



Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are gearing up for Tuesday's presidential debate, setting up a showdown that reflects not just two separate visions for the country but two politicians who approach big moments very differently, P 18

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Govt confirms monkeypox case in India

The health ministry on Monday confirmed the person who was recently isolated on arrival to India from an African country is positive for the monkeypox virus. However, the ministry clarified, the strain of the mpox virus affecting the person, West African clade 2, is not part of the current public health emergency.

Sources said the patient is isolated at a designated tertiary care facility in Delhi. "The patient remains clinically stable and is without any systemic illness or comorbidities," said a govt source. She said the case continues to be managed according to established protocols. States have been directed to identify isolation facilities in hospitals for taking care of both suspect & confirmed cases. **P 15**

BJP functionary shot dead in Patna

A former BJP block president in Patna was gunned down Monday by unidentified bike-borne assailants, with police yet to establish a motive. The phone of Shyam Sundar, alias Munna Sharma, snatched by the assailants during the 4.45am attack near Mangal Talab, was found tossed aside. **TNN**

IIT student dies by suicide in hostel

A 21-year-old B.Tech computer science and engineering student at IIT Guwahati, Bimlesh Kumar from UP's Ballia, died by suicide in his hostel room Monday. Sources said he struggled with academic backlogs and financial difficulties. This is the second such incident within a month. **TNN**

IN THE COURTS

> SC dismisses plea of TMC's Abhishek Banerjee to quash ED summons in a coal mining case, saying an accused can't claim protection of Art 20(3) at the stage of summoning by an agency | P 15

> Delhi HC will today hear St Stephen's College's appeal against single judge's order to admit 7 students on the basis of seats allocated by DU | P 3

Surat violence over Ganesh idol damage

An idol of Lord Ganesh was damaged when some minors allegedly threw stones at a pandal in Surat, triggering violence in which some people were injured, police said Monday. Gujarat DGP Vikas Sahay said 28 people have been arrested while legal action has been initiated against 6 juveniles. **P 13**

Juna akhara to probe don's 'initiation'

Juna Akhara, the largest body of Naga seers, has formed a 7-member committee to investigate the reported initiation of don Prakash Pandey into monkhood inside Almora jail earlier this month. Mahant Hari Giri Maharaj said action would be taken once the panel submits its findings. **TNN**

'Christian popn fell': Goa gov sparks row

At a church event in Ernakulam Sunday, Goa Governor P S Sreedharan Pillai said the Christian population in Goa has come down while Muslim population has gone up. He later sought to clarify, saying he was not talking about any religion based on population, and referred to "brain drain". **P 13**

Kerala to provide Lakshadweep IMFL

Kerala's govt will provide Indian-made foreign liquor (IMFL) to the Lakshadweep administration in response to the latter's request to procure liquor from the state-run Bevo. The Union Territory is looking to tap the island's tourism potential and will get a one-time relaxation of rules. **TNN**

No tie-up with Cong, AAP names 20 for Hry polls

Parties Fail To Reach Pact On Seat-Sharing

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New Delhi: Talks between Congress and AAP for a tie-up in Haryana collapsed on Monday, with Arvind Kejriwal's

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outfit declaring candidates for 20 seats, including 12 for which Congress has already announced its nominees.

AAP's decision came after Congress cold shouldered its demand for at least 10 of the 90 seats. Congress never agreed to give more than 4-5 and there, too, insisted that AAP field candidates in urban seats identified by AICC.

Although the two sides seemed reluctant to acknowledge the failure of negotiations, the outcome, as signified by

DPCC nod for a price: CBI busts racket, arrests two, seizes ₹2cr

Blowing the lid off major corruption in Delhi Pollution Control Committee, CBI has apprehended two individuals, including a senior environmental engineer, in a meticulously executed operation, **reports Rajshikhar Jha.**

A sum exceeding Rs 2 crore was seized from the engineer's house in Jasola Vihar in south Delhi. According to CBI sources, the racketeers asked for bribe for renewing DPCC consent for private enterprises, specifically targeting firms in the red category. The arrested individuals have been identified as senior environmental engineer Mohd Arif and Bhagwat Sharan Singh, an intermediary. CBI filed the FIR after receiving an intel related to alleged corrupt practices. **P 3**

Kasganj lawyer murdered for opposing bail of advocate's sons

Agra: An advocate, his three sons and two of their associates have been arrested on charges of abducting and murdering a 40-year-old woman lawyer of Kasganj, Mohini Tomar, on Sept 3. Her body was found in a canal a day later, **reports Mohammad Dilshad.**

After the body was found, her husband, Bijendra Tomar, filed a case against advocate Mustafa Kamil (60), his sons Asad Mustafa (25), Haider Mustafa (27), Salman Mustafa (26), and two of their associates—advocate Munajir Rafi (45) and one Keshav Mishra (46). He claimed that his wife was getting threats after "opposing the bail plea of Kamil's sons in an old case".

► All 6 accused held, P 15

41 schools hit by Naxal violence reopen in Bastar

Forty-one schools that were shut down due to Maoist insurgency in Bastar two decades ago have reopened for primary students in the past few months, **reports Rashmi Drolia.**

At least 532 students have already enrolled in the schools, half of them girls, said an official. The schools are mostly two-three partitioned spaces under tin sheds. There's a dearth of teachers as the areas are hard to reach, so the education department has appointed 'shikshadoots'—unemployed educated youths of the same village, who are paid an honorarium to teach children the basics. **P 11**

Prez sends BJP demand for Delhi govt dismissal to home secy for 'attention'

The President's secretariat has directed the Union home secretary "for appropriate attention" in response to BJP's assertions that Delhi was facing a constitutional crisis. AAP govt did not respond to the matter.

On Aug 30, a delegation of Delhi BJP MLAs, led by leader of the opposition Vijender

Gupta, had met President Droupadi Murmu. They sought the dismissal of AAP govt, claiming that the imprisonment of CM Arvind Kejriwal has led to a "constitutional crisis". "The said communication has been forwarded to home secretary, ministry of home affairs, for appropriate attention," it read. **P 6**

Congress's state unit, in particular, opposed the idea of a tie-up as it was dismissi-

ve of AAP's claim to be a "force" in Haryana and had conveyed its stance to the central leadership, which was keen on an alliance for the sake of sending a message of larger opposition unity. The first signs of an impasse appeared late Sunday night when Congress released a list of nine candidates, adding to its earlier 32, in what was a nudge to AAP to make up its mind and accept Congress's terms.

► Cong unfazed, P 14

SC: How was RG Kar doc's autopsy done without mandatory document?

New Delhi: Suspecting a cover-up attempt after discovery of the body of the raped and murdered doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital and Medical College, Supreme Court Monday asked Bengal govt how a "vital document" referring the body for postmortem examination could be missing from the files and how a doctor could carry out the procedure without that document, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.**

This aspect, which had escaped the notice of CBI, Bengal govt and the court, was raised by a counsel who said Kolkata Police could not have sent the body for autopsy without filling mandatory details about the body and clothes to the doctor, who would proceed only after receiving this document.

A bench of CJI D Y Chand-

Docs 'disheartened' by SC strike deadline

With SC giving a deadline to end their strike, protesting doctors' associations said they were "disheartened" by the court's stand. **P 13**

'17 molestation charge against Ghosh?

A 2017 report on an Indian orthopaedic surgeon, Sandip Ghosh, being accused of molesting a male nurse in Hong Kong has gone viral. **P 13**

rachud and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra immediately acknowledged the cruciality of this document in the chain of events.

► 'Just 27 mins of data', P 14

LPG cylinder & Molotov cocktail found near track, case for bid to derail Exp

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Kanpur: Shivrajpur police of Kanpur Nagar district have lodged an FIR for an alleged attempt to derail and blow up the Bhiwani-bound Kalindi Express (14117). The train engine's bull-guard had hit and knocked aside an LPG-filled gas cylinder placed on the track between Barrajpur and Utripura, on Kanpur-Kasganj route, on Sunday night. A "petrol bomb" (Molotov cocktail), too, was found next to the track.

Based on a written complaint by railway staff on Monday, police lodged a complaint under BNS Sections 287 (negligent conduct with respect to fire or combustible matter) and 125 (whoever does any act so rashly or negligently as to endanger human life or the personal safety of others),



An LPG cylinder that was found near the tracks on Kanpur-Kasganj route

and under relevant sections of the Explosive Substances Act and Railways Act.

Six teams have been constituted to probe the case and 12 suspects have been detained for questioning.

► Possible sabotage, P 12

GST cut on cancer drugs, namkeen & shared copter

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New Delhi: The GST Council on Monday reduced the levy on some cancer drugs and travel by chopper on a 'seat-share basis' to 5%, and lowered the tax on namkeen (fried snacks) from 18% to 12%. It also agreed to the Centre's proposal to exempt from GST research and development (R&D) for educational institutions and research centres, including universities supported by central and state laws and those enjoying income tax exemptions.

While GST was cut on fried snacks to make them more affordable, GST Council said that unfried or uncooked snack pellets will attract 5% tax. The decision to offer helicop-

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> Group of ministers (GoM) set up to look into GST rates related to medical insurance, extension of cess on some goods, services beyond 2026

> FM says irrespective of whether research funding is from pvt or public sources, there will be no GST

> Tax claim on 7 educational institutions to be regularised. PM had questioned the notices

ter service on 'seat-share' basis will benefit several flyers, especially pilgrims flying to Kedarnath-Badrinath and Vaishno Devi. Helicopter charters continue to attract 18% GST.

► Payment aggregators, P 13

SC: Man held in one case can seek pre-arrest bail in another

Settling a vexed issue that evoked different rulings from high courts, Supreme Court Monday adjudged that a person already arrested and in custody in connection with an offence, is entitled to seek anticipatory bail if he feared arrest in another offence, **reports Dhananjay Mahapatra.**

A bench of CJI D Y Chandrachud, and Justices J B Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said given the state of affairs on the ground, police may book an accused, already in custody for an offence, in another case and arrest him immediately in that case if he is freed on bail in the first case. Once an accused, who is in custody, is granted anticipatory bail by the court in a subsequent offence, the police cannot seek his remand for interrogation in the second offence, the bench said. **P 11**

Excise case: HC grants bail to liquor bizman, AAP volunteer

Citing SC's emphasis on the "bail is the rule and jail an exception" principle in the Manish Sisodia case, Delhi HC Monday granted relief to jailed liquor businessman Sameer Mahendru and AAP volunteer Chantpreet Singh Rayat in a money laundering case related to the excise case.

HC said prima facie, in the case of Mahendru, it could be observed the twin test of guilt for the offence of money laundering or likely to commit any offence are weak. Citing Article 21 of Constitution and noting that Mahendru was in custody for almost two years, the court said "if the trial would take long, the accused shall be entitled to bail". It also dismissed ED's claim that the accused were indulging in tactics to delay the trial by moving multiple applications. **P 6**

Influencer in trafficking case: Court protection for 16 witnesses

Gurgaon: A special court has allowed an application moved by National Investigation Agency (NIA) to declare 16 people as 'protected witnesses' in the human trafficking case against city-based bodybuilder and social media influencer Bobby Kataria, who is accused of sending people to work for companies involved in cybercrime in Laos, **reports Mahesh Buddi.**

The NIA special court in Panchkula heard the agency's petition last week. The counsel for NIA argued that the witnesses apprehended "grave danger" from the accused if their identities were disclosed. On Aug 24, NIA filed a chargesheet in the case against Bobby and his Laos-based associate Ankit Shaukeen, who is on the run.

► 'Global ramifications', P 9

Audi of Maha BJP chief's son rams cars in Nagpur

An Audi Q8, owned by Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekar Bawankule's son Sanket zoomed out of a pub on Monday, rammed into three cars and a scooter, triggering a pile-up in Ramdash, in the heart of Nagpur, before hitting another vehicle 6km away where the car occupants were dragged out by a mob, **reports Soumitra Bose.** Two people were hurt. The FIR does not mention Sanket. Sources said he slipped away, but a senior cop told TOI Sanket was not present at the crime scene. Police said his friend, Arjun Haore, was driving & Haore's friend was seated beside him. Both have been arrested. **P 11**

Ex-Havildar lynched, tribal woman killed as Manipur on boil again

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Guwahati: Hundreds of enraged students clashed with police in Imphal Monday following the killing of a retired havildar and a woman the night before in a resurgence of violence that has claimed 11 lives since Sept 1.

The unrest in the state escalated into large-scale protests, shifting the epicentre of violence to Manipur's Raj Bhavan as students demanded action against those re-

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sponsible and called for the resignation of top officials.

Police fired tear gas shells, leading to several injuries. Protesters retaliated with stones, resulting in injuries to cops and security personnel.

A security source confirmed that the body of ex-Havildar Limkholal Mate, of Motbung in Kangpokpi dis-



Schools closed, students head to Raj Bhavan on Monday

trict, was found in Sekmai, Imphal West. He was suspected to have been beaten to death. Nengakhol Haokip (50) was killed by splinters following an arson attack in Thangbuh village, Kangpokpi, prompting CRPF personnel to retaliate.

► Protests in 3 dists, P 15

Pacts on N-plant, LNG as Modi hosts Abu Dhabi crown prince on 1st visit

New Delhi: India and the UAE discussed ways to boost their comprehensive strategic partnership with focus on energy security as PM Narendra Modi held talks with Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan. The two sides signed five MoUs, including one for nuclear cooperation and another for long-term LNG supply between Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

This is the first visit by the Crown Prince, the son of UAE President Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan who is known to share a close rapport with Modi, to India in his official capacity. A list of documents signed said the MoU for nuclear cooperation is in the field of Barakah nuclear power plant operations and maintenance between Emirates Nucle-



PM Modi with Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan

ar Energy Company (ENEC) and Nuclear Power Cooperation of India Limited (NPCIL). Barakah is UAE's first nuclear plant and an important part of the country's efforts to diversify its energy sources. The agreement for long-term supply of LNG is for 1 million metric tonne per annum. **TNN**

► Investment scope, P 14

In US, Rahul slams govt on jobs; BJP says 'tarnishing India's image'

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New Delhi: Taking up from where he had left off before the 2024 polls, Rahul Gandhi again attacked Modi govt while on a foreign tour, blaming the regime back home for unemployment, growing influence of RSS and for the Sangh's allegedly regressive views on women. The remarks, part of a discussion at University of Texas, elicited a strong reaction from BJP which called the leader of opposition in Lok Sabha a "black spot" on Indian democracy "who sullies the image of India on foreign soil".

Asked about the employment problem, Rahul said the US used to be the production hub till the 1960s after which jobs moved to Korea, Japan and China, and China today dominated global production. "You go to India, you look at

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BJP, RSS believe women should be restricted to a particular role. They should stay at home, they should cook the food, they should not talk too much... we believe women should be allowed to aspire to whatever they want to do

—Leader of Oppn
Rahul Gandhi

He has been going abroad and spoiling the image of the country, which is a crime akin to treason... No patriot does this, but it seems Rahul has become frustrated after Congress lost three times in a row and is venting his frustration in America by tarnishing the country's image

—Agri Minister
Shivraj Singh Chouhan

the phones, you look at the furniture, you look at the clothes... you will see on the back 'Made in China', that's a fact," he said, adding that America, Europe and India had given up on the idea of production that creates jobs and had handed it to China. He said Bangladesh too had wiped India clean in textile production. Rahul warned that continued

slide in production would create massive social problems and "polarisation of our politics is because of this". On labour participation of women, he said, "This is part of the ideological fight between BJP and us. BJP and RSS believe women should be restricted to a particular role."

► 'Rahul weakens India', P 15

End of Madras Race Club? TN scraps 1946 lease

Tamil Nadu govt annulled Monday a colonial-era lease deed from 1946 that granted 160 acres in the Chennai suburb of Guindy to Madras Race Club (MRC) for 99 years for an annual sum of Rs 614.13 that the club paid upfront. The British lease ensured there was no provision for future rent revision, **report Suresh Kumar K & Vivek Narayanan.**

A govt order was issued, terminating the lease with immediate effect, and directed the Chennai district collector to take possession of the land. MRC has been given 14 days to remove any movable properties.

₹100CR MAKEOVER UNDONE



In Sept 2021, Chandni Chowk got a ₹100cr makeover, making it more visitor-friendly and clean. Three years later, there are overflowing litter bins, garbage outside shops, broken tiles, drain covers and bollards, cables hanging over the road and homeless people on the central verge. PWD and MCD are fighting over who's responsible for cleaning the area after the maintenance agency's contract expired on Sept 7 | **P 4**

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Chandni Chowk Revamp: 2021-2024. RIP

The Much-Touted Rejuvenation Of This Walled City Stretch, Brought About At An Expense Of ₹100 Crore, Lies In Tatters

Vibha Sharma & Siddhanta Mishra | TNN

New Delhi: In Sept 2021, it seemed the historic length of Chandni Chowk had suddenly come back to new life. Rs 100 crore had gone into giving the 1.3km market new red sandstone and granite pavings, benches for visitors with plants creating a serene ambience, easily readable signage and a road on which automobiles were prohibited during daytime. But three years later, there are overflowing litter bins, garbage spilling onto shop fronts, broken tiles and drain covers, cables hanging over the road, broken bollards and a central verge that houses street people.

While the expectancy about an extended revamp has dissipated as quickly as the attractive appearance of the restored boulevard, the Public Works Department and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi are haggling over who is responsible for cleaning and sweeping the area after the expiry of the maintenance agency's contract on Sept 7.

PWD claims to have informed the deputy commissioner of the City Sadar Paharganj Zone about its inability to extend the contract of Facility Management Service at Chandni Chowk, arguing that housekeeping is not its mandate and that it doesn't have the budget for it. "The lapsed contract was last extended as a stop-gap arrangement till July on the directions of minister Atishi last October, but we cannot arrange the funds for this service further," said a PWD officer. "In fact, MCD already maintains toilet at Chandni Chowk with revenue received from advertisements on their walls."

In its Dec 13 letter to the city Sadar Paharganj zone deputy commissioner, SRDC too iterated that "MCD may take cognisance of statutory provisions in the DMC Act for taking over sanitation and facility management on the stretch".

MCD insisted that there was no update on it taking over responsibility for cleaning and sweeping, which it maintained was the responsibility of PWD. This is not the first time that the two agencies have wrangled over their obligations. In Oct last year, garbage lay uncleared on the road for several days because PWD did not extend the contract of the maintenance agency.

Traders are distressed by the area losing its sheen. In Oct 2020, Delhi High Court took

FROM OLD TO GOLD TO DUST

1.3km revamped road stretches from Red Fort Junction to Fatehpuri mosque

No motorised vehicles allowed between 9am and 9pm

LONG-DRAWN BATTLE

2010 | Manushi Sangthan vs Govt of Delhi & others: Case filed in HC for pedestrianisation of Chandni Chowk stretch

2016 | Delhi govt presents plan for redevelopment of road

2017 | Nodal committee formed UTIPEC for implementation of plan

2018 | Plan approved by UTIPEC, approval for non-motorable lane

2018 | Work started

2021 | Revamped stretch inaugurated

Project cost nearly ₹100 crore



Tall promises, pedestrian services



Right of way a stray occurrence



Laundry services, anyone?



Broken tiles go with broken promises

PROBLEMS GALORE

- Lack of sanitation
- Broken jalis, tiles
- Unchecked number of cycle rickshaws
- Homeless make central verge their home
- Civil defence volunteers missing
- Unmanned boom barriers
- Vehicles playing on restricted area
- Unloading/loading during restricted timings
- Cable wires dangling overhead

cognisance of the poor maintenance at the revamped Chandni Chowk following a TOI report and passed various directions. In Nov last year, the court stated that it was the "duty of the state govt and MCD and other authorities" to keep intact the revitalised glory that had been achieved through "the strenuous efforts of all the parties concerned".

But as Sanjay Bhargava, member of Chandni Chowk Vyapar Mandal, said, "Despite the court's direction, no closure report about the finalised work has been submitted to the Shahjahanabad Redevelopment Development Corporation by the chief nodal officer. Furthermore, the agency

involved have failed to fix responsibility and establish standard operating procedure for the upkeep of this stretch, as discussed at the 61st meeting called by the chief nodal officer in Aug 2022." SRDC did not respond to TOI's queries on the matter.

Bhargava said that the onus of overall maintenance, save for sweeping which is MCD's responsibility, was on PWD, but it was "doing nothing". On Monday, TOI found the tiles damaged at several locations and dumped on the roadsides. The condition of the centre verge was also poor.

PWD officials, however, claimed to be undertaking regular maintenance, such as

fixing the damaged tiles and bollards. "We also plan to float a tender for comprehensive civil maintenance and road restoration," said one official. PWD has requested Delhi Police and DUSIB to take measures against encroachments on the central verge without any action on the ground.

TOI also saw that the 22 boom barriers installed by PWD at 19 spots to restrict motorised movement in the revamped zone from 9am to 9pm were unmanned. Traders complained that loading and unloading of goods took place during the restricted hours, thus violating the prohibitory order. PWD and MCD were to have posted 400

Civil Defence volunteers to regulate and monitor the movement of rickshaws, loading-unloading areas, encroachments, etc. PWD had transferred funds to MCD for paying the volunteers on SRDC's direction. However, of the proposed 400, only 124

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were ever deployed on the stretch, and since last year, they too have been removed, according to PWD officials.

In Nov last year, lieutenant governor VK Saxena visited Chandni Chowk, noted the poor condition of the area

and instructed "all stakeholders involved" to problems related to sanitation and civil work. However, the LG's directions did not have any significant impact.

Another revamp feature that hasn't seen light is the transformation of the traffic intersection facing Red Fort into a scramble crossing for pedestrians. As Vishal Deep, member of the market association, reported, "Instead of a scramble crossing, metal grilles have been installed to make the stretch signal-free, forcing pedestrians to use an underpass located at a distance. This decision raises concerns about the accessibility of Chandni Chowk for locals and visitors."

MP Praveen Khandelwal acknowledged that the Shahjahanabad area is in a mess due to inaction of PWD, MCD and Delhi Jal Board. "When I heard of garbage not being collected and streets not being swept, I talked with the MCD commissioner and anticipated some improvement. But lapses continue. The zone was recently assigned a new deputy commissioner," said Khandelwal, who added he planned a joint survey with PWD, MCD, SRDC, DJB and the power distribution company within this week. "I am awaiting a report from the Power Grid Corporation of India about the installation of underground

wires on connecting roads," added Khandelwal.

According to a source from the power discom, the problem is the unauthorised use of electricity infrastructure by internet service providers who fail to obtain permissions for their own installations. The source also claimed that the discom regularly disconnects all illegally installed cables from its poles.

The second phase of the redevelopment project will restore the historical architectural character of the medieval commercial zone. Although PWD has obtained approvals for the architectural design, no further progress has been made on the matter.

9 yrs down the drain: NGT slams DJB for not making 15 STPs

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New Delhi: Nine years have passed since National Green Tribunal (NGT) directed Delhi Jal Board (DJB) to set up 32 sewage treatment plants (STPs) on major and minor drains in the city, but only 17 have been constructed and no action has been taken for the remaining 15, the tribunal has observed.

NGT made the observation while hearing pleas by resident welfare associations, including Nizamuddin West Union, demanding remedies or treating the water in Barapullah and its subsidiary drains, including Kushak and Sunehripul. The residents have claimed that many areas of south Delhi are waterlogged during monsoon as these drains are not desilted.

Lashing out at the Jal Board for not complying with the tribunal's 2015 order on STPs, NGT said that considering its performance, it is difficult to believe the new claim by DJB that it will be able to set up 40 decentralised sewage treatment plants (DSTPs) by Dec 2025.

DJB told NGT that since the present installed treatment capacity is 667 MGD against the present estimated sewage generation in Delhi of 792 MGD (80% of 990 MGD water supply), therefore, the tribunal's 2015 order has been complied with. "However, in the order passed by the tribunal on Jan 13, 2015, there was no such direction," the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava said.

NGT said the estimation of 792 MGD sewage generation in Delhi itself is based on a faulty calculation. "Instead of calculating the generation of sewage based upon the population or per head sewage generation, a faulty base of water supply by MCD has been taken, whereas

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undisputedly, MCD is not the only source of water supply in Delhi. There are borewells, there are a large number of cases of illegal extraction of water from the borewells and there are other sources of supply of water also in Delhi. Hence, the calculation given by MCD with respect of sewage generation and matching it with the installed capacity is incorrect and cannot be accepted," NGT said.

In its affidavit dated Sept 3, DJB made a chart containing 56 locations of DSTPs which are in 40 locations. "Referring to this chart, an attempt has been made by the counsel for DJB to show that 15 STPs are merged in 40 DSTPs but the chart does not reflect this," NGT said.

The tribunal said the chart shows that none of the DSTPs has been constructed. "Most of the DSTPs are either at the estimate stage, retendering stage or award stage. With respect to two DSTPs, even the land is not available. The completion date is shown as Dec 31, 2025.... It is difficult to believe these DSTPs will be set up by Dec 2025," the bench said.

NGT directed agencies to expedite the desilting, and said the silt should not be kept by the drain as it flows back into it when it rains. "The authorities... are directed to take steps for transporting it to the appropriate location," said the Sept 4 order, shared on Monday.

MCD conducts drive to curb vector-borne diseases

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New Delhi: A drive to check for mosquito breeding at construction sites was conducted across the city to combat the spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has said.

According to sources, the city has recorded 612 dengue cases. Since last year, MCD has stopped releasing the data on the number of vector-borne diseases.

"During the drive, 290 construction sites were inspected and mosquito breeding was found in 148 of them. Breeding was destroyed then and there, and 83 legal notices and 60 prosecutions were issued to the responsible owners/builders," an MCD official said.

Construction sites, with their propensity for water stagnation, are potential breeding grounds for Aedes and Anopheles mosquitoes, which are the sole vectors for transmitting these diseases, officials said. However, mosquito breeding can be easily prevented by taking simple measures such as channelling water or treating stagnant water with diesel/kerosene oil.

The corporation has appealed to people to prevent water stagnation in and around their houses and also warned that if they fail to prevent mosquito breeding, it is a punishable offence. MCD officials emphasised the importance of cooperation from construction site owners and builders in preventing mosquito breeding and ensuring a safe and healthy environment for citizens.

The domestic breeding checkers are part of MCD's workforce to tackle the spread of dengue. Monsoon increases cases of water-borne and vector-borne diseases.

Those who are more vulnerable are children under 15-16 years old and senior citizens.

PWD yet to start repair of 5 flyovers, deadlines for which expired last year

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New Delhi: At least five flyovers under Public Works Department (PWD), including those at Sarita Vihar, Mundka, Moti Bagh and Africa Avenue, were to be repaired at the end of 2023, but no work has started yet.

The repair work has been pending though the funds have already been allotted for the same. The department had also announced several times the dates to start the work on the Sarita Vihar flyover.

No official response was available from PWD, but officials attributed all the delay to various factors such as the Lok Sabha elections, rains and the absence of traffic police approvals. "The permission for flyover repair depends on a no-objection certificate from the traffic police as it requires the closure of lanes. Also, repair work is usually not taken up during the monsoon as the bituminous material does not stick," said a source.

A SOURCE SAYS

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PWD has applied for the permission in some cases, like Sarita Vihar, and the work will start soon, he added.

PWD plans to repair expansion joints and bearings as well as the surface of the flyovers. The work will be carried out in phases to cause minimum inconvenience to the commuters on each stretch. Usually only one of the carriageways on a flyover is closed and the traffic movement is allowed on

the other side to avoid too much congestion. The department had earlier planned to start the Sarita Vihar project in May, but it was postponed due to the Lok Sabha elections, and the plan was shifted to June after the model code of conduct came into force. But it got delayed further and has been on hold since July due to the monsoon. It's unlikely to start till the end of Sept.

Owing to heavy traffic loads, cracks have appeared in many places on the upper surface of the flyovers. PWD had carried out an inspection with the help of experts, and former PWD minister Manish Sisodia had instructed officials to strengthen the stretches.

Now, with just Oct and Nov being left for the repair before the ban on construction is imposed during winter to fight pollution, followed by the model code of conduct for the assembly elections likely in Feb, PWD is not left with much time to even start the work.

9-year-old gets successful bone marrow transplant

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A nine-year-old Assamese boy suffering from high-risk relapsed Hodgkin lymphoma, a cancer that affects the lymph system, has become the first child to successfully receive a bone marrow transplant at Safdarjung Hospital. The procedure offers hope for children battling this serious condition.

"The patient was discharged on Sept 7 and will remain under observation for the next two months," said Dr Ratan Gupta, head of paediatrics. The procedure was done at no cost for the patient.

Dr Prashant Prabhakar, a paediatrician who led the transplant team, said the autologous transplant was done on Aug 2, after the patient, Eusa, underwent conditioning chemotherapy. For this, healthy stem cells are harvested from the patient's blood or bone marrow before treatment.

The cells are preserved and re-infused into the patient's body after the treatment. The purpose is to replenish the stem cells that were eradicated by chemotherapy or radiation. Ibrahim Noor, Eusa's brother, told TOI that Eusa is doing well. The family is optimistic about his recovery.

Dr Gupta spoke about the intricacy of the operation. "The patient was required to remain in the bone marrow transplant unit until TLC, platelet count and haemoglobin returned to normal levels," he said. This takes at least a month. He acknowledged the involvement of paediatricians Dr Nidhi Agarwal, Dr Sumit Mehndiratta and Dr Sanghamitra Ray.

Dr Vandana Talwar, medical superintendent, said the success will pave the way for numerous children in need of BMT who are unable to bear the procedure cost.

NDMC to develop green strips along four roads as part of clean-air mission

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New Delhi: New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has decided to develop green strips along four roads as part of the National Clean Air Program. The selected roads are Madhav Rao Scindia Marg, Jaswant Singh Road, Krishna Menon Marg and Moti Lal Nehru Marg.

The council has approved a budget of approximately Rs 1.1 crore for the implementation of this initiative. NDMC officials said the four roads are in a dire need of improvement. The project will be a collaborative effort between the department and an agency hired for this purpose.

"We will procure a variety of shrubs from the agency and their planting and other work will be done by the horticulture department. We have selected these roads as

they have needed improvement for quite some time. The development is expected to enhance the aesthetic appeal of these roads while also contributing to the overall improvement of air quality in the area," the official said.

The National Clean Air Program, under which this project falls, is a comprehensive

initiative aimed at reducing air pollution levels across the country. It was launched on Jan 10, 2019, with the target of reducing PM10 and PM2.5 levels by 40% by 2025-26 in 131 non-attainment cities, including Delhi.

"By focusing on the development of green spaces along major roads, NDMC is taking a step towards achieving

the program's objectives," an official said.

Besides this, NDMC has intensified a monsoon drive to plant 1,500 saplings of native trees, along with approximately 4 lakh shrubs and various other plants this year.

An official said: "A survey was earlier done to identify the gaps on avenue roads where trees have turned old or have got uprooted or damaged in the past, and now plantation is being done accordingly. We have set an exact target for 1,553 saplings and 3,97,521 shrubs or bushes this year. A maximum of this is being planted in monsoon as avenue roads, gardens etc."

The saplings and shrubs are strategically placed in gardens and along roadsides throughout the city.

NDMC officials have confirmed that the saplings were prepared in sufficient numbers at the nurseries to ensure the success of this initiative.



NDMC approved a budget of around ₹1.1 crore for the initiative

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Light rain likely today, air quality turns moderate

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Some parts of Delhi saw a short but intense spell of rain on Monday. There is a possibility of light rain or a thunderstorm on Tuesday.

India Meteorological Department has issued a yellow alert for light to moderate showers. Safdarjung, the city's base station, saw trace rainfall in the daytime. However, some areas got moderate rainfall. The maximum rainfall was recorded at SPS Mayur Vihar at 37.5 mm from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm, followed by Delhi University with 21.5 mm. Ridge, Palam and Ayanagar logged 18, 15.3, and 9.9 mm between 8.30 am and 5.30 pm, respectively.

The maximum temperature on Monday rose to 34.6 degrees Celsius, one degree above normal. The minimum temperature stood at 25.1 degrees Celsius. The relative humidity oscillated between 63% and 98%. "There are chances of light rain on Tuesday. Light to moderate rain is expected on Wednesday and Thursday," a Met official said.

IMD's data shows that Safdarjung has logged 73.9 mm of rainfall in Sept so far. It is nearly 60% of the month's long-period average of 123.4 mm. However, the average annual rainfall of 957.8 mm has been recorded till now. The yearly annual average of 774.4 mm was met in Aug itself.

Delhi's air quality deteriorated to moderate, reading 117 on Monday. The AQI was 91 on Sunday, which was in the satisfactory category.

Prez sends BJP demand for Delhi govt dismissal to home secy for action

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: The President's Secretariat has forwarded the assertions of opposition BJP that Delhi was facing a constitutional crisis to the home secretary "for appropriate attention."

On Aug 30, a delegation of Delhi BJP MLAs, led by leader of the opposition Vijender Gupta, had met President Droupadi Murmu.

During the meeting, they sought the dismissal of AAP govt, claiming that the imprisonment of chief minister Arvind Kejriwal has led to a "constitutional crisis".

A letter by Shivendra Chaturvedi, the director of the President's secretariat, to the leader of the opposition in Delhi assembly read, "This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 30th Aug 2024, addressed to the President of India jointly signed by seven other MLAs and one former MLA of Delhi Legislative Assembly."

"The said communication has been forwarded to home secretary, ministry of home affairs, for appropriate attention," it read. AAP govt did not respond to the matter.

In the memorandum, BJP MLAs had said that there has been a failure to constitute the Sixth Delhi Finance Commission, which has been due since April 2021. "This neglect represents a grave violation of the Consti-

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tution of India and has severely impeded proper financial planning and resource allocation for the city, particularly affecting the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD)," the memorandum read. Additionally, Delhi govt stands accused of deliberately obstructing the implementation of numerous central govt welfare schemes, the MLAs alleged.

Hitting back, AAP had then said that BJP approaching the President to dismiss govt shows they had already accepted defeat in the upcoming Delhi assembly elections. "BJP has no regard for the Constitution and has repeatedly attacked it. Wherever BJP can't win elections, it attempts to run a parallel govt with the sole objective to disrupt the work of the elected govt of the state," it had said.

"Whether it is Punjab, Kerala, or Tamil Nadu, the selected governors have indefinitely stalled budgets and other bills. BJP has zero regard for the Constitution and democracy," it had said.

'Poor' law and order: AAP targets Saxena

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party on Monday demanded the resignation of lieutenant governor VK Saxena over the "deteriorating" law-and-order situation in the national capital. There was no immediate reaction from the LG's office.

At a press conference, AAP chief national spokesperson Priyanka Kakkar said there was an incident of firing outside a club in Seemapuri in the early hours of Saturday. "There have been incidents earlier too. A senior citizen was murdered in Jangpura in a robbery bid. A jewellery store was burgled in Jangpura. The law-and-order situation under BJP-led Centre and LG is deteriorating," she alleged.

Kakkar claimed that the law and order in states governed by BJP was in a bad condition.

"Law and order in Delhi comes under Centre and LG. In such a situation, does he (Saxena) have a right to continue in his post? He should resign," she said. The AAP functionary also accused LG of interfering in the work of Delhi govt and questioned the steps taken by him for police reforms.

She said, "On July 15, criminals entered Guru Teg Bahadur Hospital where a patient was undergoing treatment and shot him dead. On June 26 last year, in broad daylight, four bike-borne youths surrounded a car and looted it near Pragati Maidan. A doctor, who was a senior citizen, was killed in an attempted robbery in Jangpura."

"Ever since LG Saxena has taken over the responsibility of law and order in Delhi, the situation has gone from bad to worse," she alleged.

E-Sanjeevani portal clicks

New Delhi: Health and Family Welfare Department of Delhi govt has launched various speciality-based telemedicine services through e-Sanjeevani portal. The primary objective of this service is to provide accessible and affordable healthcare to patients through digital platforms, allowing them to consult with doctors and specialists from the comfort of their homes via video calls on smartphones and computers. **TNN**

Excise Case: Court Grants Bail To AAP Volunteer, Bizman

Cites Apex Court Verdict In Sisodia Case

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New Delhi: Citing the Supreme Court's emphasis on the "bail is the rule and jail an exception" principle in the Manish Sisodia case, Delhi High Court on Monday granted relief to jailed liquor businessman Sameer Mahendru and Aam Aadmi Party volunteer Chanpreet Singh Relat in a money-laundering case related to the alleged excise policy scam.

Granting bail to him, the high court said that prima facie, in the case of Mahendru, it could be observed that the twin test of guilt for the offence of money laundering or likely to commit any offence are weak. "In the present case as well, in the light of the observations of the apex court in Manish Sisodia and in the bail applications of the other co-accused, it is now well defined that Article 21 of the Constitution shall take precedence over the twin test (PMLA) and if the trial would take long, the accused shall be entitled to bail," Justice Neena Bansal Krishna asserted.

The case is being investigated by Enforcement Directorate (ED).

The high court pointed out that Mahendru was in custody for almost two years and with little hope of speedy completion of trial, he would be deprived of his right to liberty under Article 21 and was therefore entitled to grant of bail. In light of the ruling of apex court, it dismissed the ED's claim that the accused were indulging in tactics to delay the trial by moving multiple applications.

"The aspect can also be considered in the case of Sisodia wherein it has been

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specifically observed that though the applications are being filed on behalf of the accused persons, the conduct of the accused cannot be termed as vexatious or intended to delay," the high court said.

"The accused are merely exercising their rights of fair trial by seeking the documents relied on and un-relied by the prosecution for their defence. It cannot be said that there is any delay which is attributable to the applicant; rather it is the complexity of the matter, voluminous records and the number of witnesses which are required to be considered in the trial, which would take a reasonable time," it further observed.

In its verdict on Mahendru, the high court pointed out he has no previous involvement and cannot be said that he is of flight risk or is likely to tamper with the evidence or influence the witnesses since most of the evidence is essentially documentary in nature.

ED arrested Rayat, who allegedly managed cash funds for AAP's campaign for the 2022 Goa assembly polls, in connection with the money-laundering case in April this year while Mahendru was arrested by the agency in 2022. It accused Mahendru of being one of the major beneficiaries of the violations in the excise policy.

Khan's custody extended by 2 weeks in waqf case

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Monday sent Aam Aadmi Party MLA Amanatullah Khan to 14 days judicial custody in connection with a money laundering case related to the alleged financial irregularities pertaining to Delhi Waqf Board.

The court allowed Khan to carry his spectacles and the medicines. It sought a report from the jail superintendent concerned by Sept 11 on Khan's plea for consuming home-cooked food.

"The offence alleged against the accused is non-bailable. As per the directorate of enforcement, the investigation is pending," stated the court of special judge Rakesh Syal.

Earlier, Khan, in his application, requested the court to reject the prayer of ED for further remand.

The agency told the court that the accused had been totally non-cooperative during the custody. It also said that the investigation was going on and judicial custody of the accused was required to confront the voluminous incriminating

documents extracted from the digital device seized from his possession during the search, to ascertain the role of other suspected persons involved in the laundering of proceeds of crime, and to ascertain further beneficiaries of the proceeds of crime involved in this case.

Khan, through his counsels, advocates Rajat Bhardwaj and Kaustubh Khanna, submitted that nothing substantial had been investigated by the agency while keeping Khan in custody.

The MLA has not been interrogated in detail and again previously recorded statements were shown to the accused, they stated, adding the questions put to the accused were similar to what they were put to him during the investigation on April 18. Further, he was put questions which have no relevance to the subject matter of the investigation, the counsels claimed.

Khan was arrested by Enforcement Directorate on Sept 2.

The court granted four-day custody to the agency on Sept 2 and three-day custody on Sept 6.

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Overloaded goods vehicles: Traffic cops may get power to act

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi govt has proposed to authorise traffic police to take action against overloaded goods vehicles, a power so far held solely by transport department. The proposal seeks to reduce congestion and prevent polluting vehicles from entering the national capital. "Since the traffic police has more resources, this will add more teeth to the action against polluting vehicles," said an official.

Govt may also delegate power to the assistant traffic inspectors of Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) to enforce bus lane regulations. Govt believes that the assistant traffic inspectors can monitor and regulate bus traffic more effectively within the city, said an official.

A senior official said the initiatives would be part of Delhi govt's efforts to tackle the city's traffic congestion and pollution problems. By involving the traffic police and DTC in the enforcement process, govt hopes to create a more comprehensive and efficient system to manage vehicular traffic and reduce the environmental impact of overloaded and polluting vehicles, he added.

There would be stricter checks this time on polluting and overloaded vehicles entering the city, said officials, adding that govt would also discourage the entry of non-destined trucks. The entry of all buses, except for CNG, BS-VI diesel and electric ones, would be regulated if the restrictions are invoked under the final stage of central govt's air pollution control plan, said an official. "All non-complying buses, including tourist and contract carriages and state transport buses, will be restricted when GRAP-IV is invoked," he pointed out.

The transport department has deployed 35 teams to monitor bus lane and other violations. According to govt data, in Aug, over 200 buses were challaned while over 13,000 vehicles faced action for being parked in bus lanes. The crackdown will continue as govt wants to ensure that such violations are controlled to a large extent before the winter, said an official. The drive is aimed at not only to reduce accident fatalities by inculcating lane discipline but also to ensure that the lanes are kept free from encroachment and illegal parking, the official added.

Interstate gang busted, 4 held

New Delhi: South East district police has arrested four notorious criminals linked to an interstate gang responsible for stealing premium mobile phones worth Rs 2 crore. The investigation began when a theft of 2,549 Samsung mobile phones was reported from an SFC Logistics truck on May 31. The truck was parked at Rao Tula Ram Marg in Subroto Park, and GPS tracking data revealed it had been stationary at Okhla Phase-II during the time of the theft. This clue helped police uncover a larger syndicate involving the truck driver and his accomplices. **TNN**

Toxic Fallout: Why WTE Plants May Have A Negative Impact On Health

Incineration Of Mixed Garbage Emits Poisonous Substances, Says Report

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New Delhi: A report submitted to National Green Tribunal by CSIR-National Environmental Engineering Research Institute regarding waste-to-energy plants has stated that the incineration of mixed garbage, which frequently possesses low calorific value and high moisture content, results in the emission of toxic substances like furans and dioxins, which have detrimental effects on human health and the environment.

The report was submitted in response to a report - "Waste to Energy: Smokescreen or Solution", published in India Development Review - which serves as a revelation for the city, which currently has four operational WTE plants and has a fifth in the pipeline, perceived as the ultimate solution to waste management challenges.



BURNING ISSUE: WTE PLANTS' DARK SIDE?

The submission, dated July 27, discusses the quality of municipal solid waste generated in India for incineration in WTE plants and the consequent health and environmental repercussions caused by the mixed or unsegregated waste. NEERI referred to Solid

Waste Management Rules, 2016, notified by the Union environment ministry, which mandate waste generators - including households, hotels, airports, etc - to segregate waste into three distinct categories: bio-degradable (wet waste), non-biodegradable (dry waste) and domestic hazardous wastes, prior to

collection for processing. It further mentioned that certain non-recyclable waste, such as small fragments of plastics, rubber, wood, papers, textiles, etc, classified as Refuse Derived Fuel, possesses high calorific value and is considered suitable for processing in co-processing in cement or thermal power plants where combustion occurs at temperatures exceeding 1000 degrees Celsius, and the plants are equipped with adequate emission control mechanisms.

However, referring to the article, NEERI highlighted that "mixed waste generated in India is highly heterogeneous in nature, has high moisture content, and low in calorific value", rendering it unsuitable for WTE plants. It stated that the utilization of unsegregated MSW in WTE plants not only undermines the purpose of waste segregation as mandated by the rules but also hinders the opportunities for a circular economy in the waste sector.

"The mass burning of mixed waste with high moisture content and low calorific value results in incomplete combustion as the combustion temperature drops below 850 degrees Celsius. The mixed wastes are likely to contain chlorinated plastics (polyvinyl chloride), which can lead to emissions of highly toxic dioxins and furans if the incineration temperatures fall below 850 degrees Celsius. The incomplete combustion also results in the release of suspended particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxide, and sulphur dioxide, exceeding the permissible discharge limits, as pointed out in the news item. This altogether can have adverse health and environmental implications," the report stated.

Govt announces blanket ban on all types of firecrackers till Jan 1

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: There will be no sudden sound, blast and smoke in the capital till Jan 1. In an effort to tackle air pollution in the capital, Delhi govt announced on Monday a complete ban on all types of firecrackers until the first day of next year. The ban will cover the production, sale and use of fireworks, including green items.

State environment minister Gopal Rai said that winter in Delhi was always marked by a significant increase in air pollution and fireworks contributed to the emissions. "Like last year, we are imposing a complete ban on the production, storage, sale and use of all types of firecrackers. The online delivery or sale of any kind of firecrackers is also completely banned," he said.

Delhi Police, Delhi Pollution Control Committee and Delhi govt's revenue department will formulate a joint plan to strictly enforce the prohibition. "Let there be no confusion among the people regarding firecrackers - this ban is valid for all types of firecrackers," said Rai. Addressing the potential losses faced by firecracker traders, the minister said that it was Delhi govt's intention to avoid a last-minute ban that could inconvenience both sellers and the public.



NO SMOKE WITHOUT FIRE

Rai called upon the citizens to take responsibility and become pollution warriors. "Celebrate the festival by lighting diyas and distributing sweets. Celebrate the festival with flamboyance. But control pollution with the same passion," he said.

Rai highlighted govt's active efforts in banning firecrackers over the past few years, with this measure being part of the 21-point Winter Action Plan that has been devised to fight the toxic air in the cold months. Govt's decision to ban firecrackers is, therefore, not new, such a ban having been first implemented in 2017 following a Supreme Court inquiry into the impact of bursting crackers on the capital's air quality. In 2018, SC banned all conventional firecrackers in Delhi-NCR, but allowed the bursting of green crackers that did not use barium salts in their production. However, due to the difficulty in distinguishing between green and conventional crackers, govt has been imposing a blanket ban on all firecrackers every winter since 2020.

BJP dubbed the ban "an eye wash" and said Delhi govt, showing sensitivity to popular sentiment, should allow and strictly enforce the use of green fireworks. BJP Delhi president Virendra Sachdeva said the real source of pollutants in winter was stubble burning, construction and road dust but the state govt had done nothing about these. Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav alleged that Rai was coming up with a "pointless" winter action plan to cover up his total failure in checking air pollution in the capital in for a decade. He added that the winter action plan would do nothing to eliminate air pollution in the city.

Machli Talab at Smriti Van not fit for aquatic life, DPCC tells NGT

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New Delhi: Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC), which analysed the water samples from Machli Talab at Smriti Van in Vasant Kunj, has found that dissolved oxygen is nil and ammoniacal nitrogen is not meeting the standards.

In a report submitted to National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Monday, DPCC said as untreated sewage was entering the pond, it had written to Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and Delhi Development Authority (DDA), which were reviving the pond. Dissolved oxygen is the amount of oxygen present in a waterbody and aquatic life cannot survive if it is nil.

DPCC said that during an inspection of Smriti Van on July 24, it collected samples of the water treated by a sewage treatment plant (STP) and the pond. "It was also found that untreated sewage was being directly discharged into the pond through a drain laid parallel to the outlet of a sewage treatment plant, which has not been functioning properly," the report stated. It added that DJB officials said that the capacity of the STP was not sufficient to treat the entire wastewater entering Smriti Van.

DPCC SAYS
It was found that untreated sewage was being directly discharged into the pond through a drain

After the analysis of the wastewater sample collected at the STP outlet, DPCC said three key parameters didn't meet the standards. Total dissolved solid was 42mg/l against the prescribed standard of 10 and biochemical oxygen demand was 25mg/l against 10 while chemical oxygen demand was 84mg/l against 50. "It indicates that STP is not working properly," it underlined.

The DPCC report for the water quality of Machli Talab revealed that ammoniacal nitrogen was beyond the permissible limit and

dissolved oxygen was reported nil. "Dissolved oxygen and ammoniacal nitrogen of pond water were not meeting the prescribed standards as per the analysis report despite functional STP. During the inspection, untreated sewage was being directly discharged into the pond through a drain laid parallel to the outlet of STP. This might be one of the reasons for the pond water not meeting the prescribed standard for ammoniacal nitrogen and depleted dissolved oxygen level," said DPCC.

DPCC issued a letter to DDA and DJB on Aug 28, asking them to take measures to bring the quality of the water in the pond to a "level wherein the aquatic life survives" and repair the STP. "No untreated wastewater should be discharged into the pond," it emphasised.

A plea was filed by a local resident in 2022 claiming that large parts of Smriti Van had been concretised. Following the plea, NGT had also sought the details of the pond and its present condition.

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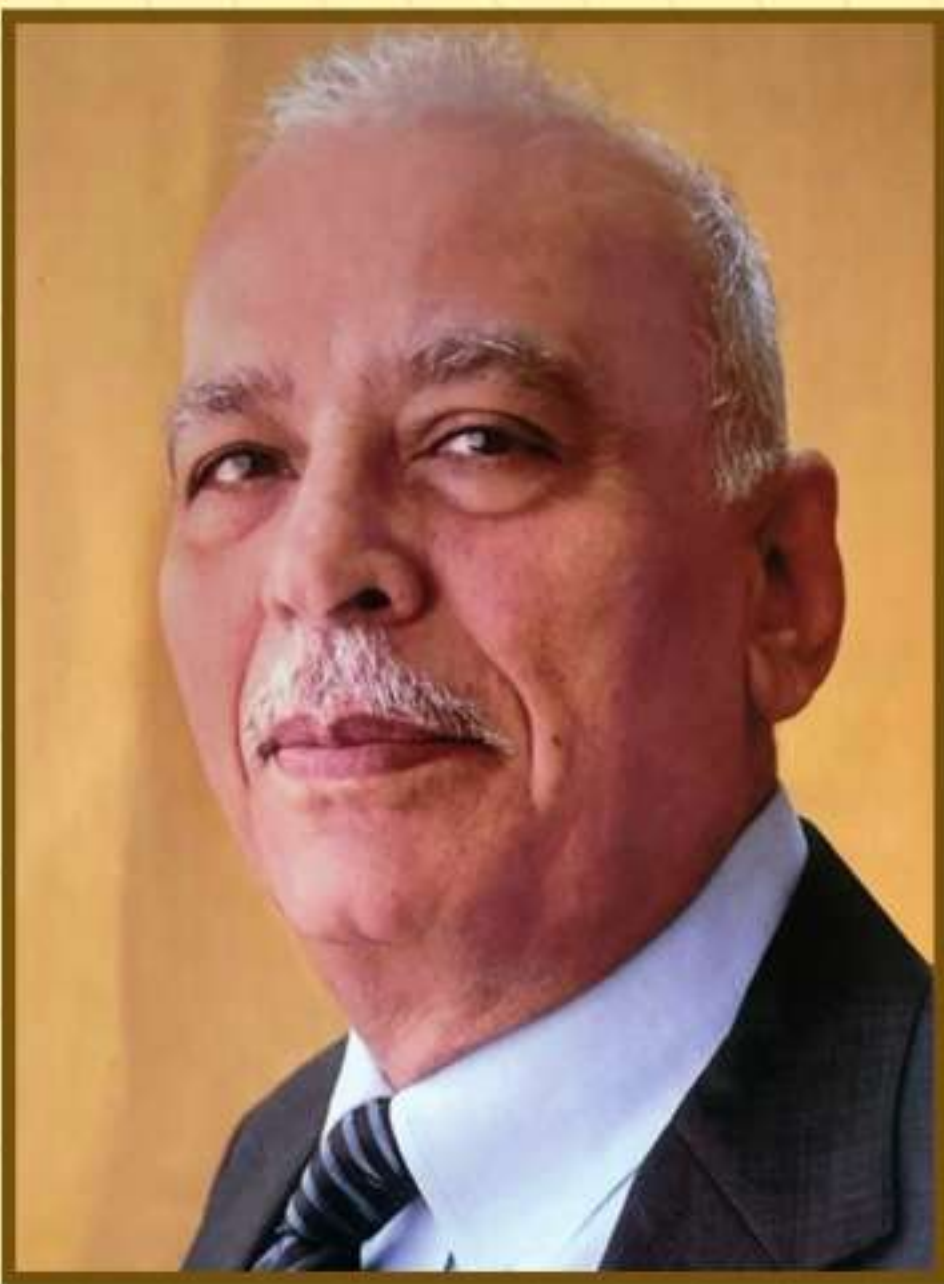
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New Delhi: Food and supplies minister Imran Hussain directed the officials on Monday to take effective measures to keep prices of onion and other essential commodities under control. In a meeting with senior officials of the department, Hussain issued directions to form crack teams of the officials of the market intelligence cell to visit the mandis at Azadpur, Okhla, Ghaziabad, and Keshopur, and retailers in these markets and keep a close watch on price trends of essential commodities. **TNN**

The election for the 18th seat will happen in the coming House meeting after the mayor brings an agenda in this regard," said an AAP councillor.

The party, which has a majority in the 18-member Standing Committee, secures its chairman's position. Of the 12 zonal members, AAP has won five seats and BJP seven. "If AAP wins the 18th seat, the party will have nine members, and BJP will also have nine. A draw of lots will then be carried out to elect the chairman in the next house meeting. If BJP manages to win the final seat, it will get an automatic majority with 10 out of the 18 members in Standing Committee," said an official.

The party having a majority or its member as the chairman will automatically take the final call on all financial matters of the civic body, which has put the formation of the key panel at the centre of a power tussle between AAP and BJP since the MCD elections almost two years ago.

Meanwhile, following an initial post-

has been targeted by extortionists claiming to be affiliated with the notorious Gogri Gang. The threats began in early Sept when the businessman received repeated calls from a Portuguese phone number demanding Rs 50 lakh. The callers made threatening statements and disclosed personal information about the businessman, including details about his family and vehicle, suggesting they had been closely monitoring him.

extortion

man, Aman Qureshi, has been arrested by Lahore Gate police in north Delhi for allegedly attempting to extort money from a Chandni Chowk businessman. Qureshi, who visited the businessman's shop, left behind a note that enveloped with a headline that stated, "I will kill you if you don't give me the money."

On Sept 4, Mohd. Arif, a garment trader from Katra Neel, received threatening phone calls demanding a ransom of Rs 50 lakh. The extortionists directed Arif to deliver the money at Jama Masjid and threatened severe consequences if their demands

DCP (north) Manoj Kumar Meena said a case was registered at Lahori Gate

New Delhi: The father of a girl, who was returning after paying his daughter's fee at a coaching centre, died after being hit by a truck in southeast Delhi's Preeti Prahladpur on Monday.

The father-daughter duo were on a bike when the truck collided with them, critically injuring the girl as well, police said.

New Delhi: Four people were arrested on Monday for allegedly robbing a man and murdering him in Angli recently. The man owned a sugar trading business in the area.

The arrested accused were identified as Kuldeep (27), a resident of Aman Vihar; Aryan (23), a resident of Karan Vihar; Virath Raj (21), a resident of Kirari Suleman Nagar; and Shyam Pandey (18), a resident of Kirari Suleman Nagar.

Police said while the businessman was returning home on Sept 1, two of the accused tried to snatch his bag containing a laptop and Rs 10 lakh. Upon resisting, he was shot dead by one of them. The gang members then fled with his bag. The two other aides were waiting on motorbikes.

"The businessman was robbed and murdered near the petrol pump on Rohtak Road in Nangloi. He had sustained bullet injuries in the incident. He was rushed to Mahatma Agrasen Hospital, Punjabi Bagh, where he was declared brought dead by the doctors," DCP (Outer) Jimmy Chiram said.

While analysing the CCTV footage, the cops noticed the suspects going towards Peeperari. "Based on local intelligence, Kuldeep and Aryan were nabbed from Aman Vihar," they stated that Pandey had conveyed information about the businessman. Kuldeep had fired at the businessman and Aryan had snatched the bag from him. Further raids were conducted at Kirari Sulaman Nagar and the other accused were also nabbed," another officer stated.

The accused claimed that they were debt-ridden. However, after the robbery, they went to Manikaran and Kasol in Himachal Pradesh and stayed at a hotel there. During their visit, they spent a huge amount of money.

New Delhi: Rajesh Verma, an AS officer of the 1987 batch of IAS cadre, has been appointed the new chairperson of Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and adjoining Areas (CAQM). Verma served as secretary to President of India, prior to his superannuation on Aug 31. Verma, who succeeds MM Kutty, has been appointed for three years, CAQM stated. **TNN**



election gathering, all 12 MCD zones will convene a formal meeting on Thursday or Friday to prioritise and discuss key matters.

At least six zones have taken the lead by releasing their agendas, which aim to address numerous issues plaguing the wards under their jurisdiction by Monday evening. These included Keshavpuram, Civil Lines, Najafgarh, Narela, South and Sadar Paharganj zones. The remaining zones are expected to promptly outline their agendas to ensure that the concerns of their wards are effectively addressed during the upcoming meeting.

The leader of opposition in MCD, Kaja Iqbal Singh, said he had requested the chairpersons of all zonal committees to call public meetings in large numbers. "Since the citizens were not being heard for about one and a half years, hold public meetings and set a fixed time every day for hearing the complaints of the public. Bringing the issues to the notice of the corporation officials as well as the mayor is also important," the BJP councillor pointed out.

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Ref. No.: GDMC/AdvT/2024-25/4895 Dated: 09.09.2024

E-Tender Notice

Online Bids are invited through E-tendering system from the under two bid system by Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun, Uttarakhand, for procurement of Surgical Implants under Rate contract for Financial year 2024-2025 and 2025-26. Reference Detailed Information, Specifications & Tender/bid Documents are Available on website- uktenders.gov.in for on wards.

S.No.	E-Tender Title	E-Published Date	Opening Date
1	Surgical Implant tender	10.09.2024, time 12.00 Pm	25.09.2024, time 12.00 Pm

Principal, Govt. Doon Medical College, Dehradun

SEARCH FOR MISSING

General public is hereby informed that a Girl namely **Aarti**, D/o Chatterpal, R/o A-256 JJ Colony, Uttam Nagar, New Delhi has been missing since 10.06.2024 at 10:00pm from the area of her house. In this regard **FIR No. 256/24 Dated 11.06.24** has been registered at **P.S. Uttam Nagar, Delhi**. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to trace out the missing Girl, but no clue has come to light so far. The description of the missing Girl is as under:

Name: Aarti, **Gender:** Girl, **Age:** 17 years, **Height:** 5'0", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Medium, **Face:** Oval, **Wearing:** Sky blue color suit & Salwar and slippers in feet. If anyone has any information regarding this missing Girl, kindly inform SHO/ Uttam Nagar, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/11884/DW/2024

PS Uttam Nagar, Delhi.
Ph. no. 9205634763, 8750871026

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RAIL COACH FACTORY, KAPURTHALA

PCMM, RCF on behalf of President of India invites On-line bids for following items:-

Sr. No.	Tender No. & Due Date	Description	Qty. (Nos./Sets)	EMD (₹)
1.	13245245 27/09/2024	Universal PCB Diagnostic & Repair System as per Spec No. Mech/M&P/3800/GM/02 Rev-05 (PL No. 659020130013)	01 Nos.	92,680/-
2.	12441145 27/09/2024	Vinyl Film	300 Sets	1,15,160/-
3.	13245240 30/09/2024	Universal Shell Assembly Jig as per specification No. RCF/KXH/SHELL JIG/TRAIN SET/2021 (PL No. 659027770011)	04 Nos.	8,00,000/-
4.	13245149A 03/10/2024	Shot Blasting Plant for Bogie as per spec no. Mech/M&P/3700/7 Rev- Nil (as read with corrigendum of specification attached of this NIT) alongwith preventive maintenance during Warranty Period (PL No. 659017530012)	01 Nos.	2,80,000/-
5.	13245030D 03/10/2024	Electronic Rail Weigh Bridge Cap-70 no. Mech/M&P/3800/GM/09 Rev-03 along with all related erection material required for inspection and commissioning of crane and connecting up to electrical equipments with cable laying & fixing accessories and preventive maintenance during Warranty Period (PL No. 651002300015)	01 Nos.	88,140/-
6.	13245007C 03/10/2024	EOT Crane 5 Ton as per specification no. Mech/M&P/3800/GM/09 Rev-03 along with all related erection material required for inspection and commissioning of crane and connecting up to electrical equipments with cable laying & fixing accessories and preventive maintenance during Warranty Period (PL No. 651006820018)	03 Nos.	2,48,240/-
7.	13235423C 04/10/2024	Design, Manufacture, Erection, supply, Installation and commissioning of EOT Crane Cap-20 Ton as per specification No. Mech/M&P/3800/03 Rev-04 along with all related erection material required for inspection and commissioning of crane and connecting up to electrical equipments with cable laying & fixing accessories and preventive maintenance during Warranty Period (PL No. 651007790010)	11 Nos.	15,02,000/-
8.	02241451A 23/09/2024	1. Emergency Talk Back Unit (ETBU) for LHB SLR Amrit Bharat Coaches 2. Emergency Talk Back Unit (ETBU) for LHB SCN & GS Amrit Bharat Coaches	65 Sets 522 Sets	11,51,990/-
9.	05241746 01/10/2024	Partition Frame Set for LHB Coaches	364 Sets	17,50,460/-
10.	01241307 03/10/2024	Primary Spring for AC & NAC LHB Coach (Six Types)	8367 Nos.	16,27,160/-
11.	02241527 07/10/2024	Composite Pantry for LHB Coach	17 Nos.	83,550/-
12.	02241529 03/10/2024	Tray Arrangement for LHB Hot Buffet Coach	28 Sets	68,350/-
13.	05241684 04/10/2024	Door Frame Assembly for 3 Phase MEMU	755 Nos.	3,54,580/-
14.	05241715 08/10/2024	Sliding Door Arrangement (R.H) & (LH)	65 Nos.	93,030/-
15.	01241313 10/10/2024	Helical Spring for MEMU Coach	7939 Nos.	17,79,920/-
16.	05241711 04/10/2024	Set of SS Trough	342 Sets	6,90,510/-
17.	05241763 04/10/2024	Set of Door Cut Out Complete	188 Sets	2,47,130/-
18.	05241626 04/10/2024	Set of Doorway Partition for MEMU TC	115 Sets	2,66,450/-
19.	05241703 08/10/2024	Set of Pipe Sealing Arrgt. for LHB Non AC Coaches	1630 Sets	16,73,360/-
20.	04241052A 04/10/2024	Steel coils two types	20000 Kg 20000 Kg	68,000/-

1. For details and making On-line tenders, visit Website <http://ireps.gov.in>. Drawings/ specifications, wherever required can be downloaded from RCF Website <http://www.rcf.indianrailways.gov.in>. Class III digital signature certificate required for on-line bidding, can be obtained from licensed certifying agencies listed at <http://www.cce.gov.in>. 2. Tenders will close at 14.25 Hrs. on due date and will be opened at 14.30 Hrs. Tenders Sr. No. 1 to 8 will be opened at RCF Kapurthala and Sr. No. 9 to 20 will be opened at Tilak Bridge, New Delhi. 3. For queries, contact IREPS Helpdesk at 011-24102855, 011-24105180 or RCF helpdesk at 011-23378658.
Note: GST Number of RCF is 03AAGM0289C1ZT. All the suppliers are advised to quote this in dispatch documents for the supplies made by them.

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CORRIGENDUM

The following amendment is authorized against (1) Tender No. 13245020A due on 06.09.2024 for Procurement of XRF analyzers for non destructive chemical analysis of metallic components in coaches for Quality and Design Dept. Due date to be read as 16.09.2024 (14:30) instead of 06.09.2024 (14:30) (2) Tender No. 17241435A due on 25.09.2024 for procurement of Set of Seat and Berth for L.H.B SCN, GS & SLR Amrit Bharat Coaches regarding Item description & Drawing Version of PL No. 33602049 to be read as Item description & Drawing version revised. Tender No. to be read as 17241435B instead of 17241435A. (3) Tender No. 17241357 due on 13.09.2024 for Procurement of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection System for Stand Alone Amrit Bharat Coach due date to be read as 07.10.2024 instead of 23.09.2024, Pre Bid Conference date to be read as 23.09.2024 Time 15:00 instead of 13.09.2024 (4) Tender No. 17241400 due on 29.07.2024 for Procurement Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Automatic Smoke/Fire Detection with Alarm System for NON Air Conditioned MEMU Rakes due date to be read as 27.09.2024 instead of 09.09.2024. (5) Tender No. 17241347 due on 13.09.2024 due date to be read as 13.09.2024 instead of 06.09.2024. (6) Tender No. 12241316 due on 16.09.2024 for Three Types of Aluminium Extrusion/Moulding. (a) Supply of one coach set of aluminium extrusion/moulding for LHB SCN Amrit Bharat Coaches, as per Drawing: MPLAELSCNABX Version 2. (b) Supply of one coach set of aluminium extrusions/moulding for LHB SLR Amrit Bharat Coaches, as per drawing: MPLAELSLRABX Version 1. (c) Supply of one coach set of aluminium extrusions/mouldings for LHB GS Amrit Bharat Coaches, as per Drawing: MPLAELSDDBX Version 5 due date to be read as 16.09.2024 instead of 09.09.2024. (7) Tender No. 01241259 due on 06.09.2024 for Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Instrumented Measuring Wheel set due date to be read as 18.09.2024 instead of 06.09.2024. (8) Tender No. 13245257 due on 09.09.2024 for Procurement of Servers as per detailed technical specification documents attached due date to be read as 19.09.2024 instead of 09.09.2024. (9) Tender No. 12241222A due on 10.09.2024 for procurement of set of additional side filling aggrt. (without modified coach watering inlet (Connector) with strainer) for Retro Fitment of LHB AC 3T Coaches due date to be read as 16.09.2024 instead of 10.09.2024. (10) Tender No. 13245251 due on 09.09.2024 for Procurement of Precision Air Conditioner 6.0 Ton Capacity as per Specification and Tender document attached due date to be read as 13.09.2024 instead of 09.09.2024. Other terms and conditions will remain the same.

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R.O. No.: 65-S/2024-25 Dated: 09.09.2024

JHARKHAND STATE LIVELIHOOD PROMOTION SOCIETY (JSLPS) (STATE RURAL LIVELIHOOD MISSION)

CORRIGENDUM

This is with the reference to the Vacancy for various short-term Consultant positions for Migration Support Center- Rewari (Haryana) under DDU-GKY programme, which was notified in the official website of JSLPS on 31st August, 2024 & published on newspapers on 01/09/2024 bearing the Advertisement PR-No: 334305 (Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society) 24-25(D) in connection to the walk in selection process for various consultant positions, which was scheduled to be conducted on 15-09-2024 (Sunday) is hereby postponed due to unavoidable circumstances.

The revised date of the above-mentioned recruitment drive will be notified through the same channel shortly. For more details, please keep visiting the official website: <http://www.jslps.in/Careers.aspx>

PR 335123 Jharkhand State Sd/- Livelihood Promotion Society(24-25).D (CEO – JSLPS)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Tender No. - PRYJ-GSU-Sig-004-2024-25 E-Tender Notice

Dy. CSTE Gati Shakti Unit (Signal & telecommunication), N.C. Railway PRYJ for and on behalf of the President of India invites open E-tender on prescribed form for the following work up to 15:00 hrs on the opening date of E-tender mentioned therein. The details of the Tender are as under:-

SN: 1, Tender No.: 004

Name of Work: Prayagraj Division: Provision of Sand Hump/Over Run at Loop Lines at five Stations namely Pata, Sarai Bhupat, Balrai, Firozabad and Jalesar Road over Prayagraj Division in North Central Railway.

Approx. Cost of work (₹) : 3,19,06,307.90 Earnest Money (₹) : 3,09,500.00

Cost of Tender Form : 0.00 Completion Period : 12 Months

Date of Opening of tender : 07.10.2024

2. Availability of tender form : Tender forms are available on www.ireps.gov.in

3. Earnest Money to be deposited : The prescribed amount of Earnest Money as mentioned above must be deposited along with the tender form Online through Internet Banking or Online Payment gateway only. The tenderer(s) should note that, in any case, the Earnest Money in any other form than specified above shall not be acceptable. Tenders without earnest money shall be summarily rejected.

4. Time & place of opening of tender : Tender will be opened through E-tender at office of Divisional Railway Manager, Prayagraj at or after 15:30 hours. In case tender opening date happens to be holiday, Tenders will be opened on the next working day.

5. Validity of offer : 60 days from the date of opening.

6. Right of Railway to deal with tender : Railway administration reserves the rights to postpone/modify or to cancel the tender without assigning any reasons.

7. Similar Nature of Work : Any signaling work involving design, installation, testing, commissioning of EI or alterations of EI. 1603/24 (MG)

North central railways @ CPRONCR www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in

DELHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED

Regd. Office: New Udaan Bhawan, Opp. Terminal 3, Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi - 110037, India

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Delhi International Airport Ltd (DIAL) seeks Expression of Interest (EOI) from interested parties to provide Buildings/ Premises on Hiring/ Lease basis to DIAL for 5 years nearer to IGI Airport, New Delhi towards CSF Barracks Accommodation Setup purpose.

Interested parties may visit DIAL website: www.newdelhiairport.in/latest-tenders; for more details OR may directly write to: DIAL.Tenders@mgmgroup.in; within 07 days from the date of publication of this notice.

DIAL reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the EOI's with or without assigning any reasons whatsoever. Only the shortlisted parties meeting the internal evaluation criteria will be contacted by DIAL.

APPEAL FOR IDENTIFICATION

The general public is hereby informed that a unidentified person of about 56 years of age whose name, residence, and family is unknown, was found unconscious at Bankhandi Mandir Road, Near old delhi railway station, Delhi on dated 02.09.2024. The unidentified person was shifted to LNJP Hospital and died during treatment. In this regard, an information has been registered vide D.D. No. 105A, Dated. 02.09.2024 at P.S Kotwali, Delhi. Sincere efforts have been made by the local police to identify the deceased person, but no clue has come to light so far.

The description of the UIDB is as under:

Sex: Male, **Age:** 56 Years, **Height:** 5'8", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Wearing:** White colour Lungi. If anyone has any information about his relatives, kindly inform the SHO/ Kotwali, Delhi.

E-mail : cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638, 24368641
Fax : 011-24368639
DP/11868/N/2024

SHO
PS Kotwali, Delhi.
Ph. no. 9289815972

SEARCH FOR MISSING/KIDNAPPED

General public is hereby informed that a girl namely **Shivani**, D/o Ram Naresh Jha, R/o F-83, JJ Colony, Wazirpur, Delhi has been missing/kidnapped since 15.07.2024 at 04:00 AM from her home. In this regard **FIR No. 508/2024, U/s 137(2) BNS, Dated 02.08.2024** has been lodged at Police Station Bharat Nagar, Delhi. The description of missing/kidnapped girl is as under:

Name: Shivani, **Age:** 16 Years, **Height:** 4'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Built:** Normal, **Face:** Long, **Hair:** Long Black, **Eye:** Black, **Wearing:** Unknown.

If anyone has any information about this missing/ kidnapped girl please inform P.S. Bharat Nagar, Delhi.

Web: <http://cbi.nic.in> E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in
Ph.: 011-24368638/24368641, Fax: 011-24368639
SHO
Police Station Bharat Nagar, Delhi
DP/10866/NW/2024 Ph: 8750870222, 9818050256

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA (A Government of Karnataka Enterprises)

Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

TENDER NOTIFICATION NO - 02/2024-25 Dated: 09.09.2024.

The Executive Engineer, K.R. Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara, Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya Dist. on behalf of the Managing Director CNNL Bengaluru has invited tender through KPPP Portal www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in In the form of REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION format and the details are as here under,

S No	Name of work	Amount put to tender (Rs. in Crore)	Period for completion	RFQ doc. Fee (Rs. In lakhs)
1	Development and Operation / Maintenance of Proposed upgradation of Cauvery Brindavan Garden under PPP at Krishna Rajasagara Dam, Srirangapatana Taluk, Mandya District.	2615.96/-	Four and Half years for Construction. 30 Years of O/M.	2.60/-

RFQ document fee is to be paid in the form of DD, in favour of the undersigned office. Any further information or Clarification for the above said work can be obtained from the undersigned office during the office hours & from the above said website.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, K.R.Sagara Division, K.R.Sagara

NORTHERN RAILWAY CORRIGENDUM

Dy. CSTE/SPL, Northern Railway, Tilak Bridge, New Delhi-110002 acting for & on behalf of President of India invites E-tenders in Two Packet System from the experienced & established contractors having sufficient experience in similar work and satisfying minimum eligibility criteria for the under noted work:

Name of work	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of distributed type Electronic Interlocking at station yard, E-Frame Panel, Yard Cabin & Ground Frame A cabin etc. of Gaziabad Station of Delhi Division of Northern Railway.
Approx. Cost of the work	₹31,60,30,264.20 (Rs. Thirty one Crore Sixty Lakh Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Four and Twenty Paise Only)
Earnest Money/Bid Security (INR)	₹17,30,200/- (As on www.ireps.gov.in)
Completion period	12 Months from the date of issue of letter of Acceptance
Website address and Date and Time where tender available	www.ireps.gov.in
Closing Date	11:00 Hrs. on Previous date: Date 30.09.2024 and amendment date 04.10.2024 at 11:00 Hrs.
Date of Opening of Tender	11:30 Hrs. on Previous date: Date 30.09.2024 and amendment date 04.10.2024 at 11:30 Hrs.
Validity of offer	90 days from the date of opening of tender

(Tenders without earnest money will be summarily rejected)

Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date & time only. Bids are to be submitted online only. Manual bids/offers are not allowed against this tender, and any manual offer received shall be ignored.

The tenderer/s must be registered on the Indian Railway E-Procurement system (IREPS) site i.e. www.ireps.gov.in for participating in the e-tender system. Necessary changes, Corrigendum/addendum, if required, would be posted on this website only.

No. 256Sig-SPL-TKJ-231-EI-GZB Dated: 09.09.2024 2813/2024

SERVING CUSTOMERS WITH A SMILE

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OFFICE MAJALGAON, DIST. BEED 431131 Email- mmajalgaon@gmail.com

E-Tender Notice No.4/5 & 5/2024-25

Municipal Council Majalgaon Dist.Beed Invites Online tender for Road, Drain and other civil works under the scheme (1) Nagari Shanthik Swaraja Sanstha Parishetrat vishisht Nagari Seva & Suvidha Purnvive (2) Alpsankhyank vikas Scheme from experienced and appropriate contractors who fulfill all the terms and conditions. All the details, terms and conditions regarding this tender notice can be seen and downloaded as well as filed tender and may be uploaded from date10/09/2024 at 11:00 am to date 17/09/2024 at 4:00 pm on website <http://mahatenders.gov.in>

All interested contractors may kindly visit the website <http://mahatenders.gov.in> for further details and procedure, corrigendum if any or other information will be published on website only.

Chief Officer Municipal Council Majalgaon

INVITING EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES OF DIESEL LOCO SHED

Notice No.: Mech./DSL/Condemnation/2015/20 Vol-I Dated: 03-09-2024

The Principal Chief Electrical Engineer of Electrical Department, N.F. Railway invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from prospective purchasers for purchase of total 03 Nos. of WDM3A Diesel Locomotives (Loco No. 16588 & 16598) of Diesel Loco Shed Malda Town (MLDD) and (Loco No. 16580) of Diesel Loco Shed New Guwahati (NGCD) of N.F. Railway. These Locomotives are more than 30 years old and in running condition. Locomotives can be inspected at Diesel sheds, Malda Town (MLDD) and New Guwahati (NGCD). For any queries please contact Dy.CME/DSL/NFR on any working day (Monday - Friday) between 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM (Contact No. 9957550408). The responds may be submitted in an envelope super scribed "EOI FOR PURCHASING DIESEL LOCOMOTIVES IN RUNNING CONDITION" to the address mentioned below, latest by 19.09.2024. Proposal may also be sent by email to ssdsdmlg@gmail.com Office of the PCEE, N.F.Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011.

Address: Office of the PCEE, NF Railway, Maligaon, Guwahati-781011, Assam.

Dy. CME/D/HQ.

NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY
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ASSAM POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (A. Govt. of Assam Public Limited Company)

TENDER NOTICE No. 24/04

E-bids in two parts viz 1) Techno-Commercial Bids and 2) Price Bids, with validity up to 180 days are hereby invited from reputed Original Equipment Manufacturers for supply of 33/11 kV, 5 MVA and 10 MVA Transformers with associated accessories as per relevant IS/ IEC standards. Interested bidders may view the detailed Request for Proposal (RFP) on website www.assamtenders.gov.in as well as www.apdcl.org.

Description	Date & Time
Tender document publishing date	10.09.2024 from 15.00 hrs.
Pre-Bid Meeting	16.09.2024 at 12:00 hrs.
Bid Submission Start Date and Time	20.09.2024 from 10:00 hrs.
Bid Submission End Date and Time	04.10.2024 till 15.00 hrs.
Technical Bid Opening Date & Time	05.10.2024 at 15.00 hrs.

Sd/-, Chief General Manager (PP&D), APDCL

Please pay your energy bill on time and help us to serve you better!

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA Public Works Department

Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule-424001 E-TENDER NOTICE NO.19/2024-2025

Online Tenders (e-tender) in "B-1" form for the 07 (Seven) works are invited by the Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule, (Phone no. 02562-288763) on Government of Maharashtra Electronic Tender Management System, <http://mahatenders.gov.in> from any bidder who satisfy the qualifying criteria.

As per above tender notice, 07 (Seven) works, detail tender information will be available at <http://mahatenders.gov.in> and can be download from 10/09/2024 at 12:00 hrs. to 17/09/2024 at 17.45 hrs.

Prebid of Above works on 13/09/2024 Time 12.00 Hours in the office of the Chief Engineer P.W. Region, Nashik

Opening of above works On 19/09/2024 Time 11.00 Hours (If possible) in the office of the Superintending Engineer, P.W. Circle, Dhule

Sd/- Executive Engineer, P.W. (North) Division, Dhule

DGIPR/2024-2025/2767

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT PRASARAN NIGAM LIMITED NOTICE INVITING e-BIDS

SE(PROC.-J/NIB- 02/2024-25/BN- 9015002404/2406/2407

Online e-bids are invited from interested bidders for purchase of Hardware Clamps & Connectors for 220kV & 135kV Grid Sub-Station (BN-9015002404, UBN-VPN2425GLRC01317), 245 kV & 145 kV Capacitor Voltage Transformers (02 Class) (BN-9015002406, UBN- VPN2425GLRC01316) and ACSR Panther Conductor (BN-9015002407, UBN- VPN2425GLRC01319) up to 11:00 hrs. dated 09.09.2024.

The detailed NIB and Bid document /specification are available for viewing/downloading on the website <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in> Details of NIB are available on website energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvppn.

Any extension in bid submission/opening date (if any) will be floated/uploaded on <http://eproc.rajjasthan.gov.in>, <http://sppp.rajjasthan.gov.in> & energy.rajjasthan.gov.in/rvppn only.

Superintending Engineer (Proc-I), Jalpur
Raj.Samwad/C/24/4953 RRVPN/TR-6343/2024

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH RURAL WORK DEPARTMENT

E-PROCUREMENT PRESS NOTICE PRADHAN MANTRI GRAM SADAK YOJANA

NIT No: EE/RWD/SGL/NIT/PMGSY-III/2024-25, Dated 09.09.2024

The Executive Engineer, RWD, Sagalee Division, Distt. Papumpare on behalf of the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh invites item rate bids in electronic tendering system from approved and eligible Contractors registered with CPWD/APPWD/BRO/MES/Railways/Other State Government for PMGSY Road works in the District of Papumpare for 09 (Nine) No. Packages, Name of Work, Package no., Estimated Cost, Earnest Money & other particulars can be viewed in the SBD available for download from www.pmgsytendersarn.gov.in between 09.09.2024 (1600 hrs) to 24.09.2024 up to (1000 hrs).

Sd/- (Executive Engineer/DPIU) Rural Works Division, Sagalee

DIPR/ARN-000723

भारतीय खाद्य निगम FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

REGIONAL OFFICE, HARYANA BAY NO. 29-32, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA

E-TENDER NOTICE

Food Corporation of India, Haryana Region invites online tenders under "TWO BID SYSTEM" for construction of godowns under Asset Monetization policy of GOI in Haryana Region at 04 locations.

Detailed Tender Notice indicating Instructions, terms and conditions and critical dates can be seen at F.C.I. website (URL <http://fci.gov.in>) and Central Public Procurement Portal (URL <http://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app>) w.e.f. 07.09.2024

Manager (Stg.)

एकरीआई-सद्वृत्त को खाद्य सुरक्षा को सुनिश्चित करते हुए

e-Auction Notice for Leasing of SLR/LVPH

e-Auction Notice No. : LEASE-KGP-2024-17 Date : 09.09.2024

e-Auctions are invited by Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division for and on behalf of the President, Union of India for the following work : **Name of Work :** Leasing of SLR/LVPHs for a period of 02 (Two) years for transportation of parcels in the trains which are notified in the <https://www.ireps.gov.in/> website.

Category : Parcel. **Catalogue No. :** LEASE-KGP-2024-17. **Date of Auction :** 23.09.2024. **Auction Start Time :** 11.00 hrs. **Auction Closing Time :** 15.00 hrs.

Interested parties and contractors to take note of this and go through the website as mentioned above for details of the trains and related information about the e-Auction notice. For enquiries/ clarifications, if any, please contact the office of the undersigned.

Place : Kharagpur **Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Kharagpur**
Date : 09.09.2024

South Eastern Railway
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BANARAS LOCOMOTIVE WORKS, VARANASI- 221004

Tender Notice No. PCE/BLW(ET)/Publish/2024-25/11 Date:06.09.2024

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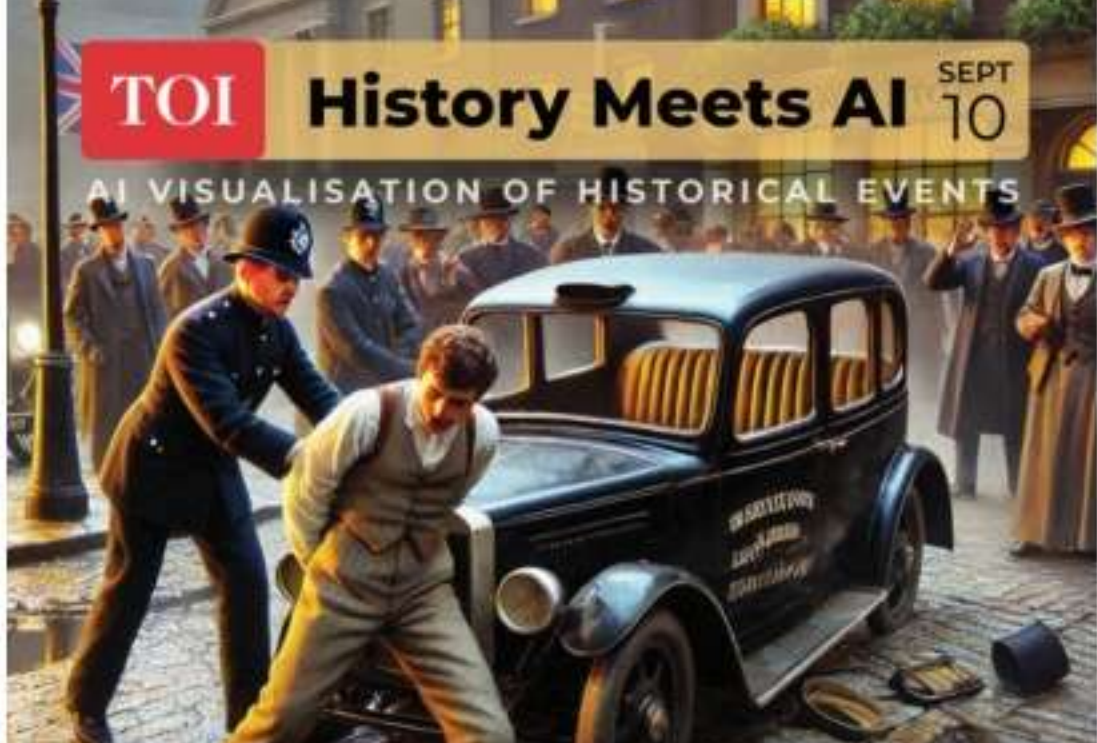
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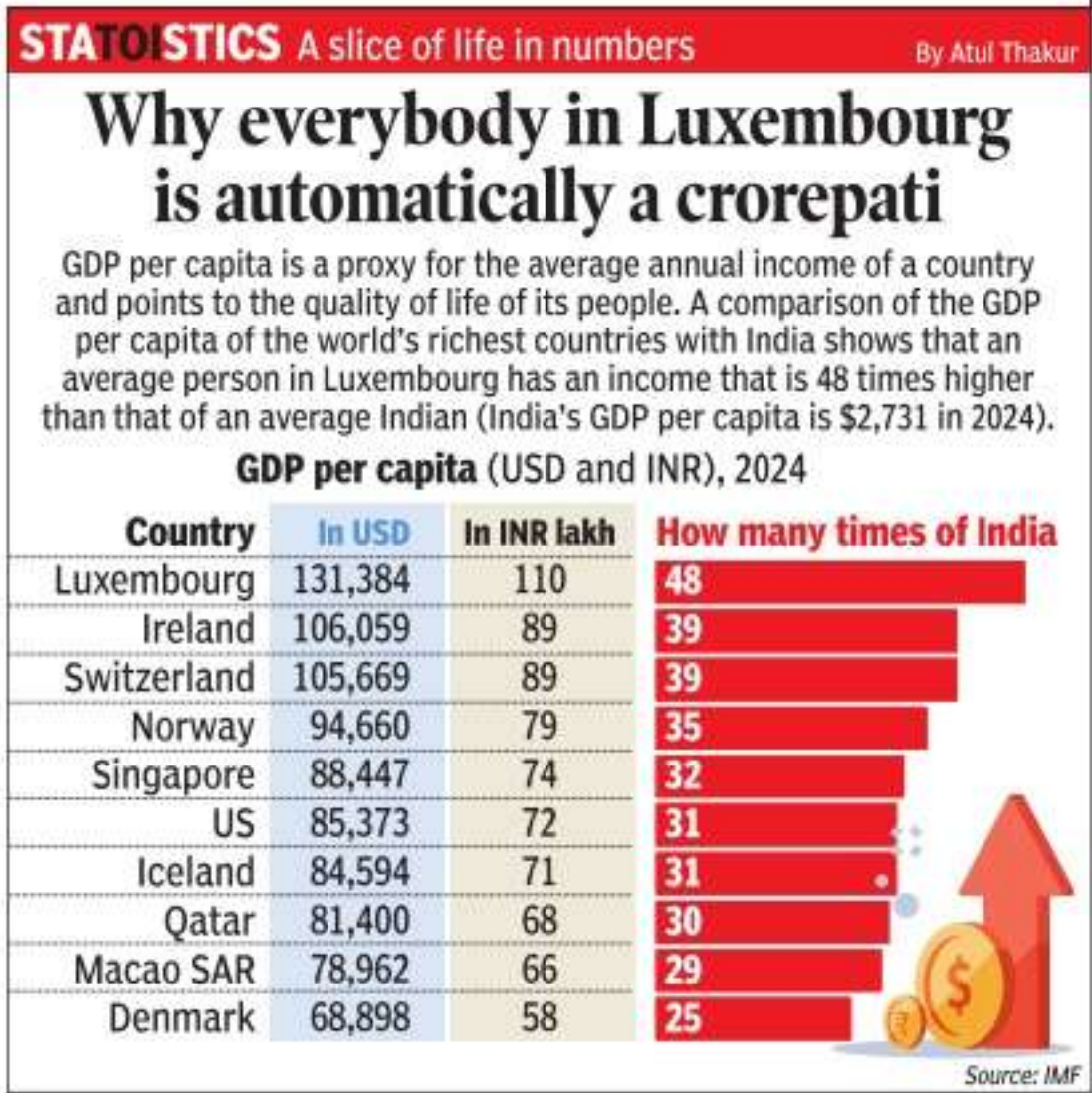
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Punjab ‘vulture restaurants’ down to 1

The efforts to conserve vultures in Punjab have proved ineffective as two of the three “vulture restaurants” have shut down and the remaining feeding station is unable to secure enough diclofenac-free healthy meat for the endangered species, reports **Yudhvir Rana**. “Vulture restaurants at Kathlore and Char-maur have already been closed. The one at Chandola is struggling to get healthy feed for vultures,” said Kartar Singh, a former member of Punjab forest and wildlife department. He said govt’s efforts to increase the vulture population was “half-hearted”.

The feeding stations, set up around 12 years ago, were meant to serve vultures from Jammu and Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh, but their arrivals are on the wane, observers claimed.

For want of funds, the department can’t buy carcasses or other healthy meat and relies on free supplies from forest rangers. “They keep an eye on dead animals and collect these from a contractor who is paid some amount per carcass,” said a source.



Russian army has released 15 Indians: RS MP

Chandigarh: Russia has decided to repatriate 15 Indian youths, including four Punjabis, after they were discharged by its army. They are likely to land in Delhi on Monday night, said Rajya Sabha MP Vikramjit Sahney.

“Of the total 91 Indians who landed up in the Russian army, 8 got killed, 15 are being repatriated now and the contracts of the remaining 69 are being invalidated, and we hope that they will also return very soon,” Sahney said. He thanked PM Modi for escalating this issue with President Vladimir Putin during his recent visit to Russia.

Several young men from parts of India were allegedly coerced into joining the Russian army after being “tricked” by travel agents, and were deployed on the front in the country’s war with Ukraine. TNN

SC: Person in custody can seek pre-arrest bail in any other case

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New Delhi: Settling a vexed issue that evoked different rulings from HCs, Supreme Court Monday adjudged that a person already arrested and in custody in connection with an offence is entitled to seek anticipatory bail if he feared that police may arrest him in another offence.

A bench of CJI D.Y. Chandrachud and Justices J.B. Pardiwala and Manoj Misra said given the state of affairs on the ground, police may book an accused, already in custody for an offence, in another case and arrest him immediately in that case if he is released on bail in the first case. “There is no express or implied restriction in the criminal procedure code or in any other statute that pro-

hibits the court of session or the high court from entertaining and deciding an anticipatory bail application in relation to an offence, while the applicant is in custody in relation to a different offence,” the bench said.

Writing the 74-page judgment, Justice Pardiwala said, “When procedural law doesn’t preclude the investigating agency from arresting a person in relation to a different offence while he is already under custody in some previous offence, the accused too cannot be precluded of his statutory right to apply for anticipatory bail only on the ground that he is in custody in relation to a different offence.”

Once an accused, who is in custody, is granted anticipatory bail by the court in a subsequent offence, the police cannot seek his remand for interrogation in the second offence, the bench said.

HCs of Rajasthan, Delhi and UP (Allahabad) had taken a view that an anticipatory bail application would not be maintainable if the accused is already arrested and is in custody in connection with some other offence. Bombay and Orissa HCs, however, had taken a contrary view. The pre-arrest bail provision was introduced in 1973 in the criminal procedure code.

The bench said if an accused, already under custody for an offence, is granted pre-arrest bail in a different offence, then police cannot take him in custody for production before the trial court in the second case.

20 yrs on, Bastar schools overcome Red fear, reopen

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Raipur: As many as 41 schools that were closed by bullets and bombs of the Maoist insurgency in Bastar two decades ago, now echo to chants of children learning the alphabet and tables. These schools have reopened for primary students in the past few months in Bastar division.

In Bijapur district, one of the worst hit by insurgency, 34 schools have been born again, while five have reopened in Sukma’s Korta region and two in Narayanpur. Most of these schools were closed under pressure of Maoist violence in 2005-2006. At least 532 stu-



FRESH START: Over 530 students have enrolled, half of them girls

dents have enrolled, half of them girls, an education department official told TOI.

One school is in Mudvendi village, a remote forest hamlet in Bijapur, where two children died in Maoist IED blasts in May and July. For now, it’s a

tin and bamboo shed, but the administration will upgrade it soon. “What’s important is children are coming back,” said an official. Prior to this, if parents wanted their children to study, it meant sending them to far-off places as board-

ers in porta-cabin schools.

“With the beginning of the academic session, schools that closed down years ago in remote parts of Bastar due to Naxal violence have come back to life. We are trying to make them better by implementing features of NEP. In subsequent academic sessions, we will open more schools in Left-Wing-Extremism areas that have roads,” school education secretary Siddharth Komal Pardeshi told TOI. There’s a dearth of teachers since these are hard-to-reach areas, so the education department has appointed ‘shikshadoots’ — unemployed educated youths, who are paid an honorarium to teach children the basics.

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In solidarity with Gulf allies, India calls for Gaza truce

Civilian Deaths Painful: EAM At GCC Meet

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An Israeli artist works on a graffiti in Tel Aviv depicting six of the Israeli hostages kidnapped by Hamas during the Oct 7 attack

foremost concern.

The remarks are the latest in a series of public reiteration by India in recent times of support for Gaza ceasefire, in a sign of solidarity with important Gulf partners, as the conflict shows no sign of abating even after 12 months. PM Narendra Modi’s conversation with his Israeli counterpart Benjamin Netanyahu last month saw him calling for ceasefire along with immediate release of hostages. Foreign secretary Vikram Misri sought the same in a meeting with senior Israeli officials

late last month.

Jaishankar also said that in a world polarised by conflict and tension, India and the GCC shared a commitment to global peace, security, and stability.

He reiterated India’s support for a resolution of the Palestinian issue through a two-State solution. “We have also contributed to the building of Palestinian institutions and capacities. Where the humanitarian situation is concerned, we have provided relief and increased our support to UNRWA,” said the minister.

NIA: B'luru cafe bombers planned attack on BJP office on day of Ayodhya event but failed

Times News Network

New Delhi: NIA on Monday filed a chargesheet against four accused in Bengaluru’s Rameshwaram Cafe blast case and revealed how the IS-influenced conspirators had earlier plotted other attacks, including a failed one at the Karnataka BJP office in Malleshwaram on the day of ‘pran pratishtha’ ceremony in Ayodhya.

Those named in the chargesheet include Mussavir Hussain Shazib, who had planted bomb at the cafe on March 1. The explosion had injured nine people and caused damage to the cafe. Others chargesheeted on Monday are Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taaha, Maaz Muneer Ahmed and Muzammil Shareef. The accused are now in judicial custody.

Others chargesheeted are Abdul Matheen Ahmed Taaha, Maaz Muneer Ahmed and Muzammil Shareef. NIA, which started investigating the Cafe blast case on March 3, conducted several technical and field probes in coordination with various state police forces and other agencies. The investigations found that Shazib, along with Taaha, was absconding since 2020 after the Al-Hind IS module was busted. Extensive searches by NIA had led to arrest of the accused from their hideout in West Bengal 42 days after the cafe explosion.

Shazib and Taaha, both hailing from Shivamogga, district of Karnataka, were indoctrinated and influenced by IS’s violent ideology and had earlier conspired to perform ‘hijra’ (religious visit) to IS territories in Syria. They were actively involved in radicalising other Muslim youth with IS propaganda, including the other two chargesheeted accused, Ahmed and Shareef.

Shazib and Taaha had used fraudulently-obtained Indian SIM cards and opened Indian bank accounts in fake names, using various Indian and Bangladeshi identity documents downloaded from dark web. Investigations further found that Taaha had been introduced by an ex-convict, Shoaib Ahmed Mirza, to his future handler Mohammed Shaheed Faisal, who is also an absconder in the LeT Bengaluru conspiracy case.

Maha BJP chief son’s Audi runs amok, triggers pile-up, 2 hurt

Registration Number Of Car, Owner’s Name Not In FIR

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Nagpur: An Audi Q8 owned by Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekar Bawankule’s son Sanket zoomed out of an upscale pub at 12.30am Monday, rammed three cars and a scooter, triggering a pile-up in Ramdaspath, in the heart of Nagpur, before crashing into another vehicle 6km away at Mankapur, where the occupants of the car were dragged out by a mob.

Two persons were injured in the accident. Police said Arjun Haore, an engineer who was driving the car, and his businessman friend Ronit Chinthamwar, were arrested.

CCTV footage revealed the Audi driver took off from the bar at Dharampath and drove at a breakneck speed for 2km, before crashing into a car and hitting several other vehicles in succession.

Subsequently, the car accelerated and rammed another car on Mankapur flyover, a few km away. The deafening noise of the crash drew the attention of Ganesha Mandal devotees, who along with the injured victims chased the car and intercepted it. The duo was nabbed and thrashed, bundled into another vehicle and driven away to Timki, 6km from Mankapur.

Cops from Tehsil police station reached Timki to rescue them and drove them to hospital for a check-up.

Senior inspector Chandrashekhar Chakate, however, said the accident was merely a “kirkol ghatna” (trivial incident).



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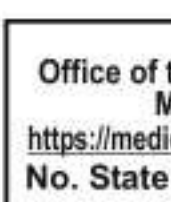
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Date	10 th September 2024	
Project No and Title	53264-IND Maharashtra Agribusiness Network Project	
Contract No.	Title (Name of the Work)	Estimated Cost. (INR in Lakhs)
CW8	Erection of Chili Processing Facility Centre at Bharadi, Taluka Silod, District Chatrapati Sambhajnagar	1109.14

Deadline for submission of Bids (e Tender) :- 02nd October 2024, 15.00 hrs, Indian standard time (IST)

Open Competitive Bidding (OCB) will be conducted in accordance with ADB’s Single Stage: Two Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in this Bidding Document. For details please visit www.msamb.com and <http://mahatenders.gov.in>.

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Contractual Scientist II 4 (Four) Posts Rs. 1,20,000	i) Qualifications & Experience Essential: a) 1st Class (60%) BE / ME or equivalent in (Metallurgy / Chemical / Mechanical / Material Science) b) 4 years relevant experience in Non-ferrous metal recycling industry. Desirable: a) Candidates must have good communication skills and good MS office skills d) Experience of Consultancy, marketing and promotion in Non-ferrous Metal Sector ii) Age limit: Maximum 45 years
Contractual Scientist I 1 (One) Post Rs. 1,00,000	i) Qualifications & Experience Essential: a) 1st Class (60%) BE / ME or equivalent in (CSE/IT) b) 2 years relevant experience in IT industry. Desirable: a) Candidates having work experience of at least 1 year in Non-ferrous Metal Recycling Industry d) Candidates must have good communication skills e) Work Experience of (development and maintenance of website / Network ii) Age limit: Maximum - 35 years
Contractual Scientific Assistant - II 4 (Four) Posts Rs. 60,000	i) Qualifications & Experience Essential: a) Graduate in Engineering / Science (Physics + Chemistry) with min. 55% Desirable: a) Relevant experience in operating and maintaining sophisticated equipment like spark-OES / SEM / Furnaces / Mechanical Testing / Metallography b) Candidates must have good communication skills & good MS office skills. ii) Age limit: Maximum-30 years
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E-Tender Notice No. 79 of 2024-2025
Corrigendum No-02

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All details can be viewed and downloaded online directly from the Government of Maharashtra e-Tendering Portal <https://mahatenders.gov.in> or sub Portal of public works Department also on www.mahapwd.com portal as per online tender Schedules.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer,

According to the FIR, "At 8.37 pm Sunday, loco pilots of Kalindi Express informed railway control room that the train's loco engine had hit a gas cylinder. Following this, at 9.10 pm, railway staff reached the location and inspected the area around the track. The staff found a petrol-filled glass bottle with a wick lying beside the track, and a white bag." "There were drag marks of gas cylinder which was found lying on the right side of the track. The spot scene suggested a possible sabotage attempt to derail the train by an unknown person," read the FIR.

According to authorities, prior to the Kalindi Express, Kasganj-Kanpur Anwarganj passenger train had left Barrajpur at 5.38 pm. On Monday, ATS inspector-general Neelajha Chaudhary and a team of experts inspected the track between Barrajpur and Utripura. Chaudhary said, "The forensic team is examining the case from different angles." Kanpur ACP (law and order) Harish Chander confirmed to **TOI** that the LPG cylinder had gas in it. "It could have been fatal had it blown up," he said.

Meanwhile, Kanpur ACP Ajay Kumar, said more than 12 suspects have been taken into custody, and footage from CCTV cameras is being scanned. "At the incident spot, a rubber pad and pandrol clips (used to fasten the rail with concrete sleepers) were found lying near the tracks as well," an officer added.

(With inputs from Lucknow)

Several held in
Guj after stone
pelting at idol &
protest at thana

Surat: Surat city police arrested on Monday 27 people for allegedly protesting outside Saiyedpura police chowky and pelting stones on Sunday night. They were demanding the release of six boys who had been detained for allegedly throwing stones at a Ganesha idol in a pandal in the area.

Three FIRs were filed at Lal Gate police station for stone-pelting by the minors, the protests and stone-pelting by a mob, and burning of vehicles near Katargam Darwaja. Arrests are yet to be made for the arson.

At about 8 pm on Sunday some children sitting in an autorickshaw had allegedly pelted stones at the Ganesha idol in the pandal. They were held by local residents and handed over to police. The autorickshaw driver fled but was later called in for questioning by police. The minors' parents were also called for questioning.

"We are investigating multiple angles regarding the involvement of the teenagers. Meanwhile, we identified a few individuals pelting stones from rooftops or balconies. They have been arrested," a police officer said.

After the minors were detained, a group of local residents from their community started gathering outside Saiyedpura police chowky demanding the boys' release. After a while a group from another community started gathering nearby. The two groups then pelted stones at each other and some police personnel suffered minor injuries. Additional forces were called in as communal tension rose.

City police commissioner Anupam Singh Gahlaut arrived at the spot with senior officers. Police fired multiple tear gas shells and lathi-charged the crowd to disperse it.

Later, some people set fire to a few vehicles at Katargam Darwaja. "Those involved in setting fire to the vehicles are still at large. The 27 accused and detained minors will be produced in separate courts on Tuesday," a police officer said. **TNN**

Bengal's name being tarnished, it's
time to end stir now, says Mamata



People protest the RG Kar rape-murder in Brussels on Monday

**Dwaipayan Ghosh
& Debashis Konar | TNN**

Kolkata: Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee invoked the state's Durga Puja economy on Monday while urging people to "return to festivities" after a month of protests over the RG Kar hospital rape-murder, saying livelihoods had already taken a hit because of "political opportunists trying to replicate the Bangladesh unrest".

"Bengal's reputation is being tarnished... People who have studied and grown up here are now spreading misinformation after moving away..." she said after the govt's first administrative review since the crime.

The CM said it was now time for the agitation to end and CBI to "expedite the judicial process". She also said, "Staying out on the streets every night causes problems for others. There are many elderly people; loudspeakers disturb their sleep. There are regulations governing the use of microphones after 10pm, but we have ignored everything. It's been a month now."

Mamata said a social media campaign urging people not to celebrate Durga Puja reflected how the outrage over the Aug 9 rape-murder was being allegedly misused by some. "Livelihoods hinge on how the festival season goes," she said.

The CM also spoke up for Kolkata Police, saying the force had "managed" law and order with restraint. "They have been beaten and bloodied, but have not done the same to others."

2017 report on molest
charge against
'Ghosh' goes viral

A 2017 report published by the Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post about an Indian orthopaedic surgeon identified as Sandip Ghosh being accused of inappropriately touching a male student nurse there went viral on Monday.

It is unclear if the report was referring to RG Kar hospital's ex-principal. The West Bengal Orthopaedic Association said it was "looking into the report". Some members said they knew of Ghosh facing a "legal issue" during one of his trips abroad.

The surgeon allegedly patted the complainant's hip and tried to touch his private parts, the report said. He then allegedly asked the nurse, "Do you like it?" The report said that the doctor attributed the complaint to a misunderstanding, saying he touched the nurse's hip by accident. **TNN**

Mamata said city police commissioner Vineet Goyal, whose resignation many have been demanding, met her a week ago and said he wanted to quit. She said letting him go was not an option at this stage for administrative reasons as "the festival (Durga Puja) is approaching (Oct 9-13)". She added, "Why not show some patience for a few days? Do you decide on everyone who needs to be changed? You can make 10 demands. I may fulfil them. But I may not fulfil five others."

SC gives docs till 5pm to
end stir, allows WB govt
to take action otherwise

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New Delhi: Supreme Court on Monday instructed West Bengal govt resident doctors who have been agitating since the Aug 9 RG Kar Hospital incident to resume duties by Tuesday evening or face possible disciplinary action from the state.

"If you resume work by Tuesday 5 pm, no adverse disciplinary action will be taken by govt. However, you cannot say that you won't work. You must return to work and if you do not, then it is open for the govt to initiate disciplinary action against you. Resident doctors cannot be oblivious to the needs of the general community whom they are intended to serve," it said.

The ultimatum was issued by a bench of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra after senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Astha Sharma submitted a report from the West Bengal health department claiming that 23 patients had died due to non-availability of resident doctors and that six lakh patients were suffering.

Sibal said the 28-day-long strike by an estimated 28,000 resident doctors across the state has resulted in postponement of hundreds of cardiac surgeries and stenting operations. "The healthcare system may collapse if the agitation continues any further," he said. Senior advocates Geeta Luthra and Karuna Nundy, appearing for the doctors, said the medics felt insecure inside the campus as "there are several miscreants inside hospitals" and appealed to the SC to ensure safety and security of doctors.

The bench asked Bengal govt to specify the steps it has taken to instill a sense of security in govt hospitals and said the dis-

Talk of monetary offer
a conspiracy, says CM;
doctor's parents claim
Mamata is lying

The family of the junior doctor found raped and murdered at RG Kar hospital wondered Monday if they should have "recorded a video of us being offered money", taking offence to chief minister Mamata Banerjee demanding "proof" of her making any such move, report **Sanjib Chakraborty & Dwaipayan Ghosh**.

"The CM said we were lying... It is the CM who is making a false accusation. She had said we would receive some money and suggested that we create something in memory of our daughter. I replied that we would come and collect it from her office once our daughter received justice," the victim's mother said, soon after Mamata dismissed talk of a monetary offer as "lies, slander, misinformation, and a conspiracy". In her rebuttal of CM Mamata's statement, the junior doctor's mother said the DC (North) of Kolkata Police, too, had offered compensation after her daughter's body reached their home on the evening of Aug 9.

A **TOI** report on Aug 16, coinciding with widespread protests over the rape-murder, quoted the victim's father as saying he had declined monetary assistance as "it will hurt my daughter if I accept compensation for her death". The victim's mother said Mamata's call on Monday for protests to end and a "return to festivities" amounted to "trying to strangle the movement for justice".

strict collectors and superintendents of police concerned must deliberate with the heads of the hospitals to take appropriate measures in this regard.

Docs say 'disheartened' by SC order to end
stir but postpone decision on withdrawal

Junior doctors protesting the Aug 9 RG Kar hospital rape-murder intend to continue their agitation at least until 5pm Tuesday. SC's deadline for them to resume work or face possible action, and decide what to do next based on "the ground situation and the state's moves".

Doctors' associations said they were "disheartened" by the SC's stand. A general body meeting of the West Bengal

Junior Doctors' Front postponed taking a decision on whether to call off the strike or defy SC's directive. Doctors' groups said they were watching the emerging situation with a sense of unease. "It is shocking that junior doctors are being portrayed as responsible for deaths. It is totally false as the movement has not hampered hospital services," IMA (West Bengal) said. **TNN**



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Signboards bar 'outsiders' in Kedar valley, DGP orders probe

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Dehradun: Uttarakhand director general of police (DGP), Abhinav Kumar, ordered a probe on Monday following reports of villages — like Nyalsu, Shersi, Rampur Fata and Ravigram — in Kedar valley of Rudrapur district putting up boards barring entry of 'outsiders'.

Initially, the boards stated that 'non-Muslims, Rohingyas Muslims and hawkers' should not be allowed in the villages, but they were changed to 'outsiders' on Saturday after police started removing them.

DGP Kumar told **TOI**: "After the incident came to our knowledge a couple of days ago, I directed SP Rudrapur, to probe the matter. If villagers are concerned regarding safety or security in their villages, they should



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raise it with authorities concerned. If they are taking any action on their own in that regard, it should not be biased. Local police have been asked to discuss the matter with villagers and resolve the matter amicably as per the law."

The state's top cop also said police will look into rights of gram sabhas in restricting movement of people in villages. "Ensuring law and order is our main concern. However, safety and security of small settlements and villages in the hills are also among our top priorities," said Kumar.

Pramod Singh, a village head of Rampur Fata, one such place where the boards had been put up, claimed the boards were to "ensure the safety and security of women and children at home as most of our men go to Kedarnath during the yatra season to work".

He added: "They return only once the season concludes. During that period, women and children in villages are vulnerable to crime. Nowadays, many unidentified hawkers enter the village to sell their items. The motive behind the boards is to ensure their proper verification is done from their hometown as well as local police here."

Goa gov: Christian population has come down from
36% to 25% while Muslims' has risen from 3% to 12%

Kochi: Goa governor P S Sreedharan Pillai has stoked a controversy with remarks on the decline of Christian population in the coastal state.

Pillai said at an event in Ernakulam on Saturday that when he met a senior clergyman, he asked why Christian population in Goa had come down to 25% from 36%. He also said that at the same time, the numbers of those who follow Islam rose from 3% to 12%. He mentioned that he told a senior clergy to carry out a study on the matter.

Pillai clarified his statement at an

other event on Sunday, saying that he was not speaking about any religion based on population ratio. He said he was only pointing out that at the time of Goa's liberation, there were close to 35% Christians in the state. He added that he read an article that this has come down to 26% and could be even lower.

"People there come to meet me, religious leaders like bishops. So, I told them about this. Another religion, it is said, grew to 10-12%... so what exactly is the truth and why it happened? One reason I see is brain drain," he said. **TNN**

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CORRIGENDUM-5

Development Support Agency of Gujarat (D-SAG) invites e-tender from intending bidders for "Selection of a Design and Project Management Consultant (DPMC) for Museum, Curation and Allied Works of National Tribal Freedom Fighters Museum at Garudeshwar, Rajpipla, Narmada District". The tender for the same was published on Dated.01.08.2024. Regarding the same a Pre Bid Meeting was held on 12/08/2024 and Dt.17/08/2024 respectively. Further Bid Submission schedule for the same is revised which is as below.

Important Dates:

Last date of Online Document submission	Dt. 23/09/2024 up to 03.00 PM.
Last date of Physical Document submission	Dt.23/09/2024 up to 03:00 PM.
Date of Technical Bid Opening	Dt.23/09/2024 at 04:00 PM.

Interested bidders are requested to refer the corrigendum and requested to refer the revised schedule as above. More details can be obtained from the office of Chief Executive officer, Development Support Agency of Gujarat, 3rd Floor, Birsu Munda Bhavan, Gandhinagar, Gujarat - 382010. Phone: (079) 23252257 Email: ceo-dsag@gujarat.gov.in

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TENDER NOTICE

Advtt. No. _____ **Date :- 09.09.2024**
Chief Executive Officer, Maharashtra Medical Goods Procurement Authority, Mumbai invites tender in two Envelope system from the eligible bidders for the following items for purchase of medicines.

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Name of Item(s)	Prebid Meeting	Period of sale, download & submission of bid	Bid Opening
1.	E-145	HWC Tender Group B	Dt. 12.09.2024 At 2.00 PM.	Dt.06-09-2024 at 02:00 PM to Dt. 27-09-2024 Upto At 02.00 PM.	Dt. 30-09-2024 at 02:30 hrs.
2	E-146	Table Top Centrifuge with 12 Tubes and Stabilizer, Refrigerator 400 Liters), Refrigerator (250 Liters)	Dt. 12.09.2024 At 02.00 Noon.		

1. For detailed information, the interested bidders may visit the website <https://mahatenders.gov.in>.

2.The Chief Executive Officer reserves the right to increase or decrease the quantity to be purchased and also reserves the right to cancel all the tenders without giving any reason to. **For e-tendering help/ information, please contact.**

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Sealed Tender are hereby invited by the Govt. of Bihar from eligible NSOP holder operator under DGCA, India, for hiring of one **Twin Engine Helicopter on wet lease** of minimum 06 seating capacity for a period of 03 Month for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and entire Territory of India.

THE DESIRED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HELICOPTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

- The age of the helicopter should not be more than 20 years from the date of manufacture.
- The helicopter should be twin engine certified vide FAR 29 or CS 29 certification standards with helicopter and Engines duly approved by DGCA for operating (VFR & IFR) by both, Day and Night.
- Maximum AUW below 5700Kg
- Category A performance capability.
- Dual flight control with Auto Pilot.
- CVR/DFDR, EGPWS, ADSB (Desired) and other essential equipment installed as required by the DGCA vide various Rules/CARs/ Guiding Circulars.
- Should be able to fly Minimum Range 300 NM in one refuelling with AUW of 6+2 seating configuration.
- Should be Fully air conditioned.
- Average cruising speed should not be below 130 knots.
- Helicopter should be in VVIP/VIP seating configuration.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The helicopter shall be placed at Patna on or before 20.09. 2024.
- One in number Twin Engine helicopter having minimum 06 passengers seating capacity for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and all airports in India initially for a period of 03 Months. It can be extended on same terms and conditions for another 03 month on satisfactory performance. Approximate utilization of flying hours will be 75 hrs in three month (i.e. 25 hrs per month).
- Bidder has to deposit Bid Bond (Earnest Money) of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand Rupees) in the form of Bank Draft payable to Bihar Flying Inst. C.A. Department, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Patna.
- The successful Bidder shall furnish Performance Guarantee after getting Letter of Intent, in the form of Bank Draft or Bank guarantee from the Nationalized Bank or Scheduled Bank in India for a sum equivalent to 5% of the total tender value for a period of 03 months drawn in favour of Bihar Flying Inst. C.A. Department, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Patna.
- Quoted rate should be fixed and firm (As per Govt. rule no advance payment will be made) for the helicopter i.e.
 - Fixed monthly charge at Rs. only per month.
 - Flying hourly charge for hours actually flown at Rs. only per flying hours.
- Mobilization and demobilization charge (Lump-sum) for the first induction of the helicopter at state harbor, Patna Airport at the beginning of the contract and withdrawal of the helicopter after expiry of the contract at Rs. Nil.
- No other miscellaneous charges should be payable i.e. ground handling, landing Parking and accommodation, Transportation of Pilot, Engineer etc.
- Interested and qualified agencies are requested to submit their tender along with requisite documents relating to desired specifications of the helicopter through Speed Post /Registered Post/ Courier/ By hand latest by **5:00 pm on 11.09.2024** and sealed and subscribed as **"Tender for Hiring of One twin engine helicopter on wet-lease"**. The posts are to be addressed to The Director, Directorate of Aviation, Patna Airport, Patna (Bihar) 800014 Bihar.

However, if the quotation found incomplete, not supported by requisite Bid Bond and/or required documents or deficient of any technical parameters as specified in the Detailed Tender Documents, their Quotation shall not be valid and same will be returned to the bidder.

- The bidder shall be allowed to ground the helicopter for maintenance if required @ 04 days per month during the term of this agreement. In the event of grounding of operating helicopter for scheduled/routine inspection/maintenance or Technical snag or whatsoever, for excess days of grounding beyond permissible ground time of 04 days in a month, if the bidder fails to provide backup helicopter of the same type, a penalty of 1/15th of the fixed monthly charge per day shall be imposed and the amount so calculated shall be deducted from the fixed monthly charge bill or hourly flying charged bill of that month or of subsequent month. In the case if replacement of helicopter is not of similar type and standard only 75% of original charge will be paid for 10 days, thereafter 60% till 30 days and 50% charge will be paid after 30 days. Replaced helicopter should be acceptable to the government of Bihar.
- The evaluation of Bids will be done on the basis of quoted fixed monthly charge and flying hourly charge for hours actually flown. **For the purpose of evaluation only the bid shall be calculated on the basis of monthly fixed charges + flying charges for 25 hours.**
- For any technical query fee free to contact The Accountable Manager, Directorate of Aviation, Govt. of Bihar (Mobile-9661341494) or on e-mail i.e. cadbihar@bihar.gov.in.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt. of Bihar reserves the right to reject any or all the bids offer without assigning any reasons therefor.
- In case of any dispute, the place of settlement will be within the Jurisdiction of High Court at Patna.
- The detailed information of published tender notice of hiring of Twin engine helicopter can also be downloaded from the website <http://state.bihar.gov.in/csd>

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

Sd/-
Director
Directorate of Aviation

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Just 27 mins of RG Kar CCTV data given to us, CBI tells SC

At Least 14-Hr Delay In Filing Of FIR, Says SC

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New Delhi: Solicitor general Tushar Mehta, appearing for CBI in SC in RG Kar rape-murder, said Kolkata Police had not handed over to the central agency the report of the cops detailing the state of the victim's body and clothes as found in the crime scene.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Astha Sharma, for West Bengal, conceded that files of Kolkata Police brought by their officers did not contain this document. "The chief judicial magistrate filled the form himself and gave it to the doctor," Sibal said.

The CJ asked, "How can a postmortem be carried out without this document?" Justice Pardiwala said, "The constable who takes the body for postmortem is bound to carry this document. It has been struck blank. You need to explain. If this document is found missing, then something is vitally wrong."

He said, "This document is crucial (to investigation) and of vital importance as it would have recorded the clothes and garments worn



A candlelight protest at Indian Coffee House by its patrons in Kolkata on Monday against the RG Kar hospital rape-murder

by the victim at the time of crime with which the body was sent for postmortem. It is impossible for the doctor, who conducts postmortem, to accept the body without this document," Sibal said the state will file an affidavit giving details on this.

The counsel, who first drew the court's attention to this missing document, informed the bench that this paper was part of the CD that was handed over to the HC. The SG said the possibility of some documents being generated subsequently could not be ruled out.

The CJ also asked whether CBI had been handed over the entire CCTV footage, starting from the time the victim entered the seminar hall for rest, and containing entry and exit of the accused from the crime scene and discovery of the body? The SG said,

"What is shared with CBI is four video clips of CCTV footage totalling just 27 minutes between 5.06pm to 10.45pm."

Senior advocate Geeta Luthra alleged vandals who went on a rampage inside RG Kar hospital disturbed the crime scene. Another counsel said the wash basin and tiles on the walls of the toilet next to the crime scene had been completely replaced, obliterating every possible evidence that could have been picked by forensic experts.

Senior advocate Mahesh Jethmalani said despite lapse of time, there was no clarity on how the crime happened and the site of the crime. The CJ-led bench said, "There is some clarity about when the body was discovered and there is some clarity about movement around the room where the woman doctor was resting in the night," Jethma-

lani said the person who discovered the body should have registered the FIR, but the delay started from there.

The court raised questions about timing of registration of 'unnatural death report' and other documents relating to the crime and asked CBI to investigate these. "But one thing is loud and clear; there has been at least a 14-hour delay in registration of FIR, which was done at 11.30pm after the body was cremated," the bench said.

The SG drew the court's attention to the report of forensic science laboratory Kolkata on the incident and said, "There is something serious. CBI has taken a decision to send the samples for fresh forensic examination by AIIMS and FSLs in other states. Who took the samples is important. In a rape-murder case, the first five hours of the crime scene are of vital importance. CBI was handed over the probe after five days. The delay is posing serious challenges."

After perusing CBI probe status report, the CJ-led bench said, "CBI appears to have certain leads. We have understood the line of investigation but do not want to discuss it in open court. CBI should file a fresh status report by Sept 16 indicating progress achieved on those leads." It posted further hearing on Sep 17.

Shah: Hindi will be made a friend to local languages

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Home minister Amit Shah on Monday said Modi govt is working to ensure that by 2047, all govt systems in country operated in Indian languages and Hindi will be made a friend to local languages.



Shah, who was unanimously re-elected chairperson of parliamentary committee on official language, said while promotion of Hindi had been objective of govt since independence, the pursuit underwent a change since 2014 under Modi govt which has, following the approach of KM Munshi and N G Iyengar, veterans of the freedom struggle who played a key role in framing of the Constitution, resolved that Hindi needed to grow in cooperation and not competition with other Indian languages.

tinuously endeavoured that Hindi becomes a friend of all local languages and it does not compete with anyone. We should take care that speakers of no regional language is made to feel inferior and Hindi is gradually accepted as the language of work with consensus and agreement," Shah said.

He said after 75 years of independence, it is important that the country is governed in its language and that govt has made efforts in this regard. "We created a Shabd-kosh, and, in collaboration with education department, added thousands of words from local languages to Hindi. There were many words whose synonyms were not available in Hindi, but by accepting many words from other languages, we enriched Hindi, made it flexible, and strengthened its relationship with that language," he said.

Pradhan, Stalin in war of words over oppn to NEP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan Monday criticised Tamil Nadu CM M K Stalin for allegedly attempting to create divisions among states regarding implementation of new National Education Policy (NEP).

Pradhan's remarks came in response to Stalin's claim that central govt is withholding funds under Samagra Shiksha Scheme from best performing states for their refusal to adopt NEP.

In a statement posted on X, the Union education minister acknowledged the benefits of healthy competition among states in a democracy but cautioned against "pitting states against each other to make a point".

Pradhan challenged Stalin on the state's "principled" opposition to NEP, posing a series of questions:

"Are you opposing education in mother tongue including Tamil? Are you opposing conduct of exams in Indian languages including Tamil? Are you opposing creation of textbooks and content in Indian languages including Tamil? Are you opposed to holistic, multi-disciplinary, equitable, futuristic and inclusive framework of NEP?"

Earlier, the Tamil Nadu CM had shared a news report on X, highlighting reduction of Samagra Shiksha funds by Centre for states that have refused to implement NEP. Stalin questioned Centre's approach to promoting quality education and equity, stating, "Denying funds to best-performing states for refusing to bow to #NEP, while generously rewarding those who are not delivering on the objectives—Is this how Union BJP govt plans to promote quality education and equity?"

GST break for research grants in edu institutions

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New Delhi: The GST Council, led by finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman, on Monday announced tax exemption for research funding for higher educational institutions and research centres established under central or state laws, as well as institutions that enjoy income tax exemption.

At the meeting, Centre proposed the change, which states accepted with Bengal being the first to concur with the move. The decision was prompted by PM Modi, who questioned notices sent to seven institutions on research grants, in light of govt's efforts to boost R&D by allocating funds for research through Budget and creation of National Research Foundation, Sitharaman told reporters after the meeting.

Sitharaman said irrespective of whether the funding is

E-invoicing to let foreign tourists who buy goods in India claim GST refunds

GST Council on Monday took the first step towards providing tax refund to foreign tourists who purchase goods in India to take them back home, a facility available in several countries. The proposal to introduce B2C e-invoicing, currently on a voluntary basis, will help in the process, revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said. "Foreign tourists when they buy goods and take it back with them, it's an export of those goods. With this, customs authorities at the airport will be able to verify that the goods were bought here and will be eligible for a refund. It will also help in reducing tax evasion." The main objective is, however, meant to help consumers verify the invoices, a move aimed at ushering in transparency and checking evasion. **TNN**

from private or public sources, there will be no GST irrespective of the arrangement. "Research funding may eventually lead to development of patents or climate-resistant seed varieties, and therefore, it should not bear GST burden," she said.

Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said the tax claim will be "regularised".

Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan posted on X,

"Exemption of GST on R&D grants to universities and research institutions is welcome news... This will ease tax burden and ensure availability of more funds to our HEIs for undertaking cutting-edge research. PM @narendramodi ji's govt. is working to revolutionise and democratise the research and innovation landscape for fulfilling the vision of Sashakt, Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat."

India, UAE exploring mutual investment opportunities

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The MoU on nuclear cooperation is expected to enhance cooperation in the operation and maintenance of nuclear power plants, sourcing of nuclear goods and services from India, exploring mutual investment opportunities and capacity building, said govt in a statement. "We had fruitful talks on a wide range of issues. His passion towards strong India-UAE friendship is clearly visible," said Modi in a post on X.

According to Indian authorities, the agreement for long-term supply of LNG is for 1 million metric tonne per annum and is the third such contract signed in just over a year. These contracts have strengthened energy security in India by diversifying LNG sources, said the Indian govt.

The MoU between ADNOC and India Strategic Petroleum Reserve Limited (ISPRL) provides for exploring ADNOC's participation in additional opportunities for crude storage in India and the renewal of their storage and management agreement on mutually acceptable terms and conditions.

Another MoU between Urja Bharat and ADNOC, the first for any Indian company operating in the UAE, will allow Urja Bharat to



PM Modi with Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan at Hyderabad House in New Delhi on Monday

Crown Prince pays tributes to Mahatma

The Crown Prince also visited Rajghat and paid tributes to Mahatma Gandhi. He became the third-generation leader from the UAE to plant a sapling at Rajghat, following Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, former President of the UAE, in 1992, and Mohamed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the UAE in 2016. "This was a unique and rare occasion, showcasing the generational continuity of the strong relationship between the two countries," said Indian govt, adding it was the first time that Presidents from three generations of a country had planted trees honouring the Mahatma.

bring crude oil to India, according to govt, thus contributing towards the country's energy security. The fifth MoU was for development of food parks in India.

In the meeting, the two expressed satisfaction over substantial progress achieved in recent years in India-UAE comprehensive strategic partnership and discussed opportunities to further deepen

the partnership in all areas of bilateral cooperation.

They acknowledged that success of Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and recent entry into force of the Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) will provide further impetus to the strong economic and commercial partnership between the two countries, said an Indian readout.

Teenager on solo flight to 7 continents to raise cancer research funds

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In the nine decades since 1933, when Wiley Post set a record to become the first aviator to complete a solo flight around the world, the nature and purpose of flying alone in an unpressurised aircraft, cutting across all time zones, has undergone a fundamental change. The early solo flights were record-setting feats - man flies solo, woman flies solo, youngest to fly solo, the fastest solo, the longest solo, solar-powered solo... Most of the fruits on that tree have been plucked and picked into aviation history. So, on May 31, when 19-year-old



Chinese-American Ethan Guo is vying to become the youngest person to fly solo to all continents

Ethan Guo set off on a solo flight from Memphis, US, his mission was not so much about

bagging the record to be the first person to fly solo to all seven continents as about

raising awareness and funds for cancer research.

On Friday night, Guo landed at Mumbai airport from Karachi. His original plan was to land in Delhi, but the permissions and paperwork to land in India's busiest airport were tough to procure. "Flying is the easy part. It's the paperwork that is challenging," says Guo. "I wanted a halt in Dhaka, but they denied permission citing political reasons," he says. At every port, Guo spends a few days meeting cancer patients and doctors, and then, as travellers do, chats with people to learn about local culture, traditions, and beliefs. He flies to Kolkata this week. His total solo journey will cover over

50,000 miles with more than 75 take-offs and landings across 60 countries.

Guo plans to raise \$1 million to support St Jude Children's Research Hospital, US. But how does solo flying help fund cancer research? "People read news reports about my flight and those who want to contribute go to the link on my website (flightagainstcancer.com)," he says. So far, he has raised \$40,000.

The Tianjin-born, Florida resident home-schooled himself from the age of 13 so that he could devote time to flying. At 13, he was sending emails to prospective sponsors for his 7 continents trip. "I didn't know how to write an email; it was more like a text message. I received over 100 letters of rejection; even the insurance companies opted out. I learnt how difficult it is to raise money," he says.

Last September, with enough sponsors, he was to begin his trip, but his aircraft suffered an engine failure and needed overhaul. When the engine manufacturer put him on a waiting list due to the pandemic-led spare parts shortage, he called up suppliers around the world and managed to procure an engine in October. But then he came down with Covid. Finally, he began his trip from the US in May this year, but for Guinness World Record, the journey from Geneva will be considered.

He says, "If there are no hurdles, there is no fun in doing it, right?"

It's a bare essentials trip. The aircraft is retrofitted with extra fuel tanks that allow him to stay airborne for 17 hours without the need to refuel, like the ultra-long haul jets that fly non-stop between India and the US. Guo has no support team trailing him on the ground, except for a photographer whom he met in Geneva and who decided to come along. The aircraft has basic rudimentary instruments for navigation. On board, he wears a dry suit, carries a life jacket, a satellite phone that transmits his location every five minutes, and a portable emergency locator

transmitter that would help track the location of his aircraft in case of an accident.

The tough part of flying has been the tricky weather. His 43-year-old Cessna-182 aircraft has no weather radar. To compensate, Guo consults all manner of weather reports, satellite images, charts, and aviation meteorology reports issued by airports at the destination, en route, and arrival. In Geneva itself, a ten-minute positioning flight turned out to be a nightmare with an approaching storm, rain, and hailstones. The real test, though, would be the flight from Chile to Antarctica. But the paperwork for that is still in progress.

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BIS organises seminar on quality management

The Central Regional Office of Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) recently organised a one-day seminar on "Overview of Quality Management System and its Implementation" in New Delhi. The seminar was attended by scientists, research officers, and academia from various organisations under the Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of Health and Family



Welfare. The purpose of the seminar was to enhance the awareness of the participants and familiarise them with the operation of various BIS management system certification schemes. Addressing the audience, Lalthan Pari, Director and MSCO, BIS (CRO), highlighted the objective of the programme; Dr R. K. Tyagi, Deputy Director General (Central), stated how

management system certification can position any organisation as a leader in quality and innovation essential for the organisation's international presence. Dr. Kousthubha Upadhyaya, Advisor (Ayurveda), Ministry of Ayush; and Dr. Ram Mohan Singh, Director of PCIM&H, were the dignitaries present at the event.

GGSIU inks pact on skill building

Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha University (GGSIU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with IBM to build skill and explore the potential for job placement of students. The MoU was signed by Dr Kamal Pathak, Registrar, on behalf of GGSIU and Rohit Rajput, Manager, CSR, IBM. Several



deans, directors and representatives from affiliated colleges of GGSIU were present on the occasion. According to Nisha Singh of Career Guidance and Placement Cell, GGSIU, the collaboration will enable thousands of students to enrich their skills and find job opportunities. The university will mobilise students through its schools and affiliated colleges and the technical expertise will be provided by IBM.

NHB records property price rise in 8 cities

India's eight key primary residential markets witnessed appreciating property prices during April-June 2024. Ahmedabad (6.4 per cent), Bengaluru (10.6 per cent), Chennai (9.6 per cent), Delhi (1.5 per cent), Hyderabad (8.3 per cent), Kolkata (8.0 per cent), Mumbai (4.6 per cent), and Pune (6.4 per cent) recorded an increase in the index on an annual basis as per the Housing Price Index published by National Housing Bank (NHB). The 50 city HPI based on valuation prices of properties collected from banks and housing finance companies recorded an annual increase (Y-o-Y) of 6.6 per cent during the first quarter of the fiscal 2025 as compared with 4.8 per cent a year ago. Out of the 50 cities covered, 49 registered an increase in property prices whereas one city (Raipur)

registered a decline in the property prices.

MDNIY welcomes new students on Teacher's Day

Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) organised a welcome ceremony for the new students of Diploma in Yogic Sciences (DYSc) on the auspicious occasion of Teacher's Day in its premises. Yoga and ayurveda experts illuminated the new batch with their wisdom



and emphasised the pivotal role of teachers in the field of yoga. Prof. Sanjeev Sharma, VC, NIA, Ministry of Ayush, Jaipur, graced the programme as the chief guest along with Prof. Sudipta Rath, Dean, Interdisciplinary Courses and IT In-Charge, NIA, Jaipur. On the occasion, Sharma, said, "We have a tradition of *gurukul*, where guru not only teaches academic subjects

but also about life. A teacher enters the mind of his students through the heart. We learn from the wrong as well as those who are right. We should be teachers as well as pupils so that the process of learning is continued."

PMBI signs agreement with CIL

The Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau of India (PMBI) and Coal India Limited (CIL) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the PMBI head office in New Delhi. The agreement was signed in the presence of PMBI



CEO Ravi Dadhich. The objective of this MoU is to provide high-quality generic medicines to the workforce and communities associated with Coal India, through the establishment of Jan Aushadhi Kendras across Coal India premises.

SC junks Abhishek & wife's pleas to quash ED summons

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New Delhi: In a setback to TMC MP **Abhishek Banerjee** and his wife **Rujira**, SC dismissed their pleas to quash ED summons in a case of alleged illegal mining in Eastern Coalfields Ltd and held that an accused cannot claim protection of Article 20 (3) of the Constitution at the stage of summoning by the agency and PMLA being a special Act would override all other laws in force, including CrPC. Article 20(3) says a person cannot be forced to provide evidence against himself.

A bench of Justices **Bela M Trivedi** and **Satish Chandra Sharma** junked the couple's plea, argued by their counsels senior advocates **Kapil Sibal** and **Abhishek Manu Singhvi**, who had submitted that there was no procedure prescribed under the law for issuing summons and, also, the law was silent about territoriality of probe. They said the power to summon the sick or infirm/women/children should be regulated by Sections 160 and 161 of CrPC.

The couple argued that they should be allowed to appear before ED office in Kolkata where they reside instead of the Delhi office, and the alleged offence was committed in West Bengal. Rujira raised an additional ground that being a woman, she should be examined at the place of her residence as per Section 160 of CrPC.



"We do not find any substance in the challenge made by the appellants to the summons issued to them under Section 50 of PMLA. As contemplated in the sub-section (3) of Section 50, all persons summoned are bound to attend in person or through authorised agents as the officer may direct and are bound to state the truth upon any subject respecting which they are examined or make statements, and to produce the documents as may be required," the court said.

The bench said there were stark inconsistencies between Section 50 PMLA and Section 160 CrPC and, therefore, Section 160 CrPC would not apply to the proceedings under PMLA. It said Section 50 of PMLA was gender neutral and did not make any distinction between a man and a woman. It said court could not carve out an exception in favour of women.

Telangana HC 'sets timeline' for Speaker to disqualify BRS turncoats

Hyderabad: Stopping short of directing the Speaker to decide pending disqualification pleas against turncoat MLAs without delay, Telangana HC on Monday instead ordered the secretary of the assembly to place them before the Speaker for fixing a schedule of hearing within four weeks, reports **Sagar Kumar Mutha**.

Justice **B Vijaysen Reddy** passed the directive while disposing of BRS petitions seeking disqualification of three MLAs — **Danam Nagender**, **Tellam Venkat Rao** and **Kadiyam Srihari** — who had switched to Congress after getting elected on BRS tickets in Dec last year.

Rahul weakens India, stands by China: BJP; Cong hits back

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They should stay at home, they should cook food, they should not talk too much, and we believe that women should be allowed to aspire to whatever they want to do," **Rahul** said. BJP slammed **Rahul** for his comments on RSS and 'India vs China' on production, with agriculture minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** saying **Rahul** was the LoP and accountable to the country, but "he has been going abroad and spoiling the image of the country, which is a crime akin to treason". "No patriot does this, but it seems that **Rahul** has become frustrated after Cong lost three times in a row and is venting his frustration in America by tarnishing the country's image," he added.

BJP spokesman **Gaurav Bhatia** said **Rahul** could not "utter a single word against China, he weakens India... he stands by China". He linked it to a "party-to-party MoU with China" that Congress has signed.

Congress chief **Mallikarjun Kharge** said, "He (**Rahul**) has never insulted India and will never do so. BJP needs an excuse to raise such issues."

All 6 accused in Kasganj lawyer killing held, probe on

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The case was registered at Kasganj police station under multiple sections of BNS, including 103 (murder), 140(1) (kidnapping or abduction with intent to murder), and 62(1) (criminal conspiracy).

Police said **Kamil** & his three sons were arrested on Sunday, and **Rafi** and **Mishra** were arrested on Monday.

In his police complaint, **Tomar** alleged that the accused called his wife from outside Kasganj court premises and then abducted her. They then took her to an undisclosed location and murdered her. **Tomar** said she had confided in him about receiving constant threats from the accused. **Kasganj SP Aparna Rajat Kaushik** said, "All six accused named in the FIR have been arrested, and investigation is on."

Protests break out in 3 Manipur districts

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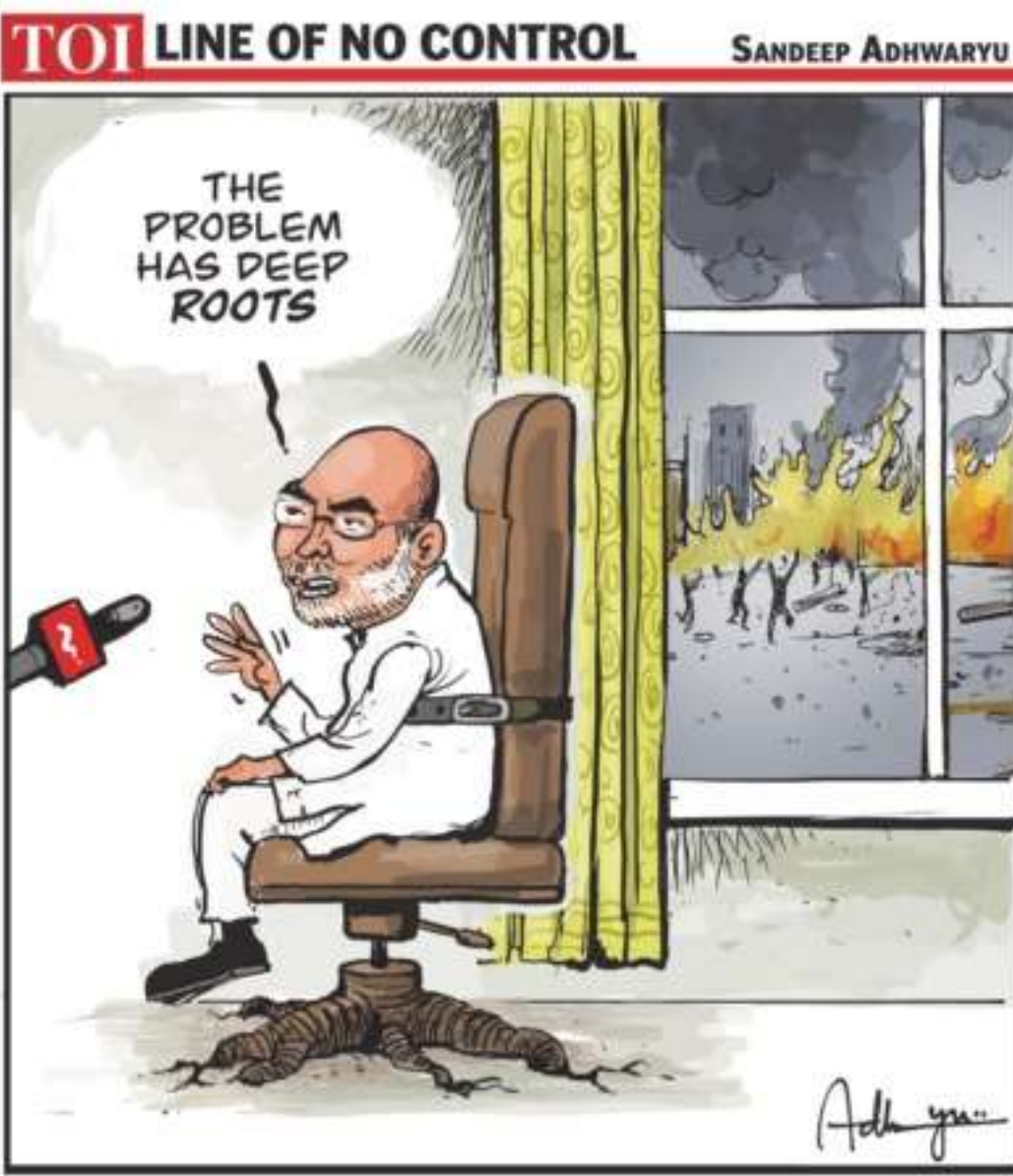
The retired havildar had entered **Sekmai** only Sunday night. **Haokip's** village, **Thangbuh**, was partially burned in an attack.

In response to the deteriorating situation, Manipur govt ordered the closure of schools and colleges for Monday and Tuesday. However, students defied the shutdown, marching to **Raj Bhavan**, shouting slogans such as "Long Live Manipur" and "resign all incompetent MLAs", while demanding peace.

Carrying a banner that read, "Save Manipur for we are Indians, otherwise leave Manipur alone", the protesters called for the resignations of the DGP and state's security adviser. They also demanded that the unified command's control be transferred from the Union home ministry to the CM and called for the immediate removal of **Assam Rifles** and other central forces from Manipur. The students also urged the 50 non-Kuki-Zo MLAs to take a stand or resign.

Similar protests broke out in **Thoubal** district, and thousands of locals in **Kachhing** district held a mass rally against recent civilian killings.

The ongoing conflict has seen the deployment of weaponised drones and long-range crude rockets, adding to the chaos. Manipur police said cadres from militant groups, including those that signed "suspension of operations" agreements or peace deals with the Centre, were involved in the violence. They identified six bodies recovered after a gunbattle between warring groups in **Jiribam** district.



Ending Ukraine war more important for PM than resolving Manipur issue: Cong

Amid renewed violence and killings in Manipur, Congress Monday said PM **Narendra Modi** thinks it is more important to intervene in the Ukraine conflict than to rein in violence in the north-eastern state, as it demanded that chief minister **Biren Singh** be sacked and serious steps be taken to restore normalcy. It also said the Supreme Court-mandated Manipur Commission of Inquiry must expedite its probe.

While **Priyanka Gandhi Vadra** said PM "Modi's indifference to Manipur is unforgivable", Congress president **Mallikarjun Kharge** said former state governor **Anusuiya UIkey** has said the strife-torn state is upset because it wanted **Modi**, who has stayed away since the violence broke out, to pay a visit. **TNN**

The slain included **Seiminlen Khongsai**, **Haogoulen Doungel**, and **Nehboithang Haokip**, all members of **Kuki Liberation Army (KLA)**, a group under **Kuki National Organisation**, which had signed a peace deal with govt in 2008. A member of **United National Liberation Front's** **Pambei** faction,

Baspatimayum Lakhi Kumar Sharma, was also among the dead.

Police identified the fifth body as that of village volunteer **Lhunkhohao Haokip** and the sixth as **Yurembam Kulendra Singha** (63), a civilian from **Assam's Cachar** district staying in **Jiribam**.

In signs of rift, Cong, NC netas take potshots at each other

Srinagar: Signs of strain have emerged in Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance in J&K after a Congress candidate slammed the ally and a video emerged of an NC MP purportedly disagreeing with the tie-up, reports **Saleem Pandit**.

Vikar Rasool Wani, Congress's nominee in **Jammu's Banihal** seat, lashed out at NC Sunday, terming it "a party of killers". "This is why the flag of NC is red, like

2 Pak terrorists killed in bid to cross LoC

Two Pakistani terrorists armed with AK-47 rifles, an American M4 carbine and a pistol were killed in a gunfight with security forces while attempting to cross the LoC near **Loam** of **Rajouri** district in J&K, officials said Monday, reports **Sanjay Khajuria**.

The operation comes amid heightened security in the Union territory, where assembly elections are set to take place from Sept 18 to Oct 1.

blood," **Wani**, a former J&K Congress chief, said at a rally. Current J&K Congress president **Tariq Hameed Karra** condemned **Wani's** "derogatory remarks". "Congress disassociates itself from such statements," **Karra** said in a statement.

Overall, NC will contest 51 of J&K's 90 seats and Congress 32 in the assembly polls from Sept 18 to Oct 1. The two parties have agreed to "friendly contests" in some seats and set aside a few others for smaller parties. **Banihal** is one of the "friendly fight" seats. NC has fielded **Sajjad Shaheen** there.

Centre confirms mpox case, but says it's a different strain

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New Delhi: The Union health ministry on Monday confirmed that the person who was recently isolated on arrival to India from an African country is positive for the Monkeypox (mpox) virus.

However, the ministry clarified, the strain of the mpox virus affecting the person, **West African clade 2**, is not part of the current public health emergency. "This case is an isolated case, like the earlier 30 cases reported in India from July 2022 onwards and is not a part of the current public health emergency (reported by WHO) which is regarding clade 1 of mpox," the health ministry explained.

Sources said the person found positive for mpox had travelled to India from a country experiencing ongoing mpox transmission. He is currently isolated at a designated tertiary care isolation facility

in Delhi. "The patient remains clinically stable and is without any systemic illness or comorbidities," said a govt source. She added that the case aligns with earlier risk assessments and continues to be managed according to established protocols.

"Public health measures, including contact tracing and monitoring, are actively in place to ensure the situation is contained. There is no indication of any widespread risk to the public at this time," the source said.

However, as a matter of abundant precaution, Union health secretary **Apurva Chandra** has asked the states/UTs to disseminate information on screening, testing and management of mpox. **Chandra**, in a letter sent to all states/UTs, has also directed officials to identify isolation facilities in hospitals for taking care of both suspect and confirmed cases, availability of required logistics and trained human resources.

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INTRODUCTION OF 25 KV AC TRACTION
"PUBLIC NOTIFICATION"

Notification is hereby given to all users of Railway lines and premises situated on the under noted section of the **Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC)** that the **25000 Volt 50 Hz AC** overhead traction wires will be energized on or after the date specified against the section given below. On and from the same date the overhead traction lines shall be treated as live at all times and no unauthorized person shall approach or work in the proximity of the said overhead lines.

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"WARNING TO ROAD USERS"

It is notified for information of the public that in connection with introduction of **25 KV AC Electric Traction** over the following section of **Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC)** height gauges have been erected at **NIL** level crossings with clear maximum height **6.8 Mtr** above road level with a view to prevent loads of excessive height from coming into contact or dangerous proximity to live traction wire (**contact wire**), which shall be at a height of minimum **7.22 Mtr** above the rail level at level crossings.

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Public are hereby notified to observe the height specified above for the purpose of loading vehicles and to see that the loads carried in road vehicles do not infringe the height gauges under any circumstances after 20.09.2024. The dangers of load of excessive height are as follows:
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3. Danger of fire and risk of life due to contact with or dangerous proximity to the conductors.

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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Letter. No: CBN/(Estt.)-01-47/2023-

Sealed Tender are hereby invited by the Govt. of Bihar from eligible NSOP holder operator under DGCA, India, for hiring of one **Twin Engine Helicopter on wet lease** of 8+2 capacity for a period of 03 Month for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and entire Territory of India.

THE DESIRED SPECIFICATIONS OF THE HELICOPTER ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

a) The age of the helicopter should not be more than 07 years from the date of manufacture.

b) The helicopter should be twin engine certified vide FAR 29 or CS 29 certification standards with helicopter and Engines duly approved by DGCA for operating (VFR & IFR) by both, Day and Night.

c) Maximum AUVW below 5700Kg

d) Category A performance capability.

e) Dual flight control with Auto Pilot.

f) CVR/DFDR, EGPWS, ADSB (Desired) and other essential equipment installed as required by the DGCA vide various Rules/CARs/ Guiding Circulars.

g) Should be able to fly Minimum Range 300 NM in one refueling with AUVW of 8+2 seating configuration.

h) Should be Fully air conditioned.

i) Average cruising speed should not be below 130 knots.

j) Helicopter should be in VVIP/VIP seating configuration.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The helicopter shall be placed at Patna on or before 20.09. 2024.

2. One in number Twin Engine helicopter having minimum 8+2 seating capacity for VVIP/VIP operation in Bihar and all airports in India initially for a period of 03 Months. It can be extended on same terms and conditions for another 03 month on satisfactory performance. Approximate utilization of flying hours will be 75 hrs in three month (i.e. 25 hrs per month).

3. Bidder has to deposit Bid Bond (Earnest Money) of Rs. 50,000/- (Fifty thousand Rupees) in the form of Bank Draft payable to Bihar Flying Inst. C.A. Department, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Patna.

4. The successful Bidder shall furnish Performance Guarantee after getting Letter of Intent, in the form of Bank Draft or Bank guarantee from the Nationalized Bank or Scheduled Bank in India for a sum equivalent to 5% of the total tender value for a period of 03 months drawn in favour of Bihar Flying Inst. C.A. Department, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Patna.

5. Quoted rate should be fixed and firm (As per Govt. rule no advance payment will be made) for the helicopter i.e.

a. Fixed monthly charge at Rs only per month.

b. Flying hourly charge for hours actually flown at Rs only per flying hours.

c. Mobilization and demobilization charge (Lump-sum) for the first induction of the helicopter at state hanger, Patna Airport at the beginning of the contract and withdrawal of the helicopter after expiry of the contract at Rs. Nil.

d. No other miscellaneous charges should be payable i.e. ground handling, landing Parking and accommodation, Transportation of Pilot, Engineer etc.

6. Interested and qualified agencies are requested to submit their tender along with requisite documents relating to desired specifications of the helicopter through Speed Post /Registered Post/ Courier/ By hand latest by **5:00 pm on 11.09.2024** and sealed and subscribed as "**Tender for Hiring of One Twin engine helicopter on wet-lease**". The posts are to be addressed to The Director, Directorate of Aviation, Patna Airport, Patna (Bihar) 800014 Bihar.

However, if the quotation found incomplete, not supported by requisite Bid Bond and/or required documents or deficient of any technical parameters as specified in the Detailed Tender Documents, their Quotation shall not be valid and same will be returned to the bidder.

7. The bidder shall be allowed to ground the helicopter for maintenance if required @ 04 days per month during the term of this agreement. In the event of grounding of operating helicopter for scheduled/routine inspection/maintenance or Technical snag or whatsoever, for excess days of grounding beyond permissible ground time of 04 days in a month, if the bidder fails to provide backup helicopter of the same type, a penalty of 1/15th of the fixed monthly charge per day shall be imposed and the amount so calculated shall be deducted from the fixed monthly charged bill or hourly flying charged bill of that month or of subsequent month.

In the case if replacement of helicopter is not of similar type and standard only 75% of original charge will be paid for 10 days, thereafter 60% till 30 days and 50% charge will be paid after 30 days. Replaced helicopter should be acceptable to the government of Bihar.

8. The evaluation of Bids will be done on the basis of quoted fixed monthly charge and flying hourly charge for hours actually flown. **For the purpose of evaluation only the bid shall be calculated on the basis of monthly fixed charges + flying charges for 25 hours.**

9. For any technical query feel free to contact The Accountable Manager, Directorate of Aviation, Govt. of Bihar (Mobile-9661341494) or on e-mail i.e. cadbihar@bihar.gov.in.

10. The Additional Chief Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat Department, Govt. of Bihar reserves the right to reject any or all the bids offer without assigning any reasons therefor.

11. In case of any dispute, the place of settlement will be within the Jurisdiction of High Court at Patna.

12. The detailed information of published tender notice of hiring of Twin engine helicopter can also be downloaded from the website <http://state.bihar.gov.in/csd>

This information is available on www.state.bihar.gov.in/prdbihar_also

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संविदा के आधार पर आचार्य, सह-आचार्य तथा सहायक आचार्य के पदों पर साक्षात्कार (Walk-in-interview) के माध्यम से सेवायोजन हेतु विज्ञप्ति

राजकीय मेडिकल कालेज, आजमगढ़ के विभिन्न विभागों में एन०एम०सी०, पी०जी०-यू०सी० पाठ्यक्रम एवं रोगीहित के दृष्टिगत कैकेली के रिक्त पदों को संविदा के आधार पर भरने हेतु साक्षात्कार (Walk-in-interview) दिनांक-11.09.2024 (बुधवार) एवं दिनांक-18.09.2024 (बुधवार) को राजकीय मेडिकल कालेज, आजमगढ़ के प्रशासनिक भवन के सभा कक्ष में प्रातः 10:00 बजे से अपराह्न 03:00 बजे के मध्य निर्धारित किया गया है। विज्ञप्ति में रिक्त पदों की संख्या एवं लागू आरक्षण रोल्टर निम्नवत् होगा-

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3.	पैथोलॉजी	01	OBC	01	SC	01	GEN
4.	क्लिन एण्ड नोडो	-	-	01	GEN	-	-
5.	फॉरेंसिक मेडिसिन	01	GEN	-	-	-	-
6.	क्यूटिनेरी मेडिसिन	-	-	01	OBC	01	OBC
7.	इंफेक्शियस	-	-	-	-	01	GEN
8.	टोडो० एण्ड चेस्ट	01	SC	-	-	-	-
9.	मार्निंगक रोग	01	GEN	-	-	-	-
10.	सामान्य सर्जरी	01	OBC	01	GEN	-	-
11.	आन्तरिकमालोजी	01	GEN	-	-	-	-
12.	आयु एण्ड गायनी	01	OBC	01	SC	-	-
13.	एनेस्थीसिया	-	-	-	-	04	SC, GEN, OBC, GEN
14.	रेडियोलॉजीनिस्ट	01	EWS	01	GEN	-	-
15.	लैड वैक	01	SC	01	OBC	01	OBC
16.	इमरजेन्सी मेडिसिन	01	GEN	01	GEN	02	EWS, SC

नोट- पदों की संख्या घट-बढ़ सकती है।
संविदा पर नियुक्ति की शर्त निम्नवत् है-
1. संविदा पर नियुक्ति किये जाने वाले आचार्य, सह-आचार्य तथा सहायक आचार्य को शासनादेश संख्या-109/2024/176/71-1-2024/71-1001/804/2020 चिकित्सा शिक्षा अनुभाग-1, लखनऊ दिनांक-18 जुलाई, 2024 के अनुसार आचार्य को रु० 2,20,000/-, सह आचार्य को रु० 1,60,000/- एवं सहायक आचार्य को रु० 1,20,000/- प्रतिमाह निर्धारित मानदेय देय होगा।
2. शासनादेश संख्या-532/71-1-2020-जी-63/2008, दिनांक-10.06.2020 के प्रस्ता-2 के अनुसार संविदा पर नियुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षकों को अधिकतम आयु नियुक्ति वर्ष के जुलाई माह के प्रथम दिवस को सहायक आचार्य-60 वर्ष, सह-आचार्य को अधिकतम आयु-64 वर्ष तथा आचार्य को अधिकतम आयु-68 वर्ष होगी।
3. एनएमएससी नई दिल्ली द्वारा सहायक आचार्य पद के लिये 01 वर्ष का एएओआर का अनुभव होना अनिवार्य होगा।
4. चिकित्सा शिक्षकों को शैक्षिक अर्हता/शैक्षिक अनुभव उ०प्र० राज्य चिकित्सा महाविद्यालय अध्यापकों को सेवा नियमावली (द्वितीय संशोधन) नियमावली 2005 में निहित के अनुसार होगी।
5. चयनित चिकित्सा शिक्षक ओपीएडो के दिन प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस नहीं करेंगे।
6. प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस करने वाले शिक्षकों को प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस करने का स्थान निर्दिष्ट करना होगा।
7. कोई भी चिकित्सा शिक्षक मरीजों को प्राइवेट में देखने के लिए बाध्य नहीं करेंगे।
8. प्राइवेट प्रैक्टिस करने वाले चिकित्सा शिक्षकों को मेडिकल कालेज में आकस्मिक/आपदा सेवाओं के लिए हमेशा उपलब्ध रहना होगा।
9. उक्त नियत वेतन के अतिरिक्त संविदा पर कार्यरत चिकित्सा शिक्षकों को अन्य किसी प्रकार के वेतन/भत्ते एवं सेवागत लाभ अनुमन्य नहीं होंगे।
10. संविदा पर नियुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षकों की सेवायें लोक सेवा आयोग से सीधी भर्ती के माध्यम से चयनित चिकित्सा शिक्षकों के उपलब्ध होने पर तत्काल समाप्त हो जायेंगी एवं सेवा संतोषजनक न पाये जाने पर एक माह की नोटिस देकर भी समाप्त की जा सकती है।
11. चिकित्सा शिक्षकों का संविदा कार्यकाल एक वर्ष का होगा। एक वर्ष की संतोषजनक सेवा के परचाय लोक सेवा आयोग से चयनित अध्यापकों को अनुपलब्धता/नियमित चिकित्सा शिक्षक उपलब्ध न होने पर आवश्यकतानुसार इनकी संतोषजनक सेवा के आधार पर सेवाकाल पुनः बढ़ाया जा सकता है।
12. संविदा पर नियुक्ति चिकित्सा शिक्षकों के लिए आवश्यक होगा कि वह कारा के 15 दिन के भीतर सम्मन्वित मेडिकल कालेज में अपना कार्यभार ग्रहण करें। उक्त कालावधि में कार्यभार ग्रहण न करने की दशा में संविदा नियुक्ति स्वतः रद्द मानी जायेगी।
13. संविदा पर नियुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षक संविदा कालावधि के लिये किसी भी प्रकार के पेंशन संबंधी सुविधाओं का हकदार नहीं होगा।
14. चिकित्सा शिक्षक शासकीय सेवा में विनियमितकरण के लिए हकदार नहीं होगा।
15. संविदा आधारित नियुक्ति किसी भी एक पक्ष और किसी भी समय एक माह की सूचना या एक माह का संविदा वेतन भुगतान करके समाप्त की जा सकती है।
16. साक्षात्कार के समय अध्याप्य इस आशय का घोषणा/शपथ पत्र प्रस्तुत करेंगे कि उनके विरुद्ध मा० न्यायालय में कोई अपराधिक वाद प्रचलित नहीं है और यदि उनके विरुद्ध कोई प्रतिकूल तथ्य पाया जाता है तो उनकी सेवायें समाप्त कर दी जायेंगी।
17. संविदा पर नियुक्त चिकित्सा शिक्षकों का स्थानान्तरण नहीं किया जायेगा।
18. उ०प्र० शासन कर्मिक अनुभाग-1 के शासनादेश संख्या-5/2019/4/1/2002/का-2/2019 टी०सी०-1 लखनऊ, दिनांक 13 अगस्त, 2019 के अनुसार शासन से अद्यतन निर्मित 100 बिन्दु के रोस्टर के अनुसार आरक्षण लागू होगा।
19. पदों की संख्या घटायी या बढ़ायी जा सकती है।
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A thought for today

The real minimum wage is zero

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Phones & Footwear

iPhone 16 is a nice Make in India moment. Inclusive growth awaits labour-intensive success stories

Glass is definitely half full. The iPhone 16 launch will mark a meaningful Make in India moment. One, because experts say this may well be the first time a global player will make available a product manufactured in Indian factories across the world, within a few days of the start of sales. Two, because it affirms the potential of luring production from China, as companies look to diversify supply chains. Three, it shows electronics PLIs delivering. Four, the trend of a majority of women being employed by Apple's India suppliers, is a social and economic good.

Glass is also definitely half empty. Some experts have highlighted, sparking an energetic debate, how the mobile phone export boom is tempered by rising imports of mobile phone components. They see the value added in India increasing with increase in sub-assemblies, but argue that manufacturing value added here will not become significant until India makes the component parts themselves. Understanding why, after years of tariffs plus PLIs, "India makes few of even the simplest parts" is fundamental to scripting any 8%, let alone double-digit, growth future.

A different perspective is available in World Bank's India development update this month, which highlights the problem with increasing concentration of skill-intensive manufacturing and services in the country's exports. No one needs reminding that the creation of well-paying jobs for the masses has been India's biggest failure, both before and after liberalisation. And highly capital-intensive sectors are ill-suited to employ large shares of the Indian workforce.

Tariffs are a connecting factor decreasing competitiveness and exports across the high- and lower-skilled sectors, per the bank. In mobile phones, hikes in import tariffs on key intermediary inputs have given an advantage to lower-tariff countries. Domestic manufacturers cannot mitigate these increases as well as the big global companies. At the opposite end, India's share in global exports of goods like clothes and footwear was higher than Bangladesh and Vietnam a decade ago. Since then, tariff hikes have contributed to a painful productivity decline.

The Padma Bhushan bestowed upon Foxconn chairman Young Liu this year, is an indicator of everything India hopes the company's brand of manufacturing will deliver for the country. But 'inclusive growth' needs labour-intensive industries such as apparel, footwear, furniture and other light manufactures to flourish as well. India's most abundant resource – labour – will otherwise keep going to waste.

Guns Not Imphallible

Handing over unified command to state govt is problematic. Manipur needs civil society solutions

That young students in school uniforms organised a massive protest in Manipur yesterday is a grim reminder of the damage the state's violence has wrought on Manipuris. Recent drone attacks, highlighted by protesting students, have shown what security forces are up against. But the students' demand that the unified command structure for law and order be handed over to the state govt is problematic. In fact, this is one of CM Biren Singh's two recent submissions to Manipur's governor – the other being revocation of the Suspension of Operations (SoO) Agreement with some militant outfits. Neither of these can be accepted without risking escalation.

Deep polarisation | While Singh argues that it's the job of the state govt to restore law and order, the fact is the Imphal-Hills divide is at the source of the conflict. Manipur police is seen as part of the problem by one side. Therefore, handing over the unified command – which oversees coordination between state and central security forces – to Imphal simply won't be accepted by the Hills.

Don't open Pandora's box | Similarly, SoO was inked in 2008 with 25 militant groups, with their cadre confined to camps and their weapons under lock and key. Revoking SoO now will not only be construed as a clear provocation by the Hills, but will also undo all the work GOI has done to tame insurgency in the Northeast. Northeast can't be allowed to become a hotbed of militancy again. And with turmoil in neighbouring Myanmar, revoking SoO is a particularly bad idea.

Look within | Any solution perceived as partisan by either side won't work. While security forces continue with their targeted operations against miscreants, Manipur's genuine civil society, cutting across ethnic divides, must be encouraged to reverse social polarisation. It is they who should be leading the discourse, not armed groups – supported by political elements – on both sides.

Interview with a mosquito

Aedes loves a laugh and is very class conscious

Anupam Srivastava

It has been my earnest desire to know the mind of the mosquito, both for understanding its behavioural triggers and to ascertain whether it is amenable to suggestions. Although not credited with a significant brain size compared with human beings, the mosquito remains one of the most formidable foes of humankind, causing 6L malarial and 40,000 dengue deaths every year globally.

The necessity of speaking to an aedes aegypti mosquito was made more pressing by the approaching "dengue season" and reports of one of India's sportspersons at the Olympics playing a sub-par game since he had just recovered from chikungunya. My proposal to Aedes was that in a country of 1.4bn, if it must bite, could it not target people with health coverage, and spare those who could not afford to skip work, athletes about to compete, soldiers in difficult posts, essential workers and the poor, most of whom did not have health coverage?

Calling the suggestion "naïve", Aedes laughed imperiously. It flew off, displaying its black and white stripes menacingly, before settling down again. "I always work from home – I bite where I live. I do not discriminate," it explained.

That was a blatant lie, I said. Data on dengue and malaria show discrimination practised by Aedes and its cousin Anopheles. For example, in Lutyens' Delhi or New Delhi, administered by NDMC, only four dengue cases had been reported till Aug 24 this year, compared with an average 38 cases for a typical Delhi district (totaling 457 cases) managed by MCD. Similarly, how did one malaria case in New Delhi compare with 205 cases (averaging 17 per district) for the rest of Delhi? Aedes was prejudiced against common people, I said. And didn't the pattern get repeated in all cities, a preference for common people's residential areas, sparing the affluent and the authorities who had better planned neighbourhoods with bungalows, wider streets and better civic infra?

At this, Aedes laughed even louder and flew off again, but instead of returning to counter the charge, it found a poor boy selling socks in warm weather – hardly making a sale – and sat on him. By the time I could alert him, Aedes had thrust its blood-sucking proboscis into the boy's arm and bitten him. That's how one keeps one's word in this day and age.

What's On Haryana's Mind

Don't write off BJP. Yes it faces Jat & farmer anger. Dalits aren't happy either. But its vote share is still high & Hindutva sentiment is alive. Congress has an edge. But anti-BJP votes may splinter

Lipika Kamra

Haryana's assembly election on Oct 5 comes too close on the heels of the general elections held in May, to bring incumbent BJP govt any comfort. BJP and Congress won 5 each of the state's 10 Lok Sabha constituencies. BJP halved its 2019 score, when it had won all 10. In 2014, it won 7 seats. The party's vote share fell from 58% in 2019 to 46% in 2024, though it did garner more urban votes and struggled mostly in rural Haryana.

The difference between the run-up to general elections and the upcoming one is that from a fully BJP-Congress face-off, opposition is seeing alliances being explored. However, Congress's discussions with AAP are going nowhere. But state party JJP has tied up with Chandra Shekhar Azad's Azad Samaj Party. How will this impact poll outcomes?

Farmers displeased | BJP had been a minor player in Haryana politics until 2014 when the Modi wave won the party 47 of the state's 90 seats. In 2019, it slipped below the halfway mark to win 40 seats, and a coalition was hurriedly formed with Dushyant Chautala's Jannayak Janta Party (JJP) – itself a splinter of Devi Lal-founded INLD. Dushyant broke his alliance with BJP just before 2024 LS polls – four JJP politicians have since switched sides to BJP.

The April-May campaign was marked by villages boycotting BJP rallies and meetings. Along with farmers of Punjab, Haryana's farmers opposed BJP's stance on farm laws. Despite Modi's repeal of the three unpopular laws in 2021, farmers remain angry about the failure to fully respond to their demands, and over BJP's silence over farmer deaths during the protest. Whether this sentiment continues to last among farmers or not might decide BJP's fate.

Jats miffed | On caste and ethnic calculations, BJP sees its success in Haryana based on non-Jat electorates (Dalits, Muslims included) and has moulded the Haryana election to be a contest between Jat and non-Jat groups.

Jats, who make up between 20-30% of Haryana's population, do not typically support BJP, which

they see as a party of Brahmins and Punjabi Hindus. Jats have also been angry with BJP over unemployment, their lack of OBC status, the party's initial mistreatment, and later failure to address wrestlers' sexual harassment charges against partyman Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh. As ahead of LS polls, Agnipath scheme, which made recruitments to the armed forces contractual, and the farmers' protest, remain unresolved and vexatious issues.

Dalits watching | BJP can no longer rely on Dalit voters. Haryana's SC voter (roughly 20%) deserted BJP for Congress in LS polls. Another alliance is eyeing the Dalit vote. JJP tied up with Azad, who won from UP's Nagina in LS elections. This can further consolidate Dalit voters against BJP. Dushyant Chautala has also not ruled out joining hands with Congress.

Congress fishing | Jat and farmer-based parties such as INLD and JJP did not fare

well in LS elections but now seek to strengthen their campaign considering a weakened BJP. Congress has roped in Olympian wrestler Vinesh Phogat, and Bajrang Punia. They've also backed the agitating farmers. Now that Phogat is contesting from Julana, Congress is making all the right noises with its focus on women, youth and farmers, buoyant after its 5-seat haul in the LS polls.

CSDS-Lokniti surveys have revealed Congress substantially gained in its vote share among these groups in 2024 LS elections.

Votes splitting? | But it's not all downhill for the saffrons. BJP could gain from the split in the non-BJP vote, which could scatter across opposition parties. BJP's reduced vote share of 46% is still substantial for it to spring back into dominance after its LS slide.

Infighting has erupted within Haryana Congress – talks of Congress-AAP alliance met a Hooda-shaped rock. Bristling over the first list ended with three partymen quitting. Further, Kumari Selja and her supporters have openly expressed displeasure with Bhupinder Hooda's faction.

AAP has now announced its own list of nominees, so talks of alliance are clearly faltering.

Hindutva backing | Hindu nationalist sentiments are very much alive in Haryana. Recent cattle lynchings and communal skirmishes make that evident. Celebrations during the Ayodhya temple inauguration in Jan 2024, support for Haryana govt's 'love jihad' laws, and attacks on Muslims in Nuh district in 2023 had enough and more backers. Support for Hindutva may help BJP ride out the anti-incumbency factor too. That said, Haryana BJP too is facing rebellion from its state brass, several of whom have quit after being denied candidature. Voters are vocal about unemployment, crumbling infra, and failed promises, so BJP faces an uphill task.

A voter in Haryana's Sonapat district ahead of LS polls said he had voted BJP for 15 years and was happy about the Ayodhya temple but would stop voting for BJP. He said there was no improvement in people's lives though BJP was in govt for a decade. Will anti-incumbency be a decisive factor? To what extent will caste dynamics influence who wins power? Will votes split? Oct 8 will tell.

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Why Religion & Caste Based Campaigns Are Good For India

As the pendulum swings between Hindutva & quota politics as dominant themes, BJP & Congress alternate as pole position parties. This is a positive for democracy

Chetan Bhagat

A wise politician once told me politics in India works only around the Big Three factors – religion, caste, and income (rich vs poor). The rest – policy-making, governance, development – may all be nice to have and discuss, but it's the Big Three that decide which way the wind blows.

Even within the Big Three, income, or the rich-poor factor, is somewhat neutralised. This is because all political parties claim to and must be pro-poor. There's no upside in siding with the rich, who are in a minority anyway. Hence, all parties must demonstrate pro-poor policies and actions, from freebies to cash transfers.

What matter most politically | That brings us to the two fundamental gears that drive Indian politics – religion and caste. The pendulum oscillates on which of these dominates public sentiment at any given point in time. Clearly, the last decade has been about religion. BJP managed quite successfully to bring together and consolidate the Hindu vote. This was done by identifying some issues around religion that weren't being addressed. The Ram Mandir is a classic example. BJP owned the highly emotive issue.

It took decades, had its own share of controversy, but finally Ayodhya had a temple. This helped galvanise Hindu voters and, along with a few other issues, saw BJP secure three consecutive terms at the Centre.

Meanwhile, the caste issue remained relatively dormant over the past decade. Some experts even argued maybe caste wasn't such a big issue anymore. Caste-based reservations have been in force for over seven decades, and maybe caste inequality has indeed reduced, went the narrative.

Caste may make a comeback | These experts were wrong. Caste was, is and will ever remain a strong issue

in Indian politics. In fact, it may well be the driver of Indian politics in the next decade. Religion dominated politics in the last 10 years, and caste took a backseat. However, this only means all caste-related issues are bottled up and likely to take centre stage again.

For, unlike religion, we are divided by caste. Even reservations are caste-based. While affirmative action is meant to help oppressed communities, it also means that caste identity will continue to matter. Two religions can still eventually get along. On caste, however, there's



a zero-sum game built into the system by design. There are only so many jobs and seats, and a proportion of jobs is kept for certain castes. Reservation automatically creates scope for a divide. And since caste system largely applies only to Hindus, it also means there is a permanent schism built into Hindu society.

BJP, Congress pull opposite ways | If BJP wins by consolidating the Hindu vote, the only way Congress wins is by splitting it. Congress, which has historically

been in govt longer than BJP, has always won by the D+M formula, where D is Dalit (and other underprivileged castes), and M is the Muslim vote.

Without the caste issue, Congress just cannot win, no matter their policies and how many yatras they carry out. Similarly, unless the Hindu vote consolidates somewhat, BJP cannot win, no matter what policies they formulate.

The opposition, encouraged by gains in 2024 LS elections, has now figured that caste needs to take centre stage again if it's to grow its vote share and seats. Hence the call for a caste census (again a somewhat genuine, but ultimately political issue) or frequent mentions of caste by political brass. Given caste has not dominated discourse for a while, it may find a receptive audience and split the Hindu vote.

What about national interest? | Both religion and caste are used as divisive issues, and centre around identity politics. When that is the focus, real issues like economy, education, infra and policy take a backseat. This is probably why we lag behind China and much of the world despite having all the setup for being a great, economic superpower.

Such identity politics is ultimately a form of primitive tribalism, a primal urge to find and seek comfort in people like our own, even if it comes at the cost of greater national interest.

However, there are some underappreciated positives from these divisions. The biggest one is not so obvious. These divisions might well be the reason we have been able to keep our democracy alive.

This routine pendulum swing between religion and caste, the alternate consolidation and splitting of Hindu vote, means that power keeps shifting between BJP and Congress. This, in turn, keeps our democracy in order. If that wasn't the case, we could have slipped into a totalitarian, authoritarian state. As is the case in our neighbourhood.

Calvin & Hobbes



Aspects Of Consciousness Will Remain Unknown To AI

Pulkit Sharma

We have been blessed with remarkable intelligence, visionary imagination and profound intuition. No wonder, the evolutionary history of mankind boasts of several scientific discoveries and technological breakthroughs that have transformed us in many ways. We have come a long way from the creation of the first stone tools, the discovery of fire, the invention of wheel, the advent of steam engine, the development of electric lights, automobiles, airplanes, rockets and computers to the contemporary times where we are witnessing the Artificial Intelligence (AI) revolution. AI envisions modern machines that can think, process information and act in a way quite similar to human beings.

These new-age machines will be able to receive manifold inputs from the outside world, compare them with enormous historical data, analyse them

carefully, predict future outcomes, arrive at effective decisions and take suitable actions without any human intervention. The proponents of AI are optimistic that a few years down the line, these machines will pervade our life and be at the forefront of all major industries. The new-age machines will effectively design, manufacture, deliver and market a variety of consumer goods. AI chatbots will become efficient personal assistants, responding to emails, scheduling appointments, maintaining calendars and handling all aspects of customer care services. Autonomous vehicles having an ability to communicate with each other will make short- and long-distance travels very swift, effortless and hazard-free in developed cities. In the area of healthcare, AI will be an integral part of medical diagnosis, treatment planning, psychoeducation, counselling and

surgical procedures. AI will also be able to create fascinating pieces of music, art and literature.

While many people are hopeful that this revolution will make our lives more comfortable, there are those who fear that AI machines might supersede human beings and make us redundant.

There is a widespread concern that most work roles will transform radically or disappear into oblivion due to the onslaught of AI. While this may turn out to be partly true, there is not much to worry about. There are so many aspects of human consciousness that remain unknown to us and consequently, there is no way we can transmit this unknown to AI. And it is these unknown realms of consciousness that make us truly special. Then, there are those characteristics of our mind that are too complex to be broken into smaller units and therefore

they cannot be replicated in AI systems. Logic cannot arrive at intuition; calculations cannot add up to inspiration and predictions can never transform into vivid imagination. Often, the 'whole' is more than the sum of its parts and fastest machines mimicking human mind will end up being a pale imitation.

Humanity has survived all technological advancements, and AI will be no exception. Nonetheless, as AI takes over the mundane tasks and responsibilities, which currently divert our attention, we will get a lot of time and mental space. Won't it be a wonderful opportunity to dive within, forming deeper connections with our own self, the world around us and the cosmos? Then, let's not get caught up in irrational fears around lifeless machines. Maybe, it's time to look for that zen cat in our vicinity who teaches us how to take it easy. Flex our 'self' and live in the present moment.

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Sacred space

A blade of grass is a commonplace on Earth; it would be a miracle on Mars.

Our descendants on Mars will know the value of a patch of green. And if a blade of grass is priceless, what is the value of a human being?

Carl Sagan

Global Train Riders: Where Locals Hop On Rails

Top countries for local train use: Switzerland leads in local train ridership with 67%, followed by Singapore (56%), Taiwan (50%), and Australia (49%)

European rail popularity: More than 50% of people in the UK, Germany, Austria, Italy, Sweden, and the Czech Republic frequently use local rail services

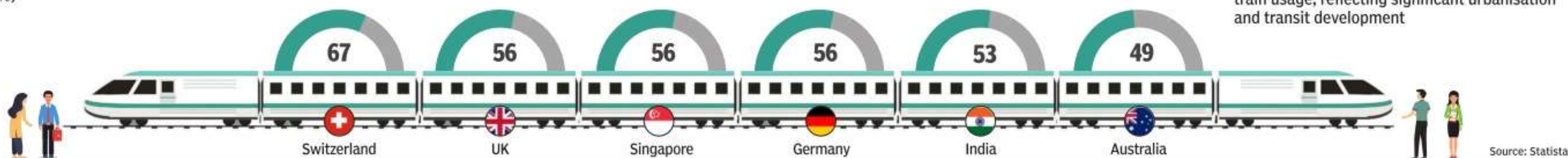
Moderate use in high-speed rail countries:

Despite having advanced high-speed rail networks, countries like France, Morocco, and China see only about a third of their population using local trains

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Share of respondents who used local train networks in the past year (%)



Source: Statista

Low ridership in the Americas: The US has a low local train ridership of 15%, similar to Brazil (17%), Mexico (13%), and Colombia (8%)

Asian rail usage patterns: In Asia, Japan (47%) and Taiwan (50%) have moderate-to-high local train usage, reflecting significant urbanisation and transit development

Sebi lifts curbs on 16 entities in Infy insider trading case

New Delhi: Sebi on Monday lifted restrictions imposed on 16 entities, including some former employees of Infosys, in a case pertaining to alleged insider trading activities in IT major shares.

The regulator also directed that the prohibition slapped on six entities — Amit Bhutra, Bharath C Jain, Capital One Partners, Tesora Capital, Manish C Jain and Ankush Bhutra — through the interim order, along with the confirmatory order, will stand vacated with immediate effect, bringing an end to the matter. AGENCIES



Discount of up to ₹2 lakh on Tata cars

New Delhi: Tata Motors has launched its 'Festival of Cars' campaign in India to boost sales during festive season. Discounts of up to Rs 2.05 lakh are available on select ICE models until Oct 31, 2024. Models like Safari, Harrier, Nexon, Tiago, Altroz, and Tigor are included. AGENCIES

Ex-New India chief to head Galaxy Health

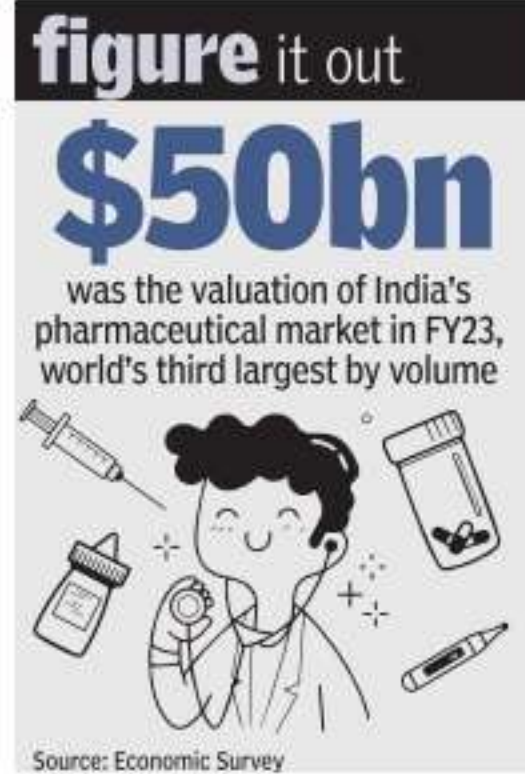
Mumbai: Galaxy Health Insurance has appointed G Srinivasan, former chairman of New India Assurance, as MD & CEO of the company. The health insurance company is promoted by Venu Srinivasan's TVS group in collaboration with V Jagannathan. TNN

BoB raises ₹3,500cr via infra bonds

Mumbai: Bank of Baroda has raised Rs 5,000 crore through the issuance of long-term 10-year infrastructure bonds, offering a coupon rate of 7.3% per annum. These bonds hold a rating of 'AAA' with a Stable outlook from both CRISIL and India Ratings. TNN

CCI nod must for deals beyond thresholds

New Delhi: Govt on Monday notified provisions related to the deal value threshold under the competition law, wherein companies will be compulsorily required to seek CCI's approval for mergers and acquisitions beyond certain thresholds. TNN



Apple debuts iPhone 16 with AI features

Cupertino, California: Apple on Monday unveiled its artificial intelligence-boosted iPhone 16, showing off the long-awaited phone hours after Chinese rival Huawei's tri-fold phone began racking up orders.

"The next generation of iPhone has been designed for Apple Intelligence from the ground up. It marks the beginning of an exciting new era," chief executive Tim Cook said at a product launch. The iPhone 16 will use the new A18 chip and have an aluminium back, as well as a new customisable button that can be used for camera controls.

Huawei's website showed

GST cess likely to continue, new panel to look at issues

Ministerial Group On Rate Rationalisation To Meet On Sept 23

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: GST Council on Monday decided to set up a ministerial panel to decide on continuation of cess from 2026 onwards after states indicated their reluctance to withdraw the additional levy on sin and luxury goods that can be imposed until the next fiscal year.

The compensation cess, which was originally in place for five years or until June 2022, got an extended run due to Covid as the Council decided to use it until March 2026 to repay loans availed of during the pandemic, when revenue had collapsed in the absence of economic activity.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters that based on current trends, the loans and interest would be repaid by Jan 2026, leaving a surplus of Rs 40,000 crore during the remaining two months. With states complaining of loss of revenue, the Council agreed to set up a panel led by Sitharaman's deputy Pankaj Chaudhary as the current legal provisions do not allow for levying compensation cess beyond the time loans are repaid.

STATES NOT KEEN ON ENDING CESS

States not keen on ending cess, currently levied on automobiles, soft drinks, tobacco products, pan masala, coal, aircraft & yacht	beyond March 2026
It may continue on certain goods and services, but rates may be reviewed	Ministerial panel led by MoS finance Pankaj Chaudhary to decide on modalities before that
Law doesn't allow for levy of compensation cess	FM doesn't rule out review of slabs by GoM on rate rationalisation
	Another panel to look at formula for land value in GST on real estate

Tax on online gaming fetches ₹6,909cr

New Delhi: GST on online gaming and casinos have resulted in a tax bonanza for the states and the Centre, virtually ruling out a review, despite hectic campaign by the powerful lobby representing gaming companies. The 28% levy imposed on online gaming since last Oct yielded Rs 6,909 crore during the first six months — an over five-fold jump compared to the Rs 1,349 crore mopped up during the previous six months. The rise was a more modest 30% in case of casinos, where the collections rose to Rs 214 crore during the six months starting Oct 2023, compared to Rs 165 crore in the previous six-month period. Although gaming companies have been lobbying for a review, a demand which was backed by some state and union territories, FM Nirmala Sitharaman said the GST Council only took stock of the collections on Monday. TNN

FM said the panel will evaluate if a cess should be collected, its coverage and the rate. The exercise potentially opens

the door for changes in the cess on products, such as cars and soft drinks, something that the industry is lobbying for.

No relief for payment aggregators

From P 1

Decisions on reducing tax on health and life insurance, a move being closely watched, as well as extension of cess on certain goods and services beyond Jan 2026, were referred to two ministerial panels.

FM Nirmala Sitharaman told reporters that there were long discussions on issues related to insurance, which resulted in the establishment of a ministerial panel led by Bihar deputy chief minister Samrat Chaudhary. The pa-

nel has been tasked with submitting its recommendations by Oct-end.

The ministers discussed the need for exemption, threshold for the exemptions, how senior citizens should be treated, sale of group insurance by resident welfare associations, and several other aspects. Officers had earlier failed to arrive at a consensus on health insurance.

The Council was, however, unanimous in deciding on the issue of research funding to educational institutions set up under

state or central laws as well as those that enjoy income tax exemption.

Similarly, it decided to lower the levy on cancer drugs Trastuzumab Deruxtecan, Osimertinib and Durvalumab from 12% to 5%. While slashing GST on shared copter rides, the Council increased the levy on car and motorcycle seats from 18% to 28% and clarified that roof-mounted package unit air conditioners used in railways will also fall in the top slab. A decision on EV charging sta-

She also said that a committee of officers has also been set up to review the formula for splitting IGST, where there is a Rs 14,000 crore deficit at the moment.

Amid demands for a review of GST on real estate, which is levied on under-construction property, a ministerial panel, which gave a status report to the Council on Monday, has been tasked with reviewing the formula of the share of land in the overall valuation, revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said. Currently, the tax is levied on construction cost, which is two-thirds of the value, with land value accounting for the remaining one-third. While the Council discussed the issue, there was debate on whether the land value should be uniform or it should be increased, which will now be reviewed by the ministerial panel.

Sitharaman said the ministerial panel on rate rationalisation led by Bihar deputy CM Samrat Chaudhary will meet on Sept 23 and discuss issues in detail, while maintaining that a review of slabs is also on the table.

tions was deferred.

The GST Council also said that preferential location charges (PLC) paid while purchasing a residential, commercial or industrial unit will face the same levy as construction services.

There was bad news for payment aggregators, who have launched a social media campaign, as govt decided against any relief for them following notices sent last month. Revenue secretary Sanjay Malhotra said that the tax exemption is currently available only to banks.

GMR to buy Fraport's 10% stake in DIAL

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: GMR Airports Infra (GIL) will acquire 10% stake in Delhi International Airport (DIAL) that Fraport Airport holds for \$126 million. After this, GMR's stake in IGIA will rise to 74%, with Airports Authority of India having the remaining 26%.

GIL on Monday said it has entered into a share purchase agreement with Fraport AG Frankfurt Airport Services Worldwide to acquire the latter's current minority 10% equity stake in DIAL. GIL currently holds 64% of the paid-up capital of DIAL. The transaction, subject to the AAI's approval and approval of GIL shareholders, is expected to be concluded within 180 days from the date of execution of this SPA. GBS Raju, business chairman (airports), said, "Fraport has been one of the original shareholders and have been our partners in Airport journey. They have extended significant technical support to Delhi Airport as per the role of Airport Operator."

emergencies such as a fall.

Apple also launched a new version of the more rugged Watch Ultra 2, starting at \$799. The new AirPods 4 have a new design for more comfortable wearing and improved acoustics. And Apple rolled out hearing-aid features that it has submitted for US regulatory review. Apple fans globally have been waiting to see the new phones with AI, which Cook hinted at as he began the show. "We are thrilled to introduce the first iPhones designed from the ground up for Apple Intelligence and its breakthrough capabilities," Cook said in opening remarks. REUTERS

Dixon to make laptops, PCs for HP in India

Indian Co Plans To Start Production By Apr Next Yr

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New Delhi: In a leg-up to govt's efforts to make laptops in India through homegrown companies, American computer giant HP has given out a mega manufacturing order to local contract manufacturer Dixon Technologies.

The order is for making laptops and desktops and production will be done at Dixon's unit at Oragadam outside Chennai, chairman Sunil Vachani told TOI. "We are planning to start production by April next year," Vachani said, adding that the company will make them under govt's IT hardware production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme.

"The order from HP is prestigious one, and will help strengthen govt's Make in India initiative and Atmanirbhar Bharat programme," he said.

It is yet not clear on how much of its computers will HP make in India, against importing them. Dixon is likely to invest around Rs 250 crore for the project, though Vachani didn't give any immediate confirmation. Dixon already manufactures computers for Acer, but these are being made at its facility in Noida.

For HP, the partnership deepens the company's

commitment in India, and its localisation efforts. Ipsita Dasgupta, the company's India MD, has already spoken about the intent to manufacture and source more

Set To Invest ₹250Cr

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from India as she expects the computer market to double over the next five years.

"I believe the PLI scheme has been a great enabler. We are participating in it because it creates a bridge for the development of the sector from a manufacturing perspective. We are quite bullish that the ecosystem will develop over the next few years, and that too pretty quickly. In the intervening period, the PLI is a solid programme. I think the starting point has been a very measured and a strong initiative by govt," she had told TOI recently.

Gadkari: EVs may not need subsidies in 2 yrs

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New Delhi: Road transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Monday said electric vehicles may not need govt subsidies in next two years as their prices will be on par with petrol and diesel vehicles due to fall in battery prices. However, the minister added that he is "not against any incentives" offered by the ministries of finance or heavy industries to support the growth of EVs.

Speaking at the annual session of auto component industry body Acma, Gadkari also said that he is not averse to the sale of petrol and diesel cars — much against his public statements earlier — but rather wants consumers to choose a fuel of their choice.

"I am not against petrol and diesel. Sometimes, my statements are unnecessarily misinterpreted," he said, while adding that his only concern with internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles is around the exchequer's huge fuel import bill, which has ballooned to nearly Rs 22 lakh crore and growing pollution across many cities. "Is this not a challenge? 40% of air pollution in the country is due to the transport sector. Is it good?"

On electric vehicles, the minister said the cost for manufacturing them has been

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NITIN GADKARI | ROAD & TRANSPORT MINISTER

Road safety efforts a failure: Minister

New Delhi: Dismayed at the large number of fatalities in the country due to road accidents, transport minister Nitin Gadkari called it's a continuance of "failure" for govt, which has been fuelled by lack of respect for rules by motorists and pedestrians.

"This is a dark issue for my ministry. We are trying our level best but not getting success. This is one of our failures," Gadkari said. He said around 1.7 lakh people died in around five lakh road accidents, with 66% of them in the age group of 18-36 years. "Our target was to reduce accidents by 50%. However, we feel there is a problem with society. There is neither fear, nor respect for law." TNN

coming down as the battery prices have been falling. "The price of lithium-ion battery was \$150 per kilowatt-hour (KWH) earlier. Now, it has come down to \$108-110. I am confident this will further come down to \$100, because their manufacturing has increased."

This, he said, will mean companies can maintain their costs even without a subsidy as their cost of production is coming down. "And, I feel within two years, the cost of a petrol or a diesel vehicle will be the same as an EV. So, they

don't need subsidy as already there is a saving on electric as a fuel (for consumers).

Electric vehicles currently attract a flat GST rate of 5%, while on petrol and diesel vehicles the tax rate is 28% for smaller vehicles, and goes up to over 48% for larger vehicles.

When asked whether he is concerned about slowdown in sale of electric vehicles, he said this question will be best answered by the market. "Leave everything to the market and the choice of people. They are the best judges... survival of fittest is the law."

Workers at Samsung's India unit go on indefinite strike

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Chennai: Samsung India's employee union has alleged that the company is involved in weakening and destabilising the employees' labour union and floating a competitive one. Around 1,500 workers of the company went on an indefinite strike on Monday, alleging the South Korean tech giant sabotaged the existing union and forced employees to work overtime. They also have concerns aro-

und wage revision and want the company to hold talks with the union.

The union, affiliated with CITU, was formed two months

UNION WOES

ago with 1,550 workers at the Samsung Electronics plant at Sunguvarchatram, near Sriperumbudur, west of Chennai. The Union is yet to be registered under the Registrar of Unions. E Muthukumar, president of the union, said,

"Our demands were not met and the management has urged us to disband the union. They are hindering the recognition of the union by raising complaints. When the union took a decision to stop overtime, the management forced employees to work overtime up to 11 hours."

TOI sent a detailed query to Samsung, but is yet to get a response. It is believed that Samsung India executives will hold talks with the workers on Tuesday.

THINNER WATCH

iPhone

- The iPhone 16's A18 chips are 30% faster than the A16 chips in iPhone 15 models
- Apple Intelligence adds Visual Intelligence — meaning you can point your iPhone's camera toward something to get more information

Apple Watch

- The Series 10 Watch is thinner and has an up to 30% larger screen
- The Watch will help with finding conditions such as sleep apnea



Airpods

- AirPods 4 have a new design for more comfortable wearing and improved acoustics. They have 30 hours of total battery life

orders for its Z-shaped tri-fold phone. This underscores Huawei's ability to navigate US sanctions and solidifies its position against Apple in China, where consumers are hankering for more AI features and are willing to pay for them.

Apple also unveiled new Watches and AirPods. The Series 10 Watch starts at \$399, is thinner than its predecessor and has up to 30% larger screen than previous generations. Apple highlighted the Watch's ability to help with sports and health issues, including finding longer-term conditions such as sleep apnea as well as detecting and responding to

on Monday that it had garnered more than 3 million pre-



ELTON JOHN SAYS TRUMP'S 'LITTLE ROCKET MAN' JAB AT KIM JONG-UN WAS 'BRILLIANT' & 'HILARIOUS', BUT CLARIFIES NOT ENDORSING ANYONE



PATTI SCIALFA, BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN'S WIFE AND BANDMATE, REVEALS SHE WAS DIAGNOSED WITH BLOOD CANCER IN 2018

US generals and GOP stalwarts back Harris as candidates prep for debate

10 Top Retired Military Gens Call Trump 'A Danger'; Blame Him For Af Fiasco

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Amid polls showing Donald Trump and Kamala Harris tied in the 2024 prez race, top US public figures including retired military generals continue to warn American voters about dangers the former prez poses to US national security and democracy.

While many of them, including prominent Republicans, are endorsing Harris despite their long association with the GOP, some — notably ex-prez George Bush — have said they will not support anyone, inviting taunts from never-Trumpers to “man-up” and be like his mother. The matriarch Barbara Bush was openly contemptuous of Trump and wondered how anyone could vote for him.

While Harris has the support of all living former Democratic presidents and vice-presidents, Trump's own vice-president Mike Pence has disdained him. 2008 Republican veep nominee Sarah Palin is the only one supporting Trump.

On Monday, the Harris campaign dropped a scorching ad in which several Trump administration officials, including Pence, are seen criticising their former boss. The ad, titled “The Best People”, compiles footage of some of the senior-most officials who served under Trump — including Pence, former defence secretary Mark Esper, former chairman of the joint chiefs of staff Mark Milley and former NSA John Bolton — calling him narcissistic and untrustworthy. “In 2016, Donald Trump said he would choose only the best people to work in



'FIT TO BE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'

his White House. Now those people have a warning for America: Trump is not fit to be president again,” a voiceover says. The ad also features a segment showing Milley saying, “We don't take an oath to a king or a queen or a tyrant or a dictator. And we don't take an oath to a wannabe dictator” — a smack-down from a respected general.

On Monday, a group of 10 retired military generals endorsed Harris, calling Trump “a danger to our national security”. The letter cited Trump's comments disparaging members of the military and his own “chaotic approach” to Afghanistan ahead of the US withdrawal, including negotiating a deal with the Taliban that allowed 5,000 of the group's fighters to return to the battlefield. In contrast to Trump's actions, the generals wrote Harris “has demonstrated her ability to take on the most difficult national security challenges in the Situation Room and on the international stage”, from Russia's Ukraine invasion to tensions with China in the Indo-Pacific. “Harris is the best — and only — presidential candidate in this race who is fit to serve as our commander in chief,” they wrote in the letter posted on X by Harris' campaign.

Height of pettiness: Trump seeks advantage from his large frame

Chidanand Rajghatta | TNN

Washington: Recent history of US presidential elections suggests that the taller of the two major party candidates usually wins. Perhaps with that in mind, MAGA leader Donald Trump is insisting on “no boxes of artificial lifts” that may help Kamala Harris overcome the height deficit in Tuesday's presidential debate.

At six foot three inches, the 190cm tall Trump will tower nearly a foot over five-foot-four-inch (162.5 cm) Harris. But with several polls showing they are level in the prez race, a peevish Trump is seeking to squeeze advantage from every inch of his lumbering frame during the debate where her supporters expect a “petite” Harris to boss over a corpulent opponent.

“In my upcoming debate with Kamala Harris, there will be no boxes or artificial lifts permitted... We must ensure the American people see who we truly are, with no tricks or deception,” Trump posted on social media, recalling that his campaign had ensured similar conditions against NYC mayor Mike Bloomberg (who is 5' 5") in a previous prez debate. Bloomberg had denied that he had sought a box to stand on, and fired back saying Trump “lies about everything: his fake hair, his obesity and his spray-tan”.

Trump's suo motu demand — in absence of any request from the Harris campaign for height enhancement — invited ridicule on social media with



During the 2016 prez debate, Trump had crept up behind Hillary Clinton (who is half-inch taller than Kamala Harris' 5-foot-4-inch height) and loomed over her in what some saw as an effort to intimidate her

some trolls suggesting, among other things, that he should have his coiffed hair cropped to reveal his true height. Others wanted him denied his make-up to reveal his “true colours”, and still others wanted a weight standard instituted.

The Harris campaign ignored the MAGA man's petty concerns, but it was Kerstin Emhoff, former wife of Harris' husband, Doug Emhoff, who came to her defence against Trump's tawdry concern, tweeting, “Always the nasty man. Trying to use his physicality to intimidate women.”

During the 2016 prez debate, Trump had crept up behind Hillary Clinton (who is half inch taller than Harris) and loomed over her in what some saw as an effort to intimidate her. The eventual result in that election validated the theory that taller of two candidates is preferred by voters, although it was the first

time it was being tested with a female candidate in the fray.

At 5'4", Harris measures up to the average height of American women, as per CDC metrics. While she occasionally appears most comfortable in flat Converse sneakers — of which she has several pairs — and seems unconcerned about her height, Trump is about six inches taller than the average height of American men, and is listed as the third tallest US president after Abraham Lincoln, who was 6'4" and Lyndon Johnson (6'3 and half inches). In the modern era, George Bush Sr, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama were listed at 6'2" or thereabouts, leading to the questionable theory that Americans prefer the taller of two candidates as president although George W Bush (5' 11 and half inches) defeated AL Gore and John Kerry, both taller than him.

sed dictators, talked about genitalia size, suggested suspending the constitution and said that Harris only recently “turned black.” Trump's own team doesn't know what he'll do or say on any given day. While Republicans hope Trump makes immigration the top issue, Democrats want to focus on abortion.

Harris is almost two decades younger than Trump (78). Age was viewed as a political advantage for Trump when he was facing the 81-year-old Biden, but the situation is now reversed against the 59-year-old Harris. AP

Tuesday face-off: Kamala bunkers down to prep; Trump on rally spree

Kamala Harris and Donald Trump are veering sharply in how they gear up for Tuesday's prez debate, settling up a showdown that reflects not just two separate visions for the country but two politicians who approach big moments very differently. Harris spent the weekend cloistered in a historic hotel in downtown Pittsburgh where she focused on honing crisp two-minute answers, per the debate's rules. Meanwhile, Trump has publicly dismissed the value of studying for the debate. The former prez is choosing

instead to fill his days with campaign-related events.

Harris will face a skilled and experienced debater who excels at rattling his rivals with a barrage of insults and interruptions, while projecting unflappable confidence and conviction. And Trump will be up against a longtime prosecutor known for landing pointed punches. He again faces a woman who would become the country's first female president and must contend with the underlying gender dynamics at play.

From her earliest campaign

Harris' debate prediction: 'He's going to lie'

Vice President Kamala Harris expects former President Donald Trump to lie repeatedly during their debate Tuesday, she said in a radio interview that was broadcast Monday. “I think he's going to lie,” Harris said. “He has a playbook that he has used in the past, be it, you know, his attacks on President Obama or Hillary Clinton. So we should expect that some of that might come out.” NPT

gms in California to her serving as Prez Biden's running mate, Harris has honed an aggressive but calibrated approach to debates. She tries to blend punch lines with details that build toward a broader narrative. She might shake her head to signal

her disapproval while her opponent is speaking, counting on viewers to see her reaction.

On the other hand, Trump is the ultimate wild card who's found tremendous political success by ignoring the traditional rules of politics. He has praised

Chemo is done, focus now on staying cancer free: Kate

London: Kate, Britain's Princess of Wales, said on Monday she had finished her course of preventative chemotherapy for cancer, saying the treatment had given her a new perspective and made her grateful for “simply loving and being loved”.

Kate, 42, wife of heir-to-the throne Prince William, underwent major abdominal surgery in Jan which revealed the presence of cancer and has been undergoing treatment since then.

In a personal message accompanying a unique video of her with her husband and their three young children, Kate said she would be carrying out a handful of public engagements later this year, but said her path to full recovery would be long.

“As the summer comes to an end, I cannot tell you what a relief it is to have finally completed my chemotherapy treatment,” she said in her message. “The last nine months have been incredibly tough for us as a family. Life as you know it can change in an instant and we have had to find a way to navigate the stormy waters and road unknown.”

Kate made her first public



A screenshot taken from the video shared by Kate and shot in Norfolk

appearance since her health issues emerged in June at the annual parade to mark the official birthday of King Charles.

“The cancer journey is complex, scary and unpredictable for everyone, especially those closest to you,” she said. “This time has above all reminded William and me to reflect and be grateful for the simple yet important things in life, which so many of us often take for granted. Of simply loving and being loved.” In the video, which was filmed in Norfolk, last month, the princess looked well and healthy. “Doing what I can to stay cancer free is now my focus. Although I have finished chemotherapy, my path to healing and full recovery is long and I must continue to take each day as it comes,” she said. REUTERS



After Tajiks were charged with a deadly attack in Moscow, the country has cracked down on signs of Islam. But experts say it's not addressing the causes of terrorism

low-skilled jobs to send money home. The gov't's response, overseen by Prez Emomali Rahmon,

an authoritarian leader, has been to crack down. Tajiks have long been accustomed to restrictions that would surprise many Westerners, with legislation governing conduct at weddings, birthdays and even funerals (“extravagant emotions” are banned at memorials). Hijabs have been banned in schools since 2007 and public institutions since 2009. But in June, parliament passed a law banning “clothes alien to Tajik culture,” a term the gov't often uses for clothing it considers Islamic. Hijabs are a target. The law

18 killed, 37 hurt in air strikes in Syria, reports blame Israel

Air strikes in Syria killed at least 18 people and injured dozens of others, Syria's state news media and an independent organisation reported on Monday. Syria's official news agency, quoting a military source, blamed Israel and reported that the strikes had targeted military sites in the central region. In what appeared to be one of the deadliest waves of attacks in Syria in months, the Syrian state-run news agency, SANA, said 37 people had been injured in the strikes near the city of Masyaf, including six who were in critical condition.

Israel's military declined to comment on the strikes.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based group that tracks the war in Syria, said Monday that strikes had hit the area of a scientific research institute in Masyaf. Work on “developing short- and medium-range precision missiles” is conducted at the institute, the group reported, citing unnamed sources in the Syrian security forces.

The group said 25 people had been killed in strikes in Masyaf and other areas in the province of Hama, including Syrian combatants, people working with Iranian militias and civilians. It was not possible to confirm the report independently.

In the past, Israel has acknowledged carrying out hundreds of assaults on targets in Syria that it says are linked to Iran. NPT

2 Taliban commanders among 8 killed in clash with Pak forces; Af says civilians died

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: Two Taliban commanders were among eight fighters killed in a fresh confrontation late on Sunday with Pakistani forces in Zazi Maidan district of Afghanistan's Khost province, bordering the tribal-dominant Kurram region on this side of the border.

At least 16 more Taliban members were wounded in the clash, the second since last week along one of the 18 border crossings linking Pakistan's Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces with Afghanistan in the southwest and northwest.

Confirmation of the Taliban casualties by Pakistan's state-owned media contrasted with a statement by Afghanistan that unprovoked firing and shelling from across the

New US antitrust trial focuses on Google's online ad dominance

One month after a judge declared Google's search engine an illegal monopoly, the tech giant faces another antitrust lawsuit that threatens to break up the company, this time over its advertising technology. The justice department, joined by a coalition of states, and Google each made opening statements Monday to a federal judge who will decide whether Google holds a monopoly over online advertising technology.

The regulators contend that Google built, acquired and maintains a monopoly over the technology that matches online publishers to advertisers. Dominance over the software on both the buy side and the sell side of the transaction enables Google to keep as much as 36 cents on the dollar when it brokers sales between publishers and advertisers, the gov't contends in court papers. They allege that Google also controls the ad exchange market, which matches the buy side to the sell side. “One monopoly is bad enough. But a trifecta of monopolies is what we have here,” justice department lawyer Julia Tarver Wood said.

In her opening statement, Google lawyer Karen Dunn said the gov't's case is based on an internet of yesterday. The company says the case is improperly focused on dis-



The trial comes a month after a judge declared Google's search engine an illegal monopoly

play ads and banner ads that load on web pages accessed through a desktop computer and fails to take into account consumers' migration to mobile apps and the boom in ads placed on social media sites.

As per Google's annual reports, revenue has actually declined in recent years for Google Networks, the division that includes services like AdSense and Google Ad Manager that are at the heart of the case, from \$31.7 billion in 2021 to \$31.3 billion in 2023.

The Virginia case comes on the heels of Google's defeat over its search engine, which generates the majority of its \$307 billion in annual revenue. A judge in the district of Columbia declared the search engine a monopoly, maintained in part by tens of billions of dollars Google pays each year to companies to lock in Google as the default search engine. And in Dec, a judge declared Google's Android app store a monopoly. AP

VIETNAM BRIDGE COLLAPSES, CARS & TRUCKS FALL INTO RIVER; TYPHOON TOLL RISES TO 64



A bridge collapsed and a bus was swept away by flooding on Monday as more rain fell following a typhoon in Vietnam that has caused at least 64 deaths in the country and disrupted businesses and factories in the export-focused northern industrial hubs, state media reported. Nine people died when Typhoon Yagi made landfall in Vietnam on Saturday before weakening to a tropical depression, and at least 50 others

have died in the consequent floods and landslides, state media VN Express reported. The water levels of several rivers in northern Vietnam were dangerously high. A passenger bus carrying 20 people was swept into a flooded stream by a landslide in mountainous Cao Bang province Monday morning. Rescuers were deployed but landslides blocked their path. In Phu Tho province, rescue efforts were continuing after a steel bridge over the

engorged Red river collapsed Monday morning. Reports said 10 cars and trucks along with two motorbikes fell into the river. Three people were pulled out of the river, but 13 others were missing. Pham Truong Son, 50, told VN Express that he was driving on the bridge on his motorcycle when he heard a loud noise. Before he knew what was happening, he was falling into the river. He held on to a drifting banana tree to stay afloat. AP

Struggling to stem extremism, Tajikistan targets beards and head scarves

Dushanbe: People in Tajikistan were expecting a gov't crackdown after Tajik men were arrested and charged with the terrorist attack on a Moscow concert hall in March. But it still seemed excessive to Nilufar, a 27-year-old education professional, when she saw local officials with scissors outside a KFC in capital Dushanbe, trimming beards that were deemed too long.

Excessive, but not so surprising. In the span of a month, Nilufar herself had been stopped three times by authorities for wearing a hijab in public.

With a population of 10 million, the vast majority of whom are Muslim, Tajikistan has many challenges that experts say make it an incubator for extremism: poverty, poor education, high unemployment and grievances against an autocratic gov't that severely restricts the practice of religion. In the face of these challenges, critics say, Tajikistan has continued to restrict how Islam can be taught and practiced and increasingly implemented superficial policies regulating head scarves and beard lengths. The country came

under global scrutiny after four Tajik men were charged as the assailants in the worst terrorist attack in Russia in two decades, which killed 145 people and injured more than 500 at the Moscow concert hall. Tajik adherents of Islamic State have also been involved in terrorist attacks in Iran and Turkey, as well as thwarted plots in Germany, Austria and elsewhere.

The attacks have tarnished the country's image abroad, especially in Russia, where about 1 million Tajiks — 10% of Tajikistan's population — toil in



After Tajiks were charged with a deadly attack in Moscow, the country has cracked down on signs of Islam. But experts say it's not addressing the causes of terrorism

low-skilled jobs to send money home. The gov't's response, overseen by Prez Emomali Rahmon,

an authoritarian leader, has been to crack down. Tajiks have long been accustomed to restrictions that would surprise many Westerners, with legislation governing conduct at weddings, birthdays and even funerals (“extravagant emotions” are banned at memorials). Hijabs have been banned in schools since 2007 and public institutions since 2009. But in June, parliament passed a law banning “clothes alien to Tajik culture,” a term the gov't often uses for clothing it considers Islamic. Hijabs are a target. The law

imposes fines of about \$660 and \$1,400, in a country where the average monthly salary is just above \$200. The rationale appears to be that stamping out public signs of conservative Islam will help tamp down conservative Islam itself — and potentially reduce Islamic extremism.

Experts said the strategy is not an effective way to combat extremism, because it breeds resentment. It is also ineffective, they said, because radicalised extremists might try to remain inconspicuous by avoiding outward signs of religiosity. NPT

DAILY PLANET



GOAL IS TO BE MESSY: The US state of New Hampshire holds an annual muddy event. On Sunday, it marked the end of the three-day messy Mud Bowl, which is celebrating the 50th year of football players trudging through knee-deep mud while trying to reach the end zone. For them, playing in mud brings out their inner child

Golden eagle attacks toddler, 3 others in Norway; experts say 'behavioural disorder'

A young golden eagle attacked a toddler in Norway, clawing her so badly that she needed stitches, in what an ornithologist says is likely the bird's fourth such attack on humans in the past week. The bird's unusual aggression occurred over five days across a vast mountainous area of southern Norway. The golden eagle — common in Norway and the Scandinavian country's second-largest bird of prey — typically eats smaller animals, as well as foxes and sheep. The bird was killed after the attack on the small child. The golden eagle “likely had a behavioural disorder” that prompted the attacks, Alv Ottar Folkestad, an eagle expert, told AP Monday.

Suspect drones disrupt traffic at Stockholm airport
Air traffic at Stockholm's Arlanda international airport was halted for two hours overnight after four drones entered its air space, police said Monday, adding that they suspected sabotage. Police alerted air

traffic controllers to the drones between 1am and 2am (local time). Take-offs and landings were halted between 2am and 3.40am, affecting five flights. Police have opened an investigation into “airport sabotage”.

Death of 'Russian spy' whale not by humans: Norway cops
A beluga whale found with a harness strapped around its neck in Norwegian waters five years ago — and found dead on Aug. 31 — had a stick stuck in its mouth and its death was not related to human activity, police said. Norway and Russia share a maritime border, leading to speculation that the whale was a Russian spy.

AROUND THE WORLD

Kabir Bedi was the lead actor in a six-part Italian television series called Sandokan. The series which was released in 1976 was featuring a pirate hero. It was followed by a feature length movie and a follow up movie that was made after 24 years — both had Bedi as the lead star.

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LIVERPOOL'S CAOIMHIN KELLEHER HINTS AT LEAVING CLUB FOR REGULAR FIRST-TEAM ACTION

TOO EARLY TO HAVE IMPACT PLAYER RULE IN SA20: GRAEME SMITH AHEAD OF SEASON 3



World No. 1 Overcomes Dope Distraction, Trounces Taylor Fritz In Final To Crush American Dream

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He's 6 ft 3" with a scrappy crown, a face that doesn't say much and legs that are defined to cover great ground, run miles and miles at the speed of lightning. Then there is the intangible. An alloy of the unbendable ilk that runs through Jannik Sinner.

The scrutiny the top-seed faced coming into the US Open is hard to imagine. He was fighting questions on his integrity — including some damning ones raised by fellow pros — following two positive tests in March for the banned steroid Clostebol.

The 23-year-old was cleared of fault or negligence by an independent tribunal in the week before the season's final Grand Slam, but the court of public opinion, revved up by the engines of social discourse, had turned the glare on him. Players and the public alleged that tennis' anti-doping authorities had treated the world No. 1 differently from other players. At best it was a divided locker room.

So, when Sinner threw up his arms up at the end of a power-packed slugfest with American Taylor Fritz, where he had rallied from 3-5 in the third set, reeling off four straight games to seal a dominant win, he stood tall in the winner's circle that isn't for the weak hearted. The world No. 1 took down Fritz, the top-ranked American, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 to claim his second Grand Slam title of the year, making him the first Italian man to win in New York and also the first man in 47 years to claim his first two Grand Slam titles in the same season.

"The pre-tournament circumstances wasn't easy," said Sinner, who teared up as he held the Tiffany-designed winner's trophy. "I felt like I had grown, match by match and that my confidence level went higher and higher (with each match). I'm happy how I handled this one."

Sinner, who surrounded himself with a slim-look team in New York, after dropping physio and fitness coach Giacomo Naldi and Umberto Ferrara from his close circle, had his two coaches — Darren Cahill and Simone Vagnozzi — and girlfriend Anna Kalinskaya, ranked 14 on the WTA Tour, to fall back on.

"The people who are close to me daily, people who know me already from when I was very young, my family, my team and everyone who supports me," Sinner said of the people who stood by him in the hardest times of his young career. "I always try to stick with them, especially when the moments are getting difficult and tough, because I know that they can help me in these moments."

Sinner, whose title run in New York has taken his record for the year to 55-5, and extended his winning streak to 11 matches, said he's still sometimes weighed down by the incidents of the last five months.

"It was and it's still a little bit in my mind," he said. "My team and people who are close to me, they know what I've been through in the last months. It was not only one week before the tournament. It was



VINDICATION: Jannik Sinner soaks in the moment after defeating Taylor Fritz in the US Open final in New York



MIXED DOUBLES! Pop star Taylor Swift (from left; above) and her boyfriend, NFL star Travis Kelce attend the men's final match at Flushing Meadows; Morgan Riddle, girlfriend of Taylor Fritz, watches the action; Sinner celebrates with girlfriend Anna Kalinskaya after his title triumph

a major, which is reason for public debate by itself, but when a pair of pros aged 23 and under in — Carlos Alcaraz, 21, and Sinner — sweep up the Grand Slam calendar, splitting the 2024 haul between them, it's called a new dawn.

"It's something new, but it's also nice to see. Nice to see new champions, new rivalries," Sinner said. "I will always have players who are going to make me a better player, because there are going to be times where they beat me. Then you have to try to find a way to win against certain players... it's good for the sport to have some new champions."

Sinner had all the answers in New York City, even when he was pulled wide and away. It's what champions do, they deliver.

SINNER PEACE

"This title means so much because the last period of my career was not easy. The (dope) investigation was and still is on my mind. It's not that it's gone, but when I'm on court, I try to handle the situation the best possible way I can. I'm happy how I handled this one. I'm just excited to have this trophy with me. It's nice to see some new champions. The new generation, we push each other, try to improve."

—Jannik Sinner

"I love tennis, I train a lot for this kind of stage, but off the court there is a life. I would like to dedicate this title to my aunt, who is really not feeling well health wise. I don't know how much I'll still have her in my life. It's so nice I can still share a positive moment with her."

—Taylor Fritz



AMERICAN FANS HAVE BEEN WANTING A MEN'S CHAMPION FOR A LONG TIME, AND I'M PRETTY UPSET WITH HOW I PLAYED TODAY. I FEEL LIKE I ALMOST LET A LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN. I'M JUST DISAPPOINTED."

—Taylor Fritz

4 Sinner is just the fourth man to win the Australian Open and US Open on hard courts in the same season, after Mats Wilander, Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic.

1 Sinner is the first Italian men's singles champion in US Open history and only the second Italian singles champion overall after Flavia Pennetta's 2015 women's singles triumph. Sinner's title run in New York has taken his record for the year to 55-5.

1 Sinner is the first No. 1 in the ATP rankings to win the US Open since Rafael Nadal in 2017.

BASELINE DOMINANCE

Sinner won 60 baseline points compared to Taylor Fritz's 32.

Baseline dominance has been the leading story of Sinner's title-run in New York. Overall, he won 53.2% (386/726) of baseline points in 7 matches to take the title.

Fritz had won 49.8% (328/659) of his baseline points leading into the final, but 34% (32/94) against the rampaging Italian.

FABULOUS YEAR FOR ITALIAN TENNIS

Jannik Sinner's US Open triumph isn't the only instance of an Italian taking home silverware in an extraordinary year for the country's tennis. Here is the list of Italians making hay on the court in 2024:

Jannik Sinner: Australian Open and US Open men's singles titles.

Jasmine Paolini: Women's singles runner-up at French Open and

Wimbledon. Also the women's doubles runners-up at the French Open with Sara Errani, doubles gold at Paris Olympics with Errani.

Lorenzo Musetti: Men's singles bronze at the Olympics, Italy's first Olympic tennis medal in 100 years.

Errani-Andrea Vavassori: Mixed doubles crown at US Open.

Simone Bolelli-Vavassori: Runners-up in men's doubles at Australian Open and French Open.

DEADLINE NEARS TO APPEAL SINNER DOPE EXONERATION

Rome: Time is running out for appeals to be filed in the case that exonerated US Open champion Jannik Sinner from doping. The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) and Nado Italia, Italy's anti-doping agency, likely have only one more day to challenge the decision announced by the International Tennis Integrity Agency (ITIA) on Aug 20.

There is a 21-day window to appeal that started when the parties received the decision. Any appeal would be

filed to the Switzerland-based Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

Sinner tested positive twice for an anabolic steroid in March but was not suspended because the ITIA determined the banned performance-enhancer entered his system unintentionally through a massage from his physiotherapist. The doping case was kept secret until last month's announcement.

An appeal could jeopardize his US Open title but Sinner and his legal team have provided detailed scientific evidence to show that his explanation is credible. Other players, however, have expressed concern with how Sinner's case was kept secret. AP

ALL WORK, NO PLAY

Lack Of Facilities, Mismanagement Means No Cricket On Day 1 Of Afghan-NZ Test

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Greater Noida: It was a bright and sunny day as one reached the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathak Cricket Stadium here in the morning on Monday. Naturally, the assumption was that one will get to witness some quality cricket as players from Afghanistan and New Zealand — the two teams squaring up against each other for the first time in the Test arena — were out in the ground ahead of Day 1 of the Test.

One waited and waited as multiple inspections took place, before play was abandoned for the day by the two umpires Kumar Dharmasena and Sharfuddoula in consultation with match referee Javagal Srinath at four in the afternoon. The abandonment was due to a wet outfield and damp run-up area for the bowlers.

The toss has now been scheduled at 9 am on Tuesday. The remaining four days will have 98 overs each with an early start at 9:30 am, instead of 10 am. However, intermittent rain is predicted through-



FRUSTRATING WAIT: New Zealand players take a look at the soggy ground in Greater Noida on Monday

out the day on Tuesday with humidity hovering around the 80-85 per cent mark.

The sun was out all day on Monday and there was not a single cover on the ground, but the drainage facilities and ground equipment at the stadium were far below international standards. The groundstaff kept at it throughout the day. The two super sopplers were at work, table fans were used, but to no avail as wet patches on the outfield and the bowlers' run-up remained a concern.

On Sunday, continuous rain from afternoon till the evening had left the ground conditions slushy. After a brief stoppage, it had rained in the night too.

"We're worried about five-six patches inside the 30-yard circle. One area of the run-up does not look good, it's a play-

ers' safety issue. We even saw one player getting injured yesterday (Sunday) as well, we know how hard it is," umpire Dharmasena told the host broadcaster.

About the injury, Dharmasena was referring to Afghanistan opener Ibrahim Zadran, who twisted his ankle while taking a catch during a fielding drill on the eve of the Test.

The stadium, managed by Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) rather than the state cricket association, lacks the advanced equipment and resources needed for international venues. The stadium had been banned by the BCCI in Sept 2017 due to match-fixing during corporate matches. No BCCI affiliated match has been hosted here since.

The stadium as a Test match venue has raised ques-

tions, especially from the Afghanistan camp.

An Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) official, maintaining confidentiality, said that their preference as a Test match venue was Lucknow. "The complete mismanagement at the venue and lack of good training facilities has also left Afghan players a bit perturbed," added the official. "This is a huge mess. We are never coming back here."

The lack of facilities extended beyond the field. The venue lacked a proper media stand and adequate seating arrangements for fans. The media personnel present faced a lot of problems, including lack of water, power supply, and access to a female washroom. The fans, who had come to the stadium, had no idea what was going on as there was no public announcement system.

SA PICK THREE NEW FACES FOR AFGHAN, IRELAND ODIS

Johannesburg: South Africa have handed Ngaba Peter, Andile Simelane and Jason Smith their first call-ups to the ODI squad for series against Afghanistan and Ireland in the United Arab Emirates starting next week.

All-rounder Simelane has also received a first call-up to the T20 squad for two games against the Irish, Cricket South Africa announced on Monday.

South Africa will play Afghanistan in three ODIs in Sharjah, starting on Sept. 18, then two T20s against Ireland in Abu Dhabi, followed by three ODIs against the Irish at the Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium.

DON'T SACK CAPTAINS HASTILY: GILLESPIE, KIRSTEN TELL PCB

Karachi: Pakistan's white and red ball head coaches Gary Kirsten and Jason Gillespie have advised the country's cricket board against changing the captains in haste after recent shoddy performances across formats.

Babar Azam was sacked from white ball captaincy after 2023 ODI World Cup round robin exit in India and his replacement Shaheen Shah Afridi was removed after one bad series. Similarly in Tests, after Babar resigned, Shan

Masood was named captain but after 0-2 Test series defeat to Bangladesh, there are calls for his immediate ouster. A PCB source, however, said that recent media speculation about Masood and Babar's sacking is nothing more than kite flying.

"There has been no discussion on changing the captains as the PCB chairman Mohsin Naqvi has left it up to the two coaches and selectors to decide on the captaincy," he said.

"And Kirsten and Gillespie are very clear that Shan and Babar both need to be given a proper run before judging their leadership abilities," the source added.

India trounce Japan 5-1 for second straight win

Hulunbuir (China): Sukhjeet Singh struck a brace as defending champions India thrashed Japan 5-1 in a league match to notch up their second consecutive win in the men's Hero Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament here on Monday. Sukhjeet scored in the second and 60th minutes while Abhishek (3rd), Sanjay (17th) and Uttam Singh (54th) were the other Indian goal getters.

Matsumoto Kazumasa pulled one back for Japan in the 41st minute.

Four-time champions India, who had beaten China 3-0 in their opening round-robin league match on Sunday, got two penalty corners as against five won by Japan. India were quick to get the lead with Sukhjeet scoring a brilliant field goal in the second minute of the match itself. It was Sanjay, hovering on the right side of the circle, lobbed in a cross that was swiftly deflected by Sukhjeet. India extended the lead to 2-0 in the next minute with Abhishek dribbling past several Japanese defenders before rounding off the goalkeeper to score.

The onslaught continued in the second quarter with Sanjay converting a splendid penalty corner in the 17th minute. With 3-0 lead at half-time, India were in a comfortable position while Japan tried to shake



Abhishek (second from right) and teammates celebrate a goal

ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY

off the early nerves and bounce back.

Japan, who finished third in the 2023 edition of the tournament, made amends in their attack to fetch a PC in the 21st minute. But Japan's drag-flick was finely blocked by the Indian rushers, enabling their team to launch a quick counter attack. Attacking from the right, Jugraj Singh got a nice turn and won a free hit. After a flurry of swift short passes, Indian forwards missed the goal-mouth by inches.

With one goal coming in the second quarter, India completely dominated with 67 per cent ball possession that led to 11

circle entries and three shots on goal.

Returning from the 10-minute half-time break, India looked to keep up the momentum. They played patiently with discipline, to launch their first attack in the third quarter but Japan won the ball back.

Japan did well to build on a structured attack that eventually led to a field goal in the 41st minute by Kazumasa.

A fourth goal eventually came for India, thanks to good stick work by Jarmanpreet Singh who assisted Uttam Singh in converting a fine field goal. Sukhjeet added another goal to his name in the 60th minute after a fine assist by Abhishek to help India end the match on a high. PTI

Nissanka does it in a hurry as Lanka earn rare win in England

London: Sri Lanka earned only their fourth Test victory on English soil after an unbeaten century by opener Pathum Nissanka helped secure an eight-wicket win in the third and final match of the series against England at The Oval on Monday.

England won the series 2-1 but missed out on a second clean sweep, having defeated the West Indies 3-0 in July.

Starting Day 4 on 94-1 and requiring 125 more runs to win, the Sri Lankans needed barely two hours to complete the job in clinical fashion. The platform was built on Sunday when they skittled England for 156 in just 34 overs and were



NISSANKA

given a victory target of 219. Nissanka underpinned the chase with his second Test hundred, reaching three figures in 107 balls and finishing 127 not out as Sri Lanka got to 219 in 40.3 overs.

The diminutive opener, who struck 13 fours and two sixes, spread his arms wide and soaked in the applause inside a half-full ground after passing

100, then kissed his bat and looked to the sky. His other century was against the West Indies in 2021, his first year in the Sri Lankan Test team. The quality of his knock raised the question why he didn't start the first Test against England at Old Trafford last month, before he was recalled for the second Test at Lord's.

Fittingly, it was Nissanka who scored the clinching runs with a cut for four. The tourists' previous Test wins in England came at the Oval in 1998 at Trent Bridge in 2006 and Headingley in 2014.

BRIEF SCORES: England 325 and 156 vs Sri Lanka 263 and 219-2 (P Nissanka 127*). AP

4 Sri Lanka's fourth win vs England in England is their ninth against them. Their tally of wins in England includes both the Tests against them at The Oval - by 10 wickets in 1998 & by 8 wickets in 2024; by 134 runs at Nottingham in 2006 and by 100 runs at Leeds in 2014.

219/2 Sri Lanka have recorded the first score of 200-plus by Asian teams in a successful chase in England.

127* An unbeaten knock by Pathum Nissanka is his career-best score in Tests. His previous best was 103 against West Indies at North Sound in 2021.

—Rajesh Kumar

WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE PARIS

World Bids Adieu To A 'Historic Summer' Games As Paralympics Close With A Giant Music-Fuelled Party. Over To LA!

Saint-Denis: A summer sporting bonanza which started under pouring rain on July 26 with a remarkable opening ceremony for the Paris Olympics on the Seine River ended Sunday with the Paralympics closing ceremony at a rain-soaked Stade de France.

It lowers the curtain on successful back-to-back Games that captivated fans and raised the bar high for others to follow. Good luck Los Angeles in 2028.

As the stadium was lit up in the blue, white and red colors of the French national flag, a trumpet player played the national anthem "La Marseillaise" and Paralympic flagbearers then made their way into the stadium carrying national flags to the sound of "Chariots of Fire" by Vangelis. "Everyone can see what an inclusive world is like," Tony Estanguet, the head of the Paris Olympics in 2024, said in his closing speech. "Now there is no turning back."

The International Paralympic Committee president Andrew Parsons said France excelled itself as a host in both Games. "Paris 2024 has set a benchmark for all future Paralympic Games," Parsons said. "For a country famous for its fashion and its food, France is now famous for its fans."

The crowd clapped along to a breakdancing set, before Tony Award winner Ali Stroker performed the American national anthem as a part of the handoff to Los Angeles. Stroker made history in 2019 as the first person who uses a wheelchair to win a Tony Award for her turn as Ado Annie in the Broadway revival of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "Oklahoma!" In another portion of the screened handoff to LA, Venice Beach Skate Park transformed into a 360-degree stage featuring skateboards and wheelchair motocross riders.

Then, the crowd roared as famed French electronic music composer Jean-Michel Jarre began closing out the ceremony, which was again led by artistic director Thomas Jolly. The 76-year-old Jarre span tunes as in a Parisian nightclub, oblivious to the rain lashing down on him.

Jolly wanted to turn the stadium into a giant open-air dance party. More than 20 DJs, including Étienne de Crécy, Martin Solveig and Kavinsky, followed the trailblazer Jarre in a tribute to French electro music to the theme "Journey of the Wave." Or the wave goodbye from the 64,000 fans, and the city itself, to the more than 4,000 Paralympic athletes.

After the successful Olympics showcased the vibrancy of fans from around the world and the beauty of the city's iconic venues, there were doubts that the energy would keep going into the Aug. 28-Sept. 8 Paralympics.

Those doubts were dispelled, with athletes enjoying strong support. Not all venues were sold out, but this was also because the summer holiday period was ending and children were returning to school.

A surge of enthusiasm saw 2.4 million tickets of the 2.8 million tickets sold — second only to the 2.7 million sold at the 2012 London Games — and this was some feat considering that by late June only 1 million had been sold. AP



LIGHTS OFF: French athletes extinguish the Olympic flame to mark the end of the Games



UNITED COLOURS: A fireworks display concludes the closing ceremony at Stade de France



IT'S A MUSICAL: The 24-artist show included French electronic music legend Jean-Michel Jarre and singer Santa (R)



ONE-TWO-THREE: The Netherlands made a clean sweep of the medals in the women's 100m T64 final



WHEELING TO SUCCESS: USA's Brian Siemann competes in the para athletics men's 5000m-T54



QUEST FOR PERFECTION: Chinese swimmer Yuyan Jiang was the star of the show with 7 gold



SINGING IN THE RAIN: In the official handover to LA, Broadway star Ali Stroker sang the American national anthem



REVENGE STORY II: France play Argentina during the blind football gold medal match. The hosts won



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India's chess Olympiad team faces tricky task

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India's olympiad team captain N Srinath will have to make a tricky decision about the board order when he meets the players ahead of the Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary, this week.

India have two strong candidates in World Championship challenger D Gukesh (live rating 2764) and Erigaisi Arjun (2778) for the top board in the four-board contests spanning 11 Swiss League rounds. The board order is fixed for the entire tournament and can vary only if one of the top-four players is rested. In that case, the reserve player (fifth) takes the fourth board and other players are pushed one board above.

When TOI mentioned to GM Srinath that it would benefit Gukesh more if he plays on the top board considering his impending World Championship battle with Ding Liren, he said, "It won't be about players' benefit. We have to think about what is more beneficial to the team." India are second seeds for the event. But the lineup of Arjun, Gukesh, R Praggnanandhaa, Vidit Gujrathi and P Harikrishna appears stronger than top seeds USA.

Srinath said that India players will land in Budapest by Tuesday for the event starting on Wednesday. "We will discuss and finalise the board order then," said Srinath.

Gukesh has made astounding progress in the last two years. Apart from winning the candidates despite not being among the favourites, he had scored 9/11 including 8/8 on the top board of India 'B' team in the last Olympiad. His willingness to fight slow-grinding wins on the top board is expected to ease the pressure of winning drawish positions on others.

Arjun had won a strong event in Armenia in June with 6.5/9 without defeat and did well in France too with 7.5/9. Adding 15-plus Elo points at this level is not easy but he has managed that. On the other hand, Gukesh has drawn 17 and won just one of 18 classical games that he played in St Louis and Bucharest since winning the Candidates, raising a concern about his form and method of handling the pressure of expectations. "The relationship between these players is good. They are ambitious but they are mature enough to understand what needs to be done when they come together to play for India. Preparation is a vital part of the 64-square sport," Srinath said.

The women's team, captained by GM Abhijit Kunte, is unlikely to face much problem about deciding the board order: GMs D Harika, R Vaishali, IMs Divya Deshmukh, Vanitka Agrawal and Tania Sachdev are playing members of the team.

GALLERY

Pak athletes get visas for SAAF Jr athletics in India

Lahore: A 12-member Pakistan contingent on Monday left for Chennai to take part in the South Asian Athletics Federation Junior Championships after getting visas from the Indian High Commission. An official confirmed that the athletes and officials had left for Chennai after visas were approved on Saturday. "The contingent has left via the Wagah border from where they will go to Amritsar and fly to Chennai where the South Asian Junior Athletics Championship is being held," the official said.

Irani tie moved from Mumbai to Lucknow: The Irani Cup fixture for the 2024-25 season, which will feature Ranji Trophy champions Mumbai versus the Rest of India from October 1-5, has been moved to Lucknow from Mumbai, TOI has learnt. This paper had reported on September 6 that due to the extended monsoon in the city, Mumbai will not stage the Irani Cup tie, which will be held from October 1 to 5, with Ahmedabad and Lucknow being the alternate venues.

Lady fancied: Lady Sunshine should win the HPSL Calcutta Fillies Trial Stakes at the Kolkata races on Tuesday. Selections: 1st race: Winsangel 1, Diamond Gold 2, Diamond Rain 3. 2nd race: Fancy Nancy 1, All Time Legend 2, Kindred Spirit 3. 3rd race: King's Retreat 1, Zucardi 2, Wonderful 3. 4th race: Meropi 1, Blackstone 2, Dr Doom 3. 5th race: Lady Sunshine 1, Trakila 2. AGENCIES/TNN

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: Afghanistan vs New Zealand, 1st Test, Day 2, 9.30 am (Eurosport, Fancode). **FOOTBALL:** Nations League, The Netherlands vs Germany, 12.15 am Tuesday (Sony Sports)

Ronaldo's late strike breaks Scottish hearts

10-Man Spain Beat Switzerland

Lisbon: Cristiano Ronaldo is showing just why Portugal are persisting with him at the age of 39. Make that a record-extending 132 international goals for the five-time world player of the year after Ronaldo came on as a halftime substitute and slotted home an 88th-minute winner for Portugal in their 2-1 victory over Scotland in the Nations League on Sunday.

Indeed, he was an ever-present danger in Lisbon, demonstrating he is far from



Bruno Fernandes (L) congratulates Cristiano Ronaldo

finished as a force in international soccer — especially against the likes of a struggling Scotland. On Thursday, Ronaldo scored his 900th career goal — spanning games for club and country — in a 2-1 win over Croatia.

The quest for 1,000 began three days later and he didn't disappoint, despite only playing one half. Scotland went ahead through Scott McTominay in the seventh minute before an equalizer from the edge of the area by Bruno Fernandes in the 54th.

Luka Modric turns 39 on Monday but, like Ronaldo, remains as integral as ever for his country. The Real Madrid midfielder again demonstrated his enduring quality by clipping home an exquisite free kick from the edge of the box in Croatia's 1-0 win over Poland. It was Modric's 27th

NATIONS LEAGUE

RUIZ FIRES A BRACE

Fabian Ruiz scored twice for Spain in its 4-1 win at Switzerland, with the recently crowned European champions emerging victorious despite playing the majority of the game with only 10 men.

Centre back Robin Le Normand was shown a straight red card in the 20th minute for



bringing down Breel Embolo as the last man, by which time Spain was leading 2-0 thanks to Joselu's header from Lamine Yamal's cross in the fourth minute and Ruiz's goal in the 13th after Nico Williams' shot was saved.

Zeki Amdouni pulled a goal back for the Swiss before halftime but substitute Ferran Torres set up Ruiz for his second goal then scored himself to clinch Spain's first win of its Nations League title defense. The team drew 0-0 at Serbia on Thursday.

Swedish soccer fans paid tribute to one of the country's most famous coaches — and then celebrated the further blossoming of the team's new strikeforce. There was a minute's silence before Sweden's home match with Estonia in honour of Sven-Goran Eriksson, who died on Aug. 26. AP

Syria blank India on way to title

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Hyderabad: Syria, the highest ranked team in the tournament at No. 93, justified their billing as they routed defending champions India 3-0 to lift the Intercontinental Cup at the GMC Balayogi stadium on Monday.

While goals from Mohmoud Al Aswad (7th) and Daleho Mohsen Irandust (77th minutes) sealed India's fate, Pablo David Sabbag Daccarett (90+6) summed up the hosts' struggle against a much superior side.

Coming into the match after a goalless draw against Mauritius in the opener, India needed a win to defend the title. Coach Marquez made seven changes from the previous game.

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However, it was the visiting team that made early inroads. Al Aswad put them ahead in the seventh minute, tapping a pass from Daleho Mohsen Irandust past Indian goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu.

Syria had a great chance to double the lead in the 20th minute when Yasin Dali got the ball with no defenders to stop him. But he hit it wide off Gurpreet Singh.

India fought back through Sahal Abdul Samad, but his long ranger in the 30th minute found Syrian goalkeeper Elias Hadaya. The two extra minutes in the first half saw the 124th ranked team come close to scoring when Sahal found the ball in the box but could not clear the Syrian defender. India looked a better side in the second half. They came close to finding the equaliser through Lallianzuala Chhangte in 54th and 60th minutes.

Daleho Mohsen doubled the lead for the visitors in the 77th minute when he took the ball on the right and ran in



Mahmoud Al Aswad (No. 7) scores Syria's first goal against India in the Intercontinental Cup on Monday

66 I don't like teams who are scared. We were not brave in the first half. I think 3-0 is not what happened in the game. I think we at least deserved to the score. It was a very similar game to Syria vs Mauritius. They have very good players in counter-attack, and they killed us."

— Manolo Marquez, INDIA COACH

close to sneak it past Gurpreet.

India tried hard to get back in the game in the 87th minute when Edmund Lalrindika, who failed to see a clear passage, took a shot at the goal without success. Liston Colaco also came close in the 94th minute. Pablo David finished the game in



Kane trains ahead of Finland game

played in more competitive matches (83) than any other senior men's international.

"I feel in really good shape, both physically and mentally, at a peak in my career. Watching other players, Ronaldo scoring his 901st goal, seeing him compete at 39 years old inspires me to play for as long as possible," Kane told reporters on Monday.

Kane to be feted for 100th England cap

London: England captain Harry Kane will be presented with a gold cap to mark his 100th appearance for his country ahead of the Nations League match against Finland at Wembley on Tuesday. The Bayern Munich striker will become the 10th Englishman to reach a century of international caps — the first since Wayne Rooney in 2014 — and will look to improve on his record 66 goals for the team.

England confirmed Monday that Kane, who was wearing golden boots during a training session in the morning, will start the match against Finland, where he will be captain for the 73rd time. The 31-year-old Kane has played in more games at major finals (28) than any other English male player and has

Rodrygo 'upset' over Ballon d'Or omission

Sao Paulo: Brazilian Rodrygo said his versatility may have cost him a Ballon d'Or nomination after the Real Madrid forward was not among the 30 names short-listed for the prestigious award. The 23-year-old scored 17 goals and registered nine assists in 51 appearances for the club last season.

His Madrid team mates Vinicius Jr, Jude Bellingham, Dani Carvajal, Federico Valverde, Antonio Rudiger, as well as the now-retired Toni Kroos, were all nominated.

Kylian Mbappe, who arrived at Madrid from Paris St Germain in the close season, was also on the shortlist. "I was upset, I think I deserved it," Rodrygo told ESPN. "I don't want to belittle the players who are there, I think they deserved it also. "But I think I had a place in the 30. It was a surprise but there is not much I can do as I'm not the one who decides these things." REUTERS

Bajrang moves court, seeks quashing of Nada suspension

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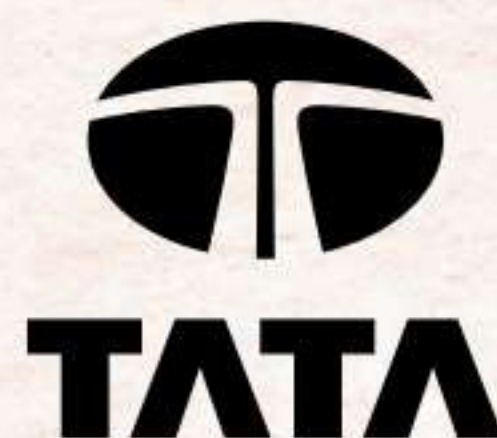
New Delhi: Tokyo Olympics bronze medallist Bajrang Punia has moved the Delhi High Court challenging his provisional suspension by the National Anti-Doping Agency (Nada) in June for "refusing to give his urine sample" for dope testing. In a writ petition filed through his lawyer Vudhupat Singhania, Bajrang contended that since the senior world wrestling championships, in which he desires to participate, is fast approaching, his suspension may be lifted.

"The senior world wrestling championships shall be held in Tirana, Albania from Oct 28 to 31. However, the provisional suspension imposed by the respondent (Nada) shall prevent the petitioner from competing in the said event, owing to which the petitioner (Bajrang) shall be forced to retire from the sport of wrestling," Bajrang argued through his legal team. Bajrang has also sought an 'independent investigation and inquiry' into the alleged role of Nada in using a single/expired kit for testing and the subsequent 'non transparent and suspicious cover' up by the country's anti-doping watchdog.

"...issue a writ in the nature of mandamus or any other appropriate writ, order or direction directing a suspension and/or quashing of the notice dated 21.06.2024, wherein an order imposing a provisional suspension has been passed by the respondent without application of mind and without even considering the explanations and evidence provided by the petitioner," the writ read.

Nada had, on April 23, suspended Bajrang for refusal to give his urine sample during the selection trials held in Sonapat on March 10. Bajrang had appealed against the suspension and Nada's anti-disciplinary doping panel (ADDP) had revoked it on May 31 till Nada issued the notice of charge. Later Nada suspended him for a second time and issued a formal notice of charge.

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