



Virat Kohli and Naveen-ul-Haq, who were involved in a bitter feud during IPL 2023, could meet again as India plays its second match of the World Cup against Afghanistan in Delhi today. On Indian bowlers, At skipper Shahid says his team plays better spinners in the nets, P 23

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IMF ups India's FY24 growth forecast to 6.3%

The IMF on Tuesday raised India's growth projection for the current fiscal to 6.3%, from 6.1% estimated earlier, following stronger than expected consumption during the June quarter. This projection, closer to the RBI's 6.5%, will help India retain its status as the world's fastest growing major economy at a time when China is expected to expand by 5% and the global economy by 3%. P 21

'Violations of plastic ban highest in Delhi'

Delhi was found to be the least compliant among five cities surveyed on prevalence of single-use plastic products, with 88% of the survey points still providing the banned items. P 4

NewsClick founder in judicial custody

A NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and HR head Amit Chakraborty to judicial custody for 10 days in the UAPA case against them after police said they did not require further custody. P 11

New way for north-west traffic

A 66km expressway from Panjwani to Alwar in Rajasthan will connect the Trans-Haryana Expressway and Delhi-Mumbai E-way, offering north-west India traffic a faster route. P 5

Lashkar duo killed in Shopian gunfight

Two LeT militants were killed in a gunfight with security forces in J&K's Shopian an early Tuesday, with police saying one of them was involved in a Kashmiri Pandit's murder in February. P 10

2019's economics Nobel laureates Esther Duflo and Abhijit Banerjee write on this year's winner, Claudia Goldin, whose work is directly relevant to understanding why so few women in India are in paid work and how that can be changed | PAGE 18

Murder victim's mom foils bid to pass accused as minor

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Noida: The father of a rape and murder accused, who was 19 at the time of the crime in 2016, and the principal of the accused's school have been booked for allegedly forging documents to show him as a minor so he could escape the adult justice system and, if convicted, get a lighter punishment.

Divyakant Singh Rathore, principal magistrate of the Juvenile Justice Board, ordered registration of an FIR against the two after the mother of the 17-year-old girl whom the youth is accused of sexually assaulting and killing produced documents in court to claim that the accused was not 16, as claimed by his father, but 19 at the time of the crime.

On March 15, 2016, the youth — a popcorn seller in Delhi's Mandawali — had allegedly raped his cousin (17) at her house in Greater Noida and strangled her with a piece of cloth when she tried to fight him off. He had dumped the body in a nearby plot and fled.

►Fake papers, P 6

Wet papers help cops ID body in canal, nail killers

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New Delhi: Soaked scraps of paper found on the body of a man fished out of the Munak canal near the Haiderpur treatment plant on October 5 were the only clue Delhi Police had in what appeared a blind case of murder. The hands and legs of the man were tied. His body was decomposed and bloated, making identification impossible. The cops seemed to have hit a dead-end with no missing complaint registered. Technical surveillance and call data yielded no result.

However, after drying up the papers, police found two bills: of a tailoring shop in Saharanpur and another of a bulk purchase of peanut. After pasting the legwork, the cops

'KIN KILLED MAN'

►Address of a Saharanpur shop on a bill found on the body led cops to a house where the victim used to stay
►Distant relatives in Panipat revealed the man had thrown his brother's family & his own wife & kids out of the house
►The angry brother and 3 other relatives strangled the man and dumped him in the canal, police claimed

nabbed four people, including a juvenile. The man was killed by his elder brother and his nephews after he had thrown them out of their house, cops say after cracking the case.

►How peanuts helped, P 6

Fiercest Israeli strikes in 75 years hit Gaza, 2 Hamas top guns killed

We Didn't Start This War, But Will Finish It: Bibi

Israel hammered the Gaza Strip on Tuesday with the fiercest air strikes in its 75-year conflict with the Palestinians, razing entire districts and saying it had recaptured border areas despite a threat from Hamas militants to execute a captive for each home hit. The war's toll passed

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3,000 Tuesday, the fourth day of fierce fighting since Hamas launched a surprise attack.

Israel has vowed "mighty revenge", with PM Benjamin 'Bibi' Netanyahu saying the onslaught is only the start of a sustained war to destroy Hamas and "change the Middle East". "We did not start the war but will finish it," he said. Israel's next move could be a ground offensive.

Israel said the toll had sur-

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The destruction in Gaza City's al-Rimal neighbourhood on Tuesday. Gaza's health ministry said Israel's air strikes had killed 830 people

passed 1,000, and the victims were overwhelmingly civilians. Scores of Israelis and some foreigners were taken hostage.

Gaza's health ministry said Israel's retaliatory air strikes had killed at least 830 people and wounded 4,250. The strikes intensified Tuesday night, shaking the ground and sending more columns of smoke and flames into the sky. The UN said more than 18,000 Gazans had been ma-

de homeless, many huddling on streets or in schools.

Two members of Hamas's political office, Jawad Abu Shammala — member of the politburo in charge of economic affairs — and Zakaria Abu Maamar, were killed in an air strike in Khan Younis in southern Gaza. Three Gaza journalists were also killed while reporting outside a building, bringing the number of journalists killed to six. AGENCIES

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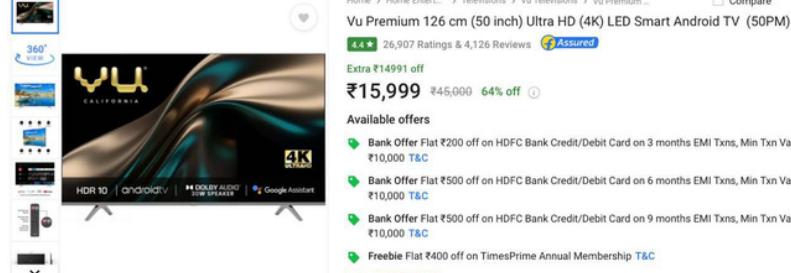
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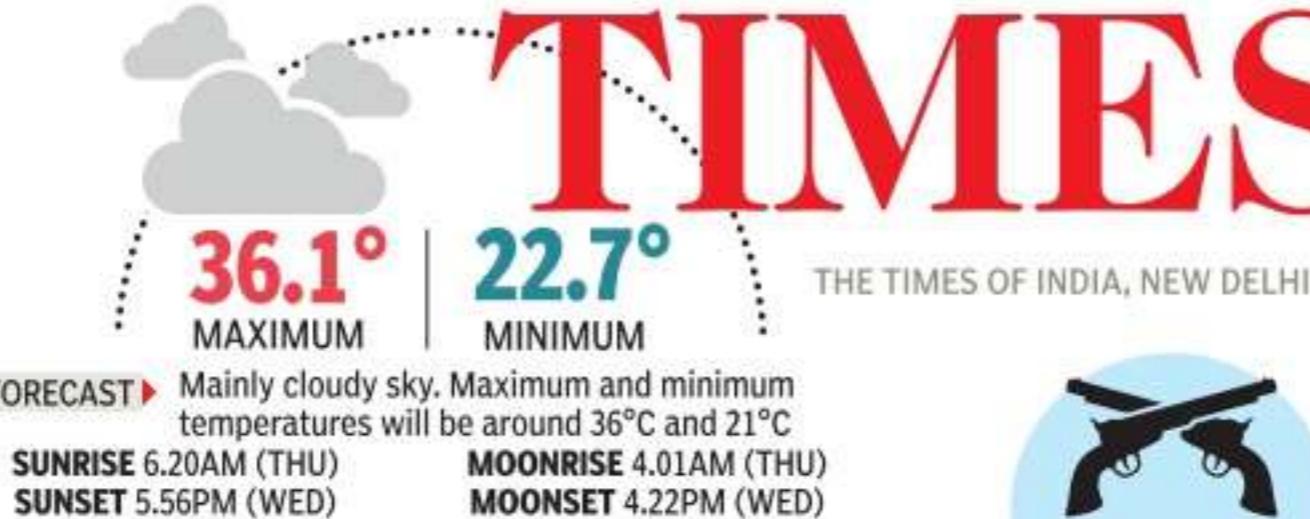


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Pollution Season Is Here, Delhi Still Waiting For Dust To Settle

Sprinklers Deployed At Some Places, But Measures Largely Lacking At Others

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New Delhi: With the first stage of the anti-pollution Graded Response Action Plan in force in the city, controlling the dust in the air has become a must. On Tuesday, TOI found that a few construction sites had indeed deployed water sprinklers to settle the dust and measures like netting had been used to trap dust, but more effort needs to be put in.

Although measures like the use of green netting have been adopted on the Anand Vihar-Apsara border flyover and Delhi-Saharanpur highway, there was still dust in the air, indicating that while some work has been done to control dust, more can be done.

At the Public Works Department's flyover construction site between Anand Vihar ISBT and Apsara border near the railway overbridge, there was excavated mud lying on the under-construction ramp. As heavy vehicles trundled along the road, they blew clouds of dust into the air. But further down, the construction site was neat and tidy. A new bitumen layer covered the road under the flyover and the dusty potholes that existed earlier could no longer be seen.

On the Anand Vihar road in front of the metro station there, PWD had deployed two water sprinklers. These were spraying water on the road to settle the dust on Tuesday.

Near Geeta Colony, where the National Highways Authority of India is laying out the Delhi-Saharanpur-Dehradun highway, dust-breaking metal barriers had been erected alongside the green netting. On September 30,



TOI carried a news report about the execution of the project being in poor condition. Since then, the Pushta

Road near Krishna Nagar has been repaired and most of the construction material has been covered with netting. Ho-

ver, there was debris lying in the open near the Geeta Colony pedestrian bridge in the space where once the central

verge was located.

At Sarai Kale Khan, where the construction of the regional rapid rail system and a flyover are going on simultaneously, traffic was moving very slowly due to congestion. The flyover construction site lacked dust covers, with the work under the flyover being carried out without the use of netting or dust barriers to prevent the soil being blown to the roads.

Near the rapid rail project, there were some mounds of loose earth. The National Capital Region Transport Corporation, the company building the regional train network, claimed this was due to desilting of a drain.

"We recently cleaned the nearby drain on the request of PWD. It is the sludge from the drain that has been collected. We will have it removed by night," an NCRTC official told TOI.

Environment minister Gopal Rai had inspected the rapid rail construction site at Sarai Kale Khan earlier and found gross negligence of the guidelines issued by Delhi Pollution Control Committee.

"No loose soil or sand or any other construction material that causes dust shall be left uncovered," orders the guidelines.

The GRAP rules also state that all vehicles carrying construction material and construction debris of any kind should be washed clean. This was not being done at any of the sites visited by TOI. On Yamuna Marginal Bandh Marg that takes one to Bhajanpura, the road was dusty and uneven in violation of guidelines saying, "Unpaved surfaces and areas with loose soil must be adequately sprinkled with water to suppress dust."

AQI worsens, drizzle likely on Oct 15 and 16

New Delhi: The air quality is likely to worsen to the 'poor' category on Wednesday. The air quality index (AQI) has been hovering in the 'moderate' category since Saturday. The AQI was 180 on Wednesday as against 175 on Tuesday.

An official said, "The winds are expected to slow down from Tuesday night. Calm wind conditions will impact the dispersion of pollutants. Besides, the increase in moisture level and formation of mist during the morning hours may affect the dispersal process."

According to Air Quality Early Warning System for Delhi, the air quality is likely to be in the lower end of the 'poor' category from Wednesday to Friday.

According to Indian Agricultural Research Institute, Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh recorded 10, 28 and 34 paddy residue burning events, respectively, on Tuesday.

The day temperature may remain between 34 and 37 degrees Celsius for the next four days. There is a possibility of very light rain on October 15 and 16. TNN

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Man pushes co-worker off building, arrested

New Delhi: Angry over a fellow worker not returning his mobile charger, a 50-year old man allegedly pushed him off the third floor of an under construction building of Netaji Subhas University of Technology in Geeta Colony on Sunday. The suspect Netra Pal has been arrested, police said. After receiving a call regarding a man being brought dead at a nearby hospital on Sunday night, police identified the deceased as Mohammad Salman alias Laloo. Laloo was not returning a mobile charger borrowed from Pal, his friend and co-worker, despite reminders, police said. The suspect was arrested on the basis of statements of their co-workers, police added. TNN

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SC seeks report from CAQM on steps to check winter pollution

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Rai says dust norms violated, NBCC claims all measures taken

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New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Tuesday sought a report from the Commission for Air Quality Management on the steps taken by it to control the pollution level in NCR ahead of winter, when air quality deteriorates to life-threatening levels due to various reasons, including stubble burning.

A bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and Sudhanshu Dhulia agreed with the plea of Senior Advocate Aparajita Singh who requested the court to seek a report. Singh, who is assisting the court as amicus curiae, said the crop residue burning is a problem which needed to be addressed and an overview needed to be taken on the steps taken to deal with the problem.

"We call upon CAQM to submit urgently a report as to the steps being taken for control of air pollution in and around the capital," the bench said. The court posted the case for October 31 and asked the committee to file its report before that date.

The Commission has been set up for air quality management in NCR and adjoining areas for better co-ordination, research, identification and resolution of problems surrounding the air quality index.

Functions of the Commission include coordinating actions taken by governments of Delhi, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh and execution of plans to prevent and control air pollution in the region.

3 who snatched DU student's phone caught in 20 minutes

New Delhi: Police have arrested three men who had snatched a Delhi University student's phone, earbuds and bag at the Vikas Bhawan bus stand in Civil Lines.

The local beat officer and his team caught the suspects within 20 minutes of the crime on Saturday and the stolen items were returned to the 20-year-old student. The police confirmed the case on Tuesday.

The police identified the three men in their twenties as Abhijeet, Arjun and Dilshad—school dropouts working as daily wage labourers in the city.

The police received a PCR call about the snatching on Saturday afternoon. "Upon receiving the call, the information was quickly relayed to the patrolling officer in that area, who swung into action and nabbed the accused near a bus stop in north Delhi," a senior police officer said.

During questioning, the suspects said they had recently moved to Delhi and worked as labourers. Dissatisfied with their wages, they resorted to robbery to finance their drug-related needs.

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Man arrested a day after two were killed in clash of groups

New Delhi: A day after two people were murdered during a group clash in Ashok Vihar, police arrested one man in the case. Cops suspect that supremacy and control over gambling were reasons behind the killings.

Suspect Zakir Hussain, a resident of Ashok Vihar, was arrested following raids in northwest Delhi. "He had fired multiple rounds during the clash. Hussain was part of the group led by Bhura and Raghu (both dead)," an officer said.

Claiming that raids are going on to nab two to three absconding men, police said injured Dablu, a bad character, was receiving treatment. Police said that Raghu, Bhura and their associates came looking for Dablu in Jailer Wala Bagh in Ashok Vihar around 8pm on Monday, leading to a quarrel. When Dablu reacted there, both sides started firing at each other leaving Raghu and Dablu injured, while Bhura was stabbed, police added.

"As violence unfolded in the neighbourhood, panicked residents sought protection. Subsequently, concerned people managed to apprehend one of those involved in the clash and alerted the police," the officer added. During inquiry, cops found that both groups confronted regularly on different issues. TNN

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Chadha moves HC against bungalow eviction order

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New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party MP Raghav Chadha has moved Delhi High Court challenging a district court order that had paved the way for the Rajya Sabha Secretariat to evict him from his government-allotted bungalow.

The plea was mentioned before the bench of Chief Justice Satish Chandra Sharma and Justice Sanjeev Narula on Tuesday. The hearing has been scheduled for Wednesday.

The Patiala House court on October 5 vacated its earlier order that had restrained the Rajya Sabha Secretariat from removing Chadha from his government accommodation.

The court of additional district judge Sudhanshu Kaushik said the argument that the accommodation once made to an MP cannot be cancelled under any circumstances during the entire tenure deserves rejection.

In September 2022, Chadha was allotted a Type-VII accommodation bungalow on Pandara Road in Delhi.

The Rajya Sabha Secretariat on March 3, 2023, cancelled the allotment of the Type-VII bungalow.

Following this, Chadha sought a permanent injunction against the cancellation of the Pandara Road bungalow allotment.

The court directed the secretariat not to "dispossess" him of the bungalow till the pendency of his application and without following the due process of law.

The court stated that after hearing the parties, it found that Chadha has "failed to demonstrate that any urgent or immediate relief needs to be granted in the present matter".

The court recorded the secretariat's submission that an action under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorised Occupants) Act 1971 was being contemplated and appropriate measures would be taken.

New Haryana e-way set to cut north-west travel time

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NHAI PROJECT DIRECTOR SAYS

With the completion of this expressway and the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, vehicles coming from Punjab and other northern states won't have to cross Delhi-NCR to reach Mumbai

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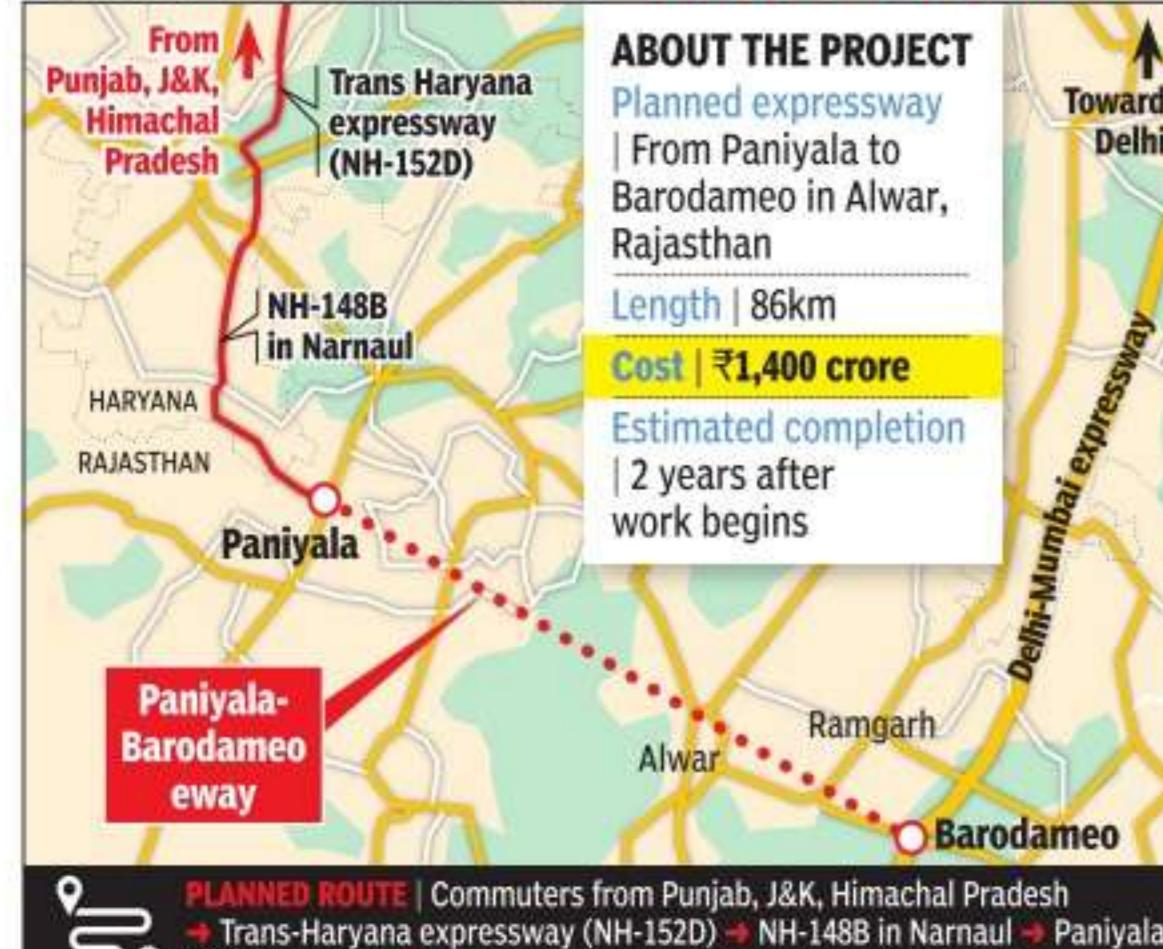
"With the completion of this expressway and the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, vehicles coming from Punjab and other northern states won't have to cross Delhi-NCR to reach Mumbai," said Mukesh Kumar Meena, project director, NHAI.

The KMP Expressway does act as a bypass for Delhi at present but with growing industrialisation along it and the urban areas of NCR ex-

panding fast, longer term decongestion plans are important. The new road will also give easier access to the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway to more Haryana districts besides reducing the distance from Chandigarh to Jaipur, also decongesting NH-44 (Srinagar to Kanyakumari).

Construction of the 86km road has been divided into two packages and the project will take two years to be completed. The Trans-Haryana Expressway, a 227km six-lane highway, was opened last August.

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Rationalisation of polling booths likely

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New Delhi: As several polling stations in the capital witness long queues of voters while many remain near empty during an election, Delhi election office has asked the district electoral officers (DEOs) to carry out a rationalisation exercise.

Officials said the district magistrates, who are also the DEOs, have been asked to explore new locations where additional polling booths could be set up. While polling stations are mostly set up in schools, officials said community centres in large group housing societies could be another option.

"The setting up of polling booths in the community centres of group housing societies will have multiple benefits. It will not only help in decongesting some of the polling stations where multiple booths are set up, senior citizens and disabled, who find it difficult to commute to the polling stations located at a distance," said an official.

"The district magistrates have started talking to the local RWAs and will soon submit individual reports on the issue," said an official.

According to Delhi election office, there are 13,820 polling booths in the capital at nearly 2700 locations. Each booth can have a maximum of 1,500 voters.

AN OFFICIAL SAYS

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With Lok Sabha elections only six months away, the office of Delhi's chief electoral officer has started preparing for the mega-event, which is likely to witness close to 1.5 crore voters exercising their franchise. The annual summary revision exercise will start on October 27 with the publication of the draft electoral roll.

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Open 10k Run Route 10km

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Minimum use of plastic

► Use the race as a platform to promote awareness about waste management and better environmental practices



RACE DAY PREPARATIONS

► More than 400 healthcare providers to be deployed on the race day

► 11 medical stations and fully-equipped base camps to be set up along the routes

► Bike medics, ambulances and mobile medics to keep an eye on athletes

► Separate support staff for senior citizens near finish line

► 1.15 lakh litres of water stations

► Over 2,000 volunteers to be deployed along the route

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► und highlighted how the marathon brought them together every year to share their passion for societal causes.

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COURT SAYS

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TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Delhi High Court has taken suo motu cognisance of repeated security breaches at college festivals and demanded action by authorities.

The court's latest intervention came after several women students of DU alleged that they were secretly filmed while changing in an IIT-Delhi washroom for a fashion show at the institute's fest.

A bench of chief justice Satish Chandra Sharma and justice Sanjeev Narula said such "recurrent instances" show the "lackadaisical approach of authorities while organising such festivals in envisaging and enforcing protective mechanisms, aimed at ensuring the safety of students participating or attending the event."

The court said that it was imperative that adequate security measures must be in place to allow students to attend such events without fear of experiencing such acts of violation.

The court, which earlier also dealt with the incident of alleged sexual harassment of women students during a cultural festival at the all-women Gargi College of Delhi University in February 2020, observed that "unfortunately" it has been confronted with several cases of student harassment during such festivals.

"Thus, in view of the afore-noted episode, this court deems it appropriate to take suo motu cognisance of the issue of security breaches, particularly with respect to female attendees at the festivals organised by colleges/universities in Delhi-NCR," it observed. It is sued a notice to IIT-Delhi, IP University and DU. It asked them to submit a report indicating their existing policy on security measures during college festivals on their premises.

On the recent incident at IIT-Delhi, the court directed the police to file a status report in two weeks stating the action taken against the accused.

"This episode has left the victims distraught and has understandably raised concerns regarding misuse of the videos, including their circulation on various social media platforms," the court said. "Given the gravity and sensitivity of the matter, we are of the opinion that immediate action is required."

The court also issued a notice to Delhi government and police and was informed that a case has been registered and an accused is currently in judicial custody. The matter will be heard on November 10.

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TIMES VIEW: Transgenders face social discrimination and are treated with a mix of annoyance, derision and contempt. These thoughtful draft proposals will hopefully address several of their needs and concerns. One hopes they become the law.

For a level playing field: Transgender protection rules draft in final stages

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New Delhi: The draft of the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Delhi Rules, which would pave the way for setting up a state transgender welfare board and other key policies for the community, is in the final stages and likely to be placed soon in the public domain.

A senior Delhi government official said some of the welfare schemes for transgenders under the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019 were on hold as the rules were yet to be finalised.

Once the draft is implemented, a transgender person can obtain a certificate of identity from the administration offices in zones, the official said. It would also have stricter provisions for discrimination against such persons in education, employment and healthcare, he added.

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Cryptocurrency Stolen From Delhi Lands In Hamas Wallets

Outfit Learnt To Be Collecting Funds By Hacking Into Accounts

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New Delhi: In the winter of 2021, Delhi Police's Special Cell was investigating a case of cryptocurrency theft of around Rs 4 crore from the wallet of a west Delhi businessman. Though the cops managed to 'deep trace' a few recipient wallet IDs, tracking the end users appeared difficult. Just at the time, Israel's intelligence agency, Mossad, communicated — as part of routine intelligence exchange with their Indian counterparts — information about some suspect wallets operated by terrorist groups for terror funding.

Many of the wallet addresses on the list were being operated by the al Qassam brigades of Hamas, the Palestinian terror group, and had been 'seized' by Israel's National Bureau for Counter Terror Financing.

A breakthrough arrived when the Special Cell's Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Ops (IFSO) unit ran a match on the wallets: several wallets that had received the Bitcoin and Ethereum assets from Delhi were operated by the cyber terrorism wing of Hamas.

While Israel has hit back strongly at Hamas for Saturday's attack, sources said the intelligence agencies have their antennae up about renewed efforts by the terror outfit to collect funds by hacking in pro-Israel countries.

Even on Tuesday, the cyber unit of Israel Police froze a large number of cryptocurrency

THE MONEY ROUTE

► A west Delhi businessman lost ₹4 crore worth of cryptocurrency to hackers in 2019



► Case was first registered in west Delhi. Investigation transferred to anti-terror unit-special cell

► Technical probe taken up by Intelligence Fusion & Strategic Ops (IFSO) unit in special cell in late 2021

► The cryptocurrencies were routed through various private wallets and finally landed in suspects' wallets, being used/operated by Hamas



► Hamas had further transferred some of the funds to a UK-based gambling site and a child pornography site



WHAT WAS STOLEN

BTC at least 6.2 Etherium 9.7 Bitcoin cash 2.4

WHAT INVESTIGATION REVEALED

The Bitcoins were transferred to a private wallet (P1) and sent further to 1LA belonging to Al-Qassam Brigades

2.115 bitcoins were transferred to 1Dr (Binance & Coinswitch wallet) of Naseer

Ibrahim Abdulla and was seized by Israel's National Bureau for Counter Terror Financing

2.95 Bitcoins sent to Ahmed Marzoq in Giza, Egypt

9.7 Etherium sent to Ahmed Q H Safi from Ramallah, Palestine

accounts held by Hamas for fundraising. Israel Police said on X (formerly Twitter) that Hamas had launched a crypto fundraising campaign after the start of the latest terror attacks. Israeli authorities also urged crypto exchange Binanceto transfer the seized funds to that country's state treasury.

The matter, cops said, was first reported in 2019 at Paschim Vihar police station and the investigation was later transferred to the Special Cell on court

orders, cops privy to the investigation recalled. After the Hamas link was unearthed, technical analysis revealed that one of the seized wallets belonged to Naseer Ibrahim Abdulla in Gaza and to Hamas operatives like Ahmed Marzoq in Giza and Ahmed QH Safi in Ramallah in Palestine. "The cryptocurrencies were routed through various private wallets and finally landed in these suspected wallets," a police officer revealed.

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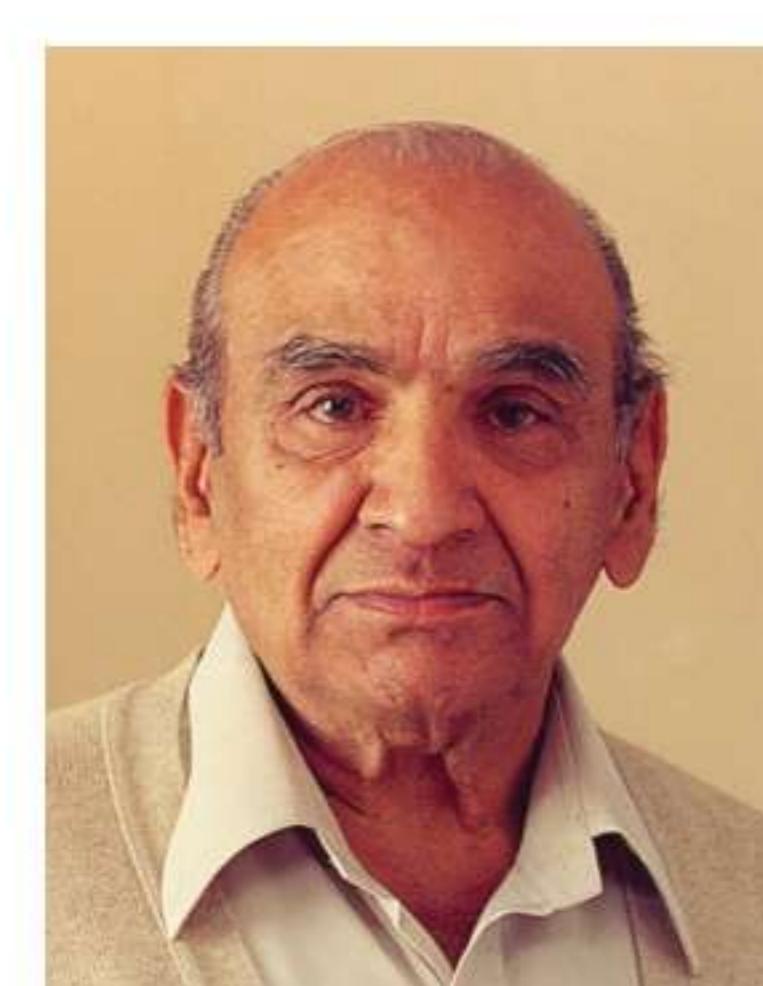
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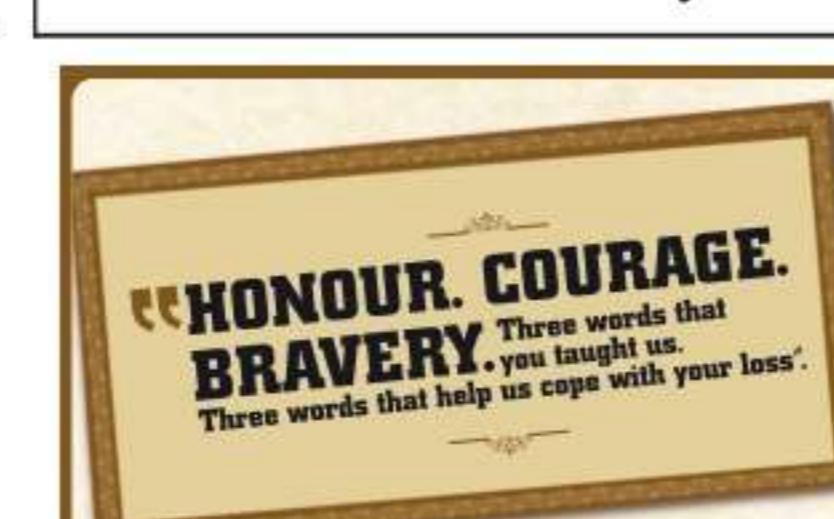
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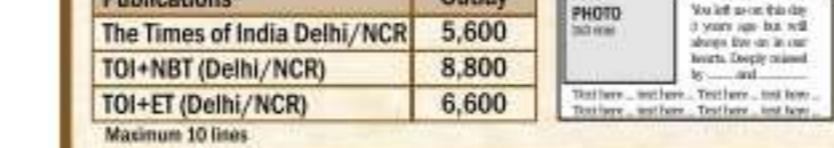
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NewsClick founder, HR head sent to 10-day judicial custody

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Tuesday remanded NewsClick founder Prabir Purkayastha and HR head Amit Chakraborty in judicial custody for 10 days in the UAPA case registered against them by Delhi Police.

Additional sessions judge Hardeep Kaur passed the order after Delhi Police told the court that it did not require further custody of the two accused for now and they could be sent to jail.

Purkayastha and Chakraborty were arrested earlier this month following their questioning over allegations that NewsClick had received crores of rupees in foreign funds to boost Chinese propaganda and to disrupt the sovereignty, unity and security of India.

Their counsels vehemently opposed judicial custody and submitted that a bare reading of Delhi Police's FIR would show that no criminal offence was made out, let alone UAPA charges.

"There is no allegation that I've used any bomb or dynamite, which has caused loss of lives and property. There is no allegation that I've used any criminal force. There is no act of kidnapping, detention or abduction. None of the acts attributed to me has any elements of section 15 of UAPA," Purkayastha told the court.

His counsel Arshdeep Khanna asserted that a journalist reporting about certain issues did not constitute the act of terrorism. "If I am critical of the policies of the government, can I be accused of committing any of these offences? Article 19 gives me the right. UAPA is not a restriction on Article 19. You can't be imposing these draconian laws on journalists. The allegation is that I reported on Covid and farmers' protest and therefore created disaffection. Is that terrorism?" Purkayastha argued.

He further contended that merely reporting on the farmers' agitation could not attract UAPA provisions, and denied having received any funds from China.

"I reported on the farmers' agitation. I have not made any contribution. They are saying funds came from China. Not a penny has come from China," he said.

Chakraborty told the court that there was no allegation against him, and his name was not even mentioned in the FIR. "The allegations relate to what is published on the NewsClick website. I have not been involved in any news publication. I am not a journalist, editor or writer," he told the court.

Assets 'of Raja' now in ED possession

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New Delhi: The Enforcement Directorate on Tuesday said it has taken possession of 15 immovable properties, including a 45-acre land in Coimbatore worth around ₹55 crore, as part of a money laundering investigation arising from a disproportionate assets case against former environment and telecom minister and DMK leader A Raja, the main accused in the 2G scam who was acquitted.

"Investigation established that the properties, including

45 acres of land at Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, were purchased directly using the proceeds of crime generated by A Raja," the enforcement agency said. The land was purchased in the name of Kovai Shelters Promoters India Pvt Ltd, which, the agency claimed, is a benami company controlled by Raja, who handled important portfolios during the two UPA governments.

The land in question was attached by ED in December last year and its attachment order was subsequently confirmed by the adjudicating authority of



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the Prevention of Money Laundering Act. The agency said the possession of the property has been taken "in order to prevent the accused and his benamis from enjoying such properties".

The ED further said that its "investigation revealed that Raja, during his tenure as minister of environment & forests (2004

to 2007), granted environmental clearances to a real estate company, based out of Gurugram (one of the largest real estate companies in the country, also listed on BSE). The real estate company has given kickbacks to Raja as quid pro quo for awarding the environmental clearance, around the same period in the year 2007, in the garb of land commission income in the hands of the benami company".

Raja, according to the ED, had incorporated the company in 2007 in the name of his family members and associates with the sole objective of using it as a vehicle to park the proceeds of crime. "The said company never engaged in any business activity since inception," the ED said.

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Expression of Interest for Young Professionals

IEDUP, the State level nodal organization and Centre of Excellence for Entrepreneurship Development and HRD, is inviting applications for positions of Young Professionals to contribute in Institute's activities:

Essential Qualification and Experience: Post Graduates in Economics/Applied Economics or MBA (any stream) or Research Scholars enrolled in recognized University/Institution. YPs applying for Research, Evaluation, Assessment domains preferably should have very good knowledge of Statistical software. Candidates having higher qualification and relevant work experience shall be given preference.

No. of positions: 05

Duration of the engagement: Eight months, and thereafter extendable on the yearly basis subject to project requirement as well as satisfactory performance and behavior.

Required competencies and skill set for all the positions: Self motivated team player with a clear drive for results; Good interpersonal skills; Strong networking, especially with Government counterparts; working with the government system, flexibility and responsiveness; developing reports and documents in English, ability to meet deadlines, Fluent in Hindi and English, written and oral communication. Proficiency in computers, MS-Office.

Interested and eligible candidates may send their CV along with covering letter to iedup.director@gmail.com by 26.10.2023, with the subject line "**Application for Young Professionals**". Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the next stage of selection process. No TA/DA shall be given to candidates for appearing in the interview. This position is purely on contractual/project basis to provide programmatic support to Institute's activities. For further details, please visit our website www.iedup.in



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Duration : 27th-29th October 2023 (10.00 AM – 05.00 PM)
Fee : Rs. 16,000/- (Day boarding only), (40 Participants)
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How to Apply : Send your filled registration form along with one passport size photograph, identify certificate and payment proof, via e-mail / using google online forms link given on FFDC website. Last date of registration is 20-10-2023

Fragrance & Flavour Development Centre (FFDC)
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No. State PG Counseling Board/2023/140 NOTIFICATION
State Medical PG Seats (MD / MS) / Post MBBS DNB / Post MBBS Diploma
Stray Vacancy Round off-line Allotments - 2023

In continuation to the earlier notifications, the stray vacancy round off-line allotment procedure for MD / MS, Post MBBS DNB and Post MBBS Diploma courses will commence from 11.10.2023 and will be carried out as per the detailed schedule available at: <https://medicateducation.rajasthan.gov.in/me/#/home/dptHome> and www.rajgpneet2023.com. The candidates are advised to visit these websites regularly for all updates.

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Government of India
Ministry of Education
National Institutional Ranking Framework
INDIA RANKINGS 2024

The National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) has announced India Rankings 2024, the ninth edition of the annual exercise.

Registration window was opened on 20th September 2023. Last date for registration has been extended till 20th October 2023.

In case of any query, contact National Board of Accreditation at helpdesk@nirfindia.org or call at 011-40159583/87/89.
CBC 21315/12/0002/2324 Member Secretary

UTTARAKHAND POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(A Govt. of Uttarakhand Undertaking)
Corporate Identity No. UA40109UP2001SGC025867/2358, V.C. Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwal Road, Dehradun-248001, Ph. No.: 0135-2763672-75, Fax: 0135-2763830, website : www.tenderwizard.com/UPCL

DATE EXTENSION OF e-TENDER NOTICE-II

In reference to this office e-tender specification no. 01 to 08/SE (MM)/2023-24 for sale of Various type scrap material available under ESD/EWD, Dehradun & Haldwani respectively Due to unavoidable circumstances the tender no. 01 to 08/SE(MM)/2023-24 is extended as below :-

Sl. No.	Tender No.	Name of Division under which Scrap is available	Name of Scrap Material	Last Date & Time of online request for purchase of the tender document & submission of tender in online & offline mode	Date of opening of Bid list in online & offline mode
1.	Tender No. 01/SE (MM)/2023-24	ESD Dehradun	Iron Scrap	02.11.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.	03.11.2023 at 15:00 Hrs.
2.	Tender No. 02/SE (MM)/2023-24	ESD Haldwani	Iron Scrap	02.11.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.	03.11.2023 at 15:15 Hrs.
3.	Tender No. 03/SE (MM)/2023-24	EWD Dehradun	MS Meltable Scrap	02.11.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.	03.11.2023 at 15:30 Hrs.
4.	Tender No. 04/SE (MM)/2023-24	EWD Haldwani	MS Meltable Scrap	02.11.2023 upto 17:00 Hrs.	03.11.2023 at 15:45 Hrs.
5.	Tender No. 05/SE (MM)/2023-24				

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Directorate of Ports & Inland Water Transport,
Paribahan Bhawan (2nd Floor), A.G. Square,
Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar-9
Phone - 0674 - 2390355, Fax-2396885 Email: :-portsniwt.od@nic.in

e-PROCUREMENT NOTICE

Sl No	Name of Work	Approximate Value of Work (In Rs.)
1.	Improvement of Passenger Jetty at Mahesha in Chilika Lake under Krishnaprasad Block of Puri District, Odisha (Bid Identification No. 12/2023-24)	Rs.12.85 Crore
2.	Improvement of Passenger Jetty at Brahmapur in Chilika Lake under Krishnaprasad Block of Puri District, Odisha (Bid Identification No. 13/2023-24)	Rs.9.22 Crore
5.	Period of completion	- 18 (Eighteen) Months
6.	Date & Time of availability of Bid Document in the portal	- 12.10.2023 to 16.11.2023 up to 17.00 Hours
7.	Date & Time of submission of Bid Document in the portal	- 12.10.2023 to 16.11.2023 up to 17.00 Hours
8.	Date & Time of Pre-Bid meeting	- 01.09.2023 at 11.30 A.M.
9.	Last Date/Time for receipt of Bids in the portal	- 16.11.2023 up to 17.00 Hours
10.	Class of Contractor	- 'A' & 'Special' Class Contractor
11.	Date & Time for opening of Technical Bid (Cover-I)	- 17.11.2023 at 11.00 Hours
12.	Name and Address of the Officer Inviting Tender (O.I.T)	- Director, Ports & Inland Water Transport, Paribahan Bhawan (2 nd Floor), A.G. Square, Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, Pin-751009 Phone-0674-2390355, Fax-2396885. E-Mail: :-portsniwt.od@nic.in

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>"
 Director
 Ports & IWT Odisha

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GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER,
MINOR IRRIGATION, ODISHA, BHUBANESWAR
 (Email id: cemi.odisha@gmail.com , Telephone no- 0674-2391525)
 Government of Odisha "e" Procurement Notice.

Bid Identification No-CE/MI/EPC/02/23-24

Letter No: W-II-NBP/WSIDP (T)-02/2023/11194 Dated 05.10.23

Online tenders are invited from the eligible bidders for Construction of Head Works of Malagaon Barrage Project (In-stream storage structure) across Barhi Nalla in Chandabali Block of Nabarangpur District in State of Odisha including Hydro-Mechanical Works, Power Connectivity Works, Road Connectivity, Staff Quarters with Design and estimate of all Components and Operation & Maintenance of the project for a Period of five years or five Flood Seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project on EPC Contract.

Name of Work	Construction of Head Works of Malagaon Barrage Project (In-stream storage structure) across Barhi Nalla in Chandabali Block of Nabarangpur District in State of Odisha including Hydro-Mechanical Works, Power Connectivity Works, Road Connectivity, Staff Quarters with Design and estimate of all Components and Operation & Maintenance of the project for a Period of five years or five Flood Seasons whichever is more after successful commissioning of the project.
1. Approximate Value of work put to Tender	Rs.21,09,68,000.00 (Excluding GST)
2. Period of completion	18 calendar months including rainy season.
3. Date & time of availability of bid document in the portal	Dt.12.10.2023 from 11.30 AM to Dt.09.11.2023 up to 5.30 PM
4. Last date/Time for receipt of bids in the portal	Dt.09.11.2023 up-to 5.30 P.M.
5. Name & address of the officer inviting Bid	Chief Engineer, Minor Irrigation (Odisha) H.O.D. Building, Keshari Nagar, Bhubaneswar-751001

Further details can be seen from the e-procurement portal "<https://tendersodisha.gov.in>"

Sd/-
Chief Engineer

OIPR : 3203211/00052324

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER
IRRIGATION AND FLOOD CONTROL DIVISION SRINAGAR

Invitation for Bids (Notice Inviting Tenders)**E-NIT No 23 of 2023-24 Dated : 07/10/2023.****Fresh of e-Nit No :- 09 and 21 of 2023-24**

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K State, e-tenders (In Two cover system) are invited on Percentage Rate basis from approved and eligible bidders as defined in the SBD for the following works :-

S.No.	Title	Details
01.	Name of the Work	Jhelum River Front Development from Amira kadal to Chattabal Weir including Beautification Accesses, Illumination, Public Amenities, Social Spaces and Ghats (Phase 2 nd)
02.	Source of Funds /Scheme Code	SSCL
03.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 1944.29 lacs
04.	Position of Administrative Approval	Accorded vide No. 38-sscl-2022 Dated :- 30.3.2022 issued under endstt; SSCL/CEO/8022-28 dated : 30.3.2022
05.	Position of Technical Sanction	Accorded vide No. 16/DB of 2022-23 Dt: 04.02.2023 issued endstt; No:-CE/DB/TS/13315-16 dated : 4.2.2023
06.	Position of Funds	Budgetary Provision for 2023-24
07.	Period of Completion	12 Working months
08.	Cost of Tender Document	15000/- in the form of E-Challan for bidders of UT J&K and for U.T. outside bidders may formulate DD/Banker's cheque from any Scheduled bank in favour of Executive Engineer Irr. & Flood Control Division Srinagar. (Copy shall be uploaded online)
09.	Website/portal address	www.jktenders.gov.in
10.	Earnest Money Deposit (in Lakhs)	Rs. 3888580/-
11.	Selection Criteria/Eligibility Criteria	As defined in SBD of this work
12.	Period of Tender Validity	The Tender shall remain valid for 120 days after the bid submission end date.
13.	Critical Dates	
a)	Publishing date and time of tender amendments documents	09.10.2023 at 9:00 A.M
b)	Starting date & time for download/ loading of tender documents	09.10.2023 at 9:00 A.M
c)	Pre-bid meeting, Site Visit and Clarification to Tender documents	14.10.2023 at 11:00 AM in the office of the Chief Engineer Kmr; I & F.C. Deptt Rajbagh Srinagar
d)	Starting date and time of bid submission (Cover No. 1 to 2)	09.10.2023 at 9:00 A.M
e)	Closing date and time of bid submission (Cover No. 1 to 2)	19.10.2023 upto 4:00 P.M
f)	Date and time of bid opening (Cover No. 1)	20.10.2023 at 11:30 A.M
g)	Date and time of bid opening (Cover No. 2)	Will be intimated online after completion of evaluation of applications/documents (cover No. 1)

- A pre-bid meeting will be held to clarify issues and to answer questions on any matter that may be raised at that stage by the bidders.
- Prospective Bidders within UT of J&K shall submit the tender Document Fee in the shape of E- Challan/Treasury Challan pledged to Executive Engineer Irr. And Flood Control Division Srinagar credited in the Revenue Head MH-0701/0702. While the bidders outside UT shall submit the same in the form of Demand Draft pledged to Executive Engineer, Irr. & Flood Control Division Srinagar.
- (Earnest money /Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR/BG pledged to **Chief Engineer, I&FC Kashmir Payable at Srinagar**. The Bank Guarantee should be valid for 45 days beyond bid validity.
- Bidders who had applied in response to E-NIT 09 and 21 of 2023-24 respectively can upload the tender document fee /Earnest Money/other documents of the previous NIT floated for the same work.**
- Furnishing of hard copies of bids immediately after submission of e-tenders is dispensed with. The same should be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as L1 after opening of financial bids as per Finance Department O.M. No. A/24(2017)-651 Dt: 07-06-2018.
- The Contractor shall have to arrange all the key construction material for successful completion of the work. No Departmental store shall be issued.
- Further details can be seen in bidding document available on website www.jktenders.gov.in
- Conditional bids and the bids not meeting the qualifying criteria shall be summarily rejected.
- The authority reserves the right to cancel any or all bids without assigning any reason.
- Subsequent Corrigendum/Addendum if any shall be published on above website.

No: IFCD/Sqr/NIT-23/5689-5707
 Dated : 07.10.2023
 DIP No:DIPK-10073/23/09/10/2023Sd/
 Executive Engineer,
 Irrigation and Flood Control Division, Srinagar.

Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System (A Registered Society under Finance Department) F Block, Janata Bhawan, Dispur, Guwahati-781006 (Assam, India)

No. ASPIRE/10/2017

Project Director, Assam Society for Comprehensive Financial Management System invites bid for "Setting up of Data Analytics Capacity within Finance Department under AS- CFMS" as detailed below:

Bid number: GEM/2023/B/4063965

The detailed Bidding Document will be available at GeM portal from 10.10.2023. The deadline for submission of bids is 31.10.2023. Bids shall be submitted through the GeM portal only.

Project Director, AS-CFMS

Janasanyog/CF/3037/23/11-Oct-23

COURT OF SPECIAL JUDGE (3RD ADDITIONAL SESSION JUDGE) J&K JAMMU (DESIGNATED U/S 11 NIA ACT)

National Investigation Agency V/S Abdul Momin Peer & Ors
 (RC-03/2020/NIA/JMU for offences mode punishable U/Ss. 17/18/20 of the UA(P) Act, Ss. 8/21 of NDPS Act and Ss. 120-B/121 of IPC).

And

(Proclamation U/Sec. 82 of Cr.P.C. requiring the appearance of accused namely Saleem Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir (A-5) S/o Syed Iftikar Andrabi Ghulam Ahmed R/o Laribal, Rajwara, Handwara).

PROCLAMATION U/Sec 82 OF Cr.P.C.

Whereas the above titled case being RC-03/2020/NIA/JMU for offences made punishable U/Ss. 17/18/20 of the UA(P) Act, Ss. 8/21 of NDPS Act and Ss. 120-B/121 of IPC, is sub-judge before this Court in which Saleem Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir (A-5) S/o Syed Iftikar Andrabi Ghulam Ahmed R/o Laribal, Rajwara, Handwara, is arraigned as one of the accused persons and it has been returned to warrants of arrest issued by this Court that accused cannot be found at the given address;

Whereas on verification it was found that despite best efforts made by the police, the presence of the aforesaid accused could not be secured for the purpose of investigation and trial of the case (supra) and it has been shown to the satisfaction of this Court that the said accused has absconded or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the warrants;

Therefore, proclamation is hereby made that the accused, namely Saleem Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir Andrabi @ Syed Saleem Jahangir (A-5) S/o Syed Iftikar Andrabi Ghulam Ahmed R/o Laribal, Rajwara, Handwara, is required to appear before this court on **25.11.2023 at 10:00 am** sharp, failing which proceedings u/s 83 C/PC shall be launched against him.

Given under my hand and seal of this court today on 05.10.2023 at Jammu.

(Jatinder Singh Jamwal)
 3 Addl. Sessions Judge, Jammu
 (Special Judge U/S 11 NIA Act)

DIP No:DIPK-10135/23/10.10.2023

SR. NO.	NAME OF BOARD/CORP./AUTH	NAME OF WORK NOTICE TENDER	OPENING DATE CLOSING DATE (TIME)	AMOUNT / END (APPROX.) IN RUPEES	WEBSITE OF THE BOARD CORP./AUTH	NOVAL OFFICER/CONTACT DETAILS/EMAIL
1	DADA LAHMI CHAND SECTOR-6, ROHTAK	CONSTRUCTION OF BALANCE BOUNDARY WALL BEHIND 1900 INCH AREA HOUSES ALONG ROAD WITH EARTH FILLING IN MEETING ROOM ON GROUND FLOOR, DCS/UPA, ROHTAK	05.10.2023 20.10.2023	31.76 LACS	http://plausva.ac.in	9466382998 devermehri91@gmail.com
2	STATE UNIVERSITY OF PUNjab, Sector-16, Chandigarh	PROVIDING AND FIXING ACUSTIC INSULATION IN MEETING ROOM ON GROUND FLOOR, DCS/UPA, ROHTAK	06.10.2023 13.10.2023	6.25 LACS	http://plausva.ac.in	9466382998 devermehri91@gmail.com

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION KINDLY VISIT : www.haryanaeprocurement.gov.in or www.etenders.hry.nic.in RO 21759

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कौटिल्य नगर, पटना-14, फोन नं- 0612-2950702



राष्ट्रीय/स्पेशल/ई० निविदा (एस०बी०डी०)

ई०-निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना संख्या— 33 / SBD/2023-24

1. विज्ञापनदाता का पदनाम एवं पात्र : मुख्य अधिकारी, बिहार पुलिस भवन निर्माण नियम, मुख्यालय, पटना । 2. निविदा आमंत्रित करने की अंतिम तिथि : दि०-०६-१०-२०२३ 3. निविदा डाउनलोड करने की तिथि : दि०-२५-१०-२०२३ से ३१-१०-२०

Sense of belonging can help cos reduce attrition levels

By Prabir Jha

The reality of labour economics, demand and supply of skills, the lure of extra compensation or a more appealing job title — all are factors that make more employees hang on in recessionary times than in a positive economic environment, and which leave companies complaining of quick staff turnover. But as I reflect over my years as a corporate leader and strategist, the moot question is: why did someone even want to explore beyond? Did they cease to feel a sense of belongingness or did

they stop believing in the company and its leadership? Or worse, did they contribute to each other in a vicious circle?

There is often no more causal reason for an exit call, though something may trigger the move eventually. But as it is with life relationships, corporate affiliations face existential moments. Employees wonder if they actually belong to the company when a lot starts feeling different or unfair. Or maybe the strategy or culture changes turn them into a nay-sayer. At times, these are hard calls and some collate-



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No. F.3 () /Estt./UOK/2023/7608

ADVERTISEMENT NO. 02/2023

Dated: 07.10.2023

Applications in the prescribed form are invited for appointment on following teaching posts on regular basis, as mentioned below:-

S. No.	Name of Posts	Name of Department/ Division of Subject	Academic Level in Pay Matrix	Category-wise Number of Vacant Posts						Total Posts	Horizontal Position		
				UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	MBC				
1.	Professor	Pharmacy-Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Including Pharmaceutical Analysis)	AL-14	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmaceutics		-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacognosy		-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacology		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
2.	Associate Professor	Pharmacy-Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Including Pharmaceutical Analysis)	AL-13A	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmaceutics		-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacognosy		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1(W)-UR		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacology		-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-		
3.	Assistant Professor	Pharmacy-Pharmaceutical Chemistry (Including Pharmaceutical Analysis)	AL-10 (Fixed Remuneration of Rs. 40000/- during Probation period)	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	3		
		Pharmacy-Pharmaceutics		1	-	-	-	1	-	2	1(W)-UR		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacognosy		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Pharmacy-Pharmacology		1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1(W)-OBC		
4.	Associate Professor	History	AL-13A	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-		
		Political Science		-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-		
		School of Heritage, Tourism, Museology and Archeology		-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
5.	Assistant Professor	Physics	AL-10 (Fixed Remuneration of Rs. 40000/- during Probation period)	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-		
		Computer Science		1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-		
		School of Heritage, Tourism, Museology and Archeology		1	1	-	-	-	-	2	-		
TOTAL POSTS													
24													

Terms & Conditions : 1. The application form along with qualifications and eligibility conditions may be downloaded from the University website i.e. www.uok.ac.in and he/she will have to enclose the D.D. of Rs. 1000/- (Rs. 500/- for SC/ST/PwD) drawn in favour of Registrar, University of Kota, Kota while submitting the duly filled application form. 2. Applicants applying for more than one post/department must apply separately; separate fee has to be paid for each post. 3. The duly filled prescribed form must reach to the office of Registrar, University of Kota, Kota or before 18.11.2023. Persons, who are already employed, should send their applications through proper channel. 4. Reservation Policy for SC, ST, OBC, MBC, EWS and Persons with Disabilities will be as per the norms of the Government of Rajasthan as amended from time to time. Candidates applying for the reserved posts should clearly mention the category they belong to. They must enclose a Certificate in this regard issued by the competent authority, failing which their application will not be considered in the reservation category. Benefit under the category Person with Disabilities (PWD) shall be admissible only if the disability is not less than 40%. The candidate must attach a valid certificate in this regard. 5. For complete details in this regard, please visit University website i.e. www.uok.ac.in

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RECRUITMENT

Sl. No.	Post	Subject	Minimum Qualification	Desirable Experience
1.	PGT	Physics, Chemistry, Maths, Biology, English, Hindi, Accountancy, B. Ed. Economics, Entrepreneurship, Sociology, History, Pol. Science & Psychology	Post Graduate First/Second Division with B.Ed.	3 Years experience of teaching in a reputed school at 10+2 Level
2.	TGT	English, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Maths, I.T., Social Science (History with Civics/Geography), Hindi and Sanskrit	Graduate First/High Second Division with B.Ed. CTET Preferred	3 Years experience of teaching in a reputed school at Secondary/ 10+2 Level
3.	PRT	English, Hindi, Maths, Science, Social Science and Computer	Graduate with B.Ed./D.El.Ed., CTET Preferred	2 Years of teaching experience
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9.	Band Coach	10. Front Office Executive	11. Accountant/Office Assistant	12. Special Educator
10.	Lab Assistant			

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Only shortlisted candidates will be called for the written test & interview.

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Note: Last date of closing the online application interface is 04.11.2023. SECRETARY

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• Assistant Professor	
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Aarav Anil has represented India in over 20 robotics competitions held in the US, Russia, France and other countries. The TOI #Unstoppable21 jury has picked the teenager from Karnataka as one of the Unstoppable 21 Indians under 21 years

Bengaluru teen builds smart spoon for Parkinson's patients

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Aarav Anil was searching for ways to make life a little easier for his uncle who has Parkinson's, so he built a battery-operated smart spoon that would let a patient feed themselves more independently. His prototype bagged first place in a robotics competition held in Germany last November where the 17-year-old represented India.

"One of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease is hand tremors that make it difficult to do basic things like buttoning a shirt or feeding yourself. My uncle's hands used to shake so much that by the time the spoon reached his mouth, most of the food would spill over. I made the spoon using a 3D printer and sensor motors. The spoon compensates for his hand tremors and maintains stability," Aarav said.

Earlier this year, he tied up with RV College of Physiotherapy in Bengaluru to validate the product and gather feedback so it can be made consumer-friendly before mass production begins.

"Working on the feedback that the spoon was rather bulky, I tweaked the design to make it easier to grip and sent it back for trials. I also improved sensitivity to make it more responsive to higher frequencies," Aarav said.

A student of class 12 at Presidency School in Bangalore South, Aarav has represented India in over 20 robotic competitions held in the US, Russia, France and other countries.

His fascination with robotics started at the age of nine when his mother gifted him a Lego kit. "The combination of mechanics, software and electronics absolutely captivated my interest. Looking at how I was inspired by robotics, my mother quit her job and started an institute called Robolectro Team Studio to provide other children with a platform to learn such 21st-century skills six years ago," he said.



ROBOTICS ACE: Aarav's prototype bagged first place in a robotics competition in Germany last year

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His father is a mechanical engineer and Aarav's work as a mechatronics engineer comprises the best of both worlds. But whenever he hits a wall while work-

platform," he said. When he is not working on products to change the world for the better, Aarav is busy using his skills to upgrade his room. "I like to build stuff for myself, there is a lot of trial and error involved but there is so much to be learned from fail-

#Unstoppable21

Beginning August 15 this year, TOI began a hunt to identify and celebrate 21 of India's young prodigies, under 21. To know more about those selected by a jury of eminent personalities and making their mark in the world, visit www.unstoppable21.in

ures as well. It was very hot in Bengaluru this year, so I built a fan with speed controls, and lights with automatic brightness adjustment for my room."

With just a few months left to start applying to colleges, he wants to pursue a degree in robotics and engineering in the Netherlands.

"When I visited the country for a competition, I found that they have good courses that are practical-oriented. Engineering courses in India are very the-

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ing on his projects, he turns to YouTube. "Apart from my school teachers, it has been the source of all my knowledge. You can find a video about anything on that

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above-mentioned details on one of the pages of this 'Village Crime Note Book'.

Now, this page has been framed and proudly displayed on one of the walls of this police station.

Colonelganj SHO Brijesh Singh told TOI: "Without tampering with the originality of Register No. 8 in which the details of the FIR against Azad were written in Urdu, we took out a clean picture of this page, framed it and installed it at the police station."

Register No. 8, partially eaten by termites, was lying in an obscure corner of Colonelganj police station in UP's Prayagraj. However, one station house officer (SHO) recognised its historical value recently when he saw the

The FIR was filed after the police encounter at Alfred Park in Prayagraj (then Allahabad) on February 27, 1931. The local intelligence head, JRH Nott-Bower, had got a tip-off that Azad, who was one of the most wanted revolutionaries after the Kakori train action and killing of British police officer John P Saunders, was meeting his friend Sukhdev Raj at the park.

After Nott-Bower alerted the cops, armed policemen

arrived at the park and a shootout began. Azad gave cover fire to his friend and allowed Sukhdev Raj to escape. He was shot several times but his bullets hit both Nott-Bower and the DSP leading the police team. However, when Azad was left with just one bullet, he shot himself, thus not allowing the British police to capture him alive.

Sub-inspector Rai Sahib Chaudhary Rishal Singh was the investigation officer of this case.

Rahul pledged a caste census in MP if Congress wins the assembly elections. "We will conduct the caste census. If BJP does not, we will put so much pressure on them that they have to do it. Or else we will do it," he said. "The state governments of Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, and Rajas have started working on the caste census. How long will BJP run away from it?"

He said the first work to be undertaken is the caste census

if Congress is voted to office. "Why? Because we want to give tribals, backwards, and scheduled castes their rightful participation," he asserted.

Reiterating his remarks, Rahul said: "The government

of India is run by 90 officers, including the cabinet secretary and secretary.... Every decision of the government, big or small, is taken and signed by these officers, not the BJP MLAs and MPs. In

Parliament, I said that out of the 90 officers, only three belong to the OBC category."

Calling the caste census the "X-ray of the injury of tribals, SCs, and OBCs", he said: "Let us get this X-ray done, and we will know the situation. I asked PM Narendra Modi to conduct the caste census and also suggested that the earlier caste census conducted by the Congress government be revealed. The PM is trying to hide the truth."

On Tuesday, Rahul Gandhi criticised BJP government on law and order; and alleged corruption.

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TN CM, ADMK spar over early release of 'Muslim lifers'

Denied tickets, Raje loyalists in shock

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Chennai: In the Tamil Nadu assembly on Tuesday, chief minister M K Stalin hit out at AIADMK for its "sudden love" for Muslim prisoners serving life sentences while the main opposition party had supported with its "eyes closed" Centre's measures such as the Citizenship Amendment Act.

Led by the leader of opposition Edappadi K Palaniswami, AIADMK staged a walkout over the issue.

Replying to a special call attention motion related to pleas for the premature release of Muslim prisoners, the CM detailed the steps taken by the government in respect of premature release of life convicts.

Palaniswami urged the release of 36 Muslim prisoners who were in prison for the past about 20 to 25 years considering factors such as old age and illness.

Stalin said a six member committee, led by retired judge of the Madras high court, Justice N Athinathan was set up on December 22, 2021, by the government to look into the matter.

"Some are trying to create an impression that no Muslim prisoners were released and that no action was taken in this regard." The government is taking proper legal action, he noted.

Referring to Palaniswami's batting for the release of Muslim prisoners, Stalin demanded to know the reason for AIADMK shutting its eyes to the matter while it was in power for 10 years.

The CM sought to know why nothing was done during AIADMK regime (2011-21) on the premature release of Muslim prisoners while it had set free convicts in the Dharmapuri (NIRD), Hyderabad.

With IT-Madras starting

KCR promoting family while farmers kill themselves: Shah

Highlights BRS's 'Unfulfilled Promises', Seeks Vote For BJP

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Hyderabad: Union home minister Amit Shah asserted on Tuesday that the time has come for a double-engine government in Telangana and expressed his desire to see BJP's saffron flag waving in Hyderabad on December 3, the day the results of the November 30 assembly elections will be announced.

Addressing a rally in Adilabad, the first public meeting of a political party in the state after the election schedule was announced, Shah alleged that the BRS government had led Telangana to become the state with the highest number of farmer suicides. He accused chief minister K Chandrasekhar Rao of prioritising his family's growth and grooming his son KT Rama Rao as his successor.

Shah invoked the legacy of Gond tribal leader Kumaram Bheem, who fought for India's independence.

"When we were kids we used to go to goosebumps at the very mention of his name. This land fought two



battles for independence one against the British and the other against the Razakars of the Nizam."

He called the crowd if they wished to see the KCR government continue in office or if they desired to form a government under the leadership of PM Modi. "Your cheers tell us that you will form a BJP government under Modi ji on December 3," he said.

Shah's rally followed PM Modi's addresses in Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad on October 1 and 3, where he announced the establishment of a turmeric board for Telangana and unveiled projects

worth Rs 8,000 crore.

Exhorting the public to vote for BJP, Shah called for the state to break free from the allegedly corrupt BRS government and allow the "lotus" to flourish. "KCR babu, you are number one in what? Is it in employment or giving water to every household? Telangana is number one in violence against women and children and in various scams. In the past nine years of being in power, BRS has never worked for the poor," he said.

He criticised both BRS and Congress, underscoring the achievements of the Mo-

di-led government at the Centre, such as the abolition of Article 370 and progress on the Ram temple in Ayodhya. "Not to forget, there were Pakistan-sponsored terrorist attacks on the country... When they (Pakistan) tried to create trouble in Pulwama, Modi made sure that we taught them a fitting lesson on their own soil with surgical strikes," he said.

Shah directed criticism towards AIMIM, accusing them of having control over BRS government. "The symbol of BRS is the car, but the steering lies in the hands of AIMIM. If you want a government that runs with control of new Razakars, don't vote for BRS. Their government often makes false claims." He highlighted various "unfulfilled promises" made by the BRS government, such as 2BHK houses for eligible families and three acres of land for Dalits.

Urging people to give their mandate to Modi to become PM for a third time, Shah said: "In the past nine years, the PM has given Telangana Rs 9 lakh crore..."

People are jobless as there has been no caste census: Rahul in poll-bound MP

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Bhopal: Former AICC president and Wayanad MP Rahul Gandhi said on Tuesday that Congress would compel BJP-led Centre to conduct a caste census to ensure that all communities receive their right

ful recognition.

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India, Italy ink agreement to boost defence cooperation

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India and Italy have signed an agreement to promote cooperation in defence, security, maritime domain awareness, R&D, information-sharing and industrial collaboration, including co-development, co-production and setting up joint ventures for military systems.

This came after defence minister Rajnath Singh held delegation-level talks with his Italian counterpart Guido Crosetto in Rome, where the two sides discussed a host of defence cooperation issues, including military training, maritime exercises and maritime security.

The focus was on the opportunities in defence-industrial cooperation. The two ministers discussed the complementary capacities of India and Italy in the defence sector and the possibilities of joint development. Singh suggested fostering the interaction



Defence minister Rajnath Singh with his Italian counterpart Guido Crosetto during a meeting in Rome on Tuesday

of Indian startups with Italian defence companies," an official said on Tuesday.

Singh is on a two-nation tour of Italy and France to expand bilateral strategic engagements. In Paris, he will co-chair the fifth annual India-France defence dialogue with his French counterpart Sebastian Lecornu.

The visit comes after the Singh-led defence acquisitions council gave the preliminary approval or "acceptance of necessity" (AoN) for the acquisition of 26 French Rafale-Marine fighter jets and three more Scorpene diesel-electric submarines on July 13, a day before the Modi-Macron summit in Paris.

Apart from these two deals, which will cost over Rs 80,000 crore (€9 billion), India and France have also agreed to co-develop advanced fighter jet and helicopter engines.

China's superpower ambition to fuel 'contests' in Indo-Pacific: CDS

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New Delhi: The Indo-Pacific will continue to witness "contests" in the backdrop of China's ongoing drive to become a superpower, Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan said on Tuesday, even as he underlined that the Indian armed forces had embarked on the journey of "jointness, integration and theaterisation" to boost the country's war-fighting capabilities.

"In the long run, because of compulsions of geography, our northern neighbour (China) will have to run its writ on at least two oceans if it wants to become a superpower. Indian Ocean is one and the Pacific the other," Gen Chauhan said, at the India Defence Conclave.

Army chief General Manoj Pande said "unprecedented trends" are shaping the geo-strategic landscape at present. With economic interests, concerns and aspirations at the core of the geopolitical



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shifts, the power plays range from "cooperation to competition" and "containment to confrontational strategies".

"Strategic interests of a rising India shall not remain confined to the borders, they will span the region and beyond... To be able to secure our national interests, we need to possess commensurate capabilities," Gen Pande said.

Asked about the long-pending plan to create tri-service theatre commands, Gen Chauhan said "theaterisa-

tion" is one of the "most ambitious reforms" being undertaken since Independence.

The CDS said he has managed to "forge a consensus" among the Army, Navy and IAF while eliminating "some mistrust", since he took over as CDS a year ago. "It's a journey we have started and will hopefully complete," he said.

Gen Pande said a massive "transformation" was underway in his force, which rested on five pillars. The first is force-restructuring and optimisation to improve combat capabilities and the teeth-to-tail ratio, he said.

The other pillar, he said, is modernisation and infusion of nice technologies into war-fighting systems; refining systems, processes and functions to increase efficiency; better human resource management through the "extremely progressive and transformative" initiatives like the Agnipath scheme; and jointness and integration among the three services.

Manipur border town tense again, curfew won't be eased

Imphal: Tengnoupal district authorities in Manipur cancelled the daily curfew relaxation in the Indo-Myanmar border town of Moreh.

An order issued by the district magistrate of Tengnoupal Krishan Kumar on Monday said daily curfew relaxation from 6am to 5pm to facilitate the general public to purchase essential items is "cancelled with immediate effect till further orders as there is a likelihood of gathering of public". However, curfew relaxation in the rest of the district remains.

The order shall not apply to government agencies involved in the enforcement of law and order, the order said.

On Monday, large groups of the mob gathered in Kuki-dominated Moreh and started cleaning market sheds previously used by the Meitei community, following which security forces intervened triggering altercations and tension, official sources said. pti

Fraudsters take ₹1L out of DMK neta Maran's a/c

Chennai: Former Union IT minister and DMK MP Dayanidhi Maran lost about Rs 1 lakh from his bank account to online fraudsters, reports Selvaraj A. Based on his complaint, the Chennai Police lodged an FIR against unknown persons.

Maran said he has a bank account with Axis Bank. His wife received a call from an unknown number on October 8 while she was in Malaysia. The person who spoke to her in Hindi claimed to be an Axis Bank employee and said she had initiated a Rs 99,000 transaction. His wife's number was not linked to his Axis Bank account, though it's a joint account.

She received three more calls from the same number, but ignored them. She didn't share any OTP either. "My wife received eight more missed calls from another number. When she received a call from the (first) number again, she answered," Maran said. Soon after, the MP received a mail and a message on his phone saying Rs 99,999 had been debited.

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Cong not condemning Hamas is appeasement politics: BJP

'What Israel Is Suffering Today, India Did Between 2004 & 2014'

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New Delhi: BJP on Tuesday accused Congress and its alliance partners of fighting shy of condemning the killing of innocent and unarmed Israeli civilians, saying the reluctance of opposition parties was reflective of their obsession with "politics of appeasement".

"Congress at it again. Supporting terror organisations and terrorism while innocent civilians lose their lives to bullets," Union minister Pralhad Joshi said in a post on X a day after the Congress Working Committee, in its resolution, omitted mention of the terrorist attack by Hamas.

"With this stand, the leading party of INDI Alliance has exposed itself to the nation. How will the party protect its nation and citizens when it is openly standing with violence?" Joshi added a day after Left student unions in the campus of Aligarh Muslim University, JNU and



South Kerala Jamiatul Ulama members on Tuesday take part in a rally in Thiruvananthapuram against Israel's attack on Palestinians

Jamia Millia demonstrated in support of Palestinians.

Rajya Sabha MP and BJP's chief spokesperson Anil Balani said Congress's politics of appeasement was on full display at the cost of basic human sensitivities.

"Though Congress coined Hindu terror, we believe that terror has no religion. But for the CWC to ignore the killing of innocent civilians and to focus only on the demands of the Palestinians speaks of a mindset which places electoral consid-

erations over basic human values," Balani said.

The statements came against the backdrop of an array of politicians — National Conference's Omar Abdullah, PDP's Mehbooba Mufti and AIMIM's Asaduddin Owaisi — supporting the Palestinian cause, in sharp contrast to PM Modi's unequivocal condemnation of the killings by Hamas as a 'terrorist attack'.

The gap between the positions can potentially create a new faultline during the

campaign for assembly polls. The day Israel was attacked, BJP on its social media handles floated the "Never forgive, never forget" hashtag, saying, "What Israel is facing today, India suffered between 2004-14." The reference was to the spate of terror attacks under UPA governments and BJP's charge that they were facilitated by a government that was weak, lacked willpower and practised votebank politics.

Sharing a clip of the movie 'A Wednesday' based on terror attacks in the country, the party said, "If cinema is a reflection of the times we live in, this film from the UPA era is a grim reminder of how terrorist attacks had become routine in India between 2004-14. Our collective memories of those horrendous times may have become feeble. But never forgive, never forget."

With all indications suggesting that West Asia is headed for a prolonged period of conflict, the political fight over terrorism can well intensify.

Pushed into a corner on Hamas attack, Cong says even Vajpayee endorsed Palestinian cause

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Pushed into a corner over its apparent unwillingness to call out the Hamas-led attack on Israel as a 'terrorist attack', Congress on Tuesday rubbished BJP's claims that it is "supporting" terror organisations and said BJP was resorting to diversionary tactics to hide its failures in handling the worsening situation in North-East, the party's internal squabbling in Rajasthan, and its impending defeat in poll-bound states.

Congress' deputy leader in Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, slammed BJP's attempts to do politics when the security of Indians is at stake. "It is very sad that BJP is trying to play politics over Congress resolution. We are all deeply saddened by what happened. We are concerned about every Indian, whether in Israel or Gaza, and we want that they should remain safe. Our focus should be on ensuring they return safely. All this is being said so they can hide their failures in Sikkim, the internal factionalism in



Children run for cover as bombs fall near the Al-Shifa Hospital in Gaza City

Rajasthan, and the number of people unhappy over the BJP list there. The position we have taken in the party is clear and no one except BJP is trying to use it to distort and distract," Gogoi said.

He also urged BJP to refer to speeches made by its own leader Atal Bihari Vajpeji, and his endorsement of the Palestinian cause. "BJP is rattled by Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra and the impact it has had. In their desperation, they have forgotten their history, and the speech of their own leader," Gogoi said.

Questions about Congress' position on the Israel-Palestine war cropped up after the party, in its initial reaction on Sunday slammed the "brutal attacks" on Israel and called for a dialogue, while endorsing the legitimate aspirations of the people of Palestine. A day later, however, the Congress Working Committee tweaked its statement following pressure from Kerala CLP leader Ramesh Chennithala to take a line on the Israel-Palestine conflict that underlines the "two-state" option. This, Chennithala said would reflect Congress' traditional stance in light of Indira Gandhi's close relations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation of Yasser Arafat.

The CWC then adopted a resolution that said, "The CWC expresses its dismay and anguish on the war... The CWC reiterates its long-standing support for the rights of the Palestinian people to land, self-government and to live with dignity and respect. The CWC calls for an immediate ceasefire and for negotiations to begin on all outstanding issues..."

13-year-old tortured & killed, mutilated body found in cane field

Bareilly: A 13-year-old girl, who went missing while on way back home from a local madrasa on Sunday, was found dead in a cane field at a village in Lakhimpur Kheri district, reports Kanardeep Singh. A senior cop, privy to the investigation, said on Tuesday that the accused had gagged the student's mouth with mud, pierced her eyes with sugarcane stalks and tortured her before killing her.

An autopsy was conducted by a panel of doctors and a probe is on to find out whether she was sexually assaulted," the police officer added. An FIR was registered against "unidentified persons" following a complaint by the victim's family.

Additional SP, Naipal Singh, said, "The case is taken up on priority and senior officials are monitoring the investigation. Four teams are working on the leads and the forensic team is collecting evidence. We are taking support from the surveillance team and anti-social elements of the area are under the scanner. We are hoping for a breakthrough soon."

A member of the autopsy team, requesting anonymity, told TOI, "There were seven deep wounds on the girl's body. She must have gone through enormous pain. She was definitely tortured before murder. We have seen bruises near her private parts and samples have been taken for confirmation of sexual assault through lab tests."

NIOS to offer Jain monks & nuns free edu till Class 12

Noida: The National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) will provide free education till Class 12 to Jain monks and nuns who migrate from one place to another for religious work, reports Ayantika Pal. The Noida-headquartered institute has also announced plans to start new study centres in several states, including Delhi-NCR, Gujarat, Rajasthan, West Bengal and UP.

On October 3, the Jain Shwetambar Terapanthi Mahasabha (JSTM) an umbrella organisation of the Terapanthi sect of Jains signed an MoU with NIOS. JSTM officials said there are more than 20,000 monks and nuns in India who migrate throughout the year and struggle to continue with their basic education.

According to the MoU, JSTM will provide financial backing to establish new study centres in various states, while NIOS will provide these centres accreditation.

India needs 3 psychiatrists per lakh population, has only 0.7

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New Delhi: India has only about 0.7 mental health professionals for every one lakh persons when the standard guidelines suggest that there should be at least three psychiatrists per one lakh population.

On the occasion of World Mental Health Day on Tuesday, Niti Aayog member (Health) Dr VK Paul said that postgraduate medical seats in psychiatry need to be increased to augment the required manpower.

He also stressed on the need to train healthcare workers manning the Ayushman Bharat — Health and Wellness Centre (AB-HWCs) to counsel people suffering from common mental health disorders and to know when to transfer a patient to a higher centre.

While blind chess has talented players in Chennai, they face several difficulties as well. "We have funding issues and are not able to take more students to tournaments. In spite of giving training free of cost, the participation of women in visually impaired chess is low because they are scared for their safety while travelling for tournaments. This is a social problem and not a gender problem," says Charudatta.

TIMES VIEW: Mental illness is a silent epidemic in our country. Yet it remains a taboo topic, especially in large swathes of small-town and rural India. The shortage of trained health professionals can only worsen the situation. The government must come up with a time-bound, action plan to bridge the gap.

Union health minister Mansukh Mandaviya said the use of digital technology in mental health is a force multiplier. Tele-Manas, a government-run tele-mental health helpline has counselled more than 3.5 lakh people till date and currently provides counselling to 2,000 people through 44 Tele Manas Cells. More than 1,000 calls are being received on this helpline every day, Mandaviya said.

The Tele-Manas Seva was launched last year on World Mental Health Day. Mandaviya also commemorated the states/UTs on their performance, and they were awarded certificate of appreciation with memento for achieving the highest number of calls in the National Tele Mental Health Programme.

Through grooves and moves

ACTIVE VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHESS PLAYERS IN INDIA

Maharashtra	608
Gujarat	353
Tamil Nadu	817
Karnataka	337
Delhi	186



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Seventeen-year-old Dinesh Kumar, who will be playing at a national chess championship next month, knows the board like the back of his hand. He meticulously runs his fingers through the chess pieces and makes his move, as his opponent and friend, Shankar, waits patiently. What makes the game even more challenging for them is that both are visually impaired.

"After I come back from school, I play chess to unwind with my friends. Most of the time it is all fun and laughter, but whenever I play with Shankar, I get serious about the game, because he is an excellent player and has also played at the national level. I play competitive," Dinesh chuckles. Balancing school and training comes easy to him as he is passionate about the game. "Even though I will not pursue a full-time career

as a chess player, just playing the game makes me feel I can do things I set my mind to. It's a reminder that I'm capable of anything," he says.

Many talented and passionate visually impaired students such as Dinesh and Shankar are being trained and coached in Chennai and at the state level to help them make a career out of it, with the help of organisations like the All India Chess Federation for the Blind (AICFB) and Nethrodaya, a Chennai-based non-profit. As a result, Tamil Nadu is now third in producing the most active visually impaired chess players in the country, with 353 active players and 42 rated players.

Nethrodaya recently hosted a south-zone tournament for the visually impaired. Organised by AICFB, the event attracted a large number of competing to qualify for the national level championship. "Many of our students participated in the

south-zone tournament and a few qualified for the national tournament. We have certified coaches who come in every day and train them in the sport. They are ambitious and aspire to win the international master title and are working towards it," says C Govindakrishnan, founder of Nethrodaya.

While chess is an extra-curricular activity for most students, for visually impaired international chess player Marimuthu K, it is his passion and a livelihood. His mother works as a housekeeper to run the family of three. At the age of 18, Marimuthu decided to support the family by coaching both visually impaired children and others in chess while also training for national and international tournaments. "During the coaching, I make two people play and let the others observe. After the game, we discuss their moves to understand the tactics and strategies they employ. Since I

train students to attend national tournaments, I always end up learning a thing or two from them for my own matches," says the 21-year-old.

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KFON
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited (KSITIL) for and on behalf of KFON Limited invites Tenders under two cover bid system (Bid I: Prequalification & Techno Commercial bid and Bid II: Price Bid) from eligible contractors for the following work under KFON project.
Name of the work: Proposal for Providing 20 Gbps scalable up to 100 Gbps of internet leased connectivity to KFON NOC at Infopark, Kakkad, Kochi.
Last date for submission of e-tender: 05:00 pm on 13/11/2023
Tender documents and tender schedule may be downloaded from the e-GP website www.tenders.kerala.gov.in
Date: 11/10/2023
Sd/- Managing Director
Kerala State IT Infrastructure Limited

T.T.DEVASTHANAMS, TIRUPATI MARKETING DEPARTMENT
e-Procurement Tender Notice
e-Tenders / e-Reverse tenders are invited for supply the items (1) 26,000 Tins of Refined Sunflower oil (2) 60,000 Kgs of Cardamom (3) 5,00,000 Kgs of Sugar (4) 5,00,000 Kgs of Cow Ghee with Agmark Special Grade from the Dairies situated within 1500 kms from Tirumala, Andhra Pradesh (5) 7,00,000 Kgs of Cow Ghee with Agmark Special Grade from the national wide Dairies to the Marketing Department, T.T.Devasthanams. For Tender notice and tender details log on to the website <http://www.tirumala.org> and <https://tender.approcurement.gov.in>. For further details contact Phone numbers: 0877-2264079, 226455, Fax No.0877-2264554. RC NO. PR/4/1395 Ad. No. 220 PRO/2023 Date: 10.10.2023 Sd/- Executive Officer

30प्र० लोक सेवा आयोग
विज्ञाप्ति
ऐसे मेहाली अभ्यर्थी जो अपनी कही मेहनत व लगन से बार-बार 30प्र० न्यायिक सेवा सिविल जज (जूडी) और साक्षात्कार परीक्षाओं में साक्षात्कार तक पहुँचते हैं, परन्तु अनियन्त्रित से सफल नहीं होते हैं। ऐसे अभ्यर्थीयों के भविष्य को दृष्टिगत रखते हुये, 30प्र० लोक सेवा आयोग, अनियन्त्रित चरण (साक्षात्कार) में उत्तरित होने वाले अधिकारीयों द्वारा अनुच्छेद इच्छुक अभ्यर्थीयों (Non-qualified willing candidates) के प्राप्तानक एवं अन्य विवरणों का एक उपयोगी डेटाबेस, अन्य नियोक्ता संस्थाओं को, रोजगार प्राप्तवार्ता करने के उद्देश्य से उपलब्ध कराने जा रहा है।
अतः 30प्र० न्यायिक सेवा सिविल जज (जूडी) परीक्षा, 2022 के साक्षात्कार में उपरित होने वाले अधिकारीयों अमेरिका रिजिस्टर ई-mail ID से आयोग की E-mail id: nsmun22@gmail.com पर निम्नलिखित प्राप्तवार्ता पर सूचना दिनांक 20.11.2023 तक भेज सकते हैं।
अनुक्रमक (30प्र० न्यायिक सेवा सिविल जज (जूडी)-2022) साक्षात्कार तिथि नाम पिता/पति का नाम जन्म-तिथि श्रेणी लिंग जीविक अर्थात् स्नातक/स्नातकी पता/पति विवेक कुमार श्रीवास्तव (उप सचिव)
संख्या: 668(1)/23/01/मिस्ट्री/एस-10/2023-24
दिनांक: प्रयागराज, 10 अक्टूबर, 2023

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON
(SECTION 82 Cr.P.C.)
Whereas complaint has been made before me that the accused Arif, S/o Haleem, R/o F-159, New Seemapuri, Delhi, has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in FIR No. 690/2019, U/s 356/379/411 IPC, registered at P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi, and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest there upon issued that the said accused Arif, cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused Arif, has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused Arif, of case FIR No. 690/2019, U/s 356/379/411 IPC, P.S. Seemapuri, Delhi, is required to appear before this court to answer the said complaint on or before 10.11.2023.
By Order
Aishwarya Singh Kashyap,
Metropolitan Magistrate,
District Shahdara,
Karkardooma Court, Delhi
DP/11468/SHD/2023
(Court Matter)

DP/10366/OD/2023-(Court Matter)

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Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused (1) Harvinder Kaur, W/o: Sarabjit Singh, R/o: H.No. C-81, Patel Chowk, SGM Nagar, Faridabad, Haryana, (2) Sardar Parvinder, S/o: Sardar Kulwant, (3) Kulwant Singh, S/o: Lt. Sardar Atar Singh, (4) Gyan Kaur, W/o: Sardar Kulwant, R/o: Village Bajipur Opposite Simran Palace Ladwa Road, Police Station Pipili, District Kurukshetra, Haryana has committed (or is suspected to have committed) the offence in case FIR No. 121/2014, Dated: 14.02.2014, U/s 498/406/34 IPC, P.S.: Rani Bagh, Delhi and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said accused (1) Harvinder Kaur, (2) Sardar Parvinder, (3) Kulwant Singh, (4) Gyan Kaur cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused (1) Harvinder Kaur, (2) Sardar Parvinder, (3) Kulwant Singh, (4) Gyan Kaur has absconded (or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said warrant).
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By Order
Ms. Preeti Rajoria
Metropolitan Magistrate, Mahila Court-02,
North-West, Room No. 18, Ground Floor,
Rohini Court, Delhi
DIPR/ARN-8640-42

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Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Tender Notice No. 75

Online tenders through E-Tendering system are invited from contractors for Upgrading badminton court, developing various playgrounds in Kolhapur City. The tender can be downloaded from the e-tendering website www.mahatenders.gov.in. Date of tender submission from 11/10/2023 09.30 AM to 25/10/2023 at 3.30 PM. Prebid Meeting Date 17/10/2023 at 11.30 AM (ADD. COMMISSIONER OFFICE KMC) Tender Opening Date 27/10/2023 at 4.00 PM. Date 09/10/2023

sd/-
City Engineer
Kolhapur Municipal Corporation, Kolhapur

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कानपुर विकास प्राधिकरण
■ चार्ट्ड एकाउन्टेन्ट फर्म का सेवा प्रदाता के रूप में चयन ■
वित्तीय वर्ष 2023-24 के अंते वार्ष वार्ष, वित्तीय वर्ष 2024-25 एवं वित्तीय वर्ष 2025-26 देश कानपुर विकास प्राधिकरण के एकाउन्ट मैनेजर के अनुसार लेखा सम्बन्धी कार्यालयों का रख-रखाव व पर्यावरण, वैलस्टोर, आपकर इं-फाइलिंग फर्म 24वें व 26वें इं-फाइलिंग फर्म-16 जॉब के लिये कार्यालय से अनुभव सहित एकाउन्टेन्ट फर्म का चयन करने से जनुआरी तक जाना है। इसके फर्म जॉब पोर्टल के माध्यम से किया जाता है। संख्या GEM/2023/B/4051514 के माध्यम से आवेदन कर सकती है। आवेदन की अंतिम तिथि दिनांक 06.11.2023 संया 5.00 बजे तक है। सुशील कुमार, वित्त नियंत्रक

Website : www.kdaindia.co.in

SEARCH FOR MISSING WOMAN

Baby Devi
General public is hereby informed that this woman namely Baby W/o Jamun Singh R/o H.No. H/32, House of Ashok Bhatia, Gali No. 3, East Azad Nagar, Krishna Nagar Thane Wali Gali, Near Shahdara, Delhi Age : 47 years, Height : 5'1", Face : Long, Complexion : Shallow, Build: Thin, Identification: Old Cut mark on forehead, wearing a red colour suit-salwar, golden colour ear rings and black chappal in feet. She is also carrying a pink colour clothes bag, has been missing since 03.10.2023 from New Delhi Railway Station, Ajmeri Gate Side, Delhi. In this regard DD 60-A dated 05.10.2023 has been lodged at P.S. New Delhi Railway Station, Delhi.
Any person having any information or clue about this missing woman may kindly inform to the following:-
E-mail: cic@cbi.gov.in SHO - P.S. New Delhi Website: <http://cbi.nic.in> Railway Station, Delhi Fax: 24368639, Tel. No.: 011-23363622, 08750871305
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ALL MEN OF ACTION
ARE DREAMERS
—JAMES HUNEKER

CHRIS MARTIN'S COLDPLAY AND EX-MANAGER LOCKED IN LEGAL SPAT
OVER 'UNJUSTIFIABLY EXPENSIVE' TOUR COSTS & 'MISSED PAYMENTS'

ONCE 'POWERFUL' & FIT, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER REVEALS STRUGGLE
WITH BODY IMAGE & AGING: 'I DO LOOK IN A MIRROR & SAY, YOU SUCK'

Iran's allies in Iraq, Yemen threaten to target US interests if it intervenes

Baghdad: Senior Iraqi and Yemeni leaders aligned with Iran and in charge of heavily armed groups have threatened to target US interests if Washington intervenes to support Israel in its conflict with Hamas in Gaza. The comments come amid strong support by the US for Israel's response to the attacks and a US pledge to provide additional munitions to Israel and deploy a carrier strike group to the Eastern Mediterranean.

In Yemen, the leader of the powerful Houthi Movement warned on Tuesday that the group would respond to any US intervention in Gaza with drones, missiles and other military options. He said the group was ready to coordinate intervention with other members of the so-called "Axis of Resistance" which encompasses Iranian-backed Shia Muslim factions in Iraq and Lebanon's Hezbollah group, which has already entered the fray. In Iraq, Hadi Al-Amiri, a powerful Iraqi politician close to Iran and a key figure in the cross-party alliance backing the Baghdad government, also threatened to target American assets, in comments made during a tribal gathering in the capital. "If they intervene, we would intervene... If the Americans intervened openly in this conflict..., we will consider all American targets legitimate..., and we will not hesitate to target it," Al-Amiri said.

The US currently has 2,500 troops in Iraq and an additional 900 in Syria on a mission to advise and assist local forces in combating Islamic State. REUTERS

Zelensky sees Russia's hand in Israel conflict

Kyiv: President Volodymyr Zelensky of Ukraine has accused Russia of wanting to precipitate conflict in the Middle East to undermine international support for Ukraine, in comments that reflect concern that the Israeli-Hamas war could distract attention from Kyiv's fight.

In remarks released on social media on Monday night, Zelensky, who has repeatedly expressed support for Israel, also appeared to seek to rally support for his country at a time when Ukraine is facing stiff Russian resistance on the battlefield amid signs of wavering support among a few of its allies.

Zelensky also drew a line between Russia and Iran, both of which, he said, supported Hamas. "We see Russian propagandists gloating," he said. "We see Moscow's Iranian friends openly supporting those who attacked Israel." AGENCIES

Israel and Lebanon's Hezbollah trade border fire as conflict engulfs region

Fresh Violence Comes After 3 Hezbollah Men, 1 Israeli Officer Die

Lebanon's Hezbollah fired a guided missile at an Israeli military vehicle on Tuesday, sources in Lebanon said, and Israel said it responded by striking an observation post belonging to the Iran-backed group, in a third day of violence at the border. The violence, triggered by the war between Israel and Palestinian militants, marks the most serious escalation along the Lebanese-Israeli frontier since the 2006 conflict between Hezbollah and Israel.

A salvo of rockets was also fired from Lebanon into Israel on Tuesday, in an attack a security source in Lebanon said was carried out by Palestinian factions. There was no immediate claim of responsibility. The Israeli military said it responded with artillery fire to launches coming from Lebanese territory. It said some 15 rockets were launched from Lebanon, of which four were intercepted and 10 fell in open spaces.

Tuesday's violence comes a day after Israeli strikes on Lebanon killed three Hezbollah members, according to the Iran-backed group. At least one senior Israel defence officer was killed in a skirmish on the Lebanon border on Monday, a military spokesman has said.

Hezbollah has voiced support for Palestinians, saying its "guns and rockets" are with them. On Sunday, Hezbollah fired at three Israeli positions in the disputed Shebaa Farms along the border and two more military posts in Israel on Monday.

The UN Interim Force in Lebanon was in contact with both sides "to de-escalate this dangerous situation". REUTERS & AFP

Putin blames failure of US policy in Mideast

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday said the explosion of violence between Israel and the Palestinians showed the failure of US policy in the Middle East, and the Kremlin said it was in touch with both the warring sides.

Putin told visiting Iraqi PM Mohammed Shia Al-Sudani that the US had sought to "monopolise" international efforts at forging peace, and accused Washington of neglecting to seek compromises that would be acceptable to both sides. US, Putin said, had ignored the interests of Palestinians, includ-



40 babies found dead in just one Israel area

Hamas terrorists massacred at least 40 babies at Kfar Aza, an Israeli community settlement where residents were slaughtered during the devastating Saturday attack, Israel-based i24 News reported. Media was invited on Tuesday to survey the scene of devastation as soldiers continued to remove bodies of victims from the homes where they were murdered. Some soldiers said they found babies with their heads cut off, entire families gunned down in their beds. "It's not a war, it's not a battlefield, it's a massacre," Israel defence forces Major General Itai Veruv said. ANI

Fauda' star Lior Raz joins Israel warfront

Israeli star Lior Raz, known for his role in web series "Fauda", said he has joined the "Brothers in Arms" volunteers to extract two families from the bombed town of Sderot. Raz on social media shared a video of him and others rushing to take cover from a rocket attack on Monday night. "Brothers in Arms" is an Israeli group representing retired soldiers. At 18, Raz had enlisted in the Israel defence forces and was a commander in the elite undercover counter-terrorism unit. PNT

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Tehran not behind attack: Khamenei

Tehran was not involved in the militant Hamas group's weekend attack on Israel, Iran's top authority Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Tuesday, but hailed what he called Israel's "irreparable" military and intelligence defeat. "Khamenei, wearing a Palestinian scarf in his first televised speech since the attack, said an attack on Gaza would "unleash a much heavier torrent of anger". "The occupying regime seeks to portray itself as a victim to escalate its crimes further. This is a misguided calculation... It will result in even greater disaster," Israel has long accused Iran of supplying arms to Hamas. REUTERS

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Gaza crossing to Egypt hit by Israel for third time in 24 hours: Report

Gaza's sole border crossing with Egypt, the only entry point not controlled by Israel, was hit by an Israeli air strike on Tuesday for the third time in 24 hours, an AFP photographer and an NGO said. The third strike against the Rafah crossing consisted of "four missiles" which targeted the Palestinian side of the crossing, local Egyptian group Sinai for Human Rights reported.

Witnesses said the second strike hit the no-man's land between the Egyptian and Palestinian gates, damaging the hall on the Palestinian side. The first strike on Monday had briefly halted passage through the crossing, a security source and witnesses said. Rafah is the sole possible crossing point into Sinai for Gaza's 2.3 million residents. The rest of the strip is surrounded by Israel and the sea.

Israel's assault on Gaza has caused alarm in Egypt, which has urged Israel to provide safe passage for civilians from the enclave rather than encouraging them to flee southwest towards Sinai, two Egyptian security sources said. AFP & REUTERS

EU opposes total siege of Gaza, says Josep Borrell

Muscat: EU foreign ministers on Tuesday urged Israel not to cut "water, food, or electricity" to Gaza, the bloc's foreign policy chief said. The representatives of the 27 EU countries held emergency talks after the surprise attack by Hamas and as Israel unleashed a reprisal bombing campaign of Gaza. The EU ministers insisted on the need for "respect of international and humanitarian law and it means no blockage of water, food or electricity to the civilian population in Gaza," top diplomat Josep Borrell said.

"Israel has the right to defend but it has to do so accordingly with international law, humanitarian law," Borrell told journalists in Muscat. He also said the EU meeting called for "humanitarian corridors to facilitate people who have to escape the bombing of Gaza" across the border to Egypt. After mixed signals from Brussels over the future of its financial support, Borrell said an "overwhelming majority" of EU states oppose suspending aid to the Palestinian Authority. AFP

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'A pure unadulterated evil unleashed': Biden on Hamas terror hit

Washington: President Joe Biden condemned the attacks by Hamas on US ally Israel as "sheer evil"



Biden sending Blinken to Israel

President Joe Biden is dispatching his top diplomat to Israel on an urgent mission to show US support after major terrorist attacks by Hamas militants, the state department said on Tuesday. State department spokesman Matthew Miller said Secretary of State Antony Blinken would travel in coming days to deliver a message of solidarity and support. Blinken will leave Wednesday and is expected to arrive Thursday. AP

an hour while he and Vice President Kamala Harris spoke to PM Benjamin Netanyahu to "discuss our support for Israel".

Biden said on X that they "sat down with our teams to receive a situation update on the terrorist attack in Israel and to direct next steps".

The US sent fresh military assistance for Israel after the Hamas attacks, and has also ordered its largest aircraft carrier to move closer to Israel in a show of support. Biden said he had one word—"Don't"—for any of Israel's adversaries who might try to get involved, in a clear message to long-term supporters of Iran, which backs Hamas.

The president's remarks were delayed by more than

Russia accuses US of N-testing site activity

Russia accused the US on Tuesday of carrying out preparatory work at a nuclear test site in Nevada but said that Moscow would not restart its own nuclear testing programme unless Washington did.

The comments, by deputy foreign minister Sergei Ryabkov, come as Russia's lower house of parliament urgently studies how to revoke Moscow's ratification of a landmark treaty banning nuclear tests and as tensions with the West are at their highest level since the 1962 Cuban missile crisis.

A nuclear test by the US or Russia could encourage others such as China to follow suit, starting a new nuclear arms race between the big powers, which stopped nuclear testing in the years after the Soviet Union's collapse in 1991. "If they go down this path, we need to resume nuclear tests. However, Putin said Russia could consider re-ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT) to bring itself into line with the US, which has signed but not ratified that treaty. REUTERS

Hamas likely got around Israel's surveillance prowess by going dark



While many questions remain unanswered, what's clear is that Hamas went low-tech, avoiding Israel's ability to tap its communications, and even perhaps, exploiting the Israeli defence forces' confidence that its missile attacks could be repelled or prevented. "My suspicion is that Hamas was able to keep such a vast operation—which included many, many trainers, lots of operational training, and bringing in a vast amount of munitions—close-hold because they went very old school," said Beth Sanner, former deputy director of US national

intelligence. "I suspect they never talked about it electronically. They broke it up into cells and did individual meetings. Each group was assigned to do different things. Very few people understood the whole plan."

A person familiar with Israeli intelligence operations said the success of the attack likely means that the country's military intelligence lacked high-quality human sources inside Hamas' leadership. It's also possible that the group's planning relied on encrypted technology, said Andrew Borene, a former group chief at the US National

Counterterrorism Center.

If taking its communications dark helped Hamas circumvent eavesdropping, then going underground—literally—may have helped thwart Israel's surveillance satellites. Hamas has excelled for years at hiding its weapons stockpiles in tunnels or underground, according to a person familiar with US intelligence on the group.

Hamas' planning was also probably helped by the growing sophistication of its own intelligence apparatus. Its capabilities have expanded dramatically since it seized control of Gaza

in 2007, according to a May 2023 study in the journal "Intelligence and National Security".

Israel's government faces charges that its national security establishment was distracted by domestic infighting over PM Netanyahu's efforts to strip power from the nation's judiciary.

Times of Israel reported that Egyptian intelligence had warned that Hamas was planning "something big," but that Israeli officials chose to focus on the West Bank instead of Gaza.

Israel PM's office denied the report, saying there was "no advance message". BLOOMBERG

In US, car rams into China consulate; driver shot dead

San Francisco: A car rammed into the Chinese consulate in San Francisco on Monday, coming to a stop in the lobby and creating a chaotic scene that ended with police shooting the driver, who later died at the hospital, officials said.

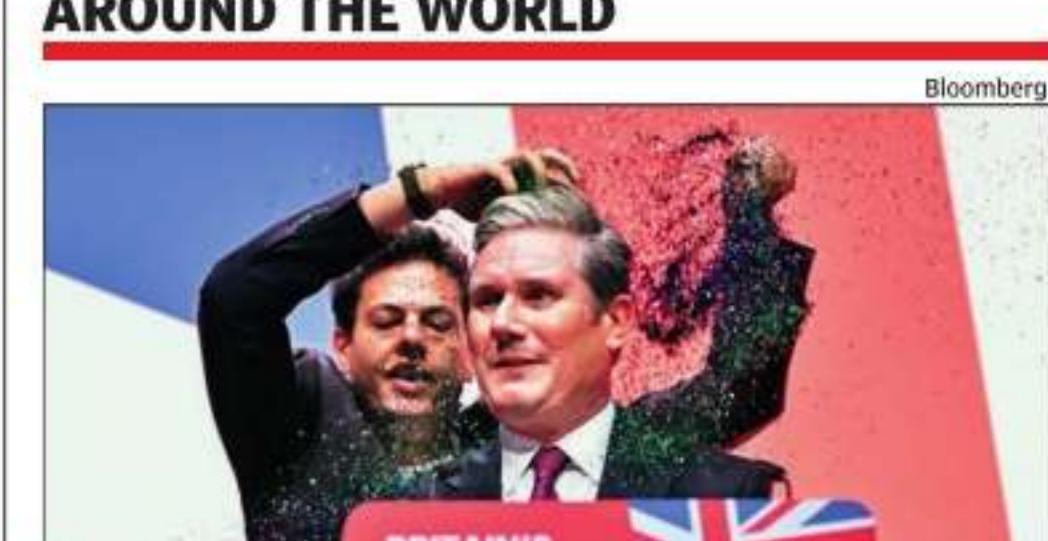
Police descended on the consulate building after 3pm on a report of a vehicle crashing into the building and urged people to avoid the area. Officers entered the lobby of the consulate's visa office, made contact with the suspect and there was a shooting involving an officer and the driver, police Sgt. Kathryn Winters said. The suspect was pronounced dead at the hospital, police said. Television cameras showed a Honda sedan crashed into the visa office. Winters said they had no reports of other injuries.

A statement from the Chinese consulate denounced the

incident. "Our embassy severely condemns this violent attack." The consulate said it has asked that the incident be "dealt with seriously in accordance with the law."

"We urge the US to launch a swift investigation and take effective measures to ensure the safety of Chinese diplomatic missions and personnel there in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations," Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin said, referring to the 1961 agreement governing relations between countries. AP

AROUND THE WORLD



CONFETTI PROTEST: A protester on Tuesday managed to evade security and disrupt a speech by British opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer. Starmer was showered with glitter as the protester shouted "True democracy is citizen-led" at the Labour conference in Liverpool. The protester was bundled offstage and Starmer continued his speech after removing his suit jacket. "If he thinks that bothers me, he doesn't know me," Starmer said

Russia ISS module sees 3rd coolant leak within a year

The Russian segment of the International Space Station sprung its third coolant leak in under a year Monday, raising new questions about the reliability of the country's space programme even as officials said crew members were not in danger. Flakes of frozen coolant spraying into space were seen in an official live feed of the orbital lab provided by Nasa.

"The Nauka module of the Russian segment of the ISS has suffered a coolant leak from the external (backup) radiator circuit, which was delivered to the station in 2012," Russian space agency Roscosmos said on Telegram, adding temperatures remained normal in the affected unit. "Nothing is threatening the crew and the station," added the crew. "We need to limit the harmful exhaust gases from petrol and diesel cars," Lars Stroemgren said. Exceptions will be made for police cars, ambulances and other security services. AP

hit the Russian side of the ISS in less than a year. On December 15, 2022, dramatic Nasa TV images showed white particles resembling snowflakes streaming out of the rear of a docked Soyuz MS-22 spacecraft for several hours. A similar leak mid-February also affected the Russian Progress MS-21 cargo ship, which had been docked to the ISS since October 2022.

The Russian space sector has been facing difficulties for years, between lack of funding, failures and corruption scandals.

Stockholm to ban petrol, diesel cars in city centre

Stockholm will ban petrol and diesel cars in a central 20-block area of the city as of 2025 in a bid to improve air quality, a vice-mayor said Tuesday. "We need to limit the harmful exhaust gases from petrol and diesel cars," Lars Stroemgren said. Exceptions will be made for police cars, ambulances and other security services.

Republican rivals make high-stakes pitch for House of Representatives leadership

the grave dangers facing us and our allies across the world," Pennsylvania Republican lawmaker Mike Kelly posted on social media. "The greatest nation to ever inhabit this planet is consumed with political issues and ignoring her own vulnerabilities and weaknesses."

The leadership vacuum had prompted speculation over a possible comeback by McCarthy.

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so that Congress can pass legislation to address the crisis in Israel, which is reeling from a deadly attack by Hamas.

McCarthy—who became the first speaker in US history to be ousted in the middle of his term—had appeared open to the possibility of a return. But he has ruled out what always looked like a long-shot second grab for the gavel, according to

Chased Philippine navy ship from disputed shoal in SCS, says China

Beijing: China's coast guard claimed Tuesday to have chased a Philippine navy ship from a disputed shoal in the South China Sea as tensions between the two countries over rich fishing areas escalated. Coast guard spokesman Gan Yu said the Philippine ship had sailed into waters next to the Scarborough Shoal, which China calls Huangyan Island, and ignored "multiple calls" to turn back. "The Chinese coast guard took necessary measures to expel the Philippine ship in accordance with the law," Gan said. In Manila, the Philippines' military chief of staff, Gen Romeo Brawner Jr., said authorities were still looking into the alleged incident but think it was more likely "propaganda from the Chinese" than an actual confrontation. AP

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Tech firms are starting to see their employees in Israel get drafted into the military as the country builds up forces. Shmuel Chafets (41), co-founder of venture capital firm Target Global, volunteered with the military. CEOs and developers alike have enlisted or have been conscripted, he said. Several global companies have temporarily shut some operations in Israel and asked employees to work from home.

Source: Reuters, Bloomberg



Consumer confidence in the outlook for Israel's economy has been on the decline since about the time the Benjamin Netanyahu govt took power, Haaretz reported

RBI bars BoB from adding app users over onboarding lapses

Staff Accused Of Linking Third Party Nos. To Meet Targets

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

Mumbai: The RBI has directed Bank of Baroda not to add customers to its mobile app following lapses in the onboarding process. The central bank's action follows complaints that some BoB employees used mobile numbers of strangers to onboard customers for mobile banking to meet enrolment targets.

The bank has been directed to ensure that existing app users do not face any disruption. Bank of Baroda is the second-largest public-sector bank and the third-largest state-owned lender in terms of active mobile banking customers.

"This action is based on certain material supervisory concerns observed in the manner of onboarding of their customers onto this mobile application. Any further onboarding of customers of the bank on the 'BoB World' application will be

No Impact For Existing Customers

► The action against Bank of Baroda is the first time RBI has asked a lender to block the mobile banking channel for new customers
► New customers will have access to other digital channels, including netbanking and WhatsApp banking, besides debit cards and ATMs

30mn | No. of activated app users 4.1mn | Daily active users

subject to rectification of the deficiencies observed and strengthening of the related processes by the bank to the satisfaction of RBI," the regulator said in a statement.

"While the bank has already carried out corrective measures to address the concerns of RBI, we have initiated further steps to plug any remaining gaps identified and we will work closely with RBI to address their concerns at the earliest to their satisfaction," Bank of

Baroda said in a statement. The bank said that new customers will have access to other digital channels, including netbanking and WhatsApp banking, besides debit cards and ATMs.

BoB had said earlier that it has checks in place to ensure the app cannot be linked to a mobile number more than once. The lender had also said that customers need to follow a two-factor authentication process to register or update a mobile number.

India's gas demand may grow 4%: IEA

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New Delhi: India's natural gas demand is expected to rise by 4% in 2023 calendar year and will continue to increase at an average annual rate of about 8% till 2026, the International Energy Agency said.

The growth in demand will be primarily supported by the power, petrochemical and fertiliser sectors, the agency's medium-term gas market forecast said. It quoted Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell, the oil ministry's market tracker, to note India's primary gas supply rising by 2% in the first eight months of 2023. The expected uptick in gas consumption in India is in contrast to the projection of a slowing pace of global gas demand growth at 1.6% annually between 2022 and 2026 against average 2.5% annual increase in the period between 2017 and 2021.

G24 backs MDB reforms

Marrakesh: G24, a group of developing nations, has backed the recommendations of the independent expert group on reform of multilateral development banks. "It strongly supported the strategy, the ambition, targets and quality of recommendations.... This provides a very good impetus, which can influence the thinking of the G20 ministers, especially the more advanced economies," said an Indian official.

The report of the independent expert group, co-chaired by Larry Summers and NK Singh, is due to be made public ahead of the meeting of G20 finance ministers and central bank ministers later this week. At the G24 meeting, Singh emphasised that the recommendations are of great benefit to the developing world. TNN

Direct tax collections surge 18% up to Oct 9

TIMES NEWS NETWORK

New Delhi: Gross direct tax receipts totalled Rs 11.1 lakh crore up to October 9, 2023—nearly 18% higher than the comparable period of last year, official data released on Tuesday showed.

Direct tax collection, net of refunds, was at Rs 9.6 lakh crore, which is 21.8% higher than the net receipts for the comparable period of last year. This collection is 52.5% of the total budget estimates for direct taxes in 2023-24. The growth rate for corporate income tax (CIT) was estimated at 7.3%, while that for personal income tax (PIT) was 29.5%.

Nitin Gupta, chairman Central Board of Direct Taxes, said the department was confident of meeting

the budget targets for direct taxes set for the current financial year as receipts "as on date" were good.

After adjustment of refunds, the net growth in CIT collection is 12.4% and that in PIT collection is 32.5% (PIT only)/31.9% (PIT including STT). Refunds amounting to Rs 1.5 lakh crore have been issued during April 1, 2023 to October 9, according to the department. For the assessment year 2023-24, the total number of I-T returns filed was at 7.3 crore and out of these, 7.2 crore were verified. The total number of ITRs processed was estimated at 6.8 crore and 93.5% of the duly verified returns have already been processed, according to the CBDT.

Gupta said the tax depart-

ment was reaching out to assesses through a special call centre whose refunds were held up due to a mismatch and validation issues with the taxpayers' bank accounts. He said total number of such cases was around 35 lakh and asserted that the department wants to resolve these cases expeditiously.

"We want to credit the refunds to the correct bank accounts of the taxpayers quickly... we have started a system under a year back for all such cases, where refunds are held up due to a variety of reasons. An email is triggered to the taxpayer, saying they will get a call three days from the dispatch of the email from a particular number and following this conversation, the issues are being resolved," Gupta said.

Akasa gets nod to fly to Saudi, Kuwait & Qatar

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New Delhi: The government has allocated flying rights to Akasa for three countries—Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Qatar—based on existing bilateral operations this winter. Since the bilaterals for Dubai have been completely exhausted, the airline will have to wait to start flights to the biggest foreign destination for desi globetrotters.

Akasa has to apply for being a designated airline from India to the government. Once that status is given, other countries will be informed about the same. When those countries give the nod to the

same as per their rules, Akasa can apply for slots at their airports, say people in the know. Comments were sought from Akasa on this issue and awaited till the time of going to press.

Bilaterals for Dubai have been exhausted

Bilaterals with several key destinations such as Dubai, Sharjah, Ras Al-Khaimah and Qatar are either fully or almost fully exhausted, making it difficult for new airlines like Akasa to start flights or those that already do so to add frequencies.

Bilaterals are signed between two countries to be used

by designated carriers of each side. Countries check the substantial ownership and effective control of a foreign airline that wishes to fly to it. Some European carriers are an exception globally due to the fact that big airlines like Swiss and Austrian, which fly to other countries on bilaterals of Switzerland and Austria, have their effective control and ownership with Germany's Lufthansa. This list is growing as Lufthansa is taking a stake in Italy's ITA, the successor of bankrupt Alitalia.

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With the growing relevance of the need for flexibility in workplaces, conversations around the concept of a four-day work week are gaining traction in the talent community. In an employee pulse survey by Randstad, which explores their perspectives and opinions on the concept of a four-day work week and the ways it will impact their work as well as perso-

nal lives, a staggering 83% of those who are working in a traditional five-day set-up have shown interest in transitioning to a four-day work week. A majority of these respondents also believe that the transition would help improve productivity and reduce stress levels.

Of the very few companies that offer a four-day work week to employees, Berroe—a global SaaS-based procurement intelligence and analytics company with a substantial presence in India—has been on a four-day work week since August 2017, which is applicable to all employees in India.

Vel Dhinagavel, founder & CEO, Berroe, said the four-day work week was designed to tackle the twin issues of work-life balance and productivity. Employees gain a better work-life balance with the flexibility

**A thought for today**

The one who cannot restrain their anger will wish undone, what their temper and irritation prompted them to do

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Be Smart, Tel Aviv

Why Israel needs to carefully calibrate its military response to the terror attack by Hamas

Israel is now in full battle mode, taking the fight back to Hamas. It's a justified and understandable response to terror attacks that indiscriminately targeted civilians, extracting a death toll of nearly 1,000, with Israeli authorities saying the count can go up. Israeli forces regained control of their breached border with Gaza Strip yesterday. Israeli jets started pounding Hamas-linked targets in the Palestinian enclave. And around 300,000 Israeli military reservists have been called up for a possible ground offensive into Gaza. But even as it targets Hamas, Israel should remember a few things.

Tel Aviv must understand that while Hamas leaders and fighters are legitimate targets, rising numbers of collateral Palestinian civilian deaths would be bad optics, perhaps not right now but almost certainly down the line. Also, conflating Palestinians in Gaza with Hamas helps the narrative of Israel's enemies. Many pundits have argued that one of Hamas's objectives was to derail the ongoing rapprochement between Israel and some Arab nations, a follow-up on the Abraham Accords. If Israel goes all out and flattens Gaza, those Arab nations would have no choice but to halt those negotiations indefinitely, given the sympathy that Arab societies have for the Palestinian cause.

Plus, the last thing that the international community needs is a larger regional conflagration. An all-out Gaza offensive by Israel may draw in Iran-backed Hezbollah into the conflict. From there, the escalation matrix could go anywhere. Iran may directly get involved and with the US sending its own warships to the region in support of Israel, things could get really nasty. There are already suspicions in some quarters that Iranian planners aided Hamas in its assault on Israel. And with Iran aligning with Russia in the war in Ukraine, the Israel-Palestine conflict could become another front in the strategic-security tussle between the West and the Russia-Iran-China trio.

That in turn would bring another round of internal turmoil for the Arab world where countries like Saudi Arabia are trying to reorient their societies and economies in a modern direction. And this requires letting go of past baggage and making peace with Israel. But that can't happen if the Israel-Hamas conflict gets bigger. There is no real gain for Israel in taking its military counteroffensive too far. Calibration will serve Tel Aviv's security objectives, restrict Palestinian civilian casualties and keep the international community on Israel's side.

Spent Thought

EC on wrong track asking parties to detail fiscal costs of 'populism'. That's a matter between voters & govts

Chief election commissioner Rajiv Kumar on Monday likened last-minute fiscal promises of political parties facing elections to a "tadka" of populism. His views must be read in the context of EC's discussions with political parties on a potential pro forma to quantify fiscal implications of promises. EC said the effort is meant to safeguard voter rights. Safeguarding voter rights is good but EC's effort to get parties to fill out a pro forma on fiscal implications is misdirected for two reasons.

First, a pro forma will convey little because it will necessarily be based on a set of assumptions. That hardly improves the meaningful information available to voters. Second, the narrative of states running amok on fiscal matters is misconstrued.

India has an elaborate system of checks and balances on state finances. State fiscal responsibility and budget management laws quantify fiscal thresholds that cannot be breached. GOI then enforces it by setting annual borrowing limits. On occasions GOI slashes the debt states can raise. Finally, CAG provides granular details on government accounts to the citizenry.

Take Rajasthan, for example. Its welfare package and debt implications are debated often. CAG's audit for 2021-22 said that Rajasthan's debt-GSDP ratio was 37.7%, which was consistent with the FRBM law. However, a greater share of debt receipts is being used towards redeeming old debt, a sign of incipient trouble. Voters do have enough safeguards on fiscal issues and promises and schemes are really a matter between them and the political executive. Information, however, is lacking on political funding. Funding instruments such as electoral bonds allow concealment of the source of funding even though it can influence public policy. This is an area where voters need safeguards, with or without a pro forma.

Women as OBCs

There should be reservations about the much-hailed women's reservation bill

Jug Suraiya

A patient consults a doctor with a problem that makes it difficult for her to walk. The doctor notices that she has a heavy metal chain and ball attached to her leg. Leaving the ball and chain intact, he gives her a crutch and says, "OK, you'll be fine now."

This scenario represents the anomaly in the long-delayed women's reservation bill, which is meant to give women 33% legislative seats.

Great news. But the bill should be seen for what it is, a crutch, which overlooks or ignores the ball and chain of entrenched patriarchy, which continues to shackle women till such time as true empowerment for them is gained, through education, economic emancipation, and a societal sea change that enables genuine gender equity.

The concept of reservations was introduced as an interim 10-year measure to help those on the lower rung of the caste ladder to climb upwards. More than 70 years later, caste-based reservations have proliferated, with more and more sections of people seeking them as a means of social and economic entitlement, in what has become a tragicomedy in vote bank politics.

Far from eliminating caste oppression and antagonism, reservations have intensified social divisiveness, engendering a separatism that will gain a further dimension with the creation of yet another 'caste' that needs the counter-productive crutch of reservation.

What the proposed women's bill seeks, in effect, is belatedly to accord official recognition to an age-old reality: that women, as an entire gender, constitute an oppressed caste.

As the persistence of female foeticide only too tragically shows, the dangers of belonging to the so-called 'second sex', particularly in India, begin in the womb.

Female casteism exists at all levels of the social pyramid, from the village woman who has to trek for hours to fetch the family's drinking water or collect firewood for the family chula, to the urban housewife who has to multitask as mother, unpaid domestic servant, and as an office-goer who gets a lower salary than her male counterparts, and who faces routine verbal and physical molestation on the streets and in public transport.

So by all means, as befits their status as OBCs, let women have reserved representation in the House. But nothing will change unless the inequity of time-hallowed male dominance is literally brought to the house that is the home.

Her Goldin Words

2019's Economics Nobel Laureates write on this year's winner, Claudia Goldin, whose work is directly relevant to understanding why so few women in India are in paid work and how that can be changed

Esther Duflo & Abhijit Banerjee



Claudia Goldin won this year's Nobel Prize in Economics, the third woman to do so, and the third economic historian, after Simon Kuznets and his PhD student Bob Fogel, who in turn was Claudia's PhD adviser. Her main work is on the history of women in the labour market. The focus is on the US, but there are obvious and important implications for India.

It is easy to forget that a hundred years ago most women in the US did not work. While it is still true that women work less than men, the difference is not huge—47% of the US labour force is female today. That number was closer to 25% in 1920. Essentially only unmarried women worked—the fraction of married women in the labour force was around 6%. What we learn from Claudia's research is that this was not always the case—in 1790, 60% of women worked, which was not very different from the corresponding rate for men (then, like now, those at the beginning of their adult life and those near the end didn't work as much). It went down steeply in the 19th century and stayed down into the first quarter of the 20th century, and only started to go up in the 1930s.

Claudia argues that the changing nature of the American economy over this period is behind this absence of linear progression. In the late 18th century, the main occupations were in agriculture and women worked, especially on the family farm, but also as hired labour. The work was never very far from home, and it was possible, if sometimes exhausting, to take care of the family while working.

With the move away from agriculture towards manufacturing in the 19th century the jobs moved into the factory. Claudia suggests that this worked against women, who were portrayed as too delicate for the heavy and dirty work of the factories. The growth of office jobs mostly in the services sector, starting in the last years of the 19th century—jobs in banking, insurance, school-teaching and nursing, for example—eventually reversed this trend.

However, as often with these moves to "protect" women from the harshness of the world, there was a strong element of sexism involved. Claudia emphasises

the prevalent social norm that only women whose husbands could not support the family should work. Given the rising wages of male US workers in the 19th and early 20th centuries, this meant that it became harder and harder for married women to work outside their home without making their husbands feel inadequate. It is no accident that the turnaround takes place in the 1930s, when the Great Depression forces women to seek employment for sheer economic survival. The economy revives by the end of the 1930s, but starting in 1941, as American men go off to fight in World War II, the US government tries to reverse the hundred-year old stigma against women working in factories with, among other things, posters of the marvelously muscled mythical mechanist, Rosie the Riveter. The impetus of that moment of liberation carries through the 1950s, and then merges into the broader social movements of the 1960s and after. Women's labour force participation

As many have noted this is an important brake on India's aspiration to be a great economic power: a large and increasingly well-educated part of our potential labour force is not being used. The good news is that the norm eventually shifted in the US. Let's only hope that it is not necessary to go through a Great Depression and a World War to get there.

But shifting the norm is only half the battle. Claudia's other important point is that to take full advantage of the many talents that women bring to the labour force we need other changes in the economic and social structures. Claudia has a beautiful piece of research showing evidence of discrimination against women: she showed that when a certain Symphony Orchestra went from auditions where the musicians could be observed, to blind auditions, women started to get more of the coveted positions. Even in this exceedingly rarified setting where the goal is supposedly to find the best, prejudice plays a major role.

Despite that, she believes that the biggest thing preventing women from rising to the very top in today's US, is less discrimination than the do-or-die nature of high-powered jobs. Women in the end, Claudia believes, give up opportunities because they would like to also have a life where they don't worry about spending enough time with their children and other loved ones. The lack of availability of affordable high-quality childcare and elderly care in the US, even relative to most European countries, makes the challenge that much harder for younger women.

In India these issues are not yet properly in the policy space—very little is being done by governments to bring women into the workplace. The obligations placed on married Indian women at home (between running the home and taking care of the children and the elderly) are so demanding that a regular job outside of the home is hard to manage. But unlike in the US a hundred years ago where women worked till they got married, even young unmarried women are missing in the Indian work scene, the combined result of parental paranoia and the very real lack of physical security in and outside the workplace. We hope that this prize, highlighting the forces that prevent women from working, will inspire an effort to change this.

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has stayed high since despite the occasional wobble.

India in the 2020s is then not very different from the United States a hundred years before, in terms of the status of women's work. While there are disputes about just how low the labour force participation rates are for women in India, since a lot of them work on family farms and in family businesses where their contributions often don't get noticed or recorded, most estimates would put an upper bound of 25% on the fraction of labour force that is female, which is close to the US in 1920. And that fraction was probably falling till recently, again mirroring what happened in the US in the 19th century, and partly for the same reason, which is that men feel insecure when women become too economically independent.

'Our reading of Hamas proved totally wrong...but right now the job is to hit Hamas hard...its commanders, activists...all are targets'

Dismissing Iran's role in Hamas's attack, former military intelligence chief of Israel Major-General Tamir Heyman tells Rudroneel Ghosh the immediate goal is to restore Israeli control. He warns Hezbollah: "Don't put us to the test."

● Is this a systems failure on Israel's part?



I've no doubt this will be investigated most thoroughly. The time for investigations will come. There's no doubt something extremely problematic happened. But for the time being, every effort must go towards clearing the area in Israel adjacent to the Gaza Strip of terrorists, and preparing to expand the fighting into Gazan territory, and dealing with the issue of Israeli hostages. IDF, Israeli security agency Shin Bet, and military intelligence are all focused on that.

The commanders will turn the sense of outrage into organised, offensive operations against Hamas and the other terrorist organisations. The test of a strong, quality army like IDF is to be able to recover quickly even from a surprise attack like Saturday's. We're already witnessing the start of a reversal; restoration of Israeli control over events.

● How did Hamas launch such an attack when they were thought to be weakened?

This will be examined. For years, Israel believed Hamas preferred to undermine stability in the West Bank while maintaining quiet in the Gaza Strip. That belief collapsed in a tragic way. Hamas is the strongest military force among Palestinians. The last few years, Hamas has restored its military strength significantly. There was intelligence failure here too. Currently, we don't have the luxury of stopping. The remaining campaign depends on solid reliable intelligence. We'll hit Hamas hard—its leaders, commanders, activists are all potential subjects of assassinations.

● Did Iran play a role? Was this attack to undermine the improving relations between Israel and Arab nations?

I'd suggest take reports of Iranian involvement with a grain of salt. The "axis of evil" led by Iran is trying to ride the coattails of what it perceives as a success. Truth is Hamas leaders in Gaza—especially Mohammed Deif, "chief of staff" of Hamas's armed wing—are making the decisions without external pressure. Is Iran fanning the flames? Is it funding and encouraging violence and terrorism? Absolutely. Was Iran part of the planning of the Hamas operation? Highly doubtful.

No doubt the war, only just started, will impact progress on the normalisation process. It's safe to assume that disruption of this most significant process in the Middle East was one of Hamas's considerations. It also appears to be the reason why Iran is trying to inflame tensions. But it must be stressed Hamas is responsible for this massacre.

● Did polarisation in Israeli politics help trigger this round of violence?

Hamas doesn't need excuses to murder Israelis. It commits crimes against humanity daily. Saturday's



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Victory breeds hatred. The defeated live in pain. Happily the peaceful live giving up victory, defeat. Hatreds never cease by hatred; through love alone they cease.

This is an eternal law.

Dhammapada

Gita Unfolds The True Essence Of Sanatan Dharma

Brahma Kumari Asha

Sanatan Dharma is in the news. According to the Bhagavad Gita, the pre-eminent, holy text of Sanatan Dharma, that which elevates us, helps us reach the goal of life, attain true knowledge and liberation is dharma, righteousness; that which drags us down to worldliness, makes us irreligious is adharma, unrighteousness.

The Gita teaches that dharma is not just a set of rules and rituals but a profound inner wisdom, ethical and moral principles that guide us in fulfilling our duties, living a righteous life, and ultimately attaining spiritual realisation.

One of the key aspects of dharma is performing our duties with righteousness, to the best of our abilities, without being attached to, or concerned about, results. The Gita also teaches that controlling our mind and senses is essential for understanding and

following dharma. Disciplining the mind helps us make wise choices and by following dharma, the mind and heart are purified, we progress on the spiritual path and get fulfilment in life.

Dharma is the path to lasting peace and happiness. The second chapter of the Gita tells us that "the self-controlled man moving amongst objects with the senses under restraint and free from attraction and repulsion, attains real peace." It further says, "To the un-meditative, there can be no peace; and to the man who has no peace, how can there be happiness?"

The Gita makes clear the connection between ethics and spirituality, between a life of virtue and liberation, underlining the universal principles of dharma that apply to everyone—truthfulness, non-violence, compassion, and integrity. These virtues are the

mark of people who are endowed with and live by divine qualities, which help them justify their human existence and move towards liberation.

The Gita describes peacefulness, compassion, modesty, and absence of hatred as qualities of a person having divine qualities. On the other hand, hypocrisy, arrogance, conceit, harshness, and anger belong to those of a demoniacal nature and character.

Sanatan, which means eternal, is an adjective that denotes the universal and everlasting nature of values that represent dharma. With the passage of time, values may get eroded, and when this erosion reaches a critical point, God Himself rejuvenates dharma. "Whenever there is a decline of righteousness and rise of unrighteousness, then O Arjun, I manifest Myself. For the protection of

the good, for the destruction of the wicked, and for the establishment of righteousness..." Krishn says in Gita.

He revives dharma by reminding us of our innate virtues, pointing out how, by forgetting the fact that we are souls, and that goodness is our original nature, we have drifted into vices and full of sorrow.

He teaches us to connect with Him by contemplating His virtues and powers regularly. When we remind ourselves again and again that we souls are children of the Supreme Soul and His attributes belong to us as well, and that we are basically strong and virtuous, we begin to become like that.

This is how souls are purified and empowered, whereby true dharma of all beings is restored in the world. In essence, righteous conduct and virtuous living are the best means of preserving Sanatan Dharma.



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Meet the fab four that won the informatics olympiad

India wins a gold, two silvers, and a bronze – best ever performance

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In late August, when all eyes were on India's chess prodigy R Praggnanandhaa, not many noticed four youngsters – Kshitij Sodani, Shish Rajaa, Shreyan Ray and Paras Kasmalkar – making India proud on another global arena.

They were medal winners at the 2023 International Olympiad of Informatics (IOI), a global test of algorithmic and programming skills for high school students, held in Hungary this year. India won only its second gold medal ever, after a nine-year gap, this year; and also bagged two silver medals and one bronze making it the country's best ever performance at IOI in a year when the challenge was also said to be the toughest. Kshitij won gold, Paras and Shreyan won silver, and Shishil won bronze.

"While India has been generally doing well in IOI, a gold medal is rare," says Madhavan Mukund, director of Chennai Mathematical Institute, who is also the national coordinator of the Indian Computing Olympiad (ICO) that selects the team of four to represent India at the IOI. "Worldwide, companies like Google and Facebook actively seek out winners of competitive programming contests, both at school and college level," he adds. The majority of IOI members and winners from India have ended up in big tech majors, and reached

SCHOOLS, COLLEGES SHOULD RECOGNISE OLYMPIAD

(L-R) Paras Kasmalkar, Shreyan Ray, Kshitij Sodani and Shish Rajaa

INDIA & IOI

- IOI started in 1989, but India began participating only in 2001, and has sent a full team to IOI every year since 2002
- CMI has been hosting the IOI training camp since 2017
- From 2002 to 2022, India won 1 gold medal (in 2014), 20 silver medals and 38 bronze medals
- Sasken has been sponsoring the IOI training and travel expenses of Indian teams

Each year, 85-90 countries participate in IOI sending a team of four students with two accompanying adults

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Madhavan Mukund | DIRECTOR, CHENNAI MATHEMATICAL INSTITUTE

thereafter a Bachelor's or Master's in computer science. "Some of the problem solvers have subsequently gone on to launch their own startups, while a small number have remained in academia," adds Mukund.

Having cracked a challenge that is regarded to be tougher than the JEEs, the winners of the Olympiad have large ambitions. They have their eyes set on international under-graduation – some by choice

and some because global universities offer scholarships for their victory but IT's do not.

17-year old Kshitij, the youngest gold medallist in IOI history, wants to delve deeper into computer science and mathematics. A 12th standard student of Disha Delphi Public School, Kota, Kshitij is applying to international universities. "I want to make a significant impact in the tech sector and am also interested in research," he says.

Silver medal winner Paras, who studied at The Orchid School, Pune, and who is now at University of Wisconsin-Madison, US, has not yet chalked out his professional journey, but is leaning towards a PhD. He loves theoretical computer science.

For Shreyan, the other silver medallist, this was the first time in any such setting, and he was in awe of the global challengers he met. Shreyan graduated from La Martiniere

The problems in this year's Olympiad were harder than those in previous years and I really enjoyed solving them.

Kshitij Sodani | KSHITIJ HAS REPRESENTED INDIA FOUR TIMES AT IOI. IN 2020, HE WAS RANKED 140, IN 2021, HE WAS 52ND, IN 2022, HE WAS 41ST, AND THIS YEAR, HE WAS 6TH (OUT OF ABOUT 350 PARTICIPANTS EACH YEAR)

Competitive programming is unfortunately not taught in depth in schools or even in college. Still, my school gave me a good base in programming.

Shreyan Ray | SHREYAN WAS RANKED 72ND THIS YEAR

In India, not many people know about the International Olympiad and I didn't have anyone else from my school who could train with. So I connected online with participants preparing for the Olympiad.

Paras Kasmalkar | PARAS WAS RANKED 74TH THIS YEAR. HE ALSO HAD PARTICIPATED IN 2022, WHEN HE WAS 66TH

Despite being talented at computer science and even beating IITians in coding contests, it's a pity that Olympiad medalists aren't recognised by the IITs. India is good at producing talent, but not good at retaining it.

Sushil Rajaa | SUSHIL WAS RANKED 135TH THIS YEAR

nire for Boys, Kolkata, earlier this year, and is now in IIT Kharagpur doing the mathematics and computing course. He says his school introduced him to the world of competitive programming through inter-school competitions.

For Sushil, 17, it was an event with many firsts. "It was my first time at the IOI, it was my first time going abroad, and the first time I met the brightest people in informatics from different countries. I made friends with many of them," he says. He is in the 12th grade at Budding Minds International School in Chennai. He dreams of going to IIT, but rues that his Olympiad victory may not make it any easier. "It's a pity medalists aren't recognised by the IITs; IIT-Gandhinagar is the only IIT that recognises IOI. I may be forced to look at universities abroad," he says.

All the winners said they received support from their parents to spend time training for the Olympiad – a time that parents often insist be spent on JEE classes or school exams. While India's high schools are filled with exceptionally talented STEM students, not all crack the Olympiad. What's the secret sauce, I ask CMI's Mukund.

Students who study programming in school generally study only the syntax of the language. There is no focus on algorithmic problem solving. So, students have to rely on self-learning to prepare for it," he says. Not surprisingly, the winners had spent hours honing their problem-solving skills on online platforms like Codeforces, Codechef and Atcoder; and also by looking at the archives of previous Olympiads.

Their advice to those aspiring to ace this Olympiad – practise consistently, stay motivated, get creative in solving problems, and also enjoy solving them.



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Avi is an avid tech futurist who founded deep tech firm Twyn in 2021 in Noida. The firm's SaaS-based solutions are used by the likes of Samsung, HP, Panasonic, and Maruti.

The traditional process of creating digital twins, Avi says, is so costly and so tedious that if you add one new machinery, you have to engage GE or Siemens along with it. "Our platform allows you to create digital twins by yourself and upgrade it yourself," he says.

Twyn's solution is also immersive, allowing users to take a virtual walk inside factories in what they describe as an industrial metaverse. "Your factory can be in China, your robotics company can be in Germany, your designer can be in South Africa, and your consultant can be in India. Everybody can gather in this virtual plant and do upgrades such as changing the software of a robot."

The next layer, called the immersive layer, is responsible for the immersion experience of the platform. "Using the USD (universal scene description) protocol and accurate ray tracing, we render the digital twin with photorealistic textures and appearance."

The fourth layer, or the intelligence layer, is the layer that studies and analyses the digital twin and provides

actionable insights to the organisation like early fault detection, demand forecasting, predictive maintenance, CBM (condition-based monitoring), and energy utilisation. "This layer also consists of intelligent bots that constantly monitor operations and audit the shop floor for safety and security. Through these bots, users can generate synthetic data too."

The final layer, or the connected layer, is where Twyn enables the digital twin to connect to the industrial metaverse where multiple stakeholders can come together to collaborate and make critical decisions.

BRING INNOVATION MINDSET TO SECURE THE WORLD

October is Cybersecurity Awareness Month. As part of our focus on this, we asked three technologists at the India centre of Sophos, one of the world's cybersecurity leaders, to tell us about their careers and advice for younger techies.

GEETHA RAMANNA | DIRECTOR, SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & NETWORK SECURITY

When I started my career in the early 90s, cybersecurity was not a mainstream career path. The internet was just emerging and most enterprises were secured within their enterprise perimeter. Companies were still figuring out the means for better connectivity and enterprise networking was the natural career choice for many, including me. As the world started becoming more connected, security became equally important and companies like Cisco started investing in security as a mainstream business. Since I was working at Cisco at that time, it was a natural career progression from enterprise networking to network security. Cybersecurity has evolved over the last two decades from securing perimeters to more sophisticated defence-in-depth mechanisms, security in cloud, AI-driven threat analytics and more. I would urge aspiring women cybersecurity enthusiasts to stay up to date with trends and bring in an innovation mindset to secure the world.

MEGHANA DARSHAN
SENIOR CHANNEL MANAGER, WEST INDIA

Cybersecurity came to me as a calling. I was at a stage in my career where I was looking for a platform which was up and coming, and would be the next big thing. And cybersecurity clicked for me. I always wanted to be in a space where I can make a difference to my customers and partners, and hence joined Cyberoam (which was later acquired by Sophos). My advice to the younger generation would be to understand the market, know what skills are in demand, and network. It is also important to have a good mentor.



My move to tech wasn't predetermined. I started by writing marketing pieces on tech topics, including cybersecurity, and eventually moved on to product marketing in cybersecurity. Cyber attacks can cripple industries and services. Today, I am happy to make an impact by enabling the sales and channel partners at Sophos

to influence the decision-making of prospective customers. My foremost advice to women in tech is never to get intimidated in this male-dominated industry and to never 'self-doubt.' What matters more than your tech knowledge is your confidence to step up and learn new skills.

STARTUP STORIES

The problem that Avi and his team of engineers are solving involves bringing together disconnected streams of data from diverse machines. To do this, and to create live virtual replicas of the machines, Twyn's engineers had to create five tech layers.

The first layer, called the integration layer, integrates the existing industrial internet of things (IoT) layers and all the existing systems and processes of the factory into Twyn's platform. This involves connecting data streams like mechanical data (like CAD/CAM 3D models), electronics data (like sensor and control data), and software data.

The second layer, called the live layer, is where the user interacts with Twyn's platform and starts building a replica of their own shopfloor. "This is also where they actualise and contextualise all of their sensor data and connect it with the digital assets," says Avi.

CAD and CAM stand for Computer-Aided Design and Computer-Aided Manufacturing. They refer to a set of technology and software tools that are used in various industries, especially in engineering, architecture, and manufacturing, to design and produce products more efficiently and accurately. CAD software allows professionals to create detailed digital representations of physical objects or systems while CAM software takes the digital designs created in CAD and translates them into instructions that control automated machinery and manufacturing processes.

Private communities for founders to bond

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The success of India's startup ecosystem in the past decade had bred a 'pay it forward' culture, where successful founders would mentor aspiring founders with no expectation of return. Many groups were created to facilitate these sessions.

Now, there are more exclusive, private tech communities emerging that encourage founders to bond over events, master classes and offsites. Annual membership fees in some cases go up to Rs 5 lakh. And there are restrictions on who can be part of it. One of these clubs, called Offline, requires that applicants should run companies that are \$5 million in revenue, or have secured \$5 million in funding, or made \$10 million in a previous exit.

"The goal of a private community is to foster open candid interactions, have meaningful discussions without fear of judgement. India has a lot of good founders who have built great businesses in the last 15 years and a community

which bonds together with a common purpose is very helpful," says Revant Bhatte, founder & CEO of Mosaic Wellness, who is part of two communities, Team (Tech Entrepreneurs Association of Mumbai) and Offline.

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The US has many private communities or clubs. There are older ones like Tiger 21, founded by an entrepreneur seeking objective advice regarding the management of his wealth following a major liquidity event. And there are new ones like Hampton. Launched earlier this year by entrepreneurs Sam Parr and Joe Speiser, Hampton notes on its website that starting a company is lonely. "You have to make difficult decisions every day with imperfect information on problems you've likely never faced before. It's daunting. In our experience, the best way to overcome the challenges is to learn from the wins and mistakes of others, and to surround yourself with founders who've been there, done that," it says.

Utsav Somani, founder of Offline and former CEO of AngelList, a platform for invest-

COMMON PURPOSE

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Team (Tech Entrepreneurs Association of Mumbai) is a non-profit. Grants collected from members go into the development of the tech ecosystem in Mumbai.

Akriti Vaish | CO-FOUNDER & CEO, HAPTICK, AND PART OF TEAM

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"There will be core group meetings conducted by trained facilitators. We will also be hosting some experiential events like suppers, annual retreats and social events," he says.

A venture capitalist says a number of private clubs and communities for entrepreneurs are springing up. There are also clubs focused on women, like Leap Club, founded in 2020. A member of the club, who has set up an online catering business, says they have events almost every month where they can interact with successful women entrepreneurs, attend workshops on how to get funding, and understand things like financial valuations.

GLOSSARY OF IN-GROUP TERMS USED ON THIS PAGE

USD PROTOCOL

Universal Scene Description (USD) is an open-source, scalable, and highly extensible 3D interchange framework developed by Pixar Animation Studios. It was created to address the challenges of managing complex 3D scenes and assets in the context of computer graphics and animation production. USD is designed to facilitate the interchange and collaboration of 3D data between various software applications used in the production pipeline of animated films, visual effects, and other 3D content. USD has gained popularity in the animation and visual effects industry as a means of improving interoperability and collaboration among different software tools and studios. It is often used in conjunction with other industry-standard formats like Alembic and FBX to facilitate data exchange in 3D content production pipelines.

CONDITION-BASED MONITORING

Condition-based monitoring (CBM) is a proactive maintenance strategy used in various industries to monitor the condition of machinery, equipment, and assets in real-time or at regular intervals. The primary goal of CBM is to detect potential issues or anomalies in the equipment's performance or condition before they lead to unplanned downtime or catastrophic failures. This approach helps organizations minimize downtime, reduce maintenance costs, and extend the lifespan of their assets. CBM is particularly valuable in industries where equipment failure can have severe consequences, such as manufacturing, power generation, aviation, and oil and gas.

CAD/CAM



Is there a spin in the tale?

IND	AF
ICC ODI RANKINGS	
1	9
VENUE	Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi

PITCH

If the scores for the SA vs Lanka game are anything to go by, expect another game where batters may rule.

WEATHER

It will be a warm afternoon with cloudy skies but no rain. Dew may set in under lights.

ODDS: INDIA 1/10,
AFGHANISTAN 5/1

4 Of the last five ODIs played by India between 2013 and 2022 at Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi, four matches have been won by the sides batting first (in 2013, 2014, 2016 & 2019) and one by the chasing team in 2022.

22 Runs needed by Rohit Sharma (978 at an average of 61.12, including six 100s and three 50s, in 18 innings) to become the fourth Indian batter after Sachin Tendulkar (2278), Virat Kohli (1115) & Sourav Ganguly (1006) to complete 1,000 runs or more in the World Cup.

2 India have won two out of three ODIs played against Afghanistan – by eight wickets at Mirpur on March 5, 2014 and by 11 runs in the only World Cup fixture played between the two teams at Southampton on June 22, 2019. The Asia Cup fixture contested at Dubai (DSC) on September 25, 2018 was a tie. In response to Afghanistan's 252 for 8, India were all out for 252 in 49.5 overs.

—Stats: Rajesh Kumar



India Hope For Easier Outing Against Afghans On Flat Delhi Pitch

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New Delhi: Only half the Indian team turned up for practice on Tuesday evening, the eve of their match against Afghanistan. All the frontline bowlers decided to skip the session. The nets session lasted for barely an hour and a half.

In contrast, Afghanistan went through two rigorous sessions on Monday and Tuesday. While the Afghans are here to go all out to make some headway in the tournament, the Indian team has adopted a conserve-and-explore approach.

This World Cup is a long tournament. The Indian management, forever concerned about workload management, isn't going to deviate from their core game plan. They can't be faulted given that they have been hampered by frequent breakdowns for 18 months in the lead up to the World Cup.

"Mostly, there will be optional training sessions throughout the tournament. The team's main objective is to keep all the 15 players in shape for the tournament. For these players, the idea is to just get a feel of the bat and ball before the game. If they aren't really bothered with something in their game, they are not likely to go through intense sessions," a source close to the team management told TOI on Tuesday.

It wasn't surprising when Virat Kohli, KL Rahul, Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, Mohammed

GILL DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL

New Delhi: Recovering from a bout of dengue fever, Shubman Gill has been discharged from a hospital in Chennai but the India opener will most likely miss the marquee World Cup clash against Pakistan on Saturday in Ahmedabad.

Gill had to be admitted to a hospital on Sunday night after his platelet count dropped below one lakh.

It has been learnt that Gill was admitted to a multi-care speciality hospital and the Indian team's doctor Rizwan monitored his progress.

Siraj, R Ashwin and Kuldeep Yadav didn't turn up on Tuesday. They had played an exhausting match against Australia in Chennai on Sunday.

The Indian team will know they have to get a defining lead in the points table early in the tournament before looking to try players in the back end of the tournament. The pitch here at the Arun Jaitley stadium, with a fair layering of grass on hard surface, may just be what captain Rohit Sharma and Rahul Dravid would have hoped for.

After all, South Africa and Sri Lanka just scored 750 runs in their game here.

It's about getting runs and trying to register a big win that boosts their net run rate. However, batting coach Vikram Rathour tried to play down that line of thought: "If we bat first, we look to put up as many runs as possible and if we bowl first, we'll try and get them out as early as possible. We don't know how tomorrow is going to be, how the wicket will play and what the situation will be. So, I don't think it's possible to answer that question."

Afghanistan bank on spin

If there was anything that could threaten India's planned charge on Wednesday, it would be Afghanistan's array of unorthodox spinners, led by Rashid Khan. The surface may not really be conducive for them, but these Afghan spinners have grown in stature bowling on flat decks in T20 cricket.

"We play better spinners in the nets sessions. Like if you see Rashid, Nabi, Noor and Mujeeb, we play them every day. So, I think our team is far better in playing spin bowling," Afghanistan captain Hashmatullah Shahidi announced.

He also objected to the fact that his trump card Rashid was mostly ineffective in ODIs since batsmen look to just play him out and attack the other bowlers. "Rashid is the best bowler in ODI and T20s. For us, the important thing is how he has planned against the opposition," Shahidi said.



Afghan players take a break during practice in Delhi on Tuesday

'Our batters must step up if we have to make a dent'

New Delhi: After struggling against spin in their tournament opener, Afghanistan skipper Hashmatullah Shahidi on Tuesday said it was a one-off and his batters are well equipped to deal with the likes of Kuldeep Yadav and Co.

Shakib Al Hasan and Mehidy Hasan had taken three wickets each as Afghanistan were bowled out for 156 in Dharamsala. Afghanistan have world class spinners in their ranks with Rashid Khan and Mujeeb Zadran. "We play better spinners in

the net sessions. Like if you see Rashid, Nabi, Noor and Mujeeb, we play them every day. So, I think our team is far better in playing spin bowling. So that game you know we struggled but you can't say that you are not good enough on one game. So that game is gone now and we know we can play spinners better and we will try to come back in next game in every department," said Shahidi on the eve of the game.

Shahidi is well aware that Afghanistan can't go deep in the tourna-

ment relying solely on the spinners. "I made a statement at the beginning that we will play good cricket as a batting side. We have a good spin bowling attack, but only one department can't win you games."

"You have to score runs for that, to win the game. Also in Bangladesh game, I know we didn't do well batting, but we still believe, I still believe and as a team we have that belief that we can come back in the next game and throughout the tournament," said the skipper.

Trump card Rashid Khan went wicket less against Bangladesh as opposition batters chose to play safe against him. Not taking too much risks against Rashid has been a trend but Shahidi said they are not too bothered about it. PTI

Shahidi reached his first ODI century – the first Pakistani to do so on World Cup debut -- with a boundary in the 32nd over.

It took a blinder from substitute Dushan Hemantha at point to terminate Shafique's brilliance, but Rizwan's third ODI century, while battling severe cramps, southpaw Saud Shakeel's poise and their 95-run stand for the fourth wicket (68b), clearly upstaged Mendis and Samarakrama.

Mendis' 65-ball century, which he sealed with a six, is the fastest for Sri Lanka in a World Cup, bettering Kumar Sangakkara's feat of 100 in 70 balls against England in Wellington in 2015. Along the way, Sri Lanka recorded their third highest total in World Cup

– after 398/5 vs Kenya in 1996 and 363/9 vs Scotland in 2015.

The diminutive Sri Lankan No. 3 was in his element after they lost opener Kusal Perera cheaply and made the most of the reprieves by Shahid Afridi and Imam ul Haq when on 18. In Samarakrama, Mendis found a partner who played the percentages right as Sri Lanka motored smoothly during their third-wicket stand of 111 runs (68b).

There was never a dull moment as the Sri Lankans realised 225 runs in overs 11-40, thriving largely on the second-wicket stand of 102 runs (95b) between Pathun Nissanka (51; 61b, 4x7, 6x1) and Mendis. Though Hasan Ali (4/70), the most successful bowler, struck early for Pakistan, the rest of their attack failed to make an impression on the Lankans as Mendis was quick to use the pace to his advantage.

Haris Rauf cranked it up, but it was met with equal disdain as Mendis used the cut and pull to great effect before he fell, trying to get his third six off Ali in the 29th over. Samarakrama continued his good work, adding 65 (66b) for the fifth wicket with Dhananjaya de Silva before succumbing in the 48th over.

Despite getting two quick wickets in Imam and Babar Azam, Sri Lanka, however, lost the plot as Shafique and Rizwan called the shots and 26 extras made it easy for Pakistan. A wayward Matheesha Pathirana, who went for 90 of his nine overs, did not help Sri Lanka's cause either.



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65 Balls taken by Kusal Mendis to race to his hundred – quickest by a SL batter in WC. The previous fastest was by Sangakkara (70 balls) during his 117* off 86 balls vs Eng at Wellington on March 1, 2015

345/4

Pak have established a record for the highest successful run-chase in the history of the WC, obliterating the 329/7 by Ireland vs England at Bengaluru on March 2, 2011

1 For the first time in the history of the World Cup, the rival wicketkeepers have registered hundreds in the same match - the seventh instance in the history of ODIs

4 Number of centuries recorded in the match - a feat registered in a World Cup game for the first time.

SCOREBOARD

Sri Lanka: P Nissanka c Shafique b Shadab 51, K Perera c Rizwan b Hasan 0, K Mendis c Imam b Hasan 122, S Samarakrama c Rizwan b Hasan 108, C Asalanka c Rizwan b Hasan 1, D Shanka c Babar A 112, M Wellalage c Shafique b Rauf 10, M Theekshana b Rauf 0, M Pathirana not out 1; **Extras:** (b6, lb2, nb1, w9)

Total: (4 wkt) 344; **40.2 overs;** **45; Fow:**

1-16, 2-37, 3-213, 4-308; **Bowling:**

Theekshana 10-0-59-1, Madushanka 9.2-0-60-2, Shanaka 5-0-28-0,

Pathirana 9-0-66-1, Ali 10-0-71-4, Nawaz 9-0-62-1, Rauf 10-0-64-2, Shadab 8-0-55-1.

RESULT: Pakistan won by 5 wkt

MAN OF THE MATCH: Rizwan

Iftikhar 4-0-22-0.

Pakistan: A Shafique c sub b Pathirana 113, I ul-Haq c Perera b Madushanka 12, B Azam c Samarakrama b Madushanka 10, M Rizwan not out 131, S Shafiq c Wellalage b Theekshana 31, A Imdad not out 22; **Extras:** (nb1, w2) 26;

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HOW THEY STAND

Pos	T	P	W	L	N/R	NRR	Pts
1	NZ	2	2	0	0	+1.958	4
2	Pak	2	2	0	0	+0.927	4
3	SA	1	1	0	0	+2.040	2
4	Ind	1	1	0	0	+0.883	2
5	Eng	2	1	1	0	+0.553	2
6	B'desh	2	1	1	0	-0.653	2
7	Aus	1	0	1	0	-0.883	0
8	SL	2	0	2	0	-0.161	0
9	Afg	1	0	1	0	-1.438	0
10	Ned	2	0	2	0	-1.800	0

WHAT NEXT? Oz captain Cummins (left) and Marcus Stoinis during nets ahead of Thursday's match against South Africa in Lucknow

Sunny Kumar



Ishan dials defence to get going in WC

Southpaw Works Hard At Nets Ahead Of Afghanistan Tie

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New Delhi: Ishan Kishan spoke a lot to bowling coach Paras Mhambre while he was hopping nets on Tuesday evening. Rohit Sharma, Shreyas Iyer and Ravindra Jadeja did very little batting while Ishan spent 90 minutes batting in the nets.

Ishan has been a late entrant into two World Cup teams now, the first being the T20 World Cup in UAE in 2021. Counting the U-19 World Cup, his returns in big tournaments haven't been inspiring.

Him speaking to Mhambre at the bowler's end with coach Rahul Dravid intently looking on is a throwback to a net session right before the U-19 World Cup quarter-final in Bangladesh in 2016. Ishan, while leading India U-19s, had endured a wretched run of form. Dravid held himself back as he didn't want Ishan to feel pressure. Mhambre spoke to him about holding his shape and looking to build his innings slowly rather than relying on his natural hard-hitting instincts upfront against the new ball.

Tuesday evening wasn't different. Right through the 90 minutes of practice, he focused on his

'I like the T20 format. Voting will decide cricket's future'

India Is A Mature Country Now If We Talk Of Hosting Big Sports Events, Says IOC President Thomas Bach

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Mumbai: Thomas Bach has been at the helm of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for a decade now. The world of sports has seen some bold decisions taken by the IOC during this period, which has been very challenging due to the Covid pandemic, followed by the invasion of Ukraine.

Bach, who is in India for the IOC Session to be held here from October 15-17, interacted with select Indian mediapersons, and spoke at length about various issues concerning Indian sports, the future of boxing and weightlifting in the Olympic programme. He also dwelled on the possible inclusion of cricket in the programme, concerns over staging Winter Olympics due to global warming, the participation of Russian athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics and more.

Excerpts from the interaction:

What do you think India's chances are of hosting 2036 Olympics, if the country gets to bid for it? The Indian government is very keen.

There is great interest over it here in India over this issue. But it is too early for me to say anything. India will have to work on a strong project, which will have to be approved, only then can a bid be made. We really appreciate that India has improved 50% over its best medal haul in Hangzhou Asian Games. From 70 to 107 is remarkable. I can see that apart from the government, the private sector is also supporting sportspersons in India. India is not winning only in one or two disciplines like shooting, but so many other sports. That is progress.

Will the controversies that plagued the hosting of the 2010 Commonwealth Games in the country have an impact on India's chances of hosting the Olympics in the future?

You cannot compare today's India with India of 2010. It is a much more mature country now if we talk of hosting big sports events.

What are the chances of cricket becoming a permanent discipline in the



NEW IDEA: IOC president Thomas Bach tries his hand at cricket in Mumbai

Olympic programme?

There is news that Los Angeles (venue for 2028 Olympics) has recommended inclusion of cricket in the Games competition. Our Programme Commission had a meeting on Monday. The matter will be brought to the executive board, and it will be put up for voting. I really like the format of T20 cricket and have seen the format's development. It is expanding. We saw the league in Dallas, USA, which was hugely popular. As for becoming a permanent part of the competition programme, we will see how fast the game grows and develops.

Is there a possibility that IOC will recognise the other body - World Boxing - which has been recently set up?

I have always said that we have no problems with the sport nor with the boxers. We want to have boxing in the Olympic programme because boxing is a very global sport. A ma-

jority of the boxers are coming from underprivileged families and boxing gives them a great chance to progress in their life. Integrity is important ... and you know that we unfortunately did not see it in this federation (IBA). This is why we suspended them in 2019 and gave them the opportunity to make progress, to improve. They have taken some minor steps. They have been announcing a lot but there is not much happening. It is a matter of financial transparency, good governance and proper refereeing. There will be no boxing with IBA in Olympic programme, now or in the future. It is done.

Is there a possibility that IOC will recognise the other body - World Boxing - which has been recently set up?

It is a federation of around 20 member countries. At the moment this is not sufficient global representation. It is up to them to organ-

ise themselves.

What about weightlifting?

They have made great progress. They have outsourced the entire doping management. They have released a state-of-the-art anti-doping programme and ensured that there is change in the culture. Some coaches tell their trainees 'if you don't take this (supplement), you will never have a chance to win a medal'. They say it's a vitamin. They play all sorts of tricks. Now, we are seeing a significant reduction in the number of the doping cases.

You are talking about IOC promoting more urban games. What do you mean by that?

There are two criteria which are very important for us. First all, the young sports and secondly urban sports. In our world today, the kids have so many distractions; not only the kids but the potential sports fans

also have so many distractions. They are not in touch with sports. This is why we have to go where the people are - in the real world in urban centres, and in the digital world. We have to promote our sports there, build small sports centres in the neighbourhood.

Is there any change in IOC's stand on Russian and Belarusian athletes vis-a-vis the Paris Olympics?

No. All the Russian and Belarusian sports persons who have qualified for Paris as neutral athletes under the IOC flag, will be allowed to participate in Paris as neutral individuals. They cannot take part in team events. There will be no national flags, no national anthem, no national colours. We know that both Russia and Ukraine are unhappy with us. No one is 100 per cent happy. Diplomatically, we feel that this is a clear indication that we have made a good decision.

Satwik-Chirag duo climbs to the top

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Uday Pawar Academy in Mumbai.

Both were convinced by their coaches and parents to leave their existing partners. Gopichand, in fact, had to request Satwik's father Kasi to part ways with Krishna Prasad, who was a family friend. The Malaysian saw a formidable attacking force in the two lanky shuttlers. They did not disappoint him and won their first major title in Thailand in 2019. And while Kim left them, they continued their winning spree.

Their career took a turn for the better when Mathias Boe, an Olympic silver medalist, was convinced by Chirag to help them and he soon



joined as their coach in 2021. Though he quit after the 2021 Olympics, he returned on a full time basis recently.

Satwik-Chirag have secured 92,411 ranking points and moved two rungs up to push Fajar Alfian and Muhammad Rian Ardianto to the second spot. The Indonesians became No.1 in December 2022.

It was during the World Championships in August that the Indians were expected to reach the summit but their quarterfinal exit and the first-round loss at the China Open delayed their ascension.

Satwik and Chirag were paired up with Malaysian coach Kim Tan Her in 2016. While Satwik was training at the Pullela Gopichand Academy, Chirag belonged to the

Struggling Sevilla hires former Uruguay coach Alonso

Madrid: Struggling Spanish club Sevilla hired former Uruguay coach Diego Alonso on Tuesday. Alonso replaces Jose Luis Mendilibar, who was fired on Sunday after the team's poor start to the season. Sevilla is 14th in the Spanish league with eight points from eight matches. It next hosts league leader Real Madrid on Saturday. The 48-year-old Alonso helped Uruguay qualify for the World Cup in Qatar, but couldn't lead the team past the group stage. The former Valencia and Atletico Madrid player also coached Major League Soccer team Inter Miami and Mexican clubs Monterrey and Pachuca. AP

ED cites Lava MD's close ties to Vivo, role in setting up its biz

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The searches carried out by the ED on the premises linked to Vivo last year had kicked up a diplomatic row when the Chinese foreign ministry and its embassy in India had issued statements saying multiple investigations by Indian agencies were damaging the confidence of foreign entities investing and operating in India.

Petitioners have called electoral bonds a sham and said these polluted free and fair elections. Bhushan had said the government floated electoral bonds and amended the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act to allow any subsidiary of a foreign com-

pany to donate to political parties as well as public servants, which was polluting the elections.

On March 26, 2021, the SC



Hoardings of political parties lay bare in Bikaner on Tuesday after being removed by municipal staff following the enforcement of the poll code

im arrangements every time the electoral bonds window was opened.

Under Clause 8(1) of the Electoral Bonds Scheme, 2018, the bonds are made available for purchase for a period of 10 days each in the months of January, April, July and October every year. The Centre had said, "The SC in its March 27, 2019, order had asked all political parties to submit details of donations received through electoral bonds to the Election Commission in sealed cover. So, there is little chance of black money being used as donations to political parties." The EC had supported the issuance of electoral bonds.

had rejected a plea for stay on issuance of fresh electoral bonds. It had also rejected a similar request in 2019, while making certain inter-

SC had twice juked pleas for stay on issuance of poll bonds

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During an earlier hearing, the Union government through solicitor general Tushar Mehta had said: "The prescribed methodology of receiving monies through electoral bonds is so transparent that it is impossible for political parties to get unaccounted or black money as donation".

Reacting to the latest arrests, a statement from the Vivo spokesperson said, "Vivo firmly adheres to its ethical principles and remains dedicated to legal compliance. The recent arrest deeply concerns us. We will exercise all available legal options."

On the arrest of Hari Om Rai of Lava, the agency in its remand application has listed his alleged close financial links with Vivo and his alleged role in setting up the operations of the Chinese company.

The statements recorded during probe revealed that Hari Om Rai had introduced Rajan Malik, CA to Lui Hao alias Luis, CFO of Vivo Mobile India Pvt Ltd, and Ye Liao, CEO of Vivo," the ED said. Malik helped incorporate Vivo's subsidiaries in India through his company Labquest Engineering Pvt Ltd. "Hari Om Rai and Labquest Engineering had helped Chinese individuals associated with Vivo in their setup across India by arranging funds for the purpose of security deposit and in acquiring office spaces for the company and its other state distributor," the ED said.

The ED alleged that Rai and Lava provided "the initial funding of Rs 31.7 crore for setting up of offices/residential accommodation of Chinese nationals of Vivo and its state distributor companies".

After searches on Vivo's premises last year, the ED had said one of Vivo's ex-directors, Bin Lou, who had floated at least 18 subsidiaries of the Chinese mobile manufacturers in India since 2014, had used forged documents. The addresses declared (by the directors) didn't belong to them.

Hold your hand, CJI tells AIIMS docs on termination

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New Delhi: The CJI, through additional solicitor general Aishwarya Bhati, on Tuesday asked AIIMS doctors to hold their hand after they sought clarifications on the court's order to terminate a 26-week-old pregnancy, after a medical team advised against it.

The court's order on Monday came despite a medical board of AIIMS saying the fetus is fully developed, normal in health and has a very good chance of ending in normal delivery at the completion of pregnancy period.

On Tuesday, the doctors tasked with carrying out the procedure for termination of pregnancy wrote back to Bhati requesting a clarification from the court on two counts: "As the baby is viable, we will need a directive from the SC on whether a feticide (stopping the heart of a normal fetus) be performed; and if feticide is not per-

Packaged water tops recalled products list

New Delhi: Packaged drinking water constitutes over half of the products for which the Bureau of Indian Standards has ordered recall for nonconformity of items to the notified standards. The second most recalled product is skimmed milk powder, reports Dipak Dash.

Government data show that since June 2021, BIS has ordered the recall of 105 products as nonconformities were observed in these items. As per law, once the companies get the BIS certification for their products, they need to ensure total compliance of the notified standards.

"We have put the details of all these products in the public domain. The advisories for recall of items are issued to the manufacturers since the nonconformities of standards have an impact on public health and safety," said a BIS official.

Sources said since the number of licences or certifications issued for manufacturing of packaged drinking water is high and considering the scale of their sale in the market, BIS conducts frequent market surveillance across the country.

SFJ calls rallies at Indian embassies in G7 nations

New Delhi: The secessionist group Sikhs For Justice (SFJ) issued a call on Tuesday to organise "Kill India" rallies on October 21 at Indian embassies in G7 countries, urging host governments to "dismantle the Indian spy network".

It has initiated a campaign through a portal that allows

the pro-Khalistan community to send pre-drafted emails to G7 governments, according to a video statement from the group's chief Gurpatwant Singh Pannu who faces over two dozen cases in Delhi, Haryana, and Punjab.

This followed the recent release of a video by SFJ from

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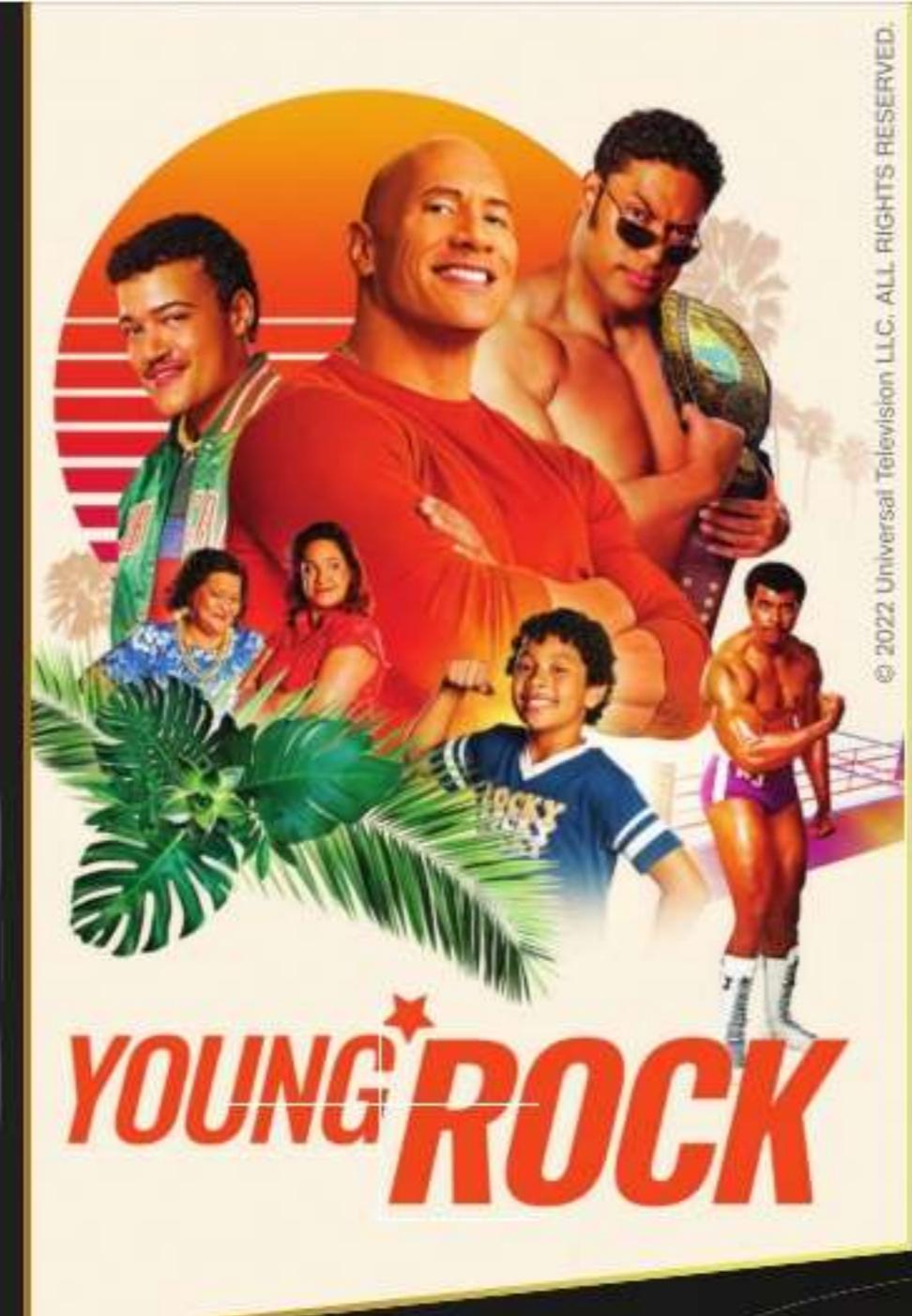
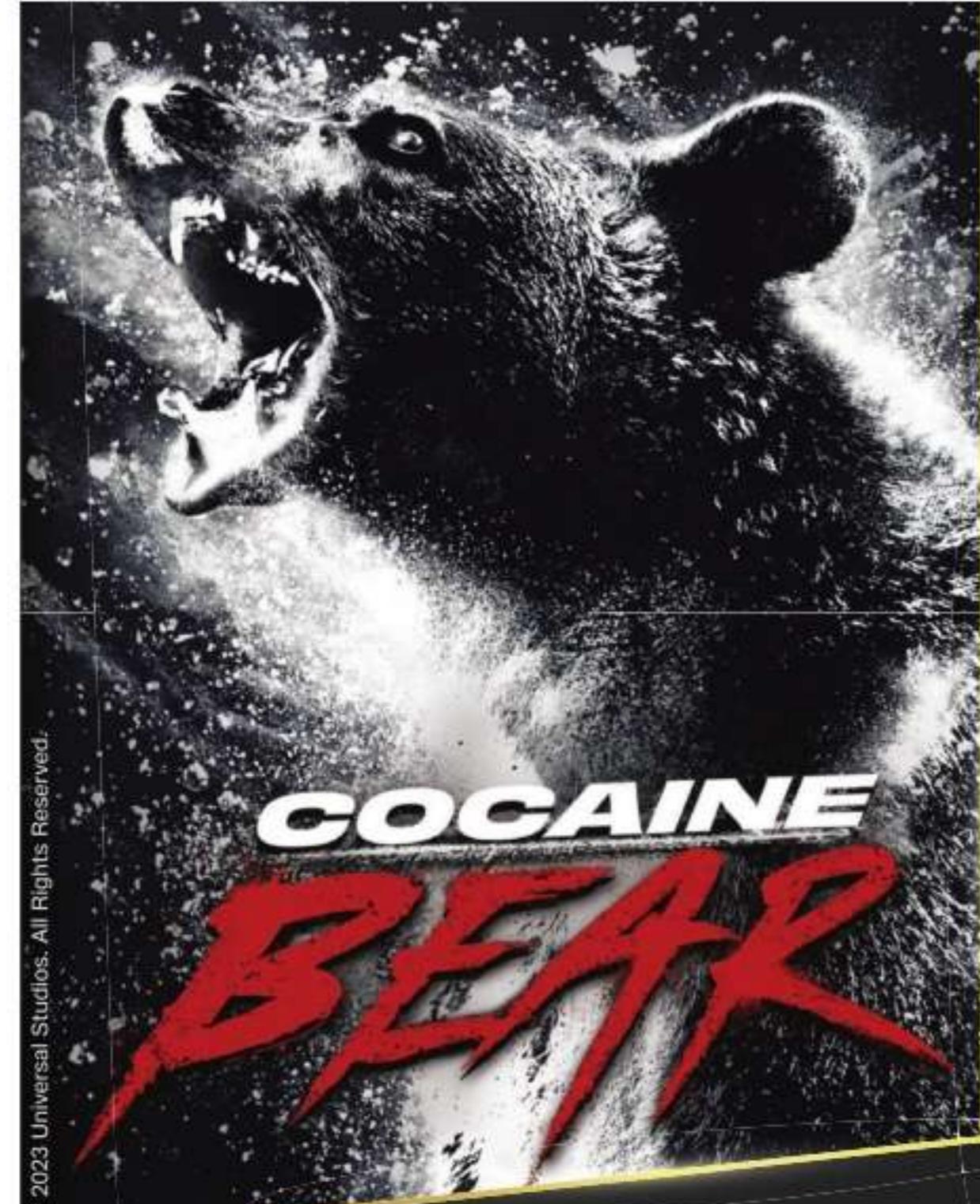
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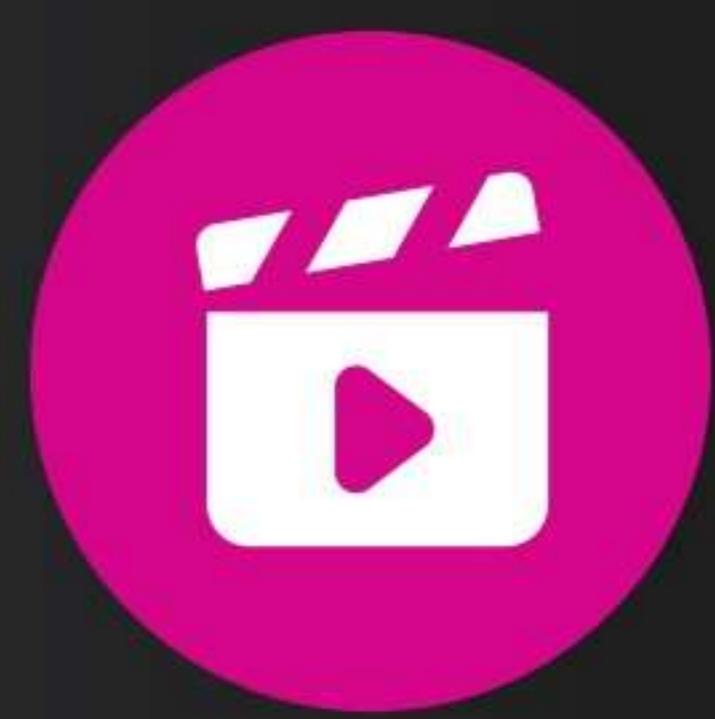


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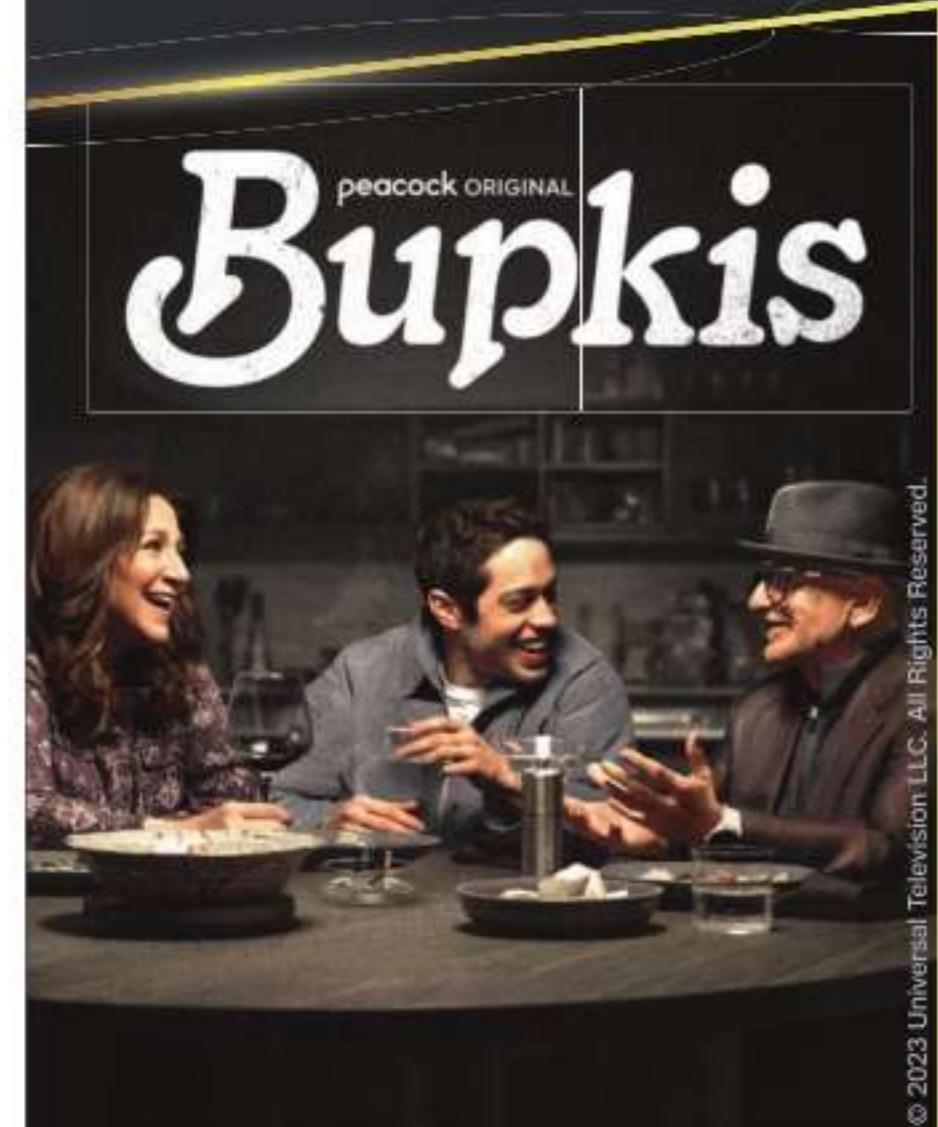
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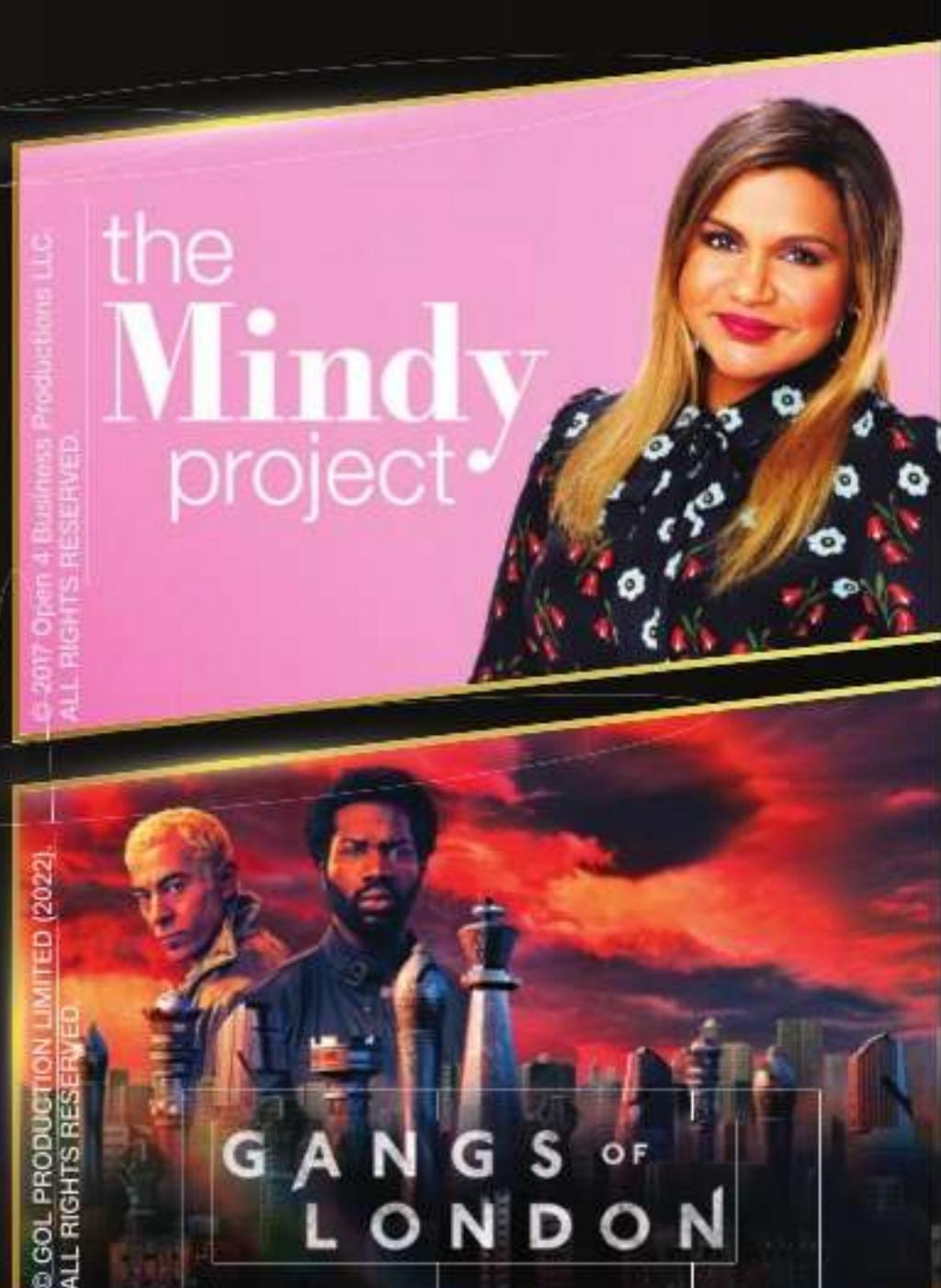
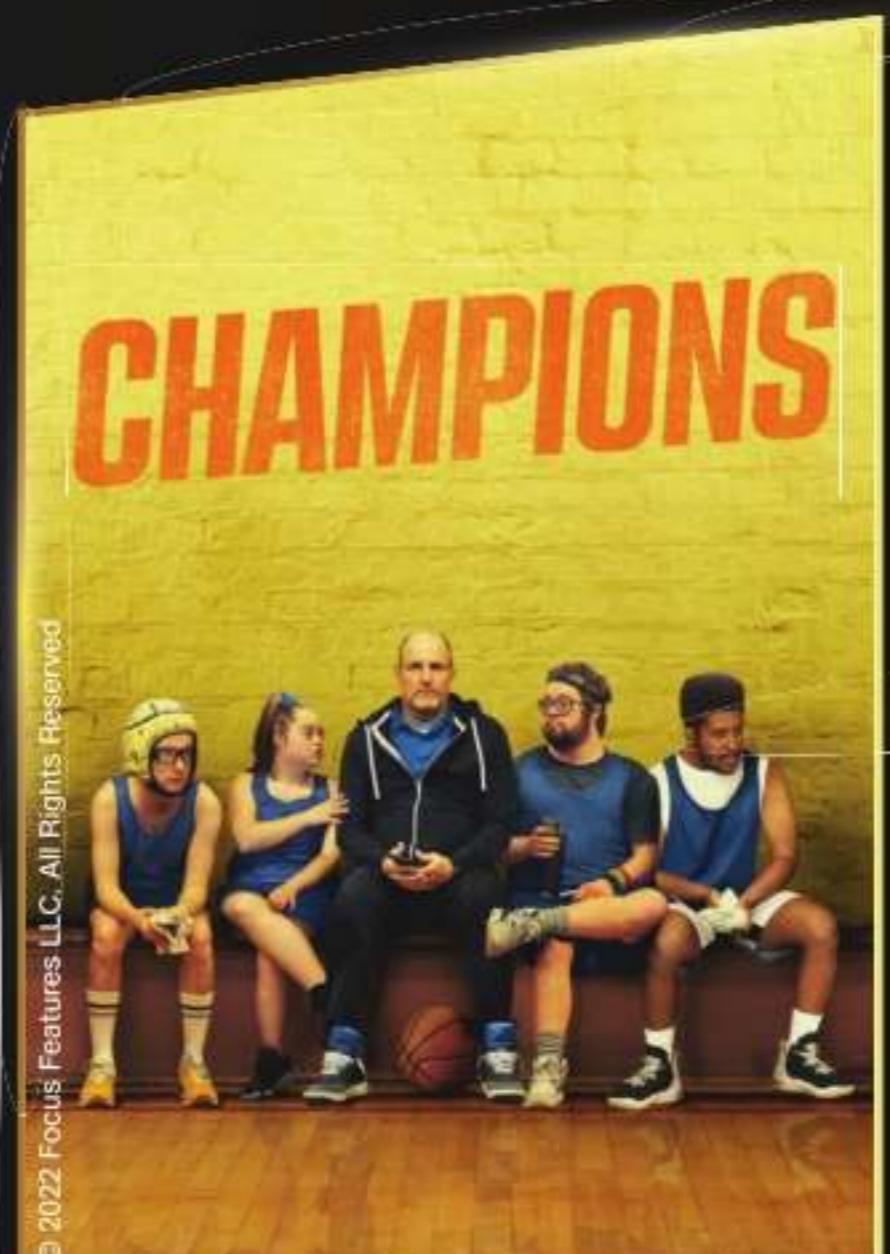
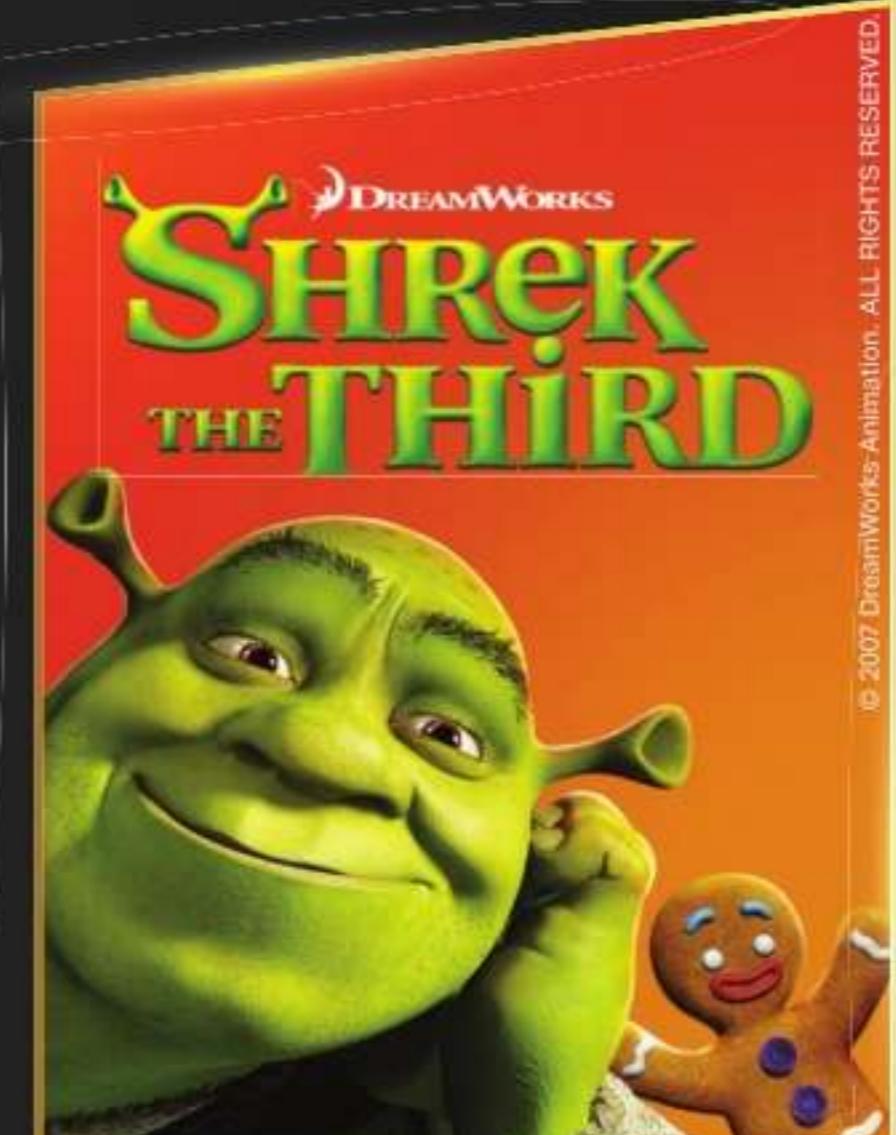
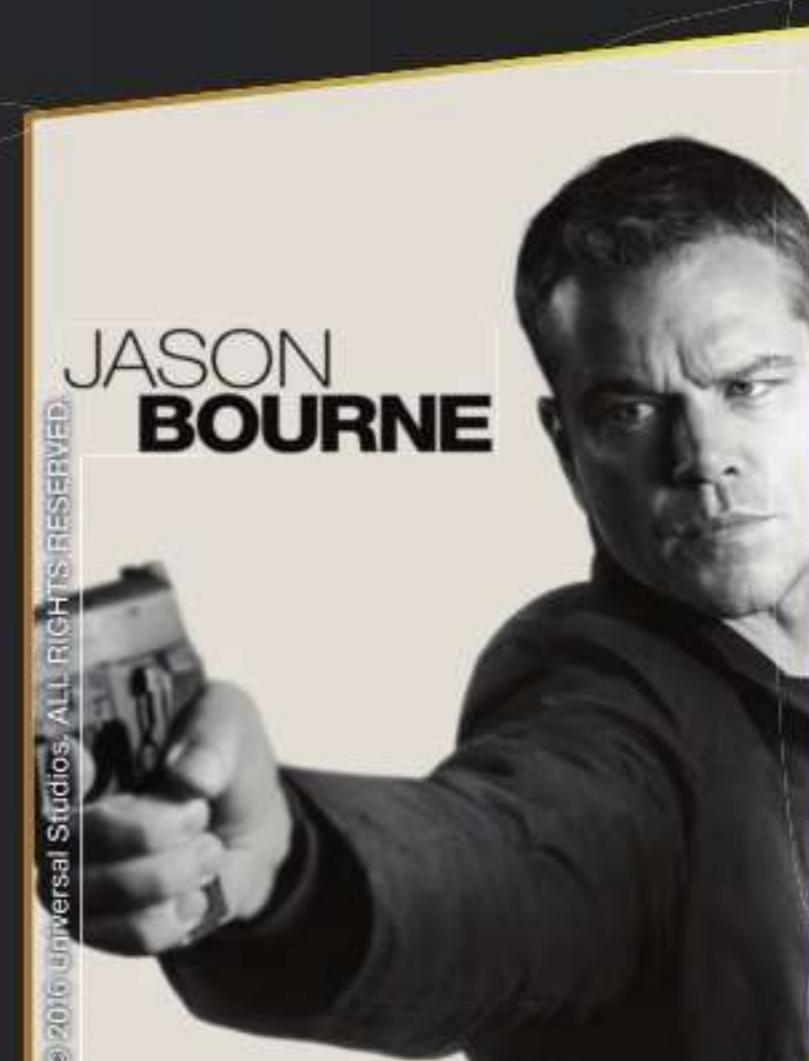
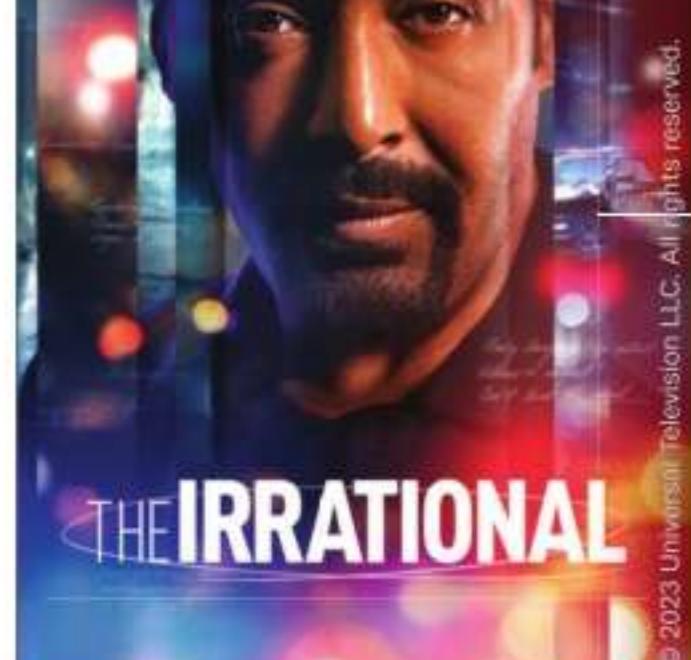
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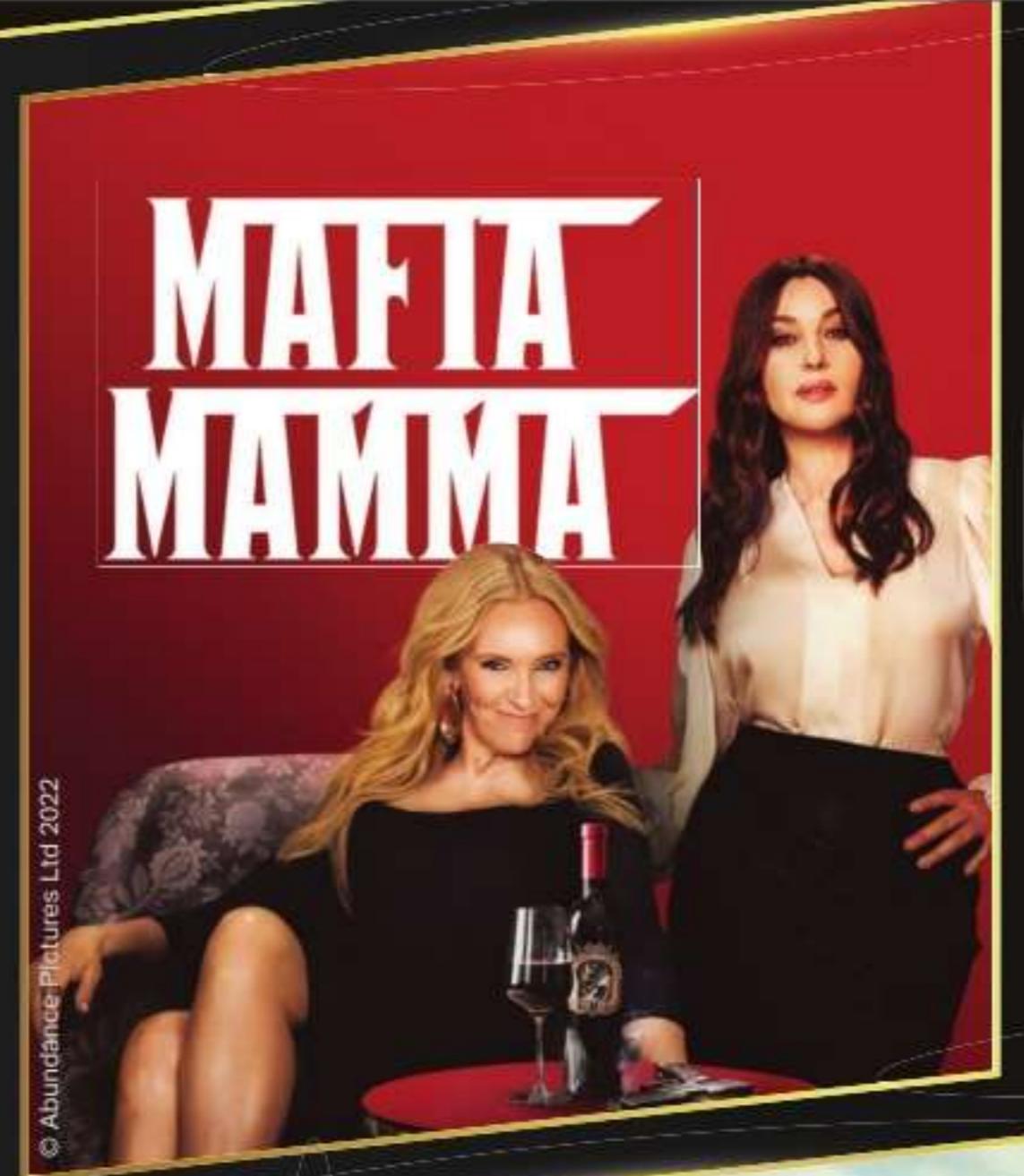
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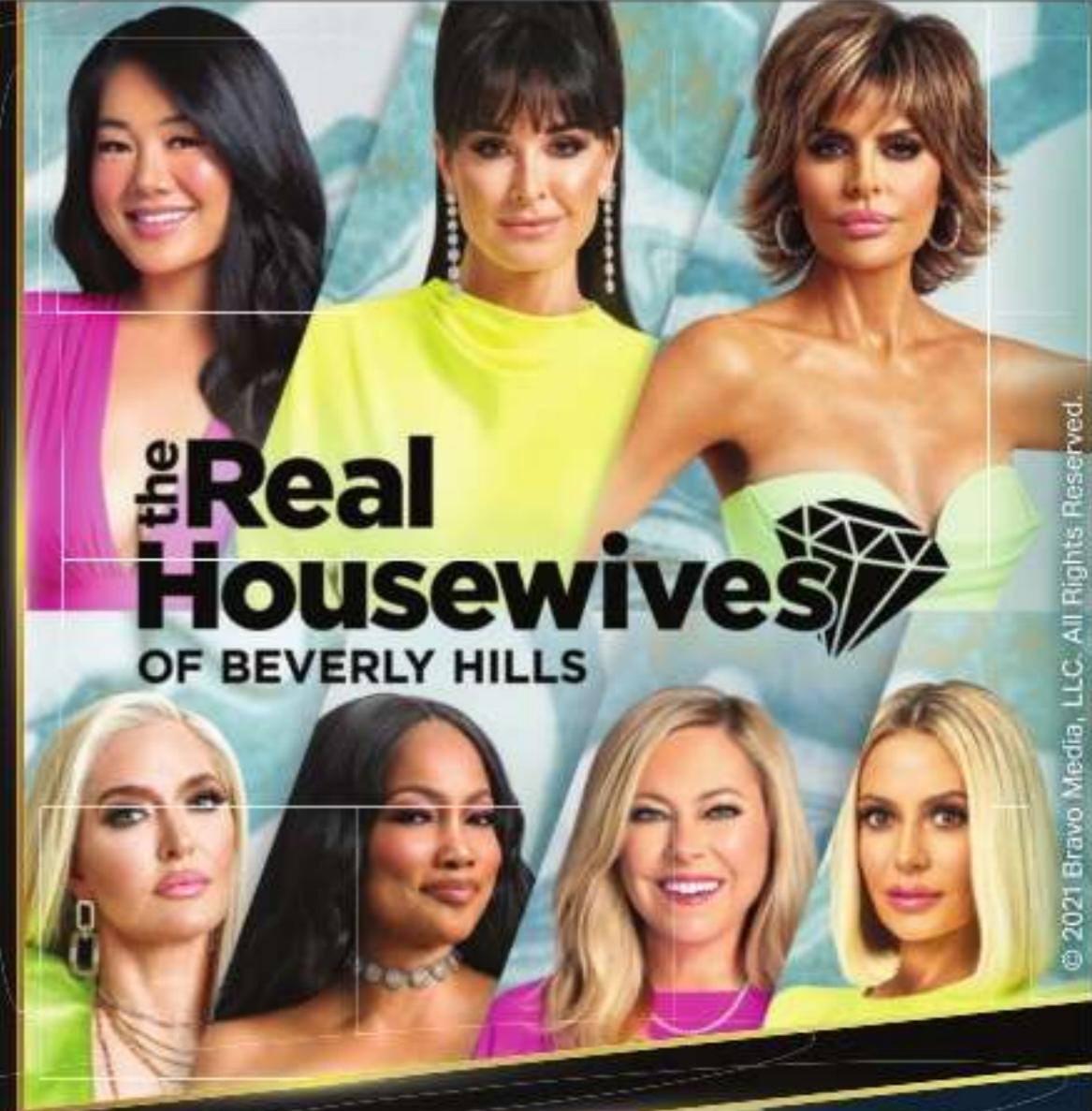
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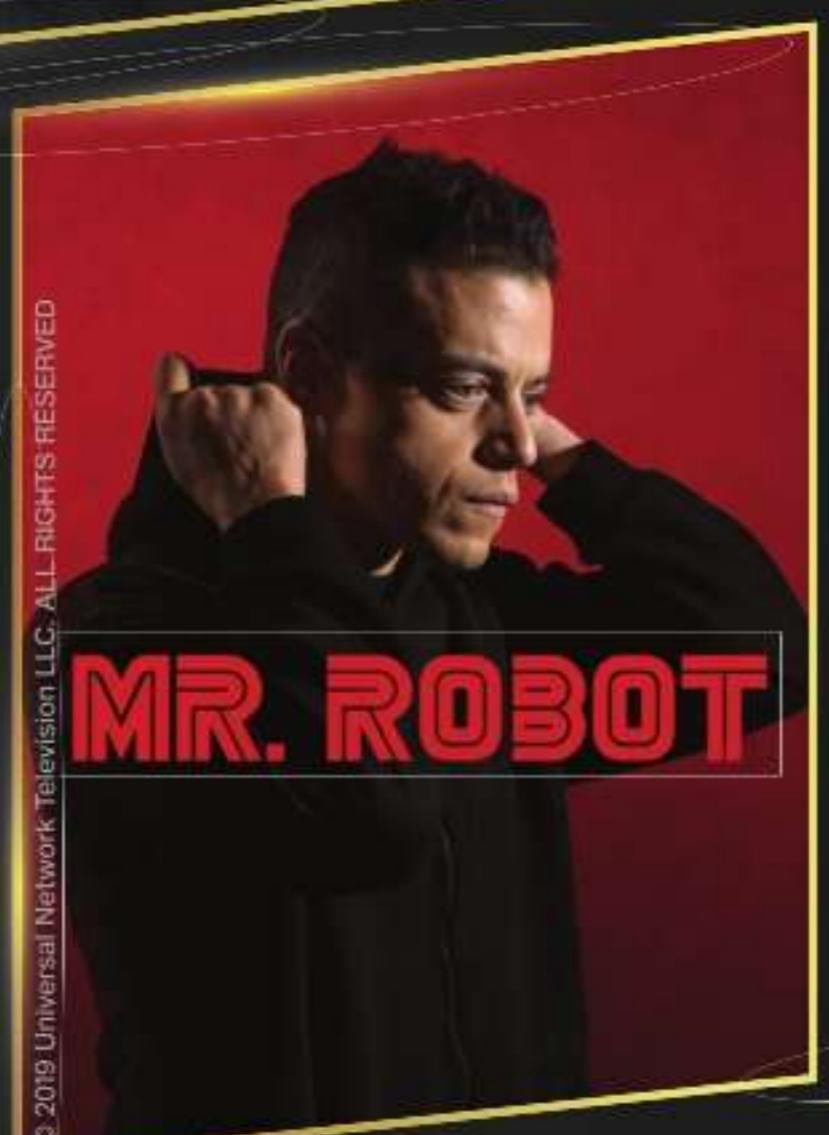
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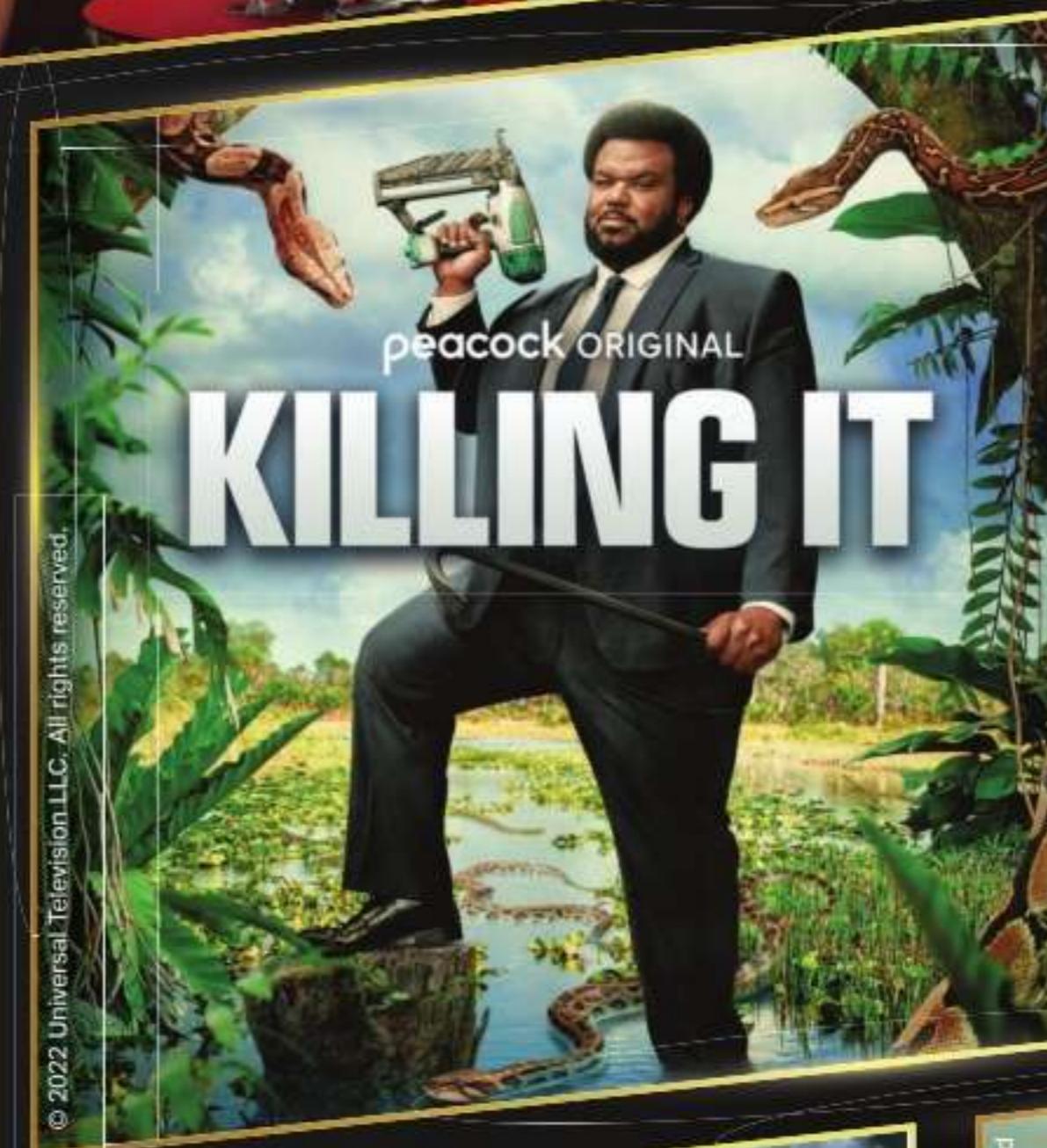
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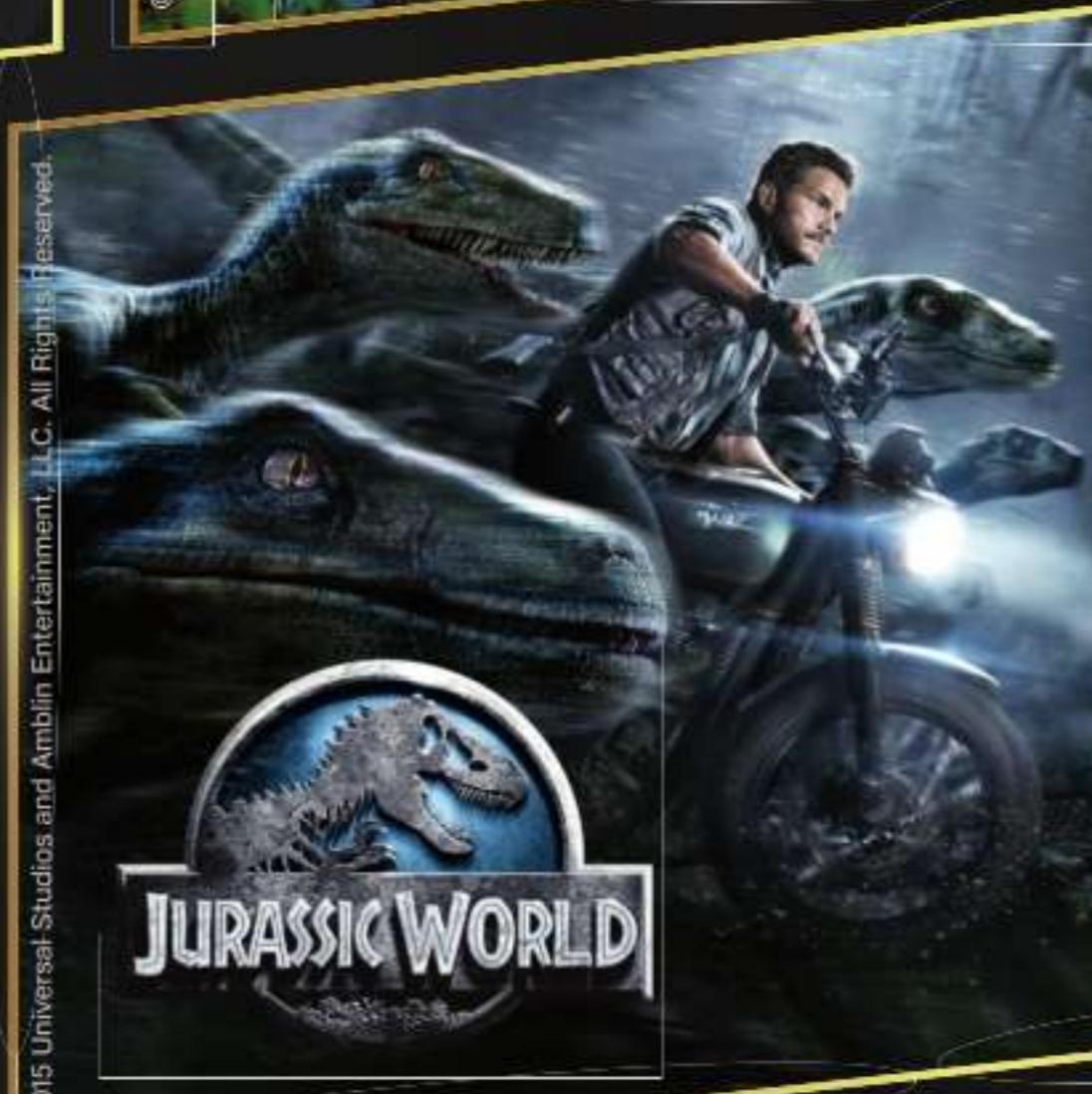
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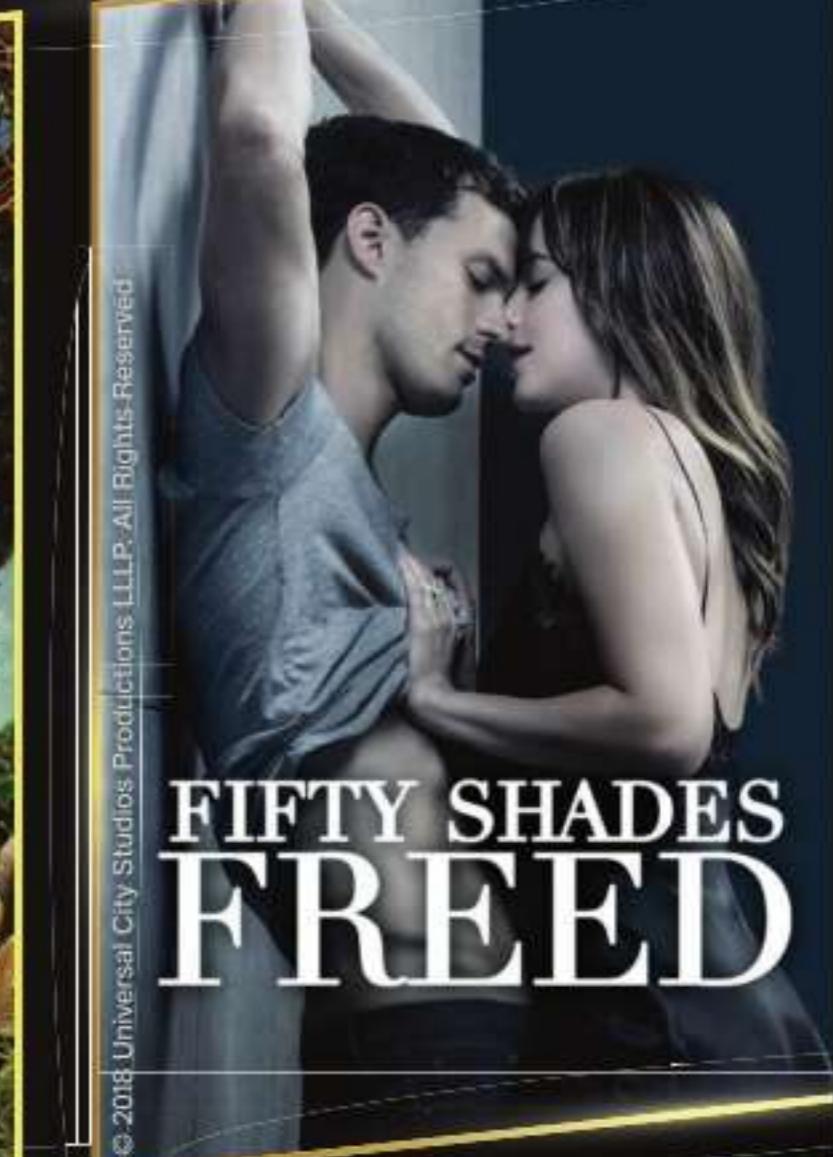
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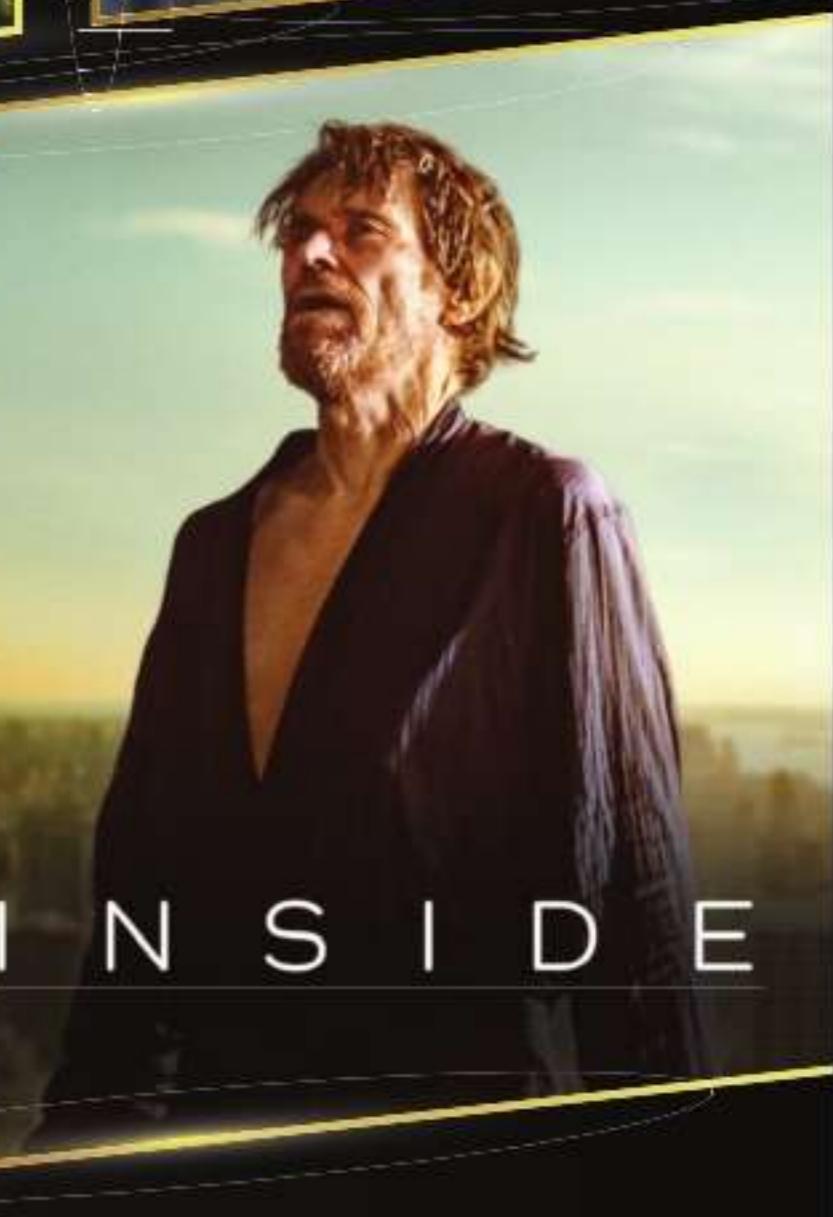
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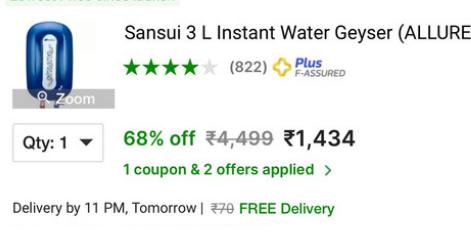
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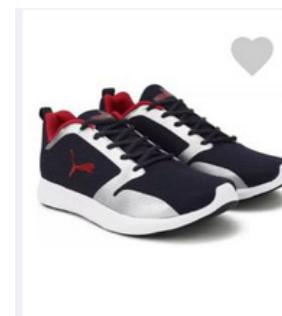
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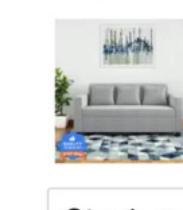
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