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CPM general secy Sitaram Yechury's condition is 'critical' & he is on respiratory support at AIIMS. A multi-disciplinary team of doctors is closely monitoring his condition

Reiterating PM Modi's call for talks between Russia and Ukraine to resolve the ongoing conflict, **foreign minister S Jaishankar says if the 'main parties' want any advice, India is willing to provide it,** P 9

Apple loses its court fight over €13 billion ($14.4bn) Irish tax bill and Google loses its challenge against €2.4bn fine for abusing its market power, in a double boost to European Union's crackdown on Big Tech, P 24

PM Modi says there will be no dearth of resources for India's scientific community for their endeavours & stresses the need to identify and remove obstacles in the research ecosystem and focus on localised solutions to global problems, P 18



CPI-ML activist shot dead in Bihar

Hours after the murder of a local BJP neta in Patna, unidentified bikers gunned down CPI-ML activist Sunil Chandravanshi in Bihar's Arwal district late on Monday, in what appeared to be a revenge attack, police said. A former Maoist area commander, he joined CPI-ML around 10 years ago. P 17


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12 leopards in Asola, up 50% in a year

In the past year, the leopard population in the Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in south Delhi rose by 50%. Forest officials have confirmed that the sanctuary is now home to 12 leopards, including some cubs. P2

Raza painting stolen from warehouse?

'Prakruti', a painting by Indian modernist S H Raza, has allegedly been stolen from an auction house's warehouse in Ballard Pier, south Mumbai. Estimated to be worth Rs 2.5 crore, it was last seen in March 2022. P9

Curfew back in 3 Manipur districts, internet ban in 5

Two More CRPF Battalions Rushed To Restive State

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Ethnic melting pot Manipur, thought to be on the mend until a fresh outbreak of violence since Sept 1 resulted in 11 deaths, returned to shutdown mode on Tuesday after the administration clamped an indefinite total curfew in three districts, blocked broadband and mobile internet in five districts, and bolstered its 26,000-strong contingent of central armed police forces with two additional CRPF battalions.

Imphal East, Imphal West and Thoubal are the valley districts under curfew.

▶Why Manipur Is Back On The Boil, P 18


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Security forces and protesting students square off in Imphal Tuesday

Internet and mobile data had been initially suspended in the entire state before the authorities amended the order, restricting the blackout to Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Bishnupur and Kakching for five days.

The trigger for the BJP-led state govt's move was spiralling civilian unrest in the valley, with slogan-shouting student protesters in Imphal clashing with police and burning effigies. Banners declaring "Stop Indian proxy war" and "Go back central security forces" reflected the protesters' defiance, which authorities blamed on social media channels allegedly spreading misinformation and inciting people.

▶Students march, P 18

Engineer Rashid gets interim bail for poll campaign

New Delhi/Srinagar: A special NIA court in New Delhi on Tuesday granted interim bail to Baramulla MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, better known as Engineer Rashid (pic), till Oct 2, allowing him to campaign for the J&K polls, **report Vineet Upadhyay & Saleem Pandit.**



Additional sessions judge Chander Jit Singh had reserved his order after an in-camera hearing. "It is a huge relief (for Rashid) after having spent over five years in jail," said his counsel Vikhyat Oberoi. Lodged in Tihar jail since 2019 after being held in a terror funding case, Rashid moved a plea for 3 months' interim bail to participate in campaign.

▶Afzal Guru's brother to contest election, P 17

▶'Foil BJP plans', P 18

Striking jr docs defy SC deadline, spurn Mamata's talks invite

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Kolkata: Junior doctors protesting the RG Kar hospital rape-murder rejected on Tuesday the Bengal govt's invitation to discuss their grievances with a designated team at the state secretariat and decided to continue their strike in defiance of the 5pm deadline Supreme Court had set for them to return to work.

The Mamata Banerjee govt's message to West Bengal Junior Doctors' Front (WBJDF) was sent out around 6pm, by which time the doctors had already shifted the protest from their respective medical college campuses to Swasthya Bhavan, the state health department's headquarters in Kolkata's Salt Lake.

▶'Felt humiliated', P 18

'Missing docu' may not answer SC query

The "missing document" in the RG Kar rape-murder case, about which Supreme Court asked probing questions on Monday, has been traced to a one-page application written by an SI to the forensics HoD of RG Kar on Aug 9. However, it is unlikely to provide the answers. P 14

RG Kar hosp bars 51 Ghosh 'loyalists'

RG Kar authorities have summoned 34 junior doctors and 17 students, all allegedly loyal to arrested ex-principal Sandip Ghosh and accused of unleashing a reign of terror in the medical college, to a probe panel and barred them from the campus. P 14

4 more pilgrims die, Kedarnath toll rises to five

Five people returning from the Kedarnath shrine have died in a landslide that struck the route between Gaurikund and Sonprayag on Monday evening. Teams from the SDRF and NDRF recovered one body late on Monday and safely rescued three pilgrims. On Tuesday morning, the bodies of four more victims, including three women, were found amid the debris. TNN

134 held in Doon after plaint; call to oust Muslims

Police detained 134 "suspicious individuals" from Dehradun's Paltan Bazaar Tuesday after a woman accused a Muslim shoe salesman of misbehaviour. The accused has since been arrested. Right-wing groups had shut down the market on Monday, demanding that Muslim traders leave. Police said Tuesday's "verification drive" was to check IDs of those from outside the state. P 17

Study: Monsoon decline doomed Indus civilisation

A study by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology has said an interplay of climate factors, **strikingly similar to those affecting modern-day monsoons,** likely led to the collapse of the Indus Valley Civilisation 4,000 years ago through long droughts. The study found reduced solar radiation, and El Nino, among other factors, collectively weakened the monsoon, triggering the civilisation's downfall. P 12

Stephen's says 7 students can continue classes

Ending uncertainty for seven meritorious students who were granted admission, St Stephen's told Delhi high court on Tuesday that they can continue to study at the college as long as DU does not allocate more candidates, **reports Abhinav Garg.**

The bench directed DU not to allocate any more seats unless the college intimates it while issuing notice on the college's challenge to a single judge's order that has adverse findings against it. HC asked DU to file a reply within four weeks. P2

IAF officer files rape plaint with cops against Wing Cdr

New Delhi: An IAF officer has filed a police complaint against a senior, accusing him of rape, outraging her modesty and continuous mental harassment at the Srinagar Air Force station in J&K, while also claiming that the "internal committee" of the force dismissed her allegations without proper consideration.

▶Ex-fiancee accuses AASU gen secy of sex assault, P22

'ALL AIDING HIM'

- Complainant alleges the **senior officer called her to his room** after a new year party at the officers' mess on Dec 31 last year
- In the room, the officer **allegedly sexually abused and molested her**
- **She filed an application to the internal committee.** 'But everyone was aiding him'

The woman, a Flying Officer, has alleged that the accused, a Wing Commander, called her to his room after a new year party at the officers' mess on Dec 31 last year on the pretext of her not having received the gift being distributed at the function. He then allegedly forced her to perform oral sex. TNN

▶Fully cooperating: IAF, P 18

WB govt may form panel on lines of Hema committee

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee was on Tuesday learnt to have been "responsive" to the idea of setting up a panel on the lines of Kerala's Hema Committee to probe alleged sexual abuse in the Bengali film industry, **reports Priyanka Dasgupta.** The suggestion came from actor Ritabhari Chakraborty, who had approached the CM earlier and met her Tuesday. She confirmed the move. P 22

▶HC slams Kerala for no action on Hema report, P22
▶Kol actor lodges plaint with cops over kiss, P 22

RG says freedom of faith shrinking; BJP recalls '84

Congress functionary Rahul Gandhi told the Indian diaspora in the US that the fight at home wasn't about politics but whether Sikhs, and adherents of other faiths, will be able to practise their religion with freedom.



Gandhi also said the "idea of Modi" – "56 inches and direct connection with God" – had gone and people were no longer "scared" of PM Modi.

Taking exception to Gandhi's remarks on Sikhs, several BJP netas said he was trying to poison Sikhs and defame India, with Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri saying the 1984 riots was the only time when the community felt insecure. P 9

> The fight is about whether a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear a turban...or go to the gurdwara... That's what the fight's about, and it's not just for Sikhs, it's for all religions
> —**Rahul Gandhi** in Virginia, US

> In 1984, a pogrom was carried out against Sikhs... 3,000 innocents were killed... That was the only time Sikhs faced a problem over their turbans
> —**Hardeep Puri**, Union minister

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FORECAST Generally cloudy sky with light rain on Wednesday. Max & min temp would be around 33 and 24°C

MOONSET 11.25PM (WED) MOONRISE 2.19PM (THU)
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Atishi Alleges Conspiracy To Topple Govt

Must Answer Issues Raised In Letter To Prez, Says BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Senior AAP functionary and minister Atishi on Tuesday accused BJP of conspiring to topple Kejriwal govt through the "back door" by imposing President's rule in Delhi.

Her comments came a day after the President's secretariat forwarded the opposition BJP's claims of a constitutional crisis in Delhi to the Union home secretary "for appropriate attention".

Atishi said, "If BJP hatches a conspiracy to topple govt of Arvind Kejriwal, the people of Delhi will give a befitting reply to BJP in the upcoming elections. Today, they have eight out of 70 MLAs in Delhi Assembly. If President's rule is imposed, I can say with certainty that BJP will get zero seats the next time."

The assembly elections are due in Delhi in Feb next year. AAP has won the three consecutive terms in 2013, 2015 and 2020.

Atishi said BJP had only one job — to topple elected govts. "Wherever BJP does not win elections, it tries to buy MLAs, to form a govt through the back door. They tried to do it in Delhi, too, but could not succeed," she alleged. "So now they have started their second conspiracy, which is to topple the elected govt (through President's rule)," she claimed.

The minister said that if elections were held today, in Feb, or two months after that, AAP would emerge victorious. "Kejriwal will win because the people of Delhi love Arvind Kejriwal."



AAP minister Atishi

Leader of opposition Vijender Gupta said Kejriwal govt must respond to the issues raised in the memorandum submitted to President Droupadi Murmu, including the non-formation of the sixth Delhi Finance Commission, the paralysed administrative system, the non-submission of several reports by Comptroller and Auditor General in the assembly, and the deliberate non-implementation of central schemes.

Gupta claimed that AAP govt had violated the Constitution by not forming the finance commission, which had led to a chaotic financial situation for Municipal Corporation of Delhi. "The assembly hasn't been convened for the past five months, though it is mandatory to hold a session within six months of the previous one. During the last session, no question hour was held," he said.

Delhi Congress president Devender Yadav said the power game between BJP and AAP had left Delhiites suffering. With chief minister in jail for the past five months and several AAP MLAs facing accusations, governance has taken a serious hit, he alleged.

Eat, prey, love: No. of leopards up 50% in a yr at Asola

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New Delhi: In the past year, the leopard population in the Asola-Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary in south Delhi rose by a remarkable 50%. Forest officials have confirmed that the sanctuary is now home to 12 leopards, including some cubs, based on data collected through camera traps installed throughout the protected area. The rise in leopard numbers, according to the officials, is a good sign for the city's ecology and indicates a good prey base in the sanctuary.

A study conducted by the Bombay Natural History Society in Oct 2022 estimated the leopard population in the sanctuary at eight. However, in Jan 2023, a camera trap video captured a female leopard with two newborn cubs, which experts believe to be the first documented birth of leopards in Delhi. With the arrival of more images and the successful adaptation of a male leopard released into the sanctuary in April this year, forest officials now assess the total number of leopards at 12.

"There have been instances of leopard births, so the 12 include cubs and juveniles too," said a forest official at the sanctuary. "Besides, a leopard released in Asola by the central forest division has also adapted to the sanctuary."

The male leopard in question was rescued from a densely populated human settlement in Jagatpur in April. A central forest division official said, "The leopard was stuck in a small room and rescued in a lengthy operation. For a day, it was kept at Asola under observation and to ensure it didn't have injuries. Later, it was released in the sanctuary. We now know that it has adapted well despite not being an original resident of Asola."

Chief Wildlife Warden Suneesh Buxy was happy at the indication that the prey base was buoyant. "Predator-prey balance is a key factor in wildlife conservation. Monkeys, spotted deer and nilgai are the major prey in Asola-Bhatti," said Buxy.

In the light of the growing leopard population, the forest department plans to restart discussions with the Wildlife Institute of India to develop a new 10-year action plan for Asola. The current plan is set to end in 2025. The new plan will prioritise mitigating human-animal conflict to ensure fearless coexistence of the capital with a thriving leopard population.



A male adult leopard released in Asola in April. It was rescued by forest dept from Jagatpur and has adapted well to life in the sanctuary

Asola Bhatti Wildlife Sanctuary is spread over **32.7 sq km**

- Part of Aravalis, southeast Delhi Ridge Aravali range is one of the **oldest in the world**
- Current population assessed at **12 leopards**, including adults and cubs
- Till 2023 Jan, forest department had estimated presence of eight leopards in the sanctuary

According to a 2022 study, Asola has a density of **4.5 leopards per 100sq km** – which is more than Bandhavgarh, Dachigam and Sariska

- Species often move across states through Aravali or across Yamuna
- Department working to make an action plan for sanctuary focused on man-animal conflict



Recent camera trap

Other mammals at Asola: Striped hyena, hog deer, black buck, sambar deer, spotted deer, jungle cat, golden jackal, Indian hare, Indian boar, nilgai, Indian crested porcupine, small Indian civet, Asian palm civet, rhesus macaque, etc

Delhi may get more rain till Friday, temp likely to drop

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Several areas of the city saw very light to moderate rain towards late afternoon on Tuesday, with the weather department updating its forecast till Friday, expecting more rain.

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert for the next three days — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday — expecting light to moderate rain with favourable weather conditions in the city.

On Tuesday, till 5.30pm, the city's base station Safdarjung recorded 5.6mm rainfall while Palam reported 10.5mm, Delhi University North Campus and Narela 3mm, Ridge area 2mm, and Lodhi Road 1mm. Pitampura in northwest Delhi recorded 27mm rain towards late evening. The city has logged 913.1mm rainfall for the season since June and 79.5mm in Sept.

Meanwhile, the maximum temperature on Tuesday went up slightly as the sky turned partly clouded towards the afternoon. It was 35.4 degrees Celsius at Safdarjung, two notches above normal, against 34.6 degrees a day earlier. The minimum temperature was 25.2 degrees Celsius, normal for the season, against 25.1 degrees on Monday.

According to IMD, the temperatures are likely to drop from Wednesday. The maximum and minimum temperatures on Wednesday are likely to hover around 33 and 24 degrees Celsius.

According to weather analysts, additional moisture fed will increase the rain intensity over the next few days. "The depression over Madhya Pradesh is moving northwards, creating a low-pressure area in this region, which will allow humid southeasterly winds from Bay of Bengal to impact Delhi, Haryana and adjoining parts of Uttar Pradesh," said Mahesh Palawat, vice-chairman of climate change and meteorology at Skymet. However, the rain intensity will drop again after two-three days, he added.

The air quality index, on a scale of 0 to 500, was 106 against 117 a day earlier — both in the moderate category.

Stephen's agrees to admit 7 students, but says no more

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New Delhi: The seven students whose battle to get into St Stephen's College sparked a long litigation in court can finally breathe easy.

The much sought-after college on Tuesday conceded before Delhi High Court that it will permit the seven, earlier granted admission, to continue studying in the college as long as Delhi University does not allocate any further candidates.

Taking note of the college's stand, the court permitted the seven, who had approached its portals seeking admission on the basis of the seats allocated by Delhi University, to attend classes.

The bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela, however, directed the university not to make any further allocation of seats unless the college intimates it, while issuing notice on the college's challenge to a single judge's order that has adverse findings against it.

The high court asked DU to file a reply within four weeks and listed the matter for hearing on Jan 28 next year.

BENCH SAYS

The seven students who had approached the court are permitted to attend the classes till further orders. However, it is directed that the university shall not make any further allocation

"The seven students who had approached the court are permitted to attend the classes till further orders. However, it is directed that the university shall not make any further allocation," the bench said.

Last week, a single-judge bench had granted relief to the seven students, saying the candidates were not at fault but had to face undue hardship because of an ongoing dispute between the institution and the university. It said the indecision on the part of the college had left the petitioners in a state of uncertainty, preventing them from taking any further action at that stage.

"On the one hand, the petitioners faced the challenge of uncertainty over securing admission to their preferred college, St Stephen's, and on the other hand, they were also deprived of the opportunity to select and opt for their second-choice college. The prolonged 'under-process' status effectively blocked their participation in subsequent allocation rounds, causing them to miss out on other potential options of securing a seat," the judge had said.

Out of the seven, six have been attending college since last week, while one admitted under the single-girl child quota will now be able to pay her fees and start her classes.

According to the university's bulletin for admission information, one seat in each programme in every college is reserved under the "supernumerary quota for a single girl child."

While the university had supported the petitions, they were opposed by the college. The college opposed the DU's stand that it was obliged to admit all candidates who were allotted seats through the university's Common Seat Allocation System (CSAS).

Hopes dashed for 16 other high scorers

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New Delhi: A Delhi High Court bench on Tuesday permitted seven students, who had approached it seeking admission in St Stephen's College on the seats allocated by DU, to attend classes in the college. The bench also allowed the college's plea to limit admissions to only those who had moved court. This has dashed the hopes of at least 16 other high-scoring students whose admissions were not accepted by St Stephen's College.

Amid the ongoing dispute between DU and St Stephen's College over the admission of certain students, several parents have repeatedly sought assistance from the university, the college and University Grants Commission (UGC). However, their efforts have so far proven fruitless.

One parent shared their frustration, saying, "When we contacted UGC, they told us that the issue was between the college and the university. When we followed up with the university, we were informed that no action could be taken until the hearing on Sept 9 for these students was completed. Although the hearing is over, the university has yet to offer any resolution. The academic session has already started, and the admission process is nearly finished. We are still at a loss about what to do." He added, "These students, who either couldn't go to court for fear of being labelled as 'forceful entries' by St Stephen's or couldn't afford legal representation, have been left in a difficult situation."

A university official said, "St Stephen's has not yet rejected the admission of these 16 students on their dashboard. Until they do, these students still have allocated seats at the college. As soon as they do that, we will work on a solution. In any case, we will do everything we can to resolve this issue soon."

Some parents are concerned that if DU reallocates their children to other colleges, the placements may not align with their high scores due to the limited availability of seats. They are urging that their second or third preference choices be taken into consideration instead.

An affected student said, "The university has been making empty promises from the start. When my mother had visited the DU admission office earlier, we were assured that I would be given a seat at another top college based on my score. To date, I have nothing in hand."

Name officials who didn't do desilting: Bharadwaj to LG

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi urban development minister Saurabh Bharadwaj dared LG VK Saxena on Tuesday to disclose the names of erring officials who did not do the desilting work in the city.

Addressing a press conference, Bharadwaj said that, as the minister of urban development, he had repeatedly stated that there had been significant corruption in the name of desilting. He said LG should get the investigation done within 48 hours and announce the names of the officials who committed corruption worth crores of rupees, which resulted in waterlogging throughout the capital.

No reaction was available from the LG secretariat.

Acting on a complaint from a municipal councillor, LG, on Monday, ordered an investigation by the anti-corruption branch into allegations of corruption and misuse of public funds to the tune of nearly Rs 80 crore by Public Works Department in carrying out desilting work in Palam.

"The lieutenant governor woke up on Monday and said two divisions—southwest 1 and southwest 2— should be investigated. He should get the investigation done within 48 hours, whether it is done by Central Bureau of Investigation, chief secretary, anti-corruption branch, or he does it himself," the minister said.

"Desilting worth crores of rupees was done only on paper. I have been saying this for several months. I am saying this again and again. I wrote to the chief secretary that a third-party audit needed to be done, but it was never carried out," he added.

Bharadwaj said he wrote to the chief secretary on May 20 and sought to know how much desilting work had been done by PWD, Municipal Corporation of Delhi, New Delhi Municipal Council and Delhi Development Authority, among others, what the target date was, and when the work would be completed. He added that the chief secretary was asked to submit a report within seven days, which was never done. The minister added that he wrote to the chief secretary on June 5 to remind him that 15 days had passed and he was yet to receive the report.

Later, on June 13, the minister asked the chief secretary to send a list of drains where cleaning had been completed so that he could verify it.

Even after this, desilting was not done, Bharadwaj claimed.

On June 28, instructions were issued to the chief secretary that he had not conducted the third-party audit. There was significant corruption in desilting, the minister said.

HC slams civic neglect, seeks data on animal bites

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New Delhi: Flagging the growing menace of stray dogs and monkeys in the national capital, Delhi High Court on Tuesday decided to get some data on animal bite cases. It blamed the civic bodies for not disposing of garbage properly, which, in turn, attracts these animals.

"The whole city is full of garbage. MCD is not doing its job properly. If MCD allows the whole city to be filled with garbage, what to do? If you stop feeding the animals, they will stop coming. Monkey menace has become rather huge in the city. It is because garbage is not being removed," a bench of acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela remarked while dealing with a plea highlighting the problem.

It directed Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital to place before it the statistics for the past three months on how many people have approached the facility every day for taking injections on account of being bitten by monkeys or dogs.

"It is a serious matter and it is a serious menace. It is all stemming from non-disposal of garbage by the municipal bodies in the city. Due to non-collection of garbage, all the food and waste are littered around. They are not realising it. Feeding of animals has to be done in a scientific manner," the court underlined.

File photo



The court blamed civic bodies for not disposing of garbage, which, in turn, attracted these animals

The bench said Municipal Corporation of Delhi was not taking care of the garbage strewn all over and even the high court was not free from the monkey menace. "Feeding of animals has to be done as per rules in designated places. It can't be that anyone can feed animals anywhere," the bench said and asked MCD and New Delhi Municipal Council to file their status reports within two weeks and listed the matter for further hearing on Sept 30. It also asked the authorities to explain how they plan to take care of this menace.

The court's observation came while hearing two public interest litigations by NGO Nyaya Bhoomi and The Society for Public Cause raising the issue of the growing number of attacks by stray dogs. The petitions said that though these dogs usually lived in harmony with the citizens, there had been several recent instances of the mongrels brutally attacking people, including children, resulting in fatalities.

"Their ever-increasing numbers pose a threat to the well-being of the community," the NGO said, adding that it seeks to protect citizens from stray dogs whose bites can be fatal if not treated timely. The plea said the population of street dogs was directly related to the amount of food and edible waste in an area and the dog population was very low in clean localities.

Tunnel work on NH48 clogs Ggn-Delhi route, no respite anytime soon

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New Delhi: Driving to Delhi or to Indira Gandhi International Airport from Gurgaon is set to become an ordeal with the National Highways Authority of India starting the construction of a tunnel on NH48 between Rajokri in south Delhi and Sarhaul in Haryana. Motorists must now brace for protracted travel times as the two service lanes will be closed for around a month. **TOI** visited the stretch on Tuesday and discovered that jams extending to over two hours had already begun.

According to an advisory issued by Gurgaon Traffic Police, motorists driving from Gurgaon to Delhi have the option of using alternative routes such as Dwarka Expressway, Aya Nagar Border and Old Delhi Road. For those traversing towards Delhi from Manesar, Rewari, Jaipur, Sohna, Farukhnagar, Jhajjar and Gurgaon, Dwarka Expressway is the most viable alternative.

Traffic on the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway has virtually ground to a halt, with drivers having to endure close to an hour merely to traverse the 2km from Shankar Chowk to Dwarka Link Road. On Tuesday, the congestion started as early as 3.30pm, with even the internal roads of Udyog Vihar completely choked.

"With the closure of the service lanes, the traffic situation is likely to deteriorate further," conceded a Delhi Traffic Police officer. The traffic police, like their Gurgaon counterpart, have issued an advisory on alternative routes for those coming from Gurgaon and trying to reach Mahipalpur, Vasant Kunj, IGIA and Dhaula Kuan. These would be Mehrauli-Gurgaon Road via Aya Nagar Border, Old Gurgaon Road-Kapashera-Samalkha Road, Gurgaon-Dwarka Expressway-Dabri-Gurgaon Road-Dwarka Flyover-Dwarka Road-Station Road and Parade Road. To reach IGIA and New Delhi Railway Station, travellers should take Delhi Metro's Airport Express Line from Dwarka Sector-21 station, the advisory stated.

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National Highways Authority of India starting the construction of a tunnel on NH48 between Rajokri in south Delhi and Sarhaul in Haryana

Road safety expert Balraj Bhanot agreed that a 2-hour jam had become the norm on the NH48 stretch. "There is an MCD toll plaza in front of Ambience Mall where commercial vehicles arriving from Jaipur and Gurgaon crowd into 4-5 lanes, posing a significant threat to road safety of commuters," he remarked.

Prince Singhal, founder of CADD – Community Against Drunken Driving, enumerated the problems. "First, the NH 48 between Gurgaon and Delhi sees numerous accidents due to the poorly managed jams, with vehicles failing to remain in their designated lanes," he said. "Secondly, there are hardly any cuts on the stretch for those seeking a U-turn. Thirdly, NHAI has consistently delayed advisories about the closure of certain stretches, causing inconvenience to motorists."

Jagriti Khurana took care to leave her office early to avoid the gridlock but still found herself ensnared. "It took me over an hour just to cross the Delhi-Gurgaon border. The traffic was crawling, and tempers flared because the cars did not stay in their lanes. This is an absolute nightmare and it is intensifying by the day," she said.

If You're On Floodplain, You Need To Go: HC

Ascertain If Barapullah Camp Is Obstructing Water Flow: Court

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court on Tuesday asked the authorities concerned to ensure that no action is taken against the residents of Madrasi Camp in the old Barapullah bridge area for now. It asked them to wait until it was verified if the residents of the jhuggi jhopri cluster, facing eviction, were obstructing the flow of drainwater.

A bench of Acting Chief Justice Manmohan and Justice Tushar Rao Gedela issued notices to Delhi govt, Public Works Department and DDA on a plea by the residents of the area in Jangpura against the eviction notice.

The bench asserted that the sole question was if the colony was impeding the water flow.

"If it is impeding the water flow, surely it has to go. The city is getting flooded unnecessarily and repeatedly. People who are living in Delhi and paying taxes, they don't want their houses to be flooded. We can't allow the city to be flooded again and again. If the drain has to be cleared, it has to be cleared. If you are on the floodplain, you have to go," the bench told advocate Vrinda Grover.

When she pointed out that the colony was an old one and the locals were entitled to be rehabilitated before being evicted, the high court said, "We will ensure you are shifted to an alternative land. We will ask the authorities to rehabilitate you (residents). We will give you a right to rehabilitation, but it can't be a precondition for eviction. You will not get to stay there; they can provide alternative land."

The high court asked the authorities to file their status reports within 10 days on whether the colony was impeding the flow of water.

Advocate Prabhsahay Kaur, representing DDA, stated that this colony was on Barapullah drain and it was impeding the water flow. PWD may give complete details to the court, the advocate added.

After the court was informed that the authorities are scheduled to take action against the residents on Sept 12, the court asked the lawyers for DDA and PWD to ensure that the authorities do not take any action for the time being.

PWD had pasted eviction notices in the area last week, asking the locals to vacate their homes within five days. The residents are, however, refusing to move from the area, which has been their home for over 50 years, unless they are given an alternative site.

Will fight to save Madrasi Camp's houses, says Sisodia; BJP hits back

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Senior AAP functionary and former deputy CM Manish Sisodia on Tuesday visited a southeast Delhi area where residents were recently served eviction notices to make way for the construction of a new flyover. He said the party would fight strongly against "dictatorship" to save people's houses.

Public Works Department had pasted eviction notices in the area near the old Barapullah bridge last week, asking the locals to vacate their homes within five days. The residents, however, have refused to leave unless they are given an alternative site.

Sisodia told the affected families that AAP govt would stand firm in their defence. No one will be rendered homeless as long as AAP is in power, he added. He alleged that BJP had created terror in Delhi as it was "intimidating officers and getting notices issued from them".

"People have been living in Madrasi Camp for more than 50-60 years. Their children got married here. These people cannot be displaced without any arrangement for rehabilitation, this is wrong. AAP stands with these people and will not let their slums be demolished like this," Sisodia said.


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No one will be rendered homeless as long as AAP is in office, Sisodia told residents during a visit to old Barapullah bridge

SISODIA SAYS

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"Injustice will not be tolerated with slum dwellers in bulldozer raj. Thousands of people living in the jhuggis of Madrasi Camp are an integral part of Delhi. If LG and BJP try to demolish their houses, we will not tolerate it at all," he added.

The senior AAP functionary said that these people were promised plots.

"They have little children, how can they be displaced? These are the people of India. When we talk about India of 2047, aren't their children a part of that India? How can these people demolish their houses like this? Where will these people go?" Sisodia asked.

Hitting back, Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva claimed, "In the past 10 years, Arvind Kejriwal and Manish Sisodia's govt has not only deprived people living in slum clusters of basic facilities but also their DUSIB department has done absolutely no work for their rehabilitation."

He said like many other slum settlements in the city, Madrasi Basti in the Jangpura constituency was a case in court, but neither Delhi govt nor its DUSIB department presented any proposal to the court to save this settlement or for the rehabilitation of its residents. Sisodia should refrain from making empty statements, he added.

Sachdeva further said, "Central govt has undertaken the rehabilitation work of slum dwellers in Kalkaji, Jailer Bagh and Kathputli Colony. Sisodia should name a single slum cluster in the city where Kejriwal govt has improved the lives of slum dwellers in the last 10 years."



Teen girl molested by property dealer

New Delhi: A 13-year-old girl was allegedly molested by a property dealer in Nihal Vihar, police said on Tuesday. The girl's mother reported that the girl went missing on Sept 8, alleging that someone had kidnapped her daughter.

Police said inititially a case under Section 137 (kidnapping) of BNS was registered and a search was launched. Soon, the gil returned, and it was reported that she was lured by the property dealer, police said. After her medical examination, it was found that she had been molested. The accused individual, identified as Sarfaraj, has been apprehended. TNN

27-year-old dies of electrocution

New Delhi: A 27-year-old man died of electrocution in central Delhi's Karol Bagh on Tuesday. The deceased was identified as Madan, an e-rickshaw driver.

The incident took place in Nai Walan when Madan came in contact with a high-mast pole which had high electric current flowing in it. Cops said the high-mast pole got electrified during the continuous rain in the evening, causing Madan to get trapped. He was immediately taken to a nearby hospital but was declared dead upon arrival.

Police have filed an FIR under sections of causing death due to negligence and are investigating further. TNN

Govt cracks down on painkillers' OTC sale during dengue season

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New Delhi: The department of drugs control has advised chemist associations not to sell medicines that are in the group of aspirin, Ibuprofen and Diclofenac without a doctor's prescription as these may cause reduction in platelets in patients with vector-borne diseases.

Unmonitored use of such drugs may prove fatal for patients with already low platelet count. The department has also advised chemist shops to maintain a record of these painkiller drugs.

ADVISORY SAYS

Retail chemists are, therefore, advised not to indulge in over-the-counter sale of these drugs with immediate effect till further directions

"As you are aware, the incidence of detection of cases of vector-borne diseases like dengue and chikungunya has been on the rise during the rainy season. There is a likelihood that the number of cases may increase in the pre- and post-monsoon season, which is to be monitored very strictly," the advisory says. "It is desired in the public interest that during the ongoing transmission season of dengue and chikungunya, the use of drugs like Aspirin, Ibuprofen, and Diclofenac group of medicines (which further cause destruction of platelets in human blood) may be restricted to be sold against the prescription of a registered medical practitioner only," it added.

"Retail chemists are, therefore, advised not to indulge in over-the-counter sale" of these drugs "with immediate effect till further directions," the advisory read. It warned: "Stringent action will be taken against retail chemists if found flouting this advice.

According to sources, the city has recorded 612 dengue cases. Since last year, MCD has stopped releasing data on the number of people with vector-borne diseases. Besides this, other directives earlier issued by AAP govt are ensuring hospitals are no breeding zones, ensuring a visit by top health officials at each hospital to ensure dengue preparedness, scrapping old tyres, engines, old and defunct vehicles or seized articles lying uncovered in the premises of govt departments.

There is an effort for a 360-degree mass awareness campaign similar to govt's earlier programme 10 Hafte, 10 Baje, 10 Minute. A drive to check mosquito breeding at construction sites was also conducted by MCD.

Bharadwaj visits LNJP, oversees arrangements for dengue patients

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: To take stock of the preparedness for dengue in Delhi govt-run hospitals, health minister Saurabh Bharadwaj on Tuesday conducted a surprise inspection of Lok Nayak Hospital. He also visited some wards and spoke to the staff and doctors on duty about the arrangements made for dengue patients.

After conducting the inspection, Bharadwaj said, "Today, we visited Lok Nayak Hospital to see the preparations for dealing with the patients suffering from dengue. We also gathered information about a patient who has been confirmed to be suffering from monkeypox. He has a travel history and it is believed that he got this infection when he was outside the country."

"Right now, the patient has been kept in isolation in the disaster management ward here. His condition is said to be stable," he added.

The patient was admitted to the Delhi govt-run hospital on Saturday.

Bharadwaj emphasised that there was no need to panic over monkeypox as it spreads through contact, not through the air.

While LNJP Hospital has been designated as the nodal facility to deal with Mpox cases, two other hospitals are on standby.

During the minister's visit, the patients, as well as their attendants, expressed their satisfaction over cleanliness and food. "Separate rooms are available at the hospital for dengue patients. We have reviewed how the doctors will identify dengue patients if they come in the emergency ward and then how they will be shifted to a different ward," Bharadwaj explained.

The minister further asked the hospital administration whether there was any problem or shortage in the hospital. The staff suggested a separate waiting room for the patients' attendants for each ward and the minister responded positively to the demand.



Rules Violated, Plant 19.7k Trees, PWD Told

Matter Relates To Felling Of Trees At CM Residence

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi forest and wildlife department has directed PWD to plant 19,700 trees as part of compensatory plantation for flouting norms in the matter related to the felling and transplanting of trees at CM's residence.

In a report submitted to National Green Tribunal, the forest department said the tree officer on Aug 14 directed PWD to plant 100 times the number of trees in lieu of compensatory plantation failure, which is 19,700 trees, and ensure their successful maintenance for seven years. In case of non-compliance, PWD has been directed to provide 19.7 hectares of land and an additional amount of Rs 11.2 crore so that the department can plant and maintain these saplings for seven years.

The report by the deputy conservator of forest (Central), dated Aug 29, which was shared on Tuesday, said PWD had sought permission to fell or transplant trees through five different applications during the period from 2020 to 2022. The forest department allowed the agency to transplant or fell 28 trees, but asked it to plant 280 saplings as compensatory plantation.

FOREST OFFICIAL SAYS

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"During inspection, it was found that only 83 trees were planted under compensatory plantation as against the requirement of 280," said the forest department.

The remaining 197 trees, it added, were reported as a failure of transplanted trees and compensatory plantation, respectively. Therefore, PWD has been directed to plant 100 times in lieu of the failure of compensatory plantation of 197 trees, i.e., 19,700 trees, under Section 31 of Delhi Preservation of Trees Act, 1994, said the report.

The forest department also stated that it has terminated the services of one of its staff members and suspended another official for delay in the filing of the report. "CBI has registered a preliminary enquiry in the matter of irregularities and illegalities undertaken by PWD with respect to 6 Flagstaff Road/45-47 Rajpur Road," the report stated.

Last year, a local resident, Naresh Chaudhary, had filed a plea in NGT alleging environmental norms were violated by PWD at 6 Flagstaff Road and 45-47 Rajpur Road, Delhi, during the reconstruction of CM's residence. In March this year, NGT asked the forest department to submit details of permission for tree felling granted in the matter and the number of trees planted as compensatory plantation.

2 men arrested for embezzling ₹40L from store

New Delhi: Dwarka police have arrested two former jewellery shop employees for embezzling Rs 40 lakh by creating fake invoices and stealing jewellery from the store in 2020, officers reported on Tuesday.

Yogesh Singh (32) and Deepak (32) generated the fake invoices in the names of registered customers and stole actual jewellery from the store to match the invoices.

DCP, Dwarka, Ankit Singh said the zonal manager lodged the complaint after the shop detected the fraud on July 30, 2020. After an FIR was registered, the accused changed their addresses and mobile numbers to evade arrest. They were untraceable for 4 years.

Dwarka South police team analysed call records and deployed secret informers to trace them. This led to the arrest of Yogesh Singh, who confessed to the crime and named Deepak. Deepak was caught the same day.

The duo said they scammed the employer during a system update in April 2020, which allowed them to manipulate records, police said.

Both have been arrested under BNS sections of fraud and embezzlement. TNN

MUSIC AMID TREES: HARMONY IN HARDSHIPS







Ravi Band, a 38-year-old group of musicians, is struggling to find a suitable rehearsal space for its Ramlila performances in Delhi. For the past 15 years, the band has been practising at Sanjay Jheel, but on Aug 3, the civic authority abruptly prohibited the musicians from rehearsing in the open at the park. Currently, they are forced to practise in a forest area near Mayur Vihar.

The band was founded in 1986 by Haji Puttan, a rickshaw driver from Sadar Bazar who had a passion for playing the trumpet. Haji Puttan, originally from Hassanpur, Uttar Pradesh, had come to Delhi to earn a living. Now, his son Zakir Hussain has taken over as the band's proprietor. Raja, Haji Puttan's grandson, says, "We are in a frenzied rush to compose music for the Ram Baraat and Krishna Leela segments of Ramlila. However, we find ourselves compelled to rehearse within the confines of a forest area from 10am to 4pm."

During their rehearsals, a pet goat named Samsung makes a daily appearance, dancing to the sound of the trumpets. Yasin Master, the band's most senior musician at 53 years old, says, "Despite the impediment we encounter in securing a new space, we are endeavouring to play novel bhajans for Ramlila." As Hussain teaches new classic Hindi songs using brass and trumpet, Narender, the youngest of the lot, serves juice and breakfast to his fellow musicians. The entire forest remains captivated by the enchanting melodies of the classic Hindi songs they play.

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Man arrested for defrauding woman of ₹1.24 lakh at ATM

New Delhi: A 38-year-old auto driver from Bihar's Motihari has been arrested near Sanjay Lake for allegedly duping a woman of Rs 1.24 lakh at a PNB ATM booth in east Delhi's Samaspur last Oct. Mukti Mehto allegedly stole the money while pretending to assist the woman with a cash deposit. DCP (east) Apoorva Gupta said the woman had gone to deposit Rs 1.28 lakh when the man, posing as an ATM helper, removed Rs 3,500 from the total amount, claiming these notes needed to be exchanged at a branch. When she returned, the suspect and his accomplices had already fled with Rs 1.24 lakh. Mehto said he and his associates, Aftab and Rajesh, both from Bihar, were involved in similar ATM frauds. TNN

Court acquits man accused of dowry death and cruelty

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New Delhi: A Delhi court recently acquitted a man accused of dowry death and cruelty, stating that the prosecution had failed to prove the charges against him.

The court of additional sessions judge Geetanjali, noting the testimonies of the prosecution witnesses, including the deceased woman's parents and relatives, said that no one had deposed about any specific dowry demand, nor did they testify about cruelties or harassment done by the husband for dowry demand.

"The allegation made against the accused is vague without specifying the kind of cruelty committed by him. The case of the prosecution is that the deceased was harassed for non-fulfilment of the dowry demand; however, none of the witnesses deposed any specific date or time as to when and how the accused harassed the deceased," the court said.

The court was hearing a case against Govinda, against whom charges of dowry death and cruelty were levelled. Maya, the deceased, had got married to Govinda in 2010, and she died under abnormal circumstances within seven years of marriage on Aug 30, 2014.

COURT SAYS

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The court said the medico-legal case did not indicate any external injuries and the postmortem report also did not disclose that the deceased was subjected to violence immediately before her death. "Rather, the cause of her death was opined to be post-partem septic shock — she died due to complications arising from the death of her fetus, as per the postmortem report," said the court.

Further, the court noted that the essential ingredients of the charges were not proven beyond a reasonable doubt.

"I am of the considered view that the prosecution has failed to prove that the deceased was subjected to harassment and cruelty in connection with the demand of dowry before her death by the accused," the court concluded.

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Excise case: No 'strong case', HC gives bail to man linked with Goa elections

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has observed that Enforcement Directorate (ED) doesn't have "a strong case" against Chanpreet Singh Rayat, who allegedly "managed" cash transactions for AAP's campaign in the 2022 Goa assembly polls, in a money laundering case related to the alleged excise scam.

In its order granting him bail that was made public on Tuesday, the high court also noted Rayat's submission that he had worked as a "freelancer" for various other parties in the past.

The court said the claim that Rayat had spent a part of the proceeds of crime has to be proved through cogent evidence during the trial. "It has been explained by him (Rayat) that he was a freelancer working for political parties like BJP, TMC etc., in the past. Looking at his nature of work as a freelancer for various political parties, which he has been doing in the past, merely because he spent a certain amount, the source of which is not certain, for the campaigning events in the election of Goa, it cannot be said that there is a strong case against the petitioner," observed Justice Neena Bansal Krishna.

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HC JUDGE SAYS

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evidence during the trial that "this Rs 45 crore, which is being utilised by the petitioner, were in fact part of the proceeds of crime and this fact was within the knowledge of the petitioner", the judge added.

In the 26-page order, the court noted that Rayat was made an accused in the sixth supplementary chargesheet, and considering the nature of his business, it couldn't be said there was a likelihood of his committing the same offence again. It recorded that at the time of the grant of bail in the main case of corruption lodged by CBI, it was observed by the court that the case against him is "extremely weak".

The court also noted that according to the petitioner, Rs 12 lakh recovered from his account were his own earnings and said even if the twin conditions for bail under the law against money laundering were not met, an accused couldn't be deprived of his personal liberty when there was a prospect of long incarceration without the conclusion of the trial.

LG: Fill vacancies to make new criminal laws work

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena has asked chief secretary Dharmendra to form a committee of all stakeholder departments and expedite permanent recruitment for vacant posts in departments related to the implementation of the three new criminal laws.

In a meeting with senior officials late on Monday, LG reviewed their implementation in the city and expressed satisfaction over the status and pace of the rollout. Officials said several new vacancies had been created in the departments directly linked with the implementation of the new criminal laws, such as the forensics science laboratory (FSL) and the directorate of prosecution and prisons, and required finalisation of recruitment rules and advertising of posts, among others.



LG VK Saxena

These tasks, said officials, also required the concurrence of administrative reforms, services and finance departments. "LG has asked the chief secretary to form a committee of all departments concerned so as to expedite the recruitment process of permanent employees by smoothing out processes," said an official.

Bharatiya Nyaya Samhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam came into effect on July 1, replacing the colonial-era Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act, respectively.

On the decision in the last meeting regarding expeditious procurement of mobile forensic vans by Delhi Police and FSL, LG was informed that 15 had already started working, another 15 were expected to be in place by the end of Sept, and for another six vans, tenders had been floated.

LG was also told that 13,000 sqft was being made available to the directorate of prosecution at the DMRC building in Shastri Park to set up its office. Officials said that facing a space crunch, the department had flagged the issue in the last meeting. Saxena had issued directions to make space available for it at the earliest.

To resolve technical glitches and availability of ample online storage space so that the draft chargesheets prepared by Delhi Police can be sent to the directorate of prosecution through online mode only, National Informatics Centre submitted a purchase intent of Rs 40 lakh for the same.

While the recruitment process for 165 junior scientific assistants for FSL is currently on, officials said the finance department told LG about the allocation of Rs 115 crore for various works to implement the new legislations.

"The health department said the central govt hospitals, AIIMS, Safdarjung and Ram Manohar Lohia, were already on board on the new platform that generates the medico-legal reports, while 280 Delhi govt and 44 central govt doctors had registered on the platform," said an official.

Two new housing schemes by DDA evoke big interest

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Development Authority has said that it has got an impressive response on the first day of booking of flats under two housing schemes — Sasta Ghar and Madhyam Vargiya Housing.

The authority said it booked over 1,100 flats in the first four hours of the booking process on Tuesday. Over 450 flats were booked in Rohini, 100 in Ramgarh colony and all 41 flats in Jasola. Besides, over 350 flats were booked in Narela, including LIG and EWS units.

Under the Dwarka Housing Scheme, DDA offered 173 MIG, HIG and higher category flats in Sector 14, 16B and 19B. Till Tuesday DDA received 1,910 registrations.

"The lieutenant governor has been monitoring the schemes and has placed significant impetus on civic infrastructure. The upcoming education hub with university campuses, proposed international sports complex, institutions, court complex, policing and enhanced connectivity, have played a catalytic role in making Narela a preferred choice for buyers. The approval from the ministry of finance for the Rithala–Narela–Kundli corridor of Delhi Metro has enhanced its locational advantage," an official said.

A professional marketing strategy adopted by DDA also helped the sale. "Single window enquiries on the website, seamless information to buyers, and handing over of ownership documents to the buyer helped generate customer confidence and trust," an official said.

Under the Sasta Ghar Housing scheme, 34,000 flats are planned to be offered and in phase I and 8,000 flats are open for registration. In the General Housing Scheme, 5,400 flats (including MIG, HIG, LIG and EWS units) are on offer.

"While the registration will continue, to handle queries efficiently, including aiding in the registration process, the authority has established a registration helpdesk at its head office, Vikas Sadan. A helpline number (1800110332) will work from 10 am and 6 pm from Monday to Saturday. People can log on to www.dda.gov.for more information," said an official.

Metro drive promotes mental wellbeing





DMRC's banners and digital displays at prominent metro stations across the city seek to promote messages of hope and resilience

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC) has strategically placed banners and digital displays at prominent metro stations across the city to promote messages of hope and resilience as it started an awareness campaign on World Suicide Prevention Day on Tuesday. This year, five incidents of commuters killing themselves at metro stations have been reported.

The campaign also extends to digital platforms, with an active presence on social media to engage the public and raise awareness about mental wellbeing. By engaging commuters through visual and digital campaigns, DMRC urges people to reach out for help, promoting a supportive environment.

"DMRC has long supported initiatives promoting a positive outlook on life with campaigns like #Nevergiveup, #Choosetolive to encourage open conversation on mental health issues," said Aunj Dayal, principal executive director of DMRC's corporate communications. The campaigns have been instrumental in reaching out to millions of commuters, continuing to encourage people to seek help and support rather than resorting to extreme measures, he added.

Sept 10 is observed as World Suicide Prevention Day to foster a culture of understanding and compassion for those struggling with mental health issues.



Last Member Of MCD Panel Will Be Elected On Sept 26

Mayor Gives Approval For Election At Upcoming House Meet

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New Delhi: Election for the last member of the Standing Committee in Municipal Corporation of Delhi will be held on Sept 26, which will pave the way for the election of the panel's chairman, according to officials in the civic body.

Mayor Shelly Oberoi on Tuesday gave approval to the election in the upcoming House meeting. The date for filing nominations will be decided by her soon. The process is expected to begin by the end of this week.

Only the 250 elected councillors can participate in the process, which will take place in the House. Currently, AAP has a majority in MCD with 132 councillors. BJP has 109 councillors and Congress nine.

The 18-member Standing Committee currently consists of eight AAP members and nine BJP members. In the election that took place on Sept 5, AAP won five seats out of 12 while BJP secured seven.

In a House meeting held in Feb 2023, AAP and BJP each won three of the six seats. However, one seat became vacant after Kamaljeet Sehrawat was elected as an MP from West Delhi. "The election for this seat will take place in the coming House meeting as the mayor has given nod," said an AAP councillor.

If AAP wins the 18th seat, both parties will have nine members each in the Standing Committee. In such a scenario, while a draw of lots would be conducted to elect the chairman, challenges could arise every time an agenda is placed before the committee for approval. An MCD official said they are prepared for such a situation and referred to the Delhi Municipal Corporation (DMC) Act, which states that while every proposal will be decided by a majority of votes, the chairman will have a second or casting vote in case there is a tie.

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On the other hand, if BJP manages to win the last seat, it will automatically gain a majority with a tally of 10 members in the key panel.

The formation of the Standing Committee will be complete once the 18th member is elected. The commissioner will fix dates for the election of the chairman and deputy chairman while the mayor will nominate a presiding officer for the purpose.

The Standing Committee's formation has been at the centre of a tussle between BJP and AAP as the party with a majority or the chairmanship in the panel will have the power to take decisions on all financial matters.

An MCD official said that according to the DMC Act, 50% of elected members will retire by March 31 and their names will be selected through a draw of lots. "Thereafter, the process of re-election for these seats will start again," the official said.

At Chandni Chowk, MCD begins clearing trash, faces daunting task

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New Delhi: Amid the ongoing sanitation crisis at Chandni Chowk, MCD on Tuesday stepped in to lift the waste from the revamped main road. However, it could not clean the are completely as a substantial amount of garbage has accumulated by now. Officials said they are yet to finalise an action plan for the regular cleaning of the stretch.

"Work for sweeping might be taken up from Wednesday. However, the sanitation work at this place is not limited to sweeping and lifting garbage. Deep cleaning and washing of the sandstone in the common area and bollards is also required," an MCD official said, adding that new machines will be hired for cleaning of the sandstone.

"Maintenance of the place, including the central verge, will be the sole responsibility of PWD. Similarly, for hanging wires, the discoms will be responsible," said the official.

Locals, meanwhile, said the litter bins continue to overflow and claimed no arrangements had been made to clear the debris or to repair damaged tiles or drain covers at various spots.



FAR FROM 'CHANDNI'

"There was heavy footfall in the past three days and a huge amount of waste collected on the road. The limited number of workers provided by MCD to clean the stretch was insufficient. There was no sweeping even on Tuesday. We need relief from this mess," said Sanjay Bhargava of Chandni Chowk Vyapar Mandal.

Traders also flagged the poor condition of toilets and encroachment on the central verge, saying maintenance work has been neglected and the place is in urgent need of upkeep. According to a PWD official, the agency will initiate a tender for "comprehensive maintenance, including road restoration".

On Monday, PWD said it had sent several reminders requesting police authorities and DUSIB to take measures to remove encroachment from the central verge, but no action had been taken.

Following the expiry of the maintenance agency's contract on Sept 7, the condition of the 1.3km stretch has been deteriorating since Sunday due to a dispute between PWD and MCD over the responsibility for cleaning and sweeping the main road, footpath and the central verge.

PWD said it had informed the City Sadar Paharganj zone's deputy commissioner about not extending the contract of Facility Management Service, stating that housekeeping was neither their mandate nor did they have the budget for it. MCD, however, maintained there was no update on taking over the responsibility for cleaning and sweeping, and that remained PWD's job.

AIIMS kicks off weekly tobacco cessation clinic

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) started a dedicated weekly tobacco cessation clinic at its new RAK OPD building from Tuesday.

This collaborative effort between National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre (NDDTC) and department of pulmonary, critical, and sleep medicine aims to tackle the significant public health issue of tobacco use in India.

28.6
% OF INDIANS (AGED 15 AND ABOVE) USING TOBACCO IN VARIOUS FORMS

Dr Prabhoo Dayal, professor and additional medical superintendent, NDDTC, AIIMS, emphasised the global health burden caused by tobacco use, which claims over eight million lives annually, with India alone accounting for more than 1.3 million deaths every year. As a major producer and consumer of tobacco, India is grappling with a severe public health challenge.

The global adult tobacco survey 2 (GATS-2) revealed that 28.6% of Indians — aged 15 and above — use tobacco in various forms. Interestingly, a substantial proportion of smokers (55.4%) and smokeless tobacco users (49.7%) express a desire to quit, while an overwhelming majority of adults (92.4%) acknowledge the serious health consequences associated with smoking.

Despite the willingness of many adult tobacco users to quit, they often struggle to do so without professional assistance. Healthcare providers could provide the necessary support to help patients overcome their addiction.

Dayal said that this multidisciplinary clinic would bring together specialists in addiction psychiatry, pulmonary medicine, alongside trained counsellors, nurses and support staff to provide a holistic approach to tobacco cessation. In addition to individual consultations, the clinic will offer group sessions and distribute educational materials such as booklets, brochures, and handouts. Digital tools, including text messaging, will further support patients in their journey to quit tobacco.

AIIMS director prof M Srinivas emphasised the importance of the clinic in fostering a healthier environment as part of the 'Tobacco-Free AIIMS' initiative.

Dr Nirupam Madaan, medical superintendent, said that the clinic would operate under department of pulmonary medicine, in A-wing, 5th floor, of the new RAK OPD, on every Tuesday morning. Registration for the clinic will commence at 8.30am on the ground floor, accommodating both walk-in and referred patients.

Dr Anant Mohan, professor and head of pulmonary, critical, and sleep medicine, said tobacco use was a leading cause of respiratory diseases and lung cancer, with many patients struggling to quit despite serious diagnoses. The clinic will provide essential medical and psychological support.

3 govt officials at ICD Tughlaqabad among 4 held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Central Bureau of Investigation has apprehended four individuals, including three govt officials stationed at the inland container depot (ICD) in Tughlaqabad, southeast Delhi, on allegations of corruption. Among those arrested are a deputy commissioner and a superintendent of customs. Furthermore, two private individuals have been taken into custody, one of whom is a licensed customs house agent. According to CBI, bribes were being solicited for allegedly clearing pending matters related to import-export consignments.

TOI had reported on Tuesday that the agency had filed an FIR against eight people on charges of corruption and that some people had been apprehended.

CBI revealed that the arrested individuals were produced before the court of special judge at Rouse Avenue Courts, and were remanded to police custody until Sept 14. The agency conducted searches at nine locations across Delhi, Mumbai, Faridabad, Gurgaon, Raigarh and Kinnaur. These searches resulted in the recovery of incriminating documents and cash amounting to approximately Rs 19.3 lakh.

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CBI had filed a case on Sept 6 against several individuals and entities, including an agent from a Delhi-based firm, an employee of the same firm, an employee of a Mumbai-based company, and another Delhi-based private individual.

"The allegations implied that the accused public servants were demanding and accepting illegal gratification from the accused agent of the Delhi-based company in exchange for imposing reduced penalties on the Mumbai-based firm. It was further alleged that the accused public servants, in collusion with each other, habitually demanded and accepted bribes from various private parties to clear pending matters related to import/export consignments and custom bonds, in conspiracy with private individuals, including the aforementioned customs house agent," a senior official said.

The accused official of ICD and the deputy commissioner of customs were allegedly in constant communication with the accused customs house agent and the employee of the Delhi-based firm to facilitate customs clearance for consignments and collect illegal gratification from various private parties. The bribe money was purportedly deposited into the bank account of the ICD official and subsequently delivered to the accused deputy commissioner.

CBI orchestrated a trap on Sept 6, and apprehended the accused deputy commissioner, the ICD official, and the customs house agent during the exchange of illegal gratification amounting to Rs 72,000, which was given in exchange for imposing a reduced penalty on the Mumbai-based firm. CBI also apprehended the accused superintendent of ICD Tughlaqabad, who had allegedly received an illegal gratification of Rs 50,000 on Sept 5.

Court sentences man to one-yr RI for sexually harassing minor

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New Delhi: A Delhi court recently awarded one year of rigorous imprisonment to a man for sexually harassing a minor girl child aged four years in 2015.

The court of additional sessions judge Preeti Parewa further said that "the purpose of the criminal justice system is not only to attain catharsis by handing down proportional punishment to the offender but also to rehabilitate the victim who is scarred, both physically and mentally, forever". "If we fail to do so, we are also abdicating our duties towards the victim, whose psychological well-being has been dented and may have longer repercussions," said the court.

The court had convicted the man in June this year for offences under Section 12 (sexual harassment of a child) of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Section 342 (wrongful confinement) of the Indian Penal Code (IPC).

Earlier, additional public prosecutor Sarita Rani urged the court that the maximum prescribed sentence be awarded to the convict as he had committed heinous offences with the child. She also said that he does not deserve any leniency from the court and should be punished severely in order to send a strong message in society.

The court noted the entire facts and circumstances of the case, including the tender age of the survivor, the nature of the crime committed, the socio-economic background and the clean antecedents of the convict, and the fact that the convict has been facing trial for the last nine years.

The counsel who appeared for the convict stated that his client was aged 45 years, was married, and his family consisted of his old-aged father, brother and two daughters who were married.

"He works as a barber and earns Rs 8,000 per month, does not have any movable or immovable property in his name, is a first-time offender...Considering the socio-economic background and age of the convict, a lenient view may be taken against him," the counsel urged the court .

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'Unwanted pregnancy hurts mental health of minor rape survivor'

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New Delhi: Delhi High Court has allowed a minor rape survivor to terminate her over 26-week pregnancy, observing that "unwanted pregnancy constitutes a grave injury to the mental health of the rape survivor/victim, as also confirmed in the opinion rendered by the medical board".

Following the girl's petition, filed through her guardian, the court also directed Safdarjung Hospital to preserve samples from the fetus for DNA testing, which may be required for the pending criminal proceedings.

The survivor has the ultimate right to decide whether to give birth to the conceived child or terminate the pregnancy, and her opinion has to be given primacy, HC said

The court was informed that the girl was over 26 weeks pregnant with an alleged history of sexual assault this March. The pregnancy was detected on Aug 27 when she complained of abdominal pain and was taken to a hospital. A case of rape and sexual assault was registered by police.

The survivor, the court said, has the ultimate right to decide whether to give birth to the conceived child or terminate the pregnancy, and her opinion has to be given primacy. "The suffering of the victim, who is aged about 16 years, would be compounded if she is forced to continue the pregnancy at a tender age. Apart from the above, the victim is bound to face social stigma, which may not permit the scars left by the defilement of her body to heal," Justice Anoop Kumar Mendiratta observed.

The court said it was aware that though the pregnancy was over 26 weeks of gestation, the risks associated with the termination of pregnancy were not higher than the risk of delivery at the full term of pregnancy. "Merely because there is no fetal abnormality, it cannot be held that the reproductive choice of the victim may be curtailed," it opined.

The court acted after the report of a medical board of Safdarjung Hospital clarified that carrying the pregnancy to full term was likely to adversely affect the survivor's physical as well as mental health. It was also informed that the survivor and her mother had been counselled and informed of the procedural and medical aspects, including possible complications.

The high court, in its order, said that though the survivor had been informed about the procedure to be undertaken for the medical termination of pregnancy and she, along with her mother, had given informed consent to it, if at any stage she sought to change her mind, it should be considered by the medical team. It added, "In case there is any danger to the life or well-being of the victim, the medical team shall have the discretion to take appropriate decisions as deemed suitable to save the life of the victim."

It also noted that if the survivor's name was inadvertently mentioned in the medical record, it should be redacted.

Submit Action Taken Report Over 'Irregularities', DSEU Told

Dept Of Training And Technical Education Flags 'Serious Lapses'

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New Delhi: The department of training and technical education of Delhi govt has flagged "serious administrative and financial irregularities" at the Delhi Skills and Entrepreneurship University (DSEU).

A letter has been written to the DSEU vice-chancellor in this regard and the university has been directed to submit an action taken report within three days of its receipt, department officials told **TOI**.

The officials highlighted several issues, including a low number of admissions in 2024, discontinuation of AICTE approval, poor utilisation of world-class skill centres, irregularities in recruitment and the appointments of pro vice-chancellor and deputy registrar, fee hike and withdrawal of SC/ST fee concessions, subpar infrastructure and shortage of staff, among others.

Denying the allegations, DSEU VC Ashok Kumar Nagawat said, "The university is an autonomous institution. As per the Act, authorities will take corrective measures. During my tenure, there has been no irregularity. Everything is being examined and if we find any irregularity, the person concerned will be punished. We had received several complaints, and we referred it to an independent committee."

According to a source, the department received multiple complaints from students, parents as well as the university's teaching and non-teaching staff about these issues. The letter, according to officials, follows a communication sent nearly three months ago from the department to DSEU's chancellor, lieutenant governor V K Saxena, highlighting "severe mismanagement".

A department official said there were major lapses in staff recruitment and key appointments in 2021 and 2022. "Campus directors were appointed illegally in 2021 and the appointments of the pro VC and deputy registrar were also irregular," he claimed.

Among other issues flagged by officials were non-payment of retirement benefits, non-maintenance of service books, frivolous litigation and irregularities in ERP procurement and hiring of consulting agencies

The official also highlighted issues with DSEU's admission process. "The university has faced significant anomalies, leading to only about 40% of available seats being filled for the 2023-24 academic year. Specifically, fewer than 4,500 admissions were processed out of 9,460 available seats, resulting in an admission rate of less than 50%. Additionally, DSEU's offering of programmes, such as BTech, MTech and PhD, conflicts with its original mandate and with other technical universities," he said. A DSEU official, "Whatever we have spent on and whatever we are doing, it is all available on our website. Nothing is hidden. For instance, in DSEU Act, there is no mention of a pension scheme. In any case, nobody has retired from the university yet, but still there are allegations related to that."

"For admissions, we tried our best but couldn't attract as many candidates. That can't be termed a 'failure' of the university. Total admissions have increased from last year. World-class skill centres have done well at certain locations and failed at others because of demography," he added. According to sources, unlike other technical universities, DSEU unilaterally discontinued seeking AICTE approval for its courses, which adversely impacted students as several govt organisations, including Indian railways, require AICTE-approved diploma courses for recruitment.

Police find holes in safety measures in Delhi Metro network

Times News Network

New Delhi: A recent security audit conducted by Delhi Police Metro Unit has revealed some weaknesses in the security measures at metro stations. It was conducted in the wake of the recent security breaches and graffiti incidents. The audit revealed numerous blind spots along metro tracks and poor-quality footage from perimeter walls. To address these issues, it recommended installing additional high-definition CCTV cameras at vulnerable locations. A rise in suicides on metro platforms has underscored the need for platform screen doors. As detailed in a letter from DCP/Metro dated July 23, the installation of PSDs is deemed crucial to prevent such tragedies and enhance passenger safety.

The audit found that overgrown vegetation around metro stations and yards poses a security risk by facilitating unauthorised access. It suggested installation of concertina wire and iron grilles on boundary walls. Deploying additional security guards during night hours was also recommended.

In response to the audit, DMRC stated that it currently has over 14,600 CCTV cameras i stalled across its lines and maintains policing through designated stations under Delhi Metro Rail Police. It acknowledged the existence of some dark spots and confirmed that an exercise to address these areas has been previously undertaken, with additional cameras installed as needed.

Warm & sweet: HC cafe serves diversity dessert with paycheque

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New Delhi: "Papa, I did it. This is my first salary," 22-year-old Rhea Rathi said, unable to hold back tears as she waved an envelope that the acting chief justice of Delhi High Court had just given her. Her father, Jatin Rathi, hugged her. "You will reach greater heights. This is just the beginning," he said.

Sagar Express café was a place filled with joy and accomplishment on Tuesday. Its 10 neurodiverse staff members had collectively reached a milestone about a month after CJI DY Chandrachud had opened the cafe. On Tuesday, they got their first paycheques from acting chief justice Manmohan.

The neurodiverse employees — the cafe on the high court premises is an outlet of a well-known South Indian restaurant chain — work as cashiers, servers, managers and sales associates. Sagar Express also has baked goods and other food items. The employees also take customer feedback through its "Silent Roar" sales associates — a role tailored for non-verbal persons who use augmentative and alternative communication or AAC devices. The employees use a tablet or a laptop that is neurodiverse-friendly to communicate using speech, pictures and other tools to take feedback. The initiative of starting the cafe was taken by the high court bar association at Glass Canteen of the court in collaboration with an NGO - Shaurya Foundation Trust (SFT). It is the brainchild of senior HC advocate Ravi Gupta and the chairman of SFT.

Anju Mittal, mother of Varun Brij (24) who manages the bain marie food warming station at Sagar Express, said her son "is good at singing and computers too. He is a highly energetic and creative individual. He has to go miles, he says."



Acting Chief Justice Manmohan with the cafe's staff

Sabhya Mathur (24), who works as a cashier, said he will throw a party for family and friends. "I am so happy today. I want all my family members and friends to gather and celebrate this milestone with me," he said. Shivain Mathur, said: "It's a big achievement for the family, a feeling of pride. There were a lot of struggles, hurdles and roadblocks. But we always had faith in our son."

NGT asks pollution watchdogs to find targeted solution on ozone rise

Times News Network

New Delhi: National Green Tribunal has directed Delhi Pollution Control Committee, Central Pollution Control Board, and Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) to explain why ozone levels are exceeding the parameters in certain specified areas and to suggest a targeted approach that can be adopted in these neighbourhoods.

The tribunal noted that the eight-hourly average, as per the national ambient air quality standard, was found to be exceeding for ozone throughout the year at seven stations in Delhi, according to the CPCB report. The areas were Dr Karni Singh Shooting Range, Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Narela, Nehru Nagar and RK Puram. At nine stations, ozone level was found to be exceeding during summer last year.

NGT is examining the issue of rising levels of ground-level ozone in Delhi after taking suo motu cognizance of a TOI report titled 'Oh-zone! Why this prominent pollutant in Delhi air is becoming a cause for concern' dated April 24.

CAQM, in a report dated Aug 30, stated that major sources of precursors of ozone like volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and nitrogen oxides (NOx) include industries like chemical manufacturers, paint manufacturers, etc.; fossil fuel-based thermal power plants; fossil fuel burning, vehicles; and open burning sources like MSW burning and agricultural residue burning.

"Though the report of CAQM mentions the initiatives taken by the commission towards abatement of pollutants like VOCs and NOx, leading to the formation of ground-level ozone, it has not been disputed that these are the general measures that have been taken but they are not targeted measures for the specific areas where the parameters are exceeding," said the report.

NGT has given four weeks to DPCC, CPCB, and CAQM to file a report on the targeted approach that can be taken in areas recording high ozone levels. "Respondents to place on record the relevant material showing...any targeted approach which can be adopted for the ozone itself because the measures which have been adopted and disclosed in the reports are of general nature relating to the control of the pollution level in the air in respect of all the pollutants," said the bench headed by Justice Prakash Shrivastava.

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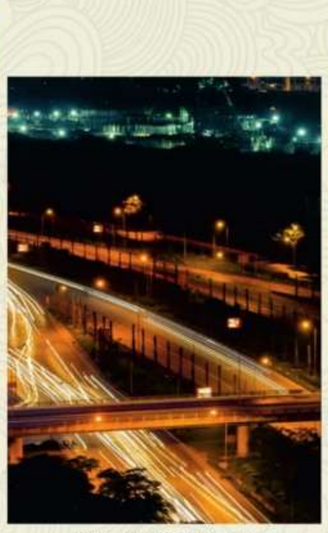
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Executive Engineer (A-M) Howrah (A-M) Division, WRDD invited e tender for Tender Ref No : WBWRDD/EE(AM)/HWH/eNIT-16/24-25, and WBWRDD/EE(AM)/HWH/eNIQ-17/24-25 in vide eNIT No-16 & eNIQ-17 of 2024-25, **Tender ID– 2024_WRDD_747338_1 to 4 & 2024_WRDD_747410_1,** Estimated value Rs. 53.46 Rs 41.44, Rs 53.22, Rs 53.63 , Rs 1.7 Lakhs . **Last date of dropping 25.09.2024 & 20.09.2024** intending bidders are requested to visit the web site: http//wbtenders.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer (A-M)
Howrah (A-M) Division

ICA-T16220(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Abridged EoI

The Executive Engineer-I, Joynagar Irrigation Division, I&W Dte. has invited notice against EoI No. WBIW/EE-I/JOY/EoI-1/2024-25 on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal for supplying Hot Rolled Non-Alloy Steel Piling Z-Type or U-Type, with Larsen Interlock in connection with construction of 9 vent sluice at Basanti Block in Sundarban area under his jurisdiction from the eligible outside bonafide contractors. Last date of bid submission online - 03.10.2024 upto 17:00 Hrs. Technical Bid opening date - 04.10.2024 after 14:00 Hrs. Other details may be available from the office of the undersigned during office hours on any working days & website : www.wbiwd.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer-I, Joynagar Irrigation Division, Baruipur, South 24 Parganas.

ICA- T16226(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

The Executive Engineer(A-M), Raiganj(A-M) Division ,WRDD invites e-tender Energisation works at Pukuria Major RLI scheme in Itahar Block under Raiganj (A-M) Division , vide eNIT no. 02 of 2024-25 Tender ID : **2024_WRDD_747299_1** and amount put to tender is Rs.1967782.00, last dropping date **27.09.2024 at 16.00 hrs.** respectively. Intending Bidders are requested to visit the website https://wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer.(A-M),
Raiganj (A-M) Division,
Karnajora, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur

ICA-T16222(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice Inviting Tender
Tender ref no. WBTPO/Conv. Centre/ Commissioning / 227 / 2021 -22/ 46
Tender id- 2024_WBIDC_744454_1

The CEO, WBTPO invites bids from experienced agencies towards providing Internet Leased Line of 500 Mbps(1:1)internet bandwidth with Cloud based DDoS Mitigation Services at WBTPO Office at Biswa Bangla Mela Prangan ,3 JBS Haldane Avenue, Kolkata-700046. Details are available in e-tender portal (www.wbtenders.gov.in) and WBIDC's website. **By Order CEO, WBTPO**

ICA- T16215(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-I), Berhampore-I(A-I) Division, Berhampore, Murshidabad invites e-NIT for Drilling, installation of Solar LDTW at Domkal Block in the district of Murshidabad under EE(AI), Berhampur-I(A-I) Division under SARASARI MUKHAMANTRI (Core-Sector) Programme for the financial year 2024-25.vide e-NIT no. WRDD/EE(A-I)/BER-I/07 of 2024-25 and Tender Id: 2024_WRDD_747420_1to_2 Amount put to tender Rs.47,95,779.00and Rs.47,61,541.00 respectively and Last date of online bid submission 27.09.2024 upto 05.00 P.M. For details please visit to website www.wbetenders.gov.in.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer(A-I), Berhampore-I(A-I) Division Berhampore, Murshidabad

ICA-T16225(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

NIeT No. 12/B.Ar.D. of 2024-25 is invited by the EE, B.Ar.D, PHE Dte. Details information about the tender will be available in the website - www.wbtenders.gov.in as well as in the office notice board. Sd/- EE, B.Ar.D, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16252(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Notice inviting Tender

Tenders are invited from Bonafied resourceful and financially sound agencies with valid credential against eNIT 04 OF 2024-25 of the undersigned vide Tender **ID. 2024_HSD_747467_1 to 2024_HSD_747467_8.** Details may be had from the Notice Board, O/o the undersigned on all working days within office hours. Bid Submission closing (Online) : 27.09.2024 up to 11.00am. (website : **http://wbtenders.gov.in) Sd/- ARDHENDU SARKAR, Executive Engineer, Kolkata North-I Diven, HD.**

ICA- T16238(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Electrical Construction Division invites online e-Tender for the work of **"Bifurcation of the Electrical load for basement and ground floor at Uttirna (Open Air Theatre) in respect of making arrangement of separate LT smart metering from Utility service provider." eNIQ No.-WBPWD/EE-ECD/e-NIQ-24/2024-25.** Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746687_1. Bid submission start date(online): 11.09.2024 from 01:00 P.M. Bid submission closing date(online): 25.09.2024 upto 01:00 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.Q. and Tender documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- S.Karmakar, Executive Engineer, P.W.Dte. Electrical Construction Division.

ICA-T16262(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-QUOTATION

A1. Up-keeping, Sweeping & Cleaning the entire building from G.F. to 5th Floor (2500 Sq.ft. in each floor including 8 Nos. Toilet) of West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board vide NIQ No. WBSAMB/CEO/50/2024-25 Dated 28-08-2024 bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743306_1. The last date for submission of Quotation is on 27-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. **A2.** Purchase of "EV" Vehicles BS-6 (2 nos) and LGV, 4X4, DIESEL, BS-VI (6 nos) including registration (commercial), Permit, Insurance (1 yr), Pollution clearance certificate (1 yr) for Paschimbanga Agri-Marketing Corporation Ltd, West Bengal vide NIQ No. WBSAMB/CEO/51/2024-25 Dated 29-08-2024 bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743312_1. The last date for submission of Quotation is on 27-09-2024 up to 12.00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIQ(s) will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board

ICA-T16199(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No: 08/SE/C-III/R&B/KMDA of 2024-25

Online Bids are invited by the Superintending Engineer, Circle-III, R&B Sector, KMDA, Block-D, 3rd floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata-700091, from bonafide, reliable, experienced & resourceful firms / individuals contractors, for the work, **Sl. No., Name of Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion, (1)** Repair, Renovation And Upgradation Work From Ushumpur Ohr To Old Post Office (Ghol) Under Ward No 26 Within Panhati Municipal Area **(Tender ID - 2024_KMDA_745267_1),** Rs.1,55,01,006/-, Rs.3,10,020/-, 90 days. **(2)** - Same as Sl. no.-1 - from Hindu Milan Mandir To Sampriti Angen Under Ward No 26 Within Panhati Municipal Area., **(Tender ID - 2024_KMDA_745267_2),** Rs.61,06,300/-, Rs.1,22,126/-, 90 days, **(3)** Repairing of Sunit Banerjee Road From Old Post Office, Ghola To Junction Of P.C. Road In Ward No. 28 Of Panihati Municipality, **(Tender ID - 2024_KMDA_745267_3),** Rs.1,86,87,665/-, Rs.3,73,753/-, 90 days, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 01.10.2024 upto 14.00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-534)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in

ICA- T16287(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER

A1. Construction of a Scientific Pack House for various types of fruits and vegetables for providing export facilities to the market users at Dhaniakhali Krishak Bazar, Dist- Hooghly vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/52/2024-25 Dated 02.09.2024, bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743785_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 04.10.2024 up to 12:00 Noon. A2. Infrastructure Development of Indumati Market at Bansberia, Dist. Hooghly vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/53/2024-25 Dated 03.09.2024, bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743700_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 04.10.2024 up to 12:00 Noon. A3. Construction of a Scientific Pack House for various Types of Fruits and Vegetables for providing Export Facilities to the Market Users at Dhupguri Principal Market Yard, Dist. Jalpaiguri vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/54/2024-25 Dated 03.09.2024, bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743722_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 04.10.2024 up to 12:00 Noon. A4. Establishment of a Maize Hub including Aggregation, Sorting, Grading, Packaging, Storing and Transportation at Karandighi Krishak Bazar, Uttar Dinajpur vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/55/2024-25 Dated 03.09.2024, bearing Tender Id:-2024_WBSMB_743748_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 04.10.2024 up to 12:00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIT(s) will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board.

ICA-T16217(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

P.W.D. TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte. invites online e-Tender for 5 (five) nos. work **1)** Repairing and Renovation of Toilet Block at Berhampore BPHC, Berhampore Block, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 6,75,398.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746227_1. **2)** Sinking of one no Deep Tube Well and Upgradation of Water Supply at Burwan Rural Hospital, Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: Rs. 9,14,036.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746227_2. **3)** Repairing and Renovation of Toilet Block at Bharatpur BPHC under Bharatpur. Estimated Amount: Rs. 11,73,318.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746227_3. **4)** Repairing and Renovation of Block Animal Health Centre (BAHC) under Bharatpur-I Dev. Block in the District of Murshidabad. Estimated Amount: 12,12,424.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746227_4. **5)** Repairing and Renovation of Toilet Block at Teghari BPHC, Raghunathganj Block, Murshidabad. Estimate Amount: Rs. 22,42,383.00, Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746227_5. eNIT No. WBPWD/SS/EE/MSD/eNIT-07/2024-2025. Bid Submission Start Date (online): 10/09/2024, Bid Submission Closing Date (online): 23/09/2024. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T. and Tender documents may be downloaded from: https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, Murshidabad Division, Social Sector, P.W.Dte.

ICA- T16281(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIT No : KMDA/CIVIL/HOUSING/ SE/C-III/NIT/02 of 2024-25 (3rd call)

Online e-tenders invited by The Superintending Engineer, Circle-III, Housing Sector, KMDA, 2nd floor, Block-L, Unnayan Bhawan, Salt Lake City, Kolkat-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bonafide and experienced firms / companies / individual contractors, for the work, **Name of Work, Estimated Amount put to tender, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Construction of four storied 4 nos. 128 dwelling units at Nonadanga under Housing Sector, KMDA. (3rd call)., Rs.10,06,78,261/-, Rs.10,00,000/-, 365 days, **Last date & time of Online Bid submission:** 25.10.2024 Time: 15:00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-525)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in

ICA-T16299(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-Tender Notice

N.I.e.T. No. 13 of EE/MLMD of 2024-25, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte. Tender Id: 2024_PHED_745723_1 to 2024_PHED_745723_9, Executive Engineer, MLMD invites e Tender in WBF 2911 for Supply, delivery and installation of electro-mechnaical components at different W/S Scheme in the district of Malda under MLMD, PHE Dte. Last date of Submission 01.10.2024 upto 04:00 PM. For details visit at: www.wbtenders.gov.in. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Malda Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16284(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health Murshidabad

Notice Inviting e Tender

Tender ID-2024_HFW_746962_1, Tender Portal- **www.wbtenders.gov.in** E-Tender No- **HFW-45020(99)/763/2023/8768 Dated 06.09.2024** CMOH & Member Secretary, DH&FWS, Murshidabad invites online tender for office contingency items. Last date of submission of online bid is 23.09.24 upto 5.00 P.M For Detail, Please visit the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in, www.wbhealth.gov.in** and **www.murshidabad.nic.in SD/- Secretary, DH&FW Samity and CMOH Murshidabad**

ICA-T16240(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e- TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the Director General & Inspector General of Police, West Bengal Police Telecommunication Department on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from bona fide Firms/ Suppliers for (i) **Cleaning Service Work (CSW)** of the entire campus of W.B.P. Telecom HQ. Located at 3, M.B. Sarani, Tollygunge, Kolkata- 700040. Eligible firms requested to participate in the e-Tender Notice **No.(i) WBPTEL/DG/eNIT-04/Works/ 2024-2025** Dated:04.09.2024, **Tender ID: 2024_WBPT_744425_1, Closing date (online): 21.10.2024, 11.00 Hrs.: For details please see web portals https://wbtenders.gov.in of NIC and http://policewb.gov.in of West Bengal Police. DG & IGP Telecommunication, WB**

ICA-T16246(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

KMDA TENDER NOTICE
e-NIQ No. KMDA/GAP/SE(N)/NIQ-03/ 2024-2025

Online e-Tender is invited by The Superintending Engineer, North Circle, GAP Wing, W&S Sector, KMDA, Block-D, 1st Floor, Unnayan Bhavan, Kolkata-700091, from reliable, resourceful, bona fide and experienced firms / companies / individual contractors, for the work, **Name of Work, Value of the work, Earnest Money, Time of Completion,** Renovation of 7 nos. of Sluice Gates for Interception and Diversion of Fodder Canal (near Bagher Khal) to the existing 18 MLD STP at Kanchrapara with 05 (Five) Years Operation and Maintenance Period., To be quoted by Bidder, Rs.2,93,000/-, 03 Months for Renovation & 05 Years Operation & Maintenance Period,**Last date & time of online Bid submission:** 21.10.2024 upto 15:00 hrs., for details contact the above office or visit both websites. **(KMDA-517)**
www.kmda.wb.gov.in
www.wbtenders.gov.in

ICA- T16205(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD, 76 Dr Deodar Rahaman Road, Lake Gardens, Kolkata- 700033 invites NIeT No. WBPWD/SE/SC/ NIeT08/2024-25 for the works of Construction of G+3 Multipurpose Rescue Shelter in (3 Coastal districts) the District of South 24 Parganas, West Bengal-4 nos. Cyclone Shelter at Block Baruipur, Gosaba, Kakdwip & Mathurapur-II (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746419_1 to 4) Estimated Amount 1) Rs.22965190.00 2) Rs.21365809.00 3) Rs.19908438.00 4) Rs.21097157.00 Bid Submission start date (Online) 14. 09. 2024 from 4.00 pm, Bid submission closing (online) 03. 10. 2024 upto 1. 00 PM The detail NIeTs may be seen and downloaded from the website http:wbtenders.gov.in Corrigendum and addendum to this NIeTs, if any will be published only in the above website Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Southern Circle, PWD

ICA-T16270(3)/2024

e-Corrigendum

e-Corrigendum are hereby made for Post DLP Maintenance work of PMGSY road under WBSRDA, Jalpaiguri Division, vide NIeT No. WBSRDA/05-EE/JLP/2024-25 (for Sl. No. 2, 7, 8 & 9), dated-05.09.2024. Last date for submission of tender is 27.09.2024. All details may be had from this office Notice Board and in website: **https://wbtenders.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Executive Engineer WBSRDA, Jalpaiguri Division

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
ABRIDGED NOTICE INVITING TENDER (WBIW/EE/e-NIT-08/EE/M.D.D-II of 2024-25 Dated- 09/09/2024)

Electronic submission of Bid is invited by the Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Drainage Division No.-II, Jalasampad Bhawan, 7th floor, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-91, I. & W. Dte. on behalf of the Govt, of West Bengal from eligible and resourceful contractors having sufficient credential of execution of similar nature of works at least 30 % of Sl. No.-I of Amount put to Tender for WBIW/EE/e-NIT-08/EE/M.D.D.-II of 2024-25. Details of WBIW/EE/e-NIT-08/EE/M.D.D.-II of 2024-2025 and Tender document may be down loaded from www.wbiwd.gov.in or https://wbtenders.gov.in or seen at Office Notice Board on and from 11.09.2024 at 10:30 hours. The date of download start date on and from 11.09.2024 at 16:30 Hrs. and the last date of Bid submission on 18.09.2024 at 16:00 Hrs. Sd/- EE/MDD-II, I & W Dte., Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA-T16208(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

Tender are invited online from reputed and resourceful contractor/ firm/ Public Sector undertaking/ Govt. Company for the work. N.i.e.T No. PHE/SWSD/EE/NIeT-08 of 2024-25 (Sl. No. 01), (Tender ID No. 2024_PHED_746684_1). Last date of submitting e-tender: 23.09.2024 (online) upto 4:00 P.M. Date of opening 25.09.2024 at 04:00 P.M. Please log-in in the department website: https://wbtenders.gov.in for details. Addenda/Corrigenda if any would be intimated in departmental website only). Sd/- Executive Engineer, Siliguri W/S Division, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA-T16254(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

e-NIT No. WBPWD/SEPC/NIeT-04/2024-2025. SE, Presidency Circle, PWD invites online e-tender for the work of "Construction of Commercial Court at 7th floor (Court Block 5th floor) & Store at 8th Floor Office Block of City Civil Court Building during the year 2024-2025. Tender Id : 2024_PWD_746575_1. Bid Submission Start date (online) 10.09.2024 from 2.00p.m. Bid Submission Closing date (online) : 03.10.2024 upto 12.00Noon. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of NIT and Tender Documents may be downloaded from : http://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Presidency Circle, PWD Govt. of West Bengal.

ICA-T16271(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE

e-NIeT is hereby invited by Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E. Dte. vide Ref: No. WBPHED/EE/HD/NIeT-06 OF 2024-25, Memo No. 3911/HD, Dt.: 06.09.2024. Details will be available in the website www.wbtenders.gov.in and wphed.gov.in Last date of application is 27.09.2024. Sd/- for Executive Engineer, Howrah Division, P.H.E. Dte.

ICA- T16249(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

ASSISTANT ENGINEER, BASIRHAT SUB-DIVISION, PHE DTE. Invites Tender Notice No. 06/BHTSD of 2024-2025, (Sl.No. 01) vide Memo No. 1355/BHTSD Dt. 06/09/2024 from Bonafide Tender ID No. 2024_PHED_746192_1 uploaded. Last Date of online submission is 17.09.2024 at 6:00 P.M. The details can be obtained from the website - www.wbphed.gov.in Sd/- Assistant Engineer, Basirhat Sub-Division, PHE. Dte.

ICA-T16255(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

Irrigation & Waterways Directorate
TENDER NOTICE

e-N.I.T No. WBIW/EE/MDD-I/e-NIT-7/2024-25, Dated-05/09/2024 of Executive Engineer, MDD-I is hereby invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of West Bengal from the eligible bonafides contractors for the 1(One) no work under A.E. Fund. Details of e-Tender may be downloaded from www.wbiwd.gov.in or http://wbtenders.gov.in on and from 11/09/2024 at 17:30 Hrs. and last date of submission of bids 18/09/2024 upto 12:00 Hrs. Sd/- Executive Engineer, Metropolitan Drainage Division No-I, Jalasampad Bhawan (4th Floor)

ICA-T16202(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

NIeT No. 25 of 2024-25 Circulated vide Memo No. 2791/SMD Dt- 06.09.2024

On behalf of the Governor of W.B. e-Tenders are invited in W.B.F. No. 2911 & W.B.F. No. 2908 by the Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division PHE Dte. [2024_PHED_746627_1 to 9]. Bid proposal submission end date 25.09.2024 upto 2.00 PM. Other details information/download/upload will be available form the website: www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, South 24 Pgs Mechanical Division, PHE Dte.

ICA- T16253(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender is invited by the Assistant Engineer Barasat Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte. on behalf of Governor of West Bengal vide Ref. No WB/PHED/AE/BSD/ NIeT-06/2024-25 & ID **2024_PHED_744213_1to_6** for different works, details will be available in the website **www.wbtenders.gov.in** The last date for submission of tender is **18.09.2024 upto 14:00 Hours. Sd/- for Assistant Engineer, Barasat Sub-Division, P.H.E. Dte.**

ICA-T16259(2)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

EE, PWDte, Bankura Electrical Division invites e-NIQ NOTICE for the work of (1) "Annual Maintenance of entire Electrical Installation work incl. compound lights, L.T. Panel Boards & Sub Station along with quarters at round the clock in Khatra Sub- Divisional Hospital, Khatra. [For the period 01 (one) year]." e-NIQ NO 110/Q of 2024-25 of EE/BED Last Date-23.09.2024 Corrigendum if any will be published in website. only Details of NIT/NIQ and Tender documents may be downloaded From http:/wbtenders.gov.in Sd/-EE, PWD, Bankura Electrical Division GOVT OF WB.

ICA- T16263(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

PWD TENDER NOTICE

The Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division invites e-Tender on Percentage Rate basis vide e-Tender No. WBPWD/EE/KED/NIT-21/2024-2025 for 1(one) nos work vide Tender ID No. 2024_WBPWD_746404_ 1 of 2024-2025. Bid Submission Start date (online) is 12.09.2024 from 2.30 P.M. Bid Submission closing date (online) is 25.09.2024 upto 2.30 P.M. Corrigendum if any will be published in website only. Details of N.I.T and Tender documents may be downloaded from https://wbetenders.gov.in Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata East Division.

ICA-T16279(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER (2nd Call)

Online bids are invited by the Commandant, E.F.R. 1st Bn., Salua, Paschim Medinipur for Supply of "Miscellaneous Articles" for Q.M store EFR 1st Bn for the financial year 2024-2025:- Bid submission starts after the 03(three) days of the publication of e-tender notice (2nd call) in the newspapers & Last date of bid submission is 14 days from the start date of Bid submission. The detailed N.I.T may be obtained from e-tender portal http://wbtenders.gov.in

ICA-T16242(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tenders is invited by the undersigned for the work "Maintenance of electrical works at Shilpa Sadan - Special repairing of electrical installation work." Tender No: WBPWD/EE/04/PR/T/KCED/I of 2024-25. Tender ID-2024_PWDE_746373_1. Bid Submission end date 27/09//2024 up to 02.00 P.M. Website: http://www.pwdwb.in for details contact at the office of the undersigned. Corrigendum if any will be published only the said website. Sd/- B.Mandal, Executive Engineer, PWD, Kolkata Central Electrical Division

ICA-T16272(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

e-Tenders are invited by the IGP, SVS Police Academy, Barrackpore, WB for - **1.** Renovation of concertina fencing. e-Tender ID: 2024_WBP_746601_1, EMD: Rs. 6,000/-. **2.** Renovation of Drain Courtyard. e-Tender ID: 2024_WBP_746200_1, EMD: Rs. 4,000/- **3.** Renovation of Sanitary plumbing work. e-Tender ID: 2024_WBP_746644_1, EMD: Rs. 4,000/- Last Date: 18.09.2024 at 18:00 hrs. For details please visit Office. Sd/- IGP, SVSPA, Barrackpore, PIN-700120.

ICA-T16241(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

e-TENDER NOTICE

WBPWD/R/EENHD-I/e-NIQ-02/2024-25 Online e-quotation (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746453_1) under 2(two) bids system is invited for the work Supplying of Security Personnel (without Arms) on purely temporary basis for guarding at Mrigala Inspection Bungalow, Kakdwip NH Sub-Division office etc. under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, National Highway Division-I, P.W. (Roads) Directorate in the district of Hooghly & South 24 Paraganas. Closing date of submission tender (online) - 25.09.2024, other details of e-NIQ may be seen in the office of the u/s on any working day during office hours and through website www.wbpwd.gov.in Sd/- EE/NHD-I/PW(R)Dte., Bhabani Bhaban Kolkata

ICA-T16311(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Renovation of Pukuria Govt. Owned and Operated Major RLI Scheme in Itahar block of Uttar Dinajpur District under the E.E. (AM), Raiganj (AM) Division during F.Y 2024-25 under Core-Sector Programme , vide e-NIT no. 03 of 2024-25 Tender ID : **2024_WRDD_747325_1** and amount put to tender is Rs.5184587.00, last dropping date **27.09.2024 at 16.30 hrs.** respectively. Intending Bidders are requested to visit the website https://wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer.(A-M),
Raiganj (A-M) Division,
Karnajora, Raiganj, Uttar Dinajpur

ICA-T16223(4)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

ABRIDGED TENDER NOTICE
NIeT No. 20/BD of 2024-25
Vide Memo No.2530/BD dt.03.09.2024
Tender ref. no. 2530_BD_NIeT_20_of_2024_25
Tender ID : 2024_PHED_743837_01 to_06

Tender invited by the undersigned for - Construction of Boundary Wall at different Water Supply Scheme under Basirhat & Barasat Sub-Division within Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte. (SL-01 to 06) Closing date of submission of both Technical and Financial bid (online) = **26.09.2024 at 1:00 P.M.** Details of Tender document and its related corrigendum/Addendum (if any) may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte. On working days during office hours or in website - http://www.wbtenders.gov.in **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Barasat Division, P.H.E. Dte.**

ICA-T16260(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

TENDER NOTICE

WBPWD/R/EENHD-I/e-NIQ-02/2024-25 Online e-quotation (Tender ID: 2024_WBPWD_746453_1) under 2(two) bids system is invited for the work Supplying of Security Personnel (without Arms) on purely temporary basis for guarding at Mrigala Inspection Bungalow, Kakdwip NH Sub-Division office etc. under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer, National Highway Division-I, P.W. (Roads) Directorate in the district of Hooghly & South 24 Paraganas. Closing date of submission tender (online) - 25.09.2024, other details of e-NIQ may be seen in the office of the u/s on any working day during office hours and through website www.wbpwd.gov.in Sd/- EE/NHD-I/PW(R)Dte., Bhabani Bhaban Kolkata

ICA-T16311(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for Excavation of 1 no WDS under Paschim Medinipur District under Jalatirtha-X Programme under Midnapore (A-M) Division vide Tender reference no-WBWRDD/EEAM/MID/ eNIT - 15_2nd Call 24-25. Tender ID:- **2024_WRDD_747608_1** Last date of dropping: **26.09.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (A-M)
Midnapore (A-M) Division,

ICA-T16297(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Executive Engineer (A-M) Midnapore (A-M) Division invites e-tender for RE-EXCAVATION LALITASOLE WDS UNDER SARASARI MUKHYAMANTRI (CORE-SECTOR) PROGRAMME 2024-25 under Jhargram District under Midnapore (A-M) Division vide Tender reference no-WBWRDD/EEAM/MID/ e-NIT: 25_2ndCall 24-25. Tender ID:- **2024_WRDD_747650_1.** Last date of dropping: **26.09.2024 (2.00 pm)** Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (Agri-Mech)
Midnapore (Agri-Mech) Division,
Midnapore

ICA-T16301(3)/2024

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

WRI&DD. e-NIT

Sealed 01 No e-tender vide Tender No. WRDD/EEAM/JPG/eNIT-03/2024-25 vide Tender ID: **2024_WRDD_746068_1 to 7** circulated vide Memo no. 698/1(15) dtd. 06.09.2024 has been invited by the Executive Engineer (A-M) Jalpaiguri (A-M) Division, Jalpaiguri-735101 from bonafide agencies for "Installation of 07 nos. Solar Mini RLI in Alipurduar & Jalpaiguri District" under Executive Engineer (AM) Jalpaiguri (AM) Division under "Core Sector Programme FY 2024-25". Estimated value varies around Rs.26 Lakhs. Last date & time of bid submission is on **27.09.2024 (18.00 Hours)** & Date of Pre Bid meeting is on 18-09-2024 (12.00 Hours). Please note: any further corrigendum & addendum will be published online & at office notice board only. Intending bidders are requested to visit the website: https://wbtenders.gov.in, Other details may also be seen from the office notice board. Sd/-

Executive Engineer (A-M)
Jalpaiguri (A-M) Division,
Jalpaiguri, WRDD

ICA-T16304(4)/2024

LG Flags Off 47 Development Projects In City's Rural Areas

North Delhi's Uplift Is Part Of Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Lieutenant governor VK Saxena laid the foundation stone of 47 developmental projects worth around Rs 45 crore in north Delhi's 29 villages under Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan on Tuesday.

The move came a week after LG inaugurated 22 developmental projects in 18 urbanised villages in southwest Delhi under the same scheme.

During the visit, Saxena inspected ongoing developmental works, including road and drain development, and the renovation of the crematorium at Singhu village. Besides, plantation was done under the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam campaign and fruit saplings were distributed among villagers. To empower women and their self-help groups, the Drone Didi programme was inaugurated.

LG said, "The developmental works undertaken in the villages will bring a huge and positive transformation in the life of the villagers. We aim to bring all amenities close to the rural areas of Delhi in the coming days. The Drone Didi scheme will not only empower women but will also become a source of livelihood for their families."

Dilli Gramodaya Abhiyan was launched in Dec 2023 to improve the living conditions in the villages by extending civic amenities. To develop these gram sabha areas, around Rs 960 crore that was lying unutilised with Delhi govt was transferred to Delhi Development Authority (DDA).

To implement the projects through various civic bodies such as DDA, Municipal Corporation of Delhi and irrigation & flood control department, LG regularly coordinates their work. To date, 573 works worth Rs 523 crore have

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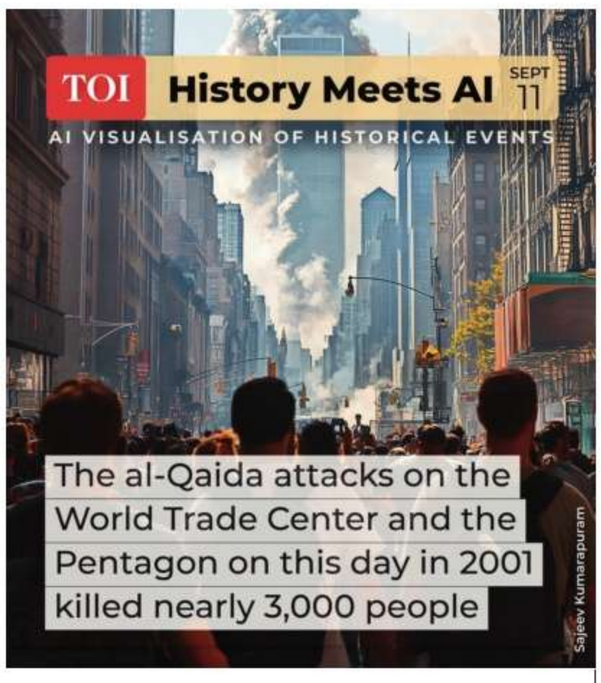
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Indian discovered America: MP min

It was Indian sailor Vasulun who discovered America, and Vasco da Gama didn't chart a route to India but only followed a 'Gujarati sea merchant' here, so claims MP minister for higher education, Inder Singh Parmar, reports **Suchandana Gupta**.

Indian students have been taught the wrong things and references to Columbus and Vasco da Gama will be removed from syllabus, Parmar told reporters in Bhopal on Tuesday. Parmar was addressing the convocation ceremony at Barkatullah University when he said that "untruth is being taught to Indian students". "Vasco da Gama had mentioned that a merchant named Chandan was sailing on the same route ahead of him. Chandan discovered India, and not Vasco da Gama. Wrong history is being taught to our students," the higher education minister argued.

Parmar claimed that an Indian sailor was the first to arrive on the coast of America and Indian merchants "have been doing business with the Americas since the 11th century".

STATISTICS A slice of life in numbers — By Atul Thakur

Why China's One-Child Policy Was Late

Even before the introduction of its one-child policy in Sept 1980, China had begun to witness a rapid decline in its total fertility rate, from 5.8 in 1950 to 2.7 in 1980. The policy led to an aging population (higher dependency ratio) and skewed the sex ratio (due to preference for male children). In 2016 China announced a two-child policy and in 2021 made it a three-child policy.

China's TFR - (Total births per woman)



Source: UN

2 goods trains hit concrete blocks placed on Ajmer tracks

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Ajmer/Kanpur: While an attempt was made to derail an express train in Kanpur by placing an LPG cylinder on the railway track on Sunday night, a similar attempt was made — around the same time on Sunday — to derail two goods trains by placing concrete blocks on two parallel tracks near Ajmer in Rajasthan. Two goods trains hit the concrete blocks on both the tracks in a span of about two hours, police said on Tuesday.

Ajmer police have registered a case against unknown individuals for conspiring to derail trains by placing concrete blocks on tracks. Sources said a special investigation team (SIT) has been constituted.

Additional SP Ajmer (rural) Deepak Kumar Sharma told **TOI** on Tuesday: "The first collision took place around 10.20pm on Sunday, whereas the second one is believed to have taken place sometime between 11.30pm and midnight. The concrete blocks were placed on two different railway tracks (up and down), about one-km apart, and were hit by two goods trains."

Police have not ruled out the possibility of a pre-planned conspiracy.

"We are trying to determine where these concrete blocks were brought from. We are also looking for any construction being carried out on the highway or on railway land where such blocks might have been used," a police official said.

Meanwhile, in Kanpur, a National Investigation Agency (NIA) team has joined the probe into Sunday night's incident.

According to officials, bottles of petrol and matchboxes were also discovered at the site, along with the LPG cylinder, indicating a sabotage attempt, prompting the deployment of NIA to assist in the ongoing investigation.

In US, Rahul raises Sikh rights; BJP's Puri reminds him of 1984

'Will Think Of Scrapping Quotas When India Is A Fair Place'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



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New Delhi: Rahul Gandhi told the Indian diaspora in the US that the fight at home was not about politics but whether Sikhs, and adherents of other faiths, would be able to practise their religion with freedom.

At a convention of Indians in Washington, the Congress functionary said the "idea of Modi" — 56 inches and direct connection with God — has disappeared in a jiffy, and people are no longer scared of PM Modi after the 2024 Lok Sabha results.

Stressing on his now established refrain of threat to religious minorities under the Modi govt, Rahul singled out a Sikh member in the audience and asked him his name, who replied Bhalender Singh. He then said, "Fight (in India) is not about politics. That is superficial. The fight is about whether... he (Bhalender) as a Sikh is going to be allowed to wear his turban in India, wear a Kada in India, or be able to go to a gurdwara, that's what the fight is about, and not just for him, for all religions... the fight is about what type of India we are going to have."

Responding to a question on reservations and how long it would continue, Rahul said, "We will think of scrapping reservations when India is a fair place. And India is not a fair place. When you look at the financial numbers, tribals get 10 paise out of Rs 100, Dalits get Rs 5 out of Rs 100, and OBCs get a similar number. The fact of the matter is that they're not getting participation."

Rahul jibed that post-2024 polls, people stop him on the roads and tell him that their fear has vanished. He laughed while it took BJP years to spread the scare through agencies, it disappeared in a matter of seconds.

In New Delhi, Congress said it is hypocritical of BJP to criticise Rahul Gandhi for his justified comments in the US when PM Modi has been going abroad and "insulting generations of Indians" by saying that nothing happened in India in 60 years before 2014.

Congress general secretary K C Venugopal said, " BJP ecosystem is nervous and flailing because Rahul has spoken the plain truth. The 'Modi bubble' has burst. His politics of fear has failed, and nobody takes him or his band of cheerleaders seriously. Rahul has time and time again warned about the BJP-RSS' dangerous politics of hatred and division. His entire mission has been to bring in love. BJP-RSS is the single biggest threat to this inclusivity."

Rahul remark shows his prejudice against quotas, claims BJP

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Taking strong exception to Rahul Gandhi's remarks on Sikhs in India, several BJP functionaries belonging to the community said Rahul was trying to poison Sikhs and defame India as they recalled the massacre of Sikhs in Delhi following Indira Gandhi's assassination.

"Rahul ji, the only time when Sikhs felt scared and insecure, in fact, an existential threat, was in 1984, when at the instigation of Congress functionaries, rioters put tyres around the necks of Sikhs wearing turbans and burnt them alive," petroleum minister **Hardeep Singh Puri** said.



Addressing a press conference, he also recalled the controversial "earth is bound to shake when a big tree falls" remark former PM Rajiv Gandhi had made in the context of killings of thousands of Sikhs.

BJP attacked Rahul over his statement that Congress would "scrap reservation at the right moment", saying it was a "reflection of his prejudice" against quotas.

Puri said, "In 1984, a pogrom was carried out against Sikhs who would be dragged out of their homes to be lynched and burnt alive."

BJP secretary Manjinder Singh Sirsa said he unequivocally condemned Rahul's "derogatory and divisive" remarks on foreign soil. "In India, no Sikh has ever been stopped from wearing a turban or visiting a gurdwara," he added.

On Rahul's comment on reservations, senior BJP leader Ravi Shankar Prasad said the "prejudice against reservation which Rahul Gandhi has in abundance got reflected in America". He added that it was in Rahul's legacy to oppose reservations. "Nehru, Rajeev, Indira were all opposed to reservations," he said.

It's clear Congress wants to end quotas, says Maya

BSP president **Mayawati** on Tuesday warned SC, ST and OBCs against Congress's " Rahul Gandhi's drama" over reservation. She said it was clear that for years, Congress had been involved in a conspiracy to abolish reservation. She was reacting to Rahul's statement on 'scrapping reservation' that he made during his US tour. During an interaction with students at Washington, Rahul said Congress will consider scrapping reservation when India is in a fair place. Mayawati asked SCs, STs and OBCs to be cautious of the intention behind Rahul's "dangerous statement". She said, "As soon as his party forms govt at the Centre, it will scrap reservation for these communities." TNN



Muizzu's India trip likely soon, says his office; Modi critics quit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Maldives President **Mohamed Muizzu** is likely to visit India "very soon", his office announced Tuesday. The two sides are looking to finalise a "feasible" date for what will be Muizzu's first official visit to India since he took over as President in Nov, 2023.

The announcement came on a day two junior ministers who had made derogatory remarks about PM Modi resigned from govt. The ministers had been suspended earlier.



The visit will come on the back of the recent thaw in bilateral ties that saw Muizzu attending PM Narendra Modi's swearing-in for his third term in June this year and external affairs minister S Jaishankar visiting Male last month.

Considered pro-China, Muizzu's decision last year as President to seek immediate withdrawal of Indian military personnel from the archipelago country had threatened to derail the relationship but things have improved since India replaced the military staff with civilian employees of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited.

Heena Waleed, the chief spokesperson at the President's Office, announced Muizzu's visit on a day when two junior ministers, suspended in Jan for derogatory comments against PM Narendra Modi — resigned from govt. She said that while the exact date for the trip is yet to be finalised, the two sides are discussing a date, which is of convenience to the leaders of both countries, Sun Online news portal reported.

"The President is scheduled to visit India very soon. Such trips are scheduled for a time of maximum convenience to leaders of the two countries. Discussions regarding this are in progress," she said during a press conference.

Not against business from China: EAM

New Delhi: Reiterating PM Modi's call for talks between Russia and Ukraine to resolve the ongoing conflict, foreign minister **S Jaishankar** on Tuesday said if the "main parties" wanted any advice, India was willing to provide it.

Addressing the annual ambassadors' conference of German foreign office in Berlin, he again underscored concerns about business from China, saying that while India was not against it, the main issue remained which sectors should be open to it and on what terms.



Jaishankar had said earlier this month it's "common sense" to scrutinise Chinese investments as there's a thin line separating economic issues from those with security implications. He had also said that while the world had a general China problem, India had a special one because of the border dispute between them.

Reuters reported in July that New Delhi could ease restrictions on Chinese investments in non-sensitive sectors where India lacks expertise and which hinders domestic manufacturing. TNN

Raza worth ₹2.5cr stolen from Mum auction warehouse

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- **S H Raza** pioneered Indian modernism; his works sell for crores now
- FIR says 'Prakriti', his 1992 painting, missing from AstaGuru's SoBo warehouse
- It is said to be worth around ₹2.5cr



Mumbai: A painting by famous Indian modernist painter, S H Raza, has been allegedly stolen from an auction house's warehouse in Ballard Pier, south Mumbai. The artwork is reportedly worth Rs 2.5 crore.

Police registered a case of theft, and stated that a Mumbai resident, Indra Veer, the owner of the painting, had given it to AstaGuru auction house Pvt Ltd, in Kala Ghoda to sell in Feb 2020. The auction house stored it in a warehouse in Ballard Pier. The painting was last seen in the warehouse on March 24, 2022. Two years later, in 2024, the owner told the auction house to put the painting for auction again. This is when the auction house realised it was missing. "They searched the warehouse, but did not find it," said a police officer.

Siddhant Shetty (37), chief administrative officer of AstaGuru auction house, approached the MRA Marg police station and lodged an FIR. Police have booked an unidentified accused under section 380 (theft in dwelling house, etc) of the IPC.

A police source said the painting was titled 'Prakruti' and was created by Raza in 1992. Raza, the son of a forest-ranger who grew up in a village in Mandla, Madhya Pradesh, was often inspired by the lush forests and the Narmada river around him.

Known for his signature 'bindu' — the dot from which many of his 'neo-tantric' brushstrokes emerged — 1922-born Sayed Haider Raza is one of the most-soughtafter artists among collectors. He pioneered Indian modernism in 1940s Bombay before moving to high-society Paris.

(With inputs from Sharmila Ganesan)

SC lets Raj take back Shekhawat phone-tap case

Jaipur: Supreme Court has permitted Rajasthan govt to withdraw a suit filed by the previous Ashok Gehlot-led Cong dispensation, which challenged the jurisdiction of Delhi Police to investigate the alleged phone-tapping incident involving Union minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat. Gehlot govt had prayed that Rajasthan Police be allowed to investigate the case.

Justice SVN Bhatti granted permission to withdraw the suit after state govt moved an application through additional advocate general Shiv Mangal Sharma, stating there was no merit in the case.

"Withdrawal of the suit means proceedings related to the phone-tapping case will now be carried forward by Delhi Police without any jurisdiction clashes," Sharma added.

In its suit filed against Centre on Oct 13 last year, state govt had had sought a declaration that only Rajasthan had the jurisdiction to investigate and prosecute the alleged offences related to FIR registered by Delhi Police on March 25, 2021.

The matter revolved around phone-tapping allegations involving Shekhawat in the aftermath of the rebellion against Gehlot govt in 2020. TNN

Doon's Clock Tower, inaugurated by Sarojini Naidu in 1953, silenced after mysterious theft

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Dehradun: Dehradun's iconic Clock Tower, the Ghanta Ghar, has stopped ticking and chiming, and with it, the pulse of the city seemed to have faltered. No one knows when, but unidentified thieves crept up the towering structure, dismantling the copper innards that once powered the six faces of this 70-year-old monument.

Built in the 1940s and inaugurated by Sarojini Naidu in 1953, Ghanta Ghar is more than just a timekeeper—it's the city's pride, its heartbeat. The city is wondering: how could the thieves have done it?



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CLOCKED OUT

On Monday, the Dehradun Municipal Corporation (DMC) received complaints that the clocks had gone silent, their hands stuck in place and chiming muted. An inspection quickly revealed the truth: the thieves had cut through the wiring and tampered with the clock's satellite-powered mechanism, a modern update to the mechanical marvel manufactured in Switzerland, renowned for crafting luxurious and precise timepieces.

This is the third time the tower has faced such an attack in recent years. Police, for now, are on standby, waiting for a formal complaint to start their investigation. "We learned about it from media reports," said Chandrabhan Adhikari, SHO of Kotwali police station. "We will review CCTV footage once the necessary complaint is lodged."

For those who grew up with the chimes of Ghanta Ghar marking the hours, this theft is more than just vandalism. Commissioned by Lala Sher Singh in memory of his father, Lala Balbir Singh, the Clock Tower is a rare hexagonal structure with six Swiss clocks. It isn't just another piece of colonial architecture; it's a monument etched with the names of freedom fighters, a symbol of Dehradun's role in India's march to Independence. For 70 years, it stood tall at the city's busiest intersection.

(With inputs from Kalyan Das)



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.

E-TENDER NOTICE INVITING TENDER For Centrally Aided RDSS Total Turnkey Project – Loss Reduction Distribution Works

Name of work:- Design, Survey, Supply of Plants & Material, Installation of Plants & Material, Testing and successful commissioning of works under Total Turn Key basis in RDSS. The Amended dates for the following tenders are

1. **Last date of Bid Submission: 23.09.2024, 5.00pm**
2. **Technical Bid Opening date: 27.09.2024, 11.00am.**
3. **Time of completion of the project in all respects: 31.01.2026**

(For further details, please visit the e-tender site)

Package. No	Tender Particulars	Tender Inviting Authority
1	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680838	The Chief Engineer (Distribution South)
2	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680793_1	The Chief Engineer (Distribution Central)
3	Tender ID No 2024_KSEB_680680	The Chief Engineer (Distribution North Malabar)

Thiruvananthapuram — **Sd/-Chief Engineer, (IT, CR & CAPs)**

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e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Ref. Nos.	NAME OF THE WORKS	Approx. Value in Rs.	EMD in Rs.	Due Date
27/2024-25	Appointment of Contractors for Outsourcing of Mining Operations at Anandavadi Mines, Ariyalur Dist. T.N	27.10 Crore	27,00,000	14.10.2024
28/2024-25	Supply of Chemical Gypsum on F.O.R basis at Ariyalur Cement Works, Ariyalur Dist. T.N	9.23 Crore	9,00,000	14.10.2024
29/2024-25	Appointment of Contractors for Outsourcing of Mining Operations at Kallankurichi Limestone Mines, PIT-5 & 5A, Ariyalur Dist. T.N	7.99 Crore	7,00,000	15.10.2024
30/2024-25	Appointment of Contractors for Outsourcing of Mining Operations at PIT-3 & 4 at Kallankurichi Mines, Ariyalur District, T.N	4.87 Crore	4,00,000	15.10.2024

Important Note: For e-tender nos. 27. 29 & 30, a pre-bid meeting will be held on 23.09.2024 at 11.00 am, 11.30 am & 12.00 am respectively and for e-tender No.28 a pre-bid meeting will be held on 20.09.2024 at 3.00 pm at TANCEM. Registered Office, 5th Floor, Aavin Illam, No.3A, Pasumpon Muthuramalingam Salai, Nandanam, Chennai – 600 035. The Tender document can be downloaded from https://tntenders.gov.in Corrigendum /Addendum to this publication, if any would appear only on the above said website.

DIPR/3626/TENDER/2024 — **General Manager (Marketing)/DRO**

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Tender No.: DHT/2024-25/SE0028 Date: 09.09.2024

TENDER NOTICE INVITING TO PROVIDE CONSULTANCY SERVICES

For Selection of Consultant for drafting New Textile Policy (Through Gok Karnataka Public Procurement portal only)

DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS & TEXTILES invites tender for Selection of Consultant for drafting New Textile Policy from registered Company incorporated under Companies Act 1956/2013/2019 or a Partnership Firm registered under Indian Partnership Act 1932 or Limited Liability Partnership Firm registered under Limited Liability Partnership Act 2008 and in existence at least for the last five years in two cover bid system with vast experience and proven record of similar nature of work for the project.

Applicants may download bidding documents from the E-procurement Portal: **https:/kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Joint Director (Textile Policy), DEPARTMENT OF HANDLOOMS & TEXTILES, Head Office, Bengaluru.

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ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना

महाप्रबंधक (अभियन्त्रण) ग्रेटर नौएडा औद्योगिक विकास प्राधिकरण द्वारा मुख्य कार्यपालक अधिकारी, ग्रेटर नोएडा की ओर से ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या–वरि0प्र0 / (ई–निविदा सेल) / 2024 / 526 दिनांक 10 / 09 / 2024 के माध्यम से उल्लेखित क्रम संख्या–01 से 08 तक के कार्य की ई–निविदायें आमन्त्रित जाती है। समस्त नियम व शर्तें ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण की वेबसाइट: www.greaternoidaauthority.in पर ई–निविदा लिंक एवं ई–पोर्टल https://etender.up.nic.in पर उपलब्ध है किसी परिवर्तन, संशोधन व अतिरिक्त सूचनाओं के लिए उक्त वेबसाइट देखते रहे।

क्र. सं.	कार्य का नाम / वर्क सर्किल	अनुमानित लागत
निमार्ण कार्य		
1.	ग्राम–खेड़ी के तालाब से सुनपुरा टी–प्वाइंट से मेन रोड का आर.सी.सी ड्रेन को निमार्ण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–2)	रू0 55.95 लाख
2.	सैक्टर–10 एवं 12 में मुख्य नाली (नाला) का आर.सी.सी. स्लैब कवरिंग और वॉल कास्टिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–2)	रू0 72.22 लाख
3.	ग्राम–कासना में कृषक आबादी भूखण्डों में मुख्य आर.सी.सी. ड्रेन का निर्माण कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–8)	रू0 281.51 लाख
सड़क निमार्ण एवं मरम्मत कार्य		
4.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में डासना नाले की सफाई का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ड्रेन)	रू0 83.63 लाख
5.	ग्रेटर नौएडा में सैक्टर–1 अतिरिक्त 24 मी0 सड़क की रिसरफेसिंग का कार्य (वर्क सर्किल–3)	रू0 282.83 लाख
6.	सूरजपुर एंट्री प्वाइंट से नौएडा एंट्री प्वाइंट तक डी.एस.सी. रोड की रिसरफेसिंग का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–3)	रू0 921.40 लाख
विद्युतीकरण का कार्य		
7.	ग्रेटर नौएडा प्राधिकरण बिल्डिंग के पी–4 के टावर–2 के द्वितीय, तृतीय, चतुर्थ तल एवं पांचवी तलों पर आंतरिक विद्युतीकरण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–ईएण्डएम–2)	रू0 140.21 लाख
उद्यान विभाग		
8.	सैक्टर–10 के.पी.–वी में ओपन जिम के उपकरण स्थापित किए जाने के साथ 03 वर्ष तक अनुरक्षण का कार्य। (वर्क सर्किल–उद्यान)	रू0 51.32 लाख

क्रम सं0 – 01, 2, 4, 7, एवं 8 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक 12.09.2024 से 23.09.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालीफिकेशन दिनांक 25.09.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी एवं क्रम सं0 – 3, 5 एवं 6 पर अंकित कार्य दिनांक 12.09.2024 से 26.09.2024 को 5:00 बजे तक अपलोड किया जा सकता है। प्राप्त ई–निविदाओं की प्री–क्वालिफिकेशन दिनांक 30.09.2024 को 11:00 बजे खोली जाएगी।

वरिष्ठ प्रबंधक (ई–निविदा सेल)

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State Bank of India
(Constituted under the State Bank of India Act, 1955)
Shares & Bonds Department, Corporate Centre, State Bank Bhavan, Madame Cama Road, Nariman Point, Mumbai – 400021
Website: https://bank.sbi **Email:** investor.seva@sbi.co.in
Phone No.: 022-2274-0849 / 0844 / 2403/ 2842

URGENT ATTENTION
SHAREHOLDERS HOLDING SHARES IN PHYSICAL FORM UPDATING KYC AND CONVERSION TO DEMAT FORM

Dear Shareholders,

We may bring to your kind notice that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), vide its Master Circular No. SEBI/HO/MIRSD/POD-1/P/CIR/2024/37 dated 7th May 2024, has issued guidelines on common and simplified norms for processing investors' service requests by RTAs. These guidelines also provide norms for mandatory furnishing of PAN, KYC details and Nomination by shareholders holding their shares in physical form to avail uninterrupted services, dividend credit in bank account and seamless communication.

2. If your dividend has been withheld/unpaid for the FY 2023-24, please ensure to update the above details before requesting the release of your pending dividends. For your convenience, necessary forms have been uploaded on the bank's website bank.sbi under the link 'Investor Relations'.

3. Since SEBI has prohibited sale/transfer of shares in physical form, we take this opportunity to request our esteemed physical shareholders to demat their holdings to avoid risk of misplacement, tear & wear etc. in addition to sale/transfer of shares in case of need.

4. Please note that the Re.1/- face value share certificate was sent to concerned physical shareholders pursuant to stock split by the Bank on 22.11.2014 and to physical shareholders of erstwhile Associate Banks in April 2017, pursuant to merger of these Banks with SBI. The same is required / valid for dematerialization. In case, Re.1/- face value share certificate is not available/received/claimed, please contact with the Bank's Registrar & Transfer Agent (RTA).

5. Shareholders who had applied for Right Issue in the year 2008, however, their shares are held in abeyance on account of non-furnishing of KYC documents etc., such shareholders are requested to write to Bank's RTA in this regard.

6. For any query pertaining to above issues, please contact with our RTA at the following address:

KFin Technologies Limited, Unit: State Bank of India, Selenium Tower B, Plot 31 & 32, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Hyderabad - 500032.

Email: einward.ris@kfintech.com; Toll free: 1800 309 4001; Website: www.kfintech.com

For any assistant/escalation, please feel free to call us or send email to INVESTOR.SEVA@SBI.CO.IN.

For State Bank of India

Aruna Nitin Dak
Deputy General Manager
(Compliance & Company Secretary)

Place: Mumbai
Date: 11.09.2024

न्यूक्लियर पॉवर कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited

(भारत सरकार का उद्यम A Govt. of India Enterprise)
नरौरा परमाणु विद्युत केंद्र Narora Atomic Power Station
डाक एनएपीएस टाउनशिप, नरौरा जिला बुलंदशहर (उ.प्र.) - 203389
PO : NAPS Township, Narora, Distt. Bulandshahr (UP) - 203389

मल्टी–स्पेशियलिटी / सुपर स्पेशियलिटी चिकित्सालयों को पैनलबद्ध करने के लिए रूचि की अभिव्यक्ति

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR EMPANELMENT OF MULTISPECIALITY / SUPERSPECIALITY HOSPITAL

नरौरा परमाणु विद्युत केंद्र, नरौरा, न्यूक्लियर पॉवर कॉरपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड की दो इकाइयों वाला विद्युत केंद्र है, जिसका एनएपीएस चिकित्सालय नरौरा, जिला बुलंदशहर (उ.प्र.) मे स्थित है, बुलन्दशहर की शहरी सीमाओं में स्थित मल्टी–स्पेशियलिटी / सुपर स्पेशियलिटी चिकित्सालयों से ईओआई आमंत्रित करता है. जो एनएपीएस के सीएचएसएस लाभार्थियों को चिकित्सा सेवाएं प्रदान कर सकते हैं। ईओआई में भाग लेने के लिए विस्तृत पूर्ण योग्यता मानदंड को वेबसाइट **http://npcil.nic.in/main/expressionofinterest.aspx** से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है।

Narora Atomic Power Station, Narora a twin unit of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited having NAPS Hospital, Narora, District Bulandshahr (U.P) invites EOI from Multi speciality / Super speciality Hospital within city limits of Bulandshahr who can provide medical services to CHSS beneficiaries of NAPS. Detailed pre qualification criteria for participating in EOI can be downloaded from Website **http://npcil.nic.in/main/expressionofinterest.aspx**

चिकित्सा अधीक्षक **Medical Superintendent**
एनएपीएस चिकित्सालय **NAPS Hospital**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan, Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001.
Phone No. 080-22265383. email: cdoce2@kiadb.in, Website: www.kiadb.in

No. IADB/ENGG/PMC/EPTND-EP-09/1023/2024-25 Date: 09.09.2024

NOTICE INVITING TENDER FOR PROVIDING PROJECT MANAGEMENT CONSULTANCY SERVICES
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

KIADB is inviting tender under Quality Based Consultancy System (QCBS) as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Consulting Firms under two cover system for the following work of **Project Management Consultancy service for the work of Upgradation of Road, Including Asphalting & Construction of RCC drains in Raichur Growth Centre Industrial Area, Raichur District.**

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **25.09.2024 upto 04:00 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer - 2

DIPR/CP/JA/1918/2024-25

NAGPUR IMPROVEMENT TRUST

e-TENDER NOTICE No. 15/2024-25

Name of Department :- Nagpur Improvement Trust **Name of Head of Department :- Executive Engineer (West)**

Name of Work :- Proposed Redevelopment of Gokulpeth Market at Gokulpeth Precinct, Kh No 28/1, CTS No. 1348, Mouza Gadga, Nagpur on Design, Build, Finance, Maintain and Sale (DBFMS) basis.

The Nagpur Improvement Trust / Nagpur Municipal Corporation, intending to Redevelopment of Gokulpeth Market at Gokulpeth Precinct, Kh No 28/1, CTS No. 1348, Mouza Gadga, Nagpur on Design, Build, Finance, Maintain and Sale (DBFMS) basis, NIT/NMC is hereby calling for proposal from competent entity to be appointed as a developer for this prestigious project on this e-tender can be downloaded from Gov. of Maharashtra's portal (www.mahatenders.gov.in). The terms and conditions of e-tenders are available on e-tenders portal. (www.mahatenders.gov.in).

Bidding Process Timelines

1	RFP Sales	12.09.2024 to 04.10.2024 till 02:00 PM
2	RFP Submission End Date	04.10.2024 till 05:00 PM
3	Date of Opening of Technical Bid (If Possible)	07.10.2024
4	Cost of Tender Document (Non-Refundable)	Rs. 50,000/-
5	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) to be deposited online at time of submission of tender only	Rs. 1,00,00,000/-

NIT reserves the right to alter, modify any clause of the Bidding Documents including the Contract Agreement and also to annul the bidding process without assigning any reason whats ever.

Advt.No.: S.E.(HQ)/37/2024-25 Dated : 10.09.2024

sd/ Superintending Engineer (Project), Nagpur Improvement Trust, Nagpur

MAHATRANSCO

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/64 -2024-25

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

Tender No. & Description of Item	Estimated Amount (in Rs.) / Tender Fee in (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0520/0924 [RFX No. 5000001280] [3rd Call] (Two Bid System) Procurement of 315MVA, 400/220/33kV, 3-ϕ(01 No.); 200MVA, 400/220/20kV, 1-ϕ (02 Nos.) & 167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-ϕ ICT (16 Nos.) along with New Uninhibited High Grade Mineral Insulating Oil for Augmentation Scheme under Karad; Nashik; Pune & Vashi Zone [Including 9x167MVA, 400/220/33kV, 1-ϕ ICTs Tendered against SP/T-0502/0124 (RFx 5000001184)] 1 st Call: SP/T-0508/0324 (RFx 5000001219) 2 nd Call: SP/ T-0515/0724 (RFx 5000001261).	Rs.16550.81 / Rs.25000.00 (excluding taxes)	24.09.2024 24.09.2024 Up to 16:00 Hrs. at 16:15 Hrs.
Pre-bid meeting Date, Time & Venue	**Date:**13.09.2024 **Time:** 14:30 Hrs. **Venue:** 8th Floor, MSETCL C.O. 'Prakashganga' Plot No. C-19, E-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra East,Mumbai, Maharashtra 400051	

Contact Person: Office of the Executive Engineer (P&C)
Tel. No.022- 69852717/ Cell no:-8329909813
Email:ceom@mahatransco.in, secpa@mahatransco.in, eegrp5@mahatransco.in, eepc@mahatransco.in
For further details visit our website **http://www.srmetender.mahatransco.in**
Any further amendments will be published on the MSETCL website www.mahatransco.in. So bidders are requested to check the website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA

Public Works (West) Division, Satara - 415 001
Phone No. 02162/234329
Web - www.mahapwd.gov.in & westsatara.ee@mahapwd.gov.in

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTICE NO 74 FOR 2024-2025 (C-Form)

The Executive Engineer, Public Works (West) Division, Satara -415001 (Telephone No. 234329) invites Online Lump Sum Tenders (e-tender) in **form "C"** for the execution of works under jurisdiction of this division through e-tendering process from Reputed and experienced Contractors / Firms who fulfill the terms and condition of tender and having experience of similar type of work.

The right to accept / reject tender reserves to Superintending Engineer, Public Works Circle Satara. Bids document can be downloaded from website **https://mahatenders.gov.in** Conditional tender will not be accepted. **Estimated rates does not contains GST. Contractors shall also quote their rates without GST (Excluding GST). GST will be paid to Contractors at prevailing rates on bill amount separately.**

e-tender work No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in Lakh)
1	Construction of Major Bridge Between Nivali to Morni on kandati River Tal. Mahabaleshwar, Dist. Satara. (WITH CONTRACTORS OWN DESIGN & DRAWINGS).	6394.01

E-Tender Period :- **Date - 11/09/2024 to Date 25/09/2024**

Prebid Meeting :- **Date 17/09 / 2024 at 12.30 Hrs.** in the office of the Chief Engineer, P. W. Region, Pune (If bidder want to attend prebid meeting through Video Conference. He shall ask link through through e-mail westsatara.ee@mahapwd.gov.in before **Dt.16/09/2024 up to 4.00 pm**.)

E-Tender opening :- **Date - 26/09/2024 to 27/09/2024**

All information related to Tender is available on below website.

1. http://mahapwd.gov.in
2. https://mahatenders.gov.in
   (If There is any change in E- Tender Notice it will be displayed on above website)
3. **Executive Engineer, Public Work (West) Division, Satara Notice Board.**

No. AB / TC / **10734** /2024
Executive Engineer,
Public Works (West) Division, Satara.
Date : **04/09/2024**

sd/-
Executive Engineer,
Public Works (West) Division, Satara.

DGIPR 2024-2025/2807

MAHATRANSCO

Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

NOTICE INVITING TENDER CPD/63 -2024-25

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

Tender No. & Description of Material	Estimated Amount (in Rs. Lakhs) / Tender Fee (in Rs.)	Due Date & Time (Hrs.) for Submission & Opening of Tender
SP/T-0637/0924 [3rd Call] [RFX No.7000033223] (Two Bid System) SITC of capacitor banks of voltage ratings of 100kV & 220kV – 325MVAR in Phase –VI [6.6] at various EHV substations under Vashi Zone in MSETCL.	2868.05 Lakhs / 25000.00	24.09.2024 24.09.2024 Up to 17:00 Hrs. at 17:15 Hrs.

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

Sd/-
Executive Engineer (P&C)

क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय–उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, गाजियाबाद

Regional Office, U.P. Pollution Control Board, Ghaziabad
Website- https://uppcb.up.gov.in/en, e-mail:roghaziabad@uppcb.in
Ph. No-0120-4160108

सार्वजनिक सूचना

एतदद्वारा जनपद गाजियाबाद के क्षेत्रान्तर्गत आच्छादित होटल / रेस्टोरेन्ट / शॉपिंग माल्स / बैंकट हॉल्स / आदि इकाईयॉ के सम्बन्ध मे मा0 राष्ट्रीय हरित अधिकरण, नई दिल्ली द्वारा ओ0ए0 संख्या 294 / 2023 Prasoon Pant & Anr. Versus UPPCB & Ors मे दिनांक 23.08.2024 को आदेश पारित किये गये है, जिसके सुसंगत अंश निम्नवत है:–

22. In respect of the proponents who have not obtained any consent till date, looking to the facts and circumstances and also the fact that in most of the cases, it is the lack of knowledge or information by the concerned proponents, we allow them three months' time to apply and obtain consent from the competent authority i.e. UPPCB. After three months, hospitality establishments who have not obtained consents shall not be allowed to operate. Appropriate orders for closure of such units shall be passed by the competent authority of UPPCB in accordance with law and actual closure shall be monitored effectively till the statutory consent is obtained by such Proponents and thereafter they would continue to comply with the consent conditions. With regard to such Proponents who failed to obtain consent within the time allowed by this Tribunal, competent authority of UPPCB shall also take punitive, preventive, prohibitive and remedial steps including, assessment and recovery of Environmental Compensation, expeditiously.

अतः ऐसे समस्त होटल / रेस्टोरेन्ट / शॉपिंग माल्स / बैंकट हॉल्स / आदि इकाईयों के संचालकों को सूचित किया जाता है कि जिनके द्वारा उ0प्र0 प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड से जल (प्रदूषण निवारण तथा नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1974 एवं वायु (प्रदूषण निवारण तथा नियंत्रण) अधिनियम, 1981 के प्राविधानों के अन्तर्गत संचालनार्थ सहमति प्राप्त नही की गयी है, निर्धारित समयावधि मे सहमति प्राप्त कर ही इकाई का संचालन सुनिश्चित किया जाये, जिससे कि किसी भी प्रकार की प्रतिकूल / दण्डात्मक कार्यवाही की स्थिति उत्पन्न न हो सके। इकाई / संस्था द्वारा संचालनार्थ सहमति जल / वायु प्राप्त किये जाने हेतु निर्धारित शुल्क एवं समस्त आवश्यक प्रपत्रों के साथ निवेश मित्र की वेबसाईट (http://niveshmitra.up.nic.in) पर आन लाइन आवेदन किये जाने का प्राविधान है।

क्षेत्रीय अधिकारी
उ.प्र. प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड, गाजियाबाद

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
PUBLIC WORKS ROADS DEPARTMENT

O/O THE CHIEF ENGINEER (EAP)
ARRTI CAMPUS, FATASIL AMBARI, GUWAHATI - 25
Email-id: as-ce.asbip@assam.gov.in

RFB No.: CE/EAP/ARRBP/111/TENDERS/2024/pt-I/26

REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) (RE-BID)

E-PROCUREMENT NOTICE - Open Competitive Bidding (Two-Envelope Bidding Process with e-Procurement)

The Government of Assam through Government of India has applied for financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the **Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program (ARRBP)** and intends to apply part of the proceeds to the eligible payment under the contract. Bids are invited online from the eligible bidders from India for the packages in the district of Tinsukia, Dibrugarh and Golaghat district. Details may be seen at website **http://assamtenders.gov.in** and also at the office of the undersigned during office hours.

The bidding documents are available online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** from 16.09.2024 to 30.09.2024. Bidders will be required to register on the website which is free of cost. For submission of the bids, the bidder is required to have Digital Signature Certificate (DSC). Bids must be submitted online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** on or before 14:00 Hours on 30.09.2024. Other details can be seen in the bidding document. The method of paying Bid Security, Tender Processing fees as indicated in the table above of this e-procurement shall be required to be submitted online on **http://www.assamtenders.gov.in** by selecting "Pay Online" option.

Chief Engineer, (EAP) PWRD
Assam, Fatasil Ambari, Guwahati-25

Janasanyog/CF/1436/24/11-Sep-24

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invite tenders in Two Stage Tender System from Eligible Contractors for the below mentioned works.

Office of The Chief Engineer (South), 7th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, KG Road, Bangalore-560009.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount Put to Tender / EMD
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3450/2024-25		**Date: 03.09.2024**
1	Providing and laying 100mm dia water supply pipeline in place 75mm, 80mm 100mm dia corroded CI line in Azadnagara DMA to arrest leakage permenently and to avoid contamination under Chamarajpete service station of AEE SW2 Sub Division.	Rs. 238.86 Lakhs / Rs. 3.58 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3443/2024-25		**Date: 03.09.2024**
2	Providing & laying 300mm dia feeder main & 200mm dia distribution line and 100mm dia distrubution line at 22nd main road Nagendra block to 80 feet road Nagendra block 7th main road and 1st main to 13th main Nagendra block (Muneshwar block DMA) coming under Nagendra block service station of SW-3 Sub division	Rs. 124.89 Lakhs / Rs. 1.87 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3442/2024-25		**Date: 03.09.2024**
3	Replacement of old leaky 600mm dia CI pipeline by 600mm dia MS pipeline at south end circle coming under MNK service station of AEESW-3 Sub division.	Rs. 111.70 Lakhs / Rs. 1.68 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3441/2024-25		**Date: 03.09.2024**
4	Providing & laying 400mm dia MS line in place of 400mm dia CI from BTR GLR to Thyagarajanagara 3rd cross via Subbaramashetty road Nagasandra circle coming under BTR service station of SW-3 Sub division.	Rs. 196.24 Lakhs / Rs. 2.94 Lakhs
No. BWSSB/EIC/CE(S)/ACE(S)-II/DCE(M)-I/TA(S)/3440/2024-25		**Date: 03.09.2024**
5	Providing & laying 250 & 150mm dia DI WS feeder line and 100 mm dia DI WS distribution line at Lakshmipura and adjoining areas coming under Mountjoy service station of SW-3 Sub division.	Rs. 171.93 Lakhs / Rs. 2.58 Lakhs

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **24.09.2024 upto 15.00 hrs**. The bids will be opened on: **26.09.2024 after 16.00 hrs**.

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No. BWSSB/CE(P)/ACE(Cstr&DCW)/TA/1135/2024-25		**Date: 09.09.2024**
6	Procurement of 35,000Nos of 15mm dia Multi Jet Class "B" Magnetic Type Water Meters conforming to IS:779/1994 & ISO:4064/2014 with its latest amendments.	Rs. 4,95,60,000/- / Rs. 7,44,000/-

For the above works Last date and time for Receipt of tenders will be on **19.09.2024 before16.00 hrs**. The Technical bids will be opened on: **20.09.2024 at 17.00 hrs**.

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Your cousin's poo can now cure your chronic stomach problems

Despite the yuck factor, faecal transplants can no longer be poo-poohed. From hepatitis to colitis, it's poop to the rescue

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'Shit' is one of the world's most useful expletives, an all-purpose cry of annoyance that even kids pick up. But despite its ubiquity (just check out the wiki devoted to the scatological humour of the famous composer Mozart), anyone would get queasy at the thought of it being used as a medical treatment.

But for those who are going through hell with chronic gut ailments, it can be a lifesaver. Some years ago, Megha Nagpal couldn't imagine having a big meal, going on long road trips or even keeping a 9-to-5 job. For 18 years, chronic ulcerative colitis had virtually crippled her, leading to blood in her stool and more than 20 washroom visits daily. Till a 'poop transplant' turned this 37-year-old teacher's life around. Now she can't stop talking about her recent Vietnam trip.

> After 18 years of no relief, FMT was the last option. The 'yuck' factor remained until I noticed a drastic change in my body right after the third session. My cousin was my donor. Today, I am completely off steroids and live a healthy life
>
> **Megha Nagpal** | 37, TEACHER

"In Vietnam, I binged on street food and enjoyed ice cream. Before 2020, I could only eat rice boiled with salt and turmeric. Those days are over. I am living the life now," says Nagpal, who is among 100 recipients of faecal microbiota transplant (FMT) conducted by Dr (Col) Avnish Seth, a gastroenterologist at Delhi's Manipal Hospital. Dr Seth had done India's first FMT in Nov 2014, a year after the US FDA approved the use of faecal material as a drug following extensive clinical trials.

FMT can be simply explained as the process of taking the poo of someone with a healthy gut and inserting it in someone with an unhealthy gut so that their bad bacteria is repopulated by the donor's healthy one.

While scientists have long known that the human gut is full of diverse microbiomes, it's only now that they are realising its importance. It helps digestion, produces chemicals that regulate the body and protect us against harmful pathogens. There are many reasons for the gut ecosystem going out of whack such as overuse of antibiotics, steroids or a Clostridium difficile (C diff) infection.

The decision to opt for it didn't come easy for Nagpal. "After 18 years of no relief, FMT was the last option. I lost several months just convincing myself. The 'yuck' factor remained until I noticed a drastic change in my body right after the third session. My cousin was my donor. Today, I am completely off steroids and live a healthy life," says Nagpal. The first three sessions were 15 days apart. Thereafter, Nagpal has been on a 'maintenance dose' every six months.



WHAT IS FMT?
Faecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) is a procedure that delivers a healthy human donor's stool to another person via colonoscopy, enema or nasogastric (NG) tube. It can come in the form of pills which is an easier way to perform FMT. Last year, US FDA approved a pill for C diff infections

WHAT IS IT USED TO TREAT?
Mainly debilitating gastrointestinal infections that keep recurring despite antibiotic therapy. Doctors in India have found it to be useful treatment for alcohol-associated hepatitis, autism

WHAT IS THE FUTURE?
Research is underway to know if FMT can treat conditions like Crohn's disease, irritable bowel syndrome, alcoholic liver disease, constipation, obesity, diabetes mellitus, autism, Parkinson's and other health problems

TREATING A RANGE OF DISEASES

Dr Cyriac Abby Philips — a hepatologist at Kerala's Rajagiri Hospital better known as The Liver Doc on social media — says FMT is being used at the hospital to treat severe alcohol-associated hepatitis (SAH) with great results. Those affected with SAH have very low chances of survival without a liver transplant. But the hospital found that patients lived longer and healthier after FMT. "Of the 35 SAH patients who went through FMT, incidences of brain function loss, infections and major hospitalisations were much lower when compared to 26 SAH patients who received standard care. In some patients, it also reduced alcohol cravings. FMT is a far cheaper alternative to a liver transplant which costs around Rs 35-Rs 40 lakh," says Dr Philips.

He also found that FMT has some benefits for an autistic six-year-old who slept better and made better eye contact. "My son John had constant gut issues and wouldn't sleep well due to abdominal pain. He didn't even make eye contact with family members," says his mother, who came to know about FMT through the internet. Now six, John went through four FMT sessions that began in August 2021, with a 15-day gap between each session. "His gut health improved drastically, he sleeps better now, and there's improved eye contact with familiar faces," says the mother. John's donor underwent a thorough screening for use of antibiotics and history of infections before going ahead with the transplant.

Pune's Deenanath Mangeshkar Hospital has conducted 50 FMT procedures in three years to treat a range of diseases. "We found good results for graft versus host diseases, SAH, C difficile infection and for those who have undergone bone marrow transplant," says the hospital's consultant gastroenterologist Dr Sachin Palnitkar.

BUT IS POOP A PANACEA?

FMT comes with its own share of challenges, though. For one, the central govt, health ministry, FDA and ICMR are yet to set guidelines or protocols around it. Since the procedure involves a donor's stool, careful evaluation is most crucial. Dr Palnitkar says it's not the first line of treatment, adding, "Donors are mostly family members, but we insist on avoiding close kin who live in the same environment as it may not offer diversity in the microbiome. Distant relatives are most often the donors." Dr Philips says donor selection is the single most important criteria when it comes to stool transplant. They follow a strict protocol to screen donors which includes their medical history, physical examination, infectious diseases, parasitology, general health screening, gastrointestinal health and preliminary psychological assessment as well.

Also, microbiomes are still uncharted territory, and more research is needed to understand how the tiny microorganisms can control their host. "Several studies are required before FMT is accepted as a standard of care in patients with ulcerative colitis. But it has provided a ray of hope to thousands headed for colectomy, or those suffering from serious medication side effects. FMT should be performed only as a part of approved clinical trials," says Dr Seth.



TIPS, TRENDS & TECH

KNOW YOUR VITAL STATS

Do you know where your second heart is?

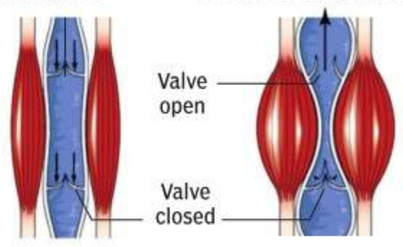
It's in your calf muscle, meaning the back part of your lower leg. Let's see how it works...

It acts as a pump for deep leg veins

Leg veins have valves that prevent backflow. If a valve becomes damaged, blood pools

When calf muscles contract, they help pump blood from lower legs back to your heart. They are similar to the heart in how they distribute and pump blood





HOW TO ACTIVATE THIS?

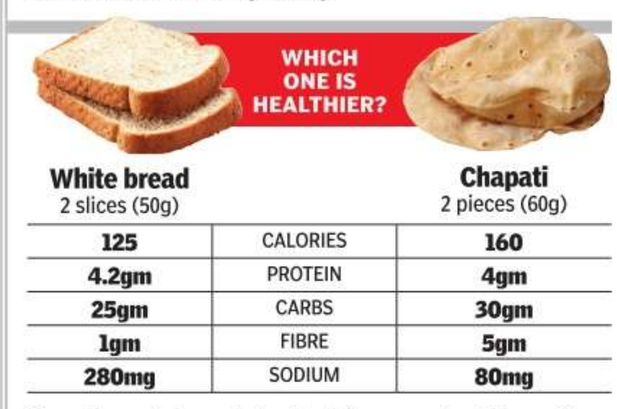
Walking is the best way to do this. If you have to sit for long periods, flex your foot up and down. This activates your calf muscles and prevents pooling



HOW DOES IT HELP?

Prevents swelling | Prevents varicose veins | Prevents deep vein thrombosis | Eases leg tiredness

Source: Healthtide.com and blog.taedu.org



White bread (2 slices (50g))		Chapati (2 pieces (60g))
125	CALORIES	160
4.2gm	PROTEIN	4gm
25gm	CARBS	30gm
1gm	FIBRE	5gm
280mg	SODIUM	80mg

Chapatis made from whole wheat flour are a healthier option than bread, with more fibre, natural vitamins and minerals. Its low glycemic index makes chapatis good for diabetics. Bread is a convenient food item that can be bought off the shelves but is high on additives and preservatives, and usually low on fibre.

Source: Ritika Samaddar, chief clinical nutritionist, Max Healthcare

LATEST IN HEALTH RESEARCH

Sleep tight, make new memories



Making memories is one of the main functions of our brain, and sound sleep can make that job a lot easier, says a Cornell University study published in the journal Science. When we sleep, the hippocampus region of our brain goes silent, letting our neurons 'reset' so they can make new memories next morning. "The relation between sleep and memory can give insights into how to tackle memory conditions," says study author Azahara Olivia.

Bored? Scrolling makes it worse



Scrolling through random videos on social media to kill boredom might just worsen the problem, says a study by University of Toronto at Scarborough. Lead author Dr Katy Tam says there's a growing trend of boredom among young people and this incessant scrolling makes their viewing experience far less satisfying or meaningful. "Boredom is linked to negative mental health, learning, and behavioral outcomes such as depressive symptoms, poorer academic grades, and even sadistic aggression," she adds.

Placebos treat stress just as well



A Michigan State University study on participants stressed by the Covid pandemic found that those informed about being given placebos to treat their condition showed a marked decrease in stress, anxiety and depression within two weeks, compared to those who took no pills at all. Co-author and psychology professor at MSU Jason Moser says these placebos were a minimal burden but significantly benefited the patients, making it an attractive choice for anxiety treatment.

SURVIVOR STORIES

'Padma Lakshmi was diagnosed after 23 yrs. I, too, waited over a decade'

Prerna Singh Bindra

It's late. I am bumping along forest roads on an assignment in the company of male colleagues and officials, when the pain strikes — as though I was being repeatedly stabbed by a red-hot knife in my lower stomach, the pelvic, up my thighs, down my lower back. I want to double up, I want to die, I want to howl and cry, but all I do is bite my lower lip as the jeep hits yet another rock on the kutcha road. Through a haze of pain, I mumble to my concerned colleagues that I have a sudden, severe headache. Stupid, I know, but how do I expect them to understand the agony of endometriosis when even my doctors won't? And chances are that even though it affects an estimated 176 million women around the globe, that's one in 10 women in reproductive age, they wouldn't know what endometriosis is.



That was over nearly two decades ago, but the shocking lack of awareness about endometriosis — and my pain — persists. General practitioners rarely diagnose the disease — average time between onset of pain and final diagnosis is 8.5 years as per some studies, and even specialists are ill-informed.

My frequent visits to the hospital, starting from the time I was 12, were met with a dismissive 'girl (and then woman) stuff' or an unsympathetic 'she has a low pain threshold'. My diagnosis came in 2005, when I was on the wrong side of 20s, by which time the disease became progressively debilitating.

Endometriosis occurs when the layer of tissue that normally covers the inside of the uterus grows outside. This displaced endometrial tissue bleeds inside the body but, unlike menstrual blood, doesn't go the usual route through the vagina. Trapped, it triggers inflammation and scar tissue, and can cause severe, chronic pain that hits anytime, anywhere. Not unsurprisingly, the disease has extracted a massive economic burden, partly due to loss of woman-days, or because patients have to pull out of the workforce (as I did).

The causes for endometriosis are unknown — it could be genetic disposition or immune dysfunction. Pollutants and dioxins in water, air and food are also a factor. I imagine that living in Delhi NCR — one of the most polluted cities globally — is not helping any.

Doctors I consulted had their own pet theory on the cause — one that fellow endo sisters have heard as well — my single status. 'Advice' included: Get married and have children. This opens another can of worms, but I am leaving it for another time.

Endo is one of the main causes of infertility, and it can take all the joy out of sex. In her book 'Love, Loss, and What We Ate', model and celebrity chef **Padma Lakshmi** writes that her struggles with endometriosis played a role in she and writer Salman Rushdie going their separate ways. Apparently, when she refused sex due to the pain, Sir Rushdie's acid response was "how convenient!" Incidentally, it took 23 years — and bouts of excruciating pain before Padma Lakshmi was diagnosed. She has set up the Endometriosis Foundation of America along with a specialist.

There is no cure. Endometriosis can at best be managed. Hormone therapy — forced menopause may help ease the pain. It's like a choice between the devil and the deep blue sea: Would you rather be hit repeatedly with a hot iron or stuff yourself with hormones and suffer depression, anxiety, headaches, hot flushes, nausea, joint stiffness, brittle bones?

The other option is excision surgery, but rarely does one surgery do the trick. Risks are high, the costs prohibitive. I also found that most doctors are geared toward managing infertility, not so much the endo itself. My doctor was astounded that I did not suffer a breakdown, when informed I would likely not be able to have kids.

What I want is to be pain-free, symptom-free. I want quality of life. Correct that: I want my life back. I have learnt to live with the disease, found myself a sensitive doctor, worked out a diet which has helped ease the pain. I carry a pharmacy in my purse. I've found succor and solutions in online support groups started by some incredible women who have helped many deal with the pain and psychological scars.



We are not looking for sympathy, but for change. Govts need to invest in funding research and awareness; insurance firms in covering costs; and doctors and employers in their empathy. We need more specialists in this field. I want the choice of eating uncontaminated food, breathing clean air. Govts need to stop subsidising pesticides and fertilisers which contaminate, and possibly disable, my body. And scores of others. Most of all, this silent epidemic needs to come out of the closet. Endometriosis is not a stigma or a lifestyle syndrome, but a disease that needs a cure, and empathy.

Bindra is an environmentalist and PhD scholar at Cambridge

ASK YOUR DOCTOR

'Pigeon-feeding is causing lung disease among Indians'

The pigeon menace in cities across India has led to a steady rise in a variety of lung diseases, including Bird Breeder's Lung. **Lata Mishra** speaks to **Dr Sujeet Rajan**, consultant respiratory physician, Interstitial Lung Diseases, at Bombay Hospital Institute of Medical Sciences, about the problem



What is Bird Breeder's Lung and how do pigeons lead to rising cases?

Bird Breeder's Lung or Hypersensitivity pneumonitis (HP) is the commonest form of interstitial lung disease (ILD) in India. The Indian ILD registry documents that close to 50% of ILD patients have HP, the typical symptoms of which are cough and breathlessness on exertion. It's increasing in cities like Mumbai owing to exposure to pigeon droppings and pigeon feeding, apart from overcrowding, construction work, and damp walls at home. Years ago, we had a high court order asking a pigeon feeding area near Chowpatty to be shut down. Yet, it continues in pockets. There needs to be more awareness.

How do pigeon droppings lead to HP?

HP is an immune system disorder caused by inhaled allergens. Pigeon droppings, and dust that rises when the droppings are swept off a surface, is the most common allergen that causes HP. The droppings contain fungi like aspergillus which, when inhaled, can cause Histoplasmosis, which can lead to ILD, more specifically Bird Breeder's Lung. The droppings trigger the immune system, causing short or long-term inflammation and affecting oxygen flow in a part of the lungs called the interstitium (hence the umbrella term Interstitial Lung Disease). If diagnosed within six weeks, HP is reversible. But in most cases, patients approach us very late, when the damage has already progressed to the irreversible stage of lung fibrosis.

How to avoid these diseases?

Stopping pigeon feeding is the best solution, especially if you have a family history of HP. Put bird nets on windows and avoid spending time near pigeon breeding areas. Don't spend time near birds or visit friends with pet birds (especially parrots and parakeets).

TECHNOLOGY FOR HEALTH

For hearing impaired, life can come with subtitles

Smart glasses with live captions enable the deaf to see, and even recap conversations

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When Madhav Lavakare was in high school, he had a friend with hearing loss who found it near impossible to understand what teachers and classmates were saying. His friend ended up choosing to be homeschooled. "It made me look into solutions and I found that hearing devices are very expensive and don't work very well in noisy settings or when multiple people are talking. Then I looked into automatic speech recognition technology. I asked my friend why he didn't use an app on his phone to transcribe in real time," he says. For one, his friend told him, schools don't allow cellphones and more importantly, it would prevent him from picking up on non-verbal cues like facial expressions, having to look up and down like watching a tennis match. This led Lavakare, a Yale alumni to team up with Tom Pritsky, who has had bilateral hearing loss since the age of three, and create TranscribeGlass, a lightweight augmented reality (AR) device that simply clips on to reading glasses or empty frames. It can subtitle conversations as you're having them, changing the way deaf and hard of hearing people communicate.

TranscribeGlass is not the only live-captioning glasses startup. XRAI's glasses are another such product where text floats in your vision as you engage in conversation or watch a movie. It also allows users to save a searchable transcript of conversations that they can read later, Wired reports. The company claims to have 95% accuracy within a two-metre range. With 2.5 billion people projected to have some form of hearing loss by 2050, there is plenty of need for such technology.

For Lavakare, who began working on the project at only 16, it was a long, iterative process. He'd been teaching himself coding as well as hardware skills for years. "I started looking into how to build AR glasses," he says. His first prototype was crude — a transparent CD case, phone and magnifying glass. As his prototypes improved, he began to attend community meetings held by the National Association of the Deaf in Delhi to gather user feedback. This led to changes in the product — for instance, one can decide how close or far from their face they want the text to be.

How the glasses work is simple — they connect to one's phone via Bluetooth. You download their app which recognises speech. That is sent to an external service which uses machine learning models to transcribe the audio into text. The text is then projected onto the glasses, with the text appearing mid-air. They use third-party speech recognition services. "It doesn't make sense to reinvent the wheel when companies like Apple, Google and Microsoft have services that support hundreds of languages. They're also comfortable with different accents," says Lavakare.

This technology has the potential to be transformative to the lives of deaf people, but it can be quite pricey. XRAI's AR Glasses cost $354, while TranscribeGlass, set to launch in the US by the year-end, is still determining how to balance the high cost of producing the technology with affordability. Lavakare adds that they already have pre-orders in the "tens of thousands".

Raising funding was challenging for Lavakare, in part, because it's easy to laugh a teenager out of rooms. "What I was doing falls into a niche where it's not charity but also not a purely profit-making business. The investors who come in looking at a three-year timeline and a profitable exit, they say, 'Why are you targeting this niche? It isn't the easiest way to make money'." But eventually, the startup was incubated through IIT Delhi and through that, the company got a Pfizer grant. Along with that came grants from SBI and the department of science and technology, US State Dept.

"Our demo went viral on TikTok and I would get hundreds of emails a month from people telling me their stories. The word they keep using to describe it is 'life-changing'. That's what keeps me going."

'Was afraid to visit J&K': UPA mantri remark draws BJP jibe

New Delhi: Senior BJP leaders seized upon veteran Congress functionary Sushil Kumar Shinde's remark that he was trembling with fear while visiting Lal Chowk in Srinagar as home minister under UPA-2.

Union minister Piyush Goyal and former I&B minister Anurag Thakur cited Shinde's remark at the launch of his memoirs on Monday as symbolising the fear and insecurity in J&K under Congress regimes, and emphasised the turnaround after PM Narendra Modi took over in 2014.

"During Congress rule, even the home minister was afraid of going to Kashmir," Goyal wrote on X. "But now, under the leadership of PM Modi , the security is so strong that even opposition leaders play with snow in Kashmir, without any fear," he added in a reference to Congress's Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi tossing snowballs at each other.

Thakur was equally scathing: "The confession from Shinde saheb is an admission of the reign of terror that jihadis had unleashed in J&K. Look at the contrast after PM Modi formed govt in Delhi. You can visit the same Lal Chowk without any fear," Thakur added. TNN

Monsoon shift akin to today's doomed Indus civilisation: Study

Pune: A study by researchers at Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) has revealed that an interplay of climate factors, strikingly similar to those affecting modern-day monsoons, likely led to the collapse of the Indus Valley civilisation over 4,000 years ago through long droughts, reports **Neha Madaan**.

Analysing ancient cave formations (speleothems) from Gupteswar and Kadapa caves in south India, the study found how reduced solar radiation, El Niño, southward migration of Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), and a negative phase of Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) collectively weakened the monsoon, triggering the downfall of the ancient civilisation. The study has been published in Quaternary International journal.

Indus Valley civilisation included major urban centres like Harappa and Mohenjo-Daro, along with settlements such as Dholavira, Lothal, and Rakhigarhi. The research team analysed cave deposits in peninsular India, uncovering a 7,000-year climate record that provided insights into the region's past climate variations.

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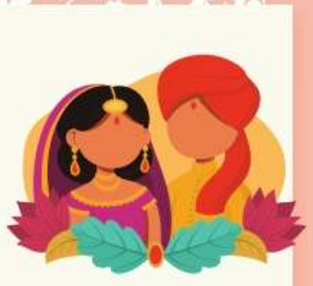
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बोली जमा कराने की अन्तिम तिथि दिनांक 17.09.2024 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे के स्थान पर **दिनांक 30.09.2024 को दोपहर 03.00 बजे तक** एवं बोली खुलने की तिथि दिनांक 18.09.2024 को प्रातः11.30 बजे के स्थान पर **दिनांक 01.10.2024 को प्रातः 11.30 बजे** की जाती है।

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ई-निविदा विस्तार सूचना

विद्युत वितरण मण्डल (नगरीय) देहरादून के अंतर्गत ई-निविदा संख्या 11/वि०वि०म०(न०)/2024-25 को अपरिहार्य कारणों से दिनांक 23.09.2024 तक विस्तारित की जाती है। विस्तृत जानकारी हेतु वेबसाईट **uktenders.gov.in** पर देखें। **Superintending Engineer**

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JAYPEE INFRATECH LIMITED

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Homebuyers / Allottees of Jaypee Infratech Limited who have been allotted with the residential units in active / viable projects i.e. in projects where possession was already offered or to be offered in due course of time by the Company in terms of its Resolution Plan are hereby informed that the resolution plan of Successful Resolution Applicants i.e. Suraksha Group (Suraksha) for Jaypee Infratech Limited (JIL) was approved by Hon'ble National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) on 07.03.2023 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code 2016 (IBC). The NCLT Order was upheld by the Hon'ble National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on 24.05.2024. Appeals against the Hon'ble NCLAT Order are pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court, but in the interest of homebuyers, Suraksha decided to implement the resolution plan subject to orders, if any that may be passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Suraksha's resolution plan provides that claims of allottees who had not submitted their claims in IBC proceedings within prescribed time, would also be considered by Suraksha subject to their verification, if filed before the approval of plan by the Hon'ble NCLT i.e. 07.03.2023.

Now, in the interest of homebuyers and based on the direction of Hon'ble Supreme Court, Suraksha has decided to accept the claim of even such allottee of JIL who did not submit claims before 07.03.2023, provided such allottee has paid eighty percent or more of the demanded amount towards the consideration for the unit allotted to them and if all such allotted units did not belong to/come under the unviable/inactive projects. Furthermore, all such allottee holds a valid allotment letter.

By this notice, such allottees of active/viable projects, who have paid eighty percent or more of the demanded amount towards consideration for the unit allotted to them, and hold a valid allotment letter, but did not file their claim before 07.03.2023, are put to notice and called upon to inform Suraksha of their option to seek allotment of unit or refund of the amount paid by them, as per the resolution plan, within 30 days from the date of this publication.

Such option may be exercised by allottee in clear words, within 30 days from today, on an email sent at HBREQUEST@JILINDIA.IN, together with a copy of allotment letter, details of unit, and documents evidencing payment.

Option, if any exercised by allottee will be considered by Suraksha subject to verification of documents and records, and only if received within 30 days from the date of this publication.

This present announcement is being issued by the Company strictly in consonance and in compliance with the order dated 02.09.2024 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the matter titled 'Ayush Agarwal vs Jaypee Infratech Ltd. & Ors' (Civil Appeal No. 5185 of 2024).



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RO No. 805 Date: 09.09.2024

Short term "E" Procurement notice

Office of the Executive Engineer, (M&G) Mohammadpur Power House, Gurukul Narsan -Haridwar invites sealed tenders from experienced firms for following works/supply for Mohammadpur Power House:-

NIT No. 08/EE(M&G)/MPH/2024-25

1. **Name of work** – Annual Maintenance Works of Machine no 2&3 of Mohammadpur Power House.
2. **Estimated Cost** – Rs43,48,507.00 (GST extra)
3. **Date of availability of Tender document on website** - 10-09-2024 (16:00 Hrs)
4. **Last date of receipt of tender** - 24-09-2024 up to (16: 00 Hrs)

For all details, bidders are advised to see "E" Procurement Portal **uktenders.gov.in**

Executive Engineer (M&G) , Mohammadpur Power House

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For detailed information on the scope, pre- qualification criteria, evaluation parameters, terms and conditions, and suggested response formats, please visit our website **(https://panchayat.gov.in/)** and the CPP portal **(https://eprocure.gov.in/).**

Interested agencies meeting the pre- qualification criteria should submit their Expression of Interest, along with all necessary documents, in a sealed envelope. The submission must include a covering letter signed by an authorized signatory and reach us on or before 1st October, 2024, by 16:00 hours at the following address:

Shri Pankaj Kumar
Under Secretary (CB)
Ministry of Panchayati Raj
11th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Building
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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-Procurement Tender Notice 15/2024 Dated 04.09.2024

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of President of India, **Divisional Materials Manager, North Central Railway, Prayagraj** invites the E-procurement tenders

S. N.	Tender No.	Description	Qty.	EMD (₹)	Tender Opening Date
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Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tender are available on IREPS website i.e. **https://www.ireps.gov.in**. **2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tender, for this purpose, Vendors are required to get themselves registered with IREPS website along with class III Digital signature certificates issued by CCA under IT Act-2000. **3.** Rates entered into Financial Rate page and duly signed digitally shall only be considered. Rates and any other financial entity in any other form/letter head if attached by vendor shall be straight away ignored and shall not be considered. **4.** Documents being attached should be signed on their body. The above tender notice has been uploaded on **http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in.** In case of any difficulty helpdesk available on the IREPS website may be approached. 1574/24 FA

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ई-निविदा सूचना

एतद्द्वारा सूचित किया जाता है, कि विभिन्न औद्योगिक क्षेत्रों के अन्तर्गत विकास/अनुरक्षण /उच्चीकरण कार्यो हेतु सरकारी विभागों/सार्वजनिक उपक्रमों/निगमों/प्राधिकरणों/परिषदों /नगर निकायों में कार्यरत फर्मो/ठेकेदारों से ई-निविदायें आमंत्रित की जाती है, जिसको अपलोड करने की समयसीमा निम्नवत् है-

1. क्रम सं0 1 पर अंकित कार्यो की निविदा दिनांक 13.09.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे से दिनांक 07.10.2024 को अपरान्ह 5.00 बजे तक अपलोड की जा सकती हैं. जिन्हें दिनांक 08.10.2024 को पूर्वाह्न 11.00 बजे खोला जायेगा (पूर्णकालिक)

निविदादाताओं द्वारा केवल शपथपत्रों की मूल प्रतियाँ निविदा प्रपत्रों में उल्लिखित दिनांक तक कार्यालय में जमा की जा सकेंगी। ई-निविदा के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाने वाली निविदाओं का विवरण निम्नवत् हैः-

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1	Construction of Footpath Horticulture work and Beautification OF Central Verge in Road No. 3 at I.A. Kosi Kotwan Extension-II Distt. Mathura	311.95

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ADVERTISEMENT No. 06/2024 Dated: 29.08.2024

AIISH, Mysore wishes to fill the following faculty posts on direct recruitment basis at the Institute. The detailed advertisement and applications for the same has been hosted in our Institute website i.e., www.aiishmysore.in

1. **Professor (Level 13 of VII CPC)**: OBC – 03 posts. [Audiology-01 post, Speech / Lang. Pathology / Speech Sciences – 01 post & ENT – 01 post]
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Interested candidates who meet the requirement for the above said faculty positions, may download the application from the Institute website. Further candidates are advised to take the printout of application along with all necessary documents mentioned in the detailed advertisement, which should be sent to the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, All India Institute of Speech and Hearing, Manasagangothri, Mysore – 570006 on or before 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment newspaper at 5.30 P.M on that day.

Sd/-
Director

Dated: 29.08.2024

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Ref. no. 1344/RMLIMS/IRF/2024 dated:- 10.09.2024

E-Tender Notice (1st Re-Tender)

With reference to e-tender no. 4294/RMLIMS/IRF/2024 dated 14.03.2024, for the purchase of Radio Pharmaceutical Products, FDG etc. for the department of Nuclear Medicine, the tender have been cancelled. Therefore, those who have already submitted their offers against above advertisement are also required to re-submit again and they are required to deposit tender fee and EMD afresh and enclose its proof in technical bid as per tender terms & conditions, along with their complete offer. Earlier EMD deposited against the above cancelled tenders will be refund to the bidder on their request.

e-bids can be submitted from **12/09/2024** to **03/10/2024** & will be opened on **04/10/2024.** The details of submission of e-Bids are available on e-tender portal **http://etender.up.nic.in.** and details are also available on Institute website **www.drrmlims.ac.in** for reference. The Director reserves the right to accept or cancel any or all e-Bids or annual the bidding process at any stage without assigning any reason thereof

Director

'Missing docu' part of case diary, but may not answer SC's queries

Cop's Note Was Given To RG Kar Forensics HoD To Seek Autopsy

TIMES NEWS NETWORK


Junior doctors march towards Swasthya Bhawan during a protest over the RG Kar Hospital rape-and-murder case, in Kolkata Tuesday

Kolkata: The "missing document" in the RG Kar rape-murder case about which the Supreme Court asked probing questions on Monday has been traced to a one-page application written by a Tala police station sub-inspector on Aug 9 to the forensics HoD at RG Kar hospital for a "magisterial postmortem and inquest examination" under videography in the presence of a "board of doctors".

The "missing document" was part of the Kolkata Police case diary that was handed over to CBI on Aug 13 this year.

This requisition was made standard operating procedure for medico-legal examinations in Bengal in 2020. It says, "Requisition for medico-legal autopsy must be addressed to the head of the department of forensic medicine for medical colleges and superintendent of any hospital." The police officer seeking the postmortem has to send the death report, injury details, and inquest report, along with a requisition letter for a postmortem.

But this does not answer the SC's queries. Chief Justice DY Chandrachud had said: "This document is crucial (to investigation) and of vital importance as it would have recorded the clothes and garments worn by the victim at the time of crime with which the body was sent for post-mortem examination. It is impossible for the doctor, who conducts the post-mortem, to accept the body without this document."

The SC was specifically seeking the challan for use when a corpse is sent for examination (PRB Form No. 54 — Vide Rule 282, WB Form No. 5371). Bengal's govt was directed to produce this in the SC on Sept 17.

This form — used by Bengal police and not Kolkata police — is very detailed, with 10 separate vertical columns, the last three of which ask the investigating officer to detail marks of injuries, cause of death, and remarks noting which clothes and articles were being sent with the body.

The Aug 9 requisition (a copy of which is with **TOI**) shows that Tala police SI Subhas Kumar Jha had sent a formal one-pager endorsed by his OC, Abhijit Mondal, to the forensics HoD at RG Kar. The subject line read: "Requisition for magisterial postmortem and inquest examination over the dead body of the deceased … (word illegible) under proper videography and in the presence of a board of directors."

The requisition refers to the FIR (Tala PS UD case No. 861/24, inquest No. 1139/24), the particulars of the victim and also says the victim's body is to be handed over to her mother after postmortem. However, the requisition does not have any separate column mentioning what the victim wore or the injury marks on her body.

51 Ghosh 'aides' barred from RG Kar campus, called for probe

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Kolkata: In a major shake-up, RG Kar Medical College & Hospital authority has summoned 34 junior doctors and 17 students for an inquiry and barred them from campus. Sources said all were close to arrested ex-principal Sandip Ghosh and held sway at the hospital during his reign.

The only time the 51 individuals can enter RG Kar is for the inquiry. Though several medical colleges have acted against some junior doctors or students close to the so-called lobby since the junior doctors' agitation began, the latest crackdown at RG Kar is the largest so far. "North Bengal lobby" refers to the influential alumni of North Bengal Medical College in Siliguri that is blamed for many of the ills plaguing Bengal's healthcare system. Ghosh is allegedly part of the lobby.

LENS ON LOBBY

A special college council meeting on Monday decided to crack the whip on the 51 following a complaint by Resident Doctors' Association of RG Kar. "All have been accused of intimidating other junior doctors and students. We want to ensure a congenial study and working environment on the campus and hence, a special council committee has decided to launch an inquiry against these 51 individuals," said an RG Kar official.

"Some of them were the right-hand men of Sandip Ghosh. They would decide on how much marks a student would score. Students who did not comply with their demands would get supplementary (exam). They had inflicted a reign of terror," said a second-year student.

Two interns on the list of 51 were among 11 members of an internal committee Ghosh had constituted on the Aug 9 rape and murder of the 31-year-old PGT doctor.

All the 51 individuals had protested against Ghosh's transfer to Murshidabad Medical College and prevented Manas Bandyopadhyay from taking charge in Sept last year.

What is the North Bengal lobby?



Posters against the North Bengal lobby appeared on the RG Kar campus as protests intensified last month

➤ The 'North Bengal lobby' refers to a group of officials and doctors working in govt-run hospitals and medical colleges. The shadowy group has dominated newspaper headlines, social media posts and canteen conversations since Aug 9, when a young RG Kar doctor was raped and murdered at her workplace. Here, we try to make sense of what it is and who constitute it for readers not familiar with the group.

➤ This is not a geographical identity. The name tries to define a group of doctors who are close associates of an orthopaedic surgeon who passed out of the North Bengal Medical College and Hospital (NBMCH). A whole lot of doctors who owe allegiance to the group and its leader may not have been students of the NBMCH. And not everyone who has passed out of this reputable medical college belongs to this lobby.

How does it function?

➤ The North Bengal lobby has, according to its critics and senior state health officials, come to control much of the day-to-day functioning of govt hospitals and medical colleges. Its influence on health administration far outweighs its number or official designations of its members. The lobby, for example, has come to decide many of the transfers and "punishment" postings of those who refuse to fall in line as well as transfers to "coveted" institutes or departments for those who need to be rewarded.

➤ Almost all controversial decisions of the recent past have been attributed to the North Bengal lobby by seniors in the state health department. A case in point is the posting of the now-shamed former RG Kar principal, Sandip Ghosh. He was twice transferred out of RG Kar by the state health department in the last couple of years but, each time, got back this prized posting within days or weeks. Senior health department officials have attributed this only to his being an important part of the North Bengal lobby.

➤ Many of these decisions seem devoid of any logic or rationale and bypass the usual hierarchy of the health department. The names of some of the beneficiaries of the North Bengal lobby's largesse have appeared in mainstream media recently; they include Avik De, Birupaksha Biswas, Susanta Roy and Suhrita Paul. The names of some of these doctors have also cropped up repeatedly in connection with the attempted cover-up of the RG Kar crime.

What is the RG Kar link?

➤ RG Kar, more than any other medical college and hospital, has been under the North Bengal lobby's control, say health department officials. A cross-section of the hospital staff has identified former principal Ghosh as the spearhead. Many of those whose names have cropped up in connection with the crime's cover-up were also seen in the vicinity of the crime scene, say hospital officials. They include Biswas, De and Ray. None of them had any direct link with RG Kar (one, for example, worked in Burdwan, about 110 km away) but were often seen on the campus.

The RG Kar campus had almost become the North Bengal lobby's unofficial headquarters for some time, say state health department seniors. "We are not surprised by the scale of corruption at this hospital and the maladministration that gave rogues like Sanjay Roy, the key accused in the rape-murder case, so much control over the campus and its day-to-day affairs," a senior health department official said.

Lawyers heckle ex-principal in spl CBI court

Kolkata: Former principal of RG Kar Medical College and Hospital Sandip Ghosh, who has been arrested by CBI in connection with financial irregularities, was on Tuesday sent to jail along with three other accused till Sept 23, after the central agency did not seek his immediate further remand, reports **Rohit Khanna**.

Ghosh, who had been remanded in CBI custody on Sept 3, was heckled by lawyers when he was produced in the court of special CBI judge Sujit Kumar Jha. The court had earlier turned down CBI's prayer for virtual production of the accused.

Under CrPC Section 167, a magistrate is allowed to grant police custody for up to 15 days. However, the probe agency reserved its right to seek further custody of Ghosh for seven more days at a later date.

Accident victim dies amid stir as senior docs chip in with services

Falguni Banerjee & Sumati Yengkhom | TNN


PTI
Many of the senior doctors have not taken leave since the agitation began on Aug 9

Hooghly/Kolkata: The absence of junior doctors in hospitals continued to affect healthcare services across Bengal on Tuesday even as reports poured in about an accident victim dying at a private hospital 11 days after he was turned away by multiple govt hospitals, including Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata, due to the ongoing protest by medicos.

Hooghly resident Sadananda Pal, 63, who met with an accident, died on Aug 29, days after undergoing a neurosurgery at a private hospital in Barasat. His death was revealed on Tuesday on X in a post by Trinamool, which read: "One tragedy after another — the human cost of doctors abstaining from their duty is mounting. This time, a man from Haripal lost his life after being denied the treatment he desperately needed…"

"We could not admit him to the hospital in Chinsurah. We took him to Kalyani AIIMS where no doctor was available. Around 3.15am, we brought him to Medical College & Hospital, Kolkata, but we were told he could not be attended to as the doctors were on protest," the victim's son said.

The junior doctors' absence is putting pressure on senior doctors who are struggling to put services on tracks. Even as the number of patients had dipped at the beginning of the agitation, the count is near normal at present. In the face of the increasing patient count, senior doctors' rosters have been redone in each department to ensure patients get services all the time.

While faculty members used to be available during night only when there was a call for a critical patient or a complex emergency surgery, many of them are now on duty for two days at a stretch. Most of them have not taken leave since the cease-work started on Aug 9.

Construction worker rapes 4-yr-old European girl in Goa: A 29-year-old construction worker was arrested Tuesday for allegedly raping a four-year-old European girl near his workplace the previous day. The accused, a native of Bihar, was booked under relevant sections of the Pocso Act and Goa Children's Act, police said. The minor's family has been living in India since 2016 and would frequently visit Goa. Two months ago, the family moved to Goa. TNN

Bodies of two brothers from Andhra found at UP ashram: The bodies of two brothers were found hanging in a room at Ramtarak Andhra Ashram in the Mansarovar area of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. Police said they broke into the room where the youths were staying and found the decomposed bodies. The deceased were identified as P Lakshmi Narayan, 34, and P Lok Vinod, 32, from West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh, from their belongings, adding the reason for the deaths is yet to be ascertained. TNN

Four minor cousins drown in Bahraich: Four cousins drowned in a village pond in Bahraich district in Uttar Pradesh on Tuesday. Police identified the deceased as Mahak, 14, Samiya, 10, Saiba, 10, and Sarikul Khatoon, 13. UP chief minister Yogi Adityanath expressed grief over the tragedy and directed officials to provide immediate financial assistance of Rs 4 lakh to each of the bereaved families. TNN

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सदस्य-सचिव

Online Tender Document "Equipment" for M.P. Police
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No. PHQ/SCRB/STORE/2256/2024 Bhopal, Dated 5/09/2024

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Published Date	06/09/2024 Time 12:00
Bid Document Download Start Date	06/09/2024 Time 12:00
Pre bid meeting	11/09/2024 Time 12:00
Bid Submission Start Date	17/09/2024 Time 12:00
Bid Submission End Date	26/09/2024 Time 18:00
Bid Document Download End Date	26/09/2024 Time 18:00
Bid Opening Date	27/09/2024 Time 18:00

5. Intending Bidders are advised to visit this website regularly till closing date of submission to keep themselves updated as any change/ modification in the tender will be intimated through this website only by corrigendum / addendum/ amendment.
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Tender for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment vide Tender No. BMSICL/2024-25/ME-363 for different Government Health Institution of Bihar.

Notice Inviting Tender No.-BMSICL/2024-25/ME-363

(Only through E- Tender on website:-www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested parties for Procurement, Rate Contract and Supply of Medical Equipment (i) TMT Machine, (2) ECHO Cardiogram Machine and (3) TPI Machinein different Government Health Institution of Bihar.

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	**BMSICL/2024-25/ME-363**
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	**13th September 2024** at 15:00 Hrs. in Conference hall of BMSICL, 3rd Floor, Swasthya Bhawan, Behind IGIMS, Sheikhpura, Adjacent to State Health Society, Bihar. **All Pre-bid queries to be submitted through e-mail on bmsicltenderequipment@gmail.com upto 17th September2024 till 17:00 Hrs. (Note:- No Pre-bid queries would be entertained after the above mentioned dead line)**
date and time of submission of online bids	**07th October 2024** upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD (in the form of BG).	**08th October 2024** till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	**08th October2024**(at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in** in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on **https://eproc2.bihar.gov.in**
Validity of Tender	180 Days
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TENDER NOTICE FOR SUPPLY OF VETERINARY HOSPITAL SPECIALITIES AND GENERAL ITEMS
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Notice Inviting Tender Ref. No: 2024/AHD/08

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

Tender Schedule

Particulars	
Tender Reference No.	2024/AHD/08
Date and time for downloading of bid document	09-09-2024 at 10:00 AM (up to last submission date)
Last date and time of submission of online bids.	30-09-2024 up to 01:00 PM
Date, time & Place of Pre Bid Meeting	19-09-2024 at to 11:00 AM (Animal Husbandry Directorate, Vikash Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna)
Last date and time for submission of original EMD and Samples.	30-09-2024 up to 03:00 PM
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid.	30-09-2024 at 04:00 PM (Animal Husbandry Directorate, Vikash Bhawan, New Secretariat, Patna)
Date and time of opening of Financial Bids.	To be intimated later on (After finalization of technical bid)
Validity of Tender	180 days
Bid Processing Fee	As applicable.

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What Steps Can You Take To Stay Career Fit In BANI World

By Prabir Jha

New career opportunities are mushrooming even as we see the collapse of many others. We need to shift the mindset from "career illness" to wellness. Don't wait to get ill on the job — act now to preserve your career health.



I get requests for help when people lose their jobs or see careers plateau, but much fewer when people think their careers are in good health. We forget that every 'career illness' starts when work is robust. Here are five suggestions for career wellness, irrespective of the phase:

Stay Curious: Careers of tomorrow will not just be sustained by what we learnt or did till yesterday. They will get more interdisciplinary and networked. One must be curious to know what is changing in the world beyond our little cosy contexts. Without being open and curious, you will deny your vulnerability. And eventually not learn wider or deeper skills, only to lose your agility and relevance.

Active Experimentation: Careers now are likely to be less black-and-white than those in the pre-BANI (brittle, anxious, non-linear and incomprehensible) world. One must get comfortable with risk-taking and doing a variety of roles to pick up varied experiences. Sticking to an industry, company, geography or function is convenient. But picking up a range of experiences is going to keep you on your toes, almost like mandatory daily exercising. Some moves will not turn out right, but you will still have learnt. And through these experiments, you reinvent yourself all the time.

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Personal Reputation: In present times, our reputation precedes our resume. Ensure your personal reputation, preferably brand, never loses its lustre. Every year, take stock of what you did to add shine to it, what your new high-impact accomplishment was, and where you helped & collaborated beyond the usual. Did you do anything that may have impaired the brand? Have you experienced siloed or disrespectful behaviour? Reputation and brands can never be taken for granted. Do your Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) seriously.

Seek Help: No one has the strength or virtue to always be a winner. But the best career builders reach out for help with consummate ease and practised humility. They are comfortable with saying 'I don't know'. They can connect with anyone, whether it is across formal hierarchy or a wider ecosystem, to seek counsel. They believe in building teams that are better than themselves. They acknowledge the help and give credit to others. And in all this, they stay stronger and healthier, in both their impact and reputation.

Stay Honest: Whether the going is great or tough, make it a habit to stay honest. If you are not sure, you can solicit an honest friend or a well-meaning critic or hire a professional coach. You can neither get too celebratory nor excessively self-critical. Ask yourself: What **Black Swans** could hit your career? Are your strengths slowly becoming your weaknesses? Are there certain career muscles that need toning up?

"Career illness" calls for remedial intervention. Prioritising career wellness ensures resilience. Stay fit, maintain health, and be ready for future challenges in an ever-evolving professional landscape.

(The writer is the founder & CEO, Prabir Jha People Advisory)

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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY WARANGAL
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Advt. No. 04/2024 dated 09-09-2024

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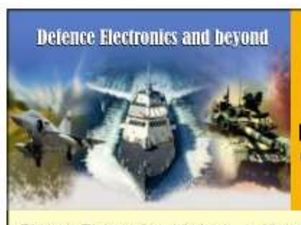
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Cong attacks Sebi chief's ties to advisory firm, claims conflict of interest, criminal conspiracy

'Firm In Which Buch Had 99% Stake Offered Consultancy Even While She Held Sebi Positions'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Congress on Tuesday levelled fresh allegations of "conflict of interest" against Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch and said that an advisory firm in which she held 99% stake had provided consultancy services to the Mahindra and Mahindra Group, Dr Reddy's, ICICI, Pidilite Industries, Sembcorp and Visu Leasing and Finance, while she held senior positions at the regulatory agency.

At a press conference, Congress spokesperson Pawan Khera said the Sebi chief's husband, Dhaval Buch, had received nearly Rs 4.8 crore from M&M Group, while the advisory firm Agora Advisory had received close to Rs 2.6 crore from the company, accounting for 88% of its revenue of just under Rs 3 crore. He said that the payments were made while Puri Buch was adjudicating cases against the M&M Group.

The regulatory agency's spokesperson did not comment on the allegations.

Pointing to the joint statement issued by the couple on Aug 11 after short-seller Hindenburg Research first revealed their holdings in two consulting firms — one in India and the second in Singapore — Khera alleged that contrary to the claims made by Dhaval and Puri Buch of the entities being dormant, the Indian entity has been "actively providing advisory/consulting services". Late on Aug 11, Hindenburg had demanded that Puri Buch disclose the full list of clients.



Cong alleged the payments by M&M were made to Dhaval Buch while Madhabi Puri Buch (above) was adjudicating cases against the group

Congress alleged that Agora Advisory provided services to six companies, and they are all listed companies, regulated by Sebi. "This isn't just a case of wilful concealment; it's a case of wilful lying... Today's revelations will prove that it is not just corruption — it is a criminal conspiracy, absolutely brazen and shameless in its execution," the Congress functionary said.

Alleging a link between payments and adjudication, Congress said Dhaval received Rs 1.7 crore from M&M Group in 2019-20 and over Rs 3 crore in 2020-21, which coincided with five settlement orders issued by the regulatory agency.

Khera said any income that Agora Advisory received from these companies amounted to conflict of interest and violated Section 5 of Sebi's Code on Conflict of Interest for Members of the Board (2008).

M&M, Pidilite, Dr Reddy's deny Cong charge, say no preferential treatment received from Sebi

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Dismissing allegations of irregularities, three listed companies — Mahindra & Mahindra, Pidilite Industries and Dr Reddy's Laboratories — said they had availed supply chain and leadership coaching services from Dhaval Buch, husband of Sebi chief Madhabi Puri Buch and director of Agora Advisory, which is in the midst of a controversy involving conflict of interest charges.

M&M said it hired Dhaval in 2019 after he retired from Unilever as its chief procurement officer. The company said he was currently on the board of its subsidiary Bristlecon, adding that his compensation was "specifically and only for his expertise on supply chain". M&M didn't define the quantum of compensation paid to Dhaval. It also didn't comment on the separate payment made to Agora.



RAGING ROW

Congress claimed Sebi, while Madhabi was its whole-time member, approved and settled five cases relating to the Mahindra group. Refuting this allegation, M&M said, "We have not, at any point, requested Sebi for any preferential treatment...We consider these allegations false and misleading in nature."

The auto major further said none of the five Sebi orders or approvals referenced in the allegations were relevant. "Three out of the five approvals or orders of Sebi do not pertain to the company or any of its subsidiaries. One was a fast-track rights issue, which did not require any approval from Sebi and the other was an order issued in March 2018 (that exempted family trusts of Anand Mahindra from certain clauses of takeover rules), well before Dhaval started working with us," it said.

TOI looked at the three orders — they are related to the Kotak Mahindra group.

In a stock exchange filing, Pidilite Industries said it had engaged Dhaval for his supply chain and procurement expertise in FY20. It didn't reveal the consultancy fees paid to him. "We further state that there have never been any enquiries or cases from Sebi visa-vis the company," it added.

Separately, Dr Reddy's said it had engaged Dhaval's services for leadership coaching from Oct 2020 to April 2021 for a total remuneration of Rs 6.58 lakh. "The remuneration paid to Dhaval was in line with that of other coaches... Any suggestion that the company was treated differently by Sebi as a result of this would be baseless and malafide," it said.

ICICI and Sembcorp didn't comment on Congress's allegations that they availed services from Agora, while Visu Leasing & Finance couldn't be reached for comments. A source said Madhabi had served as an independent director on the board of Sembcorp's India energy companies much before she joined Sebi as its whole-time member. Sembcorp is majorly owned by Temasek of Singapore.

Maha tussle: Of 288 seats, BJP wants 160, Sena 100+, NCP 60+

Mumbai: The sparring in Mahayuti over its seat sharing formula for assembly polls, which prompted Union minister Amit Shah to intervene, may intensify, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar**. Shiv Sena wants to fight assembly polls from 100-105 seats and made a case for this before Shah during his two-day visit to Mumbai, a party functionary said. A BJP functionary, however, said the party is keen on a 2019 redux, by keeping 160 seats with it.

Political observers said the allies' demands—Ajit Pawar's NCP has sought 60-80 seats— are more than what BJP can concede. BJP insiders said Eknath Shinde's Sena may eventually get 80-90 seats and NCP 50-60. Sources said although the poll schedule has not been announced yet, the seat sharing formula may be finalised this month.

The Sena functionary said Shah was given a detailed presentation on the party's performance in this LS polls. "The poll showed that we retained the Marathi and Hindutva votes. On its own, Sena (UBT) did not get many votes; it got votes due to strategic voting for the INDIA bloc. Only if we get over 100 seats, we can defeat MVA. So, we made a case for 100-105 seats," said the functionary.

Fresh friction after Ajit skips Sena event

A new faultline emerged between Mahayuti partners Shiv Sena and NCP on Tuesday after Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde's supporters from Baramati covered deputy CM Ajit Pawar's cut-outs with a black cloth. They claimed that they were upset about Pawar not turning up for a Ganeshotsav event organised by Shinde's supporters in Baramati.

BJP releases 2nd list of 21, two mantris among 7 MLAs dropped

Chandigarh: BJP on Tuesday released its second list of 21 candidates for the Haryana assembly elections, dropping seven sitting MLAs, including two ministers, and replacing one nominee from the first list, reports **Manvir Saini**. The vice-president of BJYM's Haryana unit, Yogesh Bairagi, a former commercial pilot, has been fielded from Julana to take on Congress's wrestler-turned-politician Vinesh Phogat.

BATTLEGROUND HARYANA

AAP's 2nd list of 9 has 6 turncoats

A day after releasing its first list of 20 candidates for Haryana assembly elections, AAP on Tuesday announced a second list of nine candidates, of whom six are BJP, BSP and Congress turncoats, reports **Manvir Saini**. AAP released its third list of 11 candidates late evening. With this the party has released a total of 40 candidates till date.

With the second list, BJP, which has 41 MLAs in the 90-member assembly, has so far named 87 candidates, dropping a total of 16 sitting MLAs. BJP is yet to declare names for Mahendragarh, Sirsa and NIT Faridabad, owing to heavyweights competing against each other for tickets in these tricky seats.

Two ministers — Seema Trikha and Dr Banwari Lal — are among the seven MLAs dropped. The rest are Satya Prakash Jarawata, Jagdish Nayyar, Parveen Dagar, state BJP chief Mohan Lal Badoli and Nirmal Rani. Krishna Gehlawat, a Jat face, replaces Badoli, who had announced that he would not contest.

At PAC meet, BJP resists call to summon Buch

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: BJP member of Public Accounts Committee Nishikant Dubey on Tuesday objected to the demand to get Sebi chairperson Madhabi Puri Buch to appear before the parliamentary committee in the context of Congress's "conflict of interest" allegations against her.

Sources said summoning Buch would be against the mandate of the PAC which clearly lays down that scrutiny of a public institution by the panel has to be confined to the use of funds it receives from the Centre.



Dubey said summoning the Sebi chief would be against the rules

The issue is learned to have cropped up at a meeting of the panel convened to conduct a performance audit of Jal Jeevan Mission when Trinamool Congress's Saugata Roy demanded calling Buch before the PAC.

Dubey objected and said summoning the Sebi chief would be against the rules which require PAC to concern itself with audits conducted by the Comptroller and Auditor General. "CAG principal auditor cannot audit the Securities and Exchange Board of India without the Centre's mandate, hence the PAC too cannot summon officials of regulators without evidence of flaws in finances provided by the government," a source quoted the Godda MP as arguing.

Dubey further said the PAC being the oldest parliamentary committee could not deviate from rules in the absence of "clear evidence that Sebi under Buch misused funds provided to the regulator by the Centre".

The PAC is headed by Congress's K C Venugopal.

The exchanges during the deliberations on Tuesday indicate that the issue may be raised again in the next meetings of the PAC.

Afzal Guru's bro to contest elections from Sopore

Srinagar: Aijaz Ahmed Guru, brother of Parliament attack convict Afzal Guru, is the latest to throw his hat in the poll ring in J&K, announcing to contest from Sopore constituency as an independent candidate, reports **Saleem Pandit**.

BATTLEGROUND JAMMU & KASHMIR

Aijaz said his son's arrest was a key reason for him to enter the fray. His son, Shoaib Aijaz Guru, was arrested by Baramulla police in Dec 2023 on drug peddling charges under PIT-NDPS Act, and is lodged in Jammu's Kot-Bhalwal jail.

Aijaz alleged the case against his son was "fabricated", and vowed to fight for those similarly arrested under questionable circumstances.

Fresh ED plea against Farooq in JKCA case

ED filed an application before a court seeking addition of fresh criminal sections against former J&K CM Farooq Abdullah and others in JKCA laundering case that was quashed by J&K HC last month. High court had stated that the offence of money laundering was not made out. PTI

No progress possible now without cybersecurity: Shah

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New Delhi: As fast-paced advancements in technology cause a surge in digital transactions and online activity, Union minister Amit Shah on Tuesday stressed the need for all stakeholders including central and state law enforcement agencies, banks and internet service providers to come together to fight the growing risk of cybercrimes with a data-driven approach and evolving counter-strategies.



Addressing an event here to mark the first Foundation Day of Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C), Shah said I4C has an important role in bringing all stakeholders on one platform to deal with emerging cyber threats as initiatives like 'Digital India' see number of internet subscribers grow from 25 crore in March 2014 to 95 crore in March 2024. "I believe cybersecurity has become an important aspect of national security... the country's progress is not possible without it," Shah said as he launched four new I4C initiatives.

He dedicated Cyber Fraud Mitigation Centre (CFMC), a national platform that will onboard major banks, financial institutions, payment aggregators, telecom service providers, IT intermediaries and law enforcement agencies for real-time action against online financial crimes, to the nation.

Shah also inaugurated Samanvaya Platform for data repository of cybercrime, data sharing, crime mapping, data analytics, and coordination among law enforcement agencies for investigation of cybercrimes. Cyber Commandos Programme that seeks to create a special wing of trained commandos in states/UTs and central police organisations to secure digital space, with 5,000 commandos to be readied in five years, was also launched.

The last initiative is the creation of a national-level 'suspect registry' of mule account identifiers based on national cybercrime reporting portal, and connecting state registries with it to strengthen the fraud risk management capabilities of the financial ecosystem.

'I4C has helped save ₹2,900cr so far'

As many as 60,000 online contents perpetrating cybercrimes were taken down as part of action initiated by I4C under Section 79(3)(b) of IT Act since March 2024, I4C chief executive officer Rajesh Kumar shared Tuesday, reports **Bharti Jain**. In other actions, 709 applications, 6 lakh mobiles and 1.1 lakh IMEIs linked to cyber crimes were blocked by I4C, as per information sourced by **TOI**. Malware hashes and malicious apps are shared with IT intermediaries such as Google, Facebook, for protecting citizens from such cybercrimes, as per I4C officials. I4C has helped save Rs 2,900 crore so far from being defrauded, benefiting over 8.1 lakh victims, as part of action taken by its citizen financial cyber fraud reporting and management system based on complaints received through national cybercrime helpline and portal.

Satellite-based tolling system gets govt nod; roll-out by April

New Delhi: Paving the way for roll-out of satellite-based tolling on highways, road transport ministry allowed collection of user fee through GNSS on-board units installed in vehicles, reports **Dipak Dash**.

Govt has set internal target to bring the first tranche of 2,000km NH network under this new tolling system by April 2025 and initially only commercial vehicles will be brought under this regime since these have vehicle location tracking devices.

Under this new system, exclusively lanes will be marked for processing vehicles fitted with the GNSS OBUs to ensure their non-stop passage. In a notification, the ministry said if any vehicle without a valid and functional OBU enters the dedicated lanes, they will have to cough up double the user fee.

As per amended National Highways Fee Rules, vehicles fitted with GNSS will be allowed to travel free on highways and expressways up to 20km daily on the same section of highway. NHAI will implement GNSS-based tolling within existing FASTag ecosystem, initially using a hybrid model where RFID-based and GNSS-based electronic toll collection will operate simultaneously.

Doon bazaar shuts after call for ouster of Muslim traders, 134 hawkers held

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Dehradun: As many as 134 "suspicious individuals" working as hawkers and handcart pullers in Dehradun's famous Paltan Bazaar were detained by police for failing to produce "valid IDs" during a verification drive on Tuesday that began after a woman complained that a Muslim worker in a shoe shop "misbehaved" with her.

The police action came a day after some locals along with members of right-wing groups shut down the busy market and held a protest demanding that Muslim traders "vacate the shops taken on rent" following the Hindu woman's allegation.

A case was also registered against the 24-year-old salesman, Umer Dawood, of UP's Bijnor, under BNS sections 74 (assault on a woman with the intent to outrage her modesty) and 75(2) (sexual harassment), & subsequently the accused was arrested.

SSP Ajai Singh said, "The drive was carried out to check credentials of people from outside state running businesses or working at shops in the market. Around 134 people who failed to produce a valid ID proof were detained during the drive. They were taken to police lines for further questioning."

"We have urged all the shopkeepers to cooperate in the process and cautioned them about potential legal repercussions of hiring employees without thorough verification. To ensure women safety in the market, we have also decided to deploy women officers in plain clothes," Singh added.

In response to recurring incidents of communal unrest in state, minority body Muslim Seva Sangathan, alleging govt inaction, has decided to move Uttarakhand HC, appealing to it to "protect minority rights".

Maha BJP chief's son was in car at time of accident, 1 person arrested, say cops

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Nagpur: The hit-and-run midnight drama in Nagpur took a curious turn on Tuesday, with police confirming to **TOI** that Maharashtra BJP chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule's son, Sanket, was present in the AudiQ8 that rammed three vehicles, injured two scooterists in the heart of the city, before it was chased and intercepted on Sadar-Mankapur flyover.

However, Sanket slipped out midway, before his friends Arjun Haore, and Ronit Chintamwar were mobbed, thrashed and whisked away from the flyway to Timki near Mominpura.

Haore had shared his live location to his wife, who alerted her father-in-law of the accident and subsequent assault and kidnapping. Haore's father reached Timki to find his son and Chintamwar being thrashed and held captive. He alerted the control room and a police team was dispatched to the spot. Cops rescued the duo and rushed them to Mayo Hospital, where doctors confirmed both were under the influence of alcohol.



Only Arjun Haore was arrested and later released on bail

Their blood sample report is still awaited from the forensic lab. Whether Sanket too was drunk could not be ascertained as he got down midway, and police did not summon him for a medical check-up after the accident.

Tehsil police handed over Haore and Chintamwar to their Sitabuldi counterparts, who summoned Sanket to record his statement. Only Haore was arrested and later released on bail. He was subsequently booked under Section 185 of Motor Vehicle Act for drunk driving, apart from dangerous driving, causing accident, mischief and injuries under BNS.

Talking to **TOI**, zonal DCP Rahul Madne said Sanket, Haore, and Chintamwar dined at a bar and restaurant in Dharampeth, before zipping towards Ramdaspeth at 12.30am on Monday.

CPI-ML activist shot dead in Bihar's Arwal

Patna: Hours after murder of a local BJP functionary, Shyam Sundar alias Munna Sharma, in Patna, unidentified bike-borne miscreants shot dead CPI-ML activist Sunil Chandravanshi (55) in Bihar's Arwal district late on Monday, reports **Faryal Rumi**.

The incident took place near Kochhasa village when Chandravanshi was going home. Three criminals accosted him near a rice mill and pumped six bullets into his head, chest and leg before fleeing. He died on the spot.

Arwal SP Rajendra Kumar Bheel said it appeared to be a revenge attack. "Police are investigating every angle, and checking background of the deceased. FSL team and dog squad were called and technical evidence is being gathered. The criminals will be arrested soon," he said.

He was an ex-Maoist area commander & joined CPI-ML 10 years ago. CPI-ML MLA from Arwal, Mahanand Singh, blamed state govt for the murder.

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Corrigendum 1

Date - 06.08.2024

NIT No. & Date	Description of Work
e-Tender No. RSMM/CO/GGM(Proj)/ 2024-25/138 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WSOB00062	Tender for the work of "Mining of Bajri from Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adsipura at Tehsil Sawaipur Distt. Bhilwara (Rajasthan) and its transportation up to designated stockyard. Last date for downloading & submission of tender is extended as: Last date & time of online submission 25.09.2024 up to 3.00 pm Date of opening of part- 1 : 26.09.2024 at 3.30 pm
e-Tender No. RSMM/CO/GGM(Proj)/ 2024-25/139 dated 15.07.2024 UBN No. MML2425WSOB00063	Tender for the work of "Loading of BAJRI into Trucks/Tippers from stockyard of RSMML's Bajri mines situated at Plot no. BJ-04, BJ-05 & BJ-06 in villages Akola, Shopura & Adsipura at Tehsil Sawaipur Distt. Bhilwara (Rajasthan)" Last date for downloading & submission of tender is extended as: Last date & time of online submission 26.09.2024 up to 3.00 PM Date of opening of part-1 : 27.09.2024 at 3.30 pm

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

Loco pilot halts train, saves teen

A loco pilot's quick thinking saved the life of a suicidal teen in Bihar's Motihari district on Tuesday, reports **C B Pandey**. The dramatic rescue quickly became the talk of the town with a video of the episode going viral on various social media platforms. Locals said a family feud or a love affair might have driven her to the brink.

Fully cooperating in probe into sex assault charge: IAF

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On entering the room, when she asked where the Wing Commander's wife and children were, he replied they were elsewhere. She alleged he then forced her into oral sex and molested her. "I repeatedly asked him to stop and tried to resist it. Finally, I pushed him and ran away," she said, in the FIR lodged at the Budgam police station on Sept 8.

IAF, on being contacted by **TOI**, said: "We are aware the woman officer has lodged an FIR. Budgam Police have approached the air force station (Srinagar) authorities. IAF is fully cooperating in the investigation."

"I was afraid and didn't know what to do as there were instances before also wherein, I was discouraged to report. He (the accused) visited my office after this incident... He behaved as if nothing happened ," she said. "I can't describe the mental agony of being an unmarried girl who had joined the forces and was treated in such a heinous manner," she said, adding she initially lacked the courage to report the incident.

When she told two women officers about the incident, they told her to complain to the higher authorities in the station, following which an inquiry was ordered. But when she objected to the accused's presence during the recording of her statement on Jan 29-30, the investigation was "closed to hide the mistakes of the administration".

The woman officer then filed a fresh application to the internal committee (IC) of the unit. The IC was assembled only after two months. "The bias of the station authorities to aid the sexual offender was very heart breaking," she said, alleging that a medical examination was not done till she insisted multiple times.

The IC said the evidence was "inconclusive" because there was no eyewitness and closed the probe on May 15. "Isn't it common sense that someone would not do sexual assault in front of a witness?" she said.

"I am forced to socialise with these people and attend events with my abuser," she added.

Need to remove obstacles in research ecosystem, says PM

Calls For Local Solutions To Global Issues

TIMES NEWS NETWORK



There will be no dearth of resources for the country's scientific community for their endeavours, Modi said

New Delhi: There will be no dearth of resources for the country's scientific community for their endeavours, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday, and stressed the need to identify and remove obstacles in the research ecosystem and focus on localised solutions to global problems in accordance with Indian needs.

The PM made these remarks while chairing the first governing body meeting of the newly-formed Anusandhan National Research Foundation (ANRF). It was decided during the meeting to launch a programme in hub-and-spoke mode by pairing universities, in which research is at a nascent stage, with top-tier established institutions to elevate research capabilities in higher education institutions.

At present, less than 1% of the country's 40,000 higher education institutions (HEIs) are engaged in research activities. The hub-and-spoke framework through the 'partnerships for accelerated innovation and research' (PAIR) programme is expected to enable these institutions to systematically enhance their research excellence.

The foundation will also launch programmes on "solution-focused research" in select priority areas such as electric vehicle (EV) mobility, advanced materials, solar cells, smart infrastructure, health & medical technology, sustainable agriculture and photonics.

Modi, during the meeting, talked about developing a dashboard where information related to R&D happening in the country could be easily tracked, and suggested grading of labs, preparing a list of domain experts on the basis of their expertise, and promoting research in various areas including battery ingredients for EVs and lab grown diamonds among others. He also discussed the need for "upgradation and standardisation" of institutions.

Modi woos CEOs with semiconductor pitch

PM Modi on Tuesday assured predictable and stable policies to support India's ambition to make semiconductors to meet the country's and global requirements.

During an interaction with executives ahead of Semicon India, Modi sought to position India as "a trusted partner in a diversified semiconductor supply chain" at a time when countries ranging from China to the US are dishing out incentives to attract investment in the chip business.

During the meeting, the PM pitched India as "a great market for investing in hi-tech infrastructure" and emphasised that govt had eased rules and improved infrastructure . The official statement said the CEOs told Modi that the centre of gravity of the semiconductor industry is starting to shift towards India. TNN

Felt humiliated by manner of WB invite for talks: Junior docs

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Minister Chandrima Bhattacharya said the CM waited at Nabanna, the secretariat, until 7.30pm for representatives of the junior doctors to turn up.

The junior doctors said they felt "humiliated" by the manner in which the invite had been sent "and its language". "The mail was sent to WBJDF by the very person (health secretary) whose resignation we are demanding," said Debasish Haldar, a junior doctor at Medical College Hospital. "The message addressed us as 'Sir'. Let me tell govt that many madams, too, are part of this cease-work."

Another point of contention was the number of representatives govt had invited. "Why only 10 delegates? Representatives of all medical colleges must be allowed to go," he said.

Supreme Court had warned the protesting doctors Monday that it wouldn't restrain state govt from taking action against them if they didn't resume work by 5pm the next afternoon after a month-long agitation that lawyers representing the state said had resulted in 23 patients dying for want of adequate medical attention.

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"The resident doctors cannot be oblivious to the needs of the general community," SC said.

Bengal CM Mamata, too, appealed to the junior doctors to return to work and open a dialogue with govt. Most of their demands have already been accepted, including the suspension of some doctors, she pointed out. "Please join work. You are always welcome if you have anything to say. Bring a delegation of five-10 members and we can discuss the issues. Give us some time. Be a bit patient. It might not be possible for us to fulfil all your demands if you have 10 (demands). But please provide service to the people," Mamata said.

Hundreds of protesters marching to the health department's office in Salt Lake had been stopped by a barricade 100 metres from the gate. They squatted on the road, like they had done during their march to Lalbazar, the Kolkata Police headquarters.

Man, son killed over pet dog in Bathinda village: Refusal to hand over a pet to its purported owner claimed the lives of a man and his son at a village in Bathinda district in Punjab, reports **Neel Kamal**.

WHY MANIPUR IS BACK ON THE BOIL

Manipur has descended into a renewed bout of ethnic bloodletting after a period of relative calm, with the BJP-governed state reporting 11 casualties in a series of attacks since Sept 1 involving mostly suspected tribal militants. Amid increasing public unrest in the Imphal valley over the violence, **Prabin Kalita** provides an overview of events in the run-up to the latest upheaval in a state that has been a welter of conflict since May 2023

'Leaked' audio triggers outrage

➤ On Aug 6, social media went to town with an audio clip containing purportedly offensive remarks about a community in a male voice alleged to be that of CM N Biren Singh. The state govt issued two official statements 12 days apart — on Aug 8 and 20 — about the recording being "doctored". The govt termed the clip "a malicious attempt to incite communal violence and derail the peace process" after a noticeable improvement in law and order over the previous few months. By then, the damage was done

Dispute over talks offer to tribe

➤ On Aug 12, Biren Singh told the assembly that the govt would soon hold peace talks with the Thadou community, genealogically part of the Kuki-Zo tribe, in reciprocation of a purported open letter from Thadou Community International. Two days later, Thadou Tribe Council-General Headquarters issued a statement terming the CM's statement "baseless". It said any dialogue that the council wasn't part of would be treated as "invalid"

TOI Explains

Arson targeting BJP functionary

➤ On Aug 27, unidentified armed men attacked the house of Manipur BJP spokesperson T Michael Lamjathang Haokip, who belongs to the Thadou community, in Churachandpur district. The CM described the attack a "direct challenge to the unity and integrity of the state". A week later, Haokip's ancestral house was vandalised and set ablaze. On Aug 30, Biren Singh vowed to restore normalcy in "five to six months"



with the Centre's help. He named Naga BJP MLA Dinganglung Gangmei as an emissary for proposed talks with Kuki-Zo and Meitei representatives

'Kukiland' echo at tribal rallies

➤ On Aug 31, members of the Kuki-Zo community held three rallies in the state to demand a separate administration for 'Kukiland' and protest against the viral audio clip allegedly featuring the CM's "objectionable" comments

Aerial attacks on valley villages

➤ On Sept 1, two villagers were killed and several others wounded in an attack on a pair of villages in Imphal West district. Suspected tribal militants deployed drones to drop explosives and used sophisticated firearms to target Koutruk village. A second wave of drone attacks the next day damaged three India Reserve Battalion bunkers. On Sept 6, suspected militants carried out the first reported rocket attacks in the region, killing a 70-year-old priest and wounding five others when one of these landed on the home of the state's first CM, Mairembam Koireng, in Bishnupur. On Sept 7, six people were killed in a gunfight between two groups in Jiribam, forcing the state govt to call in Army choppers for surveillance

Email to Shah & street protests

➤ BJP legislator RK Imo Singh, who is the CM's son-in-law, emailed Union home minister Amit Shah asking for the 60,000-strong contingent of central forces deployed in the state to be replaced as they had mostly been "mute spectators" to violence by militants. In Imphal, students took to the streets and demanded that the reins of the unified command that handles law and order be transferred to the state govt

Students march to Raj Bhavan to seek Manipur DGP removal

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Manipur's current turmoil harked back to mid-2023, when much of Manipur would be under curfew for extended periods as mobs ran riot and militant outfits joined in the ethnic violence that created a hill-valley divide. Internet services, too, remained suspended in the state for months.

Officials cited "imminent danger to life and widespread disturbances because of inflammatory material and rumours" for the renewed internet blockade.

Tuesday's protest by students was over the alleged administrative failure that allowed violence to erupt in May last year and enabled suspected tribal militant outfits to resume attacks on civilians in the valley this month. Thousands of students marched towards Raj Bhavan to demand the removal of DGP Rajiv Singh and the state govt's security adviser Kuldiep Singh.

After an indefinite curfew was declared, a group of 50 students that had been tear-gassed by police Monday returned to the streets after spending the night in a market.

IGP (operations) IK Muivah urged the protesting students to refrain from violent acts of defiance. "Some groups with vested interest are the instigators. We are monitoring them," he said.

Muivah said NIA was likely to join the probe into weaponised drones being used by suspected tribal militants in the recent attacks on villages and three India Reserve Battalion bunkers in the Imphal valley.

Two more CRPF battalions rushed to state: Centre has rushed two more battalions of CRPF, comprising about 2,000 personnel, to Manipur to assist the state police in restoring law and order, sources in the central govt told **TOI**.

Don't allow BJP's plans to succeed: Omar on bail to Engineer Rashid

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Rashid, who heads Awami Ittehad Party (AIP), contested as an independent candidate from the Baramulla Lok Sabha constituency and defeated National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah, earlier this year.

The upcoming assembly elections— three-phase polls from Sept 18 to Oct 1 for 90 assembly seats — the first after the abrogation of Article 370, are being seen as a milestone, as Rashid's massive win over the former CM as well as Sajjad Lone of People's Conference in the Lok Sabha elections had created ripples in the Valley and changed the dynamics of electoral politics there. The victory came despite Rashid's incarceration — his sons campaigned for their father — making it even more significant, and had rattled the mainstream political parties in Kashmir. It was an indicator of the voter sentiments in the separatist landscape of the region.

Both Omar and PDP chief Mehbooba Mufti have alleged that Rashid is being pushed by BJP to weaken mainstream parties. Omar said: "I feel sorry for the people of Baramulla. This bail is not to serve the people of north Kashmir but to get votes. After polls, Er Rashid will be back in Tihar…My only appeal is not to allow BJP's designs to succeed. If people want a BJP govt in J&K, then they should support AIP, PCP and Apni Party."

(With inputs from agencies)

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App. Cost of the work (₹)	₹ 6,42,94,183.28/- only
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Address of the office	Senior Divisional Signal & Telecom Engineer-C, Northern Railway, 3rd Floor, Annexe-1, DRM office, New Delhi-110055.
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General public is here by informed that one girl (depicted in the Photo) **Namely: Priyanka Devi W/o:** Santosh Ram , **R/o:** Sureder Singh House, Near Shiv Mandir, Swarn Jayanti Tikri Khurd, Delhi **Age:** 34 Years, **Sex:** Female, **Height:** 5'3",**Built:** Thin **Complexion:** Fair, **Face:** Long **Wearing:** Red colour Sari and Black Slippers in feet missing since 10.08.2024 by 12:00 pm from her home under area of **P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi**.
In this regard a **DD No. 0084 A, Dated 12.08.2024** has been registered at **P.S. Narela Industrial Area, Delhi.**
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SEARCH FOR MISSING

Pooja
General public is hereby informed that a Girl namely **Pooja,** D/o Pradeep Shah R/o 278, Churiya Mohalla, Tehkhand Village, Okhla Industrial Area, Phase-1, New Delhi has been missing since 13.08.2024 from the area of her house. In this regard **FIR No. 626/24 Dated 17.08.2024 U/S 137 BNS has been registered at P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, New 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:
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INVITES NOTICE FOR INVITING TENDER (2nd CALL)
Request for proposal for Selection of contractor for Supply, Installation, Commissioning of 1000 TPD Municipal Solid Waste extendable up to 2000TPD (Wet & Dry) processing plant at Shivari, Lucknow and its operation & maintenance for a period of minimum 03 years.
Lucknow Municipal Corporation hereby invites bid from experienced Companies/ Firms for Selection of contractor for Supply, Installation, Commissioning of 1000 TPD Municipal Solid Waste extendable up to 2000 TPD (Wet & Dry) processing plant at Shivari, Lucknow and its operation & maintenance for a period of minimum 03 years. The Tender document can be downloaded from the UP Government NIC e-tender website i.e., **https://etender.up.nic.in/**& as per below given time schedule:

RFP Ref. No.	D/493/EE/2024	Dated:	10/09/2024
RFP Download Date	11.09.2024	Time:	12:00 PM
RFP Last date of submission	18.09.2024	Time:	5:00PM
RPF opening date	18.09.2024	Time:	6:00PM
Tender Fee	INR. 25,000.00+18% GST (Rupees Twenty-five thousand only plus GST 18%)		
Earnest Money Deposit	Rs 1,00,00,000.00 (Rupees One Crore Only)		
Performance Security	A total of 5% of project cost of one year shall be taken in form of Bank Guarantee/FDR to be submitted in the Proposal within 15 days from issue date of Letter of Award.		

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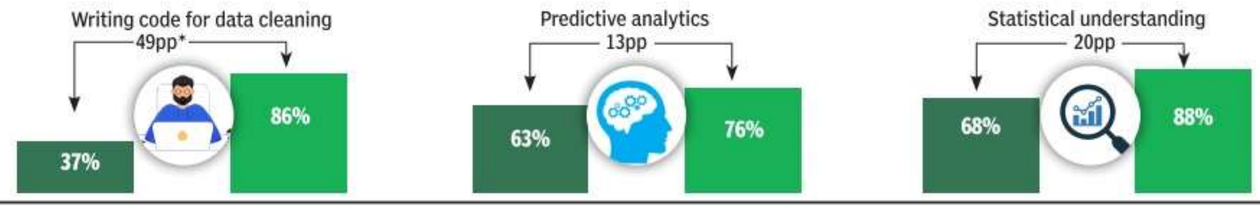
How GenAI Can Power Up Your Workforce

- GenAI helps employees quickly perform tasks outside their skill set
- Consultants equipped in GenAI were **15 percentage points** more likely to select and appropriately apply machine learning than non-equipped participants
- GenAI-augmented BCG consultants were **10%** faster in completing a Python coding task

Source: BCG, Boston University, OpenAI's Economic Impacts research teams, BHI analysis; *Percentage points



GenAI boosts performance in three data science tasks



'Foreign studies account for 64% of retirement kitty'

Mumbai: Around 90% of Indian parents whose children plan to study abroad aim to fund overseas education despite costs being up to 64% of required retirement savings. According to HSBC's Quality of Life Report 2024, 78% of Indian respondents either aspire to send their child abroad for education or already have a child studying internationally. For Indian parents, the cost of international education can consume up to 64% of their retirement savings. However, only 53% of affluent Indian parents have an education savings plan. TNN



Shriram Fin may raise $750mn via int'l mkts

Mumbai: Shriram Finance may tap the international bond markets to raise $750 million if the US Fed cuts interest rates this month as is widely expected. Shriram Finance expects to grow by 15-18% in the current financial year and plans to raise debt to support this growth. TNN

RBI fines Axis, HDFC Bk over compliance

Mumbai: RBI has imposed penalties totalling Rs 2.9 crore on Axis Bank and HDFC Bank for certain deficiencies in compliance. RBI said the penalties not intended to pronounce upon the validity of any transaction entered into by the banks with their customers. AGENCIES

TaMo cuts EV range prices by up to ₹3L

New Delhi: Tata Motors on Tuesday said it has reduced prices of its EV model range by up to Rs 3 lakh. It said it has reduced the price of Nexon EV by up to Rs 3 lakh, Punch EV by 1.2 lakh, and Tiago EV by Rs 40,000. AGENCIES

CCI clears TaMo Fin, Tata Cap merger

New Delhi: The CCI on Tuesday cleared the proposed merger of Tata Motors Finance into Tata Capital. TCL is a subsidiary of Tata Sons and is operating as an NBFC-investment and credit company (NBFC-ICC). AGENCIES

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3,000MW

of renewable power capacity is being built by Coal India for power mining operations by 2025-26



Source: Economic Survey

Former Byju's staff get I-T notices for 'unpaid' TDS

Co Tells Them It Will Clear Payments 'As Soon As Possible'

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EDTECH CO'S TAX TANGLE

- Former Byju's employees have received intimations regarding pending TDS payments
- Over 6,000 current and former employees may have been affected
- Notices were delivered via email, courier, or both to former employees over the past 10 days
- The co's HR department is said to have assured employees that they are working to resolve the issue
- Many employees are seeking clarity from the co regarding their liability as well as the consequences of the notices

Bengaluru: The income tax department has been sending notices of unpaid TDS (tax deducted at source) to former employees of edtech firm Byju's over the last 10 days.

Several employees have confirmed to **TOI** about receiving these notices through email and courier. " I am sure over 6,000 former or current employees have got this demand notice just as I have," one former employee, Kaushik Kumar Lade, told **TOI**. Kaushik was a senior manager of sales at the startup. **TOI** has reviewed some of these demand notices, which pertain to the tax amount deducted by the employer from the taxpayer and deposited to the income tax department. Lade said, "I wrote to the HR department as well as the management by email about this notice. They responded after about 48 hours saying they are working on it and will clear the payments out as soon as possible."

Non-deposit of tax and provident fund deductions from employees is a serious offence under Indian laws. While tax authorities can take action against the company for these violations, employees have to face consequences when it comes to TDS. In the past, employees of grounded Kingfisher Airlines faced a double whammy when they did not get their dues and had to also contend with the claims of the tax department. There have, however, been legal pronouncements saying that employees should not be penalised.

Many Byju's employees have reached out to the company for clarity on the matter, with one employee anonymously expressing, "We are not sure how and where this notice leads and our liability around it. Some clarity on this will help us all."

The company, currently undergoing an insolvency process, did not respond to request for comment. Pankaj Srivastava, the National Company Law Tribunal-appointed resolution professional responsible for inviting lenders, employees, vendors, and govt to claim unpaid dues, also did not respond to queries till the time of going to press.

As of Aug 30, govt had registered claims amounting to $101 million with the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India. Earlier this year, a group of Byju's employees had taken legal action against the struggling company. **TOI** had reported that 62 employees issued a demand notice seeking payment of overdue salaries amounting to more than Rs 2.3 crore. According to the report, these salaries have been outstanding since Jan 2024, highlighting the severity of the company's financial woes.

Govt reviews norms for vehicle scrappage

Considers Linking Them To Stricter Pollution Testing, 'Trustworthy' Fitness Checks, Not Age

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Better Maintenance May Be Rewarding

- Currently, petrol vehicles older than 15 years and those with diesel engines over 10 years are not allowed to ply on Delhi-NCR roads
- Such vehicles are automatically deregistered from Vahan database
- Globally, there are strict fitness certifications that vehicles have to undergo periodically to be treated road worthy
- In India, courts have opted for bans due to lax in implementation of rules by govt agencies



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> —ANURAG JAIN | ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS SECRETARY

New Delhi: Amid ongoing debate over whether vehicles that are older than 15 years should be scrapped mandatorily, govt on Tuesday said it is considering tighter pollution testing norms and 'trustworthy' fitness checks to decide the phasing out of old vehicles, instead of just linking it to their age.

Currently, the mandatory scrapping of vehicles older than 15 years is applicable only in Delhi-NCR. Following a 2018 Supreme Court ruling, petrol vehicles older than 15 years and those with diesel engines over 10 years are not allowed to ply on Delhi-NCR roads with the court ordering them off the roads as a step to keep older and polluting vehicles away. Such vehicles are automatically deregistered from the Vahan database. But road transport and highways secretary Anurag Jain said that the norms are being reviewed.

"People tell us that if they've maintained their vehicle well, why should they be mandated to scrap it? We are studying whether we can enforce a scrapping mandate where the upper limit is relative to the pollution of the vehicle, for example, pre-BS-I or pre-BS-II, instead of the 15-year mandate," he said at a Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (Siam) event. There have been complaints by certain car owners against the measure who claim that they have maintained their vehicles well and it's unfair to send them for scrapping simply because of the age criteria.

Jain said a "trustworthy" fitness check on the vehicles can make it clear whether the vehicle is fit to run on the road. "We will have to come out with ensuring that the pollution test will become something which is trustworthy. I would request all of you to help us out in designing the program of pollution checks," Jain said, while addressing auto industry representatives. Later, Jain told **TOI**, the options are being explored for vehicles registered outside NCR.

Globally, there are strict fitness certifications, including for tyres, that vehicles have to undergo periodically to be treated road worthy. In India, however, courts have taken a different approach and gone for bans due to lax in implementation of the rules by govt agencies.

While the Centre had sought a review of the norms, the SC had turned it down. There is another appeal before the SC, which is yet to come up for hearing.

Govt backs disclosures for credit card, e-transactions

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Crackdown On Money Laundering

- Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has proposed stricter norms for card and online transactions, which may require more disclosures
- The move is part of its efforts to crack down on terror finance and money laundering
- Industry players cite higher cost of compliance and changes in software and protocol as difficulties

New Delhi: Govt is backing greater transparency for credit card and other digital payment methods, while seeking to balance the interests of the payment and fintech industry, a senior official said on Tuesday. As part of its efforts to crack down on terror finance and money laundering, the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has proposed stricter norms for card and online transactions, which may require more disclosures.

Industry players, including some of the global giants in the payments business, have, however, cited difficulties, including higher cost of compliance and changes in software and protocol.

"India supports greater disclosures, but it should not compromise the speed of transactions and ease of doing business," a senior official said. The idea is to have more data related to the sender and recipient of funds and under the travel rule so that enforcement agencies can move in swiftly.

The policy development group (PDG) of the FATF is deliberating on whether the required information is clearly available to law enforcement agencies or if the information gets masked in any form. Masking of information leads to delay in information sharing by financial institutions involved in cross-border transactions with law enforcement agencies.

While information is available for domestic transfers, data availability is often seen as a problem for cross-border transactions, sources indicated.

The FATF group is looking at what is the "identifiable information" and what all data relating to fund transfers should be made available by countries.

Once it is approved by global financial crime watchdog FATF, all member countries would be implementing such disclosure norms over two-three years, a source said.

Over the years, FATF has tightened norms around multiple actors, including virtual digital assets players, gems and jewellery and real estate, where there is scope for evasion and money laundering.

Greater access to data is seen to be critical to track and act against those violating the system. Given the threat of terror financing impacting India, govt has always sought to tighten the rules to check possible misuse. According to the latest mutual evaluation report, India was put in the "regular follow-up category", one among four G20 nations. The report is due to be made public on Sept 19.

Sify plans ₹6k cr upgrade for data hubs

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Chennai: Sify Infinit Space, a data centre co-location company, plans to modernise its data centres based on an uptick in demand from AI-based applications. It plans to invest Rs 6,000 crore in the next few years.

Sharad Agarwal, chief executive of Sify Infinit Spaces, said the company is getting ready to host AI-based workloads. AI and machine learning has created opportunities for data centre companies and they need to be prepared on infrastructure, he added. "With the surge in AI demand, the need for storage, cooling, energy and infrastructure like floor load requirements have gone much higher. The weight of the racks keeps increasing. For instance, our data centres can host a 130 kW rack, which is 10 times higher than conventional usage," he said. The company recently became Nvidia's co-location partner after receiving DGX-ready data centre certification from the AI chip maker.

Kenyan court halts Adani's proposal for Nairobi airport

A Kenyan court suspended a govt plan to allow Adani Airport Holdings to operate its main airport for 30 years until it rules on the matter.

The high court issued the order prohibiting any person from implementing or acting on the privately initiated proposal by Adani until the matter is determined, according to Faith Odhiambo, president of the Law Society of Kenya, an applicant in the case. Adani didn't immediately respond to a request for comment when contacted outside office hours.

The lawyers' body and the Kenya Human Rights Commission, a non-governmental organisation, are challenging govt's right to lease the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in the capital, Nairobi, to Adani Airport as it breaches the constitution.

"Leasing the strategic and profitable JKIA to a private entity is irrational" and contravenes the constitutional principles of "good governance, accountability, transparency, and prudent and responsible use of public money," they said in their filings.

The parties also argue that the $1.85 billion deal between govt and Adani Airport is "unaffordable, threatens job losses, exposes the public disproportionately to fiscal risk, and offers no value for money to the taxpayer". They claim that Kenya can independently raise the funds to expand JKIA without leasing it for 30 years, according to their filings.

Under the terms of the build-operate deal, Gautam Adani's company would upgrade Kenya's largest aviation facility and East Africa's busiest airport and construct a second runway and a new passenger terminal. BLOOMBERG

Rel Retail sets up JV with Israel's Delta

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Mumbai: Reliance Industries' retail unit will form a joint venture with Israel's Delta Galil to manufacture and market loungewear and denim apparel for men, women and children.

The duo will hold 50% each in the India unit, the companies said on Tuesday. Reliance Retail, which posted a profit of Rs 11,101 crore on a turnover of Rs 3.06 lakh crore in FY24, has been forming partnerships with global apparel brands as part of its strategy to expand the domestic market. As the largest retail company in India, Reliance Retail wields unparalleled domestic sales and distribution expertise.

Automakers must invest in R&D to be world-class: CEA



New Delhi: Chief economic advisor **V Anantha Nageswaran** on Tuesday asked automobile manufacturers to invest in R&D in order to make a world-class industry. Speaking at the Siam Annual Convention, he also asked them to focus on improving the global NCAP (New Car Assessment Programme) ratings of their products so that exports get further push.

In general, he said, the Indian private sector roughly contributes about one third of the overall R&D spending in the economy while the remaining two thirds comes from the government. "Again, our studies show that it is not due to lack of government support for R&D spending in general, but it also depends on our ability to think over a much longer horizon...seeing the R&D expenditure as an investment, rather than as an expenditure against the profit and loss account," he said.

So in that sense, he said, "enhancing the investment in R&D and becoming global leaders, it will be an important contributor to the 'aatmanirbharta' programme in terms of placing Indian manufacturing in the global roadmap." Besides, he said, auto manufacturers should not see public mobility as a form of competition but as a complement. Talking about Indian economy, Nageswaran said, it is doing quite well amidst the global uncertainty.

"Thanks to strong corporate and financial sector balance sheets, and massive investments in supply side infrastructure in last 8-10 years...potential growth of the economy is somewhere between 6.5-7% and if we sustain some more reforms, especially at the state and local level, then it is possible to raise this number to somewhere between 7-7.5%," he said. AGENCIES

Auto cos told to focus on sustainability

New Delhi: PM Narendra Modi and transport minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday asked auto companies to focus on sustainability and greens as they prepare for next phase of growth with new vehicles and technologies.

In a special message sent for the annual session of auto industry body Siam, Modi said, "The road ahead demands that our progress is rapid, while also being sustainable. Working greener and cleaner mobility is a vital step in this direction. It is important that this climate-conscious and sustainable vision resonates with domestic and international partners."

Modi said Indian companies should take a lead in many such efforts on the global scale. "... at this critical juncture for India and the world, it is essential that our automobile sector not only set an example for others to follow, but also work towards bringing global best practices to India." Gadkari said companies should look at environmentally-friendly vehicles to keep a check on vehicular pollution. TNN

SIP flows cross ₹23.5k cr in Aug, rise nearly 50% in yr

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Mumbai: Despite market volatility last month, Indian investors continued to show their trust in mutual funds for long term wealth creation.

In Aug, monthly gross inflows into the fund industry through the systematic investment plan route hit a new high at Rs 23,547 crore. The industry's total assets also scaled a new high at Rs 66.7 lakh crore, data from fund industry trade body Amfi showed.

Early in Aug, the stock market had gone into a free fall on the back of fears that weak US economic data could indicate an incoming recession in the world's largest economy. By the end of the month, however, markets had recovered. The month's net inflow into equity funds stood at Rs 38,239 crore — the 42nd consecutive month of net inflows into this category, a release from Amfi said.

According to Venkat Chalasani, chief executive at Amfi, the positive inflow, along with the total mutual fund folio count surpassing 20 crore, reflected investor confidence and a growing appreciation for mutual funds as a preferred investment avenue. "The steadily increasing SIP contribution... highlights the shifting investor sentiment towards disciplined and long-term wealth accumulation."

Industry data showed that over the last one year, the fund industry's assets under management had grown by about Rs 20 lakh crore or 43%. Within the equity group, sectoral and thematic funds saw the biggest net inflow at Rs 18,117 crore. A major part of the inflow — Rs 10,202 crore — came from new fund offers, Amfi data showed.

Brent below $70 for 1st time since '21

Brent futures dropped below $70-a-barrel for the first time since Dec 2021, a fresh leg lower in a price slump spurred by robust supplies, demand concerns and rampant speculative selling. The global benchmark fell as much as 3.8%, while West Texas Intermediate crude slid 4.2%, also hitting the lowest intraday price since Dec 2021. BLOOMBERG

Nifty closes above 25,000 mark

Mumbai: The sensex climbed nearly 362 points while Nifty ended above the 25,000 level on Tuesday, marking the second straight day of gains following a rebound in the US markets and fresh foreign fund inflows. The sensex climbed 362 points to settle at 81,921 driven by gains in IT, telecom and select banking shares. AGENCIES

Apple's Pro models to be cheaper by ₹15k

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BOOKINGS START FROM SEPT 13

Model price (In Rs)
iPhone 16 | **79.9K**
iphone16 Plus | **89.9K**
iPhone16 Pro | **1.2L**
iPhone16 ProMax | **1.45L**

Prices for non-Pro versions are for 128GB models, and Pro for 256GB

Still cheaper in US

- At nearly ₹84,000, the entry Pro model is cheaper in the US
- The ProMax also comes cheaper at ₹1 lakh
- Import duty on fully built devices is lower in the US compared to India



Price cut on previous-gen models

Prices (In ₹)	Old Price	New Price
iPhone 15 (256 GB)	89.9K	79.9K
iPhone 15 (512 GB)	1.1L	99.9K
iPhone 15 Plus (256 GB)	99.9K	89.9K
iPhone 15 Plus (512 GB)	1.2L	1.1L

Source: Apple/Industry

New Delhi: The new iPhone is here, and it's cheaper this time when it comes to higher-end Pro models, which will be manufactured in India for the first time. Coming to non-Pro devices, the entry-level iPhone 16 will cost you Rs 80,000, while the 'Plus' version will come for Rs 90,000.

The Pro versions are priced lower by Rs 15,000 this time as the model starts getting made in India. Also, with the Budget cutting the customs duty on smartphones by 5%, imported models have also become cheaper.

The base version of the iPhone 16 Pro will cost Rs 1.2 lakh, while the flagship ProMax will come for Rs 1.45 lakh. However, prices are still higher than what a buyer will pay in the US — an entry Pro model will cost Rs 84,000 in America and a ProMax will come for Rs 1 lakh.

But industry officials say this is because devices come bundled with a mobile operator connection in the US. Also, the taxes on device import are much lower in the US (the same is the case in other places such as Dubai). Bookings of models will begin from Sept 13, while phones will be available from Sept 20.

With new models coming in, Apple has also cut prices of non-Pro iPhone15 models by Rs 10,000. However, while their prices are at par with iPhone16 with higher storage, they lack the advanced features such as superior processing, enhanced camera functions and Apple intelligence AI.

Industry watchers said India is a market that prefers to initially buy the previous-gen models more after price cuts.

Apple supplier Jabil to invest ₹2k cr

Chennai: In a significant development, US-based Jabil — which is a leading supplier for Apple, HP and Cisco — will be investing Rs 2,000 crore in a manufacturing facility at Manapparai, near Trichy. Jabil's new facility is expected to generate both direct and indirect employment for around 5,000 people. TNN



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If I bought groceries the way I buy health insurance, I'd eat a lot better – and so would my dog

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GST on health insurance should have been lowered. As it is, consumers face other problems too

GST Council needn't have referred the question whether tax on health and life insurance premiums should be lower to a Group of Ministers. Ministers, opposition politicians, industry figures and sector experts have explained why a 18% GST on health insurance premiums affects insurance coverage as well as public health. Considering that a modest ₹8,263cr accrued through GST on health insurance premiums, did the issue warrant such a tortuous settlement, with a decision likely only at next GST Council meeting in Nov? A 2021 Niti Aayog paper had highlighted the plight of India's Missing Middle, who aren't poor or rich enough to gain from govt schemes or private insurance – 400mn in all. In what's just as bad, even as govt functionaries enjoy benefit of central or state schemes, health insurance premiums have been rising steeply in recent years. A survey earlier this year found 52% of respondents saying their premiums had risen by more than 25% in the last 12 months.



Sector's many woes | There are several other issues afflicting private health insurance systems. The same survey found 43% of respondents struggling with the settlement process in the last three years. Patients often wait for as long as 10-12 hours after they are ready for discharge because companies delay claim settlements. Misselling, ambiguity in contracts and 'hidden clauses' often see their claims being denied or met only partially. Claims are regularly rejected because of a pre-existing disease or owing to eligibility other than a pre-existing disease. Companies cite their claim settlement ratio to sell policies but, as experts have pointed out, that data often hides as much as it reveals.

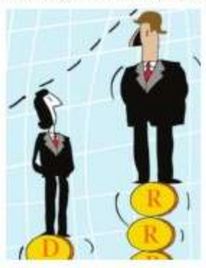
Weak oversight | Making matters worse is poor enforcement of regulations. In May, IRDAI directed health insurers to settle cashless claims within three hours of discharge approval from hospital and institute proper procedure for repudiation of claims. Health insurers were instructed to put requisite systems in place for cashless transactions by July 31. But this deadline has not been met. To take another example, IRDAI has removed the upper limit of 65 years for getting health insurance. But will it actually monitor how many senior citizens above that age are getting health cover? Almost one-third of consumer complaints in India relate to the insurance sector, especially health and life segments. So, we need a far more proactive regulator that insists on transparency and adherence to rules. If and when GST on premiums comes down, health insurance will still be a consumer hazard.

Tall Tales

Attributing virtues to height is an old prejudice. Trust Trump to try and use it in election campaign

By the time you read this, the first and possibly only face-off between US presidential candidates Harris and Trump will have whipped up new storms and settled doubts over who came up short. Did Trump's demand of not allowing his opponent a "lift" by having "boxes or artificial lifts…to stand on" make a difference? It's easy to mock Trump's belief that his 6ft 3in frame gives him an advantage at the hustings over Harris's 5ft 4in, but in truth such belief is common, and unsurprising.

Trump campaign has struggled to adapt to Harris, who has elected to play prosecutor in power navy blue. Which is why his fixation with their almost 1ft difference in height almost makes sense.



Trump wished to tower over Harris who right away on assuming candidacy dismissed his attacks on her identity – woman, Black, South Asian and Jamaican descent – as "same old tired playbook". American elections are steeped in identity politics, but Harris has avoided getting sucked into 'smash-the-ceiling' narratives. Biden out, age got binned. What's Trump left with?

A 20-year-study in 2022 identified over 12,000 genetic variants that influence height. Almost 80% of height variation is under genetic control with the rest controlled by factors such as diet/nutrition and disease exposure. Too tall is a risk factor for several health conditions, including increased likelihood of falls. But why bother with science? American films since the 1950s discovered the engaging power of gigantism – larger than life was all about power. Taller was fitter, bigger was better. Height manifests in people's minds as an attribute of manliness. Height denotes health is another mistaken funda. Height as stature is a deep-rooted stereotype, coded into the English language. Fact that on average men are taller than women makes this unconscious bias on height another aspect of sexism. Even if you have to 'look up' to a man who's tall, you don't have to look up to him.

Toorist trap

The world over, local residents are being overrun by an incursion of selfie-taking sightseers

Jug Suraiya



A tourist has been described as someone who, having nothing to do at home, goes and does it someplace else. And never before have so many people left their homes to go elsewhere to do time-pass, and be a botheration to locals who are beginning to resent the intrusion of selfie-clicking, backpacking, bargain-hunting outsiders who are turning their once-idyllic towns and cities into seething swarms of sightseers.

Once sought after as an important revenue earner, the tourist has become a toorist – as in too much. The so-called 'revenge tourism' that created a tsunami of leisure travellers following the easing of pandemic lockdown, has now assumed the proportions of a vendetta, with visitor numbers exceeding pre-Covid levels.

In many parts of the world tourism is no longer a boon but a bane for local residents because of the overcrowding it causes and the consequent pressure on basic facilities like water and electric supply, and garbage collection. Short-term tourist-lets inflate property prices and make home-buying unaffordable for locals.

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Inundated by visitors, cities like Venice are imposing fines as a deterrent to day-trippers. But such measures have done little to stem the relentless tide, which in some cases has resulted in tourists far outnumbering the local population.

Austria is among the 66 countries in which tourists outnumber locals, and has a ratio of 3.6 visitors for every resident. With a resident population of just 8.9mn, this central European country gets 32mn visitors a year.

The most overrun with tourists is the tiny principality of Andorra, located in the Pyrenees between France and Spain. Measuring a mere 181 sq miles and with an Andorran population of just 83,500, the minuscule country gets over 3mn visitors a year, that's 37 for every local. Malta and Monaco are two other European countries bearing the toorism brunt.

So what should the locals of these toorist-traumatised countries do? Simple. They should become tourists themselves and go fill in all the empty spaces in those countries that send tourists to them. *That* would be revenge tourism with a vengeance.

Can India Play In Premier League?

World's centre of economic & political gravity is shifting but the to-do list for New Delhi to become more consequential is forbidding

Vijay Gokhale



Given the state of international affairs, the West sees our world in turmoil. Russia is threatening their peace. China and the emerging economies are threatening their businesses and livelihoods. The Global South is threatening to upend their values. It's understandable because they built the world order after the end of World War II, and they continue to seek domination by force and discourse power.

But this is not the world according to others. Ours is a world in transition. Two transitions to be more precise.

New centre of gravity | The millennial transition is being heralded by the steady shift of the world's economic centre of gravity from the North Atlantic to the Indo-Pacific. This first transition offers new opportunities because India is situated at the heart of the Indo-Pacific. Successive govts have worked to remedy India's sea-blindness and to shift our strategic focus towards maritime spaces. The strategic direction of this big shift was laid down in PM's speech to the Shangri La Dialogue in Singapore in June 2018.

The second transition, a centennial one, is marked by fragmentation of the global order built by US after 1945. This transition might pose challenges for us because the disintegration of the global system leaves a more unregulated world for India to make its way through. Inability of UN Security Council to keep the world at peace, the reluctance of multilateral institutions to manage monetary, financial and trade policy with due regard to the concerns of the Global South, and the 'wild west' state-of-affairs as a result of there being no negotiated frameworks of international governance for outer space, underwater and cyberspace domains, make the coming decade more unpredictable.

The West's inability to accept the right of democratic non-Western states to shape their democratic system according to their specific conditions, and their insistence upon the one-rule-fits-all model, also encourages many in the Global South to gravitate towards autocracies that are less judgmental.

Evolving multipolarity | There can be more than one view on whether such fragmentation allows for a more multipolar world. It's already true that issues such as climate change, water and food security, or WMD proliferation are no longer the exclusive preserve of dominant powers. The point of view of middle powers and groupings of small states matters. The world is more multilateral today than it has ever been since 1945. But, it remains, so far, a multilateral world with strong bipolar features.

The comprehensive national power of US and China is much greater than that of others. For the remainder of the current decade, this balance of power is unlikely to significantly alter. India has to navigate these years with significant deficits in our economic and national security capabilities.



India's way | The policy of multi-alignment that underpins Indian diplomacy is based upon a realistic appreciation of the world we live in. This has allowed successive govts to build partnerships without becoming entangled in commitments. And it has leveraged India's geographical, demographic and economic possibilities to serve domestic goals. The next decade is likely to test India's capacity and resolve to navigate our uncertain world since the fragmentation of the current global order might intensify because of the political uncertainties in both the major powers.

Uncertain times | Elections in US this Nov is, perhaps, the most consequential in the last 50 years because they might decide the course of American participation in international politics. The political uncertainties in China are less evident, but no less important. The current leader has eliminated all rules on age and term limits, making the transfer of power to the next generation both uncertain and unpredictable. In the past this did not matter as much because the Chinese economy was detached from the rest of the world. Now it is the world's second-largest economy and supports a quarter of global supply chains, and any political disruption will have global ramifications, including for India. Moreover, the rivalry between China and US might also force choices on the rest of the world and limit our freedom of manoeuvre.

For real multi-alignment | Mitigating the impact of bipolarity in the international system is necessary. Otherwise it might compel us into making choices that could create long-term dependencies. Leveraging our position as a swing state to maximise security and economic benefits from this situation might be well-served by multi-alignment. But, real multi-alignment requires to be underpinned by solid economic growth.

Our focus must be firmly fixed on building a competitive and technologically advanced economy. Atmanirbharta ought not to become the pretext for vested interests to shut doors to the outside world, but rather the opportunity for Indian companies to rise to the level from which they can compete with the best in class.

Grooming of legal and technical talent to participate in multilateral negotiations for standard-setting in new technologies should also be on GOI's list of priorities. Unless this talent pool is systematically identified and trained, India might simply be a follower rather than a rule-shaper.

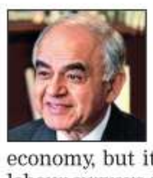
For this to happen, the mindset that disdains external expertise has to change. Qualified legal and tech experts from the private sector ought to be integrated into our machinery for international negotiations. A world in transition is, on balance, favourable to India if we cease our navel-gazing, act upon opportunities and prepare ourselves to deal with the pitfalls.

The writer is a former foreign secretary

iPhone Success Busts Myths About India

Apple's remarkable foray has lessons for policymakers that, if heeded, could help create a jobs revolution in labour-intensive manufacturing sectors in the country

Gurcharan Das



With the recent launch of Apple's iPhone 16, India's manufacturing story has just got a huge boost. The new 'Made-in-India' iPhone will now be available across the world. This is big. India may be the world's fastest growing large economy, but it is not creating enough jobs. Periodic labour surveys do not reflect the problem because people are not unemployed. Too many are stuck in low-productivity, informal jobs, not what they aspire to.

India has done well in services, but industrial success has been elusive – manufacturing is less than 15% of GDP, employing 11% of population, and exporting 2% of global goods. No country has risen historically without manufacturing, nor achieved success without exports. Asian tigers rose by exporting labour-intensive manufactures. China is the latest example.

iPhone shows the way | Apple's iPhone recently chose India as its second manufacturing location. Its rapid success busts some myths. iPhone, made entirely in China until 2021, has already created 1.5L direct jobs in India, plus an estimated 4.5L indirect jobs while producing phones worth $14bn and exporting $10bn a year. This is only 14% of iPhone's global production, and is expected to rise to 26% by 2026, according to JP Morgan.

To become a viable exporting hub, India still needs to attract iPhone's component makers, who represent 85% of the value-add. They are mostly Chinese. They will add far more jobs, impart more skills, and transfer more technology. Only thus will our MSMEs get linked to global value chains. Thus, it is in our national interest to allow Chinese ancillaries.

Lessons for India | This story offers many lessons. First, shed the false myth that India is a big market. The fact is that global brand leaders are not queuing up to 'Make in India'. Apple phone sales in India were only 0.5% of global sales when it chose to make India a supply source. Many global brands are also seeking today to diversify their global supply base. But India is not their top choice – it has a poor image as a manufacturing base.

A second lesson is that no country can create enough jobs with its domestic market. China, with a far bigger market, needed exports to succeed. Export success requires joining global value chains, which represent 70% of the $24tn world trade in goods. This will only be possible if India drops its tariffs to competitive levels. Every PLI scheme should have a sunset clause on high tariffs.



Ajit Ninan

Third, the prime mover in creating jobs is not MSMEs but big companies to which smaller companies become suppliers. Yes, small companies in aggregate create far more jobs but action must begin at the top. Govt should target global brand leaders, especially those who are concerned about risks in China.

Fourth, the global brand leader doesn't have to be Indian. To succeed in global market, you need a superior product. Since Indian companies have risen behind tariff walls, they have not learnt to invest in R&D to create superior products. To create a jobs revolution, India's first step must be to woo world brands in labour-intensive sectors.

Fifth, India needs a skilled population but don't place the cart before the horse. Most women in iPhone factories needed only 4-6 weeks of training, even when it was their first job. Our training institutions (like ITI and skills missions) should be closely integrated with industry. Apprenticeships, internships and on-the-job training are the way to go.

Sixth, iPhone's story shows the right way to implement PLI. India has obvious cost disabilities versus China, Vietnam and other competitors. PLI is not a general subsidy to industry but for neutralising quantifiable disadvantages of India's higher land, labour, and energy costs. PLI should encourage exports but it cannot do so because of WTO rules. The Smartphone PLI set high enough production targets that could only be achieved through exports.

Finally, a trust-building dialogue between govt and company is crucial to success. It took 15 months of patient negotiations by open-minded teams on both sides for iPhone decision to materialise.

Govt must pull out all stops | The iPhone story has sent a powerful signal to global companies that India can be a viable manufacturing destination. It is up to govt now to replicate this success in all labour-intensive sectors – garments, shoes, toys, food processing etc. It will have to be proactive. The PM of Vietnam actually showed up at Apple's headquarters to persuade it to make iPads in his country. China incessantly woos foreign companies, but India's politicians are not trained to do this. Only a handful of Indian states, mostly in south and west, even understand its importance. To become truly competitive, India still needs to implement economic reforms in land, labour, and capital. But it will all be worth it if we can rise from being a middle-income nation to a high-income one.

Calvin & Hobbes



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To win one hundred victories in one hundred battles is not the acme of skill. To subdue the enemy without fighting is the acme of skill.

Sun Tzu

There Is No Value In Remembering God In Old Age

Shri Shri Anandamurti

THE SPEAKING TREE

There are people who avoid sadhana, intuitional practice, for fear of giving up all the pleasures and enjoyments of the world. This fear deters them from pursuing intuitional practice, although their fear has no logical basis. The objects of earthly enjoyment are created under the influence of the static principle of prakriti, and one regards them as real due to the dominance of avidyamaya, which also makes people enjoy these earthly objects.

Intuitional practice gradually reduces the dominance of avidyamaya, and then the mind is also diverted towards subtle things. Crude worldly pleasures and enjoyments lose their attraction. Kama, the longing for worldly objects, moh, the attraction for them, and lobh, avarice – the three principles of avidyamaya – make these seem desirable, but with the waning of the influence of these three, the mind will no longer desire them. Ordinarily the mind delights in the enjoyment of worldly pleasures and regards giving them up a torture, but when the mind no longer likes them, the question of giving them up does not arise.

The mind will try to run away from them, and feels relieved to be without them, instead of being tormented by their absence. For is not the unavailability of something only disturbing when we desire it much? If we do not desire an object, we will not miss it when it is not there. For instance, an alcohol addict will be tormented if he does not get alcohol, but if a non-addict does not get a drink, he will not even feel its absence. The question of his being tormented does not arise, for he never wished for it. The mind gets diverted towards subtlety through intuitional practice, and no longer enjoys crude pursuits. When the presence of crude objects is difficult to tolerate, the question of missing them or being disturbed by their absence does not arise. Some consider it necessary to tear themselves away by force from the enjoyment of worldly things in order to pursue intuitional practice, and the fear of their desires torments them. It will, however, never be possible to control one's mind by withdrawing it from objects of enjoyment by force. This would only make the body suffer and become sick. There is no compulsion in intuitional practice.

The system of intuitional practice is so powerful that it imperceptibly diverts the mind from crude attractions towards subtlety, and the desire for earthly enjoyments disappears, taking with it the pain of not getting them. Not to pursue intuitional practice for fear of having to stay away from earthly pleasures and enjoyments is irrational. Those who consider it necessary are mistaken. On careful analysis, the fears that hold one back from practising sadhana appear to be without any foundation.

There is no value in remembering God in old age, when it is not possible to concentrate the mind due to weakness and disease. There is an Indian saying that only a young bamboo can be bent, and if you attempt to bend a mature one you will only break it. That is, anything new should be started early in life, and so should intuitional practice.

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Letter no-118/E-Nivida/2024-25 Dated-10.09.2024

E-TENDER NOTICE

Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga), Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar on behalf of "Chief General Manager Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan" invited E-Tender the website **http://www.uktender.gov.in** from experienced and eligible bidders having adequate technical and financial capability and experience for work as specified in tender documents for following work at Haridwar and Rishikesh as per description & schedule given below for following works:-

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1.	Construction of 200-KL capacity water reservoir at GIZ Aviral MRF Sarai Haridwar.	₹ 61,800.00	Double Bid System	Rs. 2,950.00	03 Months

Date of Calling Tender	10.09.2024
Date of Online Publication	11.09.2024 at 12:00 pm
Documents Download Start Date	11.09.2024 at 12:00 pm
Documents Download End Date	24.09.2024 at 03:00 pm
Pre-Bid Meeting **(Place- Office of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga) Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar)**	18.09.2024 at 11:00 am
Online Bid Submission Start Date	11.09.2024 at 12:00 pm
Online Bid Submission End Date	24.09.2024 at 03:00 pm
Last Date of Hard Copy Submission of Required Documents as per Tender document **(Place- Office of Executive Engineer, Maintenance Division (Ganga)Uttarakhand Jal Sansthan, Jagjeetpur Haridwar)**	24.09.2024 at 03:00 pm
Date of Bid Opening	24.09.2024 at 04:00 pm

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Sr. No. :- 1 **Name of work. :-** Construction of Rajol Anuhi Jangal Bagga road Km. 0/0 to 1/300 including bridge over Dehar Khad (SH:- Formation Cutting, Retaining wall, Breast wall, Cross Drainage work, GSB, WBM-II, Road side Drains, Parapets, Cement Concrete Pavement and Construction of 102.50 Metre span prestressed concrete box girder bridge over Dehar Khad at RD. 0/240) including five year Routine Maintenance after completion of work) under NABARD RIDF-XXIX. **Estimated Cost (In lacs). :-** 993.56 **Starting date for downloading Bid. :-** 19/09/2024, 10.00 AM. **Earnest Money (In lacs). :-** 19.87 **Deadline for submission of Bid. :-** 02/10/2024 (5.00 PM) **Eligible Contractor. :-** 'A' Class.

The bidders are advised to note other details of tender from the department website .www.hptenders.gov in. **Date of opening of tender is 03/10/2024 at 11.00 AM.**

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Important Dates	
Availability of Information Bulletin	7th September 2024 onwards
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HC slams Kerala for not taking action on Hema report for 4 yrs

Provide SIT Full Copy Of Report To Suggest Measures, State Govt Told

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Kochi: Kerala high court Tuesday said it was taken aback by the state govt's inaction for four years on the Justice K Hema Committee report on working conditions of women in Malayalam film industry.

"When the state govt is apprised of a malady in society and commission of several offences, what is the bare minimum govt has to do? We are curious, rather, we are perplexed or taken aback by the inaction on part of the state," remarked the special division bench of Justices A K Jayasankaran Nambiar and C S Sudha while reviewing petitions related to the committee report.

The bench has directed the state to provide full copy of the report, including redacted pages and annexures, to the SIT to suggest requisite action. SIT, constituted to probe complaints of sexual assault/harassment in the industry, has been asked to submit within two weeks a detailed report in a sealed cover on potential action based on the committee findings. The court also instructed the state to file a counter affidavit along with SIT's action-taken report. It has posted the matter to Oct 3 for further hearing.

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We are curious, rather, perplexed or taken aback by the inaction on part of the state, the HC said, and sought SIT's action-taken report

"The report prima facie reveals multiple offences under IPC and Pocso Act. It also refers to non-sexual issues, such as remuneration. Action should be taken, and if a victim does not wish to prosecute, so be it. But why can't an investigation begin?" the bench said.

Leader of opposition V D Satheesan welcomed the HC decision and said this is exactly what the opposition had demanded. He said it was a setback for govt which tried to protect the "predators".

During the hearing, the bench sought details of action taken on the report. Advocate general K Gopalakrishna Kurup replied that SIT was formed on Aug 25 and 23 cases registered.

The advocate general argued the committee was tasked with identifying issues faced by women in cinema and proposing solutions. The report was forwarded to the director general of police in 2021. Additionally, a committee was formed in 2023 to draft a cinema policy for the state. Kurup informed court that he had the full report with him and it could be handed over in a sealed cover as directed by the court. But the bench instructed him to keep it in safe custody in his office until required later.

Former fiancee accuses AASU gen secy of sex assault, files FIR

Guwahati: All Assam Students' Union (AASU) on Tuesday asked its general secretary Sankor Jyoti Baruah to go on leave after his former fiancee, an AASU member, lodged an FIR accusing him of sexual assault and intimidation. The woman, who hails from Nagaon district in central Assam, claimed that Baruah deceived her while promising to marry her and then assaulted and threatened her, reports **Kangkan Kalita**.

A case has been registered against Baruah, based on the FIR filed by her at Dispur police station. He has been charged for sexual assault and criminal intimidation. According to her complaint, Baruah established physical relationship on the pretext of marrying her.

Baruah admitted that he had a relationship with her, he refrained from discussing the matter.

Kol actor lodges plaint with cops over kiss; innocent, says director

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Kolkata: The actor who has accused director **Arindam Sil** of kissing her in public without consent during a film shoot earlier this year lodged a police complaint late Monday, leading to an FIR. Sil affirmed faith in the judicial system, saying he has proof of his innocence.



The FIR was registered under sections 354 (using force to outrage the modesty of a woman) and 509 of IPC, which pertains to the act of insulting a woman's modesty through words, gestures or actions.

Speaking to **TOI**, the actor pointed out that despite issuing a letter of apology to her before West Bengal Commission for Women (WBCW), Sil continued to engage in falsehood.

"Given the criminal nature of his actions, I decided to lodge an FIR to ensure he faces exemplary punishment. On April 3, he touched me inappropriately and kissed me on my cheek, despite the fact that the scene he was describing did not even involve a kiss. Rather, it was meant to be shot in a manner that merely implied one," she said.

The actor added: "To exacerbate the situation, my co-actor began making sexually explicit and tasteless jokes, further contributing to my discomfort. When I mustered the courage to confront the director (Sil) about his behaviour, he dismissively mocked me, saying, 'Oh, didn't you like it?' I was appalled that someone could have the audacity to comment this way. I retreated to the make-up room and informed the owner of the production company (my employer). However, I received no immediate response."

(Inputs from Monotosh Chakraborty)

Didi 'responsive' to probe panel idea

Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee was on Tuesday learnt to have been "responsive" to the idea of setting up a panel on the lines of Kerala's Hema Committee to probe alleged sexual abuse in the Bengali film industry. The suggestion came from actor Ritabhari Chakraborty, who had approached the CM late last month and met her Tuesday, reports **Priyanka Dasgupta.** Chakraborty confirmed the move. "She has assigned senior ministers to study the Hema Committee report to understand how the investigation was conducted and how the question-answer sessions were carried out," Chakraborty told **TOI.**

13 law officers now as 6 new ASGs appointed

New Delhi: For the first time, the Union govt will have full strength of 13 law officers to represent it in SC with the appointment of six new faces, senior advocates drawn from various states and some having domain expertise, as additional solicitors general, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

In addition to existing ASGs — S V Raju, N Venkataraman, K M Natraj, Aishwarya Bhati and Vikramjit Banerjee, the appointments committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved appointment of senior advocates S Dwarkanath, Archana P Dave, Satya Darshi Sanjay, Brijender Chahar, Raghvendra P Shankar and Rajkumar B Thakare (Raja Thakare) as ASGs for the SC.

With the addition of six more the strength of ASGs will increase to 11, in addition to top law officers in attorney general R Venkataramani and solicitor general Tushar Mehta.

ED: K'taka ex-mantri used scam funds for T'gana Cong campaign

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Bengaluru: Mobile phone evidence from Vijay Kumar Gowda, personal assistant of former Congress minister B Nagendra, revealed bundles of cash, amounting to around Rs 20 crore, were used to purchase liquor during Lok Sabha elections in Telangana, says the chargesheet filed by Enforcement Directorate in the multi-crore Valmiki corporation scam in Karnataka.

The chargesheet, running into 5,114 pages and containing statements by 15 witnesses, was filed at the special court for elected representatives, and names Nagendra, Satyanarayana Verma (Hyderabad), Etakari Satyanarayana (Telangana), J G Padmanabha (former MD of the corporation) and 20 others.

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"The conspiracy begins with Padmanabha being appointed MD of Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd. Prime accused Nagendra held private meetings with other suspects and close associates, and in one of them, he directed Padmanabha to open a new bank account and deposit the money. This meeting was held outside the corporation office," said the chargesheet.

"There are largescale cash deposits made by Nagendra and his associates, and the former minister has failed to explain them. Nagendra is instrumental in conspiring, attempting to destroy evidence and misuse of funds," it adds.

ED had on July 12 arrested Nagendra after raiding his residence, Valmiki corporation office and other places. The scam was unearthed after Valmiki corporation official P Chandrasekaran, allegedly involved in auditing and coordinating with Union Bank of India, died by suicide at his house in Shivamogga on May 26. His six-page suicide note detailed the fraud and the people involved.

Nagendra, who was the minister for sports, youth services and ST welfare then, resigned on June 6.

Shomie Das, who headed Mayo, Sanawar & Doon, and was tutor to King Charles, passes at 89

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New Delhi: Shomie Ranjan Das, the only person to have been headmaster of India's trinity — first at Mayo College, and then Sanawar, before returning to his alma mater, the Doon School, founded by his grandfather Satish Ranjan Das — passed away in Hyderabad on Monday. He was 89.

The educationist, a legend in the Indian school system who influenced generations of students, and the current King of England, is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Shomie to his friends, or "Headie" affectionately to his students, was a liberal educationist who was born Aug 28, 1935. After school, he attended St Xavier's College in Kolkata and then studied physics at the University of Cambridge. Das then taught at Gordonstoun in the 1960s. He was a tutor and physics teacher to King Charles, then Prince of Wales, who he had described to UK's Mail on Sunday as "the best schoolboy Macbeth" he had seen. Decades later, talk persisted of a "curry bet" that Charles had lost and owed a few quid.

Many of the things he learned at Gordonstoun, described by King Charles as "Colditz in kilts", would be put to good effect at Sanawar where he ensured privilege ended at the platform for the train to school. His students travelled 3rd class, ate stale bread and butter or doggies (ship's biscuit) with sweet tea for Chhota Hazri, ran the mile, and were allowed Rs 7 a week, if at all.



Das' approach to education was to continue it outside the classroom, be it trekking up a mountain pass in a blizzard or sending students off to fight forest fires. His former students said he would reward intelligent curiosity with opportunity and unintelligent adventure with humour or the cane. One of his students, Tushita Patel, recalled him as "delightfully light, and gentle with weaker students". Another, Omar Abdullah, former J&K chief minster, said, "Headie showed me Halley's Comet through a telescope in his back garden. For that reason and many more he will always be one of the greatest teachers I've had the privilege to know and be taught by."

He loved the outdoors, trekking, and adventure, and was a terrible shot. "His nemesis in Sanawar, 'Cut-Lip the Monkey', lived on to sire many more of his brood," an ex-student recalled.

Teachers who worked with him remember an individualistic man of great knowledge and greater humility. Samik Ghosh, who taught physics at Sanawar and was later headmaster of Scindia School Gwalior, said Das would often come to the lab to help his teachers with experiments and "wasn't above operating a copier" if the need arose. "'Never align yourself with anybody or any group, and do what you have to do,'" is the advice Ghosh remembers receiving when he set out to be a headmaster himself.

Pathways Gurgaon school director Capt Rohit S Bajaj, who was both taught by and taught under Das, described his attitude as "bold and futuristic".

The Doon School condoled his death, saying his "dedication to education, coupled with his humility and wisdom, earned him the respect of both his students and colleagues".

The Lawrence School, Sanawar described Das as "an integral part" of the school from May 1974 to March 1988. "He will forever be remembered with love and respect by generations" of students, it said.

TECH I'D LIKE TO SEE

APP THAT INTEGRATES ALL MOBILITY NEEDS



In today's digital-driven world, imagine having one app that could solve all our diverse mobility needs, akin to how we access food, clothing, or essentials today. I am intrigued by the idea of a mobility integration app consolidating various modes of transportation into a single, user-friendly interface. Whether it is a bike for a quick commute, a car for a leisurely drive, an auto or rickshaw for short trips, or even larger vehicles like buses, helicopters, airplanes, etc, for longer journeys, the platform will always have our back. With the innovative Mobility Integration App, convenience and accessibility will be at our fingertips, and we will be relieved from the constant hassle and juggle of finding the right transportation option. As technological advancements shape the future of mobility to be clean and green, an application like this will not only simplify user experiences, but will also support sustainability by encouraging shared mobility.

Ashok Vashist | FOUNDER & CEO, WTICABS



BFSI GCCs are a $20-billion biz, and growing at over 16%

Covid prompts a renewed surge as banks seek to become Amazons

Sujit John & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

Global capability centres (GCCs) in the BFSI (banking, financial services & insurance) vertical in India may be much bigger and growing much faster than previously thought. They are also bringing in lots of jobs, but some of it may also be a replacement of jobs that previously went to IT services companies in India.

A study by consulting firms Wizmatic and EY (Ernst & Young), shared exclusively with Times Techies, finds that the segment's revenue has grown from $13.4 billion in 2020 to $20.8 billion in 2023. That's a phenomenal CAGR of 16%. And if this growth continues, the revenue is estimated to touch $24.6 billion in 2024. The segment employs nearly 5.4 lakh people.

Nobody has previously tried to estimate such segment revenues. Nasscom and consulting firm Zinnov have been doing estimates of overall GCC revenue in India. The figure they had for FY23 was $46 billion. And they said GCC revenue had a CAGR of 11.4% between FY15 and FY23. But these are estimates based on data from select GCCs. They arrive at an employee billing figure for different categories of businesses, and then multiply these billing rates with the estimation of the number of employees in each category.

Wizmatic and EY, on the contrary, have gone through the balance sheets (RoC filings) of 130 BFSI GCCs, identified the revenues ascribed to work done for parent companies (in contrast to India sales, for instance), to arrive at their figures. In February, we had reported that Wizmatic had done a similar exercise for some 1,000 global companies, and arrived at a total GCC revenue figure of $120 billion ($103 billion if we exclude foreign IT services companies) – more than twice the Nasscom figure.

"We initially thought the revenue figure (for BFSI) may be $10-12 billion, but it's actually $20-25 bn," Manoj Marwah, financial services GCC Leader at EY India, says, adding that even the average employee billing rate for some of the companies they audit was much higher than they had assumed.

Black swan events

Marwah says two black swan events have happened in the past 15-16 years that have led to a surge in BFSI GCCs in India. The first was the 2008 financial crisis that led to govts sharply tightening banking regulations. The US, for instance, saw the Dodd-Frank Act. "It forced financial institutions to relook at their business, the exposures they have, their credit models, they had to file more reports to regulators. It was a massive exercise. And they couldn't have done it if not for their GCCs," he says.

The other event was Covid. Before Covid, Marwah says, the US and Europe still had a lot of branch banking. But Covid made everyone realise they need digital banking, mobile banking. "Everyone wanted to become an Amazon or Netflix. That required a lot of tech people, lot of people to handle data. And those dependent on third parties (IT services providers) found they could not respond as quickly as they wanted. So they started insourcing more and more work. Financial institutions were also wary of employees of third parties taking customer calls sitting at home," he says.

Gaurav Ahluwalia, partner and people consulting leader for financial services in EY India, says majority of IT spending is now inhouse. "Some still outsource more than doing it inhouse, but they are also rethinking, because the skills are now available to do it. It's about getting the right balance that works to serve business needs," he says.

Sandeep Panat, founding partner at Wizmatic Consulting, says a lot more work could come to India. He notes that JPMorgan's overall technology spend globally exceeds $15 billion, but its India GCC generates just over $2 billion.

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As we noted in our lead story last week, global companies can get their work done in India far more cost effectively in a GCC than even in a third-party. And today there's plenty of high-quality talent, and great leadership. Companies are recognising that insourcing certain capabilities allows them to innovate more rapidly and respond to market demands with greater agility.

For BFSI in particular, putting operations and business people together with tech people under one GCC roof is proving to be a deadly combination. With this model, India is even able to deliver really complex work done by the likes of Citco, a service provider to hedge funds and large PE firms. Amit Verma, country head for Citco Group Services India, says they need highly qualified chartered accountants and other finance professionals to do work like fund accounting, management of funds, valuation, publishing of NAVs and financial reports, treasury management, risk reporting, tax reporting. Initially Citco needed to develop people to do this work. But given the growth in the BFSI ecosystem, Verma says India today has a lot of talent. And Citco's India GCC today accounts for nearly a third of its global workforce.







BFSI IS UNDERGOING MASSIVE TRANSFORMATION GLOBALLY



"The BFSI industry is undergoing a significant transformation, driven by the rise of fintech startups that are disrupting traditional banking models. To stay competitive and meet the evolving expectations of younger, tech-savvy customers, all major players are doubling down on technology investments, with allocation of around 10% of their global revenue to technology spend annually. This spending is expected to increase, with a growing emphasis on "change the bank" initiatives that drive innovation & digital transformation, over the routine "run the bank" operations.

Sandeep Panat | FOUNDING PARTNER, WIZMATIC CONSULTING



I was in the US east coast recently, and realised there is a massive number of tier-2 financial services players, with assets under management of less than a trillion dollars. They could all be potentially setting up a GCC in India, because it's become so easy to set up a GCC. Historically, European banks did not come to India to establish GCCs because of language issues, they went to East Europe, to places like Poland, Romania. Now, because of the Ukraine war, they don't want to go to East Europe. For tech, they want to come to India.

Manoj Marwah | FINANCIAL SERVICES GCC LEADER, EY INDIA



Older GCCs like HSBC, JPMorgan took time to get to where they are. But newer ones need not go through all the stages that the older ones went through. Because there's excellent leadership in GCCs. There's every kind of talent required – product, business, UI/UX, design – to build a product or platform. Today, work requires teaming – operations and tech coming together in a far more integral way than before. And that's what's happening in GCCs. Their workforce can see end-to-end.

Gaurav Ahluwalia | PARTNER AND PEOPLE CONSULTING LEADER FOR FINANCIAL SERVICES, EY INDIA



Our first 1,000 people (in India GCC) took three years, because we had to develop and support the talent for the high-end work we do. At the beginning of 2022, we were 1,800 people. And then it exploded. Our numbers doubled in two years. We are at 4,000, out of our global base of 13,000, and I expect it will touch 5,000 soon. The growth was driven partly by the growth in the private wealth management and alternative investment markets.

Amit Verma | COUNTRY GENERAL MANAGER, CITCO GROUP SERVICES INDIA



We are 15,000 people in India now. And we are across the enterprise – in operations, technology and business. This allows us to bring people (from different functions) together and do outcome-based work, drive impact. India is a natural place for this. It also allows our talent to move into different roles they aspire to – engineering, risk, sales, product. In mature GCCs, opportunities for talent multiply – you can go deep into your domain, or you can go across functions and have a ringside view of the business. That's a huge advantage.

Sudish Panicker | MD, GLOBAL HEAD OF ACCOUNTING SERVICES, OPERATIONS AND SITE EXECUTIVE, BNY, INDIA



We have 7,000 employees in India across Bengaluru and Chennai. One of the work we have done is on Saifr, an AI-focused regulatory technology solution that assists financial services clients in the review and approval of public communications to help mitigate brand, regulatory, and reputational risk. Saifr has established an applied research team in India dedicated to developing cutting-edge AI components. The team has made remarkable contributions, not only in spearheading the development of state-of-the-art AI models but also in driving innovation through patents.

Vijay Kishan Radhakrishna | HEAD, FIDELITY WEALTH, INDIA, AND REGIONAL CHAIR, FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INDIA



Standard Chartered Global Business Services (GBS) India was the first global capability centre for Standard Chartered – set up in 2000. We initially started with just 370 staff in Chennai and now we have a vast talent pool of over 23,000 colleagues with our footprint spread across Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai. Over the last two decades, we have grown to cover a vast suite of functions: technology, finance, HR, financial crime surveillance, cash and trade operations, etc, and enabled the bank to provide best-in-class consumer experience. While our Chennai centre has become the bank's backbone for operations, our Bengaluru centre is the technology hub for the organisation. With an increase in global leadership roles being domiciled at GBS India, we now contribute to drive central strategy and decision making.

Venkatakrishnan Subramaniam | HR HEAD - CHENNAI, STANDARD CHARTERED GBS INDIA



Given our early entry into the GCC space in India, we have had the benefit of being fairly mature in our capability offerings. From where we started a couple of decades ago, there is end-to-end global ownership of many technologies and operational processes being handled out of our GCC today. These directly impact key digital transformation and global customer experience initiatives of the bank. This has also been a direct result of the maturing talent base that the Indian GCC ecosystem has to offer across cities.

Pradeep Menon | MD & HEAD, HSBC TECHNOLOGY INDIA



Web3 gaming holds big promise, but there are risks



"Web3 is about rebuilding a web that puts users first, with data fully in their control. In gaming, it's asking: can you just own things in a game? What does that mean? If users have ownership, what do they do with it? It's like Pokemon cards - just paper, yet they retain value. The exciting thought is: even if you quit a game, you can keep your assets. That alone might change your relationship with video games fundamentally.

Kevin Lin | CEO OF METATHEORY & CO-FOUNDER OF TWITCH

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Kevin Lin, co-founder of Twitch and CEO of Metatheory, is a veteran of the streaming industry, and is now at the forefront of a new revolution: web3 gaming.

"To me, web3 is really about a new chance at a new data system that puts users first," Lin explains. "It puts data more in control or fully in control of the users, and allows us to rebuild a web with that as a starting position."

This vision of a decentralised internet, where users have unprecedented control over their digital assets and data, is at the heart of the web3 movement. And nowhere is this paradigm shift more apparent - or more contentious - than in the gaming industry.

Lin's latest venture, Metatheory, is building games on blockchain technology. But what exactly does this mean for gamers and the industry at large?

At its core, web3 gaming promises to revolutionise the concept of ownership within virtual worlds. "Can you just own things in a game? And what does that mean?" Lin posits. "Do users actually want that? And if they have it, what do they do with it?"

These questions strike at the heart of a growing debate in the gaming community. For years, gamers have spent real money on virtual items - skins, weapons, characters - that exist only within the confines of a specific game. With blockchain tech, the promise is that these digital assets could have value and utility beyond their original context.

Lin draws a parallel to the physical world of collectibles. " Pokemon cards are the best example of this," he says. "It's just a piece of paper printed on a machine designed by an artist and a game design team. And yet they retain value."

The idea is compelling. Imagine spending countless hours building up a character in a game like "Final Fantasy VII: Rebirth," only to have all that progress become worthless once you've finished the game. In a web3 world, you might be able to sell that character to another player, recouping some of your investment of time and potentially money.

However, the road to this digital utopia is fraught with challenges. The most glaring issue is the current state of web3 games themselves. "I don't think anything's working that well yet," Lin admits candidly.

Many early attempts at web3 gaming have focused more on speculation than on creating engaging gameplay experiences. Games like "Axie Infinity" saw meteoric rises followed by spectacular crashes, as players flocked to the games not for fun, but for the promise of financial gain.

"Unfortunately, that game ended up collapsing in on itself for multiple reasons," Lin says. "But I think one of the fundamental reasons is that the economy itself was really thin."

This get-rich-quick mentality has cast a shadow over the entire web3 gaming space. Traditional gamers have pushed back against the integration of blockchain technology into their favourite franchises, viewing it as an unwelcome intrusion of financial speculation into their hobby.

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Lin acknowledges these concerns. "Existing games like Final Fantasy, let's say... If you suddenly change that financial relationship, your customer promise is shattered," he explains. "It's confusing from a consumer perspective."

The focus, Lin says, should always be on creating compelling gameplay experiences first, with blockchain integration serving as an enhancement rather than the main attraction.

AI & Blockchain

Lin is most excited about the potential for AI to democratise game creation, allowing anyone to become a game developer. This, combined with blockchain tech, could lead to a future where games are not just played, but co-created by communities.

However, this future is not without its potential pitfalls either. As game creation becomes easier, the market risks becoming oversaturated. "There's going to be infinite noise," Lin warns. "There's going to be infinite games coming out every day."

LAM BREAKS GROUND ON NEW SYSTEMS LAB IN INDIA



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➤ Lam Research, which provides critical equipment to semiconductor foundries of companies like Intel, Samsung and TSMC, broke ground this week on a new systems lab at its India Centre for Engineering in Bengaluru. **The new facility will enable Lam engineers in India to design, test, and validate semiconductor manufacturing processes and equipment on site and on tool**, with active chemistries and realistic test parameters, enabling significantly shortened design cycles.

➤ Sesha Varadarajan, senior VP at Lam's global products group, said that as chipmaking becomes ever-more complex, **"there is growing need for greater collaboration and global engagement of expertise, intellectual property and materials."** He said the addition of a systems lab will allow the company to further capitalise on the quality of technical talent in India.

➤ **Over half of Lam's R&D resources are based in India.** On the software side, the India team does work that enables precision control of foundry machines. On the hardware side, mechanical engineers and material scientists combine to design components that can withstand the chemically aggressive environments in foundries.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

Blockchain

Blockchain is a decentralised, distributed ledger technology that records transactions across a network of computers. Each transaction is grouped into a block and linked chronologically to previous blocks, forming a chain. Once data is added to a block, it is nearly impossible to alter without changing every subsequent block, ensuring security and transparency. Blockchain relies on cryptographic techniques and consensus mechanisms like proof-of-work or proof-of-stake to validate transactions. It eliminates the need for intermediaries, making it ideal for secure, transparent systems like cryptocurrencies, supply chains, and smart contracts, where trust and data integrity are essential.

TAIWANESE CO OPENS R&D CENTRE

➤ Taiwan's Delta Electronics, components supplier to companies such as Tesla and the Indian space agency Isro, **inaugurated a global R&D centre (R&D) in Bengaluru** in extension to its existing facility.

➤ Delta is expected to employ up **to 750 R&D engineers over the next 3 years** to strengthen its capabilities in developing energy-saving high-voltage power management solutions for telecom, data centres, electric vehicle charging and energy storage applications.

➤ The centre is equipped with **advanced labs for high-voltage product testing, medium voltage power quality assessment and a radio emission chamber.**

➤ "This new R&D centre reflects our vision for the future. It is designed to be a hub for innovation, focusing on the latest advancements in power electronics while maintaining a strong commitment to sustainability," Niranjan Nayak, MD, Delta Electronics India, said.

—Supriya Roy



(From left) James NG, chairman, Delta Electronics Thailand, Sharath Kumar, chairman, Keonics, Baushuan Ger, Taiwan's representative to India, Ping Cheng, chairman & CEO, Delta Electronics, and Mark Ko, vice chairman, Delta Electronics

CAREER LADDER FOR WOMEN

Entrepreneurship is a marathon, not a sprint

Neha Singh

As a woman founder, I eagerly await the day when conversations shift from increasing the percentage of women leaders in tech to celebrating our collective impact on the industry. Growing up in an academically inclined environment, the journey of entrepreneurship was like a road less travelled or perhaps the road never travelled! Now after 11 years of Tracxn, to all the budding women entrepreneurs, one thing I would really like to say is, dream big and you will be surprised at what you can achieve.

We all know that technology is an ever-evolving landscape. Our curiosity can even serve as a compass, guiding us through it, but once we're through, is curiosity enough?

➤ **Cultivating a solutions-focused mindset has been crucial in my journey**. Challenges are inevitable, but fixating on your problems can only hinder progress. I've had to train myself to approach obstacles as opportunities for innovation and learn that if you can't connect the dots looking forward, look backwards.

➤ Our desires fuel our journey. I always felt inclined towards building something of my own but I wasn't exposed to it. I sought the path that led me to where I am today by taking up jobs in consulting and venture capital investing. **If there isn't a clear-cut path for you to walk on, forge your own path**. Your footsteps might become the blueprint for someone else to follow.

➤ I've built the company from the ground up, and as a leader, **I've learned to surround myself with a diverse and talented team because a big part of leading is recognising where you lack**. Turning your limitations into an opportunity to expand and lean on the collective strengths of your team is paramount.

The journey of entrepreneurship is a marathon not a sprint after all. It's about endurance in the long run.

Neha Singh is co-founder of Tracxn



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LOOK FOR JOY IN YOUR LIFE; IT'S NOT ALWAYS EASY TO FIND — CHARLES KURALT



SELENA GOMEZ SAYS SHE CAN'T CARRY HER OWN CHILDREN DUE TO MED ISSUES: 'IT WOULD PUT MY LIFE AND BABY'S IN DANGER'



EX-BOND GIRL GEMMA ARTERTON SAYS A DIRECTOR ONCE PUSHED HER TO DO SEX SCENE: 'I WAS ABLE TO REFUSE AS I WASN'T A NEWBIE'

Will Kamala vs Trump debate outcome move poll needle? US holds its breath

Face-Off Could Be Crucial Deciding Factor For Voters

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The latest CNN Poll of Polls averaging six other polls shows Kamala Harris marginally ahead of Donald Trump 49-48, which is within the margin of error

Washington: A British writer once likened public opinion polls to "children in a garden, digging things up all the time to see how they're growing". If that is so, America's pundits and pollsters—aka political children—are laying waste to the garden of diverse and ever-changing public opinion. On the eve of the only scheduled prez debate in Philadelphia on Tuesday night, Republicans and Democrats are carving up polls to claim their candidate is ahead, leaving the voting public baffled.

The latest CNN Poll of Polls averaging six other polls shows Kamala Harris marginally ahead of Donald Trump 49-48, which is within the margin of error. While there is broad consensus in the polling community that Harris' momentum following her elevation to the top of the ticket has tapered off, less clear is whether Trump's campaign has re-energised: At best, it is described as 'holding steady'.

But within those polls, both sides are cherry-picking data to argue they have the upper hand — such as, Trump is ahead when economy or immigration are factors; and Harris is ahead if age and cognitive functions are factors. On Tuesday, Harris supporters wheeled out a poll showing she was within two points in Florida, considered a Trump pocketborough; the Trump campaign gloated over jumping into a 49-46 lead among independents, a 14-point shift from Aug when Harris commanded an 11-point lead in a field that had multiple candidates.

The big question now is whether a decisively positive performance by one or the other candidate — or a fiasco for either — will move the poll needle categorically one way or the other. On current form, it seems unlikely — because in a deeply polarised America, both sides seem set to argue that their candidate won the debate, their perspective coloured by inherent bias. But few prez debates in US political history have been so keenly anticipated and have had so much tension preceding it. In fact, so toxic is the partisan divide ahead of the debate that there are doubts if the two candidates — who have never met in person — will even shake hands at the 90-minute, no-audience event to be hosted in Philadelphia by ABC News.

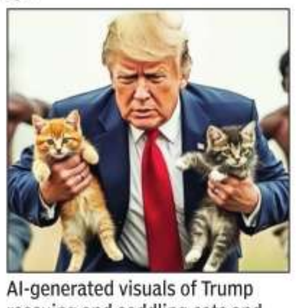
US polls going to dogs as MAGA fuels 'immigrants eat cats' frenzy

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Washington: Bogus stories that immigrants from Haiti are eating neighbourhood pets and ducks from public parks in a mid-western US town exploded in public sphere on the eve of the prez debate as MAGA activists sought to put Kamala Harris on the back foot on the hot button immigration issue.

Sketchy reports and unsubstantiated rumours about grisly excesses by Haitian immigrants in Springfield, Ohio, had been circulating on the fringes of social media for days before Donald Trump, Elon Musk and other MAGA principals amplified it this week, adding to an already fervid tirade against illegal immigration.

Springfield, an Ohio town of around 50,000 people, is reported to have up to 15,000 immigrants under an Immigration Parole Programme that gives them temporary protected status. There is an undercurrent of resentment among some locals who have had to share social services and foot the bill for taking care of them. In an effort to fire up his nativist base, Trump has repeatedly invoked dodgy reports of Venezuelan gangs taking over apartment complexes in Colorado, warning his MAGA flock that soon their homes will be stolen from them. He now has a powerful ally in Musk, who, notwithstanding the fact that he is himself a South African immigrant, amplified several unsubstantiated reports about "illegal aliens overrunning the country, eating everything from pet cats to bald eagles", and violently taking over American homes.



AI-generated visuals of Trump rescuing and coddling cats and ducks flooded the MAGA-sphere

"Mad Max is becoming real fast," Musk wrote on X Monday, in response to a post about Venezuelan gangs taking over a hotel in El Paso, Texas, referring to an Australian movie series about social collapse and dystopian future. Musk also argued that unchecked immigration into the US would result in perpetual one-party regime because immigrants would end up voting for Democrats.

Trump himself has repeatedly talked up another bogus story about US public schools forcibly subjecting children to sex change operations. On Monday, his campaign gave credence to the grisly "Haitians eating cats" story with a social media post that read: "President Trump will deport migrants who eat pets. Kamala Harris will send them to your town next. Make your choice, America."

Trump's running mate JD Vance posted a video of himself discussing migration, saying, "Reports now show that people have had their pets abducted and eaten by people who shouldn't be in this country. Where is our border czar?"

The crude exercise of linking Harris to such incidents on the eve of the prez debate appears to be aimed at portraying her as a fifth columnist out to destroy America by streaming in millions of immigrants.

The "Haitians eating cats in Springfield" rumour appeared to originate in an incident in Canton, Ohio, some 100 km away, where a woman named Telia Ferrell was arrested for killing a cat. In a video shared on social media, the police are heard asking her "Did you eat that cat?" without any response from the woman, who appears to be in a daze. Ferrell is said to be a US citizen with no links to Haiti.

Google and Apple face billions in penalties after losing EU appeals

Apple lost its court fight over a €13bn Irish tax bill and Google lost its challenge over a €2.4bn fine for abusing its market power

Apple Inc. lost its court fight over a 13 billion euros ($14.4 billion) Irish tax bill and Google lost its challenge over a 2.4 billion euros fine for abusing its market power, in a double boost to the EU's crackdown on Big Tech.

The EU's Court of Justice in Luxembourg backed a landmark 2016 decision that Ireland broke state-aid law by giving Apple an unfair advantage. In another victory for the EU's antitrust chief Margrethe Vestager, the same court ruled that Google illegally leveraged its search-engine dominance to give a higher ranking to its own product listings. Vestager made Apple and Alphabet Inc.'s Google top targets after taking up her role in 2014.

The Apple decision was by far the biggest in her decade-long campaign for tax fairness, which has also targeted the likes of Amazon.com Inc and carmaker Stellantis NV's Fiat. Vestager has argued that selective tax benefits to big firms are illegal state aid that are banned in the EU. "It's important to show European taxpayers that once in a while, tax justice can be done," Vestager told reporters in Brussels in response to questions on her Apple win.

Apple's CEO Tim Cook previously blasted as "total political crap" the EU's 2016 move to order the firm to pay 13 billion euros in back taxes, while the commission's 2017 fine against Google was levelled for abusing its search dominance to give a higher ranking to its own product listings. Vestager ordered Ireland to claw back the sum, which amounts to about two quarters of Mac sales globally. The money has been sitting in an escrow account pending a final ruling. Ireland must now decide what to do with its unwanted windfall.

"We are disappointed with today's decision as previously the general court reviewed the facts and categorically annulled this case," an Apple spokesperson said. The company expects to record a one-time income tax charge of about $10 billion in the fiscal fourth quarter ending Sept 28 as a result of the ruling, increasing its effective tax rate for the period. Apple shares were down 0.9% at $218.95 in premarket trading at about 9.15am New York time.

Separately, a Google spokesperson said that the company is "disappointed" with the court judgment on its appeal and that a 2017 offer to remedy the EU's concerns helped to generate more clicks for other shopping services.

The EU's focus on Google paved the way for global scrutiny, from the US to the UK. The EU hasn't merely targeted the firm's search dominance. Its shopping case was the first round in a trio of fines that led to penalties totalling more than 8 billion euros. The shopping case "was symbolic because it demonstrated that even the most powerful tech companies could be held accountable," Vestager said. "No one is above the law." BLOOMBERG

Several PTI lawmakers, members detained from outside Pak House

Accused Of Violating Norms At Rally Seeking Imran Release

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Islamabad: Pakistani police have detained several leaders and lawmakers of Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) from parliament's compound, days after the party held a rally and served a two-week ultimatum for the release of the jailed former PM. The detentions followed alleged violation of norms during the rally.

In a separate development, Ali Amin Gandapur, chief minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa from Imran's PTI, went missing from Islamabad for eight hours Monday and emerged in his provincial capital Peshawar Tuesday. Sources said Gandapur was in the custody of an intelligence agency and added that he was quizzed for hours.

Gandapur came under fire for a tirade against the military during PTI's protest-cum-power show on Sunday in Islamabad's suburbs. "Fix your institution, fix your generals, fix yourself. If the founder of PTI (Imran) is not legally released within one to two weeks, we will have him freed ourselves," the CM vowed. While several PTI lawmakers apologised for Gandapur's remarks, Imran defended him, saying he had merely expressed the nation's sentiments. "Party members who have apologised for Gandapur's remarks are weak and cowards. They should not remain in PTI," he was quoted as saying at his prison in Rawalpindi.



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Last week, the federal govt passed a law to "regulate" public gatherings in Islamabad. It set three-year jail terms for participants of "illegal" assemblies, with 10 years for repeat offenders. The Islamabad administration had allowed PTI's Sunday's rally from 4pm till 7pm, but the gathering went on till 11pm. "They were arrested due to violation of the new law," Islamabad police spokesman Taqi Jawad said, referring to PTI arrests, including that of chairman Gohar Khan.

Since his removal from office in April 2022, Imran and his PTI have waged an unprecedented campaign of defiance against the military. The PTI says it has faced a months-long crackdown since protesters allegedly linked to the party attacked govt and military installations on May 9, 2023.

Blinken says Russia received missiles from Iran

London: Russia has received ballistic missiles from Iran and will likely use them in Ukraine within weeks, US secretary of state Antony Blinken said on Tuesday, warning that cooperation between Moscow and Tehran threatens wider European security. Blinken cited intelligence that he said has been shared with US allies and partners around the world

At a news conference in London ahead of a visit to Kyiv he and Britain's foreign secretary David Lammy will make, Blinken said Washington had privately warned Iran that providing ballistic missiles to Russia would be "a dramatic escalation". Blinken said Iran has also trained dozens of Russian military personnel to use its Fath-360 close-range ballistic missile system, which has a maximum range of 75 miles.



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140 UKRAINE DRONES TARGET RUSSIA: Over 140 Ukrainian drones targeted multiple Russian regions overnight, including Moscow (above) and surrounding areas, killing at least one person and injuring eight, officials said on Tuesday, in one of the biggest drone attacks on Russian soil in the 2.5-year war

Russian defence ministry representatives are believed to have signed a contract in Dec with Iranian officials for the Fath-360 and another Iranian ballistic missile system, Reuters reported last month.

A senior Iranian official on Monday denied reports Iran had supplied Russia with ballistic missiles, describing them as "psychological warfare". Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov declined to confirm the reports.

Iran: Weapons transfers report propaganda

Reports of Iranian weapons transfers to Russia are "ugly propaganda" to conceal Western military support to Israel, Iran's foreign ministry said on Tuesday, after Western powers said they would hit Tehran with new sanctions over the issue. REUTERS

The Iranian missiles can be used on closer targets, allowing Russia to use more of its own arsenal for targets that are further from frontline in Ukraine.

Additional US sanctions on Iran will include measures against the airline Iran Air, Blinken said. White House national security spokesperson John Kirby said sanctions would also include individuals and entities in Iran and Russia involved in the delivery of the missiles.

France, Germany and Britain also issued a joint statement condemning Iran and Russia for what they called an escalation, and pledging to impose sanctions on Iran Air and cancel air services agreements with Iran. Britain announced seven new sanctions designations under its Iran sanctions regime and three under its Russia regime. REUTERS

Aus plans minimum age for kids using social media

Australian PM **Anthony Albanese** on Monday took to his social media accounts to announce that his govt wants to set a minimum age to use social media platforms, like TikTok and Instagram, in a move he said was designed to reduce online risks for children. "It's about supporting parents and keeping kids safe," he said in a post on X.

For now, the govt is considering setting the minimum age on children as old as 16, Albanese told the ABC, the national broadcaster, Tuesday. Another option would be to set the age limit slightly lower, perhaps down to 14 years old. The govt, he added, will introduce legislation later this year and test age-verification technology.

If Australia enacts such a law, it would be one of the first govts to forbid young children from using social media. Earlier this year, Florida barred children under 14 from social media.

Instagram and Facebook, which are owned by Meta, TikTok and other social media platforms typically require individuals to be at least 13 to sign up for their services.

There is broad political will in Australia to set age limits for social media. But some experts said these restrictions proposed could backfire. "Banning some social media platforms like Meta or TikTok would drive audiences to other platforms that are less regulated and less safe," said Daniel Angus, the director of the Digital Media Research Centre at the Queensland University of Technology.

Albanese emphasised that staying off online platforms could enrich children's lives. "I want kids to have a childhood. I want them off their devices and onto the footy field and onto the netball courts," he said in a video, referring to sports popular in Australia. NYT

US slams Israeli killing of protester in West Bank, calls it 'unjustified'

US secretary of state Antony Blinken Tuesday demanded an overhaul of Israeli military conduct in the occupied West Bank, bemoaning the fatal shooting of an American protester against settlement expansion. Aysenur Ezgi Eygi, 26, who is also a Turkish national, was shot dead last Friday at a protest march in Beita, a village near Nablus where Palestinians have been repeatedly attacked by far-right Jewish settlers. Israel's military said on Tuesday that it was highly likely its troops had fired the shot that killed her but that her death was unintentional, and it voiced deep regret.

In his strongest comments to date criticising the security forces of Washington's closest West Asian ally, Blinken described Eygi's killing as "unprovoked and unjustified". He said Washington would insist to the Israeli government that it makes changes to how its forces operate in the West Bank. REUTERS

Case against PIO woman for beach prayer collapses

Naomi Canton

Brighton: An Indian-origin woman and her husband are celebrating after charges that would have criminalised her Hindu prayers on the beach were thrown out of court.

Sheila Jacklin (61), a designer born to parents from Andhra Pradesh, was charged with harassment for chanting Sanskrit mantras and performing mudra gestures on the beach near her home in Normans Bay, Brighton, after a couple who bought a home next to her's in 2014 said the gestures were offensive and made around 100 complaints to police.

Sheila's husband Nigel Jacklin (62), a statistician, was charged with assault and harassment. A three-day trial was scheduled to start on Tuesday at Brighton magistrates' court. However, on the first day the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) applied to get the case adjourned. This was refused by the magistrates. The prosecution then offered no evidence and the trial collapsed. It was the second time a harassment case against Sheila over her Hindu prayers on the beach had reached court.

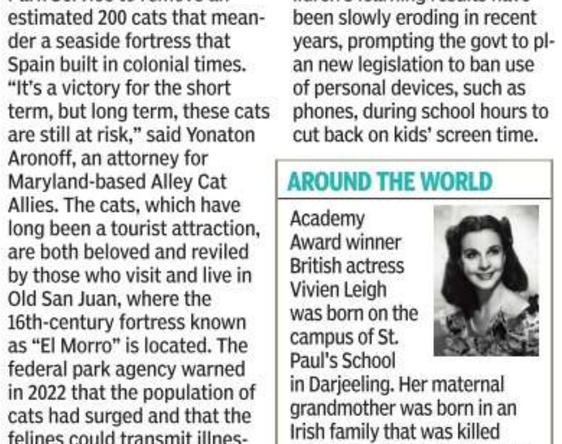
The trial had collapsed the first time in 2019 too. On both occasions complaints were made by neighbours — Stephane Duckett and his American partner Norinne Betjemann. Sheila and Nigel were charged this time with pursuing a course of conduct amounting to harassment against Betjemann by staring into her property, loitering, and intimidating behaviour which caused distress. "I should've the right to practise my religion freely in the UK. The idea I was going to be taken to court for harassment for praying is absurd," Sheila told **TOI** outside court. Nigel added: "We feel this is racist and Hinduphobic."

A Sussex Police spokesman said they conducted an impartial" probe, adding it would continue to do all it could "to protect communities and secure justice for victims of crime".

Isro tracks giant asteroid that will come 'very close' to Earth in 2029

Isro is monitoring a large asteroid that is expected to come very close to Earth in 2029. Asteroid 99942 Apophis, nicknamed the 'God of Chaos', is set to pass remarkably close to Earth on April 13, 2029, at a distance of just 32,000 km — closer than many geostationary satellites, which are parked in a geo orbit of 36,000km altitude from the Earth's surface, reports **Surendra Singh**. With a diameter of approximately 1,100 feet, no other asteroid of this size has ever come so close to our planet. Isro is using Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis (NETRA) to keep a constant eye on Apophis. 'NETRA' is India's indigenously-developed early warning system in space to detect debris and other hazards to Indian satellites. It has given the country its own capability in space situational awareness like other space powers US and Russia. TNN

DAILY PLANET



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SPACEX LAUNCHES CREW FOR 1ST 'PRIVATE SPACEWALK': Four private astronauts blasted into space on Tuesday in a modified SpaceX Crew Dragon capsule, kicking off the company's five-day Polaris Dawn mission, which aims to test new spacesuit designs and conduct the first private spacewalk. The Polaris Dawn spacewalk is planned for the mission's third day at 700km in altitude and will last about 20 minutes

Nine lives intact: US pauses plan to throw out stray cats from Puerto Rico fortress

The US govt has temporarily halted a plan to remove iconic stray cats that live in a historic district in Puerto Rico's capital until a lawsuit opposing the project is resolved, a nonprofit announced Monday. The ruling was cheered by those fighting a decision by the US National Park Service to remove an estimated 200 cats that meander a seaside fortress that Spain built in colonial times. "It's a victory for the short term, but long term, these cats are still at risk," said Yonaton Aronoff, an attorney for Maryland-based Alley Cat Allies. The cats, which have long been a tourist attraction, are both beloved and reviled by those who visit and live in Old San Juan, where the 16th-century fortress known as "El Morro" is located. The federal park agency warned in 2022 that the population of cats had surged and that the felines could transmit illnesses to humans and were likely killing wildlife, adding that the smell of urine and feces enveloped the area. A ruling isn't expected until the first quarter of 2025, Aronoff said.

Books in, screens out: Finnish pupils go back to basics after tech push

This autumn, pupils in the Finnish town of Riihimaki headed back to school with backpacks full of books after a decade of state-backed promotion of laptops and other digital devices in the classroom. Until recently, many schools in Finland gave laptops for free to all pupils from as early as age 11. But Finnish parents and teachers have become increasingly concerned over the impact of screens on children. Across Finland, children's learning results have been slowly eroding in recent years, prompting the govt to plan new legislation to ban use of personal devices, such as phones, during school hours to cut back on kids' screen time.

AROUND THE WORLD

Academy Award winner British actress Vivien Leigh was born on the campus of St. Paul's School in Darjeeling. Her maternal grandmother was born in an Irish family that was killed during the 1857 war of Indian independence and she grew up as an orphan.

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James Earl Jones, acclaimed actor and voice of Darth Vader & Mufasa, dies

Los Angeles: American actor James Earl Jones, an imposing stage and screen presence who overcame a childhood stutter to develop a stentorian voice recognised the world over as intergalactic villain Darth Vader, died Monday at the age of 93 .

Jones had a great physical presence on stage and television, as well as in movies, but he would have been a star even if his face was never seen because his voice had a career of its own. The resonating bass could instantly command respect — as with the sage father Mufasa in "The Lion King", — or instill fear as the rasping Vader in the "Star Wars" films.

Jones laughed when a BBC interviewer asked if he resented being so closely tied to Darth Vader, a role that required only his voice for a few lines while another actor did the on-screen work in costume. "I love being part of that whole myth, of that whole cult," he said, adding that he was glad to oblige fans who asked for a command recital of his "I am your father" line to Luke Skywalker, played by Mark Hamill. "#RIP dad," Hamill wrote on X on Monday with a broken heart emoji above a story about the death of Jones. Jones said he never made much money off the Darth Vader part — only $9,000 for the first film. He did not even ask to be in the credits of the first two "Star Wars" movies.

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Jones overcame a childhood stutter to develop a stentorian voice recognised the world over

His long list of awards included Tonys for "The Great White Hope" in 1969 and "Fences" in 1987 on Broadway and Emmys in 1991 for "Gabriel's Fire" and "Heat Wave" on television. He also won a Grammy for best spoken word album, "Great American Documents" in 1977. Although he never won a competitive Academy award, he was nominated for best actor for the film version of "The Great White Hope" and was given an honorary Oscar in 2011.

He began his film career playing Lt Luther Zogg in Stanley Kubrick's 1964 "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb". Later acclaimed movie roles included novelist Terence Mann in 1989's "Field of Dreams" and South African Reverend Stephen Kumalo in 1995's "Cry, the Beloved Country".Jones also was heard in dozens of TV commercials and for years CNN used his authoritative "This is CNN" to introduce its newscasts.

Jones was born on Jan 17, 1931, in the tiny community of Arkabutla, Mississippi, to a family with a mixed ethnic background of Irish, African and Cherokee. Jones was about 5 years old when he quit speaking because of his stutter. He was mostly silent for a decade until a ploy by his high school English teacher got him to speak up. Jones learned to control his stutter and became interested in acting. A popular theater draw for decades, his Shakespeare leading roles included Hamlet, Macbeth, King Lear and Othello.

Jones was a trailblazing black actor, winning big roles in racially charged movies and plays that broke ground for black actors that came after him. But Jones, who first found fame at the height of Civil Rights movement in 1960s and 1970s, largely kept himself out of direct action on race issues. Citing his stutter, he said he preferred to let his work do the talking. REUTERS

X/Empire State Building

The Empire State Building in NYC paid homage to the actor with the projection of a Darth Vader image

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Strength Of India Squad Raises Hopes Of Higher-Placed Finish

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India's ability to handle expectations will be severely tested when their two teams start the Olympiad campaign in Budapest, Hungary, from Wednesday.

While the Open (men) team is seeded second in the 11-round Swiss League team championship, just behind USA, the women are the top seeds. The absence of Russia — banned from the team events due the Ukraine invasion — is going to be a factor. Their men have not won the Olympiad gold since 2002 but the women have been top performers.

The Russian women's absence is offset by the presence of China this time. The world giants from Asia had skipped the 2022 Olympiad in India. And though they are the fourth seeds this time, expect them to perform like top-two teams.

The last time India men were the second seeds was way back in Turin 2006. But they had finished 30th despite the presence of V Anand on the top board. Since then, they have won two bronze medals (2014 and 2022) apart from finishing highly creditable fourth in 2016.

India team captain N Srinath said, "We can't compare 2006 to 2024. That time we had only one top player in Anand. But now, we have a complete team, like the bowling attack of our cricket team."

Srinath has a point. Among the top-8 players playing in the Olympiad, three are Indian (Gukesh Elo 2764, Arjun 2778 and Pragg 2750). There was no Indian in the top-8 last time. That raises the expectations manifold. "Any medal would have been cherished last time," said 30-year-old GM Srinath. "But with the kind of team we have now, anything less than gold will be viewed differently.

"The players are aware of these external expectations. And they know how to deal with that so that it doesn't affect their decision making. They are more focused on managing internal expectations. We don't have a mental conditioning trainer for the team but I am sure players are addressing that aspect individually," said Srinath. "Practically speaking, things are not entirely in your hands in the Swiss League event. It can get random and the timing of your form and pairings also play a role. We have to back each other as a unit."

Srinath also pointed out a significant difference in the evolution of chess' landscape. "Russians were quite strong till the mid 2000s. The difference in strength between them and other teams was quite a bit. But now there are many teams having equal strength."

Despite K Humpy's absence, the women have retained their status as a medal prospect, thanks to R Vaishali's progress. But with top-rated Harika not expected to be a great strike-force, the onus to score big will fall on lower boards. Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal could well be a part of a memorable Olympiad.

TOP BILLING

The contrast between the 2022 Olympiad in India and the 2024 edition in Budapest is huge...

- A medal in the Olympiad was a matter of huge pride for the country then. Now, with R Praggnanandhaa and D Gukesh reaching the World Cup and World Championship finals respectively, the bar has been raised higher.
- P Harikrishna played on the top board in the last edition. Five Indian players — Gukesh, Pragg, Erigaisi Arjun, Vidit Gujrathi and Aravindh Chithambaram — overtook him in the rating within two years, an unprecedented feat for any country. Now, Hari is the weakest member of the team in Elo strength.
- K Humpy is not playing this year in the Women's Olympiad. Divya Deshmukh and Vantika Agrawal have replaced Humpy and Bhakti Kulkarni in the team.
- India spent more than Rs 80 crore in hosting the event. They could field three teams and arrange long training camps. This time, only one team per section is allowed, the players are on their own and the opportunities have increased manifold in the post-Covid era, making it a busy calendar.
- Defending open section champions, Uzbekistan, are the fourth seeds (were 14th in 2022). They have roped in Vladimir Kramnik as non-playing captain.
- Women's defending champions Ukraine, are the fifth seeds now. They will miss the services of the Muzychuk sisters. But GM Anna Ushenina is playing.

'We can definitely go for gold this time'

Anand Feels Depth Of The Indian Team Makes Them One Of The Best In Olympiad

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Chennai: Five-time world champion and FIDE deputy president Viswanathan Anand said that the India team has the squad strength and depth to go the distance in the open category of the Chess Olympiad. During a virtual interaction with **TOI** on Tuesday, Anand, who will turn out for Ganges Grandmasters in the Global Chess League (GCL) Season 2 in London in October, spoke about India's Olympiad chances. *Excerpts...*

India are seeded second, behind the USA, in the Open category of the Chess Olympiad. What do you make of their chances?

They can definitely go for gold. You can substitute any of the players and they will still be able to cope with it. The Olympiad is always full of accidents, you have strong and motivated teams. There are going to be a lot of dramatic moments. Every fifth or sixth Olympiad, some team will dominate. But most of the time, it is a bumpy ride. India are in contention for gold, fingers crossed.

What is your assessment of the squad?

There is a lot more expectation (than last time), which is certainly not helpful. But look at it this way, we have merged the best from the 'A' and 'B' teams. The 'B' team overperformed last time, barring a bump in the road towards the end. It is hard to see how the current team will outperform what the 'B' team did. These are the same players who were there last time. I cannot deny that India have a fantastic team on paper, but that is only half the story.

India did not hold a camp ahead of the Olympiad. Do you think that the lack of time together could affect the players' performances?

There are teams that have a training camp for a couple of weeks. Sometimes it works and sometimes it does not. These players are extremely close anyway, so they will hang out for lunch and dinner and start to feel like a team very quickly. They have been battle-tested a lot recently, which is good.

In about two months, D Gukesh will take on Ding Liren in the World Championship match. Do you believe that Gukesh has the edge over Liren?

On paper, yes, but that (form) is meaningless unless you carry it to Singapore (host country). If Ding starts to play well, it is all that matters. Gukesh is aware of what a great chance he has been given. He is motivated and working hard. He has held his level quite well since the Candidates, while Ding has struggled. But when you go to the World Championship, you have to be ready to face anything that is thrown at you.

Does form matter in a match like this?

Ding has got a chance to play through a lot. He has been in a slump for a while, so it is time for him to come out of it. We must remember that he is a great player. He was not in the best of shape against Ian Nepomniachtchi (in the previous World Championship), but managed to deliver when the chips were down. I would not attach too much importance to form. If I was playing, I would not think too much about it until the result is in.

OLYMPIAD 2024 FACTBOX

Where: Budapest, Hungary

Dates: Sept 11-22 (Sept 17 rest day)

Rounds: 11 (Swiss League)

Points system: Match points.

Boards: 4 (each team can have 1 reserve player)

Start time: 6.30 pm IST (except 2.30 pm IST on the last day)

Top-5 teams (Open section): USA, India, China, Uzbekistan, The Netherlands

Women top-5 teams: India, Georgia, Poland, China, Ukraine

- Second-string Chinese team and absence of Russia, Muzychuk sisters (Ukraine) and K Humpy mean top-9 women according to world ranking not playing. Russia not allowed to field teams due to invasion of Ukraine.

THE WAIT GOES ON

Play Called Off Again In Afg-NZ Test Due To 'Wet Outfield' Despite Bright Sunshine

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BIZARRE STATE OF AFFAIRS: The condition of a section of the outfield (left) looks beyond repair while groundsmen use a fan to dry a patch of ground in Greater Noida

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Greater Noida: It's now farcical, bordering on being comical. Tuesday saw unprecedented things happening at the Shaheed Vijay Pathik Cricket Stadium here. It was the second day of the one-off Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand, with the first day having been called off due to "wet outfield and damp patches in the run-up area of bowlers".

If the first day was full of mess and gross mismanagement on the part of the stadium authorities, the second day trumped the first in terms of inefficiency and incompetence. Again, play was called off due to "wet outfield and damp patches in playing area" for a second straight day with the toss yet to take place. The two umpires cited "players safety" as a concern.

Sample this: In a never-seen-before scenario at the Test level, the groundstaff cut out blocks of dry grass from the nets practice area and then transplanted them on some damp regions inside the 30-yard circle. Then marriage shamiyanas were used to cover parts of the outfield. Electric fans were brought in and employed to dry the affected areas. It was a sight to see members of the groundstaff with their face to the ground, as if they were trying to hear something, and holding the stand of electric fan.

But what topped everything was the sight of Afghan fans getting onto the field and help out the groundstaff. All this begged one question: can Test cricket be subjected to such farce? Afghanistan, anyway, play very few Tests — nine in six years, to be precise, since gaining ICC's Full Membership. Although the Test here isn't a part of the World Test Championship cycle, New Zealand too would've liked better exposure to subcontinental conditions before their series against Sri Lanka and India.

On Tuesday, while the Afghanistan team stayed put in their hotel, New Zealand players came to the ground in the afternoon. A practice net was installed next to the main pitch. Kane Williamson and Daryl Mitchell had a hit as spinners Ajaz Patel and Mitchell Santer bowled. They were soon joined by the pacers.

Just like Monday, multiple inspections were carried out by the umpires. Again, there was no rain throughout the day and the skies remained bright. There was a downpour for about an hour on Monday evening, and that threw a spanner in the works. The question being asked is, why was this ground chosen for the Test despite no readiness?

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) have a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the BCCI way back in 2017 in which the Indian board provides venues and practice facilities for the Afghanistan team as a "friendly gesture". A MoU was also signed with the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA) to use this Stadium as a "home base" for Afghanistan.

This time too, when ACB asked BCCI for venue options for this Test, BCCI gave the names of Kanpur, Bengaluru and Greater Noida. The ACB opted for Greater Noida for "logistical reasons". "This has always been Afghanistan's home venue," ACB international cricket manager Menhajuddin Raz said on Tuesday.

Why is GN stadium hosting a Test?

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Times View

It's extremely distressing that no cricket could be played on two consecutive days, despite the absence of daytime rain on both days. This betrays a lack of foresight and absence of planning in hosting a Test match on a ground with such poor drainage facility, that too in the peak of monsoon. Authorities must take responsibility for this fiasco — as well as for the other shortcomings of the stadium — and carry out the upgrades. Test teams as well as every cricket lover deserve better.

Greater Noida and cricket aren't exactly synonymous, neither is its stadium counted among top venues for matches for top domestic fixtures like Ranji Trophy, let alone international cricket. But having found itself as host for a one-off Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand, its unsuitability as a venue for serious cricket is in national spotlight.

Part of the Shaheed Vijay Singh Pathik Sports Complex is maintained by the Greater Noida Industrial Development Authority (GNIDA). It doesn't come under BCCI and doesn't have trained personnel or equipment to quickly dry a wet outfield, or enough covers to protect the ground.

The condition of the outfield, because of rain, meant no play was possible on the first two days of the Test match. With all eyes currently on match referee Javagal Srinath's report on the preparedness of the stadium, questions are being asked why a ground that has hosted no serious cricket since 2020 was thought fit to host a Test match.

With a seating capacity of 8,000, the stadium was built by GNIDA for Rs 150 cr in 2013 to host cricket and football. Basketball, volleyball courts and a skating rink were introduced in 2014, while an indoor hall was added in 2017. In 2015, the complex got approval to host domestic matches and fixtures involving associate countries.

The stadium shot into the limelight when BCCI hosted the Duleep Trophy in Aug-Sept 2016 here, the first instance in India when first-class matches were played with pink balls under lights. Uttar Pradesh Cricket Association (UPCA), however, has been reluctant to host domestic matches at the venue.

The last BCCI match here was an U-19 Cooch Behar Trophy contest between Delhi and Haryana in 2019. Having been the 'home' ground of the Afghan cricket team, it has also hosted three T20 matches between Afghanistan and Ireland in March 2020.

The stadium recently hosted a few veterans' matches. Other than that, corporate matches are played there. Sources told **TOI** the stadium has not been maintained properly for the last few years.

GALLERY

Duleep Trophy: Rinku picked for second round

Anantapur: Majority of the players picked for the first Test against Bangladesh were on Tuesday rested for the second round of Duleep Trophy starting on Sept 12. "The selectors have named Pratham Singh as a replacement for Shubman Gill, Akshay Wadkar for KL Rahul and SK Rasheed for Dhruv Jurel," BCCI said. As Yashasvi Jaiswal and Rishabh Pant's replacements, Suyash Prabhudessai and Rinku Singh have been named.

Sable in Diamond League finale: Steeplechaser Avinash Sable will run in his maiden Diamond League Final in Brussels, joining javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra in the season-ending event. PTI

ACTION TODAY

CRICKET: England vs Australia, 1st T20I, 11 pm (Sony Sports, Fancode); Afghanistan vs New Zealand, 1st Test, Day 3, 9.30 am (Eurosport)
HOCKEY: Asian CT, Pakistan vs Japan, 11 am; Malaysia vs India, 1.30 pm; China vs Korea, 3.30 pm (Sony Sports)

Big guns France, Italy in winning mode

Haaland's Late Strike Helps Norway Pip Austria

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DUEL IN THE MIDDLE: France's Kylian Mbappe (left) and Belgium's Zeno Debast fight for the ball on Monday

Paris: Italy kept up their perfect start to the UEFA Nations League on Monday, while France got the better of Belgium and Erling Haaland struck a late winner for Norway against Austria.

The Italians built on an impressive win away in France at the weekend as they beat Israel 2-1 in a game played on neutral territory in Budapest due to the security situation in the Middle East.

Goals in each half from Davide Frattesi and Moise Kean were enough for Italy to win in a subdued atmosphere at the Bozsik Arena, home of Honved.

Luciano Spalletti's team have reacted well to their disastrous European Championship title defence, which ended at the last-16 stage, and deserved their second win in a matter of days.

Frattesi followed his goal in the 3-1 win in France by chesting home Federico Dimarco's pinpoint cross in the 38th minute to open the scoring.

Fiorentina striker Kean made it 2-0 just after the hour mark with his first Italy goal in almost exactly three years, before Mohamed Abu Fani pulled one back at the end for Israel.

Italy are top of Nations League Group A2 with the maximum six points, while France and Belgium are level on three points apiece.

France beat Belgium 2-0 in Lyon, with Randal Kolo Muani and Ousmane Dembele getting the goals as the home side won despite captain Kylian Mbappe being left out of the starting line-up.

The game was a repeat of the Euro 2024 last-16 tie which France won 1-0 in Duesseldorf thanks to a late own goal.

This time, Les Bleus went ahead just before the half-hour mark, Kolo Muani applying the finish after Dembele's mishit shot was pushed out by Belgian goalkeeper Koen Casteels.

A Belgian side captained by Kevin De Bruyne could not find an equaliser and France scored again on 57 minutes thanks to a fine individual effort by Dembele. The Paris Saint-Germain winger skipped inside from the right wing before blasting a shot into the net on his left foot.

In Group B3, Norway beat Austria 2-1 in Oslo as Manchester City star Haaland fired in the winner 10 minutes from time.

Felix Myhre gave Norway an early lead only for Marcel Sabitzer of Borussia Dortmund to equalise for Austria before the break.

However, Haaland – who drew a blank in Norway's 0-0 draw in Kazakhstan on Friday – showed trademark strength inside the box to hold off his marker and fire in the winner, with the goal given after a long VAR check for a possible offside.

In the same group, RB Leipzig's Benjamin Sesko bagged a hat-trick as Slovenia beat Kazakhstan 3-0 in Ljubljana. In Group B4, Wales followed their goalless draw against Turkey by beating Montenegro 2-1 away for their first win under new coach Craig Bellamy.

They got off to a terrific start, with Kieffer Moore and Harry Wilson both scoring inside the first three minutes. Driton Camaj then pulled one back for the hosts.

Turkey beat Iceland 3-1 in Izmir, a game in which Kerem Akturkoglu of Benfica hit a hat-trick. There were also wins on Monday for Romania and Kosovo respectively in League C.

INDONESIA HOLD OZ; SAUDI ARABIA OVERCOME CHINA

Hong Kong: Australia endured another disappointing evening in Asia's World Cup qualifying on Tuesday as Graham Arnold's side were held to a 0-0 draw by hosts Indonesia while Saudi Arabia claimed a late 2-1 win over China and South Korea sealed a 3-1 win over Oman.

Hassan Kadish's 90th-minute header earned victory for the 10-man Saudis, who moved onto four points from their opening two games in Group C of the third phase of qualifying.

There was frustration for Qatar, who drew 2-2 with North Korea in Vientiane in Group A, while Son Heung-min was on target in South Korea's victory in Oman in Group B.

The Australians faced Indonesia in Jakarta hoping to bounce back from a 1-0 loss against Bahrain and went close to scoring when Nestory Irankunda hit the post with a low drive in the 33rd minute.

But Arnold's side were unable to find a way past Maarten Paes as the dogged Indonesians followed up their draw with Saudi Arabia on Thursday with another point.

The Saudis, meanwhile, fought back from going behind to an own goal from Ali Lajami in the 14th minute to pick up maximum points against China. REUTERS

Contract row: Anwar banned for 4 months

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Panaji: The players' status committee of the All India Football Federation (AIFF) has handed a four-month ban to Anwar Ali after the India defender unilaterally terminated his contract with Mohun Bagan Super Giant and moved to bitter rivals East Bengal.

In a significant judgment which was delivered after considerable wait since the final hearing on Aug 22, the four-member panel said East Bengal and Delhi FC were both guilty of inducement. The two clubs have been banned from registering new players for two entire and consecutive registration periods, which means they can now register new players only in Jan 2026.

The committee also arrived at a conclusion that Mohun Bagan are entitled to a compensation of Rs 12.9 crore for which the three parties – Anwar, East Bengal and Delhi – shall be "jointly and severally liable."

However, according to Anwar's five-year contract with East Bengal, "in case there is any fine imposed, the buying club and the player will be liable for the same in the ratio of 50:50."

Those who have followed the case since the start said sporting sanctions were inevitable once it was established that Anwar – contracted with Bagan till 2027 – terminated the contract without a just cause and then moved to East Bengal.

"If the committee had arrived at a finding of just cause, that would have been the end of the matter," Savio Messias, deputy chairperson of the AIFF's players' status committee, said in his order.

"The contemporaneity of the transactions and the material on record suggest that both clubs and their officials acted in concert to ensure the player's transfer to East Bengal, and therefore both may be seen as inducing clubs. The interested parties have failed to discharge the burden of proof. Accordingly, it is held that the interested parties are guilty of inducement," states the order delivered on Tuesday.

The order comes as a huge blow to Anwar, who will be ineligible to represent India as well.

THE UNSUNG HEROES BEHIND SIMRAN AND PREETI'S SUCCESS

Gajendra And Abhay Played Key Roles In Helping The Stars Win Medals In Paris

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SIMRAN WITH GUIDE ABHAY AT THE PARALYMPICS IN PARIS

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New Delhi: 'Behind every successful man, there is a woman', they say. In the case of Paralympics champion women athletes Simran Sharma and Preeti Pal, there were two male guiding lights — Gajendra Singh and Abhay Singh, who believed in their human potential and their desire to challenge deep-rooted beliefs regarding disability.

Simran was born with a visual impairment while Preeti suffered from weak legs and an irregular posture, making her prone to various diseases. Despite the hardships, both were fighters and demonstrated incredible strength and resilience to win medals in Paris.

Simran created history by fetching the country's first-ever medal – a bronze – in the women's 200m T12 final sprint with a personal best effort of 24.75s. Not far behind was Preeti, who shone bright by becoming the first Indian woman athlete to secure two track medals at the Paralympics – bronze in women's 100m T35 and 200m T35 categories.

Simran and Preeti can't thank Gajendra and Abhay enough for helping them realise their dreams of finishing on the podium at a Paralympic Games. At a felicitation function organised by the sports ministry to honour the Paralympic heroes on Tuesday, Gajendra and Abhay told **TOI** that the success of two para athletes was theirs too.

Gajendra met Simran in 2015 when she came to MM College grounds in Modinagar for training. They later decided to tie the knot in 2017 amid family resistance. "I first met her in Modinagar some nine years ago and immediately realised Simran's potential as a sprinter despite her disability. I helped her take up running and worked on building her muscle strength and stamina before concentrating on technique. There were times when I would request the stadium authorities to make the ground available



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Coach Gajendra Singh with his trainees Simran (left) and Preeti

to us late in the night so that I could train her after returning from my other coaching duties," Gajendra said.

Gajendra was later prodded by Simran to take Preeti under his wings too for the Paralympics. Initially reluctant, Gajendra relented and started imparting training to both at the Jawaharlal Nehru (JLN) stadium here. The two para athletes stayed at the stadium's residential complex.

"While Simran had the experience of competing internationally for India, Preeti's training was going nowhere in Meerut. So, after she joined me, I focused on building her strength and stamina, improved her dietary intake and worked intensively on her recovery period post the training sessions. I simultaneously imparted training to both with Abhay as Simran's guide. I must admit the training sessions were quite rigorous but both never gave up on their dreams," he added.

Abhay calls himself the eyes of Simran and through her he has realised his dream of shining on the global stage. Abhay was Simran's guide runner in Paris and before the bronze success there, the two had claimed a historic gold at the para world athletics championships in Japan's Kobe in May this year.

"I was actually rehabilitating at the Reliance Foundation's high-performance centre in Bhubaneswar after suffering a hamstring injury at the Youth Commonwealth championships earlier this year. Four months ago, Simran visited the centre along with Gajendra sir to select a guide runner for the Paralympics.

"She wanted to partner India's reigning 100m and 200m national champion Animesh Kujur for Paris since Gajendra knew him for long. But Animesh had already confirmed his participation in the Russia BRICS sports games athletics event. Kujur introduced me to Gajendra and Simran and told them that I could be tried as her guide. We immediately clicked in the first race we ran during a practice session at the centre, and I was selected to partner her in Paris," Abhay said.

The 18-year-old from Madhya Pradesh's Jabalpur who holds the current U18 national record with a personal best timing of 21.08s in 200m. He had won a bronze at the U18 Asian athletics meet in Kuwait and also won the U20 Nationals title this March.

Prannoy to take a break from game

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HS PRANNOY

Chennai: In an all-important Olympic year, HS Prannoy had to battle past struggles to compete in the Paris Games. The seasoned Kerala-born shuttler was ravaged by a spate of setbacks, including a chronic gastrointestinal disorder and a back injury.

If that was not enough, just a few weeks before the quadrennial extravaganza, Prannoy was diagnosed with chikungunya. As the 32-year-old Prannoy had to go through a tough phase physically and mentally, he could not give his best in the training. But Prannoy took part in the Olympics battling adversity and went as far as the pre-quarterfinals.

With an eye on the next season, Prannoy will look to start afresh, even though he doesn't know when he will be back. "I am not looking forward to anything as of now. It has not been a great couple of months. I have to get back to complete fitness and might not be playing a few tournaments. I am not sure when I will make a comeback," Prannoy said after the Viktor store opening ceremony here on Tuesday.

"I was asking my coaches why I was playing in the Olympics. But to be honest, at that stage, we did what we could. When I look back, I feel good that I played in the Olympics. I wish the injuries, and other setbacks had happened at some other stage of my career."

The Indian badminton contingent returned home without a medal. A lot was expected from the team but they could not live up to the billing. Prannoy felt that all the players had put in full effort and will get better with experience.

"As a team, we all played our hearts out. Sometimes we win medals and sometimes we do not. Everything needs to come in place in an event like the Olympics. You have to be in the right shape at the right point and be at the best throughout the Games. We all learnt big time from the Olympics and will come back stronger."

No concrete plans on retirement yet, says Ashwini

The 34-year-old Ashwini Ponnappa partnered Tanisha Crasto in the women's doubles in the Olympics and the pair did not enjoy any success, bowing out from the group stage without a win.

Ashwini had said that this (Paris) would be her final Olympics. On being asked about her retirement plans, Ashwini said: "There are no concrete plans as such. For me at this point in time, it is important to enjoy being on court and perform to the best of my ability. I will decide what needs to be done after I take a small break. I will start again by competing in the Syed Modi India International in November."

Para medallists get cash awards from sports minister

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New Delhi: India's proud para athletes, who returned to the country after a historic show at the Paris Paralympics, were on Tuesday felicitated by sports minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who presented cash awards to medal winners for their remarkable performances.

Mandaviya presented a cheque of Rs 75 lakh to gold medallists, Rs 50 lakh to silver winners and Rs 30 lakh to athletes who bagged bronze. The participants in mixed team events, such as armless archer Sheetal Devi and Rakesh Kumar, who won bronze in the compound archery event, got richer by Rs 22.5 lakh each.

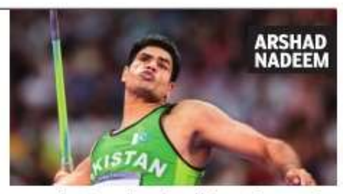
"The country is rising in Paralympics and para sports. From four medals in 2016, India won 19 medals in Tokyo and 29 in Paris with 18th place finish. We will provide all the facilities to our para-athletes so that India can win more medals at the Los Angeles Paralympics 2028," Mandaviya said.

"You have shown that you can successfully challenge the difficulties in life. But you should not stop now. We should start preparations for the next Paralympics and then for 2032 and win more medals. Our target should be to produce our best performance when India hopefully hosts the Olympics and Paralympics in 2036," he added.

The function was attended by minister of state for youth affairs sports, Raksha Khadse, and Paralympics Committee of India (PCI) president Devendra Jhajharia. India concluded their campaign with 29 medals, including seven gold, nine silver and 13 bronze.

The 17 medallists who were given cheque on Tuesday: Navdeep Singh, Dharambir, Harwinder Singh, Sumit Antil and Praveen Kumar (gold medallists); Yogesh Kathuniya, Nishad Kumar, Sharad Kumar, Ajeet Singh and Sachin Khilari (silver medallists); Preeti Pal, Mariyappan Thangavelu, Hokato Sema, Sundar Singh Gurjar, Sheetal Devi, Kapil Parmar and Simran Sharma (bronze medallists).

In Nadeem, Pak athletes have an icon to follow



ARSHAD NADEEM

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Chennai: All it took was one gigantic effort at the biggest sporting stage for Pakistan javelin thrower Arshad Nadeem to inspire the next generation. With his gold medal in the Paris Olympics, Nadeem made Pakistan believe again; he ended a painful 40-year wait for a yellow metal and became the first from the south Asian nation to bag gold in an individual sport at the quadrennial showpiece.

His 92.97-metre Olympic record throw has made young athletes say, "I want to become like Nadeem and make the country proud" and this is not an exaggeration. One of the upcoming athletes in javelin from Pakistan is Bilal Muhammad, who will compete in the Junior South Asian Athletics Championship (SAAC) in Chennai from Thursday.

"After Nadeem's gold-medal performance, I can only see people trying their hand at javelin. I have looked up to him and hope to get to the level where he is now. I have met him twice with the recent one being before his departure to Paris. He said that when he comes back, we will make a group (youngsters) and train together," Bilal told **TOI**.

"He (Nadeem) is the kind of person who does not take results to heart. If he loses, he tries to learn from the mistakes and then improves on it in the next competition. I can relate to it myself. I will try to work hard like him and the results will take care of themselves."

Bilal is one of many athletes to have been inspired by Nadeem's historic triumph and it is not just down to javelin throwers. High jumper Aiza Ahmed mentioned how the sporting scene in Pakistan has changed after Nadeem's performance. "The number of people taking up javelin has gone up enormously. People who did not know the 'J' of javelin have now started training. I have seen many junior athletes going to coaches asking them to teach athletics," Aiza, who is the only female representative from Pakistan in the SAAC, said.

"Women are taking up athletics like men and the number is pretty much the same. I have high hopes," Aiza said.

Saif Ul Islam Afridi, the vice president of the Athletics Federation of Pakistan (AFP), stressed that the discipline has hugely benefited from Nadeem's efforts. "The positive thing after Nadeem's gold medal is that many have started taking up javelin throw. There is great impact, and many have started focusing on athletics. I have seen many making reels and stories (social media) of them throwing a wooden stick," said Afridi, also the Pakistan team manager at the SAAC.

CHIRAG SEN LOSES IN QUALIFIERS

Hong Kong: India's Chirag Sen and Manav Choudhary bowed out in the quarterfinals of the men's singles qualifications while the duo of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand progressed to the pre-quarterfinals of the women's doubles in the Hong Kong badminton tournament.

Jolly and Gayatri beat Ukraine's Polina Buhrova and Yevheniia Kantemyr 21-14 21-13 in a round of 32 match to begin their campaign on a positive note. Panda sisters Rutaparna and Swetaparna, however, suffered a 11-21 8-21 loss to Chinese Taipei's Hsieh Pei Shan and Hung En-Tzu in the women's double round of 32.

Chirag Sen won his round of 16 qualification match against Canada's Lai Yin Chung 21-12 21-10 but failed to clear the next hurdle, losing his tie against another Canadian Sheng Xiaodong 12-21 21-13 14-21. PTI

Alleged killer of Ugandan Olympian dies from burns

Eldoret (Kenya): The former partner of Ugandan athlete Rebecca Cheptegei, who is accused of killing her by dousing her in petrol and setting her on fire, has died from burns sustained during the attack, the Kenyan hospital where he was being treated said on Tuesday. Cheptegei, 33, who competed in the marathon at the Paris Olympics, suffered burns to more than 75% of her body in the Sept. 1 attack and died four days later.

Her former boyfriend, Dickson Ndiema Marangach, died at 7:50 p.m. (1650 GMT) on Monday, said Daniel Lang'at, a spokesperson at Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret in western Kenya, where Cheptegei was also treated and died."He died from his injuries, the burns he sustained," Lang'at said. Local media reported that he had suffered 30% burns when he assaulted Cheptegei as she was returning home from church with her children.

Cheptegei, who finished 44th in Paris, is the third elite sportswoman to be killed in Kenya since October 2021. Her death has put the spotlight on domestic violence in the East African country, particularly within its running community.

Rights groups say female athletes in Kenya, where many international runners train in the high-altitude highlands, are at a high risk of exploitation and violence at the hands of men drawn to their prize money, which far exceeds local incomes.

"Justice really would have been for him to sit in jail and think about what he had done. This is not positive news whatsoever," said Viola Cheptoo, co-founder of Tirop's Angels, a support group for survivors of domestic violence in Kenya's athletic community. REUTERS

Malaysia skipper advises caution against India

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The last time India faced Malaysia was in the final of Asian Champions Trophy in Chennai last year. The hosts earned a nail-biting 4-3 victory to grab the title in front of a vociferous crowd. It was the perfect preparation for the Asian Games under new coach Craig Fulton.



MARHAN JALIL

Since then, India bagged their second consecutive Olympic bronze medal in Paris last month. And the defending champions have continued with their good show and bagged two easy wins in this edition of Asian Champions Trophy played in Hulunbuir, China. Malaysia have, in comparison, slipped since the final against India and will have to play out of their skin to put up a challenge when the two teams clash on Wednesday.

Malaysia captain Marhan Jalil had no qualms in admitting that during an interview with **TOI**. "We must be well prepared and very careful because India are on top at the moment after winning the bronze at the Olympics. They have been very consistent in the matches they have played. We must try to stay defensive and go on the counter-attacks," Jalil said during a virtual interaction.

It's certainly not going to be easy though for the Speedy Tigers. After failing to make it to the Olympics this year, the junior and senior teams were disbanded and reins of the team were handed over to new coach Sarjit Kundan, who has a young team at his disposal. "Things have been difficult but we are trying to rebuild. At the moment, things are in control after Sarjit took over. However, the seniors as well as the youngsters are trying their best to understand the philosophy of the coach and what he is trying to implement," said the senior-most player of the team.

Hopefully, all this won't take too long because if they are to win gold at the Asian Games in 2026, the team will have to gel as quickly as possible. After failing to make the Paris cut, they fared poorly in the Sultan Azlan Shah Cup and Nations Cup and the skipper believes it's because the team is still in a developmental stage. "We are trying to develop. However, as a team we haven't been consistent under Sarjit. We are trying to find our rhythm. For that the young players will need time," added the Malaysia captain. (WATCH THE THE HERO ASIAN CHAMPIONS TROPHY LIVE ON SONY SPORTS TEN 1 SD & HD FROM SEPT 8 TO 17)



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As BJP puts out 2nd Hry list, Union min slams CM

21 Candidates Announced, 7 MLAs Dropped

Bagish Jha & Manvir Saini

Gurgaon/Chandigarh: On a day when BJP released its second list of 21 for the Haryana assembly elections, Union minister and Gurgaon MP Rao Inderjit Singh lashed out at the state BJP leadership on Tuesday, challenging the party's stand that Nayab Singh Saini will continue to lead the govt should it get the mandate.

The remarks came a day after he projected himself as the CM face at a meeting of party workers in Rewari. Referring to his latest victory in the Lok Sabha election earlier this year — which saw him being elected Gurgaon MP for the sixth time, besides being appointed minister in the Modi govt a third time — he said voters wanted to see him as the next CM. "It's the people who want to see me as chief minister. They have given their verdict through elections. Right now, Nayab Singh Saini's kite is flying high in the sky," he said in Rewari on Monday.

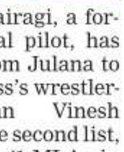
In its second list, BJP dropped seven sitting MLAs, including two ministers, and replacing one nominee from the first list. The vice-president of BJYM's Haryana unit, Yogesh Bairagi, a former commercial pilot, has been fielded from Julana to take on Congress's wrestler-turned-politician Vinesh Phogat. With the second list, BJP, which has 41 MLAs in the 90-member assembly, has so far named 87 candidates, dropping a total of 16 sitting MLAs. Two ministers — Seema Trikha from Badkhal and Dr Banwari Lal from Bawal — are among the seven MLAs dropped. P 17

EX-PILOT FIELDED AGAINST VINESH

- BJYM Haryana unit vice-president Yogesh Bairagi, a former commercial pilot, fielded from Julana against Congress's Vinesh Phogat
- BJP has so far named **87 candidates, dropping 16 MLAs.** Names for Sirsa, Mahendragarh, and NIT Faridabad yet to be declared, owing to heavyweights seeking tickets

"Keeping in mind who will become the chief minister... sewage (in Gurgaon) is not getting cleaned, power supply gets disrupted often and garbage piles up on roads for months. Then, you'll be told that he (referring to himself) failed to make the city clean and clear the sewers

—Rao Inderjit Singh



Clean chit to Amroha principal

Amroha district administration gave a clean chit to a school principal who was filmed allegedly making communal remarks over a 7-yr-old bringing biryani in his tiffin box. It said the video had been edited. TNN

Teen help found dead in MLA's house

A 17-year-old girl employed as a help by Samajwadi Party MLA Zahid Beg was found dead at his house in UP's Bhadohi on Monday. Her room was locked from inside and the door had to be broken down. TNN

Shomie Das, iconic headmaster, dead

Shomie Ranjan Das, the only person to have been headmaster of India's trinity — Mayo College, Lawrence School Sanawar and Doon School — and who also taught King Charles, died on Monday. He was 89. P 22

CONG TARGETS SEBI CHIEF OVER CONSULTANCY, COMPANIES DENY

- Cong levels fresh allegations of conflict of interest against Securities & Exchange Board of India (Sebi) chief Madhabi Puri Buch. Says **she had 99% stake in Agora Advisory, which provided consultancy services** to Mahindra & Mahindra Group, Dr Reddy's, ICICI, Pidilite Industries, Sembcorp and Visu Leasing and Finance, **while she held senior positions at Sebi**
- Cong alleges her spouse, Dhaval Buch, **received ₹4.8cr from M&M Group**, and Agora got nearly ₹2.6cr **while Puri Buch was adjudicating cases against M&M.** Says **income received by Dhaval** in 2019-20 and 2020-21 **coincided with 5 settlement orders** issued by Sebi



Puri Buch was a whole-time Sebi member from Apr 5, 2017 to Oct 4, 2021. Appointed Sebi chief on March 2, 2022

- **M&M** says Dhaval **hired 3 yrs before Puri Buch became Sebi chief.** Compensation 'specifically and only' for his 'supply chain expertise and management acumen'. Says **Sebi orders cited by Cong not relevant**
- **Dr Reddy's** says it hired Dhaval for **leadership coaching** (Oct 2020-Apr 2021). **Pidilite** says it hired him in 2019-20, clarifies it has **not faced any Sebi inquiry**

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Af-Kiwi Test at Gr Noida: Sun out but field still wet

Despite long spells of bright sunlight, the second day's play too was called off in the one-off cricket Test between Afghanistan and New Zealand due to "wet outfield and damp patches in playing area" at Greater Noida's Shaheed Vijay Pathik Cricket Stadium, **reports Hindol Basu**. The stadium authorities' comical efforts to ready the field continued, with marriage shamiyanas used to cover the outfield and electric fans brought in to dry the affected areas. P 25



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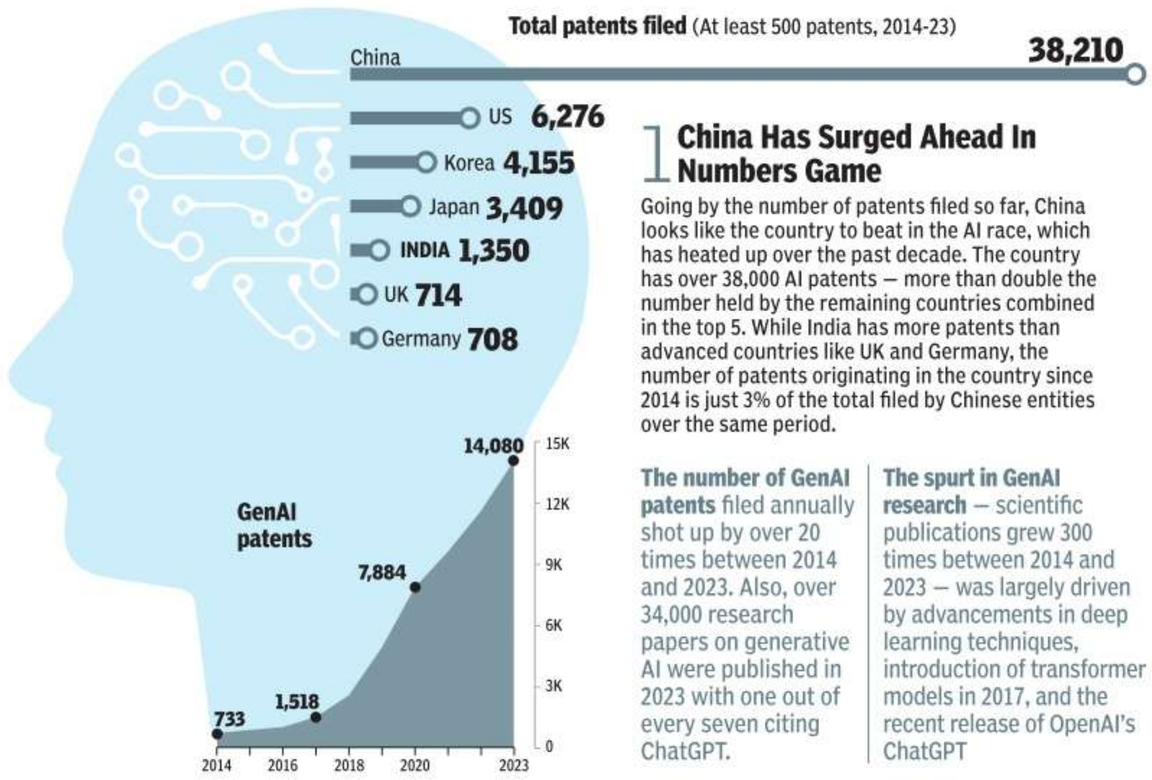
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India has over 1k AI patents, China has 30 times more

Most of the world is by now aware of the stunning potential of generative AI, or GenAI. US remains the heavyweight, but others outside the advanced West are also making strides in the field, finds **Richa Gandhi**



1 China Has Surged Ahead In Numbers Game

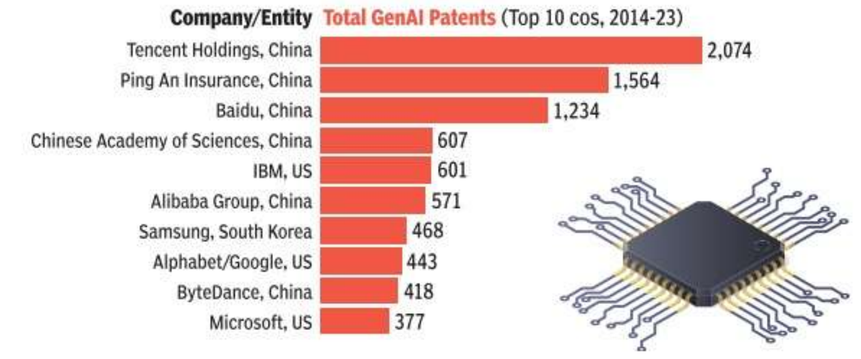
Going by the number of patents filed so far, China looks like the country to beat in the AI race, which has heated up over the past decade. The country has over 38,000 AI patents — more than double the number held by the remaining countries combined in the top 5. While India has more patents than advanced countries like UK and Germany, the number of patents originating in the country since 2014 is just 3% of the total filed by Chinese entities over the same period.

The number of GenAI patents filed annually shot up by over 20 times between 2014 and 2023. Also, over 34,000 research papers on generative AI were published in 2023 with one out of every seven citing ChatGPT.

The spurt in GenAI research — scientific publications grew 300 times between 2014 and 2023 — was largely driven by advancements in deep learning techniques, introduction of transformer models in 2017, and the recent release of OpenAI's ChatGPT

2 With Tencent And Baidu Deep Into AI

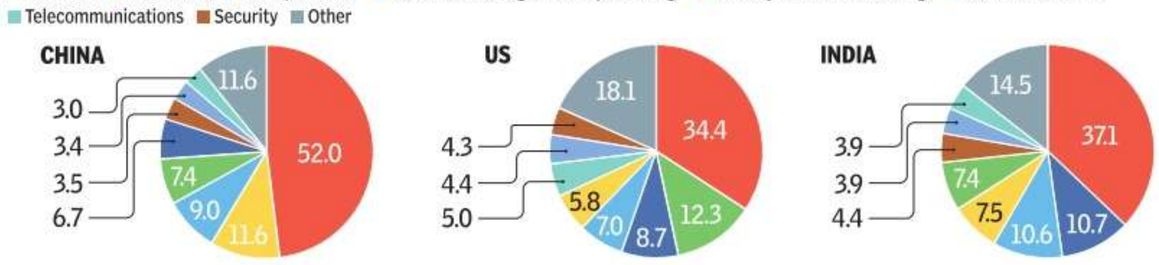
Leading the charge in patent filings are Chinese tech majors and research institutions. Tencent is integrating GenAI into its products like WeChat. Baidu — an early player in GenAI — continues to innovate with its latest AI chatbot, ERNIE. Interestingly, the Chinese Academy of Sciences is the only research institution in the top 10 for GenAI patent filings.



US-based IBM and Google have made advancements in natural language processing, or NLP, while Japan and South Korea are also key players with companies like Sony and Samsung investing heavily in GenAI research

3 And Computer Vision, LLMs As Its Main Focus Areas

Computer vision has to do with enabling machines to interpret visual data. It's an area where Chinese AI research is especially interested. That focus aligns with China's broader strategy to dominate AI-driven technologies, such as facial recognition, autonomous vehicles, and smart city infrastructure. US, on the other hand, has a diverse AI patent portfolio, reflecting its robust ecosystem of private sector innovation and academic research in healthcare, finance, and business solutions.



Indian AI patents are often focused on applications in healthcare, business & finance and education sectors, which are critical to the country's socio-economic development. Companies like TCS and Infosys, along with premier institutions like the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), are driving AI innovation in India

Source: World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)

Relief for Amul in trademark war against Italian brand

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Vadodara: In a major cross-border trademark infringement case, Delhi high court granted an injunction in favor of Amul, India's largest dairy brand, against Italian company Terre Primitive. The Italian firm had been selling cookies and chocolate-covered biscuits under the mark "Amuleti," which closely resembled Amul's well-known trademark.

Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, which markets dairy products under brand name Amul, filed the suit through counsel Abhishek Singh, who argued that Amul, a household name in India, had a global reputation, ranking 8th among the world's top dairy organisations. Singh contended that Terre Primitive had "blatantly" copied the script, style, and manner in which "Amul" was represented simply by adding the word "eti" to the mark.

Justice Mini Pushkarna passed the injunction order restraining the Italian firm from using or dealing with any marks identical to "Amul" and directed them to remove infringing products from their website. Meta Inc. was ordered to block or delete the Italian firm's social media accounts promoting the said products.

Jayen Mehta, the managing director of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, called the order a relief for Amul and a precedent for protecting indigenous brands from foreign infringement.

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Must shield adults in live-ins even if married to others: HC

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Chandigarh: Punjab and Haryana high court made it clear that life and liberty of adults in a live-in, even if they are married to other people, have to be protected to ward off threats arising from moral vigilantes or from close relatives.

However, in a related legal issue, the HC held that granting protection to minors in a live-in relationship — where only one is a minor, or both are minors — would be counter to statutory rules. According to the HC, in such cases, custody of the minor is required to be retrieved to his/her parents.

If the court perceives that there would be an imminent threat to the life of the minor, it should take recourse to provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act. The minor should be directed to stay in a children's home or a nari niketan till he/she is an adult," a division bench of HC, comprising Justice Sureshwar Thakur and Justice Sudeepti Sharma, said.

HC passed these orders while hearing a batch of petitions in which the issue was whether "court is required to grant protection to two persons living together, without examining their marital status & other circumstances."

In May 2021, a single bench headed by Justice Anil Kshetarpal, had asked the larger bench to decide whether court should grant protection to two persons living together, in case they sought protection of their life and liberty, without examining their marital status.

SC stays criminal defamation case against Tharoor for comment on Modi

Supreme Court Tuesday stayed proceedings against Congress MP **Shashi Tharoor** in a criminal defamation case filed against him in 2018 for his "scorpion sitting on a Shivling" remark about PM Modi. A bench of Justices Hrishikesh Roy and R Mahadevan granted interim relief to Tharoor who approached the apex court after Delhi HC rejected his plea for quashing proceedings against him in the case.



The bench observed that the phrase used by Tharoor is a metaphor which can be interpreted in several ways. "It is a metaphor. The metaphor would refer to the invincibility of the person who is spoken about. Can the metaphor not be understood as pointing out the invincibility of the person?" the court asked.

Appearing for Tharoor, advocate Md Ali Khan, told SC that the MP, while speaking at Bangalore Literature Festival in 2018, had just quoted from an article published in The Caravan magazine in 2012, which contained the same remark made by an unnamed RSS functionary. SC also raised a question on why somebody should object to this. BJP member Rajeev Babbar had filed a complaint alleging that his religious sentiments and the faith of millions of Shiva devotees were hurt by Tharoor's comment. TNN

Judge advocate can't be lower in rank than accused in general court martial: SC

Supreme Court has reinstated in service a Lt Colonel, an ENT specialist in the Army Medical Corps (AMC), faulting the convening of general court martial (GCM) against the officer mainly because the Army had appointed a judge advocate, who renders legal advice to the GCM, who was lower in rank to that of the officer proceeded against, reports **Dhananjay Mahapatra**.

In Sept 2002, it was alleged that while examining new recruits at the Military Hospital, Secunderabad, Lt Colonl Rahul Arora had accepted a bribe to change 'unfit' remark to 'review after 15 days' for one of the recruits. Lt Colonel Arora was chargesheeted and a general court martial found him guilty to order his dismissal from service. The Armed Forces Tribunal upheld the dismissal.

However, the Punjab and Haryana high court overturned the general court martial decision faulting the appointment of the judge advocate, who was in the rank of a major which was lower than the officer proceeded against. The high court had said that it was against the law laid down by the SC in its decision in 2000 in the Charanjit Singh Gill case, which had barred appointment of a judge advocate junior to the officer facing GCM. The Union govt had appealed against the HC verdict in the Supreme Court.

A bench of Justices Prashant K Mishra & P B Bharale said not only was HC correct in declaring convening of GCM illegal, it was also improper on the part of Army authorities to tweak the letter appointing the judge advocate after it was issued to Lt Col Arora.