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Facing flak over GST on daily use items, **FM Nirmala Sitharaman says 5% tax is being levied on atta & other items after nod from all states**, including those run by non-BJP parties, P 19

WHO says Covid cases have tripled across Europe in the past six weeks, accounting for nearly half of all infections globally. The virus is **killing about 3,000** people every week, P 18

Britain shattered its record for the highest temperature ever registered on Tuesday amid a heat wave across large swathes of Europe. The UK Met office registered 40.2°C at Heathrow airport, P 18

With 118 votes, former UK Chancellor Rishi Sunak retains lead in the fourth round of voting to succeed Boris Johnson as leader of the Conservative Party and PM, P 18

ED arrests Mumbai ex-top cop in NSE phone tapping case

Quizzed Over ₹12Cr Paid To Family Firm

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New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday arrested recently retired Mumbai police commissioner Sanjay Pandey after confronting him with alleged payments of more than Rs 12 crore received from the National Stock Exchange by a firm, iSec Services, which is linked to him in connection with illegal phone tapping of some NSE officials and clients.

Pandey is also being investigated on suspicion of using the tapped phone conversations by some of the accused in the money laundering case who may have benefitted from these illegally recorded conversations. Though Pandey was being evasive, agency officials are trying to establish a money trail between his iSec Services and some NSE clients. Sources said Pandey was also given money by the NSE authorities for auditing the same clients whose phones were allegedly found tapped, a serious charge if proved correct in a money laundering probe that is turning out to be a bigger racket than initially discovered when NSE ex-CEO Chitra Ramkrishna was held.

▶CBI in Pandey FIR, P 14

FROM CO-LO SCAM TO SNOOPING

PANDEY PROFILE

- An IPS officer of 1986 batch; an IIT Kanpur comp science grad; did Masters in public admin at Harvard. Since 2001, also a certified infotech security professional
- As DCP, was involved in controlling 1992 communal riots in city; also DCP of Economic Offences Wing
- Held additional charge as Maharashtra DGP from April 2021 to Feb 2022
- Made Mumbai police chief on February 28, retired on June 30

'FRAUDULENT AUDITS'

- Pandey's arrest followed two days of questioning during which he was asked to substantiate huge payments to his family-run firm iSec Services, linked to him in connection with illegal phone tapping of some NSE officials and clients
- CBI has alleged iSec Services conducted audits of two high-risk brokers in a fraudulent manner while the co-location scam was on

▶ED SUMMONS SENA MP SANJAY RAUT AGAIN, P 14

J'khand CM Soren's political aide held in illegal mining case

The ED Tuesday arrested Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's political aide Pankaj Mishra in connection with a money-laundering probe linked to alleged illegal mining in the state. Mishra, who was reportedly evasive in his replies during questioning, is set to be produced Wednesday before a Ranchi court where ED will seek his custody. Following raids at 19 locations on July 8, ED froze deposits of Rs 11.88 crore in 37 bank accounts belonging to Mishra and another man. P 10

DSP tries to stop mining mafia truck in Aravalis, mowed down

Joel Joseph & Sagrika Kissu | TNN

Nuh: A 59-year-old deputy superintendent of Haryana Police was mowed down by a truck carrying stones from an illegal mining site in the Aravalis when he intercepted the vehicle and asked the driver to stop in Pachgaon village of Nuh around noon on Tuesday.

Police said DSP (Tauru) Surender Singh Bishnoi received a tip-off about the movement of mining mafia in the region around 11.30am and had immediately left with gunman Umesh, ASI Sanjay Kumar and Amit, his driver, in the police vehicle, a Bolero.

Once he became aware that he was being chased, the truck driver offloaded stones to block the police vehicle's way and tried to escape towards one of the hillocks but the Bolero's driver managed to get past the obstacles and catch up. Cornered and restricted to the truck, Mittar, the driver, and Ikkar, his helper, took out their pistols and threatened the cops. "They said to each other they will be jailed if they are caught. Then they said, 'Let's show police the consequences of stopping our vehicle'," ASI Kumar wrote in a complaint.

▶700 vehicles used in Nuh mining seized in 3 yrs, P 4
▶'Jovial' DSP was to retire in just four months, P 4
▶1 of 6 accused held, P 4

Indranil Das

The spot at Pachgaon village in Haryana's Nuh district where DSP Surender Singh Bishnoi (in inset) was murdered on Tuesday

Speaker recognises Shinde man as Sena leader in Lok Sabha

Akhilesh Singh, Chaitanya Marpakwar & Bharti Jain | TNN

New Delhi/Mumbai: In a fresh jolt to the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has recognised Rahul Shewale of the Sena faction led by Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde as leader of the party in LS. Acting on a representation signed by 12 of the 19 Sena members in the LS, Birla also recognised Bhawna Gawli as the party's chief whip.

The removal of Vinayak Raut and Rajan Vichare as leader and chief whip of the Sena group will require the seven LS members who remain with Uddhav to toe the line set by the CM and enforced through Shewale and Gawli. Having got over two-thirds of Sena MLAs and now 12 of 19 Sena MPs on their side, the Shinde faction on Tuesday approached the EC with what appears to be a plea to be recognised as the real 'Shiv Sena'. Also, in an explosive revelation, Shewale, the new leader of the party in the LS, said, "Uddhav Thackeray was keen on realigning with BJP, but went back on his word."

▶Shinde faction moves EC for 'real Sena' tag, P 14
▶Shinde's faction appoints new Yuva Sena secy, P 14
▶May announce, P 14

ANI

Eknath Shinde at Maharashtra Sadan in Delhi on Tuesday

Russia takes up detention of its cargo ship in Kochi with MEA

New Delhi: The Russian embassy here has taken up with the MEA the detention of a Russian cargo ship by Indian authorities in Kochi saying the same ship was used to deliver military cargo for Indian armed forces. The ship was apparently detained because of claims by an Estonian company that the owner of the ship owed money to it.

The embassy said it had sent to the external affairs ministry an official request for "explanation of the circumstances of the incident" and that it had also asked the ministry to ensure "unconditional observance" of the rights of the Russian ship owners and crew. TNN

▶Russia-EU gas battle hits GAIL's LNG deal, P 19
▶Not tied to case, P 18

Critically ill B'luru woman flown from US to Chennai in 26-hr flight

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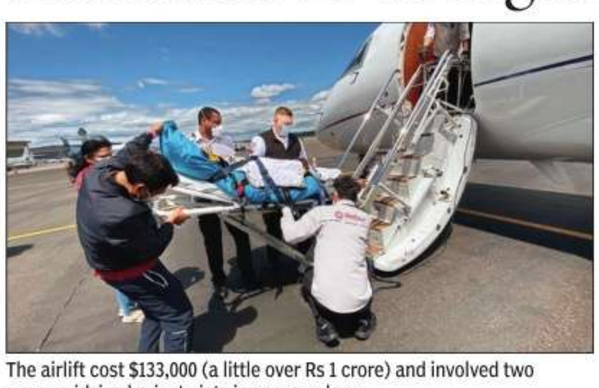
Bengaluru: In one of the longest aeromedical evacuations to India in recent times, a 67-year-old Bengaluru woman with critical cardiac condition was flown from Portland in the United States to Chennai on a 26-hour air ambulance flight through Iceland and Turkey that arrived in India early Tuesday.

The airlift cost $133,000 (a little over Rs 1 crore) and involved two super-midsized private jets in as many legs, taking into consideration the condition of the patient, who is now being prepared for a heart surgery. The patient, who could be only identified as a resident of Indiranagar, was known to be in Oregon with her children for a few years until she developed the heart condition and sought treatment there in the US.

"The woman's family felt the treatment in the US was not sufficient for her," said Dr Shalini Nalwad, co-founder and director of ICATT, the air ambulance services firm.

▶To monitor patient, P 17



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Uphaar fire: Ansal brothers to be freed

A Delhi court Tuesday ordered the release of Sushil (83) and Gopal Ansal (74) against the jail term undergone by them in a case related to the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire that had claimed 59 lives. P 5

Body of worker missing in AP found?

A body suspected to be that of one of the 19 labourers from Assam who had disappeared two weeks ago from Arunachal's Kurung Kumey bordering China was fished out of a river Monday. P 18

DAZZLE IN THE DESERT VILLAGE

Until 10 years ago, Bhadla in Rajasthan was barely a speck on the map. Now, the arid landscape is yielding a rich harvest: 2,245MW of solar power a day towards India's green energy target & towards a better future for locals.

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Govt: Don't agree with press freedom index

The Centre said it doesn't subscribe to views of "foreign non-government organisation" Reporters Without Borders, whose World Press Freedom Index ranked India at the bottom. P 24

Filmmaker held for post on Amit Shah

Gujarat police detained filmmaker Avinash Das on Tuesday for trying to tarnish the image of Amit Shah by tweeting a photo of him with jailed IAS officer Pooja Singhal, & for flag insult. P14

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3 Districts In 'Orange' Amid Signs Of Spike

Rise In Positivity Rate Bucks A Month's Decline

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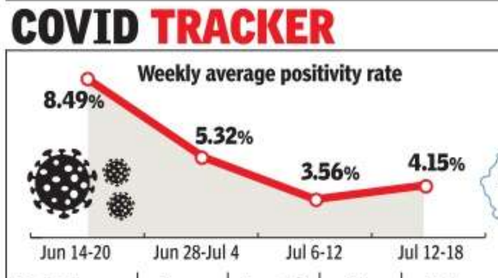
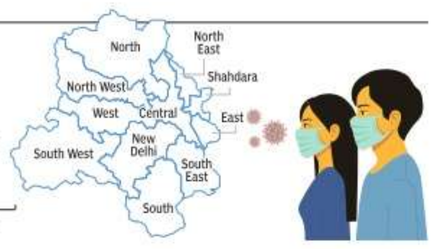
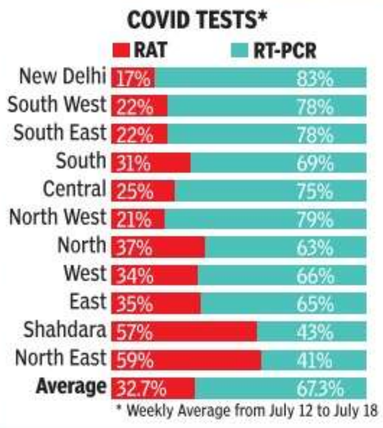




District	June 14-20	June 28-July 4	July 6-12	July 12-18
East	13.11%	9.52%	5.31%	7.84%
South	11.36%	8.28%	5.92%	6.59%
Central	11.72%	7.54%	5.36%	6.05%
South West	9.46%	5.95%	3.69%	4.62%
New Delhi	7.96%	5.11%	4.07%	4.49%
North West	10.51%	5.73%	4.22%	4.39%
West	7.95%	4.90%	4.02%	3.96%
South East	6.84%	3.94%	2.59%	3.22%
North	4.38%	2.85%	1.36%	1.97%
Shahdara	7.97%	3.44%	1.91%	1.71%
North East	2.14%	1.31%	0.79%	0.87%



* Weekly Average from July 12 to July 18

0.59 Percentage point rise in overall positivity rate in the last 1 week, compared with the previous week

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New Delhi: Around a month ago, around 1,500 new Covid-19 cases were being reported every day in Delhi. Four districts were in the red zone with an average weekly positivity rate of above 10%. Since then, the cases have reduced by the day and in the last one week, except three, all other districts are in the green zone. Yet compared with a week before, the positivity rate is slightly higher.

While South district has consistently seen the highest positivity rate in the city, this month, East logged the highest test positivity rate among the 11 districts with average weekly positivity rate in the last seven days being 7.8%, an increase of 2.5 compared with the July 6-12 week.

In June, Delhi's overall average weekly positivity rate had diminished considerably. The figure was 8.5% for June 14-20, sliding to 3.6% in July 6-July 12 before increasing to 4.2% in July 12-18, an increase of 0.6 percentage points.

Apart from East, the two other districts that are also in the orange zone are South and Central. Compared with the week before the average weekly positivity rate in the South district went up from 5.9% to 6.6%, the figure has gone up from 5.4% to 6.1% in Central district, an increase of 0.7 percentage points.

While the average weekly positivity rate has gone up less than one percentage point in six other districts, the Shahdara and West districts have bucked the trend. Shahdara has seen the figure come down to 1.7% in the last one week from 1.9% a week earlier, a fall of 0.2 percentage points. West district has seen a dip from 4.02% to 3.9% in the same period. Between June 14 and June 20, these districts had recorded an average of 7.9% and 7.9%, respectively.

Delhi's overall average weekly positivity rate has been computed at 4.2% from 32.7% Rapid Antigen Tests and 67.3% RT-PCR tests. In the last week, New Delhi district had the highest share of 83% RT PCR tests, followed by North West (79%), South West (78%), South East (78%) and Central (75%) districts.

Hit and vanish: Henchmen run the show at behest of ganglords in jail, keep cops on toes

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New Delhi: With a majority of ganglords of Delhi operating from behind bars, their henchmen are running the show outside. Delhi cops are busy hunting for these gangsters who have rewards on their heads ranging between Rs 50,000 and Rs 5 lakh. They arrive in the city, commit crimes and go back to other states, leaving police in a tizzy.

Currently, periodic raids are being conducted in states like Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Haryana to nab these wanted gangsters, informally known as the "top 10 criminals".

At the top of the list is Deepak Boxer, who started managing the affairs of the Gogi gang after the kingpin, Jitender Gogi, was killed inside the Rohini courts complex last September. At the third spot is Deepak Sonu, holding the baton for Gogi's rival Sunil Tajpuria alias Tillu. Another henchman of his, Naresh Sonu from Tajpur Kalan, is also a wanted criminal.

Northeast Delhi gangster Hashim Baba's two shooters-turned-gangsters, including Rashid Cablewala, also figure in this list. A history-sheeter, Cablewala earlier carried a bounty of Rs 1 lakh before his arrest in 2018. He recently jumped parole and went underground.

Given Cablewala's involvements in murder, attempt to murder and Arms Act cases, cops from different units are hot on his heels. The last time he was nabbed while trying to flee to Saudi Arabia. He had started a garments business in Riyadh and was also expanding it to Thailand. Given his business interests, police suspect he may have or must be trying to flee abroad.

Kapil Sangwan, believed to be in the UK, is at the number four spot. Wanted in several extortion cases and gang-related murders, Delhi Police had requested for a red-corner notice against him, which is still pending before the Interpol. A blue notice had been issued against him earlier. Sangwan belongs to Najafgarh and has been using VoIP calls to make extortion demands from London, where he escaped using a forged passport procured from UP.

Two members of the notorious interstate gangster Kaushal, who is currently incarcerated after his deportation from Dubai in 2019, are being hunted by police due to their increased activity in Delhi.

Jailed gangster Neeraj Bawana's henchman, Himanshu Bhau, is also among the top 10 wanted criminals.

Investigators said it had become convenient for gangsters to operate from jail without fearing an encounter with police or an attack from rival gangs. Periodically, they take parole or bail and then go underground for sometime to enjoy life outside before they are caught again. The murder of Punjabi pop singer Sidhu Moose Wala, which was hatched inside Tihar Jail by gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, has become an inspiration for many gangsters who find it safer to operate from jail, sources said citing questioning of arrested criminals.

Connivance with jail officials and security staff gives gangsters access to cellphones using which they can order hits, make extortion demands or coordinate logistics with their associates. At times, when the jail administration becomes strict in the wake of a big incident, criminals use the "Mulaqat" facility to pass on instructions to their henchmen.

Sikkim cop's family: Had no inkling he was bullied

Times News Network

New Delhi: The Sikkim police officer who was arrested on Monday for allegedly shooting dead three of his colleagues at Haiderpur water treatment plant (WTP) in Rohini told cops that he was being harassed and bullied by them.

The accused was identified as 32-year-old Lance Naik Prabin Rai and the deceased as Pinto Bhutia, Dhanhang Subba and Indra Chhetri. While Bhutia was Rai's commander, the others were constables. Another officer managed to escape unhurt.

During interrogation, Rai said his colleagues passed lewd remarks against him and his wife. An infuriated Rai then fired 5-7 rounds from his INSAS rifle, leaving the trio dead. Rai had come to Delhi 10-12 days ago and was deployed at the Delhi Jal Board WTP with four other Sikkim Police personnel.

On Monday, the other staff deployed at the plant heard gunshots and found three personnel lying unconscious with bullet injuries. Rai left the barracks, went to Samaypur Badli police station and surrendered.

"We found five bullet shells at the spot. The escapee is the only eyewitness and his statement has been recorded. He refuted Rai's claims saying his colleagues had passed a few comments on Rai, but never said anything objectionable. He also said there was no bullying," said a senior police officer.

Meanwhile, police spoke to Rai's family who said they were not aware of any mental issues or bullying. Speaking to TOI from Sikkim, his wife, Roshni, said, "We had a love marriage and were together for nine years. We have a daughter aged six. Everything was fine between us. We heard the media saying there were family issues, but that's not true."

The family claimed Rai never got into any fights. He was working with Sikkim Police for over 10 years and was posted in many states.

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Two-Week Celebrations To Mark 75 Years Of Freedom

Tricolour To Come Up At Various Locations; Cultural Fests Aplenty

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New Delhi: Delhi will turn into a city of tricolours in August with large-scale celebrations planned by Aam Aadmi Party to commemorate 75 years of Independence.

Sources said all government offices, including those of various departments and educational institutions, would be decked up for the celebrations and the national flag of varied sizes would be hoisted atop all buildings.

The government was also planning to host about 100 events and large-scale cultural programmes by roping in school students. A mega concert would see the presence of Bollywood singers. The two-week-long celebrations would begin in the first week of August and culminate on Independence Day.

Chief minister Arvind Kejriwal had announced the "Har Haath Tiranga" campaign to mark 75 years of Independence during an event at Thyagraj Stadium in the first week of June. Sources said the government would procure about 25 lakh flags made by self-help groups and distributed to students, citizens as well as employees of Delhi government and local bodies.

"The 100 events would be organised at various locations. They will witness the participation of over 20 lakh students of Delhi government and private schools, over two lakh citizens and three lakh employees of government and local bodies. The participants will come with flags in their hands," said an official.

Two mega events have been planned to add glitz to the celebrations. While one cultural programme, which is likely to be held in an open ground in north Delhi, will see the participation of a large number of school students and teachers, the other will be a music concert organised either in a stadium or an open ground in south Delhi. The event with students may also see a March Past and formation of a human flag.

Sources said Delhi government was also deliberating with music bands and popular Bollywood singers to participate in the concert, which would be based on the theme of patriotism. Delhi government would ask Tiranga Samman Samitis, which were formed in June, to hold small events at the locations where 115m tall flags have been installed across the city. Delhi is likely to have these flags at 500 locations by August.

The two-week-long celebrations are actually a part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav campaign launched by the Centre. Union home minister Amit Shah and Union culture minister held a meeting of all states on Sunday to know the action plan prepared by them for the celebrations.

While the Centre is launching the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign on July 22, Delhi government has decided to give a tricolour in each hand to mark the celebrations.

HAR HAATH TIRANGA CAMPAIGN TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE

- **100 locations**
- **20 lakh students** of Delhi govt and private schools to participate
- **Mega Tiranga Concert** in the week before Independence Day
- **25 lakh national flags** to be procured
- **Large-scale cultural programme** with students in the first week of August

'No shortage of CNG in NCR', IGL to set up 5 new stations in Ggn

New Delhi: Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL) on Tuesday said it is ready to meet any additional demand for CNG (compressed natural gas) in Gurgaon district in Haryana through its network and there was no shortage in the district. Company's director (commercial) Pawan Kumar said all the 15 CNG stations of IGL in the district were operating 24x7, selling over one lakh kg fuel per day in Gurugram. The IGL network's current installed capacity in Gurgaon is enough to meet an additional 50% demand for CNG, he added.

IGL is working towards augmenting its retail infrastructure in Gurugram with five more CNG stations, Kumar added. TNN

R-Day parade: Govt floats tender to arrange for one lakh visitors

New Delhi: The government has planned to make seating arrangements for around one lakh people for the Republic Day celebrations on the newly developed Rajpath, with CPWD floating a Rs 112-crore tender to hire bleachers for such functions for five years, official sources said on Tuesday.

They said a stepped seating arrangement will be provided to visitors to allow better view of the Republic Day Parade. Each row of seat will have sufficient level difference to ensure good visibility. Bleachers or tier stands are raised and tiered rows of benches found at stadiums and other events. PTI

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5	19(P-I), Sirsa	30
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2	Taoru	50
3	JH-6, Jhajjar	14
4	9(Part-A), Jhajjar	20
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6	10, Mahendragarh	23
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(N.I.T. NO-07/WBTIDC/2022-23)
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
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GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
TENDER NOTICE
NIB NO. 02/2022-23 OF SE, NHC-II, Tender Id- 2022_WBPWD_385682_1
The S.E., N.H. Circle No.-II, P.W.(Roads) Directorate invites online Bids "Consultant to Authority's Engineer for supervision of the work Construction of ROB and its approaches in lieu of Level Crossing No. 10/B/T at km 307.050 of NH-60 (Bhimgarh ROB) in the state of West Bengal on EPC mode [Job No. NH-60/(WB)/(9)/15-16/013-S&R(B)]." Last date for submission of tender 08.08.2022 upto 16.00 Hrs. For details information please visit website: http://www.wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- SE, NHC-II, PW(Roads) Dte., Govt. of W.B. ICA-T13031(1)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
A1. Construction of Concrete Pavement surrounding Shed for Pulse processing unit of Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswavidyala at Ranaghat Krishak Bazar under Nadia Zilla Regulated Market Committee vide NIT No. WBSAMB/CEO/27/R1/72/2022-23, Dated- 05.07.2022 bearing Tender Id:- 2022_WBSMB_389625_1. The last date for submission of Tender is on 04.08.2022 upto 12.00 Noon. The detail information regarding e-NIT will be available on the https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Chief Executive Officer, West Bengal State Agricultural Marketing Board. ICA-T13014(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Bid reference no. - WBMSCL/NIT-317/2022, Dated - 15/07/2022
West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Vertical Extension of one floor with light structure over seventh floor of Swasthya Sathi Building including civil works, electrical works, fire fighting work and IT works." Last date of submission of bid (online)- 12.08.2022 upto 03.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 12.00 A.M. on 19.07.2022. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in or info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA-T12980(3)/2022

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NOTICE INVITING TENDER
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West Bengal Medical Services Corporation Ltd. is inviting online bids for "Repair and renovation of civil work, i.e. damaged false ceiling work, wall, floor & wall tiles, broken glass and plumbing work i.e. broken bottle trap, seat cover and drainage line jam and One no borewell pump rectification work at Metiabruz SSH (Phase I) in the district of South 24 Parganas during the year 2022-23 (2nd call)." Last date of submission of bid (online)- 26.07.2022 upto 12.00 P.M. The tender document can be downloaded from www.wbtenders.gov.in on or after 11.00 A.M. on 19.07.2022. Details of the tender will also be available at www.wbmsc.gov.in Clarification requests, if any may be sent to eecivil@wbmsc.gov.in or info@wbmsc.gov.in Sd/- General Manager, WBMSCL. ICA-T12981(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
IRRIGATION AND WATERWAYS DIRECTORATE
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eN.I.T. No. WBIW/SE/MCC/ NIT-02(e)/2022-23
e-Tender is being invited by the undersigned from the eligible bonafide contractors for 14 (fourteen) no. works under Mayurakshi Canal Circle under Special Central Assistant. Last date & time of downloading of tender documents is 05.08.2022 upto 15:00 hrs. Other details of tender notice may be seen at website www.wbiwd.gov.in & https://wbtenders.gov.in Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Mayurakshi Canal Circle, Suri, Birbhum. ICA-T13015(5)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
e-TENDER NOTICE
On behalf of the Governor of West Bengal, e-Tender is invited by the Mission Director, National Health Mission, West Bengal, GN-29, 4th Floor, Swasthya Sathi Building, Swasthya Bhawan Premises, Sector-V, Salt Lake, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091 for SUPPLY & COMMISSIONING OF PEDIATRIC DENTAL CHAIR FOR DISTRICT EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE UNDER RBSK from resourceful, eligible agency having experience in similar nature of works. Technical & Financial Bid Submission Closing Date: 05.08.2022 Upto 05:00 P.M. Bid Reference No.:HFW-35099/163/2021-NHMSEC/2521/2022 Dated: 18/07/2022. Interested Bidders may download the tender document and submit their bids online at the website www.wbtenders.gov.in The tender document may also be downloaded from the website: www.wbhealth.gov.in ICA-T13013(3)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
District Health & Family Welfare Samity, Paschim Medinipur
Tender Notice
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Why Mining Continues Unabated In Aravalis

Despite Blanket Ban By SC, Undercover Ops Rampant In Middle Of Night

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Gurgaon: Illegal mining in the Aravalis has defied the Supreme Court ban of 2009 and government crackdowns in Nuh, with its roots running deep and the undulating terrain aiding an undercover operation that often happens in the middle of the night.

Villagers pointed out that dumpers moved in and out of the hilly region through the day, taking out tonne of stones through the rocky trails that made getaways easy. Some of the areas, they said, where mining is rampant are Pandala, Kakrola, Bar Gujjar and Tauru.

"Giants depressions have formed in the hills because of the sheer number of dumpers moving in and out. We have seen how hills have been flattened because of rampant mining. We are poor people. We stay away from the miners, lest they might harm us," said Karim, a resident of Tauru.

Haryana doesn't have minerals. Only stones used for construction are mined in the Aravalis, and the flourishing realty market has only augmented that.

Government data on crackdowns somewhat gives a picture of the rampant practice. In the past three years, around 700 vehicles involved in mining have been seized by the authorities in Nuh. While 194 vehicles were confiscated in 2020 and Rs 2.5 crore recovered from mining gangs, 387 vehicles were seized in 2021 but fines worth only Rs 17 lakh were imposed. Till July 19 this year, the authorities seized 102 vehicles and recovered Rs 4.9 lakh.

Mining officials claimed that though there was round-the-clock vigil, the Rajasthan border, which is just a couple of hours away, made escapes easy. "We have stepped up our vigilance and have been carefully checking all the vehicles that pass the area," said a senior mining officer. "Since the district neighbours Rajasthan, many dumpers follow the narrow forest tracks to move out of the state. This makes tracing difficult in the hilly terrain."

On July 11, a task force — comprising officials of the state pollution control board and the forest and mining departments — was set up to crack down on quarrying activities in the Aravalis in Gurgaon, Faridabad and Nuh. Along with security personnel, the task force members will be stationed in the check posts and scan every passing vehicle.

The move followed a National Green Tribunal (NGT) order of May 23, when the pollution board and the three districts were asked to take steps to prevent mining in the Aravalis and submit a report in three months.

Environmentalists feared that Gurgaon, Faridabad and Nuh could go the Rajasthan way if mining was left unchecked. In a 2018 report, a Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) had pointed out that around 25% of the Aravali range in Rajasthan had been lost to illegal mining in the past 50 years.

Indranil Das

The undulating terrain aids in the illegal activities in the Aravalis

No culprit will be spared, says Haryana CM

Gurgaon: Haryana chief minister Manohar Lal Khattar on Tuesday vowed strict action against those involved in the murder of DSP Surender Singh Bishnoi and announced that the slain cop will be accorded martyr status.

Singh's family will get financial assistance of Rs 1 crore, and a government job will be given to a member, the CM said. "As soon as I was informed about the incident, I directed DGP PK Agarwal and ADGP (CID) Alok Mittal to reach the spot and ensure the arrest (of the accused) and strict action against those involved in Singh's killing," Khattar said.

Amid opposition criticism, the CM also declared a fresh crackdown on illegal activities in the ecologically fragile Aravalis. "Check posts will keep data about the movement of vehicles from mining sites. Similarly, check posts will be set up at interstate borders to track the movement of these vehicles," the CM said. TNN

DSP killed at illegal mining site was to retire in 4 mths

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Gurgaon: He had his plans sorted. Deputy superintendent of police Surender Bishnoi (57), who was due to retire in four months, was planning to visit his son and grandchildren in Canada. His son had even booked the tickets for him.

Originally from Sarangpur village in Hisar, Bishnoi had joined the police service as an assistant sub-inspector in 1994. On Tuesday, he was mowed down by a dumper carrying stones from an illegal mining site in the Aravalis when he intercepted the vehicle and asked the driver to stop at Pachgaon village of Nuh.

Inspector Dharam Singh recalled his three months with the "jovial" man at the Tauru (city) police station in Nuh. "He was extremely jolly and a dedicated man — always on his toes and hardworking. Whenever he had any tip-off, he would visit the spot himself. He was such a brave heart," said Singh, as he waited for the DSP's body at the community health centre in Nuh.

After returning from Canada, Singh wanted to spend his retired life in his village in Hisar, he had told some of his close colleagues. "Since he was in the police force and on duty most of the time, he would hardly get to meet people. So, he was looking forward to meeting his son Siddharth and grandchildren in Canada. He would then spend his retired life in the village. When at home, he would never talk about work and would always crack jokes. He would keep everyone happy around him," said nephew Dinesh, who had come to receive the body.

Another nephew, Sunil, was with him. "I had spoken to uncle on Monday and he said he would come home in 2-3 days. He is now gone forever. He was the pillar of the family," sobbed Sunil (30).

DSP tried to duck out of way, but was crushed by truck; 1 of 6 accused held

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After that, Mittar hit the pedal and sped the truck towards us with an intention to kill. Amit, Umesh and I managed to jump out of the way. The DSP also tried to, but the truck hit him and crushed him," Kumar stated. The dumper did not have a registration number plate on the rear and the number painted on the front was only partially visible (HR 74 A).

Nuh is among the three south Haryana districts where the Supreme Court had in 2009 put a blanket ban on mining. The spot where the DSP was killed is around half an hour's drive from Sohna in Gurgaon, in the middle of rocky, undulating Aravali terrain.

One of the occupants of the truck, Ikkar — believed to be one of the helpers of the driver – was arrested around 4pm after a brief gunfight in Silkoh village, which is also in Nuh but around 8km away, further towards the Rajasthan border. Police said they have launched a massive search operation to find the five others, among them the truck driver Mittar. The accused in the truck were armed with pistols, police said.

Both Ikkar and Mittar are residents of Pachgaon. Later in the day, director general of police (DGP) PK Agarwal visited the Community Health Centre in Nuh, where the DSP's postmortem was conducted.

"The DSP was killed by those involved in illegal mining and he died on the spot. We have registered a case of murder and one suspect has been nabbed after an exchange of fire. The main suspect (Mittar) is yet to be arrested," he said.

A police official told **TOI** that the procedure for following up on information about illegal mining includes informing the station house officer (SHO) and the crime Investigation Agency (CIA). "In this case, it appears it wasn't done. Possibly because the team wanted to act urgently," a police official said on the condition of anonymity. Hours after the incident, state police got information that Ikkar was hiding in a village settlement in Silkoh. Nuh superintendent of police (SP) Varun Singla said a team was sent to arrest him, but he fired at them and tried to escape.

"After the incident, there was a search operation and around 4pm, the cops located Ikkar in Silkoh village. There was an exchange of fire as the culprits were armed. Ikkar was shot in the knee following which he fell to the ground. He was taken to a hospital in Nalhar, Nuh," the SP said.

The six accused – Ikkar, Mittar and four others yet to be identified – have been named in an FIR at Tauru police station. They have been booked under sections 302 (murder), 307 (attempt to murder), 333 (voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty), 353 (assault or criminal force to deter public servant), 186 (voluntarily obstructs any public servant), 120-B (criminal conspiracy), 379 (punishment for theft), 188 (disobedience to order) and 506 (punishment for criminal intimidation) of IPC. Relevant provisions of the Mines and Minerals Act, the Prevention of Damage to Public Property and the Arms Act have also been added.

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21-Year-Old Delivers Baby In Open At Safdarjung Hospital

Committee Formed By Health Ministry De-Rosters 5 Doctors

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New Delhi: The Union health ministry de-rostered five doctors of Safdarjung Hospital's obstetrics and gynaecology division on Tuesday following reports of a 21-year-old woman delivering outside the gynaecology room because she wasn't hospitalised in time.

Poonam, the woman who was 33 weeks and six days pregnant, was rushed to the central government-run hospital from Dadri in Uttar Pradesh on Monday. A senior resident on duty examined her at 5.45pm and found the woman was in early labour with pre-eclampsia, a condition that can lead to eclampsia with health risks for both the mother and the newborn. Experts said the only way to manage preeclampsia is to have the baby delivered.

Poonam's family alleged that she was examined by the doctor-on-duty at the gynaecology receiving room, who decided that she hadn't entered labour pain yet. "Later, they asked us to take her for an ultrasound on the fourth floor. We went there but after waiting for hours, the staff said the machine wasn't working," claimed a woman relative of Poonam.

THE SPOT WHERE THE WOMAN GAVE BIRTH

Times View

That a woman was forced to give birth on a pavement is a matter of shame for all of us. The incident only reinforces the need to buttress public health infrastructure so that the neediest can afford healthcare.

The woman and her kin spent Monday night outside the gynaecology receiving room and Poonam delivered a baby girl around 9.30am on Tuesday.

Rabia, an advocate, was present and recorded the incident. She shared the video on social media, which erupted in outrage. Delhi Commission for Women took suo motu cognisance of the matter and sent a notice to the hospital.

The Union health ministry, on the directive of minister Mansukh Mandaviya, formed a high-level committee to enquire into the matter. "Five of the doctors have been debarred from duties until the probe is completed," a health ministry official said, adding that Poonam and her newborn were currently in the care of Safdarjung Hospital.

The hospital claimed, however, that Poonam was to blame. "The patient was offered admission, but she did not return with the admission papers," Safdarjung said in a statement.

The hospital added that on Tuesday morning the senior resident on duty was informed about a patient delivering a baby outside the receiving room. "A GRR team was dispatched immediately and the patient's delivery was taken care of. The patient is currently admitted in LR-II and the baby weighing 1.4kg is admitted in nursery 9 in view of her low birth weight. Both are in stable condition," the hospital statement said.

A notice has been served to Dr Anjali Dabral, who heads the obstetrics and gynaecology division at Safdarjung, requiring her to submit a detailed report within 48 hours. The five doctors who have been debarred till the inquiry is completed — two senior residents, one junior resident, two post-graduate students and one intern — have been sent a show cause notice asking them to reply within 24 hours why disciplinary action should not be initiated against them.

Delhi Golf Club lessee of L&DO, says ministry

New Delhi: The government in 2012 had extended the temporary lease of the 179 acre land to Delhi Golf Club (DGC) till 2050, the housing and urban affairs ministry informed the Rajya Sabha. It said the lease was extended for 30 years, eight years prior to completion of earlier lease period before the need for its renewal arose.

In a written reply, the ministry said DGC is the lessee of Land and Development Office and 179 acres is under the possession of the club since November 8, 1963. Prior to 1963, the DGC used to be a Municipal Course established in the early 1930s and became a corporate entity in February 1950.

It said the allotment letter was issued on April 23, 1968 to the DGC on temporary lease basis which was extended from time to time. The temporary lease was executed on August 5, 1996 for 20 years, from January 1991 to December 2010. "It could not get registered under Indian Registration Act, so Confirmation and Amendment Deed was executed on June 21, 2002. The said lease was extended for 10 years from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2020. The government renewed the temporary lease in 2012 itself for 30 years till 2050, eight years prior to completion of lease period before the need for its renewal arose," the ministry said. TNN

Evidence tampering: Court orders release of Ansals

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New Delhi: While considering the old age of real estate barons Sushil and Gopal Ansal, a city court on Tuesday directed their release against the jail term already undergone by them in judicial custody in an evidence tampering case related to the 1997 Uphaar cinema fire tragedy.

The court said the seven-year jail term awarded to them by a magistrate court was "not only harsh, onerous, but also disproportionate to the offence committed". The whole tone and tenor of the impugned order by the trial court shows that it was by all parameters punitive and retributive in nature to teach a lesson to the appellants (Ansals).

District judge Dharmesh Sharma, however, imposed a fine of Rs 3 crore on each of them to be paid within seven days.

"We empathise with you (Association of Victims of Uphaar Tragedy chairperson Neelam Krishnamoorti). Many lives were lost, which can never be compensated. Nothing can compensate for your loss. But you must understand that penal policy is not about retribution. We have to consider their (Ansals) age. You have suffered, but they have also suffered," said the judge while pronouncing the order.

The court also directed the release of Ansal's employee, PP Batra, and former court staff Dinesh Chand Sharma against the jail term undergone by them in judicial custody, but imposed a fine of Rs 30,000 on Batra and Rs 60,000 on Sharma. It said the fine should be paid as compensation to AVUT.

"Considering the nature of the crime, the social and economic status of the appellants-convicts, the duration of crime committed and ultimate impact on the speed of the trial in the main Uphaar case, this court finds the quantum of sentence of imprisonment awarded by the trial court is not only harsh, onerous, but also disproportionate to the offence committed," the court said.

COURT SAYS

The seven-year jail term awarded to them by a magistrate court is not only harsh, onerous, but also disproportionate to the offence committed

A magistrate court had on November 8 last year, awarded seven-year jail terms to the accused. The sessions court had on July 18 upheld their conviction.

After the order was pronounced on Tuesday, Krishnamoorthy broke down in the courtroom, saying it was "injustice" and she had lost faith in the judiciary. "This is complete injustice. We cannot have faith in the judiciary if the accused is rich and powerful," she said before storming out of the courtroom.

Senior Public Prosecutor AT Ansari, appearing for police, said the prosecution would appeal against the order before Delhi High Court.

During the hearing on Tuesday, Ansari argued that the convicts had misused the liberties given to them during the trial of the main Uphaar case by getting documents tampered with pursuant to meticulous planning and conspiracy. He submitted that the convicts sought to put a stumbling block and created impediments in the smooth trial of not only the main Uphaar case, but in the present case too.

"The brazen attitude and perversity of the mind of the accused leads to the irresistible belief that they are no more corrigible. Can convicts still expect the law to come to their rescue? The answer is big 'no'," submitted Ansari.

Senior advocate N Hariharan, appearing for the Ansal brothers, argued that the sentence awarded to them by the magistrate court was perverse and untenable in law and sought leniency on the ground that Sushil was 83 years old and Gopal 74 years old.

Senior advocate Vikas Pahwa, appearing for the complainant, said the sentence imposed by the sessions court was highly inadequate and was not commensurate with the magnitude of the crime committed by the Ahlmad, the Ansal brothers and others.

'Mission Buniyaad upped learning levels of kids'

New Delhi: State Council of Educational Research and Training held an orientation programme on Mission Buniyaad for about 2,700 heads of schools of the Delhi government and municipal corporation on Tuesday. The main aim of the orientation was to discuss the achievements and learnings from the previous phase of Mission Buniyaad and draw a roadmap to further strengthen the foundational learning skills of students in Delhi. MCD commissioner Gyanesh Bharti said, "26 lakh children studying in DoE and MCD schools are the future of Delhi. With the introduction of Mission Buniyaad in all government schools, we have seen 20-30% improvement in the learning level of children, which is just the first milestone." TNN

3,500 applications in 12 days for Paryavaran Mitra

New Delhi: Environment minister Gopal Rai held a review meeting regarding the Delhi government's new citizen-driven volunteer campaign, 'Paryavaran Mitra', on Tuesday. The volunteers will help in increasing greenery, reducing pollution and improving waste management. The campaign was announced on July 7.

"According to a report released by the environment department, about 3,500 people have so far given a missed call on a toll-free number issued by the department to become Paryavaran Mitra. The department has also begun the initial round of screening process," said Rai.

The minister further said that the objective of the programme was to create a network of people of Delhi to achieve the city's green goals. TNN

64k illegal constructions identified in past 7 years

New Delhi: Delhi's civic bodies and the special task force (STF) under Delhi Development Authority have identified only 64,321 illegal and unauthorised constructions in the past seven years, according to a reply submitted by the housing and urban affairs ministry to the Rajya Sabha.

The ministry said while the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) and New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) have given data from 2016 onwards, the STF started the detection of illegal and unauthorised constructions from 2018 when it was set up.

According to the data, while MCD has identified 53,171 illegal constructions, NDMC has detected only 240 such constructions since 2016. The STF has identified 10,900 violations.

The ministry in a written reply to a query said that so far nearly 30,000 illegal and unauthorised constructions have been sealed in the national capital. In the Delhi Cantonment Board area, only five illegal constructions have been demolished and 32 properties sealed so far. TNN

Child weighing 500g at birth saved by doctors

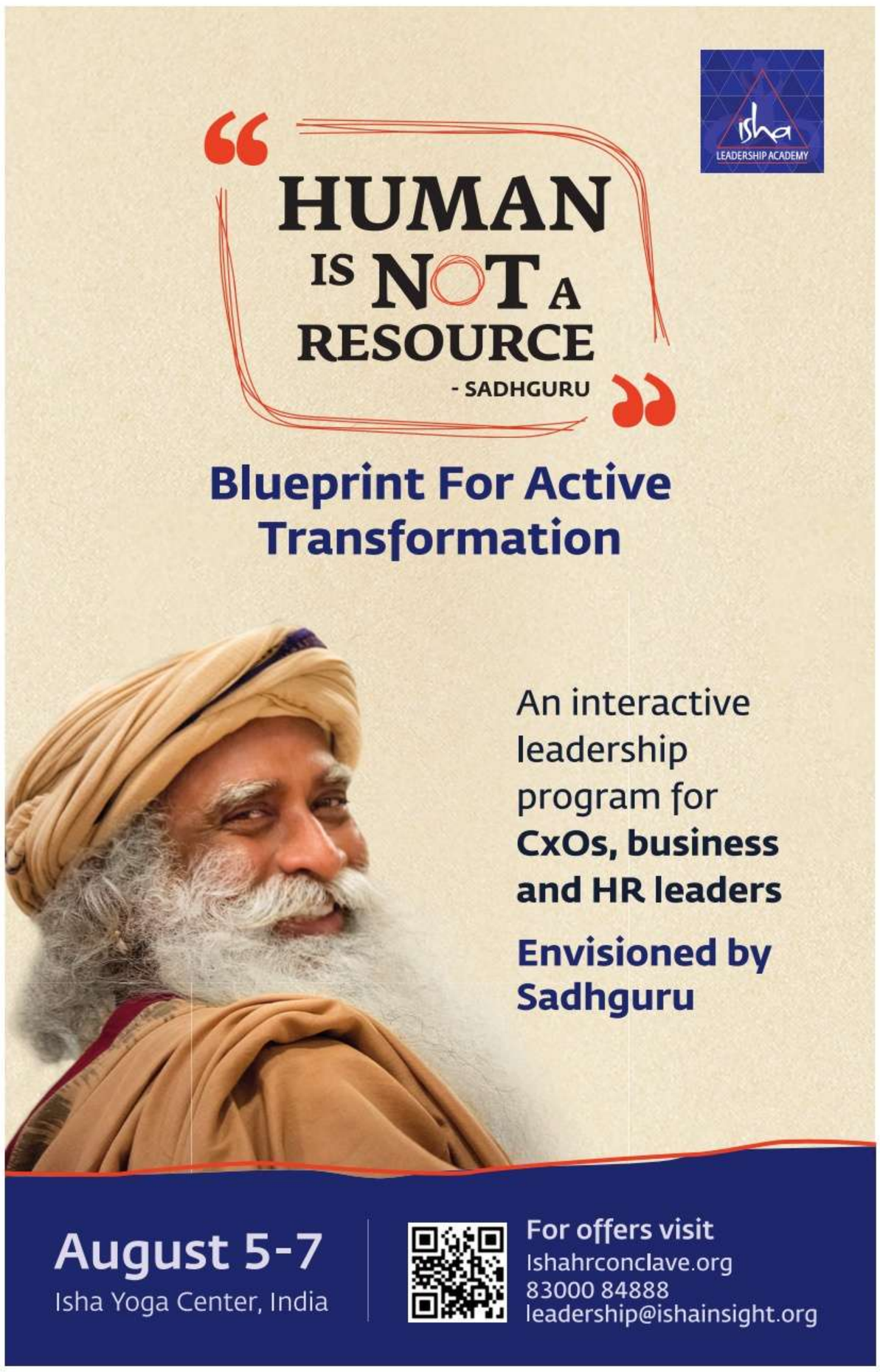
New Delhi: A prematurely born child who weighed only about 500 grams at birth was saved by the doctors at a city private hospital after four months of continuous treatment.

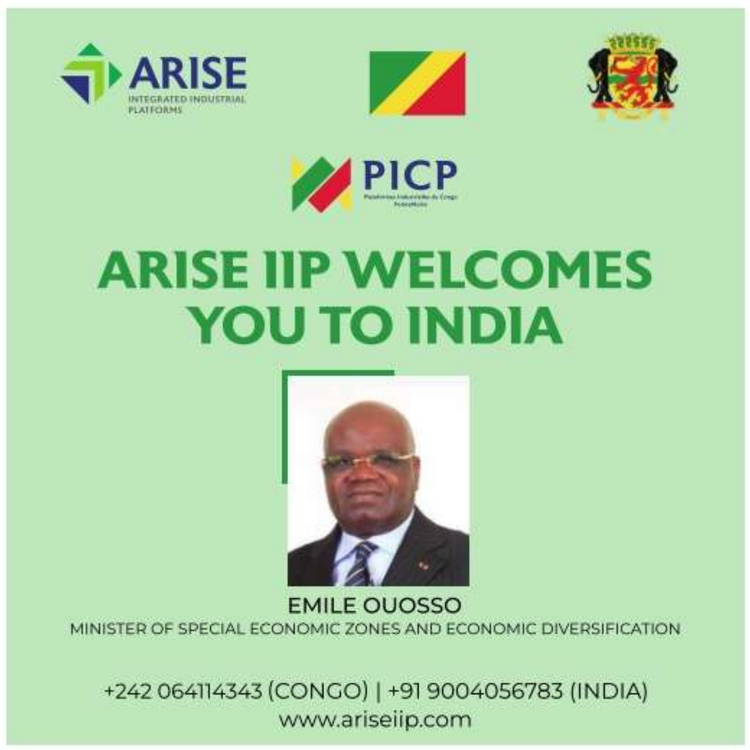
According to Dr Abhishek Chopra, consultant neonatologist and paediatrician at Cloudnine Group of Hospitals in Punjabi Bagh, the child was born premature, at 23 weeks of pregnancy.

"Only about 10% of such prematurely born children are able to survive," Dr Chopra said.

According to doctors, the newborn weighed 520 grams at birth and his weight reduced further to 380 grams. "His organs weren't formed properly and the veins were extremely fragile. We knew the chances of survival were less but kept trying and succeeded," said one of the doctors.

The baby was on ventilator support for several weeks. He was administered nutrients through the central catheters. Extra care was taken to prevent infections. At the time of discharge, the baby weighed 3.2 kg, was on minimal amount of oxygen 0.1l/min given through nasal prongs. Baby will be closely followed up, doctors said. TNN





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Row over parking at Metro station: Victim's brother says timely hospitalisation could have saved his life

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They were told that those who had been injured in a scuffle had been shifted to hospital. It was only on Sunday that the cops received information about Rohit's death at Safdarjung Hospital.

Rahul, who runs a taxi business, told police that on Saturday, around 1.30am, he, Rohit, Ashu Yadav and Amit Jain were returning from Nizamuddin in Ashu's car after dinner. They were trying to park the vehicle, a Swift Dzire, near Gate No.2 of the Metro station, which is close to a police post. Some men standing on the spot didn't move. Ashu began honking which led to an argument. This soon escalated into a scuffle during which these men attacked them.

"When Ashu honked, one of the men abused us. I came out of the car and he started running. I chased him for a few metres. The guy then returned with his friends who attacked us. I fell unconscious. They attacked Rohit and Ashu too," said Rahul.

Yadav said when he gained consciousness, he found that blood was coming out from a wound on his head and he rushed to hospital for treatment. His brother, Ashu, too sought medical aid.

However, Rohit, was apparently taken to Rahul's office which is very close to the Metro station. While Rahul claims that the policemen had seen Rohit lying on the ground, the latter have denied this. They said that Rohit's friends had shifted him to the office and had they known, they would have taken him to hospital.

Rohit's brother Mohit told **TOI** that he got a call only around 8.30am. A man who can neither speak nor hear but knew Rohit made a video call to show his brother was lying on the floor. "I rushed to the office and took him to hospital. No one had informed me about my brother's condition. His friends had my phone number but nobody called me or took him to a hospital. He was lying in the office for several hours. When I finally reached him, he was having difficulty in breathing. If my brother had been admitted to hospital in time, he might have been saved," said Mohit.

Rohit said his brother was the only one earning a livelihood for their family. "He was injured while trying to save his friend from the attackers," he said. "My mother is in a state of shock."

Rohit was earlier running a hotel which he had to close due to losses. He then worked as a bouncer and a personal security officer too but lost these jobs as well. That's when he started running the food cart.

Rajesh Mehta

The incident took place near the Saket Metro station

HIS BROTHER SAYS

His friends had my phone number but nobody called me or took him to a hospital. He was lying in the office for several hours

Police have arrested Priyanshu, 22, a resident of Saidulajab in connection with the crime. DCP (south) Benita Mary Jaiker said the accused has disclosed that he, along with five friends, were standing near the gate when four people arrived in the car, allegedly confirming the chain of unfortunate events.

Delhi Short Of 500MW, But Crisis Kept At Bay

Dadri-II Pinch Not Felt Due To Other Sources, Rain

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New Delhi: The Union power ministry's decision to reallocate the 500 MW that Delhi was getting from the National Thermal Power Corporation's Dadri-II plant Haryana resulted in the capital facing an electricity shortage. But it managed to meet the significant demand caused by high heat without facing any outages. Now, the Union power ministry has said that from November 1, the entire 728 MW from Dadri-II will be allocated to Delhi, sources said.

In compliance with Delhi High Court's order, the central government reallocated around 500 MW of Delhi's share to Haryana, with only the balance 228 MW to be used by Delhi till October 31. Delhi government had written to the ministry last month, requesting it to reconsider its decision on the allocation of power to prevent a black-out in the capital. Sources said that even though the ministry reallocated 500 MW from the plant, the month of July didn't see as high a demand for power as Delhi had recorded in June.

On June 28, Delhi clocked a peak power demand of 7,601 MW, the highest ever since the previous record of 7,409 MW on July 2, 2019. The very next day, this mark was breached with an all-time high of 7,695 MW at 3.10pm.

"The power peak load in July has remained mostly below 7,000 MW because the rains have led to a reduced demand," a Delhi government official said. "This was a blessing because a shortfall of 500 MW is difficult to manage in the summer season when power demand is at its peak. There were shortfalls on a few days, but the discoms managed to bridge the gap by buying power from the exchange."

Even though Delhi usually witnesses peak demand during the last week of June and first week of July, officials said that it is possible that the city could still see the peak power demand cross the 8,000 MW mark this month.

According to sources, Delhi government, in its letter to the power ministry in June, pointed out that while it had asked to be permitted to surrender the power allotted from Dadri-II in 2015 and this was relevant at that time, no action was taken on it by the Centre. However, after the demand increased substantially, it had been requesting since 2017 to be able to continue consuming power from Dadri-II.

OFFICIAL SAYS

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WHERE DELHI DERIVES ITS POWER FROM

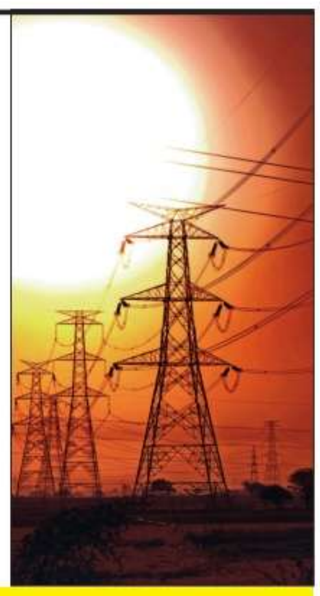
728MW Power allocation from NTPC's Dadri-II thermal power plant to Delhi

500MW From Delhi's share reallocated to Haryana

7,695MW Peak power demand clocked on June 29 this year, the highest till date

6,674MW Peak power demand on Tuesday

6,930MW Peak power demand on Monday



OTHER MAJOR STATIONS FROM WHERE POWER IS ALLOCATED TO DELHI (IN MW)

NTPC Dadri	756
Jhajjar Thermal Power Plant	693
Sasan Power Plant	446
NTPC Singrauli	300
NTPC Rihand I, II & III	358
Kahalgaon HEP II	157
SJVNL Nathpa Jhakri	142
NHPC Chamera I, II & III	112
NTPC Unchahar I, II & III	100
NHPC URI I & II	85
NHPC Salal	80
THDC Tehri	63

Change in test centres keeps CUET aspirants, parents on their toes, again

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New Delhi: Common University Entrance Test (CUET) aspirants did not face any major problems on Tuesday, compared to the past few days. However, centre changes kept many candidates and their parents on their toes.

Exercising extreme caution, several students kept checking their admit card details. Some said they had also received calls from the National Testing Agency (NTA) that their centre had changed.

Laxmi, a parent who waited for her daughter while she wrote her exam at Delhi University, said she was allotted a new centre around 7pm on Monday. "It was at Dwarka initially but changed later. All six exams my daughter had to take were slotted for Tuesday," said Laxmi, a resident of Shahdara.

Another parent, Pinku, said her daughter's centre changed from Noida to DU. "We had read in the newspaper that people had faced a lot of problems due to change in the centres. So, we kept checking and came to know on Sunday night that the exam would take place in DU now," said Pinku, who lives in Shakarpur.

Many parents said that NTA should have mentioned in the form how many photographs a student was required to carry along. Ritu Mishra, who had travelled from Dwarka, said, "Nowhere in the form is it mentioned that the photograph has to be the same as the one used in the application. I had that photo in my phone thankfully, but it was very stressful to run around finding a shop to get it printed."

Many students whose exam was scheduled to take place in the evening learnt only after reaching the centre that they needed another admit card. "The guard told us that the form will have to be submitted after the exam, so my father hurriedly went and got it printed," said Pooja, who had travelled from Kakrola in southwest Delhi.

However, keeping the teething problems aside, most students expressed satisfaction with their performance in the exam.

Ridhi Bhardwaj, a student of Delhi government school, said, "It is tougher than the CBSE exam, considering it is an all-India entrance test. But I had prepared well so I finished before the allotted time."

Wednesday, July 20 is the last date of the first phase of CUET.

Sanjeev Rastogi

TESTING TIMES

Man seeks redressal under SC/ST Act, court issues notice

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New Delhi: A Delhi court has issued notice to the district magistrate (East) on an application seeking compensation as mandated under the SC/ST Act. The complainant in the case has alleged that the accused hurled racist slurs against him. He and his family members were assaulted physically, and they sustained grievous injuries, he said in the complaint.

Additional sessions judge Reetesh Singh issued notice to the DM to forward a report as per the rules under the SC/ST Act regarding the relief provided to the complainant and his injured family members.

The application, filed through advocate Satya Prakash Gautam, sought an order to grant maintenance expenses, immediate relief, interim relief, compensation, and other arrangements as per the scheme of the SC/ST Act. It also sought directions to the state government and central government through its officers for ensuring effective implementation of the Act.

The application further sought an order under section 4 (3) of the SC/ST Act against public servants who wilfully neglect their duties required to be performed by them.

The complainant informed the court that after registration of the FIR, he sent a letter to the respondents seeking maintenance expenses, immediate relief, interim relief, compensation, etc.

It was submitted that lakhs of rupees have been spent on the medical treatment of the complainant and his injured family members and other expenditure and maintenance expenses, daily allowances should have been provided to the victims within three days but the respondents allegedly did not do so. It was further stated that after lodging of FIR and filing the charge sheet, the complainant was entitled to 25% and 50% of relief as per the scheme of the SC/ST Act.

Jamia Millia Islamia reopens with 70% turnout on first day

Times News Network

New Delhi: While Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) reopened its campus on Monday, classes for the first-year students are slated to begin from August 1. However, aspirants to at least 10 of the undergraduate courses will have to wait longer as their admissions will be based on the common universities entrance test (CUET).

The CUET, which began on July 15, is scheduled to continue till August 20.

Classes for such students will begin once the ranking list is released by the National Testing Agency following which the varsity will prepare a merit list, senior JMI officials said. "Once the CUET examinations are done, a rank list will be given and accordingly, the merit list will be prepared by JMI and their class schedule will be provided," an official of the university stated.

The courses that will require CUET scores are BA (H) history, economics, Hindi, Sanskrit, French and Francophone studies, Spanish and Latin American studies among others like BSc biotechnology and BVoc in solar energy.

AN OFFICIAL SAYS

Students were quite enthusiastic on their first day in the university as they were attending classes in the online mode till now due to Covid-19 restrictions

Out of a total of 136 programmes, 39 are undergraduate courses at the varsity.

On the first day of offline classes, the university saw over 70% attendance, officials said. "More than 70% students visited the campus and attended their classes peacefully. Students were quite enthusiastic on their first day in the university as they were attending classes in the online mode till now due to Covid-19 restrictions," officials said while adding that vice-chancellor Najma Akhtar oversaw the arrangements made for the students to return on campus after the pandemic-induced break.

Several teams from the office of the chief proctor were also present on the campus to assist students to ensure a smooth reopening.

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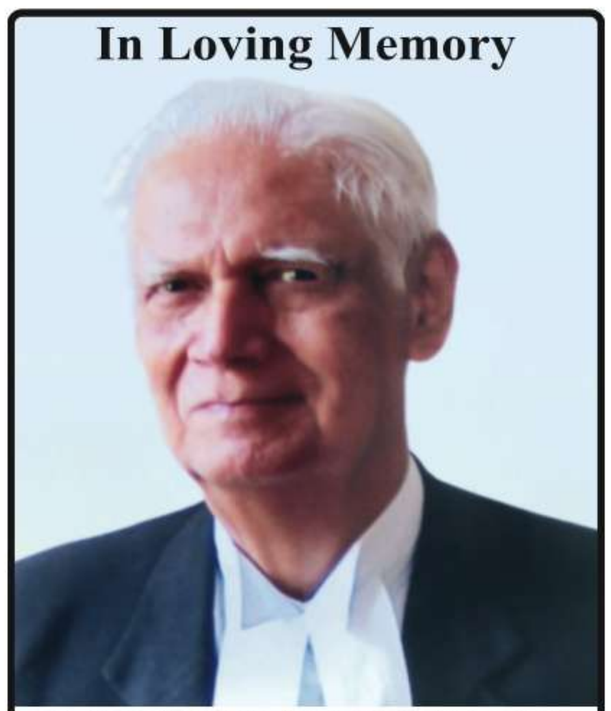

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i) Candidates must be registered with State Medical Council / Medical Council of India.

Emoluments Per Month:- Rs. 84,113 (Rs. Eighty four thousand one hundred thirteen only) fixed p.m.

Documents to be produce at the time of interview:- (a) Date of Birth Certificate (Xth standard), **(b)** M.B.B.S./MD/MS/M.Ch./D.M./DNB Degree, **(c)** M.B.B.S./MD/MS/M.Ch./D.M./DNB Mark sheets (All years), **(d)** M.B.B.S./MD/MS/M.Ch./D.M./DNB registration, **(e)** M.B.B.S. internship completion & attempt Certificate, **(f)** Aadhar Card, **(g)** 02 recent color photo.

Appointment & Tenure for Senior Resident:- On contractual basis initially for one year which may be extended annually, subject to a satisfactory appraisal report by the concerned Head of Department, for a maximum tenure of **total 03 years of Senior Residency**.

(2) TUTOR / DEMONSTRATOR / JUNIOR RESIDENT - As per requirement.

Essential Qualifications:- i) M.B.B.S. having completed one year Rotatory Internship.

Emoluments Per Month:- Rs. 71,257/- (Rs. Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Seven only) fixed p.m.

Documents to be produce at the time of interview:- (a) Date of Birth Certificate (Xth standard), **(b)**

Age:- As per NMC Norms.

Appointment & Tenure of Tutor / Demonstrator / Junior Resident:- On Contract basis appointment shall be initially for one year only.

Documents to be produce at the time of interview:- (a) Date of Birth Certificate (Xth standard), **(b)** M.B.B.S. Degree & Mark sheets (All years), **(c)** One year Rotatry Internship completion certificate, **(d)** M.B.B.S. Registration with State Medical Council / Medical Council of India, **(e)** Aadhar Card, **(f)** 02 recent color photo.

Reservation (Senior Resident / Junior Resident / Tutor / Demonstrator):- As per Uttarakhand State Government rules.

**** Kindly bring a set of complete photocopies of all the desirable document at the time of interview.***

Advt:- 249/GMC/Aptt. dt. 19.07.2022

(Principal)
Government Medical College,
Haldwani (Nainital)

TRANSMISSION CORPORATION OF ANDHRA PRADESH LIMITED, VIDYUT SOUDHA:: VIJAYAWADA
FILLING UP OF POST OF DIRECTOR (PROJECTS) IN APTRANSCO

Notification No.Addl.Secy/DS(L,IR&R)/AS(E,IR&R)/PO(Estt) /J/543 /2021, dt:20.07.2022.

Applications are invited for the post of Director (Projects) in APTRANSCO within 30 days. For details, can be viewed in APTRANSCO website **https://www.aptransco.co.in**.

Place: Vijayawada
dt: 19.07.2022

Sd/- Chairman & Managing Director

DIPR No.1177PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22. Dt.19.07.2022

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Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

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2nd Floor Vishwakarma Bhawan, Saheed Jeet Singh Marg, New Delhi-110016
Email : nectar@nectar.org.in

Advt. No. 02/2022/ CONTRACTUAL POST/ T&A

Recruitment of Job Position in NECTAR on purely short-term contractual basis

NECTAR invites online applications from highly motivated and eligible professionals for engagement as Senior Consultant. The engagement is purely on temporary and contractual basis.

The details related to essential qualification, age, experience, emoluments etc. and other terms of reference are given in the Recruitment Guidelines to this advertisement uploaded on the website of NECTAR i.e. www.nectar.org.in

Sd/- Sr. Administrative Officer NECTAR

Govt. of NCT of Delhi
Department of Social Welfare
7th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate
New Delhi-110002

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NOTICE

INVITING APPLICATION FROM VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS FOR GRANT-IN-AID

Applications are invited from eligible Voluntary Social Welfare Institution/Organizations engaged in social welfare work within the National Capital Territory of Delhi for the financial year 2022-23 under the scheme of "The Grants to Social Welfare Institutions/ Organizations by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi Rules, 2008".

The organizations have to submit two sets (hard copy) of applications duly signed & stamped by authorized signatory (alongwith Name and Designation) in Voluntary Action Cell (VAC), Department of Social Welfare, Govt. of NCT of Delhi, 7th Floor, MSO Building, I.P. Estate, New Delhi - 110002 by last date **30 September, 2022 till 5.30 pm**

Details regarding, the scheme and procedural instructions are available at the hyperlink **http://www.socialwelfare.delhigovt.nic.in**

Sd/-
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National Highways Authority of India
(Ministry of Road Transport and Highways)

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) invites applications from open market professionals for the following positions on contract basis for ICT Project Monitoring Unit being created in the NHAI Headquarters:-

Name of the position	No. of positions*
Joint Advisor (Product Manager)	Two (02)
Joint Advisor (Data Scientist)	Two (02)

*Number of posts may increase / decrease as per the requirement of the Authority.

1. Eligibility criteria and other conditions may be seen on NHAI's website **https://nhai.gov.in**.
2. **Submission of Applications:** Applications are to be submitted online only. Eligible candidates may apply online on the link provided on the website of NHAI by **18.08.2022 (6.00 PM).**
3. Corrigendum/Addendum/Cancellation to this advertisement, if any, shall be published on NHAI website only. Therefor, the candidates are advised to check NHAI website regularly.

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THE TRUTH ABOUT LIKES

The world always suspected the numbers on social media weren't accurate. The on-going turbulent courtship of Twitter by Elon Musk continues to show how well-founded those suspicions were.

Having bid $44 billion to acquire Twitter, Musk has been airing doubts about how many fake accounts it has. Musk suggests a fifth of Twitter's claimed accounts could be fake or spam bots and on July 8, has sought to abandon the deal. Twitter in turn filed a lawsuit, asking the court to set a mandate to ask Musk to follow through with the deal. In this saga, the questions on the number of fake accounts on Twitter remain unanswered.

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WBSEDCL intends to fill up the following vacant post(s) on contractual basis through Walk-In-Interview:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Vacancy	Qualification
1.	Dy. Chief Security Officer	01 No.	Retired Govt. official in the rank of Addl. Superintendent of Police or equivalent rank.
2.	Special Officer (S&LP)	05 Nos.	Retired Govt. official in the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police (UB) or Retired Inspector of Police.
3.	Security Supervisor	01 No.	Retired Govt. official in the rank of Assistant Sub-Inspector.

** The number of vacancy may vary.

DETAILS OF WALK-IN-INTERVIEW	
Date:	26.07.2022 (Tuesday)
Reporting Time:	10:30 AM
Venue :	Seminar Hall-I, 'D'-Block , 7th Floor, Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhananagar, Kolkata-700091 (Opposite Karunamoyee Bus Stand)

Candidates may visit the Company's website **www.wbsedcl.in(Career @ WBSEDCL)** for prescribed formats, service conditions and other details.

***Intending candidates are advised to bring duly filled-in application form (available on WBSEDCL website), along with photocopies of necessary documents / credentials / testimonials etc., at the time of interview failing which their candidature may not be considered.**

NOTIFICATION NO. : MPP/2022/02 || DATE: 14.07.2022

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED
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Regd. Office: Vidyut Bhavan, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Bidhannagar, Kolkata-700091
CIN: U40109WB2007SGC113473, cecorpmont@gmail.com, www.wbsedcl.in

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WEST BENGAL VALUATION BOARD
NOTICE RELATING TO DUBRAJPUR MUNICIPALITY

Public Notice No. 28 /WBVB/ Dated, 20.07.2022

Under provision of Sub-Section (1) of Section 9 of the West Bengal Valuation Board Act, 1978 (West Bengal Act LVII of 1978) the Govt. of West Bengal by Notification No.107/UDMA-11014(45)/2/2020-ESTT-MA Dated, 23.05.2022 has specified that the general valuation of land and buildings within the Dubrajpur Municipality Area in the district of Birbhum shall be taken up by West Bengal Valuation Board . In accordance with Section 16 of the West Bengal Valuation Board Act,1978 and the Rule made there under, every owner or occupier of land and building(s) in Dubrajpur Municipal Area is mandatorily required to file a statement (Schedule-III) within 90 days from the date of this public notice regarding the particulars of his/ her holding for the purpose of determination of annual valuation. The statement is required to be furnished in the Form as specified in Schedule III of West Bengal Valuation Board (Valuation of Land and Buildings) Rules,1984, which is available free of cost in the Board's office or in the Camp Office of the Board at Dubrajpur Municipality on any working day (except Saturday and Holidays) between 11.00 a.m to 4.00 p.m. All concerned of Dubrajpur Municipal Area are accordingly requested to submit such statement within 90 days of publication of this Notice at the aforementioned camp office of the Board or in this Board's Office as a statutory obligation on their part. Failure to provide the information or filling false information regarding the municipal holding (land or buildings) may lead to penal action as per section 25 of the West Bengal Valuation Board Act, 1978.

Dated : 20.07.2022 Member Secretary
West Bengal Valuation Board, West Bengal Valuation Board
"Poura Prashasan Bhavan,
Bidhanngar, Kolkata-700 064

ICA-N340(2)/2022

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER
(Abridged e-Tender)
(N.I.T. NO-08/WBTIDC/SE/2022-23)

E-Tender, in prescribed form in two parts viz. Technical & Financial Bids are invited for the works :- 1. Supply of 50 Nos. Breath Alcohol Analyzer as per technical specification to the Traffic Wing of Kolkata Police Authority. Tender Id: 2022_WBTID_390463_1. Published on 20th July, 2022 at 9.00 A.M. Please visit website **https://wbtenders.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer.
ICA-T12994(3)/2022

e-Tender Notice

Hooghly Zilla R.M.C. invites e-Tender vide N.I.T. No. 15/HZRMC/2022-2023 (SL1, SL2) Dated 19.07.2022. Last date of submission of Bid- 05.08.2022 up to 1 P.M. The details of the e-Tenders are available on the website **https://www.wbtenders.gov.in**

Sd/-
Secretary
Hooghly Zilla R.M.C

The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
(A Govt. of West Bengal Enterprise)
Corporate Identity No. U40104WB1985SGC039154
Bakreswar Thermal Power Project
P.O. BkTPP, Dist. - Birbhum, Pin - 731104

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL /Tend-Adv/22-23/BKTPS/CC-787 **Date: 15.07.2022**

NIT No.: WBPDCL /BKTPP/NIT/E2171/22-23

E- Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by General Manager - BKTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies / Companies in 2 Part bid system for **"TIT BIT Repairing & Painting of MP-1, MP-2 & MP-3 Clarifoculator at AHP Stage-I & Stage-2 of BKTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 11.07.2022 at 09:00 AM. **Bid Submission End Date:** 18.07.2022 at 05:00 PM. **Contact Person:** Mr. Indranil Chakroborty, Sr. Manager - CC / BkTPP / WBPDCL. **Mobile No.:** 8373055604. **E-mail:** cc_bktps@wbpdcl.co.in /cc.bktpp@gmail.com For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
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The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited
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Sagardighi Thermal Power Project
P.O. Monigram, P.S. Sagardighi, Dist. - Murshidabad, Pin - 742237

Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/22-23/SgTPP/CC-774 **Date: 13.07.2022**

NIT No.: WBPDCL /SGTPP/NIT/E1922/22-23 **Dated: 21.06.2022**

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager, SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in 3 Part bid system for the job **"Painting including repairing and tit-bit work of overhead reservoirs at SgTPP Township". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 19.07.2022 at 10.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 13.08.2022 at 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Suvasis Guha, [Sr. Manager (Contract Cell)]. **Mobile No.:** 8336903704. **E-mail:** s.guha@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit: **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
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Notice Inviting E-Tender

Ref. No.: WBPDCL / Tend-Adv/22-23/SgTPP/CC-780 **Date: 13.07.2022**

NIT No.: WBPDCL /SGTPP/NIT/E1938/22-23 **Dated: 07.07.2022**

E-Tenders in prescribed format are invited at https://wbtenders.gov.in by the General Manager SGTPP, WBPDCL from eligible Agencies/Companies in three(03) Part bid system for **"ARC for leakage rectification of fire water line of Stage I & II SgTPP". Tender Document Download Start Date:** 18.07.2022 at 10.00 hrs. **Bid Submission End Date:** 08.08.2022 upto 15.00 hrs. **Contact Person:** Mr. Suvasis Guha, [Senior Manager (Contract Cell)]. **Mobile No.:** 8336903704. **E-mail:** s.guha@wbpdcl.co.in For details please visit : **https://wbtenders.gov.in**
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REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (REOI)

REOI No.: WBSEDCL/Dist. Project-III/EVCS/REOI/2022-23/01 **Date: 20.07.2022**

The **Chief Engineer (Distribution Project-III), WBSEDCL, Vidyut Bhavan (2nd Floor, 'C'-Block), Bidhannagar, Block-DJ, Sector-II, Kolkata – 700091** invites Request for Expression of Interest (REOI) vide **REOI No.: WBSEDCL/Dist. Project-III/EVCS/ REOI/2022-23/01 Date: 20.07.2022** from entities / firm for the work of ***'Supply, Installation, Operation and Management of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations/ Battery Swapping Stations at WBSEDCL's Own Land on revenue sharing basis'.*** The details of REOI documents will be available on **www.wbsedcl.in** and **https://wbtenders.gov.in** from **20.07.2022** at **11:00 hrs.** (IST); The Last Date of REOI Submission: **18.08.2022** up to **12:00 hrs.**(IST). Interested & eligible entities / firm may download and submit their proposed REOI documents accordingly. For further details and queries (if any), entities / firm may contact to the above-mentioned Office. *Contact No.:* **(033) 2321-2203**; *email:* **ceprojIII@wbsedcl.in.**
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Sd/- (Thomas T. Roy)
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SCHEDULE

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SHORT TAKES

'Probe fraud at Hardayal library'

Aam Aadmi Party on Tuesday demanded that lieutenant governor VK Saxena initiate an independent inquiry into the mismanagement of funds at Hardayal library, which is managed by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi. According to AAP MLA Durgesh Pathak, BJP member Poonam Parashar Jha, secretary of the library, misused her position and got two staff members of the library work as her personal help at her residence, where they were cleaning dishes and clothes. Jha, however, denied the allegations. "This is utter nonsense that the AAP leader is talking about. None of those two people were ever at my residence doing chores. They are disgruntled members of the library and I have initiated an internal inquiry. I will expose AAP and that person soon. The truth will prevail," claimed Jha. TNN

ATM cheats held in Shahdara

Two people were arrested for cheating a woman at an ATM in Shahdara. The accused were identified as Sajjan (23) and Shadik (23). Police said on July 17, a woman withdrew money from an ATM. As she was going out, one of the accused exchanged her ATM card on the pretext of completing the transaction for her. TNN

Hansraj plans fests as it turns 75

Delhi University's Hansraj College is set to launch its platinum jubilee celebrations on July 26, with Vice President Venkaiah Naidu in attendance. As a part of its year-long celebrations, the college has planned a series of lectures, seminars, inauguration of a new science block, canteen, research centres and other structures with sophisticated facilities. TNN

12 rescued from fire in building

Twelve people were rescued after a fire broke out at a building in east Delhi's New Ashok Nagar on Tuesday. A call about the blaze was received at 3.34pm, officials said. Delhi Fire Service director Atul Garg said, "Five fire tenders were rushed to the spot and so far 12 people have been rescued." PTI

10 minor girls trafficked from Jharkhand rescued

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Ten minor tribal girls, aged between 13 and 17 years, were rescued from an illegally run placement agency in North Delhi on Monday. All the girls had been trafficked from West Singhbhum district of Jharkhand on the promise of gainful employment.

The girls were rescued in a joint operation conducted by Bachpan Bachao Andolan (BBA), National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Anti-Human Trafficking Unit and Delhi Police. "Five people have been identified as those involved in trafficking the tribal girls, while an FIR has been also registered against two other "unnamed" accused persons. Police are still investigating the involvement of three more accused. The placement agency has been in operation for the last 10 years," said BBA, founded by Nobel Peace Laureate Kailash Satyarthi.

BBA CLAIMS

The accused also trafficked girls to other states, including Mumbai and Punjab, after promising them better livelihood

According to BBA, the placement agency was operating out of Janta Vihar, Mukundapur, North Delhi.

Three out of the 10 rescued girls have been working in different bungalows in and around Delhi for the last two years.

The accused also trafficked girls to other states, including Mumbai and Punjab, after promising them better income and livelihood. Most of the rescued girls were unpaid as the employers (the placement agency operators) had promised to pay them in lumpsum later, said BBA officials.

After the rescue operation, the girls were produced before the child welfare committee on Monday.

BBA director Manish Sharma said, "We urge government to legislate appropriate law that criminalises the illegal activities of such placement agencies."

MCD to impose charge of ₹1L on offices for mosquito breeding

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New Delhi: The city has already seen 158 dengue cases so far this year, at least 15 in July alone. To control mosquito larvae breeding, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi has now decided to impose administrative charges of Rs 1 lakh on commercial buildings and offices where mosquitoes are found breeding.

In a proposal sent to the senior officials for approval, MCD has categorised the penalties in slabs that are likely to be implemented from this week. "For construction sites/buildings/office complexes/institutes on plots measuring more than 2,000 sq m, the charges proposed is Rs 1 lakh. For commercial sites that are 1,001- 2,000 sq m, the charge imposed will be Rs 50,000. While for plots measuring 501-1,000 sq m, the charge is Rs 20,000, those of 100-500 sq m will be fined Rs 10,000 and for less than 100 sq m properties, the administrative charge is Rs 2,000," specified an MCD official on Tuesday.

The official said that the revision in fines was necessary to ensure that people adhered to the anti-mosquito norms. "When we find breeding on a commercial complex, the administrative charges incorporate cleaning that spot and the rest of the complex. Our staff will ensure there is no breeding ground left," the official explained.

MCD has also decided to impose a fine of Rs 500 in residential places for the same offence. "Earlier, we penalised residences at the rate of Rs 100 per breeding container," said the official.

Around 10,000 cases of dengue and 23 casualties were reported in Delhi last year. The figures are the highest for the last 5-6 years. An MCD official said the fines for mosquito breeding had not been revised since 2017. The civic body will also monitor mosquito breeding checkers by randomly calling them on the residents' mobile phone numbers noted down by the checkers during door-to-door visits.

Delhi lost 1,54,000 yrs of tree life in last 3 yrs, HC points out

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New Delhi: Due to a recorded loss of over 77,000 trees in the last three years, Delhi lost 1,54,000 years of tree life. This loss was highlighted by the Delhi high court, which recorded the phenomenon expressing concern in a recent order.

Justice Najmi Waziri, while keeping in abeyance punishment handed out to PWD officials last week, observed, "If the average age of each tree was 20 years, then Delhi lost 1,54,000 years of tree life because of the permitted tree felling. The other data (of trees destroyed without permission or in a storm) is presently not on record. When furnished, it would likely increase the loss manifold."

"Each felled tree only aggravates the ever increasing air and noise pollution. Government projects would necessarily be required to keep these environmental issues into consideration. No amount of concrete-scaping can replace the loss of or damage to the green cover," added the judge.

The court granted an opportunity to three PWD officials to plant over 800 trees to mitigate their "wrongdoing" and kept in abeyance its order sending them to jail.

It said that in view of the assurance given by the officials, who were held guilty of contempt of court earlier this year for violating judicial orders on the protection of trees, the two-month imprisonment awarded to two of them and four-month imprisonment to the other official would not come into operation till the next date of hearing.

Justice Waziri noted that the officials sought to go ahead with the streetscaping project "without any ostensible concern for the green cover." The judge, on a contempt petition by one Neeraj Sharma, had held that the conduct of the officials was in breach of the judicial orders concerning preservation and protection of trees. The petitioner was represented by lawyer Aditya N Prasad.

Kanwariya Camps Not To Be Allowed Inside Central Ridge

Forest Dept Move Aimed At Avoiding Ecological Damage

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New Delhi: As the annual Kanwar pilgrimage begins, Delhi government's forest department has prohibited the kanwariyas from camping inside the Central Ridge. This is meant to protect plantations and avoid other probable ecological damages possible due to camping.

According to officials, however, a few camps are still being set up on patches in the Ridge that are not under the forest department's control. Officials said that while 50% of the Central Ridge was under the department's control, the remaining area was managed by agencies like CPWD and DDA. Camps have been set up inside Buddha Jayanti Park and within some Ridge areas. The officials claimed that this was in violation of norms.

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BUDDHA JAYANTI PARK

"This year, we have refused permission for any camp to be set up on the forest department's land because this affects the ecology. It is also in violation of the Forest Conservation Act and India Forest Act. It will be very difficult to monitor any damage to the trees or ecology on the reserved forest area due to camping on a large scale," said a forest official.

The annual Kanwar yatra was stalled by the Covid-19 outbreak for two years. Earlier, the pilgrims used to camp even in the forest areas of the Ridge. "Camping activities in the forest area used to affect the local flora and fauna. Also, a plantation drive is going on in the area and the presence of the crowd at this stage may hit the greening efforts. Sustaining the new saplings in the ridge, which has a rocky terrain, is very difficult," explained another forest official.

The official added, "Conservation becomes very difficult with so many people present together and different activities like cooking and all taking place. Hence, we requested the officials concerned not to allow camping at the forest land."

According to forest officials, over 170 such camps are being set up across the city for the pilgrims. Of these, 16 camps have come up in the Ridge area.

Cable theft causes snag, services on Blue Line hit

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Train services on Delhi Metro's Blue Line (Dwarka-Vaishali/Noida Electronic City) remained affected throughout Tuesday due to a glitch in the signalling system, reportedly due to theft of cable on a section.

Commuters complained that trains not only moved very slowly on Delhi Metro's second busiest corridor, but also stopped at almost every station for 5-10 minutes.

"Train services were affected between Indraprastha and Yamuna Bank stations of Blue Line since morning because of a suspected case of cable theft on this section on the Down Line that goes towards Vaishali/Noida Electronic City," said Anuj Dayal, principal executive director (corporate communications), Delhi Metro Rail Corporation (DMRC).

10 MINUTES STOP AT EVERY STATION

Dayal added that this resulted in a track circuit drop, which was a signalling issue restricting trains to move in the manual mode with a limited speed of up to 25 kmph only. He said due to this issue, there was "minor bunching" of trains between these two stations.

A track circuit drop means the signalling system can't function normally as the train movement cannot be properly monitored from the central operations control centre. As the trains have to be controlled locally, normal services get affected.

"The restoration work on this stretch will be completed only at night after the closure of revenue services since access to the track will be necessary for up to three hours to identify the exact location of the theft and carry out replacement work," Dayal said.

To inform passengers about the reason behind the slow speed of trains, regular announcements were made at the stations and inside the trains. The information was also shared through social media.

The section between Indraprastha and Yamuna Bank stations is the same where glitches led to train services getting massively hampered on June 6 and 9. On June 6, major disruptions were seen after a bird hit snapped the electrical wire. On June 9, electrical wire snapped due to a foreign item dropped by a bird.

DMRC said in most such incidents, the reasons were beyond its control and not caused by technical faults or inadequate maintenance. Last month, it started identifying and filling the gaps on viaducts to stop cable theft.

Denying maintenance to an estranged wife and child worst offence: HC

New Delhi: Denying maintenance to an estranged wife and child is the worst offence even from a humanitarian perspective, Delhi High Court has said.

Justice Asha Menon recently observed that husbands forcing wives to file execution petitions in order to delay payment is a "sad truth" and "it behoves no husband or a father to deny a fair standard of living for a wife who is a homemaker and their child of tender age."

The judge made the remarks while dismissing with costs of Rs 20,000 a challenge by a husband to a family court's order directing him to pay interim monthly maintenance of Rs 20,000 to his wife and child. The husband assailed the family court's order on the ground that his expenditure was around Rs 25,000 on a salary of Rs 28,000 and is therefore willing to pay Rs 4,000 per month to the wife.

The court, however, noted that the malafide intentions of an estranged husband is to hide his income for the sadistic pleasure of seeing the agony of a dependent wife, to possibly teach her a lesson for not falling in line with his dictates.

The court thus called for a "change in the attitude" and said that bitterness in the litigation serves nobody's purpose. "It is time that there is a change in the attitude when litigation is filed by one spouse against the other. To introduce bitterness in the litigation serves nobody's purpose," it further observed.

The court stated that in the present case, the petitioner's income affidavit and the bank account statement were filed at a time when Covid-19 was waning and economic activity had picked up with no lockdown and the claim of a dip in the income due to the pandemic was not credible. TNN

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India's done more than China to help Lanka in crisis: Govt

Aid Magnitude Unprecedented, Says Jaishankar

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New Delhi: The government Tuesday said India has done more than any other entity to help Sri Lanka in the crisis, underlining that China was not even in the "comparison zone" on the issue. Terming the magnitude of Indian help of $3.8 billion unprecedented, foreign minister S Jaishankar said it was because of Indian supplies that the "situation in Lanka was not as bad as it could be".

The govenment argued that the island will have to settle terms of a bail-out with the IMF and said while Chinese debt amounted to a high quantum, its onerous terms were further impacting the overall debt serviceability.

The government also assured that there was no threat to investments by Indians in the island as there was a strong "pro-India sentiment" in the country.

At an all-party meeting called to brief the political class on the crisis, Jaishankar said India attached high priority to devolution of powers in Tamil provinces, in accordance with the 13th amendment and Indo-Lanka accords, and there could not be stability and prosperity without it. He said even in UN Human Rights Commission, India has not been whitewashing Lanka. He said rights of Indian fishermen, who face arrests from Lankan police, were a key area for the government.

The assurance on the Tamil issue came in response to concerns raised by parties, including DMK, and Tamil Nadu leaders Vaiko, G Vasan, Thol Thirumavalavan.

The Tamil sentiment could be gauged from the fact that Vaiko lobbed a stinging query about why should a financially strapped Lanka have "such a big army and high defence expenditure?"

Jaishankar said India, though helping as a "good brother", was mindful of the sovereignty of Lanka, and would not like to indulge in public judgment or advice to the nation. He said Lanka would have to arrive at its own "hard decisions" on reforms to set right the crisis. "We cannot take decisions for them," he remarked. To a query by Asaduddin Owaisi, he clarified India had no role in Gotabaya Rajpaksa's flight to Maldives and then to Singapore. He termed "misinformed comparisons" comments made by some that a Lanka-like crisis can also happen in India.

Sharad Pawar, P Chidambaram, TR Baalu, Asaduddin Owaisi, Manickam Tagore, Elamaram Kareem, Saugata Ray, Farooq Abdullah were among those who attended.

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ISLAND IN TURMOIL

Centre flags states' fiscal health, irks oppn

New Delhi: An all-party meeting on Sri Lanka turned stormy and controversial with opposition parties protesting the Centre's decision to present the "worrying" economic situation of states, with a focus on some, reports **Subodh Ghildiyal**.

While foreign minister Jaishankar justified the presentation by arguing that "fiscal prudence and not having a culture of freebies" was a key lesson learnt from the Lankan crisis, the states called it inopportune, in what appeared to suggest that the Centre was trying to make a political point. It came against the backdrop of PM Modi's weekend attack on "revdi culture" (a reference to freebies) that drew sharp reactions from some opposition-governed states.

Those which protested were DMK and other Tamil parties, TMC, TRS, YSRCP. They said the meeting was about Lanka and the ministry's presentation on states should be avoided.

Jaishankar, seeking to pacify the protests by repeatedly arguing about the "lessons learnt" and citing the example of power dues as one of the causes of the meltdown in the island nation, insisted the presentation be allowed. In a sharp riposte, YSRCP MP Midhun Reddy said if it was so relevant, the Centre should also present the national fiscal situation, and the comparative study with states.

The presentation said the fiscal management of certain states was leaving little headroom for developmental obligations or for tackling crises that they may face.

ED quizzes Soren aide for 8 hrs amid buzz of arrest in illegal mining case

Times News Network

The ED had summoned Pankaj Mishra, the representative of CM Soren (left) in Barhet assembly constituency, for questioning on July 12 but he got himself admitted to hospital with pancreas-related complications

Ranchi: The Enforcement Directorate questioned Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's aide Pankaj Mishra for nearly eight hours on Tuesday and later took him for a medical check-up amid speculation that he had been arrested.

News agency PTI quoted officials as saying the central agency arrested Mishra, who is Soren's representative in Barhet assembly constituency, under sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act.

The officials claimed Mishra had been "evasive in his replies" during questioning in an illegal mining and money laundering case. SSP Kaushal Kishore said the arrest could only be confirmed by the ED.

Mishra, who arrived at the ED's zonal office for interrogation around 11am, was taken by officials to the Ranchi district hospital for a medical check-up around 8pm.

The ED agency issued summons to Mishra after it seized Rs 11.9 crore from 37 bank accounts belonging to him and his associates, including co-accused D Yadav.

The seizure came after the ED searched 19 locations, including Mishra's premises, on July 8 and seized incriminating documents and Rs 5.3 crore in unaccounted money. The agency is chasing a money trail another Rs 100 crore suspected to be proceeds of illegal mining.

During the search operation, the ED team had also seized five stone crushers that were being illegally operated and also five illegal firearm cartridges.

The ED had summoned Mishra for questioning on July 12, but he got admitted to a hospital with pancreas-related complications. Last Friday, Mishra said he had requested the agency to call him for a "short questioning period" before he proceeds for further treatment. Yadav had also been summoned on Tuesday, but he sent his counsel instead with a petition saying his mother was unwell.

Cops arrest four for offering namaz at new Lucknow mall

Times News Network

Lucknow: Police arrested on Tuesday four of eight men seen offering namaz on July 12 at the newly opened Lulu Mall in Lucknow after a video went viral and sparked protests, prompting UP CM Yogi Adityanath to direct city authorities to deal strictly with troublemakers. A protester was also taken into custody for trying to recite the Hanuman Chalisa at the mall.

Police detained 50 people after members of right-wing outfits milled outside the mall to read the Hanuman Chalisa or to stage street sit-ins. Police also stopped seer Paramhans Das of Tapasvi Chhavni from conducting a "purification ritual" at the mall on Tuesday. He was whisked away from the mall's gates.

The mall is run by the Abu Dhabi-based Lulu Group of Indian-origin billionaire Yussuf Ali MA and was inaugurated by the CM Yogi Adityanath on July 10.

For pedestrian safety, EVs will be made to emit sound alerts

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New Delhi: Electric cars and heavy vehicles — which produce less noise than those powered by combustion engines — may soon need to emit mandatory sound alerts when travelling at speeds below 20kmph to help prevent injuries to pedestrians, cyclists and the blind.

Globally, beyond the speed limit of 20-30 kmph, the noise produced by the tyres of EVs and airflow at higher speeds are considered noisy enough to alert other road users.

Aligning with global standards, the country's highest automotive standard making entity, CMVR-TSC, has given the go ahead to the final draft of a new automotive industry standard — requirement for approval of Quiet Road Transport Vehicles with regard to their reduced audibility. The road transport ministry has put the proposed standard on its website to seek comments from experts.

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	27	25	4	16
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By Viswanath P S

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It is time to make this human-centered shift more intentional. Let us fire up our people to make them the best versions of themselves. Let's say you have a team member who, you are convinced, has far greater potential than s/he believes s/he does. Powering such members to unleash their potential would not only help the organisation perform better, but would also tremendously inspire them about their strengths. A one-on-one great conversation with them can powerfully change the equation.

Bring purpose back to work

As leaders, we need to help our people get their personalised answer to the question they ask of themselves: "Why do I do what I do?"

It is because this question remains unanswered that we are seeing the 'great resignation' cascade today. If, as leaders, we can help them find their specific mojo at work, and make it resonate with the organisation's purpose, we would have given our people a raison d'etre that they can feel confident about.

Thinking 'fluid' to increase collaboration

The possibilities are exciting when we look at project-based working. It can bring together diverse teams to achieve specific goals with purpose, and create newer networks of excellence within organisations. It will help organisations to reimagine hub-and-spoke models in today's hybrid work scenario.

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Building a culture of democratised accountability

If we can activate everyone in our organisations to deliver to their strengths, we can harness the sum of collective individuality to co-create the shift to prosperity for all. It is a bold move, for sure. But it can work if, as leaders, we can build a culture that sets out to understand employees beyond their superficial persona, and personalises employee experiences. A culture that creates policies with purposeful flexibility, and builds managers' capabilities to nurture members. You will agree with me when I say that our organisations are as good as the people we have. The new work dynamic today must look beyond just financial goals to take a holistic view of all stakeholders' needs. Be they customers, employees or partners, let us look at their human side too.

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SC transfers to Delhi HC PILs on Agnipath filed in different states

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday designated the Delhi high court to take a call on the validity of the Agnipath scheme for military recruitment and transferred all PILs before it to the HC with a direction for an expeditious decision.

Solicitor general Tushar Mehta convinced a bench of Justices D Y Chandrachud, Surya Kant and A S Bopanna not to diminish the vast jurisdiction of the high courts under Article 226 and 227 of the Constitution to entertain PILs and decide the validity of policy decisions.

"Several PILs are pending in high courts in Delhi, Kerala, Punjab and Haryana, Patna and Uttarakhand. The Centre can file a petition in the SC seeking their transfer to one HC... The apex court can have the benefit of a considered view of the HC," Mehta pleaded. The SG's submission touched a chord with the bench and Justice Chandrachud said, "Let us have a decision from the HC... Let our colleagues in the HC take a considered view on the validity of the scheme after hearing all parties. If in every pan-India issue, petitioners rush to the Supreme Court with a writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, then the power and jurisdiction conferred on HCs under Article 226 will lose its meaning. Emergence of a pan-India issue does not mean different high courts should simultaneously hear PILs on the same issue. But, it does not mean that the HCs jurisdiction under Article 226 is completely given a go by."

This decision bucks the general trend of the SC withdrawing PILs pending before various HCs on important pan-India issues, which conversely deprived the HCs of exercising its inherent powers to adjudicate validity of important policy decisions.

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Serial PIL petitioner, advocate M L Sharma, who is almost always the first to file a public interest litigation before the SC on contentious issues, has a standard argument — "my PIL is completely different from other PILs" — to seek right of first audience. He complained to the court that though he was first to file the Agnipath PIL, the Registry listed it as second item for hearing. He said his PIL should be entertained on priority. Justice Chandrachud said though Sharma has filed a PIL, he is not eligible to become an Agniveer. "You may be a veer but not an Agniveer".

HC to hear PIL on defence jobs today

The Delhi HC will hear on Wednesday a PIL seeking directions to the Centre to finish a recruitment process that was already under way but was cancelled after the Agnipath scheme announcement. TNN

Empower cops to fuse tech with basic policing, Shah tells training institutes

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New Delhi: Stressing on the need to train police forces in a way that they learn to use modern equipment and yet not lose focus of basic policing, home minister Amit Shah on Tuesday asked various central police training institutes to ensure the best use of overall training capabilities by keeping 60% of the training common to all police personnel and only the remaining 40%, specific to the different police forces.

Shah, while chairing a review meeting with the central police training institutes (CPTIs) here, stressed on holistic approach to training of police personnel up to the level of constable, sub-inspector and DSP level, as required under Mission Karmayogi launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The meeting was attended by representatives of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy; Central Academy for Police Training, Bhopal; CRPF Academy; BSF Academy; ITBP Academy; National Industrial Security Academy; North East Police Academy; NSG, SSB and NDRF.

Stating that police training should change with the times, Shah emphasised on both strictness and sensitivity in training. He said that along with modern techniques, there is a need to inculcate the spirit of patriotism, fitness, discipline, sensitivity and self-dedication in police forces. Shah also stressed the need to review the impact of online training for policemen at all levels.

During the meeting, presentations were made by the CPTIs emphasising upon the importance of right training at the right time to build up the capacities of the police personnel. This would ensure prompt and effective responses to the ever changing nature of security challenges. Discussions dwelt on the relative merits of hybrid learning and emerging training paradigms, training methodologies and techniques including the importance of assessment of training need analysis (TNA), productivity of training resources and trainers' development.

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Union home minister Amit Shah during a review meeting of Central Police Training Institutes in New Delhi on Tuesday

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DESERT VILLAGE DELIVERS SOLAR HARVEST

The 6,000-Hectare Bhadla Solar Park Generates 2,245MW Every Day, Making It The Biggest In The Country

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From an elevation, Bhadla is a sea of blue glass in the middle of an arid desertscape. As far as the eye can see, it is just the glistening blue against the near-cloudless sky, also quite blue.

The blue grids on the ground are endless rows of silicon solar panels. Bhadla is India's biggest solar power generating park. At 6,000 hectares it is second, perhaps, only to the Gulmand solar park in China.

The sun does not just shine on Bhadla. It scorches and withers everything it touches. This place, 220km from Jodhpur, bakes at 50 degrees Celsius through summers that seem to last forever. Very little grows on the land, just enough to feed some goats and sheep.

About 10 years ago, the Bhadla panchayat almost did not exist on the map. Roads, water and other necessities were a far cry. For local people, the area was of little consequence.

Now, Bhadla is where the sun's strength is harnessed to generate 2,245MW of energy every day.

This solar park is one of India's new success stories and a decisive step in diverting 40% of the country's energy consumption towards renewable sources. The Narendra Modi government has set a 500-Gigawatt production target and without Bhadla, that won't be possible.

In 2013, when Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the park, it seemed like he had taken a leap of faith.

The first phase — out of the four — that came about under the UPA government's Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission (JNNSM) set a modest target of 70 MW. When the Modi government was elected to office in 2014, it revised the renewable energy generation target to 1-lakh-MW by 2022.

The Centre has missed out the target, but the total solar energy share has risen to 55,000MW out of the total power consumption of 3.95-lakh-MW in the country.

Bhadla is hot but also "the hot favourite for solar energy. The park now earns carbon credits of 5 million tonnes annually," Subodh Agarwal, managing director (MD), Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RRECL), said.

Beginning here was not easy, like many beginnings. "The area had no roads, water or electricity. The rough terrain did not make it easy either. It was a gradual, resolute approach that led to the opening of the first phase, the smallest of the four phases in the park," Agarwal said.

When the projects were auctioned for the first phase, the tariffs they attracted were high at Rs 6.45 a unit, even though it had come down substantially from over Rs 17 when the first projects were installed prior to JNNSM in 2010.

"The high radiation and the highest number of sunny days in Bhadla encouraged power developers to offer lower rates to buyers (distribution companies or discoms). That's why it became the first park in the country to allow the lowest tariff of Rs 2.44 a unit, setting a new benchmark in the country," Agarwal said.

Power tariff is decided through e-auctions. The Solar Energy Corporation of India conducts e-auctions for states or for itself. In these e-auctions, companies bid to provide power to the discoms of NTPC or other entities. Before the JNNSM was formed, the government used to fix tariffs for solar power and power companies would sell it at that rate to the discoms. After e-auctions started, for the first phase in Bhadla, companies bid to provide power at Rs 6.45 a unit. Later, they offered as low as Rs 2.44 a unit. Recently, the tariff went below Rs 2 a unit for a project in Gujarat but has risen marginally over Rs 2 since then.

As Bhadla started attracting developers, the Power Grid Corporation too connected the park to the green corridor which connects to the national grid from where any state can draw energy from Bhadla. For example, Uttar Pradesh sources 750MW from the park through the network, while the rest of the capacity is used by Rajasthan's power distributors. The park became the preferred mode of developing solar energy as it saved developers from the hassles of land acquisition, power evacuation bottlenecks and transmission handicaps.

"The comfort that a park offers to a developer is not there for a standalone project. You have all the infrastructure and most importantly, there is no hurdle for land acquisition," said a senior official of IL&FS, which partnered with the Rajasthan government to develop the third phase of the park with 1,000 MW capacity.

The concentration of solar projects has attracted several other companies to set up plants outside the park. A senior official of the RRECL said that besides the 2,245MW in the park that has attracted investments of Rs 10,000 crore, projects with an additional capacity of 1,500MW have come up outside the park.

The development has fuelled a demand for land, contractors, vendors, material suppliers and several other ecosystem players.

"Bhadla is no longer a village. If you visit the place at night, the lights give you the impression that it is a city without noise and pollution. More than that, the park has changed the face of the area," Sunil Bansal, president of Rajasthan Solar Association, said.

Demand for land has shot up, raising prices by 10 times. The project development and construction spree have created a demand for cement, steel, sand and equipment for many other civil works. Transportation, hotel accommodation and other services have also witnessed a spike.

"The sleepy village is now a buzzing industrial hub. It has created employment for many, some have become engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contractors, vendors and project implementing partners. Bhadla created many EPC contractors who are ubiquitous across solar hubs in the country," Bansal said.

The local people, who do not want to sell their land and would rather lease out, have also benefited. Ramakant Jangid, an EPC contractor, said: "Ten years ago, a hectare used to cost Rs 2,500. Now, the price has gone up to Rs 2.5 lakh. Those who do not want to sell their land, lease it. From an acre of land, the annual income for a farmer used to be around Rs 5,000. But they are getting Rs 25,000."

In order to promote solar power generation, the Rajasthan government has made it easy for developers by exempting them from land conversion. Some local people say they have not benefited as much as the region has developed. Raza Khan, the sarpanch of Bhadla, said: "Water is a big issue. The companies use water to clean the solar panels. Secondly, because the whole area has been used for solar plants, there is no space for us to graze goats, sheep and cows. We want the government and the companies to compensate us. I had 100 sheep, now there are 10 left."

In recent years, robots are being used to clean the panels and that does not require water. But the technology is still unfit for panels mounted on uneven surfaces, so it is not widely used.

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ED summons Raut again for questioning in 'chawl' case

New Delhi: Shiv Sena MP Sanjay Raut has been summoned again for questioning on Wednesday by the Enforcement Directorate in a money laundering case linked to alleged irregularities in the redevelopment of a Mumbai 'chawl' and related transactions involving his wife and 'associates', officials said Tuesday.

The Rajya Sabha MP, who is in the Uddhav Thackeray camp, had denied any wrongdoing and alleged that he was being targeted due to political vendetta. Raut has been asked to depose at the agency's regional office in Mumbai.

He has been questioned once in this case on July 1 and spent about 10 hours with the investigating officer during which his statement was recorded under the criminal sections of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

"I gave full cooperation and answered all their questions. I will appear again if they call me," Raut had told reporters while exiting.

He said he was "fearless and undaunted" as he has "not done anything wrong in life".

Woman seeks rape FIR against Sena MP

A 33-year-old Dubai-based woman has sought registration of a First Information Report against a Shiv Sena MP alleging he had raped her under pretext of marriage and tweeted her complaint to CM Eknath Shinde, reported PTI. In her complaint, the woman, who runs a textile business, has alleged the Mumbai police had not registered the FIR despite having recorded her statement in the past. She has alleged the MP has been "emotionally and mentally exploiting her" and raping her since 2020, a Mumbai police officer said. AGENCIES

Shinde faction moves EC for recognition as real Shiv Sena

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New Delhi: Having got over two-thirds of Shiv Sena MLAs and now 12 of the 19 Sena MPs on their side, CM Eknath Shinde's faction on Tuesday approached the Election Commission (EC) with what appears to be a plea to be recognized as the real 'Shiv Sena'.

Sources in the EC confirmed having received a letter from the Sena faction led by Shinde at around 6 pm on Tuesday, hours after 12 of the party's 19 MPs wrote to the Lok Sabha speaker asking that their colleague Rahul Shewale be recognised as their leader and Bhawana Gawli as the chief whip.

Shinde's move raises the prospect of the Uddhav Thackeray faction of Sena having to contest the cruical BMC polls without the "bow and arrow" symbol that has been synonymous with it.

The letter to the EC refers to the support of 12 Sena MPs to the Shinde faction, said a source. Though further details were not available, the speculation is that the Shinde faction may be seeking to be recognized as the 'real' Shiv Sena, with the right to use its reserved party symbol 'bow and arrow'. The Uddhav faction had earlier written to EC requesting that its views be heard in case of a claim to the party's name and symbol.

Past precedents show that EC — which hears all disputes over symbols by virtue of powers vested in it by Article 324 of the Constitution — goes by the twin criteria of majority support in the organisational and legislative wings, as upheld by SC in the case of Sadiq Ali vs ECI and others, to determine which of the factions is the real party and thus entitled to the use of poll symbol.

Speaker may announce decision on whip today

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A formal announcement of the LS Speaker's decision on group leader and chief whip, which may have a bearing on whether Uddhav holds on to the 'bow and arrow' symbol, is expected on Wednesday. However, sources said the Speaker has accepted the claim of the Shinde group on the basis of the opinion given to the Supreme Court by the then Attorney General that disputes over leadership needed to be settled on the basis of numbers and the claim of majority group recognised.

They also said that a similar decision taken by Birla in the case of rival factions of Lok Janshakti Party was subsequently upheld by Delhi high court.

In any case, Shinde, who was in the national capital on Tuesday, appeared to have little doubts about his group's claim as he announced the recognition of Shewale and Gawli as leader and chief whip of the party in Lok Sabha. Shinde told reporters the MPs have supported his stand to uphold the ideals of party founder Balasaheb Thackeray. "While Rahul Shewale is new Shiv Sena leader in Lok Sabha, Bhawna Gawli is the chief whip of the party in the House," he said.

He said the 12 MPs had not formed a separate group and added they were all Shiv Sena MPs and Gawli's whip would now apply to all Sena MPs. The Sena has 19 MPs in Lok Sabha, 18 from Maharashtra and one from Dadra Nagar-Haveli. "We have given a letter to the Speaker and the process has begun. We will talk about central ministerial berths later," Shinde said.

The Maharashtra CM was flanked by 12 Sena LS members who had written to Birla on changing the leader of the parliamentary party.

Claiming that Thackeray was keen to patch up with the BJP, Shewale said, "Uddhav Thackeray himself told us many times that he is open to forming an alliance with BJP once again. For that, he met PM Modi and discussed this for one hour in June 2021. After that, a positive atmosphere was created regarding the alliance. But then the MVA government suspended 12 BJP MLAs during the assembly session in July 2021...," he said.

Aaditya kin loses Yuva Sena post

In a significant political development, CM Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena faction on Tuesday appointed Sena functionary Kiran Sali as secretary of the Yuva Sena, a post which was held by Aaditya Thackeray's cousin Varun Sardesai, reports **Chaitanya Marpakwar.** The Yuva Sena, Sena's youth wing, is headed by Aaditya Thackeray. Sardesai is Aaditya's maternal aunt's son, and Sena functionaries said that while Varun had been handling Yuva Sena affairs for close to 10 years, his rise in the Sena over the last few years has been phenomenal. Sardesai has been part of the Yuva Sena's decision-making process, and Sena functionaries said he also had a say in Sena's affairs lately.

Rebel MPs not splitting Sena, BJP is: Aaditya

Mumbai: With 12 Shiv Sena MPs joining CM Eknath Shinde's camp, Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray described the rebel MPs and MLAs as "traitors" and said Sena had an idea that the MPs would join the Shinde faction. Uddhav Thackeray slammed BJP, saying Shiv Sena was not being split by rebel MLAs or MPs but by BJP. Alleging that BJP was "trying to finish Sena," Uddhav said rivals could take away as many arrows as they could "but you would need a bow to shoot, which is only with me."

Reacting to the claim by Sena MP Rahul Shewale that Uddhav had been keen to have an alliance with BJP and that he had had an hour-long discussion with PM Modi, Sena MP Arvind Sawant alleged lies were being spread to create confusion among people.

Speaking at a meeting of Uttar Bharatiya Ekta Manch and Sena's traders unit at Sena Bhavan, Uddhav said, "BJP has set up a fight between two cocks. If one dies, they will put the other one in jail. So their wish will be fulfilled."

At another meeting of Sena's district chiefs, Uddhav described the rebels as "thieves" who were trying to steal Sena's symbol. "Even I could have locked MLAs and MPs in a room, but we didn't; that is not democracy... ," he said. "Now they will enjoy the fruits of power but the day BJP realises these people are of no use, it will dump them. People are with us. There is hatred against rebels. This is an opportunity for us to rejuvenate Shiv Sena," Uddhav said. TNN

Filmmaker held for Shah post, tricolour insult

Ahmedabad: Gujarat police detained filmmaker Avinash Das in Mumbai on Tuesday for trying to tarnish the image of Union home minister Amit Shah by tweeting a photo of him with Pooja Singhal, an IAS officer jailed for corruption in Jharkhand, and for another case of insulting the national flag.

He was brought to Ahmedabad for "further legal procedure", said Ahmedabad police crime branch ACP DP Chudasama. An FIR was lodged on May 14 against the Mumbai-based filmmaker—known for his 2017 film 'Anaarkali of Aarah' and 'Raat Baaki Hai', released in 2021— after he shared a photo showing Singhal, arrested by ED in a money laundering case, whispering something to Shah. In the caption, Das had claimed that the picture was taken a few days before Singhal's arrest, though it was actually clicked in 2017. The 46-year-old was charged with forgery and insulting the national flag after he posted on Instagram and Facebook a photo of a woman wearing the tricolour. TNN

Worker sacked over PM & CM photos gets his job back

Agra: A sanitation worker who was terminated from service on Saturday for carrying discarded pictures of PM Modi and UP CM Yogi Adityanath in a garbage cart was reinstated on Tuesday after sanitation workers' union on Monday warned of a state-wide protest, reports **Deepak Lavania**.

"We received an unconditional apology and plea for mercy by the terminated worker. Responses to a show-cause notices to the sanitation inspector and supervisor have also been received. On the basis of these, Bobby has been reinstated," Municipal commissioner Anunaya Jha said.

Fraudulent audits: CBI in Pandey FIR

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Former police commissioner of Mumbai, Sanjay Pandey, was arrested by the ED here on Tuesday after two days of intense quizzing. He was asked to substantiate the purpose of substantial payments to firms controlled by him through his family members while he had access to snooping infrastructure. Pandey was first questioned on July 5 and then again on Monday and Tuesday.

The ED had last week arrested former NSE CEO Chitra Ramkrishna after informing a special court here that the "snooping of phone calls" at the NSE was being done for a long time. Pandey retired from service as Mumbai's police chief on June 30 and was soon booked by CBI and then the ED in the NSE phone tapping case.

The CBI in its FIR against Pandey has alleged that his iSec Services had conducted audits of two high risk brokers—SMC Global Securities Ltd and Shaastra Securities Trading Private Limited—in a fraudulent manner when the co-location scam was going on.

These brokers came in the category of high risk, as per SEBI guidelines, for using co-location facilities to carry out algorithmic trading in the NSE, it said. The high-risk brokers required a system audit of their algorithmic trading system every six months with an auditor only allowed to conduct three successive audits, the CBI said.

iSec Services Private Ltd, which was founded by Pandey in March 2001, had audited these traders during 2013-19 continuously, breaking the permissible limit of only three consecutive audits, according to the FIR.

Shaastra Securities was audited during the period April 2013-March 19 and SMC Global Securities from October 2012 to September 2015 by iSEC Services in breach of the SEBI circular dated November 6, 2013, it alleged.

'Co was hired to analyse, not record, NSE staff calls'

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: After the CBI and ED registered cases against him, retired Mumbai police chief Sanjay Pandey in a conversation with **TOI** had said payments received by iSec Services Pvt Ltd from the National Stock Exchange were accounted for and income tax paid on it. Pandey said the firm he was linked to received less than Rs 5 crore from NSE for a "cyber vulnerability assignment" and around Rs 10 lakh for a security audit. "These payments are for a period of around 10 years," he said.

Pandey said NSE had approached iSec in 2009 to analyze calls coming to and made by employees on its internal network and provide reports based on exceptions noted in the calls besides monitoring emails and providing exception reports. Stock exchanges and other financial institutions are known to mount surveillance on employees during trading hours. "As per the proposal, NSE would provide a hard drive containing the calls they recorded on their systems. Our job was to listen to data provided by NSE on a weekly basis and submit a report. Pandey said NSE already had a system for recording these calls.

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E-Tender Notice No. 13 2022-23 date : 13.07.2022. Tender No. CE/CPOH/ADI-22-23-8A (1) Name of work: Manufacturing / Fabricating, Supply and Fitting of different Wear Resistant Plates of BCM/FRM Machines at CPOH/Ahmedabad. **(2) Approximate NIT Cost:** ₹ 93,75,183.17/- **(3) EMD Cost:** ₹ 1,87,500/- **(4) Date of closing and opening of Tender:** 11-08-2022 @ 11.00 Hrs. and 11-08-2022 @ 11.15 Hrs. **(5) Date of Uploading of Tender on IREPS:** 12-07-2022. **Website Particulars:** https://www.ireps.gov.in ADI-073

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उत्तराखण्ड स्टेट सीड एण्ड ऑर्गनिक प्रोडक्शन सर्टीफिकेशन एजेन्सी

USOCA

तृतीय तल, किसान भवन, मसूरी बाईपास रिंग रोड, नेहरू ग्राम, देहरादून
फोन एवं फैक्स 0135-2671861

"ई-टेण्डर सूचना"

इस एजेंसी में **मिलमैड पेपर से निर्मित टैगों** की आपूर्ति हेतु केवल निजी प्रेस जिन्होने पूर्व में टैग मुद्रण अथवा अन्य राजकीय सिक्योरिटी अभिलेख मुद्रण कार्य किया हो एवं प्रैस में टैग मुद्रण से सम्बन्धित सभी उपकरण विद्यमान हो से निविदायें ई-टेण्डर के माध्यम से आमंत्रित की जाती है, टैग से सम्बन्धित शर्ते व मानक, निविदा प्रपत्र, उत्तराखण्ड सरकार की ऑनलाइन **वेबसाइट www.uktenders.gov.in** से डाउनलोड कर **08.08.2022** तक **11.00** बजे पूर्वाहन तक प्राप्त किये जा सकते हैं तथा टेण्डर उक्त तिथि को अपराहन् **12.00** बजे ऑनलाइन खोला जायेगा।

निदेशक

नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

(पण्डित दीनदयाल उपाध्याय भवन, लाल कोठी, टोंक रोड़, जयपुर-15)

क्रमांक :- जसअ/2022-23/143 दिनांक: 18.07.2022

ई-निविदा सूचना संख्या:- 16 से 19/2022-23

केन्द्र एवं राज्य सरकार के सभी विभागों में उपयुक्त श्रेणी में पंजीकृत ठेकेदारों, सोलिड वेस्ट मेनेजमेण्ट के क्षेत्र में कार्य करने वाली कम्पनियों एवं नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर के पंजीकृत निविदादाताओं जो आर.एफ.पी. में वर्णित अर्हताओं की पूर्ति करते हो से नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर के मानसरोवर, सांगानेर, जगतपुरा एवं झोटवाडा जोन के लिए (पृथक-पृथक) रियल टाईम मॉनिट्रिंग पर आधारित घर-घर कचरा संग्रहण एवं द्वितीयक कचरा संग्रहण स्थल/ट्रांसफर स्टेषन तक परिवहन कार्यो की ई-निविदा निम्नानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है। कार्य की अनुमानित लागत, टेण्डर बेचे जाने तथा प्राप्त करने की तारीख, टेण्डर शर्त आदि सम्पूर्ण विवरण नगर निगम जयपुर की वेबसाईट **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in, www.jaipurmc.org &** **eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** पर देखी जा सकती है।

NIT No. 16/2022-23 UBN No. :- JMC2223WLOB00595
NIT No. 17/2022-23 UBN No. :- JMC2223WLOB00596
NIT No. 18/2022-23 UBN No. :- JMC2223WLOB00597
NIT No. 19/2022-23 UBN No. :- JMC2223WLOB00598

आयुक्त
नगर निगम ग्रेटर जयपुर

राज.संवाद/सी/22/5174

German Federal Enterprise for International Cooperation (GIZ)

giz Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

TENDER NOTICE

TENDER FOR HIRING OF IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER TO SUPPORT EXECUTION OF THE PROJECT TITLED "FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL-CREATING A MODEL FOR ECO-VILLAGES RFQ Nr. 83413386"

Bids are invited from reputed and well-established **Technical agencies** for Hiring of implementation partner to support execution of the project titled "From Local to Global-creating a model for eco-villages"

Interested companies/firms are invited to submit bids for the assignment along with the required information as per the format prescribed.

The bidders are requested to download the complete set of tender documents from the following weblinks.

http://www.tender24x7.com/GizTenderDetails/54439313
https://www.dgmarket.com/tender/52315967

The bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope in the prescribed format to **"Head of Procurement, GIZ GmBH, New Delhi 110 057"**, on or before **Thursday, 18th August' 2022, by 17:30hrs.**

This does not entail any commitment on the part of GIZ, either financial or otherwise. GIZ reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bidders without incurring any obligation to inform the affected applicant/s of the grounds.

SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY

E-TENDER NOTICE
(Construction Organisation)
Third Corrigendum

No. CEC/BSP/ER/T/MISC/22-23/03
Date: 09.05.2022

Name of work : "Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) for "New Line (GC) Project comprasing the section commencing from Abhanpur Station to Rajim Station (17.02 Km.) i.e. the old dismantlet narrow gauge line section including some detoured portion in the State of Chhattisgarh in the south eat Central Railway Zone)"

The **Tender No: CEC/BSP/ER/T/MISC/22-23/03, Date: 09/05/2022** has been modified twice by uploading of 02 Correction slips/ Addendum silips in ireps portal.

Now, the RFP Document and EPC Agreement Document has been modified duly incorporating the corrections and uploaded as **'Modified RFP Doc 22-23/03'** and **'Modified Tender doc 22-23/03'** All prospective agencies are requested to go through the documents.

Any bidders, if started uploading of their documents/bid on or before **09/07/2022**, are requested ti re load the same. The Bid due date is being postponed from **22.07.2022** to **12.08.2022**.

All other conditions will remain unaltered.

Dy. Chief Engineer/Con
S.E.C. Railway/Bilaspur

CPR/10/128

South East Central Railway @secrail

GOVT. OF MAHARASHTRA

Public Work Division Jalna

E-Tender Notice No.१५-२०२२-२०२३

Online tender (e-tenders) for following works are invited by the Executive Engineer Public Works Division Jalna (Ph-०२४८२-२३०१४३) in B-१ Tender (online) for (०१) works in Jalna Dist. The contractor Registered with the Public work department /company/ firm in appropriate class shall be issued by the Executive Engineer Public Works Division Jalna

१. All the details regarding e-tenders procedure and tender documents are available on e-tenders portal of PWD department of Government of Maharashtra **https://mahatenders.gov.in** and **http://mahapwd.gov.in**

२. In case any changes in the Tenders / Tenders Notice, the same shall be informed through the abovementioned web Portals

३. All the right accept or reject the tenders are reserved with Executive Engineer Public Works Division Jalna Conditional tenders shall be summarily rejected

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Public Work Division Jalna

DGIPR/2022-2023/2010

MAHARASHTRA STATE ROAD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LIMITED

MSRDC

(A Govt. of Maharashtra undertaking)
Opp. Bandra Reclamation Bus Depot, K.C. Marg Bandra (W), Mumbai - 400 050, Maharashtra State, INDIA. **Tel:-** 022-26517948; **Fax:-** 022 2641 7893;
Website: www.msrdc.in **E-Tender Portal:** https://mahatenders.gov.in
CIN No.: U45200MH1996SGC101586

TENDER NOTICE

Leasing of land admeasuring 9705.54 sq mtrs along with built up structures at Village Sanjgaon, Tal-Khalapur, Dist. Raigad on Pune-Mumbai corridor along Yashwantrao Chawan Express Way (YCEW)

Online digitally signed offers are invited by MSRDC from interested parties for the above work for 30 years Lease Period.

- The offer document can be viewed / downloaded through e-tendering portal, **https://mahatenders.gov.in** from 20.07.2022 from 13.00 hrs to 18.08.2022 till 15.00 hrs
- Interested parties may download the offer document on payment of Rs. 50,000/- + GST
- The offers shall be submitted along with Rs.3,06,00,000/- as the EMD through online payment gateway which can be accessed through **https://mahatenders.gov.in**.
- Guidelines to download the offer document and online submission of offers can be downloaded from website https://mahatenders.gov.in.
- The last date of submission is 18.08.2022 till 15.30 hrs.
- Right to accept or reject any or all the offers without assigning any reason whatsoever is reserved with MSRDC.
- Pre Bid meeting will be held on 27.07.2022 at 15.00 hrs.

VC &MD

MADHYA PRADESH URBAN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LTD.

(CIN No. U75110MP2015SGC034139)
(Department of Urban Development and Housing, Government of Madhya Pradesh) Project Management Unit

No. MPUDC/UDHD/ADB/6343 **Bhopal, Date : 19.07.2022**

Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project-AF (ADB assisted) (Expression of Interest)-3rd Call

1. Government of India for Government of Madhya Pradesh (GoMP) has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of Madhya Pradesh Urban Services Improvement Project (MPUSIP). Part of this financing will be used for payments under the package named below. Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company Limited (MPUDC) has invited Expression of Interest (EoI) from eligible firms/Institutions for the following services :

S. No.	Package No.	Descriptions	Start Date	Closing Date
1	MPUSIP/ IDCB 01	RECRUITMENT OF INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY BUILDING CONSULTANTS (IDCB)	25.07.2022 at 13:00 Hrs.	31.08.2022 at 15:00 Hrs.

2. Interested firms/institutions may visit for Expression of Interest (EoI) document for above package on website **www.mptenders.gov.in**, MPUDC **www.mpudc.co.in**, CMS (Consultancy Management System) of ADB **www.cms.adb.org** and on UDHD website **www.mpurban.gov.in** for further information and details. Expression of Interest (EoI) will be submitted through website **www.mptenders.gov.in** and **www.cms.adb.org.**

3. Any clarification further information or addenda to the EoI Document shall be uploaded only on the above website and shall not be published separately in the newspapers.

M.P. Madhyam/105513/2022 **PROCUREMENT OFFICER**

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSONS

(See Section 82 Cr.PC)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accuseds **(1) Banwari Lal S/o Megh Raj (2) Sharda W/o Banwari Lal (3) Vijay S/o Banwari Lal (4) Virender S/o Banwari Lal All R/o Jhuggi, under Metro Line, Yamuna Khadar, Opposite-Akshardham Temple, Mayur Vihar, Phase-1, Delhi** have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in case **FIR No. 443/2020 dt. 21.09.2020 u/s 302/304B/306/498A/323/341/34 IPC, P.S. Pandav Nagar, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accuseds **Banwari Lal, Sharda, Vijay and Virender** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accuseds **Banwari Lal, Sharda, Vijay and Virender** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accuseds **Banwari Lal, Sharda, Vijay and Virender** of **FIR No. 443/2020 dt. 21.09.2020 u/s 302/304B/306/498A/323/341/34 IPC, P.S. Pandav Nagar, Delhi** are required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **24.08.2022.**

By Order,
Sh. Jitendra Partap Singh
Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, (East)
Court No. 29, Karkardooma Courts, Delhi

DP/1132/ED/2022

WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY

Signal & Telecom Branch
E-Tender Notice

Divisional Railway Manager (S&T) West Central Railway, Bhopal acting for and on behalf of President of India, Invites "e-Tenders" for the following works. Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. Tender document have been up loaded on website http://www.ireps.gov.in. **Tender Notice No. and Date:** BPL/N/WKS/2022-23/Tele/06 Dated 18/07/2022, **Name of work with its location:** (A) Provision of Coach Guidance System at 3 Nos P.F. of Guna, 4 P.F of Ganjbasoda, 2 P.F of Shivpuri and 1 P.F of Bina station of Bhopal division, (B) Provision of Coach Guidance System at PF No. 2 of Bina Station, (C) Provision of Cover over platform, Improvement to flooring of platform Coach Guidance System on PF no. 1&2 of Sanchi station and Electronic display, (D) Provision of Coach Guidance System at PF No. 4 of Vidisha station. **Approx. cost of the work (Rs.):** 28878687.95, **Cost of Tender form (Rs.) (non refundable):** NIL, **Earnest Money to be deposited (Rs.):** 294400.00, **Completition period of the work:** 12 Months, **Due date & time for submission of tender and opening of tender:** Opening Date 10/08/2022, submission time up to 15.00 hrs., opening time 15.30 hrs. The tenderers/bidders must have class-III digital signature certificate & must be registered on IREPS portal. Only registered tenderers/bidders can participate on e-tendering. All relevant papers must be uploaded at the time of participating in e-tendering. On line payment through payment Gateway has been enabled. Payment towards tender document cost, EMD etc. can be made online through multiple Net banking, debit & credit cards.

DRM (S& T) West Central Railway, WCR, Bhopal

कोरोना को है हराना, तो टीकाकरण जरूर कराना

State Project Implementation Unit, UKWD Project

Govt. ITI (Women) Campus 26-EC Road, Dehradun – 248001. Email- spiuukwdp@gmail.com

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
(Technical Partnership with Industry leaders for setting up of Centre of Excellence)

The Uttarakhand Workforce Development Project (UKWDP), Department of Skill development and Employment (DSDE) intends to improve the quality and relevance of ITI training. As a part of the project, the department proposes to enter into **partnership agreement with industry leaders to establish a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Electrical technology.**

Through this notice, The Project Director, UKWDP intends to invite reputed industry leaders to participate and send their expression of Interest in accordance with the REOI (Request for Expression of Interest. A pre-consultation meeting is scheduled to take place at the address mentioned above on 27.07.2022 at 1100 Hrs. In case of difficulty in attending the meeting physically a virtual pre-consultation meeting can be held.

REOI can be downloaded from www.uksdm.org. EOI should reach the office at the address mentioned above or through email mentioned above latest by **1700 Hrs. on 03-08-2022.**

Project Director

सिंचाई विभाग उत्तराखण्ड
कार्यालय अधीक्षण अभियन्ता सिंचाई कार्य मण्डल, ऊधमसिंहनगर

रूद्रपुर-263153, दूरभाष सं0-05944-240893
E-mail: iwcusn@gmail.com

पत्रांक: 1950/सिकामउ/टी-1/ दिनांक : 18 जुलाई, 2022

ई-निविदा सूचना सं0-01/एस0ई0/2022-23

मा0 राज्यपाल महोदय, उत्तराखण्ड की ओर से अधोहस्ताक्षरी द्वारा रूद्रपुर, खटीमा, सितारगंज एवं काशीपुर शहर की जलनिकासी हेतु मास्टर ड्रेनेज प्लान एवं डी0पी0आर0 गठन करने हेतु अभिरूचि की अभिव्यक्ति **(EOI)** आमंत्रित की जाती है।

इस **E.O.I.** के सम्बन्ध में विस्तृत जानकारी वेबसाइट **https://uktenders.gov.in** पोर्टल में दिनांक 21.07.2022 से उपलब्ध रहेगी।

(प्रमोद कुमार दीक्षित)
अधीक्षण अभियन्ता

TENDER NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (NAVY)
INS INDIA

e-Bids are invited by the Commanding Officer, INS India, 'C' Block, Defence Offices Complex, Africa Avenue, New Delhi - 110023 from **NCDFI Approved / Recommended registered cooperatives and Delhi Milk Scheme** registered contractors for conclusion of annual contract for supply of **Butter Fresh** for the period of One year. L-1 will be decided on the basis of the lowest rates (on total amount). The tender documents are available for download at **www.defproc.gov.in.** Interested firms may contact on 8800197207 for further details.

Sd/-
Commanding Officer
INS India

CBC 10702/11/0044/2223

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

See Section 82/83 Cr.P.C.

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused **Sh. Somi Kar, S/o Samir Kar, R/o CB-333, 1st Floor Naraiyan, Delhi-110028** has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case **CC No. 20909/2016 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **Sh. Somi Kar** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **Sh. Somi Kar** has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).

Proclamation is hereby made that the said **Sh. Somi Kar** accused of **CC No. 20909/2016 u/s 138 NI Act, P.S. Kashmere Gate, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **25.08.2022.**

By Order
Shri Robinjeet Singh
Metropolitan Magistrate-04 (NI Act)
Central-04, Court Room No. 01
CBA-1 Tis Hazari Court, Delhi

DP/2570/N/2022

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON

(See Section 82 Cr. P.C.)

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons **(1) Ram Kishan** S/o Sh. Ram Singh R/o H. No. WB-134/C. Gali No. 6, First Floor, Shakarpur, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi Also at: Record clerk in Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd. Head Office : Oriental House, A-25/27, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi **(2) Ambika** W/o Ram Kishan R/o H. No. WB-134/C. Gali No. 6, First Floor, Shakarpur, Laxmi Nagar, Delhi have committed (or are suspected to have committed) the offence in **CC No. 15816/18, U/s 138 NI Act** registered at P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon that the said **(1) Ram Kishan and (2) Ambika** could not be found and where it has been shown to my satisfaction that the accused **(1) Ram Kishan and (2) Ambika** have absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant). Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused **(1) Ram Kishan and (2) Ambika** of **CC No. 15816/18, U/s 138 NI Act** registered at P.S. Vasant Vihar, New Delhi are required to appear before the court to answer the said complaint on or before **23.08.2022.**

By Order
Ms. Amardeep Kaur
Metropolitan Magistrate
Room No. 17,
Patiala House Court, New Delhi

DP/1347/SW/2022
(Court Notice)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

No. S/Sale/611/E-AP/5270/22-23 **Date: 14.07.2022**

E-AUCTION PROGRAMME,
NOTICE NO. 05 MONTH August - 2022

It is intimated that scrap materials available in all Divisions and Depots of North Central Railway will be sold through e-auction and all organizers will conduct the auction of their area.

Scrap Items: P. Way Scrap, Scrap Rail, Cast Iron Scrap, Condemned rolling Stock, Non ferrous and Non metallic Scrap, Turning & Boring, Condemned Oil/Paints Drums, Condemned Machinery & plants, Condemned Vehicles, Condemned office equipments, Foundry Slag, Released overhead MS/GI tanks, Released ferrous scrap of train lighting fans, Released MS/GI pipe line, foundry skull, Workshop MS scrap and other MS scrap.

SN	e-auction Date & Day		Depot/Division	Organizer of Auction	Through Website
1	04.08.2022	Thursday	GSD/JHS	Dy.CMM/SYS./ JHS	www.ireps.gov.in
2	12.08.2022	Friday			
3	23.08.2022	Tuesday			
4	31.08.2022	Wednesday			
5	12.08.2022	Friday	GSD/CNB	Dy.CMM/GSD/ CNB	
6	25.08.2022	Thursday			
7	05.08.2022	Friday	PRYJ DIV	Sr.DMM/NCR/ PRYJ	
8	23.08.2022	Tuesday			
9	30.08.2022	Tuesday			
10	12.08.2022	Friday	JHS DIV	Sr.DMM/NCR/ JHS	
11	29.08.2022	Monday			
12	10.08.2022	Wednesday	AGC DIV	Sr.DMM/NCR/ AGC	
13	30.08.2022	Tuesday			

Special Conditions:1. All type of scraps will be through e-auction mode **www.ireps.gov.in** website. In the event of auction not being completed on the same calendar day, auction may be continued on the next calendar days also. **2.** The unsold lots of e-auction will also be included in next e-auction of respective depot. **3.** The Intending purchaser may inspect the lot of scrap material before the auctions during working hours. **4.** To purchase material above Rs. 5 Lacs, the purchaser must be registered with GST. **5.** For further details on auctions (like catalogues, last sold rates in auctions & other details), Please visit North Central Railway's website **"www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in"**. **6.** For further detail regarding e-auction Please visit **"www.ireps.gov.in"** website.

900/22 (ADM)

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

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Development of Hotel at Porbandar, Gujarat (RETENDER)

Gujarat Tourism

Components: Hotel with facilities equivalent to a 3 (three) star or above, Restaurant, and support infrastructure. **Site located close to the Chowpatty**

RFP Document can be downloaded from **https://www.nprocure.com/ & https://www.gujarattourism.com/, 20/07/2022** onwards.

The Pre-Bid Conference is scheduled on **27/07/2022, 12:00 noon.** For any further details, interested Bidders may contact **Mr. M. S. Joshi** at **msjoshi@gujarattourism.com.** The last date for submission of the Financial Bid (on n-procure website only) is **10/08/2022 up to 4:00 p.m.** and Technical Bid is **12/08/2022 up to 4:00 p.m.**

UNIDENTIFIED DEAD BODY

General Public is hereby informed that one person **Namely: Unknown, S/o: Unknown, Address: Unknown,** was found dead at back side of P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, in front of Rationing Office, New Delhi on **12.07.2022**. In this regard a case has been lodged vide **DD No. 48A dated 12.07.2022** at P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi. The description of the dead person is as under:- **Age:** About 40-45 years, **Sex:** Male, **Height:** 5'6", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Oval, **Built:** Thin, **Wearing:** Black colour checked shirt and grey colour pant. If any one having any information about this dead person please inform undersigned.

SHO
P.S. Okhla Industrial Area, Delhi
Ph.: 011-26816677, 8750871623

DP/284/SE/2022

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON

General public is here by informed that one person **Namely:** Gyan Singh, **S/o** Chajju Ram **R/o** RZ-E-302, Street No. 17, Sadh Nagar, Palam Colony, Near Railway Line, New Delhi. **Age:** 58 Years, **Height:** 5'5", **Complexion:** Wheatish, **Face:** Long, **Built:** Normal, **Eye:** Black, **Wearing:** Cream colour shirt and Black colour pant, has been missing from his house since 12.07.2022 from Office Electric Sub Station, Moti Bagh, NDMC area of P.S. South Campus, New Delhi.

In this regard a **DD No. 51-A,** dated **13.07.2022,** has been lodged at P.S. South Campus, New Delhi.

Sincere efforts have been made by local police to trace out information about this person but no clue has come to light so far.

If any person having any information or clue about this person kindly inform to the following.

SHO
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No. CE/PMGSY/01/2022-23/24

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER

The Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads), Assam on behalf of Governor of Assam invites the item rate bids in electronic tendering system for Construction of Roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, PMGSY-III, Batch-I, for the year 2022-23, for **7 Nos. of roads (Length = 51.176 KM) and 2 Nos. of Bridges in 7 Nos. of packages** in the districts of Bongaigaon, Goalpara, Hailakandi, Kamrup Rural, Darrang, Nagaon & Tinsukia with an estimated cost of **Rs. 2940.871 Lakhs (Approx. excluding GST)** including Routine Maintenance for five years from approved and eligible contractors registered with Assam Public Works Department (Roads) or contractors registered with other State/ Central Government Departments, institutions, Undertaking and Authorities.

Details may be seen at website **http://pmgsytendersasm.gov.in/** from **22.04.2022, 10:00 hours.**

Chief Engineer, PWD (Border Roads)
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Loan defaults rose 10-fold in 10 years

Defaulters Can Repay But Won't, And 95% Of The Money Is Owed To State-Run Banks, Writes **Atul Thakur**

The amount owed by wilful defaulters to Indian banks has risen more than tenfold over the last decade from Rs 23,000 crore on March 31, 2012 to Rs 2.4 lakh crore on May 31 this year. Data from TransUnion Cibil, a credit information company, shows defaults increased significantly during the lockdown to touch Rs 2.6 lakh crore in March 2021, but have since come down a little.

The data pertains only to those accounts in which suits have been filed against wilful defaulters with outstanding amounts of Rs 25 lakh or more. As of May 31, there were over 12,000 such defaults. The amount of Rs 2.4 lakh crore is 2.7 times the allocation of Rs 86,200 crore to the health ministry and 42% more than the Rs 1.4 lakh crore allocated to the rural development ministry, which funds MGNREGA.

Analysis of the 12,000 defaults shows that loans below Rs 1 crore – like those taken by homebuyers – account for just over 1% of the total defaults. On the other hand, over 250 entities that defaulted on more than Rs 100 crore totalled Rs 1.36 lakh crore or 58% of the total wilful defaults.

Amounts like Rs 100 crore make no intuitive sense to most middle-class folks. So, here's how you could think about it. If you earn enough to be able to save Rs 10 lakh a year, it would take 1,000 years to save this amount. If parked in a Swiss long-term bond (10 years or more), this money would yield an annual interest of Rs 1.15 cr or Rs 9.6 lakh per month. It can buy 200 flats worth Rs 50 lakh each or more than 190 kg of gold, both of which can be passed on for generations.

According to RBI, wilful defaulters are those who default on loans despite having the capacity to repay. Units that divert the funds for purposes other than the specific purpose of the loan also come under this category. Firms that siphon off funds and can't produce the funds or the assets created by using them are also classified as wilful defaulters.

TOI consolidated the amounts owed by people or companies who had at least one account in which they defaulted for Rs 100 crore or more. Such a consolidation shows that the ABG Group promoted by Rishi Agarwal and others tops this list. The company's seven loan accounts in different banks add up to Rs 6,382 crore of wilful defaults. Amtek Auto Limited and its subsidiaries, promoted by Arvind Dham, are second with wilful defaults of Rs 5,885 crore.

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The Sandesara brothers, Nitin and Chetan, on the run for a few years now, are third with the consolidated default of their company, Sterling Global Oil Resources Pvt Ltd, and its subsidiaries amounting to Rs 3,757 crore. Companies of Kapil and Dheeraj Wadhawan – Dewan Housing Finance Limited and its subsidiaries – have wilfully defaulted on Rs 2,780 crore. Next on the list are brothers Sanjay and Sandeep Jhunjhunwala, whose company Rei Agro Ltd has defaulted on Rs 2,602 crore of bank loans.

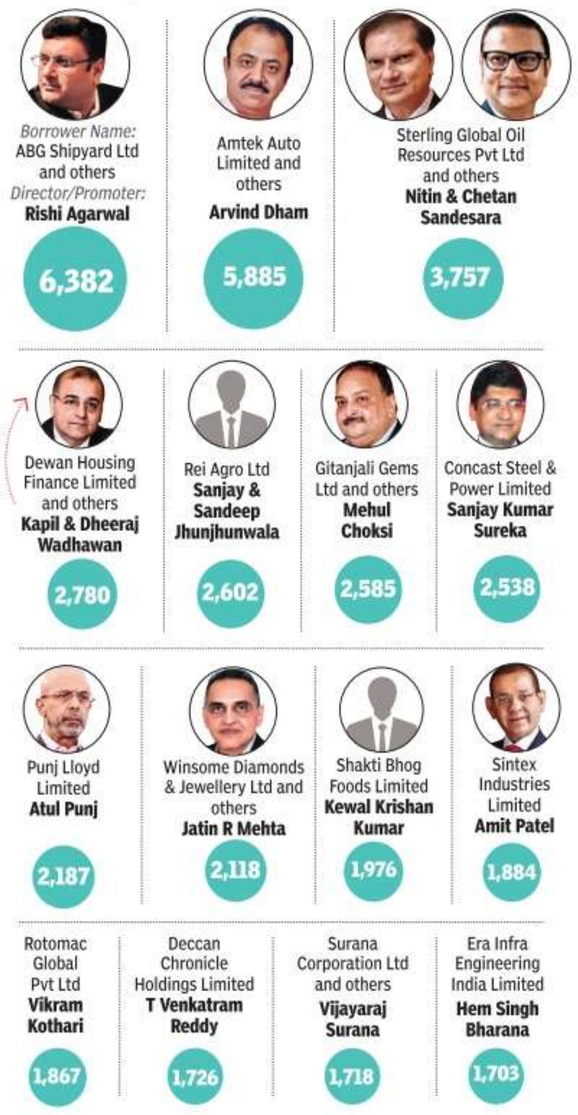
Other companies that defaulted on more than Rs 2,000 crore of bank loans are Mehul Choksi's Gitanjali Gems Ltd, Sanjay Kumar Sureka's Concast Steel and Power Ltd, Atul Punj's Punj Lloyd Ltd and Jatin Mehta's Winsome Diamonds and subsidiaries. Choksi and Mehta have fled to the Caribbean islands. Overall, nine companies have defaulted on more than Rs 2,000 crore of loans. Defaults are between Rs 1,500 crore and Rs 2,000 crore for the next seven. Famous among them are Shakti Bhog Foods, Sintex Industries, Rotomac Global, Deccan Chronicle Holdings and S Kumars Nationwide.

RICH DEFAULTERS OWE BANKS ₹2.4 LAKH CRORE

Mallya, Nirav not on list

Fugitive businessmen Vijay Mallya and Nirav Modi, who once made headlines for bank frauds of thousands of crores, don't figure at the top of India's list of wilful defaulters. But some old-timers like Mehul Choksi, Jatin Mehta, Vikram Kothari and T Venkatram Reddy are still there.

● Outstanding amount (₹ cr)

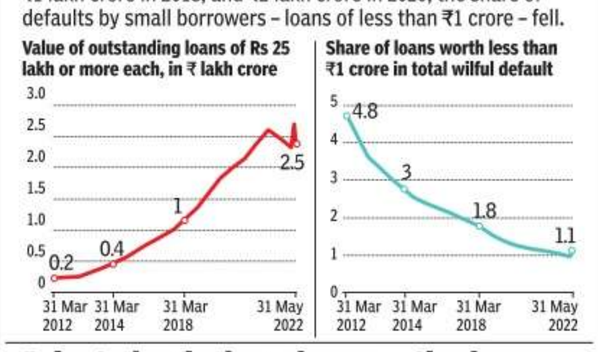


Default greater than many GDPs

India's total wilful default of ₹2.4 lakh crore, or $29.7 billion, is more than the GDPs of 87 countries. There are 36 people who have wilfully defaulted on more than ₹1,000 crore – about $126 million – which is enough for an easy life abroad.

Not the common man's fault

While wilful defaults grew from ₹23,000 crore 10 years ago to ₹1 lakh crore in 2018, and ₹2 lakh crore in 2020, the share of defaults by small borrowers – loans of less than ₹1 crore – fell.



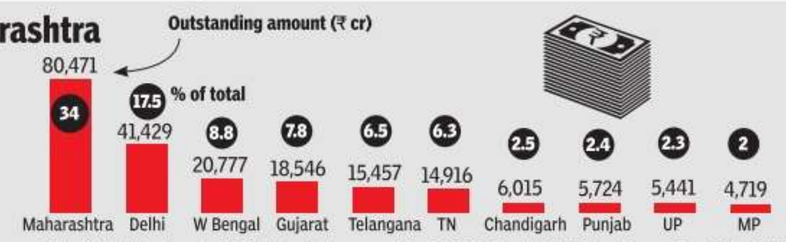
Private banks largely unscathed

Nearly 95% of the defaults were on loans given by public sector banks. More than 30% of these loans were sanctioned by SBI and its associates, not surprising as SBI is the largest bank. PNB, UBI and Bank of Baroda are owed more than 10% each.

Names of credit institutions	Outstanding amount (₹ cr)	% of total
SBI & associated banks	71,896	30.4
Punjab National Bank	39,455	16.7
Union Bank Of India	29,860	12.6
Bank Of Baroda	25,440	10.8
IDBI Bank Limited	21,751	9.2
Central Bank Of India	13,686	5.8
Indian Overseas Bank	12,312	5.2
Bank Of Maharashtra	6,772	2.9
Yes Bank	3,376	1.4

Maximum default in Maharashtra

Maharashtra, the largest state by gross state domestic product, tops the list of defaulters, followed by Delhi. But Tamil Nadu, India's second-largest state economy, is far below in the list and Karnataka is not in the top ten. Clearly, this has to do with where corporations are headquartered.



Note: Wilful defaulters for Rs 25 lakh and above as on May 31, 2022; Graphic: **Anil Dinod**; Source: TransUnion Cibil

Lawyer cites Kol cops' LOC to seek shield for Nupur

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New Delhi: Pointing to intensification of life threats against suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma and issuance of a lookout circular by the Kolkata Police on July 2, senior advocate Maninder Singh renewed his argument in Supreme Court on Tuesday that she faced imminent arrest and her travel to West Bengal, where two FIRs have been lodged, would be fraught with grave danger to her life. He sought to revive the writ petition Nupur had withdrawn and pleaded with the bench to dispassionately decide the issue on merit in sync with the ruling of the SC in TT Antony case in 2001.

In TT Antony judgment, the SC had ruled that "if the gravamen of the charges in two FIRs — the first and second — is in substance and truth the same, registering the second FIR and making fresh investigation and forwarding report under Section 173 of Criminal Procedure Code (charge-sheet) will be irregular and the court cannot take cognizance of the same". Singh said all the FIRs are based on her single statement during a TV debate on May 26, where she had retorted to a Muslim religious leader's abuses against a Hindu deity.

"The petitioner (Sharma) has now pointed out that it has become nearly impossible for her to avail the alternative remedy granted by this court (on July 1) and that there is an imminent necessity for this court to intervene and protect her life and liberty as guaranteed under Article 21 of the Constitution," the bench headed by Justice Kant said.

In order to protect her from possible harassment in the existing and future FIRs, the bench said, "Meanwhile, as an interim measure, it is directed that no coercive action shall be taken against the petitioner pursuant to the impugned FIR(s)/complaint(s) or the FIR(s)/complaint(s) which may be registered/entertained in the future."

'Pak man on mission to kill Nupur caught'

An armed Pakistani intruder captured by the BSF at the Hindumalkot border outpost in Rajasthan's Sriganganagar district on the night of July 16 has confessed to being on a mission to kill BJP's suspended national spokesperson Nupur Sharma for her remarks on the Prophet, police said on Tuesday.

SP Anand Sharma identified the arrested man as 24-year-old Rizwan Ashraf, a resident of Kuthiyal Shekha in Pakistan's Punjab province. The BSF found on him two knives, one of them 11 inches long, along with religious texts, clothing, food and a bagful of sand. "Rizwan intended to visit the Dargah Sharif in Ajmer and offer a chadar there before attempting to murder Nupur Sharma," the SP said. A Hindumalkot court last Sunday remanded Rizwan in police custody till July 24, following which he was interrogated by a team of IB, RAW and Military Intelligence. TNN

Stabbed for backing Nupur, claims man

A 23-year-old Bihar man hospitalised in Darbhanga last week with multiple stab wounds alleged Tuesday that he had been attacked for backing suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma, contradicting the police's contention that there was "no communal angle" to the incident, report **Faryal Rumi & Shyam Kishore Singh**.

Ankit Kumar Jha, from Tehra village in Sitamarhi district, told reporters that the assailants first demanded to know whether he supported Nupur in the row over her remarks on the Prophet. "When I replied in the affirmative, one of them stabbed me six times. Though I don't know the assailants, I can identify the one who drove a knife into me," he said from his bed at Darbhanga Medical College and Hospital. The attack took place last Friday in a shop at Nanpur in Sitamarhi.

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RO. No. 444 **E-tender Corrigendum & Time Extension Notice** Date: 18.07.2022

The dates of submission and opening of NIT No. 02/UJVNL/IT/EE(EM)/2022-23 for "Establishment of Local Area Network (LAN) at new corporate building of UJVN Ltd at Dehradun" is hereby extended as follows along with corrigendum.

1. Form of Bank Guarantee for depositing earnest money (EMD) is added as format-9

Last Date/Time for receipt of bid in the portal : 28.07.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.
Last Date of receipt of hard copy of bid : 01.08.2022 up to 17.00 Hrs.
Date of opening of bid on the website : 02.08.2022 at 11.30 Hrs.
All other terms & conditions shall remain same Subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from the e-procurement portal https://uktenders.gov.in

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Cancellation of the Tender of On-Line Bid Submission of the Tender for Wildlife Management Study Tour of Officer Trainees of 10-month Postgraduate Diploma Course in Advanced Wildlife Management to South Africa during 31 July 2022 to 17 August 2022

Reference advertisement on the above subject published in Dainik Jagran and Times of India (Delhi Edition) Newspaper on 15.07.2022. Due to administrative reasons, the said tender has been postponed.

Registrar
Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

No: Dy. CEE/C/CNB/22-23/PMS-01 Date: 14.07.2022

E-Tendering Tender Notice

Dy. Chief Electrical Engineer (Construction), North Central Railway, Kanpur for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:-

E-Tender No	Description of work	Approx Cost ₹	Earnest Money ₹
Dy. CEE/C/CNB/22-23/PMS-01	Providing Project Management Service for the work Design. Supply, Erection. Testing and Commissioning of 220/2x25 kV & 132/2x25kV traction sub-station along with SP/SSPs between Ghaziabad-Deen Dayal Upadhyay and Mathura-Palwal in connection with Raising of speed to 160 KMPH/200 KMPH on existing New Delhi-Howrah & Mathura-Palwal Route of North Central Railway.	₹ 97973584.67	₹ 639900.00

Cost of Tender Form ₹ : 00/-
Date of closing Tender: 24.08.2022, 12.00 Hrs.
Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 24 Months
Validity of Tender: 120 days

● Tender online can be submitted up to **12:00 hrs** on **24.08.2022.**
● For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in.** Pink Book Your (2022-23)Item No.- 88 **887/22(D)**

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No. KPCL/2022-23/PM/WORK_INDENT/12643 Dated: 14.07.2022

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ANNEXURE-A

PRESS NOTICE TO BE ISSUED FOR PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPERS

The Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Division Thunag invites tender on behalf of Governor of Himachal Pradesh from approved eligible contractor for the following work(s) through e-tendering process :-

Work No. 1 Construction of Inspection Hut at Gada Gussain in GP Thachadhar Tehsil Balichowki Distt Mandi HP. **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 1,48,18,203/- Only **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 1,80,700/- Only **Cost of Tender Form :-** Rs. 1500/- **Time Limit :-** One Year.

Work No. 2 :- Source Strengthening of multi village pipes water supply for Balichowki and other at Tirthan Khad Tehsil Balichowki District Mandi (HP) (SH :- CO Source Strengthening Structure at Near Bridge Manglore, CO Retaining Wall to protect the Sedimentation Tank and Slow Sand Filter Bed, Sedimentation Tank 21000 ltrs capacity and CO RCC Slow Sand Filter Bed of 51.26 Sq. m Capacity in 3 units. Under JJM **Estimated Cost :-** Rs. 97,19,387/- **Earnest Money :-** Rs. 1,29,700/- **Cost Tender Document :-** Rs. 800/- **Time Limit :-** 06 Months

Schedule of tendering :-

1.	Date of online Publication	19/07/2022 at 10:00 AM
2.	Downloading of e-tender documents	19/07/2022 at 10:00 AM
3.	Date of submission of e-tender	19/07/2022 at 10:00 AM up to 25/07/2022 at 05:PM
4.	Physical submission of Earnest Money Deposit, Cost of tender form if not paid online/ other below mentioned documents	26/07/2022 at 11.00 AM
5	Date of opening of bids	26/07/2022 at 11.30 AM
6	Opening of Eligibility criteria & Technical Information (Cover-I)	26/07/2022 at 11.30 AM
7	Opening of Financial bid (Cover-II)	Date and place to be notified separately.
8	Site Visit	From 19/07/2022 to 25/07/2022 between 10 AM to 5 PM except on holidays.

Last date of filling/uploading the tender through e-tendering 25/07/2022 upto 5:00 P.M.

The tender forms and other detailed conditions can be obtained from the website www.hpiph.org.

Executive Engineer
Jal Shakti Division, Thunag
Distt Mandi.

Advt.No.:2566/18/07/2022. **HIM SUCHANA AVAM JAN SAMPARK**

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Tender Notice No. CEN00AGC0822 **Dy. Chief Engineer (Construction)**
Dated: 15.07.2022 **E-TENDER NOTICE** **N.C. Rly, Agra Cantt**

Deputy Chief Engineer (Construction) North Central Railway, Agra Cantt for and on behalf of the President of India, Invites **E-Tenders** on the prescribed forms for the under noted works:-

	Name of work with location	
1	Detail Engineering construction survey for Kuberpur - Yamuna Bridge 3rd line (10Km.) and / or at any other location as directed by the Engineer-in-charge, staking out alignment, preparation of Land plans, Geotechnical investigation, preparation of GAD for bridges and yard plans providing facilitation services for land acquisition and other preliminary works for Kuberpur - Yamuna Bridge 3rd line (10Km) survey work.	
2	**Completion period of work**	06 months
3	**Approximate Cost of Work**	Rs. 18,82,275.66/-
4	**Similar work proposed**	"Railway project for new line, Gauge conversion or Doubling". Survey work related to RECT, PECT of Final location survey".
5	**Date & Time for submission of tender**	upto 15:00 Hrs. on 17.08.2022
6	The detailed terms and conditions and tender documents are available on website at **www.ireps.gov.in**	893/22 (P)

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-Procurement Tender Notice No.: 319-W/C/Plg/PRYJ/P.Way/Tender/03/2022, **dated: 14.07.2022**

E-Procurement Tender Notice

On behalf of the President of India, **Chief Administrative Officer/Construction, North Central Railway, Prayagraj** invites the E-Procurement Tenders for the manufacture and supply of the following materials:

Sl. No.	Tender No	Brief Description	Quantity	Approx Value ₹
1	eRA2022202303	ERC Mark-V to Drg. No. T-5919	16,68,920 No.	₹ 18,15,78,496/-

Date of completion: 15 months
Date of tender opening: 22.08.2022

Note: 1. The complete information of above E-Procurement Tenders are available on IREPS website i.e. **http://www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** Bids other than in the form of E-Bids shall not be accepted against above Tenders. For this purpose, venders 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 vender shall be straight way ignored and shall not be considered. **881/22(D)**

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GOVERNMENT OF CHHATTISGARH, WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER
MAHANADI GODAWARI BASIN RAIPUR (C.G.)

e-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE
eProcurement Portal: https://eproc.cgstate.gov.in
CORRIGENDUM NO. 5

(1) In System Tender 98621/NIT No. : 04/SAC/2022-23, Balod, Dated : 06.05.2022 Whose G-Number is 93020 dated 15.07.2022
(2) In System Tender 99060/NIT No. : 05/SAC/2022-23, Balod, Dated : 10.05.2022 Whose G-Number is 93020 dated 15.07.2022
(3) In System Tender 99061/NIT No. : 06/SAC/2022-23, Balod, Dated : 10.05.2022 Whose G-Number is 93020 dated 15.07.2022 following amendments are made :-

S.No.	Amendments
1	Online Tenders are invited for the following works up to 25.07.2022 at 17.30 Hour
2	Bid Open Start and time: 26.07.2022, 11:30 Hours

Note :-All other terms and conditions will remain be unchanged.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Water Resources Division, Balod (C.G.)
For, Chief Engineer, Mahanadi Godavari Basin Raipur (C.G.)

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'Despite bar, pvt hosps charged PFHI patients'

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The study published in the open access journal Biomed Central Geriatric last week found that enrolment of elderly in publicly funded health insurance (PFHI) was not associated with lower out-of-pocket expenditure (OOPE) or less 'catastrophic health expenditure' (CH-25). According to the study, the use of private facilities was the key determinant of elderly people having to spend huge amounts from their own pockets whether or not they are enrolled under publicly financed health insurance.

The study was done by analysing the data from the longitudinal ageing study in India (LASI) of 2017-18, a national survey of 72,250 individuals that collected extensive data on elderly health including illness burden, healthcare use and OOPE. The data showed that 35% of hospitalisations took place in public hospitals and that the mean out of pocket expenditure (OOPE) for hospitalisation in public facilities was Rs 8,276 compared to Rs 49,700 in private ones, about six times higher.

The analysis included only those people who had an episode of inpatient care, 4,616 persons, since publicly financed health insurance covers only inpatient expenditure. Overall, 18.1% of the elderly were covered under PFHI. The proportion of those covered under other kinds of health insurance was relatively small, at 2.6%.

"The mean OOPE for utilising private hospitals was lower for the PFHI-enrolled individuals than the non-enrolled individuals. However, the median OOPE for hospitalisation in private hospitals was almost equal for the PFHI-enrolled and the non-enrolled individuals. The median of OOPE does not get affected by extremely high values, but the mean is since some people had incurred extremely high out of pocket expenditure, which skewed the mean," explained Samir Garg, one of the authors of the study.

The overall hospitalisation rate of the elderly was 7.1%. Among those enrolled in public health insurance, the hospitalisation rate was 8.8%, and it was 6.8% among those not enrolled. "The current study found that enrolment under PFHI increased the chances of using public facilities for hospitalisation. This is surprising, considering that one of the objectives of PFHI was to expand access to hospital care by making the private sector affordable to the poor. This phenomenon may be related to failure of PFHI in actually improving the affordability of private sector," stated the study.

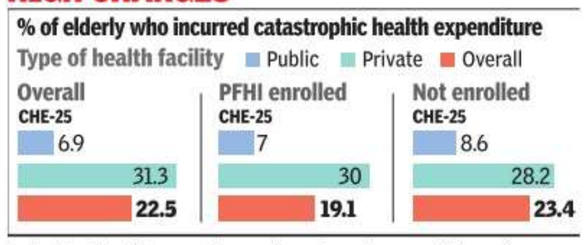
"The private hospitals entered into contracts under PFHI that forbade them from charging anything from patients. However, as the current study shows, they continued to charge from patients enrolled under PFHI. Private hospitals in India are poorly regulated. Purchasing arrangements through contracts also seem to be ineffective in ensuring price regulation in India's private sector. The failure of PFHI could be due to a combination of gaps — of poor government regulation, cultural acceptance of illegal payments and treating healthcare as a market transaction," concluded the study, recommending further research to understand "governance gaps" that lead to poor performance of publicly financed health insurance in India. Health expenditure and about 7% of even those of them using public facilities faced it.

Health expenditure is considered catastrophic when it accounts for 25% or more of the total annual consumption expenditure of a household and is abbreviated as CHE25.

"The ongoing reliance on a poorly regulated private sector seems to be a key limitation of PFHI (publicly funded health insurance) policy. Governments need to find more effective ways of protecting the elderly from catastrophic health expenditure if the goal of UHC (universal health coverage) has to be realised," stated the study.

The use of private facilities was the key determinant of elderly people having to spend huge amounts from own pockets whether or not they were enrolled under PFHI, the study said

HIGH CHARGES



'3 docs, 2 paramedics were on board the flying ICU to monitor patient'

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Bengaluru: The long airlift of a 67-year-old critically ill Bengaluru woman began on Sunday morning from Portland, Oregon, after she was shifted in an ambulance from the Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center to the Portland International Airport where she was put onto Challenger 605, the super-midsized private jet customised as a flying intensive care unit (ICU).

"An ICU had been readied onboard with a medical team, including three doctors and two paramedics, to monitor the patient. She was flown to Reykjavik airport in 7.5 hours and the halt at the Icelandic capital was for refuelling the aircraft," Dr Rahul Singh, co-founder of ICATT, added.

From Reykjavik, the Challenger flew the patient to Istanbul, Turkey, in six hours where the medical and aviation crew, barring a Bengaluru doctor who had gone to the US and travelled all the way monitoring the patient, was replaced.

"The patient was shifted to another Challenger 605 in the Turkish airport and then flown to Diyarbakir airport in four hours," Singh said.

On its final leg, the air ambulance flew from Diyarbakir and landed in Chennai at 2.10am on Tuesday. After completing immigration procedures onboard on the airport tarmac, the woman was rushed to Apollo Hospital in an ambulance where she was admitted.

"The treatment period there (in the US) was longer and costing much more than airlifting her to India," said Dr Shalini Nalwad, co-founder and director of ICATT, the Bengaluru-based air ambulance services firm.

Sources, however, said that the woman was facing issues on the health insurance front there as she was an Indian passport holder.

"This was probably the longest-ever aeromedical retrieval in the country with the patient flown all the way from the US to India over two days' time," Dr Nalwad claimed.

26-HOUR AIRLIFT

Cal HC bars ED from arresting Chidambaram's wife till July 27

The Calcutta HC on Tuesday restrained the ED from arresting Nalini Chidambaram till July 27, until it hears her anticipatory bail plea. A division bench of Justice IP Mukerji and Justice Subhendu Samanta said since the ED wasn't present during the hearings, the advocate-on-record must communi- cate the order to the additional solicitor general and the agency. The HC said Chidambaram "has not been taken into custody since 2016". She has also been granted bail in 2022. "We direct that the petitioner shall not be arrested without the leave of this court till we hear out this plea in the presence of the respondent," it said. TNN

Fear of stir keeps Marina beach out of bounds to public

Entry points to the Marina beach were closed to the public on Monday following appeals on social media for protests to be staged there seeking justice for a girl who was found dead at her school campus in Kallakurichi last week. The Chennai police detained four youngsters for creating a WhatsApp group.

WESTERN RAILWAY

CORRIGENDUM

E – Tender No.: EL/C/RTM/2022/01/RT **Name of Work**: Design, Supply, Erection, Testing & commissioning of 25 KV AC OHE including removal of infringements between Ujjain - Indore Section on Ratlam Division of Western Railway in connection with Doubling between Indore-Dewas-Ujjain Phase-III Work., **Completion Period: 06 (Six) months instead of 12 (Twelve) months, On line Bidding Start Date: 27.07.2022 Instead of 25.07.2022 Tender Closing Date: 10.08.2022, up to: 15:00 Hrs. instead of 08.08.2022**
All other Terms and Conditions remains the same. 276

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

TENDER NOTICE

Notification No DRM/C/Agra/Halt/08/2022 Dated 18/07/2022

For and on behalf of the President of India, Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, North Central Railway, Agra invites application for appointment of halt agent/ commission agent on the following halt stations for the period of 05 years,

Sr.No.	Name of Section	Name of Halt Station	Name of Serving Station
1.	BHA-UDMR	Manikpura	Fatehabad
2.	BHA-UDMR	Dhimsiri	Shamshabad
3.	BHA-UDMR	Bhadrauli	Fatehabad
4.	DHO-TPO	Baseri	Mohari
5.	DHO-SRMT	Angai	Sirmuttra
6.	DHO-TPO	Garhi sandra	Bari
7.	DHO-TPO	Bangthar	Tantpur
8.	MTJ-PWL	Banchari	Hodal

5. Number of halt agent for appointment : One, **6. Security Amt.** : ₹5000. Applicant can obtain Application forms along with terms and conditions from the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), North Central Railway, Agra on cash payment of prescribed amount Rs. 1,000/- (Rs. One thousand only) to Chief Booking Supervisor, Agra Cantt. on any working day from the date of publication to **22.08.2022 upto 17.00 hrs.** The Application form is not transferable and its cost is not refundable. The Notification, application forms, terms and conditions are also available on the website of North Central Railway **http://www.ncr.indianrailways.gov.in** if the application documents are downloaded from the website, then, the applicant will have to attach the prescribe cost of application form Rs. 1,000/- in the form of DD/Banker cheque (In Original) issued by any Nationalized /Schedule Bank in favour of **Sr. Divisional Finance Manager N.C. Railway- Agra,** otherwise the application shall be rejected. The application form will be received through sealed box in the office of Divisional Railway Manager (Commercial), North Central Railway, Agra up to **15.00 Hrs.** on **24.08.2022** and will be opened at **15.30** hrs. on the same day. In case of the application form acceptance and opening day is holiday, The next working day will be the last day for depositing and opening of application forms at the same time. Applicant or his authorized agent is permitted to be present at the time. Application form received after the date & time specified above shall not be considered. Detailed particulars are available in the application form. Separate application form should be used for each halt station. The Railway Administration reserves all the rights to cancel or discharge complete application procedure without assigning any reason. **850/22(AN)**

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NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY, PRAYAGRAJ

E-TENDERING TENDER NOTICE

Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (Traction Distribution) N.C. Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through online (E-Tendering) for the following work.

Description of Work	E-Tender No.	Approx Cost (Rs.)	Earnest Money/ Bid Security (Rs.)	Date of closing Tender
Shifting of existing IOL on main running lines after the stop signals (to maintain adequate distance of 120 mtr.) to protect isolated sections in Jhansi Division.	JHS-TD-Tender-2022-03	38205483.97	341000.00	12.08.2022 15:00 pm.

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 09 Months

Tender online can be submitted up to 15:00 hrs on 12.08.2022. For full details and submission of bid please see the Indian Railways website **www.ireps.gov.in** **906/22 (D)**

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Indian Council for Cultural Relations

Azad Bhawan, I.P. Estate, New Delhi-110002, Phone: 011-23379309

EMPANELMENT OF PROFESSORS IN INDIAN STUDIES (POLITICAL SCIENCE, HISTORY, ECONOMICS, PHILOSOPHY, LAW, BUDDHISHT STUDIES) AND INDIAN LANGUAGES (HINDI, URDU, SANSKRIT & TAMIL)

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) invites applications from suitable Indian Citizens to form a panel of Indian Studies (Political Science, History, Economics, Philosophy, Law, Buddhist Studies) and Indian Languages (Sanskrit, Hindi, Urdu & Tamil) Professors for deputation at ICCR's Chairs in Foreign Universities abroad.

Eligibility Criteria for Professors:

Scholars/Academicians, Regular employees of Central/State Universities, with a maximum age limit of 67 years, having doctoral degree from a recognized Institution affiliated by UGC, with at least 8 years of teaching experience at Graduate/post Graduate level in a recognized University or national level institute, are eligible to apply. The candidates should have adequate knowledge of English language as well as experience of delivering talks/orientation on History, Tradition, Art and Culture of India.

Interested candidates may apply through online mode along with supporting documents on ICCR's websites www.iccr.gov.in latest by **08-08-2022.** Details are available on ICCR's website www.iccr.gov.in.

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER, NORTHERN (R&B) CIRCLE SAMBALPUR
e - Procurement
BID IDENTIFICATION No CCENC (RAND B) /06/ 2022-23
No. 2441 Dtd. 08.07.2022

1. The **Chief Construction Engineer, Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur** on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites **Percentage Rate** bids in double cover system **in ONLINE MODE** for the construction of **Road** and **Building works** as detailed in the DTCN from the eligible class of contractors.
2. No of works= **04 (Four) (Road Works and Building Work).**
3. Tender Cost: **Rs. 10,000/-**
4. Class of contractor: **"B" Class, "A" Class, "Special" Class and Super Class.**
5. Date & Time of available in web site & receipt of Bids From **18.07.2022** to **17.00 Hours of 02.08.2022.**
6. Date of opening of Technical Bid **03.08.2022 at 11.00 Hours.**
7. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.
8. Any corrigendum / Addendum will be displayed in the website www.tendersodisha.gov.in.

Sd/- **Chief Construction Engineer Northern (R&B) Circle, Sambalpur**
OIPR-34035/11/0010/22-23

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER KALAHANDI RWS&S DIVISON, BHAWANIPATNA
INVITATION OF BID THROUGH e - TENDERING
Bid Identification No- 26/SE/RWSS/2022-23 /Bpt Dated :16.07.2022
01. Name of the work : As per ANNEXURE - A.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender online for bidding on office hour only		Date & Time of Opening of Bid
		From	To	
1	2	3	4	5
Superintending Engineer, Kalahandi RWS&S Division, Bhawanipatna	26/SE/RWSS/2022-23 /Bpt Dated-16.07.2022	28.07.2022 10.00 AM	22.08.2022 05.30 PM	23.08.2022 10.00 AM onwards

Cost of tender paper to be made online payment system.
Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal **http://tenderodisha.gov.in.**
The original documents should be scanned and uploaded.

Sd/- **Superintending Engineer Kalahandi RWS&S Division Bhawanipatna**
OIPR - 25005/11/0004/22-23

बिहार सरकार

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
(A GOVERNMENT OF BIHAR UNDERTAKING)
First Floor, Udyog Bhawan, East Gandhi Maidan, Patna-800 004
E-mail: md@idabihar.com, Website-www.idabihar.com, Phone- 0612-2675933, 2675935, Fax-2675934

SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER No. 55/TEN/IDA/22
(केवल ई–टेंडरिंग पद्धति के अनुसार वेबसाइट **www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in**)

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कार्य का विवरण :

S.N	Name of Work	Total Estimated Amount in Rs.	E.M.D Amount in Rs.	B.O.Q cost in Rs.	Completion Period
1	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Fatuha,Patna -Phase 1	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
2	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Fatuha,Patna -Phase 2	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
3	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Purnea -Phase 1	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
4	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Are a Purnea -Phase 2	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
5	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Purnea -Phase 3	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
6	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Purnea -Phase 4	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
7	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Hajipur-Phase 5	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
8	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Hajipur-Phase 6	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
9	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Muzaffarpur -Phase 5	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
10	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Muzaffarpur -Phase 6	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
11	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Muzaffarpur -Phase 7	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
12	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Industrial Area Muzaffarpur -Phase 8	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
13	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Bhagalpur - Phase 3	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
14	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Bhagalpur – Phase 4	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months
15	Construction of Plug and Play, Prefabricated shed at Bhagalpur - Phase 5	12,00,00,000.00	22,00,000.00	10,000.00	06 Months

निविदा समय–सारणी (Tender Schedule)

क्र.स.	गतिविधि	स्थान, तिथि एवं समय
1	विज्ञापनदाता का नाम	कार्यपालक अभियंता (पी०डी०ए०), आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना–800004
2	निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना निर्गत की तिथि	दिनांक **15.07.2022**
3	निविदा डाउनलोड तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **26.07.2022** से **03.08.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
4	प्री–बीड मीटिंग की तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक **28.07.2022** को **15:00** बजे आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना
5	निविदा अपलोड करने की अंतिम तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **04.08.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
6	अग्रधन की राशि, परिमाण विपत्र की मूल रसीद एवं निविदा में अपलोड किये गये तकनीकी बीड से संबंधित सभी Documents की छायाप्रति जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि, समय एवं स्थान	दिनांक **05.08.2022** को **15:00** बजे तक पी०डी०ए० शाखा, आधारभूत संरचना विकास प्राधिकार, प्रथम तल, उद्योग भवन, गांधी मैदान के पूरब, पटना–800004
7	तकनीकी बीड खोलने की तिथि एवं समय	दिनांक **05.08.2022** को **15:30** बजे (on website www.eproc2.bihar.gov.in)
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Corrigendum to E-Procurement Notice

Sub: Engagement of an Agency to provide Facility Management and Support Services in OMC

This is with reference to E-Procurement Notice published in Daily News Paper i.e Dharitri & Times of India on dtd.06.07.2022 against Bid Document No. OMC/E-PROC/CMC/73/2022 dated 30-June-2022 regarding "Engagement of an Agency to provide Facility Management and Support Services in OMC". The date & Time of the Tender Notice has been revised and the same will be available in the e-Procurement portal and OMC website on Dtd.20-July-2022.

Sd/-
Advisor(C&P)

OIPR-30005/11/0084/22-23

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PUBLIC TENDER NOTICE – PT 006/2022-23 Date: 19-07-2022

Tender Ref: TIFR/PD/CA22-78/220614
Supply and Installation of Optical Tables
Due Date: 10-08-2022

For further details about this tender, Please visit our website:
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Administrative Officer

O-684

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER RWS&S DIVISION, JAGATSINGHPUR
Tel. No. 06724-223485, mail- rwssjspur@gmail.com
e-Procurement Notice
Bid identification No. 08 of 2022-23

The Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Jagatsinghpur on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites Lump sump composite bids in Double Cover system in online mode for Execution of 7 Nos. Clubbed up individual Retrofitting & New RPWS schemes on Turn key basis from eligible Class of contractors.

1. Name of work : Execution of New & Retro Club up RPWS Schemes
2. No. of work : 07 Nos.
3. Estimated Cost : Rs. 278.48 Lakhs to 572.61 Lakhs
4. Cost of Tender paper : Rs. 10,000/- Each
5. Class of contractor : 'B', 'A' & Special Class
6. Availability of Tender in website : 27.07.2022 to 17.08.2022
7. Submission of Bid in online : 27.07.2022 to 17.08.2022
8. Date of seeking clarification : 27.07.2022 to 14.08.2022
9. Date of opening of bids : 19.08.2022 (11.00 A.M)
10. Name and address of O.I.T. : Superintending Engineer, RWS&S Division, Jagatsinghpur
11. All other details can be seen from the website : **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**
12. Bid cost should be submitted in online mode.
13. Subsequent corrigendum/ addendum if required shall only be appeared in above website.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer RWS&S Divn. Jagatsinghpur
OIPR - 25024/11/0003/22-23

OFFICE OF THE ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARRTMENT, PIU
NIRAMAN BHAWAN, Plot No. 27-28 , Arera Hills, BHOPAL
PHONE No. 0755-2559571 E-mail:-apdpiubhopal@gmail.com

NIT No. 07/2022/Tender/G/APD/ **BHOPAL DATE 13/07/2022**

Online bids for the following works are invited from registered contractors and firms of repute fulfilling registration criteria :

S. No.	Tender Portal No.	Name of work	District	Probable Amount Contract (Rs. in lakh)	Eranest Money Deposit (EMD) (in Rs.)	Cost of Bid Document (in Rs.)	Period of completion (in months i/c Rainy Season)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	2022_PWPIU_211534_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CM RISE SCHOOL OF GOVT. MODEL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL AT AGAR DISTRICT AGAR MALWA	AGAR MALWA	2823.87	1411936	50000	18 months i/c Rainy season
2	2022_PWPIU_211540_1	CONSTRUCTION OF CM RISE SCHOOL OF GOVT. EXCELLENCE HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL AT SUSNER DISTRICT AGAR MALWA	AGAR MALWA	2616.93	1308465	50000	18 months i/c Rainy season

1 All details relating to the Bid Document (s) can be viewed and downloaded free of cost from the website. **http://mptenders.gov.in**
2 Bid Document (s) can be purchased after making online payment of portal fees through Credit/Debit/Cash Card/internet Banking.
3 The Bid Document (s) can be purchased only online from 10:30 (time) 13.07.2022 (date) to 17.30 (time) 06.08.2022 (date). Other key dates may be seen in Bid Data Sheet.
4 Amendment (s) to NIT, if any, shall be published on website only, and not in newspaper.

Sd/-
ADDITIONAL PROJECT DIRECTOR PWD PIU BHOPAL

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RE-TENDER NOTICE
(Short Notice Inviting E-Bids)

The Bihar Medical Services and Infrastructure Corporation Limited, Patna invites e-bids from interested service provider for installation, operation and maintenance of MRI Machine under Public Private Partnership(PPP) Mode forJan NayakKarpoori Thakur Medical College & Hospital, Madhepura under Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode of Bihar.

Short Notice Inviting Re-tender No.-BMSICL/2022-23/ME-288
(Only through E- Tender on website:-www.eproc.bihar.gov.in)

Tender Schedule

Tender Reference No.	BMSICL/2022-23/ME-288
Date and time for downloading of bid document	Upto10th August 2022 till 17:00 Hrs.
Date of Pre- Bid Meeting	22thJuly 2022 at 15:00 Hrs in Conference hall of BMSICL, 4th Floor,Bihar State Building Construction Corporation Limited, Hospital Road, Shastri Nagar, Patna
Last date and time of submission of online bids	11th August 2022 upto 17:00 Hrs.
Last date and time for submission of original documents of EMD, Document Fee and technical bid.	12th August 2022 till 14:00 Hrs.
Date, Time and Place of opening of Technical Bid	12th August 2022 (at 15:00 Hrs.) on the website of www.eproc.bihar.gov.in in the office of BMSICL
Date and time of opening of financial Bids	To be announced later on www.eproc.bihar.gov.in
Validity of Tender	180 Days
Cost of the tender document	Rs. 10,000/- (Ten Thousand Rupees only) Non-refundable.
Bid Processing Fee	Rs 1180/-

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TIMES GLOBAL

DON'T SET YOUR WIT AGAINST A CHILD — JONATHAN SWIFT

THE TIMES OF INDIA, NEW DELHI | WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022

NETIZENS CALL KYLIE JENNER A 'CLIMATE CRIMINAL' AFTER REPORTS REVEAL THAT SHE USED HER PRIVATE JET FOR A 17-MINUTE JOURNEY

STEVEN SPIELBERG DIRECTS HIS 1ST MUSIC VIDEO FOR MARCUS MUMFORD'S 'CANNIBAL', THE 3-MIN SONG WAS CREATED IN 'ONE SHOT' USING A PHONE

Britain smashes all-time heat record as temps breach 40°C

29 Places In UK Top 2019 Record Of 38.7°C; London Declares 'Major Incident' After 10 Blazes Reported; Trains Hit Amid Fear Of 200-Yr-Old Infra Buckling; Six Drown

Britain shattered its record for highest temperature ever registered on Tuesday amid a heat wave that has seared swaths of Europe, as the UK's national weather forecaster said such highs are now a fact of life in a country ill-prepared for such extremes. The UK Met Office registered a provisional readings of 40.2°C at Heathrow Airport and 40.3°C at Coningsby in eastern England — breaking the record set just hours earlier of 39.1°C in Surrey. Before Tuesday, the highest temperature recorded in the UK was 38.7°C, set in 2019. By later afternoon, 29 places in Britain had broken the record.

The sweltering weather has disrupted travel, healthcare and schools. Many homes, small businesses and even public buildings, including hospitals, don't have air conditioning, a reflection of how unusual such heat is in the country better known for rain and mild temperatures. Sales of fans at one retailer increased by 1,300%.

Stephen Belcher at the Met Office said he had not expected to see such temperatures in Britain in his career. "Research conducted at the Met Office has demonstrated that it's virtually impossible for the UK to experience 40°C in an undisrupted climate but climate change driven by greenhouse gases has made these extreme temperatures possible," he said. Experts warn that global warming has increased the frequency of extreme weather events, with studies showing that the likelihood of temperatures in the UK reaching 40°C is now 10 times higher than in the pre-industrial era.

London was faced with what Mayor Sadiq Khan called a "huge surge" in fires because of the heat. The London fire brigade declared a "major incident" and urged people not to have barbeques or bonfires due to fire risk. It listed 10 big blazes it was fighting across the city, half of them grass fires. Images showed houses engulfed in flames as smoke billowed from burning fields in Wennington, a village on outskirts of London.

The intense heat since Monday has damaged the runway at London's Luton airport, forcing it to shut for hours, and warped a main road in eastern England, police said. Major train stations were shut or near-empty, as trains were cancelled or ran at low speeds out of concern rails could buckle. Trains are particularly affected by high heat because the infrastructure — rails and overhead wires — is not built to cope with extremely hot weather. "Some of our railways stretches back 200 years," transport secretary Grant Shapps said. Network Rail tweeted pictures showing bends and kinks in the tracks. The London Underground, most of which does not have air conditioning, has also suspended some of its service.

Most of the UK remained under the first "red" warning for heat on Tuesday, meaning there is danger of death even for healthy people. At least 6 were reported to have drowned while trying to cool off in rivers, lakes and reservoirs. Amid all the sweltering, there was a promise of relief: Temperatures were forecast to plunge to the high 20s Celsius by Wednesday. AGENCIES

Getty Images

COOLING-OFF: Women at Trafalgar Square fountain in London on Tuesday

France battles wildfire, Spain & Portugal see 750 heat deaths in July

More than 2,000 firefighters from around France were battling raging wildfires on Tuesday that have burned nearly 80 square miles of parched forest in the Gironde area of the country's southwest and forced over 37,000 people to evacuate in the past week. One of the blazes, tearing through woodlands south of Bordeaux, is suspected to have been started deliberately. Investigators found evidence pointing to possible arson and have detained a man for questioning. Wildfires also kept emergency crews busy in Germany, Portugal, Spain and Greece. Nearly 750 heat-related deaths have been reported in Spain and Portugal, where temperatures reached 47°C earlier this month. AGENCIES

UN warns of frequent heatwaves until 2060s

Heatwaves like the one stifling western Europe are becoming more frequent and the trend is set to continue until at least the 2060s, the United Nations said on Tuesday. The current heatwave should act as a wake-up call for countries pumping ever more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, the UN's World Meteorological Organisation said. AFP

At 224, Pak Rs hits record low against US$

Omer Farooq Khan | TNN

Islamabad: The Pakistani rupee broke all previous records on Tuesday, falling to a new low of Rs 224 against the US dollar before closing at Rs 222 in the interbank market.

Analysts believe that domestic political and economic situations are not the only factors responsible for the rupee's devaluation. "The dollar is getting stronger in the global market almost against all the world currencies," said Khurram Shehzad, CEO of an investment firm. According to Forex Association of Pakistan (FAP), the currency fell by Rs 8.8 in the interbank market following Monday's close of Rs 215.2. It, however, closed at Rs 221.9, appreciating 3.1%, according to the State Bank of Pakistan. After reaching a peak of Rs 211.9 on June 22, the dollar had started declining for a brief period and fell to a low of Rs 204.5 on July 4. Since then, the rupee has remained volatile. Shehzad said Pakistan's external account issues are not settled as yet and the IMF is yet to be on board to release funds depite a preliminary deal to revive a $6 billion bailout package. "Global rating agencies have put a negative outlook on the economy, so that is an additional burden," he said.

"Investors are jittery at the moment as the Imran Khan-led PTI has won a landslide victory over PML-N in the Punjab bypolls, creating uncertainty over the future of the current political set-up," FAP chairman Malik Bostan said.

Sunak tops 4th leadership ballot, but winning party base a challenge

Naomi Canton

London: Rishi Sunak has once again topped the ballot to be the next leader of the Conservative party after getting the support of 118 Conservative MPs in the fourth and penultimate ballot of Conservative MPs held Tuesday. Sunak picked up just three votes from Monday's ballot when he had 115 MP votes. Coming in second place was junior trade minister Penny Mordaunt with 92 votes and in third place was foreign secretary Liz Truss with 86 votes. She hoovered up the most votes from Tom Tugendhat's backers after he was eliminated on Monday, picking up 15 new votes. The anti-woke contender Kemi Badenoch, who is popular with the Tory grassroots, got eliminated after getting the lowest number of votes at 59. The final round will take place on Wednesday and the finalists will be announced at 8.30 pm IST.

The decision as to which of them becomes PM will be down to the Conservative party membership. A YouGov poll on Tuesday of Tory party members showed that whilst Sunak is the MPs' favourite and almost certain to make the run-off, he would lose against both Truss and Mordaunt by wide margins in the final round. The poll shows he is 19 points behind Truss and 14 points behind Mordaunt in the final round — which gets decided by the 160,000-plus party members.

That is why despite slick TV debate appearances, Sunak has spent the past few days appealing directly to the Tory party base. On Sunday he released a second campaign video calling himself a "real Brexiteer", showing how he backed Brexit from Day One even though he was under pressure not to by the then PM David Cameron, and how he campaigned for Leave during the 2016 EU Referendum. In the video he takes a swipe at rival candidate Truss, who voted Remain. On Monday he pledged new laws to ensure grooming gang crimes never get repeated and promised to make his first foreign trip to Kyiv to offer support to President Zelensky, both of which will go down well with the grassroots. The BBC will host the first debate between the finalists on Monday.

TOP THREE

	VOTES Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
Rishi Sunak	88	101	115	118
Penny Mordaunt	67	83	82	92
Liz Truss	50	64	71	86
Kemi Badenoch	40	49	58	59
Tom Tugendhat	37	32	31	
Suella Braverman	32	27		
Nadhim Zahawi	25			
Jeremy Hunt	18			

Eliminated

Putin in Tehran as sanctions bring Russia & Iran closer

Russian President Putin held talks with Iran's supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in Tehran on Tuesday, the Kremlin leader's first trip outside the former Soviet Union since Moscow's February 24 invasion of Ukraine. During his visit to Tehran, Putin will also hold his first face-to-face meeting since the invasion with a Nato leader, Turkey President Tayyip Erdogan, to discuss a deal that would resume Ukraine's Black Sea grain exports as well as peace in Syria. Putin's trip, which comes just days after US President Biden visited Israel and Saudi Arabia, sends a strong message to the West about Moscow's plans to forge closer strategic ties with Iran, China and India in the face of Western sanctions.

Footage of Putin-Khamenei meeting showed the Russian leader and Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi sitting together a few metres from the supreme leader in a spartan white room. Yuri Ushakov, Putin's foreign policy adviser, told reporters in Moscow, "A trusting dialogue has developed between them on important issues on the bilateral and international agenda."

For Iran, also chafing under Western economic sanctions, Putin's visit is timely. Its leaders are keen to strengthen strategic relations with Russia in the face of an emerging US-backed Gulf Arab-Israeli bloc that could tilt the West Asia balance of power further away from Iran. "Both our countries have good experience in countering terrorism and this has provided much security to our region," Raisi said after talks with Putin. "I hope your visit to Iran will increase cooperation between our two independent countries." Ahead of Putin's arrival, the National Iranian Oil Company and Russia's Gazprom signed a MoU worth around $40 billion.

High on the agenda in Tuesday's trilateral talks that will also include Turkey will be efforts to reduce violence in Syria, where Erdogan has threatened to launch more military operations. Moscow and Tehran both oppose any such action. Putin's bilateral talks with Erdogan will focus on a plan to get Ukrainian grain exports moving again. REUTERS

WHO: Europe saw 3m Covid cases in a week, 3k deaths

London: The WHO said on Tuesday that Covid-19 cases have tripled across Europe in the past six weeks, accounting for nearly half of all infections globally. Hospitalisation rates have also doubled, although intensive care admissions have remained low.

On Tuesday, WHO's Europe director, Dr Hans Kluge, described Covid-19 as "a nasty, potentially deadly illness" that people should not underestimate. He said super-infectious relatives of the omicron variant were driving new waves of disease across the continent and that repeat infections could lead to long Covid.

WHO said the 53 countries in its European region reported nearly 3 million new coronavirus infections last week and that the virus was killing about 3,000 people every week. Globally, Covid-19 cases have increased for the past five weeks. Kluge said European nations must accelerate vaccine uptake and bring back mask wearing to tackle a surge in Covid-19 cases. AP

1st in 44 yrs: Lanka parliament to directly elect a prez in triangular contest today

Colombo: For the first time in 44 years, Sri Lanka's parliament will directly elect a president on Wednesday in a triangular contest, with last-minute political manoeuvering indicating an edge for Dullas Alahapperuma over acting president Ranil Wickremesinghe after he received crucial backing from the opposition parties as well as a majority of lawmakers from ruling party SLPP. Wickremesinghe, Alahapperuma and leftist Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) leader Anura Kumara Dissanayake were proposed by lawmakers on Tuesday as the three candidates for the July 20 presidential election to pick the successor to Gotabaya Rajapaksa after he resigned following a popular uprising against him for mismanaging the economy.

In a politically significant move, Sajith Premadasa, the leader of the principal opposition party SJB, on Tuesday backed out in favour of Alahapperuma. Wednesday's vote would also be a rare occasion when the House Speaker will vote. Never in the history of the presidency since 1978, the parliament had voted to elect a president. PTI

Report: Majority of ruling party in favour of Alahapperuma as prez, Premadasa as PM

A majority of members of Sri Lanka's ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna party was in favour of nominating Dullas Alahapperuma for the post of president and main opposition Samagi Jana Balawegaya (SJB) leader Sajith Premadasa as PM, chairman of SLPP G L Peiris said on Tuesday. Alahapperuma , 63, is a key member from the breakaway group of the SLPP. Peiris said both SLPP and SJB must come together and implement a programme to realise the aspirations of citizens, a report said. The new president will serve the remaining tenure of Gotabaya Rajapaksa till November 2024. PTI

AROUND THE WORLD

Google faces $1bn damages claim in UK over app store pricing

Google faces a London trial over an estimated £920m ($1.1bn) damages claim after a court authorised a lawsuit that alleges the Alphabet-owned tech giant overcharged 19.5 million customers for app store purchases. The class action, which was certified by the Competition Appeal Tribunal on Monday, alleges Google abused its dominant position by charging up to 30% commission on popular apps on its Play Store, including Roblox, Candy Crush Saga and Tinder since October 2015. A detailed judgment has yet to be published, a spokesperson for the claimant group said on Tuesday. Google is yet to comment. The latest British case against Google, which is not expected to come to trial before 2024, is brought by Liz Coll, a former digital policy manager at the non-profit Citizens Advice service.

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TAKING THE PLUNGE: People take a leap of faith at a bull-evading event in Denia, Spain, on Tuesday to honour the patron saint of the city

TIMES NATION

19 BRO workers go missing from Arunachal, body of 1 recovered

Rajib Dutta

Dibrugarh: A body was found floating in a tributary of the Kumey river in Arunachal Pradesh's Kurung Kumey district on Monday and it's suspected to be one of the 19 labourers from Assam engaged in a BRO road project who had disappeared two weeks ago from their remote worksite in the China-bordering district.

According to Kurung Kumey DC Bengia Nighee, authorities were informed on July 13 by a BRO contractor that 19 of 30 workers had fled their camp at Damin, about 200km from district headquarters Koloriang, on July 5.

The migrant labourers' flight from their camp remains a mystery. There are reports that the workers may've run away after being denied leave to go home for Eid or because of alleged shortage of ration in the camp. "The labourers might have ventured deep inside the forests," the DC said Tuesday.

The puzzle is likely to be solved when a police team, along with an executive magistrate and medics, reach the place where the body has been found. "It's a difficult and dangerous terrain. There are plenty of poisonous snakes. It is possible the person may have died of a snakebite," he said.

The medical team will conduct an autopsy at the spot as it would be difficult to carry the body back to Koloriang.

The DC said the workers were brought by two or three sub-contractors from Assam.

2 GoFirst flights hit by midair engine snags

DGCA Grounds A320neos; Runway Dog Stalls 3rd Flight

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New Delhi: Midair snags and wildlife intrusions on runways continue unabated. Two GoFirst Airbus A320neos experienced trouble with their Pratt & Whitney (PW) engines on Tuesday, with one diverting and the other returning to origin safely. And a Leh-Delhi flight had to abort takeoff at origin due to a dog on the runway, officials said, making it the third issue for the airline in a day.

GoFirst's Mumbai-Leh flight (G8-386) was diverted to Delhi while a Srinagar-Delhi service (G8-6202) returned to Srinagar due to engine snags. While ordering a probe, the DGCA has grounded both the A320neos; they will fly again only after the regulator's nod.

Comments were sought from the airline on these issues and awaited till the time of going to press.

"An A320neo (VT-WGA) diverted to Delhi following a snag in engine number two's 'engine interface unit'. The other A320neo (VT-WJG) returned to Srinagar following a snag in engine number two 'exhaust gas temperature overlimit'," said a senior DGCA official.

Since there have been several snags on engines of both P&W and CFM (see box), the regulator is going to rope them in for the ongoing investigations and quiz them about two things — why are the faults happening so frequently, and what are they doing to rectify the same. Airbus and Boeing are likely to be spoken to about the spurt in snags that are not related to engines. Airlines' maintenance and operations are under regulator's scanner.

The DGCA had on Tuesday also faulted airlines for improperly "resorting to frequent one-off authorisation to (some) certifying staff at transit stations".

Comments were sought from PW and awaited.

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SAFETY CONCERNS

Sat images of fully inhabited Chinese village in Doklam emerge: Report

New Delhi: New satellite images emerged on Tuesday, indicating the construction of a Chinese village East of the Doklam plateau on the Bhutanese side, a region that is considered important for India's strategic interest.

The Indian and Chinese armies were locked in a 73-day stand-off at the Doklam tri-junction in 2017 after Beijing tried to extend a road in the area that Bhutan claimed belonged to it.

A news portal came out with the images captured by MAXAR, a company that focuses on space technology and intelligence, and said the village was fully inhabited with cars parked at the doorstep of virtually every home. It said alongside the village was a neatly marked all-weather carriageway, which was part of China's "extensive land grab" in Bhutan. The road could give China access to a strategic ridge in Doklam.

There was no immediate comment from the Army on the new images.

"The new images indicate that a second village in the Amo Chu river valley is now virtually complete while China has stepped up construction of a third village further south," the portal said in its report. PTI

'Cargo not tied to case, allowed to be unloaded'

New Delhi: The Russian embassy here has taken up with the MEA the detention of a Russian cargo ship by Indian authorities in Kochi. The Kerala HC had ordered detention of the Russian ship after an admiralty suit was filed by an Estonian shore service company, Bunker Partner OU. There was no response from MEA till late in the evening.

"The Russian embassy is aware of the ship detention, on board of which a military cargo for the Indian Armed Forces was delivered," said the embassy.

"As per the preliminary information, these actions are connected with the claim of Bunker Partner OU, which claimed that the owners of the ship allegedly had a debt. We would like to underline that the court allowed the unloading of cargo, since it has nothing to do with the lawsuit," it added. TNN

Kerala Cong neta held for midair ruckus, gets bail

Thiruvananthapuram: The ongoing political row in Kerala over the in-flight protest staged by Youth Congress activists against CM Pinarayi Vijayan took a dramatic turn on Tuesday with the police probing the case arresting Congress leader K S Sabarinadhan, accusing him of hatching a conspiracy behind the action.

In a setback to the LDF government in the state, a court granted bail to Sabarinathan later in the day. AGENCIES

NSA lifted but MP still kept 2 in custody; HC now orders damages

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Indore: The Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh high court has imposed a cost of Rs 50,000 each on the state government to be given as compensation to two National Security Act (NSA) detainees who were kept in custody despite the state advisory board revoking imposition of the stringent law.

The court criticised the government for acting against the personal liberty of individuals. The division bench of Justice Vivek Rusia and Justice Amarnath Keshwani passed the orders after hearing two identical petitions against NSA detention together.

Justice Vivek Rusia, passing the order for the bench, said: "In the present cases, the revocation orders were passed only when these writ petitions came up before this court for hearing, otherwise no action was being taken for the immediate release of detenues. Hence, they were unnecessarily kept under detention, which violated their fundamental rights."

"After the recommendation of the advisory board, the government ought to have released the detenues forthwith. Hence, exemplary cost is liable to be imposed on the state government for acting against the personal liberty of the detenues. Both the petitioners are entitled to compensation of Rs. 50,000 each," the bench ordered.

The two NSA detainees are Akhtar Khan of Pipliyahana in Indore and Ghulam Rasool Pathan of Neemuch. The writ petitions were filed by their wives Naziya Khan, 32, and Aamna Khatun Patha, 50.

In Akhtar's case, the Indore district magistrate had passed the detention order under NSA on April 28 and sent it to the state government for approval. The state advisory board took up the matter and said there wasn't enough reason to detain him under NSA. The state board forwarded its opinion to the state government, which issued an order on June 17 revoking the NSA detention order, and sent a copy of this to the DM on June 28 via speed post.

The court noted that though the revocation order was issued on June 17, it wasn't until 11 days later that Akhtar was released.

In Ghulam's case, the Neemuch DM had passed the detention order under NSA on May 19. The state received the advisory board's opinion for revocation on June 29 and dispatched it on July 4 because there were "non-working days" in between. The DM got the speedpost on July 5 and only then was he released. The HC found no valid explanation from the state government for delay in Ghulam's release.

Citizenship given up for personal reasons: Govt

New Delhi: The list of Indians who renounced citizenship over the past three years includes who took up the citizenship of tax havens like Luxembourg, Cayman Islands, Panama, Bahamas, Antigua & Barbuda, Malta, Turks and Caicos, as well as St Kitts and Nevis that offer citizenship in lieu of investments, reports **Bharti Jain**. A prominent Indian who had acquired Antiguan citizenship in 2017 is fugitive diamantaire Mehul Choksi.

Junior home minister Nityanand Rai, in reply to the BSP MP Haji Fazlur Rahman's query seeking reasons for renunciation of Indian citizenship, said the individuals did so "for reasons personal to them".

As per ministry data shared by the ministry of external affairs (MEA) with the MHA, 1.63 lakh persons surrendered their Indian citizenship in 2021, against 85,256 in 2020 and 1.44 lakh in 2019.

A study of the detailed data on those who renounced Indian citizenship over the past three years reveals that US citizenship remains the most lucrative alternative to Indian citizenship, followed by the citizenships of Canada, Australia and the UK. Between 2019 and 2021, over 1.70 lakh Indians embraced US citizenship in the US itself, while others took it up across Bahrain, Bulgaria, China, Finland, Hungary, Jamaica, Jordan, Kuwait, Qatar, Romania, Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

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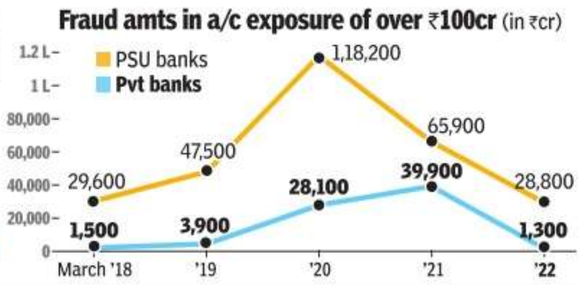
It May Take 4 Yrs From Default For Loan To Be Tagged A Fraud

Classifying a loan as a fraudulent one is a complex process. But banks have to fully provide for the dues once they classify it as such. According to bankers, it takes over four years from the date of default for a loan to be classified as fraud...

(Source: RBI & PSU banks)



Consensus among Centre, states on food GST, says FM

Amid Protests, Govt Stresses 5% Levy Must To Check Evasion

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Amid protests by the opposition, finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Tuesday sought to put the record straight on GST on unbranded and packed food products, saying the 5% levy was needed to check evasion and the decision, taken "with complete consensus of all the members" of the GST Council, went through multiple rounds of talks — from officers to a group of ministers.

Sitharaman took to Twitter to make the position clear as political parties disrupted Parliament for the second day. Opposition members such as Rahul Gandhi and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal have been among those who have gone public against the move after it was implemented.

The FM, however, said, "This was a unanimous decision by the GST Council. All states were present in the GST Council when this issue was presented by the group of ministers on rate rationalisation in the 47th meeting held in Chandigarh on June 28, 2022.

EXEMPTION STATUS

All these items when sold loose will be exempt from GST

- Pulses/Daal
- Wheat
- Rye
- Oats
- Maize
- Rice
- Aata/Flour
- Suji/Rawa
- Besan
- Puffed Rice
- Curd and Lassi

Source: FM's tweet

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—NIRMALA SITHARAMAN | FINANCE MINISTER

All states, including non-BJP states (Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala) agreed with the decision. This decision of the GST Council is yet again by consensus."

The GoM that recommended the changes consisted of members from West Bengal, Rajasthan, Kerala, Uttar Pradesh, Goa and Bihar and was headed by Karnataka chief minister Basavaraj Bommai.

"There have been a lot of misconceptions about this (levy) that have been spread," she said, adding that several states such as Punjab and Uttar Pradesh were collecting tax before GST kicked in, with unbranded and packed food items subjected to tax even after the new regime kicked in.

"...when GST was rolled out, a GST rate of 5% was made applicable on branded cereals, pulses, flour. Later, this was amended to tax only such items which were sold under registered brand or brand on which enforceable right was not foregone by (the) supplier. However, soon rampant misuse of this provision was observed by reputed manufacturers & brand owners and gradually GST revenue from these items fell significantly," the FM said.

She added there were several representations from industry to impose GST uniformly and the "rampant evasion" was also observed by states. She said the issue was also examined by the Fitment Committee, comprising officers from Rajasthan, West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana and Gujarat, which recommended change in modalities to check misuse. The FM argued that from Monday, only modalities for the imposition of GST had been changed "with no change in coverage of GST except two-three items".

"For example, items like pulses, cereals like rice, wheat, and flour, etc, earlier attracted GST at 5% when branded and packed in (a) unit container. From July 18, 2022, these items would attract GST when 'pre-packaged and labelled'. It must also be noted that items specified below in the list, when sold loose, and not pre-packed or pre-labelled, will not attract any GST," Sitharaman tweeted.

Grasim gets into B2B e-tail biz with bldg materials

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Grasim, the Aditya Birla Group flagship, is foraying into the B2B (business-to-business) e-commerce platform segment, with building materials. Its board has approved an investment of Rs 2,000 crore over five years. The company said this investment adds a new high-growth engine with clear adjacencies within Grasim's standalone businesses as also that of its subsidiaries and associate companies.

Aditya Birla Group chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla said, "The foray into B2B e-commerce is yet another strategic portfolio choice as it crystallises our intent to invest in the new age, high-growth digital space. The building materials segment presents a huge scalable business opportunity with a proven path to profitability. With this foray, Grasim would be able to leverage the large B2B ecosystem within the Aditya Birla Group. This move will also catalyse the growth of the MSME universe."

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Russia-EU gas battle hits GAIL's LNG deal

Co Scrambles For Alternative Fuel Supply Which Meets Over 50% Of India's Needs

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New Delhi: Moscow's tit-for-tat against Germany's takeover of Russian gas major Gazprom's investment and holding subsidiary Gazprom Germania has hit LNG (liquefied natural gas) shipments to state-run GAIL, sending the Indian utility scurrying for alternative supplies.

Sources said GM&T Singapore, a subsidiary of Gazprom's London-based trading arm Gazprom Marketing & Trading (GM&T), has defaulted on delivering five cargos under a 20-year deal signed in October 2012 for 2.5 million tonne a year of LNG.

This has put GAIL in a spot amid rising demand for LNG, which meets more than 50% of India's consumption. Sources said given the uncertainty over future supplies, the company is scouting for short- and medium-term contracts to avoid buying costlier cargos from spot market to bridge the shortfall.

GAIL's contract has become collateral damage in the war of attrition between Moscow and Europe because of intertwined business among a maze of subsidiaries floated by Gazprom for gas trading. GAIL's troubles can be traced back to the German energy regulator taking over Gazprom Germania, which operates gas storage and supplies industries, in April. The move followed Gazprom ejecting from the subsidiary so it could continue business without attracting sanctions.

In retaliation to the takeover, Russia stopped gas supply from Yamal LNG facility to GM&T that owned the future gas contracts for supplying to Gazprom Germania and other subsidiaries.

After Moscow's blockade of Yamal LNG, GM&T Singapore initially managed supplies to GAIL from its international portfolio. But soon, industry sources said, GM&T began using global portfolio to feed Europe for higher returns as prices are ruling around $40 per unit due to scarcity in Russian supplies.

The sources said even after paying damages under the take-or-pay clause in the GAIL contract, GM&T will still make money selling to Europe under current market conditions. Legal recourse may take years and will not address Indian consumers' immediate need for gas.

GAZPROM & ITS SUBSIDIARIES

PAO Gazprom
(World's largest gas producer)

OOO Gazprom Export
(Gazprom's export arm)

Gazprom Germania GmbH
(Gazprom's investment & holding arm)

Gazprom Marketing & Trading Ltd (GM&T)
(Gazprom's global energy marketing & trading company)

GM&T Mexico | GM&T Switzerland AG | GM&T France SAS | GM&T USA Inc | Gazprom Global LNG | GM&T Retail Ltd | GM&T Singapore Pte Ltd

(Which has a 20-year deal with GAIL for 2.5 million tonne LNG per year)

Russia wants India to pay in dirhams

New Delhi: Russia is seeking payment in United Arab Emirates dirhams for oil exports to some Indian customers, three sources said and a document showed, as Moscow moves away from the US dollar to insulate itself from the effects of Western sanctions.

An invoice seen by Reuters shows the bill for supplying oil to one refiner is calculated in dollars while payment is requested in dirhams. Russian oil major Rosneft is pushing crude through trading firms including Everest Energy and Coral Energy into India, now its second biggest oil buyer after China.

Rosneft, Coral Energy and Everest Energy did not respond to Reuters emails seeking comment. REUTERS

Share of capex in spending rising in Modi regime, sops down: Govt

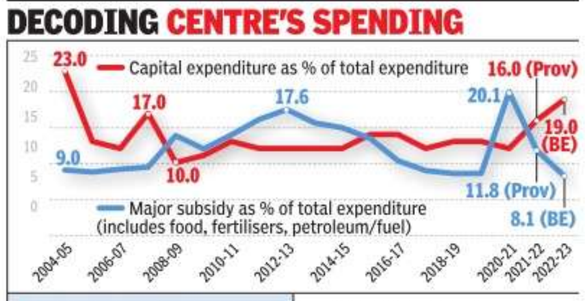
TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman told Parliament on Tuesday that the share of capital expenditure in the Centre's total spending has gone up during the Modi government's tenure, while the proportion of subsidies on food, fuel and fertiliser in the expenditure has dropped, reversing the trend seen during the UPA regime.

According to data shared in the Rajya Sabha, the share of capital expenditure in total spending nearly halved from 23% during 2004-05, the start of the UPA's term, to 12% in 2013-14. The estimate of Rs 1.1 lakh crore capex in 2004-05 includes repayment of loans to the National Small Savings Fund.

Responding to a question by Sushil Modi in the Rajya Sabha, Sitharaman said that during NDA-II, the share of capex is projected to rise to 19% of the spending, the budgeted level for the current financial year, while share of subsidies has dropped from 15% in 2014-15 to an estimated 8% this year.

DECODING CENTRE'S SPENDING



- Oil bonds worth **₹1,70,519 crore** were issued before 2014
- During 2014-15 to 2021-22, **₹42,223 crore** spent on repayment of principal amount of oil bonds and **₹79,958 crore** spent on interest payment
- From 2022-23 to 2025-26, total amounts of **₹92,200 crore and ₹22,004 crore** have to be paid towards oil bond principal and interest respectively

(Source: Reply in Rajya Sabha)

The projection for the current year is, however, expected to see an upward revision as the subsidy for fertliser and food is expected to rise in the wake of rising global prices and the government's decision to cushion the blow of farmers and to extend the free foodgrains scheme until September.

During the last few years, the share of major subsidies has declined partly due to subsidy rationalisation, which includes better targeting, as well as an end to doles for auto fuel and cooking gas. Capex has been a key thrust for the government to revive the economy as it is banking on higher demand for steel, cement and other inputs to generate jobs and result in fresh capacity addition by the corporate sector.

Twitter, Musk trial set to start in Oct

Twitter's lawsuit to hold Elon Musk to his $44-billion takeover will go to trial in October after a Delaware judge said on Tuesday the social media company deserved a quick resolution of the deal's uncertainty.

The ruling is a blow to Musk who pushed for a trial in February which his lawyer told the court would allow for an extensive investigation into the true number of spam accounts on the platform. Twitter had requested a September trial.

Twitter stock rose throughout Tuesday morning and was up 3.6% at $39.8 in early trade. Musk had argued an expedited trial would prevent the truth about spam from coming to light. REUTERS

HUL's Q1 net up 11% at ₹2,289cr

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: Remaining consistent in its financial performance, Hindustan Unilever (HUL) posted an 11% increase in its standalone net profit at Rs 2,289 crore in the first quarter ended June 30, as compared to Rs 2,061 crore in the corresponding quarter of previous year. Its turnover rose 19% to Rs 14,016 crore (from Rs 11,730 crore) with an underlying volume growth of 6%, albeit on a low-base effect.

More than 60% of HUL's turnover has come from price increases as the net material impact of commodity costs was 20%. Product price increases taken by the company in the June quarter were at 12%. Historically, volume growth formed nearly 60-65% of its sales growth, with the balance coming from pricing actions. Inflationary pressure over a longer duration has now tilted that ratio.

HUL CEO & MD Sanjiv Mehta said, "The (FMCG) market value growth is about 7% and volume growth minus 5%. And the difference between the two is the price growth, which incidentally is not very different from the price growth that we have taken."

He added, "For markets, volumes still remain soft. Our twin objective, since the advent of the high inflation, has been to gain consumer franchise and to protect our business model. From both these lenses, it's been a good success for us, where we have increased our market shares handsomely for a very large part of our business and we have been reasonably good in protecting our business model, which is reflected in the kind of margins which are still at a very healthy levels."

Over 60% of HUL's turnover was due to price hikes as net material impact commodity costs was 20%

Shiprocket buys Arvind's Omuni for ₹200 crore

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Zomato-backed Shiprocket has acquired Arvind's omnichannel technology business Omuni. The transaction will be carried out as a combination of stock and cash for total consideration of Rs 200 crore. Alliance of both entities will facilitate quick, efficient deliveries of shipments from the nearest store or warehouse, significantly reducing delivery timelines and enhancing customer experience.

"We are delighted with the merger of our technology division into Shiprocket. By combining our retail stack with the Shiprocket ecosystem we will be able to make the extensive inventory of retail stores available to be sold seamlessly via Shiprocket's logistics as a service solution," said Kulin Lalbhai, executive director of Arvind.

The Shiprocket and Omuni deal will ensure better inventory utilisation.

IBM revenue takes $900m hit on $'s rise

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Bengaluru: IBM CFO Jim Kavanaugh said currency movements impacted the company's revenue by $900 million in the second quarter of the 2022 fiscal. The velocity of the dollar strengthening, he said, is the sharpest that he has seen in over a decade.

"With the significant movement of the US dollar as compared to nearly every currency, at mid-July spot rates, currency translation will now be about a six-point headwind to revenue growth for the year," he said in the earnings call on Monday. That, he said, is a degradation of about $1.5 billion from April's rates, with most of that incremental impact still ahead of the firm in the second half.

Squeeze hardens for fuel retailers, producers gain

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New Delhi: The rupee's sharp fall against the Greenback partially erases the benefit of moderation in crude prices in the absence of pass-through for refiner-retailers such as IndianOil, but will lift the top and bottomlines of producers such as ONGC.

▶ How rupee's depreciation impacts you, P 20

Operations will become costlier for CNG (compressed natural gas) players as the rupee exchange rate has 50% bearing on pre-tax costs. But they may not be ableto pass on the impact fully to avoid jeopardising future projects by losing consumer appeal as the gap with petrol shrinks. This will tell on their margins.

IndianOil executives said every Re 1 change in the dollar's exchange rate impacts pump prices by an equal amount. This will erase part of the positive impact from crude's fall and a reduction in 'cracks', or the difference between crude and product prices. A Citi report had said the cracks on petrol and diesel were down by $40-50 per barrel from a month ago. This reduced under-recoveries, offsetting the drop in refining margins.

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A weak rupee amid elevated oil prices is a positive for ONGC, and other producers. A fall of Re 1 in dollar exchange rate is estimated to buoy ONGC's topline by Rs 1,200 crore and bottomline by Rs 600 crore annually. But it also raises procurement cost by Rs 300 crore, executives said.

Midstream companies such as GAIL may not see a noticeable impact as they can pass on the higher cost to consumers. But there will also be a risk of losing volumes if higher prices prompt industrial consumers to cut back on consumption. GAIL executives say this is unlikely amid the current growth momentum.

A weak rupee will, however, make servicing of foreign loans costlier and affect hiring or procurement.

Currency crushed if you don't toe Fed line: Kotak

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: In an indirect call for an interest rate hike, veteran banker Uday Kotak has sounded caution over central banks not following the US Fed in monetary measures. Kotak said that those who have gone out of line had faced severe depreciation.

"Central bankers globally move in a herd led by ringmaster in the US Fed. Whether easy or tight money. Go out of line, and your currency is crushed," said Kotak in a post on a microblogging platform. "Look at Japan, a 30% plus depreciation. That's the power of the US dollar — the most sought-after asset in the world today. How long?" he added.

In 2022, the US Fed has hiked rates by 150 basis points (100bps = 1 percentage point). The RBI hiked rates by 40bps in May. It followed by another 50bps in June, and is seen to be lagging the US Fed on rate hikes. Kotak's comment came soon after the currency breached the 80 barrier for the first time and is being seen as a call for increasing policy rates. He is echoing the views of several economists who feel that the RBI cannot afford to allow the spread between interest rates in India and the US to widen despite inflation appearing to have peaked domestically. Besides reducing demand to curb inflation, higher rates also increase the attractiveness of Indian bond investments and help attract dollars.

Last month, after the RBI's 50bps increase in interest rates, Kotak had said that there was a need to watch liquidity.

RBI's 4-tier rules for urban co-ops

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The RBI has stipulated a four-tier regulatory structure for urban co-operative banks (UCBs), a segment that has been seen as a weak link in the financial system.

The bottom tier or tier-1 includes urban co-operative banks having deposits of up to Rs 100 crore. The second tier incorporates co-operative banks with deposits of Rs 100-1,000 crore.

Co-operative banks with deposits in the Rs 1,000-10,000 crore range form the third tier. The topmost tier (tier-4) will include all others with deposits of over Rs 10,000 crore.

The minimum capital adequacy requirement (CRAR) for tier-1 banks has been retained at the present prescription of 9% under current capital adequacy framework based on Basel I. For tier-2 to -4 UCBs, the RBI has revised CRAR under current capital adequacy framework to 12% to strengthen their capital structure.

According to the data reported by the banks as on March 31, 2021, most of these banks have CRAR more than 12% (1,274 banks out of 1,534). Those banks which do not meet the revised CRAR will be provided with a glide path of three years for achieving the same in a phased manner.

Nod for int'l pay tech innovations

Mumbai: The RBI has said products of 4 entities viable for cross-border payments under regulatory sandbox have been found viable and can now be adopted by regulated entities. The four entities are Cashfree Payments India, Fairex Solutions, Nearby Technologies and Open Financial Technologies. TNN

HDFC Life profit up 21% at ₹365cr

Mumbai: HDFC Life on Tuesday reported a net profit of Rs 365 crore for the quarter ended June 2022 — an increase of 21% over the year-ago period.

Profits rose due to a 22% increase in annualised premium equivalent (APE) to Rs 1,904 crore in the first quarter. APE on individual policies grew 19% to Rs 1,548 crore. The company's assets under management (AUM) stood at Rs 2 lakh crore, of which 65% was in equity and 25% in debt. TNN

IOC, NTPC JV to run 'green' refinery

New Delhi: State-run behemoths IndianOil and NTPC are forming a joint venture company for powering the upcoming projects at the former's refineries with renewable energy, the companies said. The companies signed an agreement on Monday envisaging NTPC Green Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, will form the JV Company for supply of round-the-clock renewable power to IndianOil. TNN

Sensex, Nifty recover after initial drop

Mumbai: The sensex and Nifty bounced back after falling in initial trade on Tuesday amid foreign funds inflow and a mixed trend in global markets. The sensex gained 246 points or 0.5% to settle at 54,768 after starting the trade on a weak note. In a volatile session, the benchmark hit a high of 54,818 and a low of 54,233 during the day.

On similar lines, the broader Nifty climbed 62 points or 0.4% to close at 16,341.

Oil benchmark Brent crude dipped 0.6% to $105.7 per barrel. Foreign institutional investors turned net buyers on Monday, picking up shares worth Rs 156 crore, according to exchange data. AGENCIES

Don't worry, RBI managing volatility well: Eco affairs secy

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The rupee had weakened even as the dollar retraced gains against major currencies. Analysts said the chances of the US Federal Reserve hiking interest rates by one percentage point have reduced and many were forecasting a 75-basis-point hike.

After trading at a low of 80.06 in the morning, the rupee firmed up as the dollar index retraced gains. The rupee finally settled at 79.95, a three-paise gain over Monday's close.

Responding the exchange rate movement, economic affairs secretary **Ajay Seth** said on Tuesday that there was no need to get overtly worried about the fall in the rupee and the RBI well managed it in terms of volatility.

"The pressure on the rupee is still on. While the dollar index has moderated and pressure on other currencies has eased, the trend is for the rupee to weaken," said Hariprasad M P, executive director and business head, Ebixcash World Money. He added that at the 80 level, there is some selling pressure, and the exchange rate could meet resistance at 80.25-80.30 levels with the RBI letting the rupee find its level gradually.

"It is unlikely that people will put off their travel plans as the rupee movement is generally one-sided. At most travellers may curtail spending a bit," he said.

According to K N Dey of United Financial Consultants, most overseas capital flows have reached a standstill because of the rupee weakening. This includes non-resident Indians, foreign investors and lenders for external commercial borrowing. "If the rupee is steady for a few days, we may see a reversal and the rupee could see a correction to 79.30-79.50 on the upper side I see, 80.40. But this is subject to the US Fed hiking rates by only 75 basis points on July 27," he said. If the rate hike is a whole percentage point, the dollar index would rise, and the pressure on the rupee will resume.

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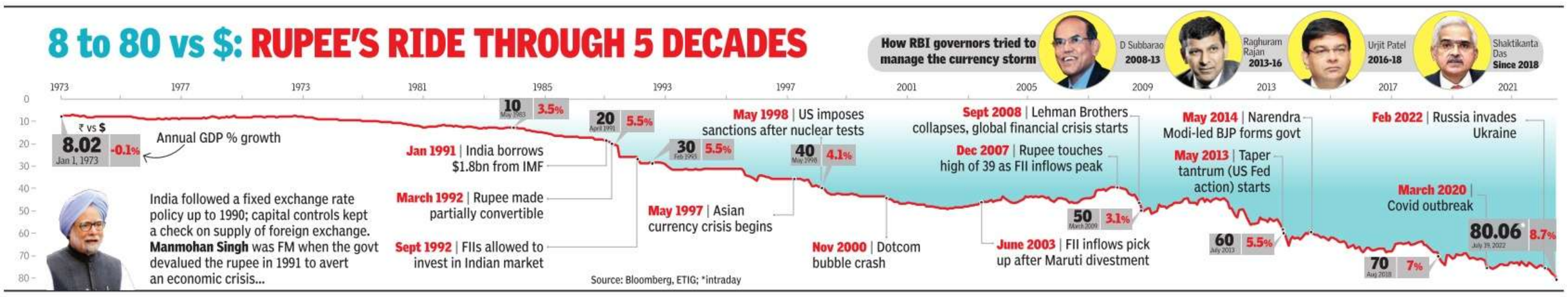

From Price War To Conglomerates' Multiple Play, Edu To Tourism, Rupee Depreciation Leaves Wide-Ranging Impact

Top $ spends travel & education take biggest hit

Double Trouble For Students With US Inflation Spike

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Mumbai: Twenty-four-year-old Jay Barot, who is set to join Vanderbilt University in Tennessee to pursue MS in computer science, is feeling a price pinch even before leaving for the US with the rupee tumbling to an all-time low of 80 against the dollar. That coupled with high inflation in the US is a disaster for outbound students like him, Jay says. For starters: One-way airline fares have doubled from Rs 50,000 last year to over Rs 1 lakh amid the fall intake rush.

"Though banks are approving the sanctioned amount without any change in interest rate, the purchasing power of the money has reduced drastically. This results in paying more money for tuition and a cascading effect on all other expenses such as rent, food, etc. A depreciation in the currency is forcing students to increase their budget by lakhs of rupees," said Jay.

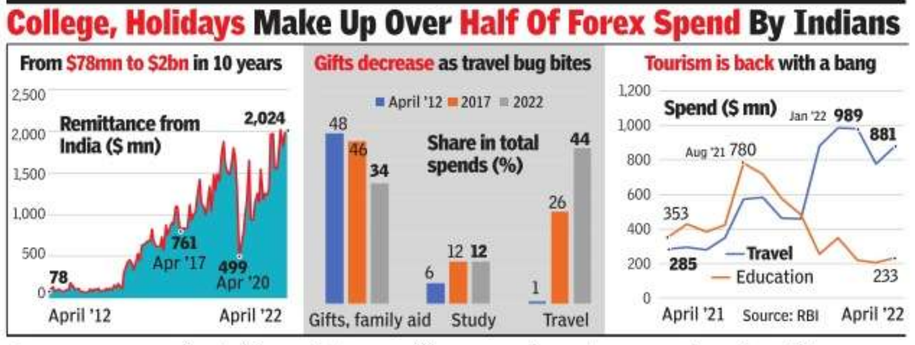
While overseas education was briefly at the top position in terms of forex spends, post-pandemic there has been a renewed surge in foreign travel. In January this year, Indians spent over $2 billion overseas for the first time. The milestone was crossed again in April. Nearly 56% of the amount was spent on travel and overseas education. The average monthly spend was $1.6 billion in FY22 compared to just a little over $1 billion in FY20.

Monthly remittances towards travel, the top category, are close to the $1-billion mark. Foreign travel is discretionary, but students who have planned to go overseas — particularly to universities in the US — have been hit with a double whammy of high inflation (9.1% in the US) and a more expensive currency (the rupee has depreciated 7% in 2022).

US-bound Jay said, "Students want to land campus jobs such as assistantships immediately so that they can pay their tuition, while earning in dollars."

According to HDFC Credila, while the rupee depreciation means larger loans and EMIs for students, the repayment — if the students get employed overseas — also becomes easier. The education loan company does not see the recent depreciation derailing financing, said an HDFC Credila spokesperson.

College, Holidays Make Up Over Half Of Forex Spend By Indians



Weak Re adds to woes of desi globetrotters as costs surge

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New Delhi: The Indian rupee's sharp fall is proving to be the latest hurdle in desi globetrotters' post-Omicron travel plans. While current international airfares are anyway more than double pre-Covid levels, all dollar-denominated costs like hotel stays, local travel, sightseeing and food & beverages abroad have got pricier now due to exchange rate shocks.

"The travel packages offered on Yatra.com to the US and Australia have witnessed an 8-10% increase in pricing in June as compared to May," travel portal Yatra's senior VP (hotels & holidays) Aditya Gupta told **TOI**.

TO PACK OR NOT TO PACK

Since the peak summer travel season is over, the rupee's freefall is, as of now, impacting families sending their children abroad for studies this fall, says leading Delhi-based travel agent Anil Kalsi. "Families have taken loans and the cost of staying abroad has gone up significantly," he said.

The dollar shock comes on top of astronomical airfares. "Average return economy airfares on India-London and India-New York, for instance, used to be Rs 45,000-50,000 and Rs 75,000-80,000 during the same period of 2019. Now a London and New York return costs over Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2 lakh. Still, the pent-up demand far outstrips the supply and there are no seats available on most routes," Kalsi said.

A WEAKER RUPEE IMPACTS YOU IN MANY WAYS... HERE IS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SOFTEN THE BLOW

The rupee has had a weakening bias because of India's consistent current account deficit (imports exceed exports). Corrections in exchange rate happen sporadically and that is when Indians feel the pain. But the **impact is not uniform and depends on the demand & supply position** in various sectors...

If You Are...

- **A consumer** | Most of us who are already facing the brunt of inflation will see fresh **price surges on all imported items**
- **An exporter** | You can now sell more price-sensitive products by **reducing rates.** Alternatively, you may get **more dollars** on the same number of sales
- **A student in foreign college** | You will need to **draw a larger amount** to pay the same fees
- **An outbound tourist** | Many currencies have depreciated against the dollar, but you will still **pay more as flights & hotel bookings are usually done in dollars**
- **A freelancer** | An assignment billed in dollars will get you **more money.** But you may have **competition** as some other currencies have weakened more
- **An Indian investor with $ deposits** | Value of holdings has gone up **7% in rupee terms**
- **An investor in US stocks** | Dow Jones index has fallen 14% in 2022, but in rupee terms the **losses are lower at about 8%**

What Can You Do As...

- **A consumer** | Identify import substitutes. If not buying for the brand, you will find **local alternatives**
- **An outbound student** | Visit your **dentist,** go for a **haircut,** shop for **clothes** and avail other such services before leaving. Look for **cheaper remittance services**
- **An outbound tourist** | If destination country's currency has depreciated more (like Turkey) you may get **better deals by booking directly in that country**
- **An investor in dollars** | Wait for rate hike cycle to end. Rates have shot up but are likely to go up further, which means **bonds and equities may get cheaper**
- **A business owner** | Bargain hard with int'l suppliers as **they will be able to cut prices** due to depreciation
- **A policymaker** | Take countercyclical measures to **encourage foreign investments** by lifting restrictions

What Is RBI Doing To Check Slide...

1. Selling large amounts (**$40bn+**) of dollars to support rupee
2. Raising interest rates (**90bps** in 2022) to make Indian investment attractive
3. Removing reserve restrictions on dollar deposits with banks
4. Allowing traders to make settlements in rupees to reduce dollar dependence

Fears of RBI's off-cycle action due to volatility

Times News Network

Mumbai: Some bankers are speculating that the RBI may undertake off-cycle monetary measures if the volatility in the forex market persists.

"While a rate action may not be warranted given the moderation in inflation pressures, the gap between policy rates in India and those in the US are narrowing. If the Fed announces a sharp hike this month ahead of RBI's August policy, there could be a fresh outflow," said a banker.

> **A banker said if the Fed hikes rates sharply this month ahead of the RBI's August policy, there may be fresh outflow**

The RBI has been selling dollars from its forex reserves to ensure stability in the foreign exchange market. But it may decide to conserve its forex as fresh demand for dollars may emerge in coming months when some external borrowings come up for repayment.

The Singapore monetary authority tightened monetary policy on Thursday, ahead of an anticipated hike by the Federal Reserve later this month. Other central banks including New Zealand and Canada have also hiked interest rates.

"Will the RBI follow other Asian central banks and deliver an off-cycle 50bps rate hike next week? Probability is very low as we are not too far from the August 2-4 scheduled meeting, but also can't rule it out completely, given the RBI's record of surprising in the past with its rate actions," Deutsche Bank economist Kaushik Das had said in a report last week.

So far, the RBI is estimated to have sold close to $50 billion from its reserves in an effort to stem outflows. This has brought down forex reserves from a peak of $642 billion in September 2021 to $580 billion.

Slide may hit anti-inflation moves, put pressure on current a/c deficit

Macro Eco Robust Enough To Tackle Short-Term Shocks

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New Delhi: The rupee's slide may have some implication for inflation management. But overall, the macroeconomic fundamentals of the economy remain robust to deal with short-term shocks.

For now, the most crucial impact would be on inflation as the country imports nearly 80% of its crude oil needs. This would mean that imports would become costlier and travel through the value chain to raise input costs. While retail inflation has shown some signs of moderation in recent weeks, the rupee depreciation may impact the overall inflation situation. Slowing of commodity prices may also help cushion the impact.

"It compounds inflation problem by raising cost of imports and partially mutes the impact of duty cuts on imports," said Crisil's chief economist D K Joshi. He added rupee's depreciation raises debt-servicing costs for companies as 44% of overseas commercial borrowings are unhedged.

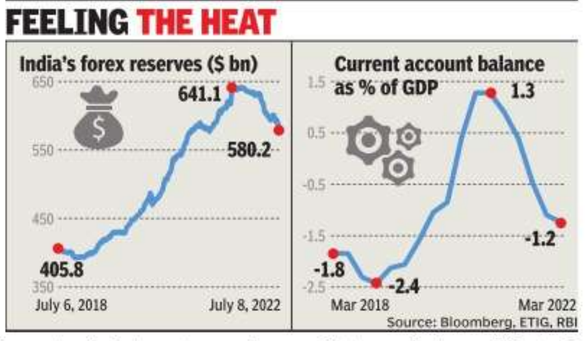
While exports would depend on the global demand situation rather than the rupee's depreciation, the trade deficit is only seen to be correcting itself at a modest pace. The trade deficit widened to $25.6 billion in June, led by surging crude oil & coal imports, and piling pressure on the rupee.

The volatility in exchange rate also has implications for policymakers as opposition parties will step up attacks on the government for the soaring inflation and a weak currency. "Short phases of sharp depreciation can be tolerated. But continued weakening of the rupee can accentuate macro problems. Past episodes of currency volatility also tell us that the rupee can bounce back when underlying conditions stabilise," said Joshi.

The Centre and the RBI have both reiterated that the economic recovery is holding up against global headwinds. The RBI and the government have taken several measures to increase dollar inflows.

The rupee's slide also has implications on forex reserves. According to a finance ministry report, to meet the financing needs of a widening CAD and rising FPI outflows, forex reserves — in the six months since January — have declined by $34 billion. The RBI has spent more than $40 billion during the current fiscal defending the rupee.

FEELING THE HEAT



Mixed bag for biz houses with diverse interests

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Mumbai: For India's diversified enterprises, the rupee touching a record low against the dollar is a double-edged sword. This is because businesses that are majorly into exports — for example, IT services, textiles, agricultural produce and engineering goods — will fetch better value for their products & services in overseas markets pegged to the American currency. But businesses that depend on imported raw materials will see production costs going up. Also, businesses that earn revenue in Indian rupees and rely heavily on dollar debt to finance operations will face heightened risk of default on borrowings.

However, several large companies have protections to limit the effect of the rupee's weakness on their cash flows and leverage, according to Moody's. They have hedged their exposure to dollar debt and raw material import costs against export earnings and other financial hedges, it said. While export-oriented businesses will benefit from the rupee's slide, the benefit will be limited amid the current macroeconomic environment.

Tata Group company Voltas will see an impact on profitability as it imports certain raw materials in dollars. But, the company maintains at least 25% of its exposure hedged. Further, earnings from the Middle East and Mozambique projects acts as a natural hedge against exchange rate volatility, according to Sharekhan by BNP Paribas VP (research) Sanjeev Hota. TCS, which has no dollar debt, is likely to witness cross-currency headwinds on its dollar revenue growth. Hota expects a marginal benefit to reflect on TCS's FY23 margins.

RIL will see its operating profit increase by 1% or Rs 1,300 crore this fiscal for every Re 1 depreciation as the margins of its oil-to-chemicals and upstream units are pegged in dollar.

VARIED IMPACT

Take a look at Tata Group: Software giant **TCS** will face headwinds on its dollar revenue growth but will see marginal benefit from rupee's depreciation in FY23 margins

Tata Motors, Indian Hotels, Tata Consumer will see impact on profits, however, **Voltas** may see lesser pain due to its overseas earnings

Rising wages, costs wipe gains for IT

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Bengaluru: The rupee depreciating would ordinarily have been a big positive for the Indian IT industry and goods exporters, helping improve margins and competitiveness.

But this time, other developments have partially offset the advantage. For the IT sector, wage costs continue to rise, given the shortage of talent. And the dollar has strengthened against the pound and the euro, adversely impacting Indian IT companies' dollar revenue (30-40% revenue comes from the UK and Europe).

"Some of the advantage has been taken away as several other currencies have seen a sharper depreciation than the rupee, especially among our competing markets," said Ajay Sahay, director general of FIEO, the group dominated by manufacturing exporters.

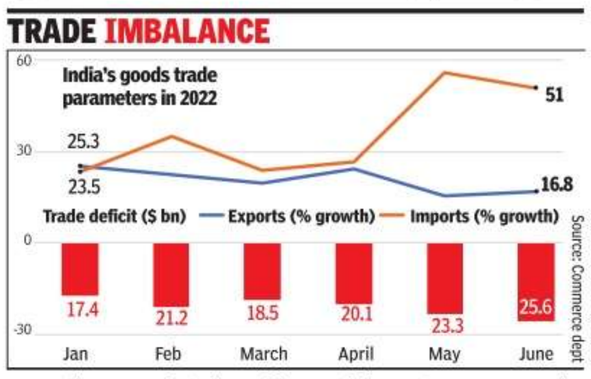
In any case, the full benefit does not flow to exporters, as a part of gains are with the buyer. Besides, a weaker rupee has made imports more expensive, resulting in inflation and putting pressure on costs.

Vinit Teredesai, chief financial officer at Mindtree, said the rupee movement is margin-positive in the short term, but the inflation will not be good in the medium to long term. The dollar strengthening against the pound and euro, he said, has had an adverse impact.

TCS registered an operating margin of 23.1% in the June quarter, which was 190bps down sequentially and 240bps lower than a year ago. TCS CFO Samir Seksaria said the dollar strengthening against most currencies had a 25bps positive impact on margins. But all that was negated by the increase in wage costs.

Mitul Shah, head of research at Reliance Securities, said the gains Indian companies made from the rupee slipping were nullified by a nearly 100bps cross-currency headwind. Margins, he said, were also impacted by wage hikes and supply-side pressures.

TRADE IMBALANCE



Why dollar and rouble are winners of the Ukraine war

Since Russia invaded Ukraine late in February, its currency, rouble, and the US dollar have gained in value against most other currencies of the world. **Atul Thakur** explains why

TIMES *Special*

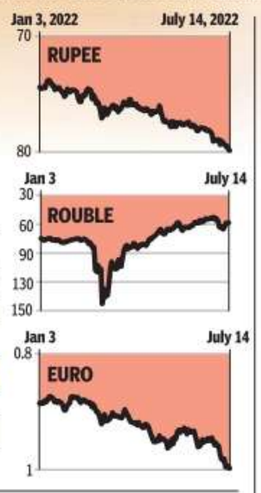
The world was already in an inflationary spiral before Russia invaded Ukraine. The sudden jump in demand for goods on the resumption of normal economic activity after the pandemic had pushed up prices. But the war stoked prices further by disrupting food and energy supplies.

This aided the rouble as Russia demanded to be paid in its own currency instead of euros or dollars, to sidestep western sanctions.

The dollar also gained as Europe was forced to shop for oil in markets that demand the US currency. The US Fed's decision to fight domestic inflation with higher interest rates has triggered a mass departure of investments to America, which has also been good for the dollar. Amid all this, the euro has been a big loser. Here's how the major global currencies have fared over the past decade and after major recent events

UKRAINE HURT RICH WORLD'S CURRENCIES

In July, the yen hit a 24-year low, and the euro fell to its lowest point in the past 20 years. The US dollar gained more than 5% against the British pound. Meanwhile, the Indian rupee grew stronger against many rich-world currencies but depreciated against the Chinese yuan, the Brazilian real and the rouble.



Currencies against the US dollar since the Russian invasion of Ukraine

Currency	Jan 2022	Jul 2022	Change (%)
Yen	114.86	136.73	19
Pound	0.74	0.84	13.4
Euro	0.88	0.98	11.3
Rupee	**74.45***	**79.38***	6.6
Yuan	6.35	6.72	5.7
Brazilian Real	5.53	5.37	-2.8
Rouble	76.61	59.89	-21.8

COVID PULLED DOWN RUPEE

India's rupee has seen the fourth largest depreciation since the lockdown. While inflation and the Ukraine war have weakened the euro, experts say the rupee's weakening is linked to India's increasing trade deficit (more imports than exports, so higher demand for dollar) and the flight of foreign institutional investors.

Currencies against the US dollar since the coronavirus pandemic began

Currency	Jan 2020	Jul 2022	Change (%)
Brazilian Real	4.15	5.37	29.6
Yen	109.28	136.73	25.1
Rupee	**71.26***	**79.38***	11.4
Pound	0.76	0.84	9.4
Euro	0.9	0.98	9.2
Yuan	6.93	6.72	-3
Rouble	61.94	59.89	-3.3

DOLLAR REMAINS KING

Overall, the US dollar has appreciated against all currencies, aided by the fact that it is the currency in which most international transactions are done and the bulk of foreign reserves maintained by most countries. Per IMF's latest estimate, the US dollar constitutes about 55% of global forex reserves.

Currencies against the US dollar over the last 10 years

Currency	July '12	Jul 2022	Change (%)
Brazilian Real	2.03	5.37	164.9
Rouble	32.46	59.89	84.5
Yen	78.98	136.73	73.1
Rupee	**55.43***	**79.38***	43.2
Pound	0.64	0.84	30.5
Euro	0.81	0.98	20.9
Yuan	6.37	6.72	5.4

World forex reserves in $ billion (Q1 2022)

Currency	Value	% of total
US Dollar	6,878	54.8
Euro	2,343	18.7
Yen	626	5
Pound	581	4.6
Yuan	336	2.7

Source: WSJ, Bloomberg

REAL, RUPEE BIGGEST LOSERS SINCE 2017

In the past five years, the US dollar appreciated most against the Brazilian real (67.9%), and the Indian rupee (23.2%). It is interesting that the Chinese yuan also appreciated over this long period.

Currencies against the US dollar over last five years

Currency	July '17	Jul 2022	Change (%)
Brazilian Real	3.2	5.37	67.9
Rupee	**64.45***	**79.38***	23.2
Yen	112.39	136.73	21.7
Euro	0.87	0.98	13.4
Pound	0.77	0.84	8.7
Rouble	59.68	59.89	0.4
Yuan	6.77	6.72	-0.8

*Note: July '22 avg is for 15 days, while previous figure for entire month

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Full-stack developers continue to be hot property across firms

Their versatility enables firms to release software faster

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We wrote several months ago that full-stack developers are in big demand. We went back to industry to check how the demand is now, and we found that demand has only become stronger, both in India and the world.

Pravin Yashwant Pawar, assistant professor of computer science at BITS Pilani's Work Integrated Learning Programmes division, says full-stack developer roles have become one of the most sought after because of the tremendous growth potential and attractive pay-scales. "A survey conducted last year by popular online developer community platform Stack Overflow found that 50% of the respondents to the survey were terming themselves as full-stack developers. One can see over 10,000 job openings on popular portals for job hunters like LinkedIn, Glassdoor, Naukri and the like for full-stack skills for a wide range of experience levels," he says.

What exactly is a full-stack developer? Ed-tech platform upGrad's MD & co-founder Mayank Kumar says full-stack developers are proficient in both front-end and back-end development, and are also experts at a variety of coding niches – from databases to graphic design and to UI/UX management. Think of the backend as the plumbing of the website or app you are using that deals with data storage and processing, and the front end as the interface you interact with. It's this versatility and ability to work on different aspects of web or app development that makes them so sought after.

When it comes to programming languages to learn, Hari Krishnan Nair, co-founder of Great Learning, says a full-stack developer needs to have in-depth knowledge of at least one programming language. "Java and Python are the most widely used programming languages. Object-oriented programming, data structures, algorithms, database design, and server-side framework are crucial from a backend software development point of view. HTML, CSS, Javascript and AngularJS/ReactJS from a front-end point of view. Apart from this, cloud computing fundamentals, Python basics, and SQL are highly sought after in the market today," he says.

Apart from programming languages and software developer tools, there are other factors that are equally important when it comes to becoming a successful full-stack developer, says Skandh Gupta, senior software engineer at Optum Global Solutions. "Two personal characteristics that always top my mind are curiosity and zeal to learn. One should always focus on two questions: Why? and How? Curiosity helps you gain knowledge of technologies and how the application functions. The question "Why?" to every single step – from choosing tech to designing the application – gives deep knowledge of the flow of the application, and "How?" helps you gain insight on all parts of the application, like front-end, back-end, web architecture to designing applications, servers, databases and test and debug. Full-stack engineers know best practices of engineering excellence and where to apply what," he says.

Aspiring full-stack developers do need to be aware of a few potential hurdles during their journey though, says Girish Dhanakshirur, IBM distinguished engineer & CTO of IBM India Software Labs. And all of them relate to the rapid changes that take place in the tech world. "First, rapid innovation in browser and server technologies leads to languages and frameworks evolving quickly, hence they must constantly keep their skills current across several technologies. Second, as open-source libraries make up almost all full-stack frameworks, there will be instances when they are not updated. Full-stack developers should be willing to debug and update such libraries when bugs are found. Finally, at times, as part of transitions, developers will end up inheriting projects and source code developed in a language and framework different from the one they are familiar with. In such circumstances, full-stack developers should be able to skill up and switch to deliver on the projects."

NEED TO COMBINE CREATIVITY & ANALYSIS

"Our placement team has found that 15% of the companies that come to us have a need for full-stack developers, which previously used to be just 2%. Companies prefer full-stack developers who can manage both front-end as well as back-end development processes.

Ranjita Raman | CEO, JARO EDUCATION

In the last couple of years, there has been a significant increase in demand for full-stack engineers because of the industry demand to cover the entire software development life cycle at a faster pace. Full-stack engineers are also good at picking up where one developer leaves off because they understand the flow of a complete application.

Skandh Gupta | SENIOR SOFTWARE ENGINEER, OPTUM GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

We have witnessed a 6x growth in the last nine months in our full-stack Java developer job guarantee programme. Currently, we have a monthly enrollment run rate of about 250-300 learners, of which 50-60% are freshers, and the remaining are learners with 1-3 years of work experience.

Kashyap Dalal | CO-FOUNDER & CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER, SIMPLILEARN

In recent years, as businesses invested in digital transformation projects that offer web or mobile-based interfaces to their services, the demand for full-stack developers increased exponentially to implement such projects. To keep up with the fast pace of technology advancements, we can expect the business demand for full-stack developers to continue growing.

Girish Dhanakshirur | DISTINGUISHED ENGINEER & CTO, IBM INDIA SOFTWARE LABS

A career in full-stack development combines creativity with analysis, which is why aspiring candidates must invest in both soft and tech skills. They need to be a creative problem solver, have excellent communication skills, and demonstrate attention to detail.

Raghav Gupta | MD, INDIA & APAC, COURSERA

Companies are making the much-desired shift to Web3, blockchain, and the metaverse, which has led to a surge of almost 60% in the hiring of full stack developers.

Hari Krishnan Nair | CO-FOUNDER, GREAT LEARNING

TECH I'D **LIKE TO SEE**

THE MAGIC OF 5G

With India set to launch 5G soon, we expect a lot of new possibilities opening up for consumers. Think of an immersive beauty salon using volumetric modelling technology to digitally enhance looks, the anyverse pool where one can use an oxygenated VR headset to experience outer space in zero gravity, everyspace plaza for virtual shopping mall experiences and virtual eating with friends in different restaurants, anywhere in the world. In sports, 5G-enabled extended reality puts you in the middle of the action, wherever you are, enhancing the thrill of live sports with immersive virtual experiences and real-time access to statistics and instant replays. In healthcare, paramedics can access the latest technologies like remote diagnostics and haptic devices to connect with city-based doctors to deliver world-class care in remote locations. Such a hybrid mix of connectivity-enabled technology, integrated into real physical environments will come true with 5G's ultra-low latency, faster speeds and greater reliability.

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Why investors are getting excited by biotechnology

ROBUST FUNDING PLAN

"The Indian healthcare space is poised for a big take off. We're seeing newer business models which are scoring higher on capital efficiency, we have a large market, high quality of skill sets, and tech talent to work with domain experts. Investors are excited and we have formed, in partnership with the government, the first angel group in the world focused on this sector.

Padmaja Ruparel | CO-FOUNDER & PRESIDENT, INDIAN ANGEL NETWORK (IAN)

"Biotech/medtech is a complex sector, unlike IT, e-commerce or fintech. It involves a longer gestation period. So we have created a funding provision to look at biotech as an entrepreneurial path. From ideation to concept to getting validated in the field, there's a pipeline of Rs 50 lakh to Rs 7 crore per startup, depending on where they are in their journey.

Manish Diwan | HEAD, STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP & ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT, BIRAC, GOVT OF INDIA

Shilpa Phadnis & Sujit John | TNN

The pandemic has given a big boost to India's healthtech and biotech ecosystem. Even investors who rarely looked beyond the country's software sector are getting excited by the opportunities. Padmaja Ruparel, co-founder & president of Indian Angel Network (IAN), said in our webinar last week that pre-pandemic, the platform would get about 15-16% of its 10,000-11,000 angel funding deals from the healthcare sector, but post pandemic, that percentage figure has more than doubled. She noted that India now has four unicorns in the space – Pharmeasy, Innovaccer, Pristyncare and Cure.fit.

TECH TRENDS

Sector stakeholders are now beginning to come together to accelerate this pace of development. The government-promoted Biotechnology Industry Research Assistance Council (Birac) and IAN have launched an angel investor network called BioAngels, which is probably the first sector-focused angel investor group in the world. It will fund and nurture high-quality startups, with both money and mentoring.

Manish Diwan, head of strategic partnership & entrepreneurship development at Birac, said unlike software, it could take 5-10 years to bring a healthcare product to market. But, he said, there's a framework today, and the government has made a conscious effort in building a pipeline for entrepreneurs. "So they know that if they tread on this difficult path, there's a future," he said.

The government has established a network of 74 incubation centres, across 21 states and UTs, that specialise in biotechnology. It has charted funding plans for startups at different stages of their journey, with significant sums available for areas like clinical trials that cost a lot.

Biotechnology, Diwan noted, is also a cross-disciplinary science, which interjects with various aspects of people's lives. "Biotech needs to cross-talk with different expertise. To create medical devices, you need to have engineers on board. It also requires connecting resource-rich and resource-poor regions and taking the tech to the last mile," he said. These are areas where India already has demonstrated capabilities.

Ruparel said the pandemic showed India's prowess when indigenous vaccines were export-ready in a short span of time. India, she noted, is becoming the global manufacturing hub in formulations and vaccines.

In biotech, Diwan said, startups are beginning to raise substantial funds, and becoming more and more ambitious. He noted that String Bio, which was seeded almost 10 years ago, and which converts methane into proteins and reduces the carbon footprint, raised $20 million recently. There's Bugworks, which has put their first-in-class molecules in phase 1 clinical trials for anti-bacterial resistance. There's Pandorum Technologies that has a proprietary technology platform designed to develop functional human tissues, such as bio-engineered cornea and liver.

From automated truck loading to kitchen gloves

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During the pandemic lockdown, as more men shared domestic workloads, Venkatesh Prasad used the extra time he had at home to design an automated glove for cleaning utensils. The glove is equipped with sensors, a soap dispenser, and a rotating power scrubber, and draws water from a bucket powered by a motor and cables. Venkatesh says the glove ensures spotless cleaning – better than most dishwashers – optimal water usage, and reduces cleaning time by half. His innovation wowed not only his wife, but also TCS, where Venkatesh is head of product design, manufacturing and smart machines. TCS went on to file a patent for the device.

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR MIND TO INNOVATE

Venkatesh has created over 130 products, special purpose machines, complex tooling, and fixtures, and has filed 110 global patents. He did his Bachelor's in industrial and production engineering from BMS College in Bengaluru, and went on to do a product development course at Stanford University, US. Robotics had always piqued his interest, and early in his career, he began developing end-of-arm tools, the equipment at the end of a robotic arm that interacts with parts and components. At TCS, where he's been for more than 20 years now, one of Venkatesh's valuable patents has been on an automated truck loading and unloading system. In warehouses, a 40-foot container truck is typically loaded with about 3,000 carton boxes, an extremely labour-intensive and costly process. The TCS system has a robotic pick-and-place system in conjunction with a telescopic conveyor that is installed on telescopic rails, and all this is mounted on a mobile robot. When a truck arrives, the door opens, and this telescopic system starts loading the parcels. The system's main advantage over rival systems is that it allows a sensor-controlled robotic arm to move inside the truck without contacting it. So, it is suitable for even small trucks with limited payload capacity and ensures an efficient and error-free process.

"Everyone can innovate. All it requires is a `can do' attitude," says Venkatesh. When you have an idea, he says, you should be open to collaborate. "Discuss with others, don't hesitate to take others' views," he says.

He suggests that you should keep working on a number of ideas. "Reflect on whether it is a success or failure. Don't give up if there are failures early on. Failure at the beginning is a learning. An idea may ultimately end up in failure too, but that's ok," he says. Over time, he says, you need to mature yourself by continuous learning to a stage where you visualise ideas that will make a big impact.

"Most of my patented products are also manufactured, and it makes me happy to see them moving materials in Europe and other countries," says Venkatesh, who, during the Covid lockdown, also created a foldable e-trike that can go inside the x-ray baggage scanner in Metro stations, potentially making commutes from home to office hassle-free.

"Dedicate time, sit calmly, apply your creative and engineering thinking, funnel down to a unique idea, and transform it into an innovation – be it a product, platform, or process. Keep improving your innovations, get your hands dirty, till innovations become top class, and don't stop until this entire process eventually becomes natural to you.

Venkatesh Prasad | HEAD, PRODUCT DESIGN, MANUFACTURING AND SMART MACHINES, TCS

STANDARDISING HEALTH RECORDS WITH AI, DEEP LEARNING

ekincare team in Hyderabad

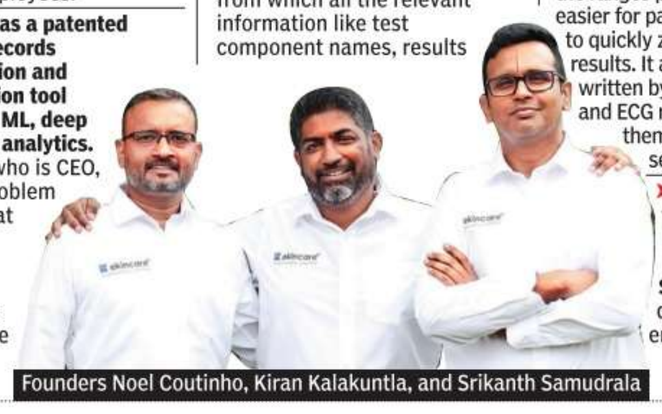
➤ **Kiran Kalakuntla, Srikanth Samudrala and Noel Coutinho started out in 2015-16** to digitise medical records to help NRIs keep a check on the health of their family members in India. Today, the Hyderabad-based venture, ekincare, has metamorphosed into an AI-powered health benefits platform, catering to over 500 MNCs and Indian companies, and their employees.

➤ **ekincare has a patented healthcare records standardisation and personalisation tool that uses AI, ML, deep learning and analytics.** Kalakuntla, who is CEO, says a big problem in India is that diagnostic centres and hospitals use different nomenclature for various tests. ekincare's patented algorithm helps convert reports from multiple labs into structured data, which in turn helps generate health analytics for individuals, and population analytics for other customers.

➤ Whenever a test report is shared with ekincare in the PDF format, it is put through OCR (optical character recognition). This converts the PDF into text, from which all the relevant information like test component names, results and ranges are extracted using the proprietary model. **The model assigns a unique identification code called LOINC (Logical Observation Identifiers Names and Codes), which is a universal standard used in the US to identify medical test components irrespective of the name used by diagnostic centres.** The results are then colour coded into green, amber and red automatically from the ranges provided, making it easier for patients and doctors to quickly zero in on abnormal results. It also extracts notes written by doctors in x-ray, USG and ECG reports, and displays them in a separate section.

➤ Kalakuntla says three more patents are pending. The venture **has raised $40 million** to date, and has 260 employees.

– Swati Bharadwaj



Founders Noel Coutinho, Kiran Kalakuntla, and Srikanth Samudrala

Pet insurance, rewards for collaboration

Sujit John & Shilpa Phadnis | TNN

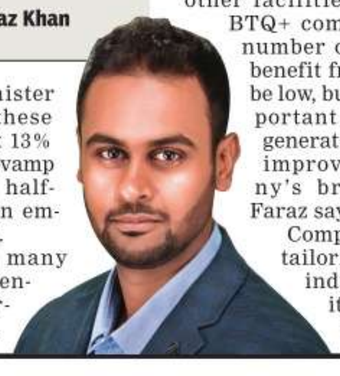
Companies are introducing a variety of new benefits for employees, both to be in tune with the new ways of work, and to endear themselves with employees and potential employees at a time when the war for talent remains intense.

Mohammed Faraz Khan, partner at consulting firm Zinnov, says elements like compensation, flexible working options, and emphasis on mental wellness, have increasingly become table stakes, and the focus is now moving to a hyperpersonalised set of benefits, greater degrees of autonomy, and engaging employees in a way such as to give them a larger meaning to their work.

Zinnov has just concluded a study with their core constituency – the MNC technology centres in India, or Global Centres of Excellence (GCoEs), as they are often called. The study finds that the overall budget for people rose at a CAGR of 16% over the past three years, and that for discretionary spends (those that go to provide benefits like insurance & loans, and employee care) increased at a CAGR of 35% in the same period. About 73% of those surveyed provide flexible benefits (allowing employees to choose from a variety of options), and 12% of those use advanced tools and applications to administer and manage these benefits. About 13% of companies revamp their benefits half-yearly, based on employee feedback.

"Most evolved organisations see that they have to go beyond compensation. That's not the only thing that matters to employees.

Mohammed Faraz Khan | PARTNER, ZINNOV



Faraz says many have not only enhanced insurance coverage, but also allowed employees to extend insurance to the broader family. There are companies that now allow pet insurance. Accenture recently announced a host of new insurance and other facilities for the LGBTQ+ community. "The number of people who benefit from these may be low, but these are important to the young generation today. They improve the company's brand image," Faraz says.

Companies are also tailoring rewards to induce work habits, like collaboration and team building, that have become critical. The study found that the average award for collaboration was Rs 20,000, going up to a high of Rs 30,000. The average for team building was Rs 15,500, going up to a high of Rs 22,500.

Many are trying to ensure that neither the people coming to office, nor those not coming to office feel left out of anything. So, if those coming to office are provided meals or snacks during a meeting, those joining virtually from home are sent food delivery vouchers. "These are small things, but they want to maintain equity in benefits even in the hybrid world," Faraz says.

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A thought for today

The safety of the people shall be the highest law

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Take Wings, Safely

DGCA's order on aircraft maintenance raises many safety questions. Airlines have absolutely no excuses

India's aviation regulator DGCA on Monday issued a brief order. Addressed to airlines, it said increased instances of engineering-related occurrences had triggered spot checks by the regulator. The findings pointed to maintenance issues. DGCA said identification of causes of reported defects has been improper and there's a shortage of trained staff. Airlines have been asked to comply with safety protocols and report back to the regulator by July 28. A day after the order was issued, two more instances of snags were reported.

The situation is worrisome. Airlines aren't being asked to do anything new as India since 2010 has had a state safety programme, an integrated set of regulations and activities for air safety. The latest iteration of the programme red flags deficient maintenance and concludes that a large number of incidents occur as a result of component failure. Consequently, there are standards and protocols in place to avoid it. DGCA's order raises questions on compliance. It's hard to understand the rise in reported incidents. DGCA safety audits are an ongoing feature and are spelt out in an annual surveillance plan. Therefore, there's a constant stream of communication between airlines and the regulator on the subject.

Airports Authority of India projected a passenger flow of 542 million by 2027-28, that is over 200 million from the pre-pandemic level. Aviation policy was tweaked greatly to help airlines overcome the Covid shock and prepare for the future. For example, even as seating restrictions have been removed, a price band with floor and ceiling prices continues. GST rate on domestic maintenance, repair and overhaul has been lowered from 18% to 5%. As for fuel prices, no segment of the economy is immune.

Given both the policy support for aviation and troubling reports on safety, there are bound to be questions on the performance of both the regulator and GoI. Safety issues are not confined to a single airline but instead appear to be broad-based. DGCA needs to strictly implement its wide-ranging safety protocol. That's a prerequisite for Indian aviation's safe growth.

Not Minor Issues

SC view on deciding minority community status on state-wise basis solves one problem and creates others

The Supreme Court's observation that it is a settled position in law that religious and linguistic minority status is to be decided state-wise may be contested down the line. The Centre says it has the power to notify minorities but has not specified whether it will be done with concurrence of states. But if SC's observation becomes an accepted position, it will solve one set of questions and raise others. Under the National Minorities Commission Act, Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Parsis, Buddhists and Jains have been notified nationally as minority communities. But there are states in the north and Northeast where some of these religious minorities are in the majority. And nearly every state in India can have linguistic minorities. With minority status conferring significant autonomy in administering educational institutions, this is also a touchy issue. Hence there is also the argument that states can be left to decide the minority question for themselves.

But even if states are empowered to decide this, problems won't go away. First, there may be contested state-wise differences, as there are in reservation policy. Not every community in the central OBC list is classified likewise in states, and not every community classified as OBC, SC or ST in one state may be recognised in another state. Second, if minority status is a state decision, should, say, Sikh schools in Punjab enjoy minority institution status, or Christian schools in Mizoram? Should centrally identified minorities lose their status in states where they are a majority? These are sensitive issues that need to be thought through.

The key point is even implementation of minority status at the more granular state-level won't help. India is witnessing an immense competition for scarce education and employment opportunities. Slicing, dicing and labelling communities as backward or minority are political decisions with only superficial impact. The real task is to create more quality educational institutions in the public and private sector. The resultant rise in human capital will create skills that the job market needs. Overregulation by the likes of UGC and excessive demands of laws like the RTE Act are reasons many educational institutions covet a minority status. Focus on quality education for all. Everything else is noise.

Help wanted

Post-lockdown Britain is facing a severe problem of understaffing, with jobs going abegging

Jug Suraiya

During our recent visit to Britain, Bunny and I caught glimpses, on TV and in the print media, of harrowing scenes of suffering. Homeless people, families with distraught women and weeping children, men with angry, helpless faces, huddled under makeshift coverings, their few belongings scattered haphazardly around them.

Were they refugees fleeing from war-torn Ukraine? No. They were airline passengers stranded, sometimes for days at a time, at various airports across the country because of last-minute flight cancellations.

The main reason for these cancellations was that the aviation industry, in Britain and elsewhere, has been very badly hit by a massive staff shortage, ranging from cabin crew to technicians and baggage handlers, because of job cuts across the board during the two-year pandemic lockdown. This, combined with a resurgent wave of so-called 'revenge tourism', has resulted in an unprecedented crisis in the travel industry.

It's not just the airline sector that's been affected by an acute lack of staff. Many of the shops, restaurants, cafes, and other places of business that we went to in London, and elsewhere in the UK, displayed prominent signs saying 'We are recruiting!', 'Help wanted!'

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At a seaside resort in Dorset a restaurant sign informed customers that, because it was understaffed, they would have to wait at least half an hour to be served, even if all they wanted was a simple sandwich meal.

Lockdown lay-offs apart, another reason for the UK's staff shortage is that after Brexit many, if not most, East European migrants who formed a large part of the country's workforce have gone home, and the native Brits, by and large, have become too unused to rolling up their sleeves and getting the job done themselves.

Fortunately for the UK, to fill in all the vacancies caused by overly hasty downsizing during the pandemic, there are plenty of Indian-origin migrants who, having retained their innate capacity for hard work in their adoptive country, are prepared to put their shoulder to the wheel where most needed.

Indeed, one such volunteer is waiting to lend a hand beside a 'Situation vacant' notice pasted on a door marked 10, Downing Street.

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Satraps Vs BJP, A Reboot

Big structural shifts in politics raise new challenges for regional parties ahead of 2024 polls

Nalin Mehta

An easy assumption for those opposed to BJP is that the opposition only has to unite to beat the saffron electoral juggernaut. Such a coalition, forged in the brotherhood of anti-BJPism, for its proponents, would automatically beat BJP's hegemony. After all, BJP, even at the height of its second sweep in 2019, won just over one-third of India's voters (37.36% vote share). Cobble together the remaining two-thirds and Modi's ascendance would be halted, it is argued. Voting in the presidential election has demonstrated, however, how flawed such diagnosis is.

With several regional parties breaking ranks to vote for NDA's presidential candidate Draupadi Murmu, it is clear that anti-Modism by itself may not be enough to weld together an opposition alliance. As many as 50 political parties supported Murmu's candidature. In contrast, 36 opposition parties supported Yashwant Sinha. Crucially, those in the Murmu camp included many non-NDA parties: Odisha's BJD, Andhra Pradesh's YSRCP, Mayawati's BSP, Jharkhand's JMM, and even Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena faction.

BJP's gambit of fielding a tribal woman ensured that many parties found it difficult to overcome the optics of opposing such potent political demography. The governing party's changing political DNA and its signalling to marginalised social groups complicated the pitch for those looking to oppose it on ideological grounds of Hindutva or anti-BJPism alone.

Regional parties, since 2014, are also facing deeper structural shifts in India's polity. This disruption has increased their challenges as we head into national polls in 2024. Broadly speaking, India has four kinds of state polity systems. Each is undergoing a deep churn:

1. BJP vs Congress (Two-party polity): These are states where Congress and BJP have historically been locked in direct electoral face-offs: Gujarat, Himachal, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttarakhand and Delhi. Karnataka, in recent years, and now even Manipur and Tripura. Roughly speaking, governments alternated between Congress and BJP in most of these states.

- Post 2014, with the rise of the New BJP under Narendra Modi, this oscillating pattern got disrupted in national elections.
- Between 2014-19, BJP not only swept the national elections in these states, its vote share went up dramatically in most states.
- **Takeaway:** This left Congress drastically weakened, reducing its convening capacity for any national alliance. Moreover, Congress vote banks were usurped by AAP in state elections in Delhi, and then with the same pattern repeating in Punjab in 2022. AAP and Congress, therefore, are fighting for the same pie.

2. BJP vs regional party: These are states where BJP replaced Congress or others as the primary opposition party: Andhra, Telangana, Bengal and Odisha.

- In Odisha, between 2014-19, BJP went up from 1 (21.5% votes) to 8 Lok Sabha seats (38.4% votes) though BJD swept state polls. Bengal saw the same pattern in 2019 and state polls in 2021.
- In Telangana, BJP replaced Congress as TRS's primary challenger. It became the second largest party in Hyderabad municipal elections in December 2020, after winning 4 LS constituencies in 2019. These included victories in two TRS strongholds: Karimnagar and Nizamabad.
- **Takeaway:** Many regional parties are now looking to safeguard their home turf from an aggressive BJP. All may want a weaker BJP but some end up making tactical arrangements at the national level to prolong local sway.

3. Regional party vs regional party: BJP is not a major player in Tamil Nadu or Kerala (where Left and Congress basically operate as regional parties).

- While national factors are peripheral here, BJP has been sprouting little green shoots of voter growth in some areas, such as north Tamil Nadu. In Kerala, it won over 31% vote share in Thiruvananthapuram and over 25% in Pathanamthitta and Thrissur.
- **Takeaway:** With AIADMK in flux and Kerala Congress in free fall, BJP is looking to capitalise. Local equations are being redrawn, leaving little space for outside posturing.

4. BJP dominance in multipolar polity: These are states where BJP has emerged as the dominant force in traditionally multipolar contests: UP, Assam, Northeast, Jharkhand. Even Maharashtra somewhat fits this category.

- **Takeaway:** BJP's ascendance forced many regional parties on the backfoot, fighting to keep their once captive vote banks.

Overall, BJP's ideology was once a barrier for its growth. Hindutva is no more a blocker for BJP's expansion, except for parts of south India.

Second, in states like Telangana, where BJP is the primary opposition party, it has become the anti-establishment party and magnet for ambitious politicians looking to climb up. Former TRS leader Eatala Rajender, who won the Huzurabad bypoll, on a BJP ticket after quitting KCR's cabinet in 2021, is a case in point.

Third, all grand coalitions in the past needed either a big party as its fulcrum, like Congress and/or a charismatic leader punching above his weight, like Harkishan Singh Surjeet in the 1990s. Congress's decline and structural disruptions in state politics mean that the barriers to such a coalition have now increased. This is the biggest challenge for anti-BJP regional parties in the runup to 2024.

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FOUR PROBLEMS FOR THE OPPOSITION

BJP VS CONGRESS

State	BJP 2014 Vote % in Lok Sabha polls	BJP 2019 Vote % in LS polls	Congress 2014 Vote % in LS polls	Congress 2019 Vote % in LS polls
Uttarakhand	55.3	61	34	31.4
Rajasthan	54.9	58.5	30.4	34.2
MP	54.9	58	34	31.4
Karnataka	43	51.4	40.8	31.9
HP	53.3	69.1	40.7	27.3
Gujarat	59.1	62.2	32.9	32.1
Delhi	46.4	56.6	15.1	22.5
Chhattisgarh	48.7	50.7	38.4	40.9
Manipur	11.9	34.2	41.7	24.6

BJP VS REGIONAL PARTIES

State	BJP 2014 Vote % in LS polls	BJP 2019 Vote % in LS polls	Leading Party 2014 Vote % in LS polls	Leading Party 2019 Vote % in LS polls
Telangana	10.5	19.45	34.9	41.7
West Bengal	16.8	23.5	39.3	43.3
Odisha	21.5	38.4	44.1	42.8

BJP DOMINANCE IN ERTSWHILE MULTIPOLAR CONTESTS

State/Region	BJP 2014 Vote % in LS polls	BJP 2019 Vote % in LS polls	No. 2 Party 2014 Vote % in LS polls	No. 2 Party 2019 Vote % in LS polls
UP	42.3	49.6	22.2	19.3
Assam	36.5	36.1	29.6	35.4
Northeast	28.1	33.7	29.8	33.6
Maharashtra	27.3	27.6	20.6	23.3

REGIONAL PARTY VS REGIONAL PARTY CONTESTS

State/Region	BJP 2014 Vote % in LS polls	BJP 2019 Vote % in LS polls	No. 1 Party 2014 Vote % in LS polls	No. 1 Party 2019 Vote % in LS polls
Tamil Nadu	5.5	3.7	44.3	32.8
Kerala	10.3	12.9	31.1	37.3

Source: ECI, PolIniti analysis

Why Some Demolitions Feel Like Collective Punishment

Courts should understand the extent to which such cases involve psychological injuries too

A Faizur Rahman

The Supreme Court on July 13 refused to halt the contentious demolition drive in Uttar Pradesh and other states, saying illegal structures were not immune from action. The case before the court concerned the demolition of homes of some Muslims protesting against former BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's widely denounced remarks against Prophet Muhammad.

Impassioned pleas against "bulldozer justice": Several former SC and HC judges have written to the Chief Justice of India that these demolitions are "an unacceptable subversion of the rule of law" and "a form of collective extra-judicial punishment, attributable to a state policy which is illegal".

The UN Special Rapporteur on the right to adequate housing, Balakrishnan Rajagopal, was also of the view that the demolitions were carried out as collective punishment against the Muslim community for the alleged involvement of some Muslims in violence.

Although the UP government asserts that the demolitions were executed by statutory autonomous bodies as part of their routine effort against illegal constructions, allegations of collective punishment and "bulldozer justice" continue to be made.

Some of these allegations appear to be informed by the demolition policy practised by Israel against Palestinians, ostensibly to send "a severe message of deterrence to terrorists and their accomplices". Not surprisingly, UN Special Rapporteurs see this policy as "collective punishment that contravenes international law". Even the Israeli Supreme Court had, in March this year, stayed the demolition of 38 Palestinian homes in East Jerusalem.

Children suffer the most: To understand the physical and emotional impact of illegal demolitions on innocent children and their families one needs to read Save the Children's 2021 report, *Hope Under the Rubble*. Prepared after consulting families across the West Bank, it finds that the demolition of Palestinian homes has wreaked such havoc that 80% of the children interviewed felt abandoned by the world and were in a state of total helplessness.

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A 16-year-old adolescent's despondent lament was: "Nobody stopped them – or could stop them again – from destroying our home, our lives. So why should I bother to dream about a good future?" The emotional toll on parents too was enormous, with 76% reporting that they felt unable to protect their children after losing their homes.

Thankfully, this has never happened in India as courts here have not countenanced the use of force by statutory bodies in a manner that causes psychological damage to vulnerable individuals or communities.

The seminal AP Shah judgment: In the 2010 Sudama Singh & Others vs Government of Delhi & Anr case, Chief Justice of the Delhi HC AP Shah deplored the "psychological and physical suffering" victims of pre-demolition evictions are subjected to. He listed "trauma, frustration, grief, dull dragging apathy, and the surrender of the will to live" among the effects of forcible evictions on the human mind.

Speaking for marginalised hut dwellers, Justice Shah ruled that they cannot be forcibly evicted without first making arrangements for their relocation which has to be "a meaningful exercise consistent with the rights to life, livelihood and dignity" of the dwellers.

In the 2018 Tehseen Poonawalla vs Union of India & Others case, a three-judge SC bench also flagged the risks of psychological injury, but in the context of mob violence. It asked state governments to prepare "a lynching/mob violence victim compensation scheme in the light of the provisions of Section 357A of CrPC", giving due regard to the nature of not just bodily injury but "psychological injury" too.

Needless to say, psychological injury to the victims of sudden, unconstitutional demolitions will be far more pronounced because they will have to bear the additional burdens of unjustified loss of property and abrupt homelessness. This in turn serves as a warning to all citizens, thereby traumatising them too.

Preventing legal amoralism: In Hammad Abdulkadar Banota & Others vs State of Maharashtra, the Aurangabad bench of the Bombay HC cautioned against this by underlining how wrongful action against a few can create fear in the minds of the larger community. Quashing FIRs against some Tablighi Jamaat members, the bench stated that "this action (against TJ) indirectly gave warning to Indian Muslims that action in any form and for anything can be taken against Muslims."

A recent news report suggests that such a fear psychosis is now a reality. It narrates how Muslim families in UP (even those living in huts), whose members were not part of any protest, are "frantically putting together documents and bills to keep the bulldozer away".

Therefore, it is a categorical imperative for the higher judiciary to intervene to ensure that the interpretation of Indian law remains humane and does not devolve into legal amoralism.

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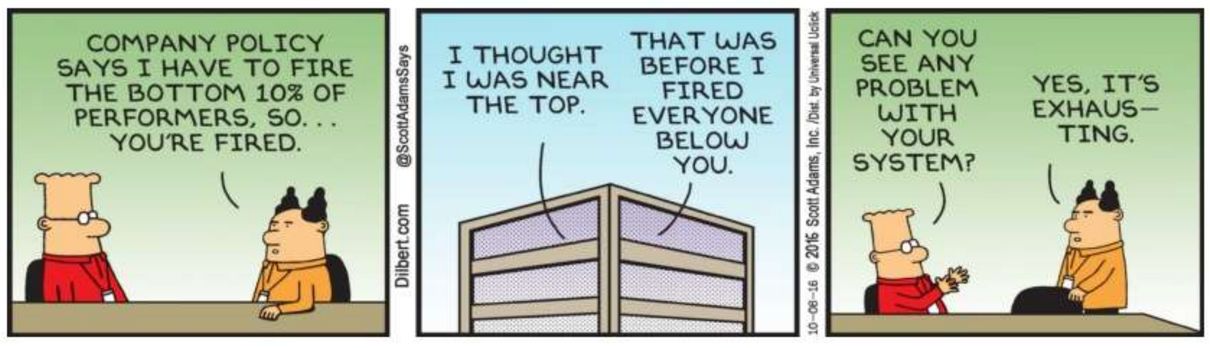

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Life Celebrates Life

Life itself is not trying to survive. Life begets life. Life celebrates itself in every subtlety and every overwhelm. Every aspect of life remains open and flexible, available to what might be required for its perpetuation. Even in an environment that seems to be lacking the means, somehow, life finds its way.

Kerri Lake

Steps To Undertake A Beautiful Life Journey

Hari Kanayalal Mulchandani

We have all been gifted with human life in this worldly domain. Alongside this precious gift, arise questions like: Why are we here? Who am I? What is the point of this life? If these are unanswered, we risk leading unexamined lives, blindly accepting what our mind perceives and reflexively following others. Going within, however, reveals many hidden and subtle truths that we can't see but that we know exist, such as the existence of the mind. This deepened understanding can help us answer the aforementioned questions of life.

All saints and rishis have defined God as the one absolute, real truth who is changeless – except His name, which varies according to various cultures and religions. We worship God, the truth, and we contemplate or meditate on Him. This is why Srimad Bhagavatam starts with, 'Param Satyam Dhimahi', and Japji Sahib with: 'Ik Omkar Sat Naam'.

Now, this one God is the transcendental Truth. He is the prime cause, the supreme knowledge, and ultimate, absolute Shakti. He is the goal. He pervades and permeates us all and the world. He is Aum.

If you ask anyone what she wants in life, the response will invariably be the same: peace and happiness. However, with broader understanding, we could also seek to prepare our souls for a return journey from earth to the divine domain, the final goal where we will attain absolute and eternal peace and happiness.

So, to start with, to undertake a beautiful life journey, we need to have full faith in Him. The reason He has sent us into this world – with blessings and abilities of consciousness, body, mind, senses, Nature and freedom of thought and action – is so that we may seek Him on our own, through our free will. We have to start from zero, acquire knowledge, seek the goal, live, face the challenges of worldly life and play in the game of life.

THE SPEAKING TREE

Apart from faith, we also need to have love, devotion, humility, gratitude and His remembrance. As for love, we must first wholesomely love ourselves, body and mind; and draft and design our lifestyle with a balanced diet and exercise our bodies with yog postures, as well as deep breathing. To strengthen our minds, contemplation meditation, and duty-driven, selfless actions can help. Our bodies need to remain resilient and agile, and our minds – broad and positive.

Finally, we can reorient our lives, mind and consciousness to move forward towards the right goal on the right path and by the right means. Among its many capabilities, the mind has the potential to connect with the Supreme by way of contemplation and meditation.

We can use the higher aspect of the mind, called intelligence, to manage it and make it our friend rather than foe. Our beautiful life is based not on any specific religion but on dharma, truth and love.

Even if we are physically and mentally limited, we still can live by the words of virtuous people and take to heart the point Krishn put to Arjun in the Bhagwad Gita, verse 5:5: Contemplative life and karma yog, selfless action, are one and the same and take us to the same destination.

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RUSSIAN TENNIS PLAYER DARIA KASATKINA ANNOUNCES SHE IS HOMOSEXUAL

TWO-TIME OLY CHAMP YUZURU HANYU OF JAPAN STEPS AWAY FROM COMPETITIVE SKATING

GALLERY

Belgium into Women's Euro QFs; Italy crash out

Manchester: Belgium knocked Italy out of the Women's Euro 2022 and reached the knockout stages of a major tournament for the first time thanks to a 1-0 win over the Azzurri. Tine De Caigny struck the decisive goal four minutes after half-time. Belgium, who will face Sweden in the last eight on Friday, take second place in Group D behind France who drew 1-1 with Iceland. France forward Melvine Malard scored the fastest goal of the 2022 Euro. Iceland, meanwhile, became the first side ever to go out of the tournament despite remaining unbeaten.

Former SC judge Vineet Saran appointed BCCI ethics officer: Former Supreme Court judge Vineet Saran has taken over as the BCCI's ethics officer and ombudsman, filling the dual posts lying vacant for a year. Saran has succeeded Justice (Retd.) DK Jain, whose term ended in June last year.

Dortmund striker Haller sidelined indefinitely: New Borussia Dortmund signing Sebastien Haller has left their training camp after a tumour was discovered in his testicle, the Bundesliga club said. The 28-year-old Ivory Coast international travelled back to Dortmund to undergo medical tests after feeling unwell.

FSDL moves Supreme Court as AIFF crisis deepens: Indian football being hit with a FIFA ban looked a real possibility on Tuesday. Many state associations and Football Sports Development Limited (FSDL), the All India Football Federation's (AIFF) marketing partners who run the Indian Super League (ISL), have both filed separate intervention applications in the apex court with the main bone of contention being which among the I-League and ISL would be the country's top-tier league going ahead.

Simmons announces retirement from international cricket: West Indies opening batter Lendl Simmons has announced his retirement from international cricket. Taking to Twitter, the Windies cricketer, who last played an international game in October 2021 against South Africa, issued a statement announcing his retirement. AGENCIES

ACTION TODAY

ATHLETICS: World Championships, 3.50 am (SonyLiv); **CRICKET:** SL vs Pak, 1st Test, Day 5, 10 am (Sony Ten 2); NZ vs Ire, 2nd T20, 8.30 pm (FanCode.com); **CYCLING:** Tour de France, Stage 17, 7 pm (Eurosport); **FOOTBALL:** Women's Euro: Eng vs Esp, QF 1, 12.30 am Thursday (Sony Ten 2); **TENNIS:** ATP Tour, Gstaad, 2 pm (Eurosport)

SAND STORM

Rojas Claims Third Straight Triple-Jump Title, Barshim Makes High-Jump Hat-Trick As Familiar Cast Sweeps World Golds

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"I WANTED A LONGER JUMP, BUT I AM HAPPY TO RETURN TO THIS BEAUTIFUL STADIUM, TO SEE THE CROWD. I HAVE HAD GREAT FEELINGS."—Yulimar Rojas

Eugene (USA): Untouchable Venezuelan Yulimar Rojas led a raft of familiar faces to glory when she claimed her third straight triple jump title at the World Athletics Championships on Monday.

Day four of action at Hayward Field in Oregon saw experience count as multiple gold medallists from the Tokyo Olympics followed up on their efforts in the Japanese capital with more podium-topping.

"This is my third consecutive world (outdoor) title, it still hasn't sunk in yet," said Rojas, who had been hoping to better her world record but was frustrated by wind affecting her run-up. "I wanted a longer jump, but I am happy to return to this beautiful stadium, to see the crowd," Rojas added.

Rojas was among three female two-time Olympic champions to strike gold in Eugene.

Belgium's Nafi Thiam earlier claimed a last-gasp victory in the heptathlon over Dutch rival Anouk Vetter, while imperious Faith Kipyegon of Kenya won her second 1500m title.

Not to be left out, there were two male champions from the Tokyo Games who triumphed.

Mutaz Essa Barshim of Qatar won a thriller of a high jump competition for his third world title.

"Winning for the third time has never been done before," he said. "For me that's a great stat.

"I always say to myself, 'How do you want to be remembered?' I want to do great things, I want to be the high jumper that does stuff that sticks in history.

"I've done that today so I'm really happy about it."

There was more gold for the Arab world in the shape of Morocco's Soufiane El-Bakkali, the Olympic champion producing a tactical masterclass as he brought an end to Kenya's 15-year dominance of the 3000m steeplechase.

In the heptathlon, Anouk Vetter had leapfrogged Belgium's two-time Olympic champion Nafi Thiam, the overnight leader, ahead of the 800m thanks to a monster javelin throw and would have won gold herself should she have finished within 1.36sec of the Belgian. But Thiam pulled out all the stops to shatter her own personal best, racing home in the 800m in 2min 13.00 sec for a total of 6,947 points.

She afforded herself a look over her shoulder as she crossed the line, with Vetter still far down the home stretch, before collapsing to the track.

AFP

CLOSE: Double Olympic champion Nafi Thiam of Belgium pulled out a last-gasp victory over Dutch rival Anouk Vetter to reclaim her world heptathlon title

Vetter eventually came in more than 7sec down on Thiam and had to settle for silver with 6,867pts.

American Anna Hall claimed bronze at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon, with 6,755.

Kenya's Faith Kipyegon stamped her authority on the women's 1,500m final almost from the start and drove on relentlessly to take her second world gold in three minutes, 52.96 seconds.

Kipyegon, winner of the last two Olympic 1,500m golds, the 2017 world title and who picked up a world silver in 2019 a year after having a baby, came to Eugene on the back of posting the year's fastest time on the same Hayward Field track in May.

She almost matched it on Monday as any thoughts of the sort of tactical race often seen in finals disappeared on the back of a 55.1 second opening lap.

The leaders went through 800m in 2.03 minutes, with the rest of the field flailing distantly in their wake. They stayed locked together through the bell but the Kenyan began to create daylight on the back straight and powered clear. "I have to say I am thankful for my second gold medal," she said. AGENCIES

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TWO EASY: Kenya's Faith Kipyegon takes her second World Championships gold

Reuters

G FOR GOLD: Qatar's Mutaz Essa Barshim celebrates with his son after winning a third consecutive high jump title

FRASER-PRYCE KEEPS HER WIG ON TO REACH 200M SEMIFINALS

FRASER-PRYCE

Eugene: Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce had to adjust her distinctive turquoise wig in the middle of her 200 metres heat at the World Championships on Monday but the Jamaican did not break stride as she cruised into the semi-finals.

The 35-year-old, who claimed a fifth world 100m title on Sunday, raised her right arm to fix the hairpiece and kept on running, crossing the line in 22.26 in second place. Fraser-Pryce has worn three wigs so far in Eugene, including one featuring the green and yellow colours of her country's flag when she took 100m gold. "I'm just excited about bringing out my new collection," she said. "I brought quite a few. I would say 10."

SABLE FINISHES 11TH IN 3000M STEEPLECHASE

INDIAN ANGLE

Eugene: India's Avinash Sable finished 11th in the final of the men's 3000m steeplechase event with a disappointing show on the fourth day of competitions at the World Championships here. The 27-year-old Sable clocked 8:31.75, way below his season's and personal best of 8:12.48, which is a national record.

It was, however, the slowest 3000m steeplechase final race in World Championships history with all the three medal winners clocking way below their season's and personal best. The runners ran a tactical race with medal in mind.

Morocco's Olympic champion Soufiane El Bakkali, who has a season leading time of 7:58.28, won the gold, clocking 8:25.13, while Ethiopia's Lamecha Girma (SB: 7:58.68), who won silver in both the Tokyo Games and last World Championships, finished second in 8:26.01.

Sable had qualified for the final after finishing third in heat number 3 and seventh overall with a time of 8:18.75. He had finished 13th in the last edition of the championships in Doha in 2019 with the then national record time of 8:21.37.

The Indian Armyman from a village in Maharashtra's Beed district was at 14th spot at the 1km mark and remained there at the 2km mark. He moved up to 12th in the last lap and to 11th in the final 100m stretch. PTI

THE CROWD IS BACK, & SO'S ENTERTAINER NOAH LYLES

LYLES

Eugene: Noah Lyles looked to his right and saw no one. He glanced over again, and still seeing nobody there, gave a playful wag of the finger to the six stragglers behind him.

All part of the fun — remember that word? — and part of the show delivered by America's most engaging sprinter Monday, which happened to be both Lyles' 25th birthday and opening night in his signature race, the 200 meters, at the Worlds.

Lyles, who ran his heat in 19.98 seconds, was part of a cavalcade of the world's best sprinters — including 100 champions Fred Kerley and Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce, Elaine Thompson-Herah and 18-year-old Erriyon Knighton — who cruised through the first heats of the 200 without fuss.

"A totally different vibe," Lyles called racing in 2022, now that fans have returned to stadiums that were largely empty for two years during the pandemic. "If anything, it makes it more fun. I've been able to come out and, I feel like, be the most 'me' I've been in years."

Whether that rediscovery helps him win gold, or nothing at all, Lyles said he likes this sport again. The finals are Thursday. But earlier on his birthday, Lyles, who is as open about his mental-health struggles and social issues confronting the world as he is about sprinting, put things in perspective: "At the end of the day I'm a performer. I like to go out there and have fun and get people excited. We went through two years of not having that. I was talking to my therapist and he said 'You are a performer and if the crowd isn't there you're going to run average.'"

Lyles was the only man to break 20 seconds on a no-stress night in the 200m. AP

Lewandowski passes medical at Barcelona

Miami: Robert Lewandowski passed his medical and said he's ready to help put Barcelona back at the top in European soccer. The striker was set to sign his contract and be officially introduced by Barcelona in Miami on Tuesday ahead of the team's US tour.

"It was very easy to decide to come to Barca," the Poland player said after joining his teammates in Florida. "Barca is back. I think I can help to put the team back at the top of European football."

Barcelona this weekend reached an agreement with Bayern Munich to acquire Lewandowski in a deal expected to reach nearly 50 million euros ($50.5 million).

The 33-year-old Lewandowski has been one of soccer's most prolific scorers in the last decade and was voted FIFA player of the year in 2020 and 2021. He arrives to boost a team that did not win any titles last season following the departure of Lionel Messi.

"I hope we get off to a winning start," he said. "I like winning trophies and this is a new chapter for me, with new challenges. This was an opportunity for me privately. I have always wanted to play in La Liga and for a big team."

Bayern sign Matthijs de Ligt from Juventus: Bayern Munich announced the signing of Juventus defender Matthijs de Ligt on a five-year deal on Tuesday. "Matthijs de Ligt was a top target for us. With signings like this, the big aims that we have are achievable. The future face of our team is increasingly taking shape," said Bayern president Herbert Heiner.

Reports in the German media put the cost to Bayern of securing the Dutch central defender at 70 million euros plus 10 million in bonuses ($82 million in total).

Bayern will use the proceeds from the transfer of Polish striker Robert Lewandowski to Barcelona, estimated at more than 45 million euros, to help finance the move. AGENCIES

'Strong show vs India will be fabulous for WI cricket'

White-Ball Skipper Nicholas Pooran Tells TOI That West Indies Are Trying To Find The Right Template For Each Format

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"I am enjoying my role and I am doing some bowling too. The guys are supporting me 100 per cent and we can do wonderful things." –Nicholas Pooran

West Indies cricket is going through a transitional phase at the moment following a disastrous T20 World Cup in UAE last year.

Nicholas Pooran has taken over as the new captain, but the struggles have continued, especially in ODI cricket, with West Indies losing back-to-back ODI series against Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Things have been slightly better in T20s, with Pooran's side winning the series against Bangladesh, and the skipper feels they have been a "mixed bag" of late. "We are trying to find out the right mindset for ODI cricket. Once we get that, we will be fine, but now it's about forming a template for each format," Pooran told **TOI** ahead of their limited-overs series against India, which starts with an ODI in Queen's Park Oval on Friday.

Pooran knows it's going to be a tough challenge competing against an Indian side which is coming to the West Indies on the back of superb series wins in ODIs and T20Is against the powerful England.

"We are looking forward to the series and our aim is to be competitive and play exciting cricket. We will look to put our best foot forward," Pooran said.

There are a number of stars missing from the Indian ODI side, with Shikhar Dhawan leading the team. The Indians seem to be taking the T20s a lot more seriously though, with only Virat Kohli and Jasprit Bumrah the major absentees. Pooran feels so many Indian players skipping the ODI series makes their job a little easier, even though nothing can be taken for granted. "They have millions of players who can come and do that role," Pooran said.

In the current context, with the T20 World Cup scheduled for Australia later in the year, the five-match T20I series starting on July 29 will have more significance. "They have match-winners with bat and ball and we can come out and challenge them here and Florida (the venues of the last two T20s), it will send a message across the cricket world. And it will be fabulous for us as a group as well," Pooran said.

For two-time T20 world champions West Indies, it is doubly important to be competitive in the shortest format, because they have to play the qualifiers in Australia later this year to make the showpiece event.

It has been a steep fall for the Caribbean side, a country which produces players who are superstars of franchise leagues across the world. Though Pooran refused to get into the club vs country debate, the 26-year-old said that it may well be a "blessing in disguise" that they have to start from scratch again.

"We put ourselves in that position as a team, but that is okay, it happens. We were in a rebellion phase and now we have to start over. It's a blessing in disguise that we will have to play the qualifiers. We have a series there and then the qualifiers will give us enough time to acclimatize ourselves to the conditions Down Under," the captain added.

Pooran's own form has been impressive and the left-hander feels he is in a good moment. "I am enjoying my role and I am doing some bowling too. The guys are supporting me 100% and we can do wonderful things," Pooran said.

(Watch the India tour of West Indies LIVE on FanCode App (Android, iOS, TV) or www.fancode.com from July 22, 7 pm onwards)

Asiad from Sept 23 to Oct 8 next year

Kuwait/Beijing: The postponed Asian Games will be held from September 23 to October 8 next year in Hangzhou, the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) announced on Tuesday.

The 19th edition of the Games were originally slated to be held from September 10 to 25 this year but were suspended on May 6 after a spike in Covid-19 cases in China.

"The Task Force over the last two months held various discussions with the Chinese Olympic Committee, Hangzhou Asian Games Organising Committee (HAGOC) and other stakeholders to find a window for the Games which did not conflict with other major international sporting events," the OCA said in a statement.

"The recommended dates by the Task Force were duly approved by the OCA EB," the statement added.

The COC said, "We will make concerted efforts with OCA and the HAGOC in advancing preparatory work to ensure the Games a success."

"The HAGOC will collaborate with all related parties in preparation for the Games in an all-round manner according to the confirmed dates to stage a spectacular sporting and cultural gala with Chinese Grandeur, Zhejiang Style and Hangzhou Flavor," state-run Xinhua agency quoted a statement, issued by the organisers as saying. PTI

Shafique keeps Pak in the hunt

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Abdullah Shafique plays a shot on Day 4 of the first Test

Galle: Opener Abdullah Shafique hit a gritty century to keep Pakistan in the hunt to chase down a victory target of 342 in the opening Test against Sri Lanka on Tuesday.

Pakistan ended day four on 222 for three, still needing 120 runs to take the lead in the two-match series at Galle, where the highest successful fourth-innings chase is 268 by Sri Lanka against New Zealand in 2019.

Shafique, batting on 112, and skipper Babar Azam, who made 55, put together 101 runs for the third wicket but spinner Prabath Jayasuriya broke through just a few overs before the close of play.

Jayasuriya bowled talisman Azam with his left-arm spin around the batsman's legs with a delivery that spun sharply from outside leg to rattle the stumps of the right-hander, who looked visibly shocked. Wicketkeeper-batsman Mohammad Rizwan was batting on seven at stumps alongside Shafique, who had so far faced 289 balls and hit five boundaries and one six.

Pakistan began strongly with a 87-run partnership between Shafique and fellow opener Imam-ul-Haq, who made 35, but an alert stumping from wicketkeeper Niroshan Dickwella broke the stand.

The left-handed Imam missed a delivery from off-spinner Ramesh Mendis and Dickwella clipped off the bails, with the decision going up to the third umpire.

BRIEF SCORES: Sri Lanka 222 and 337 (D Chandimal 94*, K Mendis 76; Nawaz 5-88) vs Pakistan 218 and 222/3 (A Shafique 112*, B Azam 55, Jayasuriya 2-89). AFP

IF I HAD 20 MINUTES WITH KOHLI, I MIGHT HELP HIM: GAVASKAR

GAVASKAR

New Delhi: The legendary Sunil Gavaskar feels he can help the out-of-form Virat Kohli regain touch by sorting his batting woes, especially his weakness outside off stump. Kohli is enduring a wretched run with the bat and has failed to score a century since November 2019. "If I had about 20 minutes with him, I would be able to tell him the things he might have to do. It might help him, I am not saying it will help him but it could, particularly with regards to that off-stump line," Gavaskar told 'India Today'. "Having been an opening batter, having been troubled by that line, there are certain things that you try and do."

Kohli's lean patch has led to calls for his ouster from the T20 World Cup team. "It goes back to the fact that his first mistake turns out to be his last. Again, just because he is not amongst the runs, there is this anxiety to play at every delivery because that is what batters feel, they have got to score," Gavaskar said. "You look to play at deliveries that you otherwise won't."

Times View

Gavaskar has made an offer which Kohli shouldn't refuse. Few batsmen knew their off-stump better than the original Little Master.

HUSSAIN SLAMS 'JOKE' SCHEDULING, SAYS ITS 'MADNESS FOR PLAYERS'

London: Former England skipper Nasser Hussain has slammed the crammed cricket calendar and termed it "madness for players" after star all-rounder Ben Stokes abruptly decided to retire from ODIs. "It is disappointing news to say the least but it is a reflection of where the cricketing schedule is at the moment. It is madness for players," Hussain wrote in his column for 'Sky Sports.'

"If the ICC just keep putting on ICC events and individual boards just keep filling the gaps with as much cricket as possible, eventually these cricketers will just say I'm done. Stokes is done with one format aged 31, which can't be right, really. The schedule needs looking at, it is a bit of a joke at the moment," he added. PTI

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Oppn demand on GST, Agnipath stalls House proceedings

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New Delhi: Proceedings of both Houses of Parliament were washed out for the second consecutive day with opposition parties demanding discussions on price rise and the withdrawal of 5% GST on essential items and the Agnipath recruitment scheme.

In Lok Sabha, question hour was disrupted with loud sloganeering by Congress, DMK, Left, and TMC among others, who entered the well of the house and held up placards against the government's actions and demanding that the Prime Minister attemd the House and respond to the opposition's questions.

After several atttempts to bring the House in order, Speaker Om Birla ticked off the protesting MPs and said they were flouting House rules by holding up posters and placards. He also said the opposition, which was protesting over price rise and farmers outside Parliament was refusing to dicuss the issues on the floor of the House. Birla's comments were in the context of questions related to Minimum Support Price and farmers, which could not be taken up amid the din. When the House met again at 2pm, similar scenes were repeated, leading to the House being adjourned for the day.

Rajya Sabha witnessed similar disruptions and was adjourned until 2pm by Chairman Venkaiah Naidu. In the afternoon, when protests continued, Naidu adjourned the House for the day. Congress MPs, including Rahul Gandhi, staged a protest over these issues outside Mahatma Gandhi's statue in Parliament complex, where some opposition MPs also joined them.

Have received proposal on Bengal's name change: MHA

New Delhi: The Centre has received a proposal from the West Bengal government for renaming the state as 'Bangla' in all Bengali, Hindi as well as English, the home ministry told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Stating that there were no guidelines in place for change of names of heritage places, junior home minister Nityanand Rai said no-objection certificates (NOCs) had been issued for change in names of five cities and towns in as many states since 2017. These include Allahabad in UP for which the name 'Prayagraj' was approved in 2018.

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The MHA also cleared the renaming of Rajahmundry in Andhra Pradesh as 'Rajamahendravaram' in 2017; Nagar Untari town in Jharkhand as 'Shri Banshidhar Nagar' in 2018; 'Birsinghpur Pali' in Madhya Pradesh as 'Maa Birasini Dham' in 2018 and 'Hoshangabad Nagar' and 'Babai', also in MP, as 'Narmadapuram' and Makhan Nagar respectively in 2021. Similarly, an NOC was issued by MHA this year for the renaming of 'Shri Hargobindpur City' in Punjab as 'Shri Hargobindpur Sahib'.

CBI, dept probes on in illegal enemy properties sale: MHA

Radicalisation 'Minuscule' Compared To Population, Parl Also Told

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The home ministry on Tuesday said that it has initiated CBI and departmental enquiries against its own staff, employees of UP government and the Custodian of Enemy Property of India (CEPI) as well as private persons, based on complaints regarding illegal leasing and sale of enemy properties.

Replying to a query in the Lok Sabha, junior home minister Ajay Kumar Mishra said while no enemy property is being utilised by the government for any purpose, the leasing or sale of enemy property is provided for under the Enemy Property rules, 2015 and the Enemy Property (Amendment and Validation) Act, 2017. "Complaints (regarding illegal sale and leasing of these properties) are received from time to time which are addressed as per existing procedure," he said adding. There exist a total of 12,611 enemy properties, including 12,485 relating to Pakistani nationals and 126 to Chinese nationals, across 23 states and Union territories. The maximum enemy properties are located in UP (6,255), followed by West Bengal (4,088) and Delhi (659).

PTI

The Parliament House building during Tuesday's monsoon session

Govt says its efforts helped curb feeling of alienation

The government on Tuesday told the Lok Sabha that the inclination of the people of India towards radical ideologies was "minuscule" when compared to its population, even though some "inimical" foreign agencies have joined forces with the global terrorist groups to try and radicalise people here. The government in reply to a question said the reasons for minimal radicalisation can be attributed to efforts of the government to prevent and minimise any feeling of alienation among the minorities. These efforts include ensuring universal coverage of various government welfare schemes without any discrimination, special schemes for unserved and underserved communities and areas and promotion of composite culture and coexistence among diverse communities, constitutional safeguards to minorities, institutional efforts to ensure fair representation of minorities in all spheres of life and having an exclusive ministry of minority affairs. Rai said the government had also created a counter-terrorism and counter-radicalisation division to coordinate with various security and law enforcement agencies, besides proscribing many terrorist and unlawful organisations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

29,806 recruited in public sector in J&K since 2019

The J&K government has carried out recruitment of 29,806 people in the public sector since 2019, besides generating employment for an estimated 5.2 lakh people through self-employment schemes from August 2019, when Article 370 was nullified, and June 2022, the home ministry informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

229 terrorist incidents in J&K in 2021, lower than 2020

There were 229 terrorist incidents in J&K, in which 41 civilians were killed and 42 security forces personnel martyred, and one terrorist attack in the hinterland in 2021, the government informed the Lok Sabha on Tuesday. Replying to a question, MoS (home) Nityanand Rai said that the year 2020, in comparison, recorded a higher number of terrorist incidents at 244 and security forces' fatalities at 62, though civilians killed were lower at 37. On holding of assembly polls in J&K, he said the Election Commission had initiated the revision of electoral rolls for the UT based on the newly-delimited constituencies.

Methodology of press freedom study is questionable: Govt

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New Delhi: The Centre told the Lok Sabha on Tuesday that it does not subscribe to views of "foreign non-government organisation" Reporters Without Borders whose World Press Freedom Index has ranked India in the bottom 30 worst nations in a list of 180.

In reply to a question in Parliament, information & broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur said, "The government does not subscribe to its (Reporters Without Borders) views and country rankings and does not agree to the conclusions drawn by this organisation for various reasons, including very low sample size, little or no weightage to fundamentals of democracy, adoption of a methodology which is questionable and non-transparent, etc." The question was asked by TMC MP Mala Roy, DMK members A Raja and A Ganeshamurthy.

Thakur told Lok Sabha in a written reply that, "The government does not interfere in the functioning of the press."

In reply to another written question, the Centre on Tuesday told the Lok Sabha that it does not maintain specific data with respect to arrests of journalists, since it falls under the purview of the state governments. Replying to questions on attacks on journalist by TMC MP Mala Roy, minister of state for home affairs Nityananad Rai said: "Police and public order are state subjects... state governments are responsible for prevention, investigation of crimes and for prosecuting criminals... The National Crime Records Bureau does not maintain specific data with respect to arrest of journalists."

Flagged 163 cases of communal remarks on TV in 3 yrs: Govt

The government has issued warnings and advisories to private TV channels flagging 163 instances of airing communally provocative remarks in violation of the 'Programme Code' over the last three years, information and broadcasting minister Anurag Thakur told the LS on Tuesday. Thakur said the government has an institutional mechanism for taking action in respect of private TV channels which are found to violate the code. "During the last three years and current year, the government has taken action in respect of 163 cases by issuance of advisories, warnings, apology scroll orders and off-air orders," he said in a written response to a query made in the House. TNN

OPPN LEADERS IN TOW, ALVA FILES PAPERS

PTI

Margaret Alva, the opposition candidate for the vice-presidential polls, files her nomination papers at Parliament House in New Delhi on Tuesday. Alva was accompanied by a string of opposition leaders, including NCP chief Sharad Pawar, Congress' Rahul Gandhi, LoP in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury and Jairam Ramesh, Left leaders Sitaram Yechury and D Raja, Shiv Sena's Sanjay Raut, DMK's Tiruchi Siva, MDMK's Vaiko, RJD's Manoj Jha and A D Singh, RSP's N K Premachandran and IUML's K T Mohammed Basheer, among others, reports **Swati Mathur**. Though Pawar had told opposition members a day earlier that TMC and AAP were both expected to back her candidature, Trinamool MPs, though present in Parliament, did not attend the nomination process. AAP also stayed away. Trinamool is expected to announce who it will support in the polls after its parliamentary party meeting in Kolkata on July 21. AAP is also expected to announce its decision in a few days. In a statement issued after she filed her candidature, Alva said her candidature was an acknowledgement, by the united opposition, of her fifty-plus years in public life

347 people killed while cleaning sewers & septic tanks in 5 years

New Delhi: As many as 347 people have died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks in India in the last five years, with Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Delhi accounting for 40% of these fatalities, according to government data.

Responding to a question in Lok Sabha, social justice and empowerment minister Virendra Kumar on Tuesday said 92 such deaths were recorded in 2017, 67 in 2018, 116 in 2019, 19 in 2020, 36 in 2021 and 17 deaths in 2022. Manual scavenging is a banned practice under the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation (PEMSR) Act, 2013.

The Act bans the use of any individual for manually cleaning, carrying, disposing of or otherwise handling in any manner, human excreta till its disposal. According to the data presented in Rajya Sabha by junior minister for housing and urban affairs Kaushal Kishore, 47 workers died while cleaning sewers and septic tanks in UP, 43 in Tamil Nadu and 42 in Delhi. "Thirty-six such deaths have occurred in Haryana, 30 in Maharashtra, 28 in Gujarat, 26 in Karnataka, 19 in West Bengal, 14 in Punjab and 13 deaths in Rajasthan," he said. In the national capital, the number of lives lost during the cleaning of sewers and septic tanks stood at 13 in 2017; 11 in 2018; 10 in 2019 and four each in 2020 and 2021, Kishore noted. AGENCIES

Times View: The number keeps varying every year. But the key point is that sewer deaths continue. It's a national shame. Unless a time bound action plan is carried out in mission mode, this will keep happening.

No change in rule: Rajnath on row over Agnipath caste certs

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New Delhi: Defence minister Rajnath Singh as well as the Army on Tuesday dismissed claims by some political leaders that candidates for the first time are being asked to submit religion and caste certificates under the new Agnipath scheme, stressing that it was long-standing practice during recruitment in the armed forces. "The earlier system, existing since the pre-Independence era, is going on. No change has been made. Old system is being continued," the minister said.

Earlier, AAP MP Sanjay Singh, BJP MP Varun Gandhi and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav, among others, attacked the government for asking for religion and caste certificates in the Agnipath scheme.

"For the first time in the history of India, caste is being asked during Army recruitment. Modiji, you want Agniveers or Jaativeers," tweeted Sanjay Singh. Varun Gandhi, in turn, said, "There is no reservation of any kind in the Army, but caste certificates are being sought under Agnipath. Will we now decide someone's patriotism by looking at their caste?"

The Army, however, rejected it as "a needless controversy" since the force has been seeking such information for decades in its recruitment or enrolment forms for administrative and operational requirements. "It has no role in the selection process," a senior officer said. "The information about religion is required to carry out the last rites if a soldier dies in the line of duty."

800+ military personnel died by suicide in last 5 yrs: Govt

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: As many as 819 personnel of the Army, Navy and Air Force have died by suicide in the last five years, apart from cases of "fratricide", which once again underlines the need for better suicide prevention and stress management policies in the over 14-lakh strong armed forces.

The 12-lakh Army lost 642 soldiers to suicides in the last five years, while the number was 148 in IAF and 29 in Navy, said junior defence minister Ajay Bhatt, in a written reply to question raised in Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. "For management of stress and suicides in services, the armed forces are continuously evolving measures to improve the stress mitigating mechanisms. An elaborate mental health programme has been formulated and is in vogue since 2009," Bhatt said.

As reported by **TOI** earlier, the defence establishment has indeed taken some stress management measures but clearly much more needs to be done, with over 150 soldiers, airmen and sailors taking their lives every year. Protracted deployment along the borders with Pakistan and China as well as counter-insurgency operations take a toll on the mental health and physical endurance of soldiers.

Tomar: Didn't vow panel will provide MSP legal guarantee

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New Delhi: The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) — the umbrella body of farmer unions that spearheaded the protests against the now repealed farm laws — on Tuesday rejected the government's committee on minimum support price (MSP) and other issues, saying there is no scope to discuss the MSP law in it even as agriculture minister Narendra Singh Tomar told Lok Sabha that the Centre had not assured the Morcha on the constitution of a panel to provide legal guarantee of MSP.

SKM has also decided not to nominate its three representatives to the committee, and said its struggle for legal guarantee of MSP to ensure fair price to farmers for their crop would continue as there is no mention of making a law on MSP in the agenda of the panel.

It also pointed out that the panel included five "government loyalists" (representatives of other farmer organisations) who openly advocated all the three anti-farmer laws, and most of them have been "spewing venom" against the farmers' movement.

Narendra Singh Tomar

"All the doubts of SKM about this committee have come true with the notification issued by the government. Obviously, there is no rationale for sending representatives of the Morcha to such an anti-farmer and meaningless committee," said a statement from SKM leaders.

SKM's formal reaction — rejecting the panel — comes a day after the agriculture ministry published its notification on a 29-member body headed by agriculture secretary Sanjay Agrawal to suggest measures to make MSP available, promote natural farming, and prepare a strategy for crop diversification.

Responding to a Parliament question whether the government had assured the SKM for the constitution of a committee to provide legal guarantee of MSP to farmers, Tomar in his written response on Tuesday categorically denied any such assurance, and said, "The government had assured the formation of a committee to make MSP effective and transparent... Accordingly, a committee has been constituted."

SKM, however, said the government has tried to complete the paperwork by announcing this committee before the Parliament session. It argued that the ministry did not respond to any of its five questions before forming the panel. Its questions pertained to the terms of reference, besides whether its recommendations would be binding on the government.

₹20 tea won't cost ₹70 as rlys scraps service charge

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New Delhi: Now your morning tea on board Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto or Vande Bharat won't cost Rs 70 even if you order it during the trip. The Railway Board has done away with the provision of "service" charge levied on food items ordered by travellers who don't opt for catering services at the time of booking tickets.

The issue of "service" charge collected by the ticketing and catering arms of railways, IRCTC, for instant ordering of tea and food on board became an issue after some passengers posted how they ended up paying Rs 50 as "service" charge for a Rs 20 cup of tea. The photos of the tax invoices had gone viral recently on social media platforms. Though breakfast, lunch and dinner ordered while travelling will cost Rs 50 more for such passengers than the ones who have opted for catering while booking tickets, the charges for morning tea will be the same for both the categories of passengers. In a circular issued to IRCTC, the Railway Board has specified the catering charges for tea, breakfast, lunch and dinner for both the categories of passengers in pre-booked trains such as Rajdhani, Duronto, Shatabdi and Vande Bharat. The circular says the prices are inclusive of GST, meaning there will be no additional charges.

It said the charges for food items will be the same for both the categories of passengers in such trains, if any pre-paid train is running late. As per the earlier norm, if a passenger does not pre-order any food, they needed to pay a service charge of Rs 50 while ordering any item during the travel.

Times View: The morning tea will taste better for all travellers in these trains. Removing the service charge on tea ordered in the train is a pro-commuter move which must be appreciated.

Govt: Intake of women cadets in NDA can't be raised for now

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New Delhi: The Centre told the Supreme Court on Tuesday that intake of women cadets in admission in National Defence Academy cannot be increased from 19 seats (10 for Army, six for IAF and three for Navy) and said that a representation of 10 to 11% women in the Arms/services in Army where they are currently commissioned is "a practical and operational viable ratio".

In an affidavit filed in the SC responding to court's suggestion on why women should not be allowed to compete for all seats for admission in NDA, the defence ministry said the decision has been taken on the basis of study undertaken by the Army on holistic appraisal of 'induction and employment of women officers in Indian Army post commencement of Induction of Women Cadets in NDA and grant of PC to women officers'.

It said the average annual induction of officers in the Army is approximately 1,200 and 552 officers get commissioned in the allotted 10 Arms and Services. The officers from six out of these 10 Arms and Services undergo attachments with frontline combat units in which women officers can't be employed.

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A FORCE TO RECKON WITH

"A total of 650 combat appointments have to be exclusively manned by male officers and an approximate number of vacancies needs to be kept aside for male officers in these six Arms/Services in every batch. Since the tenures in these appointments are minimum 24 to 30 months, there is a requirement of 289 male officers per batch to man these billets. That it's not practical to assume that 289 male officers from every batch will be readily available for deployment as some will not be available. Therefore, a conservative cushion of 15% should be factored. Thus 372 vacancies have to be exclusively kept earmarked for male officers," the affidavit said.

The government said that it will review the situation in the next four to five years to increase the women cadets intake in NDA but at present it is not possible. It filed the response on a PIL filed by Kush Kalra who moved SC through advocate Mohit Paul and on whose plea the court had directed entry of female aspirants in the NDA. As the Centre granted only 19 seats for women, the court sought a response as to why the number should not be increased.

Ukraine war can hit food security bid: India at UN

TNN & AGENCIES

New Delhi: If the ongoing Ukraine conflict does not give way to a "meaningful path of dialogue and diplomacy" soon, there will be severe repercussions in the global economy which will derail the efforts of the Global South to secure food security and eradicate hunger in the run-up to 2030, India warned the international community at the UN on Monday.

Speaking at the UN Security Council high-level special event on global food security crisis, Sneha Dubey, India's first secretary, said that the Covid-19 pandemic and ongoing conflicts, including in Ukraine, have adversely impacted the lives of ordinary people, especially in the developing countries, with spiralling energy and commodity prices and disruptions in global logistical supply chains.

Dubey said even those (low-income societies) in India, who have adequate stocks, have seen an unjustified increase in food prices. "It's clear hoarding and speculation is at work. We can't allow this to pass unchallenged," she said. "We are committed to ensuring that such adverse impact on food security is effectively mitigated and the vulnerable cushioned against sudden changes in the global market," she added.

Worried about Lanka crisis spillover, says Jaishankar

New Delhi/Colombo: Amid the turmoil in Sri Lanka, external affairs minister S Jaishankar told an all-party meeting in Delhi on Tuesday that India was worried about the situation.

"It is a matter which pertains to a very close neighbour and given the near proximity, we naturally worry about the consequences, the spillover it has for us," Jaishankar said.

The Indian high commission in a tweet said relations between the people of India and Sri Lanka have always been cordial and friendly. "In the current situation, #Indian nationals in #Sri-Lanka are requested to remain aware of latest developments and accordingly plan their movements and activities. You may contact us when required," it said.

The high commission said its officials met "Vivek Varma, an Indian national and director of Indian visa centre, who sustained grievous injuries in an unprovoked assault last night near Colombo". The matter had been brought to the attention of Lankan authorities, it said.

It is probably the first time that an Indian had been attacked since anti-government protests erupted in Lanka in March. TNN & AGENCIES

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Man cuts off boy's ears

Angry upon finding his minor daughter with a 16-year-old boy, a man allegedly chopped off the boy's ears in Assam on Monday. The man has been arrested. TNN

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₹ breaches 80/$ for 1st time, fresh eco challenges loom

Drop Could Make Imports Costly, Stoke Inflation

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Mumbai: The rupee breached the 80 level versus the dollar for the first time on Tuesday as crude oil prices rose in the international market late on Monday, posing a fresh challenge for authorities grappling with stubborn price pressures.

Although the domestic currency has been trading a few paise short of the 80 level on several days this month, breaching the mark is seen as a significant event as this was a psychological level at which the central bank had been defending the currency. Sellers had been holding back and waiting for this level, which triggered a round of dollar sales on Tuesday.

The depreciation of the rupee against the greenback is likely to have repercussions across sectors and could increase cost of imports, raise overseas education costs, make foreign loans costly for companies and has the potential to stoke inflation, which is already ruling at 7%. One positive impact could be that remittances from overseas could become attractive.

The rupee crossed the new milestone following a steady weakening of nearly 7% since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February. The conflict has kept crude oil prices persistently high over the $100 level for five months, which widened the current account deficit. Simultaneously, foreign institutional investors have been in an exit mode, selling nearly $30 billion of equities this year. This has also been triggered by the sharp interest rate hikes by the US Fed in its fight against over-four-decade-high inflation. The rupee crossed the 80 level 851 days after it hit 75 for the first time on March 20, 2020.

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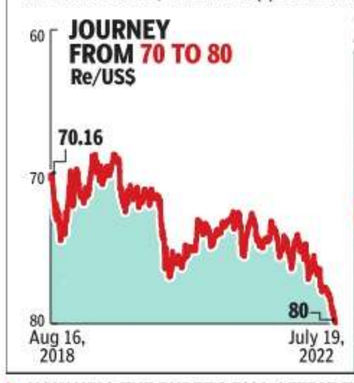
FED RATE HIKES, UKRAINE WAR CAUSING SLIDE

It has taken 851 days for the rupee to move from 75/$ to 80. This has been much more gradual than in 2012-13, when it slipped from 55 to 60 in 401 days and from 60 to 65 in 65 days



(% change of dollar versus currencies since Jan 2022)

Russian Rouble	34.14
Brazilian Real	2.55
Chinese Renminbi	-5.71
S African Rand	-6.16
Malaysian Ringgit	-6.36
Indian Rupee	-7.02
Thai Baht	-8.76
S Korean Won	-9.49
Euro	-11.3
British Pound	-13.4
Japanese Yen	-19

WHY IS THE RUPEE DEPRECIATING?

- Fed rate hikes have led foreign investors to move money to US
- Russian invasion of Ukraine pushed up commodity prices globally, particularly crude, resulting in higher trade deficit
- RBI has spent over $50 billion in defending the rupee. Reserves have fallen from high of $642bn to $580bn in August, including the impact of depreciation

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SC protects Nupur from arrest in FIRs over Prophet remarks

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New Delhi: Moving away from its earlier hard stance, the Supreme Court on Tuesday protected suspended BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma from arrest in all present and future FIRs for her alleged blasphemous comments against the Prophet as it took into account continuing grave threats to her life from many, including a 'khadim' of Ajmer dargah.

A bench of Justices Surya Kant and JB Pardiwala, which had on July 1 refused relief to Sharma and asked her to approach the high courts concerned for quashing of each of the nine FIRs, agreed that the threats from radical elements would impede her safe travel to the various HCs to seek quashing of FIRs or seek pre-arrest bail.

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1 dead, 2 injured in row over parking at Saket Metro stn

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New Delhi: A 32-year-old man died after being beaten up and attacked with bricks and stones by a group of six men following an argument over parking and honking near the Saket Metro station on Saturday. Police said two friends of the man were injured. They have arrested one of the assaulters, who works as a sales executive at a private bank.

The victim was identified as Rohit Kumar, who ran a food cart near the station. He lived with his 55-year-old mother and brother Mohit, 30, in a rented accommodation at New Manglapuri and was the sole breadwinner of the family. The injured were identified as Rahul Yadav and his brother, Ashu Yadav.

Police said on July 16, they were informed in a PCR call at 2.53am that a person was lying near Gate No.2 of Saket Metro station and blood was oozing from his mouth. The cops said they reached the spot but didn't find anyone.

Rahul Yadav (left), who was injured in the scuffle, and the victim, Rohit Kumar

▶Could've saved him, P 6

NEET frisking: 5 women held, NTA forms inquiry panel

As protests turned violent in Kerala, police arrested five women on Tuesday for allegedly forcing girls who appeared for NEET to remove their innerwear. The National Testing Agency set up a fact-finding committee after calls for a thorough probe from the National Commission for Women and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights.

Three of those arrested are from an agency hired by NTA; two are staffers of Marthoma Institute of Information and Technology in Kollam where the alleged frisking took place. Police have registered a case based on a complaint from a 17-year-old who said she was told to remove her bra to be permitted to sit for the test. INSIDE FLAP

Senior Indian mission official injured in night assault near Colombo

New Delhi/Colombo: The situation in Sri Lanka is very serious and in many ways unprecedented, EAM S Jaishankar told an all-party meeting on the economic crisis in the island nation and that India is worried about the possible spillover and consequences.

Reports from Colombo on Tuesday said a senior Indian government official posted in Sri Lanka sustained grievous injuries in an unprovoked assault near Colombo at night. The Indian mission urged its nationals to be aware of latest news and plan their activities accordingly. TNN & AGENCIES

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India's done far more than China for Lanka: EAM

The government on Tuesday said India has done more than any other entity to help Sri Lanka in the crisis, underlining that China was not even in the "comparison zone". At an all-party meeting, foreign minister S Jaishankar said the island neighbor will have to settle terms of bailout with the IMF, and undertake serious austerity measures and reforms to lay the ground for a possible recovery. He added that the onerous terms of Chinese debt were impacting the overall debt serviceability of the country.

3 GoFirst glitches in a day: 2 snags, flight aborted as dog on runway

Two GoFirst Airbus A320-neos experienced trouble with their Pratt & Whitney engines on Tuesday, with one diverting and the other returning to origin safely. And a Leh-Delhi flight had to abort takeoff at the origin due to a dog on the runway, making it the third issue for the airline in a day, **reports Saurabh Sinha.**

GoFirst's Mumbai-Leh flight (G8-386) diverted to Delhi while a Srinagar-Delhi service (G8-6202) returned to Srinagar due to engine snags. Ordering a probe, DGCA grounded both these A320neos; they will fly again only after the regulator's nod. Comments were sought from the airline on these issues and awaited till the time of going to press. P18

1.6 lakh gave up citizenship in '21, highest in 7 yrs

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New Delhi: Over 9.24 lakh persons renounced their Indian citizenship in the seven-year period between 2015 and 2021, the highest being 1.63 lakh in 2021, as per data put out by the ministry of home affairs (MHA) in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

Over 43% of the 3.92 lakh people who gave up Indian citizenship in the last three years (2019-2021) became citizens of the US, including 1.7 lakh in the US itself and the rest from across a dozen other countries.

▶'Personal reasons', P 14

Public health cover no shield against high expenses: Study

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The first study in India on publicly funded health insurance (PFHI) in the context of "catastrophic health expenditure" faced by the elderly found that it was not effective in financially protecting them. Around 30% of those under publicly funded health cover faced catastrophic expenditure during hospitalisation at private facilities and about 7% of even those using public facilities faced it.

Health expenditure is considered catastrophic when it accounts for 25% or more of the total annual consumption expenditure of a household.

"The reliance on a poorly regulated private sector seems to be a key limitation of PFHI policy. Governments need to find more effective ways of protecting the elderly from catastrophic health expenditure if the goal of UHC (universal health coverage) has to be realised," stated the study.

▶Despite bar, P 17

INSURED YET SPENDING TOO MUCH

- 30% of elderly under publicly funded health insurance (PFHI) incurred catastrophic expenditure on hospitalisation in pvt facilities, amounting to 25% or more of their annual household consumption spending
- This was close to the figure of 28.2% of elderly not under PFHI who faced catastrophic expenditure in private hospitals

Out-Of-Pocket Expenditure Per Hospitalisation (₹)

	Median OOPE	Public Facilities	Pvt Facilities
PFHI enrolled	5,450	1,610	13,000
Not enrolled	7,000	2,300	13,530
All	6,510	2,100	13,500

Samples 4616, PFHI: Publicly funded health insurance, OOPE: Out-of-pocket expenditure

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5 held over NEET 'stripping', protests intensify in Kerala

▲ SFI members on Tuesday stage a protest in front of a college where NEET girl candidates were asked to remove their innerwear

More Students Complain, Netas Meet Pradhan

New Delhi/T'puram: With protests intensifying, five women were arrested in Kerala on Tuesday for allegedly forcing girl students, who appeared for medical entrance exam NEET, to remove their bra during frisking.

While three of the arrested women worked for an agency hired by the National Testing Agency (NTA), two worked for the private educational institution at Ayur in Kollam where the incident happened.

The state police registered a case based on the complaint of the girl who alleged that she was asked to remove her bra before she could be permitted to appear for the eligibility test. The NTA, which conducts the test, set up the panel after the Kerala government took up the issue with the Centre seeking strong action.

Union minister V Muraleedharan and other public representatives from Kerala also met Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan regarding the issue.

The arrest followed protests that began on July 18. The protests intensified and turned violent on Tuesday in Kerala's Kollam. The personnel reportedly objected to the metallic hook in the innerwear.

The Kerala Women's Commission also registered a case based on complaints it received. An agency hired by NTA, in Kollam, for purposes including carrying out frisking, allegedly asked the girl students to remove their innerwear. The complainant was a 17-year old girl. Several other girl students made similar allegations, though they have not separately filed police complaints.

Kerala higher education minister R Bindu, in a letter to Pradhan, expressed "dismay and shock" at the news of "naked assault on the dignity and honour of the girl students". Bindu sought action to prevent future occurrences of a similar nature and sought the Union minister's intervention in the matter.

A section of agitators, who took out protest marches, vandalised the education institution at Ayur. Student activists allegedly entered the college premises breaking the police cordon, leading to vandalism. Based on the girl's complaint, police registered a case and IPC Sections 354 (Assault or criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 509 (Word, gesture or act intended to insult the modesty of a woman) have been invoked, police said. AGENCIES

NTA sets up probe panel as NCPCR & NCW take up case

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New Delhi: The National Testing Agency (NTA) on Tuesday set up a fact-finding committee to inquire into the alleged complaint of a NEET-UG aspirant being asked to remove her innerwear during frisking at the centre in Kerala for the exam held on Sunday.

NTA's decision came after both the National Commission for Women and National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) took a serious view of the allegations and sought a thorough probe. NCW also wrote to Kerala DGP to probe the charges. Members of the NTA penel will visit Kollam. Earlier, the NCW wrote to NTA to set up a panel for a time-bound probe.

The NTA observer for the centre had said a cop related to a girl student concocted the charge, angry with the centre for not letting one of her parents rest on the college campus during the exam

The complainant, who took the test at the Marthoma Institute of Information and Technology in Ayur, Kollam, alleged that students at the centre were forced to remove their innerwear, even though the dress code set by NTA does not mention any such requirement. Accusing the frisking staff of "rude behaviour", the complainant said, "The mental state of these students was disturbed and they could not appear at the exam with confidence. Their under garments were put together in a storage room disregarding the Covid situation."

In a statement on Monday night, NTA had said, "On the receipt of the report, immediate comments of the centre superintendent and the independent observer, as well as the Kollam city coordinator were obtained. All three of them have stated that they did not find any such incident having occurred at the centre."

In a statement, the education ministry said it had asked NTA to conduct a probe after minister of state for external affairs V Muraleedharan, some public representatives from Kerala met education minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

On Monday, the NTA observer for the centre blamed a police officer related to the girl student for concocting the charge as he was angry with the centre superintendent for not letting one of the parents of the candidate rest on the college campus during the exam.

In a report to NTA, the observer stated: "The centre superintendent told me they had seen metal button on the shoulder of a girl during frisking. When I asked the girl about it, she didn't tell me anything and went to the examination hall. Other than that, I did not notice any other problem."

Calling the allegations "fictitious" and "motivated", the centre superintendent said officials were vigilant during the entire process and "no such incident had taken place".

7 e-bikes gutted in showroom after 'battery overheating'

Pune: Seven electric two-wheelers worth Rs 7 lakh were charred after one of the vehicles caught fire in suspected battery overheating at an e-bike showroom on Kondhwa-Bibvewadi Road around 7.50pm on Monday. Nobody was injured in the incident, reports **Asseem Shaikh**.

Ruling out short-circuit as the cause of fire, fire officer Pradeep Khedekar told **TOI**, "We suspect the fire was caused due to battery overheating during power charging. Only the vehicle's chassis was found at the spot, while its engine, battery and fibre were completely damaged."

Dhanesh Oswal, the owner of the showroom, denied such a possibility and said only a proper probe would reveal the cause of the fire. "Our showroom is spread over 350sqft and had 16 e-bikes at the time of the incident. Our staffers managed to move nine e-bikes to a safer place," Oswal said. He said the cost of the damaged e-bikes was Rs1 lakh per piece.

The showroom owner said his staffers were attending a customer when flames started emanating from one of the vehicles. "The fire then spread and engulfed six other vehicles. We have requested the vehicle manufacturer to inspect the e-bikes," Oswal said.

70% of dists fail to meet UN maternal deaths goal: Study

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India's MMR is falling at 4.5% annually but to achieve the SDG target, the drop rate should be 5.5%, the study's lead author said

Mumbai: For the first time, social scientists from Mumbai have mapped India's maternal deaths to district-level precision, and found 70% of the 640 districts are "hot spots" reporting higher pregnancy-related deaths than the UN development goals.

Researchers from the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS), Deonar, analysed 61.98 million live births and 61,169 maternal deaths reported between 2017 and 2020, said a paper published in PLOS Global Public Health on Tuesday. (As Census 2011 data was used, only 640 districts were considered against 773 in 2022).

Maternal mortality rate refers to deaths due to complications from childbirth or pregnancy per 1 lakh live births. The MMR under UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) for 2030 is 70.

The IIPS study found Arunachal Pradesh — and not Assam as per the usual government surveys — has the country's highest MMR of 284, while Maharashtra reported the lowest (40). Five states have MMR greater than or equal to 210. Tirap in Arunachal has the highest MMR, while Kinnaur in Himachal Pradesh has the lowest.

"Overall, MMR in 24 states with 450 districts is over UN's SDG of 70 deaths," said the paper. The MMR in eight states and three Union territories is in the 140-209 range, and in the 70-139 range in 11 states. "A startling finding is the high MMR in progressive Punjab, and this could be due to unsafe sex-selective abortions leading to the death of women," said the study's lead author Dr Srinivas Goli.

"India's MMR is falling at 4.5% annually but to achieve the SDG target, the drop rate should be 5.5%," he said. India's MMR story is often held up as a health success story. From 398 in 1997-98, MMR has dropped to 99 in 2020.

In India, MMR is tracked by the Sample Registration System (SRS) of the Office of the Registrar General of India, but this data covers major states and provides no district-level picture. "Districts are critical administrative units for micro-level policy and monitoring. Therefore, identification of 'hot spots' at the district-level is important," said Dr Goli.

Along with researchers from the University of Western Australia and the University of Portsmouth (UK), Dr Goli tracked data from the health ministry's Health Management Information System portal and cross-checked it with SRS data.

Finally, north India set to get wet

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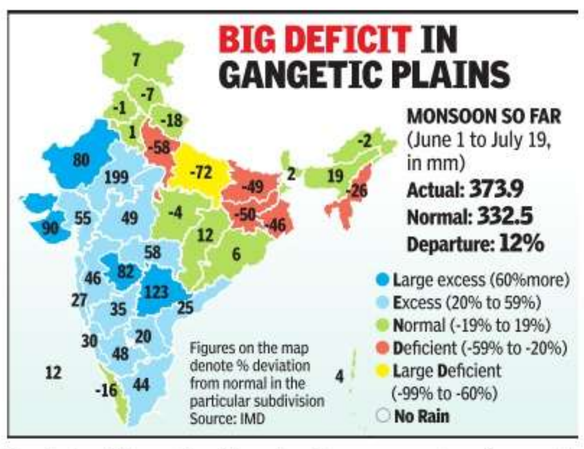

After intense spells in south and central India this month, monsoon action could finally be shifting north, including to states with high rainfall deficits and slow pace of kharif sowing so far.

The monsoon trough is moving northwards, the India Meteorological Department said, and this shift is likely to bring widespread rain over the next three-four days to entire northwest India, a region that includes Delhi, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. A two-day red alert for heavy rain has been issued till Wednesday for Uttarakhand.

"The forthcoming spell is likely to last at least till July 23. Of particular importance will be the activity over Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and Gangetic West Bengal, which have had big rain deficits so far," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, head of IMD. International weather models, however, indicate that the wet spell over the region could last beyond July 23.

While the monsoon across the country has been 12% above normal so far, northwest India currently has a deficit of 9%. There is wide variation within the region, with west Rajasthan showing a "large excess" of 80% while east UP has so far received 72% less rainfall than normal, making it the only subdivision in the country with "large deficiency", or scanty, rains so far.

Overall, while the south has had 37% surplus and central India 33% surplus rainfall in the season so far, the Gangetic states of UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and Bengal have all received deficient rains. This is reflected in kharif sowing data, particularly paddy, where these states have been lagging. For instance, as per the latest sowing data available released on July 15, UP had 26.98 lakh hectares under paddy, over 15% lower than the normal for the period and 24% less than the area sown till the corresponding period last year.

The rain forecast over the next few days could make a dent in these figures.

"The shift in the rainfall will be due to the monsoon trough moving north over UP and Bihar, plus a circulation currently located over Jharkhand and adjoining Odisha," said Mohapatra.

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