakul with Aman

Aman Preet Singh, Rakul Preet Singh's brother, was apprehended by Cyberabad Police in connection with a major drug bust in Hyderabad on Monday. Officials reported that the actor was among five individuals who tested positive for consuming cocaine following a joint raid by the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) and Narsingi Police, Cyberabad. Five drug peddlers were also arrested in the raid, where authorities seized 199 grams of cocaine valued at ₹35 lakh.

In a press conference on Monday, Rajendranagar DCP CH Srinivas said, "Aniketh Reddy, Prasad, Aman Preet Singh, Madhusudhan, and Nikhil Daman tested positive for cocaine. All of them have been apprehended by the Police SOT team and will be produced before the court after medical tests."

– ANI, with inputs by Paul Nicodemus

Pics: Prathamesh Bandekar

Location: Koa – Café & Bar

SAY IT WITH AN EMOJI: NUSHRRATT

Too much to say, but don't know how to let the words roll? Scroll for the perfect emoji. Little to say, but can't get it right? Let the emoji do the talking. There's an emoji for every emotion, well, at least most. On World Emoji Day, Nushrratt Bharuccha tells us that she liberally uses emojis to express herself.

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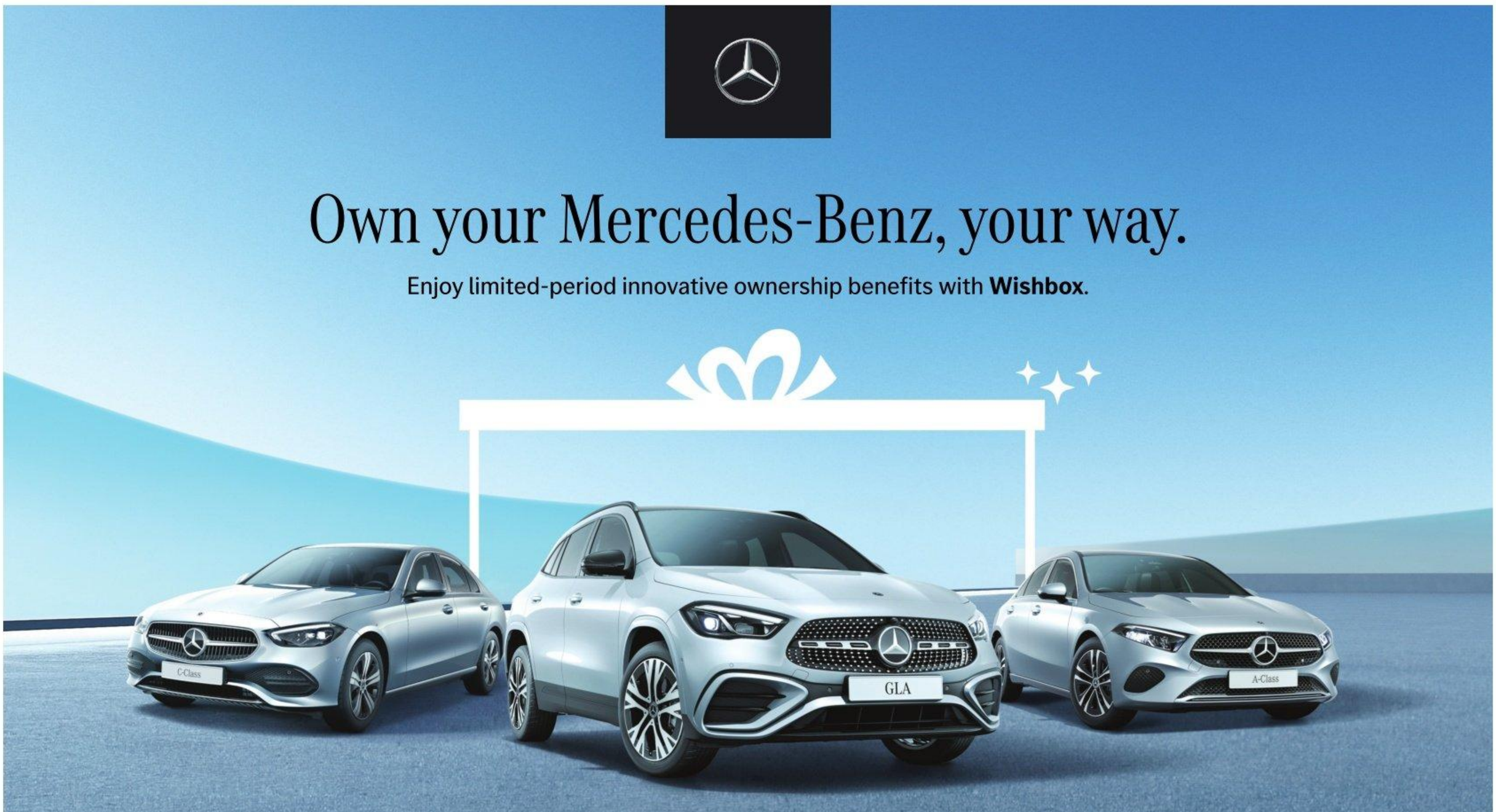

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SHAHID KAPOOR cherishes heartwarming moment with Misha and Zain, writes, "Just look at 'em fly"

Location: Koa – Café & Bar

Prathamesh Bandekar

Emojis are a great way to communicate feelings: Nushrratt

Onkar Kulkarni

'EMOJIS ADD AN EXTRA PUNCH TO YOUR MESSAGE'

Nushrratt feels that emoticons help you tell others what's on your mind without putting it into words literally. She says, "Emojis are my version of shorthand writing. I love them and use them a lot while chatting. Emojis add an extra punch to your message because *shabdon se* you can talk, but when you send an emoji, the other person can also imagine your expressions."

'I WANT AN EMOJI THAT SAYS WHATEVER'

The *Chhorri* actress says that though there are many emojis, there is scope to introduce some new ones. "There should be some emojis to depict sarcasm. I need more of those rolling of the eyes, I need something with flickering longer eyelashes. And most importantly, I need an emoji that says 'Whatever'. Maybe a face with a big W on it."

'AYUSHMANN KHURRANA IS GOOD WITH EMOJIS'

Ask which co-star she enjoys chatting with using emojis, and she says, "Ayushmann Khurrana! He gets the humour, and he gets the joke." And the one person she would rather not use them with is her mother. "If I send her an emoji, *mujhe unka* call *aajayega ki iska matlab kya hai*? *Toh jo* conversation emoji use *karke* short *hone wala thi* that gets longer (*laughs*)." On World Emoji Day today, Nushrratt plans to start something new. She laughs and says, "I am going to start a WhatsApp group where the conversations happen only through emojis."

Write the following Film, Song titles and dialogues using emojis...
1 - Sonu Ke Titu Ki Sweety—
2 - Saath Samundar Paar Mein Tere Peeche Peeche Aa Gayi—
3 - Raju Bangaya Gentleman—
4 - Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge—
5 - Main apni favourite hoon—
6 - Don't angry me —

An emoji that comes to her mind when she thinks of these actors:

KAREENA KAPOOR KHAN: The eye roll because she likes doing that in real life, too.
TIGER SHROFF: The one with dark glasses because Tiger has always got his shades on point, and he's quite suave.
AMITABH BACHCHAN: Amitji always meets you very warmly, so the hug wala emoji would be perfect for him.
RANBIR KAPOOR: The emoji with hearts in eyes and also the emoji blowing a kiss. That's because I love him.
ALIA BHATT: You need to introduce an emoji that depicts Alia, one with a smile and a dimple.

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"Yes, it's been 13 years," wrote Abhay sharing photos from the shoot

Abhay Deol: How much more time for ZNMD 2?

Katrina, Farhan, Zoya share unseen BTS pics on 13th anniv of the film

Abhay Deol, **Farhan Akhtar** and **Katrina Kaif** shared behind-the-scenes photos from the sets of Zoya Akhtar's *Zindagi Na Milegi Dobara* (2011) to mark 13 years of the film on Monday.

Sharing multiple photos from the *ZNMD* shoot, Abhay asked Zoya Akhtar for an update on the sequel, captioning it: "@zoieakhtar yes, it's been 13 years. How much more time will you and my (your) bro take to write part 2? (*sic*)". Zoya commented on the post with a heart and hug emojis.

Farhan too shared unseen BTS photos from the shoot on Instagram, on which Abhay playfully commented, "Who waits 13 years for their next vacation!? Where and when next? (*sic*)".

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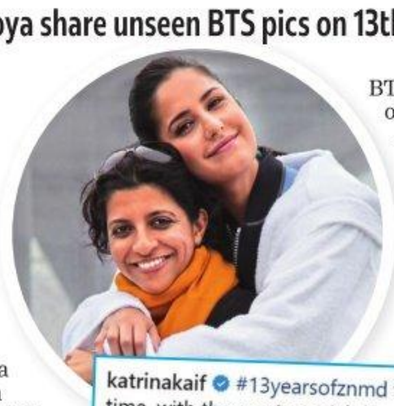

<< Katrina Kaif posted a pic hugging Zoya Akhtar; (inset) her post on Instagram

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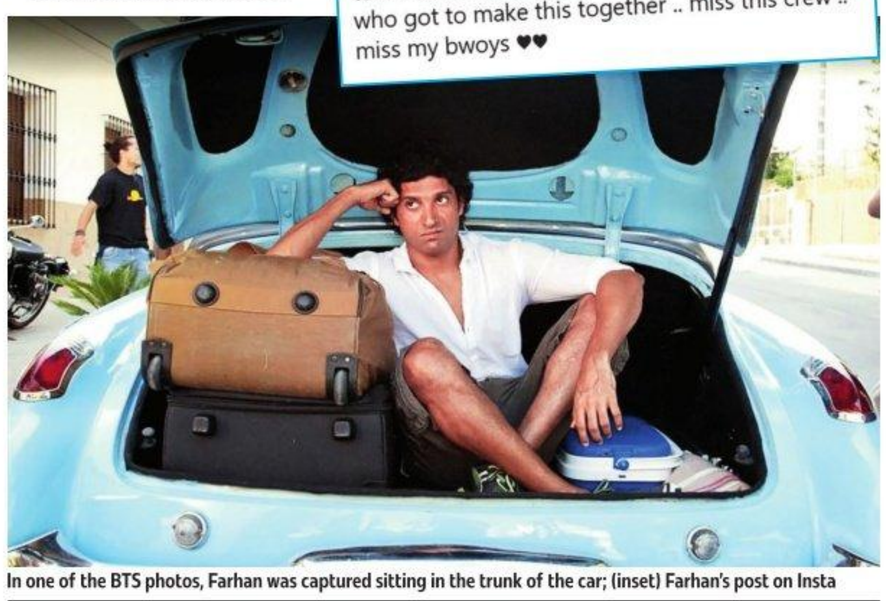
In one of the BTS photos, Farhan was captured sitting in the trunk of the car; (inset) Farhan's post on Insta

As a kid, I would often come to Delhi for my summer holidays: Nikhita Gandhi

Pics: Ajay Kumar Gautam

Nikhita Gandhi, who accompanied us to CyberHub recently for a shoot, shares that she has always loved the capital for its food

Riya Sharma

Nikhita Gandhi, who was in the NCR recently to perform at a private gig, took some time off from her schedule and went to CyberHub with us. About her love for the capital and its food, the *Qaafirana* singer shares, "Most of our relatives lived in Delhi so I have got a very strong association with the city. Nirula's was big when I was a kid and I used to be obsessed with their hot chocolate fudge! Every time I'd come here, we'd go to the restaurant and order it. I also remember spending too many afternoons and evenings in Sarojini with my *bua* and *maasi*."

Nikhita, who relished momos and *golgappas* on her recent visit, confides that her love for *golgappas* began in the capital. "I am a foodie. When I was pursuing Dentistry, I had come here with my father for a conference. I remember trying the *suji wale golgappe* here and falling in love with it. Being a Calcutta girl, I love specific tastes from specific places. Like *dal makhni* in Delhi is insane, I always order that when I'm in the city," adds the singer.

'IT WAS FUN TO PERFORM AT MIRANDA HOUSE, MY MOTHER'S ALMA MATER'

Nikhita tells us most of her visits to the city now are for college gigs. "DU colleges are insanely fun. In Delhi, whether it is at a private event or college gig, the crowd's energy is always amazing. I'd like to salute Delhi Police for controlling the crowd at fests because I know crowds can be wild here. I've noticed that the security has increased this season and I am happy about that because it is easy for concerts to sort of go a little out of control. We want everyone to enjoy," says Nikhita.

Nikhita, who performed at Miranda House earlier this year, shares that it was really special for her because the college is her mother's alma mater. "I was really excited to perform at a college where my mom had studied. Co-ed colleges are fun, but it is extra special when you perform at a girls' college."

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'The pressure that a song should do well on social media is real'

Ask her how important is it for a song to work on social media and Nikhita says, "Social media pressure is real and it has also inadvertently become a metric to measure whether a song is doing well or not. If you see that trending upward arrow before your song's name on Instagram, it feels like a total win. It is definitely a pressure that we all sort of take, unknowingly, but I think the beauty of music is that it defines its audience. When *Ullu Ka Pattha* released, I don't think it was as popular as it became during the lockdown - it suddenly started doing well because of some reel that picked it up and then it started trending on social media. So trending and doing well on social media is a very strange thing. We should not take that pressure because music, eventually, finds its way through its audience."

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MOUNI ROY, who has been holidaying in the UK, shared some dreamy pics from her vacay. She captioned the photos, "London has my heart"

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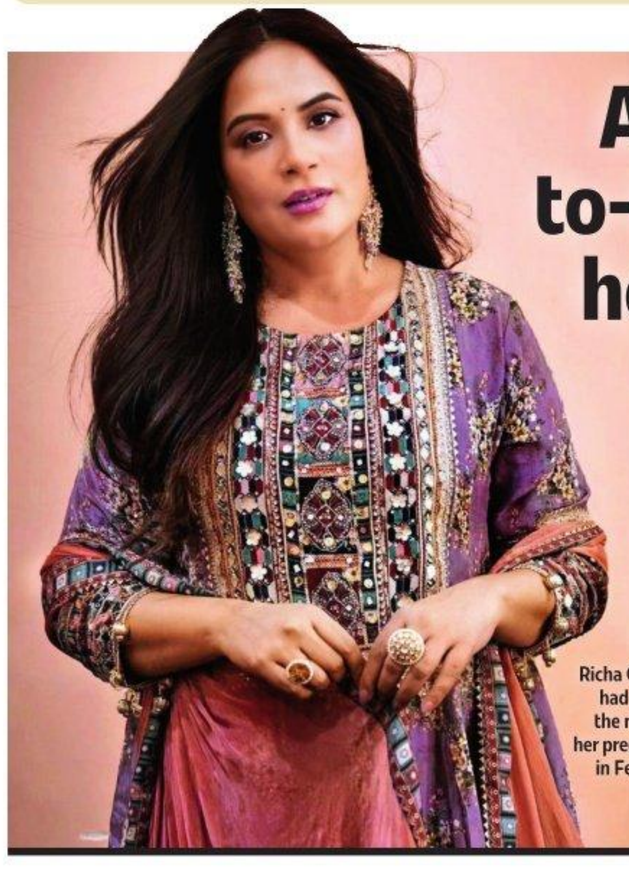
Aaja yaar: Mom-to-be Richa awaits her baby's arrival


Richa Chadha had shared the news of her pregnancy in February

Richa Chadha, who is expecting her first child with husband Ali Fazal, expressed how the presence of her unborn baby never makes her feel alone. Taking to Instagram recently, she dropped a series of pictures and wrote, "The discomfort is lonely, but it's because I'm not alone. I have constant reminders in the form of tiny waves of movement, a knee, a sudden kick, a feeling of someone listening in... Waiting for a bud to blossom. *Aaja yaar* (*sic*)."

In February, the couple took to Instagram and shared the good news with their fans and followers. They posted an image saying 1 + 1 = 3, confirming the news with a caption, "A tiny heartbeat is the loudest sound in our world." Richa and Ali met on the sets of *Fukrey* in 2012 and soon fell in love with each other. They have been legally married since 2020, but they celebrated their union in a grand manner in 2022.

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Donald Trump after the assassination attempt; (right) the moment printed on the Chinese tees

Trump's assassination attempt on tees in China

Following a shooting incident targeting Donald Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania, Chinese retailers swiftly began selling T-shirts featuring photos of the assassination attempt aftermath. Alongside his photo were quotes that read 'Shooting makes me stronger', 'Fight fight fight', 'For God and country', and 'I will never stop fighting for America'.

The T-shirts featured photos of Trump with a wounded ear and blood marks on his face. Within three hours of becoming available, the retailer was inundated with over 2,000 orders from China and the US.

POV: Netas need more business class

Politics and business – two high-stakes games, where rivalries run deep, contests often come down to the wire. Here's the thing, though. Business leaders rarely carry that rivalry into personal/social space; politicians almost always do, especially these days.

The Ambani wedding was a perfect example of this. Adanis attended an Ambani *shaadi*. The two families may lead two conglomerates whose battle for prime position makes for riveting drama, but they follow the well-understood and universally followed principle of India Inc: Business rivalry doesn't colour personal interaction, hard-knuckle corporate strategising doesn't preclude social grace. So, it was that three scions of India's biggest media-owner families posed for a groupfie. It was natural, not PR stuff. As were the warm hellos and smiles many other business rivals exchanged.

Put rival politicians in a social setting, though, and you can bet a million votes or a million bucks that you won't see such easy camaraderie. There'll be frosty silences, careful distances will be maintained, the *namaste*s will look at most obligatory. Hugs, handclasps, a joke or two, sharing a laugh – forget it. Politicians these days take their battles everywhere, from polls to Parliament, from social media to social events.

And it's not just here. Across Europe, Latin America and, of course, the US, politics has become so bitter, rhetoric so personalised, and critiques so vicious, that rival politicians have to make an effort to even be polite to each other.

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The funny thing is that when they are summiteering with foreign heads of government, politicians are all smiles, so very statesman-like. Back to domestic politics, it's all snarls and jeers. It says something about where modern politics is that even football fans frequently applaud a rival team but political groupies never, ever have one good thing to say about the other side.

Of course, politics wasn't always like this. Older Indians remember a time when personal courtesy between rival politicians was a given. In Parliament, treasury benches would applaud a fine speech by an opposition MP, and vice versa. During elections, campaigning seldom descended to the level of calling names. Even satire targeting rival politicians was enlivened by wit, not scarred by vitriol.

But there's little point in being nostalgic. Let's look forward and suggest a solution. Here's ours: Politicians should study and learn from business leaders. If heads of multi-billion-dollar businesses can easily share a social space even when, professionally, they are fierce rivals in the market space, why can't politicians across the aisle do so?

Netas should note that Musk and Zuckerberg, for their bluster, didn't get into a ring to literally fight it out. Both knew most customers will take a dim view of business owners who can't be civil in social exchanges. Politicians should know voter preferences are similar.

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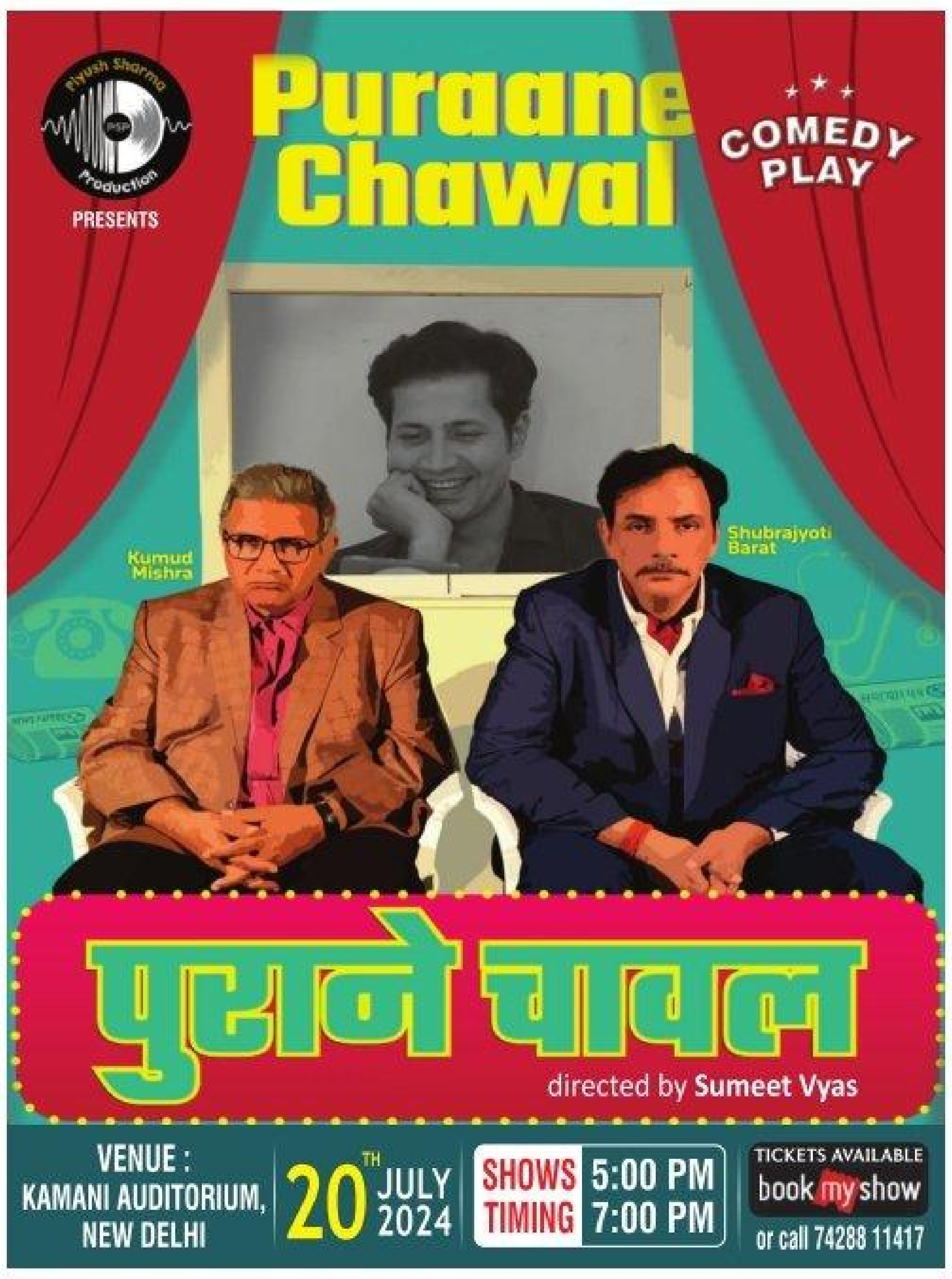

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India Habitat Centre: *Wings To Fly* - A solo exhibition by Satya Dheer Singh. Till July 25, Convention Centre Foyer, IHC

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SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Level: Medium

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

HOW TO PLAY

Fill in the grid so that every horizontal row, every vertical column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9, without repeating the numbers in the same row, column or box. You can't change the digits already given in the grid. Every puzzle has one solution.

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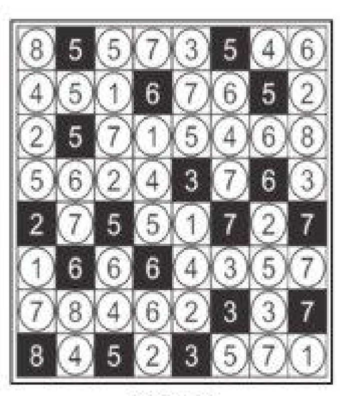
4	4	4	2	4	6	9	1
2	8	3	4	6	1	9	5
2	6	3	3	6	9	1	1
1	5	2	7	9	6	6	8
9	9	9	6	9	2	7	9
3	2	1	9	8	5	3	6
5	4	7	2	1	5	3	4
6	3	4	1	7	8	5	2

HOW TO PLAY

1. A number may appear just once in each row or column. Eliminate repeat numbers by darkening cells. (see example)
2. Darkened cells must never be adjacent in a row or column.
3. Unmarked cells must create a single continuous area, undivided by darkened cells.
4. Every time you darken a cell, you can automatically circle its vertical and horizontal neighbours, which means they cannot be eliminated.
5. Any cell "sandwiched" between neighbours of the same value can be circled. (e.g. 6④6)
6. A "triple" is a special case of sandwich. Circle the centre cells, and darken the ends. (e.g. 6⑥6)

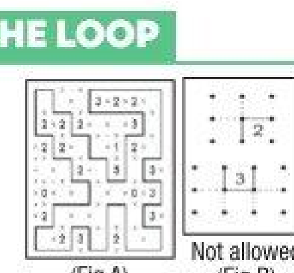


Example

LOOP THE LOOP

RULES

- Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A).
- Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B).
- Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines.
- You can't draw lines around zeroes.
- Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A) Not allowed (Fig B)

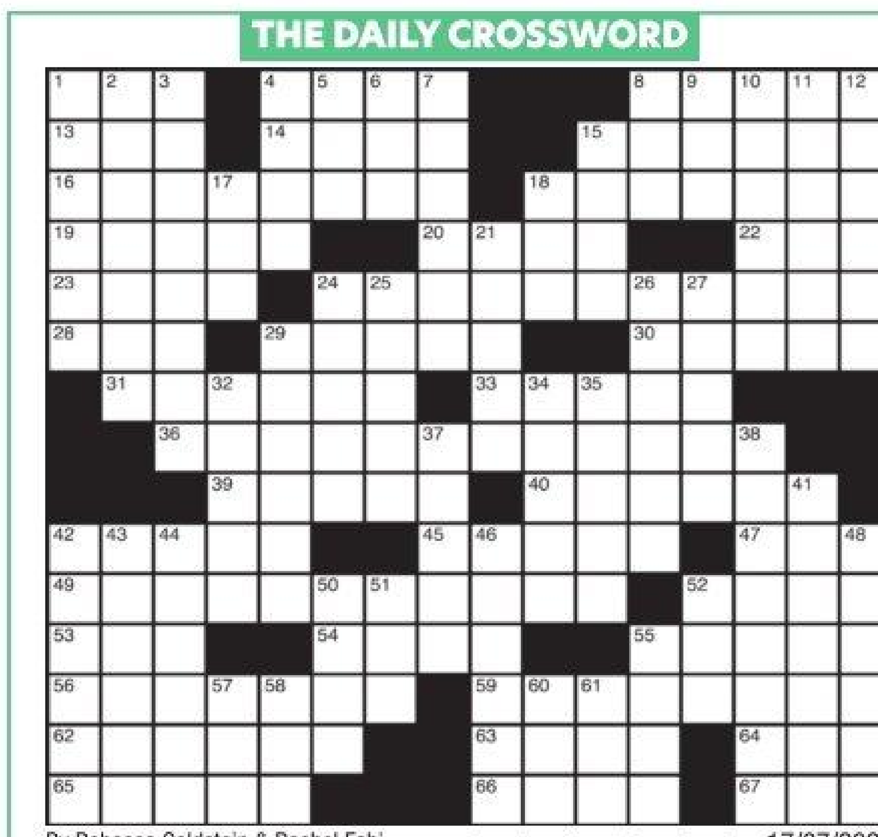
		2	1	3		2
1	1	1			2	
			1			
3	1		2	3		
	1		0	2	1	
3	2	3	3	3	3	2

HOW TO BEGIN:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a deadend (**Fig B**).

THE DAILY CROSSWORD



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ACROSS
1 Day on Mars
4 Crunched numbers
8 Shockingly vivid
13 Clean water org.
14 Inner selves
15 Wretchedness
16 Region of severe drought in the 1930s
18 Structures that provide shade
19 At the ready
20 Massive
22 Craigslist abbr.
23 Actress Polo
24 Diner, e.g.
28 Head physician, briefly?
29 Feeds the pigs
30 Light units
31 Assume, as a responsibility
33 Bank vaults
36 Rochester, New York, dish with meat, fries, and baked beans
39 Question type
40 SoFi Stadium pros
42 Actor Hawke
45 Runs up against?
47 Light touch
49 Hazard for bare feet in a beach parking lot
52 Cooked up
53 Bluff, maybe
54 Force from power
55 Gives for a while
56 "Doesn't look good for me!"
59 Army dining area, or a punny description of where to find 16-, 24-, 36-, and 49-Across
62 Apt name for someone born on Christmas
63 Operatic solo
64 Narc's org.
65 Class
66 Subsequently
67 Mule kin

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved

C	A	P	S	■	R	A	D	A	R	■	I	P	A	D
A	C	H	E	■	I	R	E	N	E	■	R	E	D	O
S	T	O	R	E	B	R	A	N	D	■	A	T	M	S
T	O	T	A	L	■	■	L	I	D	O	■	T	I	E
S	R	O	■	S	T	A	T	E	O	F	M	I	N	D
■	■	■	W	A	R	P	■	■	G	U	A	C	■	■
A	L	D	A	■	E	L	M	S	■	S	N	O	U	T
S	T	R	I	K	E	U	P	T	H	E	B	A	N	D
H	E	A	V	Y	■	S	H	O	O	■	U	T	E	S
■	■	M	E	O	W	■	■	W	R	E	N	■	■	■
S	T	A	R	T	A	T	R	E	N	D	■	S	E	A
C	A	T	■	O	R	E	O	■	■	N	A	T	A	L
A	M	I	D	■	S	T	A	N	D	A	P	A	R	T
R	I	C	O	■	A	R	R	A	Y	■	S	I	L	O
E	L	S	E	■	W	A	S	T	E	■	E	D	Y	S

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DOWN
1 Hardly rowdy
2 Richly appointed
3 Activity that involves taking a shot in the dark?
4 Subject of a congressional ceiling
5 Previously
6 Pull along
7 Like a limb that's all pins and needles
8 "30 Rock" role for Tina
9 Employ
10 Start up again
11 Asimov work with "Three Laws"
12 Vacuums that have "dual cyclone" technology
15 "I Try" singer Gray
17 Prefix with -athlon
18 Beneficiaries of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, for short
21 Out of style
24 Gooey lumps
25 Journalist Farrow
26 Pinky promises
27 Carb-loader's pre-race meal
29 Like the vibes at a spa
32 Style of boat first used by the Aleut, Inuit, and Yupik peoples
34 Overachiever's test score
35 Shoes that lack heels
37 Aspirational hashtag
38 Savory turnover
41 Seats for equestrians
42 Receding
43 Earthquake
44 Sore throat soother
46 The Caped Crusader
48 Cars that charge slowly in the cold
50 Honker
51 Word before microbiome
52 "It's fine"
55 DA-to-be's exam
57 Long in the tooth
58 Tap pour
60 Before, poetically
61 __-pack abs

GARFIELD

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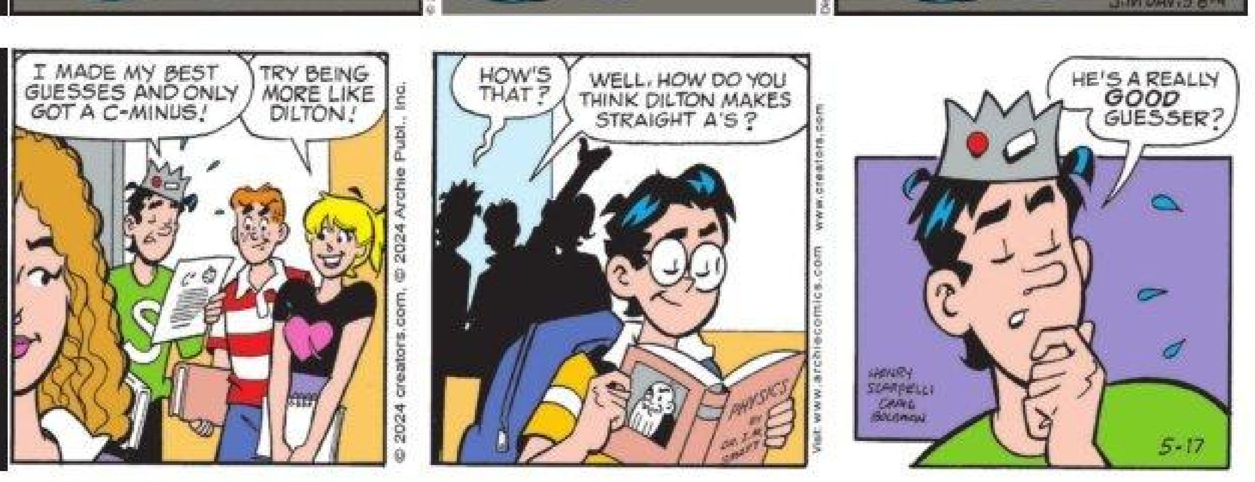

SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters in the four word jumbles, one letter to each square/circle, to make four ordinary words

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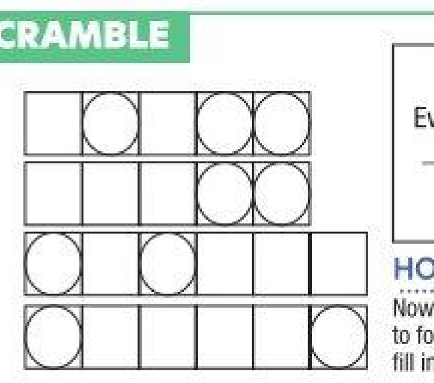
ETXLO
DEENDP
AMRTHW



Everything that is done in the ___ is done by ___. - Martin Luther (5,4)

HOW TO PLAY

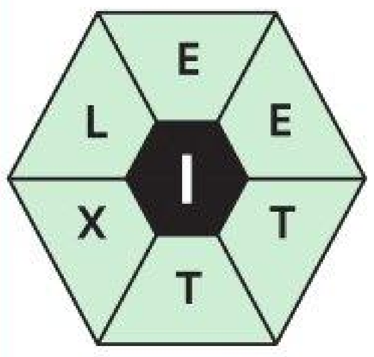
Now arrange the letters in the circles to form the answer to the riddle or to fill in the missing word as indicated

See what the stars have in store for you - according to your moon sign.

ARIES: A bit of low energy and pessimistic mood is not good for business interactions today. Make sure you are in touch with your social network as you go through these romantic changes. Spend few moments on seeking out new information and experiences.
TAURUS: Finish your work satisfactorily, come home early and spend some family time and go out for dinner today. Create balance in your life. You have a great deal of power today. Your ambitions can be realised today.
GEMINI: A day to achieve targets and be on the ground for assignments. Recent developments have brought new interests into your life. You bring a sense of the beyond and mystical to any conversation. Progress in business may occur.
CANCER: Spend more time on strategising and planning today. You exhibit your tremendous practical sense and are able to cut through all the red tape in order to choose the right path for the best results every time.
LEO: Expenses will be quite high, domestic servants and workers might create troubles/be a source of tension for you. This is now time to wipe bad experience from your memory in order to embark on a new quest. In the professional realm, you have come through a testing period. You have done well. You must believe in yourself.
VIRGO: General good feelings and a sense of support and harmony make this a memorable time. There is a lot of energy and drive available to accomplish anything you want.
LIBRA: On the work front, there shall be good developments, especially for those looking for new jobs. There is a lot for you to look forward to and you may have already started to realise that other people seem to be noticing you more.
SCORPIO: There shall be opportunities to travel. Thanks to your hard work, but also to your sense of diplomacy, your intelligence and your charm, you will succeed in convincing those people who are most stubbornly opposed to your ideas, to give you their support.
SAGITTARIUS: A bit of tough times on the physical front, but financially things shall be better. Get-together to discuss any subject with others, this might help all of you to clear your heads. You will have the opportunities to learn and grow. You may be planning a trip.
CAPRICORN: There is a chance to understand those around you and to have a special time with someone you love. You may have the opportunity to gain your knowledge. This day seems to be a very lucky for making plans.
AQUARIUS: Positive energy shall be available to complete projects that require dash and daring. You are charming and always manage to enchant others with your words and manner. You will be putting some of your hard work to a test. The drive to expand your horizons is very strong today.
PISCES: Skill and diplomacy are the need of the hour today. Control your temper, and try be more co-operative. Only your own self-efforts will help you achieve targeted results in your profession, especially if it concerns a new venture. Financial investments will give you good returns.

SPELLATHON

Today's Ratings:
04-average | 05-good | 07-outstanding



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown in today's puzzle? In making a word, a letter can be used as many times as it appears in the puzzle. Each word must contain the central letter. There should be at least one seven letter word. Plurals, foreign words and proper names are not allowed. British English Dictionary is used as reference.

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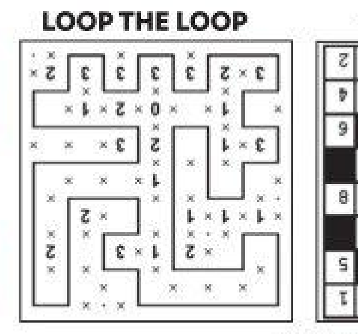

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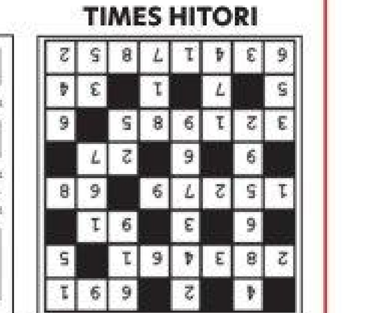

SPELLATHON

elite, exile, exit, TEXTILE, tie, tilt, title

SCRAMBLE

Words: Power, extol, depend, warmth
Answer: Everything that is done in the world is done by hope. - Martin Luther

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TOIFA will do brilliantly because it has the right intent: Aanand L Rai

The filmmaker, who is on the Advisory Council of The Times of India Film Awards (TOIFA) OTT edition, speaks to us about his association with the award show

Onkar Kulkarni

Prathamesh Bandekar

Aanand L Rai

It was very important to have an award show like TOIFA," says filmmaker **Aanand L Rai**, who is on the Advisory Council of TOIFA, along with eight other members from the fraternity. The recently announced Times of India Film Awards (TOIFA) OTT edition 2023, which will take place on July 27 in Mumbai, will celebrate excellence and talent in acting, content creation and technical prowess in Hindi web films and series of 2023.

'AWARD SHOWS CAN HELP PEOPLE GET THE RECOGNITION THEY DESERVE'

Rai, who's directed films like *Tanu Weds Manu*, *Raanjhanaa*, *Zero* and *Atrangi Re*, is happy that TOIFA ensures credibility. He says, "Award shows can help people get the recognition they deserve. It helps them grow, but then there are a few corrections which are required. When I was new to showbiz, I would look forward to these functions, but later, I felt like some calculations weren't in place. You feel disappointed, and so, as someone from the fraternity, it is our job to keep the awards clean."

'IT'S IMPORTANT TO APPRECIATE YOUR CO-STARS AND CONTEMPORARIES'

The three-tier voting process ensures that no one will know the winners (not even the Advisory Council) until the awards night, possibly eliminating the trend of only winners attending the show. This, Rai feels is the biggest test for TOIFA. He shares, "For award shows, everybody (artistes and technicians) always wants to know (whether they are winning). But accepting a winner from a set of shortlisted people, is again a great thing. After all, it is not only about winning always, but also about accepting and appreciating your co-actors, contemporaries and the others from the film fraternity."

'Keeping the awards bigger than anyone's ego is very important'

To ensure that the awards are fair and credible, a rigorous three-tier voting process has been introduced. The nominees have been shortlisted by 30 members of the Screening Jury, comprising well-known actors, filmmakers, studio execs, writers, casting directors, and film critics. The nominations are then vetted by the Advisory Council of nine members. After that, the TOIFA Academy, comprising 175 members of the Producers Guild of India, will vote for the winners.

Talking about the selection process, Rai says, "These three levels will work as filters that a talent will go through before being declared a winner. It was very important to have an award that demands respect. I am positive that TOIFA will do brilliantly because it has the right intent. Keeping the awards bigger than anyone's ego is very important, and I think TOIFA will be able to achieve this."

The TOIFA - OTT edition has introduced People's Choice Voting Awards in four popular categories. To vote, log on to www.toifa.in or scan the QR code

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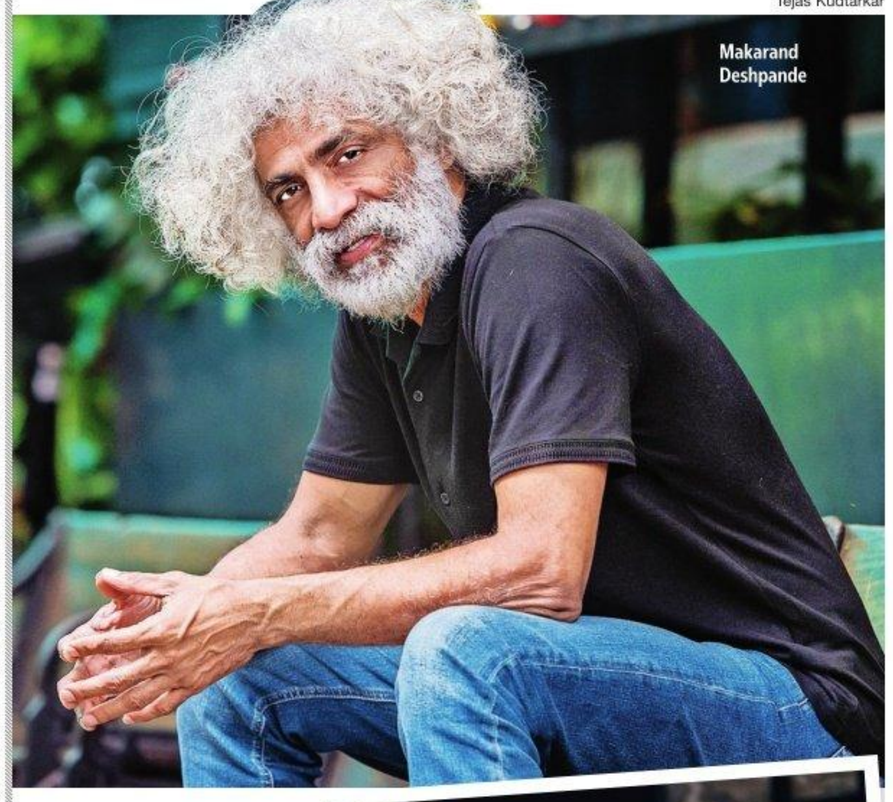
Theatre is beyond love, it's my way of life, says Makarand

Tejas Kudtarkar


Makarand Deshpande

Neha Maheshwri

Known for his ability to transform life experiences into compelling stage performances, **Makarand Deshpande** is set to stage six plays as part of a theatre festival in Mumbai. The actor speaks to us about his love for acting, passion for theatre and more.

'I WANTED TO PURSUE SOMETHING FROM WHICH I DIDN'T HAVE TO RETIRE'

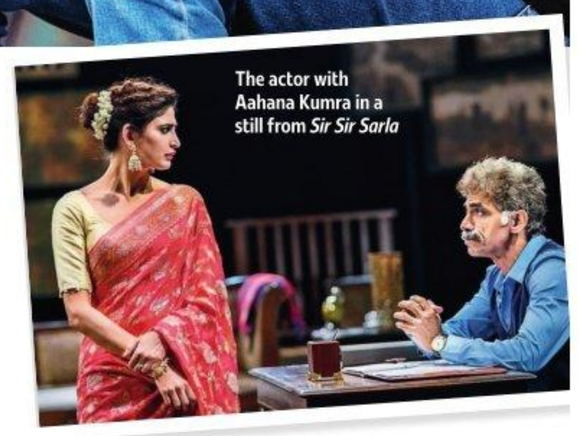
Makarand was deeply involved in sports, particularly cricket, during his younger days. However, one day, while playing on the field, he was struck by a sobering thought about the longevity of his career: he would eventually have to retire. That realisation sparked his love for acting. He shares, "I just couldn't bear the thought of retiring from cricket and wanted to pursue a career that wouldn't require me to stop. I was cast in a play during college and enjoyed the process immensely. That was the beginning of my journey in theatre. I have spent more time on stage than on TV and film sets."

'THEATRE IS MY EXISTENCE NOW'

"When something becomes your way of life, you stop seeking validation," he says, explaining why comments about the industry not giving him his due do not bother him. "I think this transformation happened around seven years ago. Theatre is my life. *Main isse jeeta aaya hoon aur karta aaya hoon aur usme se seekhta bhi aaya hoon*. I am not a formally trained playwright or theatre person; I learnt on the job and from life," he shares.

'I TAKE UP FILMS AND TV PROJECTS TO FUND MY LOVE FOR THEATRE'

As the conversation shifts to his preferred art form, he mentions how he has always chosen theatre over big-screen recognition. "In the past, I wouldn't dedicate more than 10 days to any film project. I would request small roles so I could complete the schedule and get back to writing plays. When my friend Ashu (Ashutosh Gowariker) was making *Lagaan*, he offered me a role and I was required to be on the set for six months. He even offered me a writing table because he knew about my love for theatre. However, I didn't want to devote that kind of time to a film set. I take up films and TV projects to fund my love for theatre."


The actor with Aahana Kumra in a still from *Sir Sir Sarla*

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Swift breaks own record: 12th week atop Billboards

Taylor Swift

This week **Taylor Swift** sets a personal chart record with her album *The Tortured Poets Department* after fending off the latest challenger: singer-songwriter Zach Bryan. With 12 weeks at No. 1, *Tortured Poets* is now the longest-running chart-topper of Swift's career, exceeding the 11-week totals she had for *Fearless* (2008) and *1989* (2014). It is the first album to rack up a dozen consecutive times at the top since Morgan Wallen's *One Thing at a Time*, which did so last year, and Swift joins rare company in the 68-year history of the Billboard 200 chart.

In the elite group of albums that not only had long consecutive runs at No. 1, but did so from the very first week they came out, *Tortured Poets* now surpasses Whitney Houston's 1987 LP *Whitney* – featuring enduring hits like *I Wanna Dance With Somebody* (*Who Loves Me*) and *So Emotional* — which spent its first 11 weeks at No. 1, and is just shy of Stevie Wonder's 13 for *Songs in the Key of Life* in 1976 and 1977.

Taylor Swift's *Tortured Poets* has surpassed Whitney Houston's 1987 LP *Whitney*, which spent its first 11 weeks at No. 1

In its most recent week out, Swift's album had the equivalent of 163,000 sales in the United States, including 95 million streams and 90,000 copies sold as a complete package, according to the tracking service Luminate.

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